

Christian Teachings

(Translated from Malay notes on “Ajaran Kristian”)

1. The Christian belief today is **NOT** the same as the one that was brought by Isa a.s. (Jesus, peace be upon him), which they claim to have 2 billion adherents, i.e., $\frac{1}{3}$ of the world population.
2. The word ‘Christian’ came from the word “Christ” (in English) that was taken from the word “Christos” (Greek) which was translated from the word “Mashiach” in Hebrew. The word “Christ”, “Christian” and “Christianity” did not exist during Jesus’ time. They were all invented forty years after Jesus (pbuh) was raised to the Heavens.
3. The book used by the Christians called the Bible is not the same as the Injil that was revealed to Isa a.s. The word ‘Bible’ originated from the Greek word “biblos” which means ‘a collection of books’. The Bible is divided into two parts, the Old Testament (tales recorded of prophets before Isa a.s.) and the New Testament (tales recorded after the birth of Isa a.s.). The Bible used by the Catholics and Protestants consists of 73 and 66 books respectively.
4. Islam is the only religion apart from Christianity that acknowledges Isa a.s. For example, we believe him to be a Prophet of God whose birth is a miracle (mu’jizat), he is Al-Masih or Christ/Messiah and he also performed miracles in curing lepers, blindness as well as raised up the dead, all with the will of God. All these are consistent with the Christian belief. So, if Muslims and

Christians alike cherish and honor Isa a.s., where then is the differences in belief between Islam and Christianity?

5. There are 5 differences between Islam and Christianity. The Christian believes in:
 - Inherited sin
 - Isa a.s. is the Son of God
 - Divinity of Isa a.s.
 - Crucifixion of Isa a.s.
 - Concept of Trinity

(*na ‘uzubillah min zalik* [Glory be to God from all they associate with Him!] to all the above)

The 5 doctrines are the fundamentals or tenets in the belief of the Christians (irrespective of their Church). Should we be able to prove the fallacy of any one of these beliefs to them, their faith will collapse. If we can master the 5 doctrines and their counter-arguments, we should be able to convince any Christian, even their priests, that their faith had deviated from the true teaching of Isa a.s.

Fundamental Doctrines of Christianity

Most people are under the impression that Christianity was based on the teachings of Isa a.s. two thousand years ago. The truth is that it only took the title of Isa a.s., Al Masih (Christ) when

in fact the doctrine was invented by a Hellenistic Jew from Tarsus by the name of Saul (who changed his name later to Paul). Isa a.s. is a prophet sent by God for the Jews who confirms and reinstated/reiterated the earlier teachings found in Taurat (Torah). The book revealed to Isa a.s. is known as Injil (lit., “Good News”, which differs from the current Bible used by Christians today).

Even though Christianity teaches its adherents to love Isa a.s. (which is also found in Islam), it is, however, different from Islam. Islam focused on the concept of God and the relationship between the Creator and His Creation whereas Christianity focuses mainly on the birth, mission and death (according to their belief) of Isa a.s.

Their doctrines can be simplified as follows:

Inherited Sin

Christians believe that sin (or sometimes referred to as the Original Sin) is inherited by Mankind from Adam and Hawa (Eve) when they transgressed and ate the forbidden fruit. In other words, all babies born inherit this sin.

Their belief is based on the following texts in the Bible:

RO 5:12, RO 3:23, 1COR 15:22

The Qur’an, revealed 1400 years ago, refuted these beliefs:

AQ 4:111-112, 17:15, 35:18, 39:7, 53:38

In the Bible itself, there are texts that are aligned with the Qur’an and refute the idea of inherited sin from generation to generation as follows:

EZE 18:20, DEU 24:16, 2 KI 14:6, JE 31:30, 1 COR 3:8, PRO 9:12, JOB 19:4, GAL 6:5, MARK 2:17, 10-14, LUKE 13:3 and JOHN 9:2-3 (REFUTE)

Son of God

Christians believe that Isa a.s. is the son of God because he was born without a father.

Their argument is based on the following in the Bible:

JOHN 3:16, MAT 3:17

This blasphemous lie is strongly objected to in the Qur'an, as God Almighty has no associates:

AQ 9:30, 112:3, 5:59, 19:88-92

If Isa a.s. is to glorified more than any other Prophets and Messengers sent before him, then it seems that Isa a.s. is not alone in being referred to as a Son of God (among them, Adam a.s., Daud a.s (David), Sulayman a.s (Solomon). dan many others):

GEN 6:2, EXO 4:2, ROM 8:14, JER 31:9, GEN 6:4, MAL 2:10, LUKE 3:38, MAT 6:9, 2 COR 6:18

Divinity of Isa a.s.

The Christians believe that Isa a.s. is God incarnate and claim that he is God.

The Qur'an repudiates the challenge on the Oneness (Tawhid) of God:

AQ: 5:72

The Qur'an informs us that Isa a.s. is just a Muslim prophet who conveyed the message of God:

AQ 3:52

Even in the Bible, Isa a.s. had on numerous occasions explained his position:

JOHN 14:24, 14:28, 10:29, 5:37, 5:30, MAT 12:28, 5:17-20, LUKE 11:20, MARK 13:32, 12:29, HOS 11:9

Crucifixion of Isa a.s.

Christians believe that Isa a.s. was crucified for three days and three nights. Crucifixion is important to their belief as his death is supposed to atone the sin of mankind.

This concept can be seen in the New Testament:

1 COR 15:14

The Qur'an exposed their lies as follows:

AQ 4:157-158

This doctrine is inconsistent even with the Bible:

MAT 12:38-40, LUKE 20:27-36, 1 COR 15:35&42, MARK 16:9, MAT 28:9, 1 COR 15:5-8, JOHN 20:26-28, 21:1-24, 28:16-17, ACTS 1:2-9

Trinity

Christians believe that God is One but manifested Himself into three entities – God the Father, God the Son and the Holy Ghost (Ruh al-Qudus)

1 JOHN 5:7

The word 'Trinity' does not exist in the Bible but is mentioned in the Qur'an:

AQ 5:73, 4:171

The concept is clearly an innovation in Christianity when the Bible itself dismisses it:

DEU 6:4, PSA 86:10, ZEC 14:9, 1 COR 8:4, EPH 4:6, 1 TIM 2:5, MARK 12:29, ISA 41:4, 43:3, 43:11, 44:6, 45:16, 46:9

In conclusion, the message of Oneness of God (Tawhid) as taught by Isa a.s. is very much different from the dogma of present-day Christianity that has its roots in Paul ('Pauline Christianity').