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Introduction:

Everything that is correct is from Allah (S.W.T.) and the errors are from me and Shaytaan. Please could you inform me of any mistakes. Jazak Allahu Khairan.

Please note that the following document is based on -Alhamdulillah- many years of Da'wah experience and learning from various teachers.

Please note that This Manual accompanies "The <u>New</u> Da'wah Training" on

✓ The YouTube Channel 'Da'wah is Easy'

✓ <u>www.DawahlsEasy.com</u>.

I have tried to use only Sahih (very accurate) Ahadith and accurate translations of the Qur'an. Please let me know if anything

Da'eef (weak) has been used.

In writing this Manual the difficulty I faced was to make it easily usable by everyone. It needed to be suitable for the young and old, as well as the different levels of education and experience. As this is impossible; the reader will need to have lots of patience and adaptability. Please do not be discouraged if parts are too simple or too complicated! Thank you for your patience, and please remember me in your prayers. Jazak Allahu Khairan. Please do not be discouraged if some parts are **too** simple or **too** complicated!

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For more practical information please refer to the various "Dialogue Sheets"-Downloadable from our website. Www. Da'wah is Easy.com

For Abbreviations Used and Explanation of Some Words Please See Page 43

Da'wah - What is it, Why do it!

What is Da'wah

Da'wah means to invite or to summon. It is usually understood as to preach .There are many different ways to invite to Islam; obviously the most important is by **our example.**

The Prophet Muhammad, [PBUH (Peace be upon him)], 'gave' Da'wah through his personality, honesty and truthfulness as well as by direct invitation.



Allah

Let us begin with the name of Allah (S.W.T.) to remind ourselves that the sole purpose of our life, not just of our Da'wah, is to please Him. We need to remember this and continuously remind ourselves. Our intentions must be pure and free of any worldly or selfish benefit including 'Ria' (showing off) Insha'Allah.

Do not underestimate the greatness of this work This Is The Work of **The Greatest Human Beings** That Have **Ever** Lived On The face of this Earth! ...**The Prophets of Allah** [PBUT]

Do 'I' Need to Give Da'wah?

Allah (SWT) gives us some information in The Qur'an, where He says (translated):

"And let there be (arising) from you a nation inviting to all that is good (Islam), enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong, and **those** will be the successful." (Qur'an 3:104)

Allah (S.W.T) also tells us, and some scholars would say commands us: "Invite to the way of your Lord (i.e. Islam) with **wisdom** and **fair preaching**, and **argue with them in a way that is better**. Truly, your Lord knows best who has gone astray from His path, and He is best aware of those who are guided." (Qur'an 16:125)

This mentions three things:

- Wisdom
- Fair Preaching
- Arguing in a better or The Best way

Famously, The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) has said (translated):

'Convey from me, even one verse.' (Al-Bukhari).

Conveying the message therefore does not necessitate a high level of knowledge but we must know **our limits**.

According to **most** Scholars <u>one</u> of the few reasons that allow us to live in a Non-Muslim land is to give Da'wah!

Da'wah Is an Obligation 'Da'wah is like 'The Visa' that allows us to live in this [Non-Muslim] country!'

What If I Don't Invite and Hide The Truth?

The obligation is further emphasised by the following in the Qur'an:

"Verily, those who **conceal the clear proofs, evidences and the guidance**, which we have sent down, after We have made it clear for the people of the book, they are the ones **cursed by Allah**, and cursed by the cursers." (Qur'an 2:159)

This tells us that hiding knowledge (possibly by not conveying the message) causes Allah's curse to descend on such people. **That's serious**!

The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) has said (translated)

"Whoever hides knowledge, Allah will brand him with the branding iron from The Hellfire." (Ahmad, i.e. Ahmad's collection of

Ahadith)

What will I get through Da'wah?

Allah (S.W.T) tells us in The Qur'an (translated):

"And let there be (arising) from you a nation inviting to all that is good (Islam), enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong, and **those will be the successful**." (Qur'an 3:104)

We learn from this verse and from the Sunnah of all The Prophets (PBUT) that the one who takes on this great work and calls to Islam will be successful. **Success both in this world and in The Hereafter.**

The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) has told us [translated] that:

"He who calls others to follow the Right Guidance will have a reward **equal** to the reward of those who follow him, without their reward being diminished in any respect on that account." [Sahih Muslim]

The above Hadith tells us that if somebody becomes a Muslim through our efforts, and Allah's guidance Insha'Allah, then any good actions they do will result in a reward for us, as well as for them!

Imagine then that person has a family who also practice Islam or invite others like friends to Islam; this goes on for several generations. The scholars tell us that every good deed done by

every person who became a Muslim through that one person would result in a reward for us, Insha'Allah. (Wow! Isn't that amazing!).

Furthermore in The Qur'an, Allah (S.W.T.) says [translated]:

"And who is better in speech than he who invites to Allah and does righteous deeds, and says I am one of the Muslims." (The Qur'an 41: 33)

The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) further told us [translated] that:

"By Allah, If Allah Were To Guide One Man through You It Would Be Better For You than the Best Type of Camels" (Al-Bukhara & Sahih Muslim)

Why Is Da'wah Training necessary?

There are three main areas we need to address:

- 1. Stopping A Stranger / Speaking With A Colleague.
- 2. Giving an Effective Message.
- 3. How to Lead to Sha'ha'dah If Allah wills.
- 1. Stopping a Stranger or Colleague. -Discussed later as we need to discuss their beliefs.

2. Giving an Effective Message. a. Informing and Answering Questions

I would like **you** to address a basic question in a '**Da'wah situation':** What is Islam?

The answer should be appropriate and effective.

Before answering this let's look at another basic question in a Non-Da'wah Situation: **'What is Water?'**

Surely you would give a different answer to a Biologist, a Physicist or a Chemist; an adult or a child wouldn't you?

Similarly for a question like:

'What is Islam?'

The answer must also be **appropriate** to the listener.

- Therefore all information must be <u>accurate</u> but also <u>suitable</u> for the listener.

Probably the best answer in a Da'wah situation to the question "What is Islam?" is:

is no mention of

The Islam is really a Ple A I The Between us and The Creator - after being clear about Who or what He is!

3) Create an interest in the listener

b. Answering Some Difficult Questions

By the end of the training, you should, for example, be able to answer some basic but difficult question such as:

- 1) Can YOU prove that God exists? Who made God?
- 2) Why should I Change my religion, or follow any religion?
- 3) What is the **PROOF** that Islam is true?
- 4) Why do natural disasters happen?
- 5) If I become a Muslim will I have to cover up?
- 6) But I Believe in **EVOLUTION**.
- 7) Why did Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) marry Ayesha when she was young?

Let us look at the last three now, the rest will be covered later - INSHA'ALLAH

Answering 5): They may ask: "If I become a Muslim will I have to cover up?"

We really need to tell the listener that for **Any Rule**, obeying the rule depends on their **'Love for God'**.

Therefore, if a Non-Muslim were to ask -

"Do I need to wear a Hijaab if I convert?" "Do I need to give up alcohol?" "Do I need to?" *May be*, we should say -

"It depends on how much YOU love Almighty God" The reason is that, ultimately, we do good deeds to become close to Allah. This means to increase the love between Allah (S.W.T.) and ourselves.

Answering 6): They may say: "But I Believe in Evolution"

Logically if they say they believe in Evolution, what they are really saying is:

"Doesn't evolution disprove God?" The answer is of course NO. In fact the two are unrelated.

If there is evolution of Animals and Plants, logically there could still be God who designed it that way.

As Muslims, we DO NOT believe in the evolution of Human Beings. However animals and plants may have changed and evolved – only Allah (S.W.T.) knows. If it did happen then Allah designed it that way!

There is an interesting verse in the Qur'an which MIGHT be related:

"Allah has created every moving [living] Creature from water. Of them there are some that creep on their bellies, some that walk on two legs, and some that walk on four ..."

[Qur'an S.24 V.45]

Answering 7): "Why did Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) marry Ayesha when she was

so young"?

