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This book is not a theory
it is an undeniable fact

Religion is commands and rules that God has made for human life, and prophets were agents from God to impart His message to people so that they could learn ways and methods of personal and social life based on the divine guidance.

Wisdom obviously states that God in describing the rules should talk with the language of people in a manner that they can easily comprehend in a simple, easy and clear style, and it should not be puzzling them in the least. The divine "Do' s & Don' ts" should be unlike a puzzle that even scholarly minds find it hard to solve



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To my kind mother and all oppressed victims
of religions distortions

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Author preface

- Islam.....
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- A familiar name for all humans....
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- A delightful and frightening name....
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- A name that has always been along with Submission.....
- Submission to whom?! How?
- They say: Islam means submission to God!
- We are creatures created by God
- Isn't it that being created means being submitted to the Creator?

Surah Baqarah, Verse 117:

"Originator of the heavens and the earth, When He decrees a matter, He only says to it, "Be," and it is".¹

"There is no might nor power except in Allah"²

- Are creature able to violate God's Volition?
- We are social creatures

1 بِدَعْوِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَإِذَا قَضَىٰ أَمْرًا فَإِنَّمَا يَقُولُ لَهُ كُنْ فَيَكُونُ

2 لا حول و لا قوة الا بالله

- We enjoy being together.
- We form families.
- There are laws governing our societies.

There are thousands of other characteristics that shape us as humans. However, most of these characteristics are not choices of our free will. They are merely a product of our brain structure which is created by God based on his volition.

This means:

“Laws of our society are a result of our physiological structure not a product of our invention”³

This fact is more noticeable in other creatures like ants, termites, wolves and Lions. For example, wolves and lions live a social life. In wolves' packs the leader is a female, however, in lion's packs the

³ “religion or human structure” by Mohammad Babae

leader of the pack is a male. On the other hand, tigers live solitarily.

All of these creatures have some laws governing their social lives. However, none of them have chosen this way of living consciously or with thoughtful meditations. These laws are a result of their physiological structure which has been created by God.

Humans form complex societies with complex laws and principals but they are still confined to the range of their physiological capabilities. In other words, we are submitted to God's volition in the range of our biological capabilities.

"Submission" does make sense only when the submitted person has the ability to disobey. Are we able to disobey our biological and physiological structure and yet survive? In living creatures, any attempt to evade the biological and physiological needs leads to death of the creature.

Even our sinful actions are confined to our physiological and biological structure. This means that we can't disobey any law or principal unless

God has given us (our structure) the ability to disobey. As a conclusion, we are all submitted to God and interpreting Islam as submission to God needs more careful contemplation.

Is our submission to God one of God's needs? Does God requires to be submitted to?

When we talk about submission, it seems that we are talking about a group of actions in which we have the free-will to choose between doing and not-doing them.

Muslims and most of the followers of monotheistic religions believe that all of religious commandments have divine origins. They believe that rebellion against these commandments leads to God's anger (dissatisfaction) and subsequently leads to harsh punishments for recalcitrant. However, the way Quran explains Islam is completely contradictory to this popular belief. In this book, we are going to investigate the meaning of Islam based on the verses of Quran.

Our inherent submission to God, does not necessarily mean complete determinism. This is because our free will is a part of God's volition for us. Therefore we are able to act freely in a predetermined range. As an example, suppose a manmade robot. This robot can have very complicated hardware and software but it would be still confined in the range of capabilities that we determined for it.

In this context, our sinful actions, God's retribution in the Hereafter and many other religious beliefs acquire other meanings. Sins are not acting against or changing God's volition, however, they are misusing our free will in its pre-specified range. Retribution in this world and in the Hereafter is not God's punishment or revenge, it is the result of interplays of laws of creation which is commonly called consequences of our actions. When human uses his free-will in an uncontrolled way, he will hurt himself. If you through yourself down from a building, you will surely get hurt but your injury is

not due to God's anger or punishment, it's just the consequence of laws of physics and misusing of your free-will. In fact, nobody punishes or rewards us for our actions, our punishments or rewards lie in the action and at the moment of the action. Sometimes these momentarily punishments or rewards need time to be revealed. When we jump of a tall building and break our leg, we may consider the pain we experience as a punishment but it's just the result of interplay of laws of the universe.

According to Quran, the role of God is always granting mercy and healing, even when we hurt ourselves. Quran describes those who have committed sins with words like Mojrem "مجرم", Kafer "كافر", and Zalem "ظالم".

- "مجرم" Mojrem means the one who has impurity and germ; those who go through erroneous ways become more inefficient just like dusty

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objects.

- "كافر" Kafer means the one who covers; it means those who cover realities from themselves and others.
- "ظالم" Zalem means the one who makes things hidden and out of sight. It also means those who overshadow darkness on themselves and their lives.
- So what is the meaning of Islam?
- Does it mean submission?
- And does submission mean blind and indisputable obedience?

Islam

- **Islam**.....
- Religion of submission and absolute obedience?
- Or religion of health and pure wisdom?
- Islam religion of fright and horror?.....ignorancesadness and grief?
- Or religion of happiness and wisdom.... knowledge and awareness..... peace and calmness?

Name is the most significant hallmark of a school as we tend to judge schools mostly by their names.

