

- 1  **Guidelines for Conversational Evangelism**  
*Evangelism means engaging people in discovery*
- 2  **No Other Nations Have the Witness Christians Have. That's Why the Gospel Must Be Preached to Every Nation, Tribe, Language and People (Rev.14:6).**
- 3  **What we have, others are missing: Keys of Evangelism**
  - Yahweh reveals Himself, because He is personal, but all other gods are impersonal.
    - However, an impersonal god cannot create, save, be heard, and accordingly cannot have any messenger or scripture. In reality an impersonal god does not exist.
  - Yahweh is known and knowable, but all other gods are unknowable.
  - Yahweh is love, just and holy, and away from sin. But all other gods are the creators of sin and have partnership with sin.
  - Yahweh saves in this world, but all other gods do not reveal and therefore are not available to save.
- 4  **Allah Is Unrevealing**
  - Bukhari :: Volume 6 :: Book 60 :: Hadith 378
  - Narrated Masruq: I said to 'Aisha, "O Mother! Did Prophet Muhammad see his Lord?" Aisha said, "What you have said makes my hair stand on end ! Know that if somebody tells you one of the following three things, he is a liar: Whoever tells you that Muhammad saw his Lord, is a liar." Then Aisha recited the Verse: 'No vision can grasp Him, but His grasp is over all vision. He is the Most Courteous Well-Acquainted with all things.' (6.103) 'It is not fitting for a human being that Allah should speak to him except by inspiration or from behind a veil.' (42.51) 'Aisha further said, "And whoever tells you that the Prophet knows what is going to happen tomorrow, is a liar." She then recited: 'No soul can know what

it will earn tomorrow.' (31.34) She added: "And whoever tell you that he concealed (some of Allah's orders), is a liar." Then she recited: 'O Apostle! Proclaim (the Message) which has been sent down to you from your Lord..' (5.67) 'Aisha added. "But the Prophet saw Gabriel in his true form twice."

5  **Revelation is crucial**

- You have God but others do not
- You know God and the Truth but others do not
- You are saved and have the joy of salvation but others are missing both
- You are reconciled and submitted to God but others are not
- You are established in justice but others are not
- You have an heavenly identity but others do not
- You are able to love because you are reconciled to God but other are not
- You are peace-maker but others are not

*Key questions arise for all these*

6  **Revelation of God makes perfect sense**

- God is the Creator, the author of life,
  - He gave Adam and Eve life through His personal touch.
  - Could God create, touch and talk without revealing Himself?
- The God of the Bible is the personal, relational and active God. He is the God with image:
  - The glory of God will be revealed, and all mankind will see it (Isa.40:5)
  - I will go before you and will level the mountains (Isa.45:2)

7  **Revelation of God: a key to personal evangelism**

- God's aim in creation is to put Himself on display
  - The heaven declares the glory of God (Ps.19:1)
  - The Bible is the written word of God, but Jesus is the personal word of God

- It is essential to have confidence in this, that God reveals Himself through the Bible, through Christ, and through His Spirit.

8  **Revelation of God: a key to personal evangelism**

- The fact that God of the Bible reveals Himself personally to people as holy, just, loving and savior is to give purpose and meaning to life.
  - God has created the man for a purpose
  - To give purpose to life, God's constant presence and supervision are necessary

9  **Revelation makes God Accessible**

- God wants to dwell personally with his creatures. He wants to live not only among us but even within us at the very center of our existence
  - The presence of God in the tabernacle and temple in the Old Testament
  - In the New Testament Immanuel, 'God-with-us' and "us" as God's Temples, both indicating to a more personal and intimate relationship

10  **Revelation makes God Accessible**

- Mankind is not able to go to God, but God is able to come to mankind
  - Man is in chain,
  - Every other religion in the world asks personal man (though in chain) to go to impersonal god, but in the Bible personal God comes to personal man in order to unchain him.
  - In other religions, gods wait for the lost man to find them, but in the Bible God searches for lost

11  **Revelation makes God Accessible**

- If God comes, everybody, therefore, can say:
  - God is everywhere, and near me,
  - I, therefore, can call God into my heart,
  - If God is with me, Satan, therefore, cannot have a place in

me; because, God and Satan cannot live in one place together.

