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Every person living on earth seeks happiness. Despite the differences between people in their beliefs and ethnicities, their inclinations and principles, and their goals and intentions, they agree on one purpose: they all are in pursuit of happiness and tranquility.

If you ask any person: "Why do you do this, and for what reason do you do that?" He would reply: "I seek happiness!!" Whether he says that in actual words or only by referring to its meaning, implies it or states it plainly as it is.

What, then, is this happiness, and how does one achieve it?!

Happiness is the constant feeling of elation, tranquility, generosity and joy. This feeling of contentment comes as a result of always having three states: one's self being in a good state, one's life being good, and expecting that one's final abode will be good.

With regards to these three states, man



There must be a price for happiness

"Action may not always bring happiness; but there is no happiness without action."

Benjamin Disraeli
Former British Prime Minister



Happiness is so close to us

"We often search for happiness, while it is so close to us, just as we search for our glasses when they are already placed on our head."

Tolstoy
Russian Writer

starts by asking questions about the self. These questions grow larger as he grows older, and he does not find happiness until he answers the questions which come to his mind:

- Who owns this universe and controls all its affairs?
- Who created me and created this universe around me?
- Who am I? Where do I come from? Why was I created?
- Where will my destiny take me?

- What's more, when a person's awareness of himself increases and his life lengthens, these questions become more and more pressing on his mind, his reasoning and his soul, and he cannot find peace and happiness until he finds answers to calm his self down

Several roads, but only One God

"If you don't know where you are going, any road will take you there."



Lewis Carroll
Mathematician

The path of atheism or the path of religion?!

In the beginning, people think in two ways when answering the previous questions: an atheistic believes that there is no God and that the universe is materialistic, and the other believes that Allah is the Creator of everything. Consequently, several questions are raised, including:

- Is it possible that the universe created itself in all its entirety as a result of reactions that took place by coincidence and without any time being determined for it?

- Is it possible that this random coincidence created such an organized universe?!

- Does the condition which human beings have reached since their first existence and throughout history exist only through evolution, or pure coincidence? Are we but feathers blown by the winds of coincidence and chaos?!!



Identify your destination

"The world makes a way for the man who knows where he is going."

Ralph W. Emerson
American Philosopher

- Is man the legislating god and the creator and designer of everything, and is he everything and is there nothing beyond that?

- Is metaphysics of the unseen nothing but mirages that must disappear in front of powerful secularization and the physical world?

- Is man a matter devoid of any significance, or did he evolve from apes as time passed?

- How can solid matter create such a human who has such subtle characteristics, lofty virtues and such a wondrous composition? How can one obtain blood from stones?!

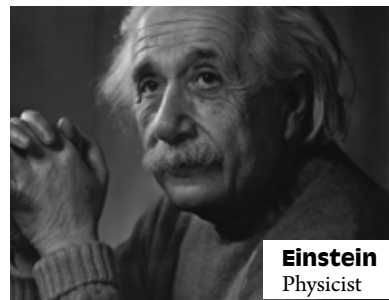
- Is this world the final goal of man and the extreme limit of his hopes? Is there no significance in anything that the Divine religions have conveyed to us about the existence of other powers beside man, or another life

beside this one?

Allah says the following about the thoughts of such (atheistic) people: {And they say: "There is nothing but our life of this world, we die and we live and nothing destroys us except Ad-Dahr (time). And they have no knowledge of it, they only presume} [Al-Jathiyah:24]

He also says the following about those who deny His rights: {14. And they belied them wrongfully and arrogantly, though they themselves were convinced thereof. So, see what was the end of the mischief-makers} [An-Naml:14]

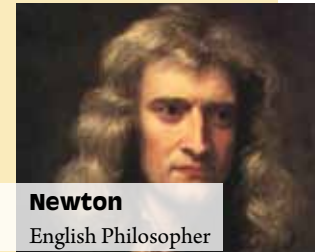
Atheists admit their complete inability to learn the secret of the



Einstein
Physicist

Science and Religion

"I do not think that it is necessarily the case that science and religion are natural opposites. In fact, I think that there is a very close connection between the two. Further, I think that science without religion is lame and, conversely, that religion without science is blind. Both are important and should work hand-in-hand. It seems to me that whoever doesn't wonder about the truth in religion and in science, might as well be dead."



Newton
English Philosopher

Atheism is senseless

"Atheism is so senseless. When I look at the solar system, I see that the earth (is situated) at the correct distance from the sun to receive the proper amounts of heat and light. This did not happen by chance."

existence of life of any object whatsoever, small or big. They also admit that they are unable to return the soul to its owner if it were to reach the throat (upon death). Where then is that matter they flaunt about that is the creator of the universe?! Why do they not pray to that matter to return the soul after the body becomes a lifeless substance?

