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Religion, Divine revelations And Its Need

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Literal & Technical meaning

- Religion means belief, faith, doctrine, theology. (Collin)
- A belief in a superhuman controlling power, especially a personal God or gods that deserve worship (Oxford)
- A personal set or institutionalized system of religious attitudes, beliefs, and practices (Merriam Webster)



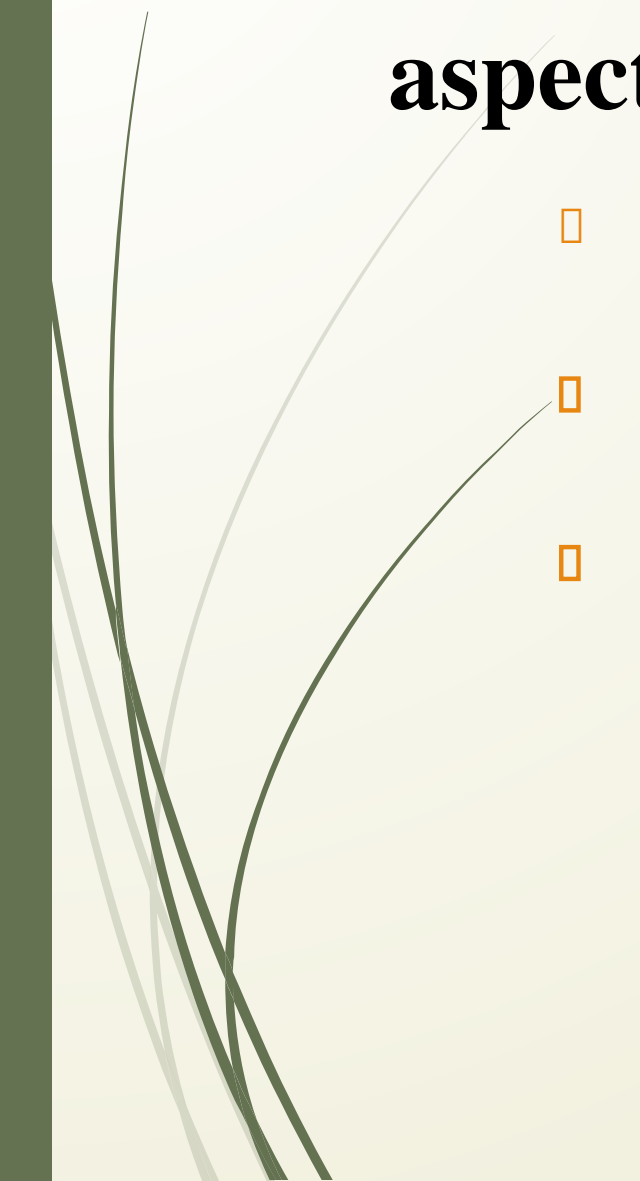
Types of religion



- According to the World Christian Encyclopedia (by David B. Barrett), there are around 10,000 distinct religions in the world, while the Encyclopedia of Religion and Society estimates the number to be closer to 4,200. The Pew Research Center has identified over 200 distinct religious groups in the United States alone. (Quora.com)
- Monotheism
- Polytheism
- Atheism
- Animism & Totemism



Division of religion as per different aspects

- Holy and unholy (Judaism, Christianity, Islam & others)
 - Missionary & non-missionary
 - National and ethnic (Semitic, Aryans, Mongolians)
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Need of Religion

- If product (human) exists, then there should be some guidance for it.
- To know the purpose of life
- To know good and bad
- To follow good and avoid bad



Why Islam?



- “Each and every one in this world whether they believe in one God or not, wants to live a successful life...”
- No one wants to fail in their life whether it be academically, professionally or in life at large.
- For living a successful life he needs two basic things
 - First : What is a success (theoretically and practically)?
 - Second : How can anyone attain a successful life?



The Sources of Knowledge

There are two Common Sources of Knowledge


Five Senses:

- Taste (just in tongue)
- Touch (in whole Skin)
- Smell (more than Touch)
- Hearing (more than Smell)
- Sight (more than Hearing)

Note: It is known that each & every sense has a limit which cannot be crossed



Limitation of the five senses

- Tongue cannot smell
 - Skin cannot taste
 - Nose cannot hear
 - Ear cannot See
 - Eyes cannot think
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Intellect

The capacity for rational or intelligent thought especially when highly developed (Merriam-Webster)


- Usually It helps where the first source of knowledge not helping us in an occurred situation i.e.