The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) married Ayesha for a number of reasons:

- He married her **because of a dream** he had. Dreams of Prophets are revelations from Allah. A dream of Prophets being revelation is something that even Christians believe in.
- Marriage with someone of a young age was culturally normal at the time of The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Even today different cultures have varying ages for the age of consent and marriage. For example, even in the USA some states allow marriage and consent for physical relationship as young as fourteen. In some rural societies in the

world the age of consent is even lower and it's usually related to puberty. The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) did not have a physical relationship with Ayesha until she had gone through puberty. Islam is the only religion which does NOT allow physical relationship with someone who has NOT gone through puberty.

'It wasn't just a good thing that Ayesha (R.A.) married The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) but it was Essential for Muslims' understanding of Islam...

Ayesha may appear to be young; but she was already arranged to be married to somebody else when the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) had a dream which he related to Abu Bakr (Ayesha's father) which then resulted in him marrying her.

- We must remember that it was a **normal celebrated marriage**. It was not a hidden, illicit relationship between two people therefore <u>NOT</u> paedophilia.
- Ayesha (R.A) was the daughter of Prophet Muhammad's best friend, Abu Bakr Siddique (RA). She was not someone unknown to the Prophet's family. Abu Bakr obviously had full confidence in the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and he gave full consent and approval to the marriage. He felt honoured.
- As a consequence of her marriage to The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), she was able to see the life of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in great detail. Therefore she could understand his lifestyle and was then able to relate this in the thousands of his Ahadith (sayings, actions and approvals) of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). She could also predict what the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) would have done in various situations. This was a huge benefit to the Muslims after the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) passed away, as she could advise on various issues. Ayesha by all accounts was very intelligent and mature for her age.
- After the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) passed away, Ayesha because of her knowledge and experience became a very important advisor to the Islamic State or Khilafah (Caliphate).

Important Points in The Marriage of The Prophet Muhammad [PBUH] to Ayesha (R.A.)... The Prophet married her...

- Because of a Dream; a dream of a prophet is Revelation.
- It was 'Culturally Normal' at the time.
- 'Normal' as she was already arranged to be married to someone else.
- It was a 'normal celebrated' marriage not secretive
- She was the daughter of The Prophet's (PBUH) best friend and she was very clever & mature
- Conveyed many Ahadith (sayings) & Huge Benefit to Muslims
- Ayesha (R.A.) Became an Advisor to The 'Islamic State'
- Therefore Essential for Muslims

How The Prophets Invited

Sheikh Salih Ibn Fawzan (a scholar on Da'wah) says that the three essentials in Da'wah are the following:



Let us see some evidence for the above:

For "Certainty about Knowledge":

"Say, this is my way; I invite to
and those who follow me...."Allah (S.W.T) with insight, I
(Surah Yusuf 12: 108)

We need to be clear what we know and what we do not know. Therefore we must know our limits. We don't need to know everything but we **must not overstep our limits**.

For "Practicing What We Preach":

"I do not wish to forbid you from something and then do it myself. Rather I only wish to rectify you as far as I am able." (Surah Hud) 11: 88)

We must practice what we teach (or preach). It would obviously be hypocrisy to do otherwise. Any form of hypocrisy is something greatly hated by Allah (S.W.T.).

For "Pure Intention":

"Say, I ask of you for it [i.e. this message] no repayment it is not but a reminder for the worlds" (Surah al-Anam 6:90)

Our intention must only be to seek to please Allah (S.W.T.). We must not give Da'wah for material or worldly gain. Everything in our practice of Islam is based on intentions as the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) has said.

What Is Our Role?

Our role is only to: convey the message, to invite, and give good news and a warning.

Allah (S.W.T) tells us in The Qur'an *"Your duty is to convey the message"* (The Qur'an 42:48)

> "And it is not for any soul to believe except by the permission of Allah" The Qur'an 10:100

Remember we are **NOT**:

- X Converting
- X Convincing
- X Persuading

Our responsibility, as Allah (S.W.T.) tells us in the above verses, is only to **convey** the message and to **invite**. We must remember that it is only through Allah's guidance that someone becomes a Muslim. It is important to <u>continuously</u> remember this and worth mentioning this to the listener.

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Always Give A Simple Message – make it easy for yourself and the listener!





A Kiss to remind us! That we should **Keep It Simple**! = K.I.S.S.





Give a **simple message avoid too much detail**. This will make it easy for you and the listener.

What are we inviting to?

لآإلة إلآالله

LA EE LA HA ILLALLAH Which literally means there is no God except Allah

What does this mean **practically**? Means:

> 'Nothing Should Be Worshipped Except Allah'

'There Is Nothing Worthy Of Worship Except Allah'. Therefore All False Gods must be removed.

Who or what is the main 'False God' in today's society? It is **Jesus** - As God or The Son of God

Therefore it is Jesus **we** need to talk about!

Then Almighty God must be introduced; with all His attributes. Then and only then, the name of God – Allah (S.W.T.).

What if they are Atheists or Agnostics?

Even for Atheists and Agnostics Jesus has to be addressed, as most Atheists feel, that <u>IF</u> they followed a religion, it would be Christianity. **Islam is too foreign** and **too different**! Therefore for The Atheist if Christianity is **removed** as an option then they would find themselves in a very uncomfortable position. Also when it comes to filling in forms

or when they settle down with their partners and have children they will often say that they are "Christian".

They probably prefer to say this as it sounds more 'normal'!

Therefore:

...How to prove God exists will be discussed later INSHA'ALLAH

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To an Atheist: ✓ Prove that God exists

 Clarify the position of Jesus!

<u>Taw heed</u> Most Important In Islam Is The Oneness and Uniqueness of Allah and That He Alone Should Be Worshipped



Jesus!

Key Beliefs of Christianity

Christianity is precariously balanced on 'Four Basic Beliefs':

- 1. "Jesus is God"
- 2. "Jesus is The Son of God"
- 3. "Jesus Died for our Sins"
- 4. "Therefore the message of Jesus is complete"

'Precariously' because it is unstable and can easily be demolished:



Therefore if we want to show that Christianity doesn't make sense we need to concentrate on:

- "Jesus is NOT God"
 > This is the most important thing they must agree to before you go onto the next point.
- 2) "Jesus is NOT The Son of God but 'A' son of God in the Bible language..." >**They need to agree** to this before you go onto the next point.
- 3) "Let us agree to FOLLOW Jesus"
 >They need to agree to this before you go onto the next point
- 4) "Jesus (PBUH) submitted himself" (PBUH)>They need to agree to this before you go onto the next point.
- 5) "Jesus (PBUH) was a Muslim in his lifestyle in the Bible">They need to this agree to before you go onto the next point.

6) "Jesus (PBUH) did not complete his message" (PBUH) >They need to agree to this before you go onto the next point

All of the above should be done using <u>The Bible</u>.

How to cover each point will be discussed later

What are we then inviting to?



Muhammadur Rasool Allah

Translates to: Muhammad [PBUH] is The Messenger of Almighty God

This should be the **second thing** we call to once the first part regarding Jesus has been **<u>established</u>** (i.e. agreed to).

Therefore Concentrate on Jesus (PBUH)! This leads us to \rightarrow The J.A.M.M. Technique.

J.A.M.M. Technique

When giving Da'wah in "western countries", to both Christians and Atheists, I would suggest you follow the JAMM technique

It is called The **JAMM** Technique because you need to start off by talking about **J**esus then Almighty God, then The Miracle of The Qur'an, and finally the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

- 1. J = Jesus
- 2. A = Almighty God or Allah (s.w.t)
- 3. M = Miracle of The Qur'an
- 4. M = Muhammad(P)

For Atheists start with point number 2, that is, Almighty God – proving that God exists. Then talk about Jesus later to show that Christianity does not make sense!

The Key Question ...

I would suggest that The Key Question we need to use is...





I call this "The Key Question" because not only is it the most important question to ask Christians but it is also the first question **we** can start with.

If you don't use this question at the beginning of a conversation then I would suggest that you should use it at some stage in the conversation.

In fact this question is so important that I would suggest that even if you only remember this question from this training; the training has still been worthwhile, Insha'Allah.

This question is vital and useful because:

- ✓ It addresses one of the major differences between Christianity and Islam.
- ✓ Most Christians believe Jesus was <u>sent</u> by God.
- ✓ Christianity says Jesus is God
- ✓ It sounds so irrational to say Jesus is God that straight after this questions most Christian have realised that they are closer to Islam then Christianity.