Furthermore, how does humanity agree to respect religiosity to the extent they do, if what atheists are saying is true: that being religious is just a fantasy?! Why did prophets succeed throughout the ages and that which they left behind remain alive in the hearts of the people, while the ideas of humans die, are forgotten and are even abandoned over time, despite their owners' sophistication in eloquence?! Furthermore, how can there

be any differentiation between good deeds and evil actions; and what prevents an offender from committing his crime? What makes the heart of the rich pity the poor; and what prevents a thief, cheater, traitor or drug addict, from fulfilling their desires?

Atheistic communities live among themselves like herds of wolves, engrossed in grievances, selfishness, love of desires, etc. Atheism, therefore, is one of the most important causes of misery, poverty, and the growth of hatred, anxiety and confusion. Allah, Almighty says: {124. But whosoever turns away from My Reminder, verily, for him is a life of hardship, and We shall raise him up blind on the Day of Resurrection} [Ta-Ha 124]

Atheism is a void idea, not accepted by the mind, logic or instinct, for it is contrary to knowledge.



Plato
Greek Philosopher

Beauty and Order

"The world is a miracle in beauty and order, and this can never be the result of coincidental causes. Rather, it is the making of a reasonable being Who sought good and arranged everything on purpose and with wisdom."



True happiness

"...and so I now live in reality, and not in the great lie that is the facade of our modern lives; that materialism, consumerism, sex and drugs will give us lasting happiness. Now I see a world filled with happiness, enriched with love, peace and hope."

Lauren Booth
British Activist

It is for this reason that so many scholars refute it. It is also contrary to logic, for it is based on there being no logic in life, as (they view) that only a mere unknown coincidence created this marvelously designed universe. And this view does not fit our natural disposition, for a sound and natural disposition calls us to be religious, even for those who claim to be atheists: {And they belied them wrongfully and arrogantly, though they themselves were convinced thereof. So, see what was the end of the mischief-makers} [An-Naml:14]

Still, questions need answers!!

Vainly man seeks independence by knowing the answers to these questions. Modern science cannot answer anything about these questions; because these issues fall within the circle of religion. For this there are several narrations, and a variety of myths and legends concerning these issues, adding to man's confusion and concern.

Man can only reach adequate, fulfilling answers to these matters if God guides him to the Right Path that takes him to safety, and gives him a peace of mind, happiness and comfort.

These issues and questions, and other similar concepts, can only be settled through religion, because these issues are considered to be matters of the unseen. Moreover, the right religion is the only one that is true and tells the truth, since it was imparted from Allah

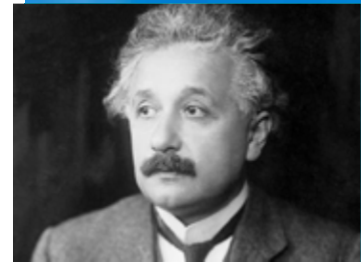
alone, revealed by Him to the Prophets and Messengers. Almighty Allah says: {Say: "Verily, the guidance of Allah (i.e. Islamic Monotheism) that is the (only) guidance} [Al-Baqarah:120] He also says: Say (O Prophet): {"Verily, right guidance is the guidance of Allah."} {Al-'Imran:73}

It is imperative, therefore, for man to rid himself of his confusion, and thereby seek the true religion, learn it and believe in it. When this is done, doubts will melt away and he will be guided to the Right Path, to the path of happiness and a peace of mind.

What then is the answer?!

Allah says: {12. And indeed We created man (Adam) out of an extract of clay (water and clay).} (13. Thereafter We made him a Nutfah in a safe lodging.) (14. Then We made the Nutfah into a clot, then We made the clot into a little lump of flesh, then We made out of that little lump of flesh bones, then We clothed the bones with flesh, and then We brought it forth as another creation. So Blessed is Allah, the Best of creators.) (15. After that, surely you will die.) (16. Then (again), surely you will be resurrected on the Day of Resurrection} [Al-Mu'minun:12-16]

Thus, eventually we shall be resurrected and sent back to Allah. This creation is not in vain – Exalted Be Allah from carrying out anything out of mere frivolity. It is the result of a great wisdom. Allah says: {"Did you think that We had created you in play, and that you would not be brought back to Us"} [Al-Mu'minun:115]



Make happiness your goal

"If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or things."

Einstein
Physicist



God, therefore, did not create mankind and the jinn in vain. Rather, He created them to worship Him alone, taking no partner with Him. Worship in its comprehensive concept means: to do everything Allah loves and that pleases Him regarding the obligatory deeds, Salah, His remembrance, populating the earth, thus enriching it with life and civilization, and benefitting the people. The Almighty says: {**And I created not the Jinn and mankind except that they should worship Me.**} [Adh-Dhariyat:56]

All people and humans will return to Him, and to Him is their destiny. Allah says: {**and to Allah is the final return.**} [Al-'Imran:28]

This certainty removes any absurdity from people's lives, gives a meaning to life, and places happiness in their hearts and souls. Allah says: {35. Were they created by nothing, or were they themselves the creators?} (36. Or did they create the heavens and the earth? Nay, but they have no firm belief) [At-Tur:35-36]

