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Finding God in our lives

*Have they not looked at the dominion of the heavens and the earth,
and all the things God has created?... (7:185)*

Most people, even those who do not associate themselves with any religion, believe in the existence of a supernatural power behind all the creation. They believe in a creator, an intelligent designer or a god of their description, simply because they reflect on themselves and things around them to realize that the heavens and the earth, and all creatures on earth could not come about by accident or coincidence.

Thus, many people feel like Professor Edwin Conklin who once said “The probability of life originating from accident is comparable to the probability of the unabridged dictionary resulting from an explosion in a printing shop.”

Interestingly, science itself confirms that if there was not an eternal being to create the universe, there would never have been a universe. For example, the First Law of Thermodynamics is an expression of the universal physical law of the conservation of energy. It states that:

“Energy can be transformed (changed from one form to another), but it can neither be created nor destroyed.”

Thus if energy cannot be created, then something certainly cannot appear from nothing. This simply signifies that there has to be an origin of things and the originator.

Who is involved in the creation?

We learn from the scriptures that there is only one Creator, whether He is invoked by some as God, Allah, Yahweh or Jehovah or by others with different names. Our Creator should then be the only deity to worship. This is the first and the greatest commandment. This fact is documented in all scriptures from God. In the Old Testament, we find:

Hear, O Israel: The Lord Our God is Lord alone. Therefore you shall adore the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind and with all your strength. (Deut. 6:4-5)

In the New Testament, under the subtitle of “The Greatest Commandment”:

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.’ (Mark 12:28-29; New International Version)

These verses from the Old and New Testament make it very clear who God really is. This conclusion can be realized in spite of the historical corruption where Jesus was attributed divine powers, making him either the son of God or part of the trinity concept of God. Furthermore we now have a scripture with built-in proof that every word, and even every letter in it, is from God. This scripture is the Creator’s final message to humanity, and it is called the Quran. It confirms the previous scriptures, and supersedes them to be the ultimate reference.

Subsequent to them, we sent Jesus, the son of Mary, confirming the previous scripture, the Torah. We gave him the

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Gospel, containing guidance and light, and confirming the previous scriptures, the Torah, and augmenting its guidance and light, and to enlighten the righteous. (5:46)

The people of the Gospel shall rule in accordance with GOD's revelations therein. Those who do not rule in accordance with GOD's revelations are the wicked. (5:47)

Then we revealed to you this scripture, truthfully, confirming previous scriptures, and superseding them. You shall rule among them in accordance with GOD's revelations, and do not follow their wishes if they differ from the truth that came to you. For each of you, we have decreed laws and different rites. Had GOD willed, He could have made you one congregation. But He thus puts you to the test through the revelations He has given each of you. You shall compete in righteousness. To GOD is your final destiny—all of you—then He will inform you of everything you had disputed. (5:48)

Quran: No nonsense book

Contrary to what is portrayed by some, the Quran is an amazing book with no nonsense in it. Shouldn't one expect such a book from God if He is indeed the author? The Quran's proof of divine authorship is demonstrated by the superhuman mathematical system in this scripture. This mathematical system, which is based on the number 19, was discovered 1400 years after the prophet Muhammad, through whom the Quran was revealed.

For further information on the Quran's mathematical composition, please refer to QURAN: The Final Testament, Translated from the Original by Rashad Khalifa, Ph.D. or check <http://www.masjiduntucson.org/quran/miracle/index.html>

The Quran clearly tells us that there is no other god besides God, the Creator, the Almighty, and that He has no son, nor a partner.

Proclaim, "He is the One and only God. The absolute God. Never did He beget. Nor was He begotten. None equals Him." (Sura 112)

"O people of the scripture, do not transgress the limits of your religion, and do not say about God other than the truth. The Messiah, Jesus, the Son of Mary, was a messenger of God, and His word that He sent to Mary, and a spirit from Him. Therefore, you shall believe in God and His messengers, and do not say, 'Trinity.' Stop, for your own good. God is only one god. Be He glorified, much too high to have a son. To Him belongs everything in the heavens and everything on earth. God suffices as Lord and Master." (4:171)

The most important commandment, worshiping God alone, is clearly stated in the Quran. God bears witness to this fact; so do the angels and the believers.

