

“(We sent) messengers as bringers of good tidings and warners so that mankind will have no argument against Allah after the messengers. And ever is Allah Exalted in Might and Wise.” **Qur’an (4:165)**

God sent them to be the perfect example of high morality and to show people the correct way to worship. He sent them to prescribe the fundamentals that guide to the way of truth and save the believers from differing over them.

He says, ‘And We have not revealed to you the Book, [O Muhammad], except for you to make clear to them that wherein they have differed and as guidance and mercy for a people who believe. **(Quran 16:64)**

Messengers were also sent to demonstrate the good deeds that purify human souls and to instill righteousness in people’s hearts.

How can we know they were true prophets?

Each prophet produced miracles that were witnessed by his nation. Indeed, Muhammad, the las of all Prophets was given a universal message whereas all previous scriptures revealed to prophets before him were limited to their own times and nations.

Unlike the other scriptures, the Quran which is God's last word and testament to humanity, remains in its original language and has never been altered. In addition, the Quran presents accurate scientific information in its verses which has only recently been discovered by modern science although it was revealed more than 1400 years ago, like the common origin of the universe,

“Have those who disbelieved not considered that the heavens and the earth were a joined entity, and We separated them and made from water every living thing? Then will they not believe?” **Qur’an (21:30)**

The Holy Quran contains information of miraculous nature. We believe it to be divine and below are some examples found in the Quran.

The example of embryology

Long before the microscope was invented, the Quran refers to the different stages of embryonic development. God says:

“And certainly, did We create man from an extract of clay. Then We placed him as a sperm-drop in a firm lodging. Then We made the sperm-drop into a clinging clot, and We made the clot into a lump (of flesh), and We made (from) the lump, bones, and We covered the bones with flesh; then We developed him into another creation. So blessed is Allah, the best of creators” **Qur’an (23:12-14)**

These verses state that after the creation of Adam from elements of the earth, God made human beings reproduce from a drop containing sperm (nutfah) placed within the womb. It then develops into a substance that attaches itself and clings to the womb in the manner of a leech (‘alaqah). After that it takes the shape of a chewed morsel (mudghah) which becomes a fetus having bones covered with flesh.

Dr. Keith Moore, one of the world’s leading experts in the field of anatomy and embryology he wrote the most commonly used embryology text in universities around the world, says : Its is clear to me that these statements must have come to Muhammad (pbuh) from God because almost all of this knowledge was not discovered until many centuries later. This proves to me that Muhammad (pbuh) must have been a messenger of God’

The Preservation of Pharaoh’s body

Dr. Maurice Bucaille is an eminent French surgeon, scientist, scholar and author of ‘The Bible, the Quran and Science’ which contains the result of his research in to the Judeo-Christian scriptures and the Quran. It is a unique contribution in the fields of religion and science.

Being an outstanding scientist, he was selected to treat the mummy of the Pharaoh Merneptah, which he did. During a visit to Saudi Arabia, he was shown verses of the Holy Quran in which God says that the dead body of the Pharaoh will be preserved as a sign for posterity:

“And mankind was not but one community [united in religion], but (then) they differed. And if not for a word that preceded from your Lord, it would have been judged between them (immediately) concerning that over which they differ” **Qur’an (10:92)**

Dr. Bucaille, being a Christian as well as impartial scientist, was conversant with the Biblical version of the story of Pharaoh being drowned in pursuit of Prophet Moses. He was surprised to learn that although unknown to the world before the late 20th century, the Quran had made definite mention of the preservation of the body of the same Pharaoh of Moses time.



Pharaoh
Mummy of Ramesses II
Cairo, Egyptian Museum

This led Dr. Bucaille to study the Quran thoroughly after learning the Arabic language and he accepted Islam as the true religion of God. After reading this, one comes to question:

So Why did God create us?

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, God describes this life as a test. Every person is being tested as to who will choose to acknowledge God and follow His guidance. God says:

"Indeed, We (God) created man . . . in order to test him, and we gave him hearing and vision. Indeed, We (God) showed him the way, whether he be grateful or ungrateful.

For many, the underlying issue is not really about believing in God, but about the implications of believing in Him. It would mean being held to account and judged for ones actions, which may be inconvenient for the lives they want to lead. Therefore, the test in this life involves following and humbling ourselves before God in preference to our own desires, pride and ego.

"Why does God need to test us?"

God is not in need of anything - He does not need to create anything and does not need to test anyone.

He does not benefit from our belief and is not affected by our disbelief. Rather, it is part of His infinite wisdom that He created us and gave us the opportunity to know Him. God knows the future - the point is for us, to live through, experience our lives and make our own choices.

"Do we really have a choice?"

The fact that God knows our choices does not make it any less voluntary. Although God wants people to believe in Him, He does not force anyone. If God willed, He could guide all of humankind as He has power over everything.

But in His Wisdom, He has created us with the ability to choose and made us accountable for our choices. God is not necessarily pleased with everything that He allows to occur.

