# THE FOURTH MESSAGE OF Islam is the religion of the first and the last



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# In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Many professors and students have approached me asking about Islam and, since I have difficulty speaking English, I have decided to express myself through written messages to clear the doubts of these people.

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### IN THE NAME OF ALLAH THE COMPASSIONATE, THE MERCIFUL

#### INTRODUCTION

We give thanks to ALLAH, God of the whole world, prayer and peace to His prophet and messenger (Muhammad) peace be upon him and all his followers until the day of reckoning.

#### Dear reader:

- The people who planned the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 and other terrorist attacks around the world are people who do not belong to any religion and have no mind. Why?
- Because if they were Muslims then they would know that Islam would not accept that, because ALLAH created the human being from the earth to build it and not to destroy it, ALLAH says in (Surah Hud), chapter 11, verse 61 (which means):

{ He has produced you from the earth and settle you on it }.

- And if these people were non-Muslims, then they are enemies of ALLAH, His prophets and all mankind, as they are manipulative, spiteful and ignorant people. And all the bad things they have done will be washed away. ALLAH says in (Surah Al-Fatir), chapter 35, verse 43 (which means):
- { [Due to] arrogance in the land and plotting of evil; but the evil plot does not encompass except its own people. }
- The punishment of these people, whether they are Muslims or not, will be as ALLAH says it in (Surah Al-Ma'idah), chapter 5, verses 33-34 (which means):
- { Indeed, the penalty for those who wage war against Allah and His Messenger and strive upon earth [to cause] corruption is none but that they be killed or crucified or that their hands and feet be cut off from opposite sides or that they be exiled from the land. That is for them a disgrace in this world; and for them in the Hereafter is a great punishment, Except for those who repent before you seize them, then know that Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.}
- And the planners of these attacks wanted to cause a lot of damage to the Muslims, but this damage will be revoked because Allah spoke to His believers and calmed them down, as it says in (Surah Ali-'Imran) chapter 3, verse 120 (which means):

{ But if you are patient and fear Allah, their plot will not harm you at all }

On the contrary, this plot turned out in favor of the Muslims, how? Because tons of voices began to defend this religion and audio visual channels were created for this purpose, which helped many people to understand the virtues of this religion after listening to these various programs and reading some books, which made many people who were not

Muslims to enter Islam and become part of the people who defended Islam and supported it. ALLAH described this when He said in (Surah Al-Anfal) chapter 8, verse 30 (which means):

{ And [remember, O Muḥammad], when those who disbelieved plotted against you to restrain you or kill you or evict you [from Makkah]. But they plan, and Allah plans. And Allah is the best of planners. }

- In fact, his religion (Islam) grows and abounds every time it is mistreated and pressured, because often times, crises and calamities tend to bring the best out of people. And whoever reads through the history of Muslims clearly realizes that this population is like a tree whose roots are well fixed in the earth and its stems are in the sky, the wind does not move it and it cannot be uprooted by storms. Every time that a stem is cut, it strengthens more. And to those people who wanted to cause harm to Muslims and manipulate them, I say as the poet said: <<The wind blows against what the boats wish for>>. And for the faithful, believing and patient Muslims, I tell what a poet said: << If ALLAH wants to publish a magnificent event forgotten He sends the tongue of an envious person, and if it were not for the kindling of the fire the good smell of incense would not be known.>>
- \* For this reason, humanity must reject all kinds of violence, fanaticism and terrorism. And justice, security and peace must reign so that everyone can live with love, tranquility, and with a great desire to worship God the creator of the world. ALLAH says in (Surah Adh-Dhariyat) chapter 51, verses 56-58 (which means):

{ And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship me. I do not want from them provision nor do I want them to feed me. Indeed, it is Allah who is the [continual] Provider, the firm possessor of strength. }

May the prayer and peace of ALLAH be on His prophet and messenger (Muhammad) and all his followers.

#### **PREFACE**

#### Dear reader:

We live in a time where information sources vary greatly. We have news about science, social life, politics, law, economy and sports, etc. And we all know that everything decreases, except comments increase and the intelligent person is the one who investigates the news that reaches him to avoid bad judgment towards others. Today we listen to those who accuse Islam and Muslims of terrorism. If we investigate the news sources where they come from, we will find that they come from non-Muslims, whether they are people in important positions or not, or through a newspaper or any other source. If we ask some of these sources, where did you get that information from? They will answer us that it is from a movie they saw, others would answer that Muslims are terrorists, but if we ask them why they said that? They will answer you: << it's all about their names and their faces >>. As if the Muslims were from another dimension, or from another planet and did not look like the rest.

