

#### 4. Islām, the only religion God will accept

*And it shall come to pass, that whoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him* (Deuteronomy 18:19).

*If anyone desires anything other than Islām as a religion, it will not be accepted from him, and in the Next World he will be among the losers.* (The Qur’ān 3:85).

Over Fourteen-hundred years ago our Creator, the One God of the Heavens and the Earth, revealed His message to a man, Muhammad, the Final Prophet, may the peace and blessings of God be upon him, just as He revealed His message to other prophets who came before him:

*Say, “We believe in God and what has been sent down to Abraham and Ishmael and Issac and Jacob and the Tribes, and what Moses and Jesus were given, and what all the Prophets were given by their Lord. We do not differentiate between any of them. We are Muslims submitted to Him.”* (The Qur’ān 2:136)

*They say, “Be Jews or Christians and you will be guided.” Say, “Rather adopt the religion of Abraham, a man of natural pure belief. He was not one of the idolators.”* (The Qur’ān 2:135)  
*The Jews and Christians will never be pleased with you until you follow their religion. Say, “God’s guidance is the true guidance.” If you were to follow their whims and desires, after the knowledge that has come to you, you would find no protector or helper against God.* (The Qur’ān 2:120)

**Women are honored and protected in Islām.** God has ordained upon them the veil, as you may recall in 1 Corinthians 11:5, as a means of protecting them from the lustful eyes of sinful or unbelieving men. The overwhelming majority of men mentioned in the Bible practiced polygamy as has been ordained by our Creator, who surely understands the true nature of man, whom He created. Christianity denies this part of His Divine Plan, forcing many men to seek out mistresses, “girlfriends,” or prostitutes. At least in Islām, a second, third, or fourth wife does not have to suffer the humiliation of leading a “secret life” and she has all the same legal, financial, and social rights as the “first” wife. Also, women in Islām are not forced to be slaves to their husbands. They are in no way obligated to cook, clean, or wait on their husbands hand and foot.

**Human rights and religious tolerance** have their origins in Islām. Were this not true, there would not be centuries-old synagogues and churches like the Church of the Holy Sepulchre still standing in Palestine (Israel), the Eastern Orthodox Church would not be headquartered in present-day Turkey (since the fourth century), nor would the centuries-old communities of Sephardic Jews living in Muslim countries like Morocco, Yemen, or Iran have continued to thrive under Muslim rule. Christians and Jews are actually taxed less than Muslims under Islamic Law and are not required to serve in the armed forces. It is not permissible to fight Christian and Jewish *residents* who are living as *guests* in Muslim countries, destroy their synagogues or churches, or to defile their Holy Books. Even though the Torah and the Bible contain verses like this: *But Rabshakeh said unto them, Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? hath he not sent me to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you?* (2 Kings 18:27), it has never been permissible in Islām for a Muslim to desecrate either the Torah or the Bible by flushing them down a toilet or using them to clean one’s boots.

For more information on Islām, call or visit your local Mosque, or visit [www.whyislam.org](http://www.whyislam.org) on the Internet. Or, call 1-877-WHY-ISLAM toll-free.

## Is Jesus Christ *really* the Answer?

Why not accept Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior? Because that is not what Jesus told us to do. When a scribe asked him which commandment was the most important of all, Jesus answered as a Jew with the first thing a Jew utters as his declaration of faith:

*And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is **one Lord**;* (Mark 12:29)

For Christians, this commandment is impossible to follow. Why? Because most modern-day Christians believe in the “trinity,” a concept completely unknown to Jesus Christ the Messiah. Another fallacy is the Christian belief that his message was sent to all mankind. When we read the statement attributed to him in Matthew, *I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel* (15:24), it becomes readily apparent that he was sent as a prophet of guidance to those Jews who had become obsessed with the *letter* of the Jewish Law rather than the *spirit* of the Mosaic Law. Jesus also instructed his disciples to not preach to anyone but Jews:

*These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.* (Matthew 10:5-6)

### Only Begotten Son?

In the Book of Psalms, God allegedly says to David,

*I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.* (Psalms 2:7)

We all learn in Sunday school and church that God is the Almighty, the Omnipotent. So, why is God in need of a “divine sacrifice” to forgive us of our sins? We have all heard stories of regular mortals like ourselves who have found it within themselves to forgive others guilty of heinous crimes against their own families. Are Christians asking us to believe that God the Almighty is incapable of this simple act which so many of His creatures might find difficult but achievable?

### The Puzzling Dichotomy

Anyone who reads the Bible, the book which most Christians profess to be the “Word of God,” will find a multitude of puzzling contradictions between this “Word” and the Christianity being propagated by missionaries.

Where in the Bible does Jesus tell us to pray to him? Where in the New Testament does he tell us to celebrate Christmas? Did Jesus ever eat pork or change the Law making it permissible to his followers? *Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled* (Matthew 5:17-18).

Often we hear from those who call us to accept Christ as our savior that their religion is a religion of “peace,” “love,” and “tolerance.” Jesus is portrayed as a gentle shepherd, very Gandhi-like. Yet we read, *Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword* (Matthew 10:34). Historically, Christianity has been associated less with tolerance and human rights than it has been with wars, the Crusades waged against Muslims, Jews, and fellow Arab-Christians in the