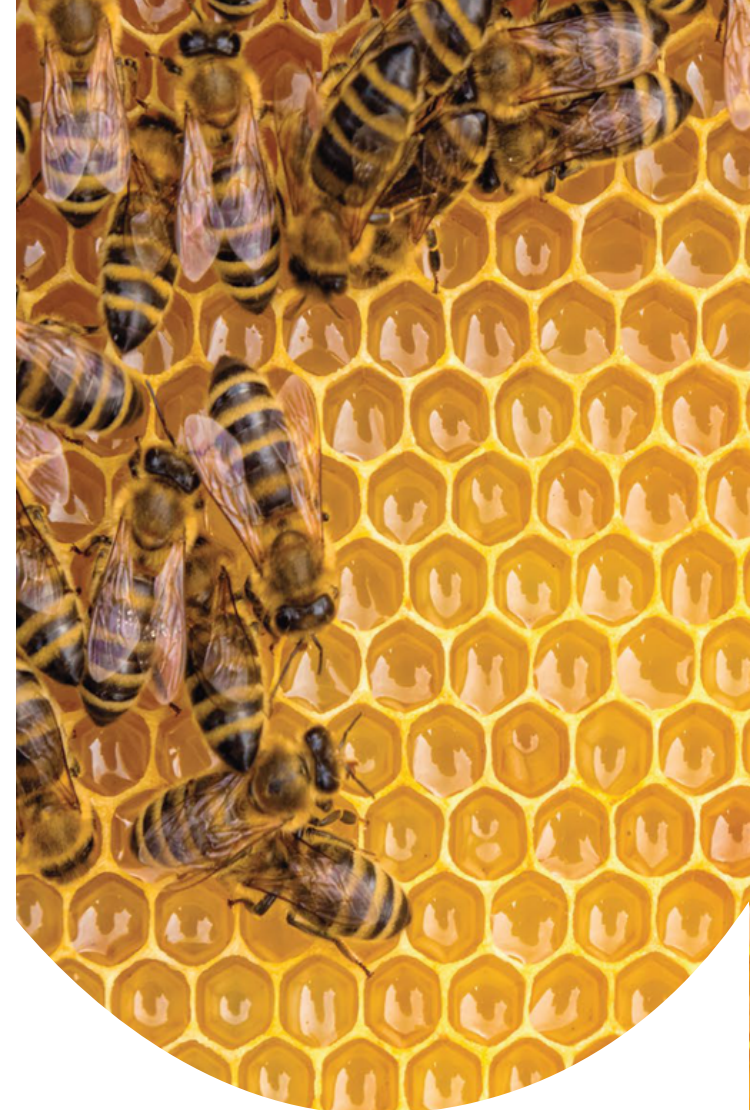
"Why doesn't God just reveal Himself?"

In God's wisdom, He has to make himself known through His signs. This is part of the test of this life. He has made it our responsibility to use the abilities He has given us to acknowledge Him. This means that only those who are sincere, humble and reflect deeply will recognise and believe in Him.

So what should I do?

Time is of essence & life is short. Its a fact death will touch every living being & once our soul departs this world, there will not be any coming back. We need to be aware of our surroundings and understand what Allah (God) wants from us & for that one can do the following

1. Be sincere & ask God (Allah) for guidance
2. Start learning about the religion to understand why are you really here by exploring the idea 'Purpose of Life'
3. Speak with an Imam to have your questions answered about Islam.



**A DESIGN
INDICATES
A DESIGNER**
THE BELIEFINGOD
AND HISMESSENGERS

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

What does it means to exist?

Philosophers, theologians and even scientists have debated this question for millennia and have come up with a variety of responses. Ultimately, all of us try to give meaning to our lives and to look for happiness, peace and tranquillity. The only differences are in the manner by which we try to achieve this.

Are we no more than a collection of molecules obeying our biological makeup – no different from a shoal of fish or herd of sheep? Are not the struggles of a few politicians to achieve peace in the world or the endeavours of molecular biologists to help find a cure for cancer meaningless if the end is all the same?

Considering the nature of our existence may aid us in addressing these questions.

The First Principle

Nothing cannot create something

Given that it itself does not exist, a non-entity is not able to create or bring anything into existence. If we examine things that come to life on a daily basis and contemplate all that occurs – the wind blowing, the rainfall, the alternation of night and day – and if we examine periodic events such as the orderly orbital travel of the planets, it is irrational to conclude that all of this is the work of nothing.

The Second Principle

1. What has been created reveals characteristics of its maker

Everything inherently portrays the ability and attributes of its creator. It is impossible to find within a created object something beyond the realm of the creator or his ability to design. For example, if you see a wooden door, you know that its creator possessed wood, that he had the ability to assemble the material in an orderly manner and sand the wood smooth and that he had the experience in making doors. It is the same with any material item: it reveals the knowledge and ability of its maker. Indeed, within the heavens and earth are signs for the believers. And in the creation of yourselves and what He disperses of moving creatures are signs for people who are certain [in faith].