When man is unable to realize the secret of the universe but contemplates over the creation of Allah, and the earth, the stars and the rest of the planets, and the sequence of day and night, life and death, and everything else created by Allah in the universe, the one who does this will know and become innately assured that there is a Great Creator to this vast universe Who is stronger than him and deserves to be



Descartes
French Philosopher

There is a Creator of everything

"I exist; who then brought me into existence and created me? I did not create myself; I must have a Creator. This Creator must really exist, and He must be in no need of those who He brings into existence, or maintains for them their existence. This Creator should have all the attributes of beauty. This Creator is God, the Originator of everything."

worshipped, and from Whom man seeks rewards and fears punishment. Contemplation over all this naturally leads a person to recognize the great, All-Able and All-Wise Creator, and that matter is nothing but

one of His creatures that existed after it was nothing.

This is the All-Able and All-Wise Lord Who introduced Himself to His slaves and established His signs as proofs and evidences for them—even though He is not in need of doing that - and described Himself with the qualities of perfection. The divine laws, logical necessity, and one's natural disposition all point to His presence, His Lordship and divinity, and all nations agree on this.

The clear answer

"The history of religion in general, and the history of monotheism in particular, shows us that believing in God alone is the only conclusive answer for each and every question about the origin of the universe and humanity, and the purpose of their existence; for there could never be any aim of human life except if there was a God, and every human religiosity originally refers back - whether being consciously aware of that or not - to the belief in one God."



Cardinal Koenig
Archbishop of Austria



What is the evidence?!

1- Allah's visible universe with all that it contains regarding His marvelous Creation.

- Do you not see this great universe and the heavens and earth?!

- Have you ever contemplated over the creation of the heavens and what it contains; its planets and galaxies?!

- Have you not meditated about that earth and what it contains; its rivers, seas, plains and mountains?!

- Have you not been dazzled by this perfect pattern and masterful creation?!

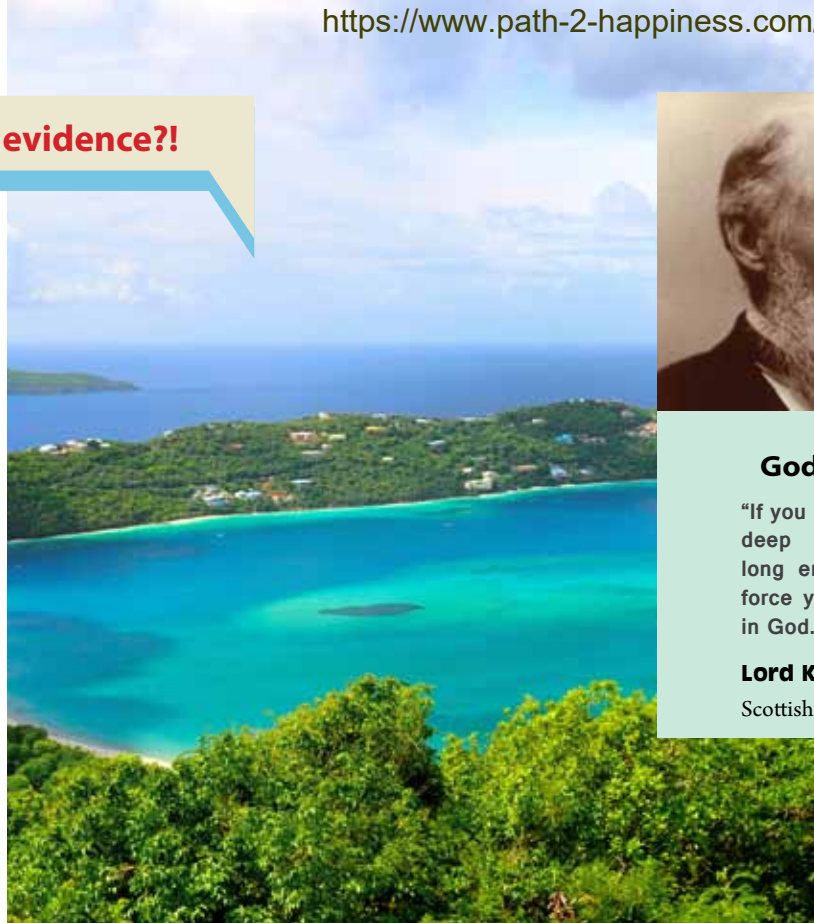
Who do you think created this universe, perfected it and beautified it in such a miraculous manner that it became a mark of perfection, although there was no previous example like it?

Is it possible that it has created itself? Or does the universe have an All-Powerful Creator?

Allah says: {190. Verily, in the creation of the heavens and the earth, and in the alternation of night and day, there are indeed signs for men of understanding.} (191. Those who remember Allah standing, sitting, and lying down on their sides, and think deeply about the creation of the heavens and the earth, (saying): "Our Lord! You have not created this without purpose, glory to You! Give us salvation from the torment of the Fire.} [Al-'Imran:190-191]

Do you never look inside yourself and wonder about your own creation?

