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# Have You Taken The Jesus Test?

Some people say he was a prophet, others call him a God, while others say he was a very wise man. But whatever your idea is, one thing remains certain:

He was not your ordinary man.



Test Your Knowledge In This Month's Issue!

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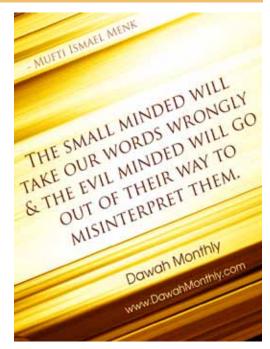


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## Test Your Knowledge!

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# **Ramadan and Fasting: Answers**

Do Muslims Really Stop Eating and Drinking for a Whole Month?

Muslims do not stop eating and drinking for a whole month. From a physical standpoint, Muslims fast from first light of dawn until sundown, abstaining from food, drink, and sexual relations. On the moral, behavioral

Jesus (peace be upon him) is recorded in the Gospels to have fasted like Moses.' "And he fasted 40 days and 40 nights, and afterward he was hungry." Matthew 4:2 & Luke 4:2

side, one must abstain from lying, malicious gossip, quarrelling trivial nonsense.

The entire nation of almost 2 billion Muslims, men and women, young and



whole month - not eating, not drinking and not having intimate relations, during the daylight hours.

"The month of Ramadan is the one in which the Quran was sent down as a pure source of guidance for mankind. In it are clear teachings showing the Right Way and the Criterion for judging truth and falsehood. Whosoever of you witnesses the month should fast it."

Our'an 2:185

This describes the month Ramadan.

The fourth pillar of Islam is fasting in Ramadan. Allah prescribes daily fasting for all able, adult Muslims during the whole of the month of

"O believers! Fasting has been prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you in order that you become more conscious of God."

**Qur'an 2:183** 

Ramadan, the ninth month of the lunar calendar, beginning with the sighting of the new moon.

In addition to the fast, one is encouraged to read the entire Quran. In

addition, special prayers, called Tarawih, are held in the mosque every night of the month, during which a whole section of the Quran (Juz') is recited, so that by the end of the month the entire Quran has been completed. These are

done in remembrance of the fact that the revelation of the Quran to Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was begun during Ramadan.

This article created with notes from articles by Dr. Bilal Philips and Sheikh Yusuf Estes.

Learn More about Ramadan and Fasting Online at:

www.FastRamadan.com

# **Jesus Test**

### Answers

#### 1.) Answer in the Bible:

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tempted him, saying, "Master what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And he answered saying, "Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself. And he said unto him. You have answered right; do this, and you shall live."

Luke 10: 25-28

God has only created us to worship Him (without partners).

#### Answer in The Qur'an

**51:56** And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me.

**4:48** Indeed, Allah does not forgive association with Him, but He forgives what is less than that for whom He wills. And he who associates others with Allah has certainly fabricated a tremendous sin.

#### 112:1-4

- 1. Say, "He is Allah, [who is] One,
- 2. Allah, the Eternal Refuge..
- 3. He neither begets nor is born,
- 4. Nor is there to Him any equivalent."

#### 2.) Answer in the Bible:

And Jesus answered him, the first of all the commandments is,

"Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord, and you shall worship Him with all your strength and all your might and all your soul and all your heart."

Mark 12:29

He also replied to the devil who was trying to tempt him:

#### **Answer in the Bible:**

"Get thee behind me, Satan; for it is written, Thou shall worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shall you serve."

Matthew 4:10

#### Answer in Our'an

**4:48** Indeed, Allah does not forgive association with Him, but He forgives what is less than that for whom He wills. And he who associates others with Allah has certainly fabricated a tremendous sin.

God tells us that He never forgives anyone making partners in worship with Him, but anything less than this, He forgives whom He pleases, and whoever sets up partners with Him in worship, he has indeed invented a tremendous sin.

