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## ADAM & CHRIST

Christ was made similar and equal to Adam in the Koran, claiming that God created him from dust then said to him: "Be, and he was". "The similitude of Jesus before God is that of Adam, he created him from dust, then said to him : Be and he was". (Al-Imran-59). Yes, there are similarities between the first man (Adam) and the second Adam (Christ), but there are also many differences between the two, and the word "similar" does not of course mean "equal". Paul, in his letter to the Hebrews stated that the son (Christ) is the "radiance of God's Glory and the exact expression of his nature. (Hebrews 1:3).

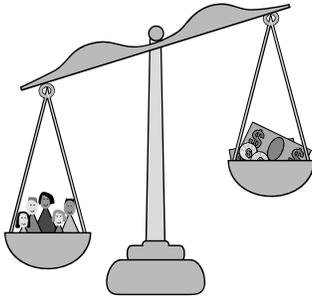
Adam (the man) is also described that he was created in the image and likeness of God, (Genesis 1:27), and the question then is; Is Christ like Adam? When saying, that Christ is the image of God, this means that he is the exact representation of His being, however, Adam was created in the image of God, not is the image of God, which means like or similar to, and therefore, Adam was created in the image of God, not is the image of God, which means like or similar to, and therefore, Adam is not like Christ or equal to Christ, but rather Adam was made similar or like to the image of Christ. Before Adam had fallen from Grace, he was the representative of God on earth in order to reflect the Glory of God in the world, but unfortunately, he lost this privilege when he fell. His image was distorted and his nature became the opposite of the nature of God.

Christ is the Word of God, the Spirit of God, became a flesh for our salvation. "The word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14), "beyond all question, the mystery of Godliness is great. He appeared in a body (1 Timothy 3:16). You cannot separate God from his Word, you cannot separate God from his Spirit. God expressed himself with his Word., He is alive with his Spirit and the three are one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Now let us see some of the differences between Adam and Christ.

1. Adam was created from dust (Genesis 2:7), Christ was born from a virgin and without the seed of a man (Isaiah 7:14). His birth, and without a question, was miraculous, different from the way all humans and prophets before him and after him were born. Adam was made from dust of the earth, Christ is from above, from Heavens. Christ created Adam from dust, but he did not use the phrase "Be and he was". He did so when he created the heavens, the earth, the sun, the moon, the stars, etc., but when it came to Adam he formed Adam from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostril the breath of life and Adam became a living being. (Genesis 2:7). The breath (breath of life) that was breathed in Adam is not the same as the Spirit of God. The one who breathed is the Spirit of God (Christ). The breath of life in Adam is not the Spirit of God, or else Adam would have become a God. Christ is the word of God and the Spirit of God and it has not been said or stated in any book or place that Adam is the Word of God and a Spirit of Him.
2. We don't read anywhere, any place in any book about a sin committed by Christ.

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# WHAT HAVE WE DONE WITH YOUR MONEY?



This past November, United People in Christ celebrated its 12th Birthday, helping Our needy brothers and sisters in Christ in the Middle East.

Since its inception in 1998 your donations have totaled , as of December 30, 2010, \$300,000.00, of which we have distributed \$275,000.00 to help our needy brothers and sisters in Christ living in Egypt, Sudan, Jordan, Palestine, Israel, Iraq, Lebanon and Syria. We continue to spend less than 10% of your donations on administrative operations. Your donations for year ending December 31, 2010 totaled \$36,128.00

At this time, I want to thank the United People in Christ Board members who continue to donate their time, money and talent to help me through the years. I want to give, however, special thanks to YOU, each and everyone of you who donated money through The year, helping us to help our needy brothers and sisters in Christ in the Middle East. I want to thank a very special couple, Esther and Jonathan Phelps who continue to donate \$1,000.00 per month to UPIC and has done so faithfully for many years. May the Lord Bless her and her family and give her of his abundance.

