

#### Christian

Orthodox

Coptic

# I am proud to be CHRISTIAN Because... Christianity

- Gives the most beautiful image of GOD
- 2. Gives the most respectful image of MAN
- 3. Gives the most direct path to HEAVENS



### A Christian

God's recognition

The Truth (The Human being)

Mission's recognition

Eternity recognition

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# Gives the most beautiful image of GOD

#### 1- Christianity

Gives the most beautiful image of GOD

No other religion could offer their god as

# A LOVING FATHER Unconditional Love

(Father to a Prodigal son)

- Other gods: Need service
- Christianity: God serves man
- Other Gods: Master and slaves
- Christianity: God bears His children's sufferings

#### Christianity

Gives the most beautiful image of GOD

- Other gods: Do not care about people
- Lord Jesus Christ: Died for His people
- Redemption is the core of Christianity

## Christianity Gives the most beautiful image of GOD

- Other gods: very unclear image
- OUR GOD: He declared Himself to us
- "If you have seen Me you have seen the Father"
- "I am in the Father and the Father in ME"
- "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that we also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is withthe3588 Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ" 1Jn1:3

# 2- Offers the most respectful image of MAN

## Christianity Gives the most respectful image of MAN

- Other religions; man is a very low creature, can be reincarnated in a lower form if was not behaving, closer to the animal in other instances.
- In Christianity: Man can live forever "Whoever eats from this body.. lives forever" Jn6
- In Christianity man is created on the image of God.
- Man can do all things in God. Phil.4
- In Christianity; We follow the ideal Man "Jesus Christ"
- In Christianity: Man is required to do to other what he WANTS them to do to him. (Lk 6)

## Christianity offers the most respectful image of MAN

- Other religions: The Body is a defiled object, made for fornication and not respected.
- Christianity:
  - Your body is the place of dwelling of God
  - Your Body where the Spirit of God dwells
  - "Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but1161 God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body *is* not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body"1 Cor. 6:13

## Christianity offers the most respectful image of MAN

- Death: Is the end in other religions
- Death in Christianity is the beginning for Glory
- Death is clearly defined in Christianity and unclear in others.
- "Although the old man is deteriorating the new man is renewed everyday"
- Others are scared from time of death, you are looking forward to the Glory awaiting you.

# 3- Offers the most direct path to HEAVENS

## Christianity...offers the most direct path to HEAVENS

- "And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of the way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem" Acts 9:2
- Many are not sure which way to Heaven?
- We know exactly; because our Lord Himself is the Way." I am the way"

#### I am Christian because: Christianity Offers

Best image of God Best image of Man Best way to Heaven

# The God I need to worship Needs to be:

 Very Loving Mighty and **Very Wise** Show me your gods and I will prove to you that My God is the true God

### I am proud to be an

### Orthodox Christian



### I am Orthodox because

- 1- Orthodoxy has the purest faith
- 2- Orthodoxy has the finest interpretation of the bible
- 3- Orthodoxy teaches a Holy life

# 1- Orthodoxy has the purest faith

- Council of Jerusalem: No one can be saved with except Jesus Christ (no Jewish acts)
- Four Centuries of pure faith following apostolic faith
- Resisting every heresy including: Gnosticism
- Resisting Arian heresy (Athanasios)
- Resisting Macdonios ( Holy Spirit)
- Resisting Nestorian heresy (St. Cyril)
- 451 AD: The first true scar from the devil in dividing the church over "Nature of Christ" Chalcedonic council
- 11th Century: Catholicism started over Holy Spirit emerging from "Father and Son" Orthodox church continues to follow the bible.



