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During a recent trip to Louisiana State University to preach the Gospel I was approached by a young Muslim man who began asking me questions about the deity of Christ. I dealt with the man for quite a while about this and other matters. When I saw that the discussion was only going around in circles I suggested he email me if he desired further discussion on the subject. The following string of emails resulted. These emails are exactly as received and sent. They have not been edited in any way except as formatting required and is expressed in footnotes. (His name and email address has been deleted because I do not have his permission to post them.)

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Other verses same word is mentioned: John 17:11,21,22,23

<sup>11</sup>And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one(HEN), as we are.

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<sup>23</sup>I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one(HEN); and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Now are you claiming ONE IN US (John 11:21) means there is no a triune God but 3+12 disciples 13-nity God if you stick to same interpretation of the word as in John 10:30?

If you read the passage at John 10:30:

<sup>24</sup>Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.

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<sup>26</sup>But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

<sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

<sup>28</sup>And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

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<sup>38</sup>But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

Here again the Jews were looking for trouble again.

**And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. (John 10 23-24)**

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Here again Jesus is claiming that they are not his sheep, because his sheep hear him and obey, while the Jews are looking for trouble, but if they hear and obey Jesus, they will be saved and He says that he and God agree on this point, they are one on this point. The meaning is not that Jesus is God because as he said before that He does his worked in HIS Father's NAME meaning God's name and they bear witness of him being sent from God.

Then again you doing same mistake as Jews did when they were looking for trouble. They started stoning Jesus and Jesus asks them:

**Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? (John 10:32)**

And the Jews that were looking for trouble as before, what do they tell him?

**The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. (John 10: 33)**

So they were claiming that Jesus did blasphemy as he claimed he was God. What does Jesus reply to them?

**Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? (John 10:34)**

So what does Jesus mean? He says that if you call yourselves Gods why do you say that I blasphemed while I claim that I am of a lower degree meaning that he is the Son of God and not God as Jews referred to themselves in the written law. So he is saying that he didn't mean he is God, but the opposite, but Christians always quote this **John 10: 30** and they make the same mistake as the enemies of Jesus did.

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Clearly Jesus denies claiming to be God.

The other verse you mentioned: John 14:9 “**he that hath seen me hath seen the Father**”

What is the context here to show Jesus is God or Jesus claiming to be God? Let's read on:

**<sup>8</sup>Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.**

**<sup>9</sup>Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?**

If you claim that Father is GOD and therefore Jesus is same as Father that makes him GOD then what do you say of the following verse:

John 5:35 “And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have **neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.**”

So if you abide that father means God as previously suggested to show that Jesus is God then no one has seen God, therefore Jesus cannot be God. Therefore Jesus must have meant something else in the previous verse, meaning he meant he was sent from God and that he is a sign from God and that should be same as seeing God although we can see him not and not interpreted as Jesus claiming to be God.

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## **RESPONDED: 11-24-2005**

Hello \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you so much for your email. Your correspondence is greatly appreciated. I hope I can be of service to you and sufficiently convey to you the Truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and how it has relevance to these issues. I will try to be as clear as possible; by the grace of God I will correctly represent the Lord in this effort. It is my prayer that the Holy Spirit will lead you into all Truth (John 16:13).

-----Original Message-----

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**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2005 4:44 PM

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This verse in Jeremiah cannot be compared to what Jesus said in John 8:58.

1. Jeremiah is not claiming his own foreknowledge of his existence but that God held that foreknowledge.

2. Jeremiah is expressing no attribute of divinity to himself.
3. The language will not allow the correlation. This is God speaking to Jeremiah, not Jeremiah speaking of himself, as Jesus was in John 8:58.

Jesus Christ on the other hand is speaking of His preexistence and His own foreknowledge. Ego eimi is present tense Greek. This is not speaking of God's knowledge of Jesus before He was born but of Jesus' eternal existence. "Before Abarham was (past tense) I am (present tense)". Only God can be present tense for all time. Jesus Christ is the eternal preexistent God.

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He did use the same word.

Let us look at the entire verse in Greek of Exodus 3:14

**Exo 3:14** καὶ εἶπεν ὁ θεὸς πρὸς Μωϋσῆν Ἐγὼ εἰμι ὁ ὢν· καὶ εἶπεν Οὕτως ἐρεῖς τοῖς υἱοῖς Ἰσραὴλ Ὁ ὢν ἀπέσταλκέν με πρὸς ὑμᾶς. (Septuagint)

The underlined portion reads (Ego Eimi Ho On) or "I am that I am"

You chose the wrong "I am" to quote. I assume you know that Greek is not a linear language as is English. Hence "Ego Eimi" is the primary object of this phrase and not "Ho On". The phrase "ho on" is not found anywhere else in the Septuagint Tanak. It does not stand alone. "Ego Eimi" alone, on the other hand is used many times to refer to God Almighty.

Examples: Genesis 17:1, Genesis 26:24, Genesis 46:3, Exodus 3:6, (Exodus 3:14 Is the verse in question), Exodus 20:2, Judges 6:8, Isaiah 48:17, Haggai 1:13.

Although Ego Eimi is used by others in the Septuagint it is always use to identify themselves and the phrase itself is never used alone (without that person as the object) in order to refer to oneself, as Jesus used it in John 8:58. When the phrase is used to stand alone it is in a condemnation by God Himself, in fact condemning those who say "I am" in the context of putting themselves (as a nation in both instances) in the place of God. (ex. Isaiah 47:8,10; Zephaniah 2:15) No such condemnation exists in John 8.

What about the Hebrew?

We would both agree that Exodus as originally written in Hebrew. The Hebrew Torah makes no distinction between the I AMs as does the Greek.

**Exo 3:14** ויאמר אלהים אלימשה אהיה אשר אהיה ויאמר כה תאמר לבני ישראל אהיה שלחני אליכם:

All three instances of "I AM" in this verse are rendered from 'hayah'. Hayah as well is used in the Hebrew translation of the New Testament in John 8:58. It was at this point, when Jesus said "I AM" that they took up stones to cast at Him. Why? Because he called Himself by the name of God! The book of John was written in Greek, but Jesus was a Jew, speaking to Jews. He said to them: אהיה

Jesus made the same affirmation in verse 28.

John 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. [The pronoun 'he' is not in the Greek but is in the English for clarity.]

**Joh 8:28** ειπεν ουν αυτοις ο ιησους οταν υψωσητε τον υιον του ανθρωπου τοτε γνωσεσθε οτι εγω ειμι και απ εμαντου ποιω ουδεν αλλα καθως εδιδαξεν με ο πατηρ μου ταυτα λαλω

Jesus is saying that once He is crucified and risen from the dead they will know that He is God. Do not allow the references to the Father to cause you to stumble. If you have a correct understanding of the doctrine of the Trinity, Jesus' words here will be easily understood. Consider the following verse.

John 8:29 And he that sent me is with me; the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

Remember:

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Before I continue with John 8:58, Jesus' meaning and the reaction of the Jews, I would like to discuss a few other matters that will aid in our understanding of this verse.

## **1 – The Son of God.**

This phrase is used exclusively for Jesus Christ in the entire Bible. As the Jews understood this equated Jesus with God. Consider the following scriptures.

Matthew 26:63-65 But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. 64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: [This is an affirmation not a denial!] nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. 65 Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy.

Luke 22:70-71 Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am. [This is an affirmation not a denial!] 71 And they said, What need we any further witness? for we ourselves have heard of his own mouth.

John 10:33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. [Jesus agrees or affirms their statement three verses later]

John 10:36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? [This equates Jesus with God. As stated this term is used of noone else in the entirety of Scripture!]

John 19:7 The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

If Jesus is only stating in John 8 that he is a son of God even as the other Jews, as you have indicated, why is He charged with blasphemy? No, the Jews understood exactly what Jesus said. Jesus Christ is indeed God and claimed to be so.

## **2 – Who is the Creator?**

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. God is the Creator. He made all things.

Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Job 38:4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. [God asks of Job]

The Bible also declares that Jesus is the Creator making Jesus that very God.

John 1:3 All things were made by him [Jesus]; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him [He who was in the world, that is Jesus], and the world knew him not.

Colossians 1:16-17 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. [The 'him' here is referring to Jesus Christ. You can check the context.]

Revelation 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

### **3 – Jesus is eternal and pre-existent.**

Isaiah 44:6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me *there is* no God.

Isaiah 48:12 Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I *am* he; I am the first, I also am the last.

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Revelation 1:17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

Who is the only one that can claim eternal preexistence? ONLY GOD!

Revelation 2:8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

Was God the Father ever dead? Only Jesus Christ can claim eternal preexistence, death, and resurrection! And only Jesus Christ has claimed such.

John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

Micah 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

And Hence:

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#### 4 – The Bible unequivocally states that Jesus is God.

John 1:1-20 In the beginning was the Word [This Word is Jesus Christ as the context of the following verses testify.], and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John. 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light. 9 *That* was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. 15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. 16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. 17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. 18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*.

Yes, sir, Jesus Christ is indeed God.

So, back to John 8:58. Jesus said to them, I AM, Ego Eimi, Hayah! The Jews were NOT simply “looking for trouble” because he said in essence, “We are all children of God”. No, they knew exactly what He was saying. They wanted to stone Him, Ciaphas tore his robes and cried blasphemy, and they crucified Him! All this not because they did not want to obey Him (though it is true they did not) but “because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.” John 10:33.

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**"Recall that your Lord summoned all the descendants of Adam, and had them bear witness for themselves: "Am I not your Lord?" They all said, "Yes. We bear witness." Thus, you cannot say on the Day of Resurrection, "We were not aware of this." (Qur'an 7:172)**

So it clearly is stated that every soul existed in the backbone of Adam before he was born.

