

## **Jesus Was Not Born in a Stable**

- 1) The Holy Qur'an is the last and final of all revealed scriptures, which were delivered by past numerous prophets<sup>1</sup> to humanity, commencing with Prophet Adam (*as*) and finally to Prophet Muhammad<sup>2</sup> (*pbuh*). The Jewish scriptures mention 48 names as major male prophets (and 7 names as female prophets). The Bible mentions 73 names as prophets (both major and minor), spreading across both Old Testament and New Testament. The Holy Qur'an mentions by name only 25 prophets. Each of these 25 prophets represents case studies for humanity, on their service tenure to Almighty God, on Earth.
- 2) There are some very close similarities between pre-Christianity Persian-origin Mithraism and Jesus. Mithra existed 1400BC, born on 25<sup>th</sup> December out of a virgin mother, Anahita, who was a fertility goddess. It is also reported that Mithra did not have an earthly human father but regarded as a son of a god. The date of birth of Mithra coincides with Winter solstice, which is after the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of December, when the night is longest and the day is shortest. In Northern Hemisphere, Winter solstice can vary between 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> December. This is because of the tilt of the earth at 23.5-deg from the 2 polar vertical axis, and when the Sun shines directly over the Tropic of Capricorn. History reveals, when Mithra was born in a rock cave, three Persians came over and presented gifts for Mithra. In addition, Mithra had 12 very close followers. Mithra was reported to have been killed at the age of 33 and Mithra's body was laid inside a rock-tomb. Further, Mithra is reported to have risen from the dead 3 days later. There is need to compare with the final revealed scripture, the Holy Qur'an and what is stated about the birth of Jesus.
- 3) According to the Holy Qur'an, Joseph (father of Jesus) and his wedded wife Mary were on a journey, passing through a certain part of the desert. There is no mention in the Holy Qur'an of Bethlehem. The Holy Qur'an as the final revealed scripture, reports that Jesus was born in an eastern desert environment, amongst a clump of date palms, when the dates were ripe and in season. Ripening of dates in Middle East is June to October. The following quotations from the Holy Qur'an conclude without the slightest shred of

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<sup>1</sup> According to Hadith of Musnad ibn Hanbal, Hadith No 21257, Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) responded to questions, that there were over 124,000 prophets (*Nabi*), which also comprise 313 (both *Nabi* and *Rasul*) before him, commencing with Prophet Adam (*as*).

<sup>2</sup> Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) is the last and final and the seal of all prophets: That means total closure of prophets coming to serve on Earth: No new prophet and none of the 124,000 prophets will return, as stipulated 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.*"

challengeable doubt that Jesus was not born in a stable<sup>3</sup>. **HQ19:21-26** states *“He said: So (it will be). Your Lord says: It is easy to Me; and that We may make him a sign to people and a mercy from Us. And it is a matter decreed. Then she conceived him<sup>4</sup>, and withdrew with him to a remote place<sup>5</sup>. And the pains of childbirth drove her to the trunk of a palm-tree. She said: Oh, I wish I had died before this, and had been a thing quite forgotten! So a voice came to her from beneath her<sup>6</sup>: Do not grieve, surely your Lord has provided a stream beneath you. And shake towards you the trunk of the palm-tree, it will drop on you fresh ripe dates. So eat and drink and be comforted. Then if you see any mortal, say: Surely I have vowed a fast to the Beneficent, so I will not speak to anyone today.”*

