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1. INTRODACTION

Each person is born into a religious environment that is not of his or her own choice; a child is raised in the religion or ideology of his or her family, society or culture. Even as a newborn, he or she is assigned the religion of his family or the ideology of the state; in some countries the child's assigned religion is even recorded on his or her birth certificate. By the time individuals reach their teens they usually have accepted the beliefs of their parents or that of their particular society, feeling that they have little choice in the matter.

However, individuals often encounter or are exposed to various beliefs and ideologies throughout the course of their lives leading many to question long-held beliefs, traditions or philosophical ideas. They begin to question the validity of their own beliefs. Seekers of truth often reach a point of confusion upon realizing that believers of every religion, sect, ideology and philosophy all claim to have the one and only truth.

There are only three possibilities. They are either all correct; all incorrect or only one is correct and the rest are incorrect. They cannot all be right since all religions are different in their fundamentals. Furthermore, the majority claim that they alone are correct and the rest are incorrect.

2. PROOF OF ALLAH'S EXISTENCE

This Great Universe and everything that is in it cannot be the product of chance, and could not have created itself. Signs testifying that Allah is the only Creator can be seen throughout the earth and in the very soul of each person. Allah says in the Qaur'an:

[It is Allah who created the sky and the earth, and sent down from the sky water by which He brought forth fruits for your sustenance. He subjected for you the ships to sail upon the sea at His command, and He subjected for you the rivers. And He subjected for you the sun and moon in continuous cycles, and He subjected for you the night and day. And He gave you all you asked Him for...]3 (Qur'an 14: 32-34)

In the Qur'an, Allah mentions Prophet Abraham's (peace be upon him

3. CREATION AND THE PURPOSE

Have you ever wondered about the reason for our existence? Have you ever wondered why we die, and where we go after death? What will happen to us in the end? Have you ever asked yourself why Allah made the earth and all that is in it under the human being's dominion? Why were the night and the day, and the sun and the moon created? What are we supposed to do during our lifetime? Were we created just to eat, drink, and enjoy

4. THE ORIGIN OF CHRISTIANITY

The origin of Christianity is like that of other Divine revelations such as the messages of Noah (Nuh), Abraham (Ibrahim) and Every Divinely revealed message is unanimous in its fundamental religious creed such as: Belief in [1]عليه السلام (Moses (Musa Allâh as Singular and Alone and without any associate; Belief that He was neither born nor does He give birth,[2] Belief in Angels and the Day of Judgement in the Hereafter; Belief in Divine predestination, and the good and bad of it; Belief in the Messengers .and Prophets

وصلى الله عليه up through the last of the Prophets, Muhammad عليه السلام There is nothing in recorded history, since the time of Adam indicating that any known Divine revelation differs in these beliefs. Indeed, the differences found among them are connected ,وسلم to the forms of worship and their various conditions or appearance. Also, those things that were forbidden or permitted differed for various reasons as legislated by Allâh to the Prophets, each of whom was ordered to explain and clarify the law to the .respective peoples

Therefore, [original] Christianity can be termed as a Divine message that calls for Belief in Allâh as Singular and without associate, and that He is neither born nor does He have offspring. It confirms that Allâh indeed sends Messengers and Prophets from among men whom He has chosen from the best of people. This, in order that no one can have any argument before Allâh .after having thus been sent a Messenger

The question that one is obliged to ask is: Has Christianity remained in the state in which it was originally revealed by Allâh to His ?(عليه السلام servant and Messenger Jesus ('Iesa

In order to answer this question, it is necessary to bring out for our mutual benefit, the reality of Christianity today and compare it respectively. This is in عليه السلام with what has been transmitted in both the Torah and the Gospels attributed to Moses and Jesus order to examine: Is the present state of Christianity in accord with the original message or does it differ? Do the texts attributed to these Prophets support the beliefs that the current Christian nation stands upon? Does what is related in these books about correspond to the image introduced in the churches of today as to the personality and character of the عليه السلام the life of Jesus Messiah? – A personality which has become mythical in its proportions to the point that it can hardly be accepted by the mind or .proven to be real. Such beliefs are followed in the next pages

[1]Alaihimus Salaam - It is the transliteration of the invocation (plural form) made by Muslims upon mention of any of the Prophets and Messengers. Though similar in wording and meaning to the invocation made upon Prophet Muhammad, it can more simply be understood as "Peace be upon them" [singular عليه السلام Alaihis salaam "Peace be on him"]. Also the name As-Salaam (peace) is a perfect attribute of Allâh which may therefore render another meaning to the invocation that "Allâh - Who is Peace and the Grantor of security and peace to His creation - be with the Messenger or Prophet." And Allâh knows better.