Most of the religions are named after their founder or the place of their origin. For example “Christianity” is named after its prophet and Judaism is named after the place⁴ where Jewish religion was formed. However, Muslims believe that the name “Islam” is chosen by God. Quran also verifies this belief:

Al-Imran verse 85-“Whoever follows a religion other than Islam, it will not be accepted from him and in hereafter he will be among defective and lost people”.⁵

Ma'idah Surah, Verse 3- “Today, I have completed your religion, perfected my blessing upon you, and I have decreed Islam as the religion for you”.⁶

We believe that God does everything with his absolute wisdom. If God has named a religion, this name should manifest the main philosophy and the eventual purpose of that religion. The word

⁴ Judah

⁵ وَمَنْ يَتَّبِعْ غَيْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

⁶ الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتَمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا

Islam “اسلام” is rooted from “سلم” which means “entering to health” and it has become transitive by “باب افعال”.

In every language there are some words that are synonymous and can be used to describe a specific situation. Despite having the same general meaning, each of these words are usually used to describe a specific situation.

For example, according to Merriam-Webster Dictionary, using “obey” and “succumb” indicates “following and accepting commands”. Although both words convey the meaning of “following” but each of them address a specific type of “following”. The word “obey” means following a specific order or to conform to or comply with, “Obey” does not necessarily mean to comply with or to follow a higher power or an external force. For instance, it can be used to indicate following an instruction for assembling a machine. On the other hand, the word “succumb” means submission to power. Therefore, if we were to choose one of these

words as a name for a human society, we would definitely choose the word based on the purpose of that society. If the purpose of that society was assembling a device then the word “obey” would be appropriate and if the purpose of that society was captivity and slavery then the word “succumb” would be the correct choice of word.

The words تسلیم and انقياد (Taslim and Enghiad) in Arabic mean to consign the will but they are derived from different roots. “تسليم” is derived from “سلم” which means health and “انقياد” is derived from “قيد”⁷ which means pulling the tether of animals. Both of these words mean consigning the will; however, “تسليم” is consigning the will voluntarily to gain health but “انقياد” is consigning the will forcibly and without having any other option. In “تسليم” the result should be definitely health, however, in the

⁷ Lisan Al-Arab, volume 3, page 270

case of "انقياد" any result could be expected, even death. When someone consigns his will and follows the orders of a training coach, he expects to gain health and fitness at the end; however, when someone consigns his will to police because of being accused for a crime, he can expect any kind of ending, even execution.

The word Islam "اسلام" is infinitive form of "افعال" 8 and its literal meaning is to make healthy or to give health as it is infinitive it has object and subject within itself. The word Islam is in infinitive form, so it has the subject and the object in itself. Therefore, the word Islam is used when an object gains health by a subject.

8. In Arabic grammar, they use different rules to describe words. One of these rules is dividing verbs into two groups: transitive or intransitive. In order to change the Intransitive verbs to transitive, they use some other rule which is called "باب" (Baab). "باب افعال" and "باب تفعيل" are two Baabs that make the intransitive verbs, transitive.

The word religion⁹ means “way and method”. So here religion is subject and its followers are object. Therefore “دين اسلام” or religion of Islam means:

“The way of making healthy, giving health and preventing harm”

Abu Jafar Mohammad Ebn Jarir Tabari in the book of Jame al Bayan fi Tafsir Alquran says:

“اسلم” means entering to health, is just like when we say “اقط القوم” which mean entering to famine. “اربعوا” means entering to spring and in

9. Dekhoda dictionary” the word religion in Arabic has the root in Sami languages. Arabs have taken this word from Akadi language. In this language “Denu” or “Dinu” means law, right and judgement. “denu” means “to decree” and “Dayyanu” means Judge. In Ebri and Arami “Din” and “Dina” means law and the right for judgment that has entered from Akadi to Arami and from Arami to Ebri and in Ebri language the word religion “Din” means debt.

this way "اسلموا" means entering to health.¹⁰

Also "abu abdollah mohammad ebne fakhre razi" in the book of Mafatih Alghaib says:
Islam literally means entering to health, "اسلم" means entering to health like "اقحط" اسنى and السلم which originally means health.¹¹

Beside philological analysis, another way of analyzing and interpreting the historical texts is to use the text itself. This is true, specially, when the text is words of God. In other words, one of the best ways of interpreting Quran is to interpret Quran by Quran. Quran describes Islam in different verses:

Surah Jonah, verse 25:

"God invites to house of health and guides whom He wills to a Straight Path"¹²

Surah Baqarah, verse 208:

¹⁰ أسلم: دخل في السلم، كما يقال أحطت القوم: إذا دخلوا في القحط، و أربعوا: إذا دخلوا في الربيع، فكذلك أسلموا: إذا دخلوا في السلم-

¹¹ الإسلام ففي معناه في أصل اللغة أنه عبارة عن الدخول في السلام- أسلم أي دخل في السلم، كتولهم: أسنى و أحطت و أصل السلم السلامة

¹² الله يَدْعُوا إِلَى دَارِ السَّلَامِ وَ يَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ

*“O ye who believe enter into health wholeheartedly and follow not the footstep of Satan for his it to you an avowed enemy”.*¹³

Surah Shuara , Verse 88-89

*“On the Day in which no wealth or children will benefit a person except for the one who comes with a sound heart”*¹⁴

Surah Hijr, verse 46:

*“Enter to health and safety”*¹⁵

Despite many rational, scientific and historical evidences for the meaning of Islam as health, the exact opposite meaning has been proselyted throughout the history. But why?

