

10 REASONS WHY JESUS CANNOT BE GOD

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Welcome to another episode of the Dean show. My name is Eddie, and I'm your host. Thank you for coming to the source (meaning to Muslims) to learn about the most misunderstood way of life and the *din of Islam* which means 'The way prescribed by God of how to live'- which is now practiced by over 1, 5 billion human beings of all races and languages all around the world. So we want to help you develop a bit of understanding and there are certain issues and myths that we would like to clear up on this show. One of them which prominent in the world today is the idea that God, the All-Mighty Creator can be a man, so we're going to be discussing this topic with our next guest. And he will give you some of the top ten reasons why God Almighty cannot be a man. One note is that we're going to be discussing something that might be a little sensitive to some people about one who is close to our hearts, Muslims and Christians- ; i.e. Jesus. We want to stress that before we start that we Muslims love Jesus. We ask of all to listen to the facts without any prejudice. Muslims believe that Jesus in Islam is one of the mightiest messengers that God has sent to deliver the same message that started from the beginning of time -that there's only one God that we worship; i.e. that God alone, without any associates.

So today, our next guest is a former Christian minister; actually a youth minister and he accepted Islam seven years back. He's going to help us tackle this topic, so sit tight don't go nowhere, we're giving you the top 10 reasons why Jesus (peace be upon him), cannot be God.

Eddie - Thank you for coming to be with us again, Joshua-

Joshua- thank you for inviting me and it's always a pleasure to be on the Dean show.

Eddie - this is **Joshua Evans**, he has a special session on the thedeenshow.com. You can go and click on his picture and he has a bunch of topics that we've already discussed on a prior show; now, I want to make a note: I'm not trying to hurt nobody's feelings, we're trying to deliver the truth and I want people to know that we love Jesus, he's very close to our hearts and as Muslims we love him as a messenger of God...He's one of the mightiest messengers that God has sent to humanity. He was sent to the children of Israel at that time, he performed mighty miracles by the permission of God that and he healed the sick, the blind, the lepers; he gave life to the dead, by God's permission, all of that good stuff. He was the word of God on earth, **but he never claimed divinity**. You know the amazing thing about Islam is that everyone should know, we're the only other religion that has made it an article of faith, that you must believe in Jesus Christ and everything that he did or you cannot be a Muslim. If that is missing, if you say that you don't believe in Jesus, you are outside of Islam, and you cannot be a Muslim. It is imperative in Islam- an article of faith- to believe and love Jesus Christ. If you don't believe in it, then you're outside of Islam, and you cannot be a Muslim.

Top 10 reasons why Jesus cannot be God, let's get right to it.

Number 10, the first reason-: we're going to try to go in a descending order, top 10 reasons, working our way to the

number 1, the most important reason. The first reason being why Jesus cannot be God, and the reason why we are going over this topic is because it's an issue of salvation. We want everyone to be saved, and this issue is a very important issue for Christians, Muslims, and Jews, why Jesus cannot be God. Now over to **Joshua Evans**: And the first, number 1 reason is:

1. That God cannot be born. God did not come into existence. **He's always existed**; He did not come into existence from non-existence. He was not born, He was not created, and He's always been even before there was even a thing called time. **As we all know, Jesus Christ (peace be upon him) was born.** He was in the womb for nine months and he was born. So, that by its very nature shows that he does not have the same qualities and characteristics that God has. God cannot be born and Jesus was born, so those two people cannot be one and the same. That's number ten. **So God had no beginning. Jesus (peace be upon him) had a beginning, ok.**

Imam Ghazzali explains beautifully the concept of God in his book, "The Revival of the Religious Sciences" Vol 1-page 130: "God has got no length and breath as these are attributes of a body which is an originated thing. Its Creator existed from before it. So how would He enter in a body, as He existed by Himself before all originated things and there was nobody along with Him? He is an All Knowing, Almighty, Willing Creator. These attributes are impossible for a body. He exists by Himself without the substances of a body. He is not like any worldly thing, rather He is ever living, everlasting, and nothing is like Him. Where is the similarity of the Creator with the created, the Fashioner with the fashioned? Hence it is impossible that anything can ever resemble Him!"