### purest belief

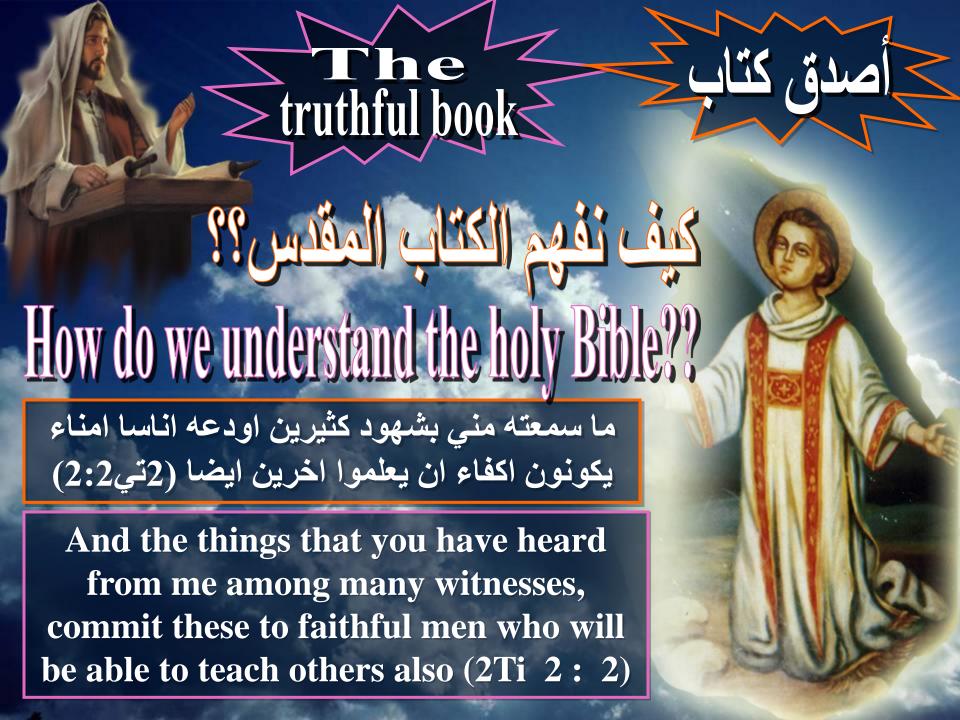
أنقى إيمان

ثم اقبل الى افسس يهودي اسمه ابلوس اسكندري الجنس رجل فصيح مفتدر شي الكتب كان هذا خبيرا في طريق الرب وكان و هو حار بالروح يتكلم ويعلم بتدقيق ما يختص بالرب عارفا معمودية يوحنا فقط وابتدا هذا يجاهر في المجمع فلما سمعه اكيلا وبريسكلا اخذاه اليهما وشرحا له طريق الرب باكثر تدقيق.

Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man [and] mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

# 2- Orthodoxy has the finest interpretation of the bible

- We follow the fathers interpretation prior to the division
- The fathers had spoken and interpreted the bible based upon the sacraments.
- Sacraments are the pillars of the church: We are born through Baptism, sealed via the Mayroun, fed through communion, renewed through confession...etc.





أصدق كتاب

فاثبتوا اذا ايها الاخوة وتمسكوا بالتعاليم التي تعلمتموها سواء كان بالكلام ام برسالتنا (2تس 2: 15)

Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle (2Th 2: 15)

# truthful book

## أصدق كتاب

ان كان احد يعلم تعليما اخر ولا يوافق كلمات ربنا يسوع المسيح الصحيحة والتعليم الذي هو حسب التقوى فقد تصلف وهو لا يفهم شيئا بل هو متعلل بمباحثات ومماحكات الكلام التي منها يحصل الحسد والخصام والافتراء والظنون الردية ومنازعات اناس فاسدي الذهن وعادمي الحق يظنون ان التقوى تجارة تجنب مثل هؤلاء. (1تي 6: 5- 3)

If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, [even] the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a [means of] gain. From such withdraw yourself.(1Ti 6: 3-5)





أصدق كتاب

**Tradition** 

تفسير الاباء

Writing's of forefathers



حياه القديسين

Saint's Biographies

الليتورجيا

Liturgy

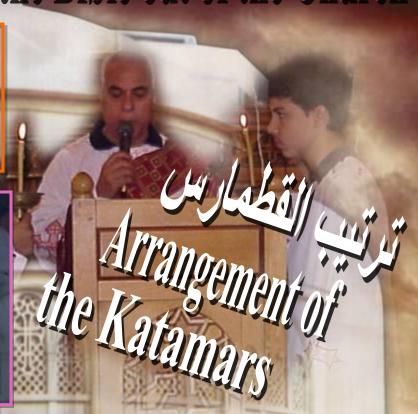




# الكتاب خارج الكتاب الك

التي نتكلم بها ايضا لا باقوال تعلمها حكمة انسانية بل بما يعلمه الروح القدس قارنين الروحيات (1كو 2: 13)

