

(Mary Peace be Uopn her in Christianity and Islam)

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Abstract:

I have chosen two sects of Christians to investigate the subject of the Virgin Mary (peace be upon her). These two sects are the Catholics and the Protestants.

I- Catholics' belief in Mary may be summarized as follows:

- Some Christians believe she was the paramour of God. .1
- Most of them believe that Mary (peace be upon her) is the Mother of a God. .2
- Some believe that Jesus and his mother are two gods like God the Almighty, and so some people worship them and do some prayers and litanies. .3
- They make three-dimensional and pictured icons. .4
- Some of them believe that she has had miracles and thus do prayers for her. .5
- The Roman Catholic Church celebrates the clearance of the Virgin Mary (peace be upon her) on February 2. .6
- They believe that the Virgin Mary did not inherit the results of sin and do not need for the salvation of Jesus Christ. .7

II- Protestants' belief in Mary may be summarized as follows:

- They deny the title of "Mother of God". .1
- They deny the intercession of Mary. .2
- deny rites, ceremonies, devotions and feasts performed for her, and consider them breaches of the foundations of religion. .3
- They deny the permanency of her virginity. .4

III: Muslims' belief about the Virgin Mary (peace be upon her) may be summarized as follows:

- Mary - peace be upon her – was a human being endowed by God to conceive the Christ Jesus - peace be upon him – and she has nothing of the properties of the God. .1
- They believe that she was not the paramour of the Almighty. .2
- They believe that she was not the mother of a god. .3
- They respect her as a virtuous woman praised by God in his book, and that a Sura of the Cor'an had been revealed in her name. .4

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Introduction:

In The Name Of Allah, The Most Beneficent, The Most Merciful

I selected the research for Mary Peace be upon her in Christianity and selected two doctrines to study Mary peace be upon her: Catholic and protestants.

The research plan consists of:

First Chapter: Mary in Christianity:

- Identification of Christian religion. -1
- Christian doctrine in Mary peace be upon her. -2
- Catholic doctrine in Mary peace be upon her -3
- Protestants doctrine in Mary peace be upon her. -4

Second Chapter: Mary in Islam

- Identification of Islamic Religion. -1
- Muslims doctrine in Mary Peace be upon her. -2

Body of Paper:

First Chapter: Mary In Christianity including four issues:

Identification of Christian Religion: Allah has revealed this religion to Jesus – its book is Holy Bible. This religion includes two parties: Catholic and Protestants: -1

First: Catholic party formed by saint Agnatios Antaki existing in European countries, Latin America, south east Asia such as Philippine, minority in United States and Africa.

Second: Protestants Party or Reformative Party which formed in sixteenth century by Martin Luther.

It gave the individual freedom of evaluation and showed his responsibility towards Allah.

It is existed in some European countries and United States of America.

Christian doctrine in general in Mary: -2

They believe that she is virtuous and pure from impurity and many priests believe she is impeccable from any sins.

Saint Amrosios says that: (she was virtuous and pure from impurity and sin).

Saint Edlfonsios says that: (utopian Mary has been created free from any original sin).

Catholic Doctrine in Mary: -3

Some of them believe that she is wife of Allah, High is Allah above whatever they say. .A

Most of them believe that she is the mother of God. .B

From the Bible texts by which they depend are the following:

(20- Because her pregnancy surely is the Holy Spirit, 21- she will deliver son called Jesus because he will save his people from the sins). (Gospel of Matthew 1:49).

(The angel replied and said: the Holy Spirit shall reveal on you). (Gospel of Luke 1:35).

(11- Voice came from heaven: "you are my dear son, I have accepted you). (Gospel of John 1:2).

(27- She replied: Yes: My Master. I fully believe that you are the Jesus Son of God that shall come to the world). (Gospel of John 1:30).

(Gospel of Jesus son of god, 2- started as prophet Eshaia wrote). (Gospel of lukes 1:2).

Mohammed Al-Sayed Mohammed commenting: (what mentioned in Christian book when talking about Mary and how she became pregnant with Jesus, he is saying: "the angel replied and said, the Holy Spirit shall reveal on you" (gospel of Luke 1:35).

As we mentioned, the Christians consider the Holy Spirit is god, one of the three parts their alleged god consists).