• These people who accuse Islam and Muslims through false news, not everything they publish is true and you have to investigate that news before judging others. This does not mean that all people are the same, because in every nation there are good people and bad people, trustworthy people and treacherous people, there is good and evil and only through interaction can we reach a judgment. Just like a student who fails in college, can we say that the college failed because of that student's experience? NO....! It's because there are other students who have succeeded and have achieved their goals.

We have established in the first message (Islam Is The Message For The First And The Last) that there is only one religion, which is (Islam) and we not only gave the proof to what we have pointed out but we have also presented some clear facts and rational acceptance of these facts with evidence without adding or emphasizing one point of view more than another (see first message). Later we have verified with strong evidence that (The Qur'an) is the book of ALLAH revealed to His messenger Muhammad (peace be upon him), the last prophet and messenger of ALLAH. And we have verified with evidence discovered by non-Muslims, amongst whom are scientists, that the Qur'an had narrated those discoveries about 1400 years ago (See the third and fourth chapters of the second message). Later we have presented evidence about the unity of the religion. ALLAH says in (Surah Ash-Shuraa) chapter 42, verse 13 (which means):

{ He has ordained for you of religion what He enjoined upon Noah and that which We have revealed to you, [O Muḥammad], and what We enjoined upon Abraham and Moses and Jesus - to establish the religion and not be divided therein. }

Someone may say: << The verse does not clarify what is the religion that ALLAH chose for mankind. What is that religion? >> We answer: [Islam] because ALLAH says in (Surah Ali' Imran) chapter 3, verse 19 (which means):

{ Really the religion in the sight of ALLAH is Islam. }

And in the verse 85 (which means):

{ And whoever desires other than Islām as religion - never will it be accepted from him, and he, in the Hereafter, will be among the losers. }

Not only does the Noble Qur'an clarify what the true one religion is but it also indicates that it is the religion of all the messengers and prophets. Here we have Abraham (peace be upon him), ALLAH chose the Prophets from his descendants. ALLAH says in (Surah Al 'Ankabut) chapter 29, verse 27 (which means):

{ And We gave to him Isaac and Jacob and placed in his descendants prophethood and scripture. }

ALLAH tells us about him in (Surah Ali' Imran) chapter 3, verse 67 (which means):

{ Abraham was neither a Jew nor a Christian, but he was one inclining toward truth, a Muslim [submitting to Allah]. And he was not of the polytheists. }

Then, He talks about Jacob/Israel (peace be upon him) in (Surah Al Baqarah) chapter 2, verse 133 (which means):

{ Or were you witnesses when death approached Jacob, when he said to his sons, "What will you worship after me?" They said, "We will worship your God and the God of your fathers, Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac - one God. And we are Muslims [in submission] to Him. }

And in the verse 136: ALLAH says (which means):

{ Say, [O believers], "We have believed in Allah and what has been revealed to us and what has been revealed to Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and the Descendants [al-Asbāt]1 and what was given to Moses and Jesus and what was given to the prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and we are Muslims [in submission] to Him. }

The tribes are the sons of Jacob (Israel), the other messengers and prophets were part of them except the prophet Muhammad who was one of the sons of (Ishmael), peace be upon him and the ones who came before Jacob are: Adam, Edris, Noah, Hud, Saleh, Abraham, Lot, Ishmael and Isaac) (peace be upon them) and others that Allah did reveal their names as it was stated in Quran. Also, ALLAH proved that Islam was the religion of the believers of the other books and the faithful followers of the other messengers and prophets. ALLAH says in (Surah Al-Qasas) chapter 28, verses 52-53 (which means):

{ Those to whom we have given the scripture before this 'Qur'an', believed in it. And when it is recited to them, they say: we believe in it, it is the truth that comes from our Lord, truly we were already submitted 'even' before this. }

The verse refers to the books that were before the Qur'an. Then He says in the following verse (which means):

{ These 'believers' will be given a double reward for their perseverance, responding to evil with good, and for donating from what We have provided for them. }

Why do they receive double reward? Because they believed in the first book that ALLAH sent to his messengers and then they believed in the Qur'an. ALLAH says in (Surah Ash-Shu'ara) chapter 26, verses 192-199 (which means):

{ This is certainly a revelation from the Lord of all worlds, which the trustworthy spirit 'Gabriel' brought down into your heart 'O Prophet'—so that you may be one of the warners—. in a clear Arabic language. And it has indeed been 'foretold' in the Scriptures of those before. Was it not sufficient proof for the deniers that it has been recognized by the knowledgeable among the Children of Israel? Had We revealed it to a non-Arab, who would then recite it to the deniers 'in fluent Arabic', still they would not have believed in it! }

From what we have pointed out it is clear that The Noble Qur'an is sent by ALLAH to his prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) to bring the message of ALLAH to humanity, with the purpose of guiding them on the right path. It is a book for all times and all places. It is not changed by time nor place because ALLAH promised to protect it until the final day. For this purpose, we want in this message (God willing) to clarify the following questions:

- 1. Have the other holy books like the Torah and the injeel (Gospel of Jesus) pointed to (Muhammad) (peace be upon him)?
- 2. Why have these signs disappeared? If you find examples of these?
- 3. Why did ALLAH promise to protect The Noble Qur'an and not promise to protect the other Books? And why are there several Gospels?
- 4. If wisdom invites faith, why was the technological and scientific upheaval in Europe accompanied by atheism?

