

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

Just One Message!

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Verily, all praises and thanks are due to Allah, we praise Him, seek His help and His forgiveness. We seek refuge with Allah from the evils of our souls and evils of our deeds. One whom Allah guides none can lead him astray, and one whom He misguides, none can guide him. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and I bear witness that Muhammad (SAAS) is His servant and His messenger.

"O you who believe! Fear Allah (by doing all that He has ordered and by abstaining from all that He has forbidden) ***as He should be feared.*** (Obey Him, be thankful to Him, and remember Him always), ***and die not except in a state of Islam*** [as Muslims (with complete submission to Allah)]." (*Al-Qur'aan* 3:102 - interpretation of the meaning)

"O mankind! Be dutiful to your Lord, Who created you from a single person (Adam), ***and from him*** (Adam) ***He created his wife*** (Eve), ***and from them both He created many men and women and fear Allah through Whom you demand your mutual*** (rights), ***and*** (do not cut the relations of) ***the wombs*** (kinship). ***Surely, Allah is Ever an All-Watcher over you.***" (*Al-Qur'aan* 4:1 - interpretation of the meaning)

"O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allah and fear Him, and speak (always) ***the truth. He will direct you to do righteous good deeds and will forgive you your sins. And whosoever obeys Allah and His Messenger*** (SAAS) ***he has indeed achieved a great achievement*** (i.e. he will be saved from the Hell-fire and made to enter Paradise)." (*Al-Qur'aan* 33:70-71 - interpretation of the meaning)

Ammaa ba'd (as for what follows), the best of speech is the speech of Allah that is the Book of Allah. The best of guidance is the guidance of Muhammad (SAAS). Of all matters, the worst are innovations; and everything new is an innovation, and every innovation is a deviation, and every deviation leads to Hell-fire.

Dedication

To those who seek the truth sincerely, honestly, and open-mindedly!

Pre-reading questions:

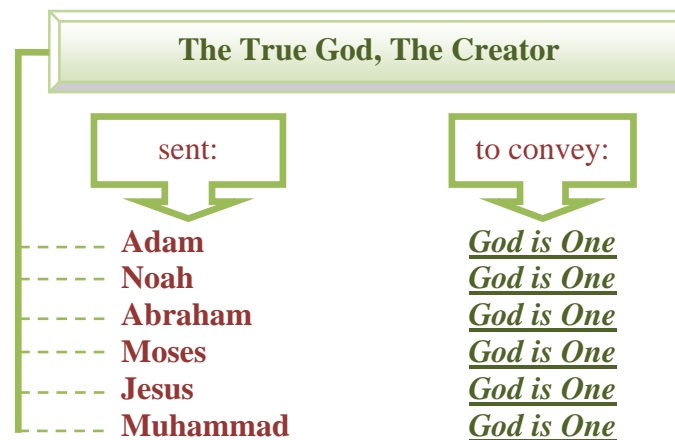
1. What is this 'Just One Message'?
2. What does the Bible say about it?
3. What does the Koran say about it?
4. What is your opinion about it?

Straight to the point

After the creation of Adam, *just one original message* has been repeatedly delivered to mankind throughout the history of humanity.

Thus, to remind people about it and bring them back on track, many prophets and messengers including Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad were sent by *the only true God to convey this message*:

The true God is only ONE. Worship Him ALONE and keep His commandments.



God sent these major prophets as well as many other prophets and messengers to accomplish several tasks and missions, some of which are:

1. To receive guidance from God and deliver it to people.
2. To convey the message that *God is One*.

3. To be role models to their people.
4. To instruct their people to fear God and keep His commandments.
5. To teach their followers important religious and moral tenets and worldly matters.
6. To guide those who deviated, disobeyed God, or worshipped other gods or idols.
7. To inform people that they will be resurrected after their death and held accountable and requited for their deeds in the Day of Resurrection. Whosoever believes in the true God (Allah) alone and does righteous deeds, his recompense will be Paradise. And whosoever disbelieves in the true God (Allah) and disobeys Him, his abode will be the Fire.

It is the **same God** who created and sent those prophets and messengers. He is the Creator of all humans, all animals, and all objects. It is this **ONE TRUE GOD** who created the whole universe and all it contains. He is the Creator of life, death, and life after death.

