



"A guiltless Person who sacrificed his life for the good of others and even for his enemies, found to be redeemer of the world. It was a complete accomplishment. Christ should be born in every heart. Non violence was His way of life."

- Father of the Nation : Mahatma Gandhi

Source :

- 1) Gandhi, Christ and Christianity, P. No. 1, Author : Pascal Alan Nazareth
- 2) My encounter with truth, P. No. 88, Author : Mahatma Gandhi

"If I, as an oriental, have to worship Jesus of Nazareth, there is only one way left to me, that is, to worship him as God and nothing else." "Had I lived in Palestine, in the days of Jesus of Nazareth, I would have washed His feet, not with my tears, but with my heart's blood!"

- Universal Person : Swami Vivekananda

Source:

- 1) The Complete Works of Swamy Vivekananda, Vol-4, P. No. 143, Author : Swamy Vivekananda
- 2) The Master As I Saw Him, P. No. 233, Author : Sister Nivedita



"When Jesus was on the cross, He didn't save himself, because he was born to save the world and not to save himself." "As far as my knowledge goes there is only one worthy person who could be called Master (Guru) and that is Jesus of Nazareth and no one else."

Source : **- Former President : Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan**

- 1) A series of Vasan's life history, P. No. 15, Author : G. T. Ashwathnarayan
- 2) To the unknown God, Chapter 20, P. No. 161, Author : Vicki Harley Holland

"Two powers of this world are 'Sword' and 'Love'. Love always defeats the sword. For example. Alexander, Ceasar and Charlemagne established kingdoms with the mighty power of their swords. But today they are no more. However, only Jesus Christ established his kingdom on the foundation of Love and even today there are millions of people prepared to sacrifice their lives for him."

- Great Emperor : Napoleon Bonaparte

Source :

The message of Upanishad, P. No. 529, Author : Shri Swami Ranganathananda



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Congratulatory words and blessings

S. Giri accepted Christ as his Saviour. 'Satyameva Jayate' is a small book written by S. Giri which provides introduction to Christ. It has already been translated into 15 Indian languages and has reached Lakhs of people all over India.

20 chapters in this book give a glimpse of Christ in Indian scriptures and traditions. Through these pages we can also encounter Mother Mary and Jesus in the Holy Quran. The writer envisions that the readers of this booklet be inspired to walk in the path of Christ just like Mahatma Gandhi and Mother Teresa did.

Everyone needs to walk from darkness to light. Christ is the light of Heaven and Earth who can lead our lives. Blessed are those who believe in him. It is our duty to lead those lost in the darkness. Christ who was born two thousand years ago became a symbol of hope to millions.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

The Kingdom of God is that of truth, justice and that which treats humans with dignity. Christ calls us to lead our lives in this path. This book upholds such a sublime message.

We are grateful to God for the contribution of S. Giri, a devotee of Christ. The Author of this booklet hopes that this book will introduce Christ to many more and all those who prayerfully read these pages may be blessed in His Name.

Yours in Christ Jesus



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FOREWORD

Mr. S. Giri, a seeker of truth, has studied and researched various scriptures and books, observed statements made by great leaders, and studied the life and ministry of Lord Jesus Christ. He has written this book, *Satyameva Jayathe*, to explain divine truths in a simple manner that even a common person can understand. This book is intended to help truth-seekers find answers to life's eternal questions, such as: Who am I? Why did I come here? Where am I going? What is the purpose of life? The concept of life after death, viewed as the beginning of eternity, is addressed here, including how one should prepare for it. Many people feel confused about life; they are restless, struggle with guilt, and continuously search for peace and happiness. Different opinions are offered by various gurus, but identifying an authorized and acceptable one remains a challenge. Life is precious but will soon pass away, and the decisions made on Earth will impact our eternal life. With this seriousness in mind, Mr. Giri has outlined essential facts about the ultimate destinations of humanity, Heaven and Hell - and how one can attain Heaven. A reader with a clear and open mind is sure to find truth and enjoy its blessings. Originally, this book was written in Kannada. As its popularity grew, it was translated into English and other major Indian languages. To convey meanings clearly, some scriptural portions in the book have been paraphrased. May this book be a great blessing to you as you read and understand.

Prabhudas T.S., Rt. Manager (HRD), MPM, Bhadravathi

A few words from the author: We make decisions in all areas of life, yet we often hesitate to examine the matter of God with the same diligence. Worshiping God is not something we can approach however we wish; rather, we must worship the Lord in the way He desires. Therefore, it is my duty to share with you the insights I have gathered through extensive study in my pursuit of truth. To make these findings accessible, I have compiled them into this book form.

This book is written within the framework of the constitution of our nation. It is free from prejudice, bias, or personal interest. Ultimately, only truth prevails, and my sincere hope is that this truth may reach as many as possible. For this reason, I have titled this book *Satyameva Jayate- Truth Alone Triumphs*.

In response to many requests, this Book has been translated into fifteen languages, so I encourage each one of you to make the best use of it.

S. Giri

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1. INDIAN CIVILIZATION

Hinduism is considered one of the oldest religion and is also the third largest religion in the world. Around 6000 BC, the Aryans from the Middle East migrated to the Indus Valley region of North India. Their language and culture blended with those of the indigenous people living in the Sindh Province. The inhabitants of this region came to be known as Hindus, and the religion they practiced later became known as Hinduism. Once they settled and established themselves, they naturally began their pursuit of the true Creator. Since the Vedic period, during evening worship, they would often recite the following shloka from the Rig Veda. (Devatarchana Vidhi page No.62)

*पापोऽहं पापकर्माहं पापात्मा पापसम्भवः।
त्राहि मां कृपया देव शरणागत वत्सल।
अन्यथा शरणं नास्ति त्वमेव शरणं मम॥
तस्मात्तकारुण्य भावेन रक्ष रक्ष जनार्दन॥
आ... नमः। प्रदक्षिण नमस्कारन समर्पयामि॥*

*Pāpōhaṁ pāpakarmahaṁ pāpātma pāpasambhava |
Trahimām kṛupāya dēva śharanagatavatsala |
An'yathā śharanaṁ nāsti tvamēva śharanaṁ mama ||
Tasmathkarun'ya bhāvēna rakṣha rakṣha Janārdana ||
ā... Namaḥ | pradakṣiṇa namaskāran samarpayāmi ||*

Means : I, a sinner, have performed sinful acts. Sin arises from me because I am a sinner. O God, who never forsakes those who seek refuge in you, graciously save me. I have no other refuge but you. Therefore, I prostrate before you and plead for your mercy. Save me, merciful ruler of all, as I turn to you with heartfelt praise and worship.

Every human being, by nature, is born a sinner, and as they grow, they commit sinful acts, thereby becoming a confirmed sinner. Sin is defined as falling short of righteousness through one's thoughts and deeds.

Scripture declares, "None is righteous, no, not even one." If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. So, where can redemption from sin be found? Human good deeds, virtuous acts, sacred works, and acts of charity cannot free us from the bondage of sin. Neither can obligatory rules, rituals, austerities, or steadfast practices of devotion make us righteous before a Holy God. If we have indulged in sin, can we still hope for Heaven? The Bible says, "We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment."

SHRI PURANDARADASA SPEAKS ON LIFE AS FOLLOWS:

Bevu belladolidalenu phala havige haleradarenu phala ||
Kutilava bidadhiha manujaru mantrava pataneya maadidarenu phala ||
Kapatathanadali kaadutha janaranu japavanu maadidarenu phala ||
Kupithathanavanu bidade nirantera japavanu madidarenu phala ||
Matha Pitharanu balalisidathanu yatreya madidarenu phala ||
Ghatukatanavanu bidade nirantera Geetheyanodidarenu phala ||
Pathigala nindhipa satiyaru bahuvudha vratagala maadidarenu phala ||
Athithigaledeyali bhedava maduta gatiyanu bayasidarenu phala ||
Heena gunagalu hingade gangeya snaanava maadidarenu phala ||

Means : What is the use of keeping neem in jaggery? What benefit is there in feeding milk to a poisonous snake? What does a man gain by reciting mantras if he does not forsake his cunning nature? If one constantly chants in the presence of an angry person without addressing the anger, what result will it yield? What is the value of a pilgrimage if he mistreats his parents? What is the purpose of invocations if he indulges in deceiving others? If one constantly reads the Gita without addressing cunning or deceit, what result will it yield? What is the merit of wives observing religious vows if they constantly quarrel with their husbands? If one seeks to disturb the harmony in the form of a guest, what result will it yield? And what is the significance of immersing in or bathing in the Holy Ganga River if one does not abandon wickedness?

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2. HUMAN SPIRIT

In the beginning, all creatures-birds and animals-came into existence with life and flesh through the power of God's Word, "Let there be..." After their death, they cease to exist. However, when creating man, God said, "Let us make man in our image." Then, the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living being. In this way, God created man with flesh, life, and spirit (soul). Therefore, man's life and spirit dwell within his body (flesh).

Man's life in this world is temporary. One day he must inevitably leave it. A person born into this world may be brave, wealthy, intelligent and virtuous, but as soon as he faces the reality of death, fear and worry begin to haunt him. We brought nothing into this world, and when we leave, we will take nothing with us. Whatever we have earned will either be given away or left behind. Death can come to a person through disease, accidents, natural disasters, age related or any

other means. We do not know when, where, or how death will arrive. No one can escape death, for it is appointed by God.

Death is for the body, but the soul does not die. The soul resides in the body when it leaves physical death occurs. The human soul then enters eternity going either to heaven or hell. Apart from these two destinations, the human soul has no other place to go.

