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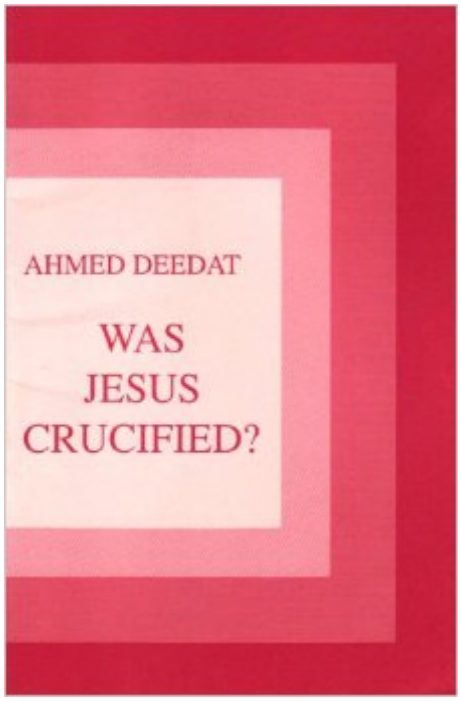

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Synopsis

This booklet refutes the crucifixion from the Islamic point of view.

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I have read several of Ahmed Deedat's books. I find them to contain good arguments overall, but each individual point may not always be relevent. Sometimes he makes leaps of logic in his interpretations, or sometimes I (as a muslim and former christian) would consider his interpretations judgement calls.That being said, he makes arguments that are made up of several points to support his contentions. Disassebling one point is frequently not enough to discount his entire point. I encourage you, if you read his books to look at the argument as a whole and decide what you think, even if some non-essential points may not hold up.If you are looking to criticize what he has to say, you can find things to criticize. But if you objectively look at the overall arguments, they generally can not be easily dismissed.I think most Christians are well intentioned and the Biblical values they have make them good people. But for those who are questioning if the Bible is as it was originally revealed, I would encourage you to read what it has to say about how Judas died. Two different parts of the Bible say he died in two different ways. I know there are 2 Judases. But at least in the Bibles I have seen, it clearly is referring to the Judas said to have betrayed Jesus (peace be upon Jesus). Now surely GOD knows how Judas died!So that leaves a couple possible conclusions:1. The Bible never was revealed by God2. The basic message of the Bible was revealed by God but has been changed by humans3. Judas died twice and we are supposed to go on pure faith even though it conflicts with our logic. (You could make this argument.

Mr. Deedat, now deceased, has written a tremendous work that anyone, Christian, Muslim or other, should read. He does what many who argue against the crucifixion often do not do -- he uses the New Testament texts. Keeping in mind that he is reading it as a Muslim and not through the lens of Christianity as it is traditionally understood (understandable considering that Christians read the Quran through the lens of Christian belief), his conclusions are striking.Christians who read this should give it serious consideration if not to rethink their own beliefs then to at least consider that the New Testament evidence is not so plainly obvious and it is forged through years and years of teaching and exegesis. One must truly learn to strip away what is explanatory and get back to what the text actually says. Far too many Christians know how to argue from Scripture framed in explanation and have not really digested the Scriptures and made it their own.This is not to say by any means that Mr. Deedat is in fact accurate in his conclusions. This is merely to say that the use of logic and reason can find in Scripture many conclusions, as can be seen here. If it was so cut and dry, there would not be so many divisions within Christianity itself (or in any religion for that matter). He does uses Biblical scripture thoroughly and his conclusions do deserve serious consideration.I think most importantly his conclusions help explain how it is that Jesus is understood in Islam and how Islam itself is understood. In this regard this is a highly valuable book.Why four stars? There is a certain level of showmanship, even braggadocio that is a bit disconcerting and one notices not what is said but the attitude of the one speaking.

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