■ If Satan is not in me, it means that my relationship with Satan and Hell has ended.

■ This means; I am saved

12  **Revelation makes God Accessible**

■ God in the Qur'an is not revealed to Muhammad

■ God in the Bible reveals Himself to many people

■ Who can then claim knowing and having the truth?

■ The followers of the Bible or the Qur'an?

13  **Revelation makes God known**

■ God is the source of truth. Only through the revelation of God are we able to know God and have the truth (Jn.1:14).

■ What human authority can establish the truth on earth if God, who is expected to be the supreme authority in theology, is not revealed?

14  **Revelation makes God known**

■ Can someone proclaim God without knowing Him?

■ Can someone know God without the revelation of God?

■ Knowing God is not only to know facts about God but to know Him personally as one person can know another in trust and in love

■ Those who do not believe in God's revelation cannot speak about God.

15  **Revelation makes God known**

■ Can someone call himself the messenger of a non-revealing god?

■ God revealed Himself to Moses and talked to him (Ex. 25:9);

■ The Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend (Ex.33:11; Num.12:8)

■ God did not reveal Himself to Muhammad and did not talk to him personally

- Who, Moses or Muhammad, knows God personally and is able to speak about the glory of God?

- Having God, listening and talking to Him, and knowing Him personally affect all dimensions of our life and provides us with reasons to talk about Him

16  **Revelation makes God known**

- Jesus said, “They know with certainty that I have come from you” (Jn.17:8)

- Through the church the manifold wisdom of God should be made known (Eph.3:10)

- “The One (God) whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you” (Acts 17:23c)

17  **Revelation makes God known**

- Can you think of any other way that God could have made it easier for us to meet Him? To know Him? To follow in His Path?

- Revelation in a very human form, *Jesus*, in order to make Himself and His Path known to us.

- God’s way is conversational, drawing us into the conversation that we can hear and listen to Him.

- Jesus speaks and I hear God speaking.

18  **Revelation makes God known**

- Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us:

- Jesus is God’s personal Name for getting us into conversation with God.

- Name is a personal and relational word for building personal relationship with others.

- Impersonal gods cannot have personal names, and therefore they are unknowable.

- Thought they cannot speak, if they speak they also speak impersonal which cannot be understood by personal beings.

19  **Revelation establishes salvation**

- The revelation of God is for the salvation of humankind.
  - Can man be saved without God revealing Himself?
  - Who can claim being free without the revelation of God?
  - Can you rescue people without revealing yourself and without making personal contact with them?
- God does not leave salvation up to humankind, as He is the only One who can save.

20  **Revelation establishes salvation**

- Revelation of God for salvation means that each individual is looked after by God
- Who is able to save man from the bondage of Satan if God does not reveal Himself?
- Wouldn't it be comforting to have certainty of salvation in this life on earth?
- However, if the creation requires God's revelation, so does salvation

21  **Revelation establishes salvation**

- "For my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, "A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel" (Lk.2:30-32)
- "You are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household...in which God lives by his Spirit (Eph.2:19,22)

22  **Revelation establishes salvation**

- Salvation is the gate-way for the establishment of peace and reconciliation between a person and God, a person and community, amongst communities, and between communities and God
  - Without salvation, no peace and reconciliation can be guaranteed to last long
  - With salvation, man is put in a right place first in order to have a peaceful relationship with people

23  **Salvation: a process of discovery**

■ Questions about salvation

- Is it good to be with God here on earth?
- What does it mean, “to be with God”?
- Does God desire man to be saved here in this life?
- Do you worry whether or not you will lose in the future life?
- Are you sure of going to heaven?
- Is salvation practical for you on earth or is it left for the life after death?
- Is your salvation based on human deeds or the work of God?
- Can God save? Is God savior?
- Can't man be delivered from sin on earth?

