

Threads

▼ Tawhid

Surah Al-Ikhlâs (112) uncovers the fundamental understanding of Tawhid in Islam.

1.



Say, 'O Prophet,' "He is Allah—One 'and Indivisible";

Allah has no gender pronouns, the pronoun is used metaphorically as masculine just like Earth is used as Feminine. This can be clearly understood by reading the grammar or archaic conventions. Masculine is usually default in Arabic. As we move further, it states **Allah is One**, Does that mean He is one in number?

Because 1 is limited as well as divisible that contradicts the whole statement. If you want to see God, you should either see the whole God (i.e. your eyes should catch the whole God) which means you have limited God, or you should see a part of God (i.e. your eyes has captured a part of Him) which means you have partitioned God. Both cases are in contradiction with Islamic belief that Allah, Exalted, is unlimited and has no part and organ.

Surah (6:103)

لَا تُدْرِكُهُ الْأَبْصَارُ وَهُوَ يُدْرِكُ الْأَبْصَارَ وَهُوَ اللَّطِيفُ الْخَبِيرُ ﴿١٣﴾

No vision can encompass Him, but He encompasses all vision. For He is the Most Subtle, All-Aware

There's a logical fallacy:

the commentary on the Torah. It begins with a question, structured like a Zen koan. Imagine a Being who is omniscient, omnipresent, and omnipotent. What does such a Being lack?²¹¹ The answer? Limitation.

If you are already everything, everywhere, always, there is nowhere to go and nothing to be. Everything that could be already is, and everything that could happen already has. And it is for this reason, so the story goes, that God created man. No limitation, no story. No story, no Being. That idea has helped me deal with the terrible fragility of Being. It helped my client, too. I don't want to overstate the significance of this. I don't want to claim that this somehow makes it all OK. She still faced the cancer afflicting her husband, just as I still faced my daughter's terrible illness. But there's something to be said for recognizing that existence and limitation are inextricably linked.

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This gives rise to many other Questions like...

1. If He unlimited, Is he Even in Hell?
2. If He is limited, he can't be omnipresent at all!

The point of proving Allah as limited or Unlimited is too shallow, because it is dichotomous thinking and does not make sense always, Even the logic that we use exists within this Universe and is bound to mimic the laws of the Time and Space, Therefore it is not Allah that does not make sense but the the approach we use, because he isn't the creation but the creator, The Infinity. As stated earlier, **Indeed he is like no other and Indivisible**. I believe "To say he is one" is an attempt to describe him using the grammar that people can understand, because his greatness transcends any language.

2.



Allah, the Eternal Refuge. He is subtle and Hidden from all of us like "أ" and "ج" in Al-Samad. Allah is the Sustainer

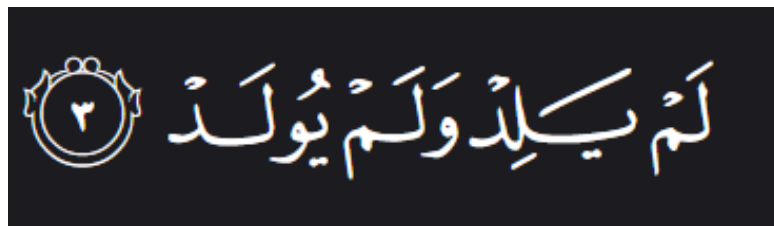
Although He's hidden, his attributes are surely everlasting. He is needed by all. Even the word itself (if broken down) defines what really Al-Samad means.

Just like "أ" and "ج" he's hidden and subtle but existent, "ص" as in Sadiq (honest), "م" as in Malik (Lord), "د" as in Daa'im (Forever)

Here's another perspective :

Even though he's hidden, his existence keeps us all sane. There is a phrase that has been reiterated in History by different post as well as pre enlightenment thinkers independently, "If there is no God, he must be invented", because the other option will eventually end up in self destruction, absolute Nihilism and Absurdism. It would not only not make sense but also scrape away the sense of meaning along with it.

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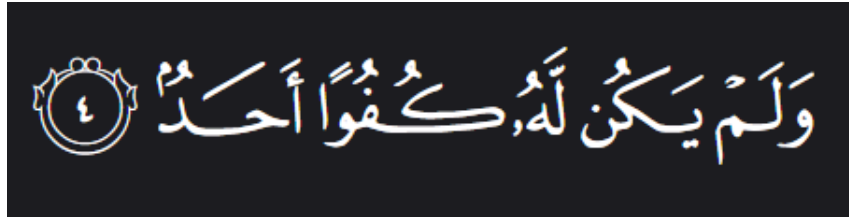


He has never had offspring, nor was He born.

If he was born from something, It would contradict the fundamental definition of itself. This leads us to **Moore's Infinite regress** (which itself comes with it's flaws). The problem has no solution in logic. How can something exist without the cause! If something can't come from nothing, no-thing could make something from nothing. And Why would Allah even need an offspring, Reproduction is the trait of Humans and Animals, Living things give birth and die eventually, Reproduction is an attempt to keep the DNA alive. It does not apply to Allah.

Something had to always have existed. If there can be no first cause, then the very nature of existence must be continuous, eternal, change. No beginning or end. Nothing can be eternal except eternity. Nothing can be infinite, except infinity.

4.



And there is none comparable to Him

This brings us back to the first verse, the true definition of "Oneness of Allah" is that He is "Ahad", best explained in the following sermon :



Imam Ali (a) Sermon 1 // Nehjul Balagah

The foremost in religion is the acknowledgement of Him, the perfection of acknowledging Him is to testify Him, the perfection of testifying Him is to believe in His Oneness, the perfection of believing in His Oneness is to regard Him Pure, and the perfection of His purity is to deny Him attributes, because every attribute is a proof that it is different from that to which it is attributed and everything to which something is attributed is different from the attribute.

Thus whoever attaches attributes to Allah recognises His like, and whoever recognises His like regards Him two; and whoever regards Him as two recognises parts for Him; and whoever recognises parts for Him mistook Him; and whoever mistook Him pointed at Him; and whoever pointed at Him admitted limitations for Him; and whoever admitted limitations for Him numbered Him. Whoever said: 'In what is He?', held that He is contained; and whoever said: 'On what is He?', held He is not on something else.

Lastly, You can never explain God through Science and Technology , It's not even the right approach. This is "Subjective Truth", and needs to be understood accordingly.

Infinite Regress :

The Logic Behind the Infinite Regress

Why are philosophers so concerned with the "infinite regress"? It's simple: no proposition is ever justified which relies on an infinite amount of premises. I...

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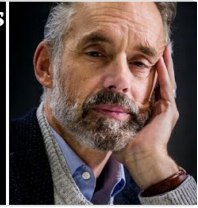
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