Some of them believe that Jesus and His Mother are two gods without Allah. Therefore, some of them .C
devote worship and pray to her.

They make bodied icons to her. .D

- Some of them believe that she has miracles and praise it. .E
- Roman Catholic Church celebrates Mary purification day on second day of February. .F
- They believe that she don't inherit the sins or need to be saved by Jesus. .G
- Saint Ambrosios said: "she was always guarantee to Jesus and his own even when she was in her mother abdomen" she was pure from any sin.
- Saint Proculios said: (her self is pure from any sin impurity).

- Protestants Doctrine in Mary Peace be Upon Her: -4**
- They deny the title of Mother of god. .A

- Protestants: deny the title of Mother of god.
- They deny her intercession. .B
- They deny holding any rituals, celebrations, worships and festivals and consider that as breaching to religion principles. .C
- Always deny her powers. .D

Second Chapter: Mary Peace be upon Her in Islam including two issues:**1- Identification of Islamic Religion:**

Islamic Religion: is a Monotheistic religion revealed on our Prophet Muhammad Peace be upon Him – its Holy Book is the Holy Koran spreading in Asia and everywhere in the world.

2- Muslims Doctrine in Mary Peace be upon Her:

1- They respect her as devout and religious woman maintained and praised by Allah in His Book. Surat in Her name included in Koran and her named mentioned many times such in: Ali-Imran, Al-Maedah, Al-Anbia and Al-Tahreem. Allah said: (and I seek refuge for her in You and [for] her descendants from Satan, the expelled [from the mercy of Allah] Surat Ali-Imran: 36) and Allah said (And mention, [O Muhammad], in the Book [the story of] Mary, when she withdrew from her family to a place toward the east) (Surat Maryam:16) Ibn Katheir Said that: (She is devout and monk marked by great worship and celibacy.

2- She is pure and virtuous Allah has selected her to bear Jesus Peace be upon Him – Allah sent his angel to her, Allah Said (Then We sent to her Our Angel, and he represented himself to her as a well-proportioned man) (Maryam: 17) and for her goodness shed said: (Indeed, I seek refuge in the Most Merciful from you, [so leave me], if you should be fearing of Allah) (Maryam: 18), then the angel told her the good news (He said, "I am only the messenger of your Lord to give you [news of] a pure boy) (Maryam : 19), She replied (She said, "My Lord, how will I have a child when no man has touched me? (Ali-Imran :47), the Angel replied: (The angel] said, "Such is Allah ; He creates what He wills. When He decrees a matter, He only says to it, 'Be,' and it is.) Ali-Imran : 47), and Allah Said: (Thus [it will be]; your Lord says, 'It is easy for Me, and We will make him a sign to the people and a mercy from Us. And it is a matter [already] decreed) (Maryam: 21). Allah has described her as pure and virtuous as He said: (And [mention] the one who guarded her chastity, so We blew into her [garment] through Our angel [Gabriel], and We made her and her son a sign for the worlds) Al-Anbya: 91). Also Allah said: (And [the example of] Mary, the daughter of 'Imran, who guarded her chastity, so We blew into [her garment] through Our angel) (Attahrim: 12). She obeyed her God: (So she conceived him, and she withdrew with him to a remote place) (Maryam: 22). Allah mentioned her suffering at labor due to fear and shame of people and said: (And the pains of childbirth drove her to the trunk of a palm tree. She said, "Oh, I wish I had died before this and was in oblivion, forgotten) (Maryam: 23), Allah reassured her by saying: (But he called her from below her, "Do not grieve; your Lord has provided beneath you a stream) (Maryam: 24). Allah has guided her toward her body be saying: (And shake toward you the trunk of the palm tree; it will drop upon you ripe, fresh dates) (Maryam: 25) and Allah give her the evidence cogency in saying: (And if you see from among humanity anyone, say, 'Indeed, I have vowed to the Most Merciful abstention, so I will not speak today to [any] man) (Maryam: 25). The difficult confrontation when Allah said: (Then she brought him to her people, carrying him. They said, "O Mary, you have certainly done a thing unprecedented, 27, O sister of Aaron, your father was not a man of evil, nor was your mother unchaste) (Maryam: 27/28). She pointed to him because she know that nobody shall believe her (So she pointed to him. They said, "How can we speak to one who is in the cradle a child) (Maryam: 29). The sudden answer was that when the child said: ([Jesus] said, "Indeed, I am the servant of Allah . He has given me the Scripture and made me a prophet, 30, And He has made me blessed wherever I am and has enjoined upon me prayer and zakah as long as I remain alive, 31, And [made me] dutiful to my mother, and He has not made me a wretched tyrant, 32). (Maryam).