I will not answer the Qur'an and Hadith. I do not hold them as authoritative nor am I confused about the authority of the Bible. You quote the Bible but it is evident that you do not understand it nor comprehend its Gospel message. It is my understanding that Islam teaches that the Jewish and Christian Scriptures have been corrupted and are not to be trusted (You confirmed this belief to me when we spoke). Yet you quote the Bible as though you have confidence in its writings (although your understanding of it is flawed). I cannot do so with the writings of Islam because I

have no confidence in them. You must admit if you are honest with yourself that the Christian Jesus and the Muslim Isa are not the same; nor is the Christian Jehovah and the Muslim Allah. Jehovah and Allah are very different. My confidence is in Jesus Christ and Him crucified and in His Holy Word which is The Bible containing the Hebrew Tanak and the New Testament.

Other verse: John 10:30 "I and my Father are one (HEN)"

Other verses same word is mentioned: John 17:11,21,22,23

<sup>11</sup>And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one(HEN), as we are.

<sup>21</sup>That they all may be one(HEN); as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one(HEN) in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

<sup>22</sup>And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one(HEN):

<sup>23</sup>I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one(HEN); and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Now are you claiming ONE IN US (John 11:21) means there is no a triune God but 3+12 disciples 13-nity God if you stick to same interpretation of the word as in John 10:30?

If you read the passage at John 10:30:

<sup>24</sup>Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt?

If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.

<sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

<sup>26</sup>But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

<sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

<sup>28</sup>And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

<sup>29</sup>My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

<sup>30</sup>I and my Father are one. *(That means they are agree in what he said above and not trying to show oneness in essence or lordship)*

<sup>31</sup>Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

<sup>32</sup>Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

<sup>33</sup>The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

<sup>35</sup>**If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;**

<sup>36</sup>**Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?**

<sup>37</sup>If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.

<sup>38</sup>But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

Here again the Jews were looking for trouble again.

**And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. (John 10 23-24)**

What does Jesus reply?

**Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. (John 10:25)**

**But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any [man] pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave [them] me, is greater than all; and no [man] is able to pluck [them] out of my Father's hand. I and [my] Father are one. (John 10:26-30)**

Here again Jesus is claiming that they are not his sheep, because his sheep hear him and obey, while the Jews are looking for trouble, but if they hear and obey Jesus, they will be saved and He says that he and God agree on this point, they are one on this point. The meaning is not that Jesus is God because as he said before that He does his worked in HIS Father's NAME meaning God's name and they bear witness of him being sent from God.

**Jesus confirms His deity and that He is the Christ. The Text is plain.**

John 10:23-33 And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. 24 Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. 25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. 26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and my Father are one. 31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. 32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? 33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

Then again you doing same mistake as Jews did when they were looking for trouble. They started stoning Jesus and Jesus asks them:

**Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? (John 10:32)**

And the Jews that were looking for trouble as before, what do they tell him?

**The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. (John 10: 33)**

So they were claiming that Jesus did blasphemy as he claimed he was God. What does Jesus reply to them?

**Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? (John 10:34)**

So what does Jesus mean? He says that if you call yourselves Gods why do you say that I blasphemed while I claim that I am of a lower degree meaning that he is the Son of God and not God as Jews referred to themselves in the written law. So he is saying that he didn't mean he is God, but the opposite, but Christians always quote this **John 10: 30** and they make the same mistake as the enemies of Jesus did.

**You should do more research. Jesus is here quoting Psalms 82:6. In context, this little word 'gods' (not Gods as you quoted above) is used to mean judges.**

Psalms 82:1-8 <A Psalm of Asaph.> God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods [God is judge over the judges of the earth]. 2 How long will ye judge

unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah. 3 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. 4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid *them* out of the hand of the wicked. 5 They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course. 6 I have said, Ye *are* gods [The preceding verses qualify this statement.]; and all of you *are* children of the most High. 7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes. 8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations. [This verse another allusion to Jesus Christ, for he is judge and ruler. See Psalm 2, A prophetic statement of His second coming!]

And so let us look at the following verses with this understanding.

John 10:34-42 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? 35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; [He called the Jews, gods (judges) because the word of God (Tanak) was given unto them. Exodus 7:1 conveys the same meaning.] 36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? [If the Jews who have the revelation of God's word and are the appointed judges as such, why do they say Jesus is blaspheming when they should know according to Scripture that He is The Son of God.] 37 If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. 38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father *is* in me, and I in him. 39 Therefore they sought again to take him [Why? Because He equated Himself with God]: but he escaped out of their hand, 40 And went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John at first baptized; and there he abode. 41 And many resorted unto him, and said, John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true. 42 And many believed on him there.

What things did John say of Him?

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

John 1:34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

John 1:36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

Peter said of Jesus: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Matthew 16:16; John 6:69. Jesus affirmed this declaration in Matthew 16:17; 26:64.

**If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? (John 10:35,36)**

Clearly Jesus denies claiming to be God.

He actually is claiming just the opposite. The Jews are irate, they want to kill Him. If Jesus was denying being God they would agree with Him not seek to take His life. The Jews knew exactly what Jesus was saying, He did not deny but confirmed their accusations. And they sought to kill Him because:

John 19:7 The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

The other verse you mentioned: John 14:9 "**he that hath seen me hath seen the Father**"

What is the context here to show Jesus is God or Jesus claiming to be God? Let's read on:

**<sup>8</sup>Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.**

**<sup>9</sup>Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?**

If you claim that Father is GOD and therefore Jesus is same as Father that makes him GOD then what do you say of the following verse:

John 5:35 “And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have **neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.**”

So if you abide that father means God as previously suggested to show that Jesus is God then no one has seen God, therefore Jesus cannot be God. Therefore Jesus must have meant something else in the previous verse, meaning he meant he was sent from God and that he is a sign from God and that should be same as seeing God although we can see him not and not interpreted as Jesus claiming to be God.

Here we must make a distinction between God the Father; God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The Trinity.

As far as Christ being one with the Father and the remainder of your questions, a proper understanding of the Truth of the Trinity will assuage all doubts.

God is revealed in Scripture as a 3 part being. One in essence consisting of 3 individual persons. Christians do not worship 3 different gods as many non-Christians suppose. Even some professing Christians have stumbled at this doctrine. It is none the less true. Just because we do not understand or do not believe does not make a certain thing untrue. Its truth is not dependent upon our belief and understanding. Truth is independent from our own belief.

Isaiah 55:9 For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

With that in mind let us address the Trinity.

The Bible says:

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God **אלהים -Elohim: plural form** created the heaven and the earth.

Genesis 1:2-3 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

John 14:26 But the Comforter, *which is the Holy Ghost*, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 15:26 But when the Comforter [this is referring to the Holy Spirit as is evident later in the verse] is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even the Spirit of truth*, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

2Co 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, *be* with you all. Amen.

1 Peter 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

1 John 5:6-12 This is he that came by water and blood, *even* Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. 7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word [According to John Chapter 1, the 'Word' refers to Jesus Christ], and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. 8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. 9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. 10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

I have attempted to address all of your issues. The real issue however is one of new birth. Jesus said:

John 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, *Ye must be born again.*

We spoke about blood sacrifice as well, an issue I noticed you did not bring up here. You know that the Levitical system was based on blood sacrifice of animals. All of this pointed to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, our sacrificial lamb, slain for the sin of the world. I know that God, offering Himself is a difficult concept to understand. It is none the less true.

Romans 9:31-33 But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. 32 Wherefore? Because *they sought it* not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone; 33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

1 Peter 2:6-8 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. 7 Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, 8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

1 Corinthians 10:4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:22-24 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks [or Gentiles] seek after wisdom: 23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; 24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

The Bible here declares that the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, God Himself, will be foolishness to the world. But it is the power of God unto salvation, and as a Christian I am in debt to you to declare the Gospel with clarity, honesty, and truth.

Romans 1:14-18 I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. 15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at

Rome also. 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

With this wrath of God from heaven comes judgment. God will judge all sin.

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ezekiel 18:4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

Ezekiel 18:20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

Proverbs 11:19 As righteousness *tendeth* to life: so he that pursueth evil *pursueth it to his own death*.

All of mankind is under a penalty of death, separated from God by our rebellion. No amount of good works on our parts can reconcile us to God. Mankind is already His enemy. Only redemption through a sinless, pure, blood sacrifice can reconcile us unto Him. This can only be done through an honest repentant heart that knows and understands that he has grievously sinned against his Creator.

Romans 3:23-25 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Romans 5:8-10 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Hebrews 9:12-28 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*. 13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: 14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God [\[Another example of Trinity of God\]](#), purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions *that were* under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. 16 For where a testament *is*, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. 17 For a testament *is* of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. 18 Whereupon neither the first *testament* was

dedicated without blood. 19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, 20 Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. 21 Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. 22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. 23 *It was* therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, *which are* the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: 25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; 26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: 28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

1 Peter 1:18-19 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers: 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Revelation 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Jesus Christ is the only way.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. [Notice the definitive article 'the']

John 10:7-9 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

John 5:43-44 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. 44 How can ye believe, which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor that cometh from God only?

Galatians 1:8-9 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, if any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Isaiah 53:10-11 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him [Jesus]; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. 11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

It is my prayer that God will move upon your heart, that He will convict you of your sin convincing you of your need of a Savior. Islam has no plan of redemption, no avenue for reconciliation to God. You have sinned. Nothing you can do will erase that fact. Nothing you can do will cleanse your past. God has offered His Son, The Lamb slain before the foundation of the world, that you may live.

You must forsake your sin, embrace the cross and die to yourself, that Christ could live within you.

Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

I will pray that you will receive the Word of Truth and submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. If you have any questions I will happily try to answer them by the grace of God.

I am commanded by my Lord to love you and tell you the truth so that you may believe and glorify Jesus Christ.

I have done so.

Now you are obligated to believe!

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### **RESPONDED: (ADDENDUM) 11-26-2005**

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I wrote to you in my first correspondence that the Greek phrase ‘ho on’ was not found anywhere else in the Septuagint. I was mistaken. I wanted to correct my mistake and to further elaborate on the use of this phrase both in the LXX and the New Testament.

