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Man has been seeking for his Creator from the beginning of known human history. He has called his Creator by many different names, at different times and in different places.

According to religion, the earliest created man and woman were aware of their Creator and prayed to Him. As time passed, their descendants did not transmit the knowledge of the Creator to their offspring properly. At some point in time, they lost this knowledge almost completely. However, the created man has an innate nature to seek for his Creator. While seeking for his Creator, anything that was very powerful, enormous, or unusual, drew his attention and he worshipped them. He even worshipped fellow human being who was gifted with special abilities by his Creator.

Man has devised many different religions through his intellect to serve his spiritual needs. Knowledge of man is very limited and imperfect. He has no knowledge of the future and the afterlife. How can he then guide humanity for the afterlife? All religions developed through human intellect have limitations and are, therefore, unsuitable for the guidance of humanity for the future and afterlife.

Only God has perfect knowledge. His guidance can only be perfect. The very kind and loving God has provided us with that guidance through special people we call Prophets.

Religions can be divided into two broad groups, philosophical religions and revealed religions. The philosophical religions were developed through human intellect. The founders of the philosophical religions were highly respectable and intelligent people of the society. They never claimed to be Prophets of God or to have received revelations from Him. They have used their intelligence for this purpose. Therefore, the philosophical religions cannot be perfect and are unsuitable for the salvation of humanity.

The revealed religions are religions revealed by God through His Prophets. For the common people to get this guidance, the Prophets must had recorded the revelations at the time of revelation and, thereafter, no one had altered them. These would then be the perfect

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guidance for humanity.

Religions, in general, are named after their founders. For example, Christianity is named after Jesus Christ (P*), Buddhism after Gautama Buddha, and Judaism was named after the tribe of Judah and the country of Judea. However, Islam was not named after any person, any tribe, or any country. It was named after the principle for which it stands.

The word ‘Islam’ means peace. It also means willful submission to the will and law of God. **Islam, as a religion, means ‘Peace through willful submission to the will and law of God’.** One who willfully submits to God is a Muslim. Therefore, a Muslim is one who willingly submits to the commandments of his Creator and lives in peace. Often times the news media of the western world reports “Islamic terrorists”. These two words are mutually contradictory. One who is peaceful cannot be terrorist, and one who is terrorist cannot be peaceful. It is like telling a person to be ‘a truthful liar.’ The same news media, when reporting on terrorism in Northern Ireland, do not say “Christian terrorists”.

Every creation in the universe submits to the law of God. From the tiny atom to the vast universe, everything constantly follows the laws laid down by God for them. The physical and chemical laws laid down by God created every cell of our body and regulate them. Therefore, by definition, all were born as Muslims. After attaining maturity, when we use our God-given intelligence to deny His existence or refuse to submit to His commandments, we become non-Muslims. Even at that time, the physical body of a non-Muslim and its functions has to follow the laws laid down by God and remains as Muslim, although his tongue defiantly proclaims to be a non-Muslim. Everything in the universe has to follow, willingly or unwillingly, the physical laws laid down by God, our Creator.

Every Prophet willingly submitted to the will and commandments of God. The Bible reports that Jesus (P*) fervently begged God to spare his life, saying: “*Abba, Father, all things are possible to thee; remove this cup from me; yet not what I will, but what thou wilt.*” (B* Mark 14:35-36).

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All things around us have been created by someone. The buildings, the roads, cars, the towers, the boats etc did not come into existence by themselves. We may not know the individuals. We know for sure that human hands are behind their creation.

If the aborigines of the deep Amazon forest, in the days when they did not come in contact with any one of the known civilized world, would see an airplane for the first time flying in the sky, they would probably be very amazed. However, if they see the same plane passing by, say once every week, they would probably think it to be a natural phenomenon, just the way we think of the celestial bodies or the Haley's comet.

If "beings of outer space" ever see our space machines, they probably will marvel at the precise function of their intricate mechanical and electronic parts. If they observe the exact orbital path that these spacecrafts follow, will they think that these came into existence by themselves, having no human hand behind their creation and function?