What are the potential benefits or losses of revealing the true meaning of Islam that caused the religious leaders to hide it throughout the history? Why instead of declaring the beautiful meaning of Islam they have insisted on interpreting

¹³ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ادْخُلُوا فِي التَّبَلُّمِ كَافَّةً وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا خُطُوَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُبِينٌ

¹⁴ يَوْمَ لَا يَنْتَفِعُ مَالٌ وَلَا بَنُونَ (٨٨) إِلَّا مَنْ أَتَى اللَّهَ بِقَلْبٍ سَلِيمٍ (٨٩)

¹⁵ ادْخُلُوهَا بِسَلَامٍ آمِينَ

it as “submission” and “slavery”? Perhaps the following story exemplifies what has happened throughout the history:

“Once upon a time a cat lived in a temple. The cat distracted the monks during their meditations. So the great master ordered that during the meditation the cat should be fastened to a tree at the far end of the garden. This routine continued for years and became one of the principals of that religion. Many years later the great master passed away and the cat died, the monks of that temple bought a cat and brought it to the temple in order to do the principle of meditation correctly. Time passed till one of the unwise followers of that school who claimed mastery wrote a treatise on the importance of fastening a cat to a tree during meditation and could gather many disciples around him.

When the unwise master died his disciples found many unanswered questions about the material of the rope, color and the age of the cat, the type of

the tree and....

Then they wrote many books on interpretation of their master's book. Gradually these customs were so accentuated that the origin of the story which was the "meditation" itself was overlooked and the cat sellers in the bargain profited the most for no real apparent reason.

As the custom got more complicated people fell into disarray and searched for a solution. Meanwhile some profit-seekers and spongers found the situation suitable and told people: O people your occupations and your businesses keep you far away from the Hereafter and make God unsatisfied with you so by receiving some money we are ready to perform all these customs instead of you. We will prepare a cat for you and fasten it to the best trees. We have spent our lives, learning the details of fastening cats to trees and we are more knowledge-able than you in this field. This was how the cat fastener organization came into being resulting in duping the people. Now there was no trace of meditation and....."

In many schools of thought you can find cat-fasteners and religious bandits who are busy with plundering their followers by their countless innovations.

The true meaning of Islam blocks the way for the cat-fasteners but the present meaning paves the way for them. However, the Islam that is recognized by most of the people is far different from its true meaning; Submission, pure obedience, absolute docility and bowing are the common meanings attached to the name of Islam and this needs contemplation.

In Quran, God clearly describes Islam as a religion which everyone accepts with free-will and desire and there is no compulsion or obligation on accepting it. This description is consistent with the concept of Islam as health. Following verses are supports for this claim:

Nisa- verse 59:

“O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you

with desire and tendency”¹⁶

Baqarah- verse 256:

“There shall be no compulsion in [acceptance of] the religion. The right course (what gives human health and growth) has become clear from the wrong (what gives human disease and destruction)”.¹⁷

As the above verses clearly state, God invites human to obey God consciously and with desire and tendency instead of following the religion blindly and without any questions. These verses are completely contradictory to the introduced meaning of Islam after Muhammad’s death which is “Submission”.

Musavi Sabzevari in the book of Mavaheb ALrahman Fi Tafsir Alquran says:

“Islam is rooted from “سَلَم” which means being free from any defect or outward flaw. Heaven is

16 يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ

17 لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ قَدْ تَبَيَّنَ الرُّشْدُ مِنَ الْغَيِّ

also called (دارالسلام) because it's the place for health and being away from any defect and plague. "Alsalam""السلام" is one of the God's names in a sense that He is away from all the defects, flaws and events that happen to creatures."¹⁸

Shekh Tusi in the book of Tabyan Fi Tafsir Al Quran writes:

"Islam "اسلام" is rooted from "سلم" which means health and "اسلم" means entering to health, like "اقحط" which means entering to famine and "اربع" which means entering to spring".¹⁹

Most of the interpreters have mentioned the true meaning of Islam in their books. However, interestingly, they have concluded the meaning of Islam as "Subjugation" and "Submission" without any further logical reasoning to support their

¹⁸ الاسلام» مادة «سلم» تأتي بمعنى التعزي عن العيوب و الآفات الظاهرية و الباطنية، و يقال للجنة: «دار السلام»، لأنها دار الإسلام عن العيوب و الآفات، و من أسبائه سبحانه و تعالى: «السلام»، لأنه لا يتصف بما يتصف به الخلق من العيب و الفناء أو الحوادث.

¹⁹ الإسلام أصله السلم، فأسلم معناه دخل في السلم كقولهم أحطط بمعنى دخل التحط و أربع دخل في الربيع

interpretations!

In Sermon 152 of Nahjol Balaghe, Ali (peace be upon him) says:

Allah the Glorified, has distinguished you with Islam and has chosen you for it. This is because it is the name of health and safety and the collection of honor and dignity. Surprisingly, in most of the religious books they didn't referred to this Sermon of Nahjolbalaghe. They have only referred to a part of the 125th sermon of Nahjolbalaghe which says "certainly Islam means submission". Referring to only one part of a whole sermon they have concluded that Islam means submission. While the original sermon is:

لِإِسْلَامٍ هُوَ التَّسْلِيمُ

Islam is the same as submission

وَالتَّسْلِيمُ هُوَ الْيَقِينُ

And submission is certainty

وَ الْيَقِينُ هُوَ التَّصَدِيقُ

And certainty is true belief

وَ التَّصَدِيقُ هُوَ الْإِقْرَارُ

True belief is true confession

وَ الْإِقْرَارُ هُوَ الْأَدَاءُ

And true confession is the rightful doing of responsibilities

وَ الْأَدَاءُ هُوَ الْعَمَلُ

And right performing of responsibilities is the same as deed

Even an illiterate person can comprehend that the purpose of this speech is not translating the word Islam, it's rather describing it. If we translate Islam to submission then we can use the same principle for other parts of the speech and we can conclude:

Islam=submission=certainty=belief=confession=doing responsibilities= deed

Then the meaning of Islam would be "deed"!!!