I – One other instance of “ho on” found in LXX

Upon further study I was able to locate only one instance in the Septuagint using the phrase ‘ho on’ as shown below. It is translated as ‘that’ into English. This is a regular participle referring to “The people”.

1 Kings 16:22 LXX ὁ λαὸς ὁ ὧν ὀπίσω Ἀμβρι

1 Kings 16:22 Brenton The people that followed Ambri

1 Kings 16:22 KJV But the people that followed Omri

A participle must have an antecedent. The antecedent here is ‘the people’. The antecedent for ‘ho on’ in Exodus 3:14 is “ego eimi”, I AM. Therefore for Jesus to claim deity He must say, “ego eimi”, not ‘ho on’, other wise His statement would make no sense.

## II – “ho on” as used in the New Testament Textus Receptus

All instances of ‘ho on’ are used with an antecedent.

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Antecedent (bold* refers to deity)</u>	<u>‘ho on’ literal translation</u>
John 1:18	<b>*Only begotten son</b>	Who is
John 3:13	<b>*The son of man</b>	Who is
John 3:31	He	Who is
John 6:46	<b>*He (from God) i.e. Jesus</b>	Who is
John 8:47	He	That is
John 12:17	Crowd	That was
John 18:37	Everyone	That is
Romans 9:5	<b>*Christ</b>	Who is
2 Corinthians 11:31	<b>*Jesus Christ</b>	Who is
Revelation 1:4	<b>*Him (Jesus)</b>	Who is
Revelation 1:8	<b>*The Lord</b>	Who is
Revelation 4:8	<b>*God Almighty</b>	Who is
Revelation 5:5	<b>*The Lion of the Tribe of Judah...</b>	Which is
Revelation 11:17	<b>*Lord God Almighty</b>	Who is
Revelation 16:5	<b>*Lord</b>	Who art

Had Jesus used the Greek words “ο ων” in this statement He would have in effect been saying, “Before Abraham was, the being.” This does not make sense, in Greek nor in English. A participle must have a referent as both instances of ‘ho on’ in Exodus 3:14 do. They refer to the object, ‘ego eimi’.

This should further solidify my case on the use of ‘ego eimi’ in John 8:58 to affirm Jesus’ proclamation that He is God. The use of ‘ho on’ here would not be a proper rendering of Exodus 3:14 nor would it have been grammatically correct.

In His Service.  
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**RECEIVED: 11-27-2005**

Hello Jeffrey

Let me clarify my position first of all. No matter how much we debate and go back and forth trying to make a point, no one will be guided except as God wills. Therefore guidance is given by God and not by you or me or anyone else. I am claiming this as my belief and my belief is Islam and therefore I quote the Qur’an:<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Due to formatting errors, apostrophes and quotation marks in his emails were displayed in confusing symbols such as “€™” and “â€œ”. These have been corrected for clarity in reading.

Verily! You guide not whom you like, but Allah guides whom he wills. And he knows best those who are the guided. (Qur'an, Chapter #28, Verse #56)

You make certain statements as I quote from your e-mail:

“You must admit if you are honest with yourself that the Christian Jesus and the Muslim Isa are not the same; nor is the Christian Jehovah and the Muslim Allah. Jehovah and Allah are very different. My confidence is in Jesus Christ and Him crucified and in His Holy Word which is The Bible containing the Hebrew Tanak and the New Testament.”

Yeah I agree they are not the same in our understanding. But nevertheless we cannot agree that they are not claiming to talk about the same God and same Jesus. Either one is lying about God and Jesus and one is telling the truth, or both Islam and Christianity are lying about them, but both telling the truth, that is not possible because they are talking about the same Jesus and same God. So there is only one Jesus, son of Mary and only one God, but our understanding is not the same and therefore claiming that Islam has a different Isa and Allah and Christianity different Jesus and God is just putting a veil and adding to the problem, not solving anything.

Therefore the point of these talk is trying to get closer to the truth and not trying to push ideas down to the throat because only God guides who he wills to the truth and that said we cannot guide even ourselves if God doesn't want us to be guided for one reason or another. That is why we should always pray to god for guidance no matter how much guided we THINK we are:

guide us to the Straight Way (Qur'an, Chapter #1, Verse #6)

It is a Muslim's belief to struggle for guidance till the day he dies and not claim to be saved, because only God knows who is saved and not. So claiming to be saved now, and you live two more years, won't be the whole truth because how do you know what state are you going to be when you die. Therefore labels such as calling yourself Muslim, Christian and Jews, doesn't guarantee any magic ticket to heaven if you don't know the state you die upon and meet God.

You farther state:

“Islam has no plan of redemption, no avenue for reconciliation to God. You have sinned. Nothing you can do will erase that fact. Nothing you can do will cleanse your past.”

I thought you said you didn't know much about Islam and now you make certain claims which are not true about Islam.

Islam teaches reconciliation through God asking his forgiveness:

To Allah belongs all that is in the heavens and all that is on the earth, and whether you disclose what is in your own selves or conceal it, Allah will call you to account for it. Then He forgives whom He wills and punishes whom He wills. And Allah is Able to do all things. (Qur'an, Chapter #2, Verse #284)

Those who say: "Our Lord! We have indeed believed, so forgive us our sins and save us from the punishment of the Fire." (Qur'an, Chapter #3, Verse #16)

Say: "O Ibadee (My slaves) who have transgressed against themselves (by committing evil deeds and sins)! Despair not of the Mercy of Allah, verily Allah forgives all sins. Truly, He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful. (Qur'an, Chapter #39, Verse #53)

So glorify the Praises of your Lord, and ask for His forgiveness. Verily, He is the One Who accepts the repentance and forgives. (Qur'an, Chapter #110, Verse #3)

Islam's only salvation is something between you and God and not salvation between blood of anyone or Jesus. A sinless person and a repented sinner are the same to God because the repented sinner is forgiven. I am quoting your bible to make this point:

Read Luke 15:

<sup>11</sup>And he said, A certain man had two sons:

<sup>12</sup>And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

<sup>13</sup>And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

<sup>14</sup>And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

<sup>15</sup>And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

<sup>16</sup>And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

<sup>17</sup>And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

<sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

<sup>19</sup>And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

<sup>20</sup>And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

<sup>21</sup>And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

<sup>22</sup>But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

<sup>23</sup>And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

<sup>24</sup>For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

<sup>25</sup>Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing.

<sup>26</sup>And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant.

<sup>27</sup>And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.

<sup>28</sup>And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him.

<sup>29</sup>And he answering said to his father, **Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:**

<sup>30</sup>But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.

<sup>31</sup>And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.

<sup>32</sup>It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: **for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.**

And tell me the lesson in this story. It involves the complaint of the good son to the father. And the father explains how bad of an attitude that was and says : “for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.”

Tell me the story about the lost sheep:

Read Luke 15:

<sup>4</sup>What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

<sup>5</sup>And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

<sup>6</sup>And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.

<sup>7</sup>I say unto you, that likewise **joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.**

<sup>8</sup>Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it?

Jesus was trying to teach this lesson to his disciples that the repented sinner and sinless are the same to the perfect man in these parables meaning God.

Have you read the Lord's prayer in the bible:





to pray like this. So if Jesus was God, how many wills does God have and who does God pray to “another God”. This verse should be clear enough to show that Jesus was not God but a Messenger of God who prays to God.

Matthew 7:

<sup>21</sup>Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that **doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.**

<sup>22</sup>Many will say to me in that day, **Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?**

<sup>23</sup>And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**

I will reply to the blood sacrifice, but I mentioned that blood sacrifice is not the reason that God forgives people I will reply to that in another e-mail after I finish gathering the facts together.

And I end with a prayer from the Qur'an that is Universal to those who believe in God and this is directed to God:

**guide us to the Straight Way** (Qur'an, Chapter #1, Verse #6)

Amin!

I believe that is not just waste of time if your only purpose is to prove me wrong, but your purpose and mine should be to come closer to the truth if God allows us.

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## **RESPONDED: 11-30-2005**

Thank you for your response to my email. I will attempt by the grace of God to address the issues you have raised.

“...no one will be guided except as God wills. Therefore guidance is given by God and not by you or me or anyone else.”

I am not completely sure what you mean by this statement. I assume by the context that you are saying that man is unable to resist the guidance of Allah and that only by Allah allowing so can man decide anything.

The Bible says:

Deuteronomy 30:19 KJV I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Joshua 24:15 KJV And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Jeremiah 21:8 KJV And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death.

Indeed, the Bible teaches us that man has been given by God, a free will in which he is to choose his own way. God commands us to choose according to His revealed will, i.e. His Word.

However man can choose not to serve God and live in rebellion against his Creator. That is sin and God will judge sin.

This is in fact essential to the Gospel message. A choice is set before us:

1 – Life through obedience to Jesus Christ,

Hebrews 5:9 KJV And being made perfect, he [Jesus] became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

2 – or Death through our disobedience to Christ.

Colossians 3:6 KJV For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

“Yeah I agree they are **not the same** in our understanding. But nevertheless we cannot agree that they are not claiming to talk about the same God and same Jesus. Either one is lying about God and Jesus and one is telling the truth, or both Islam and Christianity are lying about them, but both telling the truth, that is not possible because they are talking about the same Jesus and same God.”

Let me clarify my position on this. It is not our understanding that makes Jehovah (a name which I notice you avoided using) and Allah different. They are indeed different altogether in character, temperament and personality. They are opposed in their revealed natures. One is transcendent and eminent the other unknowable. One is benevolent the other malevolent. One offers comfort the other confusion. They are not the same, neither are Jesus and Isa the same. One claims to be God, the other just a prophet. One is Truth, the other a liar.

John 14:6 KJV Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (Red Letters)**

1 John 4:6 KJV We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

“So there is only one Jesus, son of Mary and only one God, but our understanding is not the same and therefore claiming that Islam has a different Isa and Allah and Christianity different Jesus and God is just putting a veil and adding to the problem, not solving anything.”