2. Number nine, let's get to it. Number nine would be that there are **no explicit verses in any scriptural texts, especially the bibles that say so.** Now God when He speaks of things, when He talks of His own characteristics and who He is, He is very, very explicit. For instance in the book of **Isaiah 46:9**, God says that **'I am God and there is nothing else', 'I am God and there is none like me'**. Also the verses that Jesus quotes, he said- **'Hear O Israel,'** -the one quoted in the Jewish synagogues every time they have a service- **'the Lord our God is but one God and there is none else,'** and we all know the verses. You can go through the Old Testament and read about God's characteristics when He describes Himself. **It is always explicit.** Now there are some verses in the New Testament which can be implicitly interpreted as Jesus had not claimed himself having had the divinity, but if that was such a deep characteristic, if it was such a big deal that Jesus was God, if this was the way to salvation that he was God in the flesh, come to sacrifice himself for the sins of humanity then that is something God would have been explicit about because it is an issue of salvation. God does not beat around the bush about these types of issues. When it comes to who He is He is very clear with the children Israel. **I am God there is none like me, do not worship anything else, period.** When Jesus came and quoted the same very verses... so if it would have been an issue of salvation that he was God, -he would have very clearly stated 'I am God, I am God'. He would not have told them, i.e. the Jews, when they said to Jesus-, 'do you call yourself God? He said, you say that I am God'. He would have very clearly said yes, I am God and I'm here to save you from your sins. He never stated that in anywhere, it's never referenced in any scriptural text of any religion whatsoever. So, therefore, if God is so explicit about his nature, why when it comes to God becoming a man, why did God not explicitly state so?

(Eddie *interrupts*)- Explicit, meaning that it's lucid, that it's clear, clear-cut; it's unambiguous, something unequivocal. It's not something that you need a scholarship to interpret if God's nature was that he was coming in as a man, He would have made it so even a five year old child could understand. Now let's be fair, I want to be really fair, alright. We've got some theologians, some Bible scholars that are going to disagree with you, they say, you know what? How about John 1:1, 'In the beginning was the word the word was with God and the word ... and then I AM before every one, I AM. Now me as a layman, if I read that, it's a little bit ambiguous. You go ahead and comment on this.

Joshua Evans replies:

Well, that also comes from what standpoint you look at these verses at. If you look at them from the aspect, that you've never heard of the Trinity, if you've never heard that Jesus come in the form of a man, then these verses would not say that to you. These verses would not say anything other than what they are meant to say. It will say in the beginning was the word and the word become flesh, -we Muslims also believe that Jesus was God's word made manifest. That's what he is. He was God's spoken word on this earth, during that period of time. Muslims accept the verse- *'I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except by me, we believe that verse'* when interpreted in a light of everything else that God has said, it always makes sense. The Qur'an says that about Prophet Muhammad those very same words. Each prophet in his time was the way who led the way to God. Abraham was the way in his time and so on. But if you want to take those verses out of context and try to prove a point with them, I could say that God doesn't exist and I can go and try to use some verses from the Bible, put them together and say God does not exist. You know what I'm saying; to me you can make the Bible say anything you want to. You can make the Qur'an say anything you want to if you pick and choose verses, and interpret them in a light of pre-conceived emotions. But if you look at these verses analytically along with the explicit verses when God describes His nature, - in the explicit verses when Jesus describes about his nature- then it will come very, very clear that he was a human being. So if a theologian who wants to prove a point, he'll take these and try to prove it, but all the while there is no clear cut statement when Jesus (peace be upon him), ever said, I am your Creator, worship me. **He never, ever said that.** There is not a verse in the Bible where that is expressly stated. And neither is the word Trinity in any Bible. Remember... You heard it here on the Dean show.

8. Number eight- is that no one -and the Bible says that no one has ever seen God at any time. This is very clear, **John 1:18 it says, no man has seen God at any time. In 1 John, no man has seen God at any time; even Jesus' own statement in John 5 and 37 -Jesus says: and the Father Himself which has sent me has borne witness of me and you have neither heard his voice or seen his face at any time and Jesus was standing right there amongst them.** So had he been God, why would he say that he has never seen God at any time. You understand this is what I'm talking about. **This is clear cut;** you have never seen and heard God. If he'd been God he would have said you're looking at God right now. You want to see God, look at me; and you've seen him- but he never said that. There are some verses in the Bible someone can read and say -anyone who's seen Jesus had seen the Father. If you have seen me, you have seen the Father or 'I and the Father are one', you know those type of verses, -but if you read the context of the verses...the context of four or five different verses, you will see that he was speaking of being **one in purpose.** Even the one where he says that

