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A Thought and a Lesson

Amid the global recovery from COVID-19, everyone is eager to travel. All tourist destinations, including hotels and restaurants, implement safety procedures to bring back activities. Everyone can learn the latest protocols and guidelines for global health and travel by taking the necessary precautions.

Being safe is an essential aspect of our lives and represents an urgent need. Each of us desires a first-class plane trip, a theatre ticket, or a top degree. But we may accept “nothing” regarding the afterlife.

When travelling around the world with my husband, I remember being keen to memorize the meaning of “exit” in the language of every country we visited because he enjoyed driving the car himself on solo trips outside of work. I wanted to memorize the meaning of “exit” because I feared we would lose our way. I used to memorize it in languages I found difficult and funny, like Chinese.

During special missions with the United Nations, they always provided us with guards for safety, in addition to countless safety and security brochures and assessments of the degree of danger in the country we travelled to. They also imposed vaccinations before each trip.

On top of that, we had to register with insurance companies in case of incidents and to be able to depart the country in case of natural disasters or wars.

Everywhere has safety and security measures such as fire extinguishers, emergency phone numbers, and exit signs, especially after the Corona crisis, when sterilization, masks, and personal hygiene were enforced.

We find safety and security procedures at:

- Aero planes and transportation.
- Space Shuttles.
- International conference rooms.
- Theatres and cinemas.
- Residential buildings.
- Schools and universities.
- Mosques and places of worship.
- Restaurants and entertainment venues.
- Football fields.
- Hospitals and outpatient clinics.

We search for seat belts in cars and aero planes. Doctors always talk about the safety of a pregnant woman and her newborn. Despite all that, I still hear strange responses from some atheists as I am telling them the importance of obtaining safety after death; they say, "We do not need this safety."

In an interview with a British atheist, she told me she does not need to be safe even before death.

I asked her, "When you ride your car and head to your next destination, do you not need to arrive safely?"

She responded, "No."

I rhetorically asked, "Then why do you wear a mask while speaking to me, despite how the COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted?"

The woman felt very embarrassed.

From the supplications of the Noble Qur'an¹:

And say, "My Lord! Grant me an honorable entrance and an honorable exit and give me a supporting authority from Yourself." [Surah Al-Isra 17:80]

We ride planes, trains, or buses knowing our point of takeoff, the purpose of the trip, and the destination. Without knowing the answers to these questions, we cannot enjoy the trip.

Surprisingly, what I hear from those who deny the Creator's existence is that they do not care to know these facts. A person does not accept becoming nothing in this world but is convinced otherwise when talking about the afterlife.

¹ The Qur'an is the last sacred book sent by God, but not the only book, as Muslims believe in all the earlier revelations of God (the scriptures of Abraham, the book of David, the Torah, the Gospel, etc.). Muslims believe that the original message in all the sacred books is Pure Monotheism (believing in one God and worshipping Him alone). Unlike the Divine scriptures that preceded, the Qur'an has not been kept in the hands of any particular group or clergymen of all Muslims which would lead to the misinterpretation or alteration of it. On the contrary, the Qur'an has always been within the reach of Muslims who recite it in their daily prayers, and they refer to it for all their concerns. Muslims read and recite the same Qur'anic text that was read and recited during the lifetime of the Prophet Muhammad and his companions. Not a single letter has been added or removed from the Qur'an. The language of the Qur'an, the prophecies which came true, the accuracy in historical accounts, the mathematical inimitability and scientific accuracy, all prove that the Qur'an could not have been produced by a man who lived in Arabia in the 7th century and who could not read or write. God the Almighty challenged the Arabs and the non-Arabs to bring forth a book similar to the one He revealed, even though the Arabs at that time were masters of eloquence and rhetoric, they were unable to meet the challenge, and they realized that the Qur'an could not be from any other than God, the Lord of the universe.

The word "security" and its derivatives are mentioned in the Holy Qur'an on many occasions. Security means safety, psychological reassurance, and not having to worry about one's life or interests. This includes both individual and societal security.

The Creator says: **Indeed, those who abuse Our revelations are not hidden from Us². Who is better: the one who will be cast into the Fire or the one who will be secure on Judgment Day? Do whatever you want. He is certainly All-Seeing of what you do. [Surah Fussilat 41:40]**

The means of obtaining safety in this worldly life and after death are represented in these verses:

Say: "Come, I will recite what your Lord has forbidden to you; that you do not associate anything with Him. And show kindness to your parents. Do not kill your children for (fear of poverty)". We provide sustenance for you and for them. Do not approach wickedness that is apparent or concealed. Do not kill which Allah has forbidden except for a just cause. This He has enjoined you with that you may be mindful. [Al-An'am 6:151]

Security will not be achieved unless justice is established on Earth.

² The reference of God to Himself as WE or US in many verses of the Qur'an denotes Grandeur and Power in Arabic. In the English language this is known as the royal WE, where a plural pronoun is used to refer to a single person holding a high office, such as a monarch. For the avoidance of doubt, the Qur'an has consistently reminded us of the SINGULAR pronoun in reference to God, when called upon by His servants.

Islam came to establish justice on earth

It is the religion that all the prophets of God brought to all nations; it is the correct faith that most followers deviated from by sanctifying their prophets, and the righteous among them led to the emergence of many religions.

But what type of justice? Justice that puts things right and upholds everyone's rights.

It is the recognition that:

- The universe has a Great Creator, and He created it for great wisdom.
- Human beings have a Great Creator who created them for great wisdom.
- The Creator is separate from human beings.
- The Creator does not come to earth in any animal or human form.
- Humans are separated from each other.
- Each person has an independent soul.
- The universe is separated from the Creator and humans.
- For this universe and life, there is an end where the Creator will hold human beings accountable for their deeds.

On these axioms, some people declared war.

The Creator may deprive people of safety because of their sins, unbelief, worship of others, or their denial of His blessings and lack of gratitude for them, as happened during COVID-19.

And Allah³ sets forth the example of a society which was safe and at ease, receiving its provision in abundance from all directions. But its people met Allah's favors with ingratitude, so Allah made them taste the clutches of hunger and fear for their misdeeds. [Surah An-Nahl 16:112]

Security is the opposite of fear

And [mention] when We made the House a place of return for the people and [a place of] security. And take, [O believers], from the standing place of Abraham a place of prayer. And We charged Abraham and Ishmael, [saying], "Purify My House for those who perform Tawaf and those who are staying [there] for worship and those who bow and prostrate [in prayer]." [Surah Al-Baqarah 2:125]

This means "security from the enemy and security for those who enter the sacred house."

The Almighty said: **Then when they entered the presence of Joseph, he provided a home for his parents with himself and said: "Enter ye Egypt (all) in safety if it please Allah."** [Surah Yusuf 12: 99]

This means that you are safe from what you were suffering from (effort and drought).

³ The Christians, Jews, and Muslims in the Middle East use the word "Allah" to refer to God, which refers to The Only True God. The word Allah was mentioned in the earlier version of the Old Testament 89 times. (Refer to Genesis 2:4, Book of Daniel 6:20 Hebrew and Arabic Bible). The word 'Allah' appears in the original Sanskrit text. (Reg Veda - Book 2 hymn 1, Verse 11).

Also, He said, **And they used to carve from the mountains, houses, feeling secure.**

[Surah Al-Hijr 15: 82]

Security here means "you are free of needs". That is, they carved houses out of the mountains without fear or need, but in arrogance.

Man does not obtain absolute security in this worldly life.

No matter how blessed a person is, with the safety of soul and body and an abundance of sustenance, they do not feel complete and absolute security that negates every fear, regardless of its cause.

Absolute security is only found in the abode of bliss that God has promised to His righteous servants.

God said: **‘It will be said to them, ‘Enter in peace and security.’** **[Surah Al-Hijr 15: 46]**

In Heaven, there is no fear, panic, interruption, or annihilation. However, absolute security cannot be achieved in this world because it is filled with fear, insecurity, and the fear of life diminishing. No one feels secure from the plan of Allah except those who lose.

God Almighty says: **Then, did they feel secure from the plan of Allah? But no one feels secure from the plan of Allah except the losing people.** **[Surah Al-A’raf 7: 99]**

The situation of the true believers, on the other hand, lies in hoping for God Almighty's mercy and fearing him, Glory be to Him, which is necessary for the believer to be safe from oppressing himself and others, as well as from being oppressed by others.

Fearing the Creator is the key to security in this world and prosperity in the next.

God created fear as a form of torment for liars and unbelievers. Almighty says: **Nothing keeps Us from sending the 'demanded' signs except that they had 'already' been denied by earlier peoples. And We gave Thamud the she-camel as a clear sign, but they wrongfully rejected it. We only send the signs as a warning. [Surah Al-Isra 17: 59]**

He created a test out of being afflicted with fear, in which a person might be exposed.

We will certainly test you with a touch of fear and famine and loss of property, life, and crops. Give good news to those who patiently endure. [Surah Al-Baqarah 2: 155]

Finally, God sends a message to everyone who fought His Messenger and the message of monotheism, even if they were blessed in this life.

God Almighty says: **let them worship the Lord of this 'Sacred' House, Who has fed them against hunger and made them secure against fear. [Surah Quraysh 106: 3-4]**

Ibn Qayyim says, "Be careful of yourself, as you will only suffer afflictions from it. Therefore, do not make peace with yourself. I swear by God, no one shall respect it until he humiliates it, none shall reconcile it until he breaks it, and none shall reconcile it until he exhausts it, and none shall comfort it until he frightens it, and none shall rejoice until he grieves it."⁴

With this accurate description of the way of dealing with the soul by Ibn Al-Qayyim, we can obtain safety in this world and the hereafter.

This book initially aims to prove the existence of a Creator of the universe and to clarify the concept of God from the Islamic perspective. The book also aims to clarify that the freedom that the Creator has granted to humans is trust and responsibility, awareness of the truth, commitment to it, and sincerity in seeking it.

Our freedom of belief and choice allows us to coexist peacefully, and this is required, but it cannot make us accept wrong as right.

Humans no longer have a center, and today we live in a state of dispersion, searching for something central. Human reality changes everything. What is the principle that a person should take for himself to achieve eternal happiness?

After extensive research, I finally found that the highest value humans should choose is the Creator's right, which should be at the top of everyone's priority list. Value is the engine and motivator for humans; without it, they cannot live.

⁴ Muslim Scholar.

Each of us sees the world from their perspective, so that everyone can change their lives for the better.

Values are personal preferences, and they are generally good qualities. However, people differ in how they choose the most important value in their priority order.

Based on a person's choice, their standing before their Creator is determined. Striving for immortality after death should be the goal of every human being. Not violating the Creator's right is a fundamental principle that humans must adhere to. What is your decision? To be someone important living for a higher value, or to be "nothing"?

A feeling of servitude to the Creator makes a person feel equal and just among people, because they are all equally before the only God. Therefore, in such a society, people do not find purpose in life other than the Creator, and nothing fills the horizons of their souls other than serving Him. That is when people will destroy the idols of money, lust, prestige, power, and pride; to be free as they were created, as their great Creator intended for them.

There is a moral law within every human being, which is conscience, as German philosopher Immanuel Kant calls it. It is the pinnacle of justice, though a human being does not abide by this law because they have instincts and freedom. There must be a strict law enforcing adherence to moral laws.

However, this is not enough. Human law only punishes wrongdoers and rarely rewards those who do good. But divine law punishes the wrongdoer and rewards the good.

That is the difference. Logic is the structure of truth, and humans are created with rationality. No matter how much a person's rationality is hampered and distorted by other factors, he remains ultimately influenced by it and returns whenever the impact of these factors decreases. Therefore, fighting the truth is pointless, as it will only reveal it more.

I ask Allah Almighty to accept this book from me and make it a source of guidance and goodness for all.

The Origins of the Universe: Between the Sources of Knowledge, the Quantum Vacuum & the Philosophy of Science

When writing a story, cause and effect explain why things happen throughout the plot; otherwise, the story would be inactive, and nothing would happen. How boring would the story be? So, cause and effect are extremely important to keep the story moving. They allow both characters and readers to move from one plot to another.

Now, what about the story of our lives and our destiny after death?

The Philosophy of science is a branch of philosophy concerned with the foundations, methods, and implications of science. The central questions of this study concern what qualifies as science, the reliability of scientific theories, and the ultimate purpose of science.

One day, a Mexican atheist lady told me, "I believe in science. Science cannot prove the existence of a creator of the universe. Therefore, the Creator does not exist."

I told her, "You must understand that according to science, for a conclusion to be scientific, it cannot refer to divine power or wisdom. This does not mean that the Creator does not exist; it merely reflects the limitations of scientific conclusions. They are restricted that way."⁵

⁵ *HAS SCIENCE DISPROVED GOD? DECONSTRUCTING FALSE ASSUMPTIONS*. By: Hamza Andreas Tzortzis.

One of science's limitations is that scientists are constrained by the observations they can make, both direct and indirect. This is exactly what philosopher of Science, Elliott Sober, says.

Elliot Sober makes this point in his essay, Empiricism: "At any moment, scientists are limited by the observations they have at hand. The limitation is that science is forced to restrict its attention to problems that observations can solve."⁶

The Latin atheist said, "We came from nothing."

I asked her, "Can something come from nothing?"

She replied, "For me, the Creator does not exist, so he does not exist. Everyone can believe whatever they want."

I told her, "The existence of a thing does not depend on whether others believe in it or not. I mentioned an example of the famous elephant, saying: If an elephant is dancing on one of the planets billions of light-years away from us, then not knowing about its existence does not change the fact it exists."

The problem with contemporary atheistic thought is not only that they consider existence to depend on the perspective of what exists, but also that it limits the tools for observing existence.

We are expected to perceive the existence of the dancing elephant through our senses, scientific instruments, or anything within our scope.

⁶ Sober, E. (2010). Empiricism. In: Psillos, S and Curd, M, ed, *The Routledge Companion to Philosophy of Science*, pp. 137-138

When thinking about it, it's like the doctrine of ants, where anything beyond their senses is considered non-existent. Hence, you can believe whatever you want, but your thoughts do not negate reality.

Science often deals with contingent phenomena that can be observed. However, the Creator cannot be observed in any conventional way because he is not a contingent being. The Creator does not possess limited physical qualities, but rather, he is a necessary being. Science deals with contingent realities, not necessary ones.

Continuing the conversation with the Latina woman, I told her, "Yes, you can believe in what you want, but belief does not negate reality."

She insisted: "No, it absolutely negates reality."

So, I told her, "If I say your parents do not exist, does my belief negate their existence?"

The woman was shocked by my response and fell silent.

I told her: "You are deceiving yourself by denying the Creator's existence because you want to escape responsibility. You do not want to be judged or punished for your sins."

One of the most surprising things I face during my discussions with those who deny a Creator's existence is how often their questions are repeated.

As soon as I hear about a doubt concerning the Creator's existence, I find myself discussing that same doubt the next day in a conversation with an atheist.

This confirms the words of God Almighty:

Similarly, no messenger came to those before them without being told: “A magician or a madman!” [Surah Al-Dhariyat 51:52]

The noble verse acknowledges that the reactions of those who deny God’s existence or his messages are similar, as if they echo each other's thoughts.

An American atheist once said to me, "My mother created me."

I responded, "Your mother gave birth to you; she did not create you. She cannot even protect you from death."

He asked, "What is the evidence for the Creator's existence?"

I answered, "One source of knowledge is reliable testimony. We know our names because we received them from our birth certificates, which we got from our parents. We know our parents without needing DNA tests. From childhood, we learn about the world map, and we believe in the existence of countries and memorise their names and capitals without seeing them with our own eyes."

He said, "I have to see the Creator myself to believe in Him."

I asked, "If a voice and image appeared to you from the sky saying, 'I am the Creator,' would that be enough for you?"

"Yes," he replied.

I countered: "How would you know this image and sound are from the Creator and not from the devil? How can you prove that He is indeed the Creator?"

I added, "Describe something intangible, like an 'idea'." Give me its weight in grams, length in centimeters, chemical composition, color, pressure, shape, and an image. Who implanted rationality, feelings, thoughts, and convictions in humans? The one who holds these concepts and instils them in humanity is also invisible. We believe in all these concepts without seeing them, and they are how we will continue to live after death, when the earthly body is gone. The bearer of these concepts is closer to us than we are to ourselves, our rationality, and our convictions. Therefore, the existence of intermediaries such as priests and ministers is meaningless because the Creator is closer to man than his jugular vein, standing between a person and his heart."

The Creator says, **"O believers! Respond to Allah and His Messenger when he calls you to that which gives you life. And know that Allah stands between a person and their heart, and to Him, you will all be gathered."** [Surah Al-Anfal 8:24]

The Creator also says, **"Indeed, it is We who created humankind and fully know what their souls whisper to them, and We are closer to them than their jugular vein."** [Surah Qaf 45:16]

I further told him, "We buy gold and silver, and we have a certificate that proves they're genuine, without verifying it ourselves."

"These are easy to experience sensually," he said. "I do not believe in anything unless I try it myself."

I responded, "Prove to me through practical experience that your mind exists."

I continued, "Did you do experiments yourself to confirm the existence of electrons? I believed in the existence of electrons without experimentation because science is cumulative. We have not heard of a physicist who confirmed the results of experiments conducted by scientists before him. Rather, he continues his work based on information provided by previous scientists. The information you have is not an independent source; it is necessarily dependent on science. When information comes from a specialist (such as medical information from a doctor, scholarly knowledge, or revelation from the Prophet) and it's validated, then it forms knowledge that should be taken into consideration."

"The criterion for validating true news and revelation, as I summarized in my lectures, is that the news (revelation) does not attribute human or animal characteristics to the source of the universe's existence that are unworthy of His majesty. Logically, the attributes of the Creator are different from the attributes of His creatures. Although the Creator is the source of our human qualities, He is different from us.

A human being created the car and provided it with the characteristic of movement, which is one of his characteristics as a human being, but the car differs from its maker. The All-Hearing Creator gave humans the ability to hear, but there is nothing like Him."

"True news (revelation) must elevate the status of the Messenger of the Creator and honor him, through staying away from attributing crimes and limitations to him. Honest news must be harmonized with human nature and modern science and protected in its original language without translation or multiple copies.

The translations of the Holy Qur'an spread around the world are nothing but translations of the meanings of the Qur'an."

The American man said, "The illusion of achieving benefit from something makes a person believe that there is a source for this benefit. Once science reveals to us the scientific reason behind rain falling, it denies the existence of a Creator."

I replied, "If you were walking on the road and found a public transport car, and you wanted its help, would you say the existence of this car and your discovery of its working mechanism as evidence that there was no maker for it in the first place? Or does the public transport car have a real existence and a maker? Interest does not deny something's existence but rather supports it."

I added, "When the death sentence is done by conducting an electric shock on a murderer, what exactly causes the criminal's death? Do you see a contradiction between the purpose of the crime, which is the main reason for the death sentence, and how he died, which is the electric shock?"

The Creator established the laws of the universe. Finding the book does not negate its author's existence. Believing in God does lead us to deny causality. God Almighty says in the Qur'an about the rain:

“He is the One Who sends the winds ushering in His mercy. When they bear heavy clouds, We drive them to a lifeless land and then cause rain to fall, producing every type of fruit. Similarly, We will bring the dead to life, so perhaps you will be mindful.” [Surah Al-A’raf 7:57]

It is God Who sends the winds, which then stir up 'vapor, forming' clouds, which He then spreads out in the sky or piles up into masses as He wills, from which you see rain come forth. Then as soon as He causes it to fall on whoever He wills of His servants, they rejoice. [Surah Al-Rum 30:48]

The Creator gives causal explanations for the rain. Still, belief in God encourages us to know the reason without denying the causal one, and there is no contradiction between them. The ultimate reason is that the Creator directs the universe, and nothing moves or exists in this universe without His permission; everything happens by His command and wisdom. There is harmony between direct causes and divine will. Apparent causes are the doctor healing you, food satisfying you, water quenching, and poison killing you, but God is behind these causes. He is the one who feeds against hunger and secures from fear.

Astonished, I asked him, "How can a blind person verify the sun's existence? Through sight or insight? In atheism alone, is belief in God deemed a myth, while the belief that nothingness created everything is accepted as truth!

I added, "Speech itself is proof of the Creator's existence. Speech includes words and linguistic expressions that humans use to communicate. In atheism, all existence is attributed to matter. Is matter, as you say, the first cause, capable of speech or silence? If matter could speak, it would announce itself the source of all existence; but it did not. So how can we attribute to it actions that it has not claimed?

If matter is incapable of speech, how are there creatures capable of speech like humans? How can something provide a trait it does not have? This is impossible, as one cannot give what they lack.

If the matter or the first cause lacks the capability for speech, how is it that creatures capable of speech, like humans, exist? How can something bestow a trait it does not possess? This is impossible, as one cannot give what they do not have.

Then I remembered an interesting idea I had once read that caught my attention. "Existence and non-existence often go together; if one exists, the other does not. What is the origin, existence, or non-existence?"

He proposed, "Let's assume nothingness is the origin."

I responded, "If non-existence were the origin, how could it turn into existence? This contradiction cancels the assumption."

He suggested, "Maybe something can emerge from nothing, according to the quantum vacuum theory."

I explained, "It is important to differentiate between 'emptiness' and 'absolute nothingness.' Emptiness needs space, time, and energy to exist. I am talking about absolute non-existence, where neither space, time, nor energy exists. So, if nothingness were the origin, nothing would exist, considering how existence is evident, and non-existence as the origin is logically impossible. The reasoning disapproves of nothingness or the origin, instead confirming existence as the origin.

I added, "The existence of an origin doesn't need an explanation; if it did, it would not be the origin."

I continued, "If existence itself is the origin, can this origin have a beginning?"

He reasoned, "It is illogical for something that is considered the origin of existence to have a beginning because if it did, it would need a preceding cause."

I commended him, "Great analysis. Therefore, the origin has no beginning or end; otherwise, it would not exist in the first place, as that would be a logical contradiction. So, the origin is eternal."

I further explained, "Everything we sensorially feel in the universe did not always exist; it underwent transformations, changes, growth, and decay." Everything did not exist and then came into being. Since these changes occur, there must be a cause. The universe, being subject to change, implies the need for a creator.

The universe's subjectivity towards change emphasizes the need for a creator. Since the origin of all tangible things is non-existence and they move from non-existence to existence, it is then a logical reason for an effective cause.

Thus, existence must be the origin. And since this origin of existence cannot have a beginning and given that the universe which we feel through our senses came from nothingness, its existence requires a cause. Logically, there must be a strong Creator whose existence is the foundation of all beings, and he does exist. He is the Creator; glory be to Him."

From what I have read and would like to mention, "At the beginning of the twentieth century, our world was on the verge of a comprehensive revolution in the field of astronomy, challenging knowledge passed down through generations.

