KNOW YOUR CREATOR

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PREFACE

A sincere seeker of truth will certainly find it. This an invitation to the Truth. Explained here is one of the greatest truths that you will ever come across in your lifetime.

This book is compiled with a vision to provide insights to understand The Creator.

It has become the norm to rely on science and analysis, but understanding the Creator is transcendental. And when these scientific inclinations are applied to this, it becomes easier to consider and appreciate the Experience.

In this publication we view the enigmatic experience of God through the analytical lens. All excerpts, scientific explanations and verses used are solely to stimulate & provoke one's thought and appreciation of the Truth.

Truth that will liberate you and change your life forever, breaking free of the shackles that limit us and take us towards a more grounded future.

This publication is a humble attempt to present the Truth in the light of the staggering force of facts presented in the Holy Qur'an.

IN THE NAME OF

THE CREATOR

MOST COMPASSIONATE, AND MOST MERCIFUL

Know your Creator - the Designer behind the design

The unique structure of hydrogen and all the elements in the entire universe; the precision with which the trillions of stars move in their well-defined paths; the remarkable alternation of day and night; the clouds that stay suspended between heaven and earth without any support — despite their stupendous weight; the huge mountain ranges that peg the earth's crust to its core; that wonderful liquid, water which pours down in abundance giving life to the dead earth and those invisible wafts of winds - all these point to the presence of a conscious 'design' and a meticulous plan.

The more one ponders over the design, the more one is led to believe that there has to be a Designer — kind and compassionate, singularly powerful and able to manifest His Will. Is any other explanation even possible behind the incredible life-giving and life-sustaining phenomena that we all seem to take for granted?

If what we see outside is not mind-boggling enough, then how about a deeper appreciation at the design of the human body: its journey from conception to death. A discerning mind cannot but help being awestruck by the very existence of the human body; not to mention the intricate, delicate and sublime billions of unconscious processes at play at the very moment you are reading this and, indeed, at every moment of your entire existence.

When we look at how the human embryo is given a beautiful shape in the womb of its mother despite being in veils of darkness, to the way in which the tiny infant grows from utter helplessness to strength, and then slides back into a state of senility and powerlessness — from where he descends further, to finally mingle with the elements that constituted its being — we are forced to conclude that there has to be a Creator who brought into being all the wonderful phenomena we see around us.

A closer look also reveals that everything He created is with a purpose to fulfill its role most diligently.

Or, can it be that all that exists in the universe, including ourselves, came into being on their own, without aim or purpose? Is it possible that all of existence is an accident? If not, then ask yourself the probing questions: "Who is my Creator?" "Can He be more than one?" "Would it be so peaceful up above if there were to be more than one planner and executor?" And, finally, ask yourself the following questions:

"Can this be the handiwork of mere mortals, who are fraught with limitations, to create and preserve this huge universe for billions of years?"

Do I have a role to fulfill in this remarkable world?
Read on to learn more. Ponder over the facts, and if convinced, resolve to act.

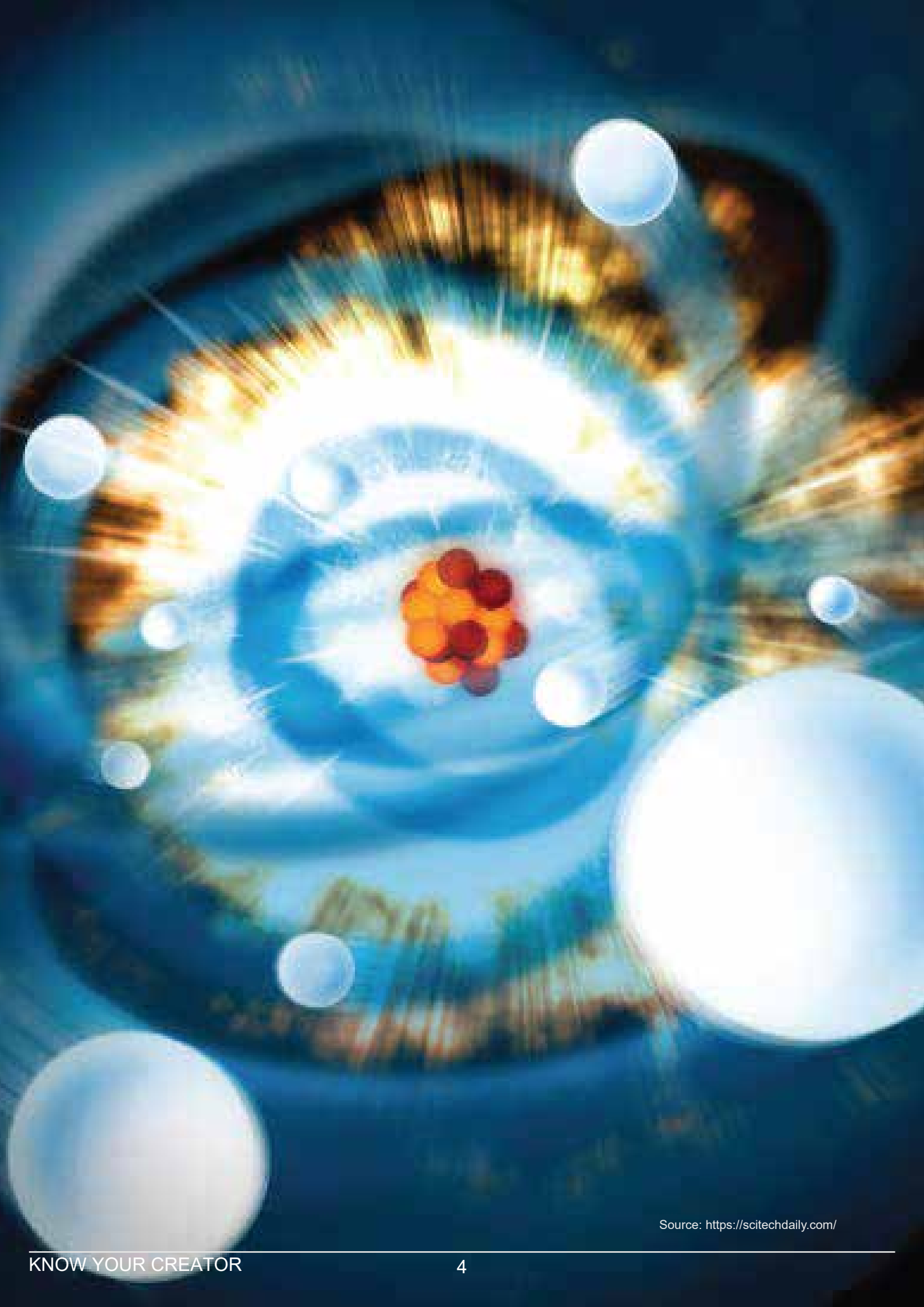
Have you ever asked yourself: Who is my creator?

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 God, the best of creators.
(Al Qur'an, 23: 12-14)

Who perfected everything which He created and began the
creation of man from clay?
(Al Qur'an, 32: 7)

Who created this beautiful world?

Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alternation of the night and the day are signs for those of understanding.
(Al Qur'an, 3: 190)



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The unimaginable power of the atom: Ever pondered who created the atom?

Despite its miniscule size, the atom is a perfect and complex system. Every atom consists of a central nucleus and electrons revolving around the nucleus in very distinct orbits. The nucleus is located at the centre of the atom and contains a certain number of protons and neutrons according to the characteristics of the atom.

In fact, an atom contains a sophisticated structure on which volumes can be written. However, even the few details we mention here are enough for us to see its magnificent creation and the fact that a super power, a super mind created it.

God is aware of an atom's weight in the heavens and on the earth and even anything smaller than that...
(Al Qur'an, 34: 3)

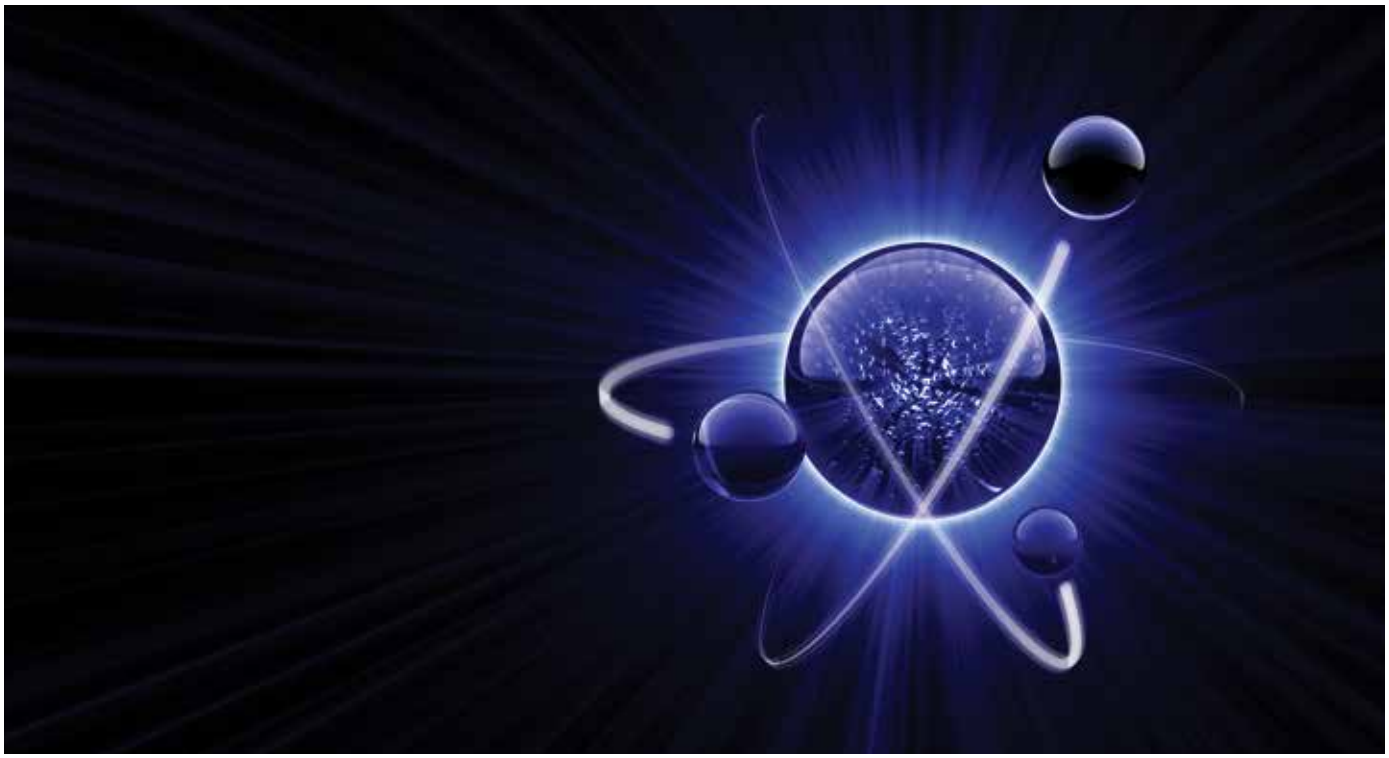
The atom bomb, for all its immense destructive power, utilizes only 1/1000th of the total energy sealed within the atom.

Who stored this immense energy in such a tiny atom?

Atoms are particles so small that it is impossible to see even one of them without using the most powerful microscope. The diameter of a single atom is one-millionth of a millimetre.

Air, water, mountains, animals, plants, your body, the armchair in which you sit, in short, everything, from the smallest to the largest thing that you see, touch and feel, is made up of atoms.

What would happen if every atom close to another reacted immediately?



The whole universe is formed by the interaction of the atoms of 118 different elements. Here, a very important condition must be fulfilled for reaction to start.

For instance, water does not form whenever oxygen and hydrogen come together and iron does not rust as soon as it comes in contact with air. If it did, iron, which is a hard and shiny metal, would be transformed into ferrous oxide (a soft powder), in a few minutes. No metal would be left on earth, and the order of the world would be greatly disturbed.

If atoms close to each other had united immediately without the fulfilment of certain conditions, it would be impossible for you to even sit on a chair!

Why? Because the atoms forming the chair would immediately react with the atoms forming your body and you would become a being between chair and human! Of course, in such a world, life would be out of the question. How is such an end avoided? Who designed chemistry and its laws?

A certain amount of energy is required for atoms & molecules to react with one another. This energy is called "activation energy".

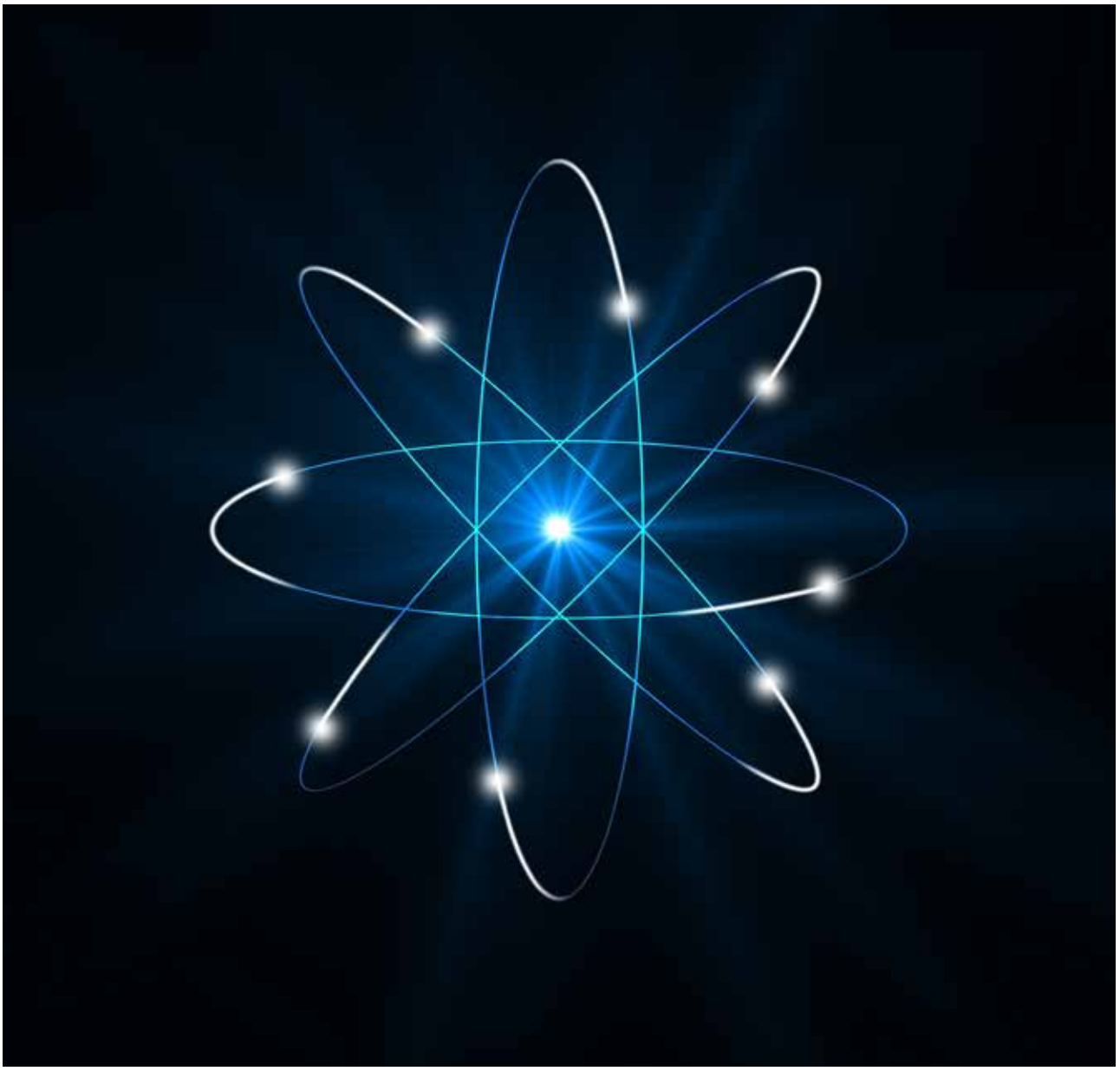
If the temperature of the Earth were a little higher, the atoms would react too rapidly, which would destroy the equilibrium in nature. If the opposite were true, that is the temperature on earth were lower, then atoms would react too slowly, which would again disturb the equilibrium in nature.

The distance of the Earth from the Sun is just sufficient to support life on Earth. Certainly, the delicate balances required for life do not end there. The inclination in the axis of the earth, its mass, surface area, the proportion of the gases in its atmosphere, the distance between the earth and its satellite, the moon, and many other factors have to be precisely at their present values so that living beings can survive.

This points to the fact that all these factors could not have formed progressively by chance and that they were all created by a ubiquitous, omnipotent and omniscient Almighty power.

And to Him belongs whoever is in the heavens and earth. All are to Him devoutly obedient. And it is He who begins creation; then He repeats it, and that is [even] easier for Him. To Him belongs the highest attribute in the heavens and earth. And He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise.
(Al Qur'an, 30: 26-27)

Who created the electron?



Electrons follow an extremely complicated orbit within the atom. Although they are formed in a much more crowded environment than our city traffic, not even one accident or mishap takes place during their formation.

Can mere mortals create such a perfect, accident-free environment as science observes within the atom?

Who created gravity?

Gravity is the force that maintains the galaxies and stars in orbit. If this force were to decline, then everything on the earth would fly off into the depths of space. If the gravitational force would have been more or less than its existing value, no galaxies or stars would have ever formed.

How did this invisible, yet precise force come into being?

Who designed the blueprint of this amazing universe?

Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and earth, and the alternation of the night and the day, and the [great] ships which sail through the sea with that which benefits people, and what God has sent down from the heavens of rain, giving life thereby to the earth after its lifelessness and dispersing therein every [kind of] moving creature, and [His] directing of the winds and the clouds controlled between the heaven and the earth are signs for a people who use reason.
(Al Qur'an, 2: 164)

Anatomy of the universe
Do you believe that this vast universe suddenly came into being on its own?

The universe contains everything ranging from the tiniest sub-atomic particles to galactic clusters. Nobody knows how big the Universe is. Astronomers estimate that it contains about 300 billion galaxies, each comprising billions of stars.

The landmark Hubble Deep Field, taken in the mid-1990s, gave the first real insight into the universe's galaxy population. Subsequent sensitive observations such as Hubble's Ultra Deep Field revealed a myriad of faint galaxies. This led to an estimate that the observable universe contained about 200 billion galaxies.(Source: https://www.nasa.gov)

Is it not a reasonable claim to say that the universe, each point of which suggests the existence of its Creator, could not have come into being on its own?

There should be an Owner of this Balance; this Balance that is visible everywhere, from the sub-atomic level to the human body to the farthest corners of the universe. Who is this Creator who ordained everything so subtly and created it all?

"This Creator" cannot be anyone present within the universe, because the Creator must be a Will that existed prior to the universe and created the universe thereupon. The Almighty Creator is one in whom everything finds existence, yet whose existence is without any beginning and without any end or limit.

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How was the universe created?

The Big Bang took place with the explosion of a single point, which contained all the matter and energy of the universe which was then dispersed into space in all directions at an unimaginable speed. Out of this matter and energy, there came about a great balance containing galaxies, stars, the sun, the earth, and all other heavenly bodies.Universal laws of nature were brought into play: laws which man would, much later, discover as the 'Laws of Physics'.

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?
(Al Qur'an, 21: 30)

Creation from hot 'smoke'

Scientists today are able to observe the formation of stars from a hot gas cloud. Formation from a warm mass of gas applies to the creation of the universe. The creation of the universe, as described in the Qur'an, confirms this scientific discovery in the following verse:

Then He directed Himself to the heaven while it was smoke and said to it and to the earth, "Come [into being], willingly or by compulsion." They said, "We have come willingly."
(Al Qur'an, 41: 11)

The Arabic word, *'Samaa'*, translated here as 'heavens', refers to the entire universe. The word *'Dukhaanun'*, for 'smoke', describes the matter before the universe took its shape — of a hot cosmic smoke present during the creation of the universe, as now acknowledged by scientists. This word in the Qur'an, in a precise manner, describes this smoke very accurately, as hot — for it is a body of gas containing mobile particles connected to solid substances. Here, the Qur'an has employed the most appropriate word from the Arabic language for describing the appearance of this phase of the universe.

The fact that such information about the creation of the universe is given in the Qur'an is nothing short of the miracle that the Qur'an represents.

Who controls this magnificent universe?

The universe is commonly defined as the totality of everything that exists, including all physical matter and energy, the planets, stars, galaxies, and the contents of intergalactic space. The term "universe" may be used in a slightly different contextual sense, denoting such concepts as the cosmos, the world, or nature.

Our solar system is a tiny part of this vast universe. Many heavenly bodies are present in the universe. The moon is a satellite. It is the natural satellite of the Earth. Meteors, asteroids, and comets are also part of the solar system.

Current interpretations of astronomical observations indicate that the age of the universe is around 138,000,000,000 years, and that the diameter of the observable universe is at least 93 billion light years or 8.80×10^{26} meters.

According to the theory of General Relativity, space can expand faster than the speed of light, although we can view only a small portion of the universe due to the limitations imposed by the speed of light.

Since we cannot observe space beyond the limitations of light (or any electromagnetic radiation), the limits of the universe are unknowable to man as of this point in his study of astronomy.

By the heaven containing pathways,
(Al Qur'an, 51: 7)

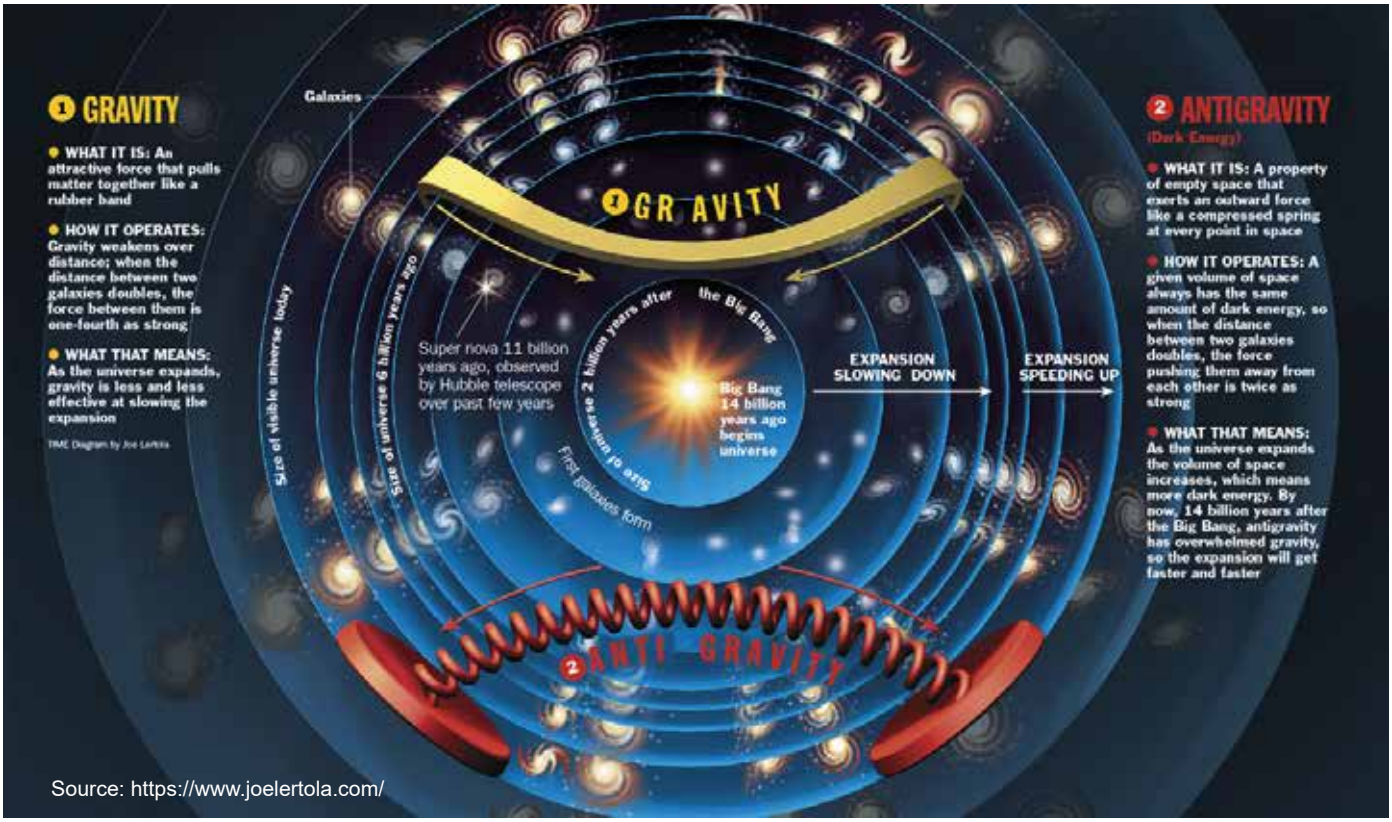
The way God describes the universe as being woven paths and orbits in the chapter entitled Adh-Dhariyat in the Qur'an (see verse above) shows that science as we know it is in extraordinary agreement with the Qur'an.

That the information revealed in the Qur'an more than 1400 years ago, is confirmed by modern science today, is highly thought provoking. This perfect harmony between the Qur'an and scientific development clearly reveals that the Qur'an is the word of our Lord, the Creator, who knows best about all things.

Then do they not reflect upon the Qur'an? If it had been from [any] other than God, they would have found within it much contradiction.
(Al Qur'an, 4: 82)

Expansion and structure of the Universe

Did the expansion of the universe and its structures come in existence on their own or was there a planner?



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Research shows that stars and galaxies move away from us and from one another, proving that the universe expands. An American professor of Astronomy, George Greenstein, writes in his book, 'The Symbiotic Universe': "As we survey all the evidence, the thought insistently arises that some supernatural agency - or, rather, Agency - must be involved. Is it possible that suddenly, without intending to, we have stumbled upon scientific proof of the existence of a Supreme Being? Was it God who stepped in and so providentially crafted the cosmos for our benefit? "

Scientists even tell us that the expansion of the universe is accelerating and will eventually reach the speed of light.

