



الطريق إلى السعادة
The Path to Happiness



The wisdom behind man and universe creation



The wisdom of the creation of man

Thus, all of these living organisms glorify and pray to the Lord of all the worlds. He says: {See you not (O Muhammad, pbuh) that Allâh, He it is Whom glorify whosoever is in the heavens and the earth, and the birds with wings out-spread (in their flight). Of each one He (Allâh) knows indeed his Salât (prayer) and his glorification, [or everyone knows his Salât (prayer) and his glorification], and Allâh is All-Aware of what they do}. [An-Nûr:41]

Consequently, the believer will witness that the entire universe is moving as a single caravan in one direction towards Allah Almighty. He therefore, in turn, moves in tune with this blessed and upright march towards a contented life and a settled conscience



This is the creation of God

When talking about the Universe, James Irwin said, "Seeing this has to change a man, has to make a man appreciate the creation of God and the love of God."

James Irwin
Astronaut

Of the proofs of Divinity

"The view I took of our planet was a glimpse of divinity."

Edgar Mitchell
Sixth moonwalker



Allah's Honor to man

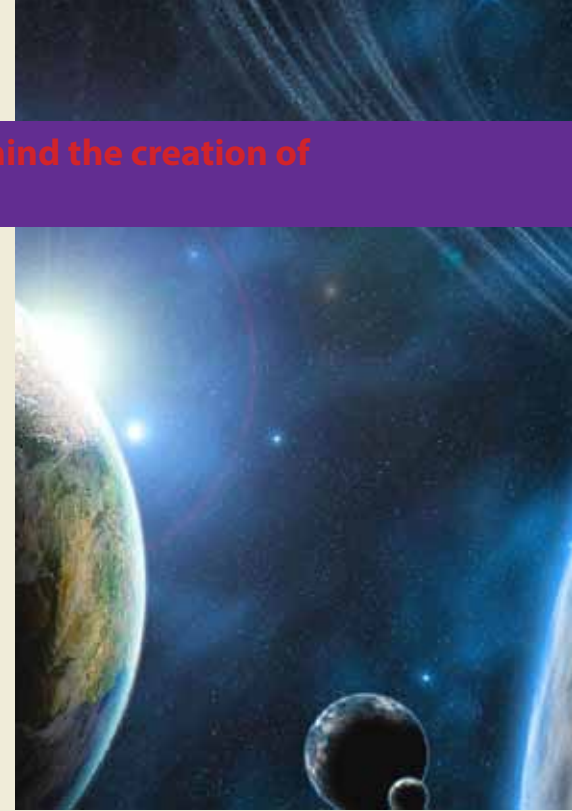
"Islam, which is God's law, is evident in nature which is around us; for by God's commands alone move the mountains and seas, and the planets and stars, and they are guided in their orbit; they are subject to the command of God, the Creator, and so is every atom in the universe - even those which are inanimate. But man is exempted from this rule, for God has granted him freedom of choice; he may succumb to God's command, or create and lay down his own law and follow his own religion that he accepts. Unfortunately he chooses the second route, in most cases!"

Deborah Potter
American Correspondent

The wisdom behind the creation of the universe

1- Proving the Oneness of Almighty Allah

This vast universe, and the creatures and miracles it contains, is the strongest witness to the Greatness of the Power of Almighty Allah and the perfection of His ability to originate. This certainly proves the Oneness of Allah, the Exalted and that there are no other lords except Him and no other gods beside him. Allah says: {20. And among His Signs is this, that He created you (Adam) from dust, and then [Hawwa' (Eve) from Adam's rib, and then his offspring from the semen, and], - behold you are human beings scattered! 21. And among His Signs is this, that He created for you wives from among yourselves, that you may find repose in them, and He has put between you affection and mercy. Verily, in that are indeed signs for a people who reflect. 22. And among His Signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the variations in your languages and your colours. Verily in that are signs for those who know. 23. And among His Signs is the sleep that you take by night and by day, and your seeking of His Bounty. Verily, in that are indeed signs for a people who listen. 24. And among His Signs is that He shows you the lightning, by way of fear and hope, and He sends down water (rain) from the sky, and therewith revives the earth after its death. Verily, in that are indeed signs for a people who understand 25. And among His Signs is that the heaven and the earth stand by His Command, then afterwards, when He will call you with a single call, behold, you will come out from the earth (i.e. from your graves for reckoning and recompense). 26. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth. All are obedient to Him}. [Ar--Rûm:20-26]