- 4) Summer in Middle East is June-September. That is when there is lot of heat, clear skies and the herdsmen are out in the fields controlling their flocks of sheep. It is also now necessary, to revert to Mithra and revisit the history about Mithraism.
- 5) Mithraism originated in Iran (previously Persia) and spread eastwards of Iran to India. The greatest spread of Mithraism was to westwards from Iran. Mithraism spread right across to Middle East, to south of the Mediterranean Sea to Tunisia (previously Carthage). The spread to north of the Mediterranean Sea included Greece, Italy and all countries in that region as far as Europe and England. After Mithraism took hold of Italy, it became popular amongst Roman soldiers and later became the official State Religion of the Roman Empire, upon orders of the Roman Emperor Constantine (b.272-d.337AD). As part of the Roman military’s progressive advancements, when the Romans reached England, they built Mithra temples in England, some of which remain as material proof to those historical monuments, even to this day. It is again necessary to examine the role of Mithraism, which led to the crucifixion of Jesus.
- 6) Accordingly, when Jesus was arrested, charged and put to trial, Jesus was tried by the Roman Governor<sup>7</sup>, under the Roman religious laws of Mithraism and not the Bible: The Bible did not exist then. The first Bible as a whole book was commercially printed in 1454AD.

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<sup>3</sup> As narrated in the four Gospels in the New Testament of the Bible.

<sup>4</sup> There is a minimum of 9 months gap between events, as would be for normal pregnancy of a woman.

<sup>5</sup> This indicates out of a town or a city boundary, such as Jerusalem or Bethlehem.

<sup>6</sup> This was an angel-inspired advice as the voice.

<sup>7</sup> Pontius Pilate.

- 7) The Old Testament was first put together in 6BC<sup>8</sup> in scrolls format but in the ancient Hebrew's Aramaic language. The very original hand-written version of the New Testament was edited by St Paul in 62AD<sup>9</sup>. Since then the New Testament has been edited over and then re-edited several times.
- 8) There is also an error in the modern date and calendaring system, now known as the Gregorian calendar. That calendar is historically 15 years short, because it was reversed in its compilation, commencing in 1582 and moving backwards to purported dates of birth of Jesus. Because the age of Jesus was already stated in the Bible as 33<sup>10</sup> when he was crucified, the reversal of dates from 1582AD and matching with the Julian calendar<sup>11</sup> in parallel, left a serious logistical problem of how to retain the age of Jesus at 33.
- 9) Hence, 15 years was simply wiped off historical events! The original goal of the Gregorian calendar was to change the date of Easter<sup>12</sup>. In 1582AD, when Pope Gregory XIII introduced his Gregorian calendar, Europe had already adhered to the Julian calendar, first implemented by Julius Caesar in 46BC.
- 10) The first recorded date of Christmas being celebrated on December 25th was in 336AD, during the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (he was the first Christian Roman Emperor). A few years later, Pope Julius I officially declared that the birth of Jesus would be celebrated on the 25<sup>th</sup> December every year, regardless of mismatched inconsistency.
- 11) Celebration of the birth of Jesus on 25<sup>th</sup> December, leading to Christmas on 25<sup>th</sup> December and various Christmas nativity scenes for commercial advantage, are so deeply and so widely entrenched in peoples' minds, that changing those details for correction is perhaps, not possible now.

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<sup>8</sup> Previously, scrolls and books were not in existence and not used for religious texts. The religious knowledge was memorized and conveyed from one generation to the next, which led to distortions of facts.

<sup>9</sup> The first New Testament of the Bible was a collated mixture parts of Hebrew, Aramaic, Latin and Greek.

<sup>10</sup> The Holy Qur'an and Hadith state that the minimum age of maturity for prophets is 40 (HQ46:15). Hence by adding the missing 15 years to 33, the very likely age of Jesus at his crucifixion would have been 48.

<sup>11</sup> Julian calendar system commenced in 46BC by Julius Caesar, in which each year commenced with day 1 and comprised of 365 days, whereas every 4<sup>th</sup> year was leap year with 366 days. This generated some problems for Christianity when setting dates for religious events, such as, in particular Easter.

<sup>12</sup> In 325AD the Council of Nicaea established that Easter would be held on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox. (Vernal equinox is when the Sun is directly above the Equator and days and nights are of equal lengths of 12 hours each. It also marks the commencement season of spring in Northern Hemisphere). From that point forward to this date, the Easter date depended on the ecclesiastical approximation of March 21 for the vernal equinox.