Maryam Peace be upon her veracious and virtuous but She is not a prophet nor God as She and her Son -3 were living like people as Allah said: (The Messiah, son of Mary, was not but a messenger; [other] messengers have passed on before him. And his mother was a supporter of truth. They both used to eat food) (Al-Maidah: 75). And Allah said: (And [beware the Day] when Allah will say, "O Jesus, Son of Mary, did you say to the people, "Take me and my mother as deities besides Allah ?" He will say, "Exalted are You! It was not for me to say that to which I have no right. If I had said it, You would have known it. You know what is within myself, and I do not know what is within Yourself. Indeed, it is You who is Knower of the unseen * I said not to them except what You commanded me - to worship Allah , my Lord and your Lord) (Al-Maidah: 116-117). These verses clearly show that Jesus only called for monotheism Jesus was only a Prophet of Allah, Lord of the worlds.

2- She was not wife to Allah where he denied the wife to himself saying: (And [it teaches] that exalted is the nobleness of our Lord; He has not taken a wife or a son. And that our foolish one has been saying about Allah an excessive transgression). (Al-Jenn 1-4).

3- She was not the mother of god, she was the mother of the prophet. Allah said: ([Jesus] said, "Indeed, I am the servant of Allah . He has given me the Scripture and made me a prophet (30) And He has made me blessed wherever I am and has enjoined upon me prayer and zakah as long as I remain alive (31) And [made me] dutiful to my mother, and He has not made me a wretched tyrant (32) And peace is on me the day I was born and the day I will die and the day I am raised alive) (Maryam: 30-33). He started mentioning that he is servant of Allah before being prophet and what mentioned in Koran is conforming to that mentioned in Gospel of Bernaba.

First: In the beginning of Gospel of Bernaba, he mentioned that she is a human and bearing human as per Allah's Order.

Allah has sent Angel Gabriel to Virgin called Mary from the progeny of Dawood of the tribe of Yahoza whereas the virgin living with purity without any sin and persistent on prayers and fasting The virgin became afraid when she saw the Angel but he reassured her saying: do not be afraid Maryam because Allah has given you blessings to be mother of prophet to Israel peoples to practice his rituals honestly. Virgin replied: how I give birth and I do not know a man. The Angel said: O Maryam indeed Allah who created the human without human is able to create human without human because there is nothing is impossible to Allah. Maryam Said: I know that Allah is able on everything, be it His desire).

Second: in Chapter 96, mention that Jesus is a human:

(When the prayer finished, the priest loudly said: stand up Jesus because we must know who you are to our nation. Jesus said: I Jesus son of Maryam from the progeny of Dawood, a human shall die and he is afraid from Allah and I ask you not to give Honor and Glory to anybody except Allah). Bernaba 2L19-20.

Conclusion:**First: Results:****Catholics Doctrine in Mary Peace be upon Her: -1**

Some of them believe that she is wife of Allah, High is Allah above whatever they said. Most of them believe that she is the mother of god and other believe that Jesus and his mother are two gods so they make them icons and celebrate her purification on second day of February.

Protestants Doctrine in Mary Peace be upon Her. -2

Unlike the catholic, they deny the title of mother of god and her intercession and deny rituals, celebrations, worships and festivals and they also consider that as breaching to the religion principles.

Muslims Doctrine in Mary Peace be upon Her: -3

They respect her as devout and religious woman maintained and praised by Allah in His Book and Surat in Her name included in Koran and they considering her as human selected by Allah to bear Jesus and she have not any features of god and she is neither wife of Allah nor mother of god.

They are conforming in their doctrine with Protestants.

Second: Recommendations:

Serious study should be done on this issue in all Christian parties to reach to the right as there are contradiction and confusion.

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