Since many Muslims, let alone non-Muslims, do not know the answer to these questions I have decided to write (the fourth message) for the benefit of Muslims and non-Muslims. I took it into account to be as brief as possible, so that the dear reader does not get tired.

\* It is important to read the first and the second message because this is the continuation of the first two.

For the seekers of the truth, those interested in knowledge, those who are interested in finding the path of salvation, I present this fourth message to you;

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#### CHAPTER I

Have the other holy books like the Torah and the Injeel (Gospel of Jesus) pointed to Muhammad (peace be upon him)?

ALLAH decreed on all his creatures to obey Him and everything that is created glorifies ALLAH. ALLAH says in (Surah Al-Isra) chapter 17, verse 44 (which means):

{ The seven heavens and the earth and whatever is in them exalt Him. And there is not a thing except that it exalts [Allah] by His praise, but you do not understand their [way of] exalting. Indeed, He is ever Forbearing and Forgiving. }

Also they pray to ALLAH. ALLAH says in (Surah An-Nur) chapter 24, verse 41 (which means): { Do you not see that Allah is glorified by all those in the heavens and the earth, even the birds as they soar? Each 'instinctively' knows their manner of prayer and glorification. And Allah has 'perfect' knowledge of all they do. }

Moreover, ALLAH favored humans with knowledge, in addition to the other forms of worship. This is clearly expressed verses 30-33 of chapter 2 (Surah Al-Baqarah) where ALLAH says (which means):

{ 'Remember' when your Lord said to the angels, "I am going to place a successive 'human' authority on earth." They asked 'Allah', "Will You place in it someone who will spread corruption there and shed blood while we glorify Your praises and proclaim Your holiness?" Allah responded, "I know what you do not know." He taught Adam the names of all things, then He presented them to the angels and said, "Tell Me the names of these, if what you say is true?" They replied, "Glory be to You! We have no knowledge except what You have taught us. You are truly All-Knowing, All-Wise." Allah said, "O Adam! Inform them of their names." Then when Adam did, Allah said, "Did I not tell you that I know the secrets of the heavens and the earth, and I know what you reveal and what you conceal?" }

Through the centuries and since ALLAH created Adam, ALLAH did not abandon his creation and let them without guidance or message. He has always sent the messengers and the prophets with their respective holy books.

\* Someone may ask: << Is there a difference between a prophet and a messenger? >> We answer: Yes, because every messenger can be a prophet but not every prophet can be a messenger. How is this? As we have pointed out in the first message (Islam: The Message Of The First And The Last) that religions are one in their creed even if there are differences in their commands. Why the difference in their commands? Because people were changing in strength, height, patience and other factors. Each period was distinguished by its own specifications. For example: Adam's height and weight were approximately 120 feet long and 14 feet wide and so consecutively people were getting smaller through the years until in our time the average person is 5.5 feet tall and 2 feet wide (See the first message). In each era the mentality of the people is also different from other eras, for this reason each

period needs commands that adjust to the mentality and needs of those people. From this point we find the differences in each book of each one of the messengers of ALLAH. And for this reason, ALLAH assigns these books to His messengers and not to His prophets because ALLAH sends each messenger with his book which contains new commands and obligations that fit the time when that book was revealed. ALLAH sends a prophet without a book and that prophet brings the message to the people from the book of the previous messenger and then when the prophet passes away, ALLAH sends another prophet until there is a change in the mind of the people. Then ALLAH sends another messenger with a new book and so on (Hence the messenger is associated with a revelation but not the prophet).

