

When is the Messiah Coming?

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INTRODUCTION

In the last few years, Dr. Shabbir Ahmed has emerged as one of the foremost Islamic scholars in the world. He is also considered by many as the best contemporary writer of Urdu. I, and many others, regard Dr. Ahmed as the most eloquent spokesperson of Allama-Iqbal as well. Read any of Dr. Ahmed's books and you will probably agree with these statements.

A man of true knowledge, Dr. Shabbir Ahmed writes with confidence, honesty, boldness, clarity, and humor. His grasp of the subject under discussion is awesome and the documentation is superb. Once you start reading his book it is difficult to put down because it is so interesting and when you finish, it is difficult to disagree because he is so convincing.

The advent of the Messiah (and Mehdi), and the appearance of the Antichrist (Dajjal) and Gog Magog (Yajooj Majooj), have captured the imagination of billions of people for centuries. Almost every nation and every religion has looked forward to welcoming the SAVIOR. People have their own versions of the catastrophic events of the "Armageddon". It is easy to understand that any nation in her period of decline will be more prone to believe in a "promised one". Muslims today are showing the best example of this phenomenon.

In this booklet Dr. Ahmed has collected some of the most important traditions and made objective observations about them.

This work highlights the fabricated accounts introduced into the Islamic history and helps readers discern the truth.

Dr. Javed Iqbal
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FOREWORD

Why was it necessary to write this booklet? It (the booklet) will obviously be controversial.

I believe that the advent of the last savior or reformer is already a very debatable issue among people and nations.

O.K., why not leave it as such? If no one ever comes let people wait, wait, wait and pass on. Fine and dandy!

But there are two problems:

1. It is an insult for scholarship to learn the truth and not share it with fellow human beings.

2. The West is faring well globally despite their (faded) belief about the second coming of Jesus. On the contrary, the East (especially Muslims) have fallen into the cold valley of inaction. Why should they worry? Someone will come and improve their lot.

In general, the orthodox Jews are waiting for the Messiah in person. Other Jews are looking for the Messianic age where peace and love will reign.

Many Christians are anticipating the action of Armageddon, that final war between the rulers of the world. The good will have its final victory over the evil. Armageddon is in fact a place in central Palestine where several battles were fought in the ancient history.

Likewise, the Hindu scriptures speak of the 24th and the last divine person "Kalki Avtaar" in the latter days. Buddhists are hoping for the "Maitreya". Jains for "Tri Thanker" and Zoroastrains for Meeta or "Mithra". All of them are supposed to bring glory to their respective followers.

In the Qur'an which is the Final Word of God, there is no mention of an oncoming savior or reformer. However, the Muslim tradition is loaded with reports about two reformers to come, not just one. According to these traditions the Messiah and the Mehdi will help each other in getting rid of all evil. They will kill the "Antichrist" and wipe out "Gog and Magog".

This booklet intends to present some of these historical traditions collectively. The position of the Qur'an will be outlined along with comments by the author. It is hoped that the intelligent reader will draw his or her own conclusions about the reality.

Respectfully,

Shabbir Ahmed, M.D.

WHO AND WHEN?

The weekly "Urdu Times," New York, dated Oct 6th, 1999 has published a detailed interview of Dr. Israr Ahmed. The respected doctor is a sincere and renowned scholar of Islam. One great thing is that he does not prefix his name with "Maulana". He knows that according to the Qur'an, "Maulana" or the "Master" of us all is no one but Allah (9/51).

More than 3 decades ago, the daily "Jang" Karachi prominently published the news that Dr. Israr Ahmed had quit Jamat-e-Islami. The chief of Jamat-e-Islami was called Maulana Syed Abul A'Ala Maudoodi. Dr. Israr and others who quit with him maintained that "Al-A'ALA" is the name of God, meaning the most Glorious the most High. Abu means father. Therefore Abul A'Ala would mean "THE FATHER OF GOD". Hence, Maulana Syed Abul A'Ala Maudoodi translates "our master, owner, Father of God Maudoodi" (Syed means owner).

Instead of acknowledging the truth, Mr. Maudoodi became furious and fired Dr. Israr from the Jamaat. In turn, Maudoodi came under fire that he had been a dire opponent of the Pakistan Movement. Also that Allama Iqbal was a great benefactor of Maudoodi since he brought the jobless Maudoodi from Deccan to Pathan Kot and assigned him to do Qur'anic research. But, the daily "Jang" exclaimed that, for some ulterior reason Maudoodi carefully avoided citing the verses of Iqbal in his writings.

No doubt Allama Iqbal enjoys such a high station in Urdu and Persian literature that any scholar writing in these two languages without referring to the Allama will reflect his own ignorance and incompetence.

In an interview with Urdu Times, answering a question, Dr. Israr said, "Tableeghi Jamaat" accomplished nothing in 70 years, Jamaate-Islami brought no change in 60 years. Why wonder that I and my Tanzeem-e-Islami have created no dent in 40 years? (The weight of Dr. Israr's logic should be scaled by our reader).

Dr. Israr Ahmed has his admirers world-wide. Shabbir Ahmed is one of them. But the answer to the Urdu Times' journalist is something else. It is hidden from the truth-seeking eyes of the doctor sahib. There is a word in Arabic, "*Taghreez*". When a vehicle gets stuck so that it's wheels keep spinning in the sand but the vehicle stays put, this is called "*Taghreez*". The truth of the matter is that whether it is Tableeghi Jamaat or Jamaat-e-Islami or any other Islamic movement in the

world, their engines are screaming while the vehicles remain stuck in the sand of tradition. "Movements" which do not move! Allama Iqbal very aptly identifies the situation for us:

*The Truth is lost in non-sense
This nation is lost in legend*

Look at the magic of these legends and traditions. A mullah of the caliber of Dr. Israr Ahmed states in his interview that "Imam Mehdi" has been born in Arabia in 1962. The authority he has referred to about his startling discovery is the late Jane Dixon of the U.S. Jane Dixon, the self-proclaimed diviner who gained fame for "foreseeing" the assassination of J.F.K. (but could not predict her own demise!)