HELL

With our sinful nature, we need to do anything to ensure our soul's entry into hell. It is a free and certain welcome. Hell is not a place of enjoyment, like adultery, drinking, inappropriate dances, or any other sinful acts. Hell is a dreadful place- a lake of fire, burning with sulfur. It is a state of eternal torment and punishment. In fact, it has even been supported by scientific evidence in recent times.

The Holy Quran describes Hell (Sura 23:104 & 22:19-22) in the following manner :

22: Al-Hajj سُورَةُ الْحَجِّ ٢٢

19: یہ دو (فریق) ایک دوسرے کے دشمن اپنے پروردگار (کے بارے) میں جھگڑتے ہیں۔ تو کافر ہیں ان کے لئے آگ کے کپڑے قطع کئے جائیں گے اور ان کے سروں پر جلتا ہوا پانی ڈالا جائے گا)

Means : Of these two groups, the believers and the nonbelievers, the believers argue about their Lord. However, those who disbelieve will be clothed in garments of flame, and boiling water will be poured over their heads.

20: اس سے ان کے پیٹ کے اندر کی چیزیں اور کھالیں گل جائیں گی

Means : So, not only their skin but the parts within their bellies will melt.

21 : اور ان کے مارنے ٹھوکنے (کے لئے) لے لوہے کے ہتھوڑے ہوں گے

Means : And there will be iron maces for punishing them.

22 : جب وہ چاہیں گے کہ اس رنج (تکلیف) کی وجہ

سے دوزخ سے نکل جائیں تو پھر اسی میں لوٹا دینے

جائیں گے۔ اور (کہا جائے گا کہ) جننے کے عذاب کا مزہ چکھتے رہو

Means : As often as the terrified souls try to flee from hell they would be pulled back into it (Hell) saying to enjoy the taste of burning punishment.

23: Surah Al-Muminun الْمُؤْمِنُونَ سُورَةُ ٢٣

104 ژھانے ہوں گے:

آگ ان کے مونہوں کو جھلس دے گی اور وہ اس میں تیوری چ

Means : The flames of fire lick the skin of their faces and their jaws fall out. They live in hell forever. They will be made to drink boiling water that would melt the intestine. They will start praying for death. But death will ridicule them.

The Holy Bible also teaches that Hell is a real place, "where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched." However, by God's grace, there is a way to escape from entering into this everlasting fire. God created Hell, the eternal fire, with the intention of punishing Satan and his followers, and certainly not with the intention of punishing human beings.

HEAVEN

The Holy Bible says "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. (Matthew 7:13,14)

For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? (Mark 8:36,37)

John the disciple of Jesus Christ saw the vision of Heaven and documented it in the book of Revelation as follows:

"And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband... It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels. The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass. The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. The glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb (Jesus). But nothing unclean will ever enter it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life will enter that holy city. There, they will live with God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more. There in that city Christ Jesus will be seated on the throne. The faithful will live in His presence and they will reign forever and ever." (Revelation 21:2-27)

3. THE WAY TO HEAVEN

God did not spare the angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell, committing them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment. However, when human beings sinned, "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." says the Word of God the Bible.

About 700 years before Christ was born, the Prophet Isaiah prophesied, "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son," and "His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace," as explained by the Prophet Isaiah. (The Holy Bible)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made through Him, and without Him, nothing was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, the glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. From His fullness, we have all received grace upon grace. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known.

Mary, the virgin, was conceived by the Holy Spirit. She gave birth to her firstborn Son in Bethlehem, wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn. As the angel of God had told them, they named the baby "Jesus," which means "He will save His people from their sins."

When John the Baptist saw Jesus, he turned to his audience and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" Since we are made of flesh and blood, God Himself came into this world in the form of flesh and blood—He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, and taken up in glory.

Though Jesus was in the form of God, He did not consider equality with God something to be grasped. Instead, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant and being born in the likeness of men. And, being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, in heaven, on earth, and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

God has given us everlasting life, and this life is in Jesus. Whoever believes in Jesus has eternal life. Jesus has promised, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." He also said, "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." Therefore, it is trustworthy to believe that Jesus came to this world to redeem sinners. He will redeem people from the bondage of sin and protect them.

He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves, but by means of His own blood, thus securing eternal redemption (Mukthi). And by that, we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

(The Above quotations are from the Holy Bible)

Following witnesses in the Holy Bible testifies that Jesus Christ indeed is the 'Son of God':

- God himself said:
 1. **"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."** (Matthew 3:17)
- Peter, One of Jesus disciple said:
 2. **"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."** (Matthew 16:16)
- The Centurion who was present at the crucifixion said:
 3. **"Truly this was the Son of God!"** (Matthew 27:54)
- Thomas, one of the twelve disciples of Jesus (who later evangelized in India), seeing the resurrected Jesus said:
 4. **"My Lord and My God!"** (John 20:28)
- Jesus Christ Himself said:
 5. **"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father(God). I am in the Father and the Father (God) is in me."** (John 14:8-10)
- Whenever the evil spirits saw Jesus, they fell prostrate before him and confessed:
 6. **"You are the Son of God."** (Mark 3:11)

4. PARDONING

Gnana Yoga Chapter 4 shloka 8 from
Bhagavat Gita is as follows :

परित्राणाय साधूनां विनाशाय च दुष्कृताम् ।
धर्मसंस्थापनार्थाय सम्भवामि युगे युगे ॥

*paritrāṇāya sādḥūnām vināśāya cha duṣkṛtām |
dharmasāṁsthāpanārthāya sambhavāmi yuge yuge ||*

Means : "For the protection of the good, for the destruction of the wicked, and for the establishment of Dharma, I take birth in every age."

If it were so, since everyone has an element of sin, everyone would deserve to be destroyed. But God is loving and compassionate. In this regard, the Holy Quran begins with the narration of God as "In the name of Allah, the Most Kind, the Most Merciful." Even in the Holy Bible, God says, "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but let them turn from their ways and live." If God were to punish us according to our trespasses, we would not have survived until today. The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end.

Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men- extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' Among these two, the tax collector was considered righteous, and the Pharisee, who exalted himself, was not considered so," says the Holy Bible.

Our Indian constitution provides the supreme power of clemency to the President vide Article 72 as shown below:

Forgiveness and kindness are acts of grace. They cannot be claimed as a right. A pardon frees the offender from all punishments, penalties, and disqualifications, restoring him to the same position as if he had never committed any wrongdoing. Pardoning someone before they are convicted prevents the penalties and disqualifications that may have been imposed on them, while pardoning them after their conviction removes the penalties and disqualifications already placed upon them.

If the President, the highest authority in our country, has the supreme power to abolish punishment, how much greater is the power and authority of God, who created us and made the heavens and the earth! Can anyone challenge His verdict? Or deny His authority? Think about it!

The Holy Bible says that Jesus Christ, being God, canceled the record of debt (Chargesheet) that stood against us with its legal demands. He set it aside, nailing it to the cross. Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (Ephesians 1:7)

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5. SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM DURING VEDIC PERIOD

In ancient Vedas animals were sacrificed to gods as burnt offering for the forgiveness of sins of all human beings. The qualification of sacrificial animal has been very clearly cited in Yajur Veda. They are as below.

QUOTATIONS FROM
HINDU SCRIPTURE :

FULLFILLMENT IN
LORD JESUS CHRIST

पशुं स्रपयन्ति कूटकर्णखण्डश्लोणसप्तशफ वर्जम् ॥

1. *Paśuṁ snapayanti
kūṭakarnaṅkhaṇḍasṭhloṇa
saptaśāpha varjaṁ ॥*
Āpastamba-Śrauta-sūtra
(= 7-12-21, Page No. 421)

Means : The animal that is to be sacrificed should be spotless, blameless and must be holy.

1. Jesus is Holy, Innocent, Unstained, Separated from sinners. (Hebrews 7:26)
2. Jesus said "Which one you convict me of sin?" (John 8:46)
3. He is altogether lovely. (Song of Solomon 5:16)

धर्षा मानुषानिति नि युनक्ति धृत्या अद्भ्यस्त्वौषधीभ्यः ॥

**2. dharshā mānuṣhān',
iti ni yunakti dhṛtyā ॥**

Taittirīya-Samhitā
(kanda 6, Q. No.3,
Page No. 477)

Means : The animal that is to be sacrificed should be tied to a post (Yoopā).

2. There they nailed him to the cross. Pilate posted an inscription on the cross that read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

(John 19:18-19)



अमायुं कृण्वन्तं संज्ञपयत इत्युक्त्वा पराङ्गवर्ततेऽध्वर्युः ॥

**3. Amayūṁ kṛṇvantam
saṅganapayata ityuktvā
paradāvartatē
dhvaryuhu||**

Āpastamba-Śrauta-sūtra
(= 7-16-6, Page No. 433)

Means : The animal that is being offered must be quiet and bones of the animal should not be broken – it should not be teased or tortured.

3. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open his mouth. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, He did not open His mouth. (Isaiah 53:7)

When they came to Jesus and found that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. (John 19:33)

दधातीडामुपं हवयते पशवो वा इडां पशून्नेवोपं हवयते ॥

**4. dadhāti idām upa
hvayate pas havo vā idā
pashūn eva upa hvayate ॥**

Taittirīya-Samhitā
(kanda 6, Q. No. 3,
Page No. 495)

Means : The flesh of the sacrificed animal should be eaten.

