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THERE IS A GOD

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Proofs of the existence of God exist on three different levels

1. Observations made from the physical world we live in
2. Experiences of our inner selves or our spiritual nature
3. Divine revelation

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Observations made from the physical world we live in



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Some of the main concepts that exist today as to how the entire creation came into existence:

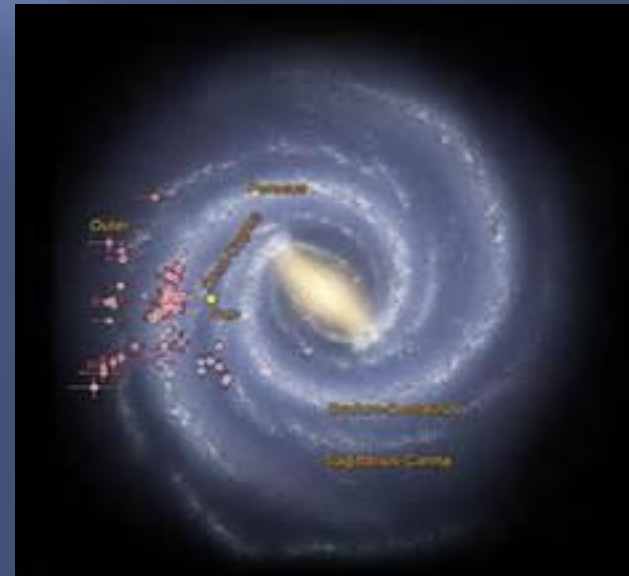
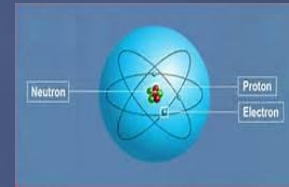
1. **Evolutionary Creation** – Based on the scientific principle of 'cause and effect' that Almighty God with attributes of Super Intelligence creates everything through a process of evolution governed by measured, clearly defined laws of nature
2. **By Chance** - After the Big Bang atoms by sheer chance combined with other atoms to form molecules and cells which evolves randomly via a process of natural selection, mutation, migration, and genetic drift into everything we see around us

- ▣ Islam
- ▣ Judeo-Christianity
- ▣ Darwin
- ▣ Newton
- ▣ Einstein
- ▣ Dawkins
- ▣ Hawking

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1. Observations made from the physical world we live in

One thing most scientists whether they believe in a God or not, agree on and marvel at is the absolute Precision, Regularity and Order we find in everything that exist from this tiny atom to this super structure we call our galaxy, the Milky Way

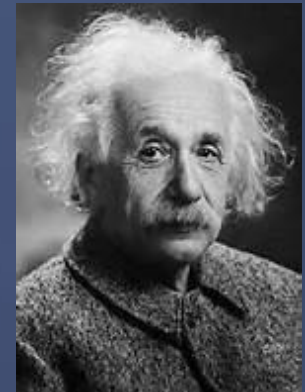


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1. Observations made from the physical world we live in

Albert Einstein , regarded as one of the world's greatest physicists, wrote the following:

I am not an atheist, and I don't think I can call myself a pantheist. We are in the position of a little child entering a huge library filled with books in many languages. The child knows someone must have written those books. It does not know how. It does not understand the languages in which they are written. The child dimly suspects a mysterious order in the arrangement of the books but doesn't know what it is. That, it seems to me, is the attitude of even the most intelligent human being toward God. We see the universe marvelously arranged and obeying certain laws but only dimly understand these laws. Our limited minds grasp the mysterious force that moves the constellations

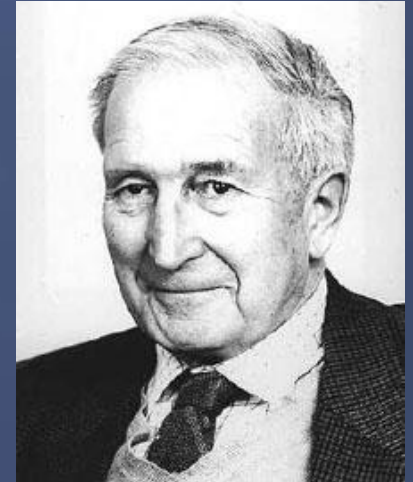


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1. Observations made from the physical world we live in

Antony Flew, once, one of the world's most hardened atheists, greatly admired and followed by Dawkins, writes in his book *There is a God*

The important point is not merely that there are regularities in nature, but that these regularities are mathematically precise, universal and 'tied together'. Einstein spoke of them as 'reason incarnate'. The question we should ask is how nature came packaged in this fashion. This is certainly the question that scientists from Newton to Einstein to Heisenberg have asked – and answered. Their answer was the Mind of God.

