

1. on your first argument: I need some more insight on why Jesus is 'son of God', Not just the only creator 'God' ?

**Response:** As we live in the four dimensional universe and we are four dimensional beings, we cannot understand and comprehend God of much higher dimension unless He expresses Himself in the four dimensional world. I explained in my article (section 2.3) how God expresses Himself in our four dimensional world using the 2D and 3D analogy. I like to say that Jesus is the four dimensional version of God. In order to distinguish the God of much higher dimension from the four dimensional version of God (Jesus), Bible describes Jesus as the son of God. But He is essentially God, the creator. There are numerous Bible verses (e.g. John 1:1-3, Hebrew 1:1-2, Colossians 1:16-17) that say that Jesus created everything in our universe implying that Jesus is God.

2. Yes Quran mention God spokes to Mosa. I am not limiting the power and ways of God to be incarnated to this world as any kind of being. But the question is why only one time ? as a one person? at one place?

rather I like to think (may be what if I get the meaning of it , Jesus mention ' Scripture says you are the god, ' the kingdom is inside you') that all the creation or (whomever God wish) has something from God inside them.

**Response:** God appeared to human beings in various forms at various time and places as Bible mentioned. Even now God appears as Jesus in the dream of many Muslims who never read Bible before. Those people accept Jesus as their savior after they encounter Jesus in their dream. But God appeared as a human flesh (Jesus) and died on the cross and resurrect only one time because His onetime death and resurrection is enough for the salvation of human beings. Of course, if we accept Jesus as our savior, we experience Kingdom of God within us as Holy Spirit is always with us. I want to discuss about the Holy Spirit in depth later.

5. ' Fifth, Muslims believe that Jesus is not God and did not die on the cross.'

Here is the portion in Quran I have pasted, I know you had read it many times. But the matter is not that simple. Well I personally believe, that for human , it is very difficult or impossible to know the absolute truth in this life, unless God has blessed that person with more and more deeper level of wisdom. Truth itself is not any definite thing. It has many level. Probably we can think of the utmost absolute truth is the truth of the level of God.

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**Response:** There are numerous evidences of Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection in the Bible. Most of Jesus' disciples, who followed Jesus during His ministry for three years, were killed by witnessing His death and resurrection. When the twelve disciples spread Christianity over all the Roman Empire against severe persecution, their only weapon was their witness of Jesus' death and resurrection, no swords and no violence. While those disciples spread the Good News, they exercised many miracles. Please read Acts in the New Testament to know how the handful of Jesus' disciples spread Christianity by the power of Holy Spirit. Even now many Christians (including me and my wife), who believe Jesus' death and resurrection, experience miracles by the power of Holy Spirit. If Jesus' death and resurrection are false, then Christianity is founded on the false and there should be no God's miracles in Christianity.

But if anyone is so certain about that ' Jesus died absolutely so that my all sins are forgiven, that I believe in his death, but really not myself following what example and message Jesus tried to convey" - then I personally think let that person be in peace in his or her thinking and believe, with all my respect.

**Response:** You mentioned satirically about someone, who absolutely believes Jesus' death for his (or her) sins but does not follow the message and example of Jesus, is in peace with the assurance of going to heaven. You have a very important point that many non-Christians (even so-called Christians) misunderstand. I agree there are many church goers who believe they are Christians but do not live the Christian life of following the teachings and examples of Jesus. According to James 2:26 of the New Testament Bible, faith without (good) work is a dead faith. The lack of works reveals an unchanged life or a spiritually dead heart. When you sincerely repent your sins and accept Jesus' redemptive death, Holy Spirit changes your heart so that you want to follow Jesus' teachings not to get the ticket to heaven but out of appreciation of being saved by Jesus. Holy Spirit changes your heart, even your world view and your life style. Of course we keep committing sins as we live in the world that is under the powerful influence of Satan. But Holy Spirit in us urges us to repent our sins and ask forgiveness from God every time we commit sins. If somebody says he (or she) has faith in Jesus' redemptive death but does not follow Jesus' teaching and His example, his (or her) faith is not genuine.