Many atheists demand a scientific proof for the existence of God. In general, logical arguments backed by science will convince the majority. According to the 'Theory of probability' if a coin is tossed, your chance of guessing it correctly is 50% (1 out of 2). If tossed for the second time the chance of guessing it correctly both the times is 50% of 50%, that means 25%. The chance of guessing it correctly for the third time also reduced to 12½%.

If a dice with six sides is tossed, your chance of guessing it correctly is 1 in 6. If tossed for the second time the chance of guessing it correctly both the times is one in (6X6) 36. The chance of guessing it correctly for the third time also reduced to 1 in 216, that means less than 0.5%.

At the time when the Holy Quran was revealed, people thought the world was flat. It could have been thought to be triangular, quadrangular, pentagonal, hexagonal, heptagonal, octagonal, spherical, oblong, pyramidal, etc. Let us assume that there could

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be any of the 30 different shapes. Therefore, the chance of guessing it correctly is 1 in 30.

The chance for a person to guess the coin, the dice and the earthly shape correctly once, is one in $(2 \times 6 \times 30 =)$ 360, and two times in a row will be one in $(4 \times 36 \times 900 =)$ 129,000.

One hundred balls, each one numbered, are put in a box and mixed together and you are asked to bring out ball # 1 with your eyes closed. If you bring out the balls one after another, the chance of bringing out ball # 1 is 1 in 100. However, if you are asked to bring out the balls in perfect series, from one to hundred, then what is the chance of you bringing them out of the box in perfect order even once? What about bringing them out every time? Mathematicians say that the chance is zero.

We did not know how life started or what it is composed of. Was it oxygen, hydrogen, nitrogen, carbon, gold, silver, aluminum, copper etc or any of the hundreds of thousands of combination of them? Who could have said it correctly, in the days when Quran was revealed, except by the creator of life Himself?

Each human cell performs thousands of complex chemical reactions every day for its proper function and exact reproduction. The chemical formula and the reactions of the components are so precise that even the slight alteration of the formula will result into a different product. All the tissues and organs in the body obey the biological laws set forth for them. The brain does not perform the function of heart and the heart does not perform the function of kidney, although they all started with two cells in the womb. How do these two cells differentiate, in specific stages of development, into these organs, which are very different from each other? The complex and intimate relationships between the organs are precise and governed by fundamental laws. We may utilize these laws, already set forth for them, to our advantage, but in no way can we alter these fundamental laws. There are millions of species in this planet earth. Each one performs the function they are programmed to perform. Did all these come into existence and perform their functions by chance?

There are hundreds of scientific information in Quran, which were not known to man in those days. They were outside the bounds

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of human knowledge and beyond human ability to produce them. Each of them is correct. According to the theory of probability, it was impossible for anyone to guess all of them correctly.

When we buy a TV, radio, VCR or a printer, the manufacturer provides us with a booklet giving information about the machine, how it functions and how to operate it. If a new machine, which no one in the world has ever seen or heard of before, is shown to people and then a question is asked, “Who is the first person to be able to provide detail information about this machine”? The obvious answer will be the creator, or the inventor, or the manufacturer of the machine.

Our scientists say that initially the universe was composed of condensed gas, mainly Hydrogen and Helium. Later the gas was transformed into a solid mass by heat. There was intense concentration of pure energy in the center of the mass, which later exploded and created countless celestial bodies of the universe. This is today’s accepted ‘Big Bang theory of Creation of Universe’. **Arnos Penzias** and **Robert Wilson** confirmed the ‘Big Bang Theory’ in 1964 and won the **Nobel Prize** in 1978.

In 1929, **Edwin P. Hubble**, an astronomer at Caltech, proved that the universe is expanding. He died unexpectedly in 1953 and never won the Nobel Prize.

Quran says:

“Then turned He (God) to the heaven when it was smoke:” (Q* 41:11).

“Do not the unbelievers see that the heavens and the earth were joined together (as one unit of creation), before we clove them asunder?” (Q* 21: 30).

“We have built the heaven with might, and it is We who make the vast (universe) extent (thereof).” (Q* 51:47).