### 3.) According to the New Testament in Matthew, he did.

#### Answer in the Bible:

"Think not that I came to destroy the Law and the Prophets. I came not to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily, I say unto you that until Heaven and earth pass away not a jot or one tittle shall no wise pass from the Law, till all be fulfilled."

Matthew 5:17-18

#### Answer in the Bible:

"And behold one came and said to him, Good teacher, what good things shall I do that I may have eternal life? So he said, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but One, this God. But if you want to enter into eternal life, keep the commandments." Matthew 19:16-17

#### Answer in the Bible:

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Matthew 7:12

#### Answer in the Bible:

36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law? 37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Matthew 22:36-40

While ordering us to obey the "Law" it becomes obvious that he ordered his followers to obey the commandments of Almighty God.

# 4.) By insisting on following the "Law" (Old Testament), Jesus did in fact endorse the message that Moses had brought down to the children of Israel from Almighty God;

#### Answer in the Bible:

"Thou shall not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in the heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shall not bow down yourself to them, nor serve them."

#### 5.) Answer in the Bible:

"But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

**Matthew 15:19** 

# **Jesus Test**

### Answers

And in prophesying the Last Days, he clearly taught the same message:

#### Answer in the Bible:

"But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: For the Father seeks such to worship Him. God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth."

John 4:23-24

#### 6.) Answer in the Bible:

"The Father is greater than I." John 14:28

#### 7.) Answer in the Bible:

"I do nothing of myself" John 8:28

"Men of Israel listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you know."

Acts 2:22

#### 8.) Answer in the Bible:

Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

John 8:42

#### Answer in the Bible:

Jesus answered, If I honor myself, my honor is nothing: it is my Father that honors me; of whom ye say, that he is your God:

John 8:54

#### **Answer in the Bible:**

...and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

John 20:17

#### 9.) Answer in the Bible:

"Thus says the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are vain; for one cuts a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not."

Jeremiah 10:2-4

#### 10.) Genesis 17:10-11 says he did.

"This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your seed after you. Every man child among you shall be circumcised. And you shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant between me and you."

#### Answer in the Bible:

John the Baptist was circumcised (*Luke 1:59*) as was Jesus himself (*Luke 2:21*)

#### 11.) Answer in the Bible:

"And swine, though he divide the hoof, and be cloven-footed, yet he chews not the cud; he is unclean to you. Of their flesh shall you not eat, and their carcass shall you not touch, they are unclean to you."

Leviticus 11:7-8 And Exodus 20:4-5

#### 12.) Answer in the Bible:

And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people.

Luke 24:19

#### Answer in the Bible:

The woman said unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

John 4:19

#### Answer in the Bible:

They say unto the blind man again, What do you say of him, that he has opened your eyes? He said, He is a prophet.

John 9:17

# 13.) Consider from the Bible, things that are most compatible with Islam, for instance the teaching of John 16:7-8

#### **Answer in the Bible:**

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.

John 16:7-8

#### 14.) Answer in the Our'an:

... Jesus, the son of Mary, said, "O children of Israel, indeed I am the messenger of Almighty God to you - confirming what came before me of the Torah and bringing good tidings of a messenger to come after me, whose name is Ahmad."

Chapter 61 verse 6

## This Test was designed by former Christian and convert to Islam, Yusuf Estes from Texas.

Christians Claim - Jesus is "Son of God" Muslims Say - Jesus is a "Prophet of God" The Real Question is -

"Who Really Follows Jesus?"

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## Mary Mother of Jesus: Part 1 - Who is Mary?

It may surprise many people to learn that Mary is one of the most esteemed and respected women in Islam and that the Quran gives her great importance. Maryam is the name of chapter 19 of the Quran, and Chapter 3 is Aali Imran, named after her family. Islam holds the entire family of Imran in very high regard. The Quran tells us that:

"God chose Adam and Noah, the family of Abraham and the family of Imran over all others of world's of mankind and jinn." (Quran 3:33)

God choose Adam and Noah individually, but He chose the family of Abraham and the family of Imran.