Also, all the books that were revealed to the prophets alluded to the prophets that were to come in the future. And if we are going to take some examples, we will not find any other book except The Noble Qur'an to consider. why? Because the other previous holy books have been altered and later in this same message, we will clarify that. The Noble Qur'an has not been changed because ALLAH promised to protect it and science approves of this (See Chapter 3 and 4 of message 2). And in The Noble Qur'an we find that the other holy books like The Torah and The injeel (Gospel of Jesus) contain indications about a messenger that ALLAH was going to send in the future, ALLAH says in (Surah Al A'raf) chapter 7, verse 157 (which means):

{ Those who follow the Messenger, the unlettered prophet, whom they find described in what they have of the Torah and the Gospel, who enjoins upon them what is right and prohibits them from what is wrong and makes lawful for them what is good and forbids them from what is evil and relieves them of their burden and the shackles which were upon them. So they who have believed in him, honored him, supported him and followed the light which was sent down with him - it is those who will be the successful. }

And He says also in (Surah Al-Fath) chapter 48, verse 29 (which means):

{ Muḥammad is the Messenger of Allah; and those with him are forceful against the disbelievers, merciful among themselves. You see them bowing and prostrating [in prayer], seeking bounty from Allah and [His] pleasure. Their sign is in their faces from the effect of prostration [prayer]. That is their description in the Torah. And their description in the Gospel is as a plant which produces its offshoots and strengthens them so they grow firm and stand upon their stalks, delighting the sowers - so that He [Allah] may enrage by them the disbelievers. Allah has promised those who believe and do righteous deeds among them forgiveness and a great reward. }

And it says in (Surah As-Saf) chapter 61, verse 6 (which means):

{ And [mention] when Jesus, the son of Mary, said, "O Children of Israel, indeed I am the messenger of Allah to you confirming what came before me of the Torah and bringing good tidings of a messenger to come after me, whose name is Aḥmad." But when he came to them with clear evidences, they said, "This is obvious magic...}

ALLAH also took a covenant on the every messenger and prophet to believe in the prophet or messenger who will be sent in the future, ALLAH says in (Surah Ali 'Imran) chapter 3, verse 81 (which means):

{ "Remember" when Allah made a covenant with the prophets, "saying," "Now that I have given you the Book and wisdom, if there comes to you a messenger1 confirming what you have, you must believe in him and support him." He added, "Do you affirm this covenant and accept this commitment?" They said, "Yes, we do." Allah said, "Then bear witness, and I too am a Witness." }

The prophets and the messengers of ALLAH have fulfilled their promises and each of them reiterated their promises to their followers. But because of the non compliance of the followers, over the years, who did not reveal the truth to the next generations the true religion remained hidden and also caused confusion in the people. From this point comes the answer to the second question, which is: Why have the glad tidings disappeared? And are there any examples about this? This is what we are going to clarify in Chapter 2 of this message.

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#### **CHAPTER 2**

#### Why have the glad tidings disappeared? And are there any examples about this?

Yes, ALLAH took a covenant on the followers of the other holy books, that they have to clarify and reveal the glad tidings of the arrival of the last messenger. But those people have hidden these statements. ALLAH says in (Surah Ali' Imran) chapter 3, verse 187 (which means):

{ 'Remember, O Prophet,' when Allah took the covenant of those who were given the Scripture to make it known to people and not hide it, yet they cast it behind their backs and traded it for a fleeting gain. What a miserable profit! }

And it didn't stop at them hiding these tidings, but the Jews and Christians at that time altered the holy books (The Torah that was revealed to Moses and the Gospel that was revealed to Jesus). ALLAH says about them in (Surah Al-Baqarah) chapter 2, verse 75 (which means):

{ Do you expect them to believe you when a part of them had already heard the word of ALLAH and despite having understood it they consciously altered it }.

And they not only altered it but they have written with their own hands in the holy books. ALLAH says in (Surah Al-Bagarah) chapter 2, verse 79 (which means):

{ So Woe to those who rewrite the scriptures with their own hands and then say: " This it comes from ALLAH ", In order to exchange it for a small price. Woe to them for what their hands have written! Woe to them for what they have earned! }

In fact, the Jews used to inform the Arabs of Yathrib (Madina) (Aws and Khazraj Tribes) of the approaching arrival of a messenger (Muhammad) (peace be upon him), ALLAH says in (Surah Al-Baqarah) chapter 2, verse 89 (which means):

{ And when there came to them a Book [the Qur'ān] from Allah confirming that which was with them - although before they used to pray for victory against those who disbelieved - but [then] when there came to them that which they recognized, they disbelieved in it; so the curse of Allah will be upon the disbelievers. }

Someone could say why they have not believed in him, if they themselves are the ones who were informing about the approach of his arrival? The answer is because they expected the next prophet to be a Jew and as always, the prophecy was going to follow within the people of Israel, and when the prophet [Muhammad] (peace be upon him) was sent and they realized that the prophecy has changed for others, they envied the prophet for that noble and sacred position also they envied his followers. ALLAH says in (Surah Al-Baqarah) chapter 2, verse 105 (which means):

{ Neither those who disbelieve from the People of the Scripture [i.e., the Jews and Christians] nor the polytheists wish that any good should be sent down to you from your Lord. But Allah selects for His mercy whom He wills, and Allah is the possessor of great bounty. }

And after three verses ALLAH says (which means):