In ancient times, we believed that earth was the center of the universe and all celestial bodies move around the earth, which was thought to be flat. In the 16th century **Copernicus** found out that the earth was neither flat nor was it the center of the universe, rather it was spherical and moved in an orbit around the sun. Galileo confirmed Copernicus’ view but the Church forced him to recant it

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in 1633 AD (Ref. 4 -p158). One thousand years earlier, The Holy Quran revealed: *“It is He who created the night and the day, and the sun, and the moon: all (the celestial bodies) swim along, each in its rounded course.”* (Q* 21:33).

Professor Keith L. Moore was the professor of anatomy and Embryology at the University of Toronto, Canada. He is the author of the book of embryology titled “The Developing Human” which received the ‘Best Book of the Year’ award by a single author. He was also the Associate Dean of the Faculty of Medicine. He was surprised to learn the details of the embryonic human development described in the Quran. In 1981, while giving a lecture at an international conference, he agreed that such detail description on human development within the mother’s womb, during the period of Mohammad, could only come from God. He then embraced Islam.

Professor Frank Press is the co-author of the book ‘The Earth’, which is a reference book on geology. He was the President of National Academy of Sciences of USA and the Science advisor to President of U.S.A., **Jimmy Carter**. He says in the book that mountain has deep underlying root, which is 5 to 10 times deeper than its height. **Cailleux** also confirms this in the book ‘Anatomy of the Earth’. God says in the Quran:

“Have We not made the earth as wide expanse, and the mountains as pegs?” (Q* 78:6-7). Pegs have small tops and very long shafts. It is a beautiful description for the common people to understand how the mountains stand on earth.

Modern theory of Plate Tectonics holds that mountains work as stabilizers of the earth. It is like a small piece of metal that we put in a car wheel to ‘balance’ it so that the wheel would not wobble. God says in the Quran:

“And He has set up on the earth mountains standing firm, lest it should shake with you; and rivers and roads; that ye may guide yourselves.” (Q* 16:15).

Modern science has discovered that when the Mediterranean Sea water (warmer and more saline) enters into Atlantic sea over the Gibraltar sill, it remains separate from the colder and less saline Atlantic Sea water for a long distance. God says in the Quran:

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“He has set free the two seas (bodies of flowing water), meeting together: between them is a barrier which they do not transgress.” (Q* 55:19-20).

The same thing occurs when the sweet water of the river enters into the salt water of the sea. God says in the Quran:

“It is He Who has let free the two bodies of flowing water: one palatable and sweet, and the other salty and bitter; yet has He made a barrier between them, a partition that is forbidden to be passed.” (Q* 25:53).

How was it possible for an unlettered person to reveal the scientific mysteries thousand years ahead when no man on earth had any knowledge of them, unless God revealed them to him? **Dr. Maurice Bucaille**, a Christian physician and a scholar of the Bible from France, wrote: *“The above observation makes the hypothesis advanced by those who see Muhammad as the author of Quran untenable. How could a man, from being illiterate, become the most important author, in terms of literary merits, in the whole of Arabic literature? How could he then pronounce truths of a scientific nature that no other human being could possibly have developed at that time, and all this without making the slightest error in his pronouncement on the subject?”* (Ref. 4 - P125).

God has perfect knowledge of everything. Therefore, His revealed guidance must not have contradictions or discrepancies. God says in Quran: *“Do they not consider the Quran (with care)? Had it been from other than God, they would surely have found therein much discrepancy...”* (Q* 4: 82).

Dr. Maurice Bucaille, the Christian physician and a scholar of the Bible from France, writes: *“Whereas monumental errors are to be found in the Bible, I could not find a single error in the Quran.”* (Ref. 4 - P120).

We see the apparent lifeless seeds grow into plants with life. Again, we see plants and animals, full with life, made into lifeless materials. We also observe the vast universe, its grand design, the superb organization, and its precise and flawless functions. According to the theory of probability, it was not possible for any human to tell all the scientific facts mentioned in the Quran without a single mistake in the days when Quran was revealed, unless the (P*) = Peace and blessings of God be upon him/them, B* = The Holy Bible, Q* = The Holy Quran

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Creator revealed them. The One who brought into existence each and everything around us and beyond and governs them by laws, that are perfect, is The God, our Creator and the Creator of the universe.