The Bible says:

2 Corinthians 11:3-4 KJV 3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or *if* ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him*.

Veils and problems and confusion come by trying to merge the real with the false. Isa is “another” Jesus, not the Truth revealed in Scripture. Jesus Christ is the Truth. The only way to get closer to Him is to submit to Him.

James 4:7-8 KJV Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded.

I am not trying as you say “to push ideas down the throat”. I am only presenting the Truth to you. It is up to you to “choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live”.

It is a Muslim’s belief to struggle for guidance till the day he dies and not claim to be saved, because only God knows who is saved and not. So claiming to be saved now, and you live two more years, won’t be the whole truth because how do you know what state are you going to be when you die. Therefore labels such as calling yourself Muslim, Christian and Jews, doesn’t guarantee any magic ticket to heaven if you don’t know the state you die upon and meet God.

A Christian has the “hope of salvation”.

1 Thessalonians 5:9 KJV 9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

As long as we continue in obedience to Him and walk not after another way we say that we are in a "state" of salvation.

Hebrews 5:9 KJV And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

We are not actually "saved" until the end.

Matthew 24:13 KJV But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

We do not believe that simply calling yourself a Christian means you are saved. Indeed it is evident that not everyone who calls himself is such.

We do not believe in a "magic ticket to heaven".

We do not believe that just because I now consider myself in a state of salvation that I will necessarily endure to the end.

I do look to that hope.

Titus 2:13 KJV Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ;

The Bible declares that we endure, strive and continue in that great salvation through Jesus Christ. And through this we can know that we indeed remain in the saved state.

1 John 3:2-3 KJV Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

1 John 3:7-15 KJV Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. 11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 12 Not as Cain, *who* was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. 13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. 14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not *his* brother abideth in death. 15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

1 John 3:24 KJV And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

Muslims do not know because they have not the Spirit.

Islam teaches reconciliation through God asking his forgiveness:

To Allah belongs all that is in the heavens and all that is on the earth, and whether you disclose what is in your own selves or conceal it, Allah will call you to account for it. Then He forgives whom He wills and punishes whom He wills. And Allah is Able to do all things. (Qur'an, Chapter #2, Verse #284)

Does Allah forgive whoever asks or only who he wants to? If the former then everyone will be forgiven because if this is so who would not ask for forgiveness in the end, and if the later then this is a proof text for the maliciousness of Allah.

Noone will be forgiven by simply asking, then where would be obedience? No, as I sufficiently demonstrated in a previous email, all sin must be judged and punished. There is no exception.

2 Corinthians 5:21 KJV 21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

**Romans 3:25 KJV** Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

**1 John 4:10 KJV** Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

**Acts 3:19 KJV** Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

A sinless person and a repented sinner are the same to God because the repented sinner is forgiven.

There is no such thing as “a sinless person”.

The Bible says:

**Romans 3:10 KJV** As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

**Romans 3:23 KJV** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

**Romans 5:12 KJV** Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

**Psalms 14:3 KJV** They are all gone aside, they are *all* together become filthy: *there is none* that doeth good, no, not one.

The stories of the prodigal son and the lost sheep are lessons in repentance. Yes God will forgive a truly repentant person but only by His ordained method. That is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ as is quoted above.

**Ezekiel 33:11 KJV** Say unto them, *As* I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

Have you read the Lord’s prayer in the bible:

**Matthew 6:10-14** This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. **Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.** And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

**Luke 11:2-4** He said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. **Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.** And lead us not into temptation.””

The Lord’s prayer is for believers. As believers and in Biblical context, we must also consider:

**1 John 1:7-9 KJV** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**1 John 2:1 KJV** My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

Does God forgive? Yes, but without blood there is no forgiveness. God is faithful to His Word and His Word declares:

**Hebrews 9:22 KJV** And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

**Matthew 26:28 KJV** For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. (Red Letters)

What we don't agree is that Jesus is God and Trinity. Yet you didn't quote any word from Jesus where he claims is God (from the red words). You always quote the blackening, quote the reddening.

First of all the Bible says:

2 Timothy 3:16-17 KJV All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Matthew 4:4 KJV But he answered and said, **It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**

This is Jesus "the red words" saying that every word is to be lived by.

Therefore according to Jesus, the black is just as authoritative as the red. The Bible says:

John 1:1 KJV In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Jesus is the Word. Therefore the black and the red are the Words of Jesus (God).

Nonetheless I did quote 'red letters' for you in my previous email. As Jesus Himself said, "I told you, and ye believed not". I will paste below what I sent before on the subject so you may read it again.

John 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, **When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he**, and *that* I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. [The pronoun 'he' is not in the Greek but is in the English for clarity.]

Matthew 26:63-65 But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. 64 Jesus saith unto him, **Thou hast said: [This is an affirmation not a denial!] nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.** 65 Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy.

Luke 22:70-71 Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, **Ye say that I am.** [This is an affirmation not a denial!] 71 And they said, What need we any further witness? for we ourselves have heard of his own mouth.

John 10:33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. [Jesus agrees or affirms their statement three verses later]

John 10:36 **Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?** [This equates Jesus with God. As stated this term is used of noone else in the entirety of Scripture!]

John 19:7 The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life:** he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

John 8:58 Jesus said unto them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.**

John 10:23-33 And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. 24 Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. 25 Jesus answered them, **I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.** 26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 **And I give unto them eternal life;** and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand. 30 I and my Father are one. 31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. 32 Jesus answered them, **Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?** 33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that **thou, being a man, makest thyself God.**

John 9:27 KJV He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear *it* again? will ye also be his disciples?

One more proof text for the deity of Jesus and we will move on.

1 Timothy 3:16 KJV And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh,** justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

According to John 1:14 this God manifest in the flesh is Jesus, the Word.

#### 1. HO ON:

This subject was sufficiently covered in my email and my follow-up email. As stated, grammar and syntax would not allow this phrase to be used. Your argument therefore is untenable.

Jesus called himself Son of God but he even called many people Son of God:

**The Son** (υἰός) [specific and singular] of God in reference to Jesus is specific. Not 'a' son but 'The Son'.

The other references are general and not specific. Only Jesus Christ is "The specific Son of God".

Matthew 5:9 KJV **Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.** The children (υἱοι) [general and plural] of God.

Luke 3:38 KJV Which was *the son* of Enos, which was *the son* of Seth, which was *the son* of Adam, which was *the son* of God.

"The son" is not part of the Greek. It is included in English to express and clarify the truth that Adam came directly by God.

Mark 10:18 KJV And Jesus said unto him, **Why callest thou me good? *there is none good but one, that is, God.***

Nowhere here does Jesus deny that He is God nor does he deny that he is good. Consider these quotes from some Bible commentators. They more succinctly express what I am attempting to relay.

Jesus' response, "**Why callest thou me good?**", was designed to cause the young man to stop and think for a moment about who Jesus really was. The following statement "**there is none good but one, that is, God**" seems to point the man in the direction of Jesus' essential nature and the demands which logically follow on the man for having said it.

**Why callest thou me good?** This is said, not as denying that he was good, or as being angry with him for calling him so, but in order to lead this young man to a true knowledge of him, and his goodness, and even of his proper deity:

So Jesus is not denying anything but using the man's own words to equate Himself with God.

If Jesus was or claimed to be God as you claim, who is he praying to? And I note he prays as a Muslim because Muslims fall on their face to the ground and pray like that, I have never seen a Christian till today to pray like this. So if Jesus was God, how may wills does God have and who does God pray to "another God". This verse should be clear enough to show that Jesus was not God but a Messenger of God who prays to God.

Jesus is praying to God the Father. You must have a correct understanding of the [Trinity](#) to rightly comprehend these Scriptures. I will not here rehash that discussion but you may read my first email to you on the subject.

As for posture in praying, Christians pray in many postures as the Bible allows. Standing, walking, sitting, laying, and yes prostrate on our faces. This later is usually reserved for private worship and prayer and not for all to see.

**Matthew 6:5-7 KJV** And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites *are*: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. **6** But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. **7** But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

This does not preclude praying anywhere else, in whatever position, but that prayer should not be made for the purpose of being seen of men.

Also remember Jesus praying in other postures as well.

**John 11:41 KJV** Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, **Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me**. He evidently was not on His face here.

I have given abundant Scripture for the case of Jesus being God. Even so, I am not required to prove this to you. But I do wish to answer your questions Biblically and in a manner conducive to the glory of Christ. I believe I have done so.

I believe that is not just waste of time if your only purpose is to prove me wrong, but your purpose and mine should be to come closer to the truth if God allows us.

I have no desire to prove you wrong. I have nothing to prove. I know the Truth and the Truth has made me free (See, John 8:32). I am attempting only to answer your questions Biblically, by the Truth.

You say that if God allows we will come closer to the Truth. Oh, he allows.

**Psalms 145:18 KJV** The LORD *is* nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

John 16:13-14 KJV Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show *it* unto you.

Amos 3:7 KJV Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

1 Timothy 2:3-4 KJV For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

2 Corinthians 6:7 KJV By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

Ephesians 1:13 KJV In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,

Colossians 1:5 KJV For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

James 1:18 KJV Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

John 17:17 KJV Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Yes God not only allows us to come closer to the truth but desires that we do so. These are just a few verses stating so.

In the words of Jesus, When the Spirit of Truth is come he will guide you into all truth. The Spirit of Truth has indeed come (see Acts Chapter 2). Will you be led into the Truth or continue to deny that Truth? God is not capricious as is Allah. We know God and He does not change and therefore His Word remains the same.

Hebrews 13:8 KJV Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

We have His Word. God wants us to have the Truth and in fact went to great length to be assured that we would have it.

Can you say the same of Allah?

All this said there is but one thing with which you should concern yourself.