It was a consistent belief from the era of the Greek philosophers until the present that the universe was fixed, that celestial bodies were as they are now, and would remain so. Some even sanctified these eternal planets, claiming they govern the universe and people's destinies. This perception represented a lifeline for atheistic thought, which claimed that this universe is eternally based on this perception."

Despite this claim being illogical because the time in which we live cannot be eternal and must have been created, adherence to the results of astronomy was the banner under which most atheists gathered. But at the beginning of the twentieth century, Russian physicist and mathematician Alexander Friedman conducted research that, through addressing the theory of general relativity, proved the universe could not be fixed or stable but was necessarily in motion, either through expanding or contracting. Then astronomer Georges Lemaître, drawing on Vesto Slipher's 1912 discovery of the "redshift" phenomenon, proved that the universe is expanding.

Edwin Hubble's research was the most prominent in confirming the belief in an expanding universe. In the 1920s, his observational work with the Mount Wilson telescope and his mathematical calculations revealed that the universe is expanding at a constant rate. The next significant moment came from Einstein himself, after he admitted his mistake in including the cosmological constant in his theories to keep the universe stable. He even declared this to be the biggest scientific mistake of his life. The final confirmation that the universe had a beginning and was expanding came with the discovery of cosmic background radiation in the mid-twentieth century.

The theory of a static universe suffered setback after setback until the evidence from the Hubble Space Telescope and optical experimental observations aligned with the theory of an expanding universe. English atheist astronomer Arthur Eddington said, "I have no axe to grind in this discussion (but) the concept of a beginning is repugnant to me. I do not believe that the present order of things began with an explosion, and the expansion of the universe is unreasonable and unbelievable. Leave me cold."

Atheist philosopher William Rowe states, "It must be acknowledged that the emergence of the Big Bang theory concerning the origin of the universe, if true, lends new support to the argument for the existence of a Creator."

In a conversation I had with a British family—consisting of a father, a mother, and a teenage daughter—about the inevitability of a creator of the universe, what caught my attention was the daughter's strong belief in a creator. Yet, her mother was hesitant with many doubts. The father, on the other hand, strongly insisted that there was no creator. Among the points discussed was the concept of the universe created from nothing, a notion the father fiercely defended.

I asked him, "Does something come from nothing?"

He surprised me by saying, "Yes, quantum mechanics suggests this."

I thanked God I had read about this topic previously in an insightful article, which allowed me to respond effectively.⁷

⁷ An article by Dr. Rabie Ahmed. *The fallacies of the lie that the universe arose from nothing without the need for a Creator.*

I replied, "How can you be so certain about this point when you fully acknowledge that these are theories that have not yet been proven? Moreover, you are confusing emptiness with nothingness. According to quantum mechanics, the quantum vacuum exists and is filled with virtual particles of matter and antimatter, which give rise to fluctuations.

From these ripples, pairs of particles and antiparticles can be created. This quantum vacuum cannot be separated from the universe.

The emergence from, or the concept of, nothingness has no bearing on the arguments about existence or non-existence. Nothingness means the complete absence of anything; there is no matter, no energy, no time, and no space. We understand that a 'thing' is something that is imagined or reported, existing in contrast to the non-existent. Nothing can produce anything; nothing can come from nothing, and one who lacks something cannot give it. How does nothingness grant existence?

How does nothing give something? The verb must have a subject. Any event must have a cause. Any effect must have an agent."

He said, "Most people consider space to be nothing."

I told him, "If we assume that a place is stripped of radiation, molecules, particles, and matter, then the space that previously contained these elements still exists. It is something that exists and is not 'nothing', even if it is not material. A vacuum does not mean 'nowhere'; rather, it means a place stripped of radiation, molecules, particles, and matter."

I also told him: "Time, space, and the quantum vacuum existed after the creation of the universe. Accordingly, the claim that the universe arose from quantum oscillations within the quantum vacuum is false. According to Heisenberg's uncertainty principle, a vacuum cannot be devoid of energy. There will always be a minimum level of energy that cannot be reduced further, and energy cannot reach zero. This residual energy is considered 'something'. Given that matter and energy can be considered two forms of the same essence, capable of transforming from one to the other..."

He said, "The origin of the universe is energy."

I asked him, "Who created this energy? Who transformed this energy into matter? Who created time and space?"

He replied: "The laws of nature."

I asked again, "Who enacted the laws of nature? The origin of the universe requires matter to arise from, a creator of the matter from which the universe arises, and a creator of the universe itself."

He said, "The atom and the subatomic particles themselves."

I told him, "It is as if you are saying that the atom and subatomic particles established laws for themselves before they existed, which is impossible."

He said, "The laws established themselves."

I told him, "This depicts the laws as an acting agent, which is not proper reasoning, because laws are merely descriptions of the behavior of phenomena in the universe, repeated under the same conditions."

It is self-evident that the existence of a law indicates the existence of a lawmaker. The author of the law (the subject) must precede the law (the object). If quantum mechanics has a set of laws, then these laws must have a creator. Who imposed and enacted these laws?"

"If we assume, for the sake of argument, that matter and energy are eternal, we still need a will to create the universe. For example, if water, tea, sugar, and a cup are available in a certain kitchen, a cup of tea will not be made unless there is a person who wants to make tea."

"Believing that the laws of quantum mechanics can cause some things is like believing that the laws of mathematics can create money, or that the laws cars operate by can create the car itself. Whoever enacts these laws is something beyond the atom and subatomic particles.

We say He is the Creator. The laws of quantum mechanics cannot bring anything into existence on their own; rather, their purpose is to explain phenomena occurring at the level of the atom and subatomic particles, after being created by causes."

The issue is not only with the origin of the universe; After the universe's creation, it needs preservation and care; who will do that? Who ensures the universe continues to exist? Who made it suitable for human life and other creatures? Who provided and controlled the growth and reproduction of living things?

Who placed instinct in females and males and vice versa? Who created the male for the female and the female for the male?

Who gave every living being what would benefit them, as if the universe were prepared for them before their existence on Earth? Who taught a living being how to benefit from essential resources for survival? Scientists would have nothing to study and evaluate their experiments on without the Creator and His laws.

The question, "Who created the Creator?" is like asking about the origin of the baker's bread. It is neither straightforward nor correct.

The Creator's Transcendence & The Absolute Truth (The Blind & The Elephant Lesson)

Considering my interest in the concept of absolute truth, a perspective aligned with reality, a colleague of mine surprised me with information I did not know. He told me, "For every Hindu, Buddhist, and follower of other pagan religions, the universe's Creator represents the concept of absolute truth." This statement caught my attention because it is supported by the current reality observed among followers of these religions or philosophies, who immediately raise their hands upward, seeking assistance from a higher power in heaven.

The existence of a supreme entity possessing qualities beyond those of humans and considered the source of human existence, which will also hold humans accountable for their actions, is an undeniable truth, regardless of human rejection.

Nothing is like the Creator. The Creator introduces Himself by saying:

“(He is) the Creator of the heavens and the earth: He has made for you pairs from among yourselves, and pairs among cattle: by this means does He multiply you: there is nothing whatever like unto Him, and He is the One that hears and sees (all things).” [Surah As-Shura 42:11]

Scholar Ibn al-Qayyim says, "The Quranic verse 'There is nothing like Him' refers to the variety of the Creator's attributes."

The Creator also says: **No vision can encompass Him, but He encompasses all vision. For He is the Most Subtle, All-Aware. [Surah Al-An ‘am 6: 103]**

The Quranic verse "No vision can encompass Him" is among the strongest evidence that the Creator sees, even though He cannot be seen.

He also says: **"He is the One Who created the heavens and the earth in six Days, then established Himself on the Throne. He knows whatever goes into the earth and whatever comes out of it, and whatever descends from the sky and whatever ascends into it. And He is with you wherever you are. For Allah is All-Seeing of what you do."** [Surah Al-Hadid 57:4]

The Quranic verse "And He is with you wherever you are" clearly distinguishes between the Creator and His creation. He did not create them within Himself, but rather, He created them externally, then distinguished Himself by residing on His Throne.

He knows their conditions, sees them, and surrounds them with His knowledge, capability, will, hearing, and sight. This depicts the concept of God's omnipresence.

When observing this comparison in terms of wording and meaning, especially considering the verse: "The eyes do not perceive Him, and He perceives the eyes," we recognize Glory be to Him, exalting greatness and encompassing awareness beyond comprehension.

Therefore, nothing is hidden from Him. He is great in His kindness, majestic in His gentleness, He is elevated despite His closeness, and close to us despite His high status. Nothing resembles Him, yet He is all-hearing and all-seeing.

Supreme Value

Today, voices are calling for the validation of all religions and for the acceptance of human depictions of the universe's Creator. There is a competition to deny the Creator's power over His creation and to affirm His embodiment within it (incarnation). Those who imagine the Creator as a tree or an insect claim that their perspectives are valid. However, such perspectives do not fully represent the Creator's transcendence.

Scholar Sheikh Al-Islam states, "Logic and reason indicate that God Almighty is above the world."⁸

From our early childhood, we are introduced to the concept of supreme leadership in various aspects of life:

- The father leads the house.
- The principal leads the school.
- The captain leads the ship or the plane.
- The manager leads his team at the office.
- In shopping malls, we search for the officials.
- On public roads, there is an organized leadership that provides guidance.
- There is no stage show or movie without a hero at the center of the story.
- There is no story or poetry without a central theme or character around which it revolves.

⁸ Muslim Scholar.

- We often hear about the "idol of the masses" in international singing, cooking, and dancing competitions broadcast on television.

From this view, which supports the human need for a higher source of authority, Pharaoh claimed to be a god, saying, "I am your supreme Lord," despite his injustices.

On top of that, we still hear voices denying and trying to distort the existence of a supreme power controlling the universe, to whom all turn in times of need.

Indeed, if we do not worship the true God (the Creator), we will end up worshipping other entities or idols. Worshipping the Creator, the true God, frees us from servitude and desires towards others.

A Hindu myth – "The Blind and the Elephant" story, which I discussed with a colleague, as well as the corresponding Buddhist myth (the blind and the statue) - these two always implied the validity of all religions and philosophies regarding the truth of existence and perception.

A human's explicit aim is to avoid, with all their might, surrendering to the Creator and acknowledging the true attributes that He explained to them through revelation. We are machining this part in a single setup.

But does this myth support the authenticity of all religions, or does it highlight their shortcomings?

Let us consider the following:

It is said that six blind men were informed that a large elephant would be brought to their town for the annual celebration.

So, the six went to the town's governor and asked for permission to touch the elephant for the first time in their lives.

They always heard about how big an elephant is but never imagined what it looked like. The governor accepted their request on one condition: each had to describe the elephant in one sentence.

While the townspeople celebrated, the six men surrounded the elephant and started touching it.

After exploring the elephant, each one described it while the governor and a large crowd watched. Their descriptions were as follows:

- The first said, "The elephant is just like a rope!"
- The second said, "It is just like a wall!"
- The third said, "It is a big dagger!"
- The fourth said, "It is just a non-poisonous fat snake!"
- The fifth said, "It is a hand fan made of leather!"
- The sixth said, "It is a tree trunk!"

The variety of their answers made it clear that:

- The first person perceived the elephant as a rope because he only touched the tail.
- The second person thought the elephant was like a wall because he only touched the body.
- The third believed that the elephant looked like a dagger after touching its tusk.
- The fourth described the elephant as a snake after touching the trunk.
- The fifth felt the elephant was like a fan due to touching one of its ears.

- The last one compared the elephant to a tree trunk after touching its leg.

Dr Haitham Talaat highlighted that the six blind men used⁹:

- Mind
- Practical experience
- Sense
- Philosophy
- Reason

However, the experience was limited, as it highlighted shortcomings inherent in all these concepts.

We, the narrators of this story, recognize that the blind individuals are wrong because we observe the scene from an external perspective with a comprehensive view.

The difference between a correct comprehensive understanding and a blind judgement is the same as the distinction between reason, sense, philosophy, practical experience, and divine revelation.

The four points above provide useful insights, but our limitations constrain them. In contrast, divine revelation assesses the scene from the outside, providing universal and comprehensive rulings.

The revelation tells us about:

- The characteristics of the true source of existence.

⁹ Dr. Haitham Talaat. *Hinduism in the Balance of its Original Teachings, Reason, and Common Sense*.

- The purpose of our existence.
- The meaning behind our existence.
- What lies beyond our existence.

Meanwhile, reason, sense, practical experience, and philosophy fail to give definitive answers about the purpose or source of existence and value.

If they attempted to answer, their response would be like those of the blind men, far from reality.

Reason, practical experience, sense, and philosophy can address worldly needs and questions, such as:

- The best food.
- The best drink.
- The best way to travel.
- Solutions to mathematical equations.
- Theories regarding quantum phenomena.

However, these answers are limited to the narrow, material world surrounding us.

Even if reason, sense, experience, and philosophy provide answers about the purpose of existence, they would not be able to correctly define morality, pleasure, aesthetics, or the concepts of right and wrong.

No mathematical equation can symbolize the essence of betrayal or honesty. Moral principles are rooted in instinct and consistent with religious directives, not mere brain activity.

Stubbornness and Arrogance:

Scholar Ibn Taymiyyah¹⁰ says that human ignorance and the refusal to acknowledge God's name and sovereignty stem from several factors:

- Fancy, i.e., following desires
- Doubt
- Conjecture
- Habits
- Corrupt purpose and corrupt intent
- Blind followers
- Inherited belief

Among people, some reject the supremacy of the Creator, claiming, "There is nothing above the world at all, and there is nothing on the throne."

Some of them say, "The Creator is neither inside the world nor outside it." But whenever they want to worship the Creator, they say: "He is everywhere," declaring that He incarnates in every being – from beasts to humans – and speak of His union with everything.

The scholar Ibn Taymiyyah explains the reason for this contradiction, saying that "supplication and worship, intent, will, and orientation require an existence, unlike looking, searching, and speaking."

¹⁰ Muslim scholar.

He also says, "Science, speech, research, and measurement are related to existence. If the heart is not engaged in worship, direction, and supplication, it is easy to ignore the attributes of the Creator and to have different perceptions about these attributes, or to deny the Creator's existence at all. Unlike if the human is in a state of supplication and worship, he seeks an existing being who possesses higher qualities than his own.

In any case, all these considerations remain as the blind men's perceptions in the previous example. The Creator, the Exalted, is the Highest, who is above His creatures.

The scholar Sheikh of Islam mentioned the evidence of the Creator's exaltation:

- This is something that is established in the instinct of the children of Adam, and it is known to them by necessity.
- People resorting to their Lord when needs are only fulfilled by Him, and that is by supplicating through worship, towards elevation. Just as they are compelled to supplicate and question Him, they are prompted to direct their hearts to Him, and not to any other direction.
- Sane people with sound instinct agree with the inevitability of the Creator's transcendence, and each of them informs us about His nature without any agreement with each other. But they usually agree to lie deliberately.
- If the world is proved to be a sphere, then the Creator must be different from His creation, and absolute transcendence is above the sphere, so the Creator must be above the creation.

Between the Power & the Divine Self

Physicist Albert Einstein said, "We are like a small child inside a huge library full of multilingual books. While the child knows that someone must have written these books in a language and with content they do not understand, they still suspect a mysterious system in the way the books are arranged, but do not know the paradox. To me, that seems to be the attitude of the most intelligent human towards God!"

One day, a Latina woman asked me, "Why do humans need a Creator?"

I answered her: Our need for a Creator is like a car's need for a road.

The Creator is the foundation of everything, especially communication between people, to ensure that the truth is known. If the Creator is forgotten, the foundation of the entire universe ends.¹¹

The Latina woman questioned, "How did the Creator get the idea to create us?"

I responded, "Can you ask, 'how and when does the water get wet?' Of course not. Wetness is the nature of water. The Creator has the highest ideal. He is the Creator, Provider, and Merciful with many other eternal attributes. He is by nature a Creator. He creates constantly, like a generous person who gives and helps others. He shows His attributes through His works.

She remarked, "How can we explain the universe's emergence from nothing?"

¹¹ From the sayings of Dr. Abdel Wahab El-Messiri.

Some philosophers argued that the universe is either part of the divine essence or the light emanating from this essence. How does the Creator help us without being physically with us everywhere? Within every human being is a part of the Creator, which is the spirit that all human beings share."

I told her, "The Creator created the universe from nothing with His power and ability, and the universe is not part of the divine essence."

A human being, for example, has a soul and possesses a power that emanates from and is independent of the soul. If I wanted to transfer a force from me to another person, I could press a spring (iron spring), tie it, and move it to another place; or I could give this spring to someone else, who would then loosen the tie. This spring utilizes the energy or force stored within it.

In this case, I did not cut off any of my parts to give power to someone else. Likewise, sculptors and artisans who create tools, devices, and machines use their strength and minds in their inventions without having to cut parts from their bodies.

The Creator has the highest ideal. With His power and ability, he can create from nothing or give power to any of his creatures without cutting a part of Himself. The Creator is independent from creatures; He gives them strength and will, and He also implants divine qualities in their souls, such as wisdom, generosity, forbearance, reason, etc., which is the spirit that God has instilled in the human soul. Teachers transmit science and knowledge to students without needing to cut parts from their bodies.

I added, "If I offer you money, that does not mean my money is part of me, but rather I only own this money, and I will provide you with what I have."

The Creator is separate from humans, and humans are separate from each other. Every human being has an independent soul, and the universe is separate from the Creator and humans.

Modern science has shown that matter is energy stored within the nucleus of an atom. If the energy escaped the nucleus, matter would dissipate, requiring enormous forces to return this energy to rebuild matter.

Since matter is composed of atoms, and each atom contains large amounts of energy with high density within its nucleus, there are enormous forces that hold this energy within the nucleus, thus preserving the stability of matter and preventing it from annihilating and disappearing. The best example is what happens when this energy is released: nuclear explosions, in which it is released through collisions. This release only happens when a small part of the matter disappears and transforms.

Let's imagine that the energy is required to return to the nucleus through these forces. To rebuild the piece of matter, an atom would annihilate as energy leaves the nucleus, since building blocks of the heavens and the earth are all atoms.

We find this clearly in Surat Fatir:

Indeed, God retains the heavens and the earth lest they pass away. And if they did, if He held them back from anyone after him, then indeed He is Forbearing and Forgiving. [Surah Fatir 35 :41]

Here, the miracle lies in the choices of words: "**retains**" and "**pass away.**"

The verse indicates that the Creator controls these forces within His power, preserving the stability and cohesion of the matter that constitutes the heavens and the earth, preventing their disappearance.

We understand from the above that the matter is a collection of concentrated forces in a small space, the atom. This means that the heavens and the Earth were created by God, with certain forces liberated and utilized in specific fields, either by transforming them or by transferring them. These forces originate from a singular source, which is: "There is no power nor strength except in God."

One day, a Briton told me, "The Creator is present everywhere through incorporating a part of Himself into some of His creatures, for Him to know everything about them to activate his qualities of hearing and sight so his will reaches every creature."

I told him, "And the Creator has the highest example. Does the car engine manufacturer need to be part of the engine's working mechanism to know how it works?"

I furthered, "We all have a mobile phone, and through this device we can view any information globally without the need to be physically present. Technology has also provided us with remote controls for devices, mechanisms, factories, and even aero planes. Our will is executed on these remote aspects without us needing to be present in these same locations."

Islam has presented a simple and rational concept of this issue. The Divine Self is independent and superior to all other creatures. At the same time, the Creator's knowledge surrounds all His creatures, just as His hearing and sight are not hindered by anything, and His will is effective in everything. The Creator said:

Whoever seeks honor and power, then 'let them know that' all honor and power belong to Allah. To Him 'alone' good words ascend, and righteous deeds are raised up by Him. As for those who plot evil, they will suffer severe punishment. And the plotting of such 'people' is doomed 'to fail'. [Surah Fatir 35:10]

The noble verse points out that every human being's good deed reaches the Creator without His having to descend into His creatures. However, this does not prevent or limit the Creator's ability to do whatever He wills, because He has absolute power. But we abstain from doing what is not worthy of His majesty. The Creator says:

It is not 'possible' for a human being to have Allah communicate with them, except through inspiration, or from behind a veil, or by sending a messenger-angel to reveal whatever He wills by His permission. He is surely Most High, All-Wise. [Surah Fatir 35: 51]

The Creator alone determines how to communicate with His creation, and He alone determines the means of communication with any of the creatures or humans through revelation, sending a messenger, or from behind a veil, as the above verse indicates.

The Briton asked, "How can the Creator be close when He does not physically exist everywhere?"

I responded, "The laws of distance and time apply only to creatures, but not the Creator who made time and space. There is nothing like the Creator, and we should not try to compare our limitations to Him." An example is the Creator's independence and reliance of all things upon His Knowledge. If we ordered a specific chemical ink to write a book, the previously hidden text would become clear, allowing everyone to read and understand it.

God is the best example. If we say there are 10 meters between a person and an ant, then the person can easily reach the ant. However, the ant needs more than an hour to walk in a straight line to reach its destination. The distance is the same, but the person's size and ability exceed those of an ant. However, from the ant's perspective, the person is far away.

Similarly, if we assume that a human wants to travel from Earth to the Sun in his small size, it would take many years to reach the Sun. However, if the sun were to travel in the direction of the Earth, it would reach Earth in a few seconds. The reason is simple: the distance to be travelled relative to the size of the sun is negligible.

Another example is a person locked in a small room with only a tiny hole in the door. When a camel caravan passes by, the prisoner will see the camel's head first, then its neck, hump, legs, and tail; the same applies to all other camels in the caravan. Thus, that hole becomes the reason for creating situations from the past, present, and future for the prisoner.

However, the matter is completely different for someone standing on the roof observing the desert comprehensively, as he sees all the camels of the caravan at the same time.

Hence, the concepts of the past, present, and future arise from the limited perspective of a human being. What is the past for us was the future for people who came before us, and what is the future for us now is the past for people who will come. Large things can reach unimportant aspects in size during an insignificant timeframe, while something smaller can take an exceedingly long time to reach a large body despite the same distance.

God remains the best example; the Creator is close to His creatures, and it does not mean being part of another. This temporal and spatial dimension is from the creature's perspective only.

The Concept of Incarnation: Where Does It Lead? (The Myth of the Four Thousand Religions)

We often hear people claim that there are more than 4,000 religions in the world today.

It is also often questioned: how can we distinguish the valid religion from the others?

Let's start the journey!

Once, a Spanish man defrauded a woman of 300,000 Euros after convincing her that he was the incarnate creator and that she should deposit her money in the "Bank of Heaven."

The Spanish man continued to communicate with the elderly woman through phone calls for over ten years, during which he convinced her that he was "God" and asked her to deposit her money in the "Bank of Heaven" instead of "the banks of this world."

The Spanish man claimed that the "Bank of Heaven" was inside a store in Lyon, and he asked her to enter the store and open a small drawer to deposit her money. The woman did so, and she continued visiting the store for years, depositing her money until she went bankrupt. Despite her bankruptcy, the fraudster remained unsatisfied. He called her, convinced her to take out loans from banks, and she did so, depositing them in that small drawer.