Seven Essentials

1) Be Focused:

YOU should try to:

- ✓ Concentrate on Jesus For Christians
- ✓ Prove The Existence Of God For Atheists
- ✓ Show The Qur'an = A Miracle

Overall Give Good News!

YOU should NOT try to:

- X Give a speech on Islam
- X Impress
- X Teach rules and regulations
- X Criticize 'them' or The Bible
- X Invite to "A Religion"

Remember **any** criticism, even indirect:

- Stops people listening
- Makes them defensive
- Makes them criticize Islam



Islam is a **one to one** relationship between us and The Creator! Therefore it is counter-productive – does the opposite of Da'wah.

The reason I have written that you are not inviting to a 'religion' is because **most people hate religion.** They feel that religions are about making money and about power and control; we know that Islam is not like that.

Islam is a **one to one** relationship between us and the Creator.

- A direct connection.

2) Be Gentle:

Be extremely gentle.

I cannot emphasise this enough. Gentleness in your manner, style and choice of words. It doesn't matter how hard and rude they are; YOU must NOT lose your 'cool'. Remember it's Allah's message you're giving and **it's not your responsibility** if they don't accept. However **YOU** are responsible if you annoy them and put them off Islam!

Even when Allah (S.W.T.) sent The Prophet Musa (PBUH) and his brother Haroon (PBUH) to Fir'aun [the Pharaoh- a man who called himself 'The Lord Most High' i.e. God]. Allah (S.W.T.) said that Prophet Moses and Prophet Haroon [PBUT] should both be **Gentle**. Imagine how much more gentle **we** should be when we tell people about God!

3) Be Humble:

Be humble like The Prophets (PBUT). Always remember how insignificant you are compared with Allah (S.W.T.); even compared with Allah's creation. They may verbally (by their words) deny the message; but your Gentleness, Humbleness and Politeness will win their hearts – That is what matters! Very important to be humble as a Muslim. Especially during Da'wah.

"...Certainly, Allah likes not each arrogant boaster" [Qur'an 31:18]

4) Be Polite:

Be extra-ordinarily polite. In Western culture use plenty of

- ✓ 'Please…'
- ✓ 'Thank-You'
- ✓ 'I am sorry to say this but...'
- ✓ 'I am sorry; I am not trying to offend you but....'

This is different to Asian culture, where people just shake their head out of politeness!

5) Follow a path:

In your mind you should have a path or a system that you are following so that you **don't end up just giving random bits of information.**

Cover Points Systematically:

For Christians: 1) Jesus 2) God

- 3) Qur'an
- For Atheists: 1) Proof God exists
 - 2) Show Position of Jesus
 - 3) The Qur'an is a Miracle



We will discuss the details later INSHA'ALLAH

6) Don't get distracted:

- They may try to distract you by asking [irrelevant] questions.
- Shaytaan will do his best to interfere!
- Answer any question briefly and get back to the main topic.
- Say "Do you mind if I answer this later".
- Don't let your emotions distract you so you get excited about something they have mentioned. Nowadays they may ask are you Shia/Sunni; Salafi/Sufi. You can easily get distracted in proving that your 'Flavour' of Islam is the best. Until they accept the basic message, ideally become Muslims, it really is irrelevant!

7) Have passion **NOT** emotion when you speak:

Please remember we need to have some passion for what we are saying. Sound genuine because you are genuine. Have feelings for what you say – remember you are trying to give a message that will save them from the

Hell Fire – Allah willing.

- Please **do not get emotional**. Even if the listener becomes emotional.
- Our message is clear, simple and logical. Therefore you do not need to become emotional, *like other religions!*



A Passion Fruit as a reminder!



Da'wah Psychology

In The Qur'an Allah (S.W.T.) tells us that The Prophets were sent in the language of their people [See Qur'an 14:4]

If The Prophets (PBUT) gave the message in the language of their people, as Allah tells us in the Qur'an, then we too must use the right language. This means that we use the right words, not too simple and not too complicated, the right tone and the right mannerism.

To do all the above **WE** need to do the following:

- Analyse the Listener: Age, Education, Ethnicity, and Class and give an appropriate message.
- Establish your credentials. Tell them what you are Factory Worker, Shop worker, Student etc. and you are NOT a priest or a 'religious person'! You are not making money and it's not your profession. Therefore you actually believe in this.
- Use their **Name** (frequently). (Politely ask them their name)
- Body language (Ours and Theirs). (Do they look uncomfortable or anxious etc?)
- If they are disinterested change the topic.
- Psychologists say: Communication = 7% words,30% tone,63% body language.
- NOT "Telephone Da'wah" therefore don't ignore the persons reactions.
- Tone: Do not speak 'up to them' or 'down to them' but casually like a friend.

Vital Knowledge

The Dai Must be Able to Understand and Briefly Explain: the following:

- 1. Some Attributes of Almighty God (esp. love & mercy).
- 2. Why The Qur'an Is A Miracle. [This is essential. We will discuss this later (I.A)
- Jesus in The Bible <u>not</u> being God and not The Only Son of God You don't need to know chapter and verse number but you do need to know Some basics; like Jesus said in the Bible 'of myself I can do nothing' (John 5:30)
- 4. The Six Pillars of Imaan. (Describe Heaven)

These are the six beliefs of a Muslim (We are not talking about the five pillars of Islam; which are the five things all Muslims **must do**!)

- 1. Allah Almighty God
- 2. Angels
- 3. Books of Allah
- 4. Prophets of Allah
- 5. Day of Judgement, Heaven and Hell
- 6. Qadr and Qada Predestiny and Pre-knowledge

Everything is not only known by Allah but everything is planned by Allah.

5. The Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) life, in brief.

6. **Some key references** from the Qur'an and the Bible

The Depth of Knowledge and explanations are Dependent on Your Time and Ability.

@ Work @ University

When giving Da'wah at work or at University:

- Firstly and most importantly, ask Allah (S.W.T.) for success.
- Plant Seeds [Don't try to grow a tree!]
- See issues from a religious point of view.
- > In front of them mention "God" rather than the word Allah.
- We could say 'Thank God' instead of 'AI Hamdulillah' and 'God willing' instead of 'Insha-Allah'.
- > Politely mention things that may invite questions. *E.g. I am going for my Prayers*.
- > Give bite size amounts don't give them indigestion!
- > Think of a way of giving a short introduction. to Islam

E.g. 'John, you know I am a Muslim - yeah. One of the things that are compulsory for me is to tell my friends about Islam. Do you mind if I tell you a little bit about it?'

(Choose a moment when the person is in a good mood and has time available)

Introducing the word 'God' into conversations is in itself very important as they may think we worship something other than God when we use the word Allah. It will also be a continuous reminder of Allah both to us and our colleagues.

For Doctors & Dentists

The **Rules of The GMC and GDC do not allow** Proselytising [Preaching], therefore the only way you can convey the message is by:

- Firstly and most importantly ask Allah (S.W.T.) for success.
- Be Extraordinarily Polite and caring and set the best example to patients and other staff.
- > Be happy and friendly because you are. You are not acting.
- > Be identified as a Muslim by your appearance: Beard, Hijaab etc.
- In front of them use "God" rather than "Allah" Be Subtle E.g.God willing, Thank God... [And only In front of a patient who would <u>not</u> be offended. Remember it's <u>your</u> belief <u>not</u> theirs!]

Stopping People in the Street

In 'Street Da'wah' **stopping people is the most difficult thing**. Once they stop then it's easy to invite - conversion of course depends on Allah.

'I' stop people by offering one of our leaflets – '*Purpose of Life*' [this can be downloaded from our website] and saying:

"Excuse Me. Important message!"

"Excuse Me Do You Know What The Purpose Of Your Life Is?"

Most people will just walk away (especially in our area where they are used to seeing us regularly!). I would then ask:

"Excuse Me Are You a Christian?"

"Do You Believe In God?"

Depending on their reaction or answer I have the following options:

If they say I am a Christian >>>

"Excuse me. Can I ask you a question about Jesus?" "Do You Believe Jesus <u>is</u> God or that he was <u>sent</u> by God?" (Key Question) To an Atheist or Agnostic [someone not sure about God] >>>

"You don't believe in God? Can I prove to you that God exists?"

