A director who shares the ideas of Iran's hardline president has produced what he says is the first film giving an Islamic view of Jesus Christ, in a bid to show the "common ground" between Muslims and Christians.

Quotes: "By making this film I wanted to make a bridge between Christianity and Islam, to open the door for dialogue since there is much common ground between Islam and Christianity," he said. But in Talebzadeh's movie, God saves Jesus, depicted as a fair-complexioned man with long hair and a beard, from crucifixion and takes him straight to heaven. "It is frankly said in the Koran that the person who was crucified was not Jesus" but Judas, one of the 12 Apostles and the one the Bible holds betrayed Jesus to the Romans, he said. In his film, it is Judas who is crucified. Shiites believe the Mahdi's reappearance will usher in a new era of peace and harmony. "We Muslims pray for the 'Return' (of Imam Mahdi) and Jesus is part of the return and the end of time," Talebzadeh said.

And I almost thought we had it all. But this new year's start faced another major Jesus- campaign: Oprah Winfrey (according to some assessments, the most influential woman in the world) will be letting out all the stops on her XM Satellite Radio program this coming year.

Quote: This "Jesus" — who bears no doctrinal resemblance to the Bible’s Jesus Christ — began delivering his channeled teachings in 1965 to a Columbia University Professor of Medical Psychology by the name of Helen Schucman. One day Schucman heard an "inner voice" stating, "This is a course in miracles. Please take notes." For seven years she diligently took spiritual dictation from this inner voice that described himself as "Jesus." A Course in Miracles was quietly published in 1975 by the Foundation for Inner Peace. For many years "the Course" was an underground cult classic for New Age seekers who studied "the Course" individually, with friends, or in small study groups. Here are some

quotes from the "Jesus" of this "A Course in Miracles" -session:

* "There is no sin. . . "

* A "slain Christ has no meaning."

* "The journey to the cross should be the last ‘useless journey."

* "Do not make the pathetic error of ‘clinging to the old rugged cross.’"

* "The Name of Jesus Christ as such is but a symbol... It is a symbol that is safely used as a replacement for the many names of all the gods to which you pray." (example: the gospel according to Oprah)

* "God is in everything I see."

* "The recognition of God is the recognition of yourself."

* "The oneness of the Creator and the creation is your wholeness, your sanity and your limitless power."

* "The Atonement is the final lesson he [man] need learn, for it teaches him that, never having sinned, he has no need of salvation.""

So this, A Course in Miracles, is allegedly "new revelation" from "Jesus" to help humanity work through these troubled times.

Uhh. What makes me wonder is, that the Bible telling of the miracles performed by the False Prophet, uses same original words when describing the miracles of the Lord and the Apostles. But the message will then be a little bit different, but obviously containing some kind of Jesus, too (2 Cor. 11:4).

Isn't there a solemn message for the today's Charismatic people to ponder carefully. For, when signs and wonders are in question, the time of Tribulation will be some serious Satanic showdown!

And in that light, this year-long brainwashing New Age session, "A Course in Miracles", speaks volumes, too.

"Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous." (1 Joh. 3:7). "There is none good but one, that is, God" (Matt. 19:17).

"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you." (Jas. 4:8). Let Him save you.