This story reminded me of the answer of a Hindu visitor when I asked her about her extreme fear when I discussed the true concept of God with her.

She said, "I am afraid to discuss the issue with you because you might be a god yourself. You have a lot of knowledge. God can come in the form of a human or an animal to teach us a particular lesson; He showed up in your form."

Then I had mixed feelings between laughter, sadness towards her way of thinking, and astonishment at the state of mind people have reached nowadays.

I told her, "How strange is this! I cannot imagine my father or my husband as an animal or any other creature. How can you accept this image of God, the Creator? May God be exalted above that?"

The stories continue!

Mithras in the Zoroastrian religion: This religion was the dominant faith in the Roman Empire before the appearance of Christ, and Mithras is the incarnate god worshipped in Persia. Who is this god?

Hundreds of years before the appearance of Christ, at the birth of Mithras, three wise men visited the newborn "Mithra". They brought gifts and gold jewellery, presenting them to the newborn's mother as a blessing for his coming into this world. His birthday was the twenty-fifth of December, the same day that was later called the birthday of the sun god. According to historians of the Zoroastrian religion, Mithras died on the cross, and days before his death he attended a dinner with twelve of his close followers, known as the Last Supper.

As for his twelve followers, they represent the twelve zodiac signs in the solar system! After Mithra's death on the cross, his body was placed in a rock coffin.

Krishna in India: The incarnate god. He was born of a virgin (Devaki). He was born in a cave, and he illuminated it with his radiant light. The cowboys celebrated the day of his birth, as the stars had foretold the time of his arrival. The Indian king (Kansa) ordered the slaughter of hundreds of children born on the night of Krishna's birth to eliminate him, but he failed, as Krishna survived. Krishna travelled widely and performed many miracles. Krishna died on the cross, but he descended to hell, then rose again on the third day and ascended to heaven!

Osis in Egypt: The incarnate god, (he came to fulfil the law)! He was called (Crest), which means the chosen one. He was born from the virgin womb (Isis-Miri) on December 25. The stars announced his birth, and three wise men attended his birth. He was baptized in the Aru tana River by Anup the Baptizer. He died on the cross between two thieves in March, then rose from the dead. His suffering, death and birth are celebrated every year by his followers. Among his titles are (the Word of Truth, the Son of Man, the Son of God, the Truth, the Light).

Worship of Rajneesh: The incarnate god. Rajneesh moved to Bombay in 1970 and opened a center for meditation and enlightenment there with the help of wealthy Indians. He changed his name from Guru Rajneesh to Bhagwan Rajneesh, meaning Lord Rajneesh, and began presenting his philosophy. Twenty-one countries in the world refused to receive him. When he died, it was written on his grave that he was God. He entered the world in 1931 and left in 1990.

Baha'u'llah: The incarnate god. In the middle of the nineteenth century, according to some beliefs, Baha'u'llah was chosen by the Creator to deliver a new message to humanity. Most importantly, Al-Baha created everything. They believe in incarnation, union, reincarnation, and the immortality of beings, and that reward and punishment are for souls only.

Worship of Messi: Fans of the Argentine football star Lionel Messi call him "Dios," which means "God" in Spanish. However, the Pope of the Vatican had another opinion.

In an interview with the Spanish TV channel La Sexta, Pope Francis praised the player from his country, Argentina, but said that he should not be described as God.

The Argentine government has decided to issue a postage stamp featuring Messi's image. If the next stage involves creating a statue of him, it could lead to a new religion that calls for the worship of Lionel Messi. A similar situation occurred in ancient civilizations, when they glorified people to the point of eventually worshipping their statues. This is reminiscent of the people of God's Prophet Noah; peace be upon him.

The Worship of Maradona: The Church of Maradona is a satirical religious church. It was founded in the city of Rosario, Argentina, after the Argentine soccer player Diego Maradona, who is considered by some to be an earthly image of God or even God Himself. It was established by Maradona fans on October 30, 1998, which is the player's birthday.

As a result, thousands of church members celebrate "Maradona Christmas" or Maradona's birthday every year in his church in Rosario, like how Christians celebrate Christ's birthday in the Church of the Nativity in Jerusalem.

The Worship of Ali bin Abi Talib: According to certain beliefs, Ali bin Abi Talib, the Prophet Muhammad's son-in-law and his cousin, is considered the manifestation of God on earth. Some even believe he is the creator of the heavens and the earth. Thus, it is the last of the divine manifestations, but it is not the only one.

According to these beliefs, this Holy Trinity has manifested itself many times in the past.

I remember a conversation I had with a Scot who converted to Norseism and worshipped twelve gods, where all of them were seen as images of the Creator. This man told me about a religion I had never heard of before.

The worship of the god Thor: The incarnate son of God. The Asatru sect is the controlling force of the universe, in the sky and incarnated in humans. Old Norse stories and all their gods, such as Odin and Loki, were brought to Iceland by Norwegian farmers in the Viking Age, when they colonized the island in search of new pastures. The inhabitants of the island continued to worship these gods until the year 1000, after which the country converted to Christianity under pressure from the kings of Norway.

The influence between Christianity and the northern religion was mutual. We find, for example, a great similarity between the belief of the god Odin, whom the Norwegians worshipped, and the story of the crucifixion of Jesus.

In the Gospels, the story says that Christ was the embodiment of God. He sacrificed himself and was willing to die crucified on a tree, that the Roman soldiers struck him in the side with a spear, and refused to give him water to drink, and that he died and then returned to life victorious over death after he descended – during the period of his death – To hell and saved the cursed souls trapped in it, until the end of the known story.

As for the religion of the Northerners, there is a story about their chief god, Odin, who sacrificed himself as an offering to himself by striking himself in the side with a spear while he was hanging upside down by his feet on the great tree of the world. He remained in this state between life and death for 9 days, until He eventually attained the "secret wisdom" that stems from the root of the giant tree and learned letters and magic spells that gave him great abilities.

Science recently discussed a super-intelligent force that initiated the Big Bang, leading to the universe's existence. This is what the believers refer to as the Creator. There is no dispute about the existence of a Creator of the universe, whether one likes it or not. But there is disagreement over the concept of incarnation. The argument made by believers in the concept of incarnation – despite its contradiction with reason and common sense – is that the Creator is capable of anything.

- Logic dictates that the cause of the existence of creatures and the universe is distinct from the creatures and the universe themselves, and that the Creator must be wise and have created them with purpose.

- Logic says that the Creator does not become a part of the creation, just as a manufacturer does not become the product they make; for example, the phone maker is not a phone and is not embodied in their creation, which is the phone.
- Logic dictates that direct communication with the Creator is the most sensible means.

It has been proven that no one can live without reverence for a certain symbol. It has also been proven that Islam is not similar to any other religion, neither in terms of worldly life and its outlook on the group and the individual, nor in terms of the afterlife, and that no progress or civilization can fill the void of religiosity, which was and still is an innate need for everyone.

Islam was the true and only religion for humans from the time of Adam until the Day of Judgment, as humans were always required to worship the Creator alone and believe in the Prophet who came in his time.

Islam, which says that there is no deity worthy of worship except the Creator, with His attributes distinct from human attributes, the Creator who did not give birth, was not born, nor is embodied in any creature, and is independent of His creatures, frees humans from any other worship.

Because the doctrine of incarnation is the basis of paganism, whenever humans believe in the incarnation of the Creator in any creature, they can worship anything. Why are there so many religions when there is only one true religion?

During my discussion with a diverse group of people from various nationalities, cultures, and religious backgrounds, I discussed monotheism, the attributes of Divine Beauty and Majesty, and the importance of worshipping the Creator without intermediaries. At that point, someone from the group interrupted me with a question. He asked: Who is greater, Christ or Muhammad?

I responded: Are you asking about a comparison between deities or between messengers? If it is a comparison between gods, then there is only One God (the Creator), and both Christ and Muhammed are messengers. However, when comparing one messenger to another, we do not differentiate among God's messengers.

The Creator has said: **The Messenger has believed in what was revealed to him from his Lord and [so have] the believers. All of them have believed in God and His angels and His books and His messengers, [saying], “We make no distinction between any of His messengers.” And they say, “We hear, and we obey. [We seek] Your forgiveness, our Lord, and to you is the [final] destination. [Surah Al-Baqara 2:285]**

I later realized that such questions arise from the veneration of someone other than the Creator. When we attempt to prove that Christ is superior to Prophet Muhammed, for example, or vice versa, it implies that it would be more fitting for the Creator to incarnate in one of them and become the savior of humankind.

This is the situation in our world today, and it is the reason for the diversity of religions, sects, beliefs, and differences.

A War on the Truth

The Latin orientalist Mr. Snakes says, "The Islamic religious idea has brought about a very great advancement in the world and freed the human mind from its heavy chains that used to confine it around the temples in the hands of the priests. Muhammad achieved – by erasing every image in the temples and abolishing every representation of the essence of the Absolute Creator – to rid human thought of the harsh doctrine of incarnation."

Islam becomes stronger despite being fought

A Hindu once said to me: Blue can be red to me; there is no right or wrong. From your perspective, the Creator is not incarnated in the form of a human or an animal, even though He is capable of everything. But for me, the Creator can be embodied in anything. All these beliefs are correct.

He added, "There is no absolute truth. We Hindus are free, and you Muslims are enslaved, because you do not accept that truth can exist elsewhere. Stealing may be the correct behavior for the thief and the wrong behavior for the one robbed. You are intolerant."

I told him, "So, for me, your wife standing next to you could be a tree? Do you tolerate that? Can your father be your son and you be his father? Could your eyes be your nose? If I ask you, is your father alive or dead? The answer that he is alive and dead at the same time is not correct. Because if he is alive, he is not dead, and if he is dead, he is not alive."

The Creator is the living one who does not die. If he dies, he will not be alive and immortal. If the Creator were incarnated in the form of a human, he could not remain God at the same time. Incarnation and reincarnation are two contradictory descriptions. They have nothing to do with the Creator's ability or inability. A mistake is a mistake even if everyone agrees otherwise. For example, if you give a cat a piece of meat, it will eat next to you and court you. But if the cat stole the piece of meat, it would run away and eat away from you. They are built to know right from wrong."

He said, "I may not tolerate my wife being a tree, but the Creator tolerates that, as he does not care about these trivial matters. We should also not ask Him directly for our worldly needs, for He is greater than that."

Then I remembered the noble verse:

And they ascribe to God what they hate, and their tongues describe a lie, that for them is the best, and it is no exception that for them is the Fire, and that they will neglect [Surah An-Nahl 16: 62]

It is rational for the sick person to turn to the one who granted him health by praying and seeking help. It is not logical, for example, for someone whose phone breaks down to go to a car factory to have it repaired.

True enslavement is slavery towards ignorance and whims. Ignorance in this time is a choice.

People led by the term *tolerance* so that they cannot differentiate between right and wrong, is like a brainwashing process for humans, through which they lose the ability to resist the mentality of enslavement. Logic is the structure of truth, and humans are created with rationality.

No matter how much a person's rationality is hampered and distorted by other factors, it remains his core influence, which he returns to whenever the impact of those factors decreases. Therefore, fighting the truth is a failed idea because it will shed more light on it and draw people's attention to where the conflict is taking place, as the eye always follows movement. Not only that, but most importantly of all, it is to provoke the people of truth.

Common sense says: any explosion in this universe, according to the laws of cosmic physics, leads to chaos!

So, where is the logic that the Big Bang led to the formation of this organized, precisely calibrated universe, and what is the wisdom?

Logic says that the One who brought the universe into existence is distinct from the universe, and that a wise man created it wisely.

- Logic says that the Creator does not enter the creation, nor does the Maker enter the artistry.
- Logic says that direct communication with the Creator is the wisest means.

In true Islam, when a Bedouin comes to the Messenger of God while he is sitting on the ground with the people, he asks: Which of you is Muhammad?

In true Islam, there is no hierarchical arrangement among people of religion, such as military ranks.

In true Islam, there are no priests to mediate between you and the Creator, for He is closer to you than your jugular vein.

In true Islam, you do not need a temple in which you make offerings to statues of the Lord and confess your sins to a priest who will intercede for you with God to forgive them, or the position of a righteous guardian, or dead righteousness. You don't approach someone other than God and ask Him for supplies and your worldly needs in exchange for a sum of money.

In true Islam, there is no difference between an Arab and a non-Arab, or white or black; there is no racism, and there are no people. God is the Chosen One.

In true Islam, there are no rituals, murmurs, and mutterings that you say on one day of the week in a pagan temple and then go out to do whatever you want with your life.

There is no moderate Islam and immoderate Islam. True Islam is the religion of moderation. There is true Islam and false Islam. People of heresy and whims follow the false Islam.

An atheist once asked me, "What is the difference between 'God' and the 'Creator'?"

I told him, "Every human being must take for himself what he sanctifies and makes the focus of his life, and this is a god. The Creator must be the only God for every human being."

The word "God" means the one and only God who has no partner in his kingdom or a son, and who is the Creator of everything.

The atheist asked, "Did the Creator create humans to play and have fun?"

I told him, "The Creator answered your question in the Holy Qur'an."

And We did not create the heaven and the earth and all that is between them in play [Surah Al- Anbiya' 112: 16]

The Creator, who is the One and Only God in Islam, is known through contemplation.

If you lived alone on an isolated island, you would know the Creator. When you contemplate the cycle of death and life, which includes every creature in the universe, you know that it is the deadly eraser.

When you learn that nothing in the universe was created in vain and that everything has a role in this, because of His presence, you will know that He is the Wise. When you realize that everything in the universe is set in precise balance, you will know that it is a day.

As for true Islam, it is the recognition of the existence of the Creator and submission to Him by worshipping Him directly, and it is the pure nature with which we were born. It is the testimony that you bear when you reach the moment of realization. It is not transmitted to you through baptism, inheritance, or culture, and not by simply imitating what you found your fathers and grandfathers to be.

Monotheism, which is the basis of the religion of Islam, is the default operating system that you were programmed to return to the place in which you were created, which is Heaven.

He asked, "So why do people hate Islam if it is the truth?"

I told him, "The more society moves away from the truth, the more society hates those who speak the truth."

Truth does not die when the people of falsehood fight it, but rather because the people of truth remain silent about it. Truth does not accept diversity, flattery, and hypocrisy because it is one. Falsehood does not need distortion because it is originally distorted. But the truth is always tried by its enemies to distort it because it is the truth.

Islam is a complete way of life, and for all of that, Islam is the truth. It is a threat to the trade of many people, as the testimony that there is no god but God, "the Creator," is a declaration of freedom and liberation from resorting to a priest or saint, worshipping idols, enslaving the beauty, fashion, and film industries, as well as social media, illusions, and myths.

There is no true deity except the Creator.

Rousseau, the liberal philosopher, said, "man is born free and is subsequently dragged into circles of enslavement everywhere."

There must be a higher power that humans can venerate so that their desires do not enslave them. If you do not worship the Creator, you will worship everything other than Him.

My Visit to the Mondial & Knowing the Creator

When a sane person looks at reality and analyses it logically, he clearly sees that humans are undoubtedly meant to be differentiated into two groups.

The victorious team that glorifies the Creator of the universe, as all beings in the universe do, and the defeated team that looks up to anything other than the Creator; thus, human beings must choose their teams.

There is no deity except the Creator

My children were amazed at my visit with their father to the World Cup in Doha because they know we are not interested in football. Our visit happened concurrently with the distribution of my new book, The Greatest World Cup – Your status is where you place yourself, in Doha.

I told my children, "The topic of my new book is a comparison between a football player's mission in the World Cup and a human being's mission on planet Earth. I liked to have a practical and realistic evaluation."

Dr Muhammad Abdullah Daraz writes in his Book "The Religion"¹²:

"The religious instinct is common to all human races, even the most barbaric ones. The interest in the divine meaning and the supernatural (i.e. taking an idol) is one of the universal tendencies of humanity."

¹² Kurdish Muslim scholar.

The words of Dr Al-Daraz were evident in the World Cup visitors' personalities, facial expressions, and behavior as they rushed to the stadiums to support the players.

The cheers resounded everywhere like a pilgrimage.

It was as if everyone, instead of cheering "at your service, O God, at your service," cheered the names of teams and players.

Everyone gets scared and panics at losing a football game, while everyone dismisses the fact that the real loss is the existence of paradise, which is as wide as the heavens and the earth, especially when there is no place for man in it.

It is because loss tastes bitter, and some people suffer from grief, where they nearly destroy or even end their lives if they lose something worldly.

However, real loss is not in this life, nor is it losing money, a job, a trade, or a game. Real loss is losing eternal life, and the bliss of this world is not a criterion of win or loss. How many winners in this world would be, in fact, losers on the Day of Resurrection?

Worship then whatever 'gods' you want instead of Him." Say, "The 'true' losers are those who will lose themselves and their families on Judgment Day. That is indeed the clearest loss." [Surah Al-Zumar 39: 15]

I once listened to an interview with an Argentinian woman who said that the World Cup is her life. Over four years, she accumulated her monthly salary in preparation for the next World Cup season. This is called worship and religiosity.

Knowing the Creator

Jeffrey Lang, an American mathematics professor who left atheism and converted to Islam, said:

"I realized no one knows loneliness like an atheist. When a person feels lonely, he can pray with the depths of his soul to someone he knows, and the supplicant will receive a response. The atheist cannot allow himself to exercise this pleasure, because he prefers to crush the desire and remind himself that it is futile."¹³

Engineer Loai Sabri says, "Faith in the Creator should not be based only on knowledge of His attributes. Rather, it must extend to the glorification of divine attributes."¹⁴

Faith is measured by how often a person keeps the Creator in his heart, which results in feelings, emotions, reactions, and actions varying in degree according to how often the Creator is glorified within the soul.

The more human beings fear their Creator, the more they perform deeds that bring them closer to the Creator and keep them from His anger.

The concept of the Divine Self should remain within the scope of exalting the Creator, making sure it does not attribute what does not befit His majesty. Also, it must stay within the realm of good thinking towards the Creator.

¹³ Jeffrey Lang, an American mathematics professor. *The Struggle for Faith*.

¹⁴ https://fatensabri.com/?page_id=1344&lang=ar

Some followers of human-made religions justify incarnation, crucifixion, along with other similar beliefs in the Hindu faith, claiming that it is the Creator's mercy and favor for his creation; they consider that the Creator dismissed His rights and attributes out of love and mercy for his creation. However, they do not understand that this is an insulting justification that they accept for their Creator, while refusing to accept it for themselves or their loved ones.

Believing in the Creator means glorifying Him without attributing to Him what one hates to attribute to oneself.

Religion is the deep feeling in moments of loneliness and abandonment, and it tells us we are not alone; we are rather in the company of an unseen and hidden being, and a hidden hand that pulls us out; we are with a higher entity that inspires us; a strong pillar that will protect us, and a might that would correct us.¹⁵

A young man once asked an interesting question: "Can you set a law that no one violates?"

This is an impossible dream of rulers and legislators throughout history. Do you know why no one has achieved this dream?

Despite laws and legislation, randomness remains an integral part of human societies.

Every law derives its enforcement from the authority of its drafter and implementer.

¹⁵ Dr. Mustafa Mahmoud. The book "Wanderers in God's World."

There are also exceptions **to every rule and violators of every law.**

What about the laws of the universe?

Can mathematical and logical laws and rules be violated if we assume no one created them but rather emerged from a random, serendipitous universe without a dominant Creator?

Can the law be broken, and are there any exceptions? Could it someday become the part greater than the whole? Or to find someday that $1 + 1 = 3$?

Mathematician and physicist Eugen Wigner says, "The unbelievable effectiveness of mathematics within natural sciences is considered a realm of mystery, and there is no rational explanation for that. The miracle of adapting the language of mathematics to the formula of the laws of physics is a great gift that we do not understand nor deserve."¹⁶

The new humanistic religion claims that all human-made values are good. However, the one who embraces this religion is the same person who annihilates lives, sets fires, detonates bombs, and pollutes nature, water, and air.

The Law of the Creator

"The law of the Qur'an will prevail in the world because of its compatibility with reason and its harmony with wisdom. I understood that humanity needs a heavenly law to establish truth and destroy falsehood.

¹⁶ <https://ronahi.net/?p=20402>

Islamic law will pervade the entire world because of its harmony with the mind and its integration of wisdom and justice.¹⁷"

There is no god but the Creator

Scholar Said Al-Naurasi said, "The human soul yearns for unlimited needs and is targeted by countless enemies. In this great world, the soul finds a rich source of inspiration which opens the door for vast treasures of mercy from which it receives what reassures all its needs and guarantees all demands. You will also find in it a firm foundation and satisfactory support that repels all evil and diverts it from all harm."¹⁸

"These words show a human being his Lord's power, the truth; they can guide him to his Almighty Owner, Creator, and true Deity. With this sharp vision and recognition of the One and Only Creator, these words save the human heart from the darkness of loneliness and delusions, as well as rescue their soul from the pain of sadness and distress, guaranteeing them eternal joy and lasting happiness."

¹⁷ <https://www.aletihad.ae/article/31272/2019/تولستوي:-الاسلام-يتوافق-مع-العقل-ويؤيد-بحكمة-2019>

¹⁸ https://fatensabri.com/?page_id=1344&lang=ar

Grand Narratives: A Great Purpose & Greater Destiny

Angel Gabriel came to the Prophet Muhammad, may God grant them peace, and said:

O Muhammad, live as you wish, but know that one day you will die. Do as you wish and know that you will be repaid accordingly. Love whomever you wish but know that one day you will be separated from that person. Know that the nobility of the believer is in prayer at night and his honor is in his independence of the people. (Tabarani 4278)

How great are those facts that were confirmed by the words of this narration? They are existential and have been missed by many.

Western philosophers and proponents of Postmodernism have labelled these facts: "Grand Narratives." They did not merely assign these titles; they also declared these facts ended by denying their necessity.

Thus, people are divided because no matter how much people argue about Small Narratives, the big ones still unite them.

I once heard a simple explanation from Dr Abd Al-Wahhab Al-Mesiri about small narrations, in which he compared them to popular proverbs.

He said, "It is said:

- Heaven helps those who help themselves.
- Life is hard with no rest while away from home.

The two examples contradict each other; the first says you should go out and live life, while the second says you should stay at home."

Dr Al-Mesiri commented:

"Small narratives mean that things are relative, not absolute. Everyone must take what they find suitable for themselves."

The West adopted this idea. They called for abolishing the Grand Narratives, which recognized the truth of the:

- Source of existence
- Purpose of existence
- Fate after death
- Judgement and punishment

It was only when I was discussing moral values with a British woman that I came to understand this point very well.

She surprised me by saying, "Bestiality (sexual activity, actual or simulated, between a human being and an animal) may seem heinous to you, but to some it is normal and worth planning expensive and elegant weddings."