24  **Revelation establishes submission**

- If God is not a personal and revealing God, how then can the personal man submit to Him?
  - You can only submit yourself to someone who is personal
  - It is only through revelation that submission becomes possible

25  **Revelation establishes submission**

- If God has not revealed Himself to Muhammad and Muslims, how then can they call themselves Muslims?
  - “Islam” means “submission”, and “Muslim” means “submitted”.
  - If Muslims are not really submitted to God, how then they are able to ask other to submit to God (Allah)?
  - If Muslims are not submitted, how can they speak about God to others?

26  **Revelation establishes justice**

- God revealed Himself in order to establish justice (Matt. 12:18-21; Isa.42:1-4)
  - Who is able to establish justice, other than God?

- If God is the ultimate authority in the realm of morals, shouldn't He be personally committed to establish the truth from beginning to the end?

27  **Revelation establishes justice**

- Is it possible for a moral and personal God to establish justice and truth without revelation?
  - If the establishment of justice is for the personal Man, then God must personally reveal Himself
- Only the revealing God can establish the principle of His own law of liberty in the life on earth (examples of revelations: in the OT on the Mount of Sinai for writing the Tablets, or in the NT for residing in the hearts)

28  **Justice: the Cross makes sense**

- What is the rational reason for the suffering of Cross?
  - Justice, holiness, righteousness, love and peace are to be established in the hearts of people on earth so that they can have peace with God and each other
  - All the above make sense in life, not death
  - "by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous (Rom.5:19)

29  **Justice: the Cross makes sense**

- Let us question the purpose of the Cross?
  - Where should a man encounter God's justice?
  - Where did and does sin take place?
  - Where does a just God deal with sin?
  - Can a just God leave the solution of the present sin for the life after?
    - If people are crying for or desiring God's peace, justice, salvation, care, etc. now, why shouldn't God meet their present needs now, instead of leaving them for the life after?

30  **Justice: the Cross makes sense**

■ A genuine and loving God saves people now even if it costs Him a lot;

■ ...having disarmed the powers and authorities (or spiritual forces of evil in Eph.6:12), he (God) made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross (Col. 2:13-15)

■ The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work (1Jn.3:8b), establish justice in the hearts of nations (Matt.12:20-21), and create peace among nations and between nations and God (Col.1:20)

31  **Revelation establishes identity for humankind**

■ God enables His followers to be good first and then to do good:

■ If mankind is not established in the Kingdom of God, s/he is not able to do good. It is our identity that describes the quality of actions.

■ Are we good while we are not in the Kingdom of God?

■ Our identity relies on the relational revelation of God and on being united with Him.

32  **Revelation establishes identity for humankind**

■ "We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do (Eph.2:10).

■ So, man's identity is first being (created in Christ; becoming the member of the Kingdom of God) and then doing.

33  **Identity: a comparison**

■ Hinduism: Satan (Shiva) is part of god (Brahman, as the ultimate reality). Therefore, the darkness is in the nature of god and he is eternally corrupt.

■ Can we call a god good, while he has partnership with Satan?

■ What will be the identity of a person who is carrying the

name of a god who has the prince of evil in himself?

- If a god is the house of evil, what do you expect his follower to be?

34  **Identity: a comparison**

- Islam: Allah has corrupted Satan and inspired sin in humankind (Q.7:16-17; 57:22; 91:7-8).
- Allah has put Muslims in the kingdom of sin, and this is their citizenship and identity according to the Qur'an

35  **Identity: a comparison**

- Brahman and Allah are unjust and sinners
  - The act of "inspiration of sin" is sin itself
  - Are these gods able to give people a chance to act in accordance with the truth?

