

“Commencement of Our Faith (Islam)”

Introduction:

After having covered the scopes of Precreation and subsequently Earthly Creations in the Holy Qur’an, it was prudently essential to roll back into history and identify the exactness of that common Faith, which existed earliest and then throughout the regime of 124,000 past prophets¹. Obviously all prophets ordained by Divine revelations, were contracted servants of Almighty God, and therefore their prophetic messages must have certain identifiable commonality, in conceptually spreading the Word of Almighty God and with exact correctness, in how to worship Him only.

Discussion on Commencement of Our Faith (Islam):

- 1) It is common knowledge amongst all Muslims that the first revelation from Almighty God to Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) was through the direct delivery by Archangel Gabriel, in year 609AD. This happened up in the cave Hira, in the outskirts of Mecca (then). Archangel Gabriel continued to deliver to Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) all revelations from Almighty God and the last revelation was in year 632AD. This was during the end of Hajj and a short period before the demise of Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*). The first revelation comprised of the first 5 verses out of 19 verses of Chapter 96 (*Al-Alaq The Clot*) and the balance of 14 verses were revealed much later. It is also common knowledge and fact that Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) was not educated at all, to the extreme that he could not read and write his own name. This also lays to rest most vicious claims by not-Muslim people that Prophet

¹ From names of Prophet Adam to Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*), a total of 124,000 Prophets (*Nabi*) were ordained by Divine revelations, but directly delivered to them by Archangel Gabriel, as spiritually contracted. Out of 124,000 Prophets, only 313 are Messengers (*Rasul*). Out of 313 Messengers, only 25 have been mentioned by name in the Holy Qur’an. Note: that every Messenger (*Rasul*) is also a Prophet, but every Prophet (*Nabi*) is not a Messenger. All of these 124,000 prophets were regular human beings who must eat food, drink water, breath air and need atmospheric pressure to stay alive. The figure of 124,000 prophets is quoted in Hadith No 21257 of *Musnad ibn Hanbal*. Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) was the Last and Final Prophet and after his death in 632AD, that sealed off all prophets of any description whatsoever being ordained by Divine revelations, to serve humanity on earth. This is stated in the Holy Qur’an at **HQ33:40** “*Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but he is the Messenger of Allah and the Seal of the prophets. And Allah is ever Knower of all things.*” Seal means total shutting off arrival of any prophet of whatsoever description: No new prophet and no re-entry of any of the past 124,000 prophets will eventuate.

Muhammad (*pbuh*) read and copied the contents of the Holy Qur'an from other previously revealed scriptures.

- 2) At the moment of the first revelation, Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) was given to deeply understand and appreciate the immaculate magnificence of Almighty God, the humble beginnings of humanity (as a blood clot in the mother's womb) and the undeniable value of literacy, denoted by the pen. This composite message was the revelation in the Holy Qur'an as the First revelation to Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*). It was the Divine Order to read the Message from Almighty God as first 5 of 19 verses to Ch.96: **HQ96:1-5** "*Read in the name of your Lord Who creates — creates man from a clot (of blood) — read and your Lord is most Generous, Who taught by the pen, taught man what he did not know.*"
- 3) Muslims² believe that Islam is the original Faith that has always existed since humanity and that it was progressively and cumulatively revealed to rest of humanity by a number of past prophets. However, the final completed revelations of the Faith was made through Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*).
- 4) All of the 124,000 past prophets preached the undeniable factual baselines about Almighty God of: His always Existing and not having any point of commencement; Who always is and will never have ending; Who is formless and cannot be seen with human eyes; Who does not have any partner or relative of any description; Who is the sole Creator and the Lord of the Galaxies and their Universe systems; Who records all human activities and Who will be the sole Judge on the Great Day of Judgement. Whilst countless peoples of all walks of lives received these messages, many were mischievously distracted and then misdirected by the devil³, to ignore the messages of Almighty

² The word "Muslim" means one who submits to the will of God. The first principle of Islam is known as the *Shahaadah* (Testimony of Faith), and is as follows: "*There is no one worthy of worship except Allah (God) and Muhammad is the Final Apostle (Messenger) of God.*" In a broader sense, anyone who willingly submits to the will of God is a Muslim.

