

COMSATS University Islamabad, Virtual Campus HUM110 Islamic Studies

Lecture 02 Handouts

Existence of God and Oneness of Allah (SWT)

Before we start studying religion, the first question which comes to our mind is, "Is there any God?" In this regard to prove the existence of Allah (SWT) there are many evidences for anybody who wants to weigh the matter. Some arguments are given for the existence of God.

1. Fitrah Arguments

Everybody feels deep inside that there is a Creator of him which he needs all the time. When he is in calamity, he turns towards his Supreme Lord. He seeks help, guidance and gets hope from his Lord.

Fitrah is the intrinsic nature in humans which guides them about wrong and right deeds. Everybody is conscious about the moral values, though they differ culturally but the basic values are same. Murder, theft, kidnapping, mischievious behavior etc are disliked by everybody, in every nation and in every religion.

Throughout the history every society placed some people or figures to a higher position to seek help and to sanctify their feelings.

Islam is the religion of fitrah as stated in the Quran,

Therefore, set right your face for the obedience of Allah being one devoted to Him only. The established pattern of Allah upon which He has created mankind. No change in the created things of Allah. This is the only right religion. But most of the people know not.

(Ar Room 30:30)

The right religion is described as fitrah of Allah (SWT). Syyedena Abu Hurera (RA) mentioned that fitrah is associated with the deen of Islam. Since Allah (SWT)'s fitrah is engraved on the human soul, mankind is born with the concept of Tauheed (Oneness of Allah (SWT)). Since Tauheed is intrinsic to man's fitrah, so the prophets, peace be upon them, came to remind mankind about the fundamental reality of the original nature.

Islam is deen-e-fitrah, the religion of human nature as its teachings and laws are integrated and in full harmony with human nature by which he submits himself to the Creator.

2. Design and Designer Argument

Every thing in the universe did not come into being by chance. The placement of the things reflects the designer and his design. Every object and all living things have specific designs which indicate its designer.

If there were two or more designers of the world then they should be independent in their domain and each of them wants to show and prove his existence. If they were different in their existence, their attributes would be different. In this case the harmony of the world could be disturbed. They may manipulate each others domain.

He for Whom is the kingdom of heavens and earth and He has not taken a son for Himself and He has no partner in His kingdom, and after creating everything, He has ordained it on a right estimate.

(Al-Furqan, 25/2)