

Is Rumism A Threat?

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Harun Yahya's works, translated into 73 different languages, constitute a collection for a total of more than 55,000 pages with 40,000 illustrations.

His pen-name is a composite of the names Harun (Aaron) and Yahya (John), in memory of the two esteemed Prophets who fought against their peoples' lack of faith. The Prophet's seal on his books' covers is symbolic and is linked to their contents. It represents the Qur'an (the Final Scripture) and Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), last of the prophets. Under the guidance of the Qur'an and the Sunnah (teachings of the Prophet), the author makes it his purpose to disprove each fundamental tenet of irreligious ideologies and to have the "last word," so as to completely silence the objections raised against religion. He uses the seal of the final Prophet (pbuh), who attained ultimate wisdom and moral perfection, as a sign of his intention to offer the last word.

All of Harun Yahya's works share one single goal: to convey the Qur'an's message, encourage readers to consider basic faith-related issues such as God's existence and unity and the Hereafter; and to expose irreligious systems' feeble foundations and perverted ideologies.

Harun Yahya enjoys a wide readership in many countries, from India to America, England to Indonesia, Poland to Bosnia, Spain to Brazil, Malaysia to Italy, France to Bulgaria and Russia. Some of his books are available in English, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Urdu, Arabic, Albanian, Chinese, Swahili, Hausa, Dhivehi (spoken in Maldives), Russian, Serbo-Croat (Bosnian), Polish, Malay, Uygur Turkish, Indonesian, Bengali, Danish and Swedish.

Greatly appreciated all around the world, these works have been instrumental in many people recovering faith in God and gaining deeper insights into their faith. His books' wisdom and sincerity, together with a distinct style that's easy to understand, directly affect anyone who reads them. Those who seriously consider these books, can no longer advocate atheism or any other perverted ideology or materialistic philosophy, since these books are characterized by rapid effectiveness, definite results, and irrefutability. Even if they continue to do so, it will be only a sentimental insistence, since these books refute such ideologies from their very foundations. All contemporary movements of denial are now ideologically defeated, thanks to the books written by Harun Yahya.

This is no doubt a result of the Qur'an's wisdom and lucidity. The author modestly intends to serve as a means in humanity's search for God's right path. No material gain is sought in the publication of these works.

Those who encourage others to read these books, to open their minds and hearts and guide them to become more devoted servants of God, render an invaluable service.

Meanwhile, it would only be a waste of time and energy to propagate other books that create confusion in people's minds, lead them into ideological confusion, and that clearly have no strong and precise effects in removing the doubts in people's hearts, as also verified from previous experience. It is impossible for books devised to emphasize the author's literary power rather than the noble goal of saving people from loss of faith, to have such a great effect. Those who doubt this can readily see that the sole aim of Harun Yahya's books is to overcome disbelief and to disseminate the Qur'an's moral values. The success and impact of this service are manifested in the readers' conviction.

One point should be kept in mind: The main reason for the continuing cruelty, conflict, and other ordeals endured by the vast majority of people is the ideological prevalence of disbelief. This can be ended only with the ideological defeat of disbelief and by conveying the wonders of creation and Qur'anic morality so that people can live by it. Considering the state of the world today, leading into a downward spiral of violence, corruption and conflict, clearly this service must be provided speedily and effectively, or it may be too late.

In this effort, the books of Harun Yahya assume a leading role. By the will of God, these books will be a means through which people in the twenty-first century will attain the peace, justice, and happiness promised in the Qur'an.

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TO THE READER

- The seal on the cover of the books is the Prophet's (pbuh) seal. It represents the Qur'an (the final scripture) and the Prophet Muhammad (the last of the prophets). The author uses this seal as a symbol of taking the Qur'an and the peaceful and loving morality of the Prophet as his guide.

- A special chapter is assigned to the collapse of the theory of evolution because this theory constitutes the basis of all anti-spiritual philosophies. Since Darwinism rejects the fact of creation—and therefore, God's existence—over the last 150 years it has caused many people to abandon their faith or fall into doubt. It is therefore an imperative service, a very important duty to show everyone that this theory is a deception. Since some readers may find the opportunity to read only one of our books, we think it appropriate to devote a chapter to summarize this subject.

- All the author's books explain faith-related issues in light of Qur'anic verses, and invite readers to learn God's words and to live by them. All the subjects concerning God's verses are explained so as to leave no doubt or room for questions in the reader's mind. The books' sincere, plain, and fluent style ensures that everyone of every age and from every social group can easily understand them. Thanks to their effective, lucid narrative, they can be read at one sitting. Even those who rigorously reject spirituality are influenced by the facts these books document and cannot refute the truthfulness of their contents.

- This and all the other books by the author can be read individually, or discussed in a group. Readers eager to profit from the books will find discussion very useful, letting them relate their reflections and experiences to one another.

- In addition, it will be a great service to Islam to contribute to the publication and reading of these books, written solely for the pleasure of God. The author's books are all extremely convincing. For this reason, to communicate true religion to others, one of the most effective methods is encouraging them to read these books.

- We hope the reader will look through the reviews of his other books at the back of this book. His rich source material on faith-related issues is very useful, and a pleasure to read.

- In these books, unlike some other books, you will not find the author's personal views, explanations based on dubious sources, styles that are unobservant of the respect and reverence due to sacred subjects, nor hopeless, pessimistic arguments that create doubts in the mind and deviations in the heart.

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INTRODUCTION

The name Mevleviyya brings to many people's minds an order that was established in Anatolia, flourished under the leadership of Mawlana Jalal ad-Din Rumi and has influenced millions of people worldwide. Most people are of the opinion that Mevleviyya preaches love, humanity and brotherhood. Their knowledge about the order is only limited to Sheb-i Arus [Wedding Night] ceremonies. However, a closer examination through a discerning eye reveals a different situation.

Mawlana Rumi's books are widely known as Islamic works, but many people are not aware of the fact that these books include immoral parts, which contradict the Qur'an and might lead to serious societal moral degeneration. Here, it should be mentioned that these chapters, which are in contradiction with the Qur'an as we will discuss in detail in the following chapters, might have been added later to Rumi's books, written by someone else, and Rumi might have been completely unaware of all these statements. However, in the end, the books printed, published, distributed and quoted under the name of Rumi includes chapters depicting a philosophy and a lifestyle that is in complete contradiction with the Qur'an.

In fact, it is these parts of Rumi's works in contradiction with the Qur'an that lie at the root of advocacy of Rumi's philosophy by many people who are openly against Islam, who do not believe in God and recognize the prophethood of God's Messenger Muhammad (pbuh). These people are vehemently against Islam, yet they unwisely praise Rumi, adopt what is told in the books that are considered to be Rumi's and propagandize it.

Rumism bears in its essence unethical beliefs that are in complete contradiction with the Qur'an such as Darwinism that rejects God's creation, homosexuality that is decreed in the Qur'an as "an abomination" and rendered unlawful by God, insulting women and regarding them as inferior, disparaging the Turkish Nation by adopting a racist approach, and deeming the unlawful act of drinking wine lawful. Rumi's philosophy is exploited specifically and deliberately by certain circles to create a Muslim conception bereft of Islam and the Qur'an, and it should not be confused with Anatolian Mevleviyya.

Observing the common characteristics of the people who try to replace Islam with Rumism, one will see that the majority of them advocate homosexuality, carry out evolutionist propaganda despite the sheer lack of scientific evidence and hold a view of life that does not befit the Qur'anic moral values. And oblivious to these facts, many people unwittingly contribute to the insidious philosophy that is Rumi's philosophy when they relate and spread quotes -probably in good faith- from the books of Rumi.

Undoubtedly, a person's beliefs and way of life concern no one but the individual himself. In respect to God's commandment in the Qur'an that says, "There is no compulsion where the religion is concerned" [2:256], everyone is free in their choice of belief. However, it is within the right and responsibility of every Muslim to warn and inform other Muslims about Rumi's philosophy.

For centuries, this philosophy has been being consolidated and used calculatedly and deliberately to weaken, influence and manipulate Muslims. In such a critical situation that directly concerns the entire Islamic world, Muslims are naturally obliged to be sensitive, exercise caution against evil and enjoin good.

The following pages feature a collection of the said chapters found in the works attributed to Rumi, especially the Masnavi, which are mostly unknown to the public. These chapters in question also exist in the centuries-old Persian editions of the aforementioned books, as well as the editions printed, published and preserved in the libraries by the Turkish Presidency of Religious Affairs, the Ministry of National Education, the Ministry of Culture and various other Turkish governmental institutions and also in the worldwide recognized English versions of Rumi's books.

It should be reminded here again that not every person who believes in Mevleviyya and abides by the teachings of Mawlana Jalal ad-Din Rumi is a follower of Rumism. Philosophy of Rumi is a completely different system of belief that is in contradiction with the Qur'an and Islam. And the mainstay of Rumi's philosophy is the immoral parts that were probably added later to the books written by Rumi.

Therefore, it is significant that these parts of Rumi's books are made known to the public, as they may have been specifically placed in the books to the advantage of the opponents of Islam. It will then be possible to exclude these degenerate parts from the books and tenets of Rumi, thus purify the Mevleviya. What is even more important is that opponents of Islam will lose one of the crucial weapons they utilize against Muslims to be able to bring down Islam from within and maintain their grip over the Islamic geography.

Accomplishing this will thwart a historical conspiracy that has been set against Muslims, removing a major obstacle before the world reign of the Qur'anic moral values.

CHAPTER I

Examples of Parts That are Bereft of Respect to God, Islam and the Qur'an In the Books Allegedly Written by Mawlana Rumi

1. Rumi's language bereft of respect regarding the word 'Insha'Allah' [if God wills] and the fact that he is depicted as God - may God forbid

Mawlana Rumi orders a job to be done. When Sheikh Muhammad Hadım says **"Insha'Allah", Rumi yells out "o you idiot, who is saying this anyway?"** (Abdulkaki Gölpınarlı, *Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi Hayatı Eserleri Felsefesi*, Inkılâp Publications, İstanbul/1985, 4th edition, p.196)

Saying "Insha'Allah" is a command of God.

Never say about anything, 'I am doing that tomorrow,' without adding 'If God wills [insha'Allah].' Remember your Lord when you forget, and say, 'Hopefully my Lord will guide me to something closer to right guidance than this.' (Qur'an, 18:23-24)

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) has stated that saying 'Insha'Allah' shows someone's perfection in faith

There is no obedience better than saying insha'Allah for people. If a person says 'insha'Allah' (if God wills) when he speaks, it shows the perfection of his belief. (Al-Suyuti, *Al Jami As Saghir*, II/ 50, 2486)

2. Stating that drinking wine is lawful despite the fact that God has commanded it unlawful in the Qur'an

Everything that gives pleasure has been prohibited to prevent these lowlives attaining a proof and becoming used to. **Or else, wine, playing music, loving those beautiful and sama' are lawful for the pure ones, unlawful for lowlives.** (Abdulgazi Gölpınarlı, *Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi Hayatı Eserleri Felsefesi [Life, Works and Philosophy of Mawlana Jalaluddin Rumi]*, İnkılâp Publications, İstanbul/1985, 4th edition, p.200; Abdulgazi Gölpınarlı, *Seçme Rubailer [Selected Poems]*, poem no. CLXXII, p.43)

If he (the wine-drinker) be intelligent, he becomes decorous ... (displays goodly qualities when beside himself); and if he be evil-natured, he becomes worse. (*The Mathnawi of Jalau'ddin Rumi, Translation and Commentary by Reynold A. Nicholson, Books III&IV, Couplet 2155, p.391*)

God has commanded wine unlawful to all mankind

You who believe! Wine and gambling, stone altars and divining arrows are filth from the handiwork of satan. Avoid them completely so that hopefully you will be successful. (Qur'an, 5:90)

They will ask you about alcoholic drinks and gambling. Say, 'There is great wrong in both of them and also certain benefits for mankind. But the wrong in them is greater than the benefit.' They will ask you what they should give away. Say, 'Whatever is surplus to your needs.' In this way God makes the Signs clear to you, so that hopefully you will reflect. (Qur'an, 2:219)

Satan wants to stir up enmity and hatred between you by means of wine and gambling, and to debar you from remembrance of God and from prayer. Will you not then give them up? (Qur'an, 5:91)

3. Rumi expresses himself as neither a Muslim nor an infidel

We are infidels of love, Muslim is something else. (Abdulgazi Gölpınarlı, *Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi Hayatı Eserleri Felsefesi, İnkılâp Publications, İstanbul/1985, 4th edition, p.298*)

There is a World outside Islam and disbelief

We are enamoured of the atmosphere therein.

The mystic lays down his head when he reaches there.

There is neither Islam nor Disbelief in this place. (Afzal İqbal, *The Life and Work of Jalal ud-Din Rumi, p.166; Abdulgazi Gölpınarlı, Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi Hayatı Eserleri Felsefesi, İnkılâp Publications, İstanbul/1985, 4th edition, p. 298*)

THERE lies a desert

Past faith and infidelity

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For there abideth

Nor infidelity, nor faith. (*The Rubaiyat of Jalal Al-Din Rumi, Select translations into English Verse by A.J. Arberry, 1949, Beyond Faith, p.39; Abdalbaki Gölpınarlı, Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi Hayatı Eserleri Felsefesi, Inkılap Publications, Istanbul/1985, 4th edition, p.198*)

There is no such thing as Islam or infidels! (*Maulana Rumi Online: 100 Selected Rumi Poems*)

God does not love unbelievers

(Say,) 'Anyone who is the enemy of God and of His angels, and of His Messengers and of Gabriel and Michael, should know that God is the enemy of the unbelievers.' (Qur'an, 2:98)

God obliterates usury but makes charity grow in value! God does not love any persistently ungrateful wrongdoer. (Qur'an, 2:276)

That is because God is the Protector of those who believe and because those who disbelieve have no protector. (Qur'an, 47:11)

God has cursed those who die as unbelievers; unbelievers are dwellers of hell

But as for those who disbelieve and die while they are unbelievers, the curse of God is upon them and that of the angels and all mankind. They will be under it for ever. The punishment will not be lightened for them. They will be granted no reprieve. (Qur'an, 2:161-162)

... As for any of you who revert from their religion and die unbelievers, their actions will come to nothing in this world and the hereafter. They are the Companions of the Fire, remaining in it timelessly, for ever. (Qur'an, 2:217)

Such people are the true unbelievers. We have prepared a humiliating punishment for the unbelievers. (Qur'an, 4:151)

Then on the Day of Rising He will disgrace them, and say, 'Where are My partner gods for whose sake you became so hostile?' Those given knowledge will say, 'Today there is disgrace and evil for the unbelievers.' (Qur'an, 16:27)

God has cursed the unbelievers and prepared a Searing Blaze for them. (A Searing Blaze) where they will remain timelessly, for ever and ever, not finding any protector or any helper. (Qur'an, 33:64-65)

We have made ready for the unbelievers shackles and chains and a Searing Blaze. (Qur'an, 76:4)

Unbelievers and Muslims are not close; the real friends of Muslims are sincerely believing Muslims

