

Authenticity Of The Bible

*The voice said, Cry.
And he said, What shall I cry?
All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the
flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth:
because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people
is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the Word of our
God shall stand for ever.*

Isaiah 40: 6-8

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Introduction

In the Name of God the Almighty, who is the Creator of heaven and earth and who is the Lord of the Lords and the King of the Kings and who is Alpha and Omega and who is same yesterday, today and forever, I would like to address this critical and most important subject.

I pray from the bottom of my heart, “Oh God, grant me wisdom and enable me with your Holy Spirit to write clearly the realities, authenticities and truths about your Holy and infallible Word.” I pray, “Oh God, may these words be a source of change for the negative thoughts and attitudes of my dear readers

and change their lives totally from the darkness into Light. Oh God, give me the spirit of boldness to write each thought and express Truth as it is. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.”

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I approach this “Authenticity Of The Bible” topic given by God with deep thought, searching, and in the spirit of prayer. If you are Christian then it is possible you have been amazed to hear that some of our friends believe that the Bible is corrupted. But I do not know why you would be surprised because our Muslim brothers claim this objection against the Bible daily. They make this objection saying, “Your Bible is corrupted.” Have you ever heard that from someone? If your answer is “NO” then it means that you have compromised with this world and you have hidden your faith because there is no oil in your lamp. If there is oil, then there is no excuse for a Christian to be quiet or not show the light. As a result it seems you do not know the answer to this question and you have never spoken with someone about the love of God. Am I right? You must read Acts 1:8 and see your spiritual image in the mirror if you are a born again Christian.

Remember that the robbers rob only the house where there is something to steal. Robbers don't come to rob in a house where there is nothing. Therefore it means that you haven't yet become “the salt of the earth,” “light of the world” and “living epistle” written in the blood of the Lamb. But don't be discouraged. This day is yours. Tomorrow is not yours. Who can say, “I will see tomorrow”? Today you need to make a very important decision of repentance from your lazy behavior and disobedient spirit and, after receiving forgiveness, do those things that you could not do in the past. I am sure that if you are honest in your heart, then the Lord will give you courage to repent and seek forgiveness. I pray to God: “Oh God, make alive the dead conscience of my brother and sister. Give them the gift of living faith like apostles to be a light in this dark age, a living hope for those who are without hope, and make them messengers of the Good News for the crushed ones.”

And if you are not a Christian then, my dear ones, this article has been written especially and only for you, to share with you what reality is. But before we go ahead, why don't we have the spirit of a learner and throw out all the prejudice from our heart? Let's put aside hatred and come near to one another. My dear, we are not the enemy of one another! Remember that there is one enemy against both of us and that is the devil, “Iblees.” It is his desire that we don't meet. Let's defeat him together. Let's demolish all those walls which are a

stumbling stone between you and me and let's do research and be single-minded. Let's not follow the shadow, because human history is witness that no one has caught the shadow. I just want you to take your time to read this article and research it. Let us pray together to God Almighty for help to understand this truth without any prejudice and that we would be able to accept the manifested truths. Amen.

I want to introduce myself to you as a student and I will be a student as long as I am alive. A student is always desiring or searching to learn something. The reason I study books about Christianity and Islam is because of my research and interest in reading religious books. I have many Islamic books in my study room and I learn a lot from this treasure. It was my burning desire to not be greedy and selfish by keeping these truths only for myself. So I determined to write these truths for the good of others.

Author

Uniqueness Of The Bible

The printing quantity of the Holy Bible is, by far, the highest among all books ever written. There is not any other book that has been printed like this in the whole world. If there are objections against any book in the world, then that book is the Bible. The most effective and life changing book in the world is only the Bible. The Bible has been translated into many different languages and there is not any other book that has been translated into as many languages. According to a census, the Bible has been translated into more than 2,100 languages. If there is any book that gives eternal hope or shows the way to heaven to any lost and hopeless person, that book is only the Bible.

