Muslim Objections to Christianity

The Authenticity of the Scriptures

1. The present Bible cannot be the original one, since it does not agree with the Quran.
2. Though corrupted, the present Bible contains parts of the original truth: the unity of God, punishment and reward, the significance of the coming of the last prophet – Muhammad. It is these parts only that the Quran is said to confirm and protect.
3. Where is the Gospel of Jesus? Did He not take it to heaven?
4. Which of the four Gospels is the one that descended on Jesus, the son of Mary?
5. Latter day Christians have not been able to preserve the Holy Injil on account of their forefathers erasing the statements concerning the coming of Muhammad.
6. As the Tawrat was abrogated by the coming of the Zabour and the Zabour by the Injil, so the entire Bible is abrogated by the Quran.

Revelation and Inspiration of the Bible

1. The Gospels cannot be accepted as trustworthy because they were not written down from the dictation of Jesus Christ Himself, but passed through a period of oral transmission before being finally committed to writing.
2. Why are there four Gospels?
3. Christians practically admit the corruption of the Bible. They are still ready to corrupt it by periodic publication of corrected or revised English versions.
4. Muslims believe in pre-Islamic revelation, but do not believe that the Christian Bible is the actual Word of God. They believe that Jesus and Moses were the direct recipients of divine revelation. The Christian Scriptures are merely human compositions. Luke admits this. He does not claim divine origin for his Gospel.

The Person of Jesus Christ

1. The Christians say that Jesus is the Son of Allah – is Allah male or female? If male, has Allah a wife that He should have a son? The idea that God should have a son is merely a relic of pagan superstition.
2. The belief in God begetting a son lowers God to the level of an animal.
3. The coming of God into limited human form is a degradation of Him. The concept is absurd and impossible. Communion is not attained by bringing God down to man in the sense of incarnation, but by man rising gradually towards God by spiritual progress and the purification of his life.
4. The life of an individual, however holy and pure, is an inadequate and indeed impossible medium for the expression of the life of God. His attributes are infinitude, omnipresence, omniscience and omnipotence.
5. The claim of Divinity is the deadliest sin and greatest outrage to the sanctity of God's name.
6. To find you crying out to one who was only a man as though He were God, makes our hearts shudder.

The Doctrine of the Trinity

1. The plain dictates of nature are the Unity of God and the absence of any rival or partner.
2. This absurd teaching is the most deadly sin of which a man can be guilty. Muslims believe that Allah is one solitary, almighty person without internal distinctions or relationships.
3. Equally detestable is the blasphemy that God is not perfect unless the Holy Spirit and Jesus, son of Mary, join with Him and that these three together make God.

The Historicity of the Crucifixion

1. It has been the challenge of the Holy Quran that Jesus did not die on the Cross.
2. The idea of the physical death of the Infinite God is no doubt the worst blasphemy that has been uttered in the world. Even a denial of God would come second to it.
3. The Quran – sura 4:156-158, *"And for their* (the Jews) *saying, 'Verily we have slain the Messiah, Jesus the son of Mary and Apostle of God' – Yet they slew him not, and they crucified him not, but they had only his likeness. And they who differed about him were in doubt concerning him. No sure knowledge had they about him, but only followed an opinion; and they did not really slay him, but God took him up to Himself and God is mighty and wise."*

How God Saves

1. Belief in the omnipresence of God keeps a man from secret sins.
2. According to Islam, man enters the world without any sin in his nature. Sin is an acquisition. It is an after-acquisition, not a heritage.
3. The doctrine of vicarious atonement amounts to a negation of God's justice and man's moral responsibility.
4. Belief in the atonement involves disbelief in the mercy of God, for He was not satisfied until He had punished Jesus for the sins of mankind.
5. I do not see how the Cross helps us to repent.
6. The Quran teaches that, "For the forgiveness of a sinner God does not require to be paid any compensation."
7. There is no need for death on the Cross. God affects what He purposes by merely manifesting His wish.

Here is the reply that was given by the editor of a Muslim Monthly Magazine to someone who wrote in deeply troubled by her sinful life:

"Turn a new leaf. Lead a righteous life henceforward. This alone can wash off past sins. This is the only true atonement. Sins are washed off, the Quran assures us, by good deeds and these alone."
(Quran sura 11:114)