Do those who take the unbelievers as protectors, rather than the believers, hope to find power and strength with them? Power and strength belong entirely to God. (Qur'an, 4:139)

The believers should not take unbelievers as friends rather than believers. Anyone who does that has nothing to do with God at all-unless it is because you guard yourselves against them, taking security. God advises you to be afraid of Him. God is the final destination. (Qur'an, 3:28)

You who believe! Do not take the unbelievers as friends rather than the believers. Do you want to give God clear proof against you? (Qur'an, 4:144)

Muslims are obliged to struggle with unbelief on intellectual ground

Do not obey the unbelievers and hypocrites and disregard their abuse of you. Put your trust in God. God suffices as a Protector. (Qur'an, 33:48)

So do not obey the unbelievers but use this (the Qur'an) to struggle against them with all your might. (Qur'an, 25:52)

4. The claim that Masnavi comes from the Presence of God and is equivalent to the Qur'an (the Holy Qur'an is above this claim)

This is the book of the Masnavi, which is the roots of the roots of the roots of the (Mohammedan) Religion in respect of (its) unveiling the mysteries of attainment (to the Truth) and of certainty; and **which is the greatest science of God and the clearest (religious) way of God and the most manifest evidence of God. ... (written) by the hands of noble righteous scribes who forbid (with the words) None shall touch it except the purified. Falsehood doth not approach it either from before or behind, since God observes it and watches over it...** And it hath other titles of honour which God hath bestowed upon it. (*The Mathnawi of Jalau'ddin Rumi, Translation and Commentary by Reynold A. Nicholson, Book I, Introduction*)

The Qur'an is the law and Book of God

The revelation of the Book, without any doubt of it, is from the Lord of the worlds. (Qur'an, 32:2)

The revelation of the Book is from God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing. (Qur'an, 40:2)

We have sent down the Book to you with truth. So worship God, making your religion sincerely His. (Qur'an, 39:2)

The Qur'an is guidance to truth and healing

Mankind! Admonition has come to you from your Lord and also healing for what is in the breasts and guidance and mercy for the believers. (Qur'an, 10:57)

We send down in the Qur'an that which is a healing and a mercy to the believers, but it only increases the wrongdoers in loss. (Qur'an, 17:82)

Certainly it is guidance and a mercy for the believers. (Qur'an, 27:77)

On that Day We will raise up among every community a witness against them from amongst themselves, and bring you as a witness against them. We have sent down the Book to you making all things clear and as guidance and mercy and good news for the Muslims. (Qur'an, 16:89)

The Qur'an is under the preservation of God

Falsehood cannot reach it (the Qur'an) from before it or behind it-it is a revelation from One Who is All-Wise, Praiseworthy. (Qur'an, 41:42)

It is We Who have sent down the Reminder and We Who will preserve it. (Qur'an, 15:9)

The Qur'an is written by purified scribes

(The Qur'an is) inscribed on Honoured Pages, exalted, purified by the hands of scribes, noble, virtuous. (Qur'an, 80:13-16)

The command 'only the purified can touch the Qur'an' is related to the Qur'an

It truly is a Noble Qur'an. In a well protected Book. No one may touch it except the purified. Revelation sent down from the Lord of all the worlds. (Qur'an, 56:77-80)

5. The claim that the knowledge given by way of a means and not directly from God is unworthy [referring to knowledge [the Qur'an] that came to Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) by way of the Archangel Gabriel and hence claiming it is unworthy (the Qur'an is above this claim)]

The knowledge that is not immediately from God Himself does not endure, (it is) like the tirewoman's paint. *(The Mathnawi of Jalau'ddin Rumi, Translation and Commentary by Reynold A. Nicholson, Books I - II, Couplet 3449, p. 188)*

The Qur'an is the Word of God; it is God Who Assigned Gabriel to convey revelation to Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)

**It is nothing but Revelation revealed,
taught him by one immensely strong,
possessing power and splendour. He stood there stationary-
there on the highest horizon.**

Then he drew near and hung suspended.

He was two bow-lengths away or even closer.

Then He revealed to His servant what He revealed.

His heart did not lie about what he saw.

What! Do you dispute with him about what he saw? (Qur'an, 53:4-12)

Truly it is revelation sent down by the Lord of all the worlds. The Faithful Spirit brought it down to your heart so you would be one of the Warners. (Qur'an, 26:192-194)

He is the Raiser of ranks, the Possessor of the Throne, He sends the Spirit by His command to whichever of His servants He wills so that he may warn mankind about the Day of Meeting. (Qur'an, 40:15)

Gabriel is honorable and esteemed in the Presence of God

Truly it (the Qur'an) is the speech of a noble Messenger, possessing great strength, securely placed with the Lord of the Throne. (Qur'an, 81:19-20)

Gabriel's support is a blessing for believers

Say: 'The Purest Spirit has brought it down from your Lord with truth, to make those who believe firm, and as guidance and good news for the Muslims.' (Qur'an, 16:102)

6. The claim that a perfect man turns infidelity to religion

Whatever an ill man takes becomes illness, **but if a perfect man takes infidelity it becomes religion.** (*The Mathnawi of Jalau'ddin Rumi, Translation and Commentary by Reynold A. Nicholson, Books I&II, Couplet 1610, p. 89*)

Infidelity never turns to religion for believers; unbelievers will be eternal dwellers of hell

Say: 'Unbelievers!

I do not worship what you worship

and you do not worship what I worship.

Nor will I worship what you worship

nor will you worship what I worship.

You have your religion and I have my religion.' (Qur'an, 109:1-6)

If you do not do that-and you will not do it-then fear the Fire whose fuel is people and stones, made ready for the unbelievers. (Qur'an, 2:24)

But as for those who disbelieve and die while they are unbelievers, the curse of God is upon them and that of the angels and all mankind. They will be under it for ever. The punishment will not be lightened for them. They will be granted no reprieve. (Qur'an, 2:161-162)

As for those who disbelieve and die while they are unbelievers, the whole earth filled with gold would not be accepted from any of them if they were to offer it as a ransom. They will have a painful punishment. They will have no helpers. (Qur'an, 3:91)

God does not love unbelievers; infidelity is cursed

Say, 'Obey God and the Messenger.' Then if they turn away, God does not love the unbelievers. (Qur'an, 3:32)

God has promised the men and women of the hypocrites and unbelievers the Fire of Hell, remaining in it timelessly, for ever. It will suffice them. God has cursed them. They will have everlasting punishment. (Qur'an, 9:68)

So that He can repay with His bounty those who believed and did right actions. He certainly does not love the unbelievers. (Qur'an, 30:45)

God has cursed the unbelievers and prepared a Searing Blaze for them. (Qur'an, 33:64)

Muslims do not obey unbelievers

So do not obey the unbelievers but use this (the Qur'an) to struggle against them with all your might. (Qur'an, 25:52)

Unbelievers are in a continuous loss

It is He Who made you His successors on the earth. So whoever disbelieves, his disbelief is against himself. In God's Sight, the unbelief of the unbelievers only increases their loathsomeness; the unbelief of the unbelievers only increases their loss. (Qur'an, 35:39)

Yet they worship instead of God what can neither help nor harm them. The unbeliever is ever, against his Lord, an assistant (to satan). (Qur'an, 25:55)

Unbelievers have no protector or friend

That is because God is the Protector of those who believe and because those who disbelieve have no protector. (Qur'an, 47:11)

We know that some of you will deny it. It is a cause of great distress to those who are unbelievers. And it is undeniably the Truth of Certainty. Glorify then the name of your Lord, the Magnificent. (Qur'an, 69:49-52)

Noah said, 'My Lord! Do not leave a single one of the unbelievers on earth! If You leave any they will misguide Your servants and spawn nothing but more dissolute unbelievers.' (Qur'an, 71:26-27)

We guided him on the Way, whether he is thankful or unthankful. We have made ready for the unbelievers shackles and chains and a Searing Blaze. (Qur'an, 76:3-4)

So today those who believe are laughing at the unbelievers, on couches, gazing in wonder. Have the unbelievers been rewarded for what they did? (Qur'an, 83:34-36)

7. The claim that the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) whose morality God created as magnificent and who abided by the Qur'an in the most perfect and complete way, -may God forbid- enjoyed a life against the Qur'an, forgot that destiny is in effect, expected worldly gains, did not consent to the events God created and wanted to commit suicide

Whenever (the sense of) separation (from God) overpowered Mustafá [the Prophet Muhammad], **he would be on the point of casting himself down from the mountain**, Until Gabriel would say to him, "*Hark, do it not, for great fortune is (coming) to thee from the Command, Be!*"

(Then) Mustafa would desist from casting (himself down), **(till) separation again made an attack (upon him). (Then) again, from grief and sorrow, he would be on the point of throwing himself headlong from the mountain..** (*The Mathnawi of Jalau'ddin Rumi, Translation and Commentary by Reynold A. Nicholson, Books V&IV, Couplet 3535, p.212*)

The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) possessed a superior morality and is a blessed person sent as a role model by God

Nun By the Pen and what they write down! By the blessing of your Lord, you are not mad. You will have a wage which never-fails. Indeed you are truly vast in character. So you will see and they will see which of you is mad. Your Lord knows best who is misguided from His Way and He knows best those who are guided. (Qur'an, 68:1-7)

You have an excellent model in the Messenger of God, for all who put their hope in God and the Last Day and remember God much. (Qur'an, 33:21)

For this We sent a Messenger to you from among you to recite Our Signs to you and purify you and teach you the Book and Wisdom and teach you things you did not know before. (Qur'an, 2:151)

God showed great kindness to the believers when He sent a Messenger to them from among themselves to recite His Signs to them and purify them and teach them the Book and Wisdom, even though before that they were clearly misguided. (Qur'an, 3:164)

It is He Who raised up among the unlettered people a Messenger from them to recite His Signs to them and purify them and teach them the Book and Wisdom, even though before that they were clearly misguided. (Qur'an, 62:2)

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) acted upon revelation

By the star when it descends, your companion is not misguided or misled; nor does he speak from whim. It is nothing but Revelation revealed, taught him by one immensely strong, (Qur'an, 53:1-5)

When Our Clear Signs are recited to them, those who do not expect to meet Us say, 'Bring a Qur'an other than this one or change it.' Say: 'It is not for me to change it of my own accord. I follow nothing except what is revealed to me. I fear, were I to disobey my Lord, the punishment of a Dreadful Day.' Say: 'Had God so wished, I would not have recited it to you nor would He have made it known to you. I lived among you for many years before it came. Will you not use your intellect?' (Qur'an, 10:15-16)

So call and go straight as you have been ordered to. Do not follow their whims and desires but say, 'I believe in a Book sent down by God and I am ordered to be just between you. God is our Lord and your Lord. We have our actions and you have your actions. There is no debate between us and you. God will gather us all together. He is our final destination.' (Qur'an, 42:15)

The whole life of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) is for God alone

Say: 'My prayer and my rites, my living and my dying, are for God alone, the Lord of all the worlds.' (Qur'an, 6:162)

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) never expected any return for preaching religion

(Eber said,) 'My people! I do not ask you for any wage for it. My wage is the responsibility of Him Who brought me into being. So will you not use your intellect?' (Qur'an, 11:51)

Say: 'I do not ask you for any wage for it-only that anyone who wants to should make his way towards his Lord.' (Qur'an, 25:57)

Say: 'I do not ask you for any wage for it, nor am I a man of false pretensions.' (Qur'an, 38:86)

That is the good news which God gives to His servants who believe and do right actions. Say: 'I do not ask for any recompense for this (preaching the faith in Messengership), but (seek) love for (my) kindreds (and God's nearness).' If anyone does a good action, We will increase the good of it for him. God is Ever-Forgiving, Ever-Thankful.' (Qur'an, 42:23)

Say: 'I have not asked you for any wage-it is all for you. My wage is the responsibility of God alone. He is witness of everything.' (Qur'an, 34:47)

The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) is an exemplary model for all Muslims

And put your trust in God. God suffices as a Guardian. (Qur'an, 33:3)

Is God not enough for His servant? Yet they try to scare you with others apart from Him. If God misguides someone, he has no guide. (Qur'an, 39:36)

If you do not help him, God did help him when those who disbelieved drove him out and there were two of them in the Cave. He said to his companion, 'Do not be despondent, God is with us.' Then God sent down His serenity upon him and reinforced him with troops you could not see. He made the word of those who disbelieved undermost. It is the word of God which is uppermost. God is Almighty, All-Wise. (Qur'an, 9:40)

..Say: 'God is enough for me. All those who truly trust put their trust in Him.' (Qur'an, 39:38)

(Believers are) those to whom people said, 'The people have gathered against you, so fear them.' But that merely increased their faith and they said, 'God is enough for us and the Best of Guardians.' (Qur'an, 3:173)

God knows best who your enemies are. God suffices as a Protector; God suffices as a Helper. (Qur'an, 4:45)

Do not give up and do not be downhearted. You shall be uppermost if you are believers. (Qur'an, 3:139)

If they argue with you, say, 'I have submitted myself completely to God, and so have all who follow me.' Say to those given the Book and those who have no Book, 'Have you become Muslim?' If they become Muslim, they have been guided. If they turn away, you are only responsible for transmission. God sees His servants. (Qur'an, 3:20)

Evaluating the prophets by their wealth is a characteristic of unbelievers

They say, 'Why was this Qur'an not sent down to one of the great men of the two cities?' (Qur'an, 43:31)

They say, 'We will not believe you until you make a spring gush out from the earth for us; or have a garden of dates and grapes which you make rivers come pouring through; or make the sky, as you claim, fall down on us in lumps; or bring God and the angels here as a guarantee; or possess a house built out of gleaming gold; or ascend up into heaven-and even then we will not believe in your ascent unless you bring us down a book to read!' Say: 'Glory be to my Lord! Am I anything but a human messenger?' (Qur'an, 17:90-93)

Say: 'I do not say to you that I possess the treasures of God, nor do I know the Unseen, nor do I say to you that I am an angel. I only follow what has been revealed to me.' Say: 'Are the blind the same as those who can see? So will you not reflect?' (Qur'an, 6:50)

8. The fact that the person who says 'Masnavi is a commentary of the Qur'an' is being crossed and responded as 'why should not Masnavi be the Qur'an?'