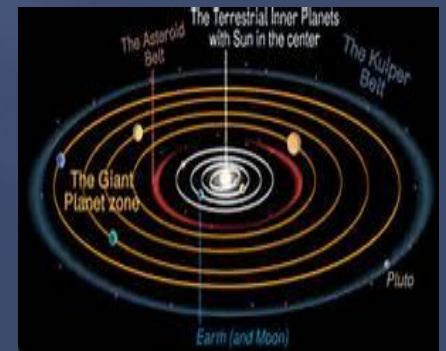
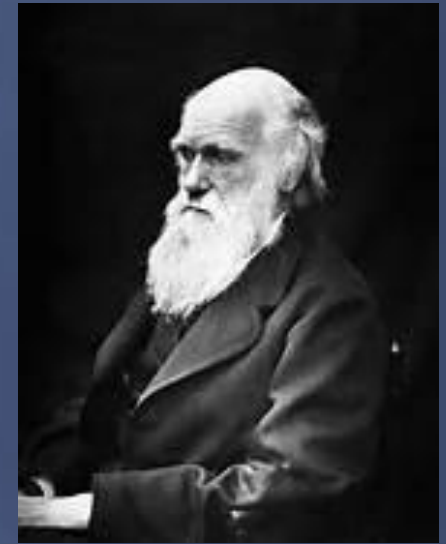


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1. Observations made from the physical world we live in Creationist Evolution – Charles Darwin (I)

Charles Darwin (1809-1882) was an English naturalist who propounded the evolutionary theory. He believed that all living organisms have been evolved from common ancestors through the process of natural selection. He was the first scientist who elucidated his evolutionary ideas in scientific terms. However, many Greek and Muslim philosophers had discussed the concept of evolution in their writings prior to Darwin. Darwin knew Arabic and it is said he studied the works of Arabic scholars on the subject whilst at the University of Cambridge

Since Darwin did the most work to research and promulgate the topic, the concept of evolution has been identified with him.



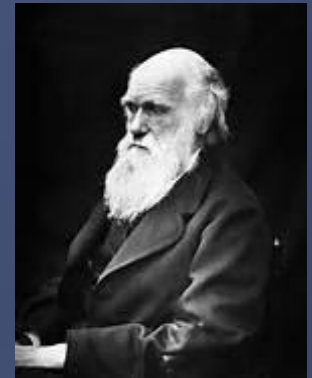
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1. Observations made from the physical world we live in

Creationist Evolution – Charles Darwin (II)

- Towards the end of his life Darwin started to make reference to a Creator in his 6th and last edition of his very famous book, *The Origin of Species*
- Charles Darwin used the word "Creator" nine times, and the word "God" twice in the said book.
- Of greater importance is what he said about life and the Creator's role in it. Darwin never said that evolution was Godless or directionless. E.g. he wrote:

There is grandeur in this [natural selection] view of life, **with its several powers, having been originally breathed by the Creator into a few forms or into one;** and that, whilst this planet has gone cycling on according to the fixed law of gravity, from so simple a beginning endless forms most beautiful and most wonderful have been, and are being evolved.- Charles Darwin *The Origin of Species* 6th edition



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1. Observations made from the physical world we live in – The Law of Chance

Richard Dawkins and Stephan Hawking despite being avid followers of the Darwinian concept of evolution, however, believe that :

- Atoms have inherent power to move by their own weight.
- The world is inherently chaotic and not controlled by specific laws of nature
- No outside force or Guiding Intelligence is needed to explain what atoms can do.

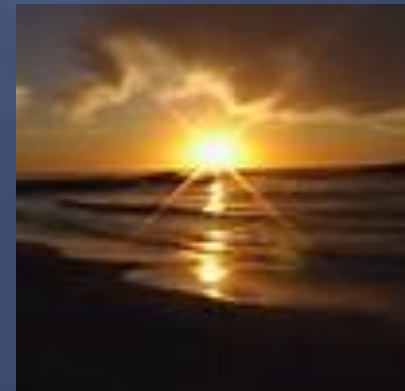


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1. Observations made from the physical world we live in

Everything in the Universe Points to Design Not Chance

- ▣ Lets assume it was by chance that we are born with eyes . But is it also by sheer chance that a sun came into being and comfortably positioned to provide light for our eyes to see without causing any harm ?



