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THE TRUE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE CHRIST

It is almost a *mantra* - the saying - "bring Christ back to Christmas." Every Christmas time futile attempts are made to raise the consciousness of the community, especially the Christian community, and focus attention on the MAN of the moment - Jesus of Nazareth (not of Judea). But Christ has to compete with Christmas, the origin of which is clouded in pagan beliefs and practices; and the observance of which is shrouded in present day bacchanalianism and worldliness - the worship of *mammon* (wealth, riches).

Jesus's own practice was to strike out vehemently against the admixture of religious observance and sale of merchandise especially in the house of God (John's gospel 2:13-16). It is also alleged that Jesus said "you cannot serve God and mammon (Matthew's gospel 6:24; Luke's gospel 16:9). To associate mammon with Christmas is axiomatic, to associate Christ with Christmas is an extremely stupendous task.

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The reason for this lies squarely in the gospels of four persons - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Even though they are presented in this order Mark is admittedly the first gospel writer with John being the last in time. Matthew and Luke supposedly copied from Mark and/or another mysterious gospel writer whose work is yet unknown.

The first of these four gospel writers in time viz. Mark knows nothing of the birth of Jesus, the Christ and so he starts his gospel with the ministry of Jesus beginning with his baptism by John (the Baptist). The last gospel writer viz. John also knows nothing of the birth of Jesus and so like Matthew he begins his gospel with the ministry of Jesus being testified to by John (the Baptist).

Thus at the time the *first* and the *last* gospels were written, nothing spectacular was known about the birth of Jesus. Even the gospel of Luke is silent on the birth of Jesus and like Mark and John it begins with the baptism of Jesus by John as Luke himself testifies. Luke is recognised as the author of the 'Acts of the Apostles' in which he says: "the former account I made..." (Acts 1:1) "... beginning from the baptism of John..." (Acts 1:22). Christian scholars confess that the section from verse 5 of chapter 1 to the end of chapter

two in Luke's gospel was written by a different writer than Luke and is a later interpolation.

Of the four gospels, therefore, three are silent on the subject of the birth of Jesus. The other gospel writer, Matthew, on the other hand takes pains to establish Joseph as the married husband of Mary the mother of Jesus. **The reason is obvious - unless Jesus had a father, he could not have been the Messiah (the Christ).** For the Messiah was prophesied to be a descendant of David and without a human father Jesus could not have been a descendant of David and hence he could not be the Messiah.

Thus having established Jesus as a descendant of David through Joseph, the married husband of Mary (Matthew's gospel 1:1, 16) the lame attempt to still classify Mary as a virgin while she was pregnant and married, is obvious. Matthew certainly could not have known the private and bedroom affairs of Joseph and Mary, to give the impression and the expression that there were no sexual relations between the husband Joseph and his wife Mary. But then, Matthew was not concerned about a miraculous physical conception. His only concern was that a prophecy might be fulfilled (Matthew's gospel 2:22, 23).

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WE BELIEVE: "MUHAMMAD IS THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH AND THE FINALITY OF PROPHETS."

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AHMADIYYA ANJUMAN FOR THE PROPAGATION OF ISLAM

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Perhaps the earliest confirmation of the natural birth of Jesus is expressed by Paul in his epistle to the Romans. Paul's letters were written long before the gospels were compiled. In Romans 1:3, 4 Paul is emphatic that Jesus was *made of the seed of David according to the flesh* and that his being the 'son of God' (sic) was 'by resurrection from the dead' (sic) and not because of a miraculous birth.

It is important to note that when the word 'seed' is used in reference to lineage it only means the *male seed* or *sperm*. From a scientific point of view Jesus could not have been a male human being unless his mother was injected and impregnated with the 'Y' chromosome of a father.

**There are
More
CHRIST's in
Islam than in
Christianity**

Outside of the gospels and the New Testament letters, there are no other contemporary or historical records of the birth of Jesus. Since the gospels cannot tell us accurately about the birth of Jesus, strange as it may seem, this leaves the Holy Qur'an as the only Book of God which provides the truth about the birth of Jesus. It is also strange that Muslims should dispute about the birth of Jesus even though the Qur'an is quite clear that Jesus was born naturally with both a mother and a father.

Muslims attribute a speciality to the physical birth of Jesus because of a misunderstanding of chapter 23 verse 50 of the Qur'an which states: "We made the son of Mary and his mother a sign ..." This statement of the Qur'an must be understood in the context of a spiritual birth since the Qur'an in chapter 3 verse 58 already established that the physical birth of Jesus is just like the birth of every human being.