If we are watching a car than our intellect informs us that it is manufactured by someone although we are not watching the manufacturer at the mean time.

- Likewise the five senses, intellect also has a limit. There are certain things where intellect cannot help us.



Limitation of Intellect

- ❑ Intellect cannot smell
 - ❑ Intellect cannot hear
 - ❑ Intellect cannot tell the taste of food
 - ❑ Intellect cannot tell us every time what is exactly good & bad
 - ❑ Intellect cannot tell why we were created
 - ❑ Intellect cannot tell what happen when we died
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If intellect collides with five senses

- ❑ Find the right source of knowledge for the thing we seek to know
- ❑ Like we want to know any color of a thing, and intellect & eyes conflicted (White or Black)
- ❑ We hear a voice coming from Robot, his lips moves accordingly. Can we say he can speak?
- ❑ **RULE:** If a subject related to one source of knowledge, the priority will be given to that source



If two intellects collides together

- Kill murderer in retaliation
- Steals money from a lonely billionaire to help a terminally ill patient.
- Deceive millionaire in trade for surgery of a poor
- Result: we cannot gain one agreed answer through intellect




The Third God gifted Source "Divine Revelation"

- It has been proved that there is a limit of intellect as well as Five senses which it cannot cross.
- For living and knowing what is successful life we still need more knowledge.
- So our Creator Allah Subhan Wa Ta'la grant us one most powerful source of knowledge "Divine Revelation" (وحى الهى)
- Divine means "Godly", Revelation means "super natural disclosure"



The most important role of divine revelation

- The major role of divine revelation starts where a matter is:
 1. Beyond the intellect or
 2. Intellect cannot be able to handle it
- Difference between beyond the intellect and against the intellect
- Revelation does not forbid the use of the intellect. Rather, it encourages to use it
- However, the use of the intellect to refute revelation's message is in itself irrational.



Some Differences between Revelation & two sources

SENSES & INTELLECT	REVELATION
These two belongs to whom is already created	Its belongs to the only one who create
both are not absolute	It is absolute
Both have a certain limit	It is unlimited
they may conflict with each other	Two parts of revelation cannot conflict with each other
they can be challenged	it cannot be challenged

The Modes of Descent

- 1) True dreams. سچے خواب
- 2) A sound (sort of) a Bell was heard, it is called صلصلة الجرس
- 3) Direct two way conversation with Allah. واقعہ معراج
- 4) Hazrat Jibrael عليه السلام an Angel.
- 5) Hazrat Jibrael عليه السلام in Human form.
- 6) Hazrat Jibrael عليه السلام would make words of Allah fall into the Prophet's heart. صلى الله عليه وسلم

Kinds Of Wahi

□ There are two kinds of Wahi:

1) Wahi Matloo (متلو)

□ Wahi Matloo means the verses of Holy Qura'n. (جسکی تلاوت کی جاتی ہے)

□ Their words and meanings both are from Allah Almighty.

□ Ghair Matloo (غیر متلو)

□ Wahi Ghair Matloo means Ahadith of Holy Prophet ﷺ. (جسکی تلاوت نہیں کی جاتی)

□ Their words are from Prophet ﷺ and meanings are from Almighty Allah.

□ which are preserved in the form of Sahi Ahadith (صحیح احادیث)

The chronology of the Revelation of the Qura'n (تاريخ نزول قرآن)

□ The Almighty Allah reveled The Qura'n from Baitul Izzat

(بيت العزت) in two Phases.