Almighty Allah Says: {And also in yourselves. Will you not then see} [Adh-Dhariyat:21]



God is True

"If you study science deep enough and long enough, it will force you to believe in God."

Lord Kelvin

Scottish Physicist

How were human beings created then? Allah says: {35. Were they created by nothing, or were they themselves the creators?} (36. Or did they create the heavens and the earth? Nay, but they have no firm belief} [At-Tur:35-36]

Since they were not created from nothing and don't have the ability to create themselves, nor the heavens and the earth, then there is no doubt in the presence of an Originator of this universe and all that it contains, and that this (Originator) is Allah Almighty. How strange it is to find deniers of the existence of Allah Almighty, the Creator, the Supreme Fashioner, after all of these signs and proofs!!

2 – Natural disposition:

The natural disposition of Allah's creation is to undoubtedly acknowledge their Almighty Creator. They have the innate characteristic of loving good and abhorring evil. Acknowledgement of the

existence of the Creator is so deep-rooted that it does not need any evidence or proof to accompany it. Allah says: {30. So, set you (O Muhammad SAW) your face towards the religion of pure Islamic Monotheism Hanifa (worship none but Allah Alone). Allah's Fitrah (i.e. Allah's Islamic Monotheism), with which He has created mankind. No change let there be in Khalq-illah (i.e the Religion of Allah Islamic Monotheism), that is the straight religion, but most of men know not} [Ar-Rum:30]

The Prophet (pbuh) said: «Every child is born on the Fitrah [true faith of Islamic Monotheism (i.e. to worship none but Allah Alone)]...» (Agreed Upon).

The innate sense

"The God whose existence we admit does not belong to the physical world, and our limited senses cannot encompass Him; and so it is pointless to try to prove His existence by using natural sciences; because He exists in a realm different from their narrow and restricted one. Belief in the existence of God is a personal and private matter which springs in the human sense and conscience, and grows in the circle of his personal experience."



Robert Morris Page
Physicist

3 – Consensus of the nations:

Ancient nations have agreed on attributing the creation of this universe to Almighty Allah. Thus, there is a firm consensus that Allah Almighty is the Creator of the universe, Who created it without any rival or partner. No nation whatsoever has claimed that another being created the heavens and the earth, or that there is a sustainer other than, or besides, Allah. Rather, when they are asked about this, they acknowledged that divinity belongs only to Allah, even though they are polytheists. Allah, the Most Exalted says : {61. And if you were to ask them: "Who has created the heavens and the earth and subjected the sun and the moon" They will surely reply: "Allah." How then are they deviating} (62. Allah expands the provision for whom He wills of His servants, and straitens it for whom (He wills). Verily, Allah is the All-Knower of everything.) (63. And if you were to ask them: "Who sends down water from the sky, and gives life therewith to the earth after its death" They will surely reply: "Allah." Say: "All the praises and thanks be to Allah!" Nay, most of them have no sense.} [Al-'Ankabut:61-63] He also says: {And indeed if you ask them: "Who has created the heavens and the earth" They will surely say: "The All-Mighty, the All-Knower created them."} [Az-Zukhruf :9]

As for the phenomenon of atheism and the denial of the existence of Allah, as previously refuted, this is but an abnormality, which caused those agreeing with it to linger behind, since they were not part of the procession of the wise, and its failure and fruitlessness are clear on the ground.

Believing in God is a predisposition

"Children's normal and naturally developing minds make them prone to believe in divine creation and intelligent design. In contrast, evolution is unnatural for human minds; relatively difficult to believe."

Justin Barrett

Researcher at the University of Oxford's Centre for Anthropology and Mind

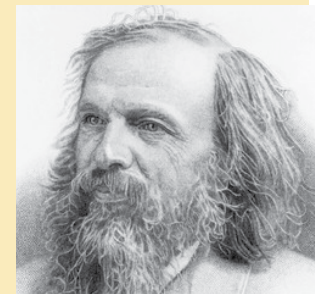


4 - Logical necessity:

In addition to all of the above evidence and proofs of the existence of Allah and His Lordship, the mind is considered as the strongest evidence and proof when considering that the perfect originality of the universe could never have been achieved if it created itself. It therefore follows that the universe is an originated creation, and undoubtedly it must have an originator.

The questions that arise now are: how much distress, misfortune or calamity have you passed through, and to whom did you resort for relief? Moreover, to whom have you prayed? To whom have you begged to lift the harm, remove your distress and alleviate the grief?!

Allah says: {And when some hurt touches man, he cries to his Lord, turning to Him in repentance. But when He bestows a favor upon him from Himself, he forgets that for which he cried for before, and he sets up rivals to Allah, in order to mislead others from His path. Say: "Take pleasure in your disbelief for a while, surely, you are (one) of the dwellers of the Fire!"} [Az-Zumar:8] Allah Almighty also says: {22. He it is Who enables you to travel through land and sea,



Be reasonable

"Can any informed intellect of reason possibly believe that insensible and mindless matter, as well as all this orderly system, just chanced to originate itself? Thereafter, it chanced to impose the system upon itself, and then it just chances to remain imposed?"