The word submission"تسليم" is also rooted from

“سلم” and it is infinitive form of “تفعليل” which literally means “choosing health, keeping away from harm and maintaining healthiness”. If we choose the word religion “دين” as the subject for the word “تسليم” then the meaning would be:

“The way of avoiding harm, the way of choosing health”

In wars the word “تسليم” is interpreted as absolute submission and slavery. The reason is that the victorious side of the war asked the defeated ones to surrender in order to keep themselves away from death and annihilation. In other words they asked them to choose the way of health by submitting themselves to their determined rules. Most of the times these rules were extremely cruel so the meaning of the word “تسليم” gradually altered to slavery, servitude and absolute obedience. Asking an army to surrender doesn’t surely mean to ask them to leave their stronghold to be slaughtered easier, it’s rather

asking them to save their lives.

The name of a school is like the glasses from which we look through the teachings and beliefs of that school. As we explained earlier, each word in a language might have synonyms in the dictionary; however these synonyms might convey different meanings. In other words, the usage of a word should accompany the meaning in the dictionary to convey the exact meaning of the word. If God named a religion, he would choose a name which defines the core concept of that religion and describes the consequences of being its follower. So, everyone who hears the name would recognize the principal goals of that religion clearly.

If God was willing to name a religion in which the core principle was “blind submission”, he would choose a name like “انقياد” which conveys the same meaning. However, using the word “Islam” which is rooted from “health”, invites everyone to a religion that provides humans with

methods for acquiring physical, mental and social health and is purposed to build a happy, peaceful, calm and healthy society.

Suppose that you enter a town and you see three temples in the town. On top of each of the temples there is a board with a writing on it. The writing on top of the first building is: "Torture Chamber", the writing on the second building is: "Hospital" and the third writing is: "Butchers". Suppose that you visit all three temples and you observe similar tools like knives, ropes, cleavers and scissors in the buildings. How would you interpret those tools? What about the blood spots that you see on the walls? You would certainly use the writings on the temples to interpret the happenings in the buildings.

In the first temple you would be upset and sad since you see the tools as the means of cruelty and the staff as cruel and brutal people. In the second temple you would be happy since you see those tools as the means of healing and the staff as physicians and knowledgeable people. In the third

temple you won't feel sadness nor happiness, you would simply say that humans need to feed themselves! In fact, the name of each temple determines the glasses with which you look through the happenings of that temple and therefore determines your attitude toward it.

Religion is a collection of rules and commands that God has determine for humans. Prophets were sent from God to convey his message to people so they can learn ways of living their personal and social lives. If God was willing to convey his message to all the people, common sense would dictate that he would articulate his message in a clear and eloquent language instead of making a complicated puzzle that even scholars are not able to solve. When they say, Islam means Submission, numerous questions come to the mind:

- Submission to whom?
- How?
- Why?

- And....

However, if we mention the true meaning of Islam as “way of choosing health and avoiding harm” everyone will understand what his way is. He will easily understand the main dos and don’ts of his way. (His understanding might be imperfect depending on his knowledge...)

Islam in its true meaning forms some expectations in everyone’s mind:

- *No rule in Islam should be against physical, mental, social or familial health.*
- *In all religious commandments and sentences, health should be the most prominent element.*
- *The relationship between **religious commands** and **health** should be completely clear and not confusing.*
- *Therefore in Islamic societies smoking, using Tabaco, pipe and all narcotics should be forbidden.*
- *Suicide, suicide bombing, war and despotism should be totally denounced in the society.*

- *Advocating peace and denouncing war should be the most outstanding characteristics of that society.*
- *Any bargain leading to injustice should be forbidden. (Reba)²⁰*
- *Protecting and respecting the environment and reviving nature should be one of the principles of that society.*
- *Promoting public sports and constructing recreational facilities would be one of the priorities of an Islamic society.*
- *Gaining knowledge and awareness, freedom of thought and speech would be important slogans of that society.*
- *Respecting all humans and creatures, politeness in speech and behavior and open discussion about all aspects of the religion should be praised in the society.*
- *Austerity, monasticism, quitting family would have no place in Islam.*

²⁰ "Islamic Economic Outlook" by Mohammad Babaee

- Foolishness, blind submission, giving false holiness, and disrespecting others would be meaningless and uncalled for.
- Every Muslim is recognized by his/her admirable and decent appearance, healthy and powerful physique and his/her ceaseless freshness and happiness.

Quran describes those who follow the religion of Islam by these characteristics:

"صالحين" Salehin: Those who have reached peace and maintain peace in themselves and the world.

"مومنين" Momenin: Those who have reached safety and calmness and maintain the feeling of safety and calmness in themselves and the world.

Quran introduces being "صالح" and "مؤمن" as a consequence of following Islam. In other words, Quran describes results of believing in Islam as reaching calmness, inner peace and security. This is fully consistent with the meaning of Islam as health.

On the other hand, Islam with the present meaning has some consequences:

- Religious leaders use narcotic drugs openly; most of them have not a fit and healthy physique; they lack professional skills.
- Religious leaders advertise thoughtless imitating instead of meditation and investigation, they advertise worshipping of a specific person.
- Thinking about religious commands and the deeds of religious leaders is forbidden.
- Wearing clean and stylish is scolded.
- Flattery and illiteracy is more praised than wisdom and truthfulness.
- Fear of God and depression is very common in the society
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As we can see, the present meaning of Islam paves the way for cat-fasteners. In contrast, the true meaning of Islam blocks the ways of gaining profit from religion. It's obvious that the most common meaning among Muslims would be the present

meaning. Unfortunately none of the interpreters of Quran mentioned the true meaning of Islam.