[2]There being nothing before Him nor does He have any need for progeny.

Muhammad(the prophet of Allah)

Muhammad (salla Allahu Alyhi Wasallam) is the last prophet of Allah

Allah is the one and only true God who is only worthy of worship :he is the creator ,sustainer and sovereign of the universe

: His Life

. Muhammad was born in Makah in about A.C.571.Makkah was then a trading center in the west of Arabia

Since his childhood ,Muhammad (salla Allahu Alyhi Wasallam)had grown up renowned for his integrity ,intellect, keeping faith, his .eloquence ,credibility and reasonableness of speech

He started as a shepherd ,and he was engaged in the caravan trade between Makah and al-sham(which lie in the east the .(Mediterranean

6. WHERE IS THE WAY?

When man grows and starts understanding things, many questions come to his mind like: Where am I from? What will be my end? Who created me and the universe around me? Who owns and controls this universe? And other questions like these.

However, he is unable to provide himself with answers to these questions. Even modern science is not capable of providing answers to them because these issues fall within religious domains. That is why there are numerous narrations and different superstitions and tales about them that only add to man's confusion and distress. It is impossible for man to get a satisfying answer to these questions unless he is guided by Allaah to the true religion that is capable of providing final decision on these and similar issues; for, these issues are among the divine secrets that only the true religion can give correct and accurate answers to and that is the only religion that Allaah revealed to His Prophets and Messengers. It is then incumbent upon man to learn the true religion and have belief in it in order to have his confusion and doubts removed and in order to be guided to the Straight Path.

In the following pages, I invite you to follow the Straight Path of Allaah and I present to you some evidences and proofs that you may carefully and patiently reflect on.

7. EXISTENCE OF ALLAAH, HIS LORDSHIP (OVER ALL CREATION), HIS ONENESS AND HIS BEING THE ONLY GOD WORTHY OF WORSHIP

Many people do worship man-made deities like trees, stones and even human beings; that is why the Jews and idolaters asked the Messenger of Allaah about the characteristics of his Lord. In reply to this question Allaah revealed:

"Say (O Muhammad): He is Allaah, (the) One, Allaah, the Self-Sufficient Master (Whom all creatures need, He neither eats nor drinks). He begets not nor is He begotten. And there is none co-equal or comparable unto Him."[\[1\]](#)

He also says:

"Indeed your Lord is Allaah Who created the heavens and the earth in Six Days and then He Istawa (rose over) the Throne (really in a manner that suits His Majesty). He brings night as a cover over the day, seeking it rapidly, and (He created) the sun, the moon, the stars subjected to His Command. Blessed be Allaah, the Lord of all the world!"[\[2\]](#)

He also says:

"Allaah is He, Who raised the heaven without pillars that you can see. Then He Istawa (rose above) the Throne (really in a manner that suits His Majesty). He has subjected the sun and the moon (to continue going round)! Each running(its course) for a term appointed. He regulates all affairs, explaining the Aayaat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) in detail, that you may believe with certainty in the meeting with your Lord. And it is He who spread out the earth, and placed therein firm mountains and rivers and of every kind of fruits He made[\[3\]](#) in pairs. He brings the night as a cover over the day..." until He says: "Allaah knows what every female bears and how much the womb falls short (of their time or number) or exceed. Everything with Him is in due proportion. All-Knower of the unseen and the seen, the Most Great, the Most-High."[3](#)

Allaah also says:

"Say (O Muhammad): Who is the Lord of the heavens and the earth? Say: (It is) Allaah. Say: Have you then taken (for worship) protectors other than Him, such as have no power either for benefit or for harm to themselves? Say: Is the blind equal to the one who sees? Or darkness equal to light? Or do they assign Allaah partners who created the like of His creation, so that the creation (which they made and His creation) seemed alike to them? Say: Allaah is the Creator of all things. He is the One, the Irresistible."[\[4\]](#)

While establishing for mankind His signs as evidences and proofs, He says:

"And from among His signs are the night and the day, and the sun and the moon. Prostrate not to the sun nor the moon, but prostrate to Allaah who created them, if you really worship Him. But if they are too proud (to do so), then those who are with your Lord (angels) glorify Him night and day, and never are they tired. And among His signs (in this), that you see the earth barren, but when We send down water (rain) to it, it is stirred to life and growth (of vegetations). Verily, He Who gives it life, sure is Able to give life to the dead (on the Day of Resurrection). Indeed He is Able to do all things."[\[5\]](#)

He also says:

"And among His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the differences of your languages and colours. Verily, in that are indeed signs for men of sound knowledge. And among His signs are the sleep that you take by night and by day..."[\[6\]](#)

While describing Himself with attributes of beauty and perfection He says:

"Allaah! None has the right to be worshipped but He. The Ever-Living, the One Who sustains and protects all that exists. Neither slumber nor sleep overtakes Him. To Him belongs whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth. Who is he that can intercede with Him except with His permission? He knows what happens to them (His creatures) in this world and what will happen to them in the hereafter. And they will never compass anything of His knowledge except that which He wills."[\[7\]](#)

He also says:

"The Forgiver of sins, the Acceptor of repentance, the Stern in punishment, the Bestower (of favours). None has the right to be worshipped but He. To Him is the final return."[\[8\]](#)

He – may His praise be exalted- also says:

"He is Allaah, besides Whom none has the right to be worshipped, the King, the Holy, the One free from all defects, the Giver of security, the Watcher over His creatures, the All-Mighty, the Compeller, the Supreme. Glory be to Allaah! (High is He) above all that they associate as partners with Him."[\[9\]](#)

This wise and Omnipotent Lord who made himself known to His slaves and established for them His signs and proofs and described Himself with attributes of perfection had prophetic ordainments, human wisdom and nature testify to His existence, to His Lordship and being the only one having the right to be worshipped. I will –God willing- show that to you in the following pages.

As for proofs of His existence and Lordship, they are:

ONE: CREATION OF THIS UNIVERSE AND ITS WONDERFUL DESIGN

O man! All this universe that surrounds you; the heavens, the stars, the galaxies and the earth that is spread in which there are neighbouring tracts out of which different plants grow bearing all fruits, and on which you find all creatures in pairs... this universe did not create itself and could never create itself. It must then have a creator. Who then is that creator who created it in this wonderful design and perfection and made it a sign for those who can see save Allaah the One, the Subduer Whom there is no Lord or deity worthy of worship beside Him. He says:

"Were they created by nothing or were they themselves the creators? Or did they create the heavens and the earth? Nay, but they have no firm belief."[\[10\]](#)

These two verses imply three questions:

1- Were they created from nothing?

- 2- Did they create themselves?
- 3- Did they create the heavens and the earth?

If their creation was not accidental and they had not created themselves or created the heavens and the earth; it should then be affirmed that there exists a creator who created them as well as the heavens and the earth. That Creator is Allaah, the One, the Subduer.

TWO: THE NATURE

All creatures are naturally inclined to believe in the existence of the Creator; to affirm that He is greater and mightier than all things. This inclination is more well-rooted in the nature than elementary mathematics and does not need to be proved by any evidence except for him who has an abnormal nature; a nature that has been exposed to circumstances that turn it away from what it should admit.^[11] Allaah says:

"That (Islaamic Monotheism) is the nature upon which Allaah has created mankind. Let there be no change in Allaah's (law of) creation. That is the straight religion."^[12]