'I and the Father are one', he was speaking about just as no one can pluck the children of God out of God's hand, no one can pluck them out of my hand cause I and the Father are one, meaning that we are **one in purpose**, who have the same exact mission. I am coming as God's messenger, a message bearer to humanity. We are one and the same in what we want of you. I am God's representative and anything that He wants is my will also. So if you understand it in that light explicitly, then you understand that Jesus said that no man has seen God at any time- this is also in the Qur'an. In the Qur'an Moses asked God to show himself, and God said -look at the mountain, if the mountain can bear my light, then you can see me- we know that when God showed Himself to the mountain, it crumbled into pieces and then Moses said basically, I'm sorry, that I don't want to see you. We cannot stand to see God, God is not someone that can come in the form of a human being, and you cannot contain God's essence inside of a physical form. God is beyond anything, to put inside of a physical form. He is too great. You must understand that He is too great to be put in any form, in any perimeters, in any dimensions, in any box. You can't put God inside a box.

Eddie - Top ten reasons why Jesus (peace be upon him) cannot be God, the one we love, who is one of the mightiest messengers of God, believing the same message that there is only one God, worshipping Him alone, not His creation. Number seven, talk to me, Joshua:

7. Number 7- this concept was not told by Jesus, or his disciples, nor was it a belief then by his followers, that is the early followers of Christianity as we see when they found the dead sea scrolls at Qumran, we see that the early Christians was part of Judaism. If you read the book of Acts, when Jesus Christ had departed from this earth, the disciples, still, they attended the synagogue. They still daily went to the temple of Jerusalem and worshipped as the Jews worshipped because this is what Jesus Christ taught. He brought the renewal of the laws of Moses, so, if the disciples were running around teaching people that Jesus was God, they were then banished out of the temple the day they walked in or they would have their own church- Jesus went to the temple himself. He did not build his own church anywhere and never said, worship me. He went to the temple and worshipped God the same way that Moses worshipped God, the same way that Abraham worshipped God, the same way that David worshipped God, the same way that Zacharias worshipped God. You know he did the exact same thing. His disciples followed him and if you look at the first, second century Christians they did the same thing. The people of Qumran, the first assembly who wrote the Dead Sea scrolls, they were also a part of him. They considered themselves Jews who followed Jesus as their prophet. So we see that nothing had changed. This whole concept of Trinity did not come about until the first century of the church and it was not formulated as a doctrine that must be believed in until 325 A.D. at the council of Nicene. When all of the bishops and their scholars of Christianity were started. Christianity after Paul came and said okay, this is a doctrine, we must believe in and the first person to expound his doctrine was Paul. **Paul never saw Jesus Christ himself, never walked with him, never talked to him, never saw him, never ate with him, never learned from him.** It was something that he formulated of a vision that he says he had while he was on his road to Damascus to actually persecute Christians. So the first person to ever come up with these titles of Trinity and the God ship of Jesus Christ or only begotten son; all of these things came with Paul the self appointed apostle. Is the word Trinity ever mentioned in the Bible? It does not exist and there's only one verse that only barely mentions it is, 1 John 5 and 2 that there is three that bare record on earth, is Father, Son and Holy Spirit and three that bare record in heaven is the blood and water -if you go and research that verse almost all biblical scholars had removed that verse from the Bible because it is not a verse that was ever in the Bible. If you go to the revised standard version of the Bible and the new standard version of the Bible all these have

removed that verse because it is explicitly not a part of the bible. It is not found in any manuscript before 1200. God is one- not three in one, worship Him alone.

Eddie: We're talking about the Creator of the heavens and earth- that He cannot be a man- the top ten reasons why Jesus (peace be upon him) cannot be God. We're at number six.

Joshua- Number six reason- is a very big and a very important one. **Jesus ate, slept and prayed.** He ate, slept and prayed. We all know God by His very nature, is self-sufficient. He does not need anything to continue His existence. God does not need to eat, God does not need to sleep, and God does not need to pray. God is not in need of anything because if He was in need of something, then He would not be God. If He would need something other than Himself to exist that would not make Him God. That would take away His Godship; and we know that Jesus Christ was born; we know that he ate; we know that he slept and we know that he prayed. Had he not ate, slept or drank any water, he would have died. Therefore, he was not self-sufficient. He needed something to continue his existence. Therefore, by his very nature of not being self-sufficient and God being self-sufficient, those two things cannot mix. You cannot be self-sufficient and not self-sufficient all at the same time. And Jesus prayed, he was in need of prayer, anytime he had an issue he would pray. He would tell the disciples I need to go and pray. Where did he pray? He would go to the temple to go and pray. Placing his face on the ground, this in his very nature shows that he was in need of something greater than himself because that is in the essence of prayer,- is showing that you are in need of someone who's greater than you. Even people who worship idols, they believe that the idol is greater than them, therefore they pray to it. So, if Jesus was God, why was he in need of prayer? He would have been telling people to pray to him; you need to pray to me. And he would have told them-I don't need to pray to anyone. So therefore, by his very nature of his necessity of him being in need of something else, he cannot be God.