The Forgotten Religions

Unfortunately religions have always been in a halo of darkness (dimness, obscurity) and haziness throughout the history. This obscurity has been a perfect opportunity for religious bandits to rip-off people's wealth, minds and lives. These religious plunderers use misinterpretations of religious teachings and commands as a way to fool people and to benefit from them. Formation of temples and development of religious organizations for maintaining religious sciences in form of clergies, priests, druids and..... and formation of their dynasties who gradually introduced themselves as the owners, guardians, and inheritors of religions are a part of this scenario. The original founders of religions never abused their schools for earning money for themselves and their families. However, the religious plunderers convinced people that the money they receive for religious matters are a

favor to them.

Throughout the history several factors altered the original message of religions:

-Dominance of the most primitive instincts like eating, sleeping, sexual lust, desire for hegemony and social position, indolence and.....

-Uneven distribution of knowledge and awareness throughout the society.

-Haziness and obscurities about the history of religions.

These deficiencies gave some rascals the opportunity to misuse the religion for their own benefits. They started imitating the deeds of great thinkers to fool people.

This is evident by taking a look at the huge amounts of money that some people earn by holding religious ceremonies. Clergies and panegyrists in Shia earn an incredible amount of

money for one night of the mourning ceremony in “Moharam”. Sometimes the amount of money that they earn exceeds the one year salary of an ordinary employee. They even receive money for giving religious advice or doing obligatory prayers like congregational prayer. Clergies consider themselves as the owners of people and successors of God on earth and assume other people as witless, slave and imitator, although they will surely deny this claim orally. They receive money from the family of deceased for offering prayers and fasting instead of the deceased by stating that one who hasn't fulfilled his prayers during his life will face horrible sufferings in the Hereafter!

When we look through the dusty book of history, we can witness tragic events at the time of death of prophets. These events are some of the origins of religious innovations and misinterpretations. Division of Islam into different sectors after the death of Muhammad is one of these tragic events. This event ignited the inception of numerous wars

and genocides inside²¹ and outside²² the Arabia mostly because of tribal discrepancies. These tribal discrepancies led to deep grudges and hostilities among the leaders of that period. Emergence of countless leaders and claimants, fight over Caliphate and all these tribal hostilities caused the original message of the religion to be lost in the chambers of history and after a thousand years the true message is still lost. Instead of the true message of the religion, malice, ignorance, giving fake honor to specific characters, competition for proving superiority and nepotism was transferred to future generations. Consequently, we can notice that nowadays, the hottest discussions in Islam are discussions about historical events and characters. It seems that one who doesn't cultivate these old grudges in his heart is not a true Muslim!

²¹ Wars named Radeh

²² Attacks to neighboring countries

As a result, all interpretations of Quran were aimed to prove the legitimacy of one of those sects and no attention were aimed to comprehend the real meanings of Quran. Disputing over specific characters has occupied the minds of people in an extent that no one thinks of the literal meaning of Islam!

In the meantime, some jobbers and profit seekers started to intensify the flares of enmity by supporting some foolish characters and introducing them as leaders to the society. This way they paved the way for countless innovations in the religion and earned huge amounts of money.

When Muhammad passed away and the news of his death spread, there were two different cultural groups in the Arabia. One group were those who have converted to Islam and the other were those who have remained in their religions. The second group gained more power after the death of the prophet so they started severe oppositions against Muslims. In the meantime, Muslims were

impatiently waiting for a news from Medina.

After holding Saghifeh and swearing allegiance to Abu Bakr, some Muslim tribes didn't follow this allegiance and refused to pay their Zakat ²³ to the Caliph. This flared up the war between the Caliph and some Arab tribes. Islamic historians named all these events as "Radeh" and those tribes who were involved in wars as "Mortaddin, مرتدين" (Heretics). There are three different narratives of "Radeh":

-Some of the historians narrate that except in Medina and Mecca, the number of Arab Muslims were very few.

-Some other historians believe that refusing to pay Zakat in Radeh does not mean leaving the religion

-The third group of historians divided the people into two groups: Heretics and Muslims who were

²³ Property that Muslims give to Islamic government for their profit, like tax.

against Zakat.

Narratives of the first group:

Seif Ebn Omar: At the time of swearing allegiance to Abu Bakr all Arab tribes or a group of them became heretic²⁴

Masoudi: All Arabs except people of Medina and Mecca and a few others, became heretics.²⁵

Hamou: Most of the people on earth became heretic. All or a part of all Arab tribes became heretic but the tribes of Quraysh and Saghif remained Muslim.²⁶

Narratives of the second group:

Ebn Shahab Zahri: When the Prophet died and Abu Bakr became his successor and some of Arabs became heretic, Omar Ebn Khatab told to Abu Bakr: Why do you fight with people? While our prophet said: I have to fight with people until they

²⁴ (Tabari,461/2)

²⁵ (Masoudi, 301/2)

²⁶ (Hamou, 475/2)

testify God's unity and accept my prophecy. As soon as they say Shahadatain, they keep their lives and properties safe on my side. Abu Bakr said: I swear to God if they don't pay the Zakat they used to pay to Prophet, even if it's a foot chain of a camel, I will undoubtedly fight with them.²⁷

Omab Ebn Shebh: The Heretic groups of Arabs came to Caliph. They believed in doing their religious prayers but refused to pay Zakat So Abu Abkr refused to accept their way and discarded them.²⁸

