

The nature of Jesus,

“peace be upon him”

Upon discussing the matters of belief, the nature of Christ must be discussed due to the confusion and the many allegations about his nature.

Some Christians claim that "Christ is God" or that he is one of three in a trinity and that he incarnated God in the form of humans on earth.

According to the Christian Holy Scripture, Christ, peace be upon him, was a born being who was eating, drinking, sleeping and praying. He was also of limited knowledge. These qualities do not befit God. God has the qualities of perfection, while man, on the contrary, lacks this perfection. How something can be in the form of two opposing things at the same time –that is, complete and incomplete?! This is implausible.

However, one may ask, "If God is capable of doing everything, why cannot he become a human?"

Based on the definition of God, God shall not do actions that do not befit him. So, if God becomes a human having human qualities, then he is, by necessity, no longer God.

Moreover, the Bible contains many verses in which the Christ speaks and acts as a servant of God, and which underscore that God is distinctly separate from him.

For example, it is stated in Matthew 26:39, "He fell on his face, and prayed."

Were Jesus a god, is it reasonable for a god to fall on his face and pray? And to whom was he praying?

Some Christians claim that "The Christ is the Son of God". We should ask ourselves, "What does this actually entail?" God is far exalted above having a child, in reality or even metaphorically.

In addition, the expression "Son of God" was used symbolically in ancient biblical languages to express "righteous servants." This expression was not limited to Christ, peace be upon him, but rather it was extensively used in the Old Testament by many prophets such as David, Solomon and Jacob. For example, a verse states, "... Israel is my firstborn son". (Exodus 4:22)

"It would not befit God to have a child. He is far above that" (Qur'an, 19:35)

Belief in Christ in Islam is the correct doctrine about the truth of Christ, as it maintains the belief in God and His glory at the same time.

The Christ, peace be upon him, was a noble messenger sent by God Almighty to call people to worship God alone.

In that case, Why am I here?

Everyone acknowledges that parts of the body, such as eyes, ears, brain, and heart, have a certain purpose of existence. Is it not reasonable then that the existence of the whole individual has a purpose as well?

The wise God did not create us to live recklessly without a purpose, nor did He create us to meet our desires of food, drink and marriage only. We are created for a sublime objective,

which is to believe in the existence of God Almighty and worship Him alone so that we can live according to the guidance of our creator. This guidance leads us to live a happy and blessed life. This guidance includes all matters that benefit both one, such as prayer, and the whole community, such as doing good to neighbors, being kind to one's family, honesty and caring for animals.

God Almighty prohibits us from worshiping anyone or anything other than Him, such as an idol, a sun, a moon, a rabbi, a monk, or even a prophet. He does not need partners or mediators. Everyone can worship God directly and at any time.

God has made this life a trial to people who go through this trial in many forms. We cannot control what happens to us, but we can control our reactions to what happens to us. One of the means that brings us closer to God and causes us to enter Paradise is to observe patience when we go through suffering, and to offer thanks and praise to God at times of ease. God has also warned us of the punishment of the Hell-fire, in case we ignore His commands and disobey Him.

Then, What should I do now?

The test of one's faith is to use the intellect to meditate, recognize the signs of God's existence, and to live according to His commands and to abstain from prohibited matters. One observes this only by submitting himself to the commands of Allah. In this way, one becomes a true "Muslim", which in Arabic means to submit oneself to the commands of Allah.

God Almighty has made Islam accessible to all, regardless of their previous state, creed, or status quo. Therefore, anyone can become a Muslim simply by pronouncing and believing in the following shahādah (testimony of faith), knowing its meaning and acting accordingly:

"I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and I bear witness that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah."

Is it not the time yet for you to work for the purpose for which you were created, to accept the truth and submit to it, and to acknowledge the existence of the Creator and duly worship Him?

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Where did I come from? Why do I exist in this Life? And where will I go after Death?

One of the first questions that cross the mind when contemplating the purpose of our existence and our life is: "Where did we come from?"

Were we created by a random natural coincidence or by a wise creator? Acknowledging the existence of a creator is the first step to understanding the true purpose of our existence. There are many logical and rational reasons for believing in the existence of a creator. Three of them are briefly mentioned as follows:

1. Origin of the Universe

The origin of the universe is the first evidence of God's existence.

Imagine, if you will, while crossing a desert you find a clock. We know that a clock is made of glass, plastic and metal. Glass is made from sand. Plastic is made from petroleum. Metal comes out of the earth. All of these elements can be found in the desert. Would you believe that the clock made itself into existence? Would you believe that the sun rose, the wind blew, lightning stroke, oil floated to the surface and got mixed with sand and metals, and over millions of years the clock got assembled by random chance or by an act of nature?

