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**Q: Explain the concept of Believe in Ghaib and how this concept is the bedrock of faithful acts in the perspective of Surah Al-Baqarah.**

**CONCEPT OF BELIEVE IN GHAIB:**

In Islamic context, Ghaib is the unseen and unknown, in reference to Allah and the forces that shape the world. The concept of seeing is used by two organs. The Quran speaks about things you can see with the eyes and also with the heart.

Even if we see miracles with our eyes, Prophets, Angels or even God Himself, then we can dismiss it all as magic or hallucinations. This is what an atheist will say or someone who’s heart is corrupt. They don’t believe the unseen entity exists.

**EXAMPLES:**

One of the examples is of the Pharaoh, he witnessed multiple miraculous events never witnessed by any other human. He rejected all as magic instead of believing in God Almighty and Hazrat Essa(A.S). Quranic verse says it is actually a problem of a diseased heart, mainly harmful arrogance.

The last Messenger of Allah physically saw the Angel Gabriel and came running to his wife shivering in fear. He sought counsel from not only his wife but her righteous cousin Waraqa bin Nofil because he was not sure what was happening to him. The Prophet (PBUH) needed assurance that he was experiencing something positive from the unseen world. He was in fear due to sudden overwhelm of a miraculous event.

If we look into the present world the miracle of childbirth is mostly dismissed as reproduction. However, if we look at it from a spiritual point of view, it is a miracle and a sign that a diety exists. It also gives us a sign of our beginning and our end from a different perspective.

**REFERENCES FROM HOLY QURAN:**

It is stated in the Holy Quran;

**“And even if We had sent down to you, a written scripture on a page (heavenly miracle) and they touched it with their hands, the disbelievers would say “This is not but obvious magic.” And they say, “Why was there not sent down to him an angel?” But if We had sent down an angel, the matter would have been decided.”**

**(Surat al-An’am 7–8)**

It is also stated in Surah Al-Furqan that:

**And those who do not expect the meeting with Us say, "Why were not angels sent down to us, or [why] do we [not] see our Lord?" They have certainly become arrogant within themselves and become insolent with great insolence.**

**(Al-Furqan)**

**Ghaib in Perspective of Surah Al-Baqarah:**

Belief in the ilm of ghaib is the faith in matters based on an absolute confidence in the Messengers of God and despite the fact that it is impossible to experience them. And Qur'anic guidance can prove helpful only to those prepared to affirm the truths of the suprasensory realm.

According to a Qur’anic verse in Surah Al-Baqarah:

**“Did I not tell you that I know the unseen aspects of the heavens and the Earth? And I know what you reveal and what you have concealed.”**

The heart is controlled by The Creator and it can be softened up to see what otherwise is spiritually invisible. And this is what it means to believe in the unseen and not necessarily believing in something not seen or felt with your senses. And then you begin to see those things at a deeper spiritual level. And Allah Al-Almighty is more concerned with your heart and what it actually sees.

The 'heart' in Quranic vocabulary, is not just a piece of flesh in our body, but it is the center of all our feelings, emotions, motives, drives, aspirations and attention. It is the heart that goes blind and refuses to recognize the truth and it is the heart that inspires the function to reason and understand. In the heart, lies the root of all outward diseases and it is the seat of all inner ills.

Only Allah Al-Almighty knows all the concealed (Ilm e Ghaib) aspects of the universe. We have not enough knowledge except that Allah has taught us.

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