The Qur'an points to the continued expansion of the universe in a verse which reads:

And the heaven We constructed with strength, and indeed, We are [its] expander.
(Al Qur'an, 51: 47)

In 1929, the American astronomer, Edwin Hubble, discovered that the farther a galaxy was from the Earth, the greater the speed of its outward movement. In fact, he found the movement of a galaxy to be directly proportional to its distance. This means that if a galaxy is ten times as far away as another galaxy, it is moving at ten times the speed.

Based on this discovery and other observations, scientists have concluded that the universe is expanding. Furthermore Dr. Haruk Nurbaki, in his book, *'Verses of the Koran and Facts of Science,'* states that the Qur'an also suggests a structure of the universe which corresponds to modern scientific finding.

What Dr. Nurbaki has explained of this structure, the Qur'an significantly hints at in the following verse:

[It is God] who created seven heavens in layers.
(Al Qur'an,67: 3)

Dr. Nurbaki correlates the reference to the seven heavens with the descriptions of cosmic regions by modern scientists. He states that when one looks at space from Earth, he is surrounded by seven fields extending into the infinity of space.

These fields are as follows:

- The spatial field occupied by earth and the rest of the solar system.
- The spatial field of the earth's galaxy, the Milky way.
- The spatial fields occupied by a 'local cluster' of galaxies to which the Milky way belongs.
- The central magnetic field of the universe represented by a collection of clustered galaxies.
- The band represented by quasars, which serve as 'star hatcheries'.
- The field of the expanding universe, represented by the receding galaxies.
- The outermost field of space representing infinity.

And the heaven We constructed with strength, and indeed, We are [its] expander.
(Al Qur'an, 51: 47)

The above verse from the Qur'an was revealed to an unlettered Prophet years ago in the desolate deserts of Arabia.

The amazing verse of the Qur'an which speaks of the expansion of the universe accurately corroborates modern scientific research.

Ever thought of how orderly everything in the universe is?

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The sun has been put in the exact position from which it could warm us and give us light at the same time. If the earth was a little more distant from the sun, then glaciers would be prominent, making it less habitable for living beings. Similarly, if the earth was a little closer to the sun, it would be too hot for life to exist.

And the sun runs [on course] toward its stopping point. That is the determination of the Exalted in Might, the Knowing.
(Al Qur'an, 36: 38)

Who do you think sustains the universe?

Can the creation and preservation of this huge universe for billions of years be the handiwork of mere mortals, who are themselves limited in their abilities? Do humans or, for that matter, any other created being, possess the facilities to create, sustain, preserve and order the universe and all that it contains?

The end of the universe is certain.

Scientists predict that when the mass of the universe reaches a certain level, this phenomenon will come to an end because of gravity, causing the universe to collapse in on itself.

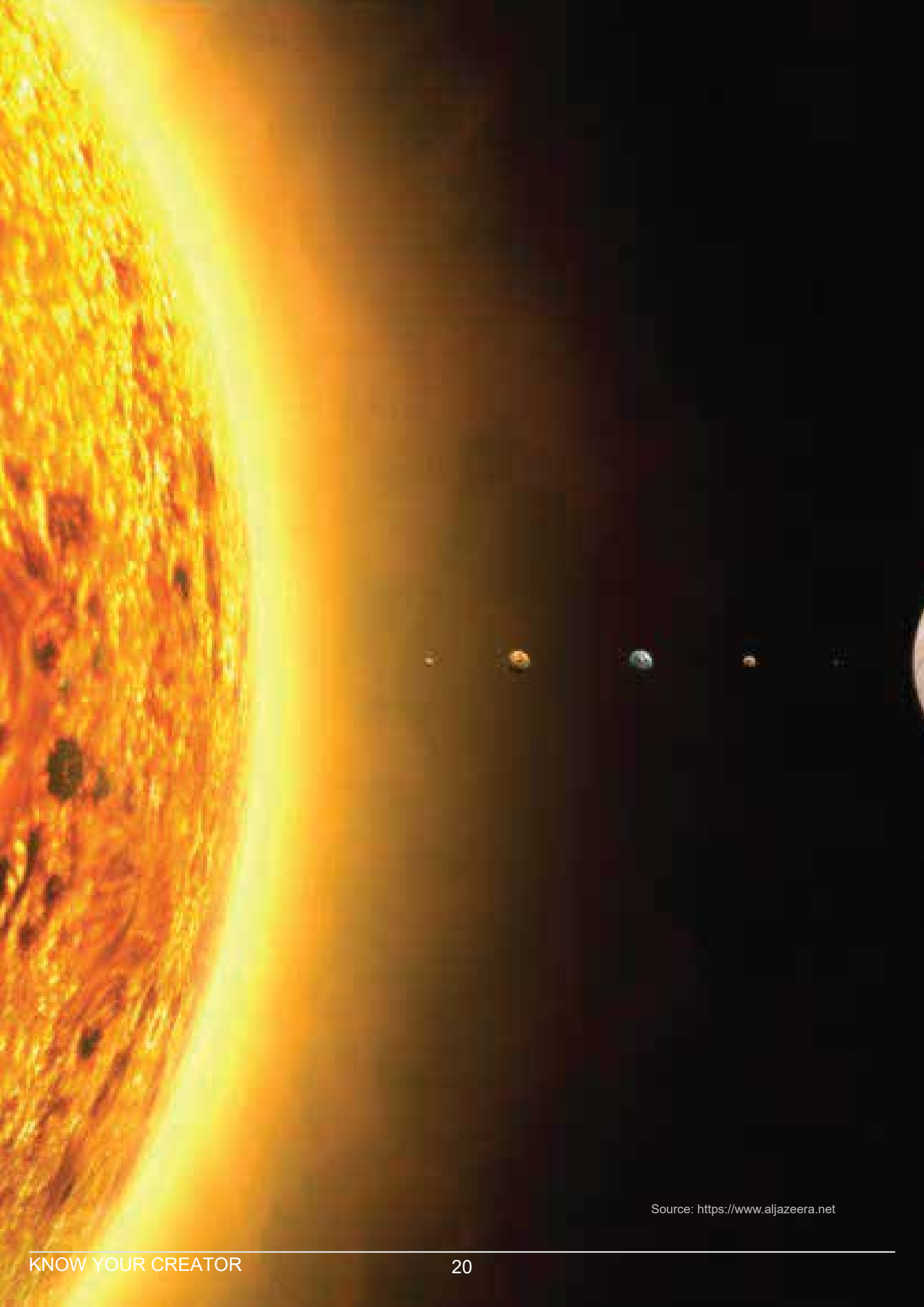
Scientists indicate that the universe will end in fierce heat and contraction known as "Big Crunch." This would lead to the end of all forms of life as we know them. Everything we see now, and at a much larger distance that we cannot see, will collapse into a small point. Locally, it will be the same as if you were inside a black hole. Some of the best attempts to describe dark energy, predict that it will gradually become unstable, and then collapse. Physicists have known that dark energy could become negative and the universe could collapse sometime in the very distant future. Now we can see that, we might be, not in the beginning, but in the middle of the life cycle of our universe.

Who will end the universe?

This scientific hypothesis of the Big Crunch is, perhaps, best suggested in the following verse of the Qur'an:

...while the earth entirely will be [within] His grip on the Day of Resurrection, and the heavens will be folded in His right hand.
(Al Qur'an, 39: 67)

According to the 'Big Crunch Theory', the universe will begin to collapse slowly and then will increasingly pick up speed. At the end of the process, the universe is expected to have extremely high density and temperature, but in a much smaller size. Remarkably enough, parallels to this theory may be derived from a closer study of the Qur'an verses that deal with the subject.



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The miracle of our solar system

Humans live on a small planet in a tiny part of a vast universe. This part of the universe is called the solar system.

Blessed is He who has placed in the sky great stars and placed therein a [burning] lamp and a luminous moon.
(Al Qur'an, 25: 61)

Who created the planets?
Who causes them to revolve and rotate in their given fixed orbits?

Who created the infinite awesome stars?

There are about 125 billion galaxies in the universe and latest sources from the Hubble space telescope reveal that about 3000 of them are visible.

A typical galaxy contains hundreds of billions of stars. Astronomers estimate that there are at least about 70 sextillion stars in the known universe; and that the smallest star is 80 times this globe. It has been said that counting the stars in the universe is like trying to count the number of sand grains on a beach on earth.

Are you a more difficult creation or is the heaven? God constructed it.
(Al Qur'an, 79: 27)

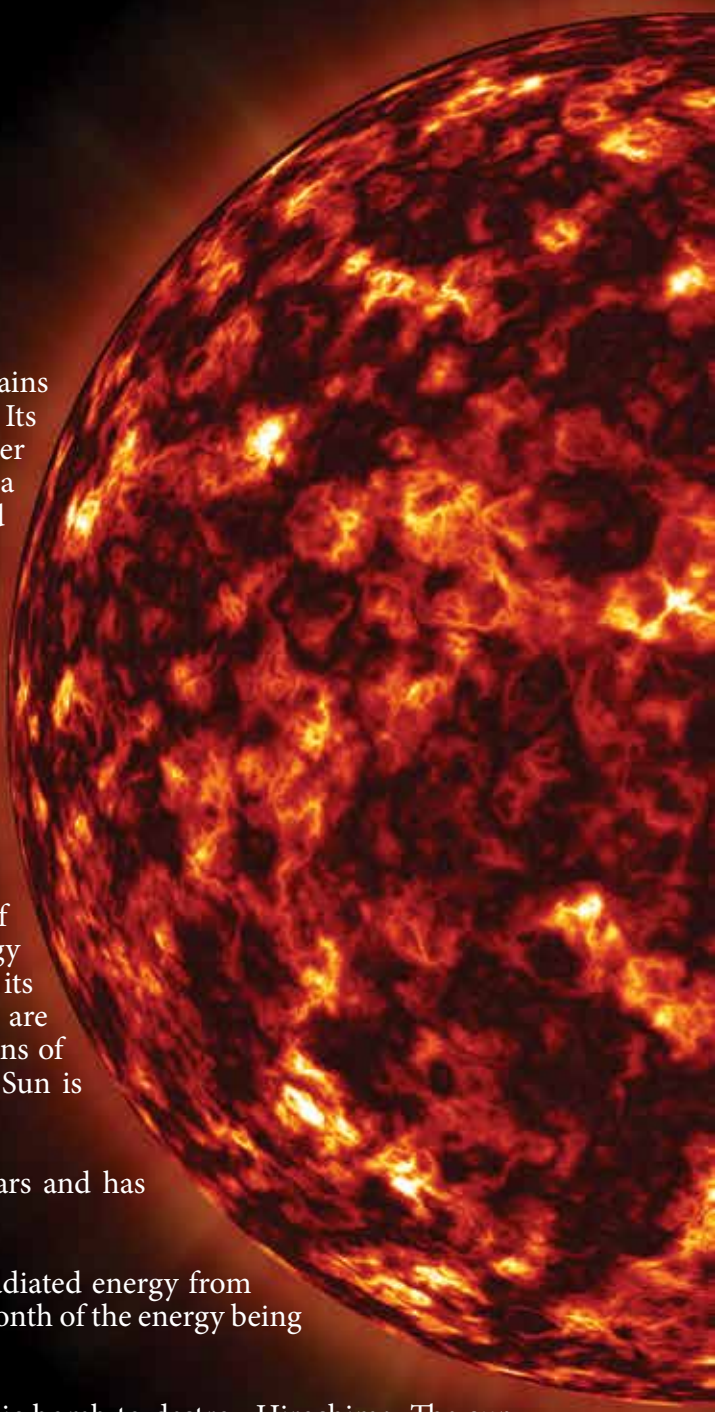
Have you ever considered the Power that could have created this awesome, amazing number of celestial bodies?

Ever pondered about how mighty and powerful the Creator of these celestial bodies could be?

And We have certainly beautified the nearest heaven with stars and have made [from] them what is thrown at the devils and have prepared for them the punishment of the Blaze.
(Al Qur'an, 67: 5)

Who created the blazing sun?
Vital statistics of the sun

Age: 4.6 billion years.
Diameter: 1.39 X 10^6 km (or 109 times the diameter of the earth and 9.75 times the diameter of Jupiter)
Mass: 1.99 x 10^{30} kg (333,000 times wider than the earth).
Distance from earth: 149.6 million kms (93 million miles)
Distance to nearest star: 4.3 light years
Surface temperature: $5{,}505^0$ C ($9{,}941^0$ F)
Core temperature: $15{,}000{,}000^0$ C
Total Radiation: 3.83 x 10^{23} kW
On surface of the sun: 6.29 x 10^4 kW / m^2
Received on the earth: 1.3 kw / m^2 (0.0000004%)



The Sun is the largest body in the solar system. It contains approximately 98% of the total solar system mass. Its interior could hold over 1.3 million Earths. The Sun's outer visible layer is called the photosphere and has a temperature of 6,000°C). This layer has a mottled appearance due to the turbulent eruptions of energy at the surface.

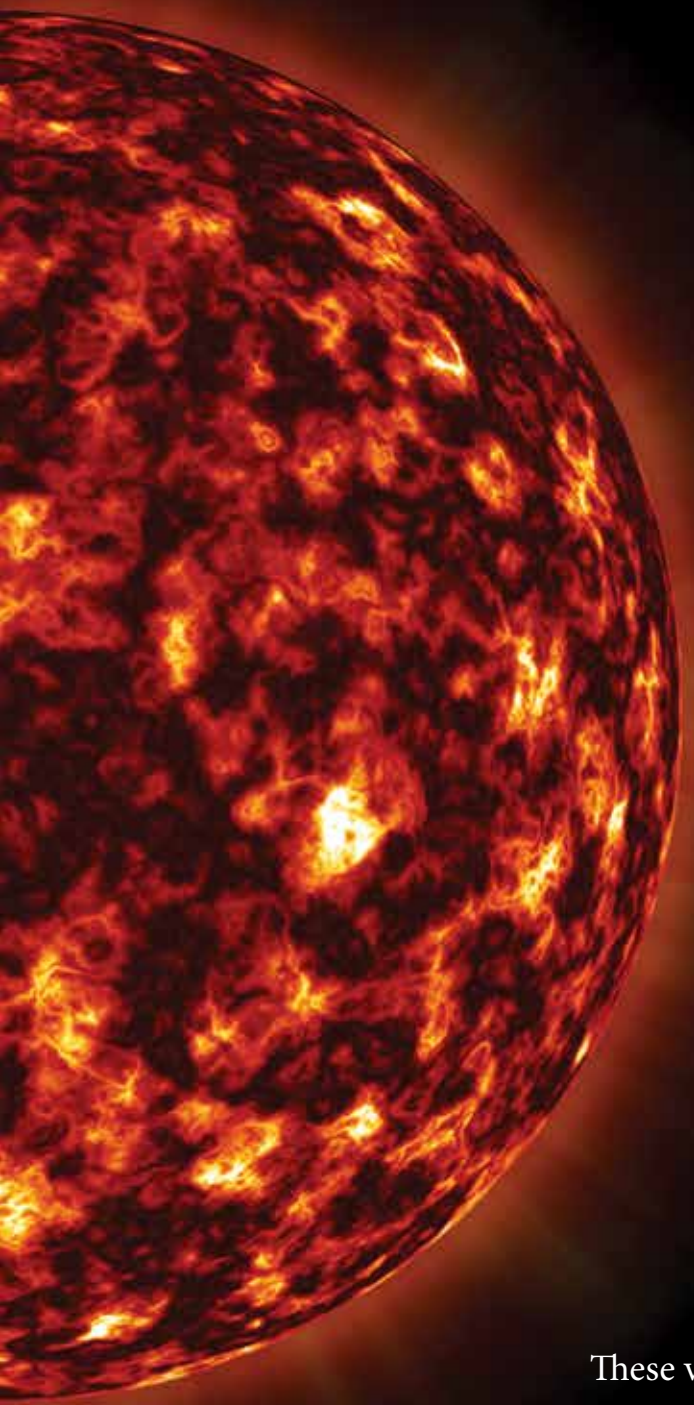
Solar energy is created deep within the core of the Sun. Here the temperature is 15,000,000° C and the pressure is 340 billion times Earth's air pressure at sea level. It is so intense that nuclear reactions take place. This reaction causes four protons or hydrogen nuclei to fuse together to form one helium nucleus. This helium nucleus is about 0.7 percent less massive than the four protons. The difference in mass is expelled as energy and is carried to the surface of the Sun, through a process of convection, where it is released as light and heat. Energy generated in the Sun's core takes a million years to reach its surface. Every second 700 million tons of hydrogen are converted into helium ashes. In the process 5 million tons of pure energy is released; therefore, as time goes on the Sun is becoming lighter.

The Sun appears to have been active for 4.6 billion years and has enough fuel to go on for another five billion years or so.

The earth's surface is constantly being bombarded by radiated energy from the sun. The energy received by earth is just one two-billionth of the energy being generated by the sun.

It only took a pea-sized fraction of uranium in an atomic bomb to destroy Hiroshima. The sun converts about 4 million tons of its mass into energy every second. The sun is just one medium-sized star in our galaxy of some 100 billion other stars. Our galaxy is just one of an estimated 250 billion other galaxies, each having perhaps 100 billion stars. And each is converting matter into energy at the rate of millions of tons every second.

Just how much power is out there? Where did it come from?



The Qur'an on the sun

It is He who made the sun a shining light and the moon a derived light and determined for it phases — that you may know the number of years and account [of time]. God has not created this except in truth. He details the signs for a people who know
(Al Qur'an, 10: 5)

Blessed is He who has placed in the sky great stars and placed therein a [burning] lamp and luminous moon.
(Al Qur'an, 25: 61)

And of His signs are the night and day and the sun and moon. Do not prostrate to the sun or to the moon, but prostate to God, who created them, if it should be Him that you worship.
(Al Qur'an, 41: 37)

These verses were revealed to man by the Almighty more than 1400 years ago.

Who created the beautiful moon?

The moon has fascinated and enchanted mankind throughout the ages. By simply viewing the moon with the naked eye, one can discern two major types of terrain: relatively bright highlands and darker plains.

The moon is 384,400 kilometers (238,855 miles) from the Earth. Its diameter is 3,474 kilometers (2,159 miles).

Both the rotation of the moon and its revolution around earth takes 27 days, 7 hours, and 43 minutes. This synchronous rotation is caused by an asymmetrical distribution of mass in the moon, which has allowed Earth' gravity to keep one lunar hemisphere permanently turned towards the earth.

Do you not consider how God has created seven heavens in layers and made the moon therein a [reflected] light and made the sun a burning lamp?
(Al Qur'an, 71: 15-16)

Who makes the moon shine?

We now know that the moon does not emit its own light but shines because its surface reflects light from the sun.

Who created our planet earth?

The Earth is a planet of amazing facts — from the highest mountain to the deepest sea , the calmest breeze to the strongest hurricane. Land accounts for about 29% of the total surface area of the earth, the other 71% being water. While the total area covered by land is about 149 million sq. km, the total area covered by water is about 360 million sq. km.

One cannot help but marvel at the beauty of the earth and all that it contains. Could this piece of art have been produced by any other than a powerful and faultless Designer whose artistry and majesty transcends even our most fertile imagination? If not, how absurd then, that some of us attribute to mere mortals these powers, while others consider the wonderful Earth, its ecosystem, the balance in nature and its myriad charm as being merely the result of an accident!

Some of us might have travelled to distant countries and far off lands, to the extreme ends of the pole and across the equator, to space and back, but despite covering all these distances, exploring continents and planets, we have only travelled an insignificant part of the universe, as all our travels will barely account for a speck of dust when compared to the actual size of our universe.

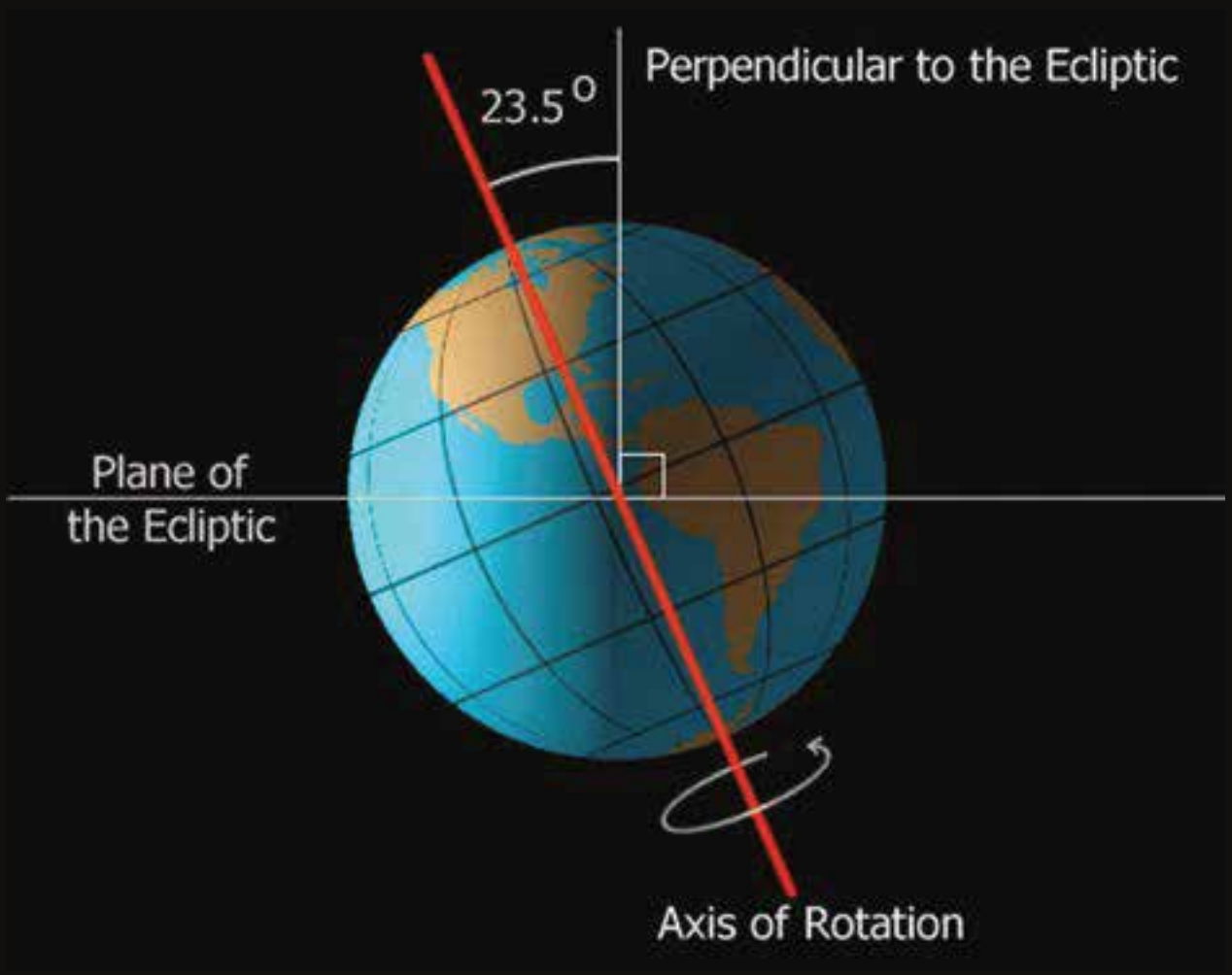
Have those who disbelieved not considered that the heavens and the earth were a joined entity, and We separated them and made from water every living thing? Then will they not believe?
(Al Qur'an, 21: 30)

Earth Fact-file

- The earth is estimated to be 3-5 billion years old.
- The earth is estimated to weigh 6,585,600,000,000,000,000,000 tons.
- The area of the earth is almost 328 million square km.
- The diameter of the earth is nearly 13,120 km.
- The circumference of the earth is 40,838.46 km.
- The Earth travels through space at 1,09,388 km per hour.
- The Earth's oceans are an average of 3.28 km deep.
- The Earth's rotation on its axis makes a day at 24 hours.
- The earth's orbit around the sun makes a year at nearly 365 and 1/2 days.
- Antartica is the coldest place on earth.
- Only 11% of the earth's surface is used to grow food.
- The size of planet earth is that of a speck of dust in comparison to the whole universe.

So complex - yet so perfect. So old - yet so new. So huge - yet so tiny. If the earth is only a tiny insight into the mind-boggling creations of our Creator, it truly is beyond our imagination to comprehend all of His creation.

Spin and tilt of the earth



The earth spins around its axis once in 24 hours. While places at the equator move at over 1,600 kilometers per hour, those at the poles hardly spin at all. The earth spins eastwards, so the sun seems to rise in the east and set in the west. The earth tilts towards the sun at an angle of 23.50 degrees. The angle is measured from an imaginary line between the poles, called the axis.

Could life have been possible if the spin and the tilt were any different from what they presently are?

Who decided the exact rate of the spin and the degree of tilt of this marvelous Earth?

Who created the heavens and the earth?

The descriptions of creation in the Qur'an are not intended as dry historical accounts but are there to engage the reader in contemplating the lessons to be learned from it. The act of creation, therefore, is frequently described as a way of drawing the reader into thinking about the order of all things and the all-knowing Creator who is behind it all.

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 God 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.
(Al Qur'an, 45: 3-5)

The conclusion that astrophysics has reached today is that the entire universe, together with the dimensions of matter and time, came into existence as a result of a great explosion that occurred some 15 billion years ago. This event, known as "the Big Bang," is the catalyst for the creation of the universe from nothingness. The Qur'an does not discount the theory of a "Big Bang" explosion. In fact, the Qur'an says that

...the heavens and the earth were a joined entity, and We separated them....
(Al Qur'an, 21: 30)

Before the Big Bang, there was no such thing as matter. From a condition of non-existence in which neither matter, nor energy, nor even time existed - and which only can be described metaphysically - matter energy, and time were all created in an instant.

This fact, only recently discovered by modern physics, was announced to us in the Qur'an, more than 1400 years ago.

...the heavens and the earth were a joined entity, and We separated them and made from water every living thing?
(Al Qur'an, 21: 30)

Whose dominion extends over the heavens and the earth?

He (God) to whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth and who has not taken a son and has not had a partner in dominion and has created each thing and determined it with [precise] determination.
(Al Qur'an, 25: 2)

Who is the supreme authority?

This is the creation of God. So show Me what those other than Him have created. Rather, the wrongdoers are in clear error.
(Al Qur'an, 31: 11)

Who changes day into night and night into day?

