THE NAMES OF CHRIST.

The names and tilles of the LORD JESUS CHRIST in the Quran and a commentary upon the same from the Bible.



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"We believe that the names with which God Almighty designated Himself are ninety-nine only; He never completed them to a hundred, because He is unique and so likes odd numbers." (Al-Ghazzali).

Introductory Word.

My dear Reader,

In the Traditions, there are two hundred and onenames mentioned for Mohammed, Prophet of the Arabs. which are thoroughly known by our Muslim brethren and written in Dalaïl-ul-Khairât and other books. Thus the Muslim has not limited himself to studying the names of the Prophet mentioned in the Quran only but studied all his other names mentioned in the Traditions as well. He has not, however, followed this wise policy with regardto the names of the Lord Jesus Christ. Thus he studies. His names and titles mentioned in the Quran and heeds not his names given as prophecy in the Old Testament. nor those in the New Testament describing His life. Were the intelligent Muslim to carefully study the names of Christ, he would certainly understand Hisreal worth and true position in relation to all the highly distinguished prophets.

We have, therefore, selected in this tract ninety-ninenames from the Holy Bible that clearly expound the Quranic names. We would have increased them but thosesuffice, in accordance with al-Ghazzali's tradition about the Prophet that "God is unique and likes odd numbers."

We pray to God to guide our Muslim brethren to understand the true and full significance of Christ's saying, clearly vindicated in the Holy Gospel:

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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I. The Names of Christ as Mentioned in the Ouran.

NAMES.

2. Son of Mary

I. Jesus

To Moses gave we "the Book," and we raised up apostles after him; and to Jesus, son of Mary, gave we clear proofs of his mission, and strengthened him by the Holy Spirit. So oft then as an apostle cometh to you with that which your souls desire not, swell ye with pride, and tread some as importers, and slay others? (The Cor: 81.)

"O Mary ! Verily God announceth to thee 3. Messiah the word from Him: His name shall be Messiah Jesus the son of Mary, illustrious in this world, 4. Illustrious * and in the next, and of those who have near in this world. and in the next access to God. (The Family of Imran: 40.)

The Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, is only an 5. Word of God 6. Spirit proapostle of God, and his word which he conceeding from veyed into Mary, and a Spirit proceeding from 7, Apostle of Him. (Women: 170.)

> Said "Verily, I am the servant of God; He hath given me the Book, and He hath made me a prophet. (Mary: 29.)

10. Statement of the Truth.

8. Servant of God.

9. Prophet of

Him.

God.

God.

This is Jesus, the son of Mary; this (He) is a statement of the truth concerning which they doubt. (Mary: 35.)

II. Pious Son

(Mary : 18.)

(*) His Illustriousness in this world was as a prophet but in the next as an intercessor and as one of those who have near access to God. It is also related that this refers to his exalted position in Paradise or points to his ascension to heaven in the company of angels. (Beidhawi).

II. Explanation from the Tourah and Injil of the Names of Christ

I. Star.

2. Sceptre.

3. Redeemer

I shall see him, but not now; I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel. and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth. (Num.24:17.)

For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter Day upon the earth. (lob. 19:25)

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a

sign; Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear 4. Immanuel. a son, and shall call his name IMMANUEL.

6. Counsellor. 7. MightyGod. 8. The Everlasting Father. 9. The Prince of Peace.

(Isaiah 7:14.) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, The mighty God, the Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6.)

But thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall be come forth unto Me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from old, from everlasting,

(Micah 5:2.)

II. The Desire of all Nations.

IO. Ruler.

And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts.

(Haggai 2:7).

Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying Behold the man whose name is The Branch; 12. The Branch and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord. (Zech. 6:12.)

5. Wonderful

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13. Shepherd. I am the good shepherd. (John 10:14.)

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. (Matt. I:21.)

Saying, Where is he that is born King of 15. King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the Jews. east, and are come to worship him. (Matt. 2:2.)

> And thou Beth-lehem in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. (Matt. 2:6.)

17. The Nazarene.

16. The

Governor.

14. Jesus.

And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, he shall be called a Nazarene. (Matt. 2:23.)

18. The Lord.

9. The Beloved Son. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. (Matt 3:3.)

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon him: And, lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (Matt. 3: 16, 17.)

20. The Son of Ban, l

And a certain scribe came and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head. (Matt. 8: 19, 20.)

And when Jesus departed thence, two blind 21. The Son of men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou David son of David, have mercy on us. (Matt. 10:24.) The disciple is not above his master, nor 22. The Master the servant above his lord. (Matt. 10:24.) When Jesus came into the coasts of Cæsarea Philippi, he asked his disciples saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of Man am? And they said, Some say that thou 23. The Christ art John the Baptist : some, Elias : and others Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them. But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said: Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God. (Matt. 16:13-16.) And the angel said unto her. Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God, 24. Son of And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, Mary. and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. (Luke I: 30, 31.) He shall be great, and shall be called the 25. Son of the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall Highest. give unto him the throne of his father David. (Luke 1: 32.) And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and 26. The Son of God. the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which 27. Holv. shall be born of thee shall he called the Son of God. (Luke 1: 35.) (See also John 3:16). And hath raised up an horn of salvation 23. Horn of Salvation. for us in the house of his servant David. (Luke 1:69)

29. The Dayspring from on high.

Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us. (Luke I: 78.)

30. The Consolation of Israel.

And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. (Luke 2:25.)

31. The Holy One of God.

And in the Synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice

Saving, Let us alone: what have we do with thee, Thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art: The Holv One of God. (Luke 4:33.34.)

And they said unto him. Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people. (Luke 24:19.)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John I:I.)

That was the true Light, which lighteth 34. The True every man that cometh into the World.

(John 1.9).