His son and successor, Sultan Walad narrates:

One of our companions complained to my father saying, '**Some scholars (danishmandan) argued with me, saying, 'Why do they call the Masnawi the Qur'an?'**

I responded, '**It is a commentary (tafsir) on the Qur'an.'**

My father [i.e., Rumi] was silent for a moment. Then he said, '**O dog! Why shouldn't it be? O, donkey! Why shouldn't it be? O, your-sister's-a-whore! Why shouldn't it be?'**

(Shahab Ahmed, What Is Islam?: The Importance of Being Islamic, p.307; Ahmad Aflaki, Ariflerin Menkıbeleri [The Manaqib al-Arifin], Turkish Ministry of National Education Publications, p. 306)

The Qur'an is unique and matchless

Say: 'If all the sea was ink to write down the Words of my Lord, it would run out long before the Words of my Lord ran out,' even if We were to bring the same amount of ink again. (Qur'an, 18:109)

If We Had sent down this Qur'an onto a mountain, you would have seen it humbled, crushed to pieces out of fear of God. We make such examples for people so that hopefully they will reflect. (Qur'an, 59:21)

Do they say, 'He has invented it'? Say: 'Then produce a sura like it and call on anyone you can besides God if you are telling the truth.' (Qur'an, 10:38)

Say: 'If both men and jinn banded together to produce the like of this Qur'an, they could never produce anything like it, even if they backed each other up.' We have variegated throughout this Qur'an all kinds of examples for people, but most people spurn anything but unbelief. (Qur'an, 17:88-89)

Or do they say, 'He has invented it'? Say, 'Then produce ten invented suras like this, and call on anyone you can besides God if you are telling the truth.' If they do not respond to you then know that it has been sent down with God's knowledge and that there is no god but Him. So will you not become Muslims? (Qur'an, 11:13-14)

Do they say, 'He has invented it'? Say: 'Then produce a sura like it and call on anyone you can besides God if you are telling the truth.' No, the fact is that they have denied something which their knowledge does not embrace and the meaning of which has not yet reached them. In the same way those before them also denied the truth. See the final fate of the wrongdoers! (Qur'an, 10:38-39)

If you have doubts about what We have sent down to Our servant, produce another sura equal to it, and call your witnesses, besides God, if you are telling the truth. If you do not do that - and you will not do it - then fear the Fire whose fuel is people and stones, made ready for the unbelievers. (Qur'an, 2:23-24)

The only power to bring decree is God

Among them is a group who distort the Book with their tongues so that you think it is from the Book when it is not from the Book. They say, 'It is from God,' but it is not from God. They tell a lie against God and they know it. (Qur'an, 3:78)

Or do they have partners who have laid down a religion for them for which God has not given any authority? Were it not for the prior Word of Decision, the judgement between them would already have been made. The wrongdoers will have a painful punishment. (Qur'an, 42:21)

When they are told, 'Follow what God has sent down to you,' They say, 'We are following what we found our fathers doing.' What, even though their fathers did not understand a thing and were not guided! (Qur'an, 2:170)

Similarly We never sent any warner before you to any city without the affluent among them saying, 'We found our fathers following a religion and we are simply following in their footsteps.' Say: 'What if I have come with better guidance than what you found your fathers following?' They say, 'We reject what you have been sent with.' (Qur'an, 43:23-24)

Is it not enough for them that We have sent down to you the Book which is recited to them? There is certainly a mercy and reminder in that for people who believe. (Qur'an, 29:51)

Who could do greater wrong than those who invent lies against God? Such people will be arrayed before their Lord and the witnesses will say, 'Those are the ones who lied against their Lord.' Yes indeed! God's curse is on the wrongdoers. (Qur'an, 11:18)

What is the matter with you? How do you reach your judgement? Will you not pay heed? Or do you have some clear authority? Bring your Book, then, if you are telling the truth! (Qur'an, 37:154-157)

What is the matter with you? On what basis do you judge? Or do you have a Book which you study, so that you may have anything in it you choose? (Qur'an, 68:36-38)

9. The claim that 'he can defeat destiny-may God forbid-' in Masnavi

..though my wings are gone, when Thou art kind to me **the heavenly sphere [destiny] lessens its play (slackens the speed of its revolution in amazement) at my**

play (swift and sportive flight). (*The Mathnawi of Jalau'ddin Rumi, Translation and Commentary by Reynold A. Nicholson, Book 1& II, Couplet 345*)

Everything is predestined

Indeed, all things We created with predestination. (Qur'an, 54:49)

Certainly there is no hidden thing in either heaven or earth which is not in a Clear Book. (Qur'an, 27:75)

He directs the whole affair from heaven to earth. Then it will again ascend to Him on a Day whose length is a thousand years by the way you measure. (Qur'an, 32:5)

Everything they did is in the Books. Everything is recorded, big or small. (54:52-53)

There is no creature on the earth which is not dependent upon God for its provision. He knows where it lives and where it dies. They are all in a Clear Book. (Qur'an, 11:6)

Nothing takes place without God willing; there is no one to change God's destiny

The keys of the Unseen are in His possession. No one knows them but Him. He knows everything in the land and sea. No leaf falls without His knowing it. There is no seed in the darkness of the earth, and nothing moist or dry which is not in a Clear Book. (Qur'an, 6:59)

No misfortune occurs except by God's permission. Whoever believes in God-He will guide his heart. God has knowledge of all things. (Qur'an, 64:11)

Say: 'You have a promised appointment on a Day which you cannot delay or advance a single hour.' (Qur'an, 34:30)

Every nation has an appointed time. When their time comes, they cannot delay it a single hour or bring it forward. (Qur'an, 7:34)

10. The deifying of Rumi -may God forbid;- the claim that trees prostrate to Rumi

Mawlana Rumi left the house early in the morning. Whichever tree he came upon, that **tree saluted him and all trees were prostrating** and showing me the wisdom behind the Qur'anic verse that the stars and the trees all bow down in prostration. (*Ahmad Aflaki, Ariflerin Menkıbeleri [The Manaqib al-Arifin], Turkish Ministry of National Education Publications, p. 327*)

Plants, angels, humans and all created beings prostrate to God alone

The herbs and the trees all bow down in prostration. (Qur'an, 55:6)

Those who are in the Presence of your Lord do not consider themselves too great to worship Him. They glorify His praise and they prostrate to Him. (Qur'an, 7:206)

Everyone in heaven and earth prostrates to God willingly or unwillingly, as do their shadows in the morning and the evening. (Qur'an, 13:15)

Everything in the heavens and every creature on the earth prostrates to God, as do the angels. They are not puffed up with pride. (Qur'an, 16:49)

When they are told to prostrate to the All-Merciful, they say, 'And what is the All-Merciful? Are we to prostrate to something you command us to?' And it merely makes them run away all the more. (Qur'an, 25:60)

(The servants of the All-Merciful are) those who pass the night prostrating and standing before their Lord; those who say, 'Our Lord, avert from us the punishment of Hell, its punishment is inescapable pain. (Qur'an, 25:64-65)

CHAPTER II

The Fact That Obscene Narrations and an Effort to Legalize Homosexuality Which God has Decreed Unlawful and an Abomination Exist In the Books Allegedly Written by Mawlana Rumi

According to Islam, homosexuality is an unlawful act, described as an "abomination" in the Qur'an and the hadiths:

(Lot said to his people,) 'Of all beings, do you lie with males, leaving the wives God has created for you? You are a people who have overstepped the limits.' They said, 'Lot, if you do not desist you will be expelled.' He said, **'I am someone who detests the deed you perpetrate.'** (Qur'an, 26:165-168)

And Lot, when he said to his people, **'Do you commit an obscenity not perpetrated before you by anyone in all the worlds? (Lot said to his people,) 'You come with lust to men instead of women. You are indeed a depraved people.'** The only answer of his people was to say, **'Expel them from your city! They are people who keep themselves pure!'** (Qur'an, 7:80-82)

So We rescued him and his family-except for his wife. She was one of those who stayed behind. We rained down a rain upon them. See the final fate of the evildoers! (Qur'an, 7:83-84)

(Lot said to his people,) 'Do you come with lust to men instead of women? You are a people who are deeply ignorant.' the only response of his people was to say: **'Drive the the family of Lot out of your city! They are people who keep themselves pure!'** So We rescued him and his family - except for his wife. We ordained her to be one of those who stayed behind. (Qur'an, 27:55-57)

When Lot said to his people, **'You are committing an obscenity not perpetrated before you by anyone in all the worlds. Do you lie with men and waylay them on the road and commit depravities within your gatherings?'** the only answer of his people was to say, **'Bring us God's punishment if you are telling the truth.'** (Qur'an, 29:28-29)

Our Prophet (pbuh) described homosexuality as an "abhorrent act" in hadiths as follows:

Jabir bin Abdullah narrated that the Messenger of God (pbuh) said: **"The thing that I most fear for my nation is the action of the People of Lot (homosexuality)."** (*Sunan Ibn Majah, Chapter No:23, Hadith No:2563*)

Cursed are the ones who practice the abhorrent act (homosexuality) of the People of Lot." (*Kutub al-Sittah, Hadith No:1604, Narrated by Abu Huraira*)

Our Prophet (pbuh) commanded: **"God would not look at the face of those who come with lust to men (expels them from His Mercy)"** (*Kutub al-Sittah, Hadith no:1607, Narrated by Ibn-Abbas; At-Tirmidhi, Rada 12, 1165*)

Some circles claim that these stories have been placed in Masnavi in order to let people draw lessons while preaching religion. That is an extremely insincere explanation. Never in history has a scholar of Islam preached so many perverted, unlawful stories that are in complete contradiction with the Qur'an. The stories are a means of not preaching religion, but on the contrary supposedly legalizing the acts that God has deemed unlawful.

1. Story of a child frightened by a corpulent man

A huge man found a child alone one night.

What did he want? The child grew pale with fright.

*'Now rest assured, **my handsome boy,**' he said,*

'That you will mount on top of me instead.

View me as impotent, though I am strong;

Ride me as if a camel—come along!'

In form a man, but twisted actually,

Outwardly human, devilish inwardly.

(Rumi The Masnavi, Oxford World Classics, Book II, Translation by Jawid Mojaddedi, Couplets 3167-3170, p.185)

2. Story of a youth made to appear like a woman on a wedding night

Afterwards, on the wedding-night, **he artfully dyed (the hands and feet of) a youth with henna, like (those of) a woman.**

He decorated his fore-arms like (those of) a bride: then he displayed to him a hen, but (actually) he gave him a cock; (For) he dressed the sturdy youth in the veil and robes of beautiful brides.

He immediately extinguished the candle (at) the time of (conjugal) privacy; the Hindu was left (alone) with such a rough and strong-bodies (young) man.

The little Hindu was screaming and crying out (but) no one heard from without (the bedchamber) because of (the noise of) the tambourine-players. The pounding of tambourines, clapping of hands and the sound of shouts of men and women masked the screams of that screamer.

He (the youth) squeezed the little Hindu until the (break of) day: how is a bag of flour (to remain untorn) before a (hungry) dog? At morning they brought the wash basin and a big package (of clothes, etc.) and **according to the custom of bridegrooms Faraj went to the bath. He went to the bath, sorely troubled in soul, (his) anus torn like the rags of bath stokers.** (*The Masnavi of Jalalu'ddin Rumi, Book VI, Couplets 303-310, masnavi.net*)

3. Discourse of a sodomizer and a youth (catamite) during the occasion of sodomy

"What is this dagger (of yours) for?" He (the sodomite) answered, "So that anyone who thinks evil (bears evil desires) toward me, I may rip (open) his belly." **The sodomizer was coming and going (moving back and forth in the act of sodomy) and was saying "God be praised, since I am not thinking evil toward you."**

A sodomizer brought a beardless youth (catamite) into a house, threw him head-downwards and pressed into him (in the act of sodomy). (*The Masnavi of Jalalu'ddin Rumi, Book V, Couplets 2495-2515, masnavi.net*)

4. Juhi, the hero of Masnavi, disguised in female clothes, made a woman touch his sexual organ in the bathhouse

There was a preacher, very fine in his exposition, under whose pulpit a great number of men and women were assembled. **Júhí went (to hear him): he got a chádár and veil and entered amongst the women without (his sex) being recognized.** Some one asked the preacher secretly: "Are pubic hairs a deficiency in (doing) the ritual prayer? (salat)? The preacher said: When the pubic hair becomes long, there is (legal) dislike of it in the ritual prayer. Scrape (it off) with a depilatory (of time) or a razor, in order that your ritual prayer may be perfect and excellent and seemly."

The questioner said: "To what limit is the length stipulated, so that my ritual prayer is deficient?" He replied, "When it becomes the size of a barley seed in length, then shaving is a (religious) requirement, o (excessive) questioner." **At once, Juhi said (to the woman beside him) "O sister, find out (if) my pubic hair has become (a length) such as this. In order to satisfy (the requirement of) God, bring forth (your) hand (to determine) whether it has reached to the disliked amount." The woman put (her) hand into the man's trousers: his penis contacted the woman's hand.**

Thereupon the woman gave a loud scream: the preacher said, "My discourse has smitten her heart." He (Júhí) answered, **"No, it did not smite (her) heart, it smote (her) hand.** O (what) if it had smitten (her) heart, O very wise (man)!"

5. Story of a woman who had copulation with a donkey and another woman envious of the donkey

A maidservant (habitually) cast an ass upon herself due to abundant lust and excess (risk) of calamity. The male ass was habituated to copulation: the ass had discovered human sexual intercourse.

(That) fabricator of devices had a gourd (which) she would put on his male organ, according to (a certain) dimension. That old woman would put on the gourd on the penis so that half of the penis would go (into her) at the time of insertion. If all of the ass's tool were to go inside her, (her) womb and intestines would be destroyed.

Later on the ass became leaner and his mistress became helpless saying, 'why has this ass become as (thin as) a hair?' She showed the ass to the shoeing-smiths and asked 'What is his ailment of which the result is leanness?'

When she investigated the ass's condition, **she saw the little narcissus (the maidservant) lying under the ass.** Through a crack in the door she saw what was going on: the old woman marveled greatly thereat.

(She saw) the ass copulating with the maidservant in the manner that men reasonably and customarily (do) with women. She became envious and said 'Since this is possible then I have the best right, for the ass is my property.'

When, with the broom (in her hand) she opened the door, the mistress said under her breath, 'O crafty one, You have made your face sour and (taken) a broom in your hand what is the meaning of the ass having turned away from his fodder?'

Half-finished and angry, (the ass's) penis (was still) moving..

The woman shut the (stable) door and drew the ass (to her) joyfully: necessarily, she tasted the penalty (for her shameful behavior). Pulling, she brought it into the middle of the stable: she lay down on (her back) under the male ass. On the same chair that she saw (used) by the maidservant in order to attain her desire: that whore (did) also.

She raised (her) feet and the ass thrust (its penis) into her: a fire (of lust) was kindled in her by the ass's penis. The ass had been trained: it pressed (its penis) into the lady up to (its) testicles: the lady died at once. **(Her) liver was torn by the blow of the ass's penis: (her) intestines were torn away from each other. She did not utter (anything): the woman gave up (her) soul at once.**

(The Masnavi of Jalalu'ddin Rumi, Book V, Couplets 1334-1389, masnavi.net)

6. Sexual intercourse of children

What is the child's sexual intercourse? An idle play, compared with the sexual intercourse of a Rustam and a brave champion of Islam. (*The Mathnawi of Jalau'ddin Rumi, Translation and Commentary by Reynold A. Nicholson, Books I-II, Couplet 3434, p.187*)

7. Story of a youth aroused by the gaze of a dervish and had a wet dream (sexual orgasm)

I had already reached manhood. One day when I was getting my education in a madrasah in Halab (Aleppo) and studying to learn al-Hidaya. Suddenly I saw a dervish entering from the door and asking me for water. I instantly got up and gave the dervish the water jug and placed a piece of food I had in front of the dervish.

