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“And nearest among them in love to the believers will you find those who say, ‘We are Christians’, ...” - Quran 5:82

“...They rehearse the Signs of Allah all night long, and they prostrate themselves in adoration” - Quran 3:113



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Foreword

Peace be with you.

I'm one of those fortunate Malaysians.

Well before I went to Primary One, we had neighbours who were not just from my own ethnic group and religious affiliation. At Seang Tek road in Penang, the neighbour across the road was a Christian family. They were gregarious Eurasians who were welcoming and kind to my siblings and I. When our family shifted to Fettes Park, again I was lucky to have Chinese, Indians and Eurasians as my neighbours and a Malay kampung just a few minutes away.

As I had the chance to mix around with people of different backgrounds at an early age, I am comfortable not only with Malays but also Indians, Chinese, Eurasians... I also not only feel at home in Muslim settings but am also familiar with all kinds of different traditions. Because of that I have no apprehension towards other religious activities.

but genuinely cherish them. Even since I was young, whenever there were issues between two different groups, I always find myself to be the bridge-builder and mediator. I seem to have the ability to empathize with both sides.



I have always had a deep concern when people are torn apart that there is a need for people to reconcile and reconnect. Likewise with this issue between the Muslims and Christians about the use of the word 'Allah', my heart is drawn towards it and I feel the need to provide a solution. Hence this book.



In the first chapter I will explain more on the motivations why I decided to publish this book. The second chapter is the crux of the book, where I discuss my views on what the Quran says about relations between Muslims and other faiths and whether it allows the use of the word 'Allah'.



Chapters Three and Five include an urge for my Christian brothers and sisters not to forget the legacy of Christ. In the fourth chapter I invite the Christians and the Muslims to look at what is wanting within their own communities and to find a compromise.



In Chapter Six, I conclude with my suggestions on what we all need to do next. Finally, I have included a chapter on a sample of a Muslim-Christian friendship, in Chapter Seven.

Allah willing, this book will play a role in helping to calm down the situation and encourage us to reconcile with one another.

I hope at the least this book will make us stop, think and reflect. 😊

Peace,

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Good Friday,

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