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1. Observations made from the physical world we live in

Everything in the Universe Points to Design Not Chance

- ▣ Let us assume it is by chance that we are born with lungs ; but is it by sheer chance that oxygen was conveniently provided in order for us to breathe ?



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1. Observations made from the physical world we live in

Everything in the Universe Points to Design Not Chance

- ▣ Let us assume that it was by chance that we have been born with ears, but is it also by sheer chance that sound waves were put in place to enable us to hear?



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1. Observations made from the physical world we live
in

Everything in the Universe Points to Design Not Chance

And so we could continue, ad
infinitum, and ask the
question over and over did all
of these objects of such
beauty, symmetry, and
proportion come about out of
chaos by chance!!!? Or is it the
work of a Very Superior
Intelligence we call GOD?



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1. Observations made from the physical world we live in Islam -1

- In Islam the very first attribute given to Almighty Allah in the Holy Quran i.e. *Rabb* (1:1) embodies the concept of '**evolutionary creation**'
- 1400 years ago, the first revelation that came to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), was 'Read in the name of thy *Rabb* who created' -96:1
- *Rabb* according to authoritative lexicologists signifies :
 - **The One Who Fosters and Nurtures everything created in such a manner as to make it attain one condition after another until it reaches its goal of perfection**



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1. Observations made from the physical world we live in Islam - 2

- The argument of **evolutionary creation** is further expanded and explained in the following verse of the Holy Quran:

Glorify the name of thy *Rabb*, the Most High! Who **creates**, then **makes complete**, and Who **measures**, then **guides** – 87:1-3

- Here the idea of 'evolution' is fully developed in the first two actions , **the creation and the completion**; and the rounding off of the evolutionary process is contained in the second two actions of **measure and guidance**



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1. Observations made from the physical world we live in

Islam - 3

One Law Prevails Throughout the Entire Universe

And He is the Mighty the Forgiving, Who created the seven heavens alike. You see no incongruity in the creation of the Beneficent. Then look again: Can you see any disorder? Then look again and again- your sight will return to you confused while it is fatigued -
67:1-4





There is a God Finally Common Sense

Well if you still think all of these and more came about by itself, out of chaos, accidentally, progressing randomly, aimlessly, and not from a source of Supreme Intelligence –
think again!!



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Proofs of the existence of God can be drawn from three different levels or sources of knowledge

1. Observations made from the physical world we live in
2. **Experiences of our inner selves or our spiritual nature**
3. Divine revelation

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2. Experiences of our inner selves or our spiritual nature (1)

- WE ARE NOT ROBOTS

- And therefore it is not sufficient to look for God through our very limited physical senses only

- This is the mistake made by many scientists – who through misguidance and ignorance have been led to ‘so called’ atheism



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2. Experiences of our inner selves or our spiritual nature (2)

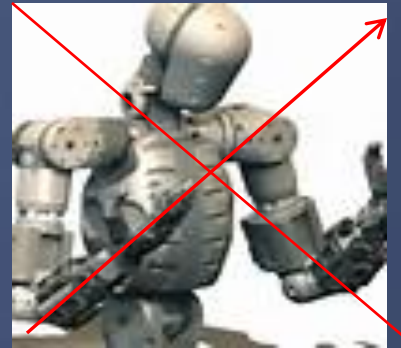
- We have **soul**
- Also referred to by scientists as '**consciousness**'
- Loosely defined as **the seat of all our emotions, passions and desires**
- Also referred to as **our spirit** or **inner light**



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2. Experiences of our inner selves or our spiritual nature (3)

- We fall in love ; we hate ; we laugh when we hear something humorous ; we cry when we hear something sad



- We can be brave and yet feel fear when faced with danger – we can be very humble, polite, courteous, kind, altruistic, generous, supportive, etc and yet at times cruel, destructive, obnoxious etc



- In most instances we love good and hate evil



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2. Experiences of our inner selves or our spiritual nature (4)

- It is this part of our nature that has a built in natural connection with a Higher Power , we call Almighty Allah, the *Rabb* of all the worlds.
- It is thus by our very nature that we yearn or call out for a Higher Power for our survival and especially when faced with difficulties and calamities.