She added, "There is no creator or creature; each must live their life in their own way."

I then thought to myself: "Now I understand."

Have they not travelled throughout the land so their hearts may reason, and their ears may listen? Indeed, it is not the eyes that are blind, but it is the hearts in the chests that grow blind. [Surah Al-Haj 22:46]

A director of a large Italian company also once said: "I have no time for the Creator; I am busy with my work and my continuous successes."

I told her: "Then the Creator will forget you on the day you meet Him and will dismiss your existence."

I then remembered the Qur'anic verse stating:

... They neglected Allah (God), so He neglected them. Surely the hypocrites are the rebellious. [Surah At-Tawbah 9: 67]

God also said: **And do not be like those who forgot God, so He made them forget themselves. It is they who are 'truly' rebellious. [Surah Hashr 59: 19]**

This, of course, is the inevitable end of those who forget their Creator.

The director said, "You believers, despite your faith, always fear meeting the Creator."

I replied, "How does an employee feel when the staff around him suddenly change? They will be confused."

This is an innate, natural fear of the unknown destiny, which is often praiseworthy. It always makes a human being ready for this important and fateful meeting.

A newborn may cry, scared of what they don't know, once they are out of their mother's womb, but they eventually realize they are in the hands of a kind mother.

Thus, one can begin to understand the Creator's mercy by comparing it to the experience of meeting one's mother, who embodies great mercy.

How ready a person is to meet their Creator is considered a great goal. The believer must combine both fear and hope in their hearts; fear of their sins and hope in their Creator's mercy.

School students may get anxious when their favorite teacher is replaced, but they may eventually realize that the new teacher is valuable.

The way the believer is attached to this life leads him to confusion when faced with his departure to the afterlife.

It's like getting ready to travel from one country to another, which is better by all standards.

A believer needs to prepare for their eternal journey to Heaven during their lifetime, earning it first through the Creator's mercy; only then will their life after death be easy and smooth.

During life after death, the waiting time for the day of judgement and to enter Paradise all pass by as fast as a few minutes.

This experience mirrors how in life, certain periods can feel as though they stretch on for years, while others seem to fly by at lightning speed."

On the other hand, anyone who forgets their Creator and does not prepare for this meeting will tremble forever after death.

The Creator described this worldly life as an hour during which people get to know each other.

The Creator said:

On the Day He will gather them, it will be as if they had not stayed 'in the world' except for an hour of a day, as though they were only 'getting to know one another. Lost indeed will be those who denied the meeting with Allah and were not 'rightly' guided! [Surah Yunis 10:45]

This is also how we may feel.

When I travelled around the world, I spent a few hours in some countries and many years in others. Yet only an hour remained in my memory.

God said: **Know that the life of the world is only play and amusement and pageantry which is a boasting and abundance of wealth and children amongst you. (The life of the world) is like the rain that causes the vegetation to grow, which pleases the farmer. After a while it withers away, and you see it turning yellow. Then it becomes garbage. There is severe torment, forgiveness from Allah and Allah's Pleasure in the Hereafter. And the life of this world is nothing but a deceiving enjoyment. [Surah Al-Hadid 57:20]**

The Prophet Muhammad said:

Whoever makes the Hereafter his goal, Allah makes his heart rich, and organizes his affairs, and the world comes to him whether it wants to or not. And whoever

makes the world his goal, Allah puts his poverty right before his eyes, and disorganizes his affairs, and the world does not come to him, except what has been decreed for him. (Al-Tirmizi 2465)

When I read these words, I remembered a quote from Engineer Loai Sabri in one of his articles¹⁹:

"The discord between human beings and their God arises because human beings want this world, while God wants the hereafter for them."

The Creator said:..**You `believers` settled with the fleeting gains of this world, while Allah's aim `for you` is the Hereafter. Allah is Almighty, All-Wise. [Surah Al-Anfal 8: 67]**

He also said: **Does man not consider that We created him from a [mere] sperm-drop – then at once he is a clear adversary? [Surah Yasin 36: 77]**

Every deed done for the sake of an idol other than the Creator will perish! Every love towards an idol other than the Creator is mortal.

Dr Mostafa Mahmoud says, "God says: When Saul marched forth with his army, he cautioned: 'Allah will test you with a river. So, whoever drinks `his fill` from it is not with me, and whoever does not taste it—except a sip from the hollow of his hands—is with me.'" They all drank `their fill` except for a few! When he and the `remaining` faithful with him crossed the river, they said, "Now we are no match for Goliath and his warriors."

¹⁹ https://fatensabri.com/?page_id=1344&lang=ar

But those 'believers' who were certain they would meet Allah reasoned, "How many times has a small force vanquished a mighty army by the Will of Allah! And Allah is 'always' with the steadfast." [Al-Baqarah 2: 249]

The Creator linked both victories during battle and with oneself together. In the Qur'anic story, it was as if God were telling them, "Despite thirst, do not drink." If you are extremely thirsty, you can then drink a little to quench your thirst.

The result was that they all drank 'their fill', except for a few!

Those "few" are in every nation.

Their motto is: We resist what we like and tolerate what we hate.

Life, according to the writer, is summarized in these two words. He described the world as a river running under our feet.

One person would take what suffices, while another would take more than he needs. Those who take only what suffices are the 'few' for whom God created the world to set them apart and distinguish them from those in abundance.

He has reserved the gardens of His generosity in the hereafter for them, for they are the people of God, His own. In contrast, the rest become fuel for their desires in this world and, in the hereafter, fuel for hell.

A Canadian secular once asked me, "How does the Creator know that His knowledge is true and correct?"

I told him, "The Creator is the Truth."

That is because Allah 'alone' is the Truth and what they invoke besides Him is falsehood, and Allah 'alone' is truly the Most High, All-Great. [Surah Al-Hajj 22: 62]

How do you ask who the Truth is to prove the Truth? It is like saying, "Prove that Wednesday is Wednesday." Or "how do you recognize that your eyes are your eyes?"

Truth is what matches reality. Everything else is an illusion.

- The Creator is Truth.
- Death is real.
- Parting is real.
- Judgement is real.
- Justice is real.

The fact that there is no absolute justice in this life allows us to think it exists elsewhere.

A criminal should not escape accountability for his crime.

A good doer must be rewarded for his kindness.

The Truth is Absolute.

He remarked, "There is no accountability and punishment. There is no meeting with the Creator; He created us and got busy."

I asked him, "Who told you this?"

He replied, "This is my decision; I decide my fate after death and decide what the attributes of my Creator are; I am the one who decides my priorities. After death, I would become a useful plant for people; I bought the land and recommended my sister to take care of the tree that will grow on it; I am this tree."

He added, "I had a difficult childhood and experienced absolute poverty. Now I am so rich, so I want to become a tree to benefit humankind."

I laughed and thought to myself, "The most terrible consequence of alleged modernism is that it has made people psychopaths who have lost the ability to distinguish between what benefits them and what leads them to the lowest."

I told him directly, "Why don't you buy a large farm and donate it to the poor to gain a reward from the Creator of humankind? It would be better for you than making yourself a tree."

"What is the benefit of helping humanity without regard for its Creator, especially when both you and humankind are heading towards an inevitable annihilation?"

I also asked, "Who gave you the right to make this decision in the first place?"

He responded, "The essence of secularism lies in a human being becoming the absolute value and decision-maker."

I countered, "So you worship yourself."

"In this case, you become a false god to yourself. Worshipping a false god will neither benefit nor harm a human being. In fact, once you are infected with a simple virus like the Coronavirus, not only can you not decide your destiny, but you also cannot save yourself from death."

"If you were able to decide your destiny, you would have chosen to stay alive and protect yourself from death in the first place."

"If a person claimed that through material science alone and without the Creator, they were able to cure their child's illness, it means they should have been able to prevent the disease in the first place and guarantee eternal life for their child in this world."

I continued, "The Creator owns what He creates."

"If I invent something, everyone without hesitation will consider me the owner of that invention."

"Only the owner has the right to decide the fate of their invention, how the invention works, and the purpose of the invention."

"This is according to human law, which says that the wise owner is the one who has this right."

He who created the universe must logically be wiser than His creation.

With His wisdom, The Creator will never leave what He created without care and attention, as you claim.

The Creator will not leave humans to suffer in their search for answers to questions that revolve in their minds, such as the source of their existence, and will provide them with a method to follow in their lives.

He is also the only one who can decide their fate after death. He created them for a specific purpose and gave them the freedom to choose, on which they will be held accountable.

Dr Abd Al-Wahab Al-Mesiri says, the essence of faith is:

"Readiness to be judged by a Higher External Value."

After reading Dr Al-Mesiri's words, it occurred to me that one's standing in the Creator's sight depends on one's willingness and readiness to meet the Creator for judgment. It is like how a diligent student in school is distinguished from other classmates by their readiness for the exam.

Dr Al-Mesiri adds, "Islamic relativism is to believe in the only absolute, which is the word of God. Therefore, anything other than that is a relative human interpretation in relation to the absolute."²⁰

The fame of German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche tended to attract my attention.

He announced the end of absolute and grand truths, advocating instead for relativism and worthless facts. He declared the death of God.

The announcement expressed sadness; Nietzsche was neither happy nor proud, as some may think. That was in his book, "The Fun Science," published in 1882.

Where he said, "God is dead; and we have killed him. How shall we, murderers of all murderers, comfort ourselves?"

²⁰ <https://ruyaa.cc/Page/67876/>

A Frenchman touched on this point during an interview I had with him. He claimed there are no absolute truths and expressed his admiration for Nietzsche.

The French man said, "The great Nietzsche announced the end of Grand Narratives in the sense that he declared the demolition of the Great Facts concerning the Origin of Existence."

I told him, "Whoever destroys what is great is not in fact great."

"Destroying absolute truth leaves us with no reference. Thus, this leads to the declaration of human beings as reference points and decision-makers responsible for releasing values and facts, which is unreasonable.

Human life becomes like a jungle, where everyone wavers between values and ideas born of abnormal whims and tendencies.

In addition, people's ignorance of a particular fact or their disregard for it does not make it non-existent. A person denying his mother's existence does not mean she is absent.

Just because I claim to have the largest house in the world does not mean there are no houses bigger than mine.

Great facts provide answers to questions that revolve in people's minds, such as:

- Where did we come from?
- Why are we here?
- Where are we going?

We must hold on to the answers to these questions with all our might and not glorify those who ignore them.

We can understand that Nietzsche claimed the death of a false god who has a son, who dies, and gets crucified.

A person cannot live without understanding the great truth, as materialistic reality does not provide a person with value, but rather provides him with material facts only.

For example, Dr Abd Al-Wahab Al-Mesiri says:

"If we melt iron, it will expand; and if we melt a child's body, it will also expand. This is a fact from a material perspective. Thus, anyone who feels pity for the child is not speaking from a scientific material perspective but rather from the standpoint of a non-material moral value."

This is what the Great Facts reveal: the conflict was not between Nietzsche (a mortal man) and the immortal God, but rather between Nietzsche and the church, along with the moral system that the priesthood planted in people's souls – a system calling for submissiveness and detachment from life.

Nietzsche also rejected Darwinism because, in his view, a person is born from the womb of will, not from random evolutionary and genetic mutations in nature, nor from an ape ancestor.

For example, while humans discuss great subjects such as the origin of existence using their rational abilities, we see monkeys jumping in the trees. There is no comparison between humans and apes in any case.

The Creator has instilled rationality within humans, enabling them to distinguish between truth and falsehood.

Atheism, materialism, and the revolution against religious moral systems that Nietzsche adopted did not all arise by coincidence. They were among the side effects of the intellectual revolution during the nineteenth century.

Nietzsche saw that Europe excluded religion from life, leaving little spirituality, denying the body's needs, and dismissing the joys and goodness of life. Therefore, in return, he refused to believe in religion and rebelled against it.

However, Nietzsche did not and will not be able to declare the death of the Great Power; The Eternal Creator who has no beginning nor end; the absolute truth and the origin of existence.

Generally, abandoning religious heritage and Great Facts is neither reasonable nor possible. One cannot simply turn to a blank page and remove laws as much as they like.

Even those Westerners who cut their connections with the past and its heritage, focusing only on the present and pushing hard towards the future, could not help but return to elements of their heritage to achieve the creativity of their progress, whether consciously or not.

An atheist who calls out for human, animal, and women's rights is, in fact, borrowing these morals from their religious heritage. From a materialistic perspective, a human being is neutral towards the concepts of good and evil, much like matter and bacteria, lacking rationality, logic, or feelings.

With atheism, one can create a rocket. But atheism does not tell them that killing people with a rocket is wrong; it is the role of religion and the approach that the Creator sent with His Messengers.

God also implanted within a human being's moral principal system the ability to comprehend a divine message.

Dr Abd Al-Wahab Al-Mesiri comments:

"What we need is a new modernism that adopts science and technology. It should not disregard human values or goals. Modernity that revives the mind but does not kill the heart, develops our material existence while not denying the spiritual dimensions of this existence; living the present without denying the heritage."

Upholding the Truth: Confidence or Arrogance?

My parents were joyful when they read my name in the official daily newspaper for winning first place at the state level in my major.

The next day, my father was surprised. His colleague's daughter was in my batch, and he proudly said, "My daughter won first place at the state level."

My father told him, "What are you proud of? It is written in the newspaper that my daughter won first place". His colleague was embarrassed. In this case, my father acknowledged the truth, and his colleague rejected it.

When I remember this story, I think of what arrogance is, according to the Messenger, may God grant him peace:

Anyone who has an atom's weight of arrogance in his heart will not enter Paradise. A man said: 'What if one likes his clothes and shoes to look good?' He said: Verily, Allah is beautiful, and He loves beauty. Arrogance is to reject the truth and oppress people. (Narrated by Muslim, Riyadh as-Salihin 611)

We understand from the Prophet's words that not accepting the truth and trying to manipulate it is arrogance. People who commit injustice are also arrogant because they misplace things, go beyond limits, and infringe on people's rights, all of which go against the truth.

On the other hand, the holder of the truth tells the reality and sticks to justice, which is called self-confidence.

The key difference between self-confidence and arrogance is that self-confidence is grounded in the truth, whereas arrogance is rooted in falsehood.

Many non-Muslims wonder about the words of the Messenger of God, who said:

So, I am the master of the children of Adam, without pride. And I am the first for which the earth will be split open, and I am the first intercessor, and the first to be granted intercession. (Jami` at-Tirmidhi 3148)

As long as information is linked to the truth, it is not arrogance.

The Creator said about His Messenger:

Nor does he speak of his own whims. [Surah An-Najm 53: 3]

The Messenger of God tells us a fact which is a revelation from the Creator. Doesn't a boxing champion introduce himself by saying "I am the boxing champion of this year", and the PHD holder says: "I am a PHD holder?"

One day, a Spanish lady asked: "Why does the Creator insist that He is the only God and does not accept human worship of others. Is this not arrogance?"

I told her, "Does a mother accept her children calling someone else 'mother'? The mother would consider herself to be the one who has the right to be respected and obeyed.

The mother is not arrogant here because she acknowledges the truth, which no one will question or denounce. The same applies to rulers and officials. Does the king of a country accept his people giving his title to someone else?

The Creator said: **He is Allah—there is no god except Him: the King, the Most Holy, the All-Perfect, the Source of Serenity, the Watcher 'of all', the Almighty, the Supreme in Might (The Supremely Proud), the Majestic. Glorified is Allah far above what they associate with Him 'in worship'! [Surah Al-Hashr 59:23]**

Pride is one of the Creator's attributes of perfection, while it is a deficiency of the Creator because it does not qualify for this trait, since they need constant sustenance and care. Also, they don't know and are unable to do everything and cannot avoid death.

The arrogant human is like a hospital janitor who proudly wears the doctor's uniform without being qualified. Hence, he is dangerous to the patients and must be punished.

In the Quranic verse above, Supreme in Might means the Great, the proud, transcendent of the creations' qualities and shortcomings, the superior over His creations' oppressors. Pride here is also greatness and kingship, or an expression of self-perfection and the perfection of existence. Only the Creator can be described by these characteristics.

The name of God (The Arrogant) spreads peace and tranquility among people, for there is no greater mercy than His. There is no knowledge or power greater than his. He is the Creator and provider, and everything else is created and provided for. He is the One who remains, and everything else dies.

He is the Great One, and everything else is small. Knowing the name of the arrogant God makes a person fear Him and return to Him and not fear anyone else. The Creator is the truth; He said about Himself:

Arrogance is not suitable for human beings because they are not qualified. It enters their heart and oppresses, dominates, and denies human rights. However, for the Creator, He is merciful, just, and gracious with (Arrogant) attributes.

The Creator is too arrogant to commit injustice to any of His servants or to submit to anyone. He is the truth and has absolute free will.

The Creator said: **That is because Allah 'alone' is the Truth and what they invoke besides Him is falsehood, and Allah 'alone' is truly the Most High, All-Great. [Surah Al- Haj 22: 62]**

The Creator's name (the Truth) reflects His reality, actions, and attributes. Everything that the Creator commands is veracity, and what he forbids is vanity and transience.

Islam came to establish this fact regarding the Creator of the Universe first, and then the creatures come after.

Say, 'Tell me about your partners [you ascribe to God] whom you invoke besides God? Show me what [part] of the earth they have created. Do they have any share in the heavens?' Have we given them a scripture so that they stand on a manifest proof thereof? Rather the wrongdoers do not promise one another [anything] except delusion. [Surah Fatir 35:40]

The verse above speaks about worshipping someone other than God. Such people regard other intermediaries as deities, whereas God must be the Creator.

The proof is either witnessed in what He created in the universe or in His inspiration. So, if there is no evidence regarding other deities, the claim is null. Honour and pride are linked to the justice that Islam came to establish on Earth, which sets things right and gives everyone their due.

Honour is achieved by setting priorities, while arrogance is letting go of responsibilities. The Creator mentioned the story of Prophet Joseph, peace be upon him, in the Holy Qur'an. Prophet Joseph told the king of Egypt:

He (Joseph) said: “Place me in charge over the storehouses of the land, for I am a good custodian, a knowledgeable one.” [Surah Yusuf 12: 55]

Here, the Prophet Joseph praised himself, stating that he is a good and knowledgeable custodian. It is permissible to praise oneself if people need to know the capabilities of this person.

Don't doctors introduce themselves to a patient, or do engineers introduce themselves when examining a computer? However, whoever is proud of their lineage or physical appearance is arrogant.

The Messenger of God said: **One will not enter Paradise, if one has an atom's weight of arrogance in his/her heart. (Sunan Ibn Majah 59)**

He also adds: **Whoever humbles himself by a degree for Allah, glory be to Him, Allah will raise him by a degree. Whoever is arrogant to Allah by a degree, Allah will lower him by a degree until he is made 'the lowest of the low'. (Sunan Ibn Majah 41760)**

The preferred criterion is:

- Human beings' awareness towards the Creator's absolute knowledge and supervision.
- How strong a human being's relationship with the Creator is.
- How centered a person's life is around the Creator.
- Human capabilities, qualifications, freedom of choice, and therefore responsibility.

A British atheist once asked, "How does a believer give priority to the Creator over his children? How can they possibly prioritize something unknown and unseeable?"

I replied, "You are now giving priority to your unseeable mind and relying on it to judge things. Unfortunately, it has let you down. How do you trust it when it fails to guide you to the source of your mind's existence?"

Honour is holding on to the truth, while arrogance is holding on to falsehood.

An Australian lady once remarked, "Why do you speak so confidently about your religion? Isn't it arrogance to insist that your religion is the truth?"

I told her, "Someone else may speak with the same style and be arrogant. Here, that is true because he rejects truth and defends falsehood. However, it is not arrogance in my case but rather pride in the true religion."

Honour and pride are closely related to the truth, and arrogance is linked to falsehood.

She asked, "Why is the absolute truth with Muslims?"

I responded, "The truth exists with or without us; we are the ones who choose to be with the truth."

Muslims share "common terms" with others. Believing in the Creator is a fact that is accepted by all, even if they deny it. Everyone resorts to the Creator (the Power in Heaven) in adversity, including atheists and Buddhists.

Regarding the reincarnation of God, it is an illogical concept that does not befit His majesty. Those who believe in reincarnation admit it is a mysterious concept. However, the religion of God should have no secrets.

These are the characteristics of the true religion, which people must surrender to the Creator with acceptance. Adherence to the authentic religion is honor, lofty, and pride.

The Creator said: **Do not falter or grieve, for you will have the upper hand, if you are 'true' believers. [Surah Al-Imran 3: 139]**

Believers in the true religion have a higher status than others because of their rationality and logic, which guided them to choose this religion, like a diligent student who distinguished themselves from their classmates by choosing the correct answers on a test. The Creator (Allah) said:

And to Allah belongs [all] honor, and to His Messenger, and to the believers, but the hypocrites do not know. [Surah Al-Munafiqun 63:8]

Between Globalisation & The Triviality Industry

An orientalist says, "There are four means towards destroying a civilization: demolishing family, education, role models and authorities." **The destruction of civilizations** is an inevitable result of the ideas of German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche, who called for the destruction of authorities and major narratives.

Whoever wants to consider a stone as god will consider it "truth"; the same applies to people who worship cows, or see adultery as appropriate, or who want to steal. All these are considered true for these people until the standards and values are distorted.

Whoever wants to take the stone as a god, this is true for him; whoever worships cows, this is true for him; whoever sees adultery as appropriate, this is true for him; and whoever sees theft as in his interest, this is true for him, until the standards and values are distorted.

The distortion of moral standards, alongside the absence of systems grounded in high principles and concepts, has facilitated the rise of the intellectually superficial and morally degenerate. It allowed these individuals to gain access to and mastery of decision-making positions in administration, commerce and education, a historical precedent not witnessed at any other stage of civilization.

A person's identity changes periodically, depending on how he consumes TV channels, technology, or his fanaticism for a football team. Globalization has created a complex human being.

A traitor has their own point of view; being homosexual has become normalized, and they have the legal authority to participate in public discussions, where we are forced to support them.

Anyone with technology is dominating. If any abnormally powerful party has power, it will impose its views on others, thereby corrupting a human being's relationship with oneself, society, and the Creator.

The path of happiness in this world and in the hereafter is believing in the Creator of the universe, respecting laws, and adhering to its commands and prohibitions. This is a decision between a person and themselves, and to know the purpose of existence. It is either "something" or "nothing."

Everything works the same way. A text about trivial people caught my attention while reading "The System of Triviality," a French book by Canadian author Alain Deneault. He stated:

"The frivolous do not sit idle; they believe that they know how to work hard, as it takes effort to come up with a huge TV show or something like that. Technical quality is necessary to mask the extreme intellectual lethargy inherent in many professions, which are often characterized by frivolous ideas, by adhering to the precise requirements of this work. Knowing that the vulgarity of trivial people is something that they themselves lose sight of."