We will come back to the rest of the conversation and how to follow up later INSHA'ALLAH

Disadvantages and Advantages of Belief



Most people see many disadvantages of believing in God and few if any, advantages. <u>YOU</u> Need to 'redress that balance' by showing them the advantages and eliminating the disadvantages.

They think that there are many disadvantages to believing in God:
 Main disadvantages = Rules + Regulations + Causes Trouble / Wars
 Main advantages = None
 You need to address the disadvantages that they are thinking and show the advantages.

Why Should 'I' Believe In A God?

You need to give some good 'Worldly' Reasons for believing in God. Because most people feel there is **no need** for 'God' and **no advantage** in believing in God

For example you could tell them that:

- > Their life would be <u>happier</u> [don't say '<u>happy</u>' as it means they are not happy now]
- There would be an improvement in their relationships with family/friends. Their children's [if they have any] behaviour would be better.
- It would be like having someone very rich (e.g. Richard Branson or Bill Gates) as their best friend.
- Even the rich and famous are not happy without belief in God. Hence the high levels of alcoholism, drugs-abuse, sexual abuse and suicide; even though they have all the things that we aspire for!
- In internet terms; being a Muslim is like having A Broadband Connection with God, and simply believing in God is like having A Dial-Up-Connection with God!
- A human being without God is like a mobile phone/cell-phone without a network/without a connection. Lack of God for a Human Being is like a valuable mobile phone (Ceil Phone) without a network.
- Finally there is some 'Good News' brought by all The Prophets which is Heaven and salvation for those who believe. (This is placed last in the list as most people know that all religious people talk about the hereafter!)

Sign Posting & Escape Routes...

Keep Checking ...

• Keep Asking to check what has been accepted by the listener. E.g.

"Sorry can I ask do you [now] believe in a Creator?"

"Sorry, can I ask do you [now] believe that Jesus is God or that he was somebody sent by God?"

• Sign Posting: <u>No</u> point going forward until previous facts accepted.

Their Escape Routes

- You are like a Shepherd trying to catch a sheep. Therefore you need to think of how they are trying to escape the message and address their issues.
- Their Escape Routes are their arguments. Escape routes should be shown and closed

"Oh No They are Leaving..!"

If the listener is losing interest ...

If you feel that the listener is going to leave then summarise what has been achieved. For example:

"Before you leave can we agree that ...?"

1. Get them to agree with the first part of The Sha'ha'dah, and ideally <u>say</u> the first part of The Sha'ha'dah

(I bear witness. that there is nothing worthy of worship except Almighty God).

Or at least

2. Accept the concept of God with all His attributes – *mention the idea of Shirk or blasphemy in the Bible. According to The Bible, to worship other than Almighty God is going against the first two commandments and is therefore a blasphemy (major sin).*

(Concentrating on our beliefs especially the concept of God)

Closing the deal >>> The Sha'ha'dah!

How to close the deal and achieve Sha'ha'dah is difficult for most Du'aat.

The person you are giving Da'wah to is usually much more comfortable, if they feel that they haven't really changed their beliefs.

In other words they are much more comfortable to believe that, what you are telling them is something they have always believed in. Note that if they feel that they are NOT changing their beliefs then they are happier to accept and 'convert' Insha'Allah. (Remember there is a great deal of pride involved if someone is going to change their beliefs)



It may strange to say that they haven't changed their beliefs but it is accurate as most people, deep down, do believe in "The Beliefs of Islam".

The Basic Rule:

"Invite all to the way of your Lord with Wisdom and beautiful preaching, and argue with them in ways which are best..." (Qur'an 16:125)

Key Flow Chart

Often people do not understand natural disasters or human suffering:

- Why did The Tsunami happen ?
- > Why do people die ?
- > Why is there suffering ?

This is especially true of Atheists but to some extent others as well. What **YOU need to do is redirect the conversation and talk about 'The Purpose Of Life'.** Tell them that to understand why natural disasters happen we need to understand 'The Real Purpose of Life'. 'Do you know what the purpose of life is?' or to someone who is more educated 'Do you know what the Muslim view of 'The purpose of life is?'.





With the flow chart above if <u>they</u> talk about 'Natural Disasters' then <u>you</u> talk about 'Purpose of Life'.

Therefore if they say...

"If there is a God why do disasters happen?"

You could reply...

"To understand why these things happen you need to understand 'The Purpose of Life'. To understand the purpose of our lives you need to believe in a Creator.

Do you believe in a Creator? If you don't can I prove to you that there is a Creator? If you do believe in a Creator then can we define Him?

All of the conversation should lead to showing/proving that there is a God and that The Qur'an is a Miracle from God – as The Flow Chart above shows.

Different Religions and Islam- In Brief

<u>Atheism</u>

✓ 'PROVE' that God exists

You ONLY need to 'Prove' that God exists. – Talking about anything else is secondary and irrelevant if they don't believe in God any way.

<u>Judaism</u>

- ✓ Show that Abraham (PBUH) was a Muslim.
- \checkmark The Qur'an is a miracle.

<u>Hinduism</u>

✓ In <u>their scriptures</u> there is no idolatry.

Their books say that God is <u>ONE</u> and you should not make any idols of Him, and that there is nothing like him.

- ✓ Muhammad (PBUH) is mentioned in their books as 'Ahmed' or 'Muhammad'.
- \checkmark The Qur'an is a miracle.

<u>Buddhism</u>

- Buddha 'logically' it's possible he was a prophet, however <u>NO</u> evidence in Qur'an and Sunnah
- ✓ Moral teachings good
- \checkmark Qur'an is a miracle

Jehovah's Witnesses

- ✓ Muslims are following Jesus (peace) of The Bible.
- ✓ God's name is Allah (S.W.T.)

Any Other religion

 \blacktriangleright Qur'an = The Miracle

Proof of Islam

In Da'wah my experience is that **'The Proof of Islam is The Qur'an!'**...This is the one that you can **easily show** Insha'Allah!

Important to remember that your whole 'discussion' with them [it's NOT a debate] should lead towards The Qur'an.

Evidence Qur'an is a Miracle & From God

Firstly tell them that The Book is 1400 hundred years old and is unchanged. This fact is accepted by Scholars of all religions. [There may be the odd one who doesn't agree]. Non–Muslim Scholars may not like what it says and obviously they don't believe that it's from God, otherwise they would be Muslims; but they **do agree** that it has **not changed**. There is only ONE version of The Quran!

1. <u>Scientific Facts in the Qur'an:</u>

The Qur'an contains many **Scientific Facts [Scientifically accurate statements]** even though the book is 1400 hundred years old. For example:

Embryology [A description of how a baby forms inside the womb of a mother is accurately described] (Qur'an translated Surah 23 Verses 12-14)
 Not our opinion but the opinion of Professor Keith Moore. See 'YouTube'.

[Professor Keith Moore is Professor of Anatomy specializing in Embryology at The University of Toronto in Canada. He is highly acclaimed and has won many international Prizes for his work on embryology.]

- How The Universe Started with an initial mass [lump] which then separated to form the Universe. *Today* we call this 'The Big Bang Theory' (Qur'an translated Surah 21 Verse 30)
- **The Expanding Universe** (Qur'an translated Surah 51 Verse 47). The Quran correctly mentions that the Universe is expanding it. Until very recently 'The Steady State model' was accepted which says that the Universe is constant and has always been like that.
- Construction of Mountains

The Qur'an correctly describes two characteristics of mountains.

1. They have deep roots.

2. They reduce the chances of the Earth's surface from shaking. (Qur'an translated Surah 6 Verse 7, Surah 21 Verse 31).

Geologists accept the above statements.

• Pain Receptors For Burning are In The Skin

Sensors for heat are in the skin. Therefore somebody who has a complete loss of their skin is unable to feel the pain of burning. (Qur'an Surah 4 Verse 56)

- How Gravity (or Mass) Works (Qur'an translated Surah 36 Verse 40).
 The Qur'an mentions that The Sun and The Moon are swimming in their orbits.
 Therefore two things are mentioned:
 - Swimming.
 - Circular or elliptical movements.

