

People of the Book, go not beyond the bounds in your religion, and say not as to God but the truth. The Messiah, Jesus son of Mary, was only the Messenger of God, and His Word that He committed to Mary, and a Spirit from Him. **So believe** in God and His Messengers, and say not, 'Three.' **Refrain**; better is it for you. **God** is only One God. **Glory** be to Him-that He should have a son! **To Him** belongs all that is in the heavens and in the earth; God suffices for a guardian.

The Messiah will not disdain to be a servant of God, neither the angels who are near stationed to Him. **Whosoever** disdains to serve Him, and waxes proud, He will assuredly muster them to Him, all of them.

Verses 171-172 Chapter 4, The Koran Interpreted, modified after a 1955 translation by the late A. J. Arberry (1905-1969, Professor of Theology, Oxford University, England) Oxford University Press, 1964, (ISBN 0 19 250596 3).