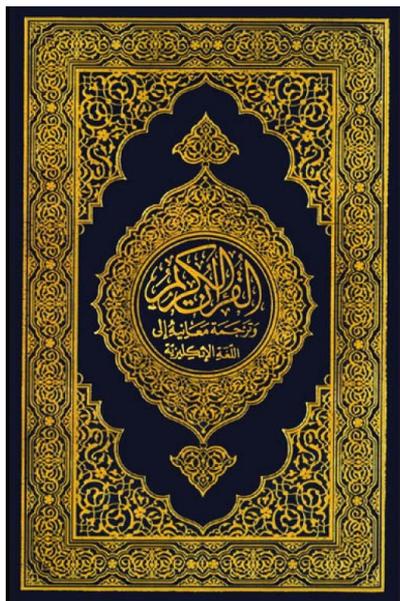


اهل الكتاب

People of the Book





“Not all of them are alike: Of the People of the Book are a portion that stand (For the right): They rehearse the Signs of Allah all night long, and they prostrate themselves in adoration.”

“They believe in Allah and the Last Day; they enjoin what is right, and forbid what is wrong; and they hasten (in emulation) in (all) good works: They are in the ranks of the righteous.”

“Of the good that they do, nothing will be rejected of them; for Allah knoweth well those that do right.”

Sura 3:113-115. Aal-E-Imran

Greetings dear friend of Allah, I am certain that the reader has encountered these words of the Honored Qur'an. Who are these people? That they must be very special there can be no doubt, but let's look close to see who they are!

The Honored Qur'an points out a group called "The People of the Book". These people are known as 'Christians'. They are called 'the People of the Book' (Bible Scriptures). But from among them is a unique group. The Honored Qur'an says that there is a distinction made among 'Christians' and that 'they are not all alike.'

Who is this unique group of people which the Honored Qur'an calls attention to in such a remarkable manner, as to be 'among the righteous'!

Notice the identifying characteristics of this unique group from Sura 3:113-115 Aal-E-Imran:

not all of them (Christians) are alike
a portion stand for the right
they rehearse the signs of Allah
they prostrate (bow) themselves in adoration
they believe in Allah and the Last Day
they enjoin [instruct with authority] what is right
they forbid what is wrong
they hasten in emulation in all good works
 [strive for that which is praiseworthy]
they are in the ranks of the righteous
nothing will be rejected of them. [they are known by Allah]

The Honored Qur'an says of this unique portion, that they are "among the Righteous". If they are among the Righteous, then what they believe and teach must be truth. It is quite obvious that what they believe from the Taurat and Injeel is truth! If Allah calls them to be among the Righteous then we dare not find fault with them at all! But rather could we also learn about their faith? We notice that these unique people hold to 'the Book' (Bible Scriptures) which the Honored Qur'an purposely directs us to in Sura 5:46 Al-Maeda:

"We sent Jesus the son of Mary, confirming the Law (Taurat) that had come before him: We sent him the Gospel (Injeel): therein was guidance and light, and confirmation of the Law (Taurat) that had come before him: A guidance and an admonition to those who fear Allah."

The Honored Qur'an speaks of the Taurat and Injeel, (Bible Scriptures) as 1.Guidance 2.Admonition 3.Light

This makes it very clear that the Taurat and Injeel are from Allah. The Injeel came to us through Isa al-Masih, (Christ the Messiah) and are for those who fear Allah. These unique people believe that it is their duty to submit to Allah without reserve, with unquestioning submission. They have high moral values based upon the Bible Scriptures.

1. They honor the One God [Allah] as Supreme and hold to Him no partners to Allah (such as the Virgin Mary or other so-called adored saints) as most Christians do. In Injeel James 2:19 'Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well...' and in Mark 12:29 Isa al-Masih (Christ Himself) said... "The Lord our God is one Lord." For many years these 'people of the Book' rejected the Trinity and the many other false teachings of the Roman Papacy. Today there are many among them who still uphold "the one true God" John 17:3.