To swim would require a medium or substance. We **NOW** know that 'empty' space is filled with Higgs-Boson particles. Just as water is displaced by a

swimmer, similarly space appears to be displaced by the presence of stars etc. (celestial bodies). So swimming is really a very accurate description of space; this is something that was discovered very recently. The movement of the stars and the planets is of course indeed circular/elliptical.

• **The Water Cycle** (Qur'an translated Surah 7 Verse 57). This is obvious to us now, but was not known at the time of The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

Just as miraculous is the fact that even though The Qur'an mentions many diverse subjects and is 1400 years old (on Earth) yet it contains no errors says Professor Jeffrey Lang, -Prof of Mathematics at The University of Kansas in the USA. 'The Qur'an does NOT contain a single error; scientific or otherwise'

2. Given to an Unlettered Prophet

The Book was given to a man (The Prophet Muhammad PBUH) who could neither read nor write. There is historical evidence for this and is mentioned in The Qur'an - see Qur'an 7:157

3. <u>Has remained unchanged</u>

The book has remained unchanged for 1400 years- See for yourself in the British Library! *"It is We who have sent down the Dhikr (Qur'an) and surely We will preserve it"*

(Qur'an 15:9)

4. <u>The Challenge</u>

Allah challenges mankind to produce one Surah like it. He says that it can <u>NEVER</u> be done.

"And if you are in doubt about what we have sent down upon our servant then produce a chapter like it ..." (Qur'an 2:23)

For a human being this would be a very arrogant and impossible statement. Only Allah who is outside our time frame could say such a statement and remain true.

5. <u>No Contradictions</u>

There is not a single contradiction in The Qur'an even though it was revealed over a 23 year period a little bit of time. It is also important to remember that the Quran was revealed according to situation, circumstance and sometimes in answer to questions that were asked.

"Don't they ponder over the Qur'an, had it been from anyone besides Allah, they would surely have found therein many contradictions" (Qur'an 4:82)

6. <u>The Largest Practiced and Fastest Growing Religion</u>

It has resulted in the largest following in the world; presently about 1.8 billion people are Muslims!

7. <u>Produced The Fastest Growing Religion</u>

It has produced the fastest growing religion in the world (Guinness book of records).

8. <u>Changes people lives</u>

Its words have the effect of changing people's lives forever.

9. <u>Easy to memorize</u>:

Millions have memorized the whole Qur'an off by heart even though most of the followers are not even Arabic speaking!

"...made easy to remember" (Qur'an 44:58)

10. <u>No crookedness</u>:

By any measurement The Qur'an sets the highest of moral standards and it contains nothing which could be regarded as bad.

"An Arabic Qur'an without any crookedness" (Qur'an 39:28)

11. <u>Qur'an says it is from Allah (S.W.T):</u>

"The revelation of the Book (Qur'an) is from The Lord of the Alamin" (Qur'an 21:2)

12. <u>Complete guidance</u>:

"This day I have perfected your religion for you, completed my favours upon you and chosen Islam as your Deen (Way of Life)" (Qur'an 5:3)

Did P. Muhammad (PBUH) Copy The Bible

Evidence that Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was genuine and did not copy The Bible:

- \checkmark The Qur'an Its miraculous nature is a proof.
- ✓ His life and honesty bears testament to the truth of his Prophet-hood (PBUH).
- ✓ Allah gives him the attribute of being the guide to the worlds (Alamin, mankind, Jinn and all creatures.)
- ✓ Previous messages were corrupted or time bound.

The Qur'an mentions The Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) Prophet Hood (Qur'an33:40): Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) mentioned that he was The Last Prophet and Last Messenger. He was known to be truthful even before his claim to Prophet-Hood.

If they think that The Qur'an is copied from the Bible then:

- The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) would have copied the errors found in the Bible?
 E.g. Scientific errors. Yet the scientific errors in the Bible are <u>not</u> repeated in the Qur'an.
- The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was unlettered, that is, couldn't read or write (Qur'an 7:157).
- If they think the Qur'an is a copy of the Bible ask them to show a single sentence which is the same!

Christianity & Islam

Beliefs of Christianity:

- 1) Trinity
 - 2) Original Sin
 - 3) Atonement (forgiveness of sins)

1) Trinity:

They believe that God is made of three personalities; The Father, The Son and The Holy Ghost. Father is God, Son is God, and the Holy Ghost is God, yet there is only one God! Although Christianity teaches this; usually, a Christian will reject the idea that there are three personalities of God. If you ask them, don't they say 'God The Father, God The Son and God The Holy Spirit'; they will say "Yes, they do in Church". If they say this, then you need to tell them that they are saying that Jesus **is** God. Then they will agree that Christianity says this but they don't personally believe in it.

2) Original Sin:

Christianity teaches that because Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate of the tree (of knowledge); all of their descendants bear the sin.

Get to know the Islamic version of the story of Adam and Eve. One of the differences is that Adam and Eve were <u>forgiven before they were sent to the Earth</u>.

3) Atonement and Redemption:

Christianity says that the crucifixion of a "Man-God" i.e. Jesus, on the cross paid the price of sin. Just believing in this is enough to attain salvation. To refute this ask them – "Did Jesus want to die for our sins". "They will say yes". Tell them that in The Bible Jesus prayed to be saved but was prepared to accept God's Will. They will agree. In which case Jesus <u>did not</u> want to die! Therefore it was NOT the purpose of Jesus coming to Earth.

The most important belief you need to address is 'The Trinity'. If this is shown to be incorrect using the Bible, then there is **no meaning** behind Christianity.

Brief History of Christianity

CE= Christian era i.e. After Jesus (Better to use than AD = which means Jesus is Lord!)

40-45 CE Letters of Paul were written (This is what Christianity is based on. Remember Christians don't follow Jesus in the Bible).

325 CE - Council of Nicaea- Organised by Roman Emperor Constantine. The Emperor was from a Pagan background and favoured the Trinitarian view of Christianity, i.e. Jesus is God and this was adopted as the accepted belief.

1000 CE – Western and Eastern Church broke off- <u>'The Great Schism'</u> Western Church: Catholic churches Eastern Church: eastern Orthodox Church

- **1600 CE** Protestants broke off- led by Martin Luther and John Calvin.
- **1611 CE** King James Version of the Bible was made- most widely used today.
- **1952 CE** Major revision of the King James Bible was made because of its great errors.

Overview of the Bible

- Many versions available.
- Bible divided into **The Old Testament** containing the books before Jesus and **The New Testament** which is about Jesus and that which came after. The Oldest New Testament available dates back to three hundred years after Jesus!
- Bible not available in the language of Jesus (<u>Aramaic</u>) oldest New Testament is in Greek.
- Old Testament 39 Books
 - The first five books Pentateuch (Torah, according to the Jews.)
- New Testament 27 Books
 The first four are called Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)
- The Protestant Bible The most popular one is the King James's Version- 66 Books(39+27)
- The Catholic Bible- is The Douay Version 73 Books (7 extra books Apocrypha= doubtful)

• Note that there are some Words <u>NOT</u> found in the Bible E.g. **Bible, Trinity!** Note that Christianity is following the teachings of (Saint) Paul in The Bible and NOT the sayings of Jesus in (according to) The Bible.

Da'wah to a Christian:

Start with: 'The key question'.

The Key Question! "Do you believe that Jesus <u>is</u> God or that Jesus was <u>sent</u> by God?"

Most Christians will say

'He was <u>sent by</u> God'

Tell them:

"There's only one (major) religion that says Jesus was <u>sent</u> by Almighty God do they know

Which religion it is? "

They'll say 'Christianity'. You say to them "sorry but it's actually Islam".

Show them that Christianity says that Jesus is God rather than sent by God.

Because Christianity says 'God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.' "

They would agree that Christianity (The Religion) says this; but when they think about it they don't believe that Jesus is God.

You can tell them that their belief about Jesus is really the same as Islam. Therefore they are really closer to Islam than Christianity when it comes to the position of Jesus.

Try to talk about:

- ✓ Jesus + Almighty God
- ✓ Good news
- ✓ Purpose of life
- ✓ Spirituality
- ✓ Islam = Relationship with God
- ✓ Love of God

Don't talk about:

- Rules and regulations, e.g. Five Pillars of Islam
- o Hell
- 'Religion' as in an Organisation
- Other things about Islam

Please remember your trying to invite not to impress.