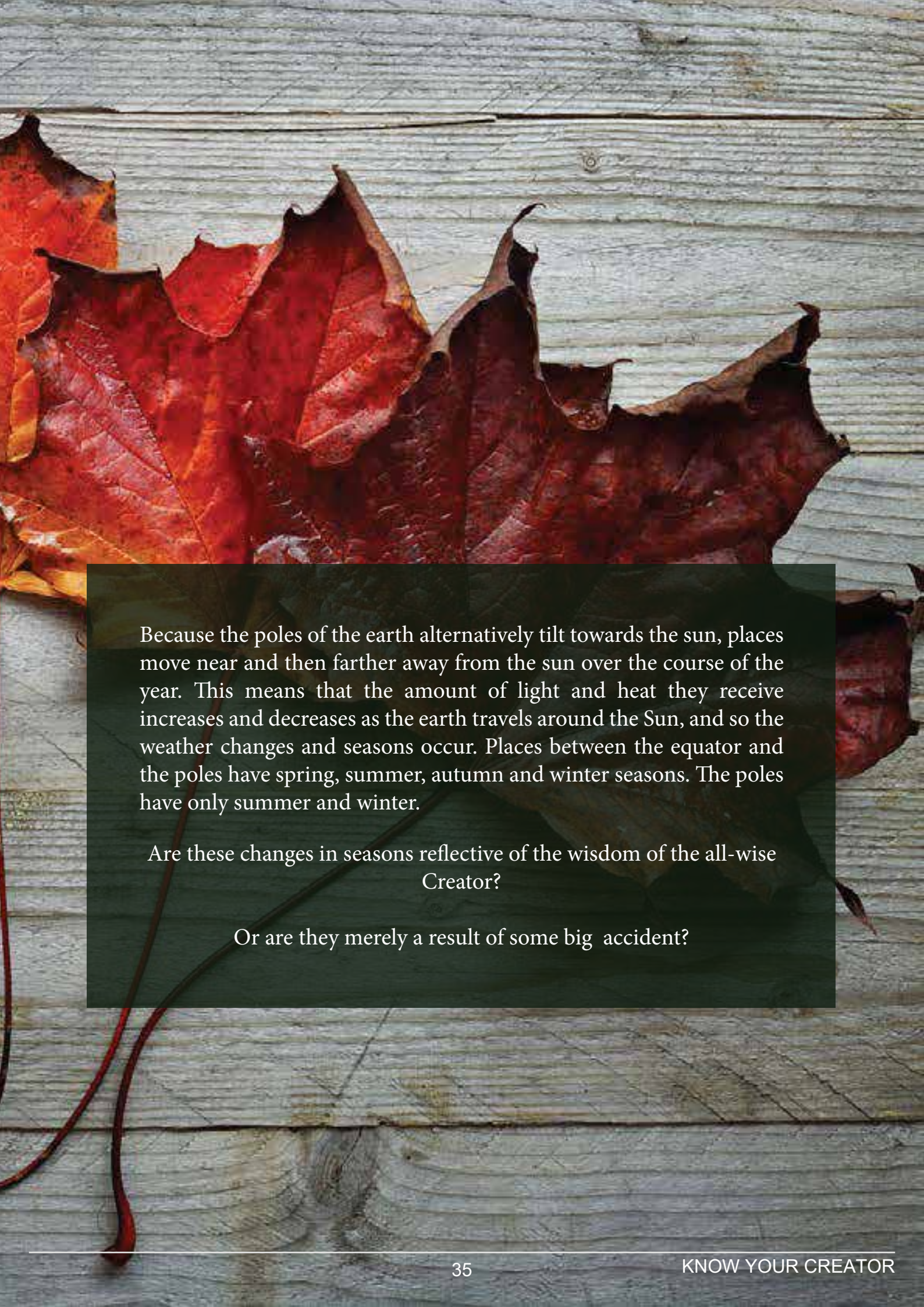
And it is He (God) who has made the night and the day in succession (to follow each other).
(Al Qur'an, 25: 62)

He (God) causes the night to enter the day, and He causes the day to enter the night and has subjected the sun and the moon — each running [its course] for a specified term. That is God, your Lord; to Him belongs sovereignty.
(Al Qur'an, 35: 13)

It is not allowable for the sun to reach the moon, nor does the night overtake the day, but each, in an orbit, is swimming.
(Al Qur'an, 36: 40)

And of His signs are the night and day and the sun and moon. Do not prostrate to the sun or to the moon, but prostate to God, who created them, if it should be Him that you worship.
(Al Qur'an, 41: 37)

Who causes the seasons to change?



Because the poles of the earth alternatively tilt towards the sun, places move near and then farther away from the sun over the course of the year. This means that the amount of light and heat they receive increases and decreases as the earth travels around the Sun, and so the weather changes and seasons occur. Places between the equator and the poles have spring, summer, autumn and winter seasons. The poles have only summer and winter.

Are these changes in seasons reflective of the wisdom of the all-wise Creator?

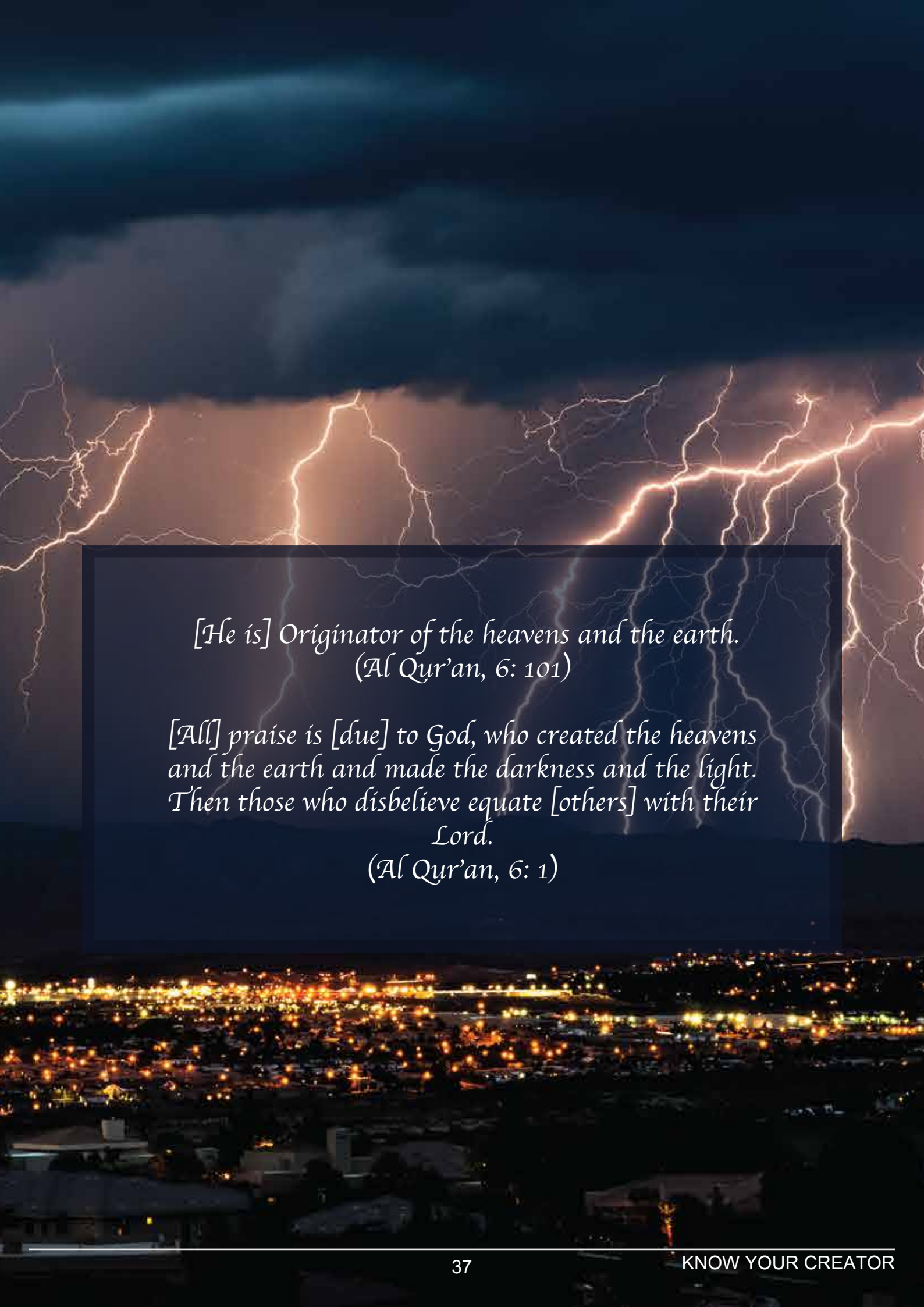
Or are they merely a result of some big accident?

The creation of light and darkness

Lightning is but a giant spark of electricity. Light travels faster than sound, which is why lightning is seen before thunder is heard.

The speed of light is 299,792,458 meters per second. Contemporary physics states that no object can travel faster than the speed of light.

This might give us an idea of Divine omnipotence and omniscience.



[He is] Originator of the heavens and the earth.
(Al Qur'an, 6: 101)

[All] praise is [due] to God, who created the heavens and the earth and made the darkness and the light. Then those who disbelieve equate [others] with their Lord.
(Al Qur'an, 6: 1)

How are clouds formed?

Clouds are masses of water vapour and ice crystals suspended in the sky. They are formed by a process that begins when warm, moist, air rises from the oceans and cools as it climbs higher. Cumulonimbus are the largest clouds and can tower eighteen kilometers into the sky. Clouds contain millions of liters of water. No two clouds are exactly the same. Without clouds and other constituents of the earth's atmosphere, the temperature at the equator would reach 2200 °C by day and 1760 °C by night.

And it is He who sends the winds as good tidings before His mercy until, when they have carried heavy rainclouds, We drive them to a dead land and We send down rain therein and bring forth thereby [some] of all the fruits. Thus will We bring forth the dead; perhaps you may be reminded.
(Al Qur'an, 7: 57)

Who holds the heavy-laden clouds suspended between the sky and the earth?

The weight of clouds can reach quite astonishing proportions. For example, a cumulonimbus cloud, commonly known as the thundercloud, can contain up to 300,000 tons of water.

The fact that a mass of 300,000 tons of water can remain aloft in the sky without any support is truly amazing. Attention is drawn to the weight of clouds in other verses of the Qur'an.

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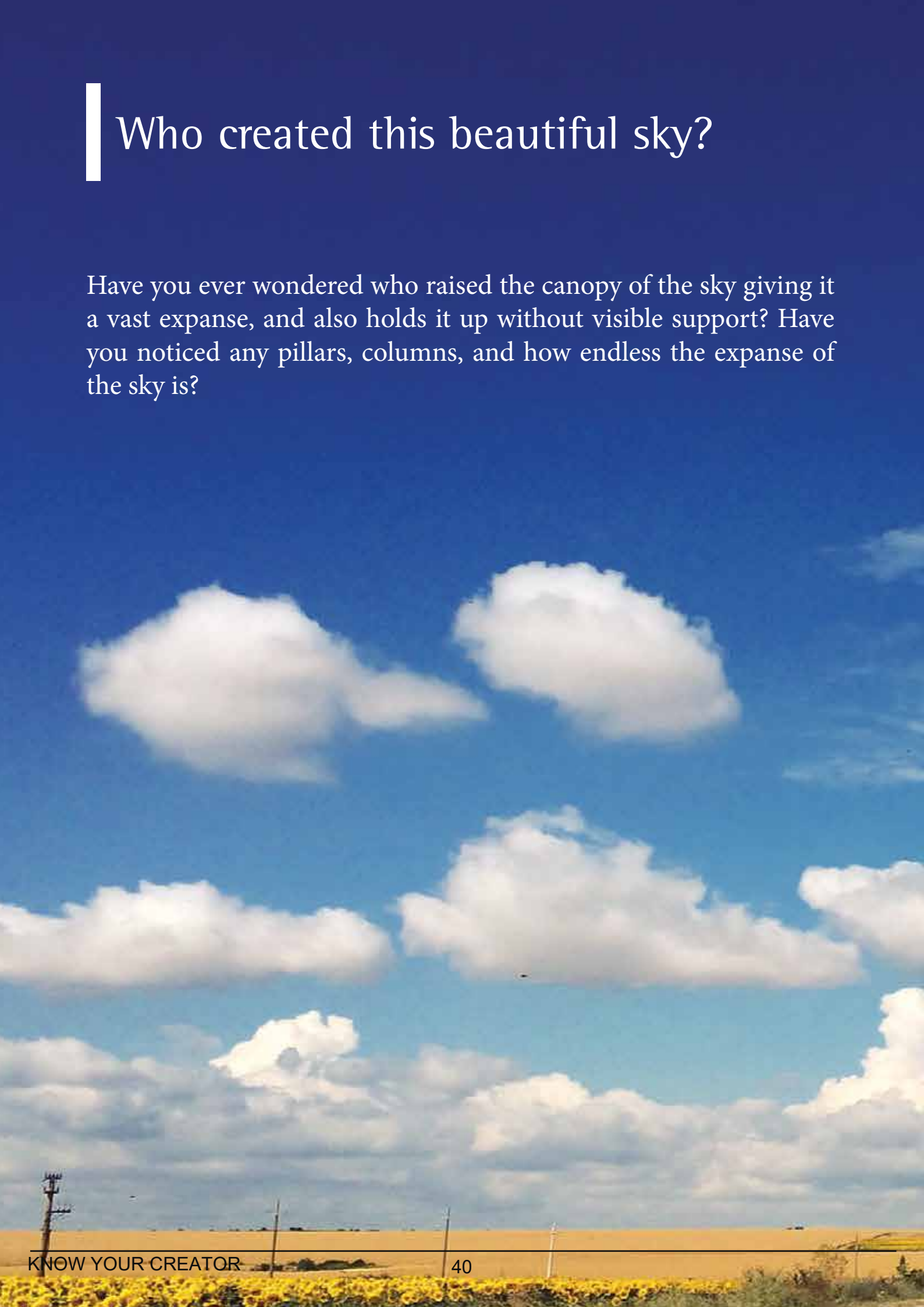
(Al Qur'an, 7: 57)

It is He who shows you lightning, [causing] fear and aspiration, and generates the heavy clouds.
(Al Qur'an, 13: 12)

At the time when the Qur'an was revealed, it was quite impossible to have any information about the weight of clouds. This information, revealed in the Qur'an more than 1400 years ago, was discovered only recently.

Who created this beautiful sky?

Have you ever wondered who raised the canopy of the sky giving it a vast expanse, and also holds it up without visible support? Have you noticed any pillars, columns, and how endless the expanse of the sky is?



Have they not looked at the heaven above them — how We structured it and adorned it and [how] it has no rifts?
(Al Qur'an, 50: 6)

And the heaven We constructed with strength, and indeed, We are [its] expander. And the earth We have spread out, and excellent is the preparer.
(Al Qur'an, 51: 47-48)

The flawless excellence of God's creation is evident in the natural world. The above verses of the Qur'an explain this beautifully.

Who created water, the life-sustaining liquid?

Water is an essential component of life, and is hardly available on the other celestial bodies of the solar system. We know that three - fourth of the earth's surface is covered by oceans and seas and only a quarter by land. The snow and ice on the summits of lofty mountains is water in its frozen form.

A substantial part of the earth's water is in the sky: every cloud contains thousands - sometimes millions - of literes of water in the form of vapour. From time to time, some of this water vapour turns into drops of liquid and falls to the ground. In other words, it rains. Even the air you're breathing now contains a certain amount of water vapour.

Do you not see that God drives clouds? Then He brings them together, then He makes them into a mass, and you see the rain emerge from within it.
(Al Qur'an, 24: 43)

It is He who sends down rain from the sky; from it is drink and from it is foliage in which you pasture [animals].
(Al Qur'an, 16: 10)

The astonishing features of water

The thermal properties of water play a major role in the continuity of life on earth. We may set out a few of these as follows:

Like other liquids, water contracts in volume as it grows colder, but it only does this down to a certain temperature (39.2 F). Thereafter – unlike all other known liquids – it suddenly begins to expand and expands even after it solidifies (freezes) which is an exception to the property of solid as well which tends to decrease in size at lower temperatures.

According to the normal laws of physics, solid water, which is to say ice, ought to be heavier than liquid water and should sink to the bottom when it forms; instead, it floats. This feature of water is very important with regard to the seas that cover the earth. Were it not for this property, that is, if ice didn't float, much of our planet's water would be locked up in ice and life would be impossible in its seas, lakes, ponds, and rivers.

When ice melts or water vaporizes, it absorbs heat from its surroundings. When these transitions are reversed (that is, when water freezes or vapour precipitates) heat is released. In physics, the term 'latent heat' is used to describe this. All liquids have a latent heat of some sort or the other, but that of water is among the highest known.

It has a wide margin between its boiling point and freezing point. Water allows us to live in an environment of fluctuating temperature changes, while keeping our bodies a steady 98.6ºF.

Water is a universal solvent. This property of water means that various chemicals, minerals, and nutrients can be carried throughout our bodies and into the smallest blood vessels.

Water is also chemically neutral. Without affecting the makeup of the substances it carries, water enables food, medicines, and minerals to be absorbed and used by the body.

Water has unique surface tension. Water in plants can therefore flow upward against gravity, bringing life-giving water and nutrients to the top of even the tallest trees.

Water freezes from the top down and floats, so fish can live in the winter.

Who sends down rain?

Do you not see that God sends down rain from the sky and makes it flow as springs [and rivers] in the earth; then He produces thereby crops of varying colors; then they dry and you see them turned yellow; then He makes them [scattered] debris. Indeed in that is a reminder for those of understanding.
(Al Qur'an, 39: 21)

Do you not see that God has sent down rain from the sky and the earth becomes green? Indeed, God is Subtle and Acquainted.
(Al Qur'an, 22: 63)

Do you know how rain is formed in the clouds?

According to latest scientific research, the stages of formation of one kind of rain cloud, cumulonimbus, are these:

Being driven along: Clouds are carried along, that is, they are driven along by the wind.

Aggregation: Then small clouds (cumulonimbus clouds) driven along by the wind aggregate together, forming a larger cloud.

Stacking: When the small clouds join together, updrafts within the larger cloud increase. The updrafts near the centre of the cloud are stronger than those near the edges. These updrafts cause the cloud body to grow vertically, so the cloud is stacked up. This vertical growth causes the cloud body to stretch into cooler regions of the atmosphere, where drops of water and hail with form and begin to grow larger and larger.

When these drops of water and hail become too heavy for the updrafts to support them, they begin to fall from the cloud as rain, hail, etc.

Do you not see that God drives clouds? Then He brings them together, then He makes them into a mass, and you see the rain emerge from within it. And He sends down from the sky, mountains [of clouds] within which is hail, and He strikes with it whom He wills and averts it from whom He wills. The flash of its lightening almost takes away the eyesight.
(Al Qur'an, 24: 43)

Rain comes in its due measure; is this by chance?

This measured quantity in rain has again been discovered by modern research. It is estimated that in one second, approximately sixteen million tons of water evaporates from the Earth. This figure amounts to 513 trillion tons of water in one year. This number is equal to the amount of rain that falls on the Earth in a year.

Therefore, water continuously circulates in a balanced cycle, according to a "measure." Life on Earth depends on this water cycle. Even if all the available technology in the world were to be employed for this purpose, this cycle could not be reproduced artificially.

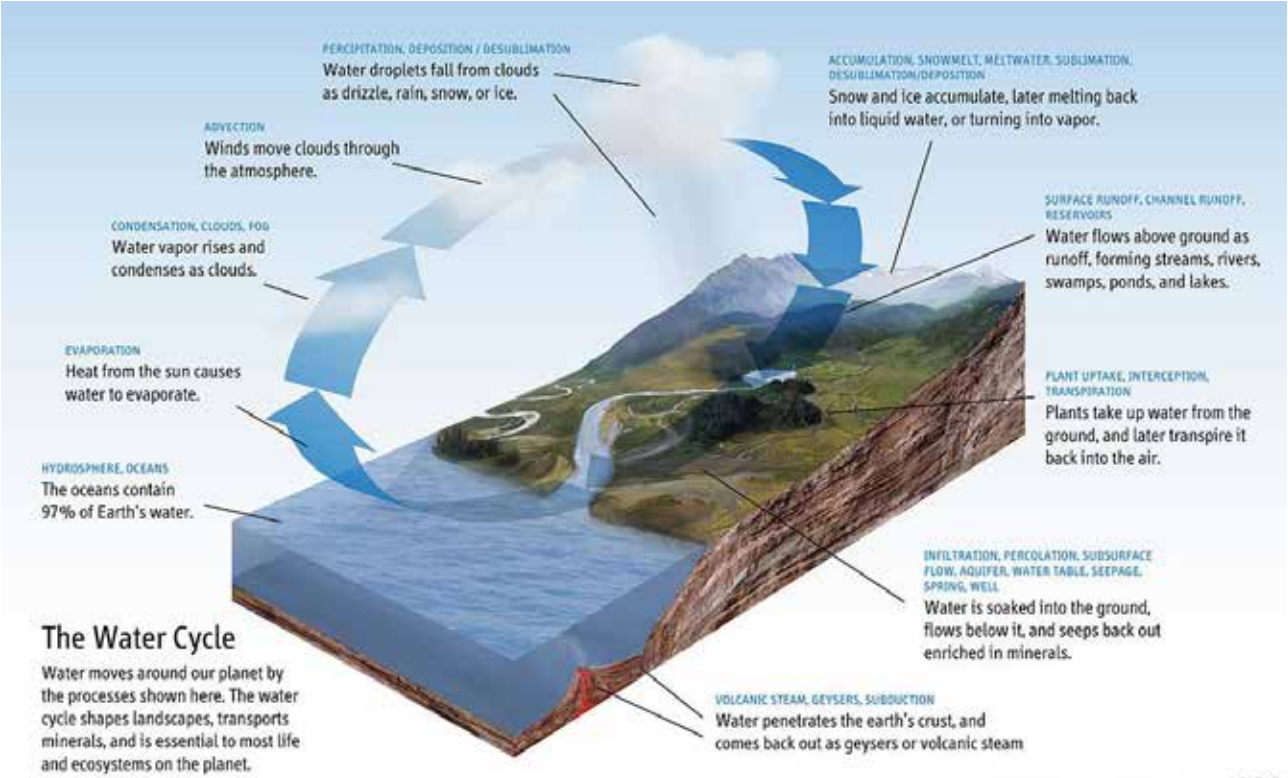
And (it is We) who send down rain from the sky in measured amounts, and We revive thereby a dead land — thus will you be brought forth.
(Al Qur'an, 43: 11)

Hydrology or the water cycle

The following verse clearly explains the water cycle - water fall, absorption of water in the soil and evaporation.

And We have sent down rain from the sky in a measured amount and settled it in the earth. And indeed, We are Able to take it away. (Al Qur'an, 23: 18)

Hydrology in the Qur'an



Water Cycle is the hydrological cycle describing the continuous movement of water on, above and below the surface of the earth. It involves the exchange of energy, which leads to temperature changes as, when water evaporate it takes up energy from its surroundings and cools the environment. When it condenses, it releases energy and warms the environment. These heat exchanges influence climate. The evaporative phase of the cycle purifies water which then replenishes the land with freshwater. The flow of liquid water and ice creates various features (valley, rivers, lakes, basins and more) on the earth, through processes including erosion and sedimentation. The water cycle is also essential for the maintenance of life and ecosystems on the planet.

The Quran says about water cycle:

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(Al Qur'an, 39: 21)

Who created the seas?

One of the manifestations of God's creation is the mysterious retention of identity of water for considerable depth when two seas join each other.

And it is He who has released [simultaneously] the two seas, one fresh and sweet and one salty and bitter, and He placed between them a barrier and prohibiting partition.
(Al Qur'an, 25: 53)

This manifestation of Divine creation can be seen where the Mediterranean Sea joins the Atlantic Ocean. The Mediterranean water is warm, saline and less dense, compared to the water from the Atlantic Ocean.

When it gets into the Atlantic Ocean through the Strait of Gibraltar, it moves several hundred kilometers into the Atlantic at a depth of about 1,000 meters with its own warm, saline and less dense characteristics.

Although there are large waves, strong currents and tides raging in these seas, they do not mix or transgress this barrier.

The Qur'an explains this phenomenon again:

He released the two seas, meeting [side by side].
(Al Qur'an, 55: 19)

The aforementioned verses of the Qur'an were revealed more than 1400 years ago. However, it is only in recent years that modern science has discovered that in estuaries, where sweet and salt water meet there is a 'Pycnocline zone' with a marked density separating the two layers. This partition has a different salinity from the fresh water and the salt water.

And not alike are the two bodies of water. One is fresh and sweet, palatable for drinking, and one is salty and bitter. And from each you eat tender meat and extract ornaments which you wear, and you see the ships plowing through [them] that you might seek of His bounty.
(Al Qur'an, 35: 12)

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(Al Qur'an, 35:12)

Who fashioned the oceans?

Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and earth, and the alternation of the night and the day, and the [great] ships which sail through the sea with that which benefits people, and what God has sent down from the heavens of rain, giving life thereby to the earth after its lifelessness and dispersing therein every [kind of] moving creature, and [His] directing of the winds and the clouds controlled between the heaven and the earth are signs for a people who use reason.
(Al Qur'an, 2: 164)

Mountains stabilize the earth

Modern science has established the fact that mountains have deep roots under the surface of the ground, and that these roots can reach several times their elevations above the earth's surface. The above verses state that mountains perform the function of preventing shocks in the earth's crust. This fact was not known by anyone at the time the Qur'an was revealed. It was, in fact, brought to light only recently, as a result of the findings of modern geological research.

The Qur'an draws attention to a very important geological function of mountains:

And We placed within the earth firmly set mountains, lest it should shift with them....
(Al Qur'an, 21: 31)

Have We not made the earth a resting place? And the mountains as stakes?
(Al Qur'an, 78: 6-7)

The miraculous seed

Everyone knows that plants come from seeds. However, hardly anyone gives a thought to how plants of such diverse kinds come out of a wood-like bit; how the information about these plants is placed in their seeds; or how this information is individually decoded.

How is it that a seed grows up to form fruits with just the right amount of sugar, special fragrance, and distinct taste? Who determines the form and colour of fruits and flowers?

Indeed, God is the cleaver of grain and date seeds.
(Al Qur'an, 6: 95)

Who created the plants and beautiful flowers?