Eddie - We're half way through here on the Dean show, -the top ten reasons why Jesus (peace be upon him) cannot be the Creator of the heavens and earth, -he was indeed a mighty messenger sent by the Creator of the heavens and earth, but he is not God. Sit tight, don't go nowhere, and think. We're not trying to hurt no one's feelings, but we're here to deliver the truth, -we're almost through it and we ask of you to listen, open your mind, be humble hearted, let's go to number five.

Joshua- Number five, number five reason is that Jesus claimed that God's knowledge was greater than his. When he was asked about the hour, the Day of Judgment, he said, 'of that day knoweth no man, nor the angels of the heaven, nor the son, but only the Father has knowledge of that hour'. So, if he would have been God, he would have known that. How could God, if the Trinity was indeed true- then God was God and Jesus was God, and the Holy Spirit was God, they all the same person- that means how does one not know the same information that the other one knows if they're the same person. *If God knows the hour, Jesus should know the hour; the Holy Spirit should know the hour.* They should have all known that, even Jesus said in another verse in John 14:20 he said, 'the Father is greater than I', he admitted the Father is greater than him. So if they are equals, how can the one be greater than the other? If they had both been God, how can one be greater than the other? Showing that Jesus did not have the exact same knowledge that God has, how could he be God, -you see, these are statements that are very explicit and if you weigh all of these statements against the ambiguous ones -which ones are you going to weigh out more? Point blank explicit, and to the point, or those that can be interpreted this way that way to anyone who wants to give them an interpretation. These cannot be interpreted any

other way than **Jesus was not God**. He was something less than God.

Eddie: This is making total sense, I'm sure it's making total sense to a lot of people because these are facts. You don't have to be a doctor, or theologian, a scientist, a layman to understand this. All right, let's go to number four brother.

Joshua: Right before we get to number four, we're just speaking about how everyone should be able to understand this. This concept of Trinity cannot be explained to a child. Let's take that 6 or 7 year old child and explain to him the Trinity. He would never grasp that concept and God's way of life is something for everyone. It should be able to be explained to someone who is unlearned, it should be able to be explained to someone who has a PhD and rocket science, it should be able to be explained to a child, it should be able to be explained to a deaf person. But you cannot explain this concept of Trinity. **There was a British man -and it was one of the most interesting parables that I have ever read or come across. It was a British professor named Richard Pastens, -he was debating this concept of Trinity with a friend of his who was a Trinitarian and as they were debating this issue and a carriage came along and it had three people in it -, the Trinitarian said look, look, there is a good example of the Trinity. One carriage, three people in it. The professor said: 'you want to show me the Trinity, then show me one person in three carriages; one who is the same person in three carriages, then you would have explained to me the Trinity, and then I'll believe the Trinity. So then, I thought that was very interesting to me because it's a concept you can't explain, it's unexplainable, $1+1+1=1$ or $1 \times 1 \times 1=1$ - and all these things are not understandable by anybody even if you have some rocket science and PhD, and then you'll be a little bit confused, and even in the bible God says he's not the author of confusion.** So if that is confusing then it means someone else must have authored this whole idea. You tell that same child that there is a Creator who created you, worship Him alone, He's the only one. He's the only one who can get official worship. One, that's it, they can understand that, that child, right there, can really understand it, one God. Not like a party, you split Him up into slices- no He's not like a party.

Eddie: Okay, we're coming down to number four, to number four. Top ten reasons why Jesus can't be God.

Joshua: Number four is that Jesus explicitly states that he is not God.. For instance in John 17:3 he says and this is life eternal. This is the way to eternal life that they may know you the original God or true God and Jesus Christ who you have sent as your messenger. He said this is in a nutshell-to whom I have come to teach. That they may know you the only true God of Jesus Christ whom you have sent and to anyone who is a Muslim, that statement makes very, very, very good sense because it is either a part of our faith where you will say **'La- ilaha il'lalla, Muhammadur Rasullulla- wa Eesa Rasullula-**'-which means there is no God but one God, Muhammad is His messenger and Jesus is His messenger -which means they are the ones which were sent and that's defended our faith to believe in the one true God and Jesus Christ who was sent. It's very simple, very explicit. And also, He said in the Bible to Mary Magdalene- when he ascended to God, -Jesus sayeth to them- 'I ascend unto my Father and your Father, my God and your God -he very clearly equated her God and his God as being the oneness in God. He didn't say- I'm going to ascend to myself, and unto your God and unto me. You know, this doesn't make any sense, if somebody would have said that he would have been most foolish, if he said I'm going to ascend unto myself. Your God is me and I'm going unto myself, you know all these things are very clearly stated -one true God and I'm ascending to my God and your God, point blank. These things cannot be any more simple.

