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It is admitted in Judaism and Christianity that the original transcripts were lost. There is no original single copy nowadays; copies that are available are only translations. If the Bible was revealed from God, then how could it be modified, added to, or deleted from every now and then?

Evidences of distortion in the Bible. Some verses still exist in the Old Testament: "And the burden of the LORD shall you mention no more: for every man's word shall be his burden; for you have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God." (Jeremiah 23:36), "Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil." (Psalms 56:5), and "How do you say, We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us? Lo, certainly he made it falsely; the pen of the scribes made it a lie." (Jeremiah 8:8).

Two questions to think about the credibility of the Old Testament texts:

The First Question: How could the adulterous women (Lot's daughters, Bathsheba and Tamar) conceive immediately after committing adultery (with Lot, David and Judas)?

The Second Question: Can drinking alcohol take Lot's mind away so that he could commit adultery unconsciously with his two daughters in two successive days?

A Table for comparing the stories of adulterous women who conceived immediately after committing adultery in the Old Testament

Comparison	Lot	David	Judah
Texts	Genesis (19:33-36)	II Samuel (11:1- 27)	Genesis (38: 15-30)
The Status of the adulterous man	A pious man.	A prophet.	The son of Prophet Jacob.
The Status of the adulterous woman	The two daughters of Lot.	Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite, one of David's soldiers.	Tamar, the widow of Judas' son.
The meanness of the idea	Lot's daughters thought to have offspring of their father.	David saw a beautiful naked woman bathing. He thought to sleep with her.	Tamar thought to have offspring even through adultery. She covered her face with a veil and sat in the way of her father in law (Judah). Judah saw a woman covering her face; he thought to commit adultery with her.
Planning for committing adultery	Lot's daughters made their father drink wine so that he could lay with them.	The guards brought Bathsheba to the Palace of David for adultery.	Judah agreed with the face-covered woman on the price for adultery and he gave her a pledge.
Committing Adultery	Lot committed adultery with his two daughters.	David committed adultery with Bathsheba.	Judah committed adultery with the woman covering her face (Tamar).
Pregnancy from adultery	<u>Immediately!</u>	<u>Immediately!</u>	<u>Immediately!</u>
The influence of Alcohol	<u>The alcohol took Lot's mind away!</u> and he laid with his two daughters unconsciously in two successive days!	David invited Uri'ah to drink alcohol until he was drunk. However, <u>the alcohol did not take Uri'ah's mind away!</u> and he did not lay with his wife Bathsheba!	The story did not include drinking alcohol and getting drunk.
The meanness that took place after pregnancy	The Old Testament mentioned nothing about the reaction of Lot when he knew about the pregnancy of his two daughters from him!	David ordered to set Uri'ah in the forefront of the hardest fighting to die. Then, David took the widow (Bathsheba) as a wife!	Tamar went back home and wore her mourning clothes. Judah knew of her adultery, ordered to stone and burn her. Judah declined from this application when he saw the pledge of adultery with Tamar!
The Name of the baby born of adultery	Moab and Ben-Ammi	He died on the seventh day.	Perez and Zerah
The offspring of adultery	Ruth was a descendant of Moab, Naomi was a descendant of Ben-Ammi.	-----	David and his son Solomon were descendants of Perez.
How the offspring of adultery was related to Jesus	Ruth and Naomi were great grandmothers of Jesus	-----	David and Solomon were great grandfathers of Jesus.

Dear Reader,

It is obvious that if you want to distort a call for a religious movement you distort its founder. Many mean traits like adultery, meanness, getting drunk, and deception were attributed to the prophets of God in the Old Testament, and this contradicts the infallibility of the prophets, spread indecency, corruption in the societies, promotes atheism, or may cause people to search for the true religion. This exactly took place in western communities' centuries ago.

Do you really believe that God revealed the current existing verses of the Old Testament? The answer has to be absolutely NO! Many people like you abstained from the spirit of intolerance, surrendered themselves for the true religion, and reached this conclusion: the religion of pure monotheism, the religion of all the prophets and messengers, the religion of Islam. "Truly, the religion with Allah is Islam. Those who were given the Scripture (Jews and Christians) did not differ except, out of mutual jealousy, after knowledge had come to them. And whoever disbelieves in the Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, signs, revelations, etc.) of Allah, then surely, Allah is Swift in calling to account." (Meaning of the Noble Qur'an 3: 19)

Embracing Islam is very easy. You have to believe that Allah is the only Creator and the one in control over everything in the universe, fear Him alone, put your trust and hope on Him alone, seek His satisfaction in every single deed of your life, denounce anything you have used to worship before Him, and believe that Allah abstains from all negative traits: "He begets not, nor was He begotten;" (Meaning of the Noble Qur'an 112:3).

You have to believe that Jesus is Allah's messenger, slave, word that Allah threw to Mary, and a spirit from Allah. Jesus had a miraculous birth from his mother Mary and he was without a father and was not crucified, but Allah elevated him to the sky. Jesus is a messenger like Abraham, Noah, Moses, and Muhammad (Peace be upon them all).

Dear reader,

In order to revert to Islam you have to testify with both your heart and tongue by saying: **"I testify that there is no god but Allah and that Muhammad is His slave and messenger."**

Congratulations for this brave decision, the most important one in your entire life. Now you are born again because you have decided to surrender yourself to Allah the Lord of the worlds setting yourself free from the cults of those who slandered lies against Allah, distorted their religion and followed blindly their desires. You are now following the same religion of Muhammad and Jesus (peace be upon them).

You have to realize that embracing Islam is the greatest bounty of Allah. Thanks to Allah that He enabled you to revert to Islam and realize that this bounty cannot be compared to any other bounty since anything that might befall you other than Islam is not a big deal.

I pray Allah to open our hearts for the truth, and our last supplication: "Thanks be to Allah the Lord of the Worlds."

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