Truth to me is, really I do not know about the criteria of all rules and regulation to achieve God's forgiveness, but just that God does not fail in God's promise, and rather that assurance of an entrance in heaven I try to modify myself everyday and pray to God to help me to be righteous.

**Response:** I really respect for your sincerity of pursuing truth and your sincere email conversation with me. Christianity is not following the rules or regulation to achieve God's forgiveness. No matter how we try hard, we cannot satisfy God's requirements as He is infinitely holy and righteous. We should rely on God's promise shown in John 3:16 (in New Testament) saying "For God so loved the world,"<sup>[i]</sup> that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life". If I try to observe all the rules and regulations to achieve God's forgiveness, my life will be miserable as I do not know how much is good enough to get the favor from God. But I am in peace as I know God already paid the penalty for our sins through Jesus' death on the cross. I pray that you accept the God's grace with sincerity and experience the Holy Spirit transforming your heart and the Heaven opening widely to you.

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**Response:** In the course of our discussion here, a serious problem surfaces that Quran contradicts to Bible by denying Jesus deity, His death and resurrection, which are the foundation of Christianity. The Quran's denial means the denial of the truthfulness of Bible and Christianity

Let me first discuss briefly the history surrounding Quran. We note that all the books of New Testament (NT) Bible were written before AD 100 and established as the current form around AD 350 while Quran was written around AD 650. Around AD 600 many Jews and Christians lived in Saudi peninsular including Mecca and Medina. Muhammad started his prophethood around AD 610 in Mecca and moved to Medina in AD 622 after being threatened by local pagan residents. At the beginning of his life in Medina, Muhammad tried to establish a good relation with Jews and Christians but encountered opposition from Jews when he declared his prophethood. Muhammad unified the Saudi peninsular in around AD 630 by driving out Jews and Christians by force and by conquering various Saudi tribes. Quran has total 114 chapters (Surah), out of which 86 chapters were written in Mecca and the remaining chapters in Medina. Qurans written in Mecca are mostly peaceful but written in Medina have many violent contents reflecting military conflict with Jews, Christians and local pagan communities in the region.

Next, I am going to show below that the Quran's denial of Jesus deity and His death reveals the internal contradictions in Quran and so suggests the lack of credibility of Quran's teaching regarding Jesus deity and His death.

First, there are numerous Quran verses (e.g. Quran 10:37, 29:46, 3:3, 3:38, 5:46) that teach us that Quran and Bible (OT and NT) are both God's revelation and there is no distinction between the two for Muslims. On the other hand, Quran verses (5:17, 5:72, 5:116) say that Jesus is not God (or the son of God) and deny the Trinity (4:171-172, 5:72-75). Furthermore, Quran 4:157-158 says that Jesus was not killed but God lifted him up to Him and at the last they Jesus will return to judge people. As I mentioned above, Jesus deity and His death and resurrection are the foundation of Christianity and NT clearly describes these as truth in details. As Quran verses 5:17, 5:72, 5:116, 4:171-172, 5:72-75 deny Jesus deity and His death (so deny the truthfulness of Bible), these verses contradict to Quran 10:37, 29:46, 3:3, 3:38, 5:46 which confirm the truthfulness of Bible. Thus, Quran has internal contradictions.

Second, there are numerous Quran verses (29:46, 2:62, 5:69) that say that Muslims, Jews, and Christians believe the same God and will get reward in heaven. But there are other Quran verses (5:51, 9:29) that command Muslims to fight against Jews and Christians. These verses contradict to each other.

Third, all the Quran verses that deny Jesus' deity, His death, resurrection, and Trinity and command to fight against Jews and Christians (5:17, 5:72, 5:116, 4:171-172, 5:72-75, 4:157-158, 5:51, 9:29) are all written in Medina reflecting armed conflicts with Jews and Christians in the region, which means Quran's teachings concerning Jesus and Christians were changed depending on the political situation.

Fourth, Quran 4:157-158 says that Jesus was not killed but God lifted him up to Him and at the last day Jesus will return to judge people. As Jesus was not killed and was not God, he was a flesh like us. Where did God put him for more than 2000 years and how does his human body not decay for more than 2000 years?

Based on the above four arguments, I conclude that Quran's teaching against Jesus' deity, His death and resurrection lack credibility.