John Cleveland Cothran

Professor of Chemistry and the Chairman of Science and Mathematics Division, Duluth Branch, University of Minnesota



Philosophy and religion

"A little philosophy inclines man's mind to atheism, but a deep study of philosophy brings man's minds to religion."

Francis Bacon
English Philosopher

till when you are in the ships, and they sail with them with a favorable wind, and they are glad therein, then comes a stormy wind and the waves come to them from all sides, and they think that they are encircled therein. Then they invoke Allah, making their faith pure for Him (alone), (saying): "If You (Allah) deliver us from this, we shall truly be of the grateful." (23. But when He delivers them, behold! They rebel (disobey Allah) in the earth wrongfully. O mankind! Your rebellion is only against yourselves, -- a brief enjoyment of this worldly life, then (in the end) unto Us is your return, and We shall inform you of that which you used to do) [Yunus:22-23] Allah (Glorified be He) says: {32. And when a wave covers them like shades (i.e. like clouds or the mountains of seawater), they invoke Allah, making their invocations for Him only. But when He brings them safe to land, there are among them those that stop in the middle, between (Belief and disbelief). But none denies Our Signs except every perfidious ungrateful.} [Luqman:32]

Evidence of the divinity of Allah Almighty.

Sound instincts and normal minds have ascertained that this universe has a Lord and that these creatures have a Creator, and they all agree on Allah's Lordship. They incline to Him as the only Lord, and thus declare loud and clear that He Alone is worthy of this divinity, and that He has no rival and that none shares in His divinity. The signs about this are crystal clear, and include:

1. How could this universe have two gods?!!

Minds are obliged to acknowledge that there is only One God, as if there were two gods – just for argument sake - the question remains: what would happen if there was a conflict and disagreement between them and each of them wanted to have his own way?!! The one wanted something one way and the other another. There would inevitably be one who would win, and thus the other would consequently become powerless. Can a god be powerless?!! It certainly remains a reality then that there is only One God. The Almighty says: {91. No son (or offspring or children) did Allah beget, nor is there any ilah (god) along with Him; (If there had been many gods), behold,

each god would have taken away what he had created, and some would have tried to overcome others! Glorified be Allah above all that they attribute to Him!) (92. All-Knower of the unseen and the seen! Exalted be He over all that they associate as partners to Him!} [Al-Mu'minun:91-92]



There is no God but Allah

"Thus says the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God." (Isaiah 44:6)

**The Old Testament
(The Torah)**



Herschel
British Philosopher
and Astronomer

Monotheism

"The wider the scope of sciences grows, the more evidence is realized pointing to the existence of a creating, capable and absolute wisdom. Scientists of the Earth, Astronomers, Natural Scientists and Mathematicians, prepare with their efforts and discoveries all that it takes to create a temple of science to uphold the word of the Creator."

1. It is really a wonder how one might worship a powerless being who does not have the ability to help himself, let alone others, nor does he own the heavens and the earth, nor could he own them. Moreover, he would never be able to create anything, nor harm or benefit himself or others, nor cause death, life or resurrection!! Allah says: {1. Blessed be He Who sent down (Nazzala) the criterion to His servant that he may be a warner to all nations.) (2. He to Whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth, and Who has begotten no son and for Whom there is no partner in the dominion. He has created everything, and has measured it exactly according to its due measurements.) (3. Yet they have taken besides Him other gods who created nothing but are themselves created, and possess neither harm nor benefit for themselves, and possess no power (of causing) death, nor (of giving) life, nor of raising the dead} [Al-Furqan:1-3]

Otherwise, if the matter was as the polytheists say: that there are other gods besides Allah who should be worshiped alongside Allah in order to grow closer to Him and to intercede for them, Allah forbid, then those other worshipped gods would also be worshippers of Allah, and would also seek a path to Him and a way to draw closer to Him. Allah says: {42. Say: "If there had been other gods along with Him as they assert, then they would certainly have sought out a way to the Lord of the Throne.) (43. Glorified and Exalted is He high above what they say!} [Al-Isra:42-43]

Certainly Not! He is Allah, Who is One, the Eternal Refuge. He begets not, nor is born, and there is nothing comparable to Him.