It is true for any objection that when a person "becomes against" any other person or thing and begins to see the truth with a doubting mind and has hatred towards it, then each aspect of that truth will be doubtful to him. But this book is not a normal book; this is the Word of the Living God. There is no way we should doubt it. Even if someone has this attitude, still it has no effect on the authenticity of the Bible. There are very few people who will be against any evil or lie. If there is any objection or enmity in our Mid-Eastern culture, then usually it is against the truth.

World history is witness to what happens to the enemies of the Bible. At the time of the early Church there was a Roman emperor named Diocletian. He was one of the worst enemies of the Bible and Christianity. He said that

whoever had a Bible would be killed. When his time passed, another Roman emperor came. His name was Constantine and he said that whoever had a Bible would be rewarded. At that time, within two to three hours people bought 55 Bibles. As much as Christianity has been suppressed, it has only become stronger and stronger. That's the reason that someone said that the blood of the (Christian) martyrs is the seed of the Church (Ekklesia, the called out Assembly of believers).

In the 18th Century there was a French atheist named Voltaire. He claimed that after 100 years the name of the Bible would be totally finished from the face of the earth. In 1776, he himself died and the printing press where he used to print books against the Bible is now used for the printing of Bibles.

A famous lawless American man, Robert Engersole, claimed that in 25 years the Bible and Christianity would be finished from the world. So at the end of 25 years Robert himself was in his grave and today his house is the office of the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA).

History is witness that every instrument that has been raised against the Bible has been broken badly. Every plan has been foiled. The demolishers of the Bible have been demolished and no one has mourned over them. Different cultures have come to the earth, several kingdoms have arisen, and storms have come against the Bible. But nothing could harm the Bible because the Essa (Jesus Christ) said with His own blessed tongue, *"Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets:"* (Matthew 5:17a). It is because in Injeel Shareef (the Gospel) is written: *"For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the Word of the Lord endureth for ever"* (1 Pet 1:24, 25a).

So, my dear ones, do not call the wrath of God upon yourself by doubting His Word the Bible. Study it with your full faith, live according to it, share it and teach it to others so that things go well for you. You can't (Wa naozobillah) resist against God and you do not have to do that.

Now I want to share with you concerning the Holy Bible and what the answer is to the fiery darts of our friends.

The Holy Bible is a comprehensive book. There are 66 Books (spara's) in it. Different people have written it through inspiration in a period of 1,600 years. The Bible has been divided in two main parts. One is the Old Testament and the other is the New Testament. In Old Testament there are 39 (spara's) books

and in New Testament there are 27 books (spara's). In these 66 books there is Torah, Psalms (Zaboor), Scriptures (Sahaef-Ul-Anbbeia) and the Gospel (Injeel Shareef). Although there are 40 different men who were chosen by God to write these 66 books of the Bible under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, still there is only one Divine Author of this book and that is God Himself.

The Old Testament starts with a story of (Hazart) Adam & Eve (Hava). It continues with the account of creation and the history of the Hebrew people and prophecies. Most of the prophecies are about the birth, teaching, and suffering of Christ. Many of the prophecies have been fulfilled.

The real or true Author of these 66 books (spara's) of the Bible is God Himself. God Himself inspired his Word upon 40 different people in different areas and different cultures to write it in the language of their own people. God didn't recite it word by word. But He gave them the message of awareness for the people of their age and for the people of the future. They wrote it in their own language. The miracle in the writing of this book is that, although this book was written during a period of 1,600 years, each of its points is linked with the other. There is consistency and harmony in each book of the Bible. Without God's inspirational power it would be impossible to have this kind of consistency. Today it looks like only one book, but in reality it is a compilation of 66 books.

The Bible was written originally in three main languages: Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek.

In Response To Objections

Usually our Muslim friends make objection that the Torah, Psalms (Zaboor) and the Gospel (Injeel) are not in their original condition. They claim that these books have been changed. Some people say that after "Quran Shareef" came these books were canceled. Some say that the Christians themselves changed these books for their own benefit.