Narratives of the third group:

Yaghobi: some Arabs claimed prophecy, some of them became heretic and some others refused to pay Zakat to Abu Bakr.²⁹

Masoudi: After Muhammad passed away most of the Arabs became heretic, some of them became

²⁷ (Bokhari 243/1, 196/4, 257, Moslem, 1/51-52, Abu Davoud, 93/2, Tarmazi 3/5, Nesayi, 14/5, 5/6, 77-78/ 7 Ahmad, 11/1, 19,36,47)

²⁸ (Tabari, 472/2, Ghes: Alemamat, Alsiasat, 17/1)

²⁹ (Yaghobi, 128/2)

impious and some others refused to pay Zakat.³⁰

Arab's spirit of rebellion and bellicosity beside their desire for wealth were the first motivations of interpreting Islam as "Blind submission". This way they could pacify the rebelling Arabs by the name of God and religion. Also this interpretation forced the Muslims who were against paying Zakat to become obedient.

At that time refusing to accept this meaning of Islam was at the cost of losing life and property.

When we study the way rebels were repressed by Caliphs, we see the war crimes that were obviously against religion and this shows aberrations from the real Islam.

- Carnage and raping of rebelling Muslims by Khalid Ebn Walid, who was one of the Commanders³¹ of Caliph.

³⁰ (Masoudi, Altanbih, 247)

³¹ Quoting from Ibn Ishagh book: Bani Gharizeh finally succumbed and Saad ibn maaz one of the commander of Aus tribe ordered to kill the mature mans and captive the women

- Burning of great libraries in Iran by Saad Ebn Abi Waghas at the time of foray of Arabs to Iran.
- Killing and possessing the properties and wives of some Arabian tribes who were newly converted to Islam.

All these historical evidences manifest how Arabs deviated from the original Islam and how Islam changed to a means of profit making. Islam as “Blind and unquestionable submission” was the best pretext for them to act in this way.

Islam is not the only religion that experienced such events. The mainstream of most of the religions have deviated due to similar tragic events. One example of this can be found in Christianity. After Jesus died or as some say after he ascended, his followers continued to invite people to Christianity. However, they faced a big trouble in advertising their religion, Jewish priests

and children. And then some ditches were dug in Medina and the head of men were cut. The number of killed were about 400-900 people.

murdered and massacred them. One of them was a person called Saint Paul³² who had a main role in killing and arresting many Christians.³³ Today we can firmly assert that most of religious scholars and historians do not attribute religious books of Christianity to Jesus. However they believe that these religious books are gathered and written by Saint Paul. He was one of the Jewish zealots who was involved in the massacre and killing of so many Christians and he never met Jesus. Without considering the character of Saint Paul, when we look at his sayings in the most unbiased way, some questions arise to the mind that require analysis and reflection.

In Bible there are some quotations from Saint Paul that state: Romans 3: 21-22

³² Saint Paul was born between 5-15 A.D in Tarsus, (a city in the Asian part of Turkey) in a rich family.

³³ His name in new Testament for the first time is used in torturing and killing Stephen who was a selective Apostle. Saint Paul's name is used as a person who was satisfied with torturing and killing Stephen.

Righteousness through Faith

21. But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

Here Saint Paul omits performing religious practices that Jesus taught to Apostles. And he continues:

"22- This righteousness is given through faith in[a] Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, 23-for all have sinned and fall short to the glory of God, 24- And are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. 25- God presented him as sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate His justice, because in His forbearance He had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished."

What is sin?

How it is possible for someone to bear the sin of others?

Why God is always angry? Why he should punish

someone to calm down?

Does Jesus bears the sin of others to extinguish God's anger?

Even in the most primitive societies, no one is punished in place of others.

Christianity has countless beauties and delicacies; however, the message communicated through the Bible is not what is expected from a divine religion. After Saint Paul converted to Christianity, he started proselyting this religion; however, due to his hostility to Christians he proselyted his own ideas with the label of Christianity. In order to propagate Christianity he used two methods:

1. He made the religious practices of Christianity very easy because following complicated commands of Jesus was very hard for non-Jewish people. Saint Paul eliminated practices and considered faith enough for salvation.
2. He changed the essence of religion in a way that the Pagans of Roman Empire would

accept it easier.

Another example were the monks of Hinduism who took the mystic essence of Veda and replaced it with witchery. The clergies of Hinduism took the authority of ceremonies of sacrifice. They claimed that only the clergies and their representatives can do the sacrifice, by that they received the offerings of people which was usually an expensive animal. Clergies distorted the holy texts of Veda to justify their dominion. In tenth religious song of Veda it is written: The whole world will be rewarded to a person who offers a cow to a Brahman. In Vedic texts there are many instances of giving false authority and holiness to clergies. One can find several examples of this kind in different religions.

In the history of religions the greatest religious crimes occurred when the religious books were translated, interpreted or written falsely. Sometimes these false interpretations were

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done intentionally and sometimes they were rooted in ignorance.

Islam in Quran

The word Islam has been repeated 8 times in Quran. We will translate them using both the real meaning and the advertised meaning, then we ask the reader to judge:

Surah Al-e- Imran, verse 19

إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ وَ مَا اخْتَلَفَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ
 إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَهُمُ الْعِلْمُ بَغْيًا بَيْنَهُمْ وَ مَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ فَإِنَّ
 اللَّهَ سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ

Translation with the meaning of submission:

“Verily True religion with God is submission. Those who were given the Book were not at variance except after the knowledge came to them, being insolent one to another. And whosoever disbelieves in God’s signs. God is swift at the reckoning.”

