

God sent the Messiah, His Son, to die on behalf of the sins of mankind. By simply grasping this truth we may escape eternal hell.

God did that out of love and the goodness of His heart and also because He is a righteous judge. The judgement of God requires a penalty for sin. “The wages of sin is death ...” (Romans 6:23a) but, God is also merciful — that is why He provides one way of forgiveness: “but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23b).

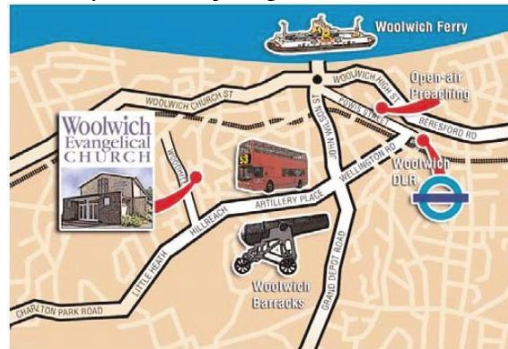
The truth was almost too wonderful to be true, but it is true, because it is God’s Word. I could not ignore God’s call to me — come, come, come ... “Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts” (Hebrews 3:7–8). The more I read and heard the quotations from the Bible, the more I became convinced that God was speaking to me personally. God’s Word continued addressing my heart. “How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?” (Hebrews 2:3). There is no escape from God’s eternal judgement for sinful people unless we come to acknowledge who Jesus Christ is and what He has done. God gave a warning in case I hesitated to believe His word: “behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2). That simply means that delaying until tomorrow can be too late. To reject Christ as Saviour of the whole world brings the judgement of God who provided His Son to take the place of sinners on the cross of Calvary. Does it matter what all other religions teach? No other provides a solid base for finding the forgiveness of God.

Why? Because God’s eternal truth does not change. Finally, after many years of agony, I was led to the truth, to the Lord my Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He is God; He is truth; He is the giver of life; He is the only way to salvation.

Dear Muslim friend, one day you will stand on your own before the throne of God. Will you be able to face God’s judgement? Christians - those who believe Christ as their Saviour - are no longer under God’s judgement because God has already judged their sin in the person of Christ. He died for them all. Now ... may I ask you, what should stop you from going to God, confessing that you are a sinner and that you need Christ to save you?

Dear Muslim friend, trust Him as your Saviour even now. Then there would be joy in Heaven for the salvation of your precious soul. I searched for the truth for years, until God reached out of Heaven, gave me light and sent His servant, the preacher, to lead me to Christ. God is doing that now. You also may know the truth and enjoy the same spiritual freedom I have. “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32). Come join us in the spiritual freedom we have in Christ our Lord and let us hear from you so we can rejoice with you,

Sincerely, Joseph Abraham



## Can a Muslim know for sure?

لَأَعْلَمَنَّكَ قِسْطَ كَلَامِ الْحَقِّ لَتَرُدَّ جَوَابَ الْحَقِّ لِلَّذِينَ أَرْسَلُوكَ؟



Allow me to introduce myself to you. My name is Joseph Abraham, previously known as Mahmoud Kamal El-Deen Mujahid.

Having come to the truth after many years of searching, I believe God is leading me to share with others what He has done for me through His Word — the Bible. Please be patient in reading my letter.

I am Egyptian by birth, born in a Muslim family. My father was a Muslim priest (sheikh), a teacher of Islam in Cairo, Egypt until his death. My family took pride in their Islamic heritage, for almost all my ancestors were Muslim clergy. In the early years of my life I was looked upon as a future Muslim imam. Therefore my family sent me to a Qur’anic school at the age of six or seven. When I was very young, I started asking questions about God, His judgement, His truth and man’s eternal destiny. As a child my questions brought mockery from others. Such treatment did not help, but only

discouraged me. I lived in despair and hopelessness because my soul was seeking something Islam did not provide. My Islamic background seemed rather shallow and superficial. My father, as a sheikh, memorised almost all the Qur'an and encouraged me to do the same, whether I understood it or not. Thus I became a mechanically religious young boy, while my heart was dry, like a desert that seemed endless and hopeless. Like most Muslims, I lived in a traditional neighbourhood, where I heard the thundering voice of the calls to worship Allah, five times a day (we celebrated the Islamic holidays religiously). I was taught that Islam was the final religion, which cancelled Judaism and Christianity and that Christians worship three gods. I was also taught that Christians had corrupted the original Bible, which supposedly once contained references to the prophet of Islam. Islam also denies the death of Jesus Christ. But there was never any serious attempt to explain the ground of such claims.

### **Nagging questions**

When I reached my teens the desire to know which religion is true grew in me. Questioning Islam is not tolerated in a Muslim nation, so my questions and investigations became rather private. But later many found out about my curiosity. They threw harsh accusations at me: I was called "mentally unstable" and "idiot". Still others claimed that I was under the influence of an anti-Islamic organisation. Muslims made my life so intolerable that I wished to die. All I wanted to know was the truth. In my early twenties I started searching again. Among the questions that concerned me were: "Where will I go after I die? Don't I have the right to know my eternal destiny? Why do Muslims reject so

strongly any discussion of their own religion? Does God want people to be blind to their destiny? How can I know whether or not Islam is the only true religion?" Having no help from anyone, I began to read books about philosophy and psychology, some of which promoted atheism. But denying God never silenced my inward seeking to know the truth. I was encouraged to hold to fatalism and apathy, but that made things worse. My soul still desperately sought the ultimate reality of our spiritual destiny and God's eternal truth. It bothered me to realise that I was considered a Muslim just because I was born to Muslim parents and lived in a Muslim nation. No choice was given to me: no chance was offered to me to examine and find the truth. Worst of all, many Muslims I knew (including my own family) were Muslims simply by heritage. I hardly saw any Muslim making a serious and diligent attempt to investigate their religion with hearts opened to the truth.

### **Solid peace discovered**

In 1968, while I was reading a certain book, I ran into some verses from the Bible which greatly attracted me. These verses spoke with authority about a Man whose name was Jesus Christ. This Man said to the world, "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me" (John 14:6). Dozens of questions jammed my head: then what about the prophet, Isa? Why do Muslims never speak of Jesus Christ in this manner? They always speak of the prophet of Islam. Who is the "Father"? How can God be called "Father"? Who is His wife? What about Islam, which claims to be the ultimate truth? After all, how can I trust the Bible, which Muslims claim is corrupted? While reading more of the same book, I came to more statements by this same Man, Jesus Christ, who said, "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give

you rest" (Matthew 11:28). I had sought rest for years and this Jesus seemed to be the source of rest and invited others to come to Him. At that time I had never had a Bible — I had never seen one. Then secretly I asked a professing Christian to lend me a Bible so I could read more about the Man who claims such authority. About the same time I had heard about an American evangelist who was visiting Egypt. With great eagerness I sneaked secretly into a Protestant church to hear his messages from the Bible. He didn't know Arabic, so he spoke through an interpreter. I heard things I had never heard before. I had never realised that the Bible is the source of God's eternal truth. In the past I had read and memorised passages from the Qur'an. I learnt Islam for years, but God never spoke to me through its teachings. In contrast, when I read verses or heard messages from the Bible there was a different voice speaking a different message with a different authority.

### **Determined to know the Truth**

I gathered the courage to go forward to the preacher to learn more about Christ and the Bible. I asked him if a Muslim could also have access to the Bible and the heavenly Father. Could I too, know for sure about eternal life; forgiveness of sin; escape from hell and become a child of God? The preacher shared with me the Gospel verse John 3:16: "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." This verse alone has the answer to all religions.