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#### INTRODUCTION TO

### ISLAM—THE FIRST AND FINAL RELIGION

The most loving God, the Beneficient, the Merciful, Kind and the Master of the Day of Judgement, when He decided to herald the creation of the mighty and vast Universe, He so "willed it" to come into existence.

His reason for this colossal cosmic creation was that "His Might, His Power, His Glory be known to His creatures" and that man who is a uniquely special creature accepts Him, out of his own free will, "as his creator, his Lord and his Master" who is Omnipotent Omniscient and Omnipresent.

#### REASON BEHIND EVERYTHING

A Hadis of the Holy Prophet says:

God has not created anything better than "Reason". It is by our God's gifted faculty of Reasoning that we are so uniquely distinct from other creatures. It is by exercise of this very faculty that we can recognize His existence. Our material and spiritual progress or degeneration is based also on how we use this unique faculty.

Behind every creation there is some "higher purpose" of the Master; be it the existence of hundreds of galaxies, containing the millions of stars and the billions of planets which rotate within their solar system—the very thought of which inspires awe and marvel in our minds, or the existence of so small creatures as ants or even smaller ones seen only under powerful magnifying glasses.

Even in our insignificant planet, the Earth, on which we make so much mischief, cause so much of human suffering and even shed so much human blood in order to satisfy our individual or national greeds, the existence of various kinds of flowers and herbs, fruits and vegetables, ants and insects, fishes and reptiles, animals and birds, mines and minerals, valleys and mountains, rivers and seas, nay everything that exists in any shape of solid, liquid or gaseous form, has each individually its very great significance for the "survival and sustenance" of life" in its different forms with their proper balance in Nature. The Holy Qur'an declares that God did not create the Universe or anything else without some purpose.

"And We created not the Heaven and the Earth and what is in between them for sport". (Holy Qur'an 21:16)

## "He hath created everything and hath meted out for it a measure" (Holy Qur'an 25:2)

The rotation of our own planet, its accurately defined orbit on which it moves, its varying axis, its magnetic field, its atmospheric density, its polar caps, even its very size, its rotational speed and its distances from the Sun and Moon each has, as we now know, its important individual impact on life on Earth. All these agencies which operate and have their impact on our existence are intelligently designed in accordance with "set laws" as deemed fit by the Creator, which these agencies strictly obey and carry out in measures laid out for them. To me it seems a clear misnomer to term the laws set by the Master as "Laws of Nature", as if supposedly the "Laws of Nature" were something different from "God's Laws", which He alone has set for them for surely Nature could not have set those laws for itself.

There is therefore "life and intelligence" not only in human beings but that all "phenomena of Nature are also alive and intelligent" be they as large as the Sun or as small as an atom, or even smaller, i.e. the electrons and protons. How can we, therefore, deny the existence of the Creator and the Master of the Universe?

#### REASONING ESTABLISHES HIS EXISTENCE

Science has made great strides in this 20th Century. We have discovered through Science the existence of "intelligence in Nature" and the existence of "male and female sexes" in all forms of life, but the Holy Qur'an informed us about them so explicitly 1400 years ago. "Glory to God, who created in pairs all things that the Earth produces, as well as their own (human) kind and (other) things of which they have no knowledge". (36:36) (See footnote). Time and again the Holy Qur'an draws our ATTENTION towards the wonder of creation and pointedly mentions to us to reflect on the mighty Universe around us, saying that

"in it there are signs for people to ponder" (Holy Qur'an) and asks us "do you see any flaw in the Universe?" (Holy Qur'an) and again declares "thou (O 'Mohammad) can see no incongruity in the creation of the Beneficient" "Then look again and yet again, thy sight will return unto thee weekened and made dim". (Holy Qur'an 67:3,4).

There are many verses in the Holy Qur'an which refer to Scientific facts about the significance of which we have now learnt with the advancement of Science. It was only in 1933 that through a Bengali doctor Mr. C. Bose who won Noble Prize for his research on the existence of sexes in plant life, this scientific fact indicated so very clearly in the above verse (36:36) came to the knowledge of mankind. We are preparing a booklet "Science in the light of Holy Qur'an" which *Insha-Allah* will soon be printed for free distribution by Begum Aisha Bawany Wakf. Those who are interested may write to Wakf's address P.O. Box 4178, Karachi (Pakistan).