GOD bears witness that there is no god except He, and so do the angels and those who possess knowledge. Truthfully and equitably, He is the absolute god; there is no god but He, the Almighty, Most Wise. (3:18)

The Quran also tells us that if there were many gods, they would have fought with each other for authority.

Say, "If there were other gods besides Him, as they claim, they would have tried to overthrow the Possessor of the throne." (17:42)

Does evolution conflict religion?

If there is a Creator and a Designer behind all the creation, does that mean evolution did not happen? We learn from the Quran that evolution is a divinely designed fact along with creation, an Intelligent Design. For example, the concept that life began in water is mentioned in the Quran:

And GOD created every living creature from water. Some of them walk on their bellies, some walk on two legs, and some walk on four. GOD creates whatever He wills. GOD is Omnipotent. (24:45, also 21:30)

However humans are not descendants of monkeys; they are created. That is the origin of man:

He is the One who perfected everything He created, and started the creation of the human from clay. (32:7)

Your Lord said to the angels, "I am creating a human being from aged mud, like the potter's clay." (15:28)

Evolution is possible only within a given species. For example, the navel orange evolved from seeded oranges, not from apples. The laws of probability preclude the possibility of haphazard evolution between species. A fish cannot evolve into a bird; a monkey can never evolve into a human. (For more information, see <http://www.masjiduntucson.org/quran/appendices/appendix31.html>)

Quran and science

Although the Quran was revealed more than 1400 years ago in the Dark Ages, it contains many scientific verses, including the confirmation of the Big Bang theory.

Do the unbelievers not realize that the heaven and the earth used to be one solid mass that we exploded into existence? And from water we made all living things. Would they believe? (21:30)

And we placed on earth stabilizers, lest it tumbles with them, and we placed straight roads therein, that they may be guided. (21:31)

And we rendered the sky a guarded ceiling. Yet, they are totally oblivious to all the portents therein. (21:32)

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And He is the One who created the night and the day, and the sun and the moon; each floating in its own orbit. (21:33)

The path to God

There are several ways and means to find and appreciate God, and worship Him alone. Some people are guided through studying previous scriptures; some find God on their own, by marveling on the creations of God. The Quran gives good news for these Submitters.

Surely, those who believe, those who are Jewish, the Christians, and the converts; anyone who (1) believes in GOD, and (2) believes in the Last Day, and (3) leads a righteous life, will receive their recompense from their Lord. They have nothing to fear, nor will they grieve. (2:62)

However, the path to God can be full of obstacles since Satan is constantly after good people to mislead them.

And the devil will say, after the judgment had been issued, "GOD has promised you the truthful promise, and I promised you, but I broke my promise. I had no power over you; I simply invited you, and you accepted my invitation. Therefore, do not blame me, and blame only yourselves. My complaining cannot help you, nor can your complaining help me. I have disbelieved in your idolizing me. The transgressors have incurred a painful retribution." (14:22)

Thus Satan tries to divert people's attention from the message of God. One of the surest ways to find God and stay in His path is to trust in Him and to study the Quran, His Final Testament to humanity, and follow the recipe God has provided.

"You shall follow what is revealed to you from your Lord, and do not follow any other sources besides it." (7:3)

"Shall I seek other than God as a source of law, when He has revealed this book to you fully detailed..." (6:114)

The Quran not only clarifies for us who God truly is, but also describes for us the purpose of our lives, and our responsibilities on this earth, in order to attain Paradise.

GOD: there is no other god besides Him, the Living, the Eternal. Never a moment of unawareness or slumber overtakes Him. To Him belongs everything in the heavens and everything on earth. Who could intercede with Him, except in accordance with His will? He knows their past, and their future. No one attains any knowledge, except as He wills. His dominion encompasses the heavens and the earth, and ruling them never burdens Him. He is the Most High, the Great. (2:255)

"I did not create the Jinns and the humans except to worship Me alone." (51:56)

"We sent down to you this scripture truthfully, so worship God alone, devoting your religion to Him alone." (39:2)

The Quran tells us that if we believe in God, worship Him alone, and do righteous works, it is for our own good, since God does not need us or our worship of Him.

If you disbelieve, God does not need you. But He dislikes to see His servants make the wrong decision. If you decide to be appreciative, He is pleased for you... (39:7)

Guaranteed Religious Freedom

According to God's revelations in the Quran, there is no compulsion in religion. The Quran advocates the freedom of religion, as God has given us the free will to choose our own destiny.