Being a Christian witness, I feel it is a great responsibility and a privilege to answer this question and to resolve this problem for our friends. First of all I would like to point out what the Bible says about itself. Then I will try my best to give an answer to my friends from their own religion. I hope that at the end of this lesson every wise man or woman will be satisfied as to whether or not the Bible is changed, cancelled, or is in its original condition. I am not like one of those who throw mud at others. My beliefs teach me not to kill someone with my words or tongue. If I use that language which my non-Christian

friends usually use against Christianity, then first of all there is no difference between them and me and I don't have love for them in my heart

Second thing is this: that we Christians are like a dove in our beloved country Pakistan. We are like a dove who wants to fly but can't because his wings have been clipped. In our own country where we pay our taxes, we are like foreigners. Therefore, I will try to answer very carefully in a very simple way.

Christian scholars have already written a lot of material on this subject. This material is available from our Christian bookshops.

When the Hebrews were making copies of the manuscripts of Torah Shareef, Zaboor Shareef or Sahaef-ul-Anbeia with their own hands, they were very careful. The copies had to be written by hand because, at that time, there were no printing presses. They were counting pages, then they were counting each line of a page, then they were counting each word of the line, and they even were counting the letters as well. The purpose was to make perfect copies from the original manuscripts. If they were satisfied that the copy was perfect then they kept it. Otherwise, they destroyed that copy.

Whenever they were writing the Name "LORD," which is Yahuah in their own Hebrew language, they used a new nib or pen for writing His Name. They were very careful in this matter. There are thousands of these old manuscripts and scrolls in our museums, all of which were written by hand at that time. They are word by word recordings of our translations of the Bible which we have in our hands today thanks to the Jewish people, who, after the kingdom of Israel split into two houses (Judah and Israel/Ephraim) following the reign of Solomon, became responsible for preserving the Hebrew Scriptures for mankind.

Some of these old manuscripts were even found in the 19th Century. They, too, are word by word recordings of the Bible that we have in our hands today. There is no difference or errors in their text.

Command Of God

In the fifth book Deuteronomy (Surah) of the Taurah, God is commanding Israel through Prophet Moses that "*Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you*" (Deuteronomy 4:2).

He says again in Deuteronomy 12:32: *“...thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.”*

Then Solomon, son of David, says in the book of Proverbs (Wisdom) 30:5, 6 through the spirit of inspiration that *“Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.”*

Then again Lord God Almighty says through the prophet Isaiah: *“The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever”* (Isaiah 40:8).

Apostle Paul says to his spiritual son Timothy through the spirit of inspiration: *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works”* (2 Tim 3:16-17).

Through the spirit of inspiration Peter the Apostle says: *“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost”* (2 Peter 1:20-21).

The Apostle John says in the Book of Revelation through inspiration: *“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book”* (Revelation 22:18,19).

Now the reality is this: God Himself is the Guardian of His Holy Word. Do we not hear this phrase often? I cannot understand this concept: God is the Guardian but then the Robber robs His Word. The God of the Bible is not so weak that He would become so busy or ignorant to not notice that the Bible has been changed. An Eastern poet said in his own language of poetry: *“Who can extinguish the light of truth and the lamp of God and who can demolish someone if God be with him?”*

Who is he that is more powerful than God Almighty? Truly there is no one. It would be so amazing if, after reading the references that have been given above, a Christian would have committed this evil act of changing the Word of God. If we accept and say that it has happened in the past, then we need to know the proof that it has been changed and why. Who was the person who

committed this evil act and when did it happen? Who has proof that they have the original Bible and the Bible that the Christians have in their hands is the changed one?

If there is no proof, then do not invite the wrath of God by saying these defiling words: “The Bible has been changed.” Comments based on a lie have no head and no feet. So do not transfer these kinds of false statements to others. Otherwise get ready for accountability in front of the judgment seat of God.

Actually this objection is by our Muslim friends so I would like to give answer to them from their own Holy Book.