"Offspring of one another." (Quran 3:34)

The family of Imran are from the descendents of Abraham, the family of Abraham are from the descendants of Noah and Noah is from the descendents of Adam. The family of Imran also includes many people known and respected in the Christian traditions – Prophets Zachary and John (known as the Baptist), Prophet and Messenger Jesus and his mother, Mary.

God chose Mary above all the women of the world. He said:

"And when the angels said: 'O Mary! Verily, God has chosen you, purified you, and chosen you above the women of the worlds of mankind and jinn." (Quran 3:42)

Ali ibn Abu Talib said:

"I heard the Prophet of God saying Mary, the daughter of Imran was the best among women." (Saheeh Al-Bukhari)

In Arabic the name Maryam means the maidservant of God, and as we shall see, Mary, the mother of Jesus, was dedicated to God even before she was born.

### The Birth of Mary

The Bible is unable to give us any details

of Mary's birth; however, the Quran informs us that the wife of Imran dedicated her unborn child to the service of God. Mary's mother, the wife of Imran, was Hannah. She was the sister of Prophet Zachary's wife. Hannah and her husband Imran had believed they would never have children, but one day Hannah made a sincere and heartfelt supplication to God begging for a child, and vowing that her offspring would serve in God's House in Jerusalem. God heard Hannah's supplication and she fell pregnant. When Hannah realized the glorious news she turned to God and said:

"O my Lord! I have vowed to You what is in my womb to be dedicated for Your services, so accept this, from me. Verily, You are the All-Hearer, the All-Knowing." (Quran 3:35)

There are lessons to be learned from Hannah's vow to God, one of which is caring for the religious education of our children. Hannah was not thinking in terms of this world at all, she was trying to ensure that her child was close to God and in His service. These chosen friends of God, such as family of Imran, are the parents whom we should take as our role models. God says many times in the Quran that He is the One who supplies provision for us, and He warns us to save ourselves and our families from the fires of Hell.

In her supplication, Hannah asked that her child be free from all worldly work. By promising that her child would be the servant of God, Hannah was securing her child's freedom. Freedom is a quality of life that every human being strives to attain, but Hannah understood that true freedom comes from complete submission to God. This is what she aspired to for her yet unborn child. Hannah wanted her child to be a free person, a slave to no man and no desire, but a slave only to God. In due time, Hannah gave birth to a girl, again she turned to God in prayer and said:

"O my Lord, I have delivered a female child," and the male is not like the female, and I have named her Mary, and I seek refuge with You for her and her offspring from Satan, the outcast." (Quran 3:36)

Hannah named her child Mary. reference to her vow to God, Hannah now found herself facing a dilemma. in the House of Prayer was not acceptable for women. Mary's father, Imran had died before she was born, so Hannah turned to her brother in law, Zachary. He comforted Hannah and helped her to understand that God knew that she had delivered a girl. This girl child, Mary, was from the best of creation. Prophet Muhammed mentioned that whenever a child is born Satan pricks him or her and therefore the child cries loudly. This is a sign of the great enmity between mankind and Satan; however there were two exceptions to this rule. Satan pricked neither Mary nor her son Jesus, due to the supplication of Mary's mother.

When the time came for Mary to go into the House of Prayer, everybody wanted to take care of this pious daughter of Imran. As was the custom of the time, the men drew lots for the privilege, and God ensured that her guardian was Prophet Zachary.