I saw that my apposite behavior pleased the dervish and that he fixed a strange gaze at me. That sweet gaze of him pleased me so much that I had an orgasm and before I pulled myself together in that emptiness I saw that the dervish disappeared. The zest of that gaze is still in my soul. (*Ahmad Aflaki, Ariflerin Menkibeleri [The Manaqib al-Arifin], Turkish Ministry of National Education Publications, p. 323*)

8. Story of a sheikh making khalif's wife hold his sexual organ saying 'this is what you want'

News reached to Khalif in Egypt that his son became a follower of a sheikh. He became terribly upset and wanted to kill the sheikh. But the moment he saw the sheikh's face, he also showed him favour with all his sincerity. Khalifa's wife also wanted to see the sheikh. They invited the sheikh to their house. **The khatun advanced and fell on her knees before the sheikh and wanted to kiss his hand. But instead the sheikh raised his penis and gave it to the woman's hand and said: "That is not what you want, but this is," and the sama started.** After that, the faith of the khalif increased a thousand fold. (*Ahmad Aflaki, Ariflerin Menkibeleri [The Manaqib al-Arifin], Turkish Ministry of National Education Publications, p.95*)

9. Story of a dervish molesting a youth

The two (brothers) did not leave that house for celibates: they lay down to sleep there for fear of (meeting) the night-patrol.. **One night Sodomite stood up in a crowded room. He walked slowly and removed the bricks lecherously.**

Why have you put these bricks?, he asked. I am a sick boy and because of my weakness I took precautions and made here a place to lie down." .. "Why," said he, "where can I go? for wherever I go, persecuted (as I am),

Some foul ungodly miscreant like you springs up before me like a wild beast. The dervish-convent, which is the best place—not (even) there do I find safety for one moment. A handful of (greedy) pottage-eaters direct their looks at me: **Their eyes filled with semen press their testicles with their hands;** And even he that has regard for decorum steals covert glances **and rubs his penis**. Since the convent is (like) this, what must the public market be like? A herd of asses and boorish devils!

I have no means of escape either from men or women: what can I do, since I belong neither to these nor to those?" He is independent of the bricks and of quarrelling over the bricks and of a wicked young ruffian like you who would sell (prostitute) his own mother. (*The Mathnawi of Jalau'ddin Rumi, Translation and Commentary by Reynold A. Nicholson, Books V&VI, Couplets 3845-3855, pp.470-471*)

"Rumi relates the story of two brothers, two brothers were stranded and compelled to spend the night in the house of "celibates" ([Masnavi] VI:3845). In order to protect himself against sexual predators, the beardless brother (referred to as kudak, "child") assembled twenty blocks of brick behind his back (kun, lit. "ass"). **In the middle of the night a sodomist (luti) gently removed the bricks in an attempt to engage in sexual intercourse with the boy.** The boy woke up and began to quarrel: "Why have you taken the bricks?" The man replied: "*Why did you put these bricks there (in the first place)?*" In the argument that ensues **the youngster explains that he cannot go anywhere without some "foul ungodly wrongdoer raising his head" before him like a wild beast** (VI:3855). He notes that **in the Sufi hospice (khanaqah), which is supposed to be the best place, a bunch of greedy porridge-eaters assault him, "with their eyes full of semen and the palms (of their hands) squeezing their testicles"** (VI:3856-57). He continues that **even the one who has the most regard for the (Muslim) law "steals covert glances (while) stroking his penis"** (VI:3858). The young boy sums up his predicament in this line: "***I have no means of escape either from men or women / what can I do, since I belong neither to these (men) nor to those (women)?***" (VI:3865)" (*Mahdi Tourage, Rumi and the Hermetics of Eroticism, Iran Studies, vol.2, p.168*)

10. Handmaiden's copulation with the slave and the sultan

When that adorer of women threw off (his) trousers and sat between the woman's legs. **When (his) penis went straight toward (her) seat (buttocks), a commotion and outcry arose from the army. He jumped up (and ran) naked of buttocks to the (army) ranks,** grasping a fiery (flashing) scimitar in his hand..

...(then) at once he hastened (back) to the tent of the beauty. **When he showed himself to the hourí (lovely woman), his (organ of) manhood was erect in the same manner (as before).** He joined in battle with such a lion: (yet) his manhood remained erect and did not rest (go limp). That moon-faced idol, sweet of countenance, was amazed at his manhood.

(*The Masnavi of Jalalu'ddin Rumi, Book IV, Couplets 3880-3890, masnavi.net*)

The Caliph decided on a meeting; **he went to that woman for the sake of (sexual) intercourse. He remembered her and got (his) penis erect;** he intended to (have) sexual intercourse with (that) love-increaser.

The woman saw his softness; from astonishment, she started to burst out laughing: laughter took hold of her. She remembered the virility of the (courageous) Captain who killed the lion, with his (male) organ like that. She kept laughing violently like beng-eaters: her laughter overpowered (all considerations of) gain or loss.

His killing the lion and returning to the tent with the penis erect like the horn of a rhinoceros; And again the weakness of the ambitious one, that collapsed as though dead because of the rustling of a mouse.

(The Masnavi of Jalalu'ddin Rumi, Book IV, Couplets 3943-3968, mashnavi.net)

CHAPTER III

Statements That Advocate Existence Through Evolution and Unwisely Insult the Turkish Nation In the Books Allegedly Written by Mawlana Rumi

I died to the inorganic state and became endowed with growth, and (then) I died to (vegetable) growth and attained to the animal. I died from animality and became Adam (man): why, then, should I fear?

(The Mathnawi of Jalau'ddin Rumi, Translation and Commentary by Reynold A. Nicholson, Books III&IV, Couplet 3900, p.128)

First he came into the clime (world) of inorganic things, and from the state of inorganic things he passed into the vegetable state. (Many) years he lived in the vegetable state and did not remember the inorganic state because of the opposition (between them);

And when he passed from the vegetable into the animal state, the vegetable state was not remembered by him at all,.

Again, **the Creator, Whom thou knowest, was leading him (Man) from the animal (state) towards humanity.**

(The Mathnawi of Jalau'ddin Rumi, Translation and Commentary by Reynold A. Nicholson, Books III&IV, Couplets 3640-3645, p.472)

Existence through evolution has no place in the Qur'an. It is impossible even for a single protein to come into existence by chance. Over 700 million fossils further attest to God's creation. There is not even a sole fossil that proves the validity of evolution. Just as the jinn, angels and the staff of the Prophet Moses (pbuh) that turned into a snake in an instant were all created instantaneously without undergoing any evolution, humankind too was created at once as told in the Qur'an. In the face of this fact demonstrated by the Qur'an and science, trying to reconcile Islam with Darwinism is to instill in Muslims an understanding of Islam that is not existent in the Qur'an.

There is no phase by phase existence through evolution in the Qur'an; everything is created by God's command 'Be'

The Originator of the heavens and earth. When He decides on something, He just says to it, 'Be!' and it is. (Qur'an, 2:117)

It is He Who gives life and causes to die. When He decides on something, He just says to it, 'Be!' and it is. (Qur'an, 40:68)

Our Word to a thing when We desire it is just to say to it 'Be!' and it is. (Qur'an, 16:40)

His command when He desires a thing is just to say to it, 'Be!' and it is. (Qur'an, 36:82)

It is not fitting for God to have a son. Glory be to Him! When He decides on something, He just says to it, 'Be!' and it is. (Qur'an, 19:35)

Angels are not created by way of evolution

Praise be to God, the Bringer into Being of the heavens and earth, He Who made the angels messengers, with wings-two, three or four. He adds to creation in any way He wills. God has power over all things. (Qur'an, 35:1)

When your Lord said to the angels, 'I am putting a successor on the earth,' ... (Qur'an, 2:30)

We said to the angels, 'Prostrate to Adam!' ... (Qur'an, 2:34)

We created you and then formed you and then We said to the angels, 'Prostrate before Adam,'... (Qur'an, 7:11)

Jinn are not created by way of evolution

We created mankind out of dried clay formed from fetid black mud. We created the jinn before out of the fire of a searing wind. (Qur'an, 15:26-27)

He created man from dry earth like baked clay; and He created the jinn from a fusion of fire. (Qur'an, 55:14-15)

It is easy for God to create. Our Lord is the One Who creates from nothing without a need for a cause. Just as He created jinn and angels in different forms, He created man as a separate being without the need for evolution. The same is true for animals and plants and all other living beings. The explicit truth that is informed in the Qur'an is as follows: God created all these living beings from nothing in an instant without making them undergo evolution, that is to say, without turning them into other species.

Muslims advocating evolution can not explain the facts that the staff of Prophet Moses (pbuh) turned into a snake and the clay that Prophet Jesus (pbuh) breathed into turned into a bird and flew away

When Prophet Moses (pbuh) threw his staff onto the floor, the lifeless tree branch turned into a living snake, and when he held it again it turned into a lifeless tree branch, then again when he threw it on floor, it came to life. In other words, a lifeless material livens, then it becomes dead again and once again it comes to life. In this way God shows people His continuous Creation with this miracle.

He threw it down and suddenly it was a slithering snake.

He said, 'Take hold of it and have no fear. We will return it to its original form.' (Qur'an, 20:20-21)

(We said to Moses,) 'Throw down what is in your right hand. It will swallow up their handiwork. Their handiwork is just a magician's trick. Magicians do not prosper wherever they go.' (Qur'an, 20:69)

(A voice called out to Moses,) 'Throw down your staff.' Then when he saw it slithering like a snake he turned and fled and did not turn back again. 'Have no fear, Moses. In My Presence the Messengers have no fear.' (Qur'an, 27:10)

It is related in the Qur'an that when the Prophet Jesus (pbuh) made a clay object in the shape of a bird and breathed into it, the bird came to life by God's will:

Remember when God said, "Jesus, son of Mary, remember My blessing to you and to your mother when I reinforced you with the Purest Spirit so that you could speak to people in the cradle and when you were fully grown; and when I taught you the Book and Wisdom, and the Torah and the Gospel; and when you created a bird-shape out of clay by My Permission, and then breathed into it and it became a bird by My Permission. (Qur'an, 5:110)

This bird came to life independent of any natural cause, by God's leave and miracle. A living bird emerging from inanimate matter is one example of Almighty God's peerless, matchless and sublime creation. Through this miracle bestowed on him by God, the Prophet Jesus (pbuh) also revealed the illogicality and invalidity of evolutionist thinking.

In The Books That are Allegedly Written by Mawlana Rumi, Turks are Characterized as Barbarians -far from it-, Just Like They are Portrayed in British Charles Darwin's Books

"...One day Shaykh Salah al-Din happened to hire Turkish laborers to do building work in his garden. Mowlana said: 'Effendi'—that is to say lord— 'Salah al-Din, when it is time for building, one must engage Greek laborers and **when it is time for destroying**

something, Turkish hirelings. Indeed, the building of the world is assigned to the Greeks, **whereas the world's destruction is reserved for the Turks.** When God — *He is sublime and exalted*—ordered the creation of the world of sovereignty ('alam-e molk'), first He created unaware-infidels, and He conferred on them long life and great strength so they would strive like hired laborers in building the terrestrial world. And they built up many cities and fortresses on mountain peaks and places on top of a hill such that after generations had passed these constructions were a model for those who came later. Then divine predestination saw to it that little by little these constructions would become completely destroyed **and desolate, and be eradicated. God created the group of Turks so that they would destroy every building they saw, mercilessly and ruthlessly, and cause it to be demolished. And they are still doing so, and day by day until the Resurrection they will continue to destroy in this manner. In the end, the destruction of the city of Konya will also be at the hands of wicked Turks devoid of mercy.**' And this being the case, it turned out just as Mowlana said."

(Ahmad Aflaki, Ariflerin Menkıbeleri [The Manaqib al-Arifin], Turkish Ministry of National Education Publications, 1360; Shams al-Din Aflaki, "The feats of the knowers of God: Manaqeb al-'arefin", translated by John O'Kane, Brill, 2002, p.503; Rahgozari Minutalab, A Study about the Persian Cultural Legacy and Background of the Sufi Mystics Shams Tabrizi and Jalal al-Din Rumi, October 2009, Open Source. p.163-164, archive.org)

There is no superiority among races in the Qur'an; superiority is by means of piety only

Mankind! We created you from a male and female, and made you into peoples and tribes so that you might come to know each other. The noblest among you in God's Sight is the one of you who best performs his duty. God is All-Knowing, All-Aware. (Qur'an, 49:13)

Acting upon superiority of a race is particular to unbelievers

Those who disbelieve filled their hearts with fanatical rage-the fanatical rage of the Time of Ignorance-and God sent down serenity to His Messenger and to the believers, and bound them to the expression of heedfulness which they had most right to and were most entitled to. God has knowledge of all things. (Qur'an, 48:26)

CHAPTER IV

Misogynous Statements In the Books Allegedly Written by Mawlana Rumi

In this chapter, there are some statements of Rumi which are attributed to Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) although they, by all means, have nothing to do with him (our Prophet is surely above these attributions). The Messenger of God (pbuh) is a person who set an example for the entire world with his love, respect and politeness towards women. He expressed at every moment of his life his high regard for women, protecting, supporting and honoring them in the most beautiful way. Therefore, it is impossible for our Prophet (pbuh) to have any statement that disparages women. This is not in conformance with the Qur'an either. Attributing statements that belittle women to Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), who loved God dearly, feared Him genuinely and lived his entire life according to the Qur'an, is a gross slander against our blessed Prophet (pbuh). Our Prophet (pbuh) is above all these slanders and vile statements.

The mentality that considers women supposedly inferior exists in the superstitions of bigotry. The Qur'an abolished such vile superstitions. For instance, according to the bigoted superstitions that also appear in the Masnavi, women have lesser minds and they should not be conferred with. However, the Qur'an features a parable about the Queen of Sheba. In other words, God gives an instance of a woman who rules a country. Similarly, in the Qur'an God also praises female believers such as Mary and Pharaoh's wife, and holds up their beautiful moral values as an example to all of humanity.

1. The lie that woman is a part of evil

He (the questioner) said, "(But) **if a child should come in, or a woman who has no clear understanding or judgment.** 'Take counsel with her'," said he (the prophet) "and do the contrary of what she bids (thee) and go thy way." Know that your fleshly soul is woman and worse than woman, **because woman is a part (of evil) but fleshly soul is evil entire.** (*The Masnavi of Jalalu'ddin Rumi, Book II, Couplets 2270-2273, masnavi.net*)

2. The error of saying 'do not consult with women'

O traveller, take counsel with a traveller, for a woman's counsel will keep thy foot lame. (*The Mathnawi of Jalau'ddin Rumi, Translation and Commentary by Reynold A. Nicholson, Books IV&V, Couplet 2210, p.394*)

3. The fabrication that advises to consult women and do the opposite of what they say

"Consult them (women) and then oppose (them in what they advise): he that disobeys them not will be ruined." (*The Masnavi of Jalalu'ddin Rumi, Book I, Couplet 2955, masnavi.net*)

4. The claim that not just women's intelligence but also their dreams are inferior to those of men

Know that a woman's dreams are inferior to those of a man because of her deficiency of intelligence and weakness of soul. (*The Mathnawi of Jalau'ddin Rumi, Translation and Commentary by Reynold A. Nicholson, Books V-VI, Couplet 4320, p.497*)

5. The statement insulting mothers

My mother's lust caused me to fall from the highest heaven which was my tethering-place (stable), for (God said), Fall ye down!