वपुश्रपणी पुनरन्वारभतेऽस्मिन्नेव लोके प्रति तिष्ठति ॥

**5. vapāshrapaṇī punar
anvārabhate asminneva
loke prati tiṣṭhati ॥**

Taittirīya-Samhitā (kanda 6,
Q. No. 3, Page No. 486)

Means : Sacrificial animal should be pierced by thorns.

यत्पशुरपां पेरुरसीत्याह्वैष ह्यपां पाता ॥

**6. yat pashur apām perur
asi ityātha esha hi apām
pātā ॥**

Taittirīya-Samhitā kanda 6,
Q. No. 3, Page No. 478)

Means : Water should be given to sacrificial animal.

4. Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat this is my body." (Matthew 26:26)

5. Soldiers stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on His head. (Matthew 27:28-30)

6. Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When He had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that He bowed His head and gave up His spirit. (John 19:28-29)

स आत्मनो व्रपामुदखिदत्तामुग्रौ प्रागृह्णात् ॥

7. *sa ātmano vapām*

udakkhidat tām

agnau prāgrhñāt ॥

Taittirīya-Samhitā

(kanda 2, 1st Awathaar,
2nd Hanasu, Page No.3)

Means : The Creator
(Brahma) offered His
own body as an oblation.

*Dear readers don't we find a perfect similarity between
the animal sacrifice for the ransom of sins in the Vedic Age
and Jesus Christ offering Himself as a sacrifice for our sins?*

**Regarding Jesus Christ,
Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) says as follows:**

Anyone who does not believe that Jesus is the messenger of God cannot be considered a Muslim, and anyone who rejects his prophecy will be regarded as an outcast from Islam. Of many names in the holy Quran the only woman name mentioned is that of Jesus' mother Mary (Maryam). The Holy Quran has presented the life of Mother Mary as a model for the world. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "I swear by Him in whose hand is my soul, the Son of Mary will certainly descend among you as a just ruler. The Day of Resurrection (Judgment) will not occur until Jesus returns."



EVIDENCES FROM HOLY QURAN :

As regard to the birth of Jesus, the Holy Bible says 'behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son' so does the Holy Quran documents as follows :

3: **سُورَةُ آلِ عِمْرَانَ** **Al-Imran**

45: (وہ وقت بھی یاد کرنے کے لائق ہے) جب فرشتوں نے (مریم سے کہا)

کہ مریم خدا تم کو اپنی طرف سے ایک فیض کی بشارت دیتا ہے جس کا نام مسیح

(اور مشہور) عیسیٰ ابن مریم ہوگا (اور) جو دنیا اور آخرت میں بآبرو اور

(خدا کے) خاصوں میں سے ہوگا

Means : An angel said "O Mary, God has given you good news His name shall be Jesus, the son of Mary. He will be exalted in heaven and on the earth and he will be made the messenger of God."

47: مریم نے کہا پروردگار میرے ہاں بچہ کیونکر

ہوگا کہ کسی انسان نے مجھے ہاتھ تک تو لگایا نہیں

فرمایا کہ خدا اسی طرح جو چاہتا ہے پیدا کرتا ہے

جب وہ کوئی کام کرنا چاہتا ہے تو ارشاد فرما دیتا ہے

کہ بوجا تو وہ ہو جاتا ہے

Means : Mary, who listened to this, said, "O my Lord, how can this be? I am a virgin and have not known any man." To this, the angel replied, "This is how it happens. Whatever Allah wills, He creates by His command: 'Be,' and it comes into existence."

49: اور (عیسیٰ) بنی اسرائیل کی طرف پیغمبر
 (بو کر جائیں گے اور کہیں گے) کہ میں تمہارے
 پروردگار کی طرف سے نشانی لے کر آیا ہوں وہ یہ کہ تمہارے
 سامنے مٹی کی مورت بشکل پرند بناتا ہوں پھر
 اس میں پھونک مارتا ہوں تو وہ خدا کے حکم سے (سج سج)
 جانور ہو جاتا ہے اور اندھے اور ابرص کو تندرست کر دیتا ہوں اور
 خدا کے حکم سے مردے میں جان ڈال دیتا ہوں اور جو کچھ تم کھا کر
 آتے ہو اور جو اپنے گھروں میں جمع کر رکھتے
 ہو سب تم کو بتا دیتا ہوں اگر تم صاحب ایمان ہو تو ان
 باتوں میں تمہارے لیے (قدرت خدا کی) نشانی ہے

Means : Isa (Jesus) said, "I have come to you with signs from your Lord. Here, before you, I will shape a bird-like figure from clay, breathe the spirit into it, and it will become a living bird. By the command of Allah, I will heal the blind, cure the leper, and bring the dead back to life."

55: اس وقت خدا نے فرمایا کہ عیسیٰ! میں تمہاری دنیا میں رہنے
 کی مدت پوری کر کے تم کو اپنی طرف اٹھا لوں گا اور تمہیں کافروں
 (کی صحبت) سے پاک کر دوں گا اور جو لوگ تمہاری پیروی کریں گے
 ان کو کافروں پر قیامت تک فائق (وغالب)
 رکھوں گا پھر تم سب میرے پاس لوٹ کر آؤ گے
 تو جن باتوں میں تم اختلاف کرتے تھے اس دن تم میں ان کا فیصلہ کر دوں گا

Means : Allah said: "O Jesus, I will take you to Myself. I will purify you from those who rejected you, and until the Resurrection, I will elevate those who follow you above those who reject you. All of you will return to Me."

6. THE RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION OF JESUS CHRIST INTO HEAVEN

On the first day of the week, a few women went to the tomb where Jesus' body had been laid. Suddenly, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, rolled back the stone, and sat on it. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay."

Later that day, Jesus appeared to His disciples and said, "Peace be with you." The disciples came forward, worshiped Him, and fell at His feet. On that same day, Jesus appeared to other disciples as well. However, Thomas, one of the twelve disciples, was not present. When told about Jesus' appearance, Thomas said, "Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, His disciples were gathered again, and this time Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then He turned to Thomas and said, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas responded with reverence, saying, "My Lord and my God." Thomas, who is known as the disciple who came to India, became a strong witness for Jesus Christ. He traveled to India, preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ in Kerala and Tamil Nadu, leaving a lasting spiritual legacy.

The resurrected Jesus appeared to His disciples eleven times at various locations over forty days. Before His Ascension, Jesus said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes

will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Christ rose from the dead just as He had promised, despite the Roman government sealing the stone that covered His grave. The tomb where the body of Christ was laid is now open to the public in Jerusalem, and the body is no longer there because Jesus Christ rose again from the dead.

In the presence of about five hundred people, Jesus ascended into heaven and took His place at the right hand of God the Father. Afterward, His disciples went out into the world, boldly preaching His teachings and spreading the gospel. Today, people across the globe do not revere a dead Jesus but worship the living Christ, who has risen from the dead and reigns forever.

7. JESUS CHRIST WILL COME BACK

When Jesus ascended into heaven, the angels told the disciples, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” (Acts 1:11)

For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done.” To him the keys of Death and Hades are given. (Revelation 1:18, 22:12)

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city (heaven) by the gates. (Revelation 22:14)

“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place and to stand before the Son of Man.” (Luke 21:34-36)

8. WHO CAN SET US FREE FROM SINS ?

Since ancient times, India has been renowned for its splendid cultural heritage. Our sages, eminent thinkers, and philosophers have demonstrated extraordinary wisdom. One remarkable example of a meaningful prayer is found in the Brhadaranyaka Upanisad (1:3:28), which states:

असतो मा सद्गमय ।

तमसो मा ज्योतिर्गमय ।

मृत्योर्मा अमृतं गमय ।

ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥

asato mā sadgamaya |

From untruth, lead me to truth;

tamaso mā jyotir gamaya |

From darkness, lead me to light;

mrityormā amritam gamaya |

From death, lead me to immortality

Om śhānti śhānti śhāntiḥ ||

Om peace, peace, peace

Jesus Christ said, “**I am the way, the truth and the life; no man can come unto the Father (Heaven) but by Me.**” (John 14:6)

Consider carefully whether Jesus Christ, who made the above statement, is a liar, a cheat, a lunatic, or if he is indeed telling the truth. Reflect on his words and decide for yourself. If you find him to be true, his message is far too important to ignore.

9. THE HISTORY OF THE HOLY BIBLE

The word "Bible" is derived from the Greek word "Biblos", which means a collection of books or scrolls. It was written by over 40 authors, including farmers, artisans, prophets, kings, doctors, and other prominent personalities, over a span of 1600 years. These writings were produced in different locations, including Asia, Europe, and Africa. The Holy Bible was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic, on various materials such as tanned animal skins, reed scrolls, and stone. Since these writings came in different sizes and the Hebrew script is written from right to left, while Greek is written from left to right, it was initially challenging to arrange them into the form of a single book.

Most of the Old Testament scriptures were written in Hebrew, while the New Testament was written in Greek. The entire Bible was translated into Latin between AD 383 and 405, a language understood by clergy and monks at the time. The Bible was first printed in Latin in 1450. The first translation of the Bible was done by John Wycliffe between 1380 and 1382. Later, William Tyndale printed the first English Bible in 1525. Several versions of the Bible in English followed, with the King James Version, also known as the Authorized Version, becoming the most popular. The first Bible printed in an Indian language was in Tamil, in the year 1727.

The Bible is a remarkable collection of books that exhibits unity and consistency, without contradictions in scientific, archaeological, historical, or prophetic aspects. The events, people, and situations mentioned in the Bible are verifiable even today. The truths of the Bible have significantly influenced the development of human civilization. Its message, spanning from the beginning to the end of the world, is centered on the salvation of humanity.