There is enough evidence that earlier great saints in Islam applied a similarity between themselves and Jesus, son of Mary. Thus Khwaja Mu'eenud-deen Chistee has written:

دبدم روح القدس اند معینی سے دم
من نیگویم مگر من عیسیٰ ثانی شدم

"EVERY INSTANT THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDS ON ME - I DON'T SAY - BUT I BECOME A SECOND JESUS."

Maulaana Jalaalud-deen Muhammad Rumi in Book Two of his *Mathnawee* draws a beautiful picture of how the perfect believer becomes the Messiah, son of Mary:

آخر این طاب بابدن پیوست است

"AFTER ALL, LIFE IS ATTACHED WITH THE BODY

هیچ این طاب ببدن مانست است

THOUGH LIFE IN NO WAY RESEMBLES THE BODY

تاب نور چشم با پیوست است محبت

THE POWER OF THE LIGHT OF THE EYE IS COUPLED WITH VITREOUS HUMOUR

نور دل در قطره خون نهفت

THE LIGHT OF THE HEART IS CONCEALED IN A DROP OF BLOOD

شادی اندر گرده وغم در جگر

HAPPINESS HARBOURS IN THE KIDNEYS AND SORROW IN THE LIVER

عقل چون شمع درون مغز است

WISDOM AS A LAMP DWELLS IN THE BRAIN OF THE HEAD

رائح درOLF منطق در لسان

SCENT IN THE NOSE AND SPEECH IN THE TONGUE

لہو در نفس و شجاعت در چنان

AMUSEMENT IS ATTACHED TO THE SELF AND BRAVERY TO THE HEART

ایں تعلقها نہ بے کیست وچوں

THESE CONNECTIONS ARE NOT WITHOUT A WHY AND A HOW

عقل ہا در دانش جونی زبوں

BUT THE MIND IS AT A LOSS TO COMPREHEND THE HOW.

جان گل با جان جزو آئیب کرد

THE ALL-ENCOMPASSING SOUL (ALLAH) MATES WITH THE PARTIAL SOUL (OF MAN)

جان زودتے سے شد و حبیب کرد

WHICH THEN ACCEPTS A PEARL AND RETAINS IT IN ITS BOSOM (AS A WOMB RECEIVES A PRECIOUS SPERM)

ہجوریم کہ جان زان آئیب جیب

FROM THIS MATING - LIKE MARY - THE SOUL

حاملہ شد از سرح دل فریب

BECOMES PREGNANT WITH A CHARMING MESSIAH

آن میسے نے کہ بزخشا ک برت

NOT THAT MESSIAH WHO CROSSED LAND AND SEA

آن میسے کز ساحت برت

BUT A MESSIAH OF GREATER DIMENSIONS

پس نہ جان جان چو ماہل گشت جان

THUS WHEN LIFE BECOMES IMPREGNATED WITH THE LIFE OF LIVES

از جنین جانے شود ماہل جہاں

FROM THIS LIFE THE WORLD IS IMPREGNATED

پس جہاں ناید جہاں دیگرے

THEN THE WORLD BEGETS ANOTHER WORLD

ایں خشر را و انما ید مخرے

THESE REBIRTHS SEEM AS A RESURRECTION

تا قیامت اگر گویم شمرم

SHOULD I COUNT THEM IN SPEECH 'TIL THE (DAY OF) RESURRECTION

من ز شرح این قیامت قصم

I WOULD FAIL TO EXPLAIN ALL THESE RESURRECTIONS."

Maulaana Rumi here indicates that even though man may not understand how the material is attached to the immaterial (e.g. how the brain contains thoughts), it cannot be denied that this connection really exists. So it is that the Universal Soul (Allah) mates with the individual soul (of man) - like a womb receiving a sperm - and from this mating man's soul like Mary becomes pregnant

ALLOCATE PART OF YOUR MONTHLY INCOME FOR THE PROPAGATION OF ISLAM

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WHAT THE AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT LAHORE, STANDS FOR

- A UNITED ISLAM, that has no room for sectarian disruption.
- A RATIONAL ISLAM, that seeks support for all its doctrines from the facts of experience.
- A LIBERAL ISLAM, that respects goodness wherever found; and respects all religious traditions as from God at their source.
- A WINNING ISLAM, that is anxious to win the whole world by loving persuasion and moral influence.
- A PROGRESSIVE ISLAM, that finds new light from the Qur'an and Sunnah at every change in the intellectual climate of the world.
- A LIVING ISLAM, that is capable of bringing its worthy followers into seeking contact with Almighty God in every age.
- A PEACEFUL ISLAM, that condemns all kinds of violence in matters of religion, either to secure its acceptance or for the continuity of adherence to it.