The **Oneness** of this true God, the Creator, is clearly evident and easily traceable in the scripture of the Muslims (*al-Qur'aan*) and in the previous scriptures of the People of the Book (Jews, Nazarenes and Christians).

Studying the concept of God in the Bible and the Koran sincerely and objectively, a sincere seeker of the truth would be able to discern the unique qualities belonging to the true God only.

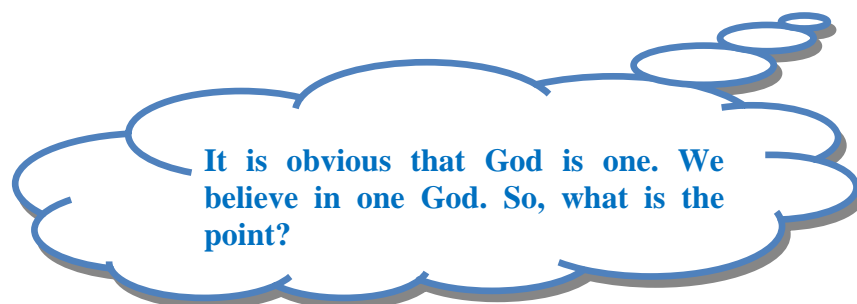
Some of the qualities that distinguish this only true God from others who claim to be God are:

- ◆ This true God is Creator, not created.
- ◆ This true God is **ONE, not three or more!** He has no partners nor equals. He begets not, nor was He begotten.
- ◆ This one true God is beyond the perception of His creatures; no one can see Him in this life.
- ◆ This one true God is eternal; He does not die or change. He is not incarnated in any forms of His creatures.
- ◆ This one true God is not in need of anyone like a mother, a wife, or a son; or anything like food, drink, or help. But others are in need of Him.
- ◆ This one true God is unique in His glorious, perfect and beautiful attributes; no one is like Him. No human or animal descriptions can be attributed to Him.

We can use these criteria and qualities (as well as other ones belonging to Him alone) in examining and rejecting any claims of being God.

Now let me turn to discuss the one message mentioned above and cite some of the Biblical and Koranic verses confirming the **Oneness** of God.

But before that, I would like to share with you this thought. Some Christians might wonder:



However, based on a great deal of reading and studying materials on Christianity and dialogues with many Christians, I came to understand that **they perceive this one God to include:**

- 1- God the Father.**
- 2- God the Son.**
- 3- God the Holy Spirit.**

So, based on common sense and simple logic, a sincere and honest seeker of the truth could reason:

- ✳ **What do you mean by saying that GOD is ONE, while you refer to THREE GODS?**
- ✳ **Is God ONE in THREE or THREE in ONE (1 in 3 or 3 in 1)?!**

In addition to that, and according to Christian dogmas, these three "Gods" have different identities, images, roles, and functions:

1. God the Father = *the Creator*.
2. God the Son = *the Saviour*.
3. God the Holy Spirit = *the Counselor*.

By the way, if Jesus, God the Son (or Son of God) is really God or part of the one God, doesn't this contradict what the Bible itself reports that no one can see God, nor hear His voice? The Bible states:

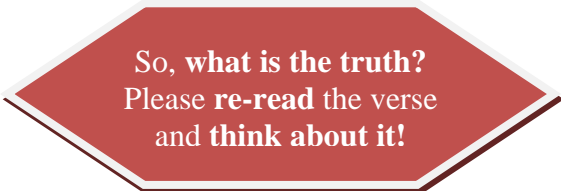
- ❖ "...You have never heard his voice nor seen his face." (John 5:37)
- ❖ "...No one has ever seen him. And no one can see him." (1 Timothy 6:16)
- ❖ "...No one can see me and stay alive." (Exodus 33:20)

Based on these and other Biblical texts, I sincerely and honestly ask: "How can we reconcile the dogma that Jesus is God and the Biblical testimony that no one has ever seen God, nor heard His voice?"

Didn't the Jews at his time, his family, and his followers SEE Jesus (**God** the Son, as some believe!) and HEAR his voice?

- ➡ **Is there any secret or hidden purpose concerning the truth about God?**

The Bible emphatically testifies the opposite, when it narrates God saying, "*...I am the Lord, and there is no other god. I have not spoken in secret or kept my purpose hidden... I am the Lord, and I speak the truth; I make known what is right.*" (Isaiah 45:18-19)



So, what is the truth?
Please re-read the verse
and think about it!