“And (in) the alternation of night and day and [in] what Allah sends down from the sky of provision and gives life thereby to the earth after its lifelessness and [in His] directing of the winds are signs for a people who reason. **Qur’an (45:3-6)**

“Does He who created not know, while He is the Subtle, the Acquainted?” **Qur’an (67:14)**

2. The Provider

In the depths of the womb the Provider sustains life through the umbilical cord. Once a baby is born and the cord is cut, He brings about nourishment for the newborn through the mother’s breast. He gives the baby the instinct to obtain that nourishment by sucking when it cannot yet see or understand.

Thereafter, God provides His servants with all manner of vegetation and with trees that yield fruits from water, soil crops that are required by humans and animals. Such provision would not be available if God had not delivered fresh water, prepared fertile land and caused the right atmospheric conditions and climate to enable the yield of vegetation. Then, when food is eaten and digested, its nutrients are delivered to every part of the body: the centre of the brain, the surface of the skin and deep within the bone marrow.

Indeed the Provider has assumed the task of securing provision for all creatures. He provides the necessary nutrients for the fish in the depths of the oceans, for the insects of the earth, for the sprouts inside the seeds and for the embryos in the wombs. He delivers the provision for sprouts to the inside of seeds.

“And there is no creature on earth but that upon Allah is its provision, and He knows its place of dwelling and place of storage. All is in a clear register” **Qur’an (11: 6)**

3. The Guide

If you examine your eyelashes, you will notice that the upper ones turn upwards and the lower ones extend downwards. If the matter was the opposite, it would have impaired one’s vision.

Who is it that directs every eyelash of every human being and animal other than God?

Brain

The brain can not be made from anything. The brain is made up of 100 billion neurons.



Who is it that guides the sun, the moon and stars along their orbits and the birds on their distant migratory journeys? In the Quran God describes Himself as:

“...Who created and proportioned And Who destined and [then] guided” **Qur’an (87:2-3)**

4. The One and Only

The whole of existence bears witness that everything is the work of the one and only true God. You will see that your food requires the work of your stomach and intestines, the intestines require the function of blood, the role of blood is dependent on air and respiration, the air dependent on the plants, the plants on the sun. The sun on stars. The function of each thing is dependent on another, all the way back to the initial supreme cause.

“The Quran declares: ‘Allah has not taken any son, nor has there ever been with Him any deity. [If there had been], then each deity would have taken what it created, and some of them would have sought to overcome others. Exalted is Allah above what they describe (concerning Him)” **Qur’an (23:91)**

“If there were other gods besides God, there would be competition between them to command creation. This would result in chaos throughout the heavens and earth. As the Quran says: Had there been within the heavens and earth gods besides Allah, they both would have been ruined. So exalted is Allah, Lord of the Throne, above what they describe” **Qur’an (21:22)**

The Third Principle

1. One who lacks something cannot provide it

Knowledge cannot come from that which lacks it. Those who believe that nature created them contradict the intellect and reject the truth because the entire system of the universe bears witness that its Creator is all-Wise, all-Knowing, all-Aware, all-Guiding, all-Providing, all-Protecting, all-Merciful and that He is One.

2. Who is the one characterised by these attributes?

When we reflect upon the universe and the creatures around us, we conclude that everything testifies that a

Creator made them all and just as the existence of the universe bears witness to this, a Muslim bears witness to it along with the rest of creation and repeats this declaration with knowledge and certainty.

Thus he proclaims, ‘I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped but God.’ In order to understand & perform actions in the right manner, we believe in Prophets.

3. Belief in the Prophets

God sent His messengers to guide and invite people to worship Him alone and to disbelieve in all other deities that people worship. In the Quran, He says

“And We certainly sent into every nation a messenger, (saying), ‘Worship Allah and avoid taghut (false gods).’ And among them were those whom Allah guided, and among them were those upon whom error was (deservedly) decreed. So proceed through the earth and observe how was the end of the deniers” **Qur’an (16:36)**

“And We sent not before you any messenger except that We revealed to him that, ‘There is no deity except Me, so worship Me’ ” **Qur’an (21:25)**

All the messengers were human beings and did not have any of the qualities of God. This fact is stressed in the Quran:

“The Messiah, son of Mary, was not but a messenger; [other] messengers have passed on before him. And his mother was a supporter of truth. They both used to eat food. Look how We make clear to them the signs; then look how they are deluded” **Qur’an (5:75)**

Eating food shows that they were not divine beings but rather humans in need of sustenance.

4. Why did God send messengers?

“He has ordained for you of religion what He enjoined upon Noah and that which We have revealed to you, (O Muhammad), and what We enjoined upon Abraham and Moses and Jesus - to establish the religion and not be divided therein. Difficult for those who associate others with Allah is that to which you invite them. Allah chooses for Himself whom He wills and guides to Himself whoever turns back (to Him)” **Quran (42:13)**

God sent prophets to give the believers glad tidings of everlasting contentment and pleasure in Paradise as reward for their obedience to Him. They were also to warn the disbelievers of the consequence of their disbelief and to inform them that disbelief will not be excused and that they (the messengers) will be witnesses against them on the Day of Judgement. God said:



The light bulb reveals the characteristics and knowledge of its maker.