Mark 1:15 KJV And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Luke 13:5 KJV I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Matthew 20:28 KJV Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

John 6:47 KJV Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

John 14:6 KJV Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Mark 16:16 KJV He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

John 10:9 KJV I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

All of this is in red. Jesus said, Repent, believe the Gospel or you will perish. He gave His life to redeem mankind and if we believe on Him and obey Him we shall be saved.

You claim to seek the Truth. Jesus is the Truth. That which you seek is revealed to you.

God commands you to believe. That is an act of your will. I have set before you life and death! Which will you choose?

I will pray that you will receive the Word of Truth and submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

**Received: 12-01-2005**

Jeffrey,

“no one will be guided except as God wills. Therefore guidance is given by God and not by you or me or anyone else.”

What I mean by that statement is that Allah changes the heart of the people to accept the truth even though you tell truth and they don't accept. That is even when you tell people the truth they choose to disbelieve in it, you cannot make them accept the truth even if you want them to follow the truth. That is because he doesn't want to accept the truth even though he knows that is the truth and only Allah can change his situation. In other words it is not for me to convert ideas in you head, I deliver the message and that is my business, if your ideas change or not that is up to Allah who if He wills makes you understand the truth if you really want to seek the truth (one reason) and if Allah wills makes you wonder around in falsehood worshipping stones, animals, humans and you will not be in truth because of your pride, sins (some reasons why Allah does not make you understand the truth even though you hear it) or because you are not sincere in seeking the truth, but do it as a show, or trying to prove someone wrong. In the time of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), there was this uncle of his and he hate Muhammad (peace be upon him), whatever Muhammad (peace be upon him) used to preach he would say just the opposite for the hate. Whenever Muhammad (peace be upon him) used to preach to someone, this uncle will come after and talk to that person “What did Muhammad tell you? Did he tell you ‘it is day’, not is night. Did you tell ‘it is white’, not it is black.’ Quite the opposite of what Muhammad (peace be upon him) said, no matter what. That is why a chapter named after Abu Lahab was revealed condemning him to hell forever. That is what I am trying to say, that because of your pride, not being sincere, hatred and other stuff, you start to tell lies no matter what, just to prove you point Allah will not guide you even though you hear the truth. That is, it is Allah who knows your heart, your thinking, your sincerity to find the truth and based on that he opens you a door to understanding the truth, and vice versa.

For example you make some allegations (explanations (true/false)) but you never bring proof to back it up:

You missed the whole point in what I was saying last e-mail. Read it slower. Character, temperament and personality of God, call it Allah, Jehovah or Eloh (Elohim for plural), Ar-Rahman (merciful), Ar-Raheem (Beneficent) are different in our understanding. That is we all agree there is Only God and He is what He is. So there is not 2 gods, and therefore we do not say Allah is this one god and exists somewhere here, and Jehovah this other god and exists somewhere there, they are not the same. Let me put in other words because you miss the whole point. Let's say someone has a pencil in the box and the box is closed. If you and me were to argue what the pencil is short, long, white, black, we would argue and because you say this pencil I call it BETA, and I say I call it ALPHA, You say BETA is white, short, I say ALPHA is long and black. That doesn't mean that in the box there are two pencils, because we don't agree that there are two, we say there is only one and we know it for sure. The catch is that either one of us is right so it is white+short and not black+long, or that it is black+long and not white+short, so that one of us is right and the other is wrong or we can be both wrong, that is it not white+short, nor black+long, but it is white+long, so none of us is right. It can be, at least it makes sense. But to say that they are different pencils in the box, that is completely wrong because there is only one pencil and either one is lying and one is telling the truth, or we both are lying. But there cannot be different pencils.

So apply same logic I gave you above to Jesus (Isa) and God (Allah, Jehova, Elohim, Rab, Arrahman etc)

Now if you understand my point, then read on, otherwise if you don't understand my simple basic English, I don't know how to explain it to you! maybe you need it in some other language!

You then say they oppose in revealed nature:

One is transcendent and One unknowable.  
One benevolent and One Malevolent.  
One offers comfort and One offers confusion  
One is true and One liar

No where in the Qur'an it states Allah is unknowable, Malevolent, and offers confusion now you need to bring some evidence if make this supposition, on the contrary it states:

**Well can you understand this about Allah:**

**Allah! La ilaha illa Huwa (none has the right to be worshipped but He), the Ever Living, the One Who sustains and protects all that exists. Neither slumber, nor sleep overtake Him. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on earth. Who is he that can intercede with Him except with His Permission? He knows what happens to them (His creatures) in this world, and what will happen to them in the Hereafter . And they will never compass anything of His Knowledge except that which He wills. His Kursi extends over the heavens and the earth, and He feels no fatigue in guarding and preserving them. And He is the Most High, the Most Great. (This Verse 2:255 is called Ayat-ul-Kursee.) (Qur'an, Chapter #2, Verse #255)**

Can you understand everything about Allah, know how he looks? No, but neither can you do about Jehovah. So what is your point?

**Is Allah Malevolent? (Where did you get this idea?):**

**And your Ilah (God) is One Ilah (God - Allah), La ilaha illa Huwa (there is none who has the right to be worshipped but He), the Most beneficent, the Most Merciful. (Qur'an, Chapter #2, Verse #163)**

**Allah burdens not a person beyond his scope. He gets reward for that (good) which he has earned, and he is punished for that (evil) which he has earned. "Our Lord! Punish us not if we forget or fall into error!!". (Qur'an, Chapter #2, Verse #286)**

**They ask you (O Muhammad SAW) concerning alcoholic drink and gambling. Say: "In them is a great sin, and (some) benefit for men, but the sin of them is greater than their benefit." And they ask you what they ought to spend. Say: "That which is beyond your needs." Thus Allah makes clear to you His Laws in order that you may give thought." (Qur'an, Chapter #2, Verse #219)**

**There is no compulsion in religion. Verily, the Right Path has become distinct from the wrong path. Whoever disbelieves in Taghoot and believes in Allah, then he has grasped the most trustworthy handhold that will never break. And Allah is All-Hearer, All-Knower. (Qur'an, Chapter #2, Verse #256)**

**Does Allah offer confusion? (Where in the world did you get this Idea?)**

**This is the Book (the Quran), whereof there is no doubt, a guidance to those who are Al-Muttaqoon (the pious and righteous persons who fear Allah much (abstain from all kinds of sins and evil deeds which He has forbidden) and love Allah much (perform all kinds of good deeds which He has ordained)). (Qur'an, Chapter #2, Verse #2)**

**They are on (true) guidance from their Lord, and they are the successful. (Qur'an, Chapter #2, Verse #5)**

**We said: "Get down all of you from this place (the Paradise), then whenever there comes to you guidance from Me, and whoever follows My guidance, there shall be no fear on them, nor shall they grieve. (Qur'an, Chapter #2, Verse #38)**

**Where does Allah lie?**

**And mix not truth with falsehood, nor conceal the truth (i.e. Muhammad Peace be upon him is Allahs Messenger and his qualities are written in your Scriptures, the Taurat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel)) while you know (the truth) . (Chapter #2, Verse #42)**

**Those to whom We gave the Scripture (Jews and Christians) recognise him (Muhammad SAW or the Kabah at Makkah) as they recognise their sons. But verily, a party of them conceal the truth while they know it - (i.e. the qualities of Muhammad SAW which are written in the Taurat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel)).** (Qur'an, Chapter #2, Verse #146)

**(This is) the truth from your Lord. So be you not one of those who doubt.** (Qur'an, Chapter #2, Verse #147)

See none of your points stands about Allah, nowhere, nowhere Allah has revealed he is unknowable, malevolent, offers confusion and a liar. That is in your opinion and I offered enough proof from the revealed book of Allah to prove you wrong. As matter of fact Jesus is not real name of Jesus because there is no J in Hebrew!..the correct name is Isa!.ISOS in Greek! Nevertheless I am taking no exclusion to names as they change from language to language!

Corinthians are PAUL, PAUL!.PAUL! same author quote me from Jesus!(reddening)

Some Christians use Paul's letters to abolish the laws of the old testament!.

Romans 10:

<sup>4</sup>For Christ is **the end of the law for righteousness** to every one that believeth.

<sup>5</sup>For Moses describeth **the righteousness which is of the law**, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

Galatians 3:

<sup>19</sup>Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

<sup>20</sup>Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one.

<sup>21</sup>**Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.**

<sup>22</sup>But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

<sup>23</sup>But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

<sup>24</sup>Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

<sup>25</sup>But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

Galatians 4:

<sup>4</sup>But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

<sup>5</sup>**To redeem them that were under the law**, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Galatians 3:

<sup>13</sup>**Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law**, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

1 Corinthians 9:

<sup>20</sup>I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

<sup>21</sup>I do not frustrate the grace of God: **for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.**

2 Corinthians 3:

<sup>14</sup>**But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.**

So Paul states that the law, old testament rules are no longer valid, which clearly contradicts what Jesus says (in the reddening):

Matthew 5:

<sup>17</sup>Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.

<sup>18</sup>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.

<sup>19</sup>Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>20</sup>For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

So please state from the reddening what Jesus says, instead what Paul teaches, because there is simple a contradiction between the two.

You say:

“Does Allah forgive whoever asks or only who he wants to? If the former then everyone will be forgiven because if this is so who would not ask for forgiveness in the end, and if the later then this is a proof text for the maliciousness of Allah.”