³ After Almighty God created Adam, it became the commencement of disobedience by the devil. The devil refused to accept Adam and to respect Adam: **HQ7:11-18** "*And We indeed created you, then We fashioned you, then We said to the angels: Be submissive to Adam. So they submitted, but not Iblis; he was not of those who submitted. He said: What hindered you from submitting when I commanded you? He said: I am better than he; You have created me of fire, while him You did create of dust. He said: Then get forth from this (state), for it is not for you to behave proudly in it. Go forth, therefore, surely you are a degraded one. He said: Grant me respite till the day when they are raised. He said: Surely you are granted respite. He said: As You have judged me to be in error, I will certainly lie in wait for them in Your straight path, then I shall certainly come upon them from in front of them and from behind them, and from their right and from their left; and You will not find most of them thankful.*"

God and then actively participate in worship of other objects, especially in variations of common idolatry and polytheism.

- 5) Almighty God delivered the messages about His Supreme Greatness to whole of humanity, but these were delivered directly to past prophets' memory. These messages were consistently the same but their deliveries were adjusted to suit the level of civilization and geographical locations of those communities. In the main, people were encouraged to worship only Almighty God, and Who has no associates or partners of whatsoever descriptions imaginable. These incidentally are also the foundation principles of Islam. Hence all past prophets came with messages then, which are to this day the same messages which Muslims believe and practise. The foundation principles of Muslims existed ever since Almighty God created Earth and all 124,000 prophets believed in One God only: All these are stated in the Holy Qur'an at **HQ2:136** *"Say: We believe in Allah and (in) what has been revealed to us, and (in) what was revealed to Abraham, and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and the tribes, and (in) what was given to Moses and Jesus, and (in) what was given to the prophets from their Lord, we make no distinction between any of them and to Him we submit."*
- 6) The Holy Qur'an sets the emphasis that there was consistently the same religion in preaching about One God by all past and prominent Prophets and Almighty God has been selective in appointing His Prophets in delivering those messages, as stated at **HQ42:13** *"He has made plain to you the religion which He enjoined upon Noah and which We have revealed to you, and which We enjoined on Abraham and Moses and Jesus — to establish religion and not to be divided in (regard to) it. Hard it is for those who set up partners (with Allah), what you invite them to. Allah chooses for Himself whom He pleases, and guides to Himself those who turn (to Him)."*
- 7) Jesus Christ was the last and final of Israelite prophets only and definitely the second last of all prophets of all times. During his service time as a Prophet, the communities that he preached to were, mainly as widely practising in idolatry and polytheism⁴. Accordingly, Jesus

⁴ Mithraism was widely practised at that time and it was also the official State Religion of the Roman Empire. When Jesus was arrested before his crucifixion, he was tried under rules of Mithraism. Mithraism commenced in Persia around 1400BC and was widely spread both east and west of Persia. Mithra has been expressly mentioned in the Rigveda, together with Varuna, as part of the Indo-Iranian historical reporting. Much of Mithraism was destroyed throughout the conquered routing from Greece to India, when Alexander the Great conquered the Persian Empire in 334BC. In history, the Persian Empire was biggest Empire of past times.

Christ made this point known to his followers. This is reported in the Holy Qur'an at **HQ61:6** *"And when Jesus, son of Mary, said: Children of Israel, surely I am the messenger of Allah to you, verifying what is (already) before me of the Torah⁵ and giving the good news of a Messenger who will come after me, his name being Ahmad.⁶ But when he came to them with clear arguments, they said: This is clear enchantment."*

- 8) Almighty God initiated the name Islam⁷ after completion of all the revelations: **HQ3:19** *"Surely the (true) religion with Allah is Islam. And those who were given the Book differed only after knowledge had come to them, out of envy among themselves. And whoever disbelieves in the messages of Allah — Allah indeed is Quick at reckoning."* **HQ22:78** *"And strive hard for Allah with due striving. He has chosen you and has not laid upon you any hardship in religion — the faith of your father Abraham. He named you Muslims before and in this, that the Messenger may be a bearer of witness to you, and you may be bearers of witness to the people; so keep up prayer and give the due charity and hold fast to Allah. He is your Protector; excellent the Protector and excellent the Helper!"*
- 9) After several thousands of years of delivery of the same messages and involving over 124,000 of His ordained prophets, Almighty God reached His decision that He will name His perfected religion of His choice as Islam.

