

INTRODUCTION

No credible historian, whether from the east or the west, disputes the historicity of the man known as Jesus Christ. However, the question of his divinity and his ability to save mankind has been in dispute for nearly an entire millennium.

And yet, some of the greatest scriptures in the world are in agreement on the attributes of the Messiah and of the unique circumstances that only the historical Jesus experienced.

The following pages of this booklet are meant to introduce you to some of these writings and allow you the opportunity to read them together. They have inspired me as to the majesty and oneness of God. I hope they will do the same for you.

Sincerely,

SCRIPTURES SPEAK OF THE MESSIAH — LORD JESUS CHRIST

Lord Jesus Christ is mentioned in the Vedas and the Quran. Mahatma Gandhi always read his Holy Bible. Swami Vivekananda calls Lord Jesus Christ as the God himself.

The grave of St. Thomas, a disciple of Lord Jesus Christ, is in Chennai, India. (First Century)

THE HINDU SCRIPTURES

In Samaveda it is clearly stated that:

- A. The Incarnate will be born of a virgin in a cattle shed Lihvya Goptharam, Mahakyou Dadhina Kuryanthi, Havya Yaana, Parya Thaseen
- **B.** Only a sacrifice can save Yagnova Apathe

C. The One Who rules the world, in order to atone for the sins of many, His body will be crushed and offered as a sacrifice (yagna)

Praja Pathirthe Vebhyam Athmanaam Yagnam Kruthva Prayaschith

- D. Only God can offer Himself as a sacrifice Aham Yagnosmi
- E. Shedding of blood is necessary for the atonement of sins Sarva Papa Pariharo Raktha Prokshana Mavashyaakam Thath Rahtham Paramathmena Punya Dana Baliyagam

Other evidences of a sacrificial death in Hinduism are:

- **A.** The sacrificial victim is to be crowned with a crown made of thorny vines (Rigveda 10:90:7,15 Bruhadaranyakopanishad III:9:28)
- B. None of His bones shall be broken (Yajurveda XXXI)

- **C.** Before His death He shall be given a drink of somarasa {sour wine} (Ithreya Brahmanam)
- **D.** After His death His cloths are to be divided among the offerors (Bhagvad Gita 4:31)

COMMENTS

Hindus say Jesus visited India during the period when he was 12-30 years old and studied under "The Gurus." The Jews were in India as early as 450 BC for India was one of the states under King Ahasuerus (Xerxes 485-464B.C.) Jesus amazed the spiritual leaders of the Jews at the age of 12. Who taught who in India is the question.

THE SCRIPTURE OF ISLAM

In **S.V.49** — Muhammad, reflecting God's dictation writes: "And in their footsteps we sent Jesus the Son of Mary, confirming the Law that had come before Him: We sent Him the gospel therein was guidance and light, and confirmation of the Law that had come before Him: A guidance and an admonition to those who fear God."

What does this passage mean? It means what it says — that Jesus came to confirm the law — the pronouncements laid down before He came. The law was laid down by the prophets; that is to say, the prophecies later were to be confirmed by the birth of Jesus.

S.III.36 — "Oh my Lord! Behold! I am delivered of a female child! And God knew best... I have named her Mary, and I commend her and her Offspring to Thy protection from the Evil One, the Rejected."

So, we find in the Quran that the infant Mary (who later became Jesus' mother) is commended to the protection from the devil, the

evil one, the rejected one.

And then follows, in the Quran, a description of Mary's growth in purity and beauty. Further, God supplies her, who was to be the mother of Jesus, with sustenance.

Let us read what the Quran says:

S.III.37 — "Right graciously did her Lord accept her (Mary); He made her grow in purity and beauty: to the care of Zakariya was she assigned. Every time that he entered her chamber to see her, he found her supplied with sustenance. He said, 'Oh Mary! Whence comes this to you?' She said, 'From God; for God provides sustenance to whom He pleases, without measure."

In short, the Quran is here giving details of Mary, the mother of Jesus, which is not found in the Bible. Mary is literally fed by God.

The Quran next identifies the young Mary in this manner. (All of these quotations are taken directly from the Quran.) This is what the Quran says of how Mary conceived the baby Jesus:

- **S.III.42** "Behold the angels said: 'O Mary! God hath chosen thee and purified thee chosen thee above the women of all nations." Mary then is chosen and purified. The Quran continues:
- **S.III.43** "O Mary! Worship thy Lord devoutly; prostrate thyself and bow down (in prayer) with those who bow down." And now comes this vital 70and far-reaching declaration in the Quran:
- **S.III.45** "Behold! The Angels said: O Mary! God giveth thee glad tidings of a Word from Him: His name will be Christ Jesus, The Son of Mary, held in honor in this world and the Hereafter and (the Company of) those nearest to God. He shall speak to the

people in childhood and in maturity, and He shall be (of the Company) of the righteous." Mary's reply (again from the Quran) is:

S.III.47 — "Oh my Lord! How shall I have a son when no man has touched me?" The angel replied, 'Even so: God createth what He willeth: When He hath decreed a Plan, He but said to it, "Be," and it is!"

Prophet Muhammad declared that Jesus was born without a human father. This alone proves the Deity of Jesus. This alone proves He is the Son of God.

Further, "the Angels said 'His name will be Christ Jesus." (**S.III.45**). Christ means, "The anointed one". Jesus was born without a father to this world as a Redeemer for all mankind.

S.IV.159 — There is not one of his people of his scripture but will believe in Him before His death, and on the day of His resurrection, He will be witness against them.

COMMENTS

During a visit to a site in Kashmir, India it was reported that Jesus after his resurrection had come over to India and acquired four wives. After a period of time, he died and was buried in that place. The question is why was this not reported and the reward offered by the Jews claimed.

SWAMY VIVEKANANDA —

P.411 Chapter— "Isa Messiah" — "I will worship Jesus Christ just according to His will. Not by preparing feast on his birthday but in fasting and prayer." This example is being followed by the disciples of Swamiji even now. The members of Sri. Ramakrishna Math, all over India, celebrate Christmas eve and the Christmas day every

year, with a camp fire, in prayers and conducting seminars on Christian teachings.

While teaching his students in 'Thousand Island Park' Swamiji opened his lecture, reading from the Holy Bible. Gospel of St. John Chapter 1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God."

Vol. VI page 424 — May be inspired by the oneness of the Vedic, Upanishadic verses with the Biblical ones Swami Vivekananda has ascribed Jesus at the highest in the holiest of the holy as the God himself.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

Genesis 1:3 - Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. (NKJV)

Isaiah 9:2 - The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined. (NKJV)

Isaiah 9:6 - For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (NKJV)

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

John 1:1 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (NKJV)

John 1:5 - And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. (NKJV)

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever **(you)** believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (NKJV)

John 14:6 - "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

FOLLOWERS OF LORD JESUS CHRIST

Christians have been persecuted from the beginning. Yet, the truth lives on. Those who accept the truth will be saved and those that reject come under judgement.

My prayer is that people will realize that they are not fighting Christians or torching church buildings or Christian homes but fighting God. In **Matthew 5:21** it says "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness for theirs is the kingdom of God."

"I Am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last and the beginning and the end." Rev 12:13 "Behold I am coming soon." Rev 22:12

CONCLUSION

God has spoken in the Word - the Holy Bible. He in His own way has also confirmed the message in other scriptures. In fighting God we only hurt ourselves.

Let us therefore worship God the way he has shown us in the Scriptures and honor him in our day to day living.