{ Many of the People of the Scripture wish they could turn you back to disbelief after you have believed, out of envy from themselves [even] after the truth has become clear to them. So pardon and overlook until Allah delivers His command. Indeed, Allah is over all things competent. }

Why did they alter the holy books with their hands? So that they continue to rule and to keep their positions, and they continue to control everything and so that their religion is the one that controls the minds and the hearts of the people. Conflicts have escalated between the Jews and the Christians, with each side claiming their religion was true and the other side wrong. Why? Because neither party had fixed proof due to the alterations made by those who were there before. ALLAH says in (Surah Al-Baqarah) chapter 2, verse 113 (which means):

{ The Jews say, "The Christians have nothing [true] to stand on," and the Christians say, "The Jews have nothing to stand on," although they [both] recite the Scripture. Thus do those who know not [i.e., the polytheists] speak the same as their words. But Allah will judge between them on the Day of Resurrection concerning that over which they used to differ. }

ALLAH did not leave the people of the book in conflict, But He addressed them when he sent the prophet [Muhammad] (peace be upon him). ALLAH says in (Surah Al Ma'idah ) chapter 5, verses 15-16 (which means):

{The Jews say, "The Christians have nothing to stand on" and the Christians say, "The Jews have nothing to stand on," although both recite the Scriptures. And those 'pagans' who have no knowledge say the same 'about people of faith'. Surely Allah will judge between them on the Day of Judgment regarding their dispute. }
And it says in (Surah An-Naml) chapter 27, verse 76 (which means):

{ Indeed, this Qur'an clarifies for the Children of Israel most of what they differ over. }

And after ALLAH sent Muhammad (peace be upon him), the Jews and the Christians changed the signs so that the Muslims have no proof of these signs. The English writer Jibun says in Chapter 5 of his book: << Pastors and priests have changed and altered many contexts of The Torah and The Gospel after the coming of Islam >>.

The ex-Christian, the one who was guided by ALLAH to the straight path and entered Islam, Bushra Zachri Michael says in his book (Muhammad The Messenger of Allah as by Bible Prophecy) the priests have altered, changed, and removed parts of the Bible. This is shown in the addition and removal in the different versions of the Bible by the priests. One of the priests whose name is "Abdel Ahad Daoud Alashuri "points out in his book (The Bible and the crucifixion) about the alterations in the gospels, in a prayer from the Bible that was (Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and happiness for the people) that prayer originally was like this: (Glory to God in the highest, and on earth Islam and for the people Ahmad)

We see how the words (Ahmad) and (religion) changed.

\*Note: In Arabic peace is written (Salam) if we alter the letters (I, A) it changes to Islam, what they did was to remove the letter (I) and added the letter (a) and thus the word of Islam is changed to salam (peace).

\*Despite all these deliberate changes in the Torah and the Injeel we still find indications of the coming of (Muhammad) (peace be upon him).

Examples of this: In today's Torah (1844 Arabic translation) it says: { God came from Sinai, And dawned on them from Seir; He shone forth from Mount Paran}. Scholars say that the verse points to the places of the revelation of the sacred books. The coming of God from Sinai refers to the site where ALLAH revealed the Torah to the prophet "Moses" (peace be upon him), and the rising of the Sun from Seir refers to the mountain ranges in Palestine where "Jesus" (peace be upon him) lived, and that site is where ALLAH revealed the Injeel (Gospel) to Jesus (peace be upon him), and Paran is the ancient name of Mecca where ALLAH where Ishmael lived as revealed in the Genesis of the Torah of revealed the Noble Qur'an to the prophet "Muhammad" (peace be upon him).

This is glad tiding is in sync with what was revealed in the Quran in surah 95 (Surah At-Tin) chapter 95, verses 1-3 (which means):

{ By the fig and the olive 'of Jerusalem', and Mount Sinai, and this secure city 'of Mecca'! }

In these verses Allah makes an oath by the fruit of the fig tree and the olive tree, which are references to the places where these trees are planted, which is in Palestine where Jesus (peace be upon him) was born, Mount Sinai refers to the place where God spoke with Moses (peace be upon him), this safe land refers to Mecca, the place where Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was from, which is Paran.

\* In the Gospel of Saint John (20: 24) we find a conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman where He announces that there is going to be a change in the direction to which people turned to pray. And it is known that the direction of prayer did not change during the time of Jesus and that it does not change except with the sending of a messenger. It is also known that the direction of prayer changed only during the time of prophet Mohammed peace be upon him. This indicates that the glad the tiding in the Bible was about the Prophet Mohamed, peace be upon him.