It has played an important role in the history of human culture. As the Word of God, it is described as living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, offering strength to the weary, comfort to the grieving, and hope to the hopeless. Today the Holy Bible has been translated and printed in over 3,000 languages, allowing 95% of the global population to access it in their native tongue. Most Christian families treasure a family Bible for spiritual nourishment. Annually, the Bible continues to be the best-selling book, with millions of copies sold worldwide. This enduring popularity affirms the Bible's unique and timeless nature.

On Indian currency, there is an image of Emperor Ashoka's pillar, a symbol of his reign around 400 years before Christ. Beneath it is the slogan "Satyameva Jayate," derived from the Mundaka Upanishad (Atharva Veda, Verse 3.1.6), meaning "Truth alone will prevail."

Had Jesus been an imposter or a deceiver, and if his teachings were untrue, they would not have endured to this day. Yet, his teachings have spread across the world, transforming countless lives. Even today, his followers are found in almost every country. The Holy Bible remains the only book read by people of all castes, creeds, and religions across the globe.

I firmly believe that no matter the obstacles or persecutions, even if heaven and earth were to pass away, his teachings will never fade, for Jesus is the embodiment of Truth.

Everyone who follows the teachings of the Bible will cultivate divine qualities such as love, mercy, and brotherhood, ultimately attaining salvation (Mukthi) and leading an exemplary life. Figures like Swami Vivekananda, Mahatma Gandhi, and Mother Teresa are shining examples of lives inspired by such virtues, demonstrating how these teachings can transform individuals into beacons of hope and service for humanity.



TESTIMONY OF MAHATMA GANDHI

"Jesus Christ is one of the greatest teachers available to mankind. His life serves as an example of His closeness to God. No one else revealed God's will and power in the way that Jesus did. This is why we regard Him as the Son of God."
- Mahatma Gandhi

When a British man asked Mahatma Gandhi, "How will you achieve freedom for India?" He calmly opened the Holy Bible, pointed to verses from Matthew Chapter 5, and asked, "Have you not read, 'Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth'? Why can't I, being meek, bring freedom to India?" In this way, our country gained freedom through the non-violence preached by the Bible. Gandhiji not only adopted these Biblical teachings in his life, but he also successfully convinced the people of India of their truth, leading to a victory that has been praised by the whole world. Otherwise, India would have lost many more lives in vain. This is why Gandhiji is called the Mahatma, honored with the loving title "Father of the Nation," and why his portrait appears on our currency. His commitment to non-violence made him a model for the entire world, and today, many countries celebrate his birth anniversary.

When Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated, he was not the Prime Minister or President of any country, he did not have his own house, he did not even have a bank account, his only possessions were some clothes, a pair of slippers and a watch. He was not attractive to look at. When this elderly man, who was called a half-naked fakir, was killed, the national flags of 55 countries on the United Nations building in New York City, USA, were lowered to half-mast and condolence was indicated. No one has ever received such honor in the world.

10. THE PARABLE OF THE RICH MAN AND THE BEGGAR

There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores.

The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.'

But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house- for I have five brothers- so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have the laws of Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'

(Luke 16:19-31)

11. WHO IS JESUS CHRIST ? WHAT IS YOUR DECISION ?

My dear brothers and sisters, as I mentioned in the previous pages, who do you think Jesus is? Is He a cheat, liar, lunatic, or the true God? If you believe that Jesus is the only God, you too can receive salvation (Mukthi). Salvation is available to any human being in an instant because it is prepared and offered by God Himself through His grace. We only need to accept it through faith.

Therefore, attaining Mukthi does not require taking multiple rebirths, going on pilgrimages, punishing oneself, or leading a secluded life. God has made salvation freely available to all, without discrimination based on caste, creed, gender, or status. The Bible clearly states that God desires everyone to receive salvation and come to the knowledge of the truth.

For instance, the repentant thief crucified alongside Jesus was granted entry into heaven in a moment because he prayed, asking Jesus to remember him in His kingdom.

If you want to gain salvation (Mukthi), you need to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and pray this Prayer:

“O Jesus, rich in grace and mercy, I thank You for coming into this world over 2,000 years ago to grant me salvation and reveal this truth to me. I humbly acknowledge that I am a sinner and believe that You, the Holy One, suffered and died on the cross for my sins. I repent of my sins and, with faith from the depths of my heart, I confess that You are the true God.

You died on the cross, shedding Your holy blood for my sake, were buried, and rose again on the third day. Thank You, Lord, for forgiving my sins and writing my name in the Book of Life. I trust and hope that You will one day come to take me into heaven. Thank You, Lord, for Your boundless love and grace”

I congratulate you on becoming an heir to the Kingdom of God. May God bless you.

12.WHY SHOULD WE BELIEVE WHAT JESUS HAS SAID ?

Jesus Christ is not a fictional or imaginary figure; His life on earth is documented and proven in human history. There are numerous historical evidences confirming the Savior’s arrival in this world, including His life in the land of Israel, located on the Asian continent. He never crossed the borders of Galilee and Jerusalem, nor did He live for more than three decades. Yet, no one in history has had such a profound impact as He has. Saint Thomas, one of Jesus’ twelve disciples, visited India. The birth of Jesus even divided history into two periods: Before Christ (BC) and Anno Domini (AD), meaning "In the Year of the Lord." Jesus Christ is undoubtedly a unique personality, and no one in history has had such a profound impact on humankind.

The following reasons proves that the sayings of Jesus are trustworthy

1. Jesus is the most Holy one . (See page No. 31)
2. Jesus lived as he preached. Hence, his teaching spread all over the world. (See page No. 33)
3. Jesus has power over nature, evil spirits and death. He performed many miracles, signs and wonders. (See page No.37)
4. Jesus’ words and actions were filled with authority. Even while enduring six hours of agony on the cross, He maintained His mental serenity and spoke seven profound statements, which would not have been possible for an insane person. Therefore, we cannot, under any circumstance, claim that He was insane. (See page No.52)
5. Whatever maybe the hindrances, persecution and oppositions, his ministry has not stopped, nor will ever be. (See page No.53)
6. Man will receive divine wisdom by believing and following teachings of the Holy Bible. (See page No.68)

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13. JESUS, THE HOLY GOD

Jesus Christ is God, and we are called to worship Him, the human manifestation of God. There is nothing higher to worship than God revealed in Christ. To attempt to conceive of or worship a God beyond Christ is to misunderstand and diminish the very essence of divine truth. Christ embodies the fullness of God, and in Him, we find the ultimate expression of God's presence and love.

- Swamy Vivekananda

(The Complete Works of Swamy Vivekananda, Vol-8, Page No.182)

The Holiness of Jesus who dwelt among us as declared in the Holy Bible are as follows :

- **The angel of the Lord had spoken to Virgin Mary regarding the birth of Jesus:**
The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called **holy**—the Son of God. (Luke 1:35)
- **When Jesus was born in a complete human form and lived among people for 33 ½ years:**
For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, **yet without sin.**
(Hebrews 4:15)
- **When people tried to find fault with Jesus, he said:**
Which one of you **convicts me of sin?** (John 8:46)

- **Every religion says the wages of sin is death and there is no exoneration of sin without bloodshed:**
For our sake he made himself to be sin **who knew no sin**, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- **When it became impossible to cleanse human sins with blood of bulls and goats:**
In Christ Jesus we have redemption through his blood, the **forgiveness of our trespasses**, according to the riches of his grace. (Ephesians 1:7)
- **Judas, one of the 12 disciples realized that he had betrayed Jesus for 30 silver coins, said:**
“I have sinned,” he declared, “for I have betrayed an **innocent man.**” (Matthew 27: 4)
- **When Sanhedrin, Jewish religious supreme body met to conduct an enquiry:**
Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, **but they found none.** For many bore false witness against him, **but their testimony did not agree.** (Mark 14:55-56)
- **Pilate the Governor said,** “You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, **I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us.** Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him.”
(Luke 23:14,15)
- **Then Pilate said** to the chief priests and the crowds: **“I find no guilt in this man.”** (Luke 23:4)
- Besides, while he (Pilate) was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that **righteous man**, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.” (Matthew 27:19)

- **One of the two thieves crucified with Jesus testified to the other thief saying:**
 “And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; **but this man has done nothing wrong.**” (Luke 23: 41)
- **The centurion who supervised the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ said:**
 “Certainly **this man was innocent!**” (Luke 23:47)
- **Peter one of the 12 disciples, who was with Jesus for 3½ years testified about Jesus, as:**
He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.
 (1 Peter 2:22, 23)

Jesus Christ is completely holy in His birth, life, death, and resurrection. Even to this day, no one has ever found any sin in Him. Shouldn't God be exactly like this—perfect, sinless, and holy? To whom can He be compared? Truly, there is none like Him. Praise be to Lord Jesus Christ!

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14. A SUMMARY OF JESUS SERMON ON THE MOUNT

The Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, in his autobiography My Experiment with Truth, mentioned that reading the Sermon on the Mount from the Holy Bible deeply touched his heart. Jesus' teachings are not confined to Christians alone but are universal and essential for every individual, guiding them toward a life of love, peace, and righteousness.

Here is the summary of 'the Sermon on the Mount' which had influenced Mahatma Gandhi and made him to adopt the non-violence means to set India free.

WHO ARE THE BLESSED AND WHAT DO THEY RECEIVE ?