Those other worshipped gods do not own any power or ability to do anything. Allah says: {22. Say (O Muhammad SAW to those polytheists, pagans, etc.) "Call upon those whom you assert (to be associate gods) besides Allah, they possess not even the weight of an atom (or a small ant), either in the heavens or on the earth, nor have they any share in either, nor there is for Him any supporter from among them.") (23. Intercession with Him profits not, except for him whom He permits.)} [Saba':22-23]

In this Qur'an excerpt there is a meaning that should be said to those who ascribe other creatures as partners to Allah; that such partners do not bring benefit or harm, since they are powerless, and that worshipping such creatures is invalid. So pray to those you think are partners with Allah, if your prayer is of any benefit, for they possess all the reasons that make them incapable of answering your prayers, in any way at all. Those partners do not have power over anything; because they do not own any iota in the heavens or on the earth, either independently, or in a partnership. Furthermore, those gods which have been invented do not own anything at all, either in the heavens or on the earth, for they own nothing, nor are they partners in anything with Allah. What remains to be said is the example of the hierarchy of royalty. There may be some who are aides to their master, and others who are ministers for him, so using them may be useful; because – as the king needs them – they are able to grant those who ask them what they need. Allah, however, rejects such a situation. He says: (nor there is for Him) That is: for Allah the One, the Subduer. (from among them) That is: from them, from those who are worshipped beside Him. (any supporter) That is: an aide, a visor or minister to help Him in running the affairs of the universe.

1. Contemplating over this universe and its movement in one perfect regular pattern in a miraculous, creative manner is the strongest proof that it is controlled by the single All-Knowing, All-Capable God. Allah says: {163. And your Ilah (God) is One Ilah (God - Allah), La ilaha illa Huwa (there is none who has the right to be worshipped but He), the

Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.) (164. Verily, in the creation of the heavens and the earth, and in the alternation of night and day, and the ships which sail through the sea with that which is of use to mankind,

and the water (rain) which Allah sends down from the sky and makes the earth alive therewith after its death, and the moving (living) creatures of all kinds that He has scattered therein, and in the veering of winds and clouds which are held between the sky and the earth, are indeed Ayat (proofs, evidences, signs, etc.) for people of understanding}

[Al-Baqarah 163-164]

What a perfect pattern and system that continues throughout life, never breaking down nor ceasing even for a second, as if that were to happen it would result in the destruction of the world. All of this cannot be patterned except by Allah. Is not the Originator of this ingeniousness in the creation and in the management of the universe's affairs one being, without an opponent or a partner?! Does that not clearly and firmly suggest the impossibility of the existence of more than one god, for those who have a mind (to think)?!

Allah Almighty says: {22. Had there been therein (in the heavens and the earth) gods besides Allah, then verily, both would have been ruined. Glorified be Allah, the Lord of the Throne, (High is He) above all that (evil) they associate with Him!} [Al-Anbiya:22]

The highest aim

"This world appears to us in this way, in which nothing is left for chance. Rather, every part of it is heading towards an aim, and that aim is heading towards a higher one, and thus, a unique single aim is finally reached."



Plato

Greek
Philosopher

That is, if there are in the heavens and the earth gods beside Allah, the heavens and the earth would have become corrupt, together with all the creatures living on and in them. The world – as it is seen – is in the most perfect form it can be with regards to goodness and regularity, without either flaws or defects, and without anything that restricts it or opposes it. This indicates that it has but one Manager, and its Lord is One and its god is One. For if this universe had two or more gods managing it, its order would have been broken and turned into chaos, and its foundations would have crumbled. For the gods would have disagreed with and opposed each other. If one wanted to carry out a particular task, while the other did not want to do this

task at all, then it would be impossible to fulfill the two wishes together at the same time, but to fulfill the wish of the one and neglect that of the other means that one of them is incapable of managing the universe. It is also impossible that both of them would agree on everything all of the time. It is therefore a must that only the will of Allah the All-Powerful alone runs the universe, without any opponents or aides.

1. All prophets and messengers, from Adam, to Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and then lastly Muhammad (may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon them all) with all their traits of infallibility of the soul, intelligence, sincerity, trustworthiness, right guidance and piety- have agreed on the Oneness of Allah Almighty, and that there is no God but Allah. Allah says: {25. And We did not send any Messenger before you but We revealed to him (saying): "There is no God but I, so worship Me."} [Al-Anbiya:25]



The Old Testament (The Torah)

"To you it was showed, that you might know that the Lord he is God; there is none else beside him." (Deuteronomy 4:35),
"I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me." (Isaiah 45:5)

It is, therefore, more fitting of people with reasonable minds to follow their prophets, and to believe in Allah's Oneness, and believe that He is the Lord and God; so as to be granted happiness in this world and in the Hereafter. Allah says: {97. Whoever does righteous deeds - whether male or female - while he (or she) is a believer; then We will certainly give them a good life, and We will certainly grant them their rewards in proportion to the best of what they used to do} [An-Nahl:97]

Good deeds with faith are rewarded with a pleasant life on this earth. This does not necessarily mean a life of wealth and riches, though that may also be the case, but it could be a pleasant life without money and wealth. In life there are many things