These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual (1Co 2: 13)



### 3- Orthodoxy teaches a Holy life

- Balance between Faith and works
- Balance between Love of God and His fear
- Balance between my trust in God in reaching to Heaven and my fear in losing my crown
- Necessity of sacraments, fastings and Liturgy
- Love of bible and its interpretation
- Jesus' Prayer

### Synergism

أقدس حياة

Grace & Spiritual Struggle

النعمة والجهاد

Sacred Life

Faith & Deeds

الايمان والأعمال

Hope & Fear

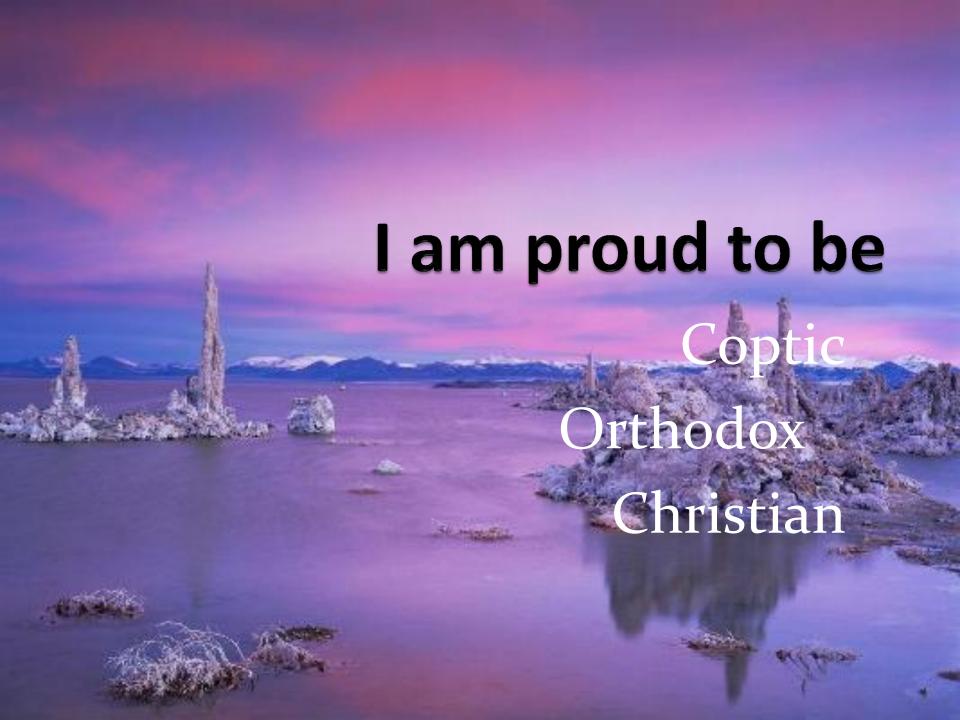
الرجاء والخوف

Bible & Sacraments

الإنجيل والاسرار

Repentance & Discipleship

التوبة والتلمذة



### I am Coptic because:

- Monasticism: Coptic church taught monastic life to the whole world through Antonios.
- Great fathers: Athanasios: 20 years old, led Nicea council and taught faith to the whole world
- Cyril: Taught about nature of Christ, Holy Spirit functions
- Deoscorous, Clement, Oregen...etc.
- Martyrs: Coptic church delivered millions of Martyrs more than the whole world's martyrs together
- First Theological School in the world (Alexandria)

### I am Coptic because:

- Taxis: (Rites) the best compared to any other church, full of joyful hymns when joyful, and clearly sad in Holy Friday.
- Every action in Liturgy or raising of incense has a meaning.
- Feasts: Major and Minor, every 29<sup>th</sup> day(Christ), 21<sup>st</sup> day (St. Mary)
- Weekly fasting: Wednesday and Friday fasting, seasonal..
- Agypia: Praying without ceasing, remembering Christ's life