2. They believe in entire submission to Allah of their whole soul. (Injeel) Luke 10:27 'And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God [Allah] with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.'

3. They do not bow to idols in their worship as most other Christians do. They believe that worshipping by idols or images is strictly forbidden by Allah, as written in the Taurat, Exodus 20:4-5 "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". They know that image and idol worship is strictly forbidden in the Bible scriptures.

3. These people in their worship of Allah 'prostrate', bow down before Allah as Daud recorded it in the Zabur (Taurat), Psalms 95:6 "O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker."

4. In Sura 3:114 Aal-E-Imran, it tells us that they 'forbid what is wrong'. This 'portion' of the 'People of the Book' forbid the eating of unclean foods (haram) as 'Swine's flesh' [Pork]. (Taurat) Leviticus 11:7 "And the swine...he is unclean to you." They forbid the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other harmful (haram) health destroying substances.

5. They honor all Ten Commandments of Allah as recorded in (Taurat) Exodus 20. They honor their parents; they respect the life of all men, they do not steal, nor lie, nor commit adultery.



6. They believe that the seventh-day (the last day) of the week is blessed by the Creator [Allah] and they honor that day in worship of Him. That day is called the “Sabbath” or “Rest Day” [Saturday], the day called “Sabt” in Arabic. Most Christians keep Sunday holy because many years ago the Roman Catholic Church brought in sun worship from the pagans, but this is again rejected as forbidden by Allah. Exodus 20:8-11 states: ‘Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day [Saturday] is the sabbath of the LORD thy God [Allah]: in it thou shalt not do any work...For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.’ So also Sura 10:3 Yunus tells us: ‘Verily your Lord is Allah, who created the heavens and the earth in six days, and is firmly established on the throne (of authority), regulating and governing all things. No intercessor (can plead with Him) except after His leave (hath been obtained). This is Allah your Lord; Him therefore serve ye: will ye not Celebrate His praises?’

7. These people believe in the Judgment of Allah and because of this they study carefully the Bible prophecies. They believe we are living in the “Last Days” of earth’s history. And even now the books of heaven are investigating the lives of men in preparation for the final day of judgment.

They are watching and waiting for the soon return of Isa al-Masih to the earth and the final day of judgment upon all people. "Unto 2300 days then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." Taurat Daniel 8:14.

8. Lastly, these people are followers of Isa al-Masih (Jesus the Messiah). The Honored Qur'an has very positive statements to make of those who follow Isa al-Masih

'Behold! Allah said: "O Jesus! I will take thee and raise thee to Myself and clear thee (of the falsehoods) of those who blaspheme; I will make those who follow thee superior to those who reject faith, to the Day of Resurrection: Then shall ye all return unto me, and I will judge between you of the matters wherein ye dispute.'" Sura 3:55 Aal-E-Imran

The prophet Daud says to us in Zabur (Psalms) 107:20 "He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions." Isa al-Masih, is the gift of a righteous son (Sura 19:19 Maryim). He is mentioned in 15 sura and over 90 ayats. The desert prophet said that Isa was born of a woman who had no male relationship. It is quite clear, that Isa came forth from Allah.

Isa Al-Misah said this also in (Injeel) John 5:24 "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life" "For I preceded forth and came from God" John 8:42, "I came out from God [Allah]" John 16:27. Isa is therefore Allah's Son, not in the sense of a sexual relationship but because Isa came from Heaven. The Honored Qur'an says clearly that He was born through the Ruh of Allah [Spirit of Allah]. He is **Kalimatullah**, meaning **The Word of God** (4:171), **Al-Masih**, meaning **The Messiah** (3:45; 4:157; 4:172; 5:17; 5:72; 5:75; 9:31) We read about His virgin birth in Qur'an (3:42-47; 19:16-31), His marvelous works (3:49; 5:110), His death, resurrection and ascension (4:157; 19:33,34; 3:55; 4:158) and we read about His second coming in (43:57-61).