- “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”
- “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”
- “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”
- “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”
- “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”
- “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”
- “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”
- “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

HOW SHOULD A MAN'S LIFE BE ?

("Jesus is a man who walked the talk")

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.”

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others.”

“And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell.”

“Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison.”

“But I say to you, do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.”

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.”

“For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? For He (God) makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”

“Beware of practising your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, but when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father (God) who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

“No one can serve two masters, you cannot serve God and money. A disciple is not above his teacher, it is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher.”

“When it is in your power to act, do not withhold good from those who deserve it. When you have what is to be given, do not say to your neighbor, “come back later.”

“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this

person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

“Judge not, that you be not judged.” Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit you hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye.”

“For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them.”

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father (God) who is in heaven.” Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”

“And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? Look at the birds of the air, they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” *(Mathews Ch. 5 and Luke Ch. 6)*

HOW TO PRAY

“Our Father (God) 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from every evil: for yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.” “Amen.”

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15. IMPORTANT MIRACLES PERFORMED BY JESUS



If I only touch his cloths I will get well

Around 2000 years ago, Jesus Christ was born in (incarnated) this world and lived 33 ½ years amongst the people of this earth. 37 important miracles performed by him during his 3½ years of ministry are recorded in The Holy Bible

as follows :

1. When there was shortage of wine in the wedding at Cana, Jesus Christ turned water stored in six stone jars each holding 20 to 30 gallons, into wine. *(John 2:1-11)*
2. The Royal official's son at Cana fell sick and the very moment Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." He was healed. *(John 4:43-54)*
3. And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, "what have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are - the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" Demon came out of him, having done him no harm. *(Luke 4:31-36)*
4. When Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. *(Matthew 8:14-15)*
5. That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. *(Matthews 8:16)*
6. When Peter, a fisherman, though had been working all night, could not catch any fish, was disappointed. Then after Jesus Christ stood on his boat and preached to people, at his words Peter cast his net and a large number of fish were caught. *(Luke 5:1-6)*
7. When a man who was covered with leprosy seeing Jesus fell with his face to the ground and begged "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." Jesus reached out His hand touched the man and said, "I will; be clean." Immediately the leprosy left him. *(Luke 5:12-13)*
8. A centurion came to Jesus and said, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed," and to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment. *(Matthew 8:5-13)*
9. Jesus Christ looked at the paralyzed man who was brought to him and said, "take your mattress and go home." The man got up and went home. *(Matthew 9:2-8)*
10. Jesus Christ saw a man with a shriveled hand and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. *(Mark 3:1-6)*
11. When the only son of a widow died Jesus felt pity and touched the coffin and said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." The dead man sat up and began to talk. *(Luke 7:11-17)*

12. A great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. Jesus rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

(Mark 4:35-41)

13. In the region of Gadarenes a man with evil spirits lived among the tombs. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him and said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." Jesus said "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" Then the man was freed from legion of demons and was found in the right mind.

(Mark 5:1-20)

14. A woman with bleeding for twelve years came up behind Jesus in the crowd and touched his cloak, and thought, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." Immediately her bleeding stopped.

(Mark 5:21-34)

15. Daughter of Jairus, the synagogue ruler, had died before Jesus could reach their house. When Jesus reached his house, Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi" which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." And immediately the girl got up and began walking.

(Mark 5:35-43)

16. Two blind men followed Jesus calling out "Have mercy on us, Son of David." Jesus touched their eyes and restored their sight.

(Matthew 9:27-30)

17. A man who was demon-possessed and could not talk was brought to Jesus. And when the demon was driven out, the man who had been mute spoke.

(Matthew 9:32-34)

18. There was an invalid person near Bethesda pool for 38 years. Jesus saw him and asked, "Do you want to be healed?" Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

(John 5:1-9)

19. There was a large crowd following Jesus. He had compassion on them and healed their sick. As evening approached there were only five loaves of bread and two fishes. Jesus took that and looked up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves and gave to people. They all ate and twelve baskets of broken pieces were left over. The number of those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

(Matthew 14:13-21)

20. Seeing Jesus walking on the lake, disciples were terrified. Peter said "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come" So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus.

(Matthew 14:22-33)

21. When Jesus and His disciples, landed at Gennesaret, and when the men of that place recognized him, they sent around to that entire region and brought to him all who were sick and implored him that they might only touch the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched were made well.

(Matthew 14:34-36)

22. A woman whose little daughter was possessed by an evil spirit came and fell at His feet. The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. Jesus said, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

(Mark 7:24-30)

23. Some people brought to Jesus a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. Jesus put his fingers into his ears and

after spitting touched his tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. *(Mark 7:31-37)*

24. Jesus feels compassion on a crowd who had followed Him for three days. He didn't want them to go back hungry. Therefore He took seven loaves of bread and few small fishes, gave thanks and broke and gave it to the disciples to feed the crowd. They were about 4000 of men besides women and children. There were seven baskets full of broken pieces left after they finished eating.

(Matthew 15:32-39)

25. Some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. After spiting on his eyes, he laid his hands on him and asked him: "Do you see anything?" And he looked up and said, "I see people, but they look like trees, walking." Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. *(Mark 8:22-26)*

26. Jesus saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made some mud with the saliva and put it on the man's eyes and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. *(John 9:1-7)*

27. When they came to the crowd, a man came up to him and, kneeling before him, said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he has seizures and he suffers terribly. And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was healed instantly. *(Matthew 17:14-21)*

28. Jesus said to Peter "go to the sea and cast a hook and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel(coin). Take that and pay the tax for me and for yourself." It happened just as he said. *(Matthew 17:24-27)*

29. A demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. *(Matthew 12:22)*

30. There was a woman who had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your disability." And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God.

(Luke 13:10-13)

31. There was a man before him who had dropsy. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away.

(Luke 14:1-4)

32. As he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. *(Luke 17:11-19)*

33. Lazarus, dear one to Jesus was dead and already been in the tomb for four days. When he saw his sisters weeping, he too was deeply moved and wept. Jesus went to the tomb of Lazarus along with their family and he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." *(John 11:1-44)*

34. A blind man Bartimaeus was sitting by the road side of Jericho and was begging. When he heard Jesus was passing by, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight. *(Mark 10:46-52)*

35. In the morning, as he was returning to the city, he became hungry. And seeing a fig tree by the wayside, he went to it and found nothing on it but only leaves. And he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" And the fig tree withered at once. *(Matthew 21:18-19)*

36. When Judas came to betray Jesus, one of Jesus disciples struck the servant of the high priest by cutting off his right ear. Jesus touched his ear and healed him. *(Luke 22:47-53)*

37. Instead of proclaiming God's word, Jesus disciples went back to fishing after the crucifixion of Jesus. That night they couldn't catch a single fish. The next day morning resurrected Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. *(John 21:1-14)*

Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. *(John 21:25)*

Jesus Christ said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, and Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do." *(John 14:12-13)*

God is Almighty, Omnipresent, Omniscient, and Omnipotent. Nothing is impossible for Him. Jesus Christ, in His divine nature, performed miracles that demonstrated His authority over evil spirits, nature, death, and human ailments. He healed the sick, calmed storms, raised the dead, and cast out demons, showing that He had power over all things because He is God. Let us recognize this truth, humbly bow before Him, and worship with reverence and awe. For in Jesus, we see the fullness of God's power and love made manifest.

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16. A WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY WAS BROUGHT BEFORE JESUS FOR JUDGEMENT

"But mark this gaint that came; centuries and ages pass, yet the energy that he left upon the world is not yet stretched, nor yet expanded to its full. It goes on adding new vigour as the ages roll on. 'No man hath seen God at any time, but through the Son.' And that is true. And where shall we see God but in the Son?"

- Swamy Vivekananda

(The Complete Works of Swamy Vivekananda, Vol-4, Page No.136)

Early in the morning Jesus came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against



him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "**Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.**"

And once more he bent

down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more." (John 8:1-11)

Suppose you were there among the Pharisees in this situation, would you have stoned that woman ?

Jesus Christ could have stoned that woman to death for he was Holy. Bible says "He knew no sin. He did no sin and there was no sin in him." 'God did not send his Son (Jesus) to condemn the world but save the world.' **Jesus Christ did not come into the world to save only the righteous and destroy the unrighteous.** He came to seek and save sinners and to give them eternal life (Mukthi).

