

Can There Be Any Doubt About God?



**In the name of God,
the Compassionate, the Merciful**

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People of faith and of no faith at one time or another reach a stage in their life where they question the existence of God.

On the onset, let us be clear, the Qur'an does not prove the existence of God. The Qur'an wants us to use our intellect, to ponder upon the creation and ourselves, and come out with the conclusion that there has to be someone behind this creation. It is impossible that it came by mere accident. *"Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alternation of the day and night are signs for people of reason."* (Aal 'Imran, 3:190)

God reveals Himself through the signs of His creation

Most people have blind faith. While blind faith is good, it is not sufficient. It is necessary to have faith with an intellectual dimension in this era of knowledge, science and technology.

People of understanding, knowledge and intellect, think of God in all circumstances and situations, while standing, sitting and while reclining or lying down. They contemplate and reflect on the dazzling creation of God, the creation of the heavens and the earth, i.e. the world of matter.

"(They are) those who remember God while standing, sitting, and lying on their sides, and reflect on the creation of the heavens and the earth (and pray), 'Our Lord! You have not created (all of) this without purpose. Glory be to You! Protect us from the torment of the Fire.'"

(Aal 'Imran, 3:191)

Their conclusion is, 'Our Lord you have not created this, (the universe and everything in it) in vain,' They come to the realization that there is a creator. That yes, God exists. There is a definite purpose to every creation we see around us. No human mind can accept that the vast universe with the tiny planet earth and all creation we see around

us came by sheer accident. Therefore, *“Can there be any doubt about God, the Originator of the heavens and the earth?” (Ibrahim, 14:10)*

God put forth the evidence of His existence before the eyes of people through His signs (*ayat*).

Consider and ponder on the following passage. *“In the creation of the heavens and the earth; the alternation of the day and the night; the ships that sail the sea for the benefit of humanity; the rain sent down by God from the skies, reviving the earth after its death; the scattering of all kinds of creatures throughout; the shifting of the winds; and the clouds drifting between the heavens and the earth; are surely signs for people of understanding.” (al-Baqarah, 2:164)*

It is true people have a choice to believe or disbelieve. It is their God given right that has been granted to them since the dawn of humanity. *“And say (O Prophet) this truth is from your Lord, so let those who wish to believe in it do so, and let those who wish to reject it do so.” (al-Kahf, 18:29)* Some do believe while others become either agnostics or atheists. Sadly, there is a rise in Atheism among adherents of faith traditions including Muslims.

What is agnosticism and atheism?

The dictionary definition of agnosticism is, “The view that any ultimate reality (such as a deity) is unknown and probably unknowable; a philosophical or religious position characterized by uncertainty about the existence of a god or any gods.” Atheism on the other hand is,

- A lack of belief or a strong disbelief in the existence of a god or any gods.
- A philosophical or religious position characterized by disbelief in the existence of a god or any gods.

Atheism, in the broadest sense, is an absence of belief in the existence of deities. Less broadly, atheism is a rejection of the belief that any deities exist. In an even narrower sense, atheism is specifically the position that there are no deities.

Atheism has one “official” belief: the belief that there are no gods or super natural entities. This view

is diametrically opposed to our belief. We believe in a supernatural deity called Allah, or God, the Originator and Creator of the entire universe and beyond. Their claim ‘there is no god’ is absolutely true. As a matter of fact, Muslims claim the same. We negate all gods and deities. Our attestation (*kalimah*) starts with, ‘there is no god,’ but then we confirm the existence of the One God with the expression, ‘except Allah (*illa Allah*).’ This testimony of faith negates any possibility of partners/associates with Allah, God almighty. It is *kalimatu tawheed*, affirmation of the Oneness of God. It is the same dogma and creed of Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, Muhammad and all of God’s prophets who are mentioned in the Qur’an and those who are not mentioned in the Qur’an, may God’s peace and blessings be upon them all.

Evidence of God’s Existence

Unlike the dichotomy between the bible and science, one finds science to be in total harmony with the Qur’an, the last scripture and Book of Guidance for all people.

It may be of surprise to some agnostics and atheists to find that many scientific facts were mentioned in the Qur’an centuries before the advent of modern science. For example, the beginning of creation commonly known as ‘the big bang theory’ of Albert Einstein and the expanding universe can be affirmed by the following verse (*ayah*):

“Do the disbelievers not realize that the heavens and earth were (once) one mass then We split them apart? And We created from water every living thing. Will they not then believe? And We have placed firm mountains upon the earth so it does not shake with them, and made in it broad pathways so they may find their way. And We have made the sky a well-protected canopy, still they turn away from its signs. And He is the One Who created the day and the night, the sun and the moon—each travelling in an orbit.” (al-Anbiya, 21:30-33)

In fact, our entire solar system orbits around the center of the Milky Way Galaxy. For centuries, it

was believed that the earth is fixed and does not rotate. It is said that Nicolaus Copernicus, the polish astronomer, revolutionized astronomy with his discovery that the earth moved around the sun. Copernicus takes the credit when credit in fact goes to Abu Rayhan Biruni (d. 973). Five hundred years before the birth Copernicus, Al-Biruni discussed the possibility of whether the earth rotated about its own axis and around the sun.