The tools for creating triviality are celebrities and wealthy people who rush to defend the devastating environmental and human disasters they cause. True purposeful work disappears, as what is needed.

True purposeful work disappears, as what is needed is plastic art that produces artistic goods that only reflect an image of economic triviality.

The media and social media also play a major role in the triviality that occurs when trivial people market products and goods only to the audience they attract, without knowledge of the topic's background. We must acknowledge that the media has controlling power in the world and is imposed on everyone, and no one has the authority to hold it accountable.

I remember here an interview I had watched one day with an Arab actress who was as ignorant as anyone else. She said: How does the Creator create religions and tell them to disbelieve in one another, when He is the one who created these religions? The actress says that all religions are correct because the Creator created them.

Her words made me more certain that we live in an era of intellectual flatness and lack of culture, and triviality has become the master of the situation. Triviality is defined as anything without value, content, or meaning, and the scope of the definition may sometimes expand to include immoral practices inconsistent with the values of society, religion, and cultural heritage. Considering these bad environments, superficial thinking has become a symbol due to the enormous possibilities the media has provided for disseminating and influencing culture, values, and awareness. It has turned fools, trivial people, and clowns into celebrities whose viewership and following have exceeded millions.

In fact, triviality has reached the point of outbidding religion among some people who follow it and take it as a role model, such as the author of this story of ours, who becomes eager for material gain or fame. In turn, I respond to this actress's ignorance by saying: The Creator did not create religions. The Creator created human beings and provided them through Messengers with one religion, which is a system of life. Religion is a set of relationships, morals, and values that connect a person to his Creator and to the society around him.

Since the time of Adam, the father of humanity, the Creator has chosen the most pious among his people as their messenger whenever the message of the previous Prophet was distorted. They deviated from the straight path and disagreed among themselves, worshipping someone other than their Creator, in search of satisfactory answers to the existential questions that revolved in their minds (the source of their existence, the purpose of their existence, and their fate after death).

The Creator said: **And indeed, We have sent into every nation a messenger, saying, “Worship God and shun the tyrant.” [Surah Al-Nahl 16: 36]**

In the previous verse, the Creator used the plural form in referring to Himself to indicate His greatness. Glory be to Him. The Messenger said: **Years of deception will come upon the people, in which the liar will be believed, and the truthful will be lied to, the traitorous will be trusted and the trustworthy will be betrayed, and the disgraceful will speak out. It was said, “What is the disgraceful, O Messenger of God?” He said: The trivial man speaks about the affairs of the public. (Sunan Ibn Majah 4036)**

This hadith represents the greatest testimony to the prophethood of the Messenger, peace and blessings be upon him, and the greatest testimony to the accuracy and reliability of the support of the honorable hadith.

A noble goal

I remember a comment made by a Western diplomat when I spoke to him about the existence of the Creator. He said, "You are talking about the greatest truth in existence." His comment aroused hidden feelings in me. Since I began my path of defending the Creator's right in my conversations, lectures, and tours around the world, I have felt unwilling to discuss any other topic, as I find all others trivial compared to this one. I began to enjoy nothing but a topic that would eventually lead me to talk about the truth of the Lord of the Worlds. Talking about the truth of the Creator is one of the noble goals that purifies the heart of its owner from everything trivial.

Of course, the Creator does not need humans to defend His rights. But the basis of the human mission on planet Earth is to establish justice and put things right. This is done by maintaining a religion that places the relationship between the Creator and His creatures in the right place. Inevitably, if we do not worship the Creator, we will end up worshipping other "gods." The heart is either attached to a matter of the world that it seeks to achieve and runs after it to obtain it, or it is attached to its Creator and the origin of its existence. Therefore, our desires and whims may enslave us without us realizing it.

While connecting our hearts to God Almighty and to the Hereafter removes us from the cycle of enslavement to others, and the Lord of the worlds is our Creator, and He is the most deserving of whom we can turn to and seek help from.

Many people are attracted to fame and fashion. Advertising and social media also excessively attract people's attention and play a major role in spreading harmful concepts that draw attention to particles and distract from priorities. All of this contributes to our suffering, making our lives turbulent and unhappy. Also, some social standards and other family pressures that may force us to observe inherited traditions and concepts pull us away from what is required of us in this life and our duty towards religion.

In this life, we have no choice but to accept the Creator's call to believe in Him and submit to Him, to gain the good of this world and the hereafter, or to be satisfied with this world, and it will destroy us, and our fate will be hell.

One Ocean Summit & Priorities of Mankind

What caught my attention recently is the demand to remove religious curriculum from schools and kindergartens, while the world is educating about the environment and trying to protect the oceans.

Where is the right of the ocean's Creator?

The Creator said: **let them worship the Lord of this 'Sacred' House. [Surah Quraysh 106:3]**

Today, it is like human beings worship the universe (house) and ignore worshipping the Creator of this house.

What is the priority of people today?

What is a human being's priority? The right of the creatures' Creator, or the right of the Creators?

UNESCO, at the One Ocean Summit in Brest, France, announced its goal of integrating ocean education into the school curricula of its 93 member states by 2025. The United Nations agency is creating a toolkit for decision-makers, including a common frame of reference for educational content on oceans.

The conference, organized with the support of the Portuguese and Kenyan governments, will serve as a call to action for the ocean, urging world leaders and relevant sectors to foster ambition, mobilize partnerships, increase investment in science, and adopt innovative approaches to reverse the decline in ocean health.

It will also be a vocal appeal to communities, businesses and individuals to do their part for reducing marine pollution and commit to responsible consumption of ocean resources.

I was surprised and thought to myself, "Why, when the world talks about the best solution to save the creatures such as oceans, plants and animals, it does not talk about the best solution to save humanity after death? They promote all religions invented by human beings, despite their illogicality."

This is why I emphasize the Creator's genuine concept in my lectures and dialogues with Muslims and non-Muslims. The followers of all religions distorted this concept, while it is not distorted in Islam.

Non-Muslims ascribed human attributes to the Creator, like having a child, getting tired, lacking knowledge, sighing, and regretting. The problem became worse when some religions claimed the Creator can embody an insect, tree, animal, or human being, especially since they made the Creator the sin itself.

Despite these daring acts, they call for validating all beliefs violating His right and discarding educating the correct religion in the school curricula, which leads to knowing this religion.

The Creator also said: **But seek, through that which God has given you, the home of the Hereafter; and [yet], do not forget your share of the world. And be excellent as Allah has been excellent to you. And desire not corruption in the land. Indeed, Allah does not like corrupters."** [Surah Al-Qasas 28:77]

From the Quranic verse, we understand the importance of preserving the environment and cooperating to have a decent life. After travelling around the world, it was extremely surprising to find out that all that a non-Muslim knows about Muslims is that they pray 5 times a day, give alms, and fast. Still, they do not know that a Muslim believes in all the prophets from Adam to Muhammed, including Jesus Christ and Moses, peace be upon them all.

This certainly divides human beings and makes religion an obstacle to achieving peace. Knowing true religion leads to eternal bliss, and being concerned about people's rights alone will not protect one from inevitable annihilation.

Will life on Earth last for us to waste all our days searching for solutions to save it? Scientists estimate that the universe's expansion has slowed over time, based on mathematical calculations. indicate previously higher Bing Bang rates vs now.

Space-time also converges towards a hypothetical center of the universe, with the dimensions receding and converging into a single infinitely small point. The universe would then return to its initial state. The Big Crunch is one of the possible scenarios for the universe's fate, in contrast to the Big Bang process. It suggests that the universe will dissipate due to the energy of the Big Crunch, eventually coming to an end. Additionally, the central gravitational energy will begin to gather at the outskirts of the universe until it returns to a small dense mass.

Accordingly, if we suppose that this life is a sinking ship, what is the purpose of providing passengers with amenities?

The Creator said: **On that Day We will roll up the heavens like a scroll of writings. Just as We produced the first creation, ‘so’ shall We reproduce it. That is a promise binding on Us. We truly uphold ‘Our promises’! [Surah Al- Anbiya’ 21:105]**

But what are the Creator's commands and prohibitions?

They are represented in these noble verses:

Say, ‘O Prophet, ‘“Come! Let me recite to you what your Lord has forbidden to you: do not associate others with Him ‘in worship’. ‘Do not fail to’ honor your parents. Do not kill your children for fear of poverty. We provide for you and for them. Do not come near indecencies, openly or secretly. Do not take a ‘human’ life—made sacred by Allah—except with ‘legal’ right.¹ This is what He has commanded you, so perhaps you will understand. And do not come near the wealth of the orphan—unless intending to enhance it—until they attain maturity. Give full measure and weigh with justice. We never require of any soul more than what it can afford. Whenever you speak,¹ maintain justice—even regarding a close relative. And fulfil your covenant with Allah. This is what He has commanded you, so perhaps you will be mindful. [Surah Al-An’am 6:151-153]

The verses begin with the Creator's rights, then the creatures' rights. This is the approach everyone should follow.

The Creator also said: **Do not spread corruption in the land after it has been set in order. And call upon Him with hope and fear. Indeed, Allah’s mercy is always close to the good-doers. [Surah Al-A’raf 7: 56]**

We understand from these verses that practicing the correct religion protects society and the environment from corruption. A human being is the only creature with the freedom to choose between good and bad.

Assignment is the essence of a human being's mission in this life.

The Creator said: '**He is the One**' **Who created death and life in order to test which of you is best in deeds. And He is the Almighty, All-Forgiving. [Surah Al-Mulk 67: 2]**

True religion explains to people what is good and what is bad, so they follow the former and avoid the latter through rationality and freedom.

The more people ignore the true religion, the greater the danger to society and the environment, and the higher the pollution and crime rates.

This is what we notice now: corruption, crime, and young people not knowing their priorities or life goals.

The solution to the world's problem today is not to remove religion from school curriculum, nor to adopt all human-made religions, but rather to know the correct religion, practice it, and include it in schools.

If some people insist on practicing the wrong religion, we must still respect their freedom of choice. We must treat them kindly, not harshly, nor underestimate their rights or kill them, but without adopting their false religion.

The Creator said: ... **whoever takes a life—unless as a punishment for murder or mischief in the land—it will be as if they killed all of humanity; and whoever saves a life, it will be as if they saved all of humanity. 'Although' Our messengers already came to them with clear proofs, many of them still transgressed afterwards through the land. [Surah Al-Maidah 5:32]**

Almighty also states: **Fight in the cause of Allah 'only' against those who wage war against you, but do not exceed the limits. Allah does not like transgressors. [Surah Al-Baqarah 2: 190]**

Hence, we can peacefully coexist without adopting false beliefs.

Let's Begin with the Conference of Knowing the True Religion, before the Ocean's Conference.

The correct religion is one; let us begin with the conference that'll teach us about it, while striving to preserve the environment and the ocean.

Jurisprudence of Priorities & Objective Thinking (Interfaith Dialogue Conference)

I was surprised and disappointed that, at a time of increasing pressure to abandon religious heritage, some voices simultaneously promote singers and advocate for the protection of artistic heritage.

We have heard of people glorifying the defense of their cause in the name of land, freedom of expression, and the press, yet they forget to defend the Creator's right.

I thought to myself, "Indeed, humans have lost focus, objective thinking, and knowledge of what works and does not."

People have mixed priorities.

In an interview I recently had with a group of priests and monks from around the world attending the Interfaith Dialogue Conference on peaceful coexistence, I mentioned that monotheism is the key to this coexistence.

At that time, I remembered a simple summary I had heard about the Islamic model for organizing jurisprudence by priority and objective thinking.²¹

Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, received the divine revelation in the Arabian Peninsula, which was surrounded by oppressive and dictatorial civilizations.

²¹ Engineer Fadel Suleiman.

- The Persian civilization glorified "Khosrow", a human, on a political basis.
- The Roman civilization glorified the "Roman people" on a political basis, making human beings either Roman or barbarian.
- The Christian civilization glorified "Christ", a human, on a religious basis and made him a god.
- The Jewish civilization glorified the "Jewish people" on a religious basis, making human beings either a Jew or a Gentile.

Finally came the Islamic civilization.

The Islamic civilization prohibited glorifying Prophet Muhammad on a religious and political basis.

The Creator said: **Muhammad is no more than a messenger; other messengers have gone before him. If he were to die or to be killed, would you regress into disbelief? Those who do so will not harm Allah whatsoever. And God will reward those who are grateful. [Surah Al-Imran 3: 144]**

He also says: **Say, 'O Prophet, ' "I am only a man like you, 'but' it has been revealed to me that your God is only One God. So, whoever hopes for the meeting with their Lord, let them do good deeds and associate none in the worship of their Lord."** [Surah Al-Kahf 18:110]

Prophet Muhammad said: **Do not exaggerate in praising me as the Christians praised the son of Mary, for I am only a Slave. So, call me the Slave of Allah and His Messenger. (Sahih al-Bukhari 3445)**

Abu Bakr Al-Siddiq, the Prophet's companion, said, astonished at the Muslims' reaction after Prophet Muhammed's death:

"Whoever among you worships Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, then Muhammad has died. Whoever worships the Creator, then He is alive and does not die."

The Islamic civilization prohibited glorifying Arabs on a political and religious basis.

Prophet Muhammad said:

...One who fights under the banner of a people who ate blind (to the cause for which they are fighting. i. e. do not know whether their cause is just or otherwise), who gets flared up with family pride calls, (people) to fight for theirs. family honor and supports his kith and kin (i. e. fights not for the cause of The Creator but the sake of this family or tribe) -if he is killed (in this fight), he dies as one belonging to the days of ignorance (before Islam)... (Sahih Muslim 1848a)

Prophet Muhammad said in his last sermon:

All mankind is from Adam and Eve, an Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab, nor a non-Arab has any superiority over an Arab; also, a white has no superiority over black, nor a black has any superiority over white except by piety and good action.(Sunan Ibn Majah 3055)

The Creator says: **Human beings, We created you all from a male and a female and made you into nations and tribes so that you may know one another. Verily the noblest of you in the sight of God is the most God-fearing of you. Surely God is All-Knowing, All-Aware. [Surah Al-Hujurat 49:13]**

The Creator is the center of the universe.

The Creator said: **Say (O Muhammad): "Indeed, my prayer, my rites of sacrifice, my living and my dying are for Allah, Lord of the worlds. [Surah Al-An'am 6:162]**

I have always liked to repeat these verses that clearly provide human beings with the reason for their existence.

Prophet Muhammad said:

On the Day of Judgement, God, Most High, will descend to His servants to judge between them. Every nation shall be kneeling. The first of those who will be called before him will be a man who memorized the Qur'an, and a man who was killed in God's cause, and a wealthy man. God will say to the reciter: 'Did I not teach you what I revealed to My Messenger?' He says: 'Of course O Lord!' He says: 'Then what did you do with what you learned?' He said: 'I would stand (in prayer reciting) with it during all hours of the night and all hours of the day for your sake.' Then God would say to him: 'You have lied.' And the angels will say: 'You have lied. God will say to him: 'Rather, you wanted it to be said that so-and-so is a reciter. And that was said.' The person with the wealth will be brought, and God will say to him: 'Was I not so generous with you, such that I did not leave you having any need from anyone?' He will say: 'Of course O Lord!' He says: 'Then what did you do with what I gave to you?' He says: 'I would nurture the ties of kinship and give charity for your sake.' Then God will say to him: 'You have lied.' And the angels will say to him: 'You have lied.' God, Most High, will say: 'Rather, you wanted it to be said that so-and-so is so generous, and that was said.' Then the one who was killed in God's cause shall be brought, and God will say to him: 'For what were you killed?' So, he says: 'I was commanded to fight in Your cause, so I fought until I was killed.' God [Most High] will say to him: 'You have lied.' And the angels will say to him: 'You have lied.' God [Most High] will say: 'Rather, you wanted it be said that so-and-so is brave, and that was said.' (Jami` at-Tirmidhi 2382)

We understand from the words of the Prophet that:

- The Creator is the center of the universe.
- The Creator's right is the center of life.

- The existence of the Creator is the value of life.
- Without the Creator's existence, life has no value.

Life's end is the greatest indication that it has no value without the Creator. And whoever works for the sake of humanity will receive all kinds of love, appreciation, fame, veneration, and glorification, while the hereafter has its laws.

In an interview I had with a Latin family, they insisted on glorifying Jesus Christ and bringing him up to the level of divinity because they love him.

I asked them, "Does a girl's love for her father make her marry him?"

Love is different, and the lover does not exaggerate it but rather gives it the respect it deserves. A woman's love for her father is not like her love for her brother, husband, or child. Each of them has its own right. Loving the Creator means giving Him His right, which is to worship Him alone.

Loving the Creator leads to giving Him His right, which is to worship Him alone. Loving Christ means giving him his right, which is to follow his message.

- If people love a national hero, they must remember that their love for the Creator must be greater. Their defense for the Creator must be stronger.
- If a person loves the one who defends what is right, then they must remember that their love for the one who gave them this right in the first place must be stronger.

- If a person loves the one who saved his life, he must remember that the right of the one who gave him this life in the first place must be stronger.

Communicating with the Creator is a priority:

When one of the jurists was asked about the priority of communicating with the Creator directly through prayer over good morals, he said, "Prayer is the top priority because it will lead a person to good morals."

If prayer does not prevent the believer from indecency and wrongdoing, then it's the believer's fault in how he performs the prayer and the degree of his reverence.

The Creator says: **(O Prophet), recite the Book that has been revealed to you and establish Prayer. Surely Prayer forbids indecency and evil. And Allah's remembrance is of even greater merit. Allah knows all that you do. [Surah Al-Ankabut 29:45]**

The Cause & the Heart of the Matter (Hereafter Scales)

I always repeat the wonderful words of Dr Abd Al-Wahhab Al-Mesiri, where he says²²:

"Today, the world is forgetting the essence of matter; it stands without a fundamental pillar, which is the pillar."

He also says, "Human memory has been lost; human memory is what gives a person their humanity. Through memory, we learn and get history. Through memory, we know what is good, bad, right, or wrong. Thus, we establish our lives on this basis and choose. If we forget the essence, our lives would be suspended between heaven and earth."²³

I did not find a more accurate story than that of Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, with his uncle, "Abu Talib," as a simplified explanation of what Dr Mesiri said.

What "Abu Talib" presented in defense of the Messenger of God is incomparable to what anyone else offers to support Muslim causes today. Despite this, the Creator forbade His Messenger from asking forgiveness for his uncle.

²² <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rn8anzrDHcY>

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The Creator said:

It is not 'proper' for the Prophet and the believers to seek forgiveness for the polytheists, even if they were close relatives, after it has become clear to the believers that they are bound for the Hellfire. [Surah Al-Tawba 9:113]

The Messenger did not get angry or frustrated, saying, "This is my uncle; he defended me and my cause." Why?

Because the essence of the Messenger's mission as a human being in this life is to put the Creator's right as his top priority.

The mission of the Prophet Muhammad, which is spreading the religion of monotheism, is the basis of every religious cause today; it is the basis of every *sacred place* for a Muslim today. However, it was not more important than the basic cause, which is the right of the Creator.

If every Muslim today adopts the basic cause, essence, and main goal of existence, which is to defend the Creator's right, then Muslims will obtain victory and empowerment in their sanctities.

As a Muslim, I should not get angry except for violating the Creator's right, and I should not grieve except for violating *the Creator's right*.

The Creator does not tolerate violating His right.

Believing in the Creator is based on the fact that things do not appear without cause or by chance, not to mention this vast inhabited material universe and its creatures, who possess an intangible consciousness and

obey the laws of non-material mathematics. In addition, we need an independent, immaterial, eternal source to explain a finite, material universe. All that modern science does is discover universal laws. They didn't originate these laws. The Creator did.

Believing in the Creator. He has no partner or son. The Creator is not a human; He is neither male nor female. The use of the pronoun "He" is due to the language's lack of articles and pronouns to refer to the Creator.

The Creator said: **Indeed, God does not forgive associating others with Him `in worship`, but forgives anything else of whoever He wills. And whoever associates others with God has indeed committed a grave sin. [Surah Al-Nisa 4: 48]**

The right of the Creator should not be the least of the rights for a Muslim.

If I want to know someone's priorities, I must look at what makes that person intolerant and angry.

Is the right of the Creator a priority in a person's life?

Today, we find people helping each other, offering love and support, only to face an issue concerning their loved ones. They say:

- You are dear to me and have helped me a lot, but:
 - My father is in the red line.
 - I do not underestimate my husband's rights.
 - My children are the point of weakness.
 - My family is my life.

On the other hand, we find them neglecting the truth and tolerating violations of the Creator's rights.

But what is the Creator's right?

The Almighty says: **Indeed, the believers, Jews, Christians, and Sabians—whoever truly believes in Allah (The Creator) and the Last Day and does good will have their reward with their Lord. And there will be no fear for them, nor will they grieve. [Surah Al-Baqara 2:62]**

Based on the noble verse, the Creator's right is to believe in Him.

But who is the "God" mentioned in the verse? And how do we believe in Him?

He is the One and Only Creator, Who Has no partner or son.

Just as the Creator chose prophets and messengers to guide their people to the true religion, He chose holy places for them to practice their rituals and venerate these places.

The Creator commanded Adam, peace be upon him, to build the Sacred House in Mecca, and the Al-Aqsa Mosque was built in Jerusalem forty years later.²⁴

²⁴ <https://islamqa.info/ar/answers/209366/%D9%85%D9%86-%D8%A7%D9%88%D9%84-%D9%85%D9%86-%D8%A8%D9%86%D9%89-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%B3%D8%AC%D8%AF-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AD%D8%B1%D8%A7%D9%85-%D9%88%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%B3%D8%AC%D8%AF-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%82%D8%B5%D9%89>

These holy places were made to worship God alone and to purify Him from any shortcomings, such as forgetfulness, ignorance, fear, or fatigue, and other human characteristics. Glory be to Him, Most High. The Creator said:

And We wrote in the Psalms after the Remembrance, “The earth is inherited by My righteous servants.” [Surah Al-Anbiya’ 21: 105]

These places have also been made special for believers who complete their path by believing in all of God's prophets, including Christ and Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon them, if they hear about their mission. They are the elite of His creation and the bearers of His messages. He honoured them, protected them from disbelief, and prevented them from committing major sins (adultery, murder, theft, etc.). The believers' ignorance of the mission of the coming Prophet excuses them before their Creator.

God took care to protect His messengers just as He protected and saved His Messenger Jesus Christ from killing and crucifixion, and protected His Messenger Abraham from Hell, and Moses from Pharaoh and his soldiers.

The Creator: **Indeed, We will support Our messengers and those who believe in the life of this world and on the Day when the witnesses will stand. [Surah Ghafir 40: 51]**

The Creator's Prophet Abraham and his sons conveyed the message of monotheism in Jerusalem and called them towards good morals.

Whoever worships the Creator alone among Abraham's followers was following the religion of Islam, the true religion. Still, whoever took a priest or saint between him and the Creator necessarily created these rituals.