He also says: {59. Say (O Muhammad pbuh): "Praise and thanks be to Allâh, and peace be on His slaves whom He has chosen (for His Message)! Is Allâh better, or (all) that you ascribe as partners (to Him)?" (Of course, Allâh is Better). 60. Is not He Who created the heavens and the earth, and sends down for you water (rain) from the sky, whereby We cause to grow wonderful gardens full of beauty and delight (better than your gods)? It is not in your ability to cause the growth of their trees. Is there any ilâh (god) with Allâh? Nay, but they are a people who ascribe equals (to Him)! 61. Is not He Who has made the earth as a fixed abode, and has placed rivers in its midst, and has placed firm mountains therein, and has set a barrier between the two seas (of salt and sweet water) (better than your gods). Is there any ilâh (god) with Allâh? Nay, but most of them know not. 62. Is not He Who responds to the distressed one when he calls Him, and Who removes the evil, and makes you inheritors of the earth, generations after generations (better than your gods). Is there any ilâh (god) with Allâh? Little is that you remember! 63. Is not He Who guides you in the darkness of the land and the sea, and Who sends the winds as heralds of glad tidings, going before His Mercy (rain) (better than your gods)? Is there any ilâh (god) with Allâh? High Exalted be Allâh above all that they associate as partners (to Him)! 64. Is not He Who originates creation, and shall thereafter repeat it and Who provides for you from heaven and earth (better than your so-called gods)? Is there any ilâh (god) with Allâh? Say, "Bring forth your proofs, if you are truthful"} [An-Naml:59-64]

2- Making the universe subservient to man

Allah has freed man from being enslaved to things and material objects. He made everything in this universe and in the heavens and the earth subjugated and subservient to man, as a favor to him and out of His Generosity, for the aim of establishing life on this earth and making it flourish and for man to be worthy of being Allah's representative on it, and what is even more important is for His creatures to worship Him perfectly on it. This subservience is for two reasons: subservience in order for us to know the Supreme Creator, Allah, His Generosity, favors and Sublimity, and subservience in order to honor man and lift him above other subservient subjects. Allah says: {And has subjected to you all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth; it is all as a favour and kindness from Him}. [Al-Jâthiya:13]

Allah (Glorified be He) also says: {32. Allâh is He Who has created the heavens and the earth and sends down water (rain) from the sky, and thereby brought forth fruits as provision for you; and He has made the ships to be of service to you, that they may sail through the sea by His Command; and He has made rivers (also) to be of service to you. 33. And He has made the sun and the moon, both constantly pursuing their courses, to be of service to you; and He has made the night and the day, to be of service to you. 34. And He gave you of all that you asked for, and if you count the Blessings of Allâh, never will you be able to count them. Verily! Man is indeed an extreme wrong-doer, - a disbeliever (an extreme ingrate, denies Allâh's Blessings by disbelief, and by worshipping others besides Allâh, and by disobeying Allâh and His Prophet Muhammad pbuh)}. [Ibrahîm:32-34]

Of the signs of prophet-hood

"How could Muhammad, the illiterate man who grew up in an environment of ignorance, know the miracles of the universe described by the Qur'an, and which modern science is still to this day seeking to discover?! It must then be that these words are God Almighty's."

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American Correspondent



3- That you may be certain of the meeting with your Lord:

There is a clear indication of the issue of the Resurrection in the creation of the heavens and the earth, as well as the creation of human beings. Is not re-creating easier and more effortless than creating the first time?! The Almighty says: {And He it is Who originates the creation, then will repeat it (after it has been perished), and this is easier for Him}. [Ar-Rûm:27]

Indeed, the creation of the heavens and the earth is greater than the creation of man. Allah says: {The creation of the heavens and the earth is indeed greater than the creation of mankind, yet most of mankind know not}. [Ghâfir:57]

The Exalted One also says: {Allâh is He Who raised the heavens without any pillars that you can see. Then, He Istawâ (rose above) the Throne (really in a manner that suits His Majesty). He has subjected the sun and the moon (to continue going round)! Each running (its course) for a term appointed. He regulates all affairs, explaining the Ayât (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) in detail, that you may believe with certainty in the meeting with your Lord}. [Ar-Ra'd:2]

Where are you in this universe?!

"This is an image of a very large group of galaxies. One of them, a small dot, represents the Milky Way galaxy, in which is located our solar system. Our galaxy has more than 100,000,000,000 suns and the sun is 1, 300,000 times larger than Earth, and the earth is 1,020,144,000,000 times greater than your house - and assuming the area of your house is 500 meters, how much bigger is your house than you?!"

Truth is one

"To fix one's eyes on the kind of creation out here and not believe in God is to me impossible.... It just strengthens my faith. I wish there were words to describe what it's like."

John Glenn

First American Astronaut



The creation of man and the honor bestowed upon him.