"The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty." (Exodus 34:6,7)

The Holy Bible says that every intention of the thoughts of his (man's) heart was only evil continually. No one understands; no one seeks for God. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Gen 6:5, Romans 3:11, 23)

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy. (Proverbs 28:13)

Nothing unclean will ever enter heaven, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false. But whoever accept and repent for their sins and believe that Jesus Christ was crucified on the cross for forgiveness of their sins will be saved. The names of such are written in the book of life and only such will go to heaven. (Revelation 21:27)

He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:2)

The blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:7-9)

For the wages of sin is death (Eternal Hell). Though all the holy scriptures of the world uphold the fact that there is no salvation without bloodshed, when it is impossible to wash sins with the blood of animals, God put the sins of that woman caught in adultery as well as our sins on himself. Jesus Christ forgave all our sins, by cancelling the record of debt (**chargesheet**) that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. We were cleansed by the blood of Jesus, the Most Holy one who by

obeying the will of God, took upon himself the sins of all the people; of every tribe and languages; of all the nations; all the castes, creed and races. Thus Jesus redeemed us by shedding his holy blood as a lamb of sacrifice and heralded that "it is finished" on the cross. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

(Romans 6:23, Hebrews 9 and 10, Isaiah 53:5-6, Colossians 2:14)

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree (Cross), that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. (1 Peter 2:24)

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all. (1 Timothy 2:4-6)

**WHAT SHOULD WE DO FOR REDEMPTION
FROM SIN AND ESCAPE FROM HELL
TO ENTER INTO HEAVEN?**

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, (Attain Mukthi) you and your household." "if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Mukthi) For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (Mukthi)." (Acts 16:31, Romans 10:9-13)

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**17. CLEAR ANSWER FROM THE HOLY BIBLE TO THE
QUESTION "WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH !"**

***Keep close to Christ if you want salvation;
He is higher than any God that you can imagine.***

- Swami Vivekananda

(The complete Works of Swami Vivekananda , Volume-8, Page No.182)

Whether the world ends or not, it is sure that one day or the other we have to leave this world. So, it is necessary to know -Who I am ? Where do I go after death? The Holy Bible says about it is as follows:

The creation of heaven and earth and the fall of men into sin

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman. God made a garden for them and commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." But the woman being led by Satan to disobey God, ate the fruit from that tree, gave to her husband and he too ate it. By this sin entered human race. The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. (Genesis Chapter. 1 – 6)

SIGNS OF THE LAST DAYS

For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. People shall hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because lawlessness will increase, the love of many will grow cold. And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. (Matthew 24:7-14)

WHEN WILL THE WORLD COME TO AN END AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN DURING LAST DAYS ?

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. (2 Peter 3:10)

About 2000 years ago John, a loving disciple of Jesus recorded his vision as follows:

There was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, calling to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?" (Revelation 6:12-17)

WHY HAS GOD CREATED HELL?

On the Day of Judgment God will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least (helpless) of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment (Hell), but the righteous into eternal life (salvation / Mukthi).

(Matthew 25:41-46)

WHAT HAPPENS TO US AFTER DEATH ?

It is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment. (Hebrews 9:27)

Judgment falls into two categories:

1. Those whose sins are forgiven will go into heaven. Yet all believers appear before the judgment seat of Christ. This judgment is not for punishment of sending to hell but for granting rewards, crowns. (Revelation 2:11)
2. Those whose sins are not forgiven will stand (at the end of the age) before the great white throne where books will be opened. They will be judged by what is written in the books, according to what they had done. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he will be thrown into the lake of fire, as punishment for rejecting God the Savior. (Revelation 20:12-15)

“But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, worshippers of image rather than the God and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulphur, which is the second death.” Where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. (Revelation 21:8, Mark 9:48)



WHAT SHOULD WE DO TO ESCAPE HELL AND ENTER INTO HEAVEN ?

1. And behold, a rich man came up to Jesus, saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” Or Mukthi? Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven.” “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”
(Matthew 19: 16-26, 5:3)
2. Jesus said to Martha, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25-26)
3. “And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)
4. “To Him(Jesus) all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.” (Acts 10:43)

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18. SEVEN WORDS JESUS CHRIST SAID ON THE CROSS

- Jesus, looking at those who ruthlessly tortured him said:
 1. **“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”** (Luke 23:34)
 - Looking at the thief crucified next to him, who confessed his sins and pleaded for heaven Jesus said:
 2. **“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise (Heaven).”** (Luke 23:43)
 - Jesus saw His mother and disciple standing nearby, and said:
 3. **“Woman, behold, your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!”** (John 19:26-27)
 - When Jesus was bearing the full judgment of God for our sins, he suffered spiritual desolation and said:
 4. **“My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?”** (Mark 15:34)
 - Jesus was arrested the previous night and on the next day from 9 am to 3 pm. He was hung on the cross suffering and bleeding. He said this word to fulfill the scripture:
 5. **“I thirst.”** (John 19:28)
 - When Jesus completed the redemption work on the cross, He said:
 6. **“It is finished.”** (John 19:30)
 - When Jesus accomplished the will of the Father (God), He died saying:
 7. **“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!”** (Luke 23:46)

God laid the sins of the whole world on Jesus Christ. Jesus though being holy without sins bore all our sins, suffered on the cross physically and spiritually for 6 hours and died saying 'It is finished', i.e. **the work of redeeming people from their sins has been completed**. Therefore, the day on which the redemption from bondage of sins was bestowed on us came to be called "**Good Friday**".

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19. TEACHING OF JESUS CHRIST PROCLAIMED ALL OVER THE WORLD

"Dedicate your life for the welfare of others; Great work is possible only with the great sacrifice. The person who makes a way for others by the blood of his heart is a great person."

- Swamy Vivekananda

(Vidyut Vaani, page No. 6 and 7)

About 2000 years ago, Jesus Christ was born into this world in human form (the incarnation) and lived for 33 ½ years. During the last 3 ½ years of His life on earth, He traveled throughout the land of Israel, preaching about the Kingdom of God to a world filled with enmity, selfishness, and corruption. At the beginning of His ministry, He chose 12 disciples, whom He named Apostles. He commanded them, "Behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Say to the people of Israel, 'The Kingdom of God has come near to you.' Repent for your sins and attain salvation." The disciples returned and said, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name!" Jesus replied, "Nevertheless, do not rejoice that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Peter asked Jesus, "See, we have left everything and followed You. What then will we have?" Jesus replied, "Everyone who has left houses, brothers, sisters, father, mother, children, or lands for My name's sake will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life (Mukthi)."

After the resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples eleven times over 40 days before His ascension into heaven. Before being taken up, Jesus said to His disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." He also commanded them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news (the way of Mukthi) to all creation." (Matthew 28:18-20)

The Twelve Disciples did not follow Jesus Christ in pursuit of a luxurious life, fame, or recognition. In fact, Jesus never promised them a trouble-free life or tempted them with visions of a prosperous future on earth. Although the disciples had every opportunity to settle into a comfortable life in Jerusalem or Galilee, they willingly chose a path filled with challenges and dangers. They embraced a nomadic life, preaching the message of peace, love, and reconciliation that Jesus Christ had taught them.

THE WAY JESUS CHOSE THE 12 APOSTLES AND HOW THEY MARTYRED

(Mathew 10:2-4; Mark 3:16-19; Luke 6:14-16)

As Jesus was walking along the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon (Peter) and Andrew, Simon's brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Without hesitation, they immediately left their nets and followed Him.

1. **Peter:** Peter was a fisherman and one of the most beloved disciples of Jesus. Though he was strong, he had his weaknesses. When Jesus called him, Peter fell to his knees and said, "Lord, I am a sinner; please leave me." Despite his humble beginnings, Peter had a straightforward and loving personality. He boldly confessed to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. You have the words of eternal life." Jesus trained Peter more than any other disciple and often both admired and rebuked him. Although Peter was not a great scholar, after Christ's resurrection, his first sermon brought 3,000 people to faith. Such was God's power through him that even his shadow would heal the sick. After the resurrection, Peter preached with great boldness and courage. When he was to be crucified in Rome, he considered himself unworthy to die in the same manner as Christ. In humility, he begged to be crucified upside down, and so he was martyred. **Martyred (A.D. 64)**
2. **Andrew:** Andrew was Peter's brother and initially a disciple of John the Baptist. When John saw Jesus and declared, "Behold, the Lamb of God," Andrew immediately followed Jesus. He was the one who brought Peter to Christ. Though well-trained by John the Baptist and a capable leader in his own right, Andrew humbly supported Peter and stood as a backbone in their ministry. He played a vital role in leading many to Christ and contributed significantly to build the church of Christ. His life serves as a model of humility, dedication, and faithfulness. Andrew was ultimately martyred for his faith. He was brutally whipped and crucified on an X-shaped cross, where he hung for two days near the place

where Peter had led 3,000 to Christ. Even in his suffering, Andrew continued to preach the love of Christ and the way of salvation until his final breath.

Martyred (A.D. 70)

3. **James:** James, also known as Jacob, was John's elder brother and a distant relative of Christ. It is likely that he knew Jesus from childhood. James was actively involved in the ministry of the Lord and, along with his brother John, was given the nickname "Sons of Thunder" by Jesus. James was a man of deep prayer, and it is said that his knees were as rough as a camel's because he often prayed on his knees. On one special occasion, Jesus took Peter, James, and John to a high mountain to pray. There, Jesus was transfigured before them- His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became dazzling white. Similarly, as Jesus approached the time of His crucifixion, He took Peter, James, and John with Him to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane. James was the first apostle to be martyred for Jesus. King Herod, while persecuting members of the Christian congregation, captured James and had him executed by beheading with a sword. His unwavering faith and ultimate sacrifice remain a powerful testament for his dedication to Christ. **Martyred (A.D. 44-45)**
4. **John:** John, the brother of James, was also nicknamed one of the "Sons of Thunder." He was the most beloved disciple of Jesus and shared a close bond with Him, often leaning on His chest. While Jesus was on the cross, He saw John and His mother, Mary, and said to her, "Here is your son," and to John, "Here is your mother." From that moment, John took Mary into his home and cared

for her with great affection. What an extraordinary blessing he had! Unlike the other disciples who fled in fear, John remained with Jesus at the foot of the cross during the crucifixion. John's unwavering faith was tested many times. On one occasion, he was thrown into boiling oil, but God miraculously spared him from harm. The words of Jesus, "For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it," are profoundly reflected in John's life. While imprisoned on the Island of Patmos, John received a divine vision from Jesus, revealing the events of the end times, which he recorded in the Book of Revelation. He was the only disciple to die of old age, passing away naturally- a unique testimony to God's purpose for his life.