Eddie: that was number four: you need to put your emotions to the side -like I said we're not trying to upset anybody, we're trying to relay the truth and you got to be honest with yourself. This is something that just makes sense,- watch out for the person who tries to pull the wool over your eyes and tries to tell you otherwise, alright? They will try to mis-explain something that you see very clearly is not what it is , you know God is one, is something that's embedded inside of you already and we're going to continue on, proving this, and remember, Jesus is close to our hearts and that's why we're clearing his name here. He was a mighty messenger. We are coming down to the top three now. We came from ten, we're down to three. This is almost over, see for yourselves, listen to the rest, let's go. Number three brother.

Joshua: number three -is that even when you get to the title Son of God, either when you get the title only begotten son of God, this is not an exclusive part of Jesus Christ as many people think. There are many, many, many, many instances where the word son of God is used and if anyone would study Jesus' culture, especially ancient Jewish culture- not orthodox Jewish culture- to be called a son of God is a title of esteem and a type of prestige and honor even being called lord. Someone would come to the Rabbi and refer to him as my Lord. This is something that is known by western and eastern Europeans also, they refer to people as lord, so this title is not exclusive. And Jacob and Solomon in Exodus are called sons of God. Ephraim and Jeremiah, and Adam are called sons of God in the New Testament. Common people are called sons of God in the New and Old Testament. So these are not something that's an exclusive title, a son of God. I had a had a discussion with a pastor about this. He said yes, but Jesus was the only begotten son of God and I said okay: what gives him that exclusive title. What is the characteristic that gives him that exclusive title? He said, the New Testament said that,- I said yes, but there must have been a reason why he has this exclusive title. He said because he was born miraculously without a father and in Jewish culture your lineage was from your father's side, you know, you'd be the son of your father and that's how your lineage was traced - not through the mother. So therefore, it says his lineage stopped there, he had no father so therefore God must be his father. I said okay, that makes sense to an average human being- I said but if that is the characteristic for his exclusive sonship that he had no father, then what about Adam and Eve. They had no father and no mother; they were fashioned as God says by His own hands out of the earth. And He just made them out of nothing, nothing existed out of creation. And He made Adam and He made Eve. So if anyone should have the exclusive title to be the only begotten son of God, it should have been Adam. Because not only did he not have a father, he was the first creation. Therefore, why does he not have that title? Why also does not Eve have the title of being the first daughter of God? Why are we not worshipping Jesus as the exclusive son of God? He had no answer!

That is why God decided to send Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) as a must to all the worlds. Because we even know that Jesus was not sent to the entire world, he was sent to the Jews even through in his own statements in the Bible he said that 'I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel'. He was not a prophet for everyone; he was a prophet exclusively for their people as was every prophet before him; every nation received a messenger, children of Israel received more messengers than anyone, but finally God decided to send one for the whole of humanity and that was prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) whom they said that Jesus have spoken of him. We're not taking anything away from Jesus. Jesus was actually one of the patriarch messengers of Islam. There are five and he is actually one of them that was sent. Muhammad had said that when it comes to someone who is like me, Jesus is someone who is just like me, and not only in his message but in a time of span, that we were away from each other it's Jesus. He is the closest prophet to me. In message and in time of 600 years.

Eddie: Is there a Chapter in the Quran we know of there is a called after Jesus' mother?

Joshua: Yes, chapter 19 in the Quran Surah Maryam, which means the chapter of Mary. Is an exclusive chapter that is named after the mother of Jesus Christ- Mary, Muslims believe that Mary was the greatest woman and the most highest woman ever of her time, as she was chosen by God to bear a prophet.

If anyone wants to read the true story of Jesus and his mother, you know, the story of Jesus' birth, go to chapter 19 of the Quran, it will make you cry cause *it made me cry the first time I read it*. It is in the most beautiful tone of language and a more soft spoken and a more true manner than you could have read in the Bible.

Eddie: Was that number two brother?

Joshua: That was number two.