The Messenger of Allaah said: "Every child is born with natural inclination to Islaamic Monotheism and it is his parents who make him a Jew, a Christian or a Magian^[13] just as the animal gives birth to its young whole, wherein you find no mutilation." Then Abou Hurayrah (who is the narrator of this hadeeth) said: "Recite if you like (Allaah's words): 'That (Islaamic Monotheism) is the nature upon which Allaah has created mankind. Let there be no change in Allaah's (law of) creation. That is the straight religion.'"^[14]

He also said: "Verily, my Lord commanded me to teach you what you do not know of what He has taught me today: 'All money that I endow a slave with is lawful (for him). I created my slaves naturally inclined to Islaamic Monotheism and it were the devils who came to them, led them away from their religion, made forbidden for them what I made lawful and enjoined on them to associate partners with Me in worship of which I did not send any proof.'"^[15]

THREE: CONSENSUS OF ALL PEOPLE

All past and modern nations are in consensus that this universe has a creator who is Allaah the Lord of all the worlds, that He is the Creator of the heavens and the earth and that He has no partner among His creatures as He does not have a partner in His Sovereignty.

No belief has ever been reported from any of the past nations that their false deities took part with Allaah in the creation of the heavens and the earth. Rather, they all believed that it was Allaah Who created them and their gods, that there was no creator or sustainer besides Him and that He alone owns the power to benefit or harm.^[16] Allaah informs us in the following verses of the idolaters affirmation of His Lordship and guardianship:

"If you were to ask them: 'Who has created the heavens and the earth and subjected the sun and the moon?' They will surely reply: 'Allaah'. How then are they deviating (as polytheists and disbelievers)? Allaah enlarges the provision for whom He wills of His slaves and straightens it for whom (He wills). Verily, Allaah is the All-Knower of everything. If you were to ask them: 'Who sends down water (rain) from the sky and gives life therewith to earth after its death?' They will surely reply: 'Allaah'. Say: 'All the praises and thanks be to Allaah!' Nay! Most of them have no sense."^[17]

"And indeed if you ask them, 'Who has created the heavens and the earth?' They will surely say: 'The All-Mighty, the All-Knower created them.'"^[18]

FOUR: THE REASON

Human reason inevitably confirms that this universe has a great Creator; for the sound reason agrees that this universe is a created thing that did not bring itself to being, hence, it must have an originator.

Also, man knows that he falls into crises and afflictions and when he is unable to prevent them or remove them, he faces the heavens with his heart and seeks for His Lord's aid to remove his distress even though he may denounce his Lord and worship his idols in his normal days. This is an undisputable fact. Even the animal raises his head up and looks at the sky whenever it is visited by an affliction. The Almighty Allah informs us that man, whenever he is afflicted with harm, hastens to his Lord and asks Him to remove the harm. Allaah says,

"And when some hurt touches man, he cries to his Lord (Allaah Alone) turning to Him in repentance, but when He bestows a favour upon him from Himself, he forgets that for which he cried for before and he sets up rivals to Allaah."

He also says about the idolaters:

"He it is Who enable you to travel through land and sea, till when you are in the ships and they sail with them with a favourable wind, and they are glad therein, then comes a stormy wind and the waves come to them from all sides and they think that they are circled therein, they invoke Allaah, making their faith pure for Him Alone, saying: 'If You (Allaah) deliver us from this, we shall truly be of the grateful. But when He delivered them, behold! They rebel (disobey Allaah) in the earth wrongfully. O mankind! Your rebellion (disobedience to Allaah) is only against your own selves, - a brief enjoyment of this worldly life, then (in the end) unto Us is your return and We shall inform you that which you used to do.'"^[19]

He also says:

"And when a wave covers them like shades (i.e., like clouds or the mountains of seawater) they invoke Allaah, making their invocations for Him only. But when he brings them safe to land, there are among them those that stop in the middle (between belief and disbelief). But none denies Our Signs but every perfidious ungrateful."^[20]

This Lord who brought this universe to existence, created man in the best form, embedded in his nature servitude and submission to Him, subjected human reason to His Lordship and His exclusive worthiness to be worshipped. It is Allaah Whom all nations unanimously testify to His guardianship... as He should inevitably be One in His Lordship and worthiness to be worshipped. As He has no partner in creating His creatures, He should also have no partner in His worthiness to be worshipped. There are numerous evidences for this,* some of which are:

- 1- There is only in this universe one God Who is the creator and the sustainers of all. None brings harm or benefit except

Him. Had there been any other god besides Him, that god would have had his own work, creation and command and none of both would have allowed another to share the creation with him. Hence, one of them must have overpowered and subdued the other. In that case, the subdued could not have been a god and the Subduer should be the real God with whom none can share the right to be worshipped just as none shares with Him His guardianship and lordship. Allaah says:

"No son (or offspring or children) did Allaah beget, nor is there any god along with Him; (if there had been many gods), behold, each god would have taken away what he had created, and some would have tried to overcome others! Glorified be Allaah above all that they attribute to Him."[\[21\]](#)

2- None deserves to be worshipped but Allaah Who created the heavens and the earth; for, man seeks to gain the favour of the Lord Who brings him benefit and prevents harm, evils and calamities from him and none but the one who owns the heavens and the earth is capable of doing all these. Let those who are searching for the truth read: "Say (O Muhammad) (to those polytheists, pagans, etc.) 'Call upon those whom you assert (to be associate gods) besides Allaah, they possess not even the weight of an atom (or small ant), - either in the heavens or on the earth nor have they any share in either, nor there is for Him any supporter from among them. Intercession with Him profits not, except for him whom He permits.'" [\[22\]](#)

These verses and others sever heart's affinity to other things besides Allaah through four factors:

One: That those whom the polytheists worship possess not even the weight of an atom with Allaah, and he who possesses not a weight of an atom cannot benefit nor harm and therefore, is not worthy of being worshipped or being taken as Allaah's associate in worship. It is Allaah alone Who owns them and controls them.

Two: That they possess nothing in the heavens and the earth and they do not even have an atom weight of share in them.

Three: Allaah has no helper among His creatures. Rather, He is the One who helps them in what is of benefit for them and drives away from them what harms them. For, He completely has no need of them; it is they who are rather who are in absolute need of Him.

Four: That these so-called associates are not capable of interceding with Allaah on behalf of their followers and they will not even be given permission to do so. Allaah does not give permission to intercede except to His friends, and His friends also can not intercede except on behalf of the one whom Allaah is pleased with his sayings, deeds and belief. [\[23\]](#)

3- Systematic arrangement and precise execution of the affairs of this universe is the strongest indication that its controller is one Lord, one (King), beside Whom there is no other creator. As it is impossible for this universe to have two creators, so it is impossible for it to have two Lords. Allaah says:

"Had there been therein (in the heavens and the earth) gods besides Allaah, then verily both would have been ruined."[\[24\]](#)

Had it been assumed that there was in the heaven and the earth another god besides Allaah, they would have been ruined. Because, had there been another god besides Allaah, both would need to be autocratic and have right of free disposal. That would have then lead to contention and fighting and the ruin of the heaven and the earth would have occurred as a result. It is impossible for the body to have two controlling souls; if that happens the body will be destroyed – how then can it be imagined that this universe which is greater, should have two lords?

4- Consensus of the Prophets and Messengers: All nations agree that the Prophets and Messengers are the wisest, most intelligent, best in morality, most sincere, most knowledgeable of what Allaah wants and the most rightly guided of all people, because, they received revelation from Allaah and conveyed it to people. And all Prophets and Messengers – right from Adam to the last Prophet who is Muhammad, peace be upon them all – have all called their peoples to the belief in Allaah and abstention from worshipping anything besides Him and that He is the only True Lord. Allaah says:

"And We did not send any Messenger before you (O Muhammad) but We inspired him saying: None has the right to be worshipped but I (Allaah), so worship Me (Alone)."[\[25\]](#)

He also says about Nooh – Peace be upon him – that he told his people,

"That you worship none but Allaah, surely, I fear for you the torment of a painful Day."[\[26\]](#)