**Await they just for the final fulfillment of the event? On the Day the event is finally fulfilled (i.e. the Day of Resurrection), those who neglected it before will say: "Verily, the Messengers of our Lord did come with the truth, now are there any intercessors for us that they might intercede on our behalf? Or could we be sent back (to the first life of the world) so that we might do (good) deeds other than those (evil) deeds which we used to do?" Verily, they have lost their ownelves (i.e. destroyed themselves) and that which they used to fabricate (invoking and worshipping others besides Allah) has gone away from them. (Qur'an, Chapter #7, Verse #53)**

**Verily, those who disbelieved, and died while they were disbelievers, the (whole) earth full of gold will not be accepted from anyone of them even if they offered it as a ransom. For them is a painful torment and they will have no helpers. (Qur'an, Chapter #3, Verse #91)**

**And fear a day (of Judgement) when a person shall not avail another, nor will intercession be accepted from him nor will compensation be taken from him nor will they be helped. (Qur'an, Chapter #2, Verse #48)**

**And be afraid of the day when you shall be brought back to Allah. Then every person shall be paid what he earned, and they shall not be dealt with unjustly. (Qur'an, Chapter #2, Verse #281)**

As stated from the verses above Allah forgives while you ask him in this world, but in the next and on the day of Judgment no one will be forgiven!.and your later commentary that Allah is malicious is not correct, because has no grounds to be based on.

Forgiving the sins!

Ezekiel 18:

<sup>20</sup>The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: **the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.**

<sup>21</sup>But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

<sup>22</sup>All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live.

I don't know how you ignore this verses! there is no blood sacrifices required in here.

Luke 15:

<sup>7</sup>I say unto you, that likewise **joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.**

Who are these just persons who need no repentance, are they not the one who don't commit sin (sinless)?

**No one righteous (sinless)?**

Read: Luke 1:

<sup>5</sup>THERE was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.

<sup>6</sup>And **they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.**

If you state the bible is word of God from cover to cover explain this difficulties :

**700 or 7 000 men in Chariots, Footmen or Horsemen?**

2 Samuel 10

<sup>18</sup>And the Syrians fled before Israel; and David **slew the men of seven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and forty thousand horsemen**, and smote Shobach the captain of their host, who died there.

1 Chronicles 19

<sup>18</sup>But the Syrians fled before Israel; and David **slew of the Syrians seven thousand men which fought in chariots, and forty thousand footmen**, and killed Shophach the captain of the host.

**Judas, Hanged or Fell from a Cliff ?**

Matthew 27:

<sup>5</sup>And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and **hanged himself.**

Acts 1:

<sup>16</sup>Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.

<sup>17</sup>For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.

<sup>18</sup>**Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.**

**2000 or 3000?**

1 KINGS 7:

<sup>26</sup>And it was an hand breadth thick, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it contained **two thousand baths.**

2 CHRONICLES 4:

<sup>5</sup>And the thickness of it was an handbreadth, and the brim of it like the work of the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies; and it received and held **three thousand baths.**

**4 000 or 40 000?**

2 Chronicles 9:

<sup>25</sup>And Solomon had **four thousand stalls** for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; whom he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

1 KINGS 4:

<sup>26</sup>And Solomon had **forty thousand stalls** of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.

You say that God inspired it, how does God then contradict himself?

**Do they not then consider the Quran carefully? Had it been from other than Allah, they would surely have found therein much contradictions. (Qur'an, Chapter #4, Verse #82)**

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## **RESPONDED: 12-03-2005**

\_\_\_\_\_:

I had not desired that this correspondence drift off into side discussions and irrelevancies that will come to light when you receive the knowledge of the Truth. I do desire to answer your sincere queries, but it appears that you have begun to attempt to “prove me wrong” instead of seeking Truth. As stated, the Truth is presented to you in the person of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. I will nonetheless answer this series of attempts to discredit God and His Word. This discussion will proceed as the Holy Spirit leads. I pray that He be with me as I answer your email. For without Him I can do nothing.

That is we all agree there is Only God and He is what He is. So there is not 2 gods, and therefore we do not say Allah is this one god and exists somewhere here, and Jehovah this other god and exists somewhere there,

Please understand, I am not suggesting that there are two gods. On the contrary, it is quite evident that only one God could possibly exist. To suggest that there is more than one is not only unbiblical but logically inconsistent.

Deuteronomy 6:4 KJV Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD:

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

I apologize for being unclear in my statements about this. To put it conclusively and succinctly: There exists only one God. Allah is not He. The one true God is the God revealed in the Bible, Jehovah, the Great I AM, Jesus.

I understand your statement that both Christianity and Islam cannot be correct. I agree with this. Therefore, Christianity being correct, Islam must be wrong. Therefore Allah, being the revealed god of Islam is no god at all but an image created in the mind of Muhammad.

You then say they oppose in revealed nature:

Yes, I do say this.

{\*\*\*\*NOTICE: Please be advised that I only quote your book for your benefit, to display for you that my remarks are not unfounded. I do not hold any of the teachings of Islam as authoritative and I do not use these quotes as such. The Quran is NOT God's Word. ONLY the Bible “*is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:” (2 Timothy 3:16)\*\*\*\*}

One is transcendent and eminent the other unknowable.

God is knowable:

Matthew 5:18 KJV 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.

Malachi 3:6 KJV For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Hebrews 13:8 KJV Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

Allah is not knowable:

Whatever message We abrogate or cause to be forgotten, We bring one better than it or one like it. Knowest thou not that Allah is Possessor of power over all things? (2:106)

How can you know or trust a 'god' that changes his word at whim?

One is benevolent the other malevolent.

God loves (is benevolent toward) His creation and offers salvation to all who will come.  
John 3:16 KJV For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Allah is temperamental.

And if We had pleased, We could have given every soul its guidance, but the word from Me was just; I will certainly fill hell with the jinn and men together. (32:13)

One offers comfort the other confusion.

God comforts his own.

1 Corinthians 14:33 KJV For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

John 14:26 KJV But the Comforter, *which is the Holy Ghost*, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

With Allah is no comfort only confusion about your destiny.

He forgives whom He pleases and chastises whom He pleases. And Allah is Possessor of power over all things. (2:284)

One is Truth, the other a liar.

God is truth and all else is false

Romans 3:4 KJV God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

1 John 2:22 KJV Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

Allah deceives

and they devised plans and Allah, to, had arranged a plan; and Allah is the best of planners. (8:30) "Planners" here is in the context of deception.

you need to bring some evidence if make this supposition

You have your "evidence". I stand behind my statement:

"They are indeed different altogether in character, temperament and personality. They are opposed in their revealed natures. One is transcendent and eminent the other unknowable. One is benevolent the other malevolent. One offers comfort the other confusion. They are not the same, neither are Jesus and Isa the same. One claims to be God, the other just a prophet. One is Truth, the other a liar."

Some Christians use Paul's letters to abolish the laws of the old testament.

Just as some professing Muslims do not believe and obey the teaching of Islam, there are some professing Christians who are lawless and disobedient to Scripture. These are false Christians and should not even be using the name of Christ.

**2 Timothy 2:19 KJV** Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

Let me state this unequivocally; Paul never wrote anything to abolish the laws of God. As in the verse above, Paul calls all who say they are Christian to depart from iniquity (lawlessness). This is just the opposite of your assertion. Paul never contradicted Jesus. If you understood salvation through Jesus Christ you would understand the scriptures you quoted.

**2 Timothy 2:7 KJV** Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.

**1 John 5:20 KJV** And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

Every real Christian will affirm the Laws of God, and in no way subvert them. This is Christianity.

**Romans 3:31 KJV** Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

**1 John 2:3 KJV** And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

**1 John 2:4 KJV** He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

If you state the bible is word of God from cover to cover explain this difficulties :

These are quite easy really.

1 – 700 or 7000; horsemen or footmen

**2 Samuel 10:18 KJV** And the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew the men of seven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and forty thousand horsemen, and smote Shobach the captain of their host, who died there.

**1 Chronicles 19:18 KJV** But the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew of the Syrians seven thousand men which fought in chariots, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Shophach the captain of the host.

Read the text carefully.

a) 2 Samuel numbers the chariots whereas 1 Chronicles numbers the men of those chariots.

b) Just because one verse numbers horsemen does not negate the fact that there were footmen as well and vice versa.

2 – 2000 or 3000 baths

**1 Kings 7:26 KJV** And it *was* a handbreadth thick, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it contained two thousand baths.

**2 Chronicles 4:5 KJV** And the thickness of it *was* a handbreadth, and the brim of it like the work of the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies; *and* it received and held three thousand baths.

Once again read carefully

1 Kings states that 2000 baths were in the molten sea whereas 2 Chronicles states that its volume is 3000. In other words which statements below would be true of a cup which holds 32 oz but only has 28 oz of water in it?

- a) the cup holds 32 oz
- b) the cup contains 28 oz.

Obviously both statements are correct.

3 – 4000 or 40000

**2 Chronicles 9:25 KJV** And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; whom he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

**1 Kings 4:26 KJV** And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.

Remember to read carefully.

2 Chronicles gives the number of stalls, and 1 Kings the number of horses.

4 – Judas

**Matthew 27:5 KJV** And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

**Acts 1:18 KJV** Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.

There are 2 schools of thought here.

1 – When Judas had hanged himself over a precipice his body fell from its hanging position and burst asunder.

2 – Hanging was a reference to suicide by falling on ones sword in which case, “falling headlong” over his sword his midst split open and his bowels gushed out.

Either one of these being a reasonable and rational explanation negates the supposition of a contradiction.

Any time you claim a Bible contradiction you must be able to prove your accusation. The Bible has **no** contradictions.

I offered enough proof from the revealed book of Allah to prove you wrong.

Really? Eleven verses from a man who admits that he himself did not know if he was hearing from an evil jinn or an angel from God, does not constitute “enough proof”.

While on the other hand I have offered you a myriad of verses from the very Word of God to substantiate the Truth and you have not only rejected this but also you have refused to answer them. I have answered every allegation you have put forth. Read my past emails concerning questions on the Deity of Jesus Christ, the Trinity, blood sacrifice, the need of atonement, etc.

You **must** be born again, \_\_\_\_\_.

You **must** repent and believe the Gospel or you will perish!

You **must** be washed in the blood of Christ.

I donâ€™t know how you ignore this versesâ€™there is no blood sacrifices required in here.