God says in the Quran: *“Soon We will show them our signs in the (farthest) regions (of the earth), and in their own souls, until it becomes manifest to them that this is the Truth. Is it not enough that thy Lord doth witness all things?”* (Q* 41:53).

Francis Bacon, the famous philosopher, has rightly said that a little knowledge of science makes man an atheist, but an in-depth study of science makes him a believer in God.

When we want to perceive anything in our environment, we use our organs of perception, e.g. eye, ear, nose, tongue and skin. We do not see the air but we can feel it and see its effect in the environment. Things that cannot be perceived by these organs, we try to understand them by using our intellect. We discuss their characteristics. In the case of God, we understand Him by understanding His attributes.

Attributes of God:

All the attributes of God are unique and only belong to Him. If reversed, they point only towards Him. For example, ‘God is The Creator of the universe’, and if reversed, ‘The Creator of the universe is God’, no one else. No one other than God can have these unique attributes. His attributes are absolute, perfect, complete, unconditional, unlimited, independent, ultimate, and everlasting. There cannot be two authorities with absolute attributes. The correct attributes of God cannot be combined with wrong attributes. One cannot say: (1) God is the Creator of the universe and was born in a human family. (2) God can heal all illness but when He went to Jerusalem, He could not heal the people because of their disbelief in Him. (3) God has perfect knowledge and ability but when He faces difficult problem in heaven he has to consult a human Rabbi. God’s abilities do not depend on our belief or disbelief. Rabbi Menachen writes in his comments for the Fifth Book of Jewish Holy Book Talmud: *“Jehovah himself asks the opinions of earthly rabbis when there are difficult affairs in heaven.”*

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God's attributes cannot be separated and given to different authorities, like one is the creator and another is the preserver or sustainer. In that case there will be multiple divine authorities and will create confusion in the universe. Either one of them will, have no authority over the others, or if he has power over the others then the others will have no independent authority. God is the ultimate authority of every affair. Multiple divine authorities will make incomplete, inadequate, and deficient gods. They will fight and kill each other to gain power over the others, as we find with the gods of some religion.

God is One and Only:

Every attribute of God maintains the unity of His Lordship. Most of the holy books proclaim unity of God. The Holy Quran says: "*Say, He is God, The One and Only.*" (Q* 112:1).

In the Jewish Holy Book God said: "*I am the first, and I am the last; and besides me there is no God.*" (B* Isaiah 44:6). "*You shall have no other gods besides me.*" (B* Exodus 20:3). "*I am God, and there is none like me.*" (B* Isaiah 46:9).

In the Christian Holy Gospel Jesus (P*) said: "*The first of all commandments is, 'Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord;'*" (B* Mark 12:29).

Hindu Holy Book Veda says: "*There is only one God, worship Him.*" (Rig Veda, Vol. 6, Hymn 45, verse 16).

Every Prophet mentioned in the revealed Holy Books, proclaimed unity of God. **No Prophet ever proclaimed more than one God and no Prophet ever claimed to be God.** No Prophet ever associated any one with God in Divinity. There is no association with Him. There cannot be more than one ultimate authority.

God is the Creator of the universe:

Many Holy Books confirm this. Creator is different from the created. The Creator is eternal and the created are temporal. He is independent of everything but everything is dependent on Him. "Ability to create from nothing" is the most important attribute of God. It, therefore, follows that any one, who cannot create, cannot be God. Jesus (P*) said: "*I can do nothing on my own authority.*" (B* John 5:30).

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God is eternal and absolute:

Being eternal, nothing caused Him to come to existence and nothing outside Him causes Him to exist. Therefore, He is self-sustained. He is the Sustainer of the universe. He has no beginning and no end. Everything else has a beginning and an end. They are temporal, relative and conditional.

All attributes of God are absolute and everlasting. There cannot be two creators with absolute attributes. It also follows that anything that has a beginning or an end cannot be God.