Christian comments that you should be able to answer

Christians would say the following and they would quote some verses to try to prove these.

- 1. Jesus is God, because....
- 2. Jesus is The Son of God.
- 3. Jesus said 'I am the way, the truth and the life ... '
- 4. Jesus died for my sins.
- 5. I am guaranteed salvation unlike Muslims who depend on good deeds.
- 6. I believe Jesus is God and man [Born-again Christians]
- 7. You don't believe in the crucifixion.

How do we answer these?

- 1. This will be discussed later.
- 2. This will be discussed later.
- 3. Yes he was 'The Only way to God (in the Bible language God is called the Father) when he was on earth.
- 4. In the Bible Jesus did not want to die and he prayed to be saved. Even, his followers (disciples) tried to save him!
- 5. Even Christianity says we depend on God's grace on the Day of Judgment.

- Not possible to be both God and man as many characteristics are contradictory or at a different level.
 E.g. God All knowing Almighty and infinite.
 Man limited knowledge, power and temporal (time limited).
- 7. Whether Crucifixion happened or not Jesus cannot be God.

Flow Chart for Dawah to Christians - Follow from left to right





Follow the flow chart in Figure 2 when giving Da'wah to Christians.

When you start, concentrate on showing that Jesus is not God and lead onto the fact that Jesus was a Muslim according to The Bible. Then show that The Qur'an is a Miracle. Please note that if you talk about any other topic you could spend many hours and achieve very little!

1. <u>Proof that Jesus (PBUH) is Not God (using the Bible and Logic)</u>

Start with the Attributes of God; 'All-Mighty', 'All Knowing', Eternal, Independent. Then apply these attributes to Jesus and see if he qualifies.

✓ God is All-Knowing... Jesus (PBUH) was not.

Speaking of the last day Jesus said 'But of That Day or That Hour knows no man, neither the angels, nor the son, but only the father' (The Bible Mark 13:32)

✓ God is All-Mighty... Jesus (PBUH) was not.

'I can do **nothing** on my own authority; as I hear, I judge, and my judgement is just, because I seek not my own will, but the will of Him who sent me'(The Bible John 5:30)

✓ God doesn't pray to anyone … Jesus (PBUH) did

'And he (Jesus) went a little further, and fell on his face (sujud) and prayed.' (Bible Matt 26:39)

Note that: In the Bible Jesus <u>never ever said</u> 'I am God, worship me'.

How to Disapprove Trinity

The word 'Trinity' is not mentioned in the Bible.

Trinity says that Jesus is also 'God' – *If you show Jesus is not God then there is no Trinity* Trinity was formally adopted in the year 325 C.E. with The Nicene Creed. (Therefore 325 years after Jesus left the Earth).

2. <u>Proof That Jesus (PBUH) was not the **only** Son of God in the Bible</u>

Many other good people and Angels are called sons of God in The Bible:

- The Prophet Adam(PBUH) Luke 3:38
- The Prophet Solomon (PBUH)- II Samuel 7:13, 14
- Angels Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7
- The Prophet David(PBUH) Psalms 2:7

Therefore in '**The Bible Language**'. It simply means a Good – Person or Angel. Therefore metaphorical <u>NOT</u> literal.

From The Qur'an

The Qur'an talks about Jesus' similarity to Adam (3:59) and "It befits not Allah that he begets a son." (19:35) Please note Quoting from the Bible does not imply that Jesus' quotations are accurate. However, the point is that, what Jesus was supposed to have said and done according to the Bible is still closer to Islam then Christianity!

3. Jesus lived as a Muslim (from 'The Bible')

- ✓ <u>Submitted</u> to the will of God (Allah) Luke 22:42, John 5:30
- ✓ Fasted forty days and forty nights Matthew 4:2
- ✓ He prayed on his forehead to One God Matthew 26:39
- \checkmark He greeted his disciples with the greeting of peace be upon you (as-salaam-u-alaikum)
 - John 20:21
 Ashalaamu alai khum Hebrew
 Assalaamu alai kum Arabic
- ✓ Jesus had a beard as is the way of <u>all</u> the prophets. (No reference in the bible but is commonly accepted by Christians)
- Female followers (called Disciples in Christianity) all wore Hijaab. (i.e. Covered their hair
 this is common knowledge in pictures and statues)

Wudhu

Moses and Aaron: "And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet thereat: when they went into the tent of the congregation and when they came near unto the altar, they washed, as the lord commanded Moses." (Exodus 40:31-32)

Prayer

Many Prophets prostrated (putting their heads on the floor) – did Sujood in The Bible

- Prophet Jesus Matthew 26:39
- Prophets Moses and Aaron Numbers 20:6
- Prophet Abraham- Genesis17:3

<u>4. In The Bible Jesus mentioned revelation after him</u>

"I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; (Bible -John 16:12)

Tell them that we believe that Jesus is talking about the Ruhul-Quds, or Holy Spirit (The Angel Gabriel) bringing the words of Allah to us in the form of The Qur'an.

Da'wah to Jehovah's Witnesses

The Beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses

- Don't believe in The Trinity –(*Therefore they don't believe that Jesus is God or Part of God*)
- Believe Jesus was **created** by God
- Believe Jesus is **The Begotten** Son of God
- Believe the Bible is the absolute word of God
- Happy to accept that Jesus is a prophet of God.

Therefore you cannot start with 'The Key Question to Christians' because they would agree that Jesus is **not** God but was **sent** by God.

<u>Giving Da'wah to Jehovah's Witnesses (JW):</u>

The line of argument we could follow:

- 1. Muslims follow Jesus' lifestyle in the Bible.
- 2. God's name is Allah.
- 3. We must not say Jesus is begotten because this means giving birth to, which is a blasphemy (shirk).
- 4. The Quran is a miracle.

1) Show that Muslims are following Jesus in the Bible more closely than Jehovah's Witnesses.

For Example:

- ✓ Jesus prayed by putting his head on the ground (Matthew 26:39)
- ✓ Jesus had a beard (evidence not in the bible but common knowledge)
- ✓ Jesus ate kosher Halal food never ate pork
- ✓ Jesus was circumcised
- ✓ Jesus fasted (same way that Muslims fast
- ✓ Jesus submitted his will (the word submission in Islam is Arabic)
- Mary covered her hair all the time just as Muslims do! JW ladies only cover their hair in their churches (Kingdom Halls)

2) God's name is Allah.

a) Alleluia, which is used in the Bible by angels to praise God, is a corruption of Allah-huyah

Alleluia = Allah-hu-yah (from Ahmed Deedat)

- b) Jesus on the cross, said 'Aly-Aly-lema sabakhtani' which is "My God My God, why have you forsaken me?" He did not use the word Jehovah' for God, or 'Abi' which is father. Aly is closer to illahi/Allah which means My God or Deity to be worshipped.
- c) In the Aramaic Language used by Jesus, the word for God is Alaha.

The other point you should concentrate on is that God **does not beget**. (That is give birth to). When Jehovah's Witnesses, say begotten, they are going against the 1st and 2nd commandments in the Bible.

The First Commandment

1. You must not have any other God but me.

The Second Commandment

2. You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the Heavens or on the Earth or in the sea. You must not bow down to them or worship them.

3) Then go on to show that Jesus talked about the coming of The Qur'an and that it is a Miracle (please see section on evidence that The Quran is a miracle).

If All Else Fails with Jehovah witnesses

Then as a **last resort**, show that The Bible in its present form cannot be the words of Almighty God.

Ask them, when they say that 'The Bible is the word of God' what do they mean. Because there are many versions of The Bible. Catholics have the Du-ay version, Protestants have the King James Version and the JW have The New World translation.

These are <u>not</u> different translations, but different **Versions** - they will say theirs is the most accurate as it goes back to the original Greek scripture, but Jesus did not speak Greek, but spoke Aramaic. (Compare with the Qur'an – which is preserved in its original Arabic language)

The many contradictions in their Bible have in fact been highlighted in their own, Jehovah's Witness magazine called 'Awake' or 'Watchtower'. Their magazines produced in the 1960s mentioned thousands of errors in the Bible!