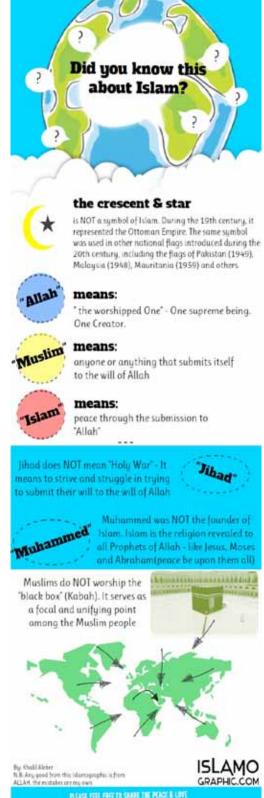
"So her Lord accepted her with goodly acceptance, and made her grow in a good manner, and put her under the care of Zachary." (Quran 3:37)

Prophet Zachary served in the House of God and was a wise and knowledgeable man devoted to teaching. He had a private room built for Mary so that she was able to worship God and go about her daily duties in private. As her guardian, Prophet Zachary visited Mary daily, and one day he was surprised to see fresh fruit in her room. It is said that in winter she would have the fresh fruits of summer and in the summer she would have the fresh fruits of winter. Prophet Zachary inquired about how the fruit got there, to which Mary replied, it was indeed God Who provided her sustenance. She said:

"It is from God. Verily, God provides sustenance to whom He wills without limit." (Ouran 3:37)

Mary's devotion to God was at that time unparalleled, but her faith was about to be tested.

> - By Aisha Stacey IslamReligion.com



# Mary Mother of Jesus: Part 2 - The Birth of Jesus

Esteemed and loved by all Muslims and known as a pious and devout woman, Mary, the mother of Jesus was chosen above all other women. Islam rejects the notion that Jesus is part of a trinity that is God, and denies that either Jesus or his mother, Mary, are worthy of worship. The Quran states that there is no god but God.

"Such is God, your Lord! None has the right to be worshipped but He, the Creator of all things. So worship Him ..." Quran 6:102

Muslims are required, however, to believe in and love all of the Prophets, including Prophet Jesus, who holds a special place in the Islamic creed. His mother, Mary, holds a place of honor. As a young woman, Mary went into the House of Prayer in Jerusalem, her entire life dedicated to the worship and service of God.

### Mary Hears the News of Jesus

While she was in seclusion from everybody, a man appeared before Mary. God said:

"She screened herself from them; We sent to her Our Spirit, and he appeared before her in the form of a man in all respects." Quran 19:17

Mary was afraid and tried to flee. She appealed to God saying:

"Verily! I seek refuge with the Most Gracious (God) from you, if you do fear God." The angel said: "I am only a Messenger from your Lord to you, announcing the gift of a righteous son." Quran 19:18-19

Mary was amazed and puzzled by these words. She was not married, rather a virgin who kept chaste. She asked incredulously:

"O my Lord! How will I have a son when no man has touched me?' He said, "So (it will be): for God creates what He wills; when He has decreed something, He says to it only 'Be' – and it is." Quran 3:47

God created Adam from the dust of the earth, without either mother or father. He created Eve from Adam's rib; and Jesus, He

created without a father, but with a mother, the pious Virgin Mary. God, who has only to say 'Be' to a thing in order to bring it into existence, blew the spirit of Jesus into Mary via the Angel Gabriel.

"And We breathed into it through Our Spirit, and she testified to the truth of the Words of her Lord ..." Quran 66:12

Although the stories of Mary in the Quran and in the Bible have many aspects in common, the view that Mary was betrothed or married is rejected by Islam. Time passed, and Mary became afraid of what the people around her would say. She wondered how they could possibly believe that no man had touched her. The majority of scholars in Islam agree that the duration of Mary's pregnancy was normal. Then, as the time came for her to give birth, Mary decided to leave Jerusalem, and traveled towards the city of Bethlehem. Even though Mary must have recalled the words of God, for her faith was strong and unwavering, this young woman was anxious and uneasy. But the angel Gabriel reassured her:

"O Mary, Verily God gives you glad tidings of a word from Him, whose name will be the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary – held in honor in this world and the Hereafter and will be one of those who are near to God." Quran 3:45

#### Jesus is Born

The pains of childbirth drove her to clutch at the trunk of a date-palm tree and she cried out in anguish:

"Would that I had died before this, and had been forgotten and out of sight!" Quran 19:23

Mary delivered her child right there, at the foot of the date tree. She was exhausted after the birth, and filled with distress and fear, but nevertheless she heard a voice calling out to her. .