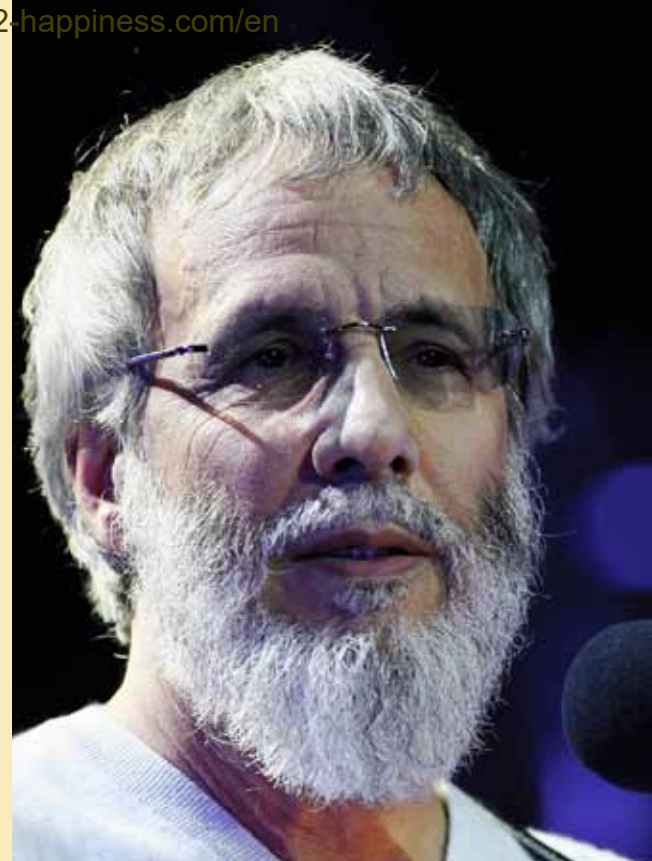
Allah (Glorified be He) says the following about Noah (pbuh): {59. Indeed, We sent Nuh to his people and he said: "O my people! Worship Allah! You have no other god but Him. Certainly, I fear for you the torment of a Great Day!"} [Al-A'raf:59] He says about Jesus (pbuh): But the Messiah (Iesa (Jesus)) said: {"O Children of Israel! Worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord." Verily, whosoever sets up partners in worship with Allah, then Allah has forbidden Paradise for him, and the Fire will be his abode. And for the Zalimoon (polytheists and wrongdoers) there are no helpers.] [Al-Ma'idah:72]

The Almighty ordered Muhammad (pbuh) to say the following to his people: {108. Say (O Muhammad SAW): "It is revealed to me that your Ilah (God) is only one Ilah (God). Will you then submit to His Will (become Muslims and stop worshipping others besides Allah)?"} [Al-Anbiya:108]

The One God

"You must worship the Lord your God, and Him only must you serve." (Matthew 4:10, Luke 4:8)
"And this is life eternal, that they might know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." (John 17:3)

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The guide to happiness

"I did not know happiness before, and from the time I started reading the Qur'an I began to inquire and wonder: why do people walk aimlessly in this world, while the guide and light is before them?"

Yusuf Islam (formerly, Cat Stevens)

English singer

besides money by which life becomes enriched - as there is the life wherein there is a continual contact with Allah and trust in Him, as well as a continual feeling of being satisfied that He is surrounding us with His Protection and Shelter. Also there is a life that contains health, tranquility and contentment, as well as blessings and peace in the home and love between the hearts, and a life that experiences the joy of doing good deeds and experiences the good effects of such acts on the conscience and on life in general. Money is but one element of the adornments of this worldly life: {46. Wealth and children are the adornment of the life of this world. But the good righteous deeds that last, are better with your Lord for reward and better for hope} [Al-Kahf:46]

When the heart is connected with what is

greater, purer and more lasting with Allah, goodness of life has another meaning and happiness has another meaning too.

If, however, one insists on turning away from Allah, he then would have chosen for himself the avenues of misery and unhappiness, in which he would wander incessantly. He would fall deep into sorrow and anxiety, with these tearing the heart with agony and grief, in which he would wander aimlessly. Allah says: {And whomsoever Allah wills to guide, He opens his breast to Islam, and whomsoever He wills to send astray, He

makes his breast closed and constricted, as if he is climbing up to the sky} [Al-An'am:125]

Whoever believes in the Oneness of Allah Alone, with him having no partner, he may expect to have an open chest, comfort and reassurance. Whoever, on the other hand, Allah misguides, he will have a tight chest filled with intense anxiety, and bitter regret. May Allah protect us from becoming like such people. This is a similitude given for those who believe in Allah and in His Oneness, and those who are misguided and ascribe partners to Allah. Allah also gives another similitude. He says: {Allah puts forth a parable: a man belonging to many partners disputing with one another, and a man belonging entirely to one master. Are those two equal in comparison. All the praises and thanks be to Allah! But most of them know not} [Az-Zumar:29]