The followers of the Prophet Abraham were always required to worship God alone, bear witness that there is no god but God, and that Abraham is the Messenger of God. God sent the Prophet Moses to confirm Abraham's message, and he was heading to Jerusalem.

The followers of the Prophet Abraham had to accept the new prophet and bear witness that there is no god but God and that Moses and Abraham are messengers of God. But whoever rejected the new prophet Moses or took a priest or saint between him and the Creator, or worshipped an idol, was among those who disbelieved in the religion of God.

Joshua bin Nun entered Jerusalem, and his followers also testified that there is no god but God, and the followers of every new prophet had to believe in the previous prophet and the next prophet. Then the Prophet David came, followed by the Prophet Solomon, and they laid the foundations of a house for God in the city of Jerusalem and completed its structure for worship and glorification of God, bearing witness that there is no god but God. When Jesus Christ came to believe Moses' message, Moses' followers had to believe and follow Christ, bearing witness that there is no god but God, and that Christ, Moses, and Abraham were messengers of God. Whoever worshipped Christ and his mother, the righteous Mary, created these rituals. (Peace and blessings be upon all of God's prophets.)

When Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, came to confirm the message of the prophets before him, the followers of Christ and Moses had to accept the new prophet mentioned to them in the Torah and the Gospel, and bear witness that there is no god but God, and that Muhammad, Christ, Moses and Abraham are messengers of God. Whoever worshipped the Prophet Muhammad, begged him, or asked for help from him or his family, these rituals were necessarily invalid and created by humans.

The Creator said: **Those who follow the Messenger, the unlettered prophet, whom they find written [i.e., described] in what they have of the Torah and the Gospel, who enjoins upon them what is right and prohibits them from what is wrong and makes lawful for them what is good and forbids them from what is evil and relieves them of their burden and the shackles which were upon them. So they who have believed in him, honored him, supported him and followed the light which was sent down with him - it is those who will be the successful. [Surah Al-A'raf 7:157]**

Each heavenly message agrees with the previous one on the origin of monotheism and differs in its Sharia law according to human needs; the new message comes whenever humans deviate from the path and worship other than God. This rule includes all nations, including India, Sindh, and others.

The Creator said: **We have sent other messengers before you- some We have mentioned to you and some We have not- and no messenger could bring about a sign except with God's permission. When [the Day] God ordained comes, just**

judgement will be passed between them: there and then, those who followed falsehood will be lost. [Surah Ghafir 40:78]

The Creator created Christ without a father, just as He created Adam without a father or a mother. He creates but does not give birth, Glory be to Him. The followers of Christ were to worship the Creator, not to worship Christ himself, nor to believe that he was the Son of God. The Jew and the Christian should not deny the prophecy of the Prophet of God, Muhammad.

This is what is meant in the previous verse:

Indeed, the believers, Jews, Christians, and Sabians—whoever ‘truly’ believes in Allah (The Creator) and the Last Day and does good will have their reward with heir Lord. And there will be no fear for them, nor will they grieve. [Surah Al-Baqara 2:62]

These are the conditions for accepting salvation and safety after death. These conditions have existed throughout the time of all previous messengers.

Hereafter scales

Let's imagine that the students of the final year of school unanimously agreed to love a person who helped everyone and did not pass up an opportunity to defend their cases, solve their problems, and secure daily food and drink for them at his own expense. Still, he was not originally registered at the school, did not prepare for the day of the test, and did not know the basics needed to pass.

Do the students then have the right to demand that their friend take the certificate just because he defended their causes?

How should we treat the non-Muslims?

How can we be tolerant of him?

Tolerance is in respecting the will of choice that God has bestowed on everyone, and in dealing fairly with a non-Muslim, and not oppressing him or undermining his rights. On the other hand, tolerance is not about acknowledging a wrong religion and recognizing it as right.

How do we know that a non-Muslim died in the wrong religion?

It is not our task to know other than what he himself declared before his death.

Whoever works and strives in this world, then it is thanks to the Creator's justice to hasten his reward in this world and commemorate his memory among the people for whom he worked during his life before his death. By that, he has taken his reward from humans with love and appreciation.

But the reward of the afterlife has its own laws and standards.

Therefore, knowing how the Creator will hold the non-Muslim accountable and where his fate will be is up to the Creator.

It should not be confused between the moral matter towards the non-Muslim represented in the strong emotions, which should be expressed by consoling, sympathizing, righteousness and kindness to him that the Creator commanded, and with a doctrinal matter related to the constants of religion, which has nothing to do with morals. This confusion is manifested in the practice of seeking divine

forgiveness for non-Muslims after their death, a practice that is considered impermissible in Islamic doctrine.

The Creator is the One Who takes over the affairs of a non-Muslim after death. The Creator asks the Muslim not to interfere in matters that do not concern him.

Humans will not be more merciful than their Creator, who will decide to treat them after death, either by His mercy or by His justice.

But what is the criterion for our judgment on things?

What is the reference and centrality on which we issue our judgments?

The criterion of a Muslim and the centralization of decision-making and issuance of judgments must be the methodology of his Creator.

The method, which is the religion chosen by the Creator, is: the method of organizing a human being's relationship with his Creator and explaining how to communicate with him.

The way to organize a person's relationships with the people around him, determine his rights and duties, and his relationships with other beings and how to deal with them. I must worship the Creator and communicate with Him in the way He chose and not in my own way and desire. Whoever wants to give his mother a rose, for example, must choose a rose in the color that his mother likes and not what he likes.

The Creator says: **And We brought to what they did of work, and We made it as scattered dust (Surah Al-Furqan 25: 23)**

Dr Al-Mesiri says, "I always advise my friends and students to stay away from the little battles that are imposed upon them, and which can drain a person, even destroy him. ²⁵"

²⁵ Dr. Abd Al-Wahab Al-Mesiri. *My Intellectual Journey: In Seeds, Roots, and Fruits*.

Energetics & Desire Fulfilment

A Japanese Buddhist once told me, "I will tell you a short story."

"A rural person once lived in a village where he enjoyed a calm atmosphere and rich nature.

One day, he decided to leave the village to live in the city, with its hustle and bustle.

Whenever he encountered a real problem that exhausted him, he would start thinking of nature, calm, and his simple house in the village. Then he would begin to resort to them by asking for help.

This makes him happy and reassures him, for each of us can achieve his own happiness and choose his own god."

As soon as he finished his story, I rhetorically asked him, "If a wife feels nostalgic for her father, would she marry him?"

"If a person takes you to the airport, would you ride on his back and leave the plane? Why don't you resort to the Creator of these creatures?"

He said, "You Muslims do not understand us; the Creator unites with everything. He is everywhere."

He added, "There is no starting point and no end point for this universe."

I replied, "How can the Creator be everywhere? The term everywhere includes restrooms, sinks, and swamps. Exalted be the Creator above that."

"Do you, as a human being, enter the TV that you invented? Can you, your mobile phone, and the photo you take using the phone become one thing?"

"We need a power separate from us to save us from the troubles of this world before the hereafter, not to unite with us and cause us to perish together, losing both our identities."

He said, "Sorry, I have to leave immediately."

I asked him, "Where to?"

He asked, "What do you mean?"

I responded, "Do you know where to go? Do you know why you are here? Where did you come from?"

The Japanese person was very confused and surprised by my questions and said:

"I want to leave and go back to the hotel. I came here to visit."

He added, "Every sane person knows where he came from and where he is going."

I told him, "So you use your rationality to figure out your daily life plans and override your rationality to figure out your existential life journey without knowing the answers to these existential questions: Where do you come from?

Why are you here?

Where are you going?

You are, in this case, the one who has fooled himself."

God says: **And who would be averse to the religion of Abraham except one who makes a fool of himself. [Surah Al-Baqara 2:130]**

Illusion of Energetics ²⁶

I once had a debate with three people of different nationalities who endorsed the newly popular science of energetics.

I remember asking a question as a prelude to explaining why Muslims pray toward Mecca.

I asked them, "Do you know why?"

An elderly woman from Venezuela responded, "I don't know anything. I only believe in myself, Buddhism, and nature."

I jokingly asked her, "So you only worship three gods. Who created nature?"

I added, "Nature is water, air, and energy. The universe is created with all its energy, matter, place, and time. Who created them?"

She said, "I don't care. Energetics has assured us that we can create our destiny. We ask and receive what we expect through the Universal Law of Attraction."

I asked her, "Did you decide to come to this life? You may then decide not to die."

I continued, "Although you used words such as 'science' and 'energy', these two words are not appropriate; energy science is not a science at all, nor is energy energy. These are fake terms for fake concepts."

²⁶ That positive or negative thoughts bring positive or negative experiences into a person's life. The belief is based on the idea that people and their thoughts are made of "pure energy" and that such energy can attract like energy, allowing people to improve their health, wealth, or personal relationships.

After all, believing in the Law of Attraction means that you are resorting to the universe. And belief in the Creator means that you are resorting to the Creator of the universe.

The universe is created. The creature is weak and marches to an inevitable demise.

The one who lacks a thing cannot give it to others.

Only the Creator of the universe, who has the command, possesses benefit and harm.

The woman then felt very confused.

She said, "I am very fond of Buddhism."

I told her, "Islam tells you to use your rationality to meditate and contemplate and differentiate between Truth and Falsehood."

"Islam calls for optimism that leads to activity and reason. Islam does not tell you that mere optimism attracts benefit or repels harm!"

"Buddhism invites you to a static meditation that clears your mind. Whereas, based on this meditation, the mind must be disabled and calmed until it reaches a stage like hallucinations. There is no such thing in physical science as positive energy and negative energy."

You also said, "Advocates of energy healing philosophies use the words 'negative' and 'positive.'"

They spoke of positive and negative energy in a physical sense, saying that a harmful thought releases negative energy. In contrast, a good, beneficial, or peaceful thought releases positive energy. Does thought secrete energies?"

What is surprising is that energy science lacks a physical definition; it is not electromagnetic energy, gravitational energy, or any other energy concept in physics. When we study physics, chemistry, biology, and other sciences in the United States of America and then in Japan, Russia, or China, we will not find any difference between them.

We will not discover, for example, that the laws of electromagnetism vary by country, nor will chemical reactions involving the same substances produce other substances that vary according to the laboratory scientist's culture. We will not find, in one book, that a cell contains DNA and, in another, that the same cell does not, depending on each specialist's opinion. The reason for this consensus is that scientific information is uniform and accurate everywhere; any change to proven scientific information requires all countries to update their records to ensure unity.

I continued, "As for energy science, it does not have any mathematics that explains it, nor does it have any scientific measurements, even indirectly. All that is available in this field is narrative narration, good wording, personal experiences that are not based on science, and psychological feelings that the person feels (All of these feelings have scientific explanations, none of which have anything to do with hidden energy)."

Energetics is a religious term used only by pagans in East Asia.

It is not a description of a physical or scientific phenomenon that can be tested, handled, or otherwise dealt with. Therefore, non-physical energy is called pseudoscience. Negative and positive in physics are hypothetical divisions. If we say: "X" ions are negative ions, and "Y" ions are positive ions.

This is a hypothetical physics report to facilitate the equations and nothing more. If we reverse it and say: "S" ions are positive. There is no problem; it is only hypothetical for the sake of distinction. The places have a neutral charge, so there is no place with a negative card and another with a positive card.

Rhonda Byrne, one of the most famous advocates of the Law of Attraction, says, "You are a god in a physical body," a phrase that has led to the sanctification of the human soul. It led to the glorification of the world and made its desires ultimate. But desires should be a means, not an end. This worldly life is the beginning of an eternal journey that man resumes after death with resurrection, reckoning, and then reward."

During my conversation with the woman, I furthered, "You blame the believer for believing in the unseen, while your entire concepts are based on the unseen, like how you believe in universal energy and the universal spirit. You seek benefit and ward off harm by resorting to amulets and talismans.

All you are doing is just trying to prove that you are needed. You need security, you need help, you need to achieve goodness, you need to repel evil, and you will only get this by turning to the Creator of the universe.

All the concepts you adopt and evade the true concept of the Creator in the religion of Islam to abandon responsibilities. You do not want accountability or punishment. The criminal escapes accountability for the murder they committed, and the thief is happy with their theft because they're safe from punishment. If the student is afraid of the test, does he have the right to cancel the school principal?

Islam holds that our presence in this world is for a sublime purpose: to know God Almighty and worship Him by turning directly to Him. Despite the shortness of this worldly life, it is a place of trial and test for human beings so that they may be distinguished in degrees and ranks when they approach the afterlife. The believer does not despair and does not lay down his weapons, no matter how many enemies he encounters, and no matter how many worries besiege him, because he sees God's power in everything. He sees God's will done and nothing else. Resilience in the face of impossibility is a characteristic of a believer because he knows he is struggling with God's help rather than his own strength. He does not know cowardice, fear, or escape.

This is why faith necessitates testing: because talking is easy, and because everyone claims to be a believer and worthy of Paradise. The Titans claimed before their people, until the moment of their deaths, that they were doing good work and believed they deserved to be glorified and praised.

Each person must be afflicted to awaken to his true nature and know his status. God does not need to test people, for He has known our positions since eternity. But we are the ones who need to be tested to know ourselves.

I told her, in relation to the point with which I began my dialogue with her: During Hajj, all Muslims gather at one place and time, wear one dress and color regardless of social differences, and interact with each other without discrimination as they perform the rites and rituals of Hajj. God made the Kaaba, the Sacred House, the first house of worship and a symbol of the unity of believers, as all Muslims turn to it when praying, forming circles from different parts of the earth, with Mecca at their center. The Qur'an presents us with many scenes of worshippers interacting with the natural world, such as praising and chanting to the mountains and birds with the Prophet David: "O mountains, support him and the birds, and We have made iron for him."

Islam affirms in more than one position that the entire universe, including its creatures, praises and glorifies the Lord of the Worlds. The spherical nature of the Earth and its rotation on its axis, counterclockwise, are in harmony with the rotational movement of the universe, which in turn creates the alternation of day and night. Muslims join in their circumambulation around the Kaaba and their five daily prayers from different parts of the earth, towards Mecca; they form part of the system of the universe, in constant and continuous communication in glorifying and praising the Lord of the Worlds. Prayer times depend on sunrise and sunset. Praying to the Creator of the universe never stops on Earth. As soon as a Muslim finishes five minutes of prayer in one city, for example, another Muslim will begin to pray in another city, and so on.

This scene represents the greatest unity, joy, comfort, and tranquility. If the term energy had an origin, this majestic scene would be its best example.

The Creator said: **We will show them Our signs in the universe and within themselves until it becomes clear to them that this 'Quran' is the truth. Is it not enough that your Lord is a Witness over all things? [Surah Fussilat 41:53]**

And He said, **'He is the One' Who created seven heavens, one above the other. You will never see any imperfection in the creation of the Most Compassionate.1 So look again: do you see any flaws? Then look again and again—your sight will return frustrated and weary. [Surah Al-Mulk 67 2-3]**

International Day of No Surrender (Values, Principles and Morals)

One day, a German told me, "I see the diversity of religions and the multiplicity of gods among humans as a very beautiful thing that enriches cultures, even though I believe in one God, the Creator. What is the harm in making Christ the image of the Creator on earth, as among Christians, and making Krishna the image of the Creator on earth, as among Hindus, and so on?"

I responded, "If this multiplicity of gods is a beautiful thing to you, then to the Creator it is a major crime and a high treason, and its punishment is eternity in hell."

I added, "What would a person be like if he had two or three minds? In this case, a person will not hesitate to say that chaos will prevail, events will conflict, and life will not be right unless every person has a single mind that directs them, organizes their life, and protects them. If a person contemplated their mind, they would find evidence of the Creator's oneness, such as the fact that we need only one mind. Just as the mind refuses to imagine a person with two or three minds, it is necessary for it not to imagine the existence of more than one Creator or God.

Everything that is worshipped other than the Creator does not lead to stability.

I also asked him, "Is your personal opinion a substitute for following the approach of the Creator of the universe?"

He said, "But a person is free to believe what he believes."

I told him, "Freedom is trust and responsibility, awareness of the right, commitment to it, and sincerity in seeking it. Our freedom of belief and choice allows us to coexist peacefully, and this is required, but it cannot make us accept wrong as right."

Humans no longer have a center, and today we live in a state of dispersion, searching for something central. Human reality changes everything. What principle should people take for themselves to achieve eternal happiness?

I searched extensively for a logical definition of the principles that humans set for themselves until I heard about the International Day of Non-Surrender, declared by the United Nations.

The world celebrates the United Nations Day of Non-Surrender on October 24 every year, marking the anniversary of the organization's founding charter. In his message to mark this day, UN Secretary-General António Guterres said that the Charter embodies the hopes, dreams and aspirations of "we the peoples."

He added, "If inequality is increasing despite the decline in extreme poverty, we are not giving up because we know that by reducing inequality, we are opening more doors of hope and opportunity and promoting peace around the world. Even as the pace of climate change accelerates, we are not giving up because we know that fighting it is our only way. If human rights are violated in many places, we do not give up because we know that respect for human rights and human dignity is a basic condition for achieving peace."

If the number of conflicts is doubling and people are suffering, we will not give up because we know that every man and every woman deserves a life of peace.²⁷"

This is what the Secretary-General of the United Nations said on the matter. But is it possible to achieve human dignity and human rights without recognizing the existence of a Creator who determines these rights and determines a comprehensive way of life?

Is a person's priority to preserve the rights of the Creator of the climate and creatures first, or to save the creatures' rights?

Should people not give up? To whom should humans not surrender?

Does the reality of death make people capable of not giving up?

Do humans have the right to establish rights and instructions for humans to follow?

Who gave rights to human beings? Is it a human being who made the right for another? Where do they get this right in the first place? If it is proven that they cannot establish rights, then what is the alternative?

Islam means surrendering to the Creator of the universe and existence, and it is surrendering to the reality of death and eternity after death.

The Creator said: **Say, "Shall we inform you of those who will lose in deeds?" Those whose efforts have gone astray in the life of this world while they thought that they were doing well. [Surat Al-Kahf 18: 103-104]**

²⁷ <https://news.un.org/ar/story/2018/10/1019972>

The Creator tells us in these noble verses that people may think that they are doing good. Still, all these deeds will be in vain on the Day of Resurrection due to failure to fulfil the basic condition, which is submission to the Lord of the Worlds and that these deeds be in pursuit of reward from Him.

Human rights and dignity

The Creator (God, meaning the One True God) is the owner of what He creates. Therefore, His disposition in the universe is not only because He is the Creator; Rather, he is the owner, and his disposal is based on his ability, judgment, and justice, and he is the only one who has the right to determine the rights and freedoms regarding his property. For 14 centuries, the religion of Islam has established human rights and dignity:

The Creator said: **O people, we created you from a male and a female and made you into peoples and tribes that you may know each other. Indeed, the most honorable of you in the sight of God is the most pious of you. Indeed, God is Yam is an expert [Surah Al-Hujurat 49: 13]**

Equality between human beings is a moral peculiarity and not a natural, material, or mental fact. From a material, natural, or mental perspective, people are undoubtedly not equal. For example, some are tall and short, and some are white and black. Based on belief in the Creator and religion, only humans can demand equality. So, the saying "human beings are equal" is only possible if human beings are God's creations.²⁸

²⁸ Dr. Haitham Talaat. *Spiritual Atheism*.

God Almighty said: **O people, fear your Lord, who created you from a single soul and created from it its mate and dispersed from them many men and women. And fear God who has created They will ask about it and the relatives. Indeed, Allah is ever a Watcher over you [Surah An-Nisa 4: 1]**

Morality, as a realistic phenomenon in human life, cannot be explained rationally, and this is perhaps the first and most practical argument for religion. Ethical behavior either has no meaning or has meaning only in the existence of God; there is no third option. Either we dismiss morality as a pile of fanaticism, or we introduce a value called "immortality" into the equation. If the condition of immortal life is met, and there is another world other than this world, and the Creator exists, then human moral behavior will have meaning and justification.

If a person is free not to set limits to his pleasures, their soul will live miserably because the more pleasure they taste, the greater lack of pleasure they will feel, thus becoming deprived. On the other hand, whoever stands within God's limits is satisfied and happy, feeling they lack nothing.

Decision and value

- Not surrendering means repeatedly attempting until either victory is achieved by knowing the Creator and dying in support of His righteousness, or death becomes blameworthy and abandoned.
- Not giving up means re-evaluating steps, learning from mistakes and repenting.
- Not giving up means having trust in the Creator that there is a way out of every predicament.

- Not giving up is a characteristic of believers, confidence, reassurance, strength, perseverance, and ambition.
- Not giving up means enjoying the pursuit, not the result, thus getting something better than what we want.

An atheist once told me, "We came from nothing, and we will go to nothing."

I replied, "I will tell you a symbolic story. At one of the construction sites, the work manager saw three workers breaking huge, hard stones. So, he asked each of them separately, beginning with the first worker: 'What are you doing?'

The first worker replied, 'I am breaking these stones because my boss told me so.'

The second asked, 'What are you doing?'

He replied, 'I create beautiful artistic shapes with these stones; don't you like it?!'

The third asked, 'What are you doing?'

He replied, 'I build skyscrapers, there is no one better than us in the world, right?!'

The moral of the story:

Each of us sees the world from their point of view, so that everyone can change their lives for the better. The first worker saw himself as nothing more than an enslaved person who carried out the orders required of him, unlike the second worker, who saw himself as a visual artist, and the third worker, who saw himself as neither superior to anyone nor hindered by any limits. What is your decision? To be something important and live for a higher value, or to be for nothing?

The atheist asked, "What is the value?"

I explained, "Value is the engine and motivator for humans. For example, when a person attends a training course, what motivates them? The answer is the value of knowledge. Another example is someone's motivation to go to the gym for health and fitness."

Values are personal preferences; they are generally good qualities. But the difference between people lies in the order of priorities: choosing the most important value among these values. According to his choice, his position with his Creator is determined. Working towards the value of immortality after death must be the goal of every human being.

He asked: "What is the difference between values and principles?"

Principles are ideas or convictions held by a person. They may be wrong, unlike values.

For example, two people may highly value honesty as their number one priority. However, one of them follows the principle of severing relationships after a lie, while the other is willing to excuse the liar and give them another chance.

He asked, "What about morals?"

I elaborated, "Morality is the action that results from values. It is said that individuals' values shape society's morals. When you want to change a society's morals, you must change its individuals' values.

The Prophet of God, Muhammad, fostered brotherhood between the immigrants and the Ansar, thereby elevating its value and promoting good morals and many virtues.

After extensive research, I finally found that the highest value human beings should choose is the Creator's right, which should be their top priority. It must be their utmost principle that violating the Creator's right is considered a red line for Him.

Worshipping the Creator gives a person a sense of equality and justice among people, because they all worship the One and Only God equally. Therefore, in a society where worshipping the Creator prevails, people do not find a purpose in life other than the Creator; nothing fills the horizons of their souls other than worshipping Him. This is when people will destroy the various idols of slavery, money, lust, prestige, power, and pride to be free as they were created, and as their great Creator intended for them.