*How numerous a vessel has drowned
When the thought of the jurist, the
Mystic and the poet has downed!*

Many of my respected readers have been calling me regarding this interview partly because they don't have Dr. Israr Ahmed's phone number. Several of them have asked me to write on the subject of the Advent of the Messiah (& Mehdi) and comment on Dr. Israr's mysterious statements. (Many of the readers surely know that the correct spelling of doctor saheb's name is Asrar which in itself means "mysteries").

THE NEED FOR BELIEF IN THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS (And a reformer, Mehdi)

First of all it is important to note that this belief is not one of the essential articles of faith, which are outlined in the Qur'an (2/177).

Next, it is imperative to realize that Muslims in general are a nation of experts. Every member of the Ummah happens to be a politician, a philosopher, a religious leader, a scholar, a judge or a *Mufti* (verdict dispenser). Being a member of the Ummah, I am no exception. So I wish to share my expertise on the subject with the open-minded reader.

In my "expert" opinion blind following of tradition and of people is no better than idol worship. This statement by itself is sufficient to draw an adverse verdict from our experts, but I have crossed the boundary lines drawn by mullahs quite a few times with no luck. "Imam" Ghazali advised centuries ago, "*Do not consider yourself a significant person unless you have been honored by a verdict of infidelity!*"

Before we get the ball rolling there in a **RED ALERT**. If you are in love with your present dogmas, if the darkness of conjecture is dearer to you than the light of the truth, if you feel safe in the cocoon of preconceived notions and rethinking is likely to disrupt this cocoon, **PLEASE STOP HERE**. Read something else. Watch TV. Eat a hamburger or go out for a walk. On the other hand, if you wish to let the stark reality gaze at you, **PLEASE READ ON** and draw your own conclusions.

A large majority of Muslims are heard saying that the advent of the Messiah and the Mehdi has been foretold in the Islamic tradition. **BUT MOST PEOPLE HAVE NOT READ THESE NARRATIVES**. They have only heard them from the mullah screaming in his usual high-pitched, topless stopless voice. Only a senseless mind can ascribe these insults to the holy prophet. Anyone with reason who reads these accounts in the so called Islamic books, will get amazed (or amused) at these contradictory, and ridiculously funny insults. A mind without reason and committed to blind following will, of course take it with a grain of salt. Now, here are some examples:

SOME PASSAGES FROM BOOKS ON HISTORY AND TRADITION

- • The prophet (our salutes to him) said that there shall rise a person from me. His name will be Mohammad, the son of Abdullah and he will fill the earth with equity and justice (*Kitabul Mehdi, Abu Dawood volume III*).
- • That person's name will be Mehdi (not Mohammad, the son of Abdullah) (*Ibid*).
- • Hazrat Ali quoted the holy prophet, "A person will emerge from *Maawaratan-Nahr*. His name will be Harith (neither Mohammad nor Mehdi). A man by the name of Mansoor will walk ahead of him and he will bestow rule to the family of the prophet" (*Ibid*).
- • The holy prophet gave the glad tiding of Mehdi that he would come in times of chaos and instantly spread equity and justice on earth. He will stay seven, eight or nine years and then no goodness will survive on the planet (*Musnad-e-Ahmad*).

How tragic! The final reformer of people comes after centuries of expectation and waiting. His monumental efforts bring about a few years of peace and then there is the instant doom!

- • Imam Mehdi bin Hassan Askari was born in 255 A.H. (9th century A.D.). He disappeared at age four or five just 10 days before the death of his father. Then he hid in the cave of "Samera" near Baghdad. He took with him the whole Qur'an which had forty parts not thirty and seventeen thousand verses not 6,200. The child Mehdi took with him (nobody knows how) the ancient books of all prophets, the scrolls of Ali, the scrolls of Fatima, the knowledge of "JAFR", miracles of all the prophets; the staff of Moses, the shirt of Adam, and the ring of Solomon.

Imam Mehdi will come out of the cave before the Dooms Day. He will exhume Abu Bakr and Umar from their graves and bring them to life. In one day and night he will kill them one thousand times and revive them one thousand times. Other traditions include Hazrat Uthman among the victims (*Hablillah vol 6 page 32, Alkafi, Muhaddis Al Jazaeri*).

- • Mohammad, the Holy Prophet will be the first one to take the oath of allegiance (do BAI'AT) at the hand of Imam Mehdi (*Basair Darajat p:213*).
- • Mehdi will bring people to life and send them to paradise and hell (*Miratul Anwar p: 68*).
- • The hidden Imam Mehdi will bring a new religion and the new book as he comes (*Fasl Al-Khitab p:283*).
- • Only Mehdi will bring the real Quran. Until then use the available Qur'an. Remember! one who has no "Taqaayya" has no religion. (Taqaayya means uttering falsehood in order to hide the truth) (*Faslul-Khitab, Imam Kalaini, Aljaezari on the alleged authority of Hazrat Ali*).
- • The Ahadith of Tirmizi, Bukhari, Muslim, Abu Daud, Musnad-e-Ahmed Bin Hanbal, Al-Kafi and numerous other books note differently the period of Mehdi's rule from seven to forty years. Mehdi will fight Gog Magog! To this day it has not been determined who really Gog Magog are. Some far reaching minds suggested in the past that they were the Mongols. Today's bright mullahs think they might be the super powers of this time. In some narratives Gog Magog are shown to be abundantly numerous and intensely foolish but powerful nations. For 3000 years they have had a great wall built around them to keep them from invading other nations. Since then they have been licking the wall all day until it becomes paper-thin by dusk. That brings a simultaneous sigh of relief from the millions (or billions!) "Let us do the remaining task in the morning", only to find that the wall has grown back to its original, full proportions! This has been happening every day for thousands of years. Gog Magog learn no lesson. But around the end of the world, i.e. during the times of Imam Mehdi they will lick the great wall to