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt 35. Only Beamong us (and we beheld his glory, the glory gotten of the Father. as of the only begotten of the father,) full of grace and truth. (John I:14).

32. Mighty Prophet.

33. The Word.

Light.

No man hath seen God at any time: the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of 36. The Only Begotten Son. the Father, he hath declared him. (John 1: 18.) The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto 37. The Lamb him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, - of God. which taketh away the sin of the world. (**John 1:29**)He first findeth his own brother Simon. and saith unto him. We have found the 38. Messias. Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. (John 1:41.) Nathanael answered and said unto him, .39. The King Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the of Isra+1. King of Israel. (John 1:49.) Jesus answered and said unto her, if thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest 40. The Gift of God. have asked of him, and he would have given thee the living water. (John 4:10.) For the bread of God is he which cometh 41. The Bread down from heaven, and giveth life unto the of God, world. (John 6:33.) And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall hunger. 42. The Bread of Life. and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. (John 6:35.) Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the Light of the world: he that followeth 3. The Light upf the World. me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life. (John 8:12.)

Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. I am the door : by me if any man enter 44. The Door. in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. (John 10:7, 9.) I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd 45. The Good Shepherd. giveth his life for the sheep. (John 10.11.) Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the 46. The Way. 47. The Truth. truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the 48. The Life. Father, but by me. (John 14:6.) I am the true vine, and my Father is the 49. The True Vine. husbandman. (John 15:1.) And killed the Prince of Life, whom God 50. The Prince hath raised from the dead; whereof we are of Life. witnesses. (Acts 3:15.) For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus. whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and 51. The Holy Child. Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and thepeople of Israel, were gathered together. (Acts 4:27.) Him hath God exalted with his right hand 52. The Prince to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give 53. The repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. Saviour. (Acts 5:31.) The word which God sent unto the children 54. Lord of All Of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all :) (Acts 10.36). Whose are the fathers, and of whom as 55. God Blessed. concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen. (Rom. 95)

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written. There shall come out of Zion the 56. The Deliverer Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness. from Jacob. (Rom. 11.26.) Which none of the princes of this world 57. The Lord knew: for had they known it, they would not of Glory. have crucified the Lord of Glory. (I Cor. 2:8.) Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lamp, as ye are unleavened. 58. Our For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for Passover. us. (I. Cor. 5:7.) And so it is written. The first man Adam 59. The Last was made a living soul; the last Adam was Adam. made a quickening spirit. (I Cor. 15:45). The first man is of the earth, earthly: the .60. The second is the Lord from heaven. (I Cor. 15: 47.) - Second Man. In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not. 61. The Image lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ. of God. who is the image of God, should shine unto them. (2 Cor. 4: 4.)And are built upon the foundation of the 62. The Chief apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself Corner Stone. being the chief cornerstone. (Eph. 2: 20.) Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also 63 The Grace in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew of God. the grace of God in truth. (Col. I:6.) 64. The First-

born of Every Greature. Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature. (Col. 1:15.)

For by him were all things created that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: (Col. I:16.)

And he is the head of the body, the Church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead: that in all things he might have the pre-eminence. (Col. I: 18.)

For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. (1 Tim. 2:5.)

Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of Kings, and, Lord of Lords. (I Tim. 6: 15.)

Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.

(Heb. 1: 3.)

For it became him, for whom are all things, and by him are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

(Heb. 2: 10.)

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

75. A Great High Priest. For we have not an high priest, which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities: but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. (Heb. 4: 14, 15.)

68 The One Mediator.

69. Blessed

Oae. 70. Potentate.

71. Only One.

72. Brightness of God's Glory.

73. Express Image of God's Person.

74. Captain of

Salvation.

65, Creator of All.

66. The Head

67. Firstborn

from the Dead.

of the Body.

76 Author and Finisher of our Faith. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Heb. 12:2.)

77. The Mediator of the New Govenant,

And to Jesus the mediator of the new e covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that the speaketh better than that of Abel. (Heb. 12: 24.)

78. The Same (Unchangeable)

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day,
 and for ever. (Heb. 13:8.)

79. The Great Shepherd of the Sheep. Now the God of Peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant. (Heb. 13:20.)

80. The Living Stone.

To whom coming, as unto a living stone, a disallowed indeed of men but chosen of God, and precious. (I Peter 2:4.)

81. Shepherd. 82. Bishop of Souls, For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls. (I Peter 2:25.)

83. The Advocate.
84. The Righteous.
My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not, and if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: (1 John 2: 1.)

85. Alpha.
 86. Omega.
 87. Beginning.
 88. Ending.

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. (Rev. 1:8.)

And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as 89. The First. dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, 90. The Last. saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last. (Rev. I: 17.)

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These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth. and no man openeth. (Rev. 3:8.)

And one of the elders saith unto me. Weep not : behold the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the root of David, hath prevailed to open the book. and to loose the seven seals there of. (Rev. 5:5.)

And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty: just and true are thy ways, thou King of Saints. (Rev. 15:3.)

These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood : and his name is called the Word of God. (Rev. 19:13.)

And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written. KING OF KINGS. AND LORD OF LORDS. (Rev. 19:16.)

I lesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you those things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. (Rev. 22:16.)

These things saith the Amen, the faithful 99. The Amen. and true witness, the beginning of the creation God of (Rev. 3: 14)

The 99 Names of Christ (100 Save one) are finished: let us close with a hymn upon the same subject :--

> "Majestic Sweetness sits enthroned Upon the Saviour's brow.." etc. _____

91. The Opener

92. The Lion of the Tribe of Juda.

93. Lord Cod Almighty.

94. King of Kings.

95. The Word of God.

96. Lord of Lords.

97. The Offspring of David

98. Bright and Morning Star.

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