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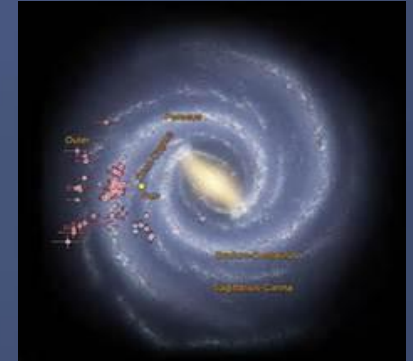
2. Experiences of our inner selves or our spiritual nature (5)

- The Holy Quran teaches that there are more to man than just his physicality
- It describes an inseparable bond with the Divine Spirit and the universe which make us superior to all living beings including the angels:

- So when I have made him complete and **breathed into him of My spirit**, fall down making obeisance to him - 15:29
- We are nearer to him than his life-vein - 50:16
- We are nearer to it (the soul) than you - 56:85

- Because of this close natural bond with the Divine, man instinctively turns to Allah when he is faced with danger:

- And when harm afflicts men (this includes all men believers and atheists) they call upon their Lord turning to Him -30:33



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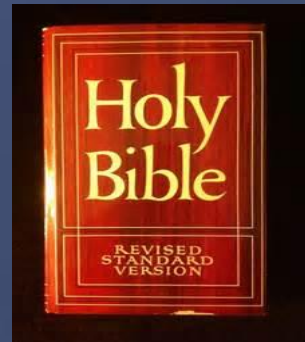
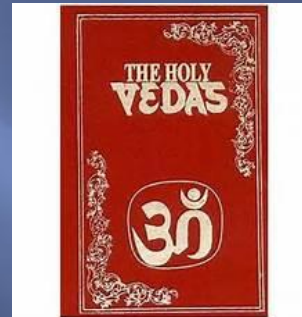
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Divine Revelation

- ▣ 124 000 Prophets testified that Almighty Allah spoke to them
- ▣ Although most of the original records of the spoken Words of Allah are lost to human kind, the Holy Quran, the final revealed Word of Allah, has remained intact for more than 1400 years



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Divine Revelation *cont.*

- The Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was unlettered and un-schooled. See HQ 7:157-158 where he is referred to as the *Ummi* Prophet i.e one who is illiterate
- He lived in 7th Century Arabia when much of the scientific knowledge available to us today was non-existent
- He did not attend a Harvard, a Cambridge , or an Oxford University or had at his disposal sophisticated laboratories with the most advanced telescopes, microscopes, computers etc

So who taught him the gems of sublime knowledge we come across in the Holy Quran???



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Divine Revelation *cont.*

In 7th Century Arabia the following were revealed to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) -1.

The Universe is Expanding

And it is We Who have built the universe with Our creative power; and verily, **it is We Who are steadily expanding it. [51:47]**

The physicist Stephen Hawking in his book 'A Brief History of Time' writes,
The discovery that the universe is expanding was one of *the great intellectual revolutions of the 20th century???*



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Divine Revelation *cont.*

In 7th Century Arabia the following were revealed to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) -2.

All Celestial Bodies Including the Sun Float in an Orbit

21:33 And He it is Who created the night and the day and the sun and the moon. **All float in orbits.** 36:40 Neither is it for the sun to overtake the moon, nor can the night outstrip the day. **And all float on in an orbit.**

That celestial bodies floated in orbits were completely unknown in the 7th century. Except for some flawed theories that the earth was flat none of this knowledge existed. Astronomers believed that the sun remained stationary well into the 20th century . Only recently NASA announced that the sun and our solar system is in a state of orbit around the centre of the Milky Way