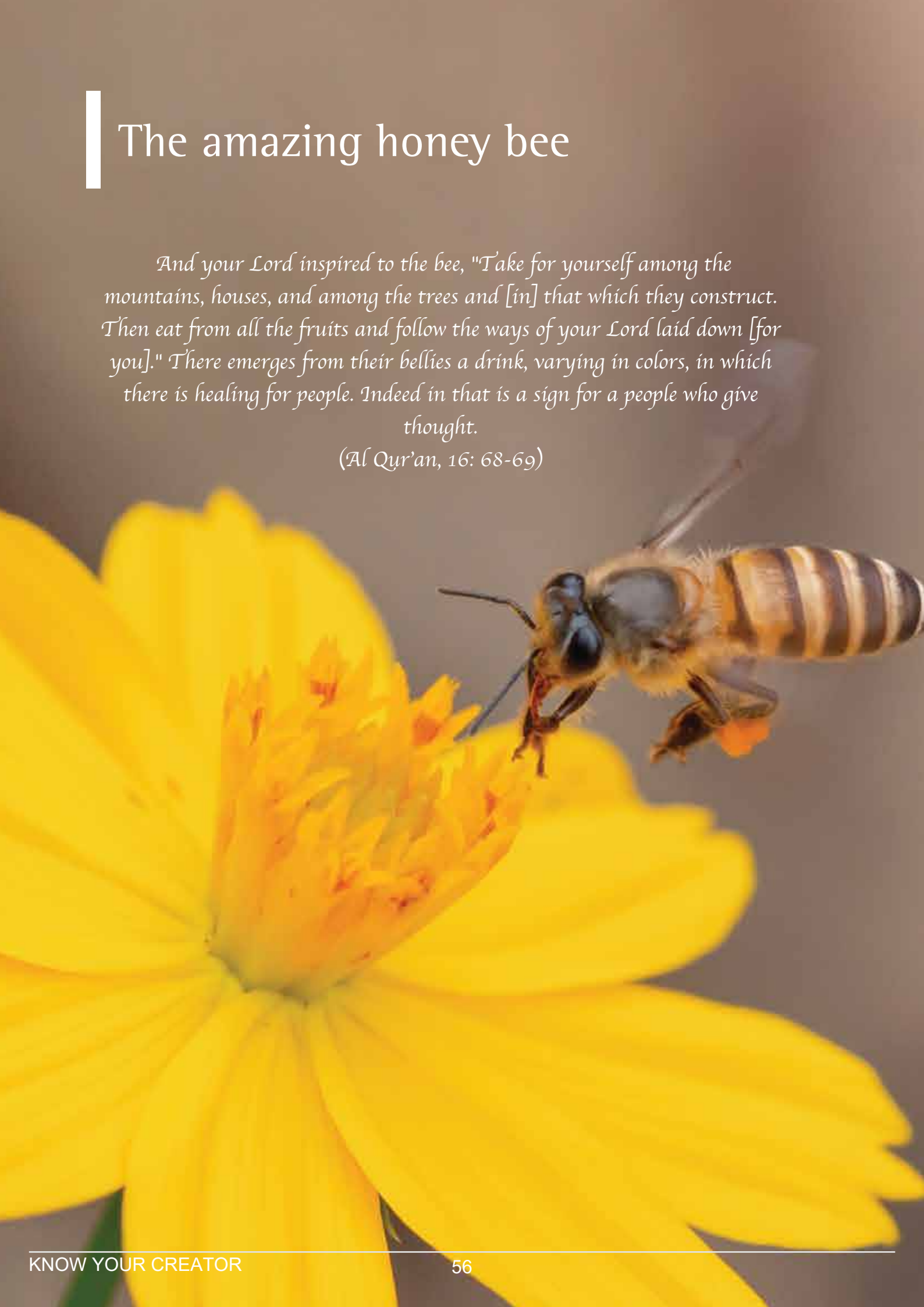
[It is He] who produced thereby categories of various plants.
(Al Qur'an, 20: 53)

And within the land are neighboring plots and gardens of grapevines and crops and palm trees, [growing] several from a root or otherwise, watered with one water; but We make some of them exceed others in [quality of] fruit. Indeed in that are signs for a people who reason.
(Al Qur'an, 13: 4)

The amazing honey bee

And your Lord inspired to the bee, "Take for yourself among the mountains, houses, and among the trees and [in] that which they construct. Then eat from all the fruits and follow the ways of your Lord laid down [for you]." There emerges from their bellies a drink, varying in colors, in which there is healing for people. Indeed in that is a sign for a people who give thought.

(Al Qur'an, 16: 68-69)



Honey facts

Honey is a thick liquid produced by bees from the nectar of flowers. While many species of insect consume nectar, honeybees refine and concentrate nectar to make honey. Honey-bees have been producing honey as they do today for at least 100 million years. The wings of honey bees strike 13,800 times per minute, thus making their distinctive buzz. Honey has long been recognized as a natural remedy and has been used as a medicine for thousands of years. Honey is a good source of antioxidants. It plays a big role in the prevention of cancer as well as heart disease.

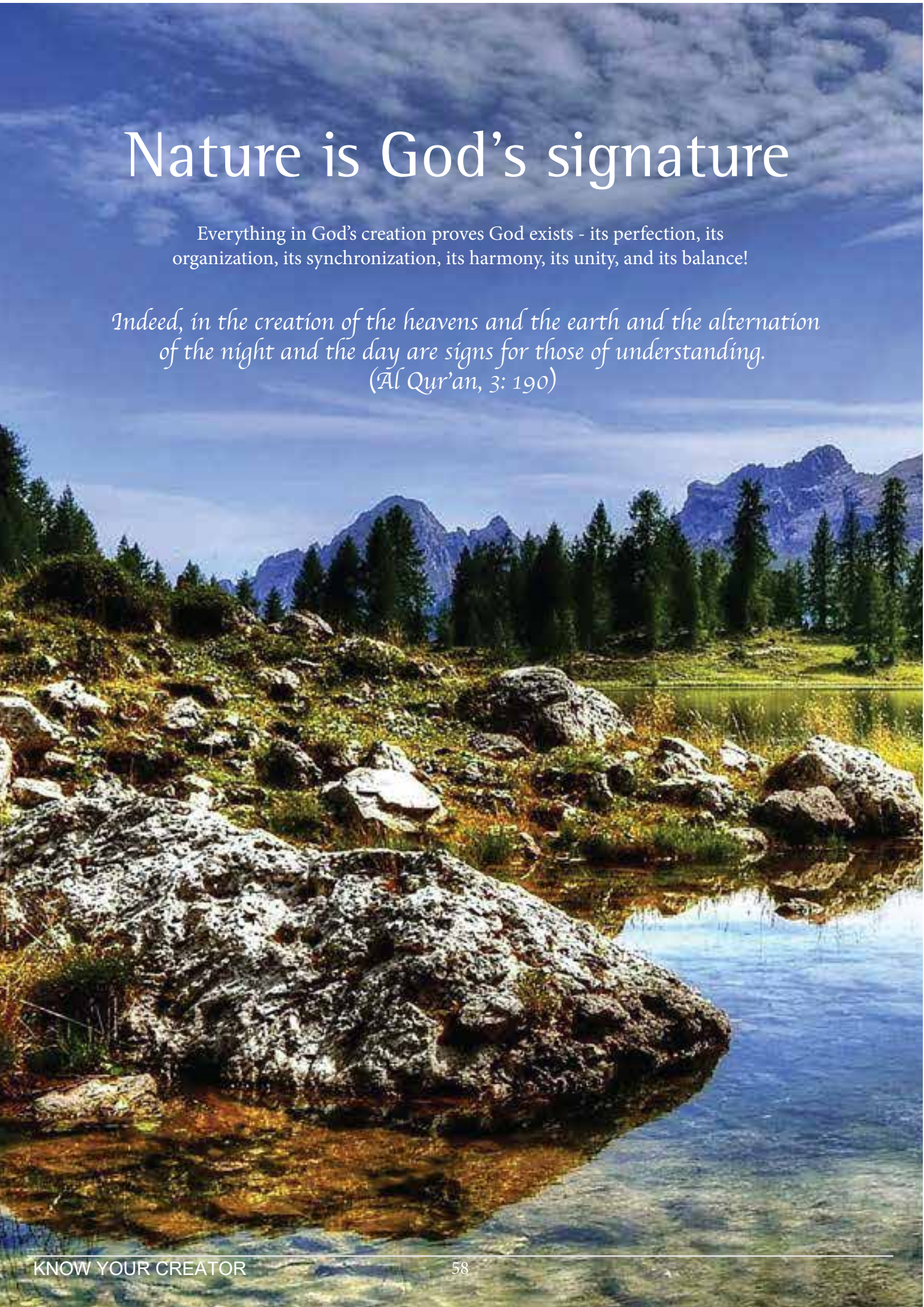
Honey provides an important part of the energy needed by the body for the synthesis of blood. Honey bees have become the primary source of pollination for approximately one-fourth of all crops produced in America and other countries.

To make one-pound of honey, bees must collect the nectar from about two million flowers!

Nature is God's signature

Everything in God's creation proves God exists - its perfection, its organization, its synchronization, its harmony, its unity, and its balance!

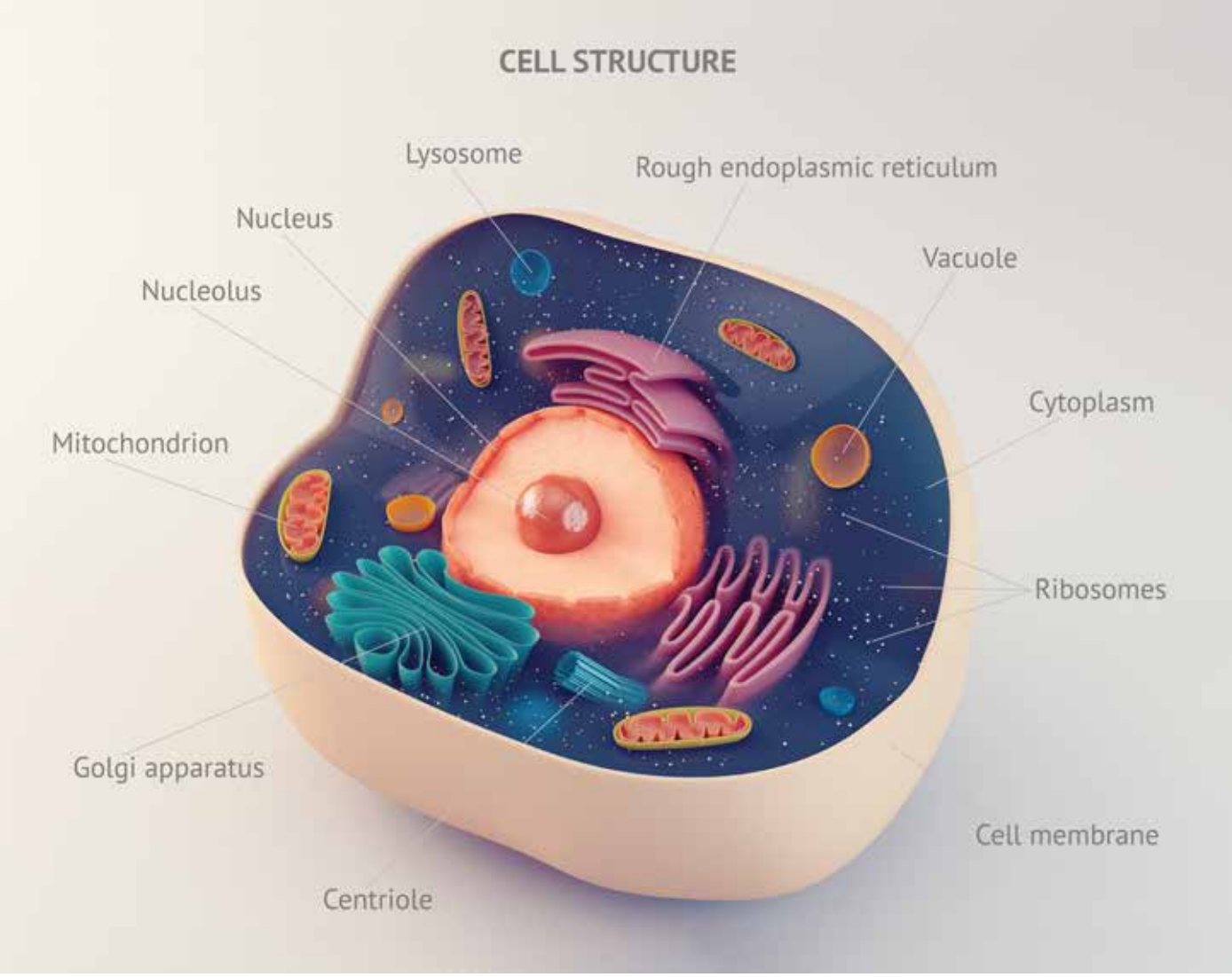
Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alternation of the night and the day are signs for those of understanding.
(Al Qur'an, 3: 190)



God is known through reason, not through emotions

When the wonderful harmony in nature is clearly observable even with the naked eye, how can it be possible to think that this design was established haphazardly and by chance? Existing eternally from before the entire universe, He then created the universe. He is the eminent Creator through whom everything finds existence and whose being is without a beginning or an end.

Creation of the cell



The human body is made up of trillions of cells. The cell has such an intricate design that the renowned scientist, Fred Hoyle, compares it to a Boeing aircraft. According to Hoyle, just as an aircraft cannot be made by chance, even a cell cannot be made by chance.

Actually, this example points to an equally important truth: although Man is able to construct huge aircrafts by the use of his knowledge and technology man has not yet been able to produce even a single cell!

There are 37.2 trillion cells in the human body. Some of these cells are so tiny that even 1 million of them together hardly cover a space as large as the pointed end of a pin. Despite this, however, the cell is by far the most complex structure mankind has ever encountered, as concurred by the scientific community. Containing many secrets hitherto undiscovered, the cell of a living thing also constitutes the greatest impasse for the theory of evolution. That is because the cell cannot be the product of coincidences, but is created by a Creator.

In order for the cell to survive, all the basic components of the cell, each performing many vital functions, have to be intact. If the cell came into existence by evolution, then millions of its components had to simultaneously exist in the same place and they had to come together in a particular order and plan. Since this is utterly implausible, such a structure has no explanation other than "creation."

It is obvious that such wise patterns of behaviour and a conscious decision-making mechanism could not have been caused by the cell membrane itself, which is a layer made up of fat and protein molecules. This also holds true for all other cellular organelles. These organelles do not even have a nervous system, let alone a brain to think and make decisions with. Despite this, however, they accomplish incredibly complex tasks, make precise calculations and take vital decisions. That is because each one of them obeys the orders of God, who created them flawlessly and then sustains them. In the Qur'an, the fact that everything acts in compliance with the command of God is stated:

It is God who has created seven heavens and of the earth, the like of them. [His] command descends among them so you may know that God is over all things competent and that God has encompassed all things in knowledge.
(Al Qur'an, 65:12)

The DNA molecule

A single DNA molecule stores information equivalent to almost a million encyclopedia pages. This wondrous molecule alone is strong evidence of a divine Creator. All living things have DNA. The information in the DNA determines whether a particular living being will become a bacterium or an eagle.

The DNA molecule is tightly packed in bunches called chromosomes in the nucleus of the cell. The information in the DNA is coded by the arrangement of four different kinds of nucleotides.

The Encyclopedia Britannica has 25,000 pages in 23 volumes. The DNA of a microscopic cell contains 40 times this information.

All instruction, all teaching, all training comes with intent. Someone who writes an instruction manual does so with purpose. Did you know that in every cell of our body there exists a very detailed instruction code, much like a miniature computer program? As you may know, a computer program is made up of ones and zeros, like this: 110010101011000. The way they are arranged tell the computer programmer what to do. The DNA code in each of our cells is very similar. It's made up of four chemicals that scientists abbreviate as A, T, G, and C (Adenine, Thymine, Guanine and Cytosine). These are arranged in the human cell like this: CGTGTGACTCGCTCCTGAT and so on. There are three billion of these letters in every human cell.

Just like you can program your phone to beep for specific reasons, DNA instructs the cell. DNA is a three-billion-lettered program telling the cell to act in a certain way. It is a full instruction manual.

As cells divide, this magnificent library also has to be transmitted to new cells. To do this, there are specialized enzymes that replicate the DNA at an incredible speed by reading 3,000 base-pairs a second. With the help of this mechanism renewing the old cells, the entire body (with the exception of brain cells) of a young and healthy person is renewed every six months.

DNA is very well-packed in the cell nucleus. This perfect storage technique enables a one-meter long DNA molecule in extracted form to be squeezed in an area of a hundred thousandth of a millimeter.

The theory of evolution attempting to explain life by coincidences falls flat in the face of this incredibly sophisticated design. Such a complex design can only be the work of a great Designer.

The wonder of human creation

The human body is the most intriguing of creations. The social animal, man, has five senses: of sight (vision), hearing (audition), taste (gustation), smell (olfaction) and touch (somatosensation/tactile). He is also capable of locomotion and above all of rationalising and is considered one of the masterpieces of the Creator.

The anatomy and design of the human body, be it the skeletal framework, the musculature, the way each organ is placed and functions, or the vascular system with the arteries and veins through which blood circulates throughout the body, or the nervous system with the brain and the network of nerves through which each impulse is carried out, and also the way each and every mechanism is designed and is interdependent on one another is certainly most marvellous and most precise.

And when we examine this design in detail, we discover facts which are even more amazing. Every part of the body, though each is distinct in its function, is made up the same material: cells.

Cells, each of which is one thousandth of a millimeter, are the structural and functional units that form our body and everything in it. Some of these cells unite to form bones, others to form nerves, the liver, the inner layer of the stomach, the skin or the cornea of the eyeball. Each has the size and shape that exactly meets the requirement of that part of the body. How and when did cells, which have such varied functions, come into being?

The answer to this question is rather intriguing. The 37.2 trillion cells that make up your body came from the division of one single cell. And this cell (zygote) was formed after the union of female ovum (egg cell) and male sperm cell.

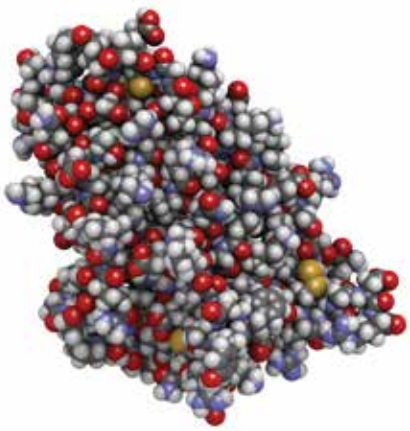
In the Qur'an, Almighty Allah sometimes refers to the wonders of the Earth and the sky, and sometimes to the mysteries of the creation of living things as various signs of His existence. One of the most important of these signs is His wondrous creation of human beings.

Through many verses of the Qur'an, God advises human beings to turn and look at their own creation. He explains, in detail, how human beings have come to be and what stages they pass through. In Surah 56, He speaks of human creation thus:

We have created you, so why do you not believe?
Have you seen that which you emit?
Is it you who creates it, or are We the Creator?
(Al Qur'an, 56: 57-59)

The essence of a human being - composed approximately of 60-70 kilograms of flesh and bones – was originally contained in a drop of fluid. It is certainly a wonder that an intelligent, human being with the faculties of vision, speech, hearing with a remarkably complex physical structure and higher function could come into existence from a drop of fluid. This development was certainly not the result of a random process or the operation of chance, but rather of a conscious process of Creation.

The miracle of hormones



The importance of the human hormone is beyond our power to conceive. It is a complex system which operates every second Throughout every human body among the approximately 37.2 trillion cells that make up the human body.

As you are reading this, millions of processes are taking place in your body. In these operations, there is a calculation of the needs of every cell in every part of the body, and a determination of what function each cell must perform; measures are taken to respond to the requirements of the cells and each cell is informed individually as to what it must do.

For example, what allows you to read this book are the cells of your eyes which enable you to visualise, and to nourish them, various nutrients are required. To respond to those needs, a system exists in our bodies that manages the levels of these nutrients in a precise manner second by second.

There is a great plan, organized by the web of communication among the cells, that calculates how many times a minute your heart must beat, the level of calcium stored in your body, the amount of blood your kidneys filter, and thousands of other such details. This system of chemical communication that ensures that the 37.2 trillion cells work in harmony with one another is called the hormone or endocrine system.

The hormone system, together with the nervous system, ensures the coordination of the cells of the body. If we compare the nervous system to messages sent over the Internet, the hormone system can be compared to a letter sent by post: it is slower but its effect lasts longer.

When we examine these systems that control the body, a fact of which most people are not aware, it becomes quite clear. Most people are convinced that they themselves control the direction of their lives. If you asked someone, "How much of your body do you control?" he would surely say, "All of it." But this answer contradicts scientific facts.

A person is in control of a very limited part of his body, and even of that part, his control is only partial. For example, he can use his body to walk, or to speak or he can use his hands to work, but deep within his body, there are millions of chemical and physical operations going on without his realization. These functions are categorized into voluntary and involuntary movements. Anyone who thinks that he is completely in charge of his own body (or his own life) is greatly mistaken, because there is also an invisible force or soul which keeps the human being alive, and when it departs, the living being turns into a cadaver.

How is it that every single human being is different?

Even identical twins do not have identical fingerprints

The face different, the voice different, the fingerprints different - no two people among all the billions of humans now on the surface of the earth have identical fingerprints and never will.

The Qur'an on the identity in the fingerprint

Fingerprints are the tiny ridges and patterns you have on your body. These friction ridges are present on your fingertips, palm, toes, and soles. They are also known as 'dermal ridges'. Fingerprints are completely unique to every individual person.

What the Qur'an says about identifying with fingerprint:

Yes. [We are] Able [even] to proportion his fingertips.
(Al Qur'an, 75: 4)

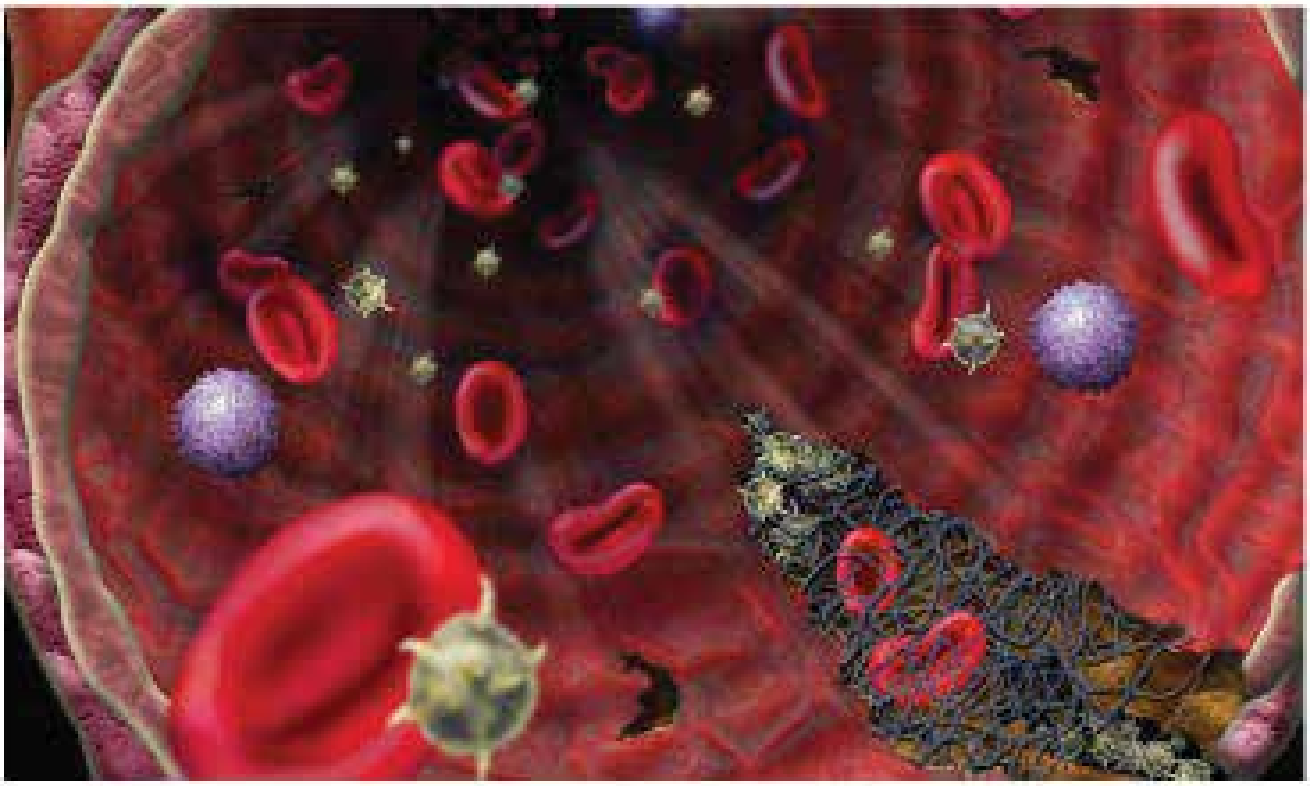
Blood: the life-giving vital fluid

Blood is a synonym of life, our existence and survival is dependent on this red coloured liquid which was created to give life to our bodies. As long as it circulates within the body, it warms, cools, feeds and protects by cleansing the body of toxic substances. It is almost solely responsible for communication within our bodies. In addition, it immediately repairs any fractures in the walls of veins and rejuvenates the system.

On average, there are 1.32 gallons (5 litres) of blood in the body of a human weighing 132 pounds (60 kilograms). The bone marrow continuously makes blood cells, millions per minute all through life.

We have created you, so why do you not believe?
(Al Qur'an, 56: 57)

Blood Clotting: a system without room for the smallest error



Everybody knows that bleeding will eventually stop when a cut or an old wound starts oozing blood. At the spot where the bleeding occurs, a blood clot forms that hardens and heals the wound in course of time. This may look like a simple and normal phenomenon, but biochemists have shown, through their research, that this actually is the result of a very complicated system at work.

