

May Allah Praise and Protect Him

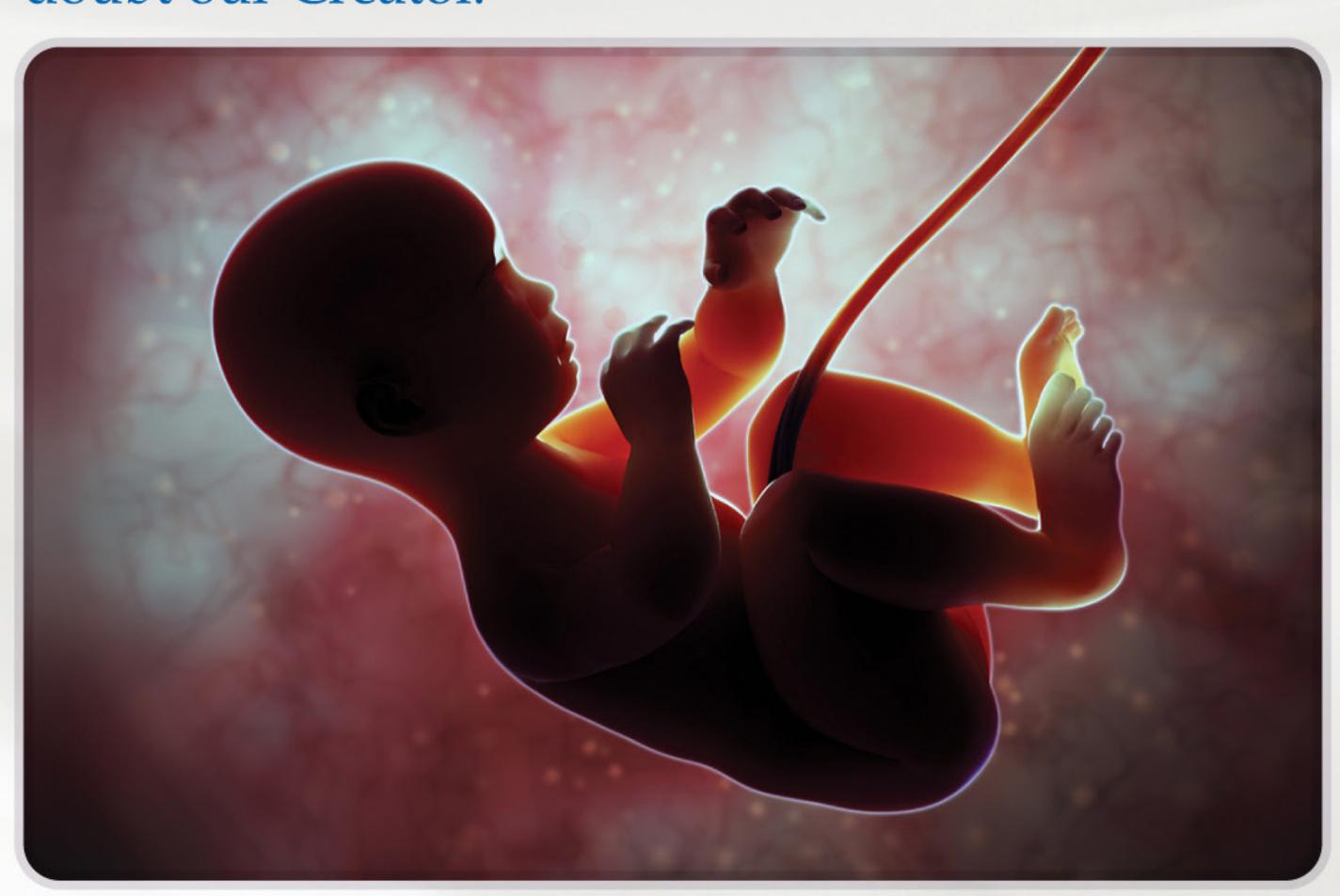


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Have you ever wondered who your Creator is? Have you ever asked yourself why you are here on this earth and what you are supposed to accomplish in your lifetime?

Indeed, your Creator is Allah, and absolutely not idols, the so-called sacred cow, Jesus Christ or nature; nor did you create yourself.