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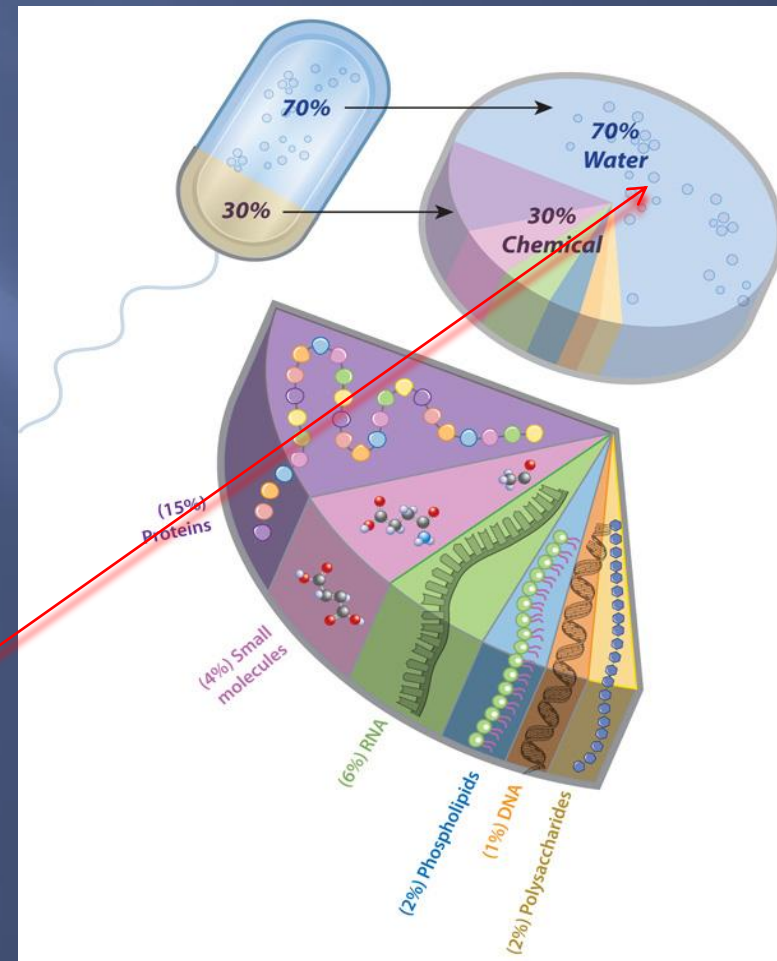
Divine Revelation *cont.*

In 7th Century Arabia the following were revealed to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) -3.

Everything created from water

We made from water everything living. Will they not believe? [21:30]

With the invention of the microscope in the 14th century, biologists were able to establish that 70% of the basic composition of all living cells called cytoplasm consists of water



There is a God Divine Revelation *cont.*

In 7th Century Arabia the following were revealed to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) -4.

Development of the Embryo

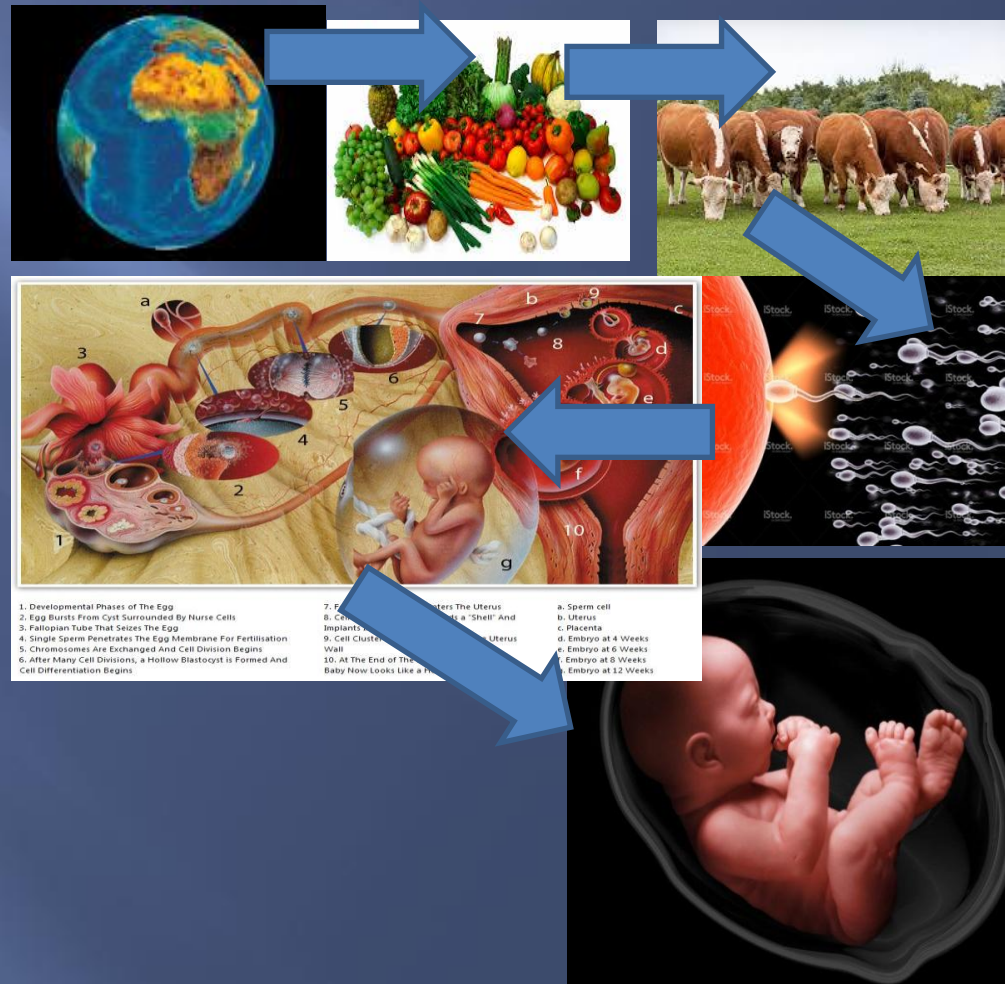
23:12 And certainly We create man of an extract of clay*,