He – may He be glorified– also says about the last of all Messengers, Muhammad,

"Say (O Muhammad): It is revealed to me that your God is one God. Will you then submit to His Will (become Muslims and stop worshipping others besides Allaah)?"[\[27\]](#)

This God is the One who wonderfully created the universe from naught; He created man in the best form and perfected his creation and impressed in his nature the affirmation of His Lordship and His exclusive right to be worshipped. He lets him have peace of mind through his submission to Him and following His Path and He ordained it on his soul not to be at rest until it surrenders to its Creator and be in continuous contact with Him. He also makes it impossible to contact with Him except through His Straight Path which the honourable Prophets conveyed. He gave man intelligence which only becomes upright and functions properly when he believes in Allaah, Glory be to Him.

When one has an upright nature, a peaceful soul and a believing heart, one achieves happiness, security and peace in this world and the hereafter. But when man refuses all that, he will live in the alleys of this world disorganised and divided among its gods, ignorant as to who can benefit him or prevent harm from him. It is in order that true faith may be established in the heart and the ugliness of disbelief may be exposed that Allaah makes a parable – for parables bring meanings closer to understanding. He makes a parable of a man whose affair is divided between numerous gods and a man who worships his Lord alone. He, may He be glorified, says,

"Allaah puts forth a similitude: a (slave) man belonging to many partners (like those who worship others along with Allaah) disputing with one another, and a (slave) man belonging to one master (like those who worship Allaah Alone). Are those two equal in comparison? All the praises and thanks be to Allaah! But most of them know not."[\[28\]](#)

Allaah likens the slave who is a polytheist to a slave who is owned by different associates and over whom they all contend with each other. He is divided among them and everyone of them directs him and assigns responsibilities to him. He is confused among them and is always unstable. He is unable to satisfy their different and contradicting desires that tear his energy and directions apart.

He also likens the slave who is a monotheist to a slave who is owned by a single master. He knows what his master wants and the assignments he gives him. He is thereby comfortable and settled on a clear path. Both of these two slaves cannot be equal. For, one submits to a single master and enjoys the pleasure of uprightness, knowledge and certainty and the other one submits to different and disputing masters and is thereby punished and distressed. He is not stable on a condition and cannot please even one of them let alone all of them.

After proofs on the existence of Allaah, His Lordship and His exclusive right to be worshipped have become clear, we should then acquaint ourselves with His creation of the universe and man and know His wisdom behind that.

[1] Al-Ikhlaas 112: 1-4.

[2] Al-A'raaf 7:54.

[3] Ar-Ra'd 13:2, 3, 8, 9.

[4] Ar-Ra'd 13:16

[5] Fussilat 41:37-39

[6] Ar-Room 30:22-23

[7] Al-Baqarah 2:255

[8] Gaafir 40:3

[9] Al-Hashr 59:23

[10] At-Toor 52:35-36

[11] Majmoo' Fatawa Ibn Taymiyah 1:47-49

[12] Ar-Room 30:30

[13] Magians are those who worship fire and other natural phenomena. (AA)

[14] Al-Bukhaaree and Muslim.

[15] Ahmad and Muslim.

[16] Majmoo' Fatawa 14:380-383

[17] Al-'Ankaboot 61-63

[18] Az-Zukhruf 9

[19] Yoonus 22-23

[20] Luqmaan 31:32

* For more of these evidence, see Kitaabut-Tawheed by Muhammad Ibn Abdul Wahhaab.

[21] Al-Mu'minoon 23:91

[22] Saba' 34:22-23

[23] See Qurratu 'uyoonil-muwahhideen p.100

[24] Al-Anbiyaa 21:22

[25] Al-Anbiyaa 21:25

[26] Hood 11:26

[27] Al-Anbiyaa 21:108

[28] Az-Zumar 39:29

8. BELIEF IN ALMIGHTY GOD

Question 01: So long as the three principal religions have emanated from God, why should differences appear as to the essence of God among their adherents? Why should a Christian or a Jew be required to abandon his religion and adopt Islam