Allah Almighty says: (Or were they created out of nothing? Or were they their own creators?.) *The Qur'an*, 52:35 If it is not possible for us to have come into existence without a creator or to have created our own selves, then Allah is without a shadow of a doubt our Creator.



Many people neglect the following fundamental faith facts: That indeed, Allah is their sole Lord and Creator and that He is their one and only true God whom they are obliged to worship alone.

Verily, Allah has created you and provided you from His sustenance so that you may worship Him alone, without attributing any partners to Him.

Allah Almighty says: (I have only created jinn and mankind to worship Me. I do not want from them any provision, nor do I want from them to feed Me.) *The Qur'an*, 51:56-57

If you are fully convinced that Allah is your Creator and that He commands you to worship Him, then you need someone to explain to you how to worship your Lord and how to attain His good pleasure.

In fact, it is for this very reason that Allah sent us the Final Messenger, namely Muhammad ...

Allah Almighty says: (Say (O Muhammad): "O mankind! Verily, I am sent to you all as the Messenger of Allah - to Whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth. None has the right to be worshipped but He; It is He Who gives life and causes death. So believe in Allah and His Messenger (Muhammad), the Prophet who can neither read nor write, who believes in Allah and His Words and follow him so that you may be guided".) *The Qur'an*, 7:158

Mankind evidently needs the teachings of this noble messenger who calls them to their Lord in a kind and wise manner, so as not to put them off the truth. Allah Almighty says: (Call people to the path of your Lord [Muhammad] with wisdom and beautiful admonition and reason with them in the kindest manner. Your Lord knows best those who stray from His path and He knows best the rightly guided.) *The Qur'an*, 16:125

It was Prophet Muhammad , who conveyed his Lord's message to all mankind. Therefore, there is no way for us to find out about what Allah loves and hates except through the Prophet . As he once observed, "O people! There is nothing that is bound to bring you closer to Paradise and take you further away from Hell which I have not commanded you to do; and there is nothing that is bound to bring you closer to Hell and take you further away from Paradise which I have not forbidden you."

Indeed, mankind is in need of a system which structures and governs their lives - a way of life that organizes their worldly affairs and all their dealings with one another. Whoever contemplates the legislation that Muhammad has brought to mankind, along with all its laws and regulations, will find that it is truly amazing. This is due to the fact that it is fully comprehensive, comprising everything that benefits mankind, as well as elements of precision, mercy and rectification.



Consider, for instance, Prophet Muhammad's instructions regarding the kind of relationship that neighbours should maintain with one another:

- Showing kindness to them: The Prophet , said: "[Angel] Gabriel kept enjoining me to treat neighbours kindly so much so that I thought Allah would assign them a share of inheritance."
- Honouring them: The Prophet , said: "Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should honour his neighbours."
- Desisting from harming them: The Prophet , said: "Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day must not harm his neighbours."

Asking about them and assisting them if they are needy: The Prophet , said: "He has not truly believed in me - he who goes to sleep full when he knows that his next-door neighbour is hungry."

Are there, then, any worldly man made laws that call to and encourage honouring neighbours like these practical guidelines given by Prophet Muhammad ?!!

People need role models in their lives to look up to and emulate. They need exemplary models to inspire them to do good. However, Prophet Muhammad is the best role model for all people throughout the ages

Allah Almighty says: (The Messenger of Allah is an excellent model for anyone of you who hopes to earn Allah's good pleasure, looks forward to meeting Him on the Day of Resurrection and remembers Allah much.) *The Qur'an*, 33:21

Even though Allah's Messenger , is not physically present among us, we definitely feel his presence through his sayings (hadeeths) and teachings. There is no guidance better than his, which requires us to refer to it at all times and to follow his noble and excellent example.



Muhammad , was the epitome of moral purity and manners for all those who wish to follow his example.

Records written and testified by his contemporaries - both followers and foes - describe him as the very embodiment of noble manners. Indeed, he was an epitome of honesty; trustworthiness; generosity; bravery and compassion [even when he had power over his enemies]. Likewise, he was known for his modesty, chastity, patience, simplicity, forbearance and all other fine moral traits

Allah Almighty says: (If you obey him, you will surely be rightly guided.) *The Qur'an*, 24:54







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