Brahman

Allah

36  **Identity: a comparison  
(Capricious Allah)**

- Allah who is called holy and just?
  - Allah himself created sin
  - Is the act of creating sin a sin itself or not?
  - If yes, this means, "The sin is found in the nature of Allah". In other words, Allah is sinner.
  - If this is the case, why then Allah is asking Muslims not to sin?
  - Does a parent, who inspires his/her child to sin, have any right to correct the child?
- Why then Allah punishes Adam and Eve for their sin, if he himself is the cause of sin?

37  **Identity: a comparison  
(Capricious Allah)**

- At creation, Allah expelled Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden for one sin only (Q.2:35-36; 7:22-23; 20:114-123)
- Now, with many sins they might enter paradise (heaven) after death;
  - First, all are taken to hell (Q.19:68-72)
  - Then, if their good deeds outweigh their bad deeds, they might be able to enter paradise
  - With one sin Adam and Eve lost (Q. 2:35-36), but with many sins Muslims might win (Q.7:6-9)
- The real God does not change like shifting shadows (Jm. 1:17; Num.23:19), because His nature and character are not changing.

38  **Identity: a comparison**

- Christianity: The Holy God cannot bear partnership with sin and Satan (Isa.1:13)
  - God is Holy and everything created by the Holy God was good (Gen.1)
  - Satan chose to be corrupt (Isa.14:12-15; Eze.28:12-19)
  - The real God is the deliverer from sin and Satan, from dualism to oneness, from the kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of light (Col.1:13)

39  **Identity: a comparison  
(God and Heaven)**

- Muslims' heaven

■ In Islamic heaven man is not utterly released from the bondage of sin

- Christians' heaven

- Man in Christian heaven is completely purified

40  **Revelation establishes reconciliation and love**

- Relationship commences with revelation, and revelation ensures unity and love
  - If God loves us, He must give Himself to us for the full consummation of love.
  - Have you ever loved someone without seeing, hearing or touching?
  - ‘to love’ or ‘be loved’ is relational and without revelation real relationship does not happen.
    - God reveals His love for reconciliation and salvation
    - With revelation, God reveals Himself as the great lover of humankind

41  **Revelation establishes reconciliation and love**

- “I passed by, and when I looked at you were old enough for love, I spread the corner of my garment over you and covered your nakedness. I gave you my solemn oath and entered into a covenant with you, declares the Sovereign LORD” (Ezek.16:8)
- “I (God) remember...how as bride you loved me (Jer.2:2).
- The Spirit and the bride say, “Come” (Rev.22:17).
- When one calls, the other comes.

42  **Revelation establishes reconciliation and love**

- “For God was so pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him (Jesus), and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross” (Col.1:19-20)

43  **Reconciliation and love:  
a process of discovery**

- Questions about Man’s relationship with God
  - Have you been reconciled to God?

- Do you have intimate relationship with God?
- Has your relationship with Satan been canceled?
- Does God desire people to be holy, moral and righteous?

44  **Revelation establishes peace**

- If the parties do not appear, can peace be achieved?
- If God does not reveal Himself, and does not transfer people from the kingdom of darkness into His Kingdom of peace, justice, holiness, and love, how then people can make peace with each other while they are still under the authority of Satan?

45  **Revelation establishes peace**

- Paul said: “He himself is our peace...He came to teach peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near (Eph.2:14, 17); Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and share together in the promise in Christ Jesus (Eph.3:6)
- Peter said: “Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord (1Pet.1:2)

46  **Peace: a process of discovery**

- Is God the source of absolute peace?
- If yes, who then holds the ultimate authority in establishing that peace?
- How can one hold the ultimate authority in the establishment of peace without revealing himself?

47  **Do Christians need a reasoned approach to evangelism?**

**How can this ministry be strong and wide spread?**

**Is God calling you to play a role in this ministry?**

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