Answer 01: There is no doubt that the three religions acknowledge one source, God. They all agree as to the uniqueness, the absolute omniscience and omnipresence of God, to the exclusion of any parallel power to be worshipped. All agree as to attributing to God all perfection and excluding all defects and blemishes. Whatever differences may appear is sporadic extraneous, accretious developing over the ages from distortions interpolated by members of both Judaism and Christianity. Herein came differences as to the essence of God. The difference, therefore, is between Islam, which God entrusted His prophet with, and other religions which have been distorted and adulterated. The difference is not between authentic religions, rather, it is between a true religion and others that have been invalidated and turned away. The latter category has been manipulated by vicious hands which misdirected them

When we call upon a Jew or Christian to discard his/her religion and adopt Islam, we are in reality asking him/her to revert to the true religion which has been preached by all prophets. Should an impartial thinker consider Islam in relation to other religions, he/she is bound to acknowledge the radical difference between both categories. He/she is likely to find in the former the truth and monotheism, while the latter would reveal innovations and polytheism. Moreover, Islam advocates justice and tolerance, while the others imply racism and discrimination. In the one there are moral commitment and decency; in the other, disintegration and corruption

Question 02: What is the penultimate reason behind the creation of man? Does God need man's worship

Answer 02: Man has been created in order to worship God: "And I (God) created not the jinn and mankind except that they should worship me (alone)" (Holy Qur'an: 51: 56). The Primary incumbency on man is to know God through His oneness, and thence to worship Him truly. Secondly, man is required to act his role as God's vicegerent on earth, so as to enjoy bliss both here and hereafter. Indeed, his/her need to acknowledge the supremacy of God exceeds his/her need and drink: "O mankind! It is you who stand in need of God. But God is rich, worthy of all praise" (Holy Qur'an: 35: 15)

God is above the need for man's worship. He does not benefit from man's devotion, nor would He be adversely affected by man's blasphemy. From beginning to end the story of man's existence on earth, no matter how many are its incidents, is an ordeal, a test, whether for him/her as an individual or for all humanity. Man's performance in this test determines either his praise and reward or reproof and punishment

9. BELIEF IN PROPHETS AND MISSIONS

?Question 06: *What is the indisputable evidence that the teachings of Muhammad have all come from God*

Answer 06: There are numerous irrefutable evidences indicating that such teachings originated from God almighty. Here are some

All that has been enjoined, and denied, can be found highly propitious and useful to all mankind, everywhere and at any time. .1 They are commensurate with the sound mind and the chaste insight. Examples are commandments on solidifying family ties, preserving superior moral qualities, avoiding usury and all misdemeanors. All that the prophet (pbuh) has been told in inspiration has been proved valid. Such material falls in two categories

A. Pertaining to the past. These are corroborated by former books as well as authenticated evidence confirmed by science and modern discoveries, e.g. findings in geology as the era of the deluge, in archeology as the relics from the epochs of Thamud and the Pharaohs

B. Pertaining to the future. Certain incidents were predicted by the prophet, e.g. the fire which blasted Medina in 654 *hijra*, the good offices performed by Hasan ibn Ali ibn Abi Talib in reconciling between two major factions of Muslims, the gathering of the Jews in Palestine today, the emergence of nudist women who earn their living in immodest ways, and the spread of usury, corruption, murder, etc

C. Evidences derived from the prophet's own life and morals, a study of both of which can only confirm that such actions can never emerge except from one who is both true and honest. Whoever considers God's support of His prophet (pbuh), the victory over his enemies, and the spread of his religion, must come to the conclusion that this prophet was sustained by God and that all he preached had come from the Almighty

D. Some contemporary scientific discoveries support the prophet's tenets, e.g. stages of the life of the embryo, the way in which milk comes into being in the mammals, the existence of the aquarian barrier between two adjacent seas, the fact that the Dead Sea is the nethermost place on earth, etc

E. The miracles performed by him: these were simultaneously witnessed by both his followers and antagonists, e.g. the fissure of the moon surface, the springing of water from his fingers, the healing of the sick, etc. His greatest miracle remains the glorious Qur'an that has proved the authenticity of its contents over the ages

?Question 07: *Who is the prophet*

Answer 07: He is a man chosen by almighty God, inspired by Him, and enjoined to proclaim the call to the people he was sent to