"Grieve not! Your Lord has provided you a stream of clear water under you; and shake the trunk of palm tree towards you; it will let fall fresh ripe dates upon you. So eat and drink and be glad..." Quran 19:24

God provided Mary with water, as a stream suddenly appeared beneath the place she was sitting. He also provided her with food; all she had to do was shake the trunk of the date tree. Mary was scared and frightened; she felt so weak, having just given birth, so how could she possibly shake the immense trunk of a date tree? But God continued to provide Mary with sustenance.

The next event was indeed another miracle, and as human beings we learn a great lesson from this. Mary didn't need to shake the date tree, which would have been impossible; she only had to make an effort. As she attempted to follow God's command, fresh ripe dates fell from the tree and God said to Mary: "...eat,

Mary now had to take her newborn child and go back to face her family. Of course she

was afraid, and God knew this well. Thus He directed her not to speak. It would not have

drink and be glad." Quran 19:26

been possible for Mary to explain how she had suddenly become the mother of a newborn child. Since she was unmarried, her people would not believe her explanations. God said: "And if you see any human being, say: 'Verily! I have vowed a fast unto the Most

Gracious (God) so I shall not speak to any

human being this day." Quran 19:26

Mary came to her people carrying the child, and they immediately began accusing her; they exclaimed "What have you done? You are from a good family, and your parents were pious."

As God had directed her, Mary did not speak, she merely pointed to the baby in her arms. Then Jesus, son of Mary, spoke. As a newborn baby, Jesus, the Prophet of God performed his first miracle. By the permission of God he said:

"Verily! I am a slave of God. He has given me the Scripture and made me a Prophet; and He has made me blessed wheresoever I be, and has enjoined on me prayer, and alms, as long as I live, and to be dutiful to my mother, and made me not arrogant, unblest. And peace be upon me the day I was born, and the day I die, and the day I shall be raised alive!" Quran 19:30-34

Mary is referred to in the Quran (5:75) as a siddiga (truthful one) but the Arabic word siddiqa implies more then just speaking the truth. It means that one has achieved a very high level of righteousness. It means that one is truthful, not only with themselves and those around them, but also with God. Mary was a woman who fulfilled her covenant with God, Whom she worshiped with full submission. She was pious, chaste, and devout; the woman chosen above all other women to be the mother of Jesus was Mary, the daughter of Imran.

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# The Books of God

God has revealed his books to

various Prophets for the guidance of their nations. Muslims must believe in all these books.

"We have sent thee inspiration, as We sent it to Noah and the Messengers after him: we sent inspiration to Abraham, Ismael, Isaac, Jacob and the Tribes, to Jesus, Job, Jonah, Aaron, and Solomon and to David we gave the Psalms." Quran 4:163

### The Four Main Books are: Book **Prophet** Torah Moses David

Psalms -

Gospel -

Ouran

There were also smaller books called Sahifas (scrolls) that were revealed to many Prophets such as Prophet Abraham and Prophet Solomon.

Jesus

Muhammad

## **Who Are Muslims?**

The Arabic word "Muslim" literally means "someone who submits to the will of God".

The message of Islaam is meant for the entire world and anyone who accepts this message becomes a Muslim.

Some people mistakenly believe that Islaam is just a religion for Arabs, but nothing could be further from the truth, since in actuality over 80% of the world's Muslims are not Arabs! Even though most Arabs are Muslims, there are Arabs who are Christians, Jews and atheists.

