

# Good News

*And give good news to those who do good (to others) – Holy Quran 22:37*

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## Why I Believe in GOD

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Of all the tenets of faith, the belief in a power higher than man can be traced back to the very earliest times in the history of humanity. However, different peoples in different ages and different countries have had different understandings or perceptions of the Divine Being. As a Muslim I turned my attention to the Holy Quran and to nature to see if there is a consistency in what the Holy Scripture tells me about GOD and what I observe happening around me. The Holy Quran describes the Divine in several places, for now I will confine myself to the broad description given in following verses:

‘Praise be to Allah, the (*Rabb*) Lord of the worlds’ – (Holy Quran 1:1)

‘Allah is the (*Nur*) Light of the Heavens and the Earth’ – (*ibid* 24:35)

In Islam the concept that Almighty Allah is a tribal or national God exclusive for Muslims does not exist. This concept of exclusivity based on nationalism you might find in other Abrahamic faiths but not so in Islam!

On the other hand, the question that sceptics often struggle with, is, ‘What evidence do we have that GOD in fact exists?’ and ‘Is God perhaps not merely a figment of a fertile imagination or, perhaps, merely a product of blind faith?’ - they often contend.

The Holy Quran addresses this problem by producing evidence on three different levels of the existence of God, based on solid rational arguments:

1 Firstly, evidence is drawn from the material universe. In the Holy Quran, this evidence centres on the word *Rabb*, the first and most repeated attribute of the Divine Being. Thus the Holy Quran tells us 'Read in the name of thy *Rabb*'- (96:1). *Rabb* which is usually translated as *Lord* for the sake of brevity means *the Fosterer or Nurturer or Sustainer of a thing in such a manner as to make it attain one condition after another until it reaches its goal of perfection.*

This process is a phenomenon we see in nature with our very own eyes every day. Everything created thus bears the impress of Divine creation in the characteristic of moving on from lower to higher stages until it reaches completion be it in animal or plant life. Evolution, which has proved a stumbling block to other religions, is thus made in Islam the very basis of belief in God. It proves beyond doubt that there is purpose and

wisdom in creation. Just as we see One *Rabb* in control of all the worlds, we see one law prevailing therein notwithstanding the immensity of its diversity and thus the Holy Quran says:

You see no incongruity in the creation of the Beneficent. Then look again: Do you see any disorder? - 67:3

Thus throughout the entire Holy Quran you will find attention drawn to the uniformity, order and regularity present in the tiniest particle to the mightiest sphere (36:38; 55:5, 6).

This has led to some great (anonymous) thinker to remark that the sheer breathtakingly awesome beauty of the creation, the orderly precision throughout the universe suffice to expose the idiocy of the atheists' argument that all of this happened by sheer accident.

Charles Darwin in his *Origin of Species* 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.’

In his autobiography he admits:

‘Everything in nature is the result of fixed laws.’ (p.87)

Islam describes the Divine Being as *Rabbil alameen* where *alameen* means everything created

that we know of and still to be discovered as time goes on. *Rabb* we already explained means ‘The Evolver to Perfection.’

Islam is thus unique in presenting the Almighty as the All-Encompassing Lord of all the worlds that includes the entire human race. The God in Islam is therefore the God of Christians, Jews, Hindus, Buddhists, agnostics, atheists as well.

With this all-embracing concept of the Supreme Deity introduced by Islam, the circle of the ‘brotherhood of man’ now includes all the nations of the earth, and thus the ropes of empathy, care and sympathy that connect the entire human race are increased and strengthened under the umbrella of One God for all.

A Muslim thus looks at all human beings, regardless of race, colour or creed as equal co-inhabitants of mother earth with equal rights under one *Rabbil Alameen* – Lord of all the worlds!

2. The second group of arguments in support of the existence of Almighty God that the Holy Quran produces relates to the all-pervading Divine Consciousness that permeates the entire universe and is infused in the human soul.

However, in order to properly understand this concept we first need to understand that *Super Consciousness* which the Holy Quran makes reference to in the statement ‘Allah is the Light (Or the Super Consciousness) of the Heavens and the Earth’ – (24:35) and ‘The earth beams with the Light of its Lord’- (39:69). There is nothing that compares with this Light of the Almighty called *Nur* which is much more than ordinary cosmic light. Nay! it includes the Highest Consciousness incomprehensible to man. Thus the Holy Quran says:

‘Vision comprehends Him not, and He comprehends (all) vision; and He is the Subtile, the Aware.’ – (6:103)

Were it not for Allah’s Light no body and no form including the sun and the stars would become manifest. Allah’s Light is embedded in and pierces through every object in the cosmos, living or non-living. It envelops all other lights and energy in the cosmos. It is the *All-Pervasive-Super-Consciousness* that drives the entire creation.