The Qur'an expressly says that Allah sent Jesus born of a virgin as both a **sign** to men and a mercy from him: (Qur'an 19:21)

Qur'an says that, "Jesus is the sign of God." And the Bible says the same thing. Isaiah the prophet prophesied more than 700 years before the birth of Isa Al-Masih that God will give a **sign** as we read in Isaiah, "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a **sign**: Behold, the **virgin** shall conceive and bear a **Son**, and shall call His name Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14) Isa had therefore the character of Allah in that He was Holy.

We have this great manifestation of Allah revealed in Isa al-Masih. May His name be blessed forever.

Who is this unique portion of the 'people of the Book' of which is spoken about so highly in the Honored Qur'an? Not all of them are alike: Of the **People of the book** are a portion that stand (For the right): They rehearse the Signs of Allah all night long, and they prostrate themselves in adoration. Sura 3:113, Aal-e-Imran.

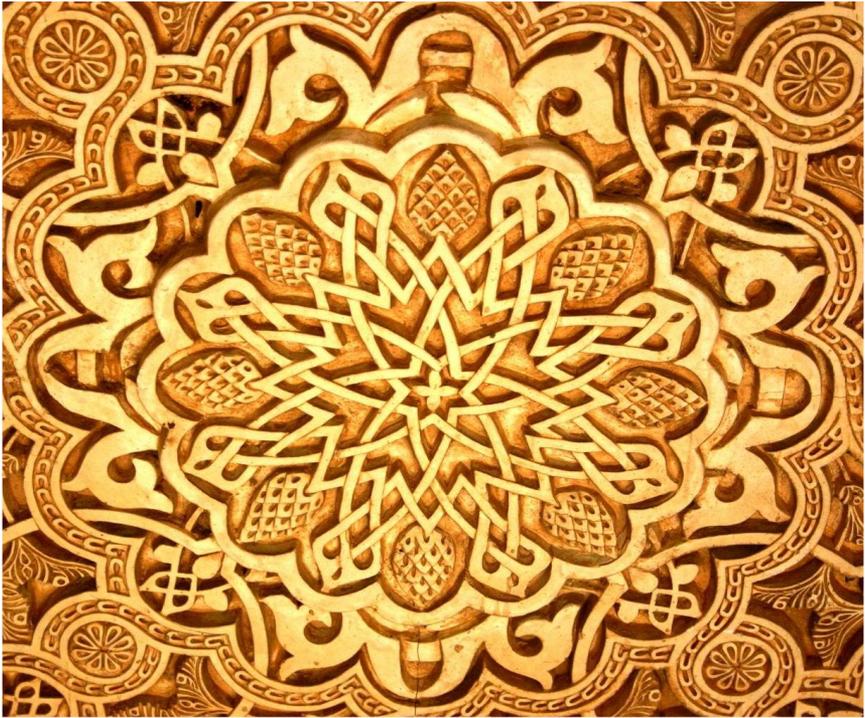
O **People of the book**! Commit no excesses in your religion: Nor say of Allah aught but the truth. Christ Jesus the son of Mary was a messenger of Allah, and His Word, which He bestowed on Mary, and a spirit proceeding from Him: so believe in Allah and His messengers. Say not "Trinity": desist: it will be better for you: for Allah is one Allah. Sura 4:171, An-Nisa.



There are some known among the "People of the Book" who today follow all these important signs, who "stand fast by the Law, the Gospel, and all the revelation that has come" Sura 5:68 Al-Maeda, who "worship none but Allah; that associate no partners with him; that erect not, from among themselves, Lords and patrons other than Allah." Sura 3:64 Aal-e-Imran,

They believe and know the only true God, and worship Him in spirit and in truth, and say not "Trinity." They keep all His laws, and keep all His signs. They do not smoke; they do not drink alcohol or take drugs. They do not eat pork or any unclean meat. They pray for the righteousness that was given to Isa Al-Masih. They study the prophecies and look for the signs of the return of the Messiah.

We invite you to search for those who truly reveal in all aspects to be among the People of the Book. You will find that they are indeed brothers, in total submission to God.



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