extinction and set themselves free. Imagine their numbers. They will dash and fill the earth. They will drink up all the oceans on the globe (and ease their thirst with salt water!). The narrators do not say what would become of the sea life. Mehdi would watch them like a super-bowl spectator. The Qur'an does not speak of Gog Magog in any of these terms.

- • According to some references the monocular Antichrist will appear around this time.
- • After killing Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, one thousand times Imam Mehdi will gather Muslims on the scrolls of Ali and scrolls of Fatima. Mehdi's task will thus be completed. What will happen next? See Tafheemul-Qur'an of Maududi vol IV, explanation of surah Ahzab, addendum. Maududi has collected quite a few Ahadith from Abu Daud, Mishkat, Muslim, Tirmizi, Musnad Ahmed bin Hanbal, Mustadrak Hakim etc. It is not clear why he left out Bukhari.

TAFHEEM-UL-QUR'AN (by Maududi)

- ❖ ❖ (In Damascus) Muslims will be lining up for prayers. Takbeer, Aqamat would have been uttered as Jesus the son of Mary will suddenly descend (from thin air) and he will lead the prayers for Muslims (*Ref: Mishkat & Muslim*).
- ❖ ❖ Jesus, the son of Mary will descend. The leader of Muslims (Imam Mehdi) will ask him to lead prayers but Jesus will say, "No, you are leaders unto each other" (*Ref: Muslim and Musnad-e-Ahmed*).
- ❖ ❖ The Imam of Muslims will turn back so that Jesus may advance but Jesus will say, "No, you lead the prayers." So the Imam will lead the prayers. (Incidentally, mullahs world-wide seem to have a burning desire to lead prayers whenever and wherever possible, not realizing its significance.)

However, these three Ahadith do not clarify as to who will actually lead the prayers. Jesus, Mehdi or some ordinary Muslim.

- ❖ ❖ After ending the prayers with Salaam right and left, Jesus will command that the door of the Masjid be opened. Outside, Dajjal the Antichrist will be present with 70,000 armed Jews. As soon as Jesus looks at him, the Antichrist will start dissolving like salt dissolves in water and he will quicken to flee. Jesus will run after him. (After approx. 30 miles of dash and marathon while the 70,000 watch the greatest foot race ever) Jesus will get the Antichrist at the eastern gate of Lydda (near Tel-Aviv). And ALLAH WILL DEFEAT THE JEWS (*Tafheem-ul-Quran p. 160*). (*Please note that Allah will defeat the Jews*).

- ❖ ❖ If Jesus left the Dajjal alone the latter will die himself dissolving and melting. But Allah will get him killed at the hands of Jesus. And Jesus will show his blood on his spear to Muslims (*show his blood to get some lollipops!*).
- ❖ ❖ After finishing the prayers Jesus will walk toward the Antichrist with his spear in hand. As soon as the Dajjal sees Jesus the former will start melting like the melting of lead (not like salt dissolving in water). Jesus will kill him with his spear (no marathon this time). (*Tafheem-ul-Quran v.IV p.161*).
- ❖ ❖ Jesus, the son of Marry will descend in the eastern part of Damascus near the white minaret. (The white minaret probably helping the landing). He will be dressed in two yellow shawls and will come down with his hands placed on the arms of two angels. His breath will reach as far as his eyesight and all infidels in the range of his eyesight will succumb instantly (*ref. P.158*).

THE WESTERN SARCASM

The orientalist Dorcey Williams writes:

"The Messiah of Muslims will descend from the heavens holding on to the wings of two angels. He will start breathing fire like a dragon. He will be attired in two pieces of yellow cloth like a sick weakling. The moment he touches the ground, (In times of rockets, missiles and laser) he would hold his spear and race after the Antichrist for thirty miles. The rest of the world would be watching the drama probably on CNN. At the gate of Lydda the Antichrist will say "Brother Jesus! I am tired. I have had it, please, for God's sake kill me".

Muslim, Tirmizi, Abu Daud and Ibne Majah report in this Hadith that Jesus, the son of Marry will not concern himself with following or leading prayers. While the same books and others also narrate that first of all he will follow or lead prayers. I will urge Jesus not to pull his spear and have some mercy. Let the dissolving melting Dajjal Antichrist vanish in peace."

Williams comments that:

"The Muslims keep and will keep living under the wishful thinking that the Dajjal (Antichrist) will have only 70,000 soldiers in his legion holding only swords in their hands. While Imam Mehdi will be an amused spectator, Jesus the son of Mary will step forward and solve all their (Muslims') problems and get rid of all non-Muslims" (*The Return of Jesus p.271-273*).

Note: Some people believe that during those times all technology might vanish, therefore an "Armageddon" of sword and spear is quite possible. But, the same traditions insist that this high drama will take place with science at its fullest glory.