Ahmadiyya House News

Mi'raaj un-Nabee - The Holy Prophet's Ascension — 1994

The Executive of the Ahmadiyya Anjuman has carded Sunday 16th January, 1994 for 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. to commemorate the Mi'raaj un-Nabee, the Ascension of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, upon whom be peace. This will be a national function to which all members, friends and well-wishers of the Anjuman are invited. The Feature Address will be given by the Religious Head & Missionary, Maulaana Mustapha K. Hydal.

The Religious Head has also accepted the invitation of the San Fernando Mosque Board to deliver the Feature Address at the Prince Albert Street Mosque on Saturday 8th January, 1994 at 'Asr time.

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**The Religious Head speaks on
ISLAM the Universal Religion**



Our Messenger (Muhammad) is the Finality of all Prophets. The chain of Messengers has been cut off with him. None dare claim Prophethood independently after our Messenger, the Chosen

Mirza Ghulaam Ahmad

There can be no Prophet to come who is **superior** to Muhammad. Nor can a Prophet **inferior** to Muhammad come.. If any Prophet has to come it would have to be **Muhammad himself** and this is a **physical impossibility**.

But the **personality (spiritual self)** of Muhammad can be **superimposed** on the **personality (soul)** of a true and faithful follower of him. And when that happens the prophethood the follower reflects is not that of his own self but that of Muhammad. It is in this way alone that **zilli nabee (shadow prophet)** and **baroozi nabee (reflected prophet)** and **majaazi nabee (metaphorical prophet)** can be understood.

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We accept *Hadrat Mirza Ghulaam Ahmad* of Qadian, the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam as the *Mujad-did* of the 14th century A.H. and we affirm that HE NEVER CLAIMED TO BE A PROPHET

What is Islam ?

The following are some of the highlights of the religion of Islam :

One God : One Humanity

Islam looks upon the whole of humanity as one family under the universal benevolence of God -- the common Creator and Nourisher of all.

Universality of Divine Light

Islam teaches that just as the life and light-giving rays of God's sun shine upon all alike, the light of revelation, equality indispensable for man's growth and well-being, was vouchsafed to all the nations of the world in all ages.

Belief in all World Teachers

As a corollary to the above, Islam enjoins faith in all the Prophets considered as Founders of the revealed religions of the world, as much as in the Prophet Muhammad

Jesus Venerated as a Divine Teacher

The Qur'an (God's final Scripture to Mankind and the Scripture of Islam) speaks of Jesus in the highest terms, describing him as one of God's chosen Prophets, making it obligatory on a Muslim to venerate him as such. It refutes the doctrine of sonship, resurrection and atonement as later inventions **never taught by Jesus.**

No Chosen People

Islam rejects the idea of a chosen people, making faith in God and good actions the sole key to Heaven.

No Priestcraft

Islam is the common man's religion, making direct personal access to God open to all alike, without the mediation of a priest.

Universal Human Rights

Islam teaches the sanctity of human personality, confers equal rights upon all, makes freedom of conscience and expression man's most sacrosanct birthright which must on no account be violated, and subjects the highest and the humblest, the prince and the peasant, the king and the commoner, equally to the sovereignty of the law.

Equality of the sexes

Islam puts man and woman on a footing of equality, throwing open to both alike all opportunities for self advancement--spiritually, intellectually, morally, socially and economically.

No Fatalism

Islam makes man the architect of his own destiny. Created with the highest of potentialities, man is left a free master to make or mar his own future through a life of honest endeavour or otherwise.

Tolerance of Differences

Islam gives every individual the right to differ with others, and teaches toleration of, even respect for, honest differences of opinion or religious views.

A Democratic Way of Life

Islam stands for a democratic way of life, making popular will and public opinion the cornerstone of both the State and social progress, abhorring indoctrination or regimentation any shape or form.

A Dynamic Progressive System

There is no rigidity in the Islamic system. It looks upon change and progress as the very breath of life -- staticness and stagnation being its very negation.

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