that Isaa, is the way to talk to God. He is a bridge between us and God, but He is also one of God's own eternal attributes.

When I prayed in the name of Isaa, my life completely changed. I am sure I am going to janna because the Word of God, Isaa, one of God's attributes, will guarantee that I'm going to janna. Because Isaa lived a perfect, sinless life, as the Qu'ran and Bible both say, He is the only one who can clear the way for us to janna.

S: Please, don't give Isaa more credit than he deserves. He is only a prophet of God and we cannot pray in His name. We should pray in the name of Allah.

A: Now you're starting to talk from the template and not your free thinking. Remember that in the Qu'ran, one of the attributes of Jesus Christ, or Isaa, is the Word of God. Let me ask you a question. Is the Word of God eternal or limited?

S: Of course, the Word of God is eternal.

A: Then now you know that Isaa is the Word of God, as the Qu'ran said. He is eternal. Connecting to Him in spirit will provide a guarantee we'll go to janna. Also, because he rose from the dead and is alive, He can hear us. So I invite you to say a word of dowaa' starting a relationship with God based on the plan of salvation by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. When you agree, let's say this word of dowaa'.



Oh Lord, thank you for telling us your plan for salvation. Lord, I don't know much about this yet, but Lord, I accept the idea that Isaa, Jesus Christ, died for me, and I ask you to change my life. I surrender my life to you today to start a relationship with you.

We are so glad you read this dialogue because understanding these perspectives, just like a judge listens to both sides of a story, is the most important thing – for your life now and your life into eternity.

We encourage you to continue your research and invite you to listen to our messages.

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An Honest Conversation:

A Dialogue Between a Muslim and a Christian

Walking down the hallway at Christian Islamic Dialogue, I entered a room and found a conversation with men of the two different faiths.

S: The Qu'ran says that when you argue with the people of the book, argue in the best way.

A: Let's keep the spirit of friendship during our discussion. We inherited the hostility and enmity because we are different than each other.

S: Talking about inheritance, do you agree that we inherited our religions and culture? And we were prevented from questioning that what we inherited is true or wrong?

A: Initially, I agree with you. For example, if I was born in China, then I would likely be Buddhist. And if you were born in India, you

would likely be Hindu. These are templates that prevent us from thinking outside of them.

S: Why should we be prevented from thinking freely? I think God, sobhano w t'allah, talked to us to be understood; he wants us to understand him. That's why we should use our mind to understand.

A: I agree, and this intellectual template was established in us because of thousands of times of repetition of a certain type of information. From our childhood, this is how the template has formed in our minds, and it became like an intellectual prison, and we cannot think outside it.

S: Awoozou billah, Lord help us. I love freedom and I'm not going to submit to any of these templates. That's why I'd like us to agree to talk freely, outside the box.

A: Yes. God, sobhano w t'allah, gave us freedom of choice. And he won't send us prophets or apostles for messengers to take it away from us.

S: Agreed. So do you want to choose a topic to start our dialogue or would you like me to choose?

A: Please choose. You first.

S: You say that Jesus is the Son of God. This is what we, in Islam, call polytheists, or in Arabic, kufur bwaah. What do you think?

A: In Surah 4:171, the Qu'ran gave Jesus three attributes. His name of course in the Qu'ran is Isaa 'al Maryam. He is a messenger, He is the Word of God, and a Spirit from God.

S: Yes. He is a messenger, He is the Word of God, and a Spirit from God. But do you know the meaning of 'the Word of God'?

A: The Arabic language is beautiful and clear, and these words do not need more explanation. God, sobhana w t'allah, is talking by His Word, and His name is Isaa, son of Mary. God has attributes. One is that God is a talking God; He is not mute.

We consider Isaa to be one of God's attributes, the words coming out of God. He is the intellectual voice of God, or the talking intelligence of God.

So 'the Word of God' is a figurative meaning to say that He is affiliated with God. Just as we say son of the road, or son of the Nile or son of Islam, when we say Son of God, this does not mean at all the type of son that comes from marriage.

S: Then you agree and say God is one. He has not begot, in the physical meaning, and does not beget, in the physical meaning, and no one is equal to Him?

A: Yes, and I can give you evidence of this. Isaa (or Jesus) always makes clear that his messages are about the spiritual, not about the physical. In John 6:63, for example, he says: "It is the spirit that quickens; the flesh profits nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

S: Then you are a Muslim, which means that you surrender your face to God.

A: I didn't surrender only my face to God but I surrendered my life to Him also. Do you mind if I share a story with you?

At the age of seventeen, I was riding bikes with my friend and he turned left, and he went under a semi-truck and died immediately. I was shocked and started thinking, where did my friend go? I started my research and I read in the Bible, John 10:27, where Isaa (or Jesus) says this: "My sheep (which means my followers), hear my voice. I know them and they follow me. And I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish."

I started thinking. Does the Word of God, the Messiah, mean what he said? The guarantee of janna, the guarantee not to perish? And others who are away from kalimat Allah - the Word of God, the Messiah - are not guaranteed to go to janna?

I read more. In John 10:10, Jesus says he came to give us life.

S: I haven't heard all my life about the guarantee of janna, because the leaders always say that you don't know until you get there, or Insha'Allah, God willing I will go to janna. So there will never be a guarantee.

A: Our understanding is the result of the teachings of all of these leaders, either truth or false. That's why we should depend on our research. Remember the templates we talked about?

S: I also pray to God all the time that he will accept me in janna, Insha'Allah, God willing. So what's the difference between my prayer and your prayer?

A: Prayer should make a change in our lives. As the Bible said, if anyone is connected in spirit with Isaa, he will be a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). That means