Human experience and straightforward reason tell us that something with a beginning cannot simply exist from nothing, nor can it create itself. Therefore, the most rational explanation is that there is a creator of this universe. Such a "creator" must be omniscient and all-powerful, as He brought this whole universe into existence and created the "laws of knowledge" to govern it. All these attributes make up the basic concept of God, the creator of the universe. This is entirely consistent with modern knowledge, which concludes that the universe is finite and has a beginning.

Some might ask: "Who created God?" God, the creator, is different from His own creation. God is eternal and has no beginning; thus, the question "Who created God?" makes no sense.

2. Perfection of the Universe

The second evidence of the existence of an omniscient creator is the perfect regularity and equilibrium of this complex universe.

Many of the properties of this universe such as the distance between earth and the sun, thickness of the earth's crust, proportion of oxygen in the atmosphere, and even the temperature of earth clearly indicate that they are specifically designed to make life possible. Had these measurements been slightly different, it would be impossible to live on this earth.

As there must be an expert creator of the clock in order to make it accurately tell the time, so by the same token, there must be an omniscient creator of the earth who sustain it. Can all this spontaneously happen?

When we observe the minute laws within ourselves and throughout the universe, isn't it logical that there must be an organizer of it all? The best explanation for such an "organizer" is the existence of God -the One- who built this regularity into the universe.

The Almighty Allah says, "There truly are signs in the creation of the heavens and earth, and in the alternation of night and day, for those with understanding."(Qur'an 2:190)

3. Revelation from God

The third evidence which proves the existence of God is the true revelation that God sent to mankind to reflect his existence. There are clear indications that the Qur'an is the word of God. Below is a brief summary of the proofs demonstrating that the Qur'an is truly the word of God.

Since God has revealed a book to guide people, it is expected that this book contains explicit evidence of His existence.

- The Qur'an was revealed more than 1400 years ago, yet it contains many scientific facts that were not known to people at the time of its revelation; rather they were discovered by modern science recently. There are many examples, such as "water is the origin of all living things" (Qur'an 21:30), and there are specific orbits for the sun and moon. (Qur'an 21:33)

- The Qur'an contains many historical facts that were not known at the time of the revelation of the Qur'an, as well as many prophecies that later turned out to be correct.

- Although it was revealed over 23 years, the Qur'an is devoid of any errors or contradictions, yet it covered a wide range of topics related to the life of this world and the Hereafter.

- God has preserved the Qur'an in its entirety since its revelation in its original Arabic language, unlike other books that no longer exist in its original form that was revealed from God to His prophets.

- The Qur'an contains a clear, pure and universal message that addresses the human innate belief in the Almighty Allah.

- The Qur'an has a profound impact on people, which is felt only by those whose hearts have tasted its sweetness.

- The Qur'an was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), who was known throughout history as unlettered man. However, its linguistic style is unique. It is universally acknowledged as the acme of Arabic rhetoric and linguistic beauty.

The fact that the Qur'an is from Allah is the most logical explanation for its diverse and unique aspects of inimitability.

God Sends Guidance to Mankind

Once we acknowledge that a wise creator created us, we realize that He will teach us the purpose of our existence. But how can we know what God wants from us? Should we know it by way of trial and error? Or do we define the purpose of our existence ourselves? Should we simply follow the majority of people, even if they are wrong? Of course, not. God sent messengers and sent down books to tell us about the purpose of our existence.

God Almighty sent messengers, and sent at least one messenger for each nation. All messengers communicate the same message: to worship God alone and follow the guidance of the Almighty Allah. Among these messengers were Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon them.

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was the last link in the chain of prophets. He is the most honest, just, merciful and courageous human being ever. The Qur'an, the last divine revelation, was sent down to him to teach people how to apply the teachings of the Qur'an in their life.

The Qur'an is a book of guidance, which communicates to us many key concepts that govern our life, such as the purpose of our existence, and who God is. It also teaches us the things that Allah loves, and those that He hates as well as the stories of the previous prophets and the lessons learned from them. In addition, it tells us about Paradise, Hell, and the Day of Resurrection. The Qur'an also aims to correct the misconceptions about the nature of God, such as clarifying the nature and role of Christ and comparing it to the nature of the Almighty God.

Just like all other prophets, Jesus, peace be upon him, was supported with some miracles. He called people to worship God alone. (Qur'an, 19: 36)