In the same gospel, the Samaritan woman answers Jesus (Our fathers have prayed on this mountain and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where we must turn to pray) Jesus replied: (Oh woman, believe me that the time will come when they will not turn to pray towards the mountain nor towards Jerusalem). And ALLAH says in (Surah Al-Baqarah) chapter 2, verse 144 (which means):

{ We have certainly seen the turning of your face, [O Muḥammad], towards heaven, and We will surely turn you to a qiblah with which you will be pleased. So turn your face toward al-Masjid al-Ḥarām.1 And wherever you [believers] are, turn your faces toward it [in prayer]. Indeed, those who have been given the Scripture well know that it is the truth from their Lord. And Allah is not unaware of what they do. }

Lately they have discovered ancient documents inside a clay pot near the Dead Sea. Doctor (D. F. Albright), a professor of anthropology, says: (There is no doubt about the authenticity of these manuscripts. This revelation will cause a complete change in our understanding of Christianity). Priest (A. Paul Daves), head priest of the Saints Church in Washington, declares in his book "Manuscripts of the Dead Sea" he says about these manuscripts that they are one of the most important discoveries for a long time and that this might change our traditional understanding of the Bible.

In these documents it is written:

(Jesus was the Messiah of the Christians and that there is going to be another Messiah).

Since the other sacred books had undergone changes and alterations, and out of ALLAH's mercy, He promised to protect the last book (The Noble Qur'an) so that it may be the source of guidance for people to the straight path. From this point we can see the answer the following question:

Why did ALLAH promise to protect The Noble Qur'an and not the other books? And why are there several gospels?

This is what we are going to clarify in Chapter 3 of this message.

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#### **CHAPTER 3**

Why did ALLAH promise to protect The Noble Qur'an and not the other Books? And why are there several gospels?

ALLAH revealed The Noble Qur'an with the main purpose of guiding, teaching, advising, refining. In addition to that, Qur'an invited people to ponder about the secrets of the universe, to the best of their strength and knowledge. In fact, the Qur'an came to be an everlasting sign for humanity to share, regardless of their times, origins, knowledge, and cultures. As such the noble Qur'an will constitute of source of light in every verse. And every examiner will imbibe from this light what he can capacitate. And the true believer will have a strong belief that with time the meanings of the Qur'an become more and more clear. And that with time, its verses increase in clarity as well as its miraculous signs. An as science and civilization discoveries advance it becomes clear that all tendencies and theories vanish when compared to what came in the Qur'an. This in fact is what we realize every time a new scientific discovery is revealed.

The Noble Qur'an has pointed out above everything that ALLAH created and spoke about His reign. ALLAH has commanded us to do what benefits us in life and commanded us to work for the Hereafter. ALLAH has invited us to look at the sky and the earth and discover the secrets of the universe. ALLAH says in (Surah of Yunus) chapter 10, verse 101 (which means):

{ Say, "Observe what is in the heavens and the earth." But of no avail will be signs or warners to a people who do not believe. }

And it is not to look with the eyes only, but to observe and investigate with the intellect, so that is a lesson for us. We feel that the next centuries will clarify many secrets and words of ALLAH, which ALLAH was right when He said in (Surah Fussilat) chapter 41, verse 53 (which means):

{ We will show them Our signs in the universe and within themselves until it becomes clear to them that this 'Quran' is the truth. Is it not enough that your Lord is a Witness over all things? }

From this point ALLAH promised to protect The Noble Qur'an so that it may be the guide of Muslim or non-Muslim (humanity), because with this book, ALLAH finished the

commandments. ALLAH revealed it to his messenger Muhammad (peace be upon him) who says according to Imam Muslim: (The comparison between other prophets, ancestors and I is like a man who built a house and he made it so perfect and beautiful except for a single block in one corner and he made people walk around the house and they like it and ask why you didn't put this block for the construction to be completed, I am this block and I am the last prophet).

As for the previous books (The Torah and The Gospel) which did not need ALLAH's preservation, why? The prophecy at that time continued in the people of Israel and each population had more than one prophet at the same time (See the first message), ALLAH stopped sending prophets after Jesus (peace be upon him), for more than 600 years until he sent Muhammad (peace be upon him). ALLAH says in (Surah Al-Ma'idah) chapter 5, verse 19 (which means):

{ O People of the Book! Our Messenger has indeed come to you, making things clear to you after an interval between the messengers so you do not say, "There has never come to us a deliverer of good news or a warner." Now there has come to you a deliverer of good news and a warner. And Allah is Most Capable of everything. }