23:13 Then We make him a small life-germ in a firm resting-place,

23:14 Then We make the life-germ a clot, then We make the clot a lump of flesh, then We make (in) the lump of flesh bones, then We clothe the bones with flesh, then We cause it to grow into another creation. So blessed be Allah, the Best of creators!

(The science of embryology – is a fairly recent science improved during the 19th century with the invention of advanced microscopes. Only then biologists could see how embryos took shape in a series of progressive steps)

*Geologic clay deposits are mostly composed of phyllosilicate minerals containing variable amounts of water trapped in the mineral structure.



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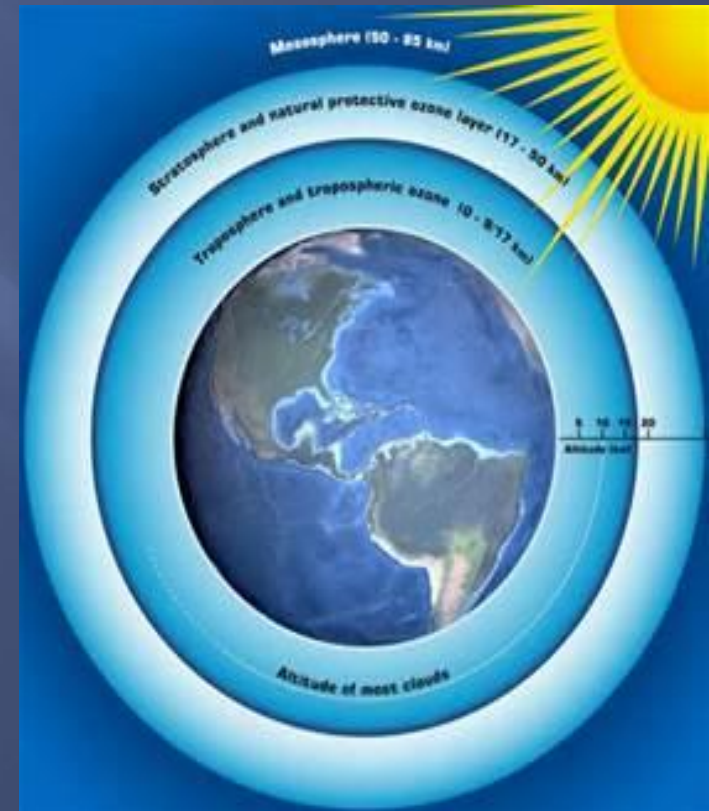
Divine Revelation *cont.*

In 7th Century Arabia the following were revealed to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) - 5

The Ozone Layer

And We made the heaven a **guarded canopy**; yet they turn away from its signs! [21:32]

The **protective properties of the sky were discovered by scientific research conducted in the 20th century**. Scientists refer to a vital part of it that is invisible to the naked eye, **as the ozone layer**. The ozone layer refers to a region of the Earth's stratosphere that absorbs most of the Sun's harmful UV radiation. It acts like a canopy that protects you against the heat of the sun. The ozone layer was discovered in 1913 by the French physicists Charles Fabry and Henry Buisson