Natural Death (A.D. 95)

5. **Philip:** Philip is prominently mentioned in the Gospel of John, particularly in connection with the Greek community. Bearing a Greek name and likely fluent in the language, Philip often acted as a bridge, introducing members of his community to Jesus. During the Last Supper, Philip asked Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." This request led to a profound moment where Jesus taught about the unity of the Father and the Son. Philip is consistently listed fifth among the Apostles in the New Testament. Tradition holds that he was martyred by beheading in the city of Hierapolis. He is often symbolized by the Latin Cross, reflecting his faith and martyrdom. Other symbols associated with Philip include a cross with two loaves, a basket of bread, a spear with a patriarchal cross, and a cross paired with a carpenter's square. In July 2011, archeologists discovered Philip's tomb in Hierapolis,

near Denizli, Turkey. Unearthed within a newly found church, inscriptions and the tomb's unique design identified it as belonging to the martyred Apostle. This remarkable discovery provided historical affirmation of Philip's final resting place, as reported by Turkish news sources.

Martyred (A.D. 54)

6. **Bartholomew [Nathaniel]:** Bartholomew, also known as Nathaniel, was a scholar of the Law of Moses and the writings of the Prophets, eagerly awaiting the Messiah- Jesus Christ, the Savior. He was an Israelite who came to Jesus through the disciple Philip, seeking to meet the Lord. Jesus, recognizing his sincerity, called him "an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit." In response, Bartholomew declared, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" This brief encounter with Jesus transformed him into one of His disciples. Bartholomew was a man of prayer, united in prayer with the apostles. He played a key role as one of the most important leaders in the early church during the apostolic period. He traveled and served diligently in countries such as India and Armenia, spreading the Gospel. His dedication to the faith led to great suffering: he was brutally whipped, skinned alive, and ultimately beheaded for his unwavering commitment to Christ.

Martyred (A.D. 70)

7. **Thomas:** Thomas was also a fisherman, and his faith in God was not blind. When he doubted the resurrection of Christ, Jesus appeared to him again while he was with the other disciples. Thomas was not only blessed to see the resurrected Jesus but also to touch His glorious body. In 52 AD, Thomas traveled to the state of

Kerala in India, where he ministered for ten years. He later moved to Chennai, where he continued to spread the message of Jesus for another decade. His work in India, however, led to great persecution. The priests of the temple speared him, threw him into a burning furnace, and ultimately killed him for his unwavering faith. Thomas is remembered as the apostle who died in India. There are only three churches built over the tombs of apostles in the world: St. Peter's Church in Vatican City, St. James' Church in Spain, and St. Thomas' Church in Chennai, India. In honor of his legacy, the government of India released two postal stamps commemorating Thomas.



Martyred (21-12-0072) Place: Mylapore, (Chennai), India

8. **Mathew:** Matthew, a tax collector under the Roman government, was wealthy and well-educated. He was overjoyed to invite Jesus and His disciples to his home for dinner, along with many fellow tax collectors and other sinners. Matthew's desire was to introduce them to Jesus so they too could be blessed by Him. Fluent in Aramaic, Greek, Hebrew, and Latin, Matthew was a well-versed and capable communicator. He ministered in Ethiopia, Persia, and Syria, establishing churches in these regions. Matthew is also credited with writing the Gospel of Christ in the Aramaic language. His ministry, however, was met with persecution, and he was ultimately martyred, dying by being speared to death for his faith. **Martyred (A.D 60-70)**

9. **James:** James, the son of Alphaeus, was one of the disciples who followed Jesus, alongside his brother Matthew. After the resurrection of Christ, James served in Jerusalem, helping to strengthen the churches there. One day, while preaching from a wall, Jewish religious leaders decided to throw him off. Miraculously, James survived the fall. However, when the people realized he had not died, they beat him, stoned him, and ultimately struck him on the head with a club, ending his life violently. **Martyred (A.D. 63)**

10. **Judas Thaddeus:** Judas Thaddaeus, also known as Jude, the son of James, once asked Jesus, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?" Jesus replied, "If anyone loves Me, he will obey My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. The word you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me." Thaddaeus was the first apostle to leave Jerusalem and spread the gospel in foreign lands. He preached about eternal life in Persia and North Persia, leading many to Christ. Jude later traveled to Armenia, where he was martyred, beaten to death with a wooden club for his faith. **Martyred (A.D. 72)**

11. **Simon the Zealot:** Simon the Zealot was part of the Zealot movement, a group that opposed Roman rule and believed that God alone should reign over the Jews. At one point, he thought that God's kingdom could only be established by the sword. However, after becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ, Simon learned that the kingdom of God was built on love, and he became meek and humble. Like Judas Iscariot, Simon once believed

that Jesus would deliver them from Roman oppression. However, while Judas betrayed Jesus and met a tragic end, Simon the Zealot chose to die for the sake of Christ. This disciple shared the gospel in regions such as Great Britain, Egypt, Africa, Barauni, Libya, and other countries. Simon the Zealot, who devoted his life to spreading God's love, was eventually crucified, and his body was dismembered.

Martyred (A.D. 74)

12. Judas Iscariot: Once, a woman brought an alabaster jar of costly perfume, anointed Jesus' feet with it, and wiped His feet with her hair. The fragrance of the oil filled the entire house. Observing this, Judas remarked that the oil could have been sold for the equivalent of three hundred silver coins, showing his focus on money rather than on Jesus. Although Christ, in His omniscience, foresaw Judas' actions, He still allowed him to remain with Him for three and a half years, showing him love until the end. While many sinners and wrongdoers were transformed by Christ's life, teachings, and miracles, no change occurred in Judas. Driven by his love of money, the root of all sin. He ultimately betrayed Christ for thirty pieces of silver. By doing so, he became one of history's most infamous traitors, handing Christ, the Savior of humanity, over to His enemies. To this day, parents avoid naming their children "Judas" due to his infamous betrayal. Judas later took his own life, losing his soul in the process. Had he repented and sought Christ's forgiveness, it surely would have been granted. His name was once written among the twelve apostles on the foundations of the New Jerusalem, as described in the Bible, but his betrayal overshadowed that honor.

Year of suicide (A.D. 33)

After the Death of Judas Iscariot, all the Apostles chose Matthias as the replacement for Judas Iscariot.

13. Matthias: Matthias was a follower of Jesus from the beginning and was one of the 70 disciples whom Jesus chose. After Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver, the remaining apostles, who knew Matthias well, prayed and cast lots to select a replacement. He went to all the places where Jesus was supposed to go and preached the teachings of Christ. Matthias was chosen and became the twelfth apostle, counted alongside the eleven disciples. As recorded in the Book of Revelation, "And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb." Matthias' name is included among these blessed apostles. Matthias shared the gospel in Jerusalem and, like many early disciples, faced martyrdom. He was stoned to death and beheaded for his faith. His remains were later buried in Trier, Germany, and Rome.

Martyred (A.D. 70)

14. Paul: Paul was chosen to be an apostle by the resurrected Christ. A wealthy and highly qualified young man, Paul's qualifications were comparable to having three PhDs today. He had obtained a letter of permission from the high priest to imprison and persecute all those who preached the gospel. However, on the way to Damascus, he had a life-changing encounter with the Lord Jesus, who chose him to spread the gospel to the Gentiles, kings, and people in Jerusalem. Paul considered his divine calling to be priceless and regarded everything else as loss or waste in comparison. He made a firm decision to live and die for Christ, desiring only to glorify Him. Paul traveled across five continents, establishing

many churches. Through his ministry, God performed numerous signs and miracles. Even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched his body were used to heal the sick, cast out evil spirits, and raise the dead, as recorded in the Holy Bible. Paul was constantly on the move, facing dangers from rivers, bandits, his fellow Jews, Gentiles, and false believers. He encountered danger in cities, in the countryside, at sea, and from those who opposed the gospel. Despite these hardships, he continued to share the message of Jesus Christ. Paul authored 13 epistles in the New Testament and never depended on others for financial support. He earned his living through tentmaking, helping the poor and needy, and staying in a rented house. In his final days, Paul declared, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day- and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing. what a great apostle he was!"

Martyred (A.D. 70)

Conclusion

The Apostles lived with Christ for three and a half years. During this time, they not only witnessed His immaculate life and divine nature but also spent close to forty days with the resurrected Christ. After witnessing His ascension into heaven, they dedicated their lives, despite facing numerous trials and persecutions, to spreading and preaching the message of Christ. They were willing to suffer insults and even death for His cause, finding joy in their sacrifices.

The ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ was not limited to preaching about the Kingdom of God but was also authenticated by numerous miraculous works. His teachings imparted divine knowledge and transformed many lives by instilling godly virtues, enabling His followers to contribute meaningfully to the society. This mission of preaching the gospel was carried on by the Apostles and disciples. The legacy of the sacrificial lives led by the Apostles inspired many missionaries, including Dr. Graham Staines, who followed in their footsteps.

Dr. Graham Stains

Dr. Graham Staines, a missionary from Australia, was serving leprosy patients in India, particularly in the state of Odisha. On January 22, 1999, while he was sleeping in a van in the village of Manoharpur



Dr. Graham Stains Family

with his two beloved children, 10-year-old Philip and 6-year-old Timothy, a group of miscreants set the vehicle on fire during the night. Tragically, they were beaten and burned alive in a horrific act of violence. When their remains were found, the burnt skeletons of the children were discovered encircled by their father's arms- a heart-wrenching symbol of his love and protection even in death. What a cruel and inhumane fate for someone who dedicated his life for serving and rehabilitating hundreds of society's most neglected individuals- those afflicted with leprosy. But they received a crown of life in heaven.