Now, let us take off on a journey of seeking the truth about the one true God in the Bible and the Koran.

At the end of this journey and after your critical, sincere, honest, and thoughtful reading of this booklet and particularly the verses cited below, I would like to know your reactions or views.

To be as objective as possible, I cite the verses without any comment. Please read the following verses carefully, critically and without any preconceptions.

The One True God in the Bible (The Old Testament)

- ❖ "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord." (Deuteronomy 6:4)
- ❖ "...You may know and believe Me and understand that I am He. Before Me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after Me. I, I am the Lord, and besides Me there is no Saviour." (Isaiah 43:10-11)
- ❖ "...I am the first and I am the last; besides Me there is no god. Who is like Me?" (Isaiah 44:6)
- ❖ "...And there is no other god besides Me, a righteous God and a Saviour; there is none besides Me. Turn to Me and be saved ... To Me every knee shall bow..." (Isaiah 45:21-23)

These are just some verses from the Old Testament.

Can you think of other similar ones?

The One True God in the Bible (The New Testament)

- ❖ "One came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he (Jesus) said unto him, Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, God." (Matthew 19:16-17, in King James Version)
- ❖ "And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, God." (Mark 10:18, in King James Version)
- ❖ "Now this is life eternal, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." (John 17:3)
- ❖ "...Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only." (Matthew 4:10)
- ❖ "...Hear O Israel: The Lord our God is One Lord." (Mark 12:29)
- ❖ "For there is one God and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (1Timothy 2:5)

Can you recall other verses confirming that GOD IS ONLY ONE?
(NOT THREE!)

The One True God in the Koran

- Allah, the Exalted, says (interpretation of the meaning): "**Say: 'He is Allah, (the) One. Allah-us-Samad [Allah - the Self-Sufficient Master, Whom all creatures need, (He neither eats nor drinks)]. He begets not, nor was He begotten. And there is none co-equal or comparable unto Him.'"** (Al-Qur'aan 112:1-4)
- Allah, the Exalted, says (interpretation of the meaning): "**...Laa ilaaha illa Ana [none has the right to be worshipped but I (Allah)], so worship Me (Alone and none else)."** (Al-Qur'aan 21:25)
- Allah, the Exalted, says (interpretation of the meaning): "**Surely, disbelievers are those who said: 'Allah is the third of the three (in a Trinity).' But there is no ilaah (god) (none who has the right to be worshipped) but One Ilaah (God - Allah). And if they cease not from what they say, verily, a painful torment will befall on the disbelievers among them.**" (Al-Qur'aan 5:73)
- Allah, the Exalted, says (interpretation of the meaning): "**...Is there any ilaah (god) with Allah? Nay, but most of them know not!"** (Al-Qur'aan 27:61)
- Allah, the Exalted, says (interpretation of the meaning): "**...Is there any ilaah (god) with Allah? High Exalted is Allah above all that they associate as partners (to Him)!"** (Al-Qur'aan 27:63)
- Allah, the Exalted, says (interpretation of the meaning): "**...Is there any ilaah (god) with Allah? Say: 'Bring forth your proofs, if you are truthful.'"** (Al-Qur'aan 27: 64)

Indeed, this message concerning the **Oneness of God** (i.e., *tauhiid* in Arabic) is the *essential theme* of the Koran.

Conclusions

These verses as well as hundreds of similar pieces of evidence in the Bible and the Koran confirm this one, eternal message that **the true God is only ONE**. "Turn to me now and be saved, people all over the world! I AM THE ONLY GOD THERE IS." (Isaiah 45:22)

Not only does the Bible affirm that God is only ONE, but it also reveals that the true God, the Creator, is the **only Saviour**. "...Before Me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after Me. I, I am the Lord, and besides Me there is no Saviour." (Isaiah 43:10-11)

So, according to this affirmation, **all other supposed gods or deities like Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva, Krishna, or Buddha are neither gods nor manifestations of the ONE TRUE GOD**.

It was because of such false beliefs that after the Jews worshipped other gods, "...the Lord's anger burned against them." (Numbers 25:3) Likewise, Moses destroyed the golden calf.

On the other hand, the Essenes, an early Christian unitarian community, endured torture and persecution because they refused to exchange Jesus' monotheistic teachings for the Pauline innovation of the trinity.