The lack of any one component of this system, or any damage to it, would render the whole process useless. Blood has to coagulate in the right time and place and when normal conditions are restored, the clot should vanish. If there is bleeding, the clot should form immediately in order to prevent the creature from dying. Furthermore, the clot should cover the entire wound and, more importantly, should only form over, and remain right on top of the wound. Otherwise all the blood of the creature could coagulate and cause its death, which is why the clot should form at the right time and at the right place. The system works flawlessly down to the minutest detail.

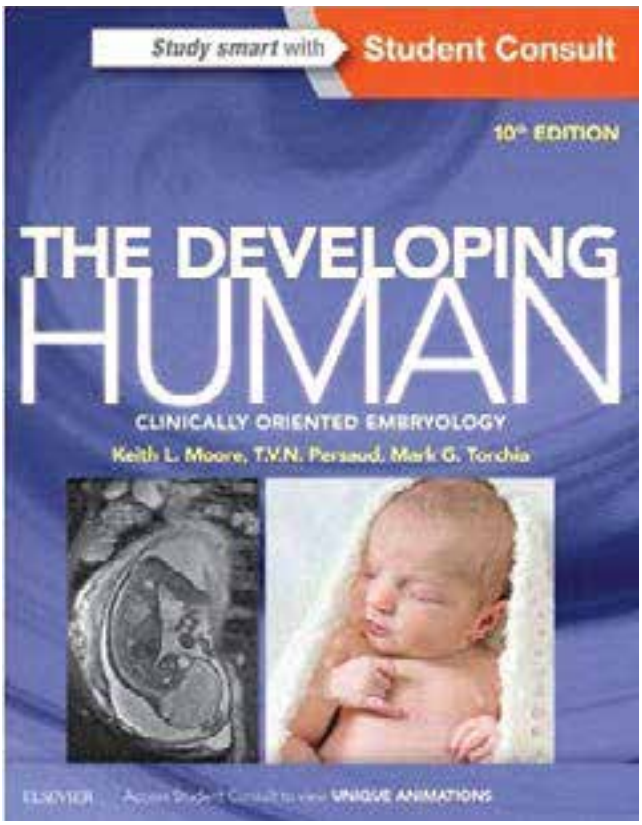
Can this astonishing wonder of God's creation ever be a human creation or is it just an operation of chance?

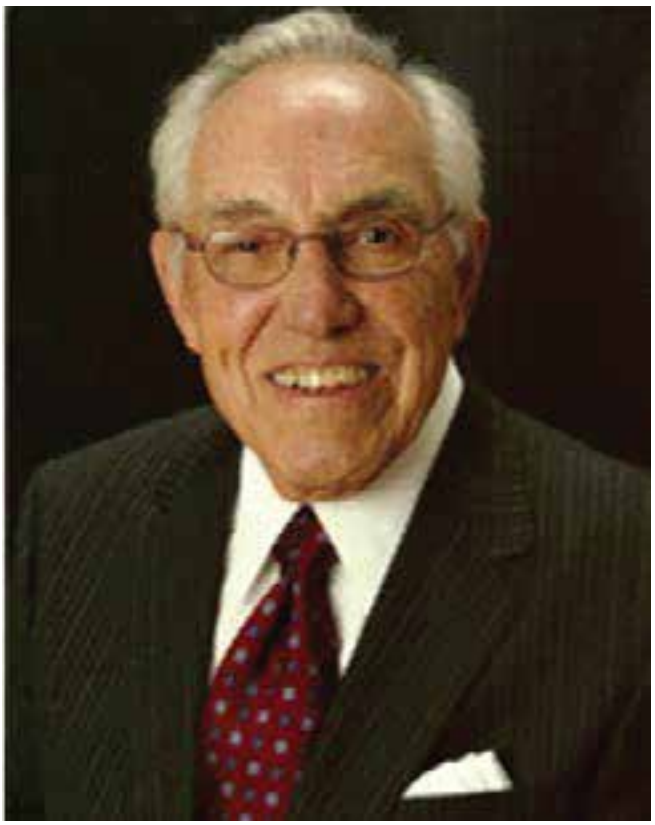
The miracle of embryology

Embryology is the branch of biology that studies the prenatal development of gametes (sperm and ova), fertilization, and development of embryos and foetuses. As recently as the 18th century, the prevailing notion in western human embryology was preformation: the idea that semen contains an embryo – a preformed, miniature infant, or homunculus – that simply becomes larger during development. However, the Qur'an spoke about embryology in detail:

He creates you in the wombs of your mothers, creation after creation, within three darknesses.
(Al Qu'ran, 39: 6)

Professor Emeritus Keith L. Moore is one of the world's most prominent scientists in the field of anatomy and embryology, author of the book entitled, 'The Developing Human', which has been translated into eight languages.

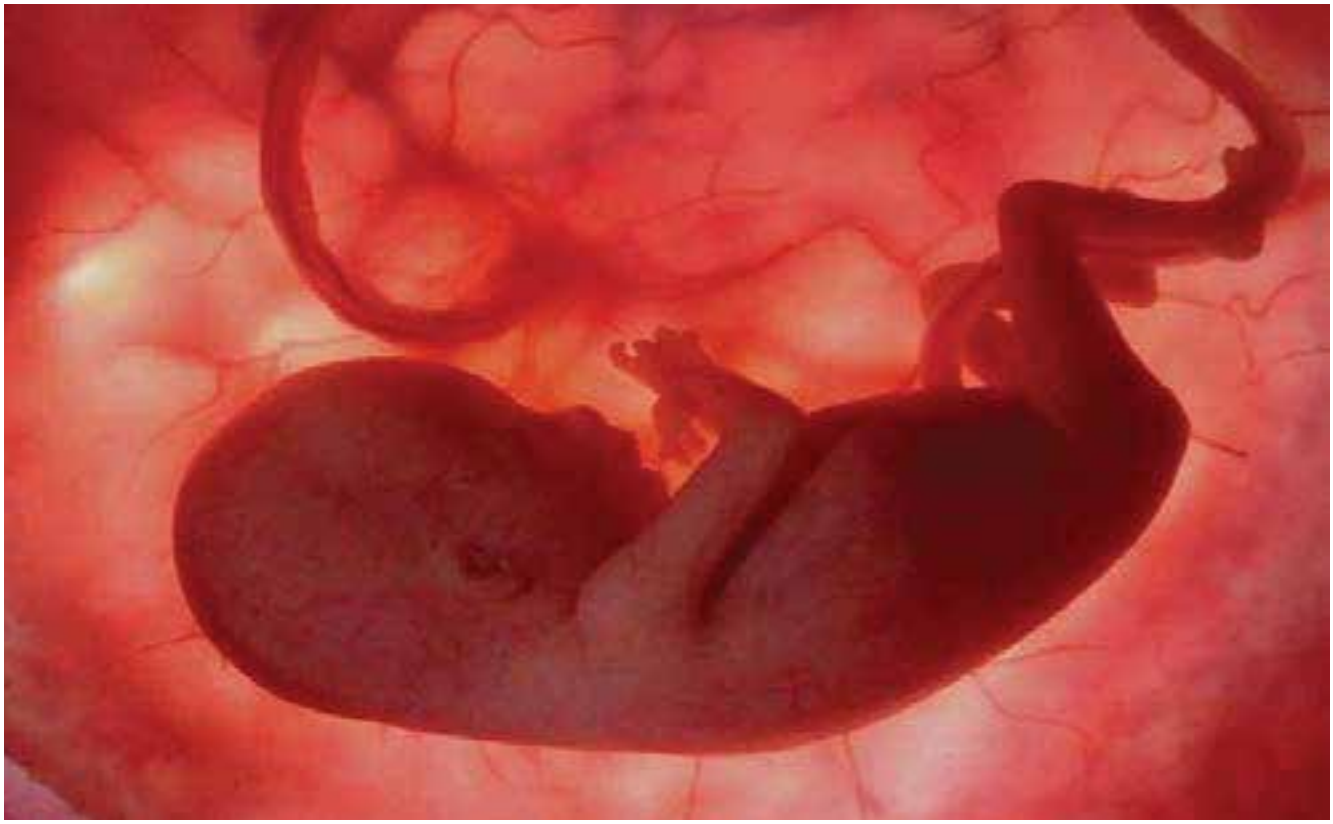




In 1981, during the Seventh Medical Conference in Dammam, Saudi Arabia, Professor Moore said: *"It has been a great pleasure for me to help clarify statements in the Quran about human development. It is clear to me that these statements must have come to Muhammad from God, because almost all of this knowledge was not discovered until many centuries later. This proves to me that Muhammad must have been a messenger of God."*

Professor Moore states: "...Because the staging of human embryos is complex, owing to the continuous process of change during development, it is proposed that a new system of classification could be developed using the terms mentioned in the Quran and Hadith." (Hadith are statement or actions that Muhammad said, did or approved of)."

"The proposed system is simple, comprehensive, and conforms to present embryological knowledge. Intensive studies of the Quran and Hadith in the last four years have revealed a system for classifying human embryos that is amazing since it was recorded in the seventh century A.D. Although Aristotle, the founder of the science of embryology, realized that chick embryos developed in stages from his studies of hen's eggs in the fourth century B.C., he did not give any details about these stages. As far as it is known from the history of embryology, little was known about the staging and classification of human embryos until the twentieth century. For this reason, the descriptions of the human embryo in the Quran cannot be based on scientific knowledge in the seventh century. The only reasonable conclusion is: these descriptions were revealed to Muhammad from God. He could not have known such details because he was man with absolutely no scientific training."



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The Qur'an on embryology

Many diverse subjects are mentioned in the Qur'an in the course of inviting people to believe. Sometimes the heavens, sometimes the animals, and sometimes the plants are shown as evidence to man by God. In many of the verses, people are called upon to turn their attention to their own creation. They are often reminded about how man has come into the world, which stages he has passed through and what his essence is:

We have created you, so why do you not believe? Have you seen that which you emit? Is it you who creates it, or are We the Creator?
(Al Qur'an, 56: 57-59)

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 God, the best of creators.
(Al Qur'an, 23: 12-14)

All this information given in the Qur'an about the formation of man demonstrates that the Qur'an came from a source that knows about this formation down to its smallest detail.

This once more proves that the Qur'an is the word of God. It would be sheer nonsense to claim that the information yielded by the Qur'an about human embryology is 'coincidentally' correct, for there are many details revealed in the Qur'an and such a detailed account has no chance whatsoever of 'coincidentally' agreeing with the truth in every respect.

And We have already created man... and We are closer to him than [his] jugular vein.
(Al Qur'an, 50: 16)

The natural wonder of mother's milk. The first food of this world.

The nutritional needs of a new born baby are very different from those of an adult. Mother's milk is the ideal nutrient which meets all the nutritional requirements of a new born. Research shows that breast-fed children are much healthier and well developed when compared with their counterparts.

Another wonder of mother's milk is that it changes its composition according to the changing needs of the baby at each stage of its development. The large multinational baby food producers have spent millions of dollars on research trying to determine the ideal mixture of ingredients for a baby's healthy development. So far, they have not found a perfect mixture, but they have determined that a special mixture is needed to meet the requirements of the baby at each stage of its development. In laboratories equipped with the most advanced technology, attempts have been made to produce artificial baby food similar to mother's milk, but no artificial nutrient has yet been developed to take its place.

Here is a real wonder. A few cells in the mother's breast calculate all the needs of the newborn in the world outside; that is, the needs of a being they have never before seen or encountered. Then they produce what scientists have never succeeded in producing in the laboratory - mother's milk with its perfect combination of nutrients. However, the cells that make up the milk glands in the mother's breast are, like other cells, unconscious, without intelligence; yet it is possible for them to calculate the formula needed to produce it.

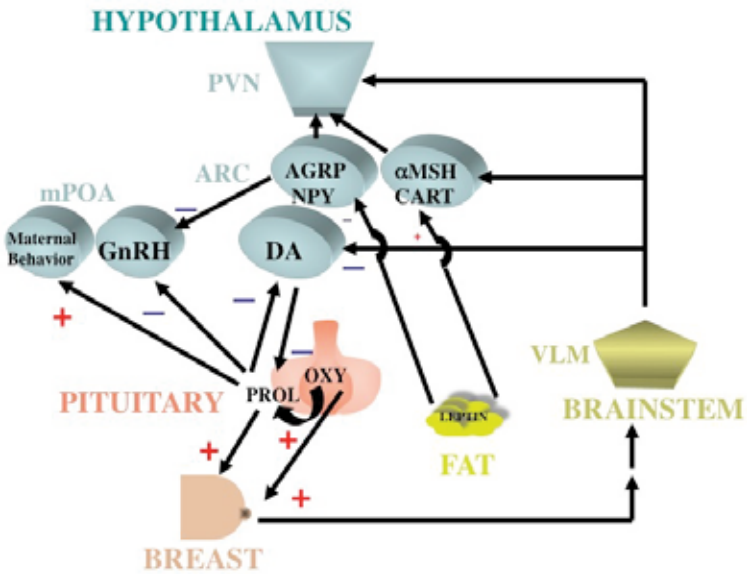
How does the production of mother's milk begin and how is it controlled? A number of wonders of creation are hidden in the answer to this question. In the production of milk, the hormonal system and the nervous system work in concert and the production occurs after planning based on an exchange of information. The hormone that activates the milk glands in the mother's breast, is the prolactin hormone secreted by the pituitary gland. In the early days of pregnancy, certain factors suppress the secretion of prolactin.

These factors are like applying brakes on an automobile going down a hill. The automobile tends to go downhill, but when the brake is applied, it cannot move. The production of milk is hindered in the mother.

The hindering of prolactin production is very important because, since the baby is unborn, the production of milk in the mother is not required. How is this brake applied, and how is premature secretion prevented? Here is a true wonder of design. The hypothalamus in the brain secretes a hormone that prevents the production of prolactin. This hormone, called PIH (Prolactin Inhibiting Hormone), slows down the production of prolactin or, in other words, applies the brake.

Who decides to apply the brake? Estrogen, a hormone produced during pregnancy, ensures that the brake is applied by producing PIH. When the baby is born, the amount of estrogen secreted is reduced, which also reduces the amount of PIH. This is like the foot slowly releasing the brake and the car moving down the hill. In this way, the production of prolactin slowly begins and activates the mammary (milk) glands to produce mother's milk.

- Where do the cells of the pituitary gland that produce prolactin know the milk glands are from? With what conscious intelligence do they give the command to the milk producing cells to produce milk?
- How do the hormones that prevent the production of prolactin before birth know that the time for milk production has not yet come?
- How do these hormones learn that prolactin causes the production of milk and that, to prevent the production of milk, the production of prolactin must be inhibited?
    - When the baby begins to suck, some nerve cells in the mother's breast send a message to the hypothalamus.
    - On receiving the message, the hypothalamus removes the brake from the prolactin.
    - In order to begin the production of the mother's milk, the prolactin secreted by the pituitary gland stimulates the milk glands in the mother's breast.



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From the time of birth, specific receptors are designed in the mother's breast that recognize the baby's sucking reflex. These sensory receptors are connected via neural pathways - similar to electric cables in a building – to another distant organ, the hypothalamus area of the brain. That is, a special system has been created to inform the hypothalamus that the baby's sucking reflex has begun.

From among the countless possibilities within the human body composed of flesh and bones, these neural signals travel to the right location.

They are not connected by accident to the brain's vision center, the stomach or the intestines; they are connected to exactly the right place, that is, to the hypothalamus.

When this electric signal reaches the hypothalamus cells, they begin the necessary operation for the production of mother's milk. But these cells have no intelligence or consciousness of their own. They cannot possibly know that this signal has come from the mother's breast or that they have been informed of the baby's sucking reflex and, therefore, that mother's milk must be secreted; they cannot know that an important function has been assigned to them in the production of mother's milk, or that they must increase the production of prolactin to activate the mammary glands. This being the case, what causes these unconscious cells to engage in this conscious activity?

- Who has placed the receptors in the mother's breast?
- Who provided the cables to carry the signals sent by these receptors?
- Who attached the ends of these cables to the hypothalamus?
- Who taught the cells of the hypothalamus that they must stimulate the pituitary gland when these signals come?
- Who wrote the formula for activating the milk glands in the cells that make up the pituitary gland?
- Who created the circulatory system to ensure that this hormone reaches the mother's breast from the pituitary gland in the brain?
- Who created the breast cells in such a way as to become activated when this hormone comes?
- Who taught the breast cells the unique formula of mother's milk, a formula which even scientists could not derive?

To all these questions there is only one answer: Almighty God, the Lord of all the worlds.

...to Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth. All are devoutly obedient to Him. Originator of the heavens and the earth. When He decrees a matter, He only says to it, "Be", and it is.
(Al Qur'an, 2: 116-117)

Information about the biological formation of milk in Verse 66 of Chapter 'An-Nahl' of the Qur'an is in great accordance with the facts established by modern science. It is quite clear that such information, requiring detailed knowledge of a mammal's digestive system could not have been known at the time when the Qur'an was revealed 1400 years ago.

The mother's heart is an ocean of love and warmth

Who filled this warmth in every heart that beats?

A common factor found in almost all animals on this earth from elephants, the gentle giants to the persevering tiny ants or from human beings, the most intelligent species on earth, to an alligator, a savage predator – is the behaviour of kindness, caring, compassion, love and affection of an adult to its little one.

This immense intimacy goes to such an extent that the adult can even sacrifice its life protecting the young ones.

And God has extracted you from the wombs of your mothers not knowing a thing, and He made for you hearing and vision and intellect that perhaps you would be grateful.
(Al Qur'an, 16: 78)

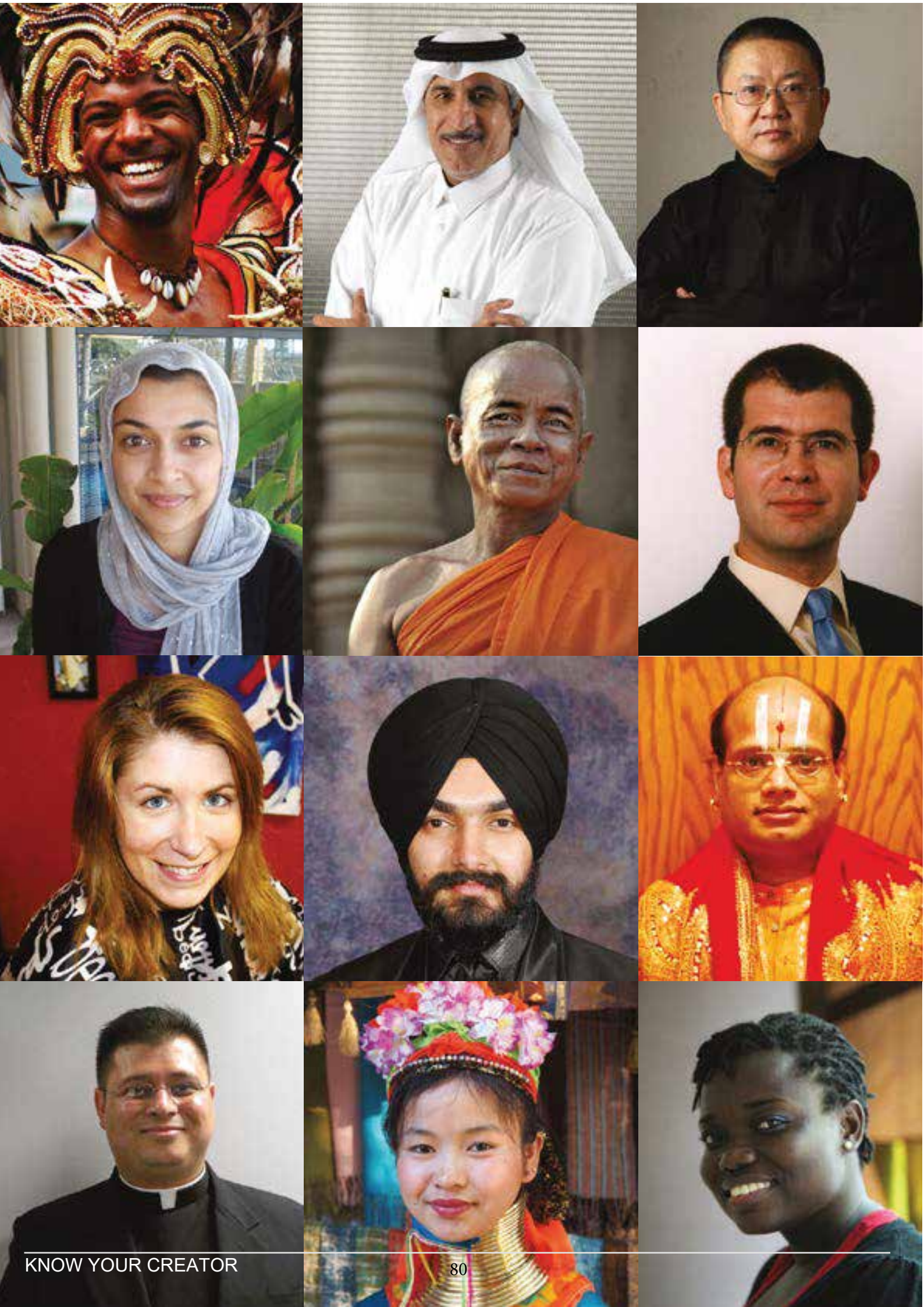
Imagine this world and its creatures without the essential ingredient of Life: Mother's love!

Biology in the Qur'an

Botany is also called plant science(s), plant biology or phytology which is the science of plant life and a branch of biology. New techniques were developed for the study of plants in the 19th and 20th centuries. Many records of the Holocene period date early botanical knowledge as far back as 10,000 years ago. However, the scientific proposal of plants having gender was not made till the early 16th century. The Qur'an however confirms:

[It is He] who sent down from the sky, rain and produced thereby categories of various plants.
(Al Qur'an, 20: 53)

...and from all of the fruits He made therein two mates.
(Al Qur'an, 13: 3)



The amazing diversity of mankind

O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of God is the most righteous of you. Indeed, God is Knowing and Acquainted.
(Al Qur'an, 49: 13)

And of His signs is that He created you from dust; then, suddenly you were human beings dispersing [throughout the earth].
(Al Qur'an, 30: 20)

Had God willed, He would have made you one nation [united in religion], but [He intended] to test you in what He has given you; so race to [all that is] good. To God is your return all together, and He will [then] inform you concerning that over which you used to differ.
(Al Qur'an, 5: 48)

Fourteen centuries ago, God Almighty sent down the Holy Qur'an to mankind as a book of guidance. He called upon humanity in all its magnificent diversity to be guided towards the truth by adhering to the message of the Holy Qur'an.

There are 195 nations and more than seven billion human beings on this planet

O mankind, worship your Lord, who created you and those before you, that you may become righteous.
(Al Qur'an, 2: 21)

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Have you ever pondered about God Almighty in relation to His wonderful creations, irrespective of who they are: Christians, Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists, Sikhs or people of other faiths?

Is there no wisdom in people being made male, female, of different colours and their speaking different languages?

And of His signs is that He created you from dust; then, suddenly you were human beings dispersing [throughout the earth].
(Al Qur'an, 30: 20)

And of His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth and the diversity of your languages and your colors. Indeed in that are signs for those of knowledge.
(Al Qur'an, 30: 22)

Who does one worship?

O mankind, what has deceived you concerning your Lord, the Generous,
Who created you, proportioned you, and balanced you?
In whatever form He willed has He assembled you.
(Al Qur'an, 82: 6-8)

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What is your perception of God?

That is God, your Lord; there is no deity except Him, the Creator of all things, so worship Him. And He is Disposer of all things.
(Al Qur'an, 6: 102)

Existence of God

This is one question which usually bothers man at some point in his life. To find an answer to this question, research began from early 60's. Astronomer Carl Sagan announced that there were two important criteria for a planet to support life: The right kind of star, and a planet at the right distance from that star. Given the roughly octillion (1 followed by 27 zeros) planets in the universe, there should have been about septillion (1 followed by 24 zeros) planets capable of supporting life.

With such spectacular odds, the search for extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI), a large, expensive collection of private and publicly funded projects launched in the 1960s, was sure to turn up something soon. Scientists listened with a vast radio telescopic network for signals that resembled coded intelligence and were not merely random. But as years passed, the silence from the rest of the universe was deafening. The US Congress stopped funding SETI in 1993, but the search continues with private funds. As of 2020, researchers have discovered precisely nothing.

As our knowledge of the universe increased, it became clear that there were far more factors necessary for life than what Sagan supposed. His two parameters grew to 10 and then 20 and then 50, and so the number of potentially life-supporting planets decreased accordingly. The number dropped to a few thousand planets and kept on plummeting.

As factors continued to be discovered, the number of possible planets hit zero, and kept going. In other words, the odds turned against any planet in the universe supporting life, including this one. Probability said that even we shouldn't be here. Today there are more than 200 known parameters necessary for a planet to support life—every single one of which must be perfectly met, or the whole thing falls apart. Without a massive planet like Jupiter nearby, whose gravity will draw away asteroids, a thousand times as many would hit Earth's surface. The odds against life in the universe are simply astonishing.

Yet here we are, not only existing but talking about existing. What can we account for it? Can all of those many parameters have been perfect by accident? At what point is it fair to admit that science suggests that we cannot be the result of random forces? Doesn't assuming that intelligence created these perfect conditions require far less faith than believing that a life-sustaining Earth just happened to beat the inconceivable odds to come into being?

There's more. The fine-tuning necessary for life to exist on a planet is nothing compared with the fine-tuning required for the universe to exist at all. For example, astrophysicists now know that the values of the four fundamental forces — gravity, the electromagnetic force, and the "strong" and "weak" nuclear forces — were determined less than one millionth of a second after the big bang. Alter any one value and the universe could not exist.

Multiply that single parameter by all the other necessary conditions, and the odds against the universe existing are so heart-stoppingly astronomical that the notion that it all "just happened" defies common sense. It would be like tossing a coin and having it come up heads, 10 quintillion times in a row.

Fred Hoyle, the astronomer who coined the term "big bang," said that his atheism was "greatly shaken" at these developments. He later wrote that "a common-sense interpretation of the facts suggests that a super-intellect has monkeyed with the physics, as well as with chemistry and biology. This conclusion is almost beyond question."

Theoretical physicist Paul Davies has said that "the appearance of design is overwhelming" and Oxford professor Dr. John Lennox has said "the more we get to know about our universe, the more the hypothesis that there is a Creator, gains in credibility as the best explanation of why we are here." The greatest miracle of all time, without any close seconds, is the universe. It is the miracle of all miracles, one that ineluctably points with the combined brightness of every star to something or someone beyond itself.