Please see the following link:

http://www.islamway.com/english/images/library/contradictions.htm

However some of the errors they pointed out have now been removed by JW in <u>their</u> own Bible. Jesus talked about the Holy Spirit bringing the words of the 'Father' and we believe that he was talking about the words of God and that is The Qur'an. (16:12-13)

Da'wah to Jews

Beliefs of Judaism

- ✓ One God
- ✓ Claim to believe in and follow The Prophets Abraham and Moses (PBUT).
- ✓ The future coming of The Messiah or great leader; Jews reject Jesus as their Messiah.
- ✓ They are the chosen people God chose them above all others
- Believe in a book The Talmud: ('Teachings'). Somewhat similar to commentaries of the Old Testament.
- ✓ Talmud contains sayings of Rabbis. First written down during the third and fourth century C.E. (Christian era).

<u>How to Invite Jews to Islam</u>

- 1. Discuss Similarities
- 2. Prophet Abraham Was A Muslim
- 3. The Quran Is A Miracle And From God

1. Discuss Similarities:

Belief in One God. Old Testament Prophets. (E.g. Abraham, David, Moses, Joseph but <u>NOT</u> Jesus)

2. Prophet Abraham Was a Muslim

Discuss the life and teachings of The Prophet Abraham (PBUH) and show that he was a Muslim and that Muslims are following him.

The following verse of the Qur'an says that **we** are the true followers of The Prophet Abraham (PBUH):

"And they say: Be Jews or Christians, then ye will be rightly guided. Say (unto them, O Muhammad): Nay, but (we follow) the religion of Abraham, the upright, and he was not of the idolaters". (Qur'an 2:135)

Tell them that if we look at the life of Abraham in The Bible, we would see that Abraham was a Muslim. The Definition of a Muslim is someone who has The Six <u>Beliefs</u> of a Muslim. – Also called the six pillars of Imaan – six things that a Muslim must believe in. We believe in:

- 1. Almighty God: His Oneness, Uniqueness and that He alone should be worshipped.
- 2. Angels who obey God.
- 3. Books from God Qur'an is The last Book.
- 4. Prophets Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is the last of the Prophets.
- 5. Heaven, Hell and Day of Judgement.
- 6. Pre-Destiny and Pre-Knowledge everything is planned by God and we have free will.

By the definition of belief, Abraham in the Bible was a Muslim.

Note that the five pillars of Islam are different; they are the five things that every Muslim must **do**.

3. The Qur'an Is a Miracle

Show some of the **MANY** reasons why the Quran could not have been written by any Human Being and is therefore a Miracle. (Especially scientific facts as most of them are highly educated).

For details see elsewhere in this manual.

Da'wah to Atheists

Atheism means there is no God. Most Atheists are really Agnostics – which means they are not sure because you cannot prove a negative.

<u>The Beliefs</u>

• They say there is no God, there is no Creator! Everything else that they say is really their criticism of religion.

Their common criticisms of religion:

- There is no God, people just made it up.
- I don't believe in organised religion.
- Religion causes trouble and wars.
- If God exists, why are there disasters and why do babies die?
- I believe in Evolution and Darwin.
- Muslims are terrorists.
- All religions basically say the same thing
- I don't want to follow rules.
- I am happy the way I am.

To answer these or any other of their criticism you need to :

1. Prove God exists

2. Explain the Purpose of Life (as said by all Prophets)

To do the above. Please follow the below Flow Chart:



Fig.1

To use the above chart, start on the left and go towards proving that The Qur'an is A Miracle. Usually starting with "Natural Disasters".

Proof That God Exists:

There are really four pieces of evidence. In common language: "Proofs"

- 1. Cosmological Argument or Cause and Effect
- 2. Teleological Argument or Intelligent Design Design and Fine Tuning
- 3. Lives of certain Human beings The Prophets of Almighty God
- 4. **Miracles** given to The Prophets Today's Miracle = **The Qur'an**

1. Cosmological Argument

Causality, The Principle of Cause and Effect

Put simply:

- > Everything that begins to exist must have a cause.
- The Universe began to exist.
- > Therefore, The Universe has a cause.

If the Universe did not have a cause it can only mean:

- 1. It Created Itself
- 2. It Always Existed

Is that possible?

- 1. Things cannot <u>exist</u> and <u>not exist</u> at the same time. Therefore it cannot create itself.
- 2. Everything must have a beginning because things cannot go back **forever**; it's just illogical, think about it. Now we have The Big Bang Theory which gives a start to EVERYTHING!

They are probably thinking:

"If The Universe needs a cause, then why doesn't God need a cause?"

The answer is that if God needs A Creator then that Creator needs another Creator, and so on, that means you will never come to a starting point (called Infinite Regress). Therefore there has to be a **Creator who is not created.**

Who Made God?

They may want to know who made God. Space and Time are linked together in this Universe. This is called a **Space-Time Continuum**. Scientists/Physicists agree that with the beginning of the Universe it wasn't just matter that came to being, but **time itself** started! Therefore if something is outside this Universe it would be outside our Time-Frame and it may be outside Time altogether. - This doesn't prove the existence of a Creator but it gives rise to the *possibility* of a Creator who is outside Time and therefore does not have a beginning and therefore does not need a Creator!

2. Teleological Argument - or Design Argument

The Design Argument is saying that the Universe is so finely balanced and so finely tuned that somebody must have designed it that way!

The Key words are 'Fine-Tuning'

The Fine-Tuning of The Universe has to be either due to:

- > Physical Necessity
- > Chance
- > Design.

Physical Necessity

It is not Physically Necessary. In other words the Universe does not have to be the way it is. It could be lots of other ways and it would still be **A** Universe but not the one we know.

Chance

It is (almost) impossible for the Universe to be like it is by chance as Prof Roger Penrose has calculated.

Our Universe is a 'Low Entropy' Universe. Entropy is a measure of the degree of disorder of The Universe. The probability of The Universe being like this, says Professor Penrose is:

'10 to the power of 10 and all of this to the power 123: To One!'

Prof. Penrose is The Professor of Mathematics at Oxford University. See his book 'The Emperor's New Mind'- 1989.

What this calculation does, is that it also almost eliminates the possibility of The Universe being like this even if it is a Multi-verse!

Design

Therefore, the Universe has been designed the way it is.

3. <u>The Prophets</u>

-Their Lives and the Consistency of Their Message.

Throughout history there have been some incredible good people. These people led very good, honest and decent lives. At some point in their life they said that 'God' had communicated with them in some way. They went out and gave this message. As a consequence of giving this message, they were persecuted and their followers were also persecuted and sometimes they were killed. They gained no material or worldly benefit from this message. They usually lived very simple, modest lives and were not interested in material wealth. They all gave the same identical message. The question is why they did this.

The possibilities are:

- 1. Altruism-They were being altruistic i.e. they wanted to help people and society
- 2. Delusion-They were deluded i.e. they had some psychological problems
- 3. True Prophet hood- They were indeed Prophets of Almighty God

1. Altruism

Altruism would mean that they were just lying to help others. If they were lying then this would go against their character and their teachings. People would have seen their dishonesty.

2. Delusion

If they had some psychological problems such as delusion then again their character would have shown some faults. However their characters were impeccable and beyond criticism.

3. True Prophet Hood

Therefore the only option is that they were indeed Prophets or Messengers of

Almighty God. These were The Prophets: Abraham, Noah, Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad (PBUT) - to name a few.

4. <u>The Miracles</u>

The Miracles given to The Prophets are evidence or signs of God's existence. A miracle that we can see today is **The Qur'an**.

Da'wah to Hindus

Hindu: The word 'Hindu' comes from the word 'Sindhu,' a region watered by The River Indus. Therefore being a Hindu is about place of birth i.e. geography not beliefs. Founder of Hinduism: None

Major Beliefs:

- ✓ Belief in Vedas –Hindu Scriptures
- Practice of Caste system People are born into a group which determines their social status and profession (jobs)
- ✓ Sanctity of Cow and other animals.
- ✓ Belief in One or many gods.
- ✓ Reincarnation.
- ✓ Incarnation of Gods into animals or humans.