Eddie: that was number two,- we're going to go to number two in a second- I just want to make a couple of points that you need to really think about, when we say that God had a son. What do we really mean? We see that dogs have puppies; cats have kittens, what do gods have? Baby gods? So we need to just think about this. Look- if you say that I have a son, and he's a gold fish, does it make sense, and I have a son in me. In other words I had myself, -it doesn't make sense. You can't clone God, no it doesn't make sense, -it makes no sense whatsoever. If the son when he grows up, he's going to have the attributes of the father, so if the baby son can die, then the father naturally can die. And these are qualities we can't give to the Creator. He doesn't die, he can't. He doesn't have a beginning, so I wanted to clump these few things out, let's go to the next reason. The top ten reasons why Jesus (peace be upon him) cannot be the Creator of the heavens and earth. Number two.

Joshua: number two.

God cannot change- in Malachi, God himself, -this is an explicit statement that is directly attributed to God, - **God says I do not change**. He was stating that I do not change in my nature; I don't be happy one day, sad the other day, angry the next day. His nature does not change. Therefore God cannot be subjected to the same laws which He created. Because God created time, therefore He cannot be subjected to time. He does not pass through time, He does not get old, doesn't get tired, He doesn't get sleepy. He doesn't go through the same stages of time that we go through. He created time -therefore He doesn't need it. He created the sun; therefore He doesn't need its warmth. He doesn't get tired, He doesn't get cold,- these things do not happen to God. God cannot put Himself into a human body, come to this earth and be subjected to time, be subjected to dishonor, be subjected to tiredness, be subjected to death, and be even hurt, -these things which God cannot by His very nature be. Some people say, you know, that God can do anything -and that is not a correct statement because God can do anything that is prominent to His nature. First, God cannot get help, God cannot go to heaven, God cannot die, God was never born, and God didn't eat. There are certain things that He cannot do because it will be against His nature. It would be against His Godship, -it will make Him less than God, so God can do anything except that which will make Him less than God. And that's why He has attributes. Any attributes which can be attributed to human beings is not something that can be attributed to God. But things that can be attributed to God cannot be attributed to us or anything that can be attributed to us cannot be attributed to God because it would make Him less than God. This is a very important point because people will try to refute you and say,

that God can do anything but we want to make this clear, that the Creator of the heavens and the earth, God Almighty, He doesn't do things that are not Godly-for instance if He had no beginning, He doesn't die now, so if He's the most just, He's not going to do injustice. His attributes are being self-sufficient so that means He's not going to be needy of somebody. For instance now, another example, God is the truthful. He's not going to lie, I want people to understand this part. He cannot murder someone unjustly, God can't steal from someone. All of these things that we do that make us less than perfect; God cannot do wrong because He is perfect. Anything that would subtract from His nature as being God, He cannot do. If something makes Him less than God, He cannot do it. Not only would He not do it, is something He cannot do because that is His nature.

Nature that are not God-like cannot exist in God,- He does not change. And that is another reason why the Trinity cannot be, God cannot be 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, forever and ever and then decide I'm going to be three today, three in one and one in three. He does not change. In the middle of the whole scenario, God decides- you know what I'm going to change the method of salvation,- He's got to be consistent, God is very consistent. He is a consistent God, He does not change. Therefore, we know for sure He's not going to change His method of salvation. The method of salvation has always been the same, is that we have to go to God directly by showing that you are worthy of forgiveness by repenting and asking for forgiveness, and therefore, He forgives you, and then doing good deeds. That's the way it's always been and that's the way it's always going to be, nothing is going to change in the middle, at the end, it's never going to change. **This is going to be the method of salvation.** So that was number two.

Joshua: Before we go to the number one reason why Jesus (peace be upon him) cannot be the Creator of the heavens and earth, I want to stop here for a moment and discuss very quickly what we are trying to do here, -is to hope that the true nature of who God is -that He's not a man, definitely he cannot be a man- alright, -but now when we make the testimony of faith because there's probably some people that's been following the show for a while and now we want to emphasize that there is a negation and affirmation- if they make a negation here that in Allah we're negating any other deity that nothing in this creation can be the Creator, that there is only one true Creator, -so let's talk about this a little bit. So now some people may say -where do I go from here? We want to give them something else to come to. Some people may think that we were just bashing one way and that is not that we are trying to do. We are trying to show the true essence of God and Jesus Christ. We are actually sitting here in defense of Jesus. This is the whole purpose of me coming up with this subject, -was that I love Jesus very much and I want to defend his nature because he had a Lord who he worshipped, which we will see in just a moment.