Yet we question and miserably fail to comprehend the magnificence and profoundness of the Creator. Knowing fully well, that the universe cannot sustain even for a fraction of a second without the Creator.

Or were they created by nothing, or were they the creators [of themselves]? Or did they create the heavens and the earth? Rather, they are not certain. [Al Quran, 52: 35-36]

Were they created without a creator? That is impossible, as they must have a creator. If they deny the Creator, then they must have created themselves, and that proposition is even more foolish and false, for how can something without existence create anything? If they reject these two opinions [that they came to be without a creator or they created themselves], then the proof is established upon them that they were in fact created. [Fath al-Bari bi-Sharh al-Bukhari, 8:603]

Is there life after death?
Is there accountability for our life?
Is there a day of reckoning?

Indeed, God commands you to render trusts to whom they are due and when you judge between people to judge with justice.
(Al Qur'an, 4: 58)

...act justly. Indeed, God loves those who act justly.
(Al Qur'an, 49: 9)

Fundamental difference between the Creator and the creation

O people, an example is presented, so listen to it. Indeed, those you invoke besides God will never create [as much as] a fly, even if they gathered together for that purpose. And if the fly should steal away from them a [tiny] thing, they could not recover it from him. Weak are the pursuer and pursued.
(Al Qur'an, 22: 73)

Even a single fly is superior to all the technological devices that mankind has produced.

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Can mere mortals claim divinity?

The created cannot become its own creator. The created at one time did not exist. It came into being by the creative act of a Creator who always existed.

As for the parallel concept that the human soul or spirit is divine, it is a way of claiming that man can become God. This philosophy forms the foundation of Greek, Christian and Muslim mysticism, as well as Hindu theology, and extends divinity to all humans and possibly all living creatures. It starts from the premise that, at some time in the history of the universe, bits and pieces of God became surrounded by material bodies and were confined to the earth. In other words, the infinite become contained in the finite.

This belief attributes pure evil to God and ultimately eliminates the meaning of good and evil all together. Hence, the concept of Karma was invented. Whatever goes around comes around. Karma explains inexplicable suffering by claiming that it is the consequence of evil in a previous life. God ultimately punishes any evil done by the parts of Himself within man. However, if human souls have independent wills from God, they cannot be at the same time God.

A casual look at those human beings who claim divinity, or whom people call God, reveals the following obvious facts:

- None has been able to match the sole dominion of the Almighty that holds this massive world and the whole universe together.
- They are not the creators - as they were created too; and their time of existence was much after the world came into existence.
- They have a human form and possess no power to bring a change in anything that the creator has created.
- They also took shape in the womb of their mothers; they were born and arrived in this world just like any one of us.
- They, like any of us, need to breathe, eat and drink! They need sleep!
- They fall sick and have feelings.
- Sooner or later, these people die as well.

Limiting God?

Are we confining and limiting our perception of the Creator of the Universe to:

- Our ancestral beliefs?
- Our country alone?
- Our family deity?
- Our community?
- A mere human being?
- Our region?
- Our caste / creed?
- Our egos?

Can God be human?

If we were to consider a touchstone theory for identifying God as per the Qur'an wherein we have seen several miracles of creation; we would need to analyze and see who best fits in its description to be God. The Quranic theory for identifying God is:

Say, "He is God, [who is] One, God, the Eternal Refuge.
He neither begets nor is born, Nor is there to Him any equivalent."
[Al Qur'an, 112: 1-4]

So whoever fits this the criteria could be considered God;

(1) The one and only

(2) The eternal, absolute

(3) Begets not, nor is He begotten

(4) There is none like unto Him

It has to be someone who is supernatural, above all His creations and someone whom we cannot describe and He (God) himself has said about himself:

Nor is there to Him any equivalent.
(Al Qur'an, 112: 4)

Had there been within the heavens and earth gods besides God, they both would have been ruined. So exalted is God, Lord of the Throne, above what they describe.
[Al Qur'an, 21: 22]

Discover the power of one!

One God | One eternal truth | One eternal Creator

One Creator. One people. One world.
The eternal power of a single divinity.
One clear message -
'Submit to the will of the one true God!'

All differences in this world are of degree, and not of kind, because oneness is the secret of everything.

And [in] the alternation of night and day and [in] what God 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.
(Al Qur'an, 45:5)

Logic of monotheism

If one asks oneself the question - 'How many mothers do I have?' The spontaneous answer will be, 'One.' Right from the time of giving birth, a mother almost single-handedly takes care of her children and no one can share the love and respect due to one's mother with anybody else. If everyone accepts only one mother as his or her own, how then can anyone believe in more than one God, as He alone has brought into being His creatures and provided them with the entire universe for sustenance?

How then can anyone share the special love and respect that is due to the one and only Almighty God? It is God Himself who has put kindness and compassion in a mother such that she does not kill her offspring out of discomfort or pain at the time of her pregnancy and delivery.

These are the examples through which the One, Almighty and Merciful God demonstrates His Oneness in as much as He has given such power unto His creations that all may know Him as the One and Only. He is thus the all powerful, the incomparable, the ultimate Creator. Like a manufacturer who can never be compared with his products, God, the Creator stands apart from His creations: immanent yet transcendent.

If one is still unable to understand God's unity and persists in polytheism, one needs only to look at one's own country and see how many heads of state like Prime Ministers or Presidents are chosen in order to run a country.

Now everyone – irrespective of their religious affiliation – will agree to only one head of state, for in a country with more than one chief executive, chaos and anarchy will reign supreme. This is not unlike the disaster that can result when the steering wheel of a motor-car is handled by more than one person. How then can multiple gods sustain an incredibly vast creation and run the whole universe with absolute accuracy and perfection?

Finally, with everyone accepting but one mother and one father for themselves; with everyone agreeing to a single head of state or commander-in-chief for their respective countries; or one director for every independent company, it is not hard to see that one can do justice to oneself spiritually as well as intellectually by accepting monotheism as his way of life.

Otherwise, we fail to recognise the logic and proven reality of the One Almighty God. Through His wisdom and compassion, His oneness reveals itself time and again in every sphere of man's life. There is nothing like unto Him, and He is the One and only being worthy of man's worship.

What is the logic behind the faith-system of worshiping one God?

- One creator of this magnificent universe
- One mother of a child
- One prime minister/president of a country
- One commander-in-chief of the army
- One head of the state
- One head of the family
- One principal of a school
- One CEO of a corporate company

And to Him belongs whoever is in the heavens and earth. All are to Him devoutly obedient. And it is He who begins creation; then He repeats it, and that is [even] easier for Him. To Him belongs the highest attribute in the heavens and earth. And He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise.
(Al Qur'an, 30: 26-27)

Listen to the voice of reason

- He who has two masters has to lie to one
- No man can serve two masters
- A ship with two captains sinks
- Two wrongs do not make a right
- No nation was ever ruled by two kings, simultaneously
- Two Presidents or two Prime Ministers or two CEOs, or two Managing Directors - is a sure recipe for failure and disaster
- Imagine what could happen to a car if there is more than one person at the wheel

One creator, one clear message.

Mankind has long been searching for the eternal truth which will realize the purpose of its existence. Man has been in search of the proof of existence of that unknown force in whom he can believe with certainty.

With the advancement of science, Man has conquered land, sea and air with the most sophisticated technology at his disposal today. Yet, he has been unable to master his own self. What, then, is he looking for?

Say, [O Muhammad], "Praise be to God, and peace upon His servants whom He has chosen. Is God better or what they associate with Him?"
(Al Qur'an, 27: 59)

[More precisely], is He [not best] who created the heavens and the earth and sent down for you rain from the sky, causing to grow thereby gardens of joyful beauty which you could not [otherwise] have grown the trees thereof? Is there a deity with God? [No], but they are a people who ascribe equals [to Him].
(Al Qur'an, 27: 60)

Is He [not best] who made the earth a stable ground and placed within it rivers and made for it firmly set mountains and placed between the two seas a barrier? Is there a deity with God? [No], but most of them do not know.
(Al Qur'an, 27: 61)

Is He [not best] who responds to the desperate one when he calls upon Him and removes evil and makes you inheritors of the earth? Is there a deity with God? Little do you remember.
(Al Qur'an, 27: 62)

Is He [not best] who guides you through the darknesses of the land and sea and who sends the winds as good tidings before His mercy? Is there a deity with God? High is God above whatever they associate with Him.
(Al Qur'an, 27: 63)

Is He [not best] who begins creation and then repeats it and who provides for you from the heaven and earth? Is there a deity with God? Say, "Produce your proof, if you should be truthful."
(Al Qur'an, 27: 64)

To have real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance.

Why do doctors die?

After saving so many lives, doctors are unable to save themselves from eventual death. Doctors who have been authorities in their respective fields have suffered and died from heart attacks, cancer, brain haemorrhages, diabetes, tuberculosis and strokes.

Whatever you thought of life and death, think again! Listen to what the Qur'an says:

Wherever you may be, death will overtake you, even if you should be within towers of lofty construction.
(Al Qur'an, 4: 78)

The final destination.

Hundreds and thousands of graveyards and millions of tombs bear testimony that even the mightiest and strongest – who thought they would live forever – have had to taste the dust! Even those, whom many once thought that the world cannot do without, have had to leave it.

Is there not in this a lesson for all of us?

Say, "Then prevent death from yourselves, if you should be truthful."
(Al Qur'an, 3: 168)

Truth vs. hype
The hard facts

You are aware of the indisputable fact that there were millions of people living across the world for thousands of years during and before, the times of Jesus Christ, Moses, Rama, Gautama Buddha, Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) and Guru Nanak.

The question is - "Who were they worshiping?"

Jesus Christ, Moses, Rama, Gautama Buddha, Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) and Guru Nanak also worshipped God. Which logically means they were not the Supreme Being; which means they were not God, but were mere mortals.

These were men who came into the world with a predetermined term of life and with a mission to invite humanity to worship the Creator.

God cannot become man and man cannot become God?

Once they pass away, do these mortals become God?

The question again is:

Are we going to
worship the Creator
or His creation?

We dash the truth upon falsehood, and it destroys it, and thereupon it departs. And for you is destruction from that which you describe.
(Al Qur'an, 21: 18)

Have you ever pondered what would happen if there were more than one God?

If there were more than one God - more than one Creator, one planner, one maker, one inventor, one originator, one architect, one designer, one author, or one initiator - of this universe, just imagine the chaos!

Imagine the tremendous conflict, differences, incongruities, discrepancies, disputes, frictions, confrontations, arguments, misunderstandings, discords, and favouritism between multiple gods.

Imagine the chaos with each god exercising independent supremacy, authority, power, control, command or rule over mankind and the Universe.

Imagine how the absence of the one and only Creator would end all harmony, equilibrium, stability, balance, symmetry, accord, synchronization, organization, and unity in the universe.

Imagine the absence of order in the universe and the lack of balance across the heavens and the earth! Imagine one sun rising in the east, one in the west, one in the north and one in the south according to whims and fancies of different gods.

There would be discord on the earth and even in the heavens. Imagine the global chaos, disorder, confusion, and upheaval that would prevail.

The funniest possibility would be that every god, would have created every human being different from one another in shape, form and characteristics and also with different coloured blood.

Now, focus back on the one and only Creator.

Focus on the delicate and deliberate order with which mankind and all of creation is created and maintained.

Just the fact that all human beings, regardless of colour, race, ethnicity or outward appearance, share incredibly complex yet identical internal structures - even the red colour and micro-components of our blood is the same - is strong testimony that our Creator is one.

God says in the Qur'an:

Had there been within the heavens and earth gods besides God, they both would have been ruined. So exalted is God, Lord of the Throne, above what they describe.
(Al Qur'an, 21: 22)

Islam makes a clear distinction between the imperfection of the creation and the perfection of the Creator.

If we look around us and look at the perfection in which everything is created, we get innumerable examples to prove that it is the work of one Creator who is so perfect that nothing can be more perfect than Him. So let us acknowledge the fact that the biggest deceit of all times is to believe that there could be more than one Creator of this universe.

Recognize, once and forever, that Mankind is One and Mankind's Creator is One! Thus, the existence of one true, unique, supreme, almighty God is the only logical concept of God.

Supreme intelligence can only belong to one Creator who created the whole universe down to its smallest detail.

If there were more than one God, it would surely lead to confusion, disorder, chaos and destruction in the universe. The universe however, is in complete harmony. The Qur'an summarizes this in the following verse:

God 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 God above what they describe [concerning Him].
(Al Qur'an, 23: 91)

None have the right to be invoked, supplicated, sworn upon or prayed to but God alone. Nothing else is worthy of worship: not statues, crosses, tombs, the sun, the moon, stars, temples, mosques, prophets, messengers, saints, priests or religious scholars. All of these things are created and limited, hence imperfect - they are not worthy of worship in Islam. Whereas the Creator is perfect. To give a created thing attributes or powers only befitting the Creator is to elevate the creation to the level of partnership with the Creator.

Understanding God almighty: the eternal power of the Creator

The greatness, the grandeur and the mystery of the elements and phenomena of nature overawe man. The mountains, rivers, earthquakes, storms, floods, forest fires and ferocious beasts challenge, impress, confuse and terrify him. The stately movements of the clouds and their sudden transformation as they thicken and turn dark, the shattering peals of thunder, the brilliant flashes of lighting, the glorious sun, the mysterious moon and the stars that embroider the night sky - all display a scale and power beyond the reach of human reason.

Allah (The God) - the Almighty - is the destroyer and the resurrector of the universe. He is the merciful, the most compassionate, the sovereign, the holy, the omnipotent, the omniscient, the wise, the just, the clement, the loving. He is the first, the last, the eternal, the hidden, the manifest. He is God, the truth, and the ultimate reality. He is God, the one and only one, and there is none like unto Him.

God, in Islam, is neither remote nor abstract. He is the real Lord of the universe, whose love envelopes the heart. Those who seek Him do not have to depend on the vicarious conviction of the priest or of the description in the book to believe that He exists.

They can feel His existence in themselves as well as in both the animate and inanimate beings around them.

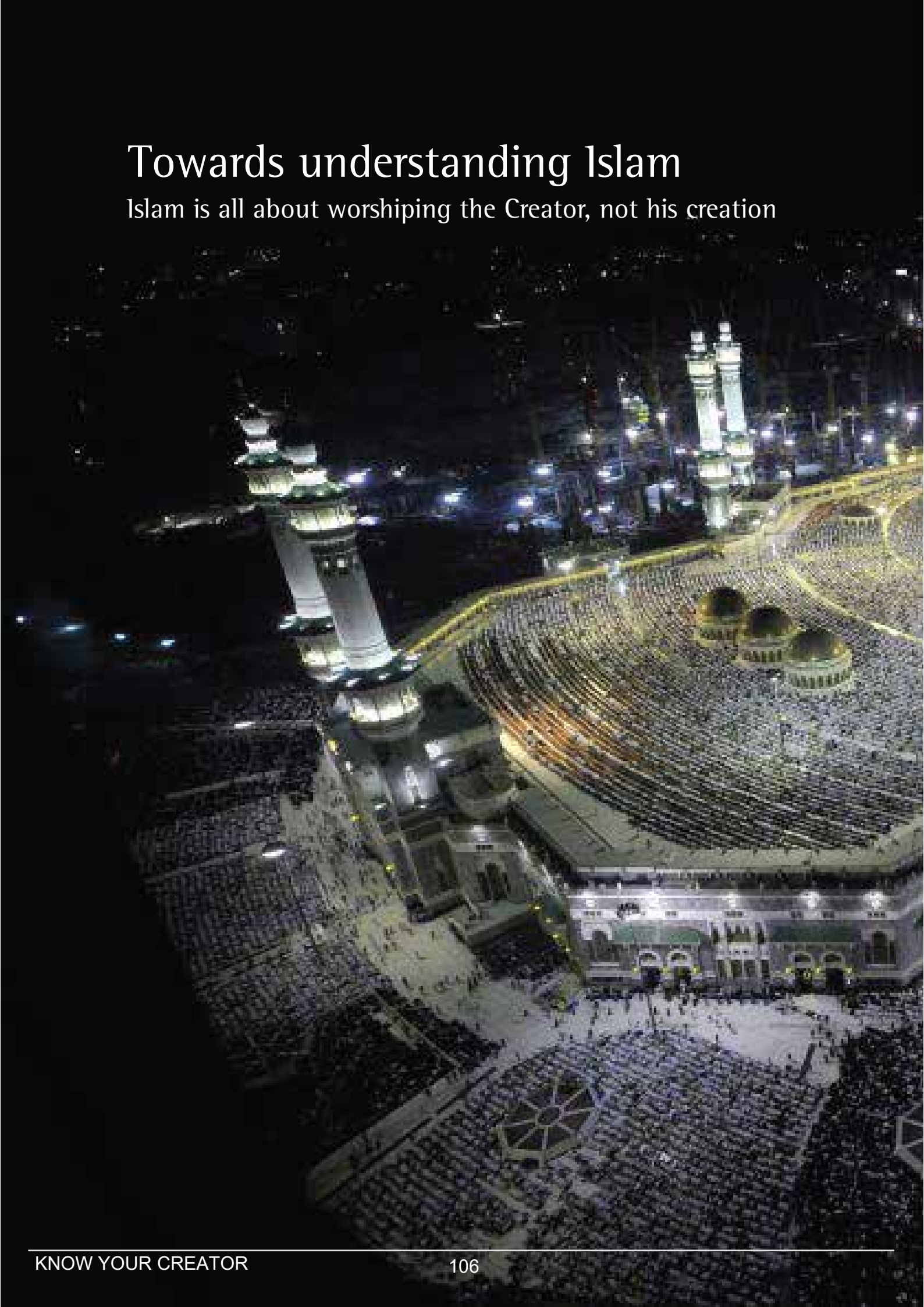
This is not the prerogative of the 'spirituals.' Any layman who follows His guidance and seeks His presence will find Him close to himself. This is reason why people from across a wide cross-section of the society - intellectuals, scientists, priests, as well as people from all walks of life - enter into the fold of Islam every day. In Islam, they find a God who responds to their calls.

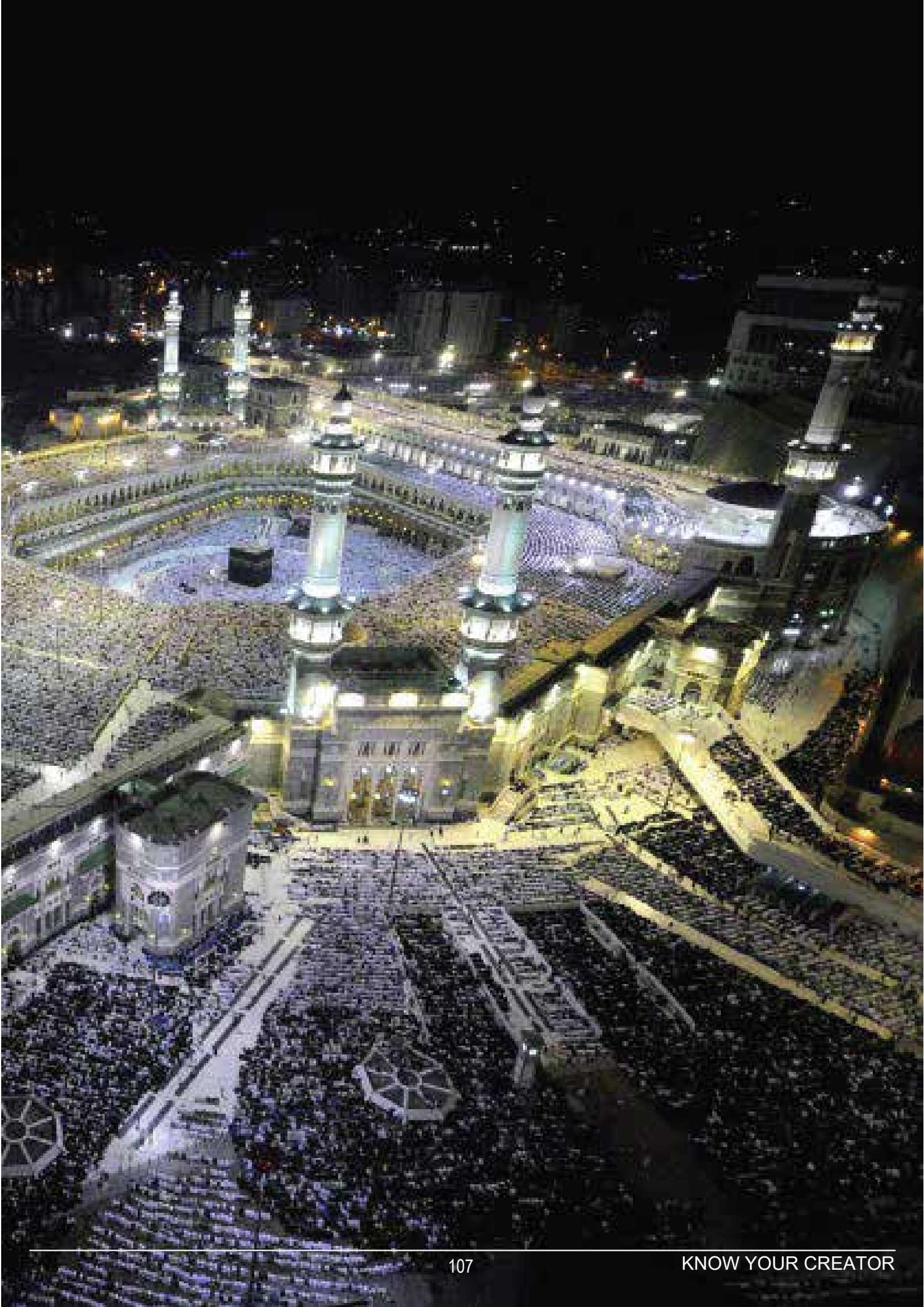
It is, therefore, not without reason, that the Qur'an asks:

Say, "Are there of your 'partners' any who guides to the truth?" Say, "God guides to the truth. So is He who guides to the truth more worthy to be followed or he who guides not unless he is guided? Then what is [wrong] with you — how do you judge?"
(Al Qur'an, 10: 35)

Towards understanding Islam

Islam is all about worshiping the Creator, not his creation





What is Islam all about?

Islam is all about the following:

- Worshipping the Creator not his creation
- Diversity and respect for humanity.
- Upholding peace and justice.
- Tolerance, love and compassion.
- Pursuit of knowledge.
- Keeping promises and safeguarding trusts.
- Kindness towards parents and respect for family life.
- Concern for one's neighbours.
- Kindness towards widows and orphans.
- Respecting the values of human rights.
- Acknowledging divine guidance.
- Love and fear of the Creator.
- Emphasizing and encouraging women's rights
- Brotherhood and unity.

What is Islam, and who are Muslims?

Islam simply means peace - peace with God, peace with oneself, and peace with the creations of God - through total submission of oneself to Almighty and accepting His guidance.

Islam is not a new faith. Muslims believe that it is the same truth that God revealed through all His prophets to every people. For a fifth of the world's population, Islam is not just a personal religion, but a complete way of life.

Muslims come from all races, nationalities and cultures across the globe. They have varied languages, cuisines, pattern of dressing, and customs; even the way they practice Islam may differ. Yet they all consider themselves to be Muslim.

Islam is a qualitative term - the quality of accepting God's supreme authority above one's own. As such, being a Muslim does not mean having to give up one's culture or traditions; rather it means adopting the simple and logical principles of Islam to make one's life better and attain peace.

Less than 15% o the world's Muslim live in the Arab world; a fifth are found in sub-Saharan Africa; and the world's largest Muslim community is in Indonesia. Substantial parts of Asia, and almost all the Central Asian republics, are Muslims. Significant Muslim minorities are found in China, India, Russia, Europe, North America and South America.

What do Muslims believe?

Muslims believe in the one, unique, incomparable, merciful God - the sole creator sustainer and cherisher of the universe; in the angels created by Him; in the prophets through whom His revelations were brought to humankind; in the day of judgment, and in individual accountability for actions; in God's complete authority over destiny - be it good or bad - and in life after death.

Muslims believe that God sent His messengers and prophets to all people. Biblical prophets mentioned in the Qur'an include: Adam, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Lot, Ishmael, Isaac, Job, Ezekiel, Jacob, Joseph, Jonah, Jethro, Moses, Aaron, Elijah, Elisha, David, Solomon, Zachariah, John (the Baptist), and Jesus - peace be upon them all.

God's final message to humanity was revealed to the prophet, Mohammad (peace be upon him), through the Archangel Gabriel. It confirmed and finalized all previous revelations that were sent to humankind through God's messengers.

One becomes a Muslim by believing and proclaiming that, "There is no deity except God, and that Muhammad is the messenger of God." By this declaration, the believer announces his or her faith in all of God's messengers, and in the scriptures revealed to them.

How do Muslims view the elderly, death, and the afterlife?

Muslims, by faith, are expected to respect and care for the elderly. It is quite common to find children, parents, grandparents and sometimes great grandparents all living together under one roof.

In Islam, serving one's parents is a duty second only to worshiping God. It is considered despicable to express any irritation with one's parents.

And your Lord has decreed that you not worship except Him, and to parents, good treatment. Whether one or both of them reach old age [while] with you, say not to them [so much as], "uff," and do not repel them but speak to them a noble word. And lower to them the wing of humility out of mercy and say, "My Lord, have mercy upon them as they brought me up [when I was] small."
(Al Qur'an, 17: 23-24)

When a Muslim dies, he or she is washed usually by a family member wrapped in a clean white cloth and buried with a prayer, preferably the same day. Muslims believe that the present life is only a trial for the Hereafter.

Every soul will taste death, and you will only be given your [full] compensation on the Day of Resurrection. So he who is drawn away from the Fire and admitted to Paradise has attained [his desire]. And what is the life of this world except the enjoyment of delusion.
(Al Qur'an, 3: 185)

Why is the family so important to Muslims?

The family is the foundation of an Islamic society. The peace and security offered by a stable family unit is greatly valued and considered essential for the spiritual growth of its members. It is quite common in the Muslim community to find large, extended families living together; providing comfort, security and support to one another.

Parents are greatly respected in the Islamic tradition. Mothers, in particular, are greatly honoured. God says in the Qur'an:

And We have enjoined upon man [care] for his parents. His mother carried him, [increasing her] in weakness upon weakness, and his weaning is in two years. Be grateful to Me and to your parents; to Me is the [final] destination.
(Al Qur'an, 31: 14)

Getting married and establishing a family is strongly encouraged.