Religious Books of Hinduism

Two Main Books:- Shruti and Shmrti.

- 1) **Shruti** = revealed
 - > Vedas and the Upanishads
- 2) **Shmrti** = memorized Puranas and Itihas (includes Bhagwad Gita)

Concept of God in Hinduism

Common Hindu says > 300 millions Their Scholars say > Only One !

What their Scripture says:

"He is the one and only..." Chandogya Upanishad [Chapter 6, Khanda 2, Shloka 1] "Bhagwan ek hi hai ..." (There is only One God...") Brahma Sutra of Hindu Vedanta.

Is Idol Worship Allowed ?

From the Yajur Vedha

- ✓ "There Is No Image Of Him"
- ✓ "...of That God You Cannot Make Any Images."
- "They enter darkness, those who worship natural things" Eg. air, water, fire etc 40:9
- "They <u>sink deeper</u> in darkness those who worship sambhuti" created things like idols.

>>Therefore The Scriptures Have a Correct Concept of God Idols are NOT allowed.

The Name Allah Is Preferred To "God"

It's a unique Word & therefore creates No mental Picture.

The Key Question

"Excuse me Brother,[Bhai-Saab,Sir,] did you know that in the The Brahma Sutra, It says Bhagwan ek hi hai ,God is only One. Allah is mentioned in The Hindu Scriptures:

- Rigveda Book 2 hymn 1 verse 11
- Book 3 hymn 30 verse 10
 - 'ALO Upanishad'- Which should be pronounced 'Allah Upanishad' 'Allah' is mentioned several times

Muhammad (PBUH) Prophesied In The Hindu Scriptures

Muhammad (PBUH) is Prophesied by name In 'Bhavishya Purana' "A Malechha (foreigner) spiritual teacher will appear with his companions (Sahaba), His name will be Mohammad..." "He has collected a great force to kill the Devil [abolish idol worship]."

Verse 5 of Bhavishya	a Puran, Prati Sarg Parv III: 3, 3:
	। His name will be Mahamad: शिष्वश्वाद्यासम्बितः ।। १ ।। Bhavishya Puran: Prati Sarg, Part III: 3, 3, 5

Muhammad (PBUH) Prophesied By The Name "Ahmed"

Samveda Book II, Hymn 6, Verse 8:-

मेधामृतत्प जग्रद् । अहं स्र्य द्वाजनि ॥ दि०। प्र०२। द०६ मं० म

"<u>Ahmed</u> acquired religious law from his Lord which is full of wisdom."

Also in many other places mentioned below

Samveda

Uttararchika, mantra 1500 Part 2 Book 7 chapter 1 section 5 verse 1 Indra chapter 2 mantra 152 Book 2 chapter 2 decade 1 verse 8 Yajurveda Chapter 31 verse 18 Rig-Veda Book 8 hymn 6 verse 10 Atharvaveda Book 8 chapter 5 verse 16 Book 20 chapter 126 verse 14

Concentrate on showing that their scripture talks about worshipping One God and is against worshipping idols.

Bhagavat Gita 7:19-21: 'All those who do idol worship, all those who worship demigods are materialistic people.' Yajur Veda 3:32: '...Of that God you cannot make any images.

Yajur Veda 40:8: 'All those who worship the uncreated things, they are in darkness, and you'll enter more into darkness if you worship the created things.' Rig Veda Vol.6, 45:16: 'There is only one God, worship Him.'

Also show that the arrival of The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is described on many occasions in their 'holy' books

Therefore For Da'wah to a Hindu:

- 1. Hindu Scripture Says One God
- 2. Hindu Scripture Says: No Idol Worship
- 3. Hindu Scripture Mentions Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)
- 4. The Quran is a miracle
- 5. Therefore Islam is true
- 6. Therefore Muhammad (s) is A Messenger of Allah

Proof of Islam = The Qur'an The Qur'an = A Miracle

"Oh No They've Become Muslim!What Now?"

The Follow Up... Don't worry or panic ^(C) Firstly remember YOU did NOT convert (revert) them but it is Allah who chose them and guided them.

What Do I Do Now?

- 1. Thank Allah
- 2. Give them Good News of Paradise (that they will enter it one day Insha'Allah) as The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) told us.
- 3. Encourage them to have a shower (Ghusl) once they get home, as is Sunnah.
- 4. Tell them that all sins are forgiven upon saying the words as they have done if they truly believe in them.
- 5. Give them some basic books/booklets including a translation of the Qur'an. Please keep the material as little and simple as possible, concentrating on basic beliefs and prayers only.
- 6. The book we give is 'Beliefs and Teachings of Islam' by Ghulam Sarwar costs about £5.
- 7. Advise them to concentrate on **Prayers only** at first.

For Prayers They Must at least:

- 1. Do actions of Standing (Qiyaam), Bowing (Ruku), Prostration (Sujood).
- 2. Whilst doing the actions -recite Some Simple words. These should be taught and they should repeat them.
 - 4 Soob haan Allah Glory be Allah which means (He is perfect)
 - 4 Al ham dullillah (All praise is for Allah).
 - La ee la ha ill-Allah (there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah)

8 Personally link them with yourself which is ideal – keep phoning and meeting up. If you feel confident invite them for food. Brothers should only invite Men and Sisters should only invite ladies- *Regular contact is ideal*

9 Link them with another Muslim.

10 Ask them if they know any Muslims – [esp. practising ones for example men with beards and ladies with Hijaab] and ask them to tell their Muslim friends and learn from them.

F.A.Q.s

So you can marry four wives?

There is polygamy in the Bible: Abraham had 2 wives, Sarah and Hagar – *Genesis 16:1-3* Jacob, son of Isaac had 4 wives – *Genesis 26:34, 28:9* Saul had a wife and a concubine – *I Sam.14:50, II Sam.3:7* David had 8 wives – I Sam.18:27, 25:42, 43 II Sam.3:2-5, 11:27, 12:8

(NB: According to The Bible neither Jesus (PBUH) nor God ever prohibited polygamy. And generally The Bible does not prohibit Polygamy) Why do women have to cover themselves?

There is a dress code for both males and females. Ask them if they have seen a 'picture' or 'painting' of Mary the mother of Jesus- she dresses like a Muslim.

Islam as a complete guidance came to preserve chastity in the society.

The law for dress code, even in "The West" (including the UK) is not identical for men and women. Men can be 'bare-chested', women cannot!

Why do you call him Allah?

All beautiful names belong to Him' (translated Qur'an S.17 V.110)

'To Him belong the Best names' (translated Qur'an S.59 V.24)

The word Allah is purer and a better word to use than the English word God because:

- To God you can add 'dess' = Goddess.
- God with a small 'g' god may cause confusion. Allah can't be written with a small 'g'.
- God as a mother or father becomes Godmother, Godfather etc. To Allah nothing can be added.
- English word 'God' could be ambiguous, confusing, manipulated, etc, but the pure word 'Allah' could never be confusing because it always refers to the One Almighty God, Our Creator, with no male and female gender, and no partners.

Abbreviations Used & Glossary

SWT – Subhaana-hu-wata'la = Glory be to Him the Highest **PBUH** – Peace be upon Him **PBUT** – Peace be upon Them RA – Radhi-Allahu Anho (for a man) Radhi-Allahu Anha (for a lady) – Meaning: May Allah be pleased with him or her. Hadith= Saying of the prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.) Ahadith= Plural of Hadith Sunnah=Sayings, actions and approval of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) **INSHA'ALLAH** – Insha'Allah (God willing) Sahih Al Bukhari - Collection of Ahadith by (Shaikh) Bukhari – Regarded as the most authentic collection of Ahadith. Sahih Muslim - Collection of Ahadith by (Shaikh) Muslim Ahmed – Collection of Ahadith by (Shaikh) Ahmed:-Du'aat – Inviters to Islam (PI) **Da'ee** – Inviter to Islam (singular) **Shirk** -- To ascribe partners to God, to deny God to make something or someone equal to God. C.E. = Christians Era (not to use AD = Jesus is God)

Final Thoughts & Acknowledgements

For more practical information please refer to the various 'Dialogue Sheets' Please watch "The New Da'wah Training" on YouTube

Please <u>use the technique</u>, Insha'Allah it will work.

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