As I have already mentioned, in being a student I usually study Christianity and Islam. I learn much from books related to this subject. As I have studied the Holy Quran, I have not found any statements that suggest that the Bible has been changed or cancelled. As I read the Quran, it says that:

Testimony Of The Quran

“He has sent down to thee the book containing the truth and fulfilling that which precedes it; and He sent down the Torah and the Gospel before this, as a guidance to the people; and He has sent down the discrimination” (2:42, 92, 98,102: 3,4, 5).

“And who believe in what has been sent down to thee and what had sent down before thee and know the hereafter as sure as certain. These people are upon guidance from their Lord and they are the winners of goal” (2:4, 5).

“Say yes, we believe in God and what is sent down to us and what was revealed to Abraham and Ishmael and Ishaq and Yaqub and his children and what was delivered to Moosa and Essa and what was given to other Prophets from their Lord. We make no division between any one of them and we are to that Lord obedient (surrendering)” (2:136).

“And before it there was the Book of Moses, a guide and a mercy; and this is a book in Arabic language fulfilling previous prophecies, that it may warn those who do wrong; and as glad tidings to those who do good” (46:13, 31).

“And argue not with the people of the Book....” (29:47).

“Nothing is said to thee but what was said to the messengers before thee...” (41:44).

“And the word of thy Lord is perfect in truth and justice. No one is the changer of His Word, and He is the bearer, knower” (6:116; 10:65; 18:28).

“...Those who rejected the verses of God, for them is terrible chastisement, and Allah is almighty, vengeful” (3:3).

“Say: People of the Book! You are not on any way until you establish the Taurat and the Gospel and what is sent down to you from your Lord, and many of them will increase by the word which has sent upon thee from thy Lord in insolence and unbelief; so grieve not for this people of the unbelievers” (6:68).

Time and space do not allow me to write all the references related this topic from Quran Shareef. But there are many more such references in Quran Shareef.

The creed or the statement of faith “Iman-E-Majmal and Mufassal” of our Muslim friends says: *“I believe on the Holy Books.”*

The Prophet Muhammed (PBUH) was born in 571AD. There is no doubt that Quran Shareef and Islam came approximately 6 centuries after Christianity. Both Muslims and Christians accept and understand this reality. We believe that the Torah came many years before Christianity.

Six centuries after Christianity, Quran Shareef came and testified to the previous books. See Surah Al-E- Imran3-4. *“He has sent down to you the book with the truth, confirming what preceded it; and he has sent down the Torah and the Gospel(3) before, as a guidance for people, and he sent down the criterion. As for those who disbelieve in the verses of Allah, for them is an intense punishment. Allah is mighty, owner of vengeance(4).*

This means that when Quran Shareef and Islam had come, these previous books were in their original condition and were acceptable and trustworthy. That’s the reason that Quran Shareef testifies about them. If these books were corrupted, cancelled or changed then it was not possible for Quran Shareef to be a witness for these books. If I ask you to be a witness for a person who is not trustworthy, then you will never accept my suggestion because it can be a great problem for you. You will only be a witness for a person who is trustworthy.

Quran Shareef does not say that these books are not trustworthy. Quran Shareef is witnessing about them. We can't say from the base of Quran that the Bible has been changed, cancelled or corrupted. Even in Quran it has been said in Surah Yunus 94 *"If you are in doubt of what we have sent down to you, ask those who recite the book before you. The truth has come to you from your Lord, therefore do not be of the doubters."*

Now the bottom line is this: when Islam came, these previous books were in their original condition, trustworthy, and without corruption or changes.

Is there any possibility that these books could have been changed or corrupted by someone after the coming of Islam? Quran Shareef witnessed about these books. But, is it possible that after the coming of Islam someone committed this evil act?

If it did happen, then when and where did it happen? Who was the person who committed this act?

My answer is this: that these corruptions or changes were not possible against the Word of God after the coming of Islam. Six centuries, or six hundred years, is not a short period. During this period, different kingdoms came and passed away. Different cultures arose and passed. Different people groups and languages appeared on the face of the earth and then disappeared.

Do you think during those six hundred years that Christianity was only limited to a house or inside of the boundary wall of Jerusalem? Of course the answer is "NO." At that time Christianity was spread out around the globe and on every continent of the world. The Word of God had been translated into the main languages of the known world of that time.