So by the artfulness of a crone I fell from (a state of) complete perfection into the prison of the womb.

She brings the spirit from the highest heaven to the (corporeal) Hatim (enclosure): great must be the craft of women.

(Both) my first and my last fall were caused by woman, since I was spirit- and how have I become body? (*The Mathnawi of Jalau'ddin Rumi, Translation and Commentary by Reynold A. Nicholson, Books V-VI, Couplet 2795, p.413*)

6. The lie that animal nature prevails in women

The animal nature prevails in woman, because she has an inclination towards colour and scent [worldly vanities].

(The Mathnawi of Jalau'ddin Rumi, Translation and Commentary by Reynold A. Nicholson, Books V-VI, Couplet 2465, p.148; Mesnevi Şerif Tercümesi [(Turkish) Translation of Masnavi], Oriental Islamic Classics, Translator: Veled Çelebi İzbudak) Editor: Abdalbaki Gölpınarlı, Book V, Couplets 2968-2975)

7. Just like in Masnavi, Darwin also regarded women inferior and like animals

Darwin describes **the role of woman in marriage as follows: 'an object to be beloved and played with—better than a dog anyhow'—...** (*Charles Darwin, The Autobiography of Charles Darwin 1809-1882, Edited by Nora Barlow, W. W. Norton & Company Inc., New York, 1958, pp. 232-233*)

In his book, *The Descent of Man*, Darwin says that with regard to women's ability to reason, understand and mimic, they possess the characteristics of "inferior races" and therefore they possess an outdated and inferior civilization. (*John R. Durant, "The Ascent of Nature in Darwin's Descent of Man" in The Darwinian Heritage, Ed. by David Kohn, Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1985, p. 295*)

God informs in the Qur'an that women and men are equal in terms of faith, morality and wisdom and that superiority is only by piety

Men and women who are Muslims, men and women who are believers, men and women who are obedient, men and women who are truthful, men and women who are steadfast, men and women who are humble, men and women who give charity, men and women who fast, men and women who guard their chastity, men and women who remember God much: God has prepared forgiveness for them and an immense reward. (Qur'an, 33:35)

Anyone, male or female, who does right actions and is a believer, will enter the Garden. They will not be wronged by so much as the tiniest speck. (Qur'an, 4:124)

Anyone who acts rightly, male or female, being a believer, We will give them a good life and We will recompense them according to the best of what they did. (Qur'an, 16:97)

The men and women of the believers are friends of one another. They command what is right and forbid what is wrong, and perform prayer and give the alms, and obey God and His Messenger. They are the people on whom God will have mercy. God is Almighty, All-Wise. (Qur'an, 9:71)

God has promised the men and women of the believers Gardens with rivers flowing under them, remaining in them timelessly, for ever, and fine dwellings in the Gardens of Eden. And God's good pleasure is even greater. That is the great victory. (Qur'an, 9:72)

And when the angels said, 'Mary, God has chosen you and purified you. He has chosen you over all other women.' (Qur'an, 3:42)

The Messiah, the son of Mary, was only a Messenger, before whom other Messengers came and went. His mother was a woman of truth... (Qur'an, 5:75)

God has made an example for those who believe: the wife of Pharaoh when she said, 'My Lord, build a house in the Garden for me in Your Presence and rescue me from Pharaoh and his deeds and rescue me from this wrongdoing people.' (Qur'an, 66:11)

And Mary, the daughter of 'Imran, who guarded her chastity-We breathed Our Spirit into her and she confirmed the Words of her Lord and His Book and was one of the obedient. (Qur'an, 66:12)

APPENDIX:

THE DECEPTION OF EVOLUTION

The theory of evolution, in other word Darwinism, was put forward with the aim of denying the fact of creation, but is in truth nothing but a failed, unscientific nonsense. The theory of evolution has its origins in pagan superstitions dating back to the time of ancient Egypt and Sumeria. Like these superstitions, the theory of evolution explains the origin of the universe and life through coincidences, and it has nothing to do with science. This theory, which claims that life emerged through coincidences from inanimate matter, was invalidated by the scientific evidence demonstrating the miraculous order in the universe and in living things, as well as by the discovery of about 700 million fossils revealing that evolution never happened. Furthermore, the theory of evolution is incapable of explaining the formation of even a single protein, the main building block of life. Science has proven that it is impossible for a protein to come into existence through coincidences. In this way, the fact that God created the universe and the living things in it has been confirmed by science as well. The worldwide propaganda carried out today to keep the theory of evolution alive is based solely on the distortion of scientific facts, biased interpretation, and lies and falsehoods disguised as science.

Yet this propaganda cannot conceal the truth. The fact that the theory of evolution is the greatest deception in the history of science has been expressed more and more in the scientific world over the last 20 to 30 years. Research carried out after the 1980s in particular revealed that the claims of Darwinism are totally unfounded and this fact has been stated by a large number of scientists. Many scientists from such different fields as biology, biochemistry, paleontology, genetics, zoology and archeology recognize the invalidity of Darwinism and explain the origin of life through the fact of creation.

We have examined the collapse of the theory of evolution and the proofs of creation in great scientific detail in many of our works, and are continuing to do so. Given the enormous importance of this subject, it will be of great benefit to summarize it here.

Challenges That Devastate Darwin

As a pagan doctrine going back as far as ancient Egypt and Sumeria, the theory of evolution came to the fore most extensively once more in the nineteenth century. The most important development that made it the top topic of the world of science was the publication of Charles Darwin's *The Origin of Species* in 1859. In this book, Darwin in his own way opposes the fact that God created different living species on Earth separately, for he erroneously claimed that all living beings had an imaginary common ancestor and had diversified over time through small changes.

Darwin's theory was not based on any concrete scientific finding; as he also accepted, it was just an "assumption". Moreover, as Darwin confessed in the long chapter of his book titled, *"Difficulties on Theory,"* the theory failed in the face of many critical questions.

Darwin invested all his hopes in new scientific discoveries, which he expected would solve these difficulties. He indicated this expectation again and again in his book. However, contrary to his expectations, scientific findings expanded the dimensions of these difficulties and refuted the basic assumptions of the theory one by one.

The defeat of Darwinism in the face of science can be reviewed under three basic headings:

- 1) The theory cannot explain how life originated on Earth.
- 2) There is no scientific finding that indicates the "evolutionary mechanisms" proposed by the theory have any evolutionary power at all.
- 3) The fossil record proves the exact opposite of what the theory suggests.

In this section, we will examine these three basic points in general outlines:

The First Insurmountable Step: The Origin of Life

The theory of evolution posits that all living species evolved from a single living cell that emerged haphazardly on Earth 3.8 billion years ago, supposedly having appeared as a result of coincidences. How a cell comprising a wide range of organelles such as vacuoles, mitochondria, lysosomes and Golgi apparatus could come into existence in a puddle of mud, how a single cell could generate millions of complex living species and, if such an evolution really occurred, why traces of it cannot be observed in the fossil record are some of the questions that the theory cannot answer. However, first and foremost, we need focus on the first step of the supposed evolutionary process. **How did the aforementioned "first cell" originate?**

Since the theory of evolution ignorantly denies creation, it maintains that the "first cell" originated as a product of blind coincidence within the laws of nature, without any plan or arrangement. According to the theory, inanimate matter must have haphazardly produced a living cell out of nowhere. Such a claim, however, is inconsistent with the most unassailable rules of biology.

"Life Comes From Life"

In his book, Darwin never referred to the origin of life. That is because the primitive understanding of science in his time rested on the assumption that living beings had a very simple structure. Since medieval times, spontaneous generation, which asserts that non-living materials came together to form living organisms, had been widely accepted. In that period, it was commonly believed that insects came into being from food leftovers, and mice from wheat. Interesting experiments were conducted to prove this theory. Some wheat was placed on a dirty piece of cloth, and it was believed that mice would originate from it after a while.

Similarly, maggots developing in rotting meat were assumed to be evidence of life originating from inanimate materials. However, **it was later understood that worms did not appear on meat spontaneously, but were carried there by flies in the form of larvae, invisible to the naked eye.** At the time Darwin wrote *The Origin of Species*, the

belief that bacteria could come into existence from non-living matter was widely accepted in the world of science.

However, five years after the publication of Darwin's book, Louis Pasteur announced his results, after long studies and experiments, which disproved spontaneous generation, a cornerstone of Darwin's theory. In his triumphal lecture at the Sorbonne in 1864, **Pasteur said: "Never will the doctrine of spontaneous generation recover from the mortal blow struck by this simple experiment."** (Sidney Fox, Klaus Dose, *Molecular Evolution and The Origin of Life*, W. H. Freeman and Company, San Francisco, 1972, p. 4.)

For a long time, advocates of the theory of evolution resisted Pasteur's findings. However, as the development of science unraveled the complex structure of the cell of a living being, the idea that life could come into being coincidentally faced an even greater impasse.

Futile Efforts in the Twentieth Century

The first evolutionist who took up the subject of the origin of life in the twentieth century was the renowned Russian biologist Alexander Oparin. With various theses he advanced in the 1930s, he tried to prove that a living cell could originate by chance. These studies, however, were doomed to failure, and Oparin had to make the following confession:

Unfortunately, however, the problem of the origin of the cell is perhaps the most obscure point in the whole study of the evolution of organisms. (Alexander I. Oparin, Origin of Life, Dover Publications, New York, 1936, 1953 and 2003 (reprint), p. 196)

Evolutionist followers of Oparin tried to carry out experiments to solve this problem. The best-known experiment was carried out by the American chemist Stanley Miller in 1953. Combining those gases he alleged to have existed in the primordial Earth's atmosphere in an experimental set-up, and adding energy to the mixture, Miller synthesized several organic molecules (amino acids) present in the structure of proteins.

Barely a few years had passed before it was revealed that **this experiment, which was then presented as an important step in the name of evolution, was invalid, for the atmosphere used in the experiment was very different from the real Earth conditions.** ("New Evidence on Evolution of Early Atmosphere and Life," *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society*, vol. 63, November 1982, 1328-1330)

After a long silence, **Miller, himself confessed that the atmosphere medium he used was unrealistic.** (Stanley Miller, *Molecular Evolution of Life: Current Status of the Prebiotic Synthesis of Small Molecules*, 1986, p. 7)

All the evolutionists' efforts throughout the twentieth century to explain the origin of life ended in failure. The geochemist Jeffrey Bada, from the San Diego Scripps Institute, accepted this fact in an article published in *Earth magazine* in 1998:

Today as we leave the twentieth century, we still face the biggest unsolved problem that we had when we entered the twentieth century: How did life originate on Earth? (Jeffrey Bada, Earth, February 1998, p. 40)

The Complex Structure of Life: Not Even a Single Protein Can Come into Existence by Chance

The primary reason why evolutionists ended up at such a great impasse regarding the origin of life is that even those living organisms Darwinists deemed to be the simplest have outstandingly complex features. The cell of a living thing is more complex than all our man-made technological products. **Today, even in the most developed laboratories of the world not even a single protein of a cell, let alone a living cell itself, can be produced by bringing non-living materials together.**

The conditions required for the formation of a cell are too great in quantity to be explained away by mere coincidence. However, there is no need to explain the situation with too many details. Evolutionists are at a dead-end even before reaching the stage of the cell. That is because the **probability of just a single protein, an essential building block of the cell, coming into being by chance is mathematically "0".**

1. Proteins cannot be synthesized without enzymes, and enzymes are all proteins.

2. Around 60 proteins assuming the task of an enzyme need to be present for a single protein to be synthesized. Therefore, proteins are essential for proteins to exist.

3. DNA manufactures the protein-synthesizing enzymes. Proteins cannot be synthesized without DNA. DNA is therefore also needed for proteins to form.

4. All the organelles in the cell have important tasks in protein synthesis. In other words, for proteins to form, a complete and fully functioning cell needs to exist with all its organelles.

Evolutionist science writer Brian Switek admitted that the origin of life remains to be unaccountable by evolutionists as follows:

How life began is one of nature's enduring mysteries. (Brian Switek, "Debate bubbles over the origin of life", *Nature*, February 13, 2012)

Harvard chemist George Whitesides made the following confession in his acceptance speech of the Priestley Medal, the highest award of the American Chemical Society:

The Origin of Life. This problem is one of the big ones in science... Most chemists believe, as do I, that life emerged spontaneously from mixtures of molecules in the prebiotic Earth. How? I have no idea. (George M. Whitesides, "Revolutions In Chemistry: Priestley Medalist George M. Whitesides' Address", *Chemical and Engineering News*, 85: 12-17, March 26, 2007)

The DNA molecule, located in the nucleus of a cell and which stores genetic information, is a magnificent databank. If the information coded in DNA were transcribed on paper, it would make a giant library consisting of an estimated 900 volumes of 500 pages each.

A very interesting insurmountable predicament emerges at this point for the evolutionists: DNA can replicate itself only with the help of some specialized proteins (enzymes). However, the synthesis of these enzymes can be realized only by the information coded in DNA. As they both depend on each other, they must exist at the same time for replication. This razes the

scenario where life originated by itself to the ground. Prof. Leslie Orgel, an evolutionist of repute from the University of San Diego, California, confesses this fact in the September 1994 issue of the *Scientific American* magazine:

It is extremely improbable that proteins and nucleic acids, both of which are structurally complex, arose spontaneously in the same place at the same time. Yet it also seems impossible to have one without the other. And so, at first glance, one might have to conclude that life could never, in fact, have originated by chemical means. (Leslie E. Orgel, "The Origin of Life on Earth," *Scientific American*, vol. 271, October 1994, p. 78.)

No doubt, if it is impossible for life to have originated spontaneously through blind coincidence, then it must be accepted that life was created. This fact explicitly invalidates the theory of evolution, whose main purpose is to deny creation.

Imaginary Mechanism of Evolution

The second important point that negates Darwin's theory is that both concepts put forward by the theory as "evolutionary mechanisms" were understood to have, in reality, no evolutionary power.

Darwin based his evolution allegation entirely on the mechanism of "natural selection". The importance he placed on this mechanism was evident in the name of his book: *The Origin of Species, By Means of Natural Selection...*

Natural selection holds that those living things that are stronger and more suited to the natural conditions of their habitats will survive in the struggle for life. For example, in a deer herd under the threat of attack by wild animals, those that can run faster will survive. Therefore, the deer herd will be comprised of faster and stronger individuals. However, unquestionably, this mechanism will not cause deer to evolve and transform themselves into another living species, for instance, horses.