And of His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquility in them; and He placed between you affection and mercy. Indeed in that are signs for a people who give thought.
(Al Qur'an, 30: 21)

A Muslim marriage is both a sacred act and a legal agreement, in which either the groom or the bride is free to include legitimate conditions. Marriage is the institution upon which families are based. Marriage customs vary widely from country to country.

Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) is reported to have said:

When a servant of God marries, he completes half of his faith.

Is Islam respectful of other beliefs?

The Qur'an states unequivocally:

There shall be no compulsion in [acceptance of] the religion.
The right course has become clear from the wrong.
(Al Qur'an, 2: 256)

Freedom of conscience is an essential tenet of Islam. Truth can only be seen if it is not clouded by coercion. Protection of the rights of non-muslims is an intrinsic part of Islamic law. Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) is reported to have said:

"He who hurts a non-muslim citizen of a Muslim State - I am his adversary and I shall be his adversary on the Day of Judgement."

"Beware! On the Day of Judgement, I shall, myself, be the accuser against him who wrongs a non-muslim citizen (of a Muslim State) or lays on him a responsibility greater than he can bear, or deprives him of anything that belongs to him."

History provides many examples of instances where Muslims respect other faiths. For instance, prior to the Spanish Inquisition, Jews and Christians lived and prospered in Spain for centuries under Muslim rule. Another well-known example is when Omar, the second successor to Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him), entered Jerusalem. He refused to pray inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. He was concerned that some over-zealous Muslim in the future might destroy the Church and build a Mosque in his honour.

What does righteousness mean to you?

Righteousness is not that you turn your faces toward the east or the west, but [true] righteousness is [in] one who believes in God, the Last Day, the angels, the Book, and the prophets and gives wealth, in spite of love for it, to relatives, orphans, the needy, the traveler, those who ask [for help], and for freeing slaves; [and who] establishes prayer and gives zakah; [those who] fulfill their promise when they promise; and [those who] are patient in poverty and hardship and during battle. Those are the ones who have been true, and it is those who are the righteous.
(Al Qur'an, 2: 177)

How does Islam guarantee human rights?

According to the Qur'an, Almighty Allah has created all humans equal and has given each the right to pursue his / her own destiny. The life, honour and property of all people in a Muslim society are considered sacred, irrespective of whether, or not, the person is Muslim. Racism, sexism and prejudice of any sort are unacceptable in Islam. The Qur'an speaks of human equality in the following terms:

O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of God is the most righteous of you. Indeed, God is Knowing and Acquainted.
(Al Qur'an, 49: 13)

The right to life is the most basic of human rights; the Qur'an equates the unjust killing of a single person to killing all of humankind:

... whoever kills a soul unless for a soul or for corruption [done] in the land — it is as if he had slain mankind entirely
(Al Qur'an, 5: 32)

Dealing equitably and protecting the rights of every individual is the cornerstone of a Muslim society. God further states in the Qur'an:

O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm for God, witnesses in justice, and do not let the hatred of a people prevent you from being just. Be just; that is nearer to righteousness. And fear God; indeed, God is Acquainted with what you do.
(Al Qur'an, 5: 8)

Does Islam give equal rights to women?

Islam teaches equality between women and men. However, in some Muslim countries and societies, a patriarchal culture dominates, and women are denied their God-given rights.

In fact, God makes it clear that the only criterion for superiority is piety and righteousness - virtues only He can judge.

O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of God is the most righteous of you. Indeed, God is Knowing and Acquainted.
(Al Qur'an, 49: 13)

Islam recognizes women as individuals with specific rights. Among these are: the right to life, the right to learn, the right to earn, own and dispose property, the right to choose a husband, the right to a wedding gift (mehr) from her husband (at the time of the wedding), the right to retain her maiden name, her rights as a wife, to her pre-marital standard of living, the right to be treated equally, the right to seek divorce, the right to inherit, and the right to a final will. Women, like men, are rewarded for a righteously-led life.

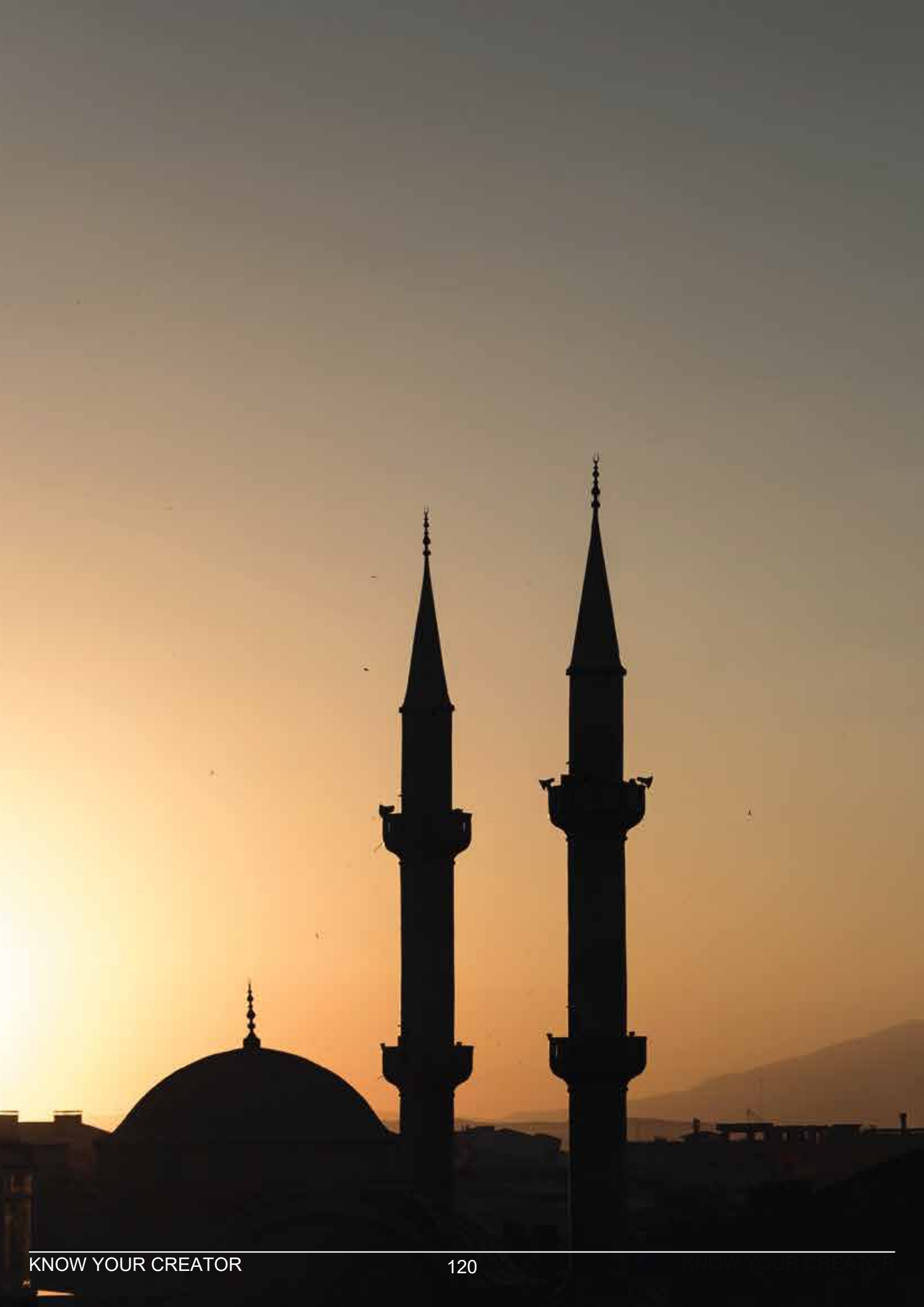
How does Islam elevate the status of women?

According to the Qur'an, men and women are equal before God; both are created for the sole purpose of worshipping God.

O mankind, fear your Lord, who created you from one soul and created from it its mate and dispersed from both of them many men and women. And fear God, through whom you ask one another, and the wombs. Indeed God is ever, over you, an Observer.
(Al Qur'an, 4: 1)

Muslim women dress in the way that is modest and dignified. The purpose of clothing is not only to protect oneself from physical elements, but also to protect oneself from immorality and pride. Some patterns of dressing, and more generally, the treatment of women in some Muslim countries and societies, are often a reflection of culture. This is very often inconsistent and even contrary to Islamic teachings. Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) said:

The most perfect in faith among you (believers) is he who is best in manners and kindest to his wife.
(Jami` at-Tirmidhi, 1162)



Why is Islam often misunderstood?

In today's turbulent world, Islam is often front page news - mostly for the wrong reasons. Islam means peace; yet, some have hijacked this peaceful way of life and distorted its ideology for personal and political gains. Seeing a faith through explosive world events, and judging it by the actions of a misguided few, are the primary reasons for Islam being often misunderstood.

Islam is sometimes, intentionally, misrepresented. Some politicians, religious leaders and media have found an ideal scapegoat in Islam. By associating Islam with the inhuman acts of a handful, they have been successful in driving larger numbers of people to vote for them; to donate towards their establishment; and to read their newspapers, watch their television programs and listen to their radio shows.

However, with an increasing number of Muslims speaking out against this falsehood; the true and peaceful nature of Islam is becoming more evident. Muslims are standing up against terrorism, against the persecution and killing of innocent people, and against those who perpetrate injustice in the name of any faith.

The Holy Qur'an: the miracle of miracles

Makkah, 610 CE. It was here during the holy month of Ramadan that God Almighty called Muhammad (Peace be upon him) in to His service.

It was in this night - "The Night of Power" - that the spirit of truth was to descend with God's decree and light for humanity: the Holy Qur'an.

A new chapter for the world was about to unfold.

It was at this historic juncture in Ramadan that Muhammad (Peace be upon him), who was then in his solitary retreat at a cave in Mount Hira, suddenly perceived a presence out of the stillness of the night, and a voice was heard: "Read!"

Muhammad (Peace be upon him) was shaken: "I cannot read", he replied. The earth seemed to tremble as the voice repeated the command, pressing him on, "Read", and the answer again was: "I cannot read." He felt himself frozen with fear, unable to move. "Read!" The awesome voice commanded again.

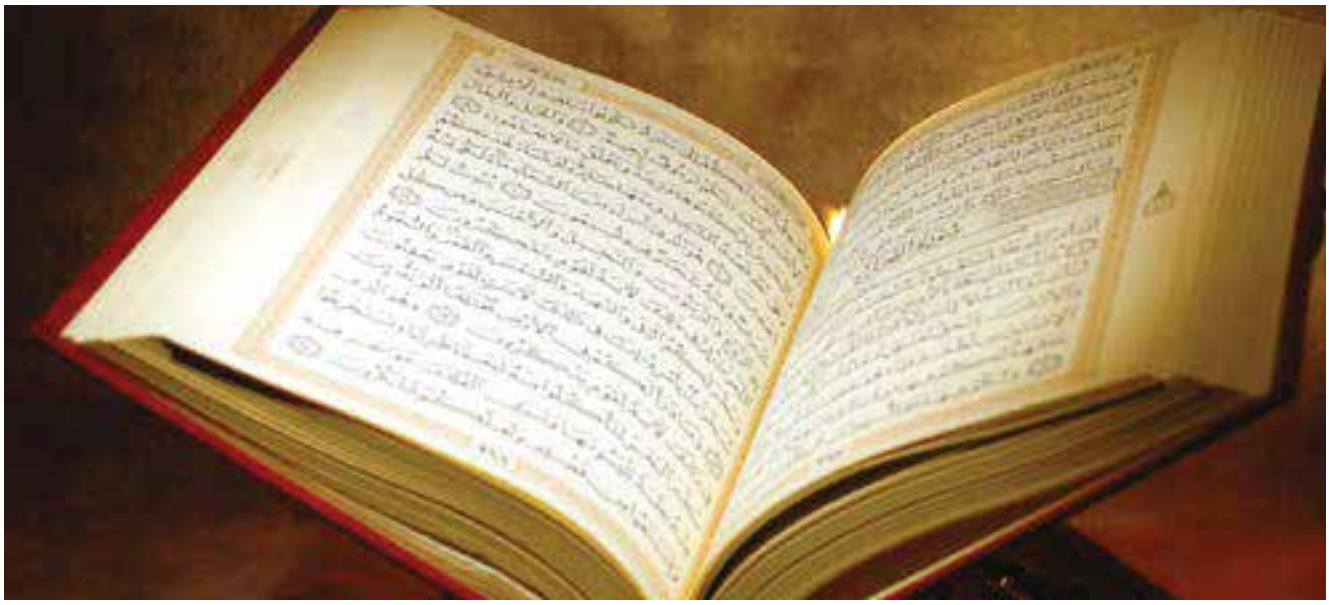
He then replied, "What shall I read?" Then, suddenly, he was released. At that moment, all time and space stood still.

Peace - as mankind stood at the threshold of a new dawn.

Recite in the name of your Lord who created — Created man from a clinging substance. Recite, and your Lord is the most Generous — Who taught by the pen — Taught man that which he knew not.
(Al Qur'an, 96: 1-5)

These were the first five jewelled verses of the glorious Qur'an. The Voice was that of Angel Gabriel, the Spirit of Faith and Truth, who had been sent to the last of God's prophets. The mission had just begun for Muhammad (Peace be upon him), the last Messenger of God and the greatest benefactor of humanity.

What is the Qur'an?



Muslims believe that the Qur'an is the very word of God Almighty: a complete record of the exact words revealed by God through the Archangel Gabriel to Prophet Muhammad (May the peace and blessings of God be upon him).

The Qur'an was memorized by Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) and his followers, dictated to his companions, and written down by scribes, who cross-checked it during the Prophet's lifetime.

Not one word of its 114 Surahs (chapters) has been changed over the centuries. The Qur'an is, in every detail, the same unique and miraculous text that was revealed to Muhammad (Peace be upon him) over fourteen centuries ago.

The Qur'an is the principle source of every Muslim's faith and practice. It deals with all subjects that concern us as human beings, including wisdom, doctrine, worship and law; but its basic theme is the relationship between God and His creatures.

At the same time, the Qur'an provides guidelines for a just society, proper human conduct, and equitable economic principles.

He has sent down upon you, [O Muhammad], the Book in truth, confirming what was before it. And He revealed the Torah and the Gospel. Before, as guidance for the people. And He revealed the Qur'an. Indeed, those who disbelieve in the verses of God will have a severe punishment, and God is exalted in Might, the Owner of Retribution. (Al Qur'an, 3: 3-4)

The essence of the Qur’an

The Qur'an is the crystallization of the divine world in human language. The first world of the sacred text revealed by Archangel Gabriel surrounded the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him). It causes spiritual rapture even in a person who doesn’t know Arabic. In a mysterious way, the sacred quality is transmitted across the barriers of the hundreds of millions of non-Arab Muslims whether they are Indians, Persians, Malaysians, Africans, Indonesians, Turkish, Germans, Pakistanis, Americans or British, whose hearts palpitate with the love of God and whose eyes are moistened by the tears of joy simply upon hearing the Qur’an.

[This is] a blessed Book which We have revealed to you, [O Muhammad], that they might reflect upon its verses and that those of understanding would be reminded.
(Al Qur’an, 38: 29)

[The Quran] is a confirmation of what was before it and a detailed explanation of the [former] Scripture, about which there is no doubt, from the Lord of the worlds.
(Al Qur’an, 10: 37)

Indeed, this Qur'an guides to that which is most suitable and gives good tidings to the believers who do righteous deeds that they will have a great reward.
(Al Qur’an, 17: 9)

The Qur’an on knowledge

The Qur'an encourages believers to use their power of reasoning, to reflect on the nature of creation, man’s history, and the teachings of the Qur’an. It counsels them to acquire knowledge that is beneficial and increases their understanding of all creation and its purposes.

The Qur'an teaches the believers to pray for beneficial knowledge in the following way:

...and say, "My Lord, increase me in knowledge."
(Al Qur’an, 20: 114)

The Qur'an on peace

The word 'Islam' is derived from the Arabic root-word, '*Salaam*,' which means peace, purity, submission and obedience. In the religious sense, Islam means submission to the will of God and obedience to His law. Islam is the religion – the way of life – of Muslims of the world. Today, there are over one billion Muslims spread across the globe in all nationalities, languages and ethnic backgrounds. Muslims seek to live in accordance with God's laws. By doing so, they strive to obtain nearness to God and victory over temporary trials and temptations in this world.

Islam is a way of life symbolized by peace – peace with God, peace with oneself, and peace with the creations of God, through submission to God and commitment to His guidance.

And when you are greeted with a greeting, greet [in return] with one better than it or [at least] return it [in a like manner]. Indeed, God is ever, over all things, an Accountant.
(Al Qur'an, 4: 86)

The Qur'an on equality

The following Qur'anic verses not only recognize absolute equality between people irrespective of any distinction of colour, race or nationality, but make it an important and significant principle in reality. Almighty God has laid down in the Holy Qur'an

O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of God is the most righteous of you. (Al Qur'an, 49: 13)

In other words, all human beings are brothers to one another. They are all the descendants from one father and one mother. This means that the division of human beings into nations, races, groups and tribes is for the sake of distinction, so that people of one race or tribe may meet and be acquainted with the people belonging to another race or tribe and cooperate with one another. This division of the human race is neither meant for one nation to take pride in its superiority over others, nor is it meant for one nation to treat another with contempt or disgrace, or regard them, as a mean and degraded race and usurp their rights.

Put differently, the superiority of one individual over another is only on the basis of God-consciousness, purity of character and high morals, and not on the basis of colour race, language or nationality. Even this superiority, based on piety and pure conduct, does not justify that such people should play lord or assume airs of superiority over other human beings.

The Qur'an on the concept of brotherhood

Human brotherhood in Islam is based on the unshakeable belief in the oneness of God, the worshipped, the unity of mankind, the worshippers, and the unity of religion, the medium of worship. For the Muslim, God is one, eternal and universal. He is the Creator of all men, the provider for all men, the judge of all men, and the lord over all men. To Him, social status, national supremacy, and racial origin are insignificant. Before Him, all men are equal and brothers of one another.

A Muslim believes in the unity of mankind with regards to the source of creation, the original parentage, and the final destiny. The source of creation is God Himself. The original common parentage is that of Adam and Eve.

To this first parentage every human being belongs and, of it, he/she partakes. As for the final destiny, there is no doubt in the Muslim's mind that it will be to God, the Creator, to whom all human beings shall return.

And mankind was not but one community [united in religion], but [then] they differed.
(Al Qur'an, 10: 19)

"And indeed this, your religion, is one religion, and I am your Lord, so fear Me." But the people divided their religion among them into sects — each faction, in what it has, rejoicing.
(Al Qur'an, 23: 52-53)

The Qur'an on human rights

The life and property of an individual in an Islamic state are considered sacred, regardless of his religion. Islam also protects honour. in Islam, insulting others, or humiliating them, is prohibited. The Prophet (Peace be upon him) said: "Truly your blood, your property and your honour are inviolable." Racism is not allowed in Islam, for the Qur'an speaks of human equality in the following terms:

O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of God is the most righteous of you. Indeed, God is Knowing and Acquainted.
(Al Qur'an, 49: 13)

Islam rejects certain individuals, or nations, being favoured because of their wealth, power or race. God created human beings as equals. What distinguishes one from another is faith and piety. The Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) said:

O People! Your God is one and your forefather (Adam) is one. An Arab is not better than a non–Arab and a non-Arab is not better than an Arab, and a red (i.e., white tinged with red) person is not better than a black person and a black person is not better than a red person, except in piety.

The Qur'an on the sanctity of life

...whoever kills a soul unless for a soul or for corruption [done] in the land — it is as if he had slain mankind entirely. And whoever saves one — it is as if he had saved mankind entirely.
(Al Qur'an, 5: 32)

And when one of them is informed of [the birth of] a female, his face becomes dark, and he suppresses grief.
He hides himself from the people because of the ill of which he has been informed. (He asks himself) Should he keep it in humiliation or bury it in the ground? Unquestionably, evil is what they decide.
(Al Qur'an, 16: 58-59)

The Qur'an on neighbours

It was narrated by Ibn Umar, the Companion of the Prophet (peace be upon him), that the Prophet, on whom is peace, once said:

"Gabriel continued to recommend me about treating the neighbours kindly and politely so much so that I thought he would order me to make them heirs in my inheritance."

In reference to doing good to neighbours, the Qur'an contains the following verses:

Worship God and associate nothing with Him, and to parents do good, and to relatives, orphans, the needy, the near neighbor, the neighbor farther away, the companion at your side, the traveler, and those whom your right hands possess. Indeed, God does not like those who are self-deluding and boastful.
(Al Qur'an, 4: 36)

The Qur'an on justice

Indeed, God commands you to render trusts to whom they are due and when you judge between people to judge with justice. Excellent is that which God instructs you. Indeed, God is ever Hearing and Seeing.
(Al Qur'an, 4: 58)

So whoever does an atom's weight of good will see it,
And whoever does an atom's weight of evil will see it.
(Al Qur'an, 99: 7-8)

The Qur'an on men and women

Indeed, the Muslim men and Muslim women, the believing men and believing women, the obedient men and obedient women, the truthful men and truthful women, the patient men and patient women, the humble men and humble women, the charitable men and charitable women, the fasting men and fasting women, the men who guard their private parts and the women who do so, and the men who remember God often and the women who do so — for them God has prepared forgiveness and a great reward.
(Al Qur'an, 33: 35)

The believing men and believing women are allies of one another. They enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and establish prayer and give zakah and obey God and His Messenger. Those — God will have mercy upon them. Indeed, God is Exalted in Might and Wise.
(Al Qur'an, 9: 71)

And of His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquility in them; and He placed between you affection and mercy. Indeed in that are signs for a people who give thought.
(Al Qur'an, 30: 21)

Peace in Islam

The Holy Qur'an is undoubtedly a book of peace. It is not a book of war and violence. This can be judged from the fact that the Qur'an's entire pronouncement is directly or indirectly related to peace. Its opening invocation is: "In the name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful." This verse has been repeated in the Qur'an no less than 114 times. This is an indication that the greatest attribute of the Supreme Being who sent this Book to mankind is mercy. Indeed, the theme of this entire holy book is God's all-embracing compassion.

Those who accept the Qur'an as the Book of God will be regarded as true believers. Under no circumstances, should they launch themselves on violent courses of action that have no basis in the Qur'an and the traditions of Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him).

It is necessary to differentiate between Islam and Muslim. 'Muslim' action should not necessarily be seen as deriving from teachings of Islam. In effect, Muslim practices ought to be judged by the criteria of Islam – which is an ideology – rather than Islam be judged by 'Muslim' practices. Those who have abandoned the teachings of Islam can have no claim to be Islamic in their conduct, even if, by their own lights, they regard themselves as champions of Islam. Muslims are muslims only when they follow the basic teachings of their religion.

Peace is a product of a positive mental attitude, while violence is the result of negative thinking. Peace is the natural state of society. Violence is an unnatural state. Peace is as much in accordance with nature's plan as violence is against it. When peaceful conditions prevail in society, all activities take place in their proper form. But if the atmosphere of peace is disturbed, the normal functioning of society is disrupted. This law applies to man as well as to the entire universe.

According to the scheme of nature, peace is the only secret of smooth functioning in human society as well as in the rest of the universe. Peace, therefore, is such a basic requirement of man, that it is crucial to maintain it in all situations. Without peace, there can be neither development nor progress.

We must maintain peace unilaterally, for nothing that we desire can be achieved without it. If we fail to establish peace, then we must face destruction in every field of life. The option for us is not between peace and no peace, but between peace and annihilation. Without peace, there is no hope for the survival of mankind.

Peaceful revolution is the outcome of peaceful thinking. Peaceful minds make for a peaceful world. Man was born in peace. Man must die in peace. Peace - man's birthright -is God's greatest blessing for human beings.

The Qur'an puts on record the many names or attributes of God, one of them being *As-Salam*, that is, Peace. God loves peace and security so much that he chose peace as one name. That is to say, that God Himself is the embodiment of peace.

"God is the Being from whom all people feel safe and secure, and from whom people have experience only of peace, not of violence." *(Al-Qurtubi, a famous exegist of the Quran)*

God has set the highest conceivable standards. That is, when God's dealings with human beings are based on peace and security, then man should also deal with other human beings in a peaceable manner, and not with harshness or violence.

In the fourth chapter of the Qur'an, the following injunction has been given:

... do not commit excess in your religion.
(Al Qur'an, 4: 171)

The same point has been made in a hadith. The Prophet of Islam observed:

"You should restrain yourselves from committing excess ('ghulu') in religion. For it was due to their having gone to extremes in religion that other communities were destroyed."
[Al-Nasai, a compilation of hadith.]

The Qur'an states:

...that whoever kills a soul unless for a soul or for corruption [done] in the land — it is as if he had slain mankind entirely.
(Al Qur'an, 5: 32)

Murder is a horrendous act. The killing of a human being, without the due process of law, is prohibited in Islam.

As we know, the Qur'an is a book - an ideological book. It is not a gun or a sword. Therefore, Jihad can only mean conveying the ideas of the Qur'an to people. This implies that we should seek, in the main, to strive peacefully to make the ideas of the Qur'an understandable by presenting them in the form of logical arguments.

What is called *Jihad* in Islam often entails the kind of inner, peaceful, struggle which has little to do with external violence. The Arabic word *Jihad* is derived from the root, *Juhd*, which means 'to strive,' 'to struggle,' that is, 'to exert oneself to the utmost to achieve one's goal.' This is the original meaning of *Jihad* in Arabic.

The Prophet enjoined believers to greet one another by saying "*Assalam-o-Alaikum*". This shows that the mutual relationships should be based on peace and security. Peace in all circumstances. The Prophet of Islam was a peace lover to the ultimate extent. His opponents repeatedly attempted to draw him into war, but on each occasion he avoided becoming entangled.

He gave peace the status of complete ideology or system of life. He impressed upon his followers that violence was the way of destruction, while peace was the way of construction. He held patience to be the greatest form of worship, implying as it adheres to the path of peace in the full sense of the word. He held that disturbing the peaceful system of nature (fasad) to be one of the greatest crimes.