To sum up, all God's prophets including Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad were sent by the same God, the Creator, to convey the same message:

The true God is only ONE. Worship Him ALONE and keep His commandments.

And since those prophets and messengers preached the same one message, **their religion must be the same one!** So, what is the religion of those prophets and messengers?

Submission to the will of God is the essence of the message of those prophets. This word 'SUBMISSION' means 'ISLAM' in Arabic.

The Koran does confirm that '**Islam**' is the true religion of all God's prophets and messengers. This Koranic fact is also traceable in the Bible itself!

Ultimately, to attain salvation, we must receive and believe in the abovementioned message willingly and wholeheartedly. Nevertheless, doing this is not enough! We must also believe in all God's true prophets (**including Prophet Muhammad**) and follow their true guidance and teachings. **This is the gateway to a happy, eternal life!**

So, if you are a sincere seeker of truth and a lover of salvation, you might like to consider this **NOW**, before it is too late! **BEFORE DEATH! It can be soon! Who knows?**

One more thing...

A final thought!

Those who are sincere, honest, serious, objective, and open-minded in seeking the truth, and after thinking critically about this one message, they may ask questions like:

- ➡ So, what is the truth?
- ➡ What is falsehood?
- ➡ What can I do?

After reflecting and re-examining this important and decisive matter with open mind and sincere heart you can sincerely believe in your only true God (Allah), without a partner and without a son, and to believe in Him and to worship Him alone and to believe that Muhammad is His prophet and messenger just as Noah, Abraham, Moses and Jesus.

And now you can utter these words, if you wish:

*Ash-hadu allaa ilaaha illa Allah
wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan rasuulu Allah.*

These Arabic words mean the following in English: I testify that there is no god worthy of worship but the One true God (Allah) and that Muhammad is the messenger of God (Allah).

This testimony is the first step on the way to eternal life and the real key to the gate of Paradise.

If you decide to take this way; you can contact your Muslim friend, the nearest Islamic centre, or me (I will be very happy to help).

Yes, you can do it!

Allah, the Exalted, says (interpretation of the meaning): *"Say: 'O 'ibaadii (My servants) who have transgressed against themselves (by committing evil deeds and sins)! Despair not of the Mercy of Allah, verily, Allah forgives all sins. Truly, He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful. And turn in repentance and in obedience with true Faith (Islamic Monotheism) to your Lord and submit to Him, (in Islam), before the torment comes upon you, (and) then you will not be helped.'"* (Al-Qur'aan 39:53-54)

Brief Definitions of Major Islamic Terms

Allah: The proper Name of the one true God, the Creator. Allah is the true God of all mankind (Jews, Christians, Muslims, Hindus, etc.).

Muhammad: The last Prophet of the one true God (Allah).

Islam: Submission to the Will of the Creator, the true God (Allah). One can attain real happiness and peace of mind only through submission and obedience to the true God.

Muslim: One who submits to the Will of the true God (Allah), the Creator. Not every Arab is a Muslim, nor every Muslim is an Arab.

Qur'aan: The Word of God revealed to Prophet Muhammad.



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Allah, the Exalted, says (interpretation of the meaning): ***"...Help you one another in al-birr and at-taqwaa (virtue, righteousness and piety); but do not help one another in sin and transgression. And fear Allah. Verily, Allah is Severe in punishment."*** (Al-Qur'aan 5:2)

Allah, the Exalted, says (interpretation of the meaning): ***"By al-'asr (the time). Verily, man is in loss, except those who believe and do righteous good deeds, and recommend one another to the truth, and recommend one another to patience."*** (Al-Qur'aan 103)

On the authority of Abu Huraira (RAA) who reported that Allah's Messenger (SAAS) said: *"If anyone calls others to follow right guidance, his reward will be equivalent to those who follow him (in righteousness) without their reward being diminished in any respect, and if anyone invites others to follow error, the sin, will be equivalent to that of the people who follow him (in sinfulness) without their sins being diminished in any respect."* (Muslim)

'Abdullah ibn 'Amr (RAA) narrated that the Prophet (SAAS) said: *"Convey (my teachings) to the people even if it were a single sentence, and tell others the stories of the children of Israel (which have been taught to you), for it is not sinful to do so. And whoever tells a lie on me intentionally, will surely take his place in the (Hell) Fire."* (Al-Bukhari)

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