## Why are there several gospels?

We have previously noted the alterations the early Jews and Christians have made to the Torah and the Gospel, but later people have found no evidence of this. Why? Because the holy books that have been revealed to (Moses and Jesus) (peace be upon them) have undergone changes and alterations. And there was nothing more than writings that some scholars have made and lack the link to Moses (peace be upon him). And the Gospel of Jesus (peace be upon him) has been lost and they exchanged it for 70 Gospels which were then reduced to four gospels named after its respective writers and they are (Saint Luke, Saint Mark, Saint Matthew and Saint John). These books and Gospels are nothing more than the biographies of the lives of Jesus and Moses (peace be upon them) and not all of them are correct because we have no record of their original versions. However, in The Noble Qur'an (that ALLAH promised to protect), we do not find this and no part of the Qur'an is associated with a person, no matter who he is. And no one will ever be able to alter a single letter in it no matter how wise and strong he would be because ALLAH promised a heavy punishment to the one who tries to do it. why? Because ALLAH defended the messenger (Muhammad) (peace be upon him), when his people (Quraish) tried to say that it (The Qur'an) was invented by the prophet (Muhammad) (peace be upon him). ALLAH says in (Surah Al-Haqqah) chapter 69, verses 44-47 (which means):

{ If he [Muhammad] had made it up about Us some "false" sayings, We would have seized him by his right hand and cut from him the aorte. And none of you could have prevented it. }

If this is the punishment of a prophet if he tries to alter the Qur'an, imagine how the punishment of another common person would be!

As for what the ancestors of the Jews and the Christians did, which caused the truth to be lost. It is enough what these people of sin are going to get for having changed the truth. ALLAH says in (Surah Al-Baqarah) chapter 2, verse 79 (which means):

{ So woe to those who write the "scripture" with their own hands, then say, "This is from Allah," in order to exchange it for a small price. Woe to them for what their hands have written and woe to them for what they earn. }

Hence, the obligation lies on the people of our time (The time of scientific advancement) is to seek the true religion and follow it, because they have no excuses. Because logic and wisdom is the path that leads people to the truth and it is not acceptable for wisdom and logic to lead to disbelief. From this point comes the answer to the fourth question: If it is part of wisdom to study religion, why was the technological and scientific revolution in Europe accompanied by disbelief?

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If science invites to faith, then why was the technological and scientific revolution in Europe accompanied by disbelief? Yes, science invites to faith, because in the book of ALLAH (The Noble Qur'an) we find signs of the universe and signs of the Qur'an of ALLAH itself where he invites his servants through the verses to observe the signs of the universe. ALLAH says in (Surah of Yunus) chapter 10, verse101 (which means):

{ Say, "Observe what is in the heavens and the earth." But of no avail will be signs or warners to a people who do not believe. }

This verse informs us of something in the future, that scientists and researchers would contemplate in the universe and in themselves. ALLAH says in (Surah Adh-Dhariyat) chapter 51, verse 20-23 (which means):

{ On earth there are signs for those who have certainty and in faith. As there are within yourselves, can you not see? And in heaven this is your sustenance and what has been promised to you and by the Lord of heaven and earth that everything is as true as you speak. }

And the research continues every day and when a researcher discovers a reality, the first thing he does is write that discovery in a book. Then he presents that book to an assembly of specialist scientists to study if that discovery agrees with reality. Then he is granted a scientific certificate as the discoverer of that fact and that document is recorded under his name and so on. Likewise, it is the example of ALLAH with the sacred books revealed to His messengers, in addition to being a pure guide to gather humanity with the purpose of illuminating the right path, including what it points out about cases of the universe. It may not be clear and it may be hidden until ALLAH allows it to be clarified in the future by the hands of scholars, so that this book may be the guide for people who are in the age of discovery of that scientific fact.

The holy books are the words of ALLAH, who knows the secrets of everything and He is the one who implanted the laws of the universe (Glorified be He) if the hands of humans begin to meddle by changing the books that point to the universe by removing, adding and changing, that causes the book to lose its certainty about the universe. And when an observer of the universe reaches a reality, they cannot with its secret find what is different from what they have in their sacred books. So, what are they going to do? No doubt they will support their investigations and insist on what they say, which would cause a conflict between the researchers and the religious. This is exactly the same thing that happened when the (Church) followed a false religion and linked this false religion with ALLAH. And the priests held a position like God's position. They decided what could be allowed and what was a sin, they forced people to do what they wanted, nobody could say no. Until ALLAH sent Muhammad (peace be upon him) to correct what they had changed and altered. And ALLAH called them before a conflict with the divine status that the pastors, priests, monks and ministers held in the church. ALLAH says in (Surah Ali 'Imran) chapter 3, verse 64 (which means):

{ Say, "O People of the Scripture, come to a word that is equitable between us and you - that we will not worship except Allah and not associate anything with Him and not take one another as lords instead of Allah."1 But if they turn away, then say, "Bear witness that we are Muslims [submitting to Him]." }