Therefore, the mechanism of natural selection has no evolutionary power. Darwin was also aware of this fact and had to state this in his book *The Origin of Species*:

Natural selection can do nothing until favourable individual differences or variations occur. (Charles Darwin, *The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection*, The Modern Library, New York, p. 127)

Lamarck's Fallacy

So, how could these "favorable variations" occur? Darwin tried to answer this question from the standpoint of the primitive understanding of science at that time. According to the French biologist Chevalier de Lamarck (1744-1829), who lived before Darwin, living creatures passed on the traits they acquired during their lifetime to the next generation. He asserted that these traits, which accumulated from one generation to another, caused new species to be formed. For instance, he claimed that giraffes evolved from antelopes; as they struggled to eat the leaves of high trees, their necks were extended from generation to generation.

Darwin also gave similar examples. In his book *The Origin of Species*, for instance, he said that some bears going into water to find food transformed themselves into whales over time.

(Charles Darwin, *The Origin of Species: A Facsimile of the First Edition*, Harvard University Press, 1964, p. 184.)

However, the laws of inheritance discovered by Gregor Mendel (1822-84) and verified by the science of genetics, which flourished in the twentieth century, utterly demolished the legend that acquired traits were passed on to subsequent generations. Thus, natural selection was left 'alone' and consequently rendered completely ineffective as an evolutionary mechanism.

Neo-Darwinism and Mutations

In order to find a solution, Darwinists advanced the "Modern Synthetic Theory," or as it is more commonly known, Neo-Darwinism, at the end of the 1930s. Neo-Darwinism added mutations, which are distortions formed in the genes of living beings due to such external factors as radiation or replication errors, as the "cause of favorable variations" in addition to natural selection.

Today, the model that Darwinists espouse, despite their own awareness of its scientific invalidity, is Neo-Darwinism. The theory maintains that millions of living species were formed through a process whereby numerous complex organs of these organisms (e.g., ears, eyes, lungs, and wings) underwent "mutations", that is, genetic disorders. Yet, there is an outright scientific fact that totally undermines this theory: **Mutations do not cause living beings to develop; on the contrary, they are always harmful.** The horrific images that appeared after the nuclear explosions in Chernobyl, Hiroshima and Nagasaki are the exact results brought about by mutations. The organisms with proper structures either died or were severely damaged by mutations.

The reason for this is very simple: **DNA has a very complex structure, and random effects can only harm it.** The American geneticist B. G. Ranganathan explains this as follows:

*First, genuine mutations are very rare in nature. Secondly, most mutations are harmful since they are random, rather than orderly changes in the structure of genes; any random change in a highly ordered system will be for the worse, not for the better. For example, **if an earthquake were to shake a highly ordered structure such as a building, there would be a random change in the framework of the building which, in all probability, would not be an improvement.*** (B. G. Ranganathan, *Origins?*, Pennsylvania: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1988, p. 7.)

According to the claims of Darwinists, mutations must produce proportionate and coherent changes all over the body. For example, as per the claims of Darwinists, if an ear is formed on the right side as a result of chance mutations just as they claim, chance mutations should also form a second ear on the left side that shares the same symmetry and properties, and hears just as well. The hammer, anvil and stirrup must each come into existence in the same perfect and equal state. Random mutations must form heart valves on both sides in the same way; the valves and auricles produced by random mutations must be formed simultaneously and equally compatible with one another; they must be flawless, in their proper places. Huge discrepancies would appear if this symmetry and order could not be maintained in every organ of the body. Bizarre structures with its one ear upside down, one unusual tooth, one eye on the forehead while the other on the nose, would appear. But living organisms do not possess such imbalances. According to the claims of the Darwinists, everything formed by

mutations must be symmetrical and compatible. However, all mutations are harmful. In the past, it was assumed that 99% of the mutations were harmful while the remaining 1% was neutral. Yet new researches revealed that those 1% of mutations that take place in those regions of the DNA that do not code proteins and were thus assumed to be harmless, are in fact harmful in the long run. That is why scientists named these mutations as 'silent mutations'. **It is impossible for mutations that are absolutely harmful to form rational, compatible, symmetrical organs at the same time.**

Mutations can be likened to shooting at an intact structure with a machine gun. Shooting at an intact object will completely ruin its structure. One of the bullets proving ineffective, or curing a pre-existing infection in the body by cauterizing it, does not change the result. The organism would already be ruined by the remaining 99 bullets that hit it.

Lynn Margulis, a member of the US National Academy of Sciences, has made the following confession regarding the evident harmful effects of mutations:

New mutations don't create new species; they create offspring that are impaired. (Lynn Margulis, quoted in Darryl Madden, *UMass Scientist to Lead Debate on Evolutionary Theory*, Brattleboro (Vt.) Reformer, February 3, 2006)

Also in an interview in 2011, Margulis emphasized the fact that "there is no evidence" indicating that mutations modify organisms and thus give rise to new species:

[N]eo-Darwinists say that new species emerge when mutations occur and modify an organism. I was taught over and over again that the accumulation of random mutations led to evolutionary change-led to new species. I believed it until I looked for evidence. (Lynn Margulis quoted in "Lynn Margulis: Q + A," *Discover Magazine*, April 2011, p. 68)

As Margulis stated, there is not a single evidence showing that random mutations lead to evolutionary changes, which in turn lead to the emergence of new species.

Indeed, no beneficial mutation – one that would advance the genetic code – has ever been observed. All mutations have proved to be harmful. It is now understood that mutation, which is presented as an "evolutionary mechanism", is actually a genetic occurrence that harms living things, and leaves them disabled. (The most common effect of mutation on human beings is cancer.) Of course, a destructive mechanism cannot be an "evolutionary mechanism". Natural selection, on the other hand, "can do nothing by itself", as Darwin also accepted. This fact shows us that **there is no "evolutionary mechanism" in nature**. Since there is no evolutionary mechanism, no such imaginary process called "evolution" can take place.

The Fossil Record: No Sign of Intermediate Forms

The fossil records constitute the clearest evidence showing us that the scenario suggested by the theory of evolution did not take place.

According to the unscientific supposition behind this theory, every living species has sprung from a predecessor. A previously existing species (evolutionists have yet to offer an explanation on how this species came into existence) turned into something else over time

and all species have come into being in this way. In other words, this imaginary transformation took millions of years and proceeded gradually.

If this were the case, innumerable intermediary species should have existed and lived within this long transformation period.

For instance, some half-fish/half-reptiles would have lived in the past, which had acquired some reptilian traits in addition to the fish traits they already had. Or there should have existed some reptile-birds, which acquired some bird traits in addition to the reptilian traits they already had. Since these would be in a transitional phase, they should be disabled, defective, crippled beings. Evolutionists refer to these imaginary creatures, which they believe to have lived in the past, as "transitional forms".

If such animals ever really existed, there would be millions and even billions of them in number and variety. More importantly, the remains of these strange creatures should be present in the fossil record. In *The Origin of Species*, Darwin explained:

If my theory be true, numberless intermediate varieties, linking most closely all of the species of the same group together must assuredly have existed... Consequently, evidence of their former existence could be found only amongst fossil remains... (Charles Darwin, *The Origin of Species*, New York: D. Appleton and Company. p. 161)

However, **Darwin, having written these lines, was also well aware of the fact that no fossils of these intermediate forms had yet been found.** He regarded this as a major difficulty for his theory. That is why, in one chapter of his book titled "Difficulties on Theory," he wrote:

*Firstly, why, if species have descended from other species by insensibly fine gradations, do we not everywhere see innumerable transitional forms? Why is not all nature in confusion instead of the species being, as we see them, well defined?.... But, as by this theory innumerable transitional forms must have existed, why do we not find them embedded in countless numbers in the crust of the earth?... (Charles Darwin, *The Origin of Species*, New York: D. Appleton and Company. p.154, 155)*

*Why then is not every geological formation and every stratum full of such intermediate links? (Charles Darwin, *The Origin of Species*, New York: D. Appleton and Company. p. 246)*

Darwin's Shattered Hopes

However, although evolutionists have been making strenuous efforts to find fossils since the middle of the nineteenth century all over the world, **no transitional forms have yet been uncovered.** All the fossils, contrary to the evolutionists' expectations, show that **life appeared on Earth all of a sudden and fully-formed.**

Renowned British paleontologist, Derek V. Ager, admits this fact, even though he is an evolutionist:

*The point emerges that if we examine the fossil record in detail, whether at the level of orders or of species, **we find - over and over again - not gradual evolution, but the sudden explosion of one group at the expense of another.** (Derek V. Ager, "The Nature of the Fossil Record," *Proceedings of the British Geological Association*, vol. 87, 1976, p. 133.)*

This means that in **the fossil record, all living species suddenly emerge as fully formed, without any intermediate forms in between.** This is just the opposite of Darwin's assumptions. Furthermore, this is very strong evidence that **all living things are created.** The only explanation of a living species emerging instantaneously and completely in every detail without any evolutionary ancestor is that it was created. This fact is admitted also by the widely-known evolutionist biologist Douglas Futuyma:

Creation and evolution, between them, exhaust the possible explanations for the origin of living things. Organisms either appeared on the earth fully developed or they did not. If they did not, they must have developed from pre-existing species by some process of modification. If they did appear in a fully developed state, they must indeed have been created by some omnipotent intelligence. (Douglas J. Futuyma, Science on Trial, Pantheon Books, New York, 1983, p. 197)

Today, there are 700 million unearthed fossils. **All these fossils reveal that living beings emerged fully developed and in a perfect state on the Earth.** It is as if the fossils are saying "We did not evolve through evolutionary processes." That means, contrary to Darwin's supposition, "the origin of species" cannot be explained by evolution, but is explained by creation.

The Tale of Human Evolution

The subject most often brought up by advocates of the theory of evolution is the subject of the origin of man. The Darwinist claim holds that man evolved from so-called ape-like creatures. During this alleged evolutionary process, which is supposed to have started four to five million years ago, some "transitional forms" between man and his imaginary ancestors are supposed to have existed. According to this completely imaginary scenario, four basic "categories" are listed:

1. *Australopithecus*
2. *Homo habilis*
3. *Homo erectus*
4. *Homo sapiens*

Evolutionists call man's so-called first ape-like ancestors *Australopithecus*, which means "Southern ape". These living beings are actually nothing but an ape species that has become extinct. Extensive research done on various *Australopithecus* specimens by two world famous anatomists from England and the USA, namely, Lord Solly Zuckerman and Prof. Charles Oxnard, shows that these apes belonged to an ordinary ape species that became extinct and bore no resemblance to humans (Solly Zuckerman, *Beyond the Ivory Tower*, Toplinger Publications, New York, 1970, 75-14; Charles E. Oxnard, "The Place of *Australopithecines* in Human Evolution: Grounds for Doubt", *Nature*, vol. 258, 389).

Evolutionists classify the next stage of human evolution as "homo", that is, "man." According to their claim, the living beings in the Homo series are more developed than *Australopithecus*. Evolutionists devise an imaginary evolution scheme by arranging different fossils of these creatures in a particular order. This scheme is imaginary because it has never been proven that there is any evolutionary relationship between these different classes.

By outlining the chain's links as *Australopithecus* > *Homo habilis* > *Homo erectus* > *Homo sapiens*, evolutionists imply that each of these species is another's ancestor. However, recent

findings of paleoanthropologists have revealed that *Australopithecus*, *Homo habilis*, and *Homo erectus* all lived at different parts of the world at the same time (Alan Walker, *Science*, vol. 207, 7 March 1980, p. 1103; A. J. Kelso, *Physical Anthropology*, 1st ed., J. B. Lipincott Co., New York, 1970, p. 221; M. D. Leakey, *Olduvai Gorge*, vol. 3, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1971, p. 272.).

Moreover, a certain segment of humans classified as *Homo erectus* have lived up until very modern times. **Homo erectus and Homo sapiens co-existed in the same region and era.** (Jeffrey Kluger, "Not So Extinct After All," *Time*, 24 June 2001).

This situation indicates the invalidity of the claim that they are ancestors of one another. The late Stephen Jay Gould explained this deadlock of the theory of evolution, although he was himself one of the leading advocates of evolution in the twentieth century:

What has become of our ladder if there are three coexisting lineages of hominids (A. africanus, the robust australopithecines, and H. habilis), none clearly derived from another? Moreover, none of the three display any evolutionary trends during their tenure on earth. (S. J. Gould, Natural History, vol. 85, 1976, p. 30)

Put briefly, the scenario of human evolution, which is "upheld" with the help of various drawings of some "half ape, half human" creatures appearing in the media and textbooks, that is, frankly, propaganda, is nothing but **a tale with no scientific foundation.**

Lord Solly Zuckerman, one of the most famous and respected scientists in the U.K., who carried out research on this subject for years and studied *Australopithecus* fossils for 15 years, finally concluded, despite being an evolutionist himself, **that there is, in fact, no such family tree branching out from ape-like creatures to man.**

Zuckerman also made an interesting "spectrum of science" ranging from those he considered scientific to those he considered unscientific. According to Zuckerman's spectrum, the most "scientific" – that is, depending on concrete data – fields of science are chemistry and physics. After them come the biological sciences and then the social sciences. At the far end of the spectrum, which is the part considered to be most "unscientific", are "extra-sensory perception" – concepts such as telepathy and a sixth sense – and finally "human evolution". Zuckerman explains his reasoning:

We then move right off the register of objective truth into those fields of presumed biological science, like extrasensory perception or the interpretation of man's fossil history, where to the faithful [evolutionist] anything is possible – and where the ardent believer [in evolution] is sometimes able to believe several contradictory things at the same time. (Solly Zuckerman, Beyond the Ivory Tower, New York: Toplinger Publications, 1970, p. 19)

The tale of human evolution boils down to nothing but the prejudiced interpretations of some unearthed fossils by certain people who blindly adhere to their theory.

Why a Muslim Cannot be an Advocate of Evolution

Based on the knowledge of the 1940s and 1950s, some Muslims imagine that evolution is a theory supported by science, and try to reconcile it with Islam employing a strange logic which suggests that 'Muslims knew about evolution long before Darwin.' This logic is a

product of serious lack of knowledge. Science has proven the invalidity of evolution. The fact science reveals is the fact of creation.

The fact that Muslims believe in, and the Qur'an clearly states, is that God created everything. Therefore, it is impossible for a Muslim to advocate the theory of evolution, which is a pagan superstition dating back to the time of the ancient Egyptians and Sumerians, explaining everything with coincidences.

God surely could have created the living organisms through evolution if He had wished so. However, the Qur'an does not contain any such information or any verse supporting the gradual formation of life forms as claimed by evolutionists. Had such a manner of creation existed, we would have seen it in the verses of the Qur'an with its elaborate explanations. But on the contrary, God informs us in the Qur'an that life and the universe is created miraculously with God's commandment, 'Be'.