?Question 08: *How can prophet Muhammad (pbuh) be the imam (leader) of all the prophets when he is the last messenger*

Answer 08: Preference is God's own prerogative. It is exclusive to such and not to others, in accordance with His omniscience and wisdom. Preference has no relation with precedence or antecedence in time. Moses and Jesus are among the latter batch of prophets, still they are the best among all those who preceded them except Noah and Abraham (peace be upon them). Furthermore, prophet Muhammad's religion, in terms of creeds and the morals, conforms to those preached by the previous prophets. As for the rules of these religions, the prophet (pbuh), by commandments from almighty God, nullified some, modified others; altered some, and augmented others. Accordingly, his call has become more comprehensive, more perfect, hence has dominion over precedences. The one in charge of such a call deserves being an *imam* to those who preceded him. Those were made to pledge to be faithful to him and support him, almighty God says

And (remember) when God took the covenant of the prophets, saying: 'Take whatever I gave you from the book and *hikmah*' (understanding of the laws of God), and afterwards there will come to you a messenger (Muhammad) confirming what is with you; you must, then, believe in him and help him.' God said: 'Do you agree (to it) and will you take up my covenant (which I conclude with you)?' They said: 'We agree.' He said: 'Then bear witness; and I am with you among the witnesses (for this)'." ((Holy Qur'an: 3: 81

10. WHAT ARE THE FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM?

What Are the Five Pillars of Islam?

The Five Pillars of Islam are the framework of a Muslim's life.

They are the testimony of faith, prayer, giving zakat (support of the needy), fasting during the month of Ramadan, and the pilgrimage to Makkah once in a lifetime for those who are able.

1) The Testimony of Faith:

The testimony of faith is saying with conviction, "La ilaha illa Allah, Muhammadur rasoolu Allah." This saying means "There is no true god but God (Allah),¹ and Muhammad is the Messenger (Prophet) of God." The first part, "There is no true god but God," means that none has the right to be worshipped but God alone, and that God has neither partner nor son. This testimony of faith is called the Shahada, a simple formula which should be said with conviction in order to convert to Islam (as explained above on pages 52-53). The testimony of faith is the most important pillar of Islam.

2) Prayer:

Muslims perform five prayers a day. Each prayer does not take more than a few minutes to perform. Prayer in Islam is a direct link between the worshipper and God. There are no intermediaries between God and the worshipper.

In prayer, a person feels inner happiness, peace, and comfort, and that God is pleased with him or her. The Prophet Muhammad said: { Bilal, call (the people) to prayer, let us be comforted by it. }¹ Bilal was one of Muhammad's companions who was charged to call the people to prayers.

Prayers are performed at dawn, noon, mid-afternoon, sunset, and night. A Muslim may pray almost anywhere, such as in fields, offices, factories, or universities.

(Please visit www.islam-guide.com/prayer for more information on prayer in Islam.)²

3) Giving Zakat (Support of the Needy):

All things belong to God, and wealth is therefore held by human beings in trust. The original meaning of the word zakat is both 'purification' and 'growth.' Giving zakat means 'giving a specified percentage on certain properties to certain classes of needy people.' The percentage which is due on gold, silver, and cash funds that have reached the amount of about 85 grams of gold and held in possession for one lunar year is two and a half percent. Our possessions are purified by setting aside a small portion for those in need, and, like the pruning of plants, this cutting back balances and encourages new growth.

A person may also give as much as he or she pleases as voluntary alms or charity.

4) Fasting the Month of Ramadan:

Every year in the month of Ramadan,¹ Muslims fast from dawn until sundown, abstaining from food, drink, and sexual relations.

Although the fast is beneficial to health, it is regarded principally as a method of spiritual self-purification. By cutting oneself off from worldly comforts, even for a short time, a fasting person gains true sympathy with those who go hungry, as well as growth in his or her spiritual life.

5) The Pilgrimage to Makkah:

The annual pilgrimage (Hajj) to Makkah is an obligation once in a lifetime for those who are physically and financially able to perform it. About two million people go to Makkah each year from

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