Translation with the true meaning (health):

“Verily true religion with God is gaining health and avoiding harm. Those who were given the Book were not at variance except after the knowledge came to them, being insolent one to another. And whosoever disbelieves in God’s signs. God is swift at the reckoning.”

Surah Al-e-Imran , verse 85

وَمَنْ يَلْتَمِعْ بِغَيْرِ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ
مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

Translation with the meaning of submission:

“Whoso desires another way than being submitted, it shall not be accepted of him; in the next world he shall be among the losers”.

Translation with true meaning of Islam (health):

“Whoso desires another way than gaining

health, it shall not be accepted of him; in the next world he shall be among the losers”

Surah Al Maidah, Verse 3

حُرِّمَتْ عَلَيْكُمُ الْمَيْتَةُ وَ الدَّمُ وَ لَحْمُ الْخِنْزِيرِ وَ مَا أَهْلَ لِغَيْرِ اللَّهِ
 بِهِ وَ الْمُنْخَبِثَةُ وَ الْمُوقُودَةُ وَ الْمُتَرَدِّيَّةُ وَ التَّطْيِحَةُ وَ مَا أَكَلَ
 السَّبْعُ إِلَّا مَا ذَكَّيْتُمْ وَ مَا ذُبِحَ عَلَى النُّصَبِ وَ أَنْ تَسْتَقْسِمُوا
 بِالْأَزْلَامِ ذَلِكَ فِسْقٌ الْيَوْمَ يَبْسُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ دِينِكُمْ فَلَا
 تَخْشَوْهُمْ وَ احْشَوْنِ الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَ أَتَمَّمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ
 نِعْمَتِي وَ رَضِيْتُ لَكُمْ الْإِسْلَامَ دِيناً فَمَنْ اضْطُرَّ فِي مَحْمَصَةٍ غَيْرِ
 مُتَجَانِفٍ لِإِيْمٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

Translation with the meaning of submission:

“Forbidden to you are carrion, blood, the flesh of swine, what has been hallowed to other than God,

the beast strangled; the beast beaten down, the beast fallen to death, the beast gored, and that devoured by beasts of prey - excepting that you have sacrificed duly -- as also things sacrificed to idols, and partition by the divining arrows; that is ungodliness. Today the unbelievers have despaired of your religion; therefore fear them not, but fear you Me. Today I have perfected your religion for you, and I have completed My blessing upon you, and I have approved the way of submission for your religion. But whosoever is constrained in emptiness and not inclining purposely to sin -- God is All-forgiving, All-compassionate”

Translation with true meaning of Islam (health):
“Forbidden to you are carrion, blood, the flesh of swine, what has been hallowed to other than God, the beast strangled; the beast beaten down, the beast fallen to death, the beast gored, and that devoured by beasts of prey - excepting that you have sacrificed duly -- as also things sacrificed to idols, and partition by the divining arrows; that is

ungodliness. Today the unbelievers have despaired of your religion; therefore fear them not, but fear you Me. Today I have perfected your religion for you, and I have completed My blessing upon you, and I have approved the way of gaining health for your religion. But whosoever is constrained in emptiness and not inclining purposely to sin -- God is All-forgiving, All-compassionate”

Surah Al-Saff, Verse 7

وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنِ افْتَرَىٰ عَلَى اللَّهِ الْكُذِبَ وَهُوَ يُدْعَىٰ إِلَى
 الْإِسْلَامِ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ

Translation with the meaning of Submission:

“And who does greater evil than he who forges against God falsehood, when he is being called unto submission? And God guides never the people of the evildoers”.

Translation with the true meaning of Islam (health):
And who does greater evil than he who forges against God falsehood, when he is being called unto gaining health and being away from harm? And God guides never the people of the evildoers.

Surah Al Anaam, Verse 125

فَمَنْ يُرِدِ اللَّهُ أَنْ يَهْدِيَهُ يَشْرَحْ صَدْرَهُ لِلْإِسْلَامِ وَمَنْ يُرِدْ أَنْ
يُضِلَّهُ يَجْعَلْ صَدْرَهُ ضَيِّقًا حَرَجًا كَأَنَّمَا يَصْعَدُ فِي السَّمَاءِ كَذَلِكَ
يَجْعَلُ اللَّهُ الرَّجْسَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ

Translation with the meaning of submission:
“Whomsoever God desires to guide, He expands his breast to submission; whomsoever He desires to lead astray, He makes his breast narrow, tight, as if he were climbing to heaven. So God lays abomination upon those who believe not”

Translation with the true meaning (health)

“Whomsoever God desires to guide, He expands his breast to healthiness (and avoiding harm); whomsoever He desires to lead astray, He makes his breast narrow, tight, as if he were climbing to heaven. So God lays abomination upon those who believe not”

At- Tawbah Surah, Verse 74

يَجْلِفُونَ بِاللَّهِ مَا قَالُوا وَ لَقَدْ قَالُوا كَلِمَةَ الْكُفْرِ وَ كَفَرُوا بَعْدَ
 إِسْلَامِهِمْ وَ هُمُوا بِمَا لَمْ يَنَالُوا وَ مَا نَقَمُوا إِلَّا أَنْ أَغْنَاهُمُ اللَّهُ وَ
 رَسُولُهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ فَإِنْ يَتُوبُوا يَكُ خَيْرًا لَهُمْ وَ إِنْ يَتَوَلَّوْا يُعَذِّبْهُمْ
 اللَّهُ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا فِي الدُّنْيَا وَ الْآخِرَةِ وَ مَا لَهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ مِنْ وَلِيٍّ
 وَ لَا نَصِيرٍ

