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If thou wert in doubt as to what We have revealed unto thee, then ask those who have been reading the Book from before thee....
(Surah 10 verse 94)

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Many people think America and other western countries are Christian countries. However, that is not accurate to say. Christianity is not a culture or ethnicity that one has because of where they were born. It is not something that one has just because their parents may have been Christians. Christianity is rightly understood as an individual's personal relationship with God through trusting in Jesus Christ. Individuals **become** Christians one by one as they believe God, not by being citizens of a nation.

Because culture and religion are so intertwined in Islam, many Muslims have a hard time realizing that all Westerners are not Christians. The West has a Christian cultural heritage, but in the main our culture and society have left that heritage to pursue a more secular course. Although some churches are well attended, others are not. Few people go to church. Religious principles in the West have been moved out of public life to be a mostly private affair. Crime, immorality, drug

abuse, and drunkenness are not things that Christianity promotes or allows. It is adamantly opposed to them as the sins that they are in themselves, and for the hurt and tragedy they foster. Biblical Christians in America and the West are people who worship God and pray regularly. They bring up their children to respect God and to care for other people. They follow the teachings of Jesus. They work for peace between all people. They seek to live moral lives and do not practice drunkenness, swearing, fighting, cheating or telling lies.

We have given you this leaflet because we are Christians from a local church. We want you to know that we respect you as fellow members of our community.

We Christians believe that Almighty God has made all of us. People of all races and religions must live as good neighbors. Our lives are only completely happy when we put God first, and love and obey Him.

Jesus came to show us God's love in action. He is described in the Bible as the Way, the Truth and the Source of Life.

Jesus said:

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. (John 8: 12).

I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death. (John 8 51).

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies. (John 11: 25).

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. (Matthew 11: 28).

We believe Jesus was a Prophet of God, but we believe He was also more then just that. We worship and love Him as the life changing Savior who rescues us from our sins. Do you want to know more about the wonderful life and teaching of Jesus, about forgiveness of sin, and about what Christian believe?

In your neighborhood there are some real Christians. They would like to meet you, make friends with you and share their experiences of God's love.

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