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Imagine you were walking in a desert and found a mobile phone... We know that a phone consists of glass, plastic and metal. Glass comes from sand, plastic from oil and metal extracted from the ground – all these ingredients are found in the desert. Would you believe that the phone formed itself? That the Sun shone, the wind blew, the lightning struck, the oil bubbled to the surface and mixed with the sand and metal, and over millions of years the phone came together by random or natural coincidences?

No one would believe such an explanation. A mobile phone is clearly something which was designed and constructed in an organised way, so it would be rational to believe it must have an organiser.

In the same way, when we see the order, precise laws and systems in the universe, is it not rational to believe the universe also has an organiser?

Proteins, the fundamental building blocks of living cells have a structure that is trillions of times more complex than a mobile phone, making it far more impossible for proteins to have been produced by random natural conditions.

THE ORIGIN OF THE UNIVERSE

Human experience shows us that something does not come from nothing. It is only rational there be a cause and a beginning. Furthermore, order does not spontaneously arise from chaos, so it would be logical to assume that the universe has a beginning and that something intelligent must have “caused” it. Now we ask, since the universe had a cause, what was the cause of that cause, and what was the cause of that cause, and so on? But this cannot go on forever and must end with the “first cause”. This “first cause”, by definition, does not have a cause, and therefore has always existed.

We can conclude that the “first cause” of the universe must be powerful and intelligent as it brought the whole universe into existence and created the ‘laws of science’ which govern it. Moreover this “first cause” must be timeless and spaceless, because time, space and matter began at the creation of the universe.

All of these attributes of the “first cause” make up the basic concept of God. God is the uncreated first cause and creator of the universe. He is one, unique and infinite, whereas the creation is not.

THE PERFECT BALANCE OF THE UNIVERSE

Many features in the universe clearly indicate it to be specially designed to support life, such as the earth’s distance from the sun, the thickness of the earth’s crust, the speed at which the earth revolves, the percentage of oxygen in the atmosphere, and even the earth’s angle of tilt. If these measurement were slightly different to what they currently are, life could not exist. The precise nature of these balances, laws and systems, all point to the intelligent design of a powerful creator.

THE CREATOR IS DIFFERENT TO THE CREATION

CAN GOD BECOME A MAN?

Some people believe that God became a man. God has attributes of perfection such as being All-Knowing, All-Powerful and Ever-Living. Man, however, lacks such perfection. Man has limited knowledge and power, and is mortal. How can anything be two complete opposites at the same time? This is not rational.

However, some may ask, “If God can do anything, why can’t he become a man?”

If God became man and took on human attributes, he would no longer be God.

God always has attributes of perfection and it is outside His nature to do anything that would make deficient such perfection. By definition, God does not do ungodly acts, as this would mean that He is no longer God. This same rationale applies to questions such as, “Can God stop existing?”, “Can God make mistakes?”, and “Can God become the devil?”

COULD THERE BE MULTIPLE GODS?

Had there been more than one God, it would reflect deficiency in His power or authority as this would involve God having rivalry or making compromises with other gods. This would lead to confusion, disorder, and even chaos in the universe.

Rather, we find the universe is in complete harmony; so there can only ever be one entity that has absolute power and full authority.

GOD SENDS GUIDANCE

Upon acknowledging our creation by The All-Wise Creator, we would expect to be informed of our purpose. How can we know what God expects from us? Do we live our life in trial and error, or make up our own purpose? Do we “go with the flow” by following others? No. God sent Prophets and revelation to inform us of our purpose.

PROPHETS OF GOD

God sent thousands of Prophets, at least one to every nation, with the same message: to worship Him alone and to follow God’s guidance. Such Prophets included Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad (may peace be upon all of them).

Jesus, like all other Prophets, performed miracles and called to the worship of The One true God. Quran, 19:36

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), the last in the chain of Prophets, was the perfect example of an honest, just, compassionate and brave human being. He was sent with the final revelation from God, the Qur’an, to demonstrate how its teachings should be applied. He was illiterate and not educated in any scientific field: proof that he could not have authored the Qur’an.

HOW DO I KNOW THAT THE QUR’AN IS TRULY FROM GOD?

Any claim of a divine book should be supported by clear evidence that it is truly from God. The Qur’an, the book of Islam, has such evidence.

PRESERVATION

The Qur’an is the only sacred text that has been in circulation for a long period of time, yet remains as pure as the day it was revealed (over 1400 years ago) in its original Arabic language. Nothing has been added to or removed from it, and it is free from errors or contradictions.

SCIENTIFIC MIRACLES

The Qur’an was revealed in the 7th century and contain many scientific facts that were unknown by contemporary science using modern technology. Some of the many examples include:

Water is the origin of all living things. (Qur'an 21:30)

The universe is expanding. (Qur'an 51:47)

The “floating orbit” of the sun and moon. (Qur'an 21:33)

Detailed description of the development of the human embryo. (Qur'an 23:12-14)

HISTORICAL MIRACLES & PROPHECIES

The Qur'an is historically accurate. For example, the name “Haman” was not known until the decoding of Egyptian hieroglyphics in the 19th century, revealing that Haman was “the head of the construction workers” of Pharaoh. This aligns with what is recorded in the Qur'an (28:38) long before it could have been known by Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) or the people of his time.

The Qur'an also contains predictions of future events, all of which have been fulfilled, such as stating that Pharaoh's body will be preserved until the end of time (Qur'an 10:91-92). Today, the preserved mummified body resides in the Egyptian Museum in Cairo for all to witness.

UNIQUE STYLE & UNIVERSAL MESSAGE

The unique style and message of the Qur'an is evidence that it is from God. It teaches that there is one unique Creator whose nature is different from that of the creation. It does not compromise or distort this concept in any way – which appeals to man's inherent beliefs about Almighty God.

The Quran teaches that all people have equal access and opportunity to worship God alone without the distinction of race, status, power or gender.

SO ... WHY AM I HERE?

Everyone would acknowledge that our body parts, such as our eyes, ears, brains and hearts, have a purpose. Wouldn't it then make sense that the individual, as a whole, also has a purpose?

God, the All-Wise, did not create us to simply wander aimlessly or to only fulfil our basic instincts and desires. Rather, we have a higher purpose – to acknowledge and worship God alone, so that we will live by the guidance of our Creator. This guidance enables us to live a successful and blessed life in all aspects. This includes personal acts of virtue

like the prayer, as well as beneficial acts to society, like being good to one's neighbours, supporting one's family, honesty and even caring for animals.

God forbids us from worshipping anything else (e.g. statues, the sun, the moon, saints, priests or even Prophets). He does not need any partners or intermediaries. Everyone always has direct access to worship God.

God describes this life as a test, and people are tested in different ways. We cannot control what happens to us, but we can control how we react. Patience during adversities, and gratitude for blessings, are a means of getting closer to God and attaining eternal Paradise. We are also warned of a terrible punishment in Hell if we choose to disbelieve and ignore His commands.

SO ... WHAT DO I DO NOW?

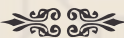
The test of one's faith is in using one's intellect to contemplate and recognise God's signs and to live according to His guidance.

This is done by submitting to God's commands, which in Arabic means to become a "Muslim".

God, the one and only Creator – 'Allah' in Arabic – has made Islam accessible to everyone, regardless of their background or current situation. Therefore, anyone can become a Muslim by simply believing in and uttering the following testimony of faith:

"I testify that there is no god worthy of worship except Allah, and I testify that Muhammad is Allah's Messenger."

Isn't it time for you to fulfil your purpose of life, submit to the Truth and acknowledge your Creator?



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