

God's Message to Mankind

You shall worship God with all your heart, and all your soul, and all your mind and all your strength.
[Deuteronomy 6:5, Matthew 22:37, Mark 12:30, and Luke 10:27]

This is God's message to mankind? To worship God Alone, not to associate partners with God.

Exodus 20, versus 3,4,5: [KJV]

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God.

Deuteronomy 8 verse 19: [ASV]

And it shall be, if thou shalt forget Jehovah thy God, and walk after other God's, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.

Deuteronomy 10 verse 20: [NIV]

Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name alone.

Luke 4 verse 8: and Matthew 4 verse 10: [ASV]

And Jesus answered and said unto him, It is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shall thou serve.

Isaiah 26 verse 13: [NIV]

O LORD, our God, other lords besides you have ruled over us, but your name alone do we honor.

It seem clear to me that over the ages and throughout the Scriptures the message has been to Worship God Alone. Your prayers should be directed to God Only, the creator of all things in Heaven and Earth and all in between.

How do you worship God Alone, which church or religious organization practices the worship of God Alone, finding the answer to this question could be very confusing at best.

When you go in search of it, you will find many different answers depending on where you look or Whom you ask. To begin with lets take the Whom you ask, there are so many, the Christians, the Jews, the Muslims, the Buddhist, the Hindus, and the list goes on even further. Which of the Christian faiths do you consult, the Catholics, the Lutherans, the Baptists, the Mormons, just to name a few, there are many more denominations. The Jews, Muslims, Buddhist, Hindus all have numerous sects within them and all claim that the others are false or misguided. Where to start when all of them claim that there is One God and only **Theirs** is the correct God. Now you do not have to be very bright to realize that someone and possibly all of them could be WRONG.

Now let's look at the Where to look, again there numerous sources of information, to begin with there are the Scriptures, namely the Holy Bible "Old Testament" and the "New Testament", all suppose to be dictated by God. Why then are there many versions of each, differing from each other. Would God deliberate try to miss-lead us, confuse us to make it so difficult to follow His path to Heaven. I do not think so, it is Man and his handwork that miss-leads us and causes the confusion in religion, and for what purpose, Power, Monetary Gain and Control of the People.

The Bible or Torah to the Jews, written in Hebrew was translated into Greek, then further translated from Greek by Catholic Monks into Church Latin. The verses were interpreted by the Monks and re-written. Over the course of centuries, the verses were again re-interpreted and re-written. Then translated into German and finally into English and other languages. Recent scholars after finding the Dead Sea Scrolls have re-examined the text and found a great disparity between them, and some new work is being done to try to bring the Bible to as close to its original form as possible. Unfortunately most of that work is on going and is not available to the general public at this time.

As for the "New Testament" which is suppose to be the gospel of Jesus, was not written during the time Jesus was alive. If a record of Jesus' teaching was ever produced during the time of his life it is unknown of still hidden. What we have now is what was written approximately 70 years after his death, passed down by word of mouth. And not all of that was accepted. There are many books, or works that was rejected by the early Christian leaders. Of the books that were accepted many have been edited and re-written over the centuries for unknown reasons that we can only guess about.

For thousands of years, people followed the religion of their parents, if your parents were Muslim you were a Muslim, if your parents were a Catholic then you were a Catholic. Only in the last hundred or so years have people started changing their religion from that of their parents. Why did they change, was there something about the teaching that they were give that did not make sense to them, or an inner voice that said "This cannot be right". Or were they forced by peer pressure, marriage or other circumstances to convert.

There are many religions that actively peruse converts, because of this the minds of people are being awakened and they are starting to question the established religious leaders of this time. And why not question the religious leaders, especially when they are all reading the same Scriptures and giving us such differing opinions of the text. The worst is that many of them omit parts of the Scriptures and will not even discuss them with us. Is this an act of a person that wants to bring us closer to God, I really do not think so. So where do we turn to find the answers we are seeking.

One more thing before I give you answers instead of questions and making you think. Faith, what is Faith, the dictionary states "Believing in something without any Proof". We all have faith in many things, we have faith that the sun will rise in the east not the north. We have faith that we will never get out of this world alive. We have faith that no matter what a politician says they will not keep their word unless it greatly benefits them. So we believe in many things without Proof, or do we. How many times has the sun risen in the same place, has it ever changed? No, so we do have proof then. Look at the other things in the same light and you will find that there is proof of all things if you look close enough. Religion tells us to believe in God, Heaven and the Afterlife on faith alone with out any proof. But again is there No proof that God exists. If you clear your mind and put aside your prejudices and look at the world and all the animals, plants and other creatures you will find your proofs of God's

existence. I want to stop here because I do not want to get into a discussion of Creationism vs Darwinism.

There is one Scripture that has remained in the same language it was dictated in, it has not been translated into one language then into another. It has not been read by one scholar and interpreted to what they believed it said or what they wanted it to say as the Bible has been. Although there have been minor changes over the course of time, such as punctuation and grammar it has basically remained the same text. That book is the Quran, dictated to the Prophet Mohammed by God and the Angel Gabriel over 1400 years ago. The Quran is still in the original language of Arabic in which it was written 1400 years ago. Although it has been copied, it was copied word for word, letter for letter. It was not read, interpreted and then written down in another language. The Quran, as does the earlier Scripture dictates the Worship of God Alone, and it the Final Testament to mankind from God.

I do not simply ask you to believe me on FAITH alone, since the Quran comes with its own build in proofs. These proofs come in the form of very simple to the extremely difficult, and take time and study to understand.

Many of the proofs are presented in various articles on this web site and others. They are also presented in the beginning of the English Translation of the Quran by Dr. Rashad Khalifa and in the appendices of his translation.

The more intricate proof is in the form of Ultimate Mathematics which uses the mathematics of primes found in the Quran which prove its structure and words to be truth.

I do not ask you to convert, what I do ask is that you do not disregard anything out of hand. That you use an open mind and study all the information before making any conclusions on the religion you wish to follow.

God has given us the mind, and He expects us to use it, therefore, we should do all in our power to hunt down the truth and follow that truth if we wish to succeed in this world and in the life to come.

Peace
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