You continually quote Ezekiel 18:20-22 as though this was some sort of proof text against blood sacrifices. Nonsense! Use logic. To make a conclusive statement such as “the Bible does not teach blood sacrifices” you must be willing to prove this in one of two fashions. Either (1) you must show a conclusive statement within the Bible itself stating such or (2) you must exegete every verse in the Bible to prove such a claim. You have not done nor can do either one. Therefore your claim is illogical by the rules of logic. I can and have proven that the Bible teaches just the opposite. The entire Levitical system was set up on the necessity of blood sacrifice. The forgiveness in verse 21 of Ezekiel 18 is impossible without the sacrifices commanded by God. For disobedience is sin and He said, “if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes”. Therefore to turn from all sins would necessitate atonement by the sacrifices mentioned elsewhere in the statutes of God.

Leviticus 17:11 KJV For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for **it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.**

Will you stand before God with no atonement for your sins?  
Where is your sacrifice, \_\_\_\_\_?

2 Peter 3:9 KJV The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Acts 17:30-31 KJV And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: 31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man [Jesus] whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

Hear His plea to you, \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus Christ is calling for your repentance and submission. You were created for His pleasure. He is worthy that you worship and serve Him.

Revelation 4:11 KJV Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and **for thy pleasure** they are and were created.

I will pray that you receive Truth.

In His Service  
Jeffrey

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**Received 12-04-05**

Hi Jeffrey,

The discussion is getting nowhere! I have attached my reply to your e-mail and the issue of atonement. However if you choose to reply, I may not reply you back, not because I may not have an answer, but because heated debates are useless (you must agree and the example is the story of Prophet Noah (peace be upon him) calling idolators to the ship of salvation and they never answered for so long). As I said we may discuss as much as we want but only God knows the reality of the sincerity of a person and He only guides. I think I made my point clear to you

that I don't believe in joining partners in worship to God and that is why I don't believe in trinity and Jesus as being God, that said I believe and love Jesus as much as a human being and Messenger of God. I asked you to quote an explicit verse from words of Jesus where he says "Worship Me" and I am GOD" and you did not, that is my message: Jesus never admitted to God. You quote some verses which do not show it explicitly but are open to interpretations...and bad interpretation lead to bad beliefs as you misquoting the verses from the Qur'an (half-quoted verses too). I will pray to the ONLY ONE God for guidance as for myself and you. I must thought say that is discussion was not because of hatred or anything, or trying to prove EVERYTHING in your belief is wrong, but just to invite you to the truth,,,and that is what you wished for me too...but as I admit and you must admit only God guides who he wills, we are just callers. I wish you all good and while you pray for my guidance, pray for your guidance too..to God, because we are responsible first for ourselves on the Day of Judgement. I must clarify I had no bad intentions, but good ones and God is my witness.

Take care!  
Sincerely,

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[I had to retype the above email. Because of problems with compatibility it would not properly cut and paste. I have attempted to retype it exactly as it was sent. Original email available for those who desire a forward of it.]

[This email also contained two attachments available in the appendix following.]

#1: Atonement      #2: Abrogation

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### **Responded 12-05-05**

\_\_\_\_\_;

First of all I want you to know that I love you and only desire the best for you. You have expressed the same desire for me and I do not wish to doubt that, that may very well be your intention. I want you to understand that because I love you I must be very blunt in this email. I am distraught that you are destined to an eternal hell if you do not repent. This is why I am intent, this is why I must do all I can to warn you, this is why I have addressed your issues, this is why I plead with you, this is why I weep for your soul and pray in tears that you receive the knowledge of the Truth. This is why I am compelled by the love of Christ to continue to preach the Gospel. As the apostle Paul said;

I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. [Romans 1:14-17 KJV](#)

Once again, I will be blunt here. Please do not interpret that as hatred; it is love of the most profound kind. You stated that "discussion was not because of hatred" and I choose to believe that. You say, "I must clarify I had no bad intentions" and this I accept as well. I have no reason to doubt your intentions. I offer you the same statements. I am influenced only by the love of Jesus Christ toward you. Your zeal and devotion are commendable but misplaced.

I asked you to quote an explicit verse from words of Jesus

Don't be disingenuous \_\_\_\_\_. When we first spoke you asked me to show you where the Bible said that Jesus is God. When I did that, you said, no show me in the red letters. I did that and you disputed with the Greek syntax. I have continued to show you Biblically that Jesus Christ is indeed God and you have rejected each and every verse black and red. (Refer to previous emails.)

First you said:

Yet you didn't quote any word from Jesus where he claims is God (from the red words).

Now you say:

I asked you to quote an explicit verse from words of Jesus where he says "Worship Me" and "I am GOD" and you did not

\_\_\_\_\_ you are not even being honest with yourself. You reject the Scriptures you do not like and refuse to accept the clear teachings of Scripture. John 1:1 specifically says that Jesus Christ is God (among numerous other verses) so you reject it. The Greek of John 8:58 is obvious about who Jesus claimed to be and you reject clear grammar and syntax. Ezekiel does not specifically mention blood in the atonement so you accept it. You accept Leviticus 17's admonition against eating of blood but reject God's reason for this admonition (v.11) which is in context of chapter 16. You accept that certain offerings of the Levitical Law (these are actually a shadow fulfilled in Jesus Christ) but reject the most sacred of all, Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement in which the price is paid for all the sin of the nation by the blood of the atonement, a shadow of the crucifixion of Christ in which all the sin of the world is propitiated. (See, Leviticus 16; Isaiah 53; Hebrews 9; please read these chapters. Jesus Christ was slain for the sin of the world!)

I have by the grace of God answered every issue you have put forward and brought each and every one to an untenable position.

Accept it \_\_\_\_\_, you do not want the Truth, you just want to prove the Bible wrong. That is why you presented your supposed "contradictions". By continually stating that it is "God that guides" you conveniently remove culpability from yourself. You are suddenly not responsible for your own decisions because Allah decides all. God, the God of the Bible, does hold you responsible to follow the correct guide. Romans 1:20 states you are without excuse. If you really want Truth, you will find Truth. But if you just want Islam you will remain in darkness.

The real issue lies in your heart. You love your sin so much that you refuse to accept that God had to manifest Himself in the flesh and die so that you could be cleansed from your sin. You do not believe that your sin is so deplorable to God that it would necessitate such a horrific sacrifice. You just want to say, "Oh, forgive me".

The Bible clearly states, "without shedding of blood is no remission." You do not like this so you reject it. It is unpalatable to your tastes so you spew the Truth out of your mouth and instead savor a sweet lie of the devil. \_\_\_\_\_, the Truth is not pretty, it is not sweet and lovely. It is horrible and detestable. This Truth declares that sin (yours, mine, everyone's) is exceeding sinful, an abomination to God. Until you come to the realization of exactly how terrible your sin is in the eyes of God and see His judgment against it you will never be on a sincere quest for the Truth. That quest must start there.

But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear. [Isaiah 59:2 KJV](#)

But verse 20 says that the Redeemer shall come to Zion. This is the only way God will hear, through Jesus Christ, the Redeemer. You cannot get to God any other way (including just asking for forgiveness).

Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.** [John 14:6 KJV](#)

I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am *he*, ye shall die in your sins. [John 8:24 KJV](#)

It is that simple, \_\_\_\_\_. Except you believe that Jesus Christ is that Passover Lamb, that Jesus Christ is God in the flesh, that Jesus Christ is the Messiah, you will die in your sins.

I have enjoyed our discussion. I have learned much and been strengthened in my faith. Perhaps at times our discussion became as you stated "heated"; but not unprofitable for I have had opportunity these few times to preach unto you the Gospel; these things which are most important how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures . . . whereof he hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that he hath raised him from the dead. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Acts 17:31)

If you do not answer me as you indicated you may not, I will understand. But I would like you to know that I will always be available if you would have any other questions. If you see me at the university please stop by to say hello. I would consider it an honor to speak to you again.

We are not enemies you and I;

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. [Ephesians 6:12 KJV](#)

I will continue to pray for you and seek God for your salvation.

With love and in His Service

Jeffrey

I end with the words of a former Muslim; a man born again by the power of God.

Jesus Christ is not just a messenger,  
HE is **Messiah**  
He is not just a servant  
HE is **Savior**.  
He is not just Redeemer,  
HE is the **Reigning Lord**.  
He is not just a good man  
HE is the **God-Man**.  
And Jesus Christ is not just a prophet.  
HE is **Prophet** and  
HE is **Priest** and  
HE is **King!!!**

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As of this date no response has been received.

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## Appendix:

**Following are the two attachments sent in his last email:**

**#1:**

Atonement:

Deuteronomy 12:

<sup>30</sup>Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou enquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise.

<sup>31</sup>**Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God:** for every abomination to the LORD, which **he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.**

<sup>32</sup>What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

Here God says that he hates human sacrifice **he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.** and states that no one should do so for God **Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God.** Now how did God forbid this and then does the same thing himself, sacrifices Jesus for Himself. Does this make sense. Who dies in the cross God or human. If you say God, then you are saying God dies, if you say human, then God hates human sacrifice. Sacrifices of humans are pagan practices and God condemns that, and after all this you state that God sacrificed Jesus?

Jeremiah 19:

<sup>4</sup>Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it unto other gods, whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, **and have filled this place with the blood of innocents;**

<sup>5</sup>They have built also the high places of Baal, **to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings unto Baal, which I commanded not, nor spake it, neither came it into my mind;**

Here above God condemns sacrificing of innocent human beings and shedding of innocent blood. And you state that God shed the blood of the innocent Jesus?

Psalms 106:

<sup>36</sup>And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them.