Sons of God:

God did not have any father or mother, and He does not have a wife or a son or a daughter. *“He does not beget nor is He begotten.”* (Q* 112:3). The Holy Quran also says: *“It is not befitting to (the Majesty of) God that He should beget a son. Glory be to Him. When He determines a matter, He only says to it, ‘Be’, and it is.”* (Q* 19: 35). Sons and daughters of God, as mentioned in some Holy Books, are only metaphorical. It implies closeness to God. In the Bible God said: ***“God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should repent.”*** (B* Numbers 23:19).

God is the only Savior:

Quran says that God is the Savior (Q* 19:72, 6:64, and 39:61).

In The Bible God says: ***“I am the Lord; and besides me there is no savior.”*** (B* Isaiah 43:11, and Hosea 13:4).

He is Invisible, but Omnipresent:

The Holy Quran says: *“No vision can grasp Him.”* (Q* 6:103).

The Holy Bible says: *“No man hath seen God at any time;”* (B* John 1: 18).

Jesus (P*) said: *“Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape;”* (B* John 5:37).

God said to Moses: *“Thou canst see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.”* (B* Exodus 33:20).

Therefore, the Holy Bible and the Holy Quran agree that no one who is, or was, visible to the human eye, can be God. However Holy Book can some time cause confusion to a common person. One finds in the Holy Bible that Abraham (P*) sees God face to (P*) = Peace and blessings of God be upon him/them, B* = The Holy Bible, Q* = The Holy Quran

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face and feeds Him (B* Genesis 18:1-8). Jacob (P*) also saw God and nothing happened to him. He said: *“For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.”* (B* Genesis 32:30).

God is All-powerful:

He has power over every thing. The Holy Quran says: *“For God hath power over all things.”* (Q* 2:184). No human can wrestle with Him and prevail (cf. B* Genesis 32:24-28). He does not get tired and does not need rest or sleep (Q* 2:255, cf. with B* Exodus 31:17).

God is the All-knowing:

The Holy Quran says: *“He knows what is in the heavens and on earth; and He knows what you conceal and what you reveal: yes, God knows well the (secrets) of (all) hearts.”* (Q* 64:4).

He is not ignorant of past, present and future (cf. B* Genesis 18:21, 11:5) and does not regret creating man or any other creation (cf. B* Genesis 6:6 - 7).

God is Most Just:

The Holy Quran says: *“God is never unjust in the least degree:”* (Q*. 4:40). He does not punish innocents to redeem the guilty. He does not advise or order to kill innocent children, elderly people or animals (cf. B* Deuteronomy 7:2, 13:15, 20:16 & Ezekiel 9:5-6).

God is the Most Gracious, Most Merciful:

He is Most Forgiving and Most Loving. 113 chapters of the Holy Quran (out of 114) begin with, “In the name of God, the most gracious and most merciful.”

The Holy Quran also reads: *“And He is oft-forgiving, full of loving kindness.”* (Q* 85:14). *“On those who believe and work deeds of righteousness, will (God) Most Gracious bestow Love.”* (Q* 19:96). He does not make parents to eat the flesh of their sons and daughters (cf. B* Jeremiah 19:4, 9 & Leviticus 26:29).

God is unique:

There is nothing in the heavens and earth that resembles Him. If one imagines of anything, even to compare with God, then that is not God. He shares His absolute attributes with no one in the

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universe. The only unforgivable sin is to associate any one with God's absolute attributes.

Name of The Creator:

We all are human beings but each one of us has a personal name. In Hebrew, the name of God is ELOH, ELAH or ALAH (different pronunciation of the same word). In Aramaic, the mother tongue of Jesus (P*), it is ALAHA (Encyclopedia Britannica 1980, 'On church doctrines', & New and improved edition of the Bible, edited by Rev. C. I. Scofield). In Arabic, it is ALLAH. According to the Bible, when Jesus (P*) was being crucified, he cried out: "*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabach thani? which means, 'My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?'*" (B* Mark 15: 34). **None of Moses, Jesus or Mohammad (P*) called the Creator by 'God'. Instead, they called Him by Eloh, Elah, Alah, Alaha or Allah. Should not we all call our creator by the name that our prophets called Him?**



***“Read in the name of thy Lord
who created man.”***

(Quran, 96:1)



***“Seek, and you shall find;
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.”***

(Jesus, Matthew 7:7)