⁵ Jesus Christ gave recognition to the existence of the Torah. Torah refers to the five books of Moses which are known in Hebrew as *Chameesha Choomshey* Torah. These are: *Bresheit* (Genesis), *Shemot* (Exodus), *Vayicra* (Leviticus), *Bamidbar* (Numbers), and *Devarim* (Deuteronomy). The Torah is the first section or first five books of the "Jewish bible." However, the revelations which Jesus Christ received directly himself are known as the Injeel. The Injeel is the Arabic name for the Gospel of Jesus. This Injeel is described by the Holy Qur'an as one of the four Islamic holy books which was revealed by Almighty God, the others being the Zabur, the Torah, and the Holy Qur'an itself. However, the New Testament of the Bible does not give any recognition to the Injeel as a revealed book and is not listed so.

⁶ Before Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) was born, his mother Amina saw in a vision that her husband Abdullah had appeared to her whilst she was asleep. Abdullah was at that point in time in Syria on a trade journey. Abdullah informed Amina that she will have a son as her first child. Then Abdullah instructed Amina to name their son as Ahmad and that Ahmad will truly become a great person. Abdullah died on his return journey home. Amina also died before Ahmad was barely 6 years of age. After death of Amina, Ahmad was adopted by his paternal grandfather Abdul Muttalib, who decided to give a totally new life to his adopted grandson in a new location and then changed his name from Ahmad to new name of Muhammad.

⁷ Islam is derived from the Arabic roots of "Salema." A compact: meaning peace, purity, submission and obedience. In religious sense, Islam means submission to the will of Almighty God and obedience to His law.

- 10)** Almighty God reminds humanity the originality of Islam as a religion: **HQ5:3** *“This day have I perfected for you your religion and completed My favour to you and chosen for you Islam as a religion.”* Perfection of Islam means that there was no longer need to keep a constant stream of prophets to keep reminding humanity of the fundamentals about Almighty God. Accordingly Almighty God in His most immaculately perfect judgement decided to seal off the downstream of His prophets to humanity and deliver a final scripture as the Holy Qur’an, which also became His authored handbook for perfection of humanity.
- 11)** Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) sealed off as the Last and Final Prophet and sealed off further emergence of another prophet. This Authority is in the Holy Qur’an at **HQ33:40** *“Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but he is the Messenger of Allah and the Seal of the prophets. And Allah is ever Knower of all things.”*

Conclusions on Commencement of Our Faith (Islam):

- a)** The Holy Qur’an has been proven correct. Islam was not created as a new religion but has been the original religion, which all past 124,000 prophets had preached and practised since creation of humanity.
- b)** There were no originally printed books in the beginning and revelations received by past prophets were committed to memory and passed down to communities over generations. This resulted in distortions of messages and subsequent prophets had to repeat the same messages until they were able to compile them together as books.
- c)** Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) was the Last and Final and sealed off with revelations⁸ of the Holy Qur’an, which he received over a period of 23 years (609AD-632AD).

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⁸ The sealing off of ordaining prophets also means that Archangel Gabriel’s appearance has also been sealed off and Archangel Gabriel will not appear on Earth any more till end of this world. Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) was the Last and Final prophet. This is stated in the Holy Qur’an at **HQ33:40** *“Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but he is the Messenger of Allah and the Seal of the prophets. And Allah is ever Knower of all things.”* This means no new prophet will be ordained and none of the past prophets will revisit humanity ever.