For instance (God forbid me), if there were any benefit for me in changing the Bible, then I would have to be successful in convincing my family and friends to change the Bible. This would not only be difficult but impossible. How can I convince everyone else throughout the world to change the Bible while his or her culture, language, countries, states, color, and understanding are all different from mine? Let me give you an example of this difficulty.

I went to Malaysia. Malaysians call milk "Susu." In our Pakistani culture "Susu" is "urine." If in Malaysia someone says "put Susu in the feeder to feed the child," it is acceptable. But if in Pakistan I use this same phrase then the

people will kill me or at least they will break my legs. However, there are many things that we don't understand about the cultures and languages of the world.

Sometimes I use this example of "Susu" when teaching the importance of using right terminologies with our Muslim friends when we share the Good News with them. I hope you enjoy this example. Amusing, isn't it?

The reality is that the Bible is God's unchangeable Word. As it was before Islam, so it is the same today. It is in its original condition and, as I mentioned above, it has been translated into many different languages for the betterment of the people to understand God's plan of salvation for mankind.

We Believe

Usually my friends give a reference from the Quran to prove: "We believe Torah, Psalms and the Scriptures are the Word of God."

Surah Nisa 136 "O ye who believe! believe in Allah and his messenger, and the scripture which he hath sent to his messenger and the scripture which he sent to those before, any who denieth Allah, his angels, his books, his messengers, and the day of judgment, hath gone far, far astray".

Now my response is that saying "We believe these books" is not a valid statement. It is the same as someone presenting to your child a gift packed in a very beautiful box. Later on the child throws out the valuable gift and plays with the box. I just want to give you an example here to make it clear what two meanings are of "believe."

There was a very talented actor in a circus. In a large area of the circus compound there was a huge high and long tent. Inside of the tent under its top there was rope across the tent and this actor was crossing from one side to the other on this rope. Hundreds of spectators were watching the scene.

Before starting each performance, he asked the people, "Do you believe I can cross the rope and go to the other side?" All the people clapped and said, "Yes, you can cross the rope to the other side!" So he crossed the rope.

On other side of the tent was a small room made by cloth and there was a wheelbarrow. Again, holding the wheelbarrow in his hands and placing its tire on the rope before starting his walk to the other side of the tent, the actor asks

the people, “Do you believe I will cross the rope while pushing this wheelbarrow?” There was an uproar of the people calling out, “Yes, you can go across the tent by pushing the wheelbarrow!” The actor stops for awhile and makes a plea by saying, “Ok, if you believe that I can push this wheelbarrow to the other side safely, then someone of you come and sit in this wheelbarrow and I will take him to the other side.” The actor was up at about 30 feet high.

How many people do you think must have gone there to sit in the wheelbarrow? Yes, you are right in thinking: “None of them.” Consider this for a while: they were saying, “We believe you can cross to the other side!” but they were not ready to do according to their belief. Belief is not only to accept that the actor can take the wheelbarrow to the other side but to sit in the wheelbarrow as he does so. My Muslim friends do the same when they claim: “We believe that the Bible is the Word of God” but they don’t want to believe what the Bible teaches. This kind of faith does not make any difference in any person.

God’s Word Never Changes

It has been said that God’s Word never changes. As He is the same yesterday, today and forever, so is His Word unchangeable. Christians and Muslims accept this truth and reality as it is. Further proofs can be found in museums around the world. Please visit them if you can afford it. Learn Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic and study the old scrolls and manuscripts if you can. You know that it has been said by Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) “...for study even if you need to go to China, you must go.” Let’s apply that in our lives and sacrifice for study.

My friend, if you believe that Torah, Psalms “Zaboor Sharif”, Scriptures “Sahaef-Ul-Anbeia”, Injeel Shareef and Quran Shareef are the word of Allah as it is written in Surah Hijer 9 “*We send not down the angels save with the fact, and in that case would not be tolerated. (8) Lo! We, even we, reveal the reminder, and lo! We verily are its guardian. (9)*”, then you must need to know that Quran Shareef also says “...there is none that can alter the words (and decrees) of Allah. Already hast thou received some account of those messengers” (Surah Al Iname 34).