1) 1st Stage: إنزال

□ First from Louh-e-Mahfooz (لوح محفوظ) to sky (آسمان) it is called "إنزال", (At once) it took placed in "ليلة القدر"

2) 2nd Stage: تنزيل

□ Second took placed gradually in 23 years of Nubuwwat (نبوت) it is called "تنزيل" (bit by bit) started from "ليلة القدر"

Reasons of gradually revelation

?Why the divine revelation didn't reveal at once

:Almighty Allah answered that

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَوْ لَا نُزِّلَ عَلَيْهِ الْقُرْآنُ جُمْلَةً وَاحِدَةً كَذَلِكَ لِنُثَبِّتَ بِهِ فُؤَادَكَ
وَرَتَّلْنَاهُ تَرْتِيلًا (٣٢)

□ Said those who disbelieved, “Why has the Qur'an not been revealed to him all at once?” (It has been sent down) in this way (i.e. in parts) so that We make your heart firm, and We revealed it little by little

1. Encouragement.
2. Recitation.
3. Answer to questions
4. Implement the rulings gradually

The First Revelation (وحي)

□ The Verse that came first:

The verses of Surah Alaq {سوره علق} :

اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ (١) خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ (٢) اقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ (٣) الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ (٤) عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ (٥)

- 1) Recite with the name of your Lord who created.
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- 5) Taught man what he did not know.

Verses of Qura'an are divided into two Groups

1) Makki Verses (مکی آیات)

- The verses that were revealed before Hijrat are referred to as Makki verses.

2) Madani Verses (مدنی آیات)

- The verses that were revealed after Hijrat are referred to as Madani verses

Note:

- ◆ Some verses were revealed during Hijrat and are referred to as Madani Verses according to some scholars while others refer to them as Makki.

Characteristics of Makki and Madni Verses

Makki

- **Short verses**
- **Word** يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ
- **Word** كَلَّا has been used 33 times in 15 surah in last half of Qur'an.
- **Mostly Discuss Faith and actions against idolaters.**
- **Verses of Sajdah**

Madni

- **Long verses**
- **Word** يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا
- **Permission of Jihad**
- **Mostly Discuss deeds**
- **Mostly discuss actions against hypocrites**

Causes of Revelation (سبب نزول)

Cause of revelation means:

“The reason or background of revealed verse”

- 1) The verses which were revealed in answer to some question or with reference to some event.
 - In the terminology of commentators (مفسرين) it is called CAUSE OF REVELATION (سبب نزول) or the BACKGROUND OF REVELATION (شان نزول).
- 2) The verses that Allah Almighty revealed on His own (از خود).

Causes of Revelation (سبب نزول)

Example of the verse which were revealed in answer to some question or with reference to some event.

لاتنكحوا المشركت حتى يؤمن ولأمة مؤمنة خير من مشركة ولو أعجبتكم

Do not marry Mushrikah (مشرکه عورت آزاد) unless they come to believe,

And a Muslim slave girl (مومنہ باندی) is better than a Mushrikah (مشرکہ عورت آزاد)

Even though she is liked by you. (Baqarah: 221)

Cause of revelation:

This verse is revealed about Hazrat Marsad Ibn-e-Abi Marsad and Anaq.

(See detail in Notes).

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Importance of Cause of revelation

□ Importance of cause of revelation meanse:

We can not understand the meaning of the verse of Qura'an without the help of Sabab un Nuzool

1. إِنَّ الصَّفَا وَ الْمَرْوَةَ مِنْ شَعَائِرِ اللَّهِ ۚ فَمَنْ حَجَّ الْبَيْتَ أَوْ اعْتَمَرَ فَلَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْهِ أَنْ يَطَّوَّفَ بِهِمَا ط

Indeed Safa and Marwah are among the marks of Allah. So whoever comes to the House for Hajj or performs Umrah, there is no sin for him if he makes rounds between them.

□ If we ignore the background of above verse, It means the Tawaf-e-Kaaba is not compulsory act in Umrah & Hajj, Although it is wajib.



Importance Cause of revelation

:Another example of Importance of cause of revelation

وَلِلَّهِ الْمَشْرِقُ وَالْمَغْرِبُ * فَأَيُّمَا تَوَلَّوْا فَوَجَّهُ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ (١١٥)

To Allah belongs the East and the West. So, whichever way you turn, there is the Face of Allah. Indeed, Allah is All-Embracing, All-Knowing.

If we ignore the cause of revelation of above verse, It means you can perform the namaz by facing towards any direction. Although facing towards Qibla is compulsory.



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