



He learned from the quiet of the desert.

The Festival of Sacrifice

At Eid al-Adha, the Festival of Sacrifice, we remember Ibrahim being willing to sacrifice his son out of obedience to God.

On this day we sacrifice something dear to us for our sins, such as the goat that we have taken care of for months, that ate at our table and that we treated like one of our household. Our whole family and especially our children feel the pain, as the goat was their friend and playmate. As Ibrahim was willing to sacrifice his son, so God came to us and sacrificed Isa, Jesus, out of pure love for us. Isa came to show us how to live and he commanded us to love each other.



He became the ultimate in love, when he allowed himself to be crucified, to be the final sacrifice for our sins of selfishness. That is God's gift to us, so that if we accept this gift we are forgiven for our lack of love and sins of

selfishness and we receive eternal life.

I have learned that Isa did not die?

In **Surah An Nisa 4:157** it says that the Jews "slew him not nor crucified him." It does not say that "Isa did not die."

The Jews did not kill Jesus, but insisted that the Romans crucified him.

In **Surah al-Imran 55** we read, "And remember when Allah said: 'Oh Isa! I will take you and raise you to Myself and clear you of those who disbelieve.'"

In Arabic we read 'mutawaffika' for the word 'take'.

The root word is '**tawaffa**', which is used 26 times in the Quran. 24 times it is translated as 'to die', or 'to cause one to die'.

The Turkish Quran translation is correct - 'I will cause your death' or 'I will kill you'.

Hence the correct translation of Surah al-Imran 55 is: "And remember when Allah said, 'Oh Isa! I will cause you to die and then raise you to Myself..'"

In **Surah Maryam 19:33**, Isa says about himself, "Blessed was the day I was born, blessed was the day that I died, and blessed was the day I was resurrected."

The Egg, symbolic of Rebirth and Purity, has been used for centuries as decorations in mosques.

It is clear from the Quran and the Bible that the world was created by the Kalimatullah, meaning the Word of God. When the world was created by the Word of God, the Almighty hid a lot of secrets and parallels in nature for us to discover.

The egg symbolizes new life, spring, hope and other life-bringing qualities for mankind. In ancient times the egg was a symbol of the universe and of creation.

When we see the egg, we see One Egg, just like we see God /Allah as One. He is not two or three eggs.

God/Allah is one, absolutely singular and not plural. However, when we take a closer look at the egg, we see that it is in three parts: the egg-yolk in the centre, the egg-white surrounding the yolk, and finally the egg-shell, which we see. All three are completely different in composition and substance.

Yet, if one of the three components is missing, the egg would not be complete to bring forth life.



The **egg-white** with its nutritional value signifies the Holy Spirit who feeds us, yet is also hidden from us.



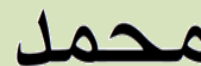
The **egg-yolk**, symbolizes God, the Almighty Creator, in the centre, from whom life springs forth and He is hidden from our sight.

The **egg-shell** gives form to the egg and is visible to us as humans. The shell denotes Isa, Jesus, the outward manifestation to mankind of God's hidden, life-bringing qualities.

Isa's Importance

In Isa we see that God is most merciful and loving towards us, as Jesus said, "God sent me not to condemn the world, but that I might save the world." (John 3:17)

In the Quran we see that Isa (Jesus) is mentioned 25 times.



Muhammad

Muhammad (PBUH) is cited four times. Why is this importance given to Isa?

Isa is referred to as '**Ruh Allah**' – meaning the Soul or the Spirit of God. He is also called '**Kalimatullah**' – the Word of God.

He was born of the virgin Miriam (Mary), who is the only woman mentioned by name in the Quran. So for us Muslims, Isa represents the Spirit and Word of God, who came into the world through a supernatural birth.



It is not important whether we see Isa, as the Son of God, the Soul of God, or the Word of God.

Is our word not us? If we give our word, we should keep it. Clearly your soul is you, as my soul is me.

This clarifies that Isa, Jesus, the '**Ruh Allah**' and '**Kalimatullah**', the Soul and the Word of God, is God, just like our word and our soul is us.

For this reason Isa is mentioned 25 times in the Quran.

Our Personal Value:

When we go to the market and want to buy something, then we make sure that what we purchase has more value to us, then what we pay for it, otherwise we would not buy it.

Isa bought us with his life and blood, which shows that in God's eyes, we have greater value than the value that He puts on Himself.

As the egg shell has to be broken to get to the egg, so Jesus was broken, for us to have access to God.



This much love is beyond our human comprehension, but if we can and will reach out our hand to accept that underserved gift, it will break our heart and we will want to change forever.

Judgment Day

In the Day of Judgment we will have to give an account for our deeds and we will be punished accordingly. The verdict is that I am guilty for my sins of selfishness. Yet, because I have accepted Isa's sacrifice, Isa steps forward and takes my place. I go free. I am shocked. I stand in awe. The Innocent has traded place with the guilty. The ultimate love.

A Prayer:

"Dear God of my father Ibrahim (PBUH), I ask you in all humility to manifest Yourself to me, as I desire a living relationship with You just like he had. I sincerely request that I may get to know you on a personal level and that You will forgive my sins. If Jesus really gave His life as a sacrifice for my life, so that I can be forgiven, then I earnestly reach out and accept that sacrifice, and I ask for Your Spirit of love and Your gift of eternal life."

God's love and plan for us and the way back to Him through Isa is clearly explained by his disciples in "the life of Jesus".

Links: [Matthew](#), [Mark](#), [Luke](#), [John](#).

Let us be known by our Zakat and our love!



Our Muslim sisters feeding the homeless.

The Final Jihad:

Much violence and bloodshed will come in the Final Jihad. The Madhi will gather the followers of Islam to do battle with the 'Masih ad-Dajjal' (False Messiah) and his forces of kafirs (non-believers) and mushriks (polytheists).¹ We can see it crystallizing.

In the end, when all is totally hopeless and beyond repair, then God will show us his ultimate mercy again and Isa will return. Jesus will unite the remains of mankind and there will be a peaceful government.²

1.Sonn (2004) p.209 2.Sahih Muslim 41:7023



"War shall be learned no more", the weapons shall be beaten into farming tools, (Isaiah 2:4) and **"Violence shall no more be heard in your land."** (Isaiah 60:18) Isa teaches us that, *"Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the Earth, and the peace makers for they shall be the children of God."* (Matthew 5:5,9)

As the universe turns on a precision timetable, so we have arrived at the threshold of time in world history where hundreds of prophetic scriptures are about to be fulfilled. Better prepare and Study:

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Isa in Islam



As Muslims we have the five pillars of faith:

1. **Shahada** (Confession of faith)
2. **Salat** (Prayer)
3. **Zakat** (Almsgiving and Charity)
4. **Sawn** (Fasting, especially during Ramadan)
5. **Hajj** (Pilgrimage to Mecca)

We are taught that the Quran was revealed through angel Jibril (Gabriel) from God to Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) when he was 40 years of age, from the year 610 till the year that he died 632 A.D.



The Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) grew up watching the flocks of his uncle. Later the Prophet used to often go into the desert around Mecca.