His contemporary, Abu Sa'id al-Sijzi, accepted that the Earth rotates around its axis. Al-Biruni described an astrolabe invented by Sijzi based on the idea that the earth rotates. Several works of Islamic astronomy were translated to Latin starting from the 12th century and thus had an influence on European as well as Chinese astronomy.

Regarding the expanding universe, the Qur'an informs, "*We built the universe with might, and We are certainly expanding (it).*" (Al-Zariyat, 51:47) "*And He shows you His signs. Now which of God's signs will you deny?*" (Ghafir, 40:81)

God Almighty declared, "*We shall show them Our signs in the horizons (regions of the earth and universe) and within themselves until it becomes clear to them that this (Qur'an) is the truth. Is it not enough that your Lord is a Witness over all things?*" (Fussilat, 53:41)

If the disbelievers, agnostics and atheists do not see God in the horizons, the skies, and the universe, let them then look into themselves. "*So let man observe from what he was created.*" (al-Tariq, 86:5)

The Qur'an, over fourteen centuries ago, informed us of the precise stages of our creation in the wombs of our mothers. "*And indeed, We created man from an extract of clay, and then placed him as a drop of sperm (Nutfah) in a safe place (the womb), then developed the sperm-drop into a clinging substance ('Alaqah), then developed it into a chewed-like substance (Mudghah), then developed it into bones, then clothed the bones with flesh, and then We produced it as another creation. So blessed be God the best of creators.*" (al-Mu'minoon, 23:12-14)

These stages were revealed to Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) at a time when

science was nonexistent. They were revealed to unlettered people.

Keith Moore (d. 2019) was a professor in the division of anatomy in the faculty of surgery, at the University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He was regarded as the father of embryology. Professor Moore was invited to Saudi Arabia to lecture on anatomy and embryology. He was asked to interpret the Qur'anic verses and sayings of Muhammad (*ayat* and *hadith*) about the human reproduction and the development of the embryo. Moore said that he was amazed at the scientific accuracy of some of the statements which were made in the 7th century AD. He said, "For the past three years, I have worked with the Embryology Committee of King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, helping them interpret the many statements in the Qur'an and Sunnah referring to human reproduction and prenatal development. At first, I was astonished by the accuracy of the statements that were recorded in the 7th century AD, before the science of embryology was established."

Moore was even more astounded at how the Qur'an described each of the early stages, for instance, the "*mudghah*" stage. Moore states, "By golly, it does, sorta," agreeing and signaling to the knowledge we have about the structure and appearance of the actual embryo, which actually comes into a stage where it resembles the size of a small thing which can be chewed by teeth. The word *mudghah* in Arabic means chewed.

Keith Moore had to admit that the knowledge we have regarding the stages of the embryonic development had to have come from God. The following verse (*ayah*) regarding the three veils of darkness of the embryo in chapter (*surat*) al-Zummar further confirms that the Qur'an is indeed the revealed word of God. "*He makes you in the wombs of your mothers in stages, one after another, in three veils of darkness.*" (al-Zummar, 38:6)

The scientific terms concerning the three veils of darkness may be referred to as the anterior abdominal wall, the uterine wall and the amnio-chorionic membrane.

It is common knowledge that the male is

responsible for gender determination of the fetus. Remarkably, the Qur'an informed us of this fact over 1,400 years ago. *"Was he not a drop of ejaculated semen, and thereafter became a clinging form (alaqah), which God shaped in due proportion, then He made from him (the sperm of the male) the pair (the two sexes), the male and the female."* (al-Qiyamah, 75:37-39)

This can be scientifically understood as; the man's sperm contains one X and one Y chromosome while the woman's egg (ovum) contain two X-chromosomes. Therefore, if any of the woman's two X-chromosomes from the egg unite with man's X-chromosome from the sperm cell, a female gender is the result. On the other hand, if the man's Y-chromosome from the sperm cell unite with any of woman's two X-chromosomes (from the egg) a male gender is the outcome. This is what is meant by, *"Then He made from him (the sperm of the male) the pair (the two sexes), the male and the female."*

It does not take a rocket scientist to conclude that God exists. A desert nomad was asked about the existence of God. He replied, 'Camel droppings point to the existence of a camel. Footprints in the sand tell of a traveler. The heavens with its stars, the earth with its mountains and valleys and the sea with its waves, don't they point to the Maker, all-powerful, knowing, wise and caring?'

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