See also: “*Those who believe and (constantly) guard against evil; for them are glad tidings, in the life of the present and in the hereafter; no change can there be in the words of Allah. This is indeed the supreme felicity*” (Surah Hijer 64).

In Surah Kehef 27 “...and recite what has been revealed to thee of the book of thy Lord: none can change his words, and none wilt thou find as a refuge other than him.”

So my dear, it is better for you not to make any argument and to receive the Word of God in the Old and New Testaments as the authentic and unchangeable Word of God. One day you will be accountable before the King of the Kings and great Judge of the world. Prepare your answer for Him. When Allah himself says that no one can change or alter his word then who is more powerful than him? Who changed the word of Allah and Allah allowed him to do as he wished?

It is possible and acceptable that there are some printing mistakes in our Urdu translations. But these translations are from the original manuscripts. These minor mistakes can't affect the message of the Bible. While there has not been any written book descended from heaven, God gave the message and His chosen ones have written it in their own languages and words through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Source of the inspiration also. Please see the references I have already mentioned in previous pages.

Even if your mind is still not clear after I have expressed all these realities and truths, then my prayer for you is that, “Oh God, please heal my brother and sister psychologically and open their inner eyes to see and find the great treasure in Your Word. Amen.”

It is not my work to make arguments with you or to say that you must accept whatever I am saying. Rather, my work is to proclaim the Truth openly. I cannot convince you and this is not my job. It is God's work and I do not want to take His work into my hands. When He restores eyesight, then the blind will see.

If I say that the color of a crow is white or that the color of milk is usually green, then what will you say to me? Would you not say, “You are foolish!” You would say to me: “Get lost! I do not know who you are and I don't want to talk with you!” You might explain: “Brother, listen. Milk is always white, not green. Crows are always black, not white.” If I don't accept your explanations and still say that you are wrong and I am right, then finally you would require me to bring a sample of a crow that is white and milk that is green.

If you ask me to bring these proofs, then from where I will bring these things? I am wrong and making vain and false arguments with you. It is the same with

those who say that the Bible has been changed. They don't have any proof and make arguments in vain.

Injeel-E-Bernabas

Regarding this topic, some have mentioned a "gospel of Barnabas" (Injeel-E-Bernabas). While it is not my topic of specialty, it would not be good if I did not mention here some explanation of what the "gospel of Barnabas" is. It will help many of you to understand the falsehoods regarding this "gospel of Barnabas."

If I say the "false gospel of Barnabas," then it will be a better, perfect and clear base to make, just as one of our great Christian scholars, Professor Yousaf Jaleel (Garden College, R. Pindi, Pakistan) gave this title to one of his books "Jaali (not true) Injeel-E-Barnabas." The professor is now in eternal rest with the Lord, but he speaks today through his written material. Also, one of our famous friends, Master Berkat A. Khan (from Sialkot, Pakistan), has also written a very effective book "Tabsera-E-Injeele-Bernabas." I took help from these two Urdu books for your understanding in a more constructive manner.

There are different opinions of scholars about this false gospel about when it was written and who the author was of this book. The first thought is that a Spanish Muslim man wrote it. How do we know this? The answer is that if you study this false gospel of Barnabas, then automatically you will know how much the author of this book is familiar with the Quran Shareef and Hadees.

A second thought is the author of this false gospel is a Jew who became Christian and then Muslim. Later he became the snake of sleeves and tried to put enmity within Muslims and Christians. However, he succeeded in his purpose.

Why do we suspect that the author of this false gospel was first a Jew and then he became a Muslim? The answer is that he was familiar with and had deep understanding of the Old Testament. He was also familiar with Talmood because he is pressing on circumcision in this false gospel.

A third thought is that the author of this false gospel was a Christian and later he became Muslim. His name was Fermareno. He was familiar with the Old and New Testament, but he wasn't familiar with Islam.

