

Canonicity...the basis of Christianity was invented by the church

Shaykh Muhammad Ibrahim 'Āli Shaykh (1893–1969) the Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia from 1953 until his death in 1969 said:

Ibn Taymiyyah (1263-1328) said: As for the laws which the Christians practice; the Christians scholars are fully aware that most of it was not implemented by the Messiah peace be upon him. The Messiah did not authorize them to **pray towards the East** nor did he legislate **Lent** or place it in the spring. Jesus did not authorize **Christmas**, **Epiphany**, or the **Feast of the Cross** nor any of their other holidays. Rather most of this was invented after the apostles died. For example the Feast of the Cross was invented by Helena mother of Constantine. During the reign of Constantine much of the religion of Jesus was altered as was the doctrine and laws of the Christians. They innovated the 'canonicity' (the standard that books had to meet to be recognized as scripture) which is the basis of their faith. This concept was not mentioned in any books sent down to the Prophets which they had with them, it was not mentioned by any Prophet and it was not mentioned by any of the apostles who accompanied Jesus; rather a group of their elders invented it. Three hundred and eighteen of them convened to introduce this concept.

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Translator's note:

Lent is a season of forty days not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday in preparation for the coming of Easter. Some Christians fast during these days.

The Epiphany also known as Little Christmas; or Three Kings' Day is a Christian feast that celebrates the (false concept of) revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ. It is celebrated annually on January 6th.

The Feast of the Cross is a holiday to worship the cross. It is celebrated annually on September 14th.

Canonicity is based upon a gathering by the church 300 years after Jesus, where 318 church elders decided which books were divinely inspired. The collection of 66 books were properly recognized by the early church as the complete authoritative scriptures not to be added to or subtracted from.