Quantum physicists have discovered that consciousness exists in micro-organisms tinier than atoms known as *quarks*. These are the micro particles that serve as the building blocks of atoms. These atoms in turn make up cells which in turn serve as the building blocks of everything living and non-living.

But here comes the amazing discovery and that is they found that in each quark and atom there is an interactive consciousness. For example they cannot explain how a quark can ‘intelligently’ build an atom that consists of electrons, protons, neutrons and many other small constituents and how an atom knows exactly how to build unique

specialist cells and how each cell knows exactly how to create an object such as an organ in the body such as an eye for example and how each cell knows their specific duties; for example a cell of the eye will not perform the function of the cells of a kidney and *visa versa*.

So they discovered that there is an ‘intelligent’ conscious interaction going on at this lowest level of creation that permeates all the way up to the highest forms of creation such as the planets, the earth, the human body etc.

Another simple example of this phenomenon the greatest of scientists still cannot figure out is how a little insect such as the bee can create impeccable hives loaded with honey. This ‘intelligent’ consciousness at the lowest levels of creation is thus a law put in place by a Super Intelligent Consciousness that we call Almighty Allah, the Light of the heavens and earth that permeates the entire universe and everything that exist in it, whether living or non-living as we know it.

Thus quantum physicists confirm the truth of the existence of some form of ‘consciousness’ inherent in the ‘heavens and the earth’, which the Holy Quran made reference to 1400+ years ago:

‘Then He directed Himself to the heaven and it was a vapour, so He said to it and to the earth: Come both, willingly or unwillingly. They both said: We come willingly.’ – 41:11

However, of all of Almighty Allah’s creation, man has been endowed with the highest and most sophisticated form of God-Consciousness. Thus the Holy Quran says:

So when I have made him complete and breathed into him of My spirit, fall down making obeisance to him. – 15:29

By Almighty Allah breathing of His Spirit into man He has placed in them a consciousness that connects and interacts with the Divine Consciousness. It is this

divine spirit that inspires and drives man to do good and guard against evil.

Therefore the presence of God-Consciousness in man, no matter how much some might want to wish or argue it away and suppress it, exists within us. Sometimes this consciousness is mentioned in terms of the incomprehensible closeness of the Divine with mortal man.

‘We are nearer to man than his life-vein.’ - (50:16).

We are also told that the very nature of our souls, the seat of all our emotions and passions, is such that it is inextricably linked to a Higher Consciousness. Thus the Holy Quran says:

‘And We are nearer to it (the soul) than you, but you see not.’ – (56:85)

It should be noted that the Holy Quran says Allah is near to us and NOT that we are near to Allah. We come nearer to Allah only when we remove the veils of this material world that stand between us and the

Divine. It is our righteous deeds that remove the veils, says the Holy Quran:

‘And it is not your wealth, nor your children that bring you near to Us, but whoever believes and does good.’ –

(34:37)

3. This leads to the third argument the Holy Quran uses to prove the existence of Allah; that is when the Divine Spirit in man comes to life. This is when the soul experiences higher levels of spirituality. This does not happen overnight and comes after a long journey in search of God.

Perhaps an allegory will explain what is meant. Imagine after making enquiries about the whereabouts of someone very important to you that you have never met and so much want to meet; and you find yourself embarking on a long journey making many sacrifices along the way but never giving up and finally arriving at the door of the person. You knock and no one answers. You knock again and still

no response. But you do not give up and sleep on the front porch and only to start knocking again after some rest. And then one day the door opens and you hear a voice ‘How can I help you.’ The highest form of certainty is when Almighty tells the seeker ‘I am’. This is what the Prophets of God witnessed.

For me the evidence we have looked at so far shows beyond a shadow of a doubt *GOD IS*. Yet at this stage, metaphorically, we have only seen the smoke and the fire and not yet felt the heat. In the same way it is when the embers of God’s Spirit that He breathed into man lights up through Divine inspiration and communion that the reality of His existence is experienced with absolute certainty. This has been the experience of thousands of prophets and saints and is open to all the sincere and righteous ones who walk in the way of God.

As, once hardened atheist, Antony Flew, on page 158 of his book *There is a God* ponders over the Divine Mind:

‘Some claim to have made contact with this Mind. I have not – yet. But who knows what could happen next?’

Someday I might hear a Voice that says, “**Can you hear me now?**”



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