The Prophet was visited by Gabriel, Gods Angel. He said to the Prophet 'O Mohammed, God has sent you peace (*Salam*)' on hearing this, the Prophet of Islam replied:

"God is peace, peace is from Him and to Him is peace'.
(Al BidayaWa Al-Nihaya, [a compilation of hadith] Part III, Page 267)

The true man is one who can think of peace even in times of war, whose heart is filled with feelings of peace and well-wishing, even during emergencies on the battle field.

This is indicative of the highest human virtue. The noblest human character is one who thinks of peace amidst violence and who can plan for reconciliation even in war time.

According to *hadith*, the Prophet of Islam (peace be on him) defined a believer thus: A believer is one from whom people are safe as regards their lives and property. (At - Tirmizi, An-Nasai, Ibn Majah, Musnad Ahmad)

There are two ways of leading one's life in society. One is to live peacefully among one's fellow men. The other is to keep quarrelling with others. According to this hadith, the way of the faithful is to live as peaceful citizens in society. No one should pose any danger to other's lives, property or honour. In no circumstances, should one take the way of violence.

The love of peace is a noble human virtue, whereas the love of violence brings the human being down from a high ethical plane to the level of brutishness.

The Prophet of Islam once observed: "Do not wish for confrontation with the enemy, ask for peace from God." This means that if someone has become our enemy, we should not necessarily turn against him and start fighting with him. Despite his enmity, we should opt for avoidance of friction, so that conflict is effectively prevented.

Asking for peace from God means to adopt the way of peace instead of confrontation and secure God's succour for peaceful activities. A believer should not pray to God thus: "O God, destroy the enemy." Rather his prayer should be: "O God, help me to stay away from the path of violence and confrontation, in spite of the enmity of others, and help me to pursue the journey of my life along the path of peace."

The Prophet of Islam observed: "To say a word of truth to a tyrant ruler is a superior form of jihad."

According to a tradition, the Prophet of Islam observed: "The believer is like a gentle plant. Whenever the wind blows, it inclines accordingly, and when the wind stops blowing, it again comes back to its upright position. In this way, it saves itself from the impact of the wind."

This verse shows that peaceful effort is vastly superior to violent effort.

The Qur'an tells us that the kind of people who can save themselves from loss and achieve a successful life are those who exhort each other to justice and to fortitude.

One who wants to opt for truth will have to abandon violence. Violence, whatever the pretext or justification is still violence. All forms of violence are equally pernicious and no elaborate justification of violence can nullify or diminish its destructive consequences. The ultimate weakness of violence is that it begets the very thing it seeks to destroy. Instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it.

Perpetrating violence in the name of truth is the negation of truth. Those who engage in violence in the name of truth only prove that their case is not that of truth. A lover of truth can never be a lover of violence.

The Qur'an has this to say of the Prophet of Islam: "We have only sent you as a mercy to all mankind."

The advent of the Prophet of Islam made manifest "Gods mercy for all mankind. Through him God communicated those principles of life by opting for which man may inhabit the abode of eternal peace and security." (Dar As Salam)

Through him such teachings were revealed as would turn human society into a peaceful society. For the first time in history, the Prophet of Islam presented a complete ideology based on the concept of peace. He gave us the formula for the building of a healthy life, by shunning hatred and violence. Through him a revolution was set in motion, which made it possible to construct a peaceful society by avoiding war and confrontation.

God enjoins renouncing the violent method in favour of the peaceful method.

Violence is basically an ego-related problem. It is no exaggeration to say that Islam and violence are contradictory to each other.

The truth is that all the teachings of Islam are based, directly or indirectly, on the principles of peace. While all Islamic objectives may be achieved in a peaceful atmosphere, there are no Islamic objectives which may be achieved in a violent atmosphere.

One day, as the Prophet was sitting outside with his companions, the funeral procession of a Jew passed by. At this, the Prophet stood up, whereupon one of his companions said: "O Prophet! It was the funeral of a Jew, not a Muslim." The Prophet replied, "Was he not a human being?" (*Al-Bukhari*)

GOD IS THE CREATOR

OF ALL THAT IS IN EXISTENCE. HE LOVES HIS CREATIONS AND HE WANTS MAN, HIS GREATEST CREATION, TO LOVE HIM THE MOST.

Who is this one God or 'Allah' in Arabic?

Allah is the Arabic name for God and is used by Arabic speakers, regardless of religious inclination and can be used interchangeably with all the names that God has given Himself. In Islam, the most important concept is the fact that God is one and nothing shares His attributes. He has no partners, no parents or offspring and is the ultimate creator of the universe. He is the One who was the beginning and the One who will continue after the end as we know it. The same Creator who has been worshipped throughout time as the Originator of the universe. God has created all things with a design and purpose. Included in this is the creation of the heaven and the earth and all of mankind starting with the very first human, namely, prophet Adam.

Throughout time, people continued to deviate from the sole worship of God and continued to create idols and worship these as partners or intercessors with God. To ascribe partners to God is one of the most severe crimes against God, since He has no need for partners.

The entire religion of Islam is based upon the concept of gaining closeness to God.

There is an emphasis in Islamic tradition to begin everything with Allah's name by using The Arabic phrase, 'Bismillah', which means 'In the name of Allah'. Muslims, when referring to the name of Allah, often add the words, '*Subhanahu*'.

God is considered genderless. However, there is no appropriate word to express *wa Ta'ala'*, after it, meaning 'Glorified and exalted is He,' as a sign of reverence. God is commonly referred to as a 'He.'

Muslims also tend to use many other phrases in their daily lives that contain the word 'Allah'. For example: '*Allahu Akbar*' - Allah is the Greatest, '*Bismillah*' - In the name of *Allah, 'In Sha Allah*' - If Allah wills, '*Ya Allah*' - *Oh Allah!, 'Masha Allah*' - Look at what Allah has willed! '*SubhanAllah*' - Glory be to Allah!, '*AI Hamdu lillah*' - All praise be to Allah!, *'Jazakallah Khayran*' - May Allah reward you with that which is better!

The final word

It is the force of gravity which keeps human beings standing upon the surface of the earth as opposed to flying up into outer space. It also keeps our oceans in their massive troughs, keeps our life-sustaining atmosphere safely around us and, at the cosmic level, keeps such mighty objects as the earth and planets in their proper orbit around the sun.

Imagine what would happen if this force were to be shut off, just like a sudden power failure in a factory which brings all machinery to an unexpected halt. The earth would then be dragged through space towards the sun at a speed of 6,000 miles an hour. It would only be a matter of weeks before the earth would become a ball of all-consuming fire and not a trace of today's beautiful world would be left. There would not be the smallest vestige of life to be seen - not even so much as a speck of ash from all the multifarious forms of civilization that have taken so many centuries to evolve on earth. There would be no sign which could elucidate that a planet of the size of Mother Earth had once existed in the solar system. Imagine how utterly panic-stricken the human race would be if it were known that such a cataclysm was about to take place!

But there are events actually taking place in this world about which we should be in not just a state of anxiety, but of utter panic: every minute, at least one hundred deaths occur in this, our world. This means that, in one single day and night, no less than 150,000 people are leaving the world, never to return. Imagine - mortality rate of 150,000 per 24 hours! Yet no one seems stunned by this information, which becomes all the more disturbing when we consider that no one actually knows for certain who these hundred and fifty thousand souls will be. No one can say with certainty that he or she will not be on that list of those who are destined to leave this world the very next day. There is no one on this Earth who is not living under the shadow of death. At any moment, the Hand of Fate may descend upon one and sweep one away, irrevocably, from this life. And where do they go – all these hosts of people who leave the world? Death brings an end to their life on Earth in order that their eternal life may commence.

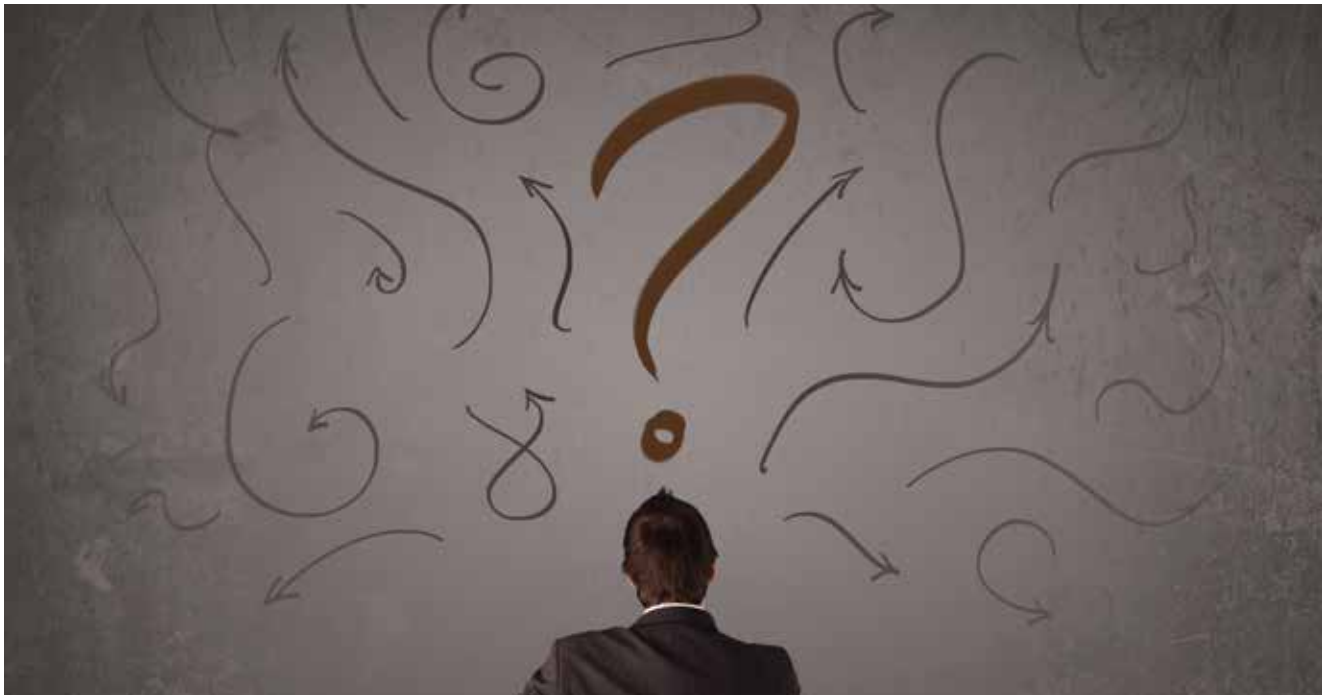
It will be their lot either to dwell in a state of total felicity or to be afflicted forever by unspeakable torments. That time must inevitably come. There is absolutely nothing we can do to avert it. The best we can do is strive to avoid bringing down upon ourselves untold and everlasting agony.

What, then, is mankind waiting for? Isn't death's inevitability enough to jolt people out of their moral lethargy and bring them nally to their senses? Do people need any further incentive to mend their ways? Does not the thought that if they do not do so, they will be condemned to burn in hell re forever, have any impact upon their depravity? ink of it. When you die, and your loved ones come to place owers on your grave, you yourself may already be su ering the severest and most agonizing punishment for your contumacy. Ponder over this. Is not this something to be feared? What an event, the Day of Judgment will be! e heavens and the earth will be turned upside down, and a new world will be formed in which truth will appear as truth, and falsehood as falsehood. No one will be allowed to remain in a state of self-delusion, nor will it be possible to delude others

All will be brought low before God: no one besides Him will have any power whatsoever. All matters will be judged on the basis of truth and no intercession will enable people to escape the outcome of their actions. All the ne phrases devised by man to distort the truth will be scattered to the winds. All the philosophies contrived by him to bolster his falsehood will be shown as hollow and without foundation. All his specious hopes will be exposed as empty and illusory. e power he wielded on earth will not help him there. e idols he bowed down to will fail to respond. How utterly bere of support will man be on that day. How totally destitute will he be, just when he needs something or someone to hold on to more than ever.

Now is the time for man to take heed, for, when the Hour comes, it will be too late to repent. Now is the time for him to contemplate his life as it actually is, for on the Day of Reckoning, it will be too late to make amends. e path to the Lord is open before him, and he must free himself from the shackles of sel sh desire in order to stride fearlessly along it. e Qur'an and the traditions of Prophet Muhammad, on whom be peace, are there to guide his every footstep and he can do no better than follow the pattern set by God's Prophet. If he is to prepare for the Last Day, now is the time. It is in this that his true success lies: in this lies the good life, the life that he seeks.

Recognize your Creator



- There is a Designer and Creator of this vast and beautiful world with millions of stars embellishing the sky and a blazing sun heralding the day
- He also placed therein a shy moon imparting a shimmer to the dark night.
- He created and sustains the minutest life-forms hidden in the tiniest recesses of the earth, including the creatures in the sea and the birds suspended in the air.
- He regulates the ever-evolving cosmic bodies, and keeps them on track.
- The Creator is He who designed and continues to support the meticulously intertwined food-chain.
- He it is who holds the massive canopy of the azure sky aloft without pillars.
- He is the one who makes the earth transit between summer & winter, and spring & autumn - each contrary to another - yet complementary.
- He is the one who fans the winds that propel the majestic rain-bearing clouds which give life to a dead earth.
- He splits the heart of a miniature seed and empowers the tender shoot to break through a hard earth to eventually grow into a gigantic tree.
- The Creator is He who powers the flight of the birds and the flapping of their wings, carrying them across oceans, over mountains and volcanoes into continents thousands of miles away.

- He is the one who peels off the layers of darkness to bring the day out and then reverses the process.
- He created humans in different colors & hues, and is the source of the varied languages we speak.
- The process of evaporation and condensation leading to cloud formation, owes its existence to the Creator.
- Slumber does not overtake Him.
- He who gave life to man the first time, is also capable of bringing the dead back to life.
- Glorified be He, the Sovereign, All-Knowing, All-Powerful! There is no God but He.
- He has no partners and none is worthy of worship but Him.
- Discoveries in astronomy have shown beyond a reasonable doubt that the universe did, in fact, have a beginning. There was a single moment of creation.
- Advances in molecular biology have revealed vast amounts of information encoded in each and every living cell. Molecular biologists have discovered thousands upon thousands of exquisitely designed machines at the molecular level. Information requires intelligence and design requires a designer.
- Biochemists and mathematicians have calculated the odds against life arising from non-living substance spontaneously via unintelligent processes. The odds are astronomical. In fact, scientists aren't even sure if life could have evolved spontaneously via unintelligent process.
- Philosophers agree that a transcendent Law-Giver is the only plausible explanation for an objective moral standard. If we believe in right and wrong, then, who gave us a conscience?

You also need to ask yourself:
Have I recognized my Creator?
Am I submitting my worship exclusively to Him?

And those they invoke other than God create nothing, and they [themselves] are created.
(Al Qur'an, 16: 20)

Engage in introspection

- Should mortals worship mortals?
- Can man ever be created by a mortal who resembles him in physical attributes?
- Can man created by a mortal ever be capable of designing the intriguingly precise universe and its contents?
- Could you ever worship a mortal who resembles you?
- Would it be logical to call a mortal omnipotent, omni-present or omniscient?
- When you cannot comprehend your Creator then is it logical to frame or idolize him?
- When all humans have the same red blood, 206 bones in skeletal system, musculature, organs, five senses and the power of rationalizing, then how could we possibly have different creators?
- If there was more than one Creator, wouldn't there be any conflict in the universe as to who would control which part of the universe?

- Would there be any harmony and peace in the universe if each Creator claimed his share of the universe?

- If we were created by a mortal human and as is the tendency of a mortal to age and taste death, what then would happen to the controlling of everything in existence, if our mortal Creator perished?

- Can the working of the Universe and balance in the ecosystem rely on a mortal?

- Do you think a mortal whose instinct is to make mistakes ever be considered reliable enough to manage the functioning of everything that is in existence?

- Do you think any of these species fighting for their own survival can create and sustain everything in existence?

WORSHIP

THE CREATOR,

NOT HIS CREATION

FAITH MUST HAVE ADEQUATE EVIDENCE ELSE IT IS MERE SUPERSTITION

Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alternation of the night and the day are signs for those of understanding.
(Al Qur'an, 3: 190)

God — there is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of [all] existence. Neither drowsiness overtakes Him nor sleep. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. Who is it that can intercede with Him except by His permission? He knows what is [presently] before them and what will be after them, and they encompass not a thing of His knowledge except for what He wills. His Kursi [loosely translated as 'Throne'] extends over the heavens and the earth, and their preservation tires Him not. And He is the Most High, the Most Great.
(Al Qur'an, 2: 255)

Wonderful names and attributes of our Creator

Ar-Rahmaan	The Beneficent
Ar-Raheem	The Merciful
Al-Malik	The Eternal Lord
Al-Quddus	The Most Sacred
As-Salam	The Embodiment of Peace
Al-Mu'min	The Infuser of Faith
Al-Muhaymin	The Preserver of Safety
Al-Aziz	The Mighty One
Al-Jabbar	The Omnipotent One
Al-Mutakabbir	The Dominant One
Al-Khaaliq	The Creator
Al-Baari	The Evolver
Al-Musawwir	The Flawless Shaper
Al-Ghaffaar	The Great Forgiver
Al-Qahhaar	The All-Prevailing One
Al-Wahhab	The Supreme Bestower
Ar-Razzaq	The Total Provider
Al-Fattah	The Supreme Solver
Al-Alim	The All-Knowing One
Al-Qaabid	The Restricting One
Al-Baasit	The Extender
Al-Khaafid	The Reducer
Ar-Rafi	The Elevating One
Al-Mu'izz	The Honourer-Bestower
Al-Muzil	The Abaser

Wonderful names and attributes of our Creator

As-Sami'	The All-Hearer
Al-Baseer	The All-Seeing
Al-Hakam	The Impartial Judge
Al-Adl	The Embodiment of Justice
Al-Lateef	The Knower of Subtleties
Al-Khabeer	The All-Aware One
Al-Haleem	The Clement One
Al-Azeem	The Magnificent One
Al-Ghafoor	The Great Forgiver
Ash-Shakoor	The Acknowledging One
Al-Aliyy	The Sublime One
Al-Kabeer	The Great One
Al-Hafiz	The Guarding One
Al-Muqeet	The Sustaining One
Al-Haseeb	The Reckoning One
Al-Jaleel	The Majestic One
Al-Kareem	The Bountiful One
Ar-Raqeeb	The Watchful One
Al-Mujeeb	The Responding One
Al-Waasi'	The All-Pervading One
Al-Hakeem	The Wise One
Al-Wadud	The Loving One
Al-Majeed	The Glorious One
Al-Ba'ith	The Infuser of New Life
Ash-Shaheed	The All Observing Witness

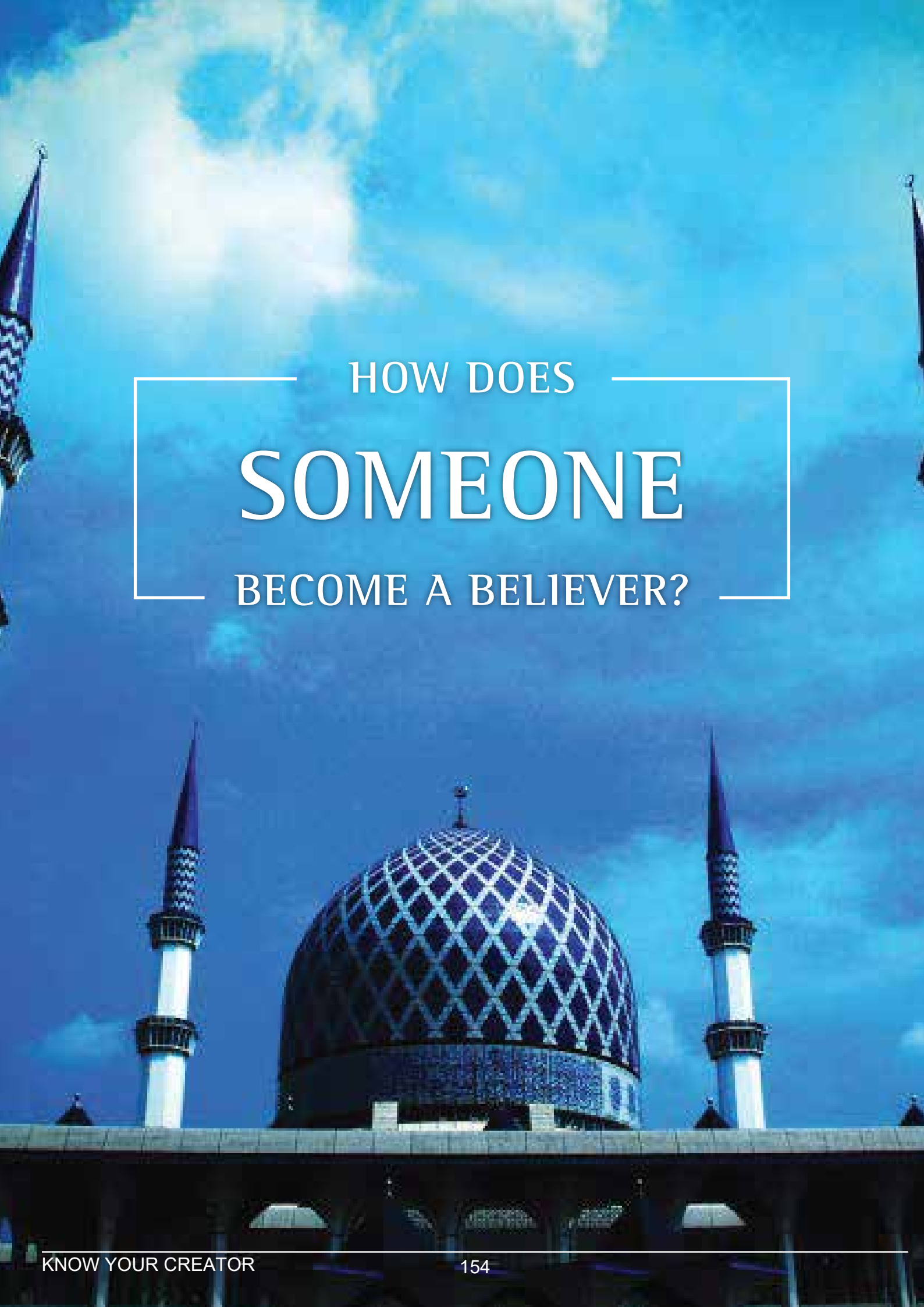
Wonderful names and attributes of our Creator

Al-Haqq	The Embodiment of Truth
Al-Wakeel	The Universal Trustee
Al-Qawwiyy	The Strong One
Al-Mateen	The Firm One
Al-Waliyy	The Protecting Associate
Al-Hameed	The Sole-Laudable One
Al-Muhsee	The All-Enumerating One
Al-Mubdi	The Originator
Al-Mueed	The Restorer
Al-Muhyi	The Maintainer of life
Al-Mumeet	The Inflictor of Death
Al-Hayy	The Eternally Living One
Al-Qayyoom	The Self-Subsisting One
Al-Waajid	The Pointing One
Al-Maajid	The All-Noble One
Al-Waahid	The Only One
Al-Ahad	The Sole One
As-Samad	The Supreme Provider
Al-Qaadir	The Omnipotent One
Al-Muqtadir	The All Authoritative One
Al-Muqaddim	The Expediting One
Al-Mu'akhkhir	The Procrastinator
Al-Awwal	The Very First
Al-Akhir	The Infinite Last One
Az-Zaahir	The Perceptible

Wonderful names and attributes of our Creator

Al-Baatin	The Imperceptible
Al-Waali	The Holder of Supreme Authority
Al-Muta'ali	The Extremely Exalted One
Al-Barr	The Fountain-Head of Truth
At-Tawwaab	The Ever-Acceptor of Repentance
Al-Muntaqim	The Retaliator
Al-Afuww	The Supreme Pardoner
Ar-Ra'oof	The Benign One
Maalik-ul-Mulk	The Eternal Possessor of Sovereignty
Zul-Jalaali-wal-Ikram	The Possessor of Majesty and Honour
Al-Muqsit	The Just One
Al-Jaami'	The Assembler of Scattered Creations
Al-Ghaniyy	The Self-Sufficient One
Al-Mughni	The Bestower of Sufficiency
Al-Maani'	The Preventer
Ad-Daarr	The Distressor
An-Naafi'	The Bestower of Benefits
An-Noor	The Prime Light
Al-Haadi	The Provider of Guidance
Al-Badi's	The Unique One
Al-Baaqi	The Ever Surviving One
Al-Waaris	The Eternal Inheritor
Ar-Rasheed	The Guide to Path of Rectitude
As-Saboor	The Extensively Enduring One

HOW DOES SOMEONE BECOME A BELIEVER?



One becomes a believer by sincerely acknowledging with conviction, that there is but one God, who is the Creator and Sustainer of the entire universe and of all mankind, irrespective of creed, colour and boundaries.

Say, 'I believe in one God besides whom there is nothing worthy of worship, and in Muhammad as the Messenger of God'.

IF YOU DO NOT KNOW

WHERE YOU ARE GOING,

THEN ANY ROAD WILL DO!

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Guide us to the straight path — The path of those upon whom You have bestowed favor, not of those who have evoked [Your] anger or of those who are astray.
(Al Qur'an, 1: 6-7)

Time to shake hands with the truth

Truth depends on the staggering force of facts

Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and earth, and the alternation of the night and the day, and the [great] ships which sail through the sea with that which benefits people, and what God has sent down from the heavens of rain, giving life thereby to the earth after its lifelessness and dispersing therein every [kind of] moving creature, and [His] directing of the winds and the clouds controlled between the heaven and the earth are signs for a people who use reason.
(Al Qur'an, 2: 164)

The above verse from the Qur'an was revealed to an unlettered Prophet 1400 years ago in the desolate deserts of Arabia. Isn't this amazing that it speaks of the truth of Islam?

Afterword

May your intellectual journey of recognising your very own Creator be a pleasant & rewarding one.

Once you take a decision, for sure providence will conspire to make it happen.

Doubtless, it is in your moments of decision that your destiny is shaped.

THIS DAY could possibly be the turning point in your life.

We hope you have enjoyed every moment of reading this book. We also hope that the facts & queries presented have nourished your mind & heart.

We would love to have your feedback. Please do share your thoughts with us. If you would like to gift a copy of this book to your friend, do get in touch and we will be happy to oblige.

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