There shall be no compulsion in religion: the right way is now distinct from the wrong way. Anyone who denounces the devil and believes in GOD has grasped the strongest bond; one that never breaks. GOD is Hearer, Omniscient. (2:256)

God Almighty is One and the same

Our Creator is an Almighty God who is beyond our comprehension. He does not need and does not have any partners. Everything in the heavens and the earth glorifies Him, and submits to Him willingly or unwillingly (3:83, 13:15).

"They can never fathom the greatness of God. The whole earth is within His first on the Day of Resurrection. In fact the universes are folded within His right Hand. Be He glorified; He is too high above needing any partners" (39:67)

He created seven universes in layers. You do not see any imperfection in the creation by the Most Gracious. Keep looking; do you see any flaw? Look again and again; your eyes will come back stumped and conquered. (67:3-4)

For the Submitters to God alone in any religion, there is no argument between them. After all, our God is One and the same:

This is what you shall preach, and steadfastly maintain what you are commanded to do, and do not follow their wishes. And proclaim: "I believe in all the scriptures sent down by GOD. I was commanded to judge among you equitably. GOD is our Lord and your Lord. We have our deeds and you have your deeds. There is no argument between us and you. GOD will gather us all together; to Him is the ultimate destiny." (42:15)

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A Journey to Submission

Dear Submitters,

May God's peace and blessings be upon you all. I have been reading your literature from your sites and I have come to the conclusion that what you say is 100% correct. If I told you how exactly I came upon this conclusion it will be a very long lecture. However to put things in a narrow perspective I can say surely that Almighty God has guided me to see plain truth in the verses of the Quran.

To begin with, I should tell you 1 year and 2 months ago I was a very 'serious' minded Christian. Nevertheless I was prudent to follow the words of the Bible alone and no other source or sect that strayed from this concept. But, to my surprise I found out that the Bible had contradictions. If you were me you would have been astonished as well as amazed at this discovery I had made. All this time for the past 18 years I thought that the Bible had no contradictions. Suddenly all the world seem worthless and nonexistent to me. The world made no sense. When I told this to my parents, they did try all ways to dissuade me from believing this truth 'that the Bible had contradictions.'

My point of view to my parents which I tried to explain to them was this, 'How could God judge the world if the guide book he left for humanity had such nonsensical mistakes?' For example in simple terms for people of 'little' under-

standing; suppose a math teacher gave a book to a student to study from and learn from; however this book had mistakes in it. If the student made a mistake in answering a particular question in that book, who is more to blame, the student or the teacher? Without any doubt the teacher is more to blame.

My perspective of God has always been and always will be that God is a LOGICAL GOD. He is not insane or stupid. Would God put himself in a position in which He is to blame? No, this cannot be possible. Hence from using logical deduction I concluded that the Bible cannot be a suitable book for guidance.

My search for truth had lead me to the Quran and since then I have been mesmerized by this book. Its signs in mathematics and science has led me to conclude that this was no ordinary book. I should also tell you that I would have very well followed the Hadith and Sunnah had I not stumbled upon your site by accident while trying to download another translation of the Quran. When I had found out that the translation which I had downloaded was from a group of people who didn't follow Hadith, I was tempted not to use or read the translation at all.

However, about one month later I decided to read what exactly this "messenger of God" had to say. When I read what he had written it started to make sense. However at first I wasn't too sure since the change from Christian to Islam-Hadith and now to just Quran was so quick that I didn't know

how to respond to these spiritual changes.

So, I decided to pray and use deductive reasoning. This worked wonders! This was my reasoning: "ANY religious source that had contradictions cannot be used as sources of guidance." Hadith and Sunnah had many contradictions, hence how is it remotely possible for God to use these sources with many contradiction also written many years after Prophet Muhammad's death. It doesn't make any sense whatsoever!

In conclusion, I hope I haven't been too extensive in my explanation for turning from Christianity to Islam. I hope I haven't burdened any of you in this boring story. However I hope that you will accept me as a candidate for this request to receive "Submitters Perspective" through e-mail. May Almighty GOD guide you all and keep you all safe.

Yours truly,

Kevin

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