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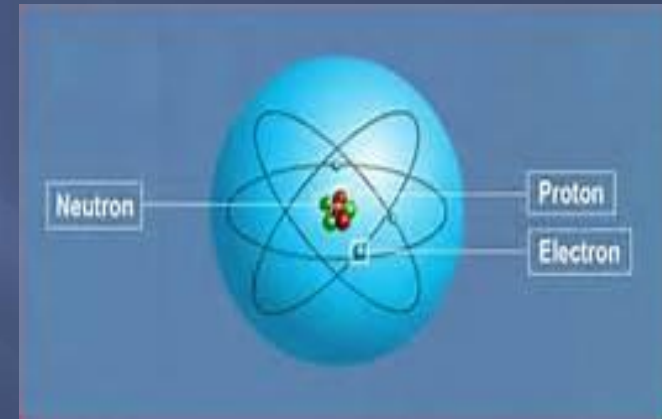
Divine Revelation *cont.*

In 7th Century Arabia the following were revealed to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) - 6

Splitting of the Atom:

...And not the weight of **an atom** in the earth or in the heaven is hidden from thy Lord, **nor anything less than that** nor greater, but is (all) in a clear book (10:61)

It was only in **1917** that a physics and chemistry scientist, Lord Rutherford of New Zealand is said to have successfully performed an experiment '**splitting the atom**'.



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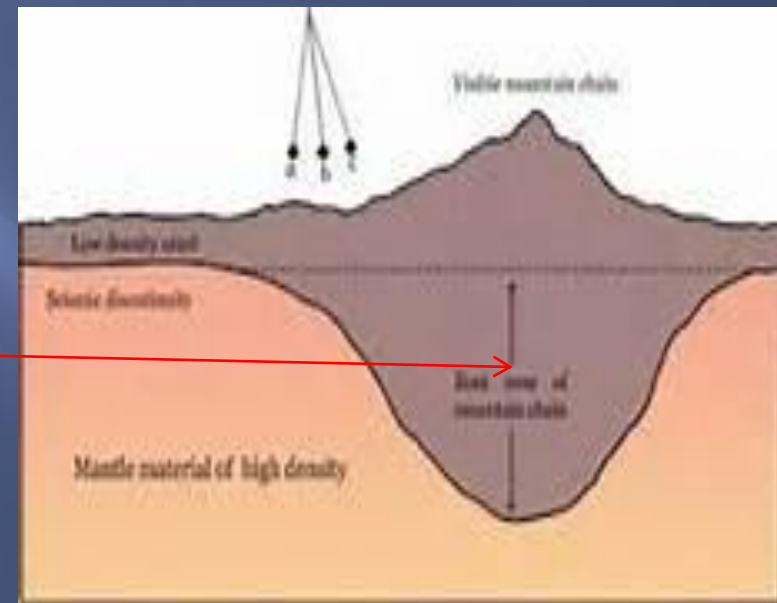
Divine Revelation *cont.*

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Mountains have roots like pegs

Have We not made the earth an expanse
And the mountains as pegs? [78:6-7]

The fact that mountains have deep roots was not known, until after the development of the theory of plate tectonics in the beginning of the 20th century



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Divine Revelation *cont.*

In 7th Century Arabia the following were revealed to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) - 8

Iron Came Down on Earth From Outer Space

The Holy Quran states:

We sent down iron ...[57:25]

Fairly recent scientific studies show that iron is not natural to the earth. It was not formed in the earth's crust but came down to earth from outer space. Scientists have found that billions of years ago the earth was struck by meteorites. These meteorites were carrying iron from distant stars which had exploded.



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Divine Revelation *cont.*

In 7th Century Arabia the following were revealed to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) - 9

Waves and darkness beneath the ocean:

“... like darkness in the deep sea – there covers him a wave, above which is a wave above which is a cloud – (layers of) darkness, one upon the other. When he holds out his hand, he is almost unable to see it...” [24:40]

Oceanography is a fairly recent science. It was commonly thought that waves only occur on the surface of the ocean. However oceanographers have discovered that there are internal waves that take place below the surface of the ocean and that at about 1000 meters below the ocean it is pitch dark. Humans cannot go down more than 70 meters and special equipment was needed to establish this fact



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If, after all the arguments and proofs presented herein, you should still have doubts about the existence of Allah, then try answering the following challenge presented by the Holy Quran

How can you deny Allah and you were without life and He gave you life?... 2:28



The Good News

We strongly condemn all forms of human right violations; the wanton abuse of the environment and the rest of God's creation. We especially condemn, from the top of our voices, the ruthless killings of all innocent parties in the name of Religion or State!