He is the Originator of the heavens and earth. When He decides on something, He just says to it, 'Be!' and it is." (Qur'an, 2:117)

The fact God heralds in the Qur'an is that mankind was created out of nothing, in the finest form:

We created man in the finest mold. (Qur'an, 95:4)

He created the heavens and the earth with truth and formed you, giving you the best of forms. And He is your final destination. (Qur'an, 64:3)

The Prophet Adam (Pbuh) and All Mankind Existed in the Spiritual Realm Before the Universe was Created

In the Qur'an, God informs us He created mankind in the spiritual realm even before the creation of the Universe and called everyone to testify:

When your Lord took out all their descendants from the loins of the children of Adam and made them testify against themselves 'Am I not your Lord?' they said, 'We testify that indeed You are!' Lest you say on the Day of Rising, 'We knew nothing of this.' (Qur'an, 7:172)

As it is seen, God informs us in the verse that mankind was brought into being before the universe, that they were created flawlessly and were fully developed, and that they testified and promised that God is their Lord. According to the information imparted by the verse, fully developed, talking, hearing, promising, testifying human beings existed with all their organs and all their physical characteristics even before the universe was created.

The original Arabic verse is as below:

وَإِذْ أَخَذَ رَبُّكَ مِنْ بَنِي آدَمَ مِنْ ظُهُورِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ
وَأَشْهَدَهُمْ عَلَى أَنْفُسِهِمْ أَلَسْتُ بِرَبِّكُمْ قَالُوا بَلَى
شَهِدْنَا أَنْ تَقُولُوا يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ إِنَّا كُنَّا عَنْ هَذَا غَافِلِينَ

Wa iz akhaza rabbuka mim bani a_dama min zuhu_rihim zurriyyatahum wa asyhadahum 'ala_anfusihi, alastu bi rabbikum, qa_lu_bala_ - syahidna_ - an taqu_lu_yaumal qiya_mati inna_kunna_'an ha_zaga_filin(a).

Wa iz akhaza: And when (He) took out

(iz: you know, remember, then, at that time, ... when... because, as, hence)

rabbuka: your Lord

mim bani a_dama: from the children of Adam

min zuhu_rihim: from their loins

zurriyyatahum: their descendant, their lines, their lineage

wa asyhadahum: and made them testify

'ala_anfusihi: against themselves

alastu: am I not?

bi rabbikum: your Lord

qa_lu: they said

bala: yes

syahidna: we testify

an taqu_lu: lest, so that you say not

yaumal qiya_mati: the Day of Rising

inna: certainly we, genuinely we

kunna: we are, ... we were

'an ha_za: of this

ga_filin(a): unaware, knew nothing

The Arabic word 'zurriyyat', (descendant) used in the verse, is used 18 more times in the Qur'an. The meaning of this word in all the verses it is used in is 'mankind' or 'human generation' as all the Islamic scholars unanimously agree. In this verse, there is a reference to the descendants of Adam - the line of the Prophet Adam (pbuh)- meaning all human beings that have lived and will live on Earth. That is because, had that been a promise taken only from the person of the Prophet Adam (pbuh), the verse would have read 'When your Lord made Adam testify.' As the verse states '**When your Lord took out all their descendants from the loins of the children of Adam**', there is a reference to all the descendants of the Prophet Adam (pbuh), meaning all mankind.

The Arabic word 'iz' (meaning; remember that time, when) refers to the time when this address was made to the descendants of the Prophet Adam (pbuh), meaning to all mankind. The word 'iz' is a preposition used while talking about an incident that took place in the past. It means 'remember this incident that took place in the past'. What is meant here is the testimony, the promise all humankind gave in the past, even before the universe was created.

In another verse of the Qur'an, it is stated that people will die twice and will be given life twice:

They will say, 'Our Lord, twice You caused us to die and twice You gave us life. We admit our wrong actions. Is there no way out?' (Qur'an, 40:11)

The first death and life mentioned in this verse is the way people -in a sense- die after they gave this promise in the spiritual realm, and then are given life by God using their parents as instruments and are sent to this world. The second death is the physical death that we know of in this world. After that, people will be given life for the second time in the Hereafter.

When this is the case, the 'gradual formation of mankind' claims of those who assert that creation through evolution is mentioned in the Qur'an become utterly invalid. Humans did not come into existence in a gradual manner. The whole of mankind, the Prophet Adam (pbuh), and all the other prophets existed in the spiritual realm even before the whole universe was created. The claim that the Prophet Adam (pbuh) and the rest of mankind turned into modern man through a set of evolutionary processes does not hold any truth.

The Prophet Adam (pbuh), just like the rest of humanity, existed in the spiritual realm even before the universe was created, and then was created in Heaven, later to be sent to the Earth:

Your Lord said to the angels, 'I am going to create a human being out of clay. When I have formed him and breathed My Soul into him, fall down in prostration to him!' (Qur'an, 38:71-72)

But satan made them slip up by means of it, expelling them from where they were. We said, 'Go down from here as enemies to each other! You will have residence on the earth and enjoyment for a time.' (Qur'an, 2:36)

In another verse of the Qur'an, God informs us about the promise given by all mankind in the spiritual realm as follows:

Remember God's blessing to you and the covenant He made with you when you said, 'We hear and we obey.' Have fear of God. God knows what the heart contains. (Qur'anda, 5:7)

Those who gave their promises to God in the spiritual realm were not part human and part other creatures, with incomplete forms and undeveloped limbs. They were complete and conscious humans. This is a clear proof that creation through evolution does not exist in the Qur'an.

Those Muslims who Advocate Evolution are Unable to Explain the Creation of Angels and the Jinn

When those who claim that mankind developed through an evolutionary process are asked about how angels and the jinn were created, their answer will be, 'God created them out of nothing'. It is quite forbidding that these individuals, who are aware of and acknowledge the fact that angels and the jinn are creations of God, fail to realize that God created mankind in the same manner. It is highly surprising that they fail to see that Almighty Lord, Who created angels with His command 'Be', created mankind in the same manner. Likewise, God creates angels in human form, instantaneously. The angels who visited the Prophet Abraham (pbuh) had the appearance of fully developed and flawless human beings and were created instantaneously.

God informs in the Qur'an that the jinn, unlike mankind, were created from fire:

He created man from dry earth like baked clay; and He created the jinn from a fusion of fire. (Surat ar-Rahman, 14-15)

As God reveals in the Qur'an, the creation of angels is also quite different from the creation of mankind. In the following verse, God informs us about the creation of angels:

Praise be to God, the Bringer into Being of the heavens and earth, He Who made the angels messengers, with wings - two, three or four. He adds to creation in any way He wills. God has power over all things. (Surah Fatir, 1)

As clearly understood from the statement in the verse, angels also have a very distinct appearance, very different from that of humans. Additionally, God informs us in the Qur'an that both angels and the jinn were created before mankind. It is very easy for God to create. Our Lord is the One Who creates out of nothing and without cause. Just as He created the jinn and angels out of nothing and in distinct forms, so did He create mankind as a separate creature out of nothing, without any need for evolutionary processes. The same is also true for other life forms such as animals and plants. Here is the explicit truth explained in the Qur'an: God created all beings instantaneously and out of nothing without subjecting them to evolution; in other words, without turning them into other species.

Muslims Who Advocate Evolution Cannot Offer any Explanation for the Miracles Mentioned in the Qur'an

God informs us in the Qur'an that when the Prophet Moses (pbuh) threw his staff to the ground, by God's will, it turned into a living snake.

As we are informed in the verses, when the Prophet Moses (pbuh) throws his staff to the ground, an inanimate tree branch turns into a living snake, and when he takes it in his hand, it reverts back to an inanimate tree branch, and when he throws it once more to the ground, it again comes to life. In other words, an inanimate matter comes to life and then becomes lifeless, and then comes to life again. With this miracle, God shows us the constant creation. God commands in the verses:

'He threw it down and suddenly it was a slithering snake. He said, 'Take hold of it and have no fear. We will return it to its original form. (Qur'an, 20:20-21)

'Throw down what is in your right hand. It will swallow up their handiwork. Their handiwork is just a magician's trick. Magicians do not prosper wherever they go.' (Qur'an, 20:69)

Throw down your staff.' Then when he saw it slithering like a snake he turned and fled and did not turn back again. 'Have no fear, Moses. In My Presence the Messengers have no fear.' (Qur'an, 27:10)

When the Prophet Moses (pbuh) threw his staff to the ground, as a blessing of God, an inanimate piece of wood turned into a very much alive creature that slithered and swallowed the conjurations of the others; in other words, a creature with a functional digestive system. This transformation took place instantaneously. Thus, God showed people an example of how living organisms are created out of nothing. An inanimate matter came to life by God simply willing it, in other words, with His command 'Be'. This miracle that God granted to the Prophet Moses (pbuh), shattered the superstitious evolutionary beliefs of the Egyptians at the time with a single blow, and even those who were against the Prophet Moses (pbuh) realized the truth at that very moment, renouncing their superstitious beliefs and believing in God.

Furthermore, God informs us in the Qur'an about how the Prophet Jesus (pbuh) made a clay object in the shape of a bird and breathed into it, and how the bird came to life by God's Will:

Remember when God said, 'Jesus, son of Mary, remember My blessing to you and to your mother when I reinforced you with the Purest Spirit so that you could speak to people in the cradle and when you were fully grown; and when I taught you the Book and Wisdom, and the Torah and the Gospel; and when you created a bird-shape out of clay by My permission, and then breathed into it and it became a bird by My permission...' (Qur'an, 5:110)

A bird comes to life without being bound to any cause, by God's leave and miracle. A living bird emerging from inanimate matter is one example of Almighty God's peerless, causeless and sublime creation. Through this miracle bestowed upon him by God, the Prophet Jesus (pbuh) also reveals the illogicality and invalidity of evolutionist thinking. It is impossible for those who try to arbitrarily reconcile Islam with evolution to offer an explanation of these miracles of our Lord.

Just as God did not create the jinn, angels, the women of Heaven (houris), the male servants of Heaven (gillmans), the children of Heaven, palaces and gardens of Heaven, hell and its guardians through evolution, so did He not create mankind through evolution. God created every detail in Heaven; the high palaces, ornaments, gardens, birds, foods and infinite blessings instantly and out of nothing without any evolutionary process. The mansions in the Heaven, rivers of milk, thrones and jewels of Heaven were all created by God's command "Be". No cause is needed such as foremen, tailors or craftsmen for those to appear. Just as the fruits of Heaven such as date palms and figs or the jewels of Heaven such as pearls and mother-of-pearls were not created by means of evolution in Heaven, they are not created by means of evolution in this world either. Creation is not through evolution, neither in this world, nor in Heaven. *(For further information, refer to: Why Darwinism Is Incompatible with the Qur'an, Harun Yahya (Adnan Oktar))*

Darwinian Formula!

Besides all the technical evidence we have dealt with so far, let us now examine what kind of an irrational belief the evolutionists have with an example so simple as to be understood even by children:

The theory of evolution claims that life is formed by chance. According to this irrational claim, lifeless and unconscious atoms came together to form the cell and then they supposedly formed other living things, including man. Let us think about that. When we bring together the elements that are the building blocks of life such as carbon, phosphorus, nitrogen, and potassium, only a heap is formed. No matter what treatment it undergoes, this atomic heap cannot form even a single living being. If you like, let us formulate an "experiment" on this subject and let us examine what evolutionists really claim about the "Darwinian formula":

Let evolutionists put plenty of the materials present in the composition of living things, such as phosphorus, nitrogen, carbon, oxygen, iron, and magnesium, into big barrels. Moreover, let them add in these barrels any material that does not even exist under normal conditions, but that they think is necessary. Let them add in this mixture as many amino acids and as many proteins - not a single one of which can by any means be formed by chance - as they like. Let them expose these mixtures to as much heat and moisture as they like. Let them stir these with whatever technologically developed device they like. Let them put the foremost scientists beside these barrels. Let these experts wait in turn beside these barrels for billions or even trillions of years. Let them be free to use anything they believe to be necessary for a living being's formation.

No matter what they do, they cannot produce from these barrels a living being. They cannot produce giraffes, lions, bees, canaries, horses, dolphins, roses, orchids, lilies, carnations, bananas, oranges, apples, dates, tomatoes, melons, watermelons, figs, olives, grapes, peaches, peafowls, pheasants, multicolored butterflies, or any of the other millions of other living beings such as these. Indeed, they could not obtain even a single cell of any living being.

Briefly, **unconscious atoms cannot form a cell** by coming together. They cannot make a new decision and divide this cell into two, then make other decisions and create the professors who invented the electron microscope and then examine their own cell structure under that microscope. **Life only comes with God's superior creation.** The theory of evolution, which claims the opposite, is a total fallacy, completely contrary to reason. Thinking even a little bit on about the claims of evolutionists discloses this reality, just as in the above example.

Technology in the Eye and the Ear

Another subject that remains unanswered by the theory of evolution is the excellent quality of perception in the eye and the ear.

Before passing on to the subject of the eye, let us briefly answer the question of how we see. Light rays coming from an object fall upside down on the retina in the eye. Here, these light rays are transmitted into electrical signals by cells and reach a tiny spot at the back of the brain, the "center of vision". These electrical signals are then perceived in this center as an image. Given this brief technical explanation, let us do some thinking.

The brain is insulated from light. That means that it is completely dark inside the brain, and that no light reaches the place where it is located. Thus, the "center of vision" is never touched by light and may even be the darkest place you have ever known. However, you observe a luminous, bright world in this pitch-black darkness.

The image formed in the eye is so sharp and so distinct that even the technology of the twenty-first century has not been able to attain that clarity and sharpness. For instance, look at the book you are reading, your hands with which you are holding it, then lift your head and look around you. Have you ever seen such a sharp and distinct image as you now see, with any other device? Even the most developed television screen produced by the greatest television manufacturer in the world cannot provide such a sharp image for you. For more than 100 years, thousands of engineers have been trying to achieve this sharpness. Factories, huge premises have been established, much research has been done, plans and designs have been made for this purpose. Again, look at a TV screen and the book you hold in your hands. You will see that there is a big difference in sharpness and distinction. Moreover, the TV screen shows you a two-dimensional image, whereas with your eyes, you watch from a three-dimensional perspective which adds depth.

For many years, tens of thousands of engineers have tried to make a three-dimensional TV and achieve the vision quality of the eye. Yes, they have made a three-dimensional television system, but it is not possible to watch it without putting on special 3-D glasses; moreover, it is only artificially three-dimensional. The background is more blurred, the foreground appears like a paper setting. Never has it been possible to produce as sharp and distinct vision as that of the eye. In both the camera and the television, there is a comparative loss of image quality.

Evolutionists claim that the mechanism producing this sharp and distinct image has been formed by haphazard events. Now, if somebody told you that the television in your room was formed as a result of coincidences, that all of its atoms just happened to come together and make up this device that produces an image, what would you think? How can unconscious atoms do what thousands of people cannot?

If a device producing a more primitive image than **the eye could not have been formed by chance**, then it is very evident that the eye and the image seen by the eye could not have been formed by chance. The same is valid for the ear as well. The outer ear picks up the available sounds by the auricle and directs them to the middle ear, the middle ear transmits the sound vibrations by intensifying them, and the inner ear sends these vibrations to the brain by translating them into electrical signals. Just as with the eye, the act of hearing is finalized in the center of hearing in the brain.

The situation of the eye is also true for the ear. That is, **the brain is insulated from sound** just as it is from light. It does not let any sound in. Therefore, no matter how noisy the outside is, the inside of the brain is completely silent. Nevertheless, the sharpest sounds are perceived in the brain. In **your completely silent brain, you listen to symphonies, and hear all the noises in a crowded place.** However, if the sound level in your brain were measured by a precise device at that moment, complete silence would be found to prevail there.