MORE (FABRICATED) AHADITH

- ❖ ❖ **Not one of the followers of Dajjal will survive the spear of Jesus (*Tafheem vol 4 p 158*).
(But, a short while ago all non-believers, infidels had been killed by Jesus's breath!)**
- ❖ ❖ **(What will the Muslims do when the Messiah's breath kills all infidels in the range of his sight? Probably clap their hands). Allah (not Messiah) will defeat the Jews (*ref. Tafheem vol.IV p. 168*).**
- ❖ ❖ **Muslims will prevail and break the cross, kill the swine and revoke jizyah (tax) (*Ibid p.162*).**
- ❖ ❖ **(Sorry, Muslims will not do that) The son of Mary will break the cross and kill the swine (*Ibid p.155*).**
- ❖ ❖ **Allah (not Jesus) will kill the Dajjal near the incline of Afeeq (*Ibid p. 162*).**
- ❖ ❖ **(Sorry again, it won't be Allah, rather) the son of Mary will kill the Dajjal at the gate of Lydda (please forgive and forget Afeeq) (*Ibid p. 160*).**
- ❖ ❖ **The Antichrist will rise among the Jews (*Ibid p.165*).**
- ❖ ❖ **(No, No, sorry!) without any doubt the Dajjal has to rise amongst you (Muslims) (*Ibid p.142*).**
- ❖ ❖ **Many books of history and tradition narrate a fabricated Hadith that Umar Farooq (R.A) wanted to kill a man believing him to be the Dajjal. The Holy Prophet stopped him from doing so saying, "If this man is Dajjal you cannot be his killer. Only Jesus, the son of Mary will be the one to kill him."**

Readers should note here that in this fabricated Hadith Dajjal is clearly depicted as a man, as is the case in Ahadith noted by Maududi. Any interpretations showing Dajjal or Antichrist as a nation, as a super-natural creature, the railway engine etc. are nothing but shameful apologies of the text.

Once the Muslim deviates from the Qur'an and falls into the swamp of conjecture, he finds it difficult to get out. Irrational and apologetic explanations bury him even deeper.

Maududi, the most "authoritative" and popular Islamic scholar of the mid 20th century writes on page 165 of Tafheem vol.4:

"The literature of Jews is loaded with sweet dreams about the promised one. They have been living in this utopia for the last many centuries."

Paradoxically, was Mr. Maududi not a victim of this sweet dream till the end of his life? How about other mullahs and their blind followers?

All the above mentioned lines and paragraphs of Maududi's Tafheem have been taken from addendum to the explanation of the surah "Ahzab" vol:4 Urdu (Maktaba Taameere Insaniat, Lahore).

The writer (Maududi) has selected these Ahadith from, Abu Daud, Muslim, Tirmizi, Masnade Ahmed, Mishkat, Hakim etc.

Now watch a beautiful confession on page 163. Maududi unwillingly reveals the truth:

"The belief in the promise one is founded on nothing but Ahadith." (It is nowhere seen in the Qur'an)

Everyone seems to be waiting

Wider than the confession of Maududi is the fact that the dogma of a promised one is found almost in every religion of the world. When the Messiah of the Jews comes he will bestow upon them the everlasting kingdom. When the Messiah of the Christians shows up again, mankind will unite under Christendom. Likewise when the Meeta, Buddha II arrives he will erase all religions and turn every human being into a Mahatma. The Mithra of Zoroastrians will herald the return of the lost Maggian glory for his followers. The "Kalki Avtaar" will revive Hinduism to total victory. The Tri-Thanker of Jainism will unify all human beings on earth into his religion. Then all people will become Bugs Bunnies eating plants only. It is amazing to note that even some ancient tribes of Africa and the Americas charm themselves with this "redeemer" concept.

Let's conceive for a moment that dozens of promised ones have appeared in the world for a final round. Trying to prevail over one another ! Violence, commotion, social disorder, blood shed, total chaos as far as our imagination can take us.

MIRZA GHULAM AHMED (1830's to 1908)

The most interesting claim was made by Mirza Ghulam Ahmed of Qadian around 1900 A.D that he was the Mehdi and the Messiah (two in one).

Step One:

First he relates that God made him Mary. Then God exercised his power of manhood (i.e. performed the male sexual act on Mary Mirza). Mirza as Mary became pregnant. Then Jesus was born. Mary disappeared and now Mirza Ghulam Ahmed is Jesus, the son of Mary (*Ref: Islamic Sacrifice by Qazi Yar Mohammad Qadiyani*).

Read and enjoy again before going to the next step; How Mirza became Mehdi!

Mirza Ghulam writes in his book (*Shahadat-ul-Qur'an p.61*).

Step Two:

"It is written in the Bukhari (collection of Ahadith) that a voice will announce from the heavens. This Mirza is Mehdi, the caliph of Allah."

Tragic for Mirza that there is no such thing remotely mentioned in the Bukhari. And Mirza was the sole figure to be blessed with that voice!

Mirza Ji went onto claim that he was all in one i.e. the Holy Prophet, Mehdi, Jesus, Krishna plus the promised one of all religions.

Countless people have claimed to be the promised one, the Mehdi or the Messiah in the last many centuries. It is a strange paradox that people keep waiting and waiting intently for someone to come. But as soon as some priest, monk, mullah, sufi, yogi, mystic makes the claim, they raise furor against him. They even attempt to kill him!

THE PROBLEM

The real problem with the dogma of a promised one is that it serves as an opium for nations. It snatches from them the will to strive and struggle. Well, someone will come to solve their problems and raise them to glory. The situation is quite understandable as far as other religions are concerned because they do not

have "Al-Qur'an" the Criterion between the right and the wrong. But it is strange that Muslims who regard the Qur'an as their own book, keep groping in the dark. We will see shortly that the final Word of God very clearly rules out the coming of another promised one after Prophet Mohammad (our salutes to him). We have documented that Maududi in his Tafheem vol. 4 pg. 163 admits that there is no place for this utopian dogma in the Qur'an.