Despite the greatness of this universe and the heavens and the earth Allah has still subjected it all to man and made it subservient to him: {And has subjected to you all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth; it is all as a favour and kindness from Him}. [Al-Jâthiya:13]

This was done to honor man and give him a definite preference over all the other creatures. Allah says: {And indeed We have honoured the Children of Adam, and We have carried them on land and sea, and have provided them with At-Taiyibât (lawful good things), and have preferred them above many of those whom We have created with a marked preference}. [Al-Isrâ':70]

Thus, Allah created man and He (Glorified be He) relayed the story of the creation of Adam and His bestowment of honor on him. Following that came his descent from heaven to earth because of the evil whispering of Satan and his act of sinning against Allah, and finally came Adam's repentance. The Almighty says: {11. And surely, We created you (your father Adam) and then gave you shape (the noble shape of a human being), then We told the angels, "Prostrate to Adam", and they prostrated, except Iblîs (Satan), he refused to be of those who prostrate. 12. (Allâh) said: "What prevented you (O Iblîs) that you did not prostrate, when I commanded you?" Iblîs said: "I am better than him (Adam), You created me from fire, and him You created from clay." 13. (Allâh) said: "(O Iblîs) get down from this (Paradise), it is not for you to be arrogant here. Get out, for you are of those humiliated and disgraced." 14. (Iblîs) said: "Allow

A drop in the ocean

"The largest star discovered so far is VY Canis Majoris, which is located at the distance of 5 thousand light-years away. It is 9,261,000,000 the size of the sun, that is, 9 billion and 261 million times!! And the sun is 1, 300, 000 times bigger than the earth!!

me respite till the Day they are raised up (i.e. the Day of Resurrection).” 15. (Allâh) said: “You are of those allowed respite.” 16. (Iblîs) said: “Because You have sent me astray, surely I will sit in wait against them (human beings) on Your Straight Path. 17. Then I will come to them from before them and behind them, from their right and from their left, and You will not find most of them as thankful ones (i.e. they will not be dutiful to You).” 18. (Allâh) said (to Iblîs) “Get out from this (Paradise) disgraced and expelled. Whoever of them (mankind) will follow you, then surely I will fill Hell with you all.” 19. “And, O Adam! Dwell you and your wife in Paradise, and eat thereof as you both wish, but approach not this tree otherwise you both will be of the Zâlimûn (unjust and wrong-doers).” 20. Then Shaitân (Satan) whispered suggestions to them both in order to uncover that which was hidden from them of their private parts (before); he said: “Your Lord did not forbid you this tree save you should become angels or become of the immortals.” 21. And he [Shaitân (Satan)] swore by Allâh to them both (saying): “Verily, I am one of the sincere well-wishers for you both.” 22. So he misled them with deception. Then when they tasted of the tree, that which was hidden from them of their shame (private parts) became manifest to them and they began to stick together the leaves of Paradise over themselves (in order to cover their shame). And their Lord called out to them (saying): “Did I not forbid you that tree and tell you: Verily, Shaitân (Satan) is an open enemy unto you?” 23. They said: “Our Lord! We have wronged ourselves. If You forgive us not, and bestow not upon us Your Mercy, we shall certainly be of the losers.” 24. (Allâh) said: “Get down, one of you an enemy to the other [i.e. Adam, Hawwa (Eve), and Shaitân (Satan), etc.]. On earth will be a dwelling -place for you and an enjoyment, - for a time.” 25. He said: “Therein you shall live, and therein you shall die, and from it you shall be brought out (i.e. resurrected)”. [Al-A'râf:11-25]

Allah fashioned man in the best form, then he breathed His spirit into him; and so he appeared as a human being in the best

stature, who hears, sees, moves and speaks: {So blessed be Allâh, the Best of creators}. [Al-Mu'minûn:14]



All human beings are equal

“Article 1. All human beings are born free and equal, in dignity and with rights. They are endowed with reason and a conscience, and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.”

First Article of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights - Human Organization Rights

His Lord taught him all that he needed to know, and placed in him advantages and qualities that He had not placed in

any other creature: the mind, knowledge, the ability to express himself, speech, a shape, good form, honorable stature, an upright body, and the acquisition of information by inference and thought. Allah also guided man to the best of morals and virtuous qualities. He honored man and lifted him above many of His creations. Some of the manifestations of this honor of mankind, whether they are men or women, include:

- Allah created man with His own hands at the beginning of creation, when Adam (may the blessings of Allah be upon him) was created. This is the highest of all honors. The Almighty says: {(Allâh) said: “O Iblîs (Satan)! What prevents you from prostrating yourself to one whom I have created with Both My Hands. Are you too proud (to fall prostrate to Adam) or are you one of the high exalted?”} [Sâd:75]

- Allah created this human in the best stature. The Almighty says: {Verily, We created man of the best stature (mould)} [At-Tin:4]

- He also says: {and He shaped you and made good your shapes, and to Him is the final Return}. [At-Taghâbun:3]