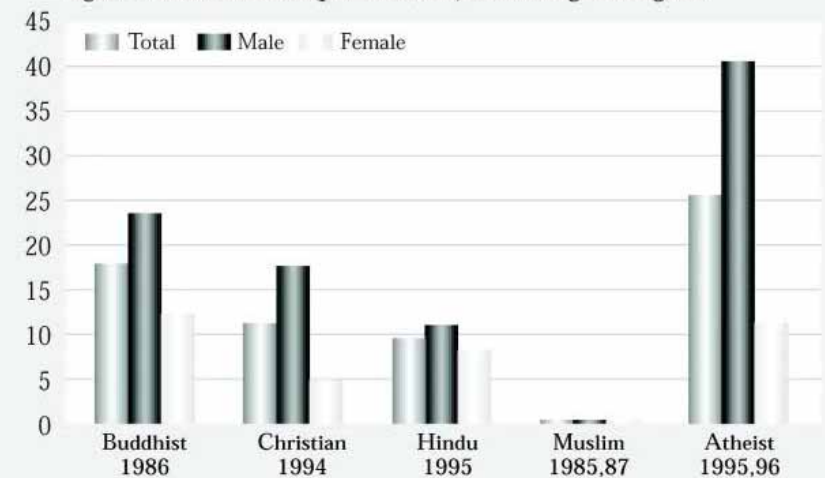
The similitude of a polytheist is that of a man owned by several men of fierce character and foul disposition. They dispute over him. One orders him to come, and another orders him to sit, while the third orders him to stand. He is confused. He has no comfort in his body, conscience, or soul. The similitude of one who believes in the Oneness of Allah, on the other hand, is that of a man who is owned by only one master. He is commanded and ordered only by him. Can such men ever be equal?! Praise be to Allah, perfect gratitude be to Him, and great thanks, that He is the One Lord and the One god, and that there is no other god or lord beside him. As for those who do not know, they live in the misery of internal conflict, with the resulting distress, depression, confusion, floundering and the suicide that may accompany it.

Suicide and religion

Two experts from the World Health Organization (WHO), Dr. Jose Manuel and researcher Alessandra Fleischmann, determined the relationship between suicide and religion. The result was as stated: in their documented scientific United Nations references:
A global perspective on the epidemiology of suicide:



Figure 4. Suicide rates (per 100,000) according to religion.





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Have you ever wondered about the creation of the universe?

The reflection over Allah's creations is probably the most effective means to nurture belief and increase a human's certainty (of an All-Powerful Being), introducing him to the Greatness of the Creator and the extent of His Knowledge and Wisdom. This is because Allah (Glorified be He) created the heavens and the earth in truth and with a purpose, and not in vain. He does not do anything without a purpose, {Allâh says to His Prophet Muhammad, pbuh): "Allâh (Alone) created the heavens and the earth with truth (and none shared Him in their creation)." Verily! Therein is surely a sign for those who believe}. [Al-'Ankabût: 44]

Uncountable myriads of creatures exist in this universe! What is the wisdom that lies behind the creation of each of them?!

There are impressive miracles in this universe that manifest the ability of Allah and signs of His Greatness. Contemporary science is still in the process of discovering further miracles that motivate man to feel the Greatness of this Almighty Supreme Creator, the Originator, the Fashioner and the All-Wise.



My God!

"When I saw some new images of space my first reaction was 'my God, it's all a perfect production., It's fantastic!'"

Dr. Paul Murdin

British astronomer, from the University of Cambridge

If man contemplates and deeply speculates about this universe and the creatures it contains, he will realize, in full certainty, that it is created with infinite precision by an All-Wise, All-Able, All-Knowing God, who ordained it with the best estimate.

It suffices to consider that this universe, with its heavens, stars and solar systems, and our earth, with the seas, rivers, lands, mountains,

animals and trees, were all created from nothing by Allah Almighty. If we ruminate properly, we shall feel the extent of Allah's Power, Knowledge and Wisdom. Allah says: {30. Have not those who disbelieve known that the heavens and the earth were joined together as one united piece, then We parted them? And We have made from water every living thing. Will they not then believe? 31. And We have placed on the earth firm mountains, lest it should shake with them, and We placed therein broad highways for them to pass through, that they may be guided. 33. And He it is Who has created the night and the day, and the sun and the moon, each in an orbit floating}. [Al-Anbiyâ':30-33]

When a reasonable and wise person speculates about Allah's creation he will certainly realize that everything in this world is a worshipper of its Lord. Everything glorifies and praises the Almighty Lord. Allah says: {Whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is on the earth glorifies Allâh, the King (of everything), the Holy, the All-Mighty, the All-Wise}. [Al-Jumu'ah:1]

Everything prostrates to His Greatness. The Sublime Lord says: {See you not that to Allâh prostrates whoever is in the heavens and whoever is on the earth, and the sun, and the moon, and the stars, and the mountains, and the trees, and Ad-Dawâb (moving living creatures, beasts, etc.), and many of mankind? But there are many (men) on whom the punishment is justified. And whomsoever Allâh disgraces, none can honour him. Verily! Allâh does what He wills}. [Al-Hajj:18]