SIR SYED AHMED KHAN
(1817 to 1898)

JESUS WAS NEVER RAISED TO HEAVEN.

That great wizard of a genius was a commentator of the Qur'an par excellence. Follow his pen,

"Our (Muslim) commentators of the Qur'an have blindly followed the Christian traditions to concoct such Ahadith. These so-called experts have assigned totally erroneous meaning to "Rafaa" or the *raising* of the prophets Jesus (3:55) and Enoch (19:56). The Qur'an absolutely does not portray the raising of these prophets bodily up into the heavens. It describes raising them in honor. The prophecies of the coming of Mehdi and Messiah have been introduced into our history by non-Muslims. The Qur'an is absolutely free of these ridiculous statements. (*Ref. Tafseer vol.I part 7 pg 123 and vol 2 several pages*).

DR SIR ALLAMA MUHAMMAD IQBAL
(1877 to 1938)

The most outstanding exponent of the Qur'an, Sir Iqbal does not subscribe to the view of ascension of Jesus up into the heavens or to his second coming. Nor does Sir Iqbal see Mehdi as a specific person.

You O' preacher, have placed God on top of the heavens.
(Didn't you think) what kind of God He would be
that shies away from his servants!

See another example:

"Who is the Mehdi, who is the leader of the last period?
The one whose self wakes up, one who recognizes the human potential. He is
Mehdi and he is the promise one of the latter times."

And another:

**Look at the revelation of God on the minaret of your heart
And stop waiting for the advent of Mehdi and Jesus**

In his English writings against the Qadianis, Sir Iqbal thrashed the dogma of a promised one as a Maggian and a Jewish heritage.

**Abulkalam Azad
And
Ubaidullah Sindhi**

These two noted scholars of the twentieth century in their respective explanations of the Qur'an very forcefully and convincingly dismiss the notion of the advent of a Messiah or Mehdi (*Ref Tarjamanul Qur'an Urdu and Ilhamur Rahman Arabic; commentary on surah 3:55*).

**MUFTI SHEIKH MUHAMMAD ABDUH
(1849 to 1906)**

The celebrated scholar of Islam, Mohammad Sheikh Abduh of Egypt maintains that the stories of a living Jesus in the heavens and his second coming were inserted into our Ahadith centuries ago by Christian scholars so that Christianity may seem to be superior to Islam.

**JAMAL-UDDIN AFGHANI
(1830 to 1899)**

This great torch bearer of Muslim unity said, "My intensive research in the Qur'an, Hadith and history has taught me that any human being who tries to save the planet and make it a better place to live is the Mehdi and the Messiah in his own right."

THE FINAL WORD, AL-QUR'AN

- ➤ God said, "O' Jesus verily, I shall cause thee to die and shall exalt thee unto me." (3:55)

The word "*Rafaa*" means honoring or exalting. "Nowhere in the Quran is there any warrant for the popular believe that God has taken up Jesus bodily into heaven" (*Ref: The Message of the Qur'an, Tafseer by Allama Muhammad Asad 3:55 and 4:158*).

- ➤ "And we raised Enoch (Idrees) in honor." (19:56) (God exalted him) (*Ref: Allama Muhammad Asad, Tafseer 19:56*). The great German scholar and exponent Allama Muhammad Asad writes that the very common belief that Jesus was taken up to the heaven in body is absolutely non-Quranic and therefore it has no merit.
- ➤ (O' Muhammad!) We did not give any person before you immortality (21:33).
- ➤ Muhammad is but a messenger, all messengers before him have passed away. If he dies or gets killed, will you turn back? (3:144). This verse makes clear that Jesus too has died. He has passed away and was not raised to the heavens. When Muhammad (our salutes to him) died not one of his companions complained why he was not raised to heaven like Jesus and Enoch.
- ➤ This day I have perfected your religion for you (5:3). The words of your Sustainer have been completed (6:116). Hence, no further Divine revelation. No further messenger.
- ➤ Muhammad is the messenger of Allah and he is the last prophet (33:40). Hence, no room for a Divinely guided one to come.
- ➤ Verily this Book of admonishment We have revealed and We are its Guardian (15:9). Therefore no further prophet, Mehdi or Messiah is necessary.
- ➤ (O' Muhammad!) all prophets that we sent before you we gave no one a body that won't (need and) eat food and they were not here to stay (so was Jesus not given a body that he won't eat food or sit up in heaven eating his daily bread or stay alive indefinitely).

- ➤ **Jesus the son of Mary was only a messenger. All messengers before him have passed on (5:75)**
- ➤ **Messiah and his mother (Mary) the truthful both (were human beings and they) used to eat (5:75)**
- ➤ **See how clearly and plainly we narrate Our verses. Then look how they are straying in the opposite direction (5:75)
(These ignorant people make human beings that eat and walk about in markets, sit up in heaven with their bodies!)**
- ➤ **Is the Qur'an not sufficient for these people? (29:51).**
- ➤ **You will never find change in the Laws of Allah (48:23) (Bodily ascension is not a Law of Allah. Returning from heaven to this world too, is not His law).**
- ➤ **The Qur'an states "Allah does not change the condition of a nation unless they bring about a change in their psychology." (13:11)**

Please stop here and think for a moment why Mehdi and Jesus would come to change the condition of a nation or nations? Doesn't this dogma collide with a rock solid law of the Qur'an.