There is a moral law inside every human being, which is conscience, as the philosopher Immanuel Kant calls it. It is the pinnacle of justice. However, a human being does not abide by this law because they have instincts and freedom. There must be a strict law to make a person adhere to their moral law.

However, this is not enough. Human law punishes wrongdoers and rarely rewards the good. But divine law punishes the wrongdoer and rewards the good. This is the difference.

In the West, magic and fortune-telling markets are thriving. Thousands of fortune-tellers and palm readers work officially and hold government licenses.²⁹

²⁹ Kamal Al-Dheeb. *Article: Freeing Man from the Dominance of Chaos.*

They have offices and websites. Religion is making a noticeable return in society, re-examining the old and new question: "Is faith an innate need in our lives?"

This means that when life becomes complicated, and there are multiple references, it becomes easier, because of the fears that plague humans, to turn it into a great hidden force. The power of faith enables a person to face the reality of death. In the past, philosophy, science, and psychology have worked to confront irrationality.

Darwin, for example, tried, through his theory of evolution, to overturn what was stated in the heavenly books about the Creator's existence. As for Nietzsche, he considered the "idea of the gods" to have been invented to limit human ambition, subject them to unseen powers, and emphasize their permanent helplessness in the face of life and the unknown. As for Freud, he compared people's faith beliefs throughout the ages to the cosmic state of "nephroz," from which humanity will recover as it progresses and develops.

However, these theories have declined in their influence on philosophy, thought, and social practice, in contrast to the belief in the Creator's existence, which is confirmed day after day. A person continues to cling to anything that connects them to faith and belief, regardless of its type or name.

After astronomers and physicists discussed the "Big Bang" that created the universe, they are now wondering what came before this explosion and before physical life. They began to talk about a will beyond the origin of the universe, and about this great coincidence that was behind the creation of this universe.

Likewise, biologists who attribute all forms of life to genes speak today of the Great Engineer who programmed life and existence, giving them specific meanings. They say this engineer must be higher than humans and from outside the universe. That is, in the end, God must be alone.

In fact, Islam is the only religion that has no problems with science; Muslims always view nature as another divine book, a second book from God that must be read and its mysteries solved. Therefore, the saying spread among them that the universe is the book of God that is seen or experienced, whereas the Qur'an is the book of God that is read. They are convinced that there is no actual contradiction between knowledge of the divine and worldly knowledge....³⁰.

³⁰ Dr. Murad Hoffmann. German Muslim diplomat. *The Emptiness of the Self and Colonized Brains*.

The Great Replacement Theory & Industry of Ignorance (The Lesson of the Five Monkeys)

Today, non-Muslims talk about a theory called the "Great Replacement", which arose out of intense fear of the great spread of Islam. The theory led them to believe that this was a conspiracy aimed at overthrowing them and replacing them with Muslims.

So, what is the story?

A French lady once told me, "The head cover is not normal for us."

I said, "I'll tell you a symbolic story."

There once was a ruler of a village who fell grievously ill, and his nose was amputated because his doctor insisted.

The next day, the minister came in to check on the king, but he was so startled that he burst out laughing upon seeing his noseless king.

The king was angry and ordered his doctor to cut out the minister's nose.

On the third day, the minister's assistants laughed seeing their minister without a nose. So, the minister got offended and told the king what had happened. So, the king ordered his doctor to chop off the noses of all the ministers.

On the fourth day, the ruler went out with his minister and minister's assistants to solve some of the people's problems, and the people laughed at them.

Therefore, the king decreed that the doctor should also cut off the noses of all people, including newborn children.

As a result, all the villagers became noseless. Later, when a person with a healthy nose from another town came to visit them, everyone pointed at him and jeered: "This one has a nose; he is not a normal human being."

But the reality is that whoever has a nose is normal.

The Creator ensured that the natural one would always return to the scene, even after a while.

- The belief that this universe has a Creator is natural.
- The belief that the Creator is not embodied in a human form or an animal form is natural.
- Worshipping the Creator alone without a saint or a priest is natural.
- Worshipping the Creator without resorting to the Prophet of God Muhammad or any member of his family is natural.
- The belief in all the Creator's messengers from Adam to Muhammad, including Moses and Jesus, may blessings and peace be upon them, is natural.
- Covering the body and not staying naked is natural.
- Male and female marriage is natural.

- Relationships within marriage are natural.
- There is no difference between black and white, nor rich and poor, which is natural.

If the successor person – individually and collectively – did not fulfil his religious and moral duty, God Almighty replaces them with another successor who can fulfil his duty of succession.

This is evident in Almighty's saying: **...If you 'still' turn away, He will replace you with another people. And they will not be like you. [Surah Muhammad 47:38]**

This task is the one in which God provides a human being with air, water, food, drink, health, and other blessings.

It is what is called internationally (daily subsistence allowance) for someone who is assigned a task from a specific institution.

The Daily subsistence allowance (DSA) comprises the organization's total contribution towards charges such as lodging, meals, gratuities, and transport costs from the place of lodging to the first place of official business, and vice versa, along with other payments made for personal services rendered. However, when the assigned person fails to complete the task entrusted to them and is preoccupied with something other than their assigned goal, the company replaces them.

The replacement is a cosmic norm.

The Creator says: **[Due to] arrogance in the land and plotting of evil; but the evil plot does not encompass except its own people. Then do they await except the way [i.e., fate] of the former peoples? But you will never find in the way [i.e., established method] of God any change, and you will never find in the way of God any alteration. [Surah Fatir 35:43]**

The universal norms are set out in the Qur'an as a set of laws by which existence comes, and life moves; it governs its parts and vocabulary, and no creature deviates from it. There is no atom or motion in the universe except when it has a law or norm. All living beings, including humans, animals, and plants, only have laws.

There is no planet or star; it has an involuntary law that runs accordingly. There is no psychological, social, or cultural shift, except when causes and factors manifest a law.

In this sense, the norms are divided into two parts:

- **Obligatory norms:** They apply to all living things, including humans. This is like birth, death, and life, as well as the moral descriptions and the innate states of man. Obligatory norms also include the power and divine will of matters over which a human being has no power.
- **Optional norms:**

It is based on the level of human will within the circle of human ability. This type of norm is the basis for a person's success or failure in the successive project entrusted to them. In other words, a person will not achieve the succession project as God has pleased.

And they will not build the desired civilization and urbanization except through their understanding and harnessing of the divine laws. From that moment on, the norms became the existential, cosmic, and historical law governing human development and succession.

The replacement does not mean the extermination of individuals; rather, societies may disintegrate, and the forces of nations would collapse; their social and political impact on the existing lives of people is then erased.

However, the number of members and the proportion of this nation's population in societies may not change. Rather, it may increase or decrease due to neglecting the institutionalization of marriage, resorting to homosexuality and others. But they remain as desolate nations without features or purpose.

A true Muslim does not conspire or plan to harm others to reserve a place on Earth. They are only occupied with the real task that they are assigned with - reforming the earth through worshipping the Creator - and the Creator takes care of their empowerment.

Industry of ignorance

Five monkeys were placed in a cage as part of an experiment. In the middle of the cage, there was a ladder with bananas on the top rung. Every time a monkey tried to climb the ladder, the experimenter sprayed all of the monkeys with icy water. Eventually, each time a monkey started to climb the ladder, the other monkeys pulled him off and beat him up to avoid the icy spray. Soon, no monkey dared go up the ladder.

The experimenter then substituted one of the monkeys in the cage with a new monkey. The first thing the new monkey did was try to climb the ladder to reach the bananas. After several beatings, the new monkey learned the social norm. He never knew "why" the other monkeys wouldn't let him go for the bananas, since he had never been sprayed with ice water, but he quickly learned that they would not tolerate this behavior.

One by one, each monkey in the cage was replaced by a new one until none of the original group remained. Every time a new monkey went up the ladder, the rest of the group pulled him off, even those who had never been sprayed with icy water.

By the end of the experiment, the five monkeys in the cage had learned to follow the rule (don't go for the bananas), without any of them knowing why (we'll all get sprayed with icy water). If we could have asked the monkeys for their rationale behind not letting their cage mates climb the ladder, their answer would probably be: "I don't know, that's just how it's always been done."

This story, whether real or a fable, captures a pervasive theme in many organizational cultures. We tend to do things the way they've always been done, without questioning or revisiting the reason behind it, even long after that reason ceases to exist.

Unfortunately, this is what societies do today. They always try to make people ignorant; at first, they do so without knowing why, but they are following in the footsteps of those before them.

Many people are imbued with this nature, just like monkeys, and this is pure ignorance.

There are many behaviors in our lives, homes, workplaces, and surroundings that we do not understand. However, some are desperate to defend them despite not knowing their real motives.

- Some people today resort to an animal or an idol by request, while they do not know why they do that.
- Some turn to a saint or a priest and seek help from the dead, while they do not know why they do that.
- Some people thank other than the Creator for the blessings that surround them, which are a gift from the Creator, and they do not know why they do that.
- A male marries a male, and a female marries a female, and they do not know why they do that.
- Some people marry animals and don't know why they do that.
- Some people attack females who cover their bodies and glorify those who do not wear clothes, while they do not know why they do that.

People should ask themselves when behaving in a certain way, to identify the causes of error and distinguish between correct and wrong behavior. They should search for their own soul and realize the fact that God distinguished them from an animal, before it's too late.

Humanity of Islam (Children's Rights Organization)

During an interview I had with members of an international children's rights organization, one of them asked me, "Why doesn't a woman marry four men, like how a man marries four wives in Islam?"

I told him, "Because Islam came to establish justice on the face of the earth. He gives everyone his rights."

She asked the audience, "What is the first right of the child?"

Someone said, "Love."

I said, "The first right of a child is to know his father, who will give the child love and affection and live a decent life."

I added, "The child has a right in life as well."

Someone asked, "How is that?"

I explained, "According to the United Nations Fund's report on the state of world population for 2022, nearly half of all pregnancies worldwide are unwanted, and more than 60 per cent of them may end in miscarriage. About 73 million induced abortions occur annually around the world.³¹"

I also asked, "What does this mean?"

Where are these children's right to life?

³¹ <https://www.unfpa.org/ar/swp2022/impacts>

The Creator said: **Indeed, We have dignified the children of Adam, carried them on land and sea, granted them good and lawful provisions, and privileged them far above many of Our creatures. [Surah Al-Isra 17:70]**

Within Western thought, humanism denotes a philosophical orientation that affirms the inherent value of the human being and regards humanity as the central (measure) of meaning and knowledge. This orientation is closely associated with the pursuit of intellectual and personal freedom, and historically it involved a deliberate rejection of what were perceived as the constraints of the medieval period, alongside an opposition to stagnation and uncritical imitation.

Thus, humanity became like a god to be worshipped, away from the Creator. It makes a human being the ultimate measure of everything and considers them capable of exercising their absolute right to enjoy life. When humans establish human values (human-made religions), they are not only subject to right and wrong and modification, but they also fail to motivate humans to adhere to them.

These human-made religions are just slogans that make luxury, pleasure and human comfort the value itself. These slogans do not give any human being value or purpose beyond their enjoyment on this earth. They may deceive some people for some time, but when they are implemented in practice, a person will put their comfort, luxury, and enjoyment above any slogan.

The human legislator carries a soul composed of whims and a tendency towards self-interest. Thus, you find positive legislation unfair to one sect at the expense of another.

We see, for example, that a certain team in a certain institution - if it holds the reins of management - legislates a law to freeze wages. If it moves to a team opposing the management, it influences everyone's opinion to raise wages. This is only because the law's drafters consider people's interests in all circumstances. However, divine legislation is free from these circumstances.

It equated human beings and did not favor one person over another, except based on piety.

The pinnacle of humanity is evident in this verse. The Creator's religion gives people value and life purpose beyond themselves that does not stop at the limits of their pleasure and lust. That the highest human goal is the Creator's satisfaction, love, piety, fear of Him, and a paradise after death in which you can live with the true heroes of the prophets and the righteous who spent their lives and sacrificed their lives for values higher than mere luxury and fleeting pleasures.

The Creator said: **O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm in justice, witnesses for Allah, even if it be against yourselves or parents and relatives. Whether one is rich or poor, Allah is more worthy of both. So, follow not [personal] inclination, lest you not be just. And if you distort [your testimony] or refuse [to give it], then indeed Allah is ever, of what you do, Aware. [Surah Al-Nisa 4:135]**

Harvard University placed this verse from Surah An-Nisa at the College of Law's entrance, where the most important sayings about justice in human history are also placed.

An explanation of the verse, its meaning, and a brief overview of the surah were also mentioned³². The explanation attached to the translation of the Quranic verse emphasizes the importance of honesty in testimony. Regarding Surat An-Nisa, he wrote that it "deals mainly with the obligations and responsibilities of women in Islamic society," and explains the origins of inheritance and family law. The Creator's mercy and love for his creation are evident before the love of humans for each other in his law and rulings, which are good and mercy for creation and which came to preserve the following five necessities:

Preserving their religion:

The Islamic nation has done well in dealing with its Creator because, in doing so, it has preserved a religion that places the relationship between the Creator and His creatures in the right place by giving the Creator the right to communicate with Him directly, at a time when other human civilizations have mistreated God.

They have disbelieved in Him and associated with Him creatures in faith and worship, and they sent Him down in their minds to positions that do not fit with His Majesty, such as attributing a son to Him, or that He was incarnated in the form of an animal or a stone, and so on.

³² [https://arabic.rt.com/news/648647-](https://arabic.rt.com/news/648647-%D8%B3%D9%88%D8%B1%D8%A9_%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%86%D8%B3%D8%A7%D8%A1_%D8%AC%D8%A7%D9%85%D8%B9%D8%A9_%D9%87%D8%A7%D8%B1%D9%81%D8%B1%D8%AF_%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A3%D9%85%D8%B1%D9%8A%D9%83%D9%8A%D8%A9/)

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Preserving their bodies:

And God Almighty said: **whoever takes a life—unless as a punishment for murder or mischief in the land—it will be as if they killed all of humanity; and whoever saves a life, it will be as if they saved all of humanity. ‘Although’ Our messengers already came to them with clear proofs, many of them still transgressed afterwards through the land. [Surah Al-Maidah 5: 32]**

Preserving their minds and thoughts:

The prohibition of alcohol represents this. The mind exists to choose between alternatives. Therefore, the mind must be present and sound, and it is the basis of decision-making. Its standards must be honest so that a person can choose between the good and bad alternatives. A person does not have the right to conceal their mind, which is the basis of God's obligation to avoid alcohol or any intoxicants. It is as if they turned to the greatest blessing (reason), which is his gateway to faith in God and the basis for their obligations, to prevent it.³³

All obligations after that, including prayer, fasting, and others, are a branch of the obligatory mind. Nature is inherently sound and must not be corrupted. When a person drinks wine, it is as if they are rejecting the blessing that distinguishes them from animals.

³³ From the sayings of Sheikh Muhammad Metwally Al-Shaarawy.

Preserving lineages:

This is one of the most prominent reasons for prohibiting adultery and prohibiting a woman from marrying more than one man at the same time, which leads to the mixing of lineages by the ratio of children to people other than their biological fathers.

- The prohibition of adultery and the preservation of one's honor, lineage, and children.
- Preserving women's dignity: permitting adultery means robbing a woman of her dignity and making her a degrading commodity.
- Islam came to honor people, especially women, after they had been an inherited property in pre-Islamic times and an object of humiliation and contempt.
- Preventing the spread of crimes: Adultery is one of the reasons for the spread and frequency of murders. A husband may kill his wife and her boyfriend, and an adulterer may kill his girlfriend's husband, for example.

Preserving money and property:

This is through strict laws against criminals. In fact, only criminals, bandits, and corrupters on earth will object to these strict limits and laws because they are worried about themselves.

These laws were established to punish those who intend to spread corruption on earth, as evidenced by their suspension in cases of manslaughter or theft committed due to hunger, extreme need, or suspicion.

The first goal is worth suffering

Football clubs pay millions to buy players, entrusting them with a great mission: winning the League Cup. The player's assignment is merely their physical fitness; if they fail in this, the mission falls through.

At Borussia Dortmund, coach Thomas Tüchel established a strict nutrition system for his players. It includes not eating processed sugar and white flour. The coach also prohibited talking on the phone while the players were eating meals together. The club employs two chefs who prepare "athletes' food," including fish, meat, vegetables, and fruit, and dessert after meals.

Dortmund even published a book entitled "The Difference is What's on the Plate." There is a chapter in this book that discusses good and bad foods. The German Football Association also provides advice on proper nutrition to young people through its website. It even goes so far as to set specific times for the player to meet his wife and children, including bedtime. This situation is similar to what fashion models around the world face, who consider their body shapes the primary goal of their mission.

Crystal Rennie, the quintessential supermodel, wrote in the 2010 book "Hunger" about her experience modelling from a young age.

Other models resorted to eating cotton or paper napkins to maintain their weight because it made them feel full. Still, it certainly did not provide any beneficial calories to their bodies.

Their diet included drinking a cup of black coffee without sugar. The perfect supermodel, Kate Moss, said when asked about her modelling philosophy: "There is no beautiful feeling like being thin."³⁴

There are also vegetarians and vegans; the former do not eat meat, while the latter eat food products made from organic vegetables and fruits. Some people eat only fish, while others eat only tree products, a practice that has spread among athletes in this society.

We understand from the above that humans today have chosen different types of suffering to achieve worldly goals. For example, what distinguishes the Real Madrid football team in their field is having another team as an opponent, as well as Real Madrid's effort, patience, training, and suffering to win.

Without opponents and hard work, there will be no victory.

For instance, some say that women who do not wear hijab are free! However, she is tripped up by whims, desires, and other people's opinions. She is never free, but rather restricted and subject towards different sides.

³⁴ <https://www.dw.com/ar/%D9%86%D8%AC%D9%88%D9%85-%D9%8A%D8%BA%D9%8A%D8%B1%D9%88%D9%86-%D9%86%D8%B8%D8%A7%D9%85%D9%87%D9%85-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%BA%D8%B0%D8%A7%D8%A6%D9%8A-%D8%AD%D9%81%D8%A7%D8%B8%D8%A7-%D8%B9%D9%84%D9%89-%D9%84%D9%8A%D8%A7%D9%82%D8%AA%D9%87%D9%85-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A8%D8%AF%D9%86%D9%8A%D8%A9/a-19213914>

On the other hand, the free woman is not restricted by what's mentioned above. None of the above prevents her from being subject to the command of the Creator, the One God.

Religion does not reject life nor reason. Islam is based on the principle of loving and caring for life, urging respect for the mind, the pursuit of knowledge, and presenting a modern law that unites the soul and body in a single, unique harmony, where the soul does not overpower the body, nor vice versa.

We are not asked to kill lust, in reference to opponents in the previous football example, still, rather than being asked to organize this lust and direct it within the framework of a legitimate relationship, which is effort, struggle, and resistance.

The main criterion of piety is not abstinence from life, isolation, or monasticism, but rather work.

Self-care must come alongside the hands' work, and the feet strive towards the good and benefit of society. In prayer, it is not enough for the soul to be humble; the body must, at the same time, express humility by bowing and prostrating. Islamic prayer is a symbol of this indivisible unity between soul and body. The soul is humbled, the tongue praises, and the body bows.

Sharia's agreement with the mind does not mean it agrees with everyone's mind, because the problems are not in the mind. Rather, it is in a certain opinion and a level of awareness, because the objector is often influenced by dominant Western culture without realizing it.

The Western mind is treated as the standard by which the Islamic law is judged. The comparison here should not be with Sharia law, but with certain minds and opinions.

Islam is a faith and an integrity! The Complete Islam is a correct belief, performing religious duties, and refraining from harming people in every way.

Freedom: Between Personal Pleasures & Mental Awakening (Carrot & Stick Concept)

Materialism fails to explain why a person insists on finding meaning in this life. When they do not find meaning, they do not continue in material production like a dumb animal, but rather decompose and become nihilistic, eat drugs, commit crimes, and commit suicide without a clear material reason. The issue of "meaning" becomes more acute as satisfaction with the material side of a human being increases. People's humanity was closely tied to more than materialism.³⁵

Behind every atheistic story lies a personal pleasure. Behind every story of faith lies a mental awakening.

Personal Pleasures

The Creator said: **God sets forth the parable of a slave owned by several quarrelsome masters, and a slave owned by only one master. Are they equal in condition? Praise be to (God) Allah! In fact, most of them do not know. [Surah Al-Zumar :29]**

What is the best condition for man? To be a servant of one Master or many masters?

³⁵Dr. Abd Al-Wahhab Al - Meseri. *Materialist philosophy and the deconstruction of man.*

The Creator in the Qur'anic verse did not assume that a human being could attain absolute freedom by refusing to surrender to any deity, as some people claim today.

A human being, of course, did not choose family, homeland, color, race, or size. They are slaves to their Creator in all their conditions.

The Creator expects a human being to choose to be His slave in matters in which they have the freedom to choose; a human being will become a slave to anything other than the Creator.

Slavery to the Creator is the opposite of "slavery" in our concept. Slavery in our concept is when the master takes the best out of the enslaved person. But serving the Creator is the opposite. It is for the master to give His slave unlimited blessings, and to get endless protection from human beings themselves and society. It grants them freedom from any other kind of slavery.

It is freedom that elevates human status. While it may be easy for a person to be free to choose actions like stealing, committing adultery, or even marrying an animal—considered freedom in the Western sense—it is challenging to resist and conquer these desires. This resistance signifies freedom in the Islamic sense. By triumphing over their lusts and desires, a person demonstrates their humanity.

Freedom in Islam is a crucial concept and the most significant in human history because it liberates humans from the slavery of emotions.

The issue of freedom, according to the Islamic conception, is the most significant in human history.

The goal of liberalism is to free a person from the control of another, which represents a material authority indifferent to moral coercion.

In Islam, freedom means having a free heart and unbound feelings, with fear only from the Creator. Consider a woman who chooses to commit adultery to earn money due to financial and social pressures. In the Western concept, she may be seen as having obtained freedom, but she is a slave to societal pressures according to the Islamic perspective. Islam provides another type of freedom, ensuring her eternal comfort in the afterlife – freedom of feelings and attachment solely to the Creator.³⁶

An American atheist once told me, "The fear of your Creator binds you, Muslims. Why did you choose to commit to these restrictions? We, atheists, are free to do whatever we want."

I replied, "We are all stuck between the carrot and the stick, but the idea is who carries the stick that we fear."

We have chosen to be shackled to the Creator of the universe, and you have chosen to be shackled to everything other than the Creator.

We all live between the stick and the carrot. But who should the stick be with?

He asked, "Why does a Muslim have a phobia of homosexuals?"

³⁶ From the sayings of Dr. Nayef bin Nahar.