Translation with the meaning of submission:

“They swear by God that they said nothing, but they indeed said the word of unbelief and disbelieved,

after they had been submitted. They purposed what they never attained to, and they took revenge only that God enriched them, and His Messenger, of His bounty. So if they repent it will be better for them; if they turn away, God will chastise them with a painful chastisement in this world and the next; on the earth they have no protector or helper”

Translation with the true meaning of Islam (health):
“They swear by God that they said nothing, but they indeed said the word of unbelief and disbelieved, after becoming healthy. They purposed what they never attained to, and they took revenge only that God enriched them, and His Messenger, of His bounty. So if they repent it will be better for them; if they turn away, God will chastise them with a painful chastisement in this world and the next; on the earth they have no protector or helper”

Az-Zumar Surah, Verse 22

أَفَمَنْ شَرَحَ اللَّهُ صَدْرَهُ لِلْإِسْلَامِ فَهُوَ عَلَىٰ نُورٍ مِّنْ رَبِّهِ فَوَيْلٌ

لِلْقَاسِيَةِ قُلُوبُهُمْ مِنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ أُولَئِكَ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُبِينٍ

Translation with the meaning of submission:

“Is he whose breast God has expanded unto submission, so he walks in a light from his Lord...? But woe to those whose hearts are hardened against the remembrance of God! Those are in manifest error”

Translation with the true meaning (health):

“Is he whose breast God has expanded unto health, so he walks in a light from his Lord...? But woe to those whose hearts are hardened against the remembrance of God! Those are in manifest error”

Surah Al- Hujurat, Verse 17

يَمُنُونَ عَلَيْكَ أَنْ أَسْلَمُوا قُلْ لَا تَمُنُوا عَلَيَّ إِسْلَامَكُمْ بَلِ اللَّهُ

يُمُنُّ عَلَيْكُمْ أَنْ هَدَاكُمْ لِلْإِيمَانِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ

Translation with the meaning of submission

“They count it as a favor to thee that they have

surrendered! Say: ‹Do not count your surrendering as a favor to me; nay, but rather God confers a favor upon you, in that He has guided you to belief, if it be that you are truthful.›

Translation with the real meaning (health):

“They count it as a favor to thee that they became healthy! Say: ‹Do not count your being healthy as a favor to me; nay, but rather God confers a favor upon you, in that He has guided you to belief, if it be that you are truthful.›

Self-Awareness

From the biological perspective, self-awareness is a new property that emerged in the mammalian brain as a region of the brain called neo-cortex evolved. The highest extent of this evolution can be found in the human brain.

How the highest extent of self-awareness can be measured?

Has self-awareness really reached its highest extent in humans?

Are humans, evolved animals? Does a natural event or a genetic mutation caused the neo-cortex and consequently self-awareness to develop? Aren't we animals right now?

This newly developed capability made "Human" to believe that he/she is not an animal and made

him/her think that his/her thoughts and beliefs are correct and absolute. This illusory self-esteem and self-belief is evident in different human societies with different schools of thoughts; Any person with any age, cultural background, social rank and degree of knowledge feels that he/she knows all the rights and wrongs and believes that he/she can judge everything and his/her judgments are right and absolute. This absolute self-belief can sometimes make this creature to kill his/her own congeners in the most horrifying way.

Is religion the result of this illusion?

Or it is some instructions for controlling and directing the new capability of this animal?

Although he/she might not accept it verbally, human feels that his/her knowledge and sensorial perceptions are right and flawless. Maybe this illusory self-esteem concealed so many realities from him/her. Knowing this fact, creators of religions, if we consider religions as right and real, have not told many things about the essence and

origin of religions. They just gave us some solutions and practical instructions. The origin and essence of these instructions are still in a halo of haziness. This ambiguity and haziness was the starting point of any oppression and sedition because believing that his/her knowledge and five sense perception³⁴ are real and flawless, anyone starts judging, analyzing and even excogitating a religion.

In this unknown, mysterious and sometimes scary world, humans build a safe shelter of thoughts and beliefs for escaping the fears of unknown. During life they fill its defects by their own logic and selected findings. It means that for repairing their belief shelters they search for logics and schools which fit into their demands and help them keep themselves away from the fear of facing the reality.

People are occupied with building and repairing this belief shelter throughout their lives. They feel safe in this shelter although their lives. Fear of collapse of this safe shelter has made humans prone to be

³⁴ "The Inner World" written by Mohammad Babae

deceived and abused. This fear cause them to avoid or even fight any knowledge, science, logic or reality that destructs or changes their belief shelter. This attitude not only paves the way for religious bandits but also makes people escape from accepting any faults and flaws in their beliefs. They even start fighting each other for saving their belief shelters. This is the reason that even in this century there is no compromise between different religions and almost everyone who is born in a religion will die with it.

***Blessings to those who are seekers of the truth in
their religion and belief.***

Results:

Islam means health

God wants man to live healthy

*Presenting Islam as a puzzle is for gaining profit
and abusing the ignorance of people.*

And Finally:

*All existing interpretations of Quran need a
review and revision*

This book has been written based on thorough knowledge, wisdom and evidence. No scholar is able to reject it using any scientific reason or Quranic logic. In fact the views presented in this book are not a theory or an idea but an absolute and undeniable truth that had been hidden amidst the lost reality of religions.

We kindly request those friends who believe that the scientific reasons of this book are not sufficient or they have any logic for rejecting this claim, to write their opinions on www.babae-books.com

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