As is the case with sharp imagery, decades of effort have been spent in trying to generate and reproduce sound that is faithful to the original. Sound recorders, high-fidelity systems, many electronic devices and music systems sensing sound are all the results of such efforts. Despite all this technology and the thousands of engineers and experts who have been working on this endeavor, no sound has yet been obtained that has the same sharpness and clarity as the sound perceived by the ear.

Think of the highest-quality, highest-fidelity systems produced by the largest company in the music industry. Even with these devices, when sound is recorded, some of it is lost; or notice how when you turn on a hi-fi you always hear a slight interference or static even before the music starts. However, the sounds that are the products of the human body's technology are extremely sharp and clear. A human ear never perceives a sound accompanied by a hissing sound or with static as does a music set; rather, it perceives sound exactly as it is, sharp and clear. This is the way it has been since **the creation of man**. So far, no man-made video or audio recording apparatus has been as sensitive and successful in perceiving sensory data as are the eye and the ear. However, as far as seeing and hearing are concerned, a far greater truth lies beyond all this.

To Whom Does this Consciousness that Sees and Hears within the Brain Belong?

Who watches an alluring world inside the brain, listens to symphonies and the twittering of birds, and smells the rose?

The stimulations coming from a person's eyes, ears, and nose travel to the brain as electro-chemical nerve impulses. In biology, physiology, and biochemistry books, you can find many details about how this image forms in the brain. However, you will never come across an answer to the most important question: Who perceives these electro-chemical nerve impulses as images, sounds, odors, and sensory events in the brain? **There is a consciousness in the brain that perceives all this without feeling any need for an eye, an ear, and a nose.** To whom does this consciousness belong? Of course, it does not belong to the nerves, the fat layer, or neurons comprising the brain. This is why Darwinist-materialists, who believe that everything is composed of matter, cannot answer this question.

For **this consciousness is the spirit, the soul created by God**, which needs neither the eye to watch the images nor the ear to hear the sounds. Furthermore, it does not need the brain to think.

Everyone who reads this explicit and scientific answer should reflect on Almighty God, and fear and seek refuge in Him, for He fits this entire universe into a pitch-dark place of a few cubic centimeters in a three-dimensional, colored, shadowy, and luminous form.

A Materialist Superstition

The information we have presented so far shows us that **the theory of evolution is incompatible with scientific findings**. The theory's claim regarding the origin of life is inconsistent with science, the evolutionary mechanisms it proposes have no evolutionary power, and fossils demonstrate that **intermediate forms the theory necessitates have never existed**. So, these certainly require that the theory of evolution be pushed aside as a disproven theory. This is how many ideas, such as the geocentric model of the universe, have been taken out of the realm of science throughout history.

However, the theory of evolution is persistently kept on the agenda of science. Some people even try to represent criticisms directed against it as an "attack on science" and to suppress adversatives. Why?

Because this theory is an indispensable dogmatic belief in some circles. These circles are **blindly devoted** to a materialist philosophy and adopt Darwinism because it is the only materialist explanation that can be put forward to explain the workings of nature.

Interestingly enough, they also confess this fact from time to time. A well-known geneticist and an outspoken evolutionist, Richard C. Lewontin from Harvard University, confesses that he is "first and foremost a materialist and then a scientist":

It is not that the methods and institutions of science somehow compel us accept a material explanation of the phenomenal world, but, on the contrary, that we are forced by our a priori adherence to material causes to create an apparatus of investigation and a set of concepts that produce material explanations, no matter how counter-intuitive, no matter how mystifying to the uninitiated. Moreover, that materialism is absolute, so we cannot allow a Divine [intervention]... (Richard Lewontin, "The Demon-Haunted World," The New York Review of Books, January 9, 1997, p. 28)

These are explicit statements demonstrating that Darwinism is a dogma kept alive just for the sake of adherence to materialism. This dogma maintains that there is no being except for matter. Therefore, it argues that inanimate, unconscious matter brought life into being. It claims that millions of different living species (e.g., birds, fish, giraffes, tigers, insects, trees, flowers, whales, and human beings) originated as a result of interactions between matter, such as pouring rain, lightning flashes, and so on, or out of inanimate matter. This is a precept contrary to both reason and science. Yet Darwinists continue to ignorantly defend it just so as not to acknowledge, in their own eyes, the evident existence of God.

Anyone who does not look at the origin of living beings with a materialist prejudice sees this evident truth: **All living beings are works of a Creator**, Who is All-Powerful, All-Wise, and All-Knowing. **This Creator is God**, Who created the whole universe from non-existence, in the most perfect form, and fashioned all living beings.

The Theory of Evolution: The Most Potent Spell in the World

It should be openly stated first and foremost that anyone free of prejudice and the influence of any particular ideology, who uses only his or her reason and logic, will clearly understand that belief in the theory of evolution, which brings to mind the superstitions of societies with no knowledge of true science, is quite impossible to embrace.

As explained above, those who believe in the theory of evolution think that a few atoms and molecules thrown into a huge vat could produce thinking, reasoning professors and university students; such scientists as Einstein and Hubble; such artists as Frank Sinatra and Charlton Heston; antelopes, lemon trees, and carnations. Moreover, as the scientists and professors who believe in this nonsense are educated people, it is quite justifiable to speak of this theory as "the most potent spell in history". Never before has any other belief or idea so taken away peoples' powers of reason, refused to allow them to think intelligently and logically, and hidden the truth from them as if they had been blindfolded. This necessitates an even worse and unbelievable blindness than the totems worshipped in some parts of Africa, the people of Saba worshipping the Sun, the tribe of the Prophet Abraham (pbuh) worshipping idols they had made with their own hands, or some among the people of the Prophet Moses (pbuh) worshipping the Golden Calf.

In fact, God has pointed to this lack of reason in the Qur'an. In many verses, He reveals that some peoples' minds will be closed and that they will be powerless to see the truth. Some of these verses are as follows:

As for those who do not believe, it makes no difference to them whether you warn them or do not warn them, they will not believe. God has sealed up their hearts and hearing and over their eyes is a blindfold. They will have a terrible punishment. (Qur'an, 2:6-7)

... They have hearts with which they do not understand. They have eyes with which they do not see. They have ears with which they do not hear. Such people are like cattle. No, they are even further astray! They are the unaware. (Qur'an, 7:179)

God informs us in the Surat al-Hijr that these people are under a spell that they do not believe even if they see miracles:

Even if We opened up to them a door into heaven, and they spent the day ascending through it, they would only say: "Our eyesight is befuddled! Or rather we have been put under a spell!" (Qur'an, 15:14-15)

Words cannot express just how astonishing it is that this spell should hold such a wide community in thrall, keeping people from the truth, and remaining unbroken for 150 years. It is understandable that one or a few people might believe in impossible, illogical scenarios and claims full of stupidity and illogicality. However, "spell" is the only possible word to use when people from all over the world believe that unconscious and lifeless atoms suddenly decided to come together and form a universe that functions with a flawless system of organization, discipline, reason, and consciousness; a planet named Earth with all its features so perfectly suited to life; and living things full of countless complex systems.

In fact, in the Qur'an God relates the incident of the Prophet Moses (pbuh) and Pharaoh to show that some people who support atheistic philosophies actually influence others by use of spells. When Pharaoh was told about the true religion, he told the Prophet Moses (pbuh) to meet with his own magicians. When the Prophet Moses (pbuh) did so, he told them to demonstrate their abilities first. The verses continue:

He said: "You throw." And when they threw, they cast a spell on the people's eyes and caused them to feel great fear of them. They produced an extremely powerful magic. (Qur'an, 7:116)

As we have seen, Pharaoh's magicians were able to deceive everyone, apart from the Prophet Moses (pbuh) and those who believed in him. However, his evidence broke the spell, or "swallowed up what they had forged," as revealed in the verse:

We revealed to Moses: "Throw down your staff." And it immediately swallowed up what they had forged. So the Truth took place and what they did was shown to be false. (Qur'an, 7:117-118)

The Prophet Moses' throwing his staff of inanimate wood and then that staff coming to life and instantly overthrowing the deceptions of the Pharaoh and his followers is like breaking the spell of evolution. When people realized that a spell had been cast upon them and that what they saw was just an illusion, Pharaoh's magicians lost all credibility. In the present day too, unless those who, under the influence of a similar spell believe in these ridiculous claims of evolution under their scientific disguise and spend their lives defending them, abandon their superstitious beliefs, they also will be humiliated when the full truth emerges and the

spell is broken. In fact, world-renowned British writer and philosopher Malcolm Muggeridge, who was an atheist advocating the theory of evolution for some sixty years, but who subsequently realized the truth, reveals the position in which the theory of evolution would find itself in the near future in these terms:

*I myself am convinced that **the theory of evolution**, especially the extent to which it's been applied, **will be one of the great jokes in the history books in the future**. Posterity will marvel that so very flimsy and dubious an hypothesis could be accepted with the incredible credulity that it has. (Malcolm Muggeridge, *The End of Christendom*, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1980, p. 43)*

That future is not far off: On the contrary, people will soon see that "coincidences" are not a deity, and will look back on **the theory of evolution as the worst deceit and the most terrible spell in the world**. That spell is now rapidly beginning to be lifted from people all over the world. Many people who see its true face are wondering with amazement how they could ever have been taken in by it.

**They said "Glory be to You! We have no knowledge except what You have taught us. You are the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."
(Qur'an, 2: 32)**

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□□The statement that would be in line with the Qur'an would be to say that all creation is a manifestation of God. However, here the book states "Rumi attributed deity not only to Himself, but to all of humanity." In other words, instead of saying -in compliance with the Qur'an- that Rumi and people are beautiful manifestations of God, here it is stated that they are the Personage of God, -may God forbid-

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□□According to the Qur'an, faith and piety are what make a human, human. God sent the religion to all people and every person is obliged to become a follower of the religion. Saying the opposite and claiming that a person can be superior to religion is blasphemy. Saying, "What is faith in the face of such a man's blasphemy?" is in no way in conformance with the Qur'an. A believer can never say that faith and blasphemy are equal, or further, blasphemy is superior to faith -surely, faith is above such statements- instead of praising God, faith and living Islam.

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□□To be able to justify Rumi's words that put the Masnavi on par with the Qur'an, it is said that statements made by saints are inspired by God. Surely, it is God Who makes all people talk. Every word belongs to God. However, this does not indicate that all words are equivalent to the Qur'an, the revelation of God. But here, the Masnavi is openly put on par with the Qur'an, and this is a heresy.

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Charles Darwin

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Louise Pasteur

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As accepted also by the latest evolutionist theorists, the origin of life is still a great stumbling block for the theory of evolution.

Alexander Oparin's attempts to offer an evolutionist explanation for the origin of life ended in a great fiasco.

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The DNA in the nucleus of the living cell is a databank consisting of various sequences of four different nucleotide bases. The codes of all physical characteristics belonging to that living being are stored in that molecule. When human DNA is transcribed on paper it is assumed that it would make a library as large as 900 volumes of encyclopedias. Such an extra-ordinary amount of data completely renders the claims about coincidental formation invalid.

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Lamarck claimed that giraffes evolved from a species similar to antelopes and that their necks grew longer while they were trying to eat the leaves of high trees. However, this claim of Lamarck's is refuted by scientific findings and took its place in history as a false assumption.

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antenna

eyes

mouth

leg

Evolutionists have been trying to form an example of useful mutation by subjecting flies to mutations since the beginning of the century. All they attained as a result of decades of studies are crippled, diseased and defective flies.

On the left: Head of a normal fruit fly

On the right: A mutated fruit fly

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Fossils that reveal that life forms have never changed

Ant-Like Stone Beetle

Period: Cretaceous

Age: 100 million years

Location: Myanmar

Frog

Period: Eocene

Age: 40 million years

Location: China

Sumac Leaf

Period: Eocene

Age: 45 million years

Location: USA

Catshark

Period: Cretaceous

Age: 95 million years

Location: Lebanon

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FALSE

There are no fossil remains that support the tale of human evolution. On the contrary, the fossil record shows that there is an insurmountable barrier between apes and men. In the face of this truth, evolutionists fixed their hopes on certain drawings and models. They randomly place masks on the fossil remains and fabricate imaginary half-ape, half-human faces.

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Can life emerge if all the conditions stipulated by evolutionists are met? Of course not! In order to show why not, let us carry out the following experiment: Place all the enzymes, hormones and proteins—everything that evolutionists regard as essential for life to form—into a barrel such as that pictured above. Then mix all these substances, using all possible physical and chemical techniques. But whatever you do, no matter how long you wait, not a single living cell will emerge from that barrel.

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When we compare the eye and the ear with camera and sound recording systems, we see that our organs have much more complex and perfect structures than those mentioned technological devices.

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Signals from an object affect the brain by turning into electrical signals. When we say we see something, we are actually experiencing the effect of electrical signals in our brain. The brain is closed off to light. The interior of the brain is pitch black, and no light can enter where the brain is. The area known as the visual cortex is pitch black, somewhere that light can never reach, darker perhaps than anywhere you have ever seen. But you watch a brightly colored world in that pitch dark.

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Today, the beliefs of Darwinists are as incomprehensible as the weird and unreasonable beliefs of those who worshiped alligators in the past. Darwinists ignorantly regard coincidences and inanimate, unconscious atoms as if they have creative powers. Moreover, they adhere to this superstitious belief as one would adhere to a religion.

ARKA KAPAK

The books of Mawlana Jalal ad-Din Rumi are known as Islamic works. However, these books include immoral parts that contradict the Qur'an and might lead to serious societal moral degeneration. Yet, this fact is largely unknown to many. This book features the aforementioned parts.

These narrations that are in contradiction with the Qur'an might have been added later to Rumi's books, written by someone else, or else Rumi might have not known about all these statements at all. However, the books printed, published, distributed and quoted under the name of Mawlana Rumi ultimately include chapters depicting a philosophy and lifestyle that is in complete contradiction with the Qur'an.

It is of utmost importance that all Muslims are aware of these parts' existence, since a philosophy under the name of "Rumism" that conflicts the Qur'an and Islam is promoted by using these parts.

It is significant to note that there is no connection between Rumi's philosophy that we have mentioned and criticized throughout the book and the Mevleviyya known in Anatolia.

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All of the author's works share one single goal: to convey the Qur'an's message, encourage readers to consider basic faith-related issues such as God's existence and unity and the Hereafter; and to expose irreligious systems' feeble foundations and perverted ideologies. His more than 300 works, translated into 73 different languages, enjoy a wide readership across the world. By the will of God, the books of Harun Yahya will be a means through which people in the twenty-first century will attain the peace, justice, and happiness promised in the Qur'an.

The seal on the cover of the books is the Prophet's (pbuh) seal. It represents the Qur'an (the final scripture) and the Prophet Muhammad (the last of the prophets). The author uses this seal as a symbol of taking the Qur'an and the peaceful and loving morality of the Prophets as his guide.