I responded, "Phobia means fear. Who told you that a Muslim is afraid of homosexuals, and what is he afraid of in them?"

I added, "A Muslim does not interfere in the affairs of others as long as others practice what they like in their homes, where their sins are between them and their Creator."

Just as civil law prohibits spying on citizens in their homes, there are also the concepts of secret and public sins in Islam.

Islamic law was designed to protect society from negative influences. Everything that comes from the Creator is for society's protection.

That is why punishment law is applied to public acts in society, and not to mere personal inclination.

Just as a bachelor must prevent themselves from fornication by resisting their desire, and someone who has inclinations to steal must prevent themselves from stealing through resistance, so must someone with homosexual tendencies prevent himself through resistance. This is the human test in this life.

This applies to all sins, including drinking alcohol.

If you lived in the fifties of the last century, you would have totally opposed homosexuality.

He said, "Yes. In the past, I opposed homosexuality; now I support it. Opposing it was normal before, but now it has changed."

I asked, "How will you convince your old self that you were wrong? What is your standard for differentiating between right and wrong?"

"A person's whims, desires, and inclinations remain affected, captive, and restricted by many things, such as education, upbringing, experience, social norms and pressures, etc. Humans need a constant law valid for all times and places."

"Alcohol and smoking have become an accepted social norm in many countries, despite their great and well-known dangers to society."

I added, "The problem with homosexuals is that they want to change the norms of society and impose their preferences on others. This will not happen in Islamic societies. Because in Islam, we are not subject to social norms like in other religions."

Some accuse Muslims who follow their religion today of being reactionary and backwards, simply because the act of perversion is not accepted in society. Accordingly, we say that He Who created us and provided us with sustenance set the criterion for distinguishing between right and wrong.

"You were once against homosexuality, but now you have accepted it, and your views have changed. But we haven't changed. Because we are bound by divine law, even if the whole world laughs at us."

"Today we find dancers and clowns becoming stars rising to high positions, and porn actors becoming pioneers of art."

He remarked, "Is this wrong?"

I responded, "The question here is: What results from these practices?

What are the effects of this on society? Will these actions create a cohesive society that provides value for the family and reinforces the idea of fearing the Creator? Will it make society less dependent on alcohol, for example? Will it reduce the problem of substance abuse? Will it reduce the suicide rate?"

"The spread of pornographic films and the rise of scumbags, celebrity stars, and erotic art do exactly the opposite. It destroys society by all accounts."

He said, "It seems that the Muslim believes that guilt and pleasure are two sides of the same coin."

He added, "Does guilt create pleasure? Or that many sins are a source of pleasure for human beings."

I said, "Of course, not necessarily. Pleasure can be permissible."

"Each person's choice in how to do things is similar. The serial killer finds happiness in what he does. You, as an atheist, have no standard or way to convince the serial killer that what he is doing is wrong."

"Many crimes were the cause of pleasure for the perpetrators. Thus, a person becomes a slave to his personal pleasure."

"Pleasure reduces a person's ability to self-choose and differentiate between right and wrong and discourages self-control."

Slavery to whims discourages its owner from realizing right from wrong.

But with awareness, a person can rectify himself.

That is why we need a system that strengthens our concept of piety. It is the degree of human awareness of observing the Creator.

Human beings need to submit to a source higher than their analysis of right and wrong.

The Latin orientalist Mr. Snicks says:

The Islamic religious concept has brought great sophistication to the world and has freed the human mind from the heavy chains that once held it captive to structures imposed by soothsayers. By erasing every image in the temples and abolishing every representation of the Essence of the Absolute Creator, Muhammad succeeded in liberating human thought from the heavy doctrine of embodiment.

Surrendering to the Creator is the only human way out of life's tragic, meaningless, and unresolved conditions. It is a way out without rebellion, despair, nihilism, or suicide. It is a heroic feeling (not a hero's feeling), but rather the feeling of an ordinary person who did his duty and accepted his destiny.³⁷

The Quran became eloquent in all its aspects, whether to encourage, warn, or otherwise.

³⁷ *Islam between East and West* / adapted by Alija Izetbegovic.

As an encouragement, God said: **And no soul knows what has been hidden for them of comfort for eyes as reward for what they used to do. [Surah As-Sajda 17: 32]**

Similarly, Almighty God threatens the disobedient with punishment; He said,

And they requested victory from Allah, and disappointed, [therefore], was every obstinate tyrant. Before him is Hell, and he will be given a drink of purulent water. [Surah Ibrahim 14:15-16]

Besides, what could motivate us to have morals and values? To respect laws or respect others? If you say, "enforcement of laws," we will argue that the law is not always available everywhere. It is not enough to solve all our local and national problems. Many people who commit crimes and evil deeds are away from the law. All these religions around us prove how much people need it in their lives. We need it to arrange and discipline our behavior on a religious basis, which cannot be covered or hidden.

The necessity of religion is proved by the presence of many religions, which most nations on earth resort to for regulating their lives and controlling their people's behavior. As we know, in the absence of regulation, the only criterion for a person is their religious belief, since the law cannot always exist for a person everywhere.

Only a person's inner belief can help them realize they're being watched and held accountable, and that belief is buried and firm in their conscience.

When a person does something wrong, they try to conceal it because of their instinct to distinguish between right and wrong.

Hence, they could say that their act was outrageous and contrary to common sense. All this proves religion's existence and belief in the depths of the human psyche.

Religion fills the gap that laws don't. Human-made rules cannot supply or bind minds and hearts towards them at different times and places.

The atheist said, "But Muslims hurt others, steal, and commit crimes."

I countered, "I am talking about Islam, not what Muslims do, or what I, a country, or people would do."

"When social dynamics become based on political and economic problems, we find how this will affect how people deal with each other."

"I am talking about a perfect message from the Creator that gives us the best way of life in this world, and the best way to deal with people in the community; a message that provides us with an ideal way to have a happy eternal life with the Creator because of our strong relationship with Him, following His commands and avoiding His prohibitions."

All human laws will not prevent the deviant from what they want except Islam, as it controls a human being, even by what they do in secret, because there is a Creator who watches over.

The concept of carrots and sticks

The first to present the carrot-and-stick theory of encouragement and motivation was Jeremy Bentham at the beginning of the Industrial Revolution in 1800 AD. It was used in an Australian newspaper commentary on stimulating productivity in the aftermath of World War II. After that, the expression was recorded and documented in the Oxford Dictionary supplement on December 11, 1948, AD.

The theory refers to methods that combine rewards to encourage good behavior and punishments to discourage reprehensible behavior. Jeremy derives it from the old story that the best way to move a mule by pulling a cart is to put a carrot far in front of it. If the person does not move the cart, the driver hits them from behind. So they move forward, dragging the cart, hoping to reach the carrot to eat it and escape the pain inflicted by the stick.

In this way, motivation and compliance theory work to achieve two objectives.

- The first goal is to obtain the benefit and reward represented by the carrot
- The second goal is: to avoid the fear, threats, punishment, violence and pain that the stick represents.

Religion and atheism are based on opposite approaches to life.

Religion tells a human being, "You are guilty; you have to stop, repent, and feel guilt."

- Atheism may seem wonderful at first sight, as it provides freedom. It gives a sealed voucher to do everything that the devil does not think of, for God does

not exist to judge the person, according to atheism, and pleasure is the goal of any human being.

- Atheism tells people to commit sins and violate taboos and considers them right in any way.
- Atheism justifies the most heinous crimes in the name of relativism, nihilism, absurdity, and material determinism.

Atheism is a very superficial and lazy judgment on an issue that is very deep, solid, and full of evidence, despite how deeply an atheist is convinced of God's existence. Religion binds you and restricts you if you make a mistake.

Religion establishes the beginning of the world, and atheism establishes the end of the world. Atheism is a presentation of the major issue and the great and puzzling questions that negatively preoccupy a person.

Atheists assume the inevitability of a person's commitment to this negative image, embrace it, and consider it a permanent life position by which they live and die. While there are hundreds of evidence for God's existence, like evidence of causality and others, there is not a single scientific piece of evidence that says what atheists claim; yet the atheist is simply arrogant.

They say that the atheistic mind is like X-rays. It can give us a picture of the human skeleton, but it cannot show us the human face in its joys and sorrows. Coincidence is a concept that atheists use to avoid thinking.

Human transcendence could not be discovered by biology or psychology, nor by any other science. Human transcendence is a spiritual matter. It is easy for science, based on objective observations, to conclude that inequality among people is entirely possible, even logical.³⁸

Every moment, from a person's birth to death, from waking up in the morning to sleeping, they are subjected to one test after another. Every moment presents a situation to a person and requires them to choose between alternatives. In every choice, they reveal their quality, rank, and position without realizing it.³⁹

Will Durant says:

"Religion has a hundred souls. If everything is destroyed the first time, then it will perish forever, except for religion, because if it were destroyed a hundred times, despite that, it will appear and revive after that."⁴⁰

A famous French atheist and philosopher holding a doctorate in philosophy, Michel Onfroy, was hosted on a famous channel, C_NEWS, in the (Face to Face) program to criticize Islam and despise Muslims.

³⁸ Alija Izetbegovic. *Materialist philosophy and the deconstruction of man*.

³⁹ Dr. Mustafa Mahmoud. *The Qur'an is a living being*.

⁴⁰ Will Durant. *The Civilization*.

So, he shocked everyone with his opinion on air, saying, "I think Muslims are teaching us an important lesson in how to counter materialism, and they have every right to do so, because no matter how we view them, they are people with an ideal.

They are people who believe they can transcend the physical horizon and possess spirituality and a moral system with values which they live by and adhere to. They think we should be ashamed that we are getting rid of older people in our society by consigning them to hospices.

They forbid sexual relations with any party and in any form outside of marriage because it does not honor women.

I think it's not about material possession here, but rather, it is related to their sense of dignity because these people have an ethic of honor, while we have lost any sense of honor.⁴¹"

Islam is not a political party that sought power! It is a religion that dominates souls and ideas and rules people first with the beliefs, worship, and traditions it establishes; the morals it teaches; the teachings it spreads; the rituals it upholds; and the executive authority that is part of its curriculum.⁴²

⁴¹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=MG1toLUtDDc>

⁴² Muhammad al-Ghazali. *The Secret of the Backwardness of Arabs and Muslims*.

Edward Burke says, "The law of Muhammad governs everyone, from the king to the least subjects; this law is woven with the most accurate legal system. Islamic law is the fairest legislation the world has ever known."⁴³

The most interesting characteristic of a person is being an enemy of what they're ignorant of; this is why you see the atheist searching for their Creator's essence while outside the limits of their mind."

Faith is a relationship with the Creator that is legally translated into a relationship with others amidst nature, as faith must be reflected in what we deal with daily. For this reason, good treatment, enjoying good, forbidding evil, and love are part of original faith, and they must be lived in the self-first. Otherwise, these phrases would have been emptied of their frames and meanings.

Whenever we are ignorant and lack knowledge about the reality of things, their reasons, and any material cosmic phenomenon, we hasten to attribute them to chance because it is a convenient term that satisfies our curiosity.

When science uncovers the causes of any cosmic phenomenon, scientific reasoning will defeat chance. Coincidence is a temporary concept we resort to; it disappears as soon as we know the law that explains the cause.⁴⁴

They say that human beings invented religions to communicate with God whenever they feared nature! Let's see if this is true.

⁴³ Hamid Jaber Al-Qurashi. *Why We Are Muslims*.

⁴⁴ Dr. Youssef El Sebaei. *Atheism is a mockery of reason*.

In 1859 AD, Darwin published his theory of the origin of species, after which archaeologists began wasting their lives on continuous excavations to prove it! Some of them, after despair, even faked fossils for this purpose! And an army of biologists seeks various ways to prove it and fill its gaps! Some physicists have been active in putting forward spiral ideas for the creation of the universe.

So why isn't the one who denies the Creator the one who invented atheism to communicate with his desires without reckoning?

Logic states that it is impossible to create an idea out of nowhere, but it is possible to reject an existing idea. By faith, the mind is liberated from all illusions, pressures, and sources of misleading. It becomes a free mind, contemplative, thinking, analysing, deductive, with a disciplined and strict approach in accepting and rejecting knowledge, whether it is read, narrated, heard, or inferred, belonging to the world of the unseen or to this world.⁴⁵

⁴⁵ Dr. Abdel Majeed Al-Najjar. *The role of freedom of opinion in intellectual unity among Muslims*.

Vatican Dialogue & Peaceful Coexistence

I was so happy during a conversation I had with a priest from the Vatican and with their delegations, where we discussed promoting coexistence among different religions.

One of them asked me, "So, you do not worship Muhammad?"

I answered, "A Muslim does not worship Prophet Muhammed."

I asked them, "Do you know the meaning of the term 'Allah'?"

One of them said, "Tell us."

I told them, "It is essential for a person to have faith in a deity, whether they believe in the true God or in any false deity. He may call this deity god or name it anything else. His god may be a tree, a star in the sky, a woman, his boss at work, a scientific theory, or even their own identity. But it is necessary to believe in something that follows and sanctifies it, and to return to it through a way of life and to die for it. This is what we call worship. Worshipping the true God frees a person from slavery to others."

I continued, "We find this evident in our reality today. Some people today revere soccer players, for example, and call them God, and believe that the Creator comes in the form of the soccer player himself, as is the case in Argentina."

The Church of Maradona, for instance, is a sarcastic religious institution. It was consecrated in the city of Rosario, Argentina, after the Argentine soccer player Diego Maradona, who is considered an image of God on earth, or God Himself.

Islam says there is no deity worthy of worship except the Creator, Whose attributes are beyond the attributes of human beings; the Creator Who begets not, nor was He begotten. He does not incarnate in human form or animal form. This faith frees Human beings from any other worship. The doctrine of the incarnation is the basis of paganism, because when people believe in the embodiment of the Creator in any of His creatures, anything can be worshipped.

The Creator tells us that He should be the one and only God in the life of every human being, and this is exactly the meaning of the term "Allah", which means the Only True God.

For example, my name is Faten Sabri, I am from Jordan, and I have three children. If you went back to your country and told people around you that we had a dialogue with Faten, an Egyptian woman with 10 children, then you are referring to another Faten.

The Creator has the highest ideal. Changing the Creator's attributes makes people believe in a false god, not the true God. The Creator creates and does not give birth. The belief that the Creator gives birth or incarnates in His creatures causes people to attribute human characteristics to the Creator. Hence, they are talking about another god completely who has human characteristics, so the Creator becomes like a creature, so He will not be considered a god at all.

One of the group members commented, "Very nice."

I also told them, "Every human being will meet the Creator alone. They will all be questioned by the Angel at the moment of their death."

"Death is a summons to meet the King of Kings."

"Each person has to be ready with answers to three questions..."

I was suddenly interrupted with a side comment, then one of the pastors insisted, "Let's get to know the questions and their answers. What is the first question?"

Everyone laughed at the priest's keenness to know the questions and answers.

I listed, "The first question is:

Who is your God?

It means have you devoted your effort, time, money, and love to supporting the main idea and goal.

Was your money your god? Or your wife and children, your trade, modern science?

Was Muhammad your God, Jesus, Buddha, Krishna, Messi, or Maradona?"

Everyone laughed and was amazed at the accuracy of the details.

I continued, "The answer should be: The Creator (The Power in Heavens). He is not a Trinity; He has no son or partner. He does not come to earth in any human, animal, or idol form."

He commented, "Of course... What is the second question?"

I furthered, "The second question is:

What is your religion?

It means which life system did you make sure to follow? Was it your whims and desires? Was it society, the religion of parents and grandparents, customs, traditions, and social media? Or is it the divine system, which is the religion of monotheism?"

"The answer should be Pure Monotheism, meaning to believe in the Creator and have a direct connection with Him. It is not allowed to supplicate to the Creator through saints, prophets (including Prophet Muhammad and Jesus), idols, or priests."

He asked, "Well, and what is the third?"

I said, "The third question is:

Who is your Prophet?

It means who was your role model and leader?"

"The answer should be, All the prophets of God, including Moses, and Jesus, who was created without a father, just like Adam, who was created without parents."

"For example, if a Hindu or Buddhist wants to convert to Islam today, they must believe in Moses, Jesus, Jacob and Isaac; their conversion to Islam will not be accepted."

This is another feature that you can only find in Islam. On the other hand, converting to Christianity means renouncing my faith in the Prophet of God, Muhammad, and converting to Judaism means losing faith in Christ as well; on top of that, embracing Hinduism or Buddhism means losing faith in all prophets of God.

However, for Islam, it is necessary to believe in all the prophets.

He joked, "Well, now I know the answers well."

Everyone laughed at the comment, while another one said, "This is new and useful information that we did not know before."

Then, one of the pastors said, "The Creator wanted to communicate with us through the Word, which is the common way of communication between people. He is capable of everything, hence choosing this way. He sent His only begotten Son, who is the Word Himself, to us. This is the mystery of faith."

I said, "The Creator does not do everything He can. Incarnation does not befit the Majesty of the Creator, and it is logically impossible; it contradicts His attributes. The two opposites, imperfection and perfection, can't meet. This does not befit the Majesty of the Creator."

"Embodiment is a defect and imperfection representing weakness, need, poverty, and humiliation."

I continued, "A teacher at school who explains the subject will not add mysteries in the end-of-year test papers, simply because he wants the students to pass the test using their rationality."

I asked, "Do you know what the basis of a human being's mission on Earth is, according to Islam?"

One of them said, "Tell us."

I said, "The essence of a human being's task is their rationality with which they distinguish themselves from animals, to differentiate between right and wrong in every step of their lives."

"The struggle between right and wrong remains the basis of the test."

"People are distinguished from each other according to their attitudes."

"Thus, faith being mysterious contradicts the essence of a human being's task, which is to differentiate between truth and falsehood by using their rationality."

For example, if a mathematics teacher provides students with a calculator to find the correct answer in a multiple-choice test, and the student is surprised that the result of the calculator (a symbol of human rationality) does not match any of the choices, there is no point in providing them with the calculator at all.

Human life is an urgent task on planet Earth. A person's life in this mission is a series of decisions that they make every minute of their life, starting from puberty, for which they will be held accountable after death by their Creator.

The lesson which God gave to all humanity when He accepted Adam's repentance for eating the forbidden fruit is the first instance of forgiveness to humanity.

There is no such thing as original sin, and there is no need for anyone to die for people. According to our belief, Christ escaped murder and crucifixion. Every soul bears the burden of its own sin. This shows God's merciful nature.

I continued, "We believe in Christ as a messenger from God, and his mother is the best of women in the world. Muslim women wear hijab like her.

She is the only woman mentioned by name in the Holy Quran, in a surah named after her.

So, the Muslim worships the Creator like Jesus Christ worshipped the Creator; they do not worship Jesus Christ himself.

They worship the Creator as Mary worshipped Him; they do not worship Mary herself.

A Muslim prostrates like Jesus Christ and all the prophets, who prostrated completely before the Creator in their prayers.

One of them commented, "Very nice... tranquility and peaceful coexistence remain the most important thing in existence."

I replied, "For us, the right of the Creator to be worshipped alone remains the most important thing in existence, then comes human rights."

Regarding peaceful coexistence, the basis of a Muslim's conquest is to include others in their world, ensuring they share the same rights and obligations. However, disparities in the application of these principles, tainted by human frailty, sometimes took on a political character in later eras.

The Jews and Christians lived under the protection of Islam, enjoying their rights. This is what the world is calling for today: the Islamic religion, which has granted non-Muslims rights within it and has defined the true meaning of peaceful coexistence for all of humanity.

It is worth noting here the importance of differentiating between the ideal religion of Islam and the non-ideal Muslims, but no pluralism in the absolute truth, which states:

True religion is one religion: To believe in the Creator, who has no partner or child. The Creator does not incarnate in human, animal, or idol form. Humans must worship Him alone, not through a priest or saint.

At the end of the visit, the Vatican fathers thanked us for this beautiful dialogue.

I thanked God Almighty for helping me answer the questions through this beautiful and meaningful dialogue.

Last Word

Physicist Albert Einstein says, "Any person trained in the field of science becomes confident in the existence of a spirit evident in the laws of the universe; a spirit that profoundly exceeds humans. With our humble abilities, we must also feel humble towards it. In this way, seeking behind science leads to a religious feeling of a special kind. ⁴⁶"

Since death has not been overcome, human beings need a spiritual life that deals with this reality and what lies beyond it. The Islamic understanding of spiritual life is not limited to this worldly existence. It is a method that makes life and the hereafter fruitful. It is a method that can turn five minutes of communicating with the Creator in this life into not only five hours but also eternity. This world is not everything, and it cannot be everything while it contains all these pains and injustices.

There must be another world behind it, in which rights are returned to their owners, and every oppressor finds their punishment.

With pain — overcoming it, being patient with it, and striving against it — the personality grows; one's will becomes more solid and persistent, and a human being becomes something else rather than animals and plants. ⁴⁷

⁴⁶ Einstein 1936, as cited in Dukas and Hoffmann, *Albert Einstein: The Human Side*, Princeton University Press, 1979, 33.

⁴⁷ Dr. Mustafa Mahmoud. *Satan Rules*.

Islam is the alternative life with an eternal project that does not wear out nor expire. If some call it ancient, then it is also modern, and the future is not limited by time or place. Islam is neither an intellectual wave nor a fad, and it can wait. Do not rule out the possibility that the East will once again lead the world in civilization, for the saying "Light comes from the East" remains valid.⁴⁸

Greek writer and thinker Nikos Kazantzakis 1883-1957 AD, in his novel (The Rock Garden), shared his contemplations, which were inspired by his travel to the Far East: "On the deck of the ship, I watch everyone. They were empty after gambling, smoking, and drinking, like empty pants and shirts; human laundry on the ship's ropes, blowing in the wind. No one retained their dignity except a few Muslim Indians. Every sunrise and sunset, they knelt and prayed with serenity and splendor. Their religion gave them a solar rhythm, making their souls like sunflowers following the teachings of the sky. Everyone was rotting, except these Muslims who were resisting the rot."

What a wonderful and accurate description. Humanity rots, is killed by desires, consumed by pleasures, and becomes devoid & withered of what is forbidden; except for Muslims, they still retain their energy and splendor. They resist dissolution and retain the name of human beings. There will be no balance in humanity unless Muslims return to the centrality and leadership of the world when they carry power with values.

⁴⁸ Dr. Murat Hoffman. Islamic thinker, diplomat and former German ambassador, advisor to the Central Council of Muslims in Germany, translator of the meanings of the Holy Quran into the German language. <http://saaaid.org/Doat/dali/12.htm>.

I conclude by testifying that there is no god but God alone (Allah), the Creator of the universe and what it contains, Who creates but does not give birth, and I bear witness that Muhammad is the seal of the prophets and messengers. I bear witness that the prophets of God are true, that Paradise is true, that Hell is true, and that the Hour is coming, of which there is no doubt.



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