If one just takes a look at the various peoples who live in the Muslim World – from Nigeria to Bosnia and from Morocco to Indonesia – it is easy enough to see that Muslims come from all different races, ethnic groups and nationalities.

From the very beginning, Islaam had a universal message for all people. This can be seen in the fact that some of the early companions of the Prophet Muhammad were not only Arabs, but also Persians, Africans and Byzantine Romans. Being a Muslim entails complete acceptance and active obedience to the revealed will of Almighty God.

A Muslim is a person who freely accepts to base his beliefs, values and faith on the will of Almighty God. In the past, even though you don't see it as much today, the word "Mohammedans" was often used as a label for Muslims. This label is a misnomer and is the result of either wilful distortion or sheer ignorance. One of the reasons for the misconception is that Europeans were taught for centuries that Muslims worshipped the Prophet Muhammad in the same way that Christians worship Jesus. This is absolutely not true since a Muslim is not permitted to worship anyone or anything besides Almighty God.

And seek help through patience and prayer, and indeed, it is difficult except for the humbly submissive to Allah.

Qur'an 2:45

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Noble Quran 2:185

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# Do Muslims Worship a Different God?

The best evidence that can be give to refute that is even in the Arabic translations of the Bible you will find the word Allah.

[Genesis 1:1 - English Bible - King James Version]

"In the beginning God created the Heaven and the Earth . . . "

[Genesis 1:1 - Arabic transliteration]

"Fee al-badi' khalaqa Allahu as-Samaawaat wa al-Ard . . . "

Allah means God. In fact, Allah is a preferable form of the word God because in the English language, the word God can have its form changed. If you add "s" it becomes gods. If you add "ess" it becomes goddess. The word Allah cannot be added onto however. You cannot add "s" or "ess" to change the form. Allah is always Allah, the Creator of the Universe, the Almighty God. The God that you pray to is the God that we pray to, and the best things to focus on are the ones that we all have in common.

- Sister Elisabeth, Contributor for Dawah Monthly

# How Do You Prove There's God?

How do you prove there's God? Why don't we just accept that everything came from the BigBang and be done with it, Instead of coming up with this 'Creation' business?

What would happen if I take a glass of water and I drop it outside on the sidewalk? Well, it would fall to the ground and shatter.. What if I take another glass of water and try again... Same thing, it will always shatter...

When you talk about something just blowing up, like a MASS that just blew up and everything came out of it, a Big Bang and everything just blew up... We know full well about things blowing up, it's never beautiful. It's always just random chaos.. Like the random shatter of the glass on the sidewalk. Order doesn't come from chaos... Never... It doesn't happen that way..

What if a tornado went through a junk yard and picked up a bunch of cars, refrigerators, stoves and then just plopped them all down and made a brand new Mercedes with the motor running. Would you accept that? You'd say it's crazy.

Yet, when you look at the universe, what do you see? You see these spheres going in an elliptical orbit, planets in orbit around the sun, the moons in orbit around the planets.. How is that?

Is it possible that this kind of order came from an explosion without any design or plan whatsoever? When you look in a microscope, even there you see these round orbs. And the theory of the Atom is the same thing, you have a proton, electron, and these are spheres in orbits around other spheres.

So what you see in a Telescope, you also see in a Microscope. And who designed this?

A molecule of protein couldn't be produced by accident if you took all the elements in the universe and slammed them together for billions and billions of times they would never produce Protein, and protein is the essence of life.

We know that all life came out of Water. That's what it says in the Qur'an - 1400 years ago.

Read more at www.ScienceIslam.com

### What's Islam?

The word "Islaam" is an Arabic word that means "submitting and surrendering your will to Almighty God".

The word comes from the same root as the Arabic word "salaam", which means peace.