- Almighty Allah honored mankind when He ordered the angles to prostrate to the first human, our father Adam. Allah says: {And (remember) when We said to the angels: “Prostrate unto Adam.” They prostrated except Iblîs (Satan)}. [An-Nahl:61]

- Almighty Allah honored mankind by blessing him with a mind, the ability to think and the ability to hear and see, as well as the rest of his senses. Allah says: {And Allâh has brought you out from the wombs of your mothers while you know nothing. And He gave you hearing,



sight, and hearts that you might give thanks (to Allâh)}. [An-Nahl:78]

- Allah breathed into man when he created his soul, thus made him have a lofty soul. Allah Almighty says: {So when I have fashioned him and breathed into him (his) soul created by Me, then you fall down prostrate to him} [Sâd:72]

- This is the highest of all honors to man. It is for that reason that man should undoubtedly respect his fellow man, for how can one abuse another human, who contains a soul breathed into him by Allah Himself?!

- Allah made man his representative on earth, and not the angels or the Jinn. He says: {And (remember) when your Lord said to the angels: "Verily, I am going to place (mankind) generations after generations on earth." They said: "Will You place therein those who will make mischief therein and shed blood, - while we glorify You with praises and thanks (Exalted be You above all that they associate with You as partners) and sanctify You." He (Allâh) said: "I know that which you do not know."} [Al-Baqarah:30]

- This is a great honor that has not even been bestowed upon the angels who never disobey any order given to them by Almighty Allah and who have been engrossed since the beginning of time in Allah's remembrance, glorification and praise, and will continue to be so until the end of time.

- Allah has made everything in this universe with its heavens and earth, including all that it contains; the suns, moons, stars, planets and solar systems, subservient to man. Allah Almighty says: {And has subjected to you all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth; it is all as a favour and kindness from Him. Verily, in it are signs for a people who think deeply}. [Al-Jâthiya:13]



Our mission

"Allah has sent us to deliver those who choose to worship and serve Him instead of worshipping men, from the narrowness of this world to the vastness of this world and the Hereafter. And from the oppression of the (false) religions, to the justice of Islam."

Reb'eî Ibnu Aamer

One of the Prophet's Companions

- Almighty Allah freed all humanity from being enslaved by any of His creatures, however virtuous or great they may be. This is the highest point of freedom for man, because he has been transformed from being subservient to creatures to the creatures themselves being subservient to him, and to him being a slave of only Almighty Allah. This servitude to Allah is the crest and clear proof of his freedom from servitude to others. It is for this reason that there is no need for intermediaries between Allah and mankind, like those that some people make up and place between Allah and man, and to whom man gives divine attributes. Allah honored man by eliminating the need for intermediaries.

The Almighty says: {They (Jews and Christians) took their rabbis and their monks to be their lords besides Allâh (by obeying them in things which they made lawful or unlawful according to their own desires, without being ordered by Allâh), and (they also took as their Lord) Messiah, son of Maryam (Mary), while they (Jews and Christians) were commanded [in the Taurât (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel)] to worship none but One Ilâh (God - Allâh) Lâ ilâha illa Huwa (none has the right to be worshipped but He). Praise and glory be to Him, (far above is He) from having the partners they associate (with Him)."} [At-Taubah:31]

- Man is freed from fearing what the future may hold and from worries, despair or depression due to the belief of predestination and fate, after embracing all the material means available to him. Believing in predestination and fate places a feeling of security and peace in the believer's heart, as well as a feeling of honor and esteem. Such a belief removes all grief, worry and sorrow from the heart of a believer when he misses or loses something, provided that he does not fail -



to do all what he can possibly do nor give up his efforts or give up taking all possible means. He must believe that predestination and fate come from Allah, Almighty. Allah says: {No calamity befalls on the earth or in yourselves but is inscribed in the Book of Decrees (Al-Lauh Al-Mahfûz), before We bring it into existence. Verily, that is easy for Allâh}. [Al-Hadîd:22]

This kind of belief grants man spiritual balance, true stability and considerable reassurance; since calamities do not affect him and he is



No intermediary

“A very important thing is the absence of an intermediary between a person and his Lord. This is what practically minded people...have found”

Etienne Denier

French Painter and Thinker



never in a state of panic. Furthermore, blessings and pleasure do not make him insolently arrogant.

- Due to Allah's respect for the human mind, He gave it great value and the ability to think deep, and He ordered us to contemplate and speculate. In fact He made it obligatory to speculate about the creation of the heavens and earth and to establish mental proof and evidence (about His existence); Allah says: {Say: “Behold all that is in the heavens and the earth,” but neither Ayât (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) nor warners benefit those who believe not}. [Yûnus:101]

Moreover, Allah Almighty