In 1963, a Christian Priest, Fr. M.D Afelza, said in an article that the author of this false Gospel was a Christian who became Muslim later. Remember that there was not any disciple of Jesus Christ (Essa) whose name was Barnabas and there was not any man of this name among the eyewitnesses of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Barnabas was a young man and co-worker of Apostle Paul. He played a great role for Christianity. When we see the attitude of this great man of God, then we cannot expect there to be two swords in one case. The other reality is that this Barnabas, the co-worker of Apostle Paul, passed away nearly 1,500 years before the writing of this false gospel.

There was not any book of this name before 1492. It is a later evil effort of someone. From the date of its Spanish translation and from its binding, we come to the conclusion that this false gospel of Barnabas has been written between 1550 -1590. It was written in Spain, because the coin which is mentioned in this book was being used in Spain. This false gospel was written in Europe, not in the East. This book has 222 Chapters and 308 pages.

There is a rumor that this false gospel was found between 1585-1590 in the book room of Pope Sixtus V. Lonsdale Ragg translated it later from the Italian language to English in 1907. Then, on 15th of March 1908, an Egyptian Christian Scholar, Dr. Khaleel Sa-Adit, translated it into Arabic from the English language. In 1916, Molvi Muhammad Haleem Insari translated this book into the Urdu language. On 28th December 1961, Malik Kashmir Book Depot, Okarha, Pakistan, published it for the first time from the Lahore Art Press Anarkali, Lahore, Pakistan.

Professor Asi Ziai, Murray College, Sialkot translated this book for the second time into the Urdu language. Islamic Publications Limited from Shah Alim Market, Lahore, Pakistan, published it. In the sense of translation, Molvi Muhammad Haleem Insari has done a wonderful work.

There are several reasons to say that there is a Muslim man behind its translation. In this book it is mentioned about Ibraheem and Ishmael, stating that Ishmael was given as the sacrifice. If this false gospel of Barnabas was a true Gospel then why is it not mentioned that his father, Ibraheem, gave Isaac as a sacrifice? Because in the Torah and in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Isaac was given as the sacrifice by his father Ibraheem.

The second reason is that the gospel of Barnabas states that “Iblees” did not worship Adam so he became Satan. This theology does not belong to the Torah and to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Rather, it is Islamic theology. If there was a Christian author of this Gospel, then he would have never tried to write that.

The third reason is that the book mentions how Adam & Eve came out from Paradise. Whatever is written here is not according to the Torah or Gospel of Jesus Christ. It’s based on Islamic theology.

The fourth reason is this book states that when Adam & Eve came out from Paradise they said a wording (Kalma-E-Tayyab) written on the door of Paradise. This teaching also does not belong to the Torah or the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Rather it belongs to Islamic traditions.

The fifth reason is that in this false gospel of Barnabas, it is mentioned again and again about swearing. Jesus Christ forbids swearing for anything. This teaching also contradicts with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and that’s the reason that the writer of this gospel cannot be any disciple of Jesus Christ.

The sixth reason is its topics and teachings do not belong to Christianity. Those teachings belong to Islamic teaching. For example:

Saying that “Jesus is the Son of God” is blasphemy.

Saying that “Jesus is the Christ” is blasphemy.

Jesus Christ was “only a prophet,” not more than that.

Jesus was “preparing the way” for the real Christ who was going to come.

But the great and amazing thing is that Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) never mentioned anything anywhere about this gospel of Barnabas.

The bottom line is that this false gospel of Barnabas neither corresponds with the Bible nor with the Quran Shareef. The main reason is that whatever instances are mentioned in this false gospel contradicts historically and geographically with the Bible and the Quran. I am surprised and I cannot understand how our Muslim brothers accept that the gospel of Barnabas is true because it contradicts with Quran Shareef. But still they are using it against Christianity. I urge you to please don’t be the instrument of Satan (Iblees) and do not try to put enmity and hatred within one another. If we do so then we'll be too far from one another.

I pray to God Almighty to help us understand the reality, revelations and secret things of His Holy Word. Amen.

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