Unlike the names used for other religions, such as Buddhism, Hinduism and Christianity, the name for the religion of Islaam was both revealed by God and carries a deep spiritual meaning – only by submitting one's will to Almighty God can one obtain true peace both in this life and in the life hereafter. Islaam teaches that all religions originally had the same essential message – which was to submit whole-heartedly to the will of God and to worship Him and Him alone.

For this reason, Islaam is not a new religion but is the same divinely revealed Ultimate Truth that God revealed to all prophets, including Noah, Abraham, Moses and Jesus.

## Who is Jesus?

Jesus lived about 2,000 years ago in ancient Palestine when the Roman Empire was at it's zenith. He wasn't conceived in the usual way, but was implanted in the womb of a young woman named Mary. God simply commanded, "BE" and he was. In this sense, he was "a word" of God and a special sign for humanity. In fact, he was the last in a long line of religious guides sent to the Jews.

Mary was a righteous woman. Her mother dedicated her to God's service even before she was born. As a child, she lived a life marked by health and righteousness, which others pointed to in admiration. She was raised by the wise Zechariah, who instilled in her, a beautiful sense of faith in God.

When she became a young woman, Mary sought to purify herself further before her Lord. Knowing that the hustle of life in the towns was distracting, she withdrew from her people to a sanctuary in the East...

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### The Prophet Muhammad's (peace be upon him) Last Sermon

This sermon was delivered on the Ninth Day of Dhul Hijjah 10 A.H. in the 'Uranah valley of Mount Arafat' (in Mecca).

After praising, and thanking Allah he said:

"O People, lend me an attentive ear, for I know not whether after this year, I shall ever be amongst you again. Therefore listen to what I am saying to you very carefully and TAKE THESE WORDS TO THOSE WHO COULD NOT BE PRESENT HERE TODAY.

O People, just as you regard this month, this day, this city as Sacred, so regard the life and property of every Muslim as a sacred trust. Return the goods entrusted to you to their rightful owners. Hurt no one so that no one may hurt you. Remember that you will indeed meet your LORD, and that HE will indeed reckon your deeds. ALLAH has forbidden you to take usury (interest), therefore all interest obligation shall henceforth be waived. Your capital, however, is yours to keep. You will neither inflict nor suffer any inequity. Allah has Judged that there shall be no interest and that all the interest due to Abbas ibn 'Abd'al Muttalib (Prophet's uncle) shall henceforth be waived...

Beware of Satan, for the safety of your religion. He has lost all hope that he will ever be able to lead you astray in big things, so beware of following him in small things.

O People, it is true that you have certain rights with regard to your women, but they also have rights over you. Remember that you have taken them as your wives only under Allah's trust and with His permission. If they abide by your right then to them belongs the right to be fed and clothed in kindness. Do treat your

women well and be kind to them for they are your partners and committed helpers. And it is your right that they do not make friends with any one of whom you do not approve, as well as never to be unchaste.

O People, listen to me in earnest, worship ALLAH, say your five daily prayers (Salah), fast during the month of Ramadan, and give your wealth in Zakat (charity). Perform Hajj if you can afford to.

All mankind is from Adam and Eve, an Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab nor a non-Arab has any superiority over an Arab; also a white has no superiority over black nor a black has any superiority over white; except by piety and good action. Learn that every Muslim is a brother to every Muslim and that the Muslims constitute one brotherhood. Nothing shall be legitimate to a Muslim which belongs to a fellow Muslim unless it was given freely and willingly. Do not, therefore, do injustice to yourselves.

Remember, one day you will appear before ALLAH and answer your deeds. So beware, do not stray from the path of righteousness after I am gone.

O People, no prophet or apostle will come after me and no new faith will be born. Reason well, therefore, O People, and understand words which I convey to you. I leave behind me two things, the QURAN and my example, the SUNNAH and if you follow these you will never go astray.

All those who listen to me shall pass on my words to others and those to others again; and may the last ones understand my words better than those who listen to me directly. Be my witness, O ALLAH, that I have conveyed your message to your people".

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