## The distribution of funds in 2010 were as follows:

### EGYPT:

Coptic Care-Orphanage Care	\$1,000.00
Coptic Care-Prisoners and families	\$1,000.00
Egyptian Relief Association	\$2,500.00
Arch Angel Michael Coptic Care	\$ 500.00
H.O.P.E.	\$1,000.00
Christian Humanity Aid	<u>\$1,000.00</u>

**TOTAL**

**\$7,000.00**

### IRAQ:

Good Samaritan Relief Fund	
Father Edward Hanna	\$2,000.00
St. Thomas the Apostle Church	
Bishop Ibrahim Ibrahim	<u>\$4,500.00</u>

**TOTAL**

**\$6,500.00**

### ISRAEL:

House of Grace—Haifa	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
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**TOTAL**

**\$1,000.00**

### LEBANON:

Society to Eradicate Leprosy	\$1,000.00
Caritas of Lebanon	\$1,000.00
Auxilia of Becharri	\$1,000.00
Saidet Al Maounat Church	\$1,000.00
La-Nansa Association	<u>\$1,000.00</u>

**TOTAL**

**\$5,000.00**

### PALESTINE (WEST BANK):

Bethlehem Association	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
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**TOTAL**

**\$3,000.00**

### SYRIA:

St. Vincent DePaul-Al-Hasaka	\$5,000.00
St. Vincent DePaul,-Aleppo	\$1,000.00
Christian Mercy Society, Latakia	\$ 500.00
Cyriac Orphanage, Homes	<u>\$1,000.00</u>

**TOTAL**

**\$7,500.00**

### SUDAN:

Sudan Project via Coptic Care	\$3,500.00
Voice of the Martyrs	<u>\$2,000.00</u>

**TOTAL**

**\$5,500.00**

**TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS IN 2010 - \$35,500.00**

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He had a sinless life and challenged the scribes and pheracies saying, “can anyone of you prove me guilty of sin?” (John 8:46). Adam, on the other hand sinned, disobeying the Lord who created him and has to pay the price.

3. Adam, and after his fall, was cast out from paradise, sentenced to death, for the wages of sin is death. (Romans 6:23). He was made from dust and to dust he returned. (Genesis 3:19). Christ died with his own will for the sake of salvation, of whoever believes in Him. He rose on the third day, sat and is still sitting for eternity on the right hand of the Father in heavens.

4. Adam and Eve died and buried and all their descendants and prophets must taste death and stay dead until the day of the Resurrection, awaiting judgment, exactly the way Christ said. “Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out– those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned”(John 5:28-29). The Judge will be none other than the one to whom every judgment was given, Jesus Christ. “Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son” (John 5:22).

5. Adam and Eve transgressed and after they were dismissed from Paradise, they had Abel and Cain. Later Cain killed his brother Abel, which indicates that the descendents of Adam and Eve inherited sin and thus sin entered the entire human race and all of us became dead with our Sins and transgressions, strangers and separated from God. “Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way, death came to all men, because all sinned.” (Romans 5:12) Christ came to reconcile us with God and bring us back to Him, taking a flesh to do so. “For if, by the trespass of one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of Grace and of the gift of righteousness reign life through the one man, Jesus Christ.” (Romans 5:17). Through Adam, we inherited sin, but through Christ we were given Grace and Salvation, “consequently, just as the result of trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings Life for all men. For just as though the disobedience of the one man, the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man, many will be made righteous.” (Romans 5:18-19).

Christ came, “taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness,” (Philippians 2:7), to give us his Life, His Blood and His Salvation, if we accept Him and come to Him “yet to all who received him, to those who believed in His Name, he gave the right to become children of God, children not born of natural descent, nor of a human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.” (John1:12-13).

There is a great chasm between what is earthly and what is heavenly and the differences between Christ and Adam is like the distance between earth and Heaven. Let us summarize:

<u>ADAM</u>	<u>CHRIST</u>
Created	Born, a virgin birth
Formed from dust by a Creator	The Creator, Word of God, Spirit of God
Sinned	Without Sin
Cast out of Paradise	In Heaven
Disobeyed	Obedient to death, even death on a Cross
Tempted by Satan and fell	Tempted by Satan, sent Satan fleeing
Through him. condemnation for all men	Through Him, justification to all men who believe in Him
Died and returned to dust	Died, rose on the 3rd day and alive, sitting on the right hand of the Father
Waiting for judgment	The Judge
Has a beginning and an end	Without beginning or end, Eternal
Not a Prophet	Prophet, Judge of Judges, King of Kings,

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Paul also summarizes: So it is written: "The first man, Adam, became a living being, The last Adam, a life-giving spirit". (1 Corinthians 15:45). "The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from Heaven" (1 Corinthians 15:47). "For as in Adam, all die, so in Christ, all will be made alive." (1 Corinthians 15:22).