Though deeply shocked by this cruel incident, Graham Staines' wife, Gladys, and their daughter, Esther, expressed forgiveness toward the perpetrators—a profound demonstration of divine love. Indeed, if such an attitude prevailed in every human heart, we could create heaven on earth.

In recognition of the service and sacrifice of Dr. Graham Staines and his family, the Government of India honored them with the **Padma Shri Award** and the **Mother Teresa Memorial International Award**. Their actions reflect the footsteps of their Master, Jesus Christ, who, while being crucified, prayed for His executioners: *“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”*

At the time, the then-President of India, **K. R. Narayanan**, remarked: *“A person who has come to serve among the leprosy patients should be thanked and idealized. Yet this inhuman act in a country known for tolerance and non-violence is a crime of the darkest kind in the world.”*

Today, Dr. Staines' daughter, after completing her medical studies in Australia, has settled as a doctor with her husband and continue to support her mother's work in Odisha. Together, they established the newly built **Graham Staines Memorial Hospital** in Baripada. Gladys Staines continues to serve tirelessly, caring for leprosy patients and nursing their wounds at the leprosy home.

This is why millions of people, inspired by the teachings of Jesus Christ, dedicate their lives to serve Him by proclaiming His good news to the world. Countless individuals have been killed gruesomely for this cause. Yet, the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and service to humanity persist, bringing many to the saving knowledge of Christ and contributing to the well-being of society.

MOTHER THERESA



Born on August 26, 1910, in Yugoslavia, she lost her father at the age of eight. Raised by her mother, Agnes joined the Sisters of Loreto at 18 to become a missionary in India. She arrived in Calcutta in 1929 and worked as a teacher for 20 years. During this time, she witnessed the suffering of people living in the slums due to illness and poverty. Moved by their plight, she decided to help. She enrolled in nursing training, and after completing her studies, she started a refugee center for the poor with just 5 rupees in her hand.

On one occasion, while seeking funds to provide medicine for the sick, a man insulted her, calling missionaries hypocrites and spat on her palm. Undeterred, she extended her other hand and said, "The spit is for me, but please give something to help care for the poor." The man, filled with remorse for his actions, apologized and later contributed to the cause.

In Calcutta, where she was serving near the Kali Temple, some people lodged a complaint against Mother Teresa, accusing her of converting individuals. When an officer came to investigate, he witnessed Mother Teresa cleaning the wounds of patients with deep compassion. He then called the complainants and said, "If your mothers and sisters are willing to serve the people as these women are doing, we will ask them to vacate this place immediately." The people who had made the complaint were ashamed of their actions and withdrew their accusations.

By 2007, Mother Teresa had established nearly 600 centers for the poor, needy, and sick in 123 countries. In recognition of her selfless service, the Government of India honored her with the Bharat Ratna award, and she was also awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. According to Catholic tradition, she was later declared a saint. When she passed away on September 5, 1997, the Government of India hosted a state funeral in her honor. Her body was carried in a gun carriage procession, a mark of respect previously reserved for national heroes like Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru. Leaders from around the world, including prime ministers and presidents, were present to pay their respects. This tribute to her work and life is something every Indian can be proud of.

If every human being on this earth showed the same kindness and compassion toward the poor and needy, it would indeed be a heaven on earth. Millions of people who have experienced God's love have shared it with others, often in quiet, selfless ways. Many of these individuals have faced persecution for their faith in Christ, yet they continue to share His message of love, kindness, and brotherhood.

Their purpose is to show the world the love that Christ offers and to lead others to salvation and eternal life, which He freely gives. These individuals serve as great examples to those around them.

So, let's salute those who are proclaiming the teachings of Lord Jesus Christ and spreading His love throughout the world.

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20. Divine Wisdom



If I, as an Oriental, have to worship Jesus of Nazareth, there is only one way left to me, that is, to worship him as God and nothing else. - Swamy Vivekananda
(The Complete Works of Swamy Vivekananda, Vol-4, Page No.143)

The wisdom of King Solomon was demonstrated in an event that took place in his court 3,000 years ago in the land of Israel.

Two women came before King Solomon. One woman said, "Oh, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house, and I gave birth to a child while she was in the house. Then, on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. There was no one else with us in the house; it was only the two of us. During the night, her son died because she lay on him. She then arose at midnight, took my son from beside me while your servant slept, and laid him at her breast, placing her dead son at my breast. When I woke in the morning to nurse my child, I discovered that he was dead. But when I looked at him closely, I realized he was not the child I had borne." The other woman responded, "No, the living child is mine, and the dead child is yours." The first woman retorted, "No, the dead child is yours, and the living child is mine." Thus, they argued before the king.

Then the king said, "One says, 'This is my son who is alive, and your son is dead,' and the other says, 'No, but your son is dead, and my son is the living one.'" And the king said, "Bring me a sword." So a sword was brought before the king. The king then said, "Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one and half to the other."

Then the woman whose son was alive spoke to the king, for her heart yearned for her son. She said, "Oh, my lord, give her the living child, and by no means put him to death." But the other woman said, "He shall be neither mine nor yours; divide him."

Then the king answered, "Give the living child to the first woman, and by no means put him to death; she is his mother." And all Israel heard of the judgment the king had rendered, and they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him to carry out justice. (1 King 3:16-28)

God created all animals with flesh and life, but man was created with soul, life, and flesh. Only the soul possesses wisdom. Without wisdom, man is no different from an animal. A person may have material wealth, beauty, and many abilities, yet without wisdom, their status remains low. However, a person who may possess nothing but has wisdom holds a higher status. Wise men will shine like a bright firmament, leading many to righteousness, and they will shine like the polestar forever. Therefore, wisdom is essential in human life, and there is nothing greater than wisdom.

Universities, learning centers, and platforms like Google and social media can provide knowledge, but the world cannot offer divine wisdom. Worldly knowledge is foolishness in the sight of God. Divine wisdom pertains to the soul, and the Lord of our soul is the Almighty God. We can receive this wisdom only through Him. The Holy Bible says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; fools despise wisdom and instruction." The fear of God is not merely about prayers, adoration, and religious rituals; it also involves hating evil, pride, arrogance, wickedness, and perverted speech.

That is why you should receive God's word and treasure His commandments within you. Turn your ear to wisdom and your heart to understanding; plead for insight and cry aloud for discernment, searching for it as you would silver and gold. Then you too will receive divine wisdom. It is God who gives wisdom; from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding. He holds victory in store for the upright. Wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you. Wisdom will save you from the ways of wickedness, from the adulteress and the wayward woman with her seductive words. For her house leads down to death, and her paths lead to the departed. None who go to her return, nor do they regain the path of life (Moksha).

The protection of wisdom is like the protection of money, and the benefit of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the life of those who possess it. Long for wisdom, grow in understanding; do not forsake it, and it will protect you. It will watch over you. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. If you esteem wisdom, it will bring you prosperity; if you embrace it, it will honor you. It will set a garland of grace on your head and present you with a crown of splendor. Gold and rubies abound, but lips of wisdom are a rare jewel.

A wise devotee says, "Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts." (Psalm 119:97-100)

INVENTIONS

"Those who followed the teachings of the Bible invented innumerable innovations that made our lives on Earth more comfortable, brought healing to the sick, alleviated hunger and poverty, increased life expectancy, enhanced security, improved the education system, made communication easier, speed up travel, and expanded knowledge. Below are a few of the key inventions for your information."

INVENTIONS

SI.No.	Inventions	Inventor	Country	Year
1	Adding Machine,	Blaise Pascal	France	1642
2	Addressograph,	J.S. Duncan	U.S	1893
3	Airship (non-rigid),	Henri Giffard	France	1852
4	Airplane	Orville Wright and Wilbur Wright	U.S	1903
		Kitty Hawk	North Carolina.	
5	Airship (rigid),	Graf Ferdinand von Zeppelin	Germany	1900
6	Antiseptic	Dr. Joseph Lister	England	1867
7	Arc Lamp	C.F. Brush	U.S	1879
8	Argon	Sir William Ramsay and Baron Ray Leigh .	Great Britain	1894
9	Aspirin	Dr. Felix Hoffmann,	Germany	1899
10	Atom Bomb	Julius Robert Oppenheimer	U.S	1945
11	Autogiro	Juan de la Cerva	Spain	1923
12	Automobile(steam)	Nicolas Cugnot	France	1769

SI.No.	Inventions	Inventor	Country	Year
13	Clock (mechanical)	I-Hsing and Liang Ling-Tsan	China	725
14	Clock (pendulum)	Christian Huygens	Netherlands	1657
15	Dental Plate	Anthony A. Plantson	U.S	1817
16	Dental Plate (rubber)	Charles Goodyear	U.S	1855
17	Diesel Engine,	Rudolf Diesel	Germany	1895
18	Disc Brake	Dr. F. Lanchester	England	1902
19	Electric Battery	Volta	Italy	1800
20	Electric Blanket	Simmons Co., Petersburg, Virginia,	U.S	1946

Most of the inventions mentioned above were made by Israelites (Jews) because they are the chosen people, through whose genealogy came Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. They regard the Bible as the Word of God, and God has endowed them with extraordinary knowledge. For example, since the Nobel Prize was established in 1901, despite Jews representing only about 0.19% of the world's population, they have won a total of 213 Nobel Prizes i.e., 41%.

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. That person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Let us pray that the merciful God fills us with His wisdom and grants us salvation (Mukthi).