<sup>37</sup>Yea, **they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils,**

<sup>38</sup>And **shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.**

<sup>39</sup>Thus were they defiled with their own works, and **went a whoring with their own inventions.**

It is indeed a horrible invention (lie against God) to claim that sacrifice of humans and shedding of the innocent blood is ordained by God. But you still state that Jesus' innocent blood was ordained by the same God who hates such an action and forbids such an action be done for him **"Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God"?**

Ezekiel 16:

<sup>20</sup>**Moreover thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne unto me, and these hast thou sacrificed unto them to be devoured. Is this of thy whoredoms a small matter,**

<sup>21</sup>**That thou hast slain my children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through the fire for them?**

<sup>22</sup>**And in all thine abominations and thy whoredoms thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, when thou wast naked and bare, and wast polluted in thy blood.**

After establishing the fact that God admonishes human sacrifice, shedding the blood of innocent and imitating the pagan practice for Him. Let's look at your verse:

Leviticus 17:

<sup>11</sup>For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

Ok!

But is that the whole point?

Leviticus 17:

<sup>8</sup>And thou shalt say unto them, Whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers which sojourn among you, that offereth a burnt offering or sacrifice,

<sup>9</sup>And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer it unto the LORD; even that man shall be cut off from among his people.

<sup>10</sup>And whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, **that eateth any manner of blood; I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people.**

<sup>11</sup>For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, **No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood.**

<sup>13</sup>And whatsoever man there be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, which hunteth and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; **he shall even pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust.**

<sup>14</sup>For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, **Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.**

The whole context of this verse is in reference not to eat blood and not an establishment of blood sacrifice for atonement. Because drinking blood was a pagan practice after they offered sacrifice to their idols.

Blood is not required for atonement (if you are poor):

Leviticus 5:

<sup>11</sup>But if he be not able to bring two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, then he that sinned **shall bring for his offering the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a sin offering;** he shall put no oil upon it, neither shall he put any frankincense thereon: for it is a sin offering.

<sup>12</sup>**Then shall he bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful of it, even a memorial thereof, and burn it on the altar, according to the offerings made by fire unto the LORD: it is a sin offering.**

<sup>13</sup>And the priest shall make an atonement for him as touching his sin that he hath sinned in one of these, and it shall be forgiven him: and the remnant shall be the priest's, as a meat offering.

Jewelry offered for atonement:

Numbers 31:

<sup>50</sup>We have therefore brought an oblation for the LORD, **what every man hath gotten, of jewels of gold, chains, and bracelets, rings, earrings, and tablets, to make an atonement for our souls before the LORD.**

Coal for atonement:

Isaiah 6:

<sup>6</sup>Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, **having a live coal in his hand,** which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

<sup>7</sup>And **he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.**

And if you don't believe me, then go ask a rabbi about the blood sacrifice. It is their book (Torah). They don't believe in blood sacrifice either as necessary for expiation of sins!

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#2:

Hi Jeffrey,

Abrogation does not mean God changes his word at "whim", because you have many abrogations in your bible:

**God commands Abraham to slaughter his son and later he abrogates the commandment.**

Does God change his command at "whim" as you state?

**Genesis 22**

<sup>1</sup>And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

<sup>2</sup>And he said, **Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.**

<sup>3</sup>And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

<sup>4</sup>Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

<sup>5</sup>And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

<sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

<sup>7</sup>And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

<sup>8</sup>And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

<sup>10</sup>And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

<sup>11</sup>And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.

<sup>12</sup>And he said, **Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.**

<sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

#### **Abrogation of man's dug to cow's dung:**

Ezekiel 4:

<sup>10</sup>And thy meat which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day: from time to time shalt thou eat it.

<sup>11</sup>Thou shalt drink also water by measure, the sixth part of an hin: from time to time shalt thou drink.

<sup>12</sup>And thou shalt eat it as barley cakes, and **thou shalt bake it with dung that cometh out of man**, in their sight.

<sup>13</sup>And the LORD said, Even thus shall the children of Israel eat their defiled bread among the Gentiles, whither I will drive them.

<sup>14</sup>Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! behold, my soul hath not been polluted: for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or is torn in pieces; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth.

<sup>15</sup>Then he said unto me, Lo, **I have given thee cow's dung for man's dung**, and thou shalt prepare thy bread therewith.

#### **Die right away abrogated with 15 more years**

2 Kings 20:

<sup>1</sup>In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus **saith the LORD, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.**

<sup>2</sup>Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying,

<sup>3</sup>I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.

<sup>4</sup>And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

<sup>5</sup>Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>And **I will add unto thy days fifteen years**; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

#### **All animals were allowed to Noah, was abrogated with certain food allowed later**

Genesis 9:

<sup>3</sup>**Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you**; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

Deuteronomy 14:

<sup>7</sup>Nevertheless these **ye shall not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the cloven hoof; as the camel, and the hare, and the coney: for they chew the cud, but divide not the hoof; therefore they are unclean unto you.**

<sup>8</sup>**And the swine, because it divideth the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it is unclean unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, nor touch their dead carcase.**

#### **Jesus abrogates Law of Moses for divorce**

Matthew 19:

<sup>3</sup>The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

<sup>4</sup>And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,

<sup>5</sup>And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

<sup>6</sup>Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

<sup>7</sup>They say unto him, **Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?**

<sup>8</sup>He saith unto them, **Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.**

<sup>9</sup>And I say unto you, **Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.**

#### **Is Sabath abrogated?**

Exodus 35:

<sup>2</sup>Six days shall work be done, **but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the LORD: whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death.**

**Paul abrogates circumcision?**

Genesis 17:

<sup>12</sup>And **he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you**, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.

<sup>13</sup>He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, **must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.**

Galatians 5:

<sup>2</sup>Behold, I Paul say unto you, **that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.**

<sup>3</sup>For **I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.**

<sup>4</sup>Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

<sup>5</sup>For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

<sup>6</sup>For **in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision;** but faith which worketh by love.

**Change of the Law (abrogation)?**

Hebrews 7:

<sup>12</sup>For the priesthood being changed, **there is made of necessity a change also of the law.**

Hebrews 8:

<sup>7</sup>For if that **first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.**

<sup>8</sup>For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, **saith the Lord**, when **I will make a new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

Hebrews 10:

Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. **He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.**

Allah is temperamental...? No Allah knows everything, the past, the future and the present. God knows that some people will enter hellfire because of their own choice...Are you implying that Bible suggest no one will enter in hell? Or are you implying that that the Bible suggests that God could have not guided everyone if he willed?

It is not PLEASED but WILLED!

**And if We had willed, surely! We would have given every person his guidance, but the Word from Me took effect (about evildoers), that I will fill Hell with jinn and mankind together.**(Qur'an 32:13)

And you have to read the whole passage what the meaning is:

Surah As-Sajda (32)

**10And they say: "When we are (dead and become) lost in the earth, shall we indeed be recreated anew?" Nay, but they deny the Meeting with their Lord!**

**11Say: "The angel of death, who is set over you, will take your souls, then you shall be brought to your Lord."**

**12And if you only could see when the Mujrimoon (criminals, disbelievers, polytheists, sinners, etc.) shall hang their heads before their Lord (saying): "Our Lord! We have now seen and heard, so send us back (to the world), we will do righteous good deeds. Verily! We now believe with certainty."**

**13And if We had willed, surely! We would have given every person his guidance, but the Word from Me took effect (about evildoers), that I will fill Hell with jinn and mankind together.**

**14Then taste you (the torment of the Fire) because of your forgetting the Meeting of this Day of yours, (and) surely! We too will forget you, so taste you the abiding torment for what you used to do.**

**15Only those believe in Our Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.), who, when they are reminded of them fall down prostrate, and glorify the Praises of their Lord, and they are not proud.**

I explained in the previous message who Allah punishes and who he forgives...there is not need to bring it up...again.

I have no idea where you get these half-quoted twisted word verses. When I quote from the bible I quote the whole verse and even the whole paragraph and from the KJV as it was your only accepted bible...!

You say:

**Allah deceives**

**and they devised plans and Allah, to, had arranged a plan; and Allah is the best of planners. (8:30) "Planners" here is in the context of deception.**

**And (remember) when the disbelievers plotted against you (O Muhammad SAW) to imprison you, or to kill you, or to get you out (from your home, i.e. Makkah); they were plotting and Allah too was planning, and Allah is the Best of the planners.(Qur'an 8:30)**

**And they (disbelievers) plotted (to kill Iesa (Jesus) ), and Allah planned too. And Allah is the Best of the planners.(Qur'an 3:54)**

Hmm... "planners" doesn't mean deceivers, means someone who plans (plots)...and the verses show the correct meaning.

See, none of your points stands!

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**END**

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During a recent trip to Louisiana State University to preach the Gospel I was approached by a young Muslim man who began asking me questions about the deity of Christ.

God is revealed in Scripture as a 3 part being. One in essence consisting of 3 individual persons. Christians do not worship 3 different gods as many non-Christians suppose. Even some professing Christians have stumbled at this doctrine. It is none the less true. Just because we do not understand or do not believe does not make a certain thing untrue. Its truth is not dependent upon our belief and understanding. Truth is independent from our own belief.

It is a Muslim's belief to struggle for guidance till the day he dies and not claim to be saved, because only God knows who is saved and not. So claiming to be saved now, and you live two more years, won't be the whole truth because how do you know what state are you going to be when you die. Therefore labels such as calling yourself Muslim, Christian and Jews, doesn't guarantee any magic ticket to heaven if you don't know the state you die upon and meet God.

Let me clarify my position on this. It is not our understanding that makes Jehovah (a name which I notice you avoided using) and Allah different. They are indeed different altogether in character, temperament and personality. They are opposed in their revealed natures. One is transcendent and eminent the other unknowable. One is benevolent the other malevolent. One offers comfort the other confusion. They are not the same, neither are Jesus and Isa the same. One claims to be God, the other just a prophet. One is Truth, the other a liar.

That is we all agree there is Only God and He is what He is. So there is not 2 gods, and therefore we do not say Allah is this one god and exists somewhere here, and Jehovah this other god and exists somewhere there,

I understand your statement that both Christianity and Islam cannot be correct. I agree with this. Therefore, Christianity being correct, Islam must be wrong. Therefore Allah, being the revealed god of Islam is no god at all but an image created in the mind of Muhammad.

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