The negation and affirmation is what we've been talking about. The first part of **La-ilaha**- which means that there's no other God; that is what we are trying to say, that there is nothing under the heavens and the earth, there is no angels, no man, no beast, no idols that has the right to be worshipped - the second part **-il'lalla-** except the one true God, whose name is Allah-and that is the Creator of everything. That is the affirmation, for someone to come to Islam. And that's what we're trying to get, that there's one God who is the Creator of everything and He's the only one who deserves to be worshipped. He created you without asking anyone's permission, He did not have to ask your father or mother to make you, He did not have to ask Jesus to make you, He did not have to ask Moses to make you. Therefore, you have to ask no one in order to worship Him. You go to Him alone, by yourself, worship Him as one as the Creator and then when you realize that there's one God, then have to figure out what is His message. What does He want from me and that's

where God's messengers come in, and for humanity now, that messenger would be Muhammad who was someone that Jesus foretold of, Jesus very clearly in the New Testament foretold of Muhammad as the last and final messenger and he's the mercy unto mankind and he's the one who told us how we should live and it is nothing new. Everyone thinks that Islam is such a weird and new and different idea, but if you really study the way of Jesus, if you study the way of Moses, if you study the way of Abraham, if you go through the Bible and do your real research, you will see that all they're doing is affirming the ways of old.

People may say, -you have stepped back in time, no! we have stepped back to worshipping God in the way He needs to be worshipped, we have stepped back to living a life that is in tune to the way He wants it to be lived. I mean we don't want to ride along with camels and do away with technology and cell phones, we need these things. I have a car, I have a cell phone, -I have all of these things that we need, that's part of this time. But when it comes to my direct relationship with God we have to go back to the way the prophets worshipped Him, and that's a Muslim.

Some may ask: What do you mean when you say- in every show, worship the Creator, not His creation, what do mean when you say, worship the Creator alone, what do you actually mean. Worshipping the Creator alone comes from a word in Islam which means that you set your entire self to doing what God want you to do. That is the essence of worshipping, deciding, whatever God wants from me that is what I am going to do. And that is what Jesus Christ did his entire life, if you research his life, that whatever God wanted from him, he did, that is the essence of Muslim. And if God wants from me to pray five times a day that is what I'll do and that is not even enough, that's the way the Muslims should feel, that's the way anyone who loves God should feel. There is not even enough that I can do for God for creating me. If He wants me to fast, I will fast, if He wants me to abstain from drinking alcohol, and abstain from sex without marriage, then I'll do that because that's the way of life that is pleasing to Him. And that's the way we mean, we need you to make every step in your daily life in accordance to what God wants from you. So basically you become a slave to God,- because you're a slave to somebody, you're a slave to your boss at work, you're a slave to that woman who's taking the money out of your pocket every day, or to the money, so you're a slave to something. So, we're saying- look, God is saying, be a slave to Him. Yes, let Him dictate your life, you call on Him alone, He's the only one who can forgive your sins if your under stress. You're not self-sufficient, you need a Creator and you need someone to turn to, so you turn to Him alone, you pray only to Him, you sacrifice only to Him, you give charity in His name, not to the people in the congregation, you only do it only to Him, you fast in His name, abstain from alcohol, drugs for Him, you do it because He doesn't benefit from that, you benefit from it, correct, and you don't lie, you don't steal, you don't cheat. God is good and He only accepts good, so by being a slave to Him, that's when you become a perfect human, and so you just believe that you can get better and better, there's no limits to how good you can be, you don't know how good you can be- you be as good as you want to be and, that's how you get to the excellencies of a human being, is by submitting yourself to the Creator, living a life how He wants you to live and this is the part I really wanted to bring to the people, by being a slave to God, worshipping Him alone, doing everything that God wants you to do and that's the same thing in the Lord's prayer:

'Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, and to, lead us not into temptation, and so on.

The Jews and the Arabs who read the Bible in Arabic read Allah for God. Go pick up any Bible, go to any hotel, they have the different translations, you read the verse in Arabic, and you'll see the word Allah is right there. So, the word

'God' in the English language, this word 'God' didn't even exist -never existed till 600 years ago. Okay, these are strong points, we've been showed all these things but I really feel very, very excited to talk to you about this, -it's a vast topic, we're giving you the top ten reasons why Jesus can't be God but I wanted to stress what we're inviting you to, so we covered this.

Let's go now to what makes us worship God- we're the only creation He gave a free will to -we accept that and then decide, we are going to give that will back to God, in order for what, for paradise. What an exchange we get, we get something back that was given to us in the first place and in exchange for that get eternal paradise. That's the essence of worship, God gave you a free will, I dearly decide to give it back, I don't want to do what I want to do. I want to do what God wants me to do, which is what Jesus said, Muhammad said, Moses said and therefore in exchange for that, I get eternal paradise.