- ➤ **While God is Omni-present the rising of Jesus in body above the skies and seating himself on the right hand of God makes no sense. It confines God to some place in the heavens. It also gives a man like image to God. This picture is obviously Biblical. It is certainly not Quranic (*ref: Dr Maurice Bucaille and of course commonsense*).**
- ➤ **Jamaluddin Afghani, Mufti Muhammad Abduh, Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Allama Iqbal, Allama Muhammad Asad, Maurice Bucaille, Allama Inayatullah Mashriqi, the brilliant sons of the Ummah and countless others narrate that bodily ascension of Jesus confines God to a certain heaven while the Quran makes it very clear that God is present every where.**

THE TRUMP CARD

Dear reader, Muslims, the so called custodians of the Qur'an are facing a strange dilemma. North or South, East or West, the Christian missionaries are asking a few simple questions to Muslims especially the youth. A sample of that Q.A. session goes like this:

"Well, dear Muslim friend! you believe that Jesus is sitting in the company of God in the heavens."

You also believe that in the final times he will come again.

Now just think who is more glorious? Jesus who is living in the heaven or Muhammad who is buried in dust.

**Is that Messiah greater who will come and bring order to the earth or that Muhammad who will wake up when the bugles are blowing only to find Moses alert and oriented and standing holding the thrown of God!
(Moses holding the thrown, this statement has been interjected into our Ahadith obviously by Jewish historians).**

The unsuspecting Muslim easily falls into this trap because the religious school and the mullah have taught him exactly this nonsense. Hardly any sufi, mullah, or maulvi advises the Muslims to turn to the Qur'an. The Muslim does not study the Qur'an and Ahadith himself. He only listens to the maulvi.

He has been entangled into the cobweb of stories, legends, and mythology. According to Sir. Iqbal much of our tradition consists of Israelite history, traditions and sayings.

ABANDONING THE QUR'AN

Now let the Qur'an keep saying O' people! listen carefully, the Laws of Allah do not change. Bodily ascension is not the Law of God. Allah has not given immortality to anyone. The messengers before Muhammad have all passed away. Jesus was a prophet like other prophets who used to eat and drink. Let the Qur'an remind again and again that religion has been perfected. The last prophet has come and gone. The Book of Allah has preserved all rules and laws of religion. All the teachings necessary for mankind have been compiled in this book for all and for ever. Therefore, there is absolutely no need for a Mehdi and Messiah to come. Let the Qur'an declare that all prophets were mortal human beings. Then let it affirm that the dead do not return to this world (23:100, 23:107) and let the Qur'an scream whatever and however, the Muslim places peacock feathers and rose petals between its sacred leaves and squeezes the book shut in reverence with silk covers and binders then places it on the highest and the remotest place in the closet.

RESULT: The Muslim wants to live and die believing that "Imam Mehdi" will come out of the historically mysterious cave near Baghdad in Samera or Sura Mann Rye. (Wish he had come out during the 1990 Gulf war to defend Muslims). He will head straight for Medina, will exhume and revive Abu Bakr, Umar and Uthman (the first three rightly guided caliphs of Islam). He would then kill them

with one swipe of his sword. He will do this 1000 times in 24 hours more that 40 times an hour, about once a minute. Revive them kill them revive them kill them!

The historical narratives and Ahadith literature is unclear whether Mehdi will still be a 5 year old child, a youth, a 40 years old mature person or whether he would be 11-1200 year old at the time of his peak performance!

Anyhow the current "fake" Qur'an will be pulled by God up into the heavens probably angels fishing it up with millions of fishlines.

IMAGINE!

Mehdi will then bring the real Qur'an (Mashaf-e-Ali and Mashaf-e-Fatima) and unite all Muslims over them. While unity would be trying to prevail among Muslims, Gog Magog will appear from nowhere! Their population will be such enormous and they will be so thirsty that they would drink all seven oceans along with the salt and spills and pollution in no time. Sea life will start living on trees! Mehdi will be preparing to kill these billions of human beasts and offer prayer in the mosque in Damascus. Right then the Antichrist will lay siege of the mosque along with his legions of 70,000 Jews. Mehdi and two billion Muslims in the world will find themselves pitifully helpless. So, Jesus the Messiah will, without seeking permission from the Father descend from the heaven near the white minaret of Damascus in the manner of a sick man being supported by two angels. Medium height, two yellow shawls, white blonde fellow with blue eyes, curly hair as if drenched in water, a short spear in his right hand. In times of nuclear, hydrogen, neutron bombs and laser technology a battle of spear and 70,000 swords will take place. Dajjal (the Antichrist) runs away or not, melts down or not, the Messiah will plunge his spear into his chest. Then (most important) the Messiah will show to Muslims the Dajjal's blood shining on his spear (probably to get a good round of applause and a lollipop). Now suddenly rocks and trees will start yelling, "O' Muslim! O' Abullah! O'Abdur Rahman! here, behind me is hiding a Jew-----come here, kill him. Before the blink of an eye all 70,000 Jews will be slain! The rest of the millions will probably watch the superbowl.

Then Jesus breaks the cross (which will be provided to him graciously perhaps by the pope) and kills the swine (gifted to him probably by the chief priest of Damascus). Lo and behold! Two billion Christians in the world will suddenly embrace Islam.

Here the narrators breathe a sigh of relief but only for a moment.

Breaking of the cross and killing of the swine has been interpreted by the so-called scholars with frank apologies. For, example, Mirza Ghulam Ahmed of Qadian writes that breaking of the cross signifies the end of Christianity. And that he has done it. On the contrary during his life and after his demise in 1908,

Christianity beat up the Muslims quite thoroughly and convincingly. A quick glance at the First World War will suffice to elaborate that point.

Killing of the swine is interpreted as restoration of the Law of Moses. But, didn't Jesus this time come as a follower of Muhammad? (our salutes to them).