But most of them did not respond to the call of ALLAH and kept worshiping their monks and priests until the scientific revolution in Europe started (The scientific and technological uprising in Europe). What caused a clash between scientists and what the Churches preached. The Churches insisted that all the people who oppose it are apostates and that (The Pope) is infallible. Well, since we all know that evil is not lasting scientists insisted on continuing to clash with the pastors. What caused a big conflict and the result of this conflict made scientists deny the existence of a God to go against the pastors and the popes. From this point on, the scientific uprising was accompanied by disbelief, this did not last long, until the truth came out and science advocates returned to believe in the existence of ALLAH and that He is Unique, they began to use evidence related to this in their studies with faith in ALLAH and belief in Him. Science books today are full of scientist's names from USA, Canada, UK, France and other countries. Most of these scientists have achieved doctorates in Biology, Science, Chemistry, Mathematics, Astronomy and other sciences. ALLAH talks about these people in (Surah Saba) chapter 34, verse 6 (which means):

{ And those who have been given knowledge see that what is revealed to you from your Lord is the truth, and it guides to the path of the Exalted in Might, the Praiseworthy. }

And as we have pointed out before, if ALLAH did not protect the book (The Qur'an) that sent that would cause humans to meddle to change it, and if they have reached it, it would cause many differences within the book. Therefore, we find that ALLAH says in (Surah of Al-Hijr) chapter 15, verse 9 (which means):

{We have sent down the Remembrance [The Qur'an] and we are its guardians }
He said also in (Surah An-Nisa) chapter 4, verse 82 (which means):

{ Do they not then reflect on the Quran? Had it been from anyone other than Allah, they would have certainly found in it many inconsistencies. }

And if we search in the books of people who are not Muslims today, we find many differences in some of the gospels and many contradictions in them. Example: in a passage it indicates that ALLAH (God) ordered Abraham to sacrifice his firstborn and on another occasion, it says your only son, without a doubt the people of the book and the Muslims know that (Ishmael) (peace be upon him) is the first son, but in another instance, it points out to sacrifice your son (Isaac) (peace be upon him) who is the second son of (Abraham) (peace be upon him) which is a contradiction. Someone may ask: Why did ALLAH command Abraham (peace be upon him) to sacrifice his son if ALLAH wanted to exchange him for the sheep? We answer: Because when Abraham (peace be upon him) asked ALLAH for a son and ALLAH answered his prayer. Then, part of Abraham's heart became attached to the newborn. So, ALLAH wanted to test the faith of Abraham (peace be upon him). Who do you love more, ALLAH or your son? When Abraham (peace be upon him) obeyed, he could see that the love he has for ALLAH is much greater than the love he has for his only son. So, there was no need to sacrifice his son, after Abraham passed the test, ALLAH gave him the good news that he was going to have another son. ALLAH says in (Surah Hud) chapter 11, verse 71 (which means):

{ And his wife was standing by, so she laughed, then We gave her good news of 'the birth of' Isaac, and, after him, Jacob. }

This verse is a clear answer for people who say that (Isaac) was the one sacrificed, so how does ALLAH order to sacrifice (Isaac) (peace be upon him) if he had given him the good news that he was going to have (Isaac) (peace be upon him), and this son will live many years and will have a son and this son is going to be called Jacob? Here are more examples of the contradictions found in the gospels: First example: In Matthew 17:10-13, we find that John the Baptist, Elijah is the one who would come, but in John 1:19-21: we find that it is not him. Second example: Did Jesus inherit the Throne from David? In Luke 1:32 we find that yes, the angel told him. But in Matthew 1:11 we find that he is a descendant of Jehoiakim (1 Chronicles 3:16) and Jehoiakim was cursed by God so that none of his descendants will sit on the Throne of David (Jeremiah 36:30). Third example: How did Peter Simon know that Jesus was the Christ? In Matthew 16:17 Revelation from heaven, but in John 1:41 his brother, Andrés, told him. Fourth example: Where did Jesus first meet Simon Peter and Andrew? We find in Matthew 4:18-22 that it was on the Sea of Galilee, but in John 1:42 we find that it was on the bank of the Jordan River and after that Jesus decided to go to Galilee (Matthew 1:43). Fifth example: According to the Gospel of John.

What did Jesus say of his own testimony? In John 5.31, Jesus stated yes, I bear witness of myself, my testimony is not true, but in John 8:14, Jesus said, although I bear witness of myself, my testimony is true. Sixth example: The Gospel says that Jesus cursed the fig tree. Did the fig tree wither instantly? In Matthew 21:19 yes, but in Mark 11:20 we find that no, it dried up overnight. Seventh example: Did Judas kiss Jesus? According to Matthew 24:48-50 yes, but in John 18:3-12, he couldn't get close due to the commotion of the case. These are some examples of 101 contradictions in the Bible.

Until we meet in another message if ALLAH allows It. We leave you with ALLAH and May His Peace, Mercy and His Blessings be upon you.

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