If you don't do what He wants us to do- it is like you hitting a dead end, -put the walkman on you ears, bobbing your head, drinking your life away, all being nice thirty forty years past, you get fat and earn some money then you die and you didn't do what God told you to do. Then what,- think you enter paradise now?

Let's talk about the number one reason,- the number one reason why Jesus (peace be upon him) is not God, cannot be God. The most essential reason why Jesus cannot be God is that God is the essence of worship. God is the object of worship, God is the person who we worship, no matter what religion you follow, whoever they call God, He's the object of worship. It's who they give their devotion to, is who they make their prayers to, is who they make their sacrifices to; it's who they pay their charity in the name of, God. So had Jesus been God, he would have told people to worship him, in fact, in Matthew 15 and 18, he did the exact opposite. He told people, 'in vain shall you worship me and teaching as doctrine the commandments of men'. Not of me, not of God, you will teach as doctrine the commandments of men. That means you will teach as doctrine the commandments of the Trinity which come from men, you will teach as doctrines that I am God which will come from men, you will throw away the law of Moses and the law of God which will come from me but the worship you will give to me, will be in vain. And we all know the word vain means; it will not come to anything. We will go before God on the Day of Judgment having worshipped Jesus twenty, thirty, forty, fifty years and on the Day of Judgment, Jesus will deny those people. It is stated, in the Qur'an, on the Day of Judgment, when God will ask Jesus, did you command anyone to worship you, and Jesus will say, no, You know I will not do anything, except what You told me to do, and all of these prayers and everything that has been made to Jesus are in vain because he does not hear these things because he is not an object of worship. The Devil has already said in the Quran that he will get people to worship him falsely, he will get people to worship idols falsely, he will get people to worship these things falsely and then on the Judgment day, he will leave you in the lurch. He will say I tricked you, now I'm free from you. I have nothing to do with you because I already got what I wanted you to do for so long, now it means nothing. It will be just like dust, all your powers and praise and sacrifices you've made it will be just like a blast of wind will come in and blow them into dust, they will be worth nothing. So, Jesus himself said, do not worship me, even when someone came to him and said, oh, good master, he said, why do you call me good master? There's nothing good but one, that's God, when they came to call him master, he said, why do you call me master and you don't do my Fathers' works? You know, he always denied that worship and anyone who ever tried to worship him he would deny it. Some people may have called him, lord, and they say because of his title respect, but no one should ever worship Jesus. Period!

So it's very clear and simple. Let's go back to the original, -Adam, the first man created by God, did he call upon Jesus, or did he worship God as a creator? Did he go ahead and do some of these things that people are doing? Adam directed his worship to God, to God alone. Let's go back to doing what he did, let's go back and do what Abraham did. Did they call upon Jesus; did they call upon any other human being? If you look at the way we're supposed to follow the prophets, Adam worshipped God alone, Abraham worshipped God alone, Moses worshipped God alone, Noah worshipped God alone, David worshipped God alone, Jesus worshipped God alone, Jesus never called on Jesus and lastly the prophet Muhammad called on God alone. So therefore, we should follow Him and call on God alone.

Eddie: Brother, thank you very much, we could go on and on but our time is up. Thank you for coming to be with us, to cover the top ten reasons why Jesus cannot be God, we hope to have you again, I look forward to it and we're going to continue this topic you know because it's something that is important, the issue of salvation is what we're concerned about. We're not concerned about bashing in anyone; we want everyone to go to heaven. I want to die and go to heaven and I want everyone else to do so, so this is why we do this, no other reason whatsoever. If it were just to bash someone's religion, then we would be wasting our time. Thank you brother, thank you very much. God Almighty, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, created Adam, Moses, Jesus, Muhammad (peace be upon all of them) he said, if my slaves would to come to you with sins up to the heavens, not associating any partner with me, not giving acts of worship to anyone else, He would forgive you your sins. He is the most Merciful, the most loving, have a relationship directly with Him alone, leave off worshipping men, monkeys, cows, animals, all these things, anything that's in the creation,- anything in creation, can never be the Creator. Love Jesus, as he ought to be loved, as a mighty messenger of God, come back every week, we're here to help you understand, to develop a better understanding at the thedeenshow.com. If you miss us on the TV here in the Chicago local station you can see all of our shows at the thedeenshow.com, -until next time, we'll see you, peace be upon you, As-salaamualikum.