THE DROP SCENE

Ironically the conclusion of the thrilling story is very tragic. Like the story itself the drop scene has been fabricated and concocted by our "able" historians, narrators and commentators and filled in by non-Muslim "experts". Think about it -----

The five to six billion years old planet, inhabited by Homo sapiens for a million years. Human civilization for ten thousand years, numerous prophets and reformers, wars and battles, the pursuit of peace, fall rise and decline of human civilization, political and social turmoil, ups and downs. Finally the advent of the last messenger Mohammad (our salutes to him), gradual evolution of the human culture. Billions of men and women in fourteen centuries pass away waiting for the establishment of the Divine kingdom on earth. What was not accomplished in centuries is done with a stroke of magic by Mehdi and Messiah. They kill all Jews, convert all Christians and pat the back of Muslims. The whole scenario changes. What a lovely scenario! A paradise on earth. Peace, prosperity and wellness. Tiger and lamb drinking water from the same fountain. No more injustice. Men become angels and women became "hoories" (heavenly creatures). But for some obscure reason the God of our narrators hates the happy change. He was sitting in the skies on His royal thrown. He summoned the angel of winds. "O, angel of wind and rain! I hate the tranquility and prosperity of the planet earth. The happiness of its inhabitants is sorrow to me. Turn about your feet. Quick! go back. Blow noxious wind all over the planet. But watch, formulate this wind with a very clever technique. It should be such that my believing servants fall dead as soon as they take their first breath. Then I will send the angels of the Day of Dooms. Every thing will fall apart. Earthquakes, cyclones, fires, and floods will have their day out. Mountains will blow up like cotton shreds. The sun will come down the distance of 1 1/4 spears from the earth. My dear angel, I intend to bring this horrible torment upon those men and women who are the slaves of the Satan, not mine.

Our great scholar and historian writes that the Dooms Day will befall the infidels. He has forgotten that previously he wrote that all Jews of the world would be perished. All Christians will become Muslims. Muslims will remain untouched by the "blessing of the Kalema." No non-Muslim will survive the great calamity. Now he changes his mind and states that the Qiamat, the apocalypse will befall the believers!

FUTURE DESIGNS

The author will feel honored if someone reading this booklet will honor him with a verdict of infidelity. However, let us not forget that the Christian missionaries throughout the world are claiming that Muslims in their hearts believe in the divinity of Jesus but hesitate to admit it.

Please watch the following pointed questions thrown by missionaries especially at the Muslim youth:

1. Do you believe that Jesus was born without a father? The Muslim says, "Yes". *The Qur'an says that even God won't have a son since he has no consort (Saheba) (6:101)*
(Likewise how could Mary have a son without a husband! Some readers would find this point shocking. But, it has been elaborated in my book "Why I am not a Christian").
2. Do you believe that Jesus was given many miracles one of which was raising the dead to life? The answer from the Muslim is again a solid "Yes".
(*Here the Qur'an in fact means awakening of people.*)
3. Do you admit that Jesus is alive in the heavens while Mohammad is buried in the ground. "Of course, yes", says the Muslim. (*Wrong interpretation by the mullah of 3:55 under Biblical influence.*)
4. Now, don't you have faith in Jesus's coming in the final hour to rectify problems of mankind and to restore order in the world. Also, that he will kill the Antichrist. The Muslim responds, "Of course I do believe in all this (junk). How can I be a Muslim if I don't??" (*The mullah has taught the Muslim masses exactly as above.*)

This is the crucial moment when the Christian missionary embraces the Muslim youngster saying, "This is what we believe in too. We are from you and you are from us!" The next step is a little favor of some sort. Suddenly wine becomes fine and the forbidden fruit of dating becomes permissible. 'Jesus died for the sins of humanity.' So life becomes fun without accountability.

This is the current design for the near future but the foundation was laid a thousand years ago when the enemies of Islam had introduced stories in our Ahadith that Jesus is sitting up in the heavens and he will come to the world once again.

PLEASE REMEMBER

That a living Jesus and his second coming are absolutely non- Quranic. Therefore it is not one of the five article of faith (2:177). Maududi is absolutely right that this dogma is entirely based on Ahadith and it is not found in the Quran. Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Jamaluddin Afghani, Mufti Muhammad Abduh, Allama Iqbal, Allama Muhammad Asad (The greatest German exponent of the Qur'an) Ahmed Deedat, Imam Vehbi Ismael, Mujtahid Imam Al-Husseini, and Maurice Buccaile, Allama Inayatullah Mashriqi, Abul Kalam Azad, Ubaidullah Sindhi, Allama Tamanna Imadi, and numerous other scholars reject this story as fabrication or interpolation. These great scholars maintain that only those Ahadith should be accepted that agree with the Quran. They are infact obeying the Holy Prophet.

The Prophet (our salutes to him) said that quotations recited in his holy name must be checked against the Qur'an. The author of this booklet remembers thousands of Ahadith by heart and those Ahadith which stand up to the criterion of the Qur'an are extremely dear to him.

Now it is up to the reader whether to accept the Quran or keep these fabricated stories close to the heart and let the coming generations embrace Christianity.

"When it is said to them, Follow the Book of God they say No, we will follow the path of our ancestors" (Al-Qur'an 2:170).

GOG MAGOG

View for a moment that in the age of laser, nuclear and missile technology, on the East side of the Jordan River are standing Muslims. Their commander is Jesus clad in two yellow shawls and holding a spear in his hand. On the West bank of the Jordan River is the arch enemy, Dajjal (Antichrist) with his armies. Gog Magog have also appeared. Both armies East and the West of the river are holding swords. Gog Magog have drunk all seven oceans. Mehdi says "Allah-o-Akbar." Jesus stops Mehdi from attacking. Then Jesus the Messiah whirls his spear in the air. Millions of infidels scream "Ah! I am dead" and suddenly collapse like dominoes. Only believers remain on earth. The apocalypse is about to come but Jesus stops the angels from blowing their trumpet. Wait, I have not married yet. A beautiful believing lady steps forward and gives herself to him. Instant marriage takes place. All believers on earth are invited to the wedding and at the *valima* (the post wedding reception). Then several children are born in the household of Jesus. Non-Muslims have already perished. So Jesus tries his best to convince Muslims, "Look, this is my wife and here are my children. So, believe me I am a human being. I am not divine, I am not the son of God (Please

note Jesus is assuring Muslims who already know on the authority of the Qur'an that he was not divine).

Anyhow the angels appear again with their trumpet. Jesus signals to them to stop and says, "No, wait! one thing is still remaining. I have to die before Qiamat" (the apocalypse). With billions of crowd watching in anticipation, Jesus begins his 800 miles stroll to Madina. The gentle stroll takes only one hour. There he goes and lies down on the ground next to the Holy prophet's grave. Once again with his index finger up in the air he screams at the top his voice that he is not and never was the son of God. He also announces that in his second coming he was only the son of Mary and Joseph. No prophet, no nothing, just a humble follower of Mohammad (our salutes to him). Then he closes his eyes and peacefully breathes his last. Men and Angels of all the universe are summoned for his funeral prayers.

With all empathy to the respected reader, the story of insult to the human intelligence has not ended yet. Our brilliant historians show mood swings in hundreds of books, essays, copies, and commentaries. These insults are so numerous that it is difficult even to list them.

I believe and hope that I have been able to convey the essence of what our "respected, revered and honored", so called scholars and Imams of the Islamic History have generated.

DAJJAL , THE ANTICHRIST

Let's bear some more insults for the sake of completion. Our brilliant historian gets stuck in his own mess. He has to explain the Dajjal. This powerful creature is described differently in different books. To be brief he is a master magician, has super- natural powers, can travel at incredible speed. He can kill people and he can bring them back to life!

Sometimes he happens to be a European and at other times becomes the leader of the Jews. He has a blind right eye. Letters K F R (KUFR) meaning infidelity are inscribed on his forehead. Sometimes he is seen as the railway and at other times the railway becomes his donkey. If you happen to read details in the related books you will see ignorance and apology at their height.

MEHDI AND MESSIAH

Mehdi at times happens to be a Sunni, at others a Shiite. A five year old kid, 40 years old strong or 1200 years old. Thousands of people throughout the world have claimed to be Mehdi in the past centuries (I have seen one in chains!). And they will keep coming until the Muslims return to the Qur'an.

There is a host of pictures of Jesus in the literature, he is an old prophet and he is the follower of the Holy Prophet. His appearance is remarkable. People will recognize him as a man of medium height, reddish white (British complexion) of course, with blue eyes and blonde hair. His hair would look as if water is about to trickle down from them but doesn't.

He is shown clad in two yellow cloths. The sick looking man supported in his descent by two angels. Suddenly he becomes mighty (like Popeye after eating spinach) and wealthy (without owning Microsoft) and showers so much of wealth that soon no one in the world is willing to accept it. He will abolish taxes. Everyone will be a Muslim, so what jizya taxes will he abolish?

For the most interesting picture given by Mirza Ghulam see page 16.

THE OTHER SIDE

Dear reader, more than 60 million Americans and approximately 300 million Christians and Jews worldwide believe in the myth of Armageddon. But they are not in a state of morbid waiting for someone to come.

BREAKING NEWS: Grace Halsells' book "Forcing God's Hand", published in 1999' and the Washington Report of March 2000 on Middle East Affairs have reached me just today i.e. April 7, 2000. A quick glance at these two publications indicates that there is a massive collaboration underway between fundamentalist Jews and Christians trying to force an urgent *Armageddon*. Detailed plans have been made to demolish Masjid Al'Aqsa and the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem. Evangelists more than Jews are preaching that Jesus Christ, the Messiah will come only when the new and the third Jewish Temple has been built at the site of the Holy Muslim shrine!

This Messiah will annihilate all people on earth but Jews and Christians for "they worship a tribal God concerned with only two peoples Jews and Christians" (Grace Halsell).

The Christian interest according to the Washington report rests in providing a landing base to the Messiah at the new Jewish temple after destroying Masjid Al'Aqsa.

My good friend Dr. Javed Khan of New Jersey has called and suggested to include the translation of a verse of Sir Iqbal here:

**The way of those you call infidels is plan and action for Jihad
The way of the mullah is in the name of God *fasad* (dissension)**

Now a few excerpts from these two publications will be presented:

United States shows "unmatched combination of high levels of education and high levels of religious belief and activity".

"Now is the time for the temple to be rebuilt".

"The Israeli government must end the *pagan* Islamic occupation".

"Who is the Antichrist? ---- A personified opponent of Christians ----- He will take over the government of the world".

"Who are Gog and Magog? ---- Enemies of Israel. Generally taken to mean Russia, China (and of course Muslims)".

"The Arab World is an Antichrist World".

"Jews are the earthly elect and Christians are the heavenly elect of God".

It is easy to see that the promised one of each nation seems to be bent upon destroying the other peoples. Will mankind make this horrible scenario a self-fulfilling prophecy?

It is the author's conviction that no promised one will ever appear (The last one to come was the holy Prophet Mohammad) and God willing, mankind will choose the path of love and peace. It is also hoped that instead of trying to ratify the myth of Armageddon, caring minds will divert their energies toward the prevention of a Third World War. The mankind has to and eventually will become one community as stated in the Holy Qur'an. Amen!