Making Christ similar and equal to Adam is an obvious deception and cheap attempt to distort and hide the deity of Christ. Is it possible? Maybe, and only if you can stop the sun from rising from the East every morning.

Wishing each and every one of you a Happy and glorious 2011 Resurrection.

Amid Habib, M.D., .F.A.A.P., F.A.C.E.

*"Know ye not that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"*

### 1 Corinthians 3:16

## **ARISE, COME FORTH, OH HOLY ONE**

By Delores Devine

Arise, come forth, oh Holy One,  
Lord Jesus Christ, God's only Son.  
I wish to walk with You this day;  
You are the Life, the Truth, the Way.

Arise and take Your place in me,  
A child of grace, a servant, too,  
Who'll seek Your face and follow You.

Then help me make good use of time,  
Because my life is truly Thine.  
You granted life, created me;  
I offer, now, my life to Thee.

My heart's desire is only You;  
I want to hear, obey You, too.  
Be in Your service every day;  
Do Father's business, Jesus' way.

You truly are my life, my all;  
You saved me after every fall.  
Forgave my sin, gave life anew,  
So now I give my life to you.

I do confess that I have sinned;  
I wish to be your temple now,  
Where at Your Name, all flesh would bow.

The devil has no place in me,  
For You have come to set me free.  
Sweep out this house and make it clean;  
Then fill me with Your joy supreme.

Let Holy Spirit have His way,  
And touch me with His fire this day.  
I want His grace and blessings, too;  
My Lord, I want to live for You!

### **DOLORES DEVINE**

"Speaking the truth in love."

Ephesians 4:15

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**Your brothers and sisters in the Middle East, especially in Iraq, Egypt, South Sudan and the West Bank, are not only enduring persecution, But also a very hard and harsh economical time. This Easter season, I am asking you to help us, in helping them, by sending your generous tax deductible donations in the self addressed envelope and may the Lord Bless you always.**

# Happy Easter



## HEAD OF CHRIST PLAQUE

What the  
Romans wrote



What the  
Jews replied

Call Dr. Habib's office to order at 407-862-0107

All proceeds go to UPIC

\$25.00

The United People in Christ Spring Picnic held on April 3, 2011 generated \$4,089.00. We thank each and everyone who came, donated and helped to make this picnic a great success

I am indebted to Janet Williamson and Linda McAleer for the preparation and editing of this newsletter.

You can now  
read this newsletter and  
our previous newsletters  
by visiting our website:  
[www.unitedpeopleinchrist.org](http://www.unitedpeopleinchrist.org)

## Thank you!

I am deeply grateful for all of our friends who helped support our cause last year.

The 2010 UPIC Picnic generated \$2,400.00 and the October Dinner generated \$7,780.00.

Your donations for 2010 totaled \$36,128.00 and we distributed \$35,500.00 to help our needy brothers and sisters in Christ in the Middle East.

If you need a copy of our financial statement for the year ending December 31, 2010, please stop by our office to pick one up or call us to mail or fax one to you.

Amid Habib, M.D., F.A.A.P., F.A.C.E.

## UPIC T-Shirts

Great T-Shirts with the UPIC logo are available for only \$5.00

To order, please call  
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# UPIC Picnic and Annual Banquet

## **The 13TH ANNUAL Fall UPIC Banquet**

will take place on Saturday, October 22, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

The location will be announced later.

Please mark your calendar.

All donations are tax deductible and all proceeds from the UPIC picnics and banquets will go to help our needy brothers and sisters in Christ in the Middle East. We are no longer, unfortunately, accepting any used clothing, shoes, household items, furniture etc. to ship to our needy brothers and sisters in Christ in the Middle East, due to objections by these countries governments. If you have any items, gift certificates that you would like to donate to be auctioned or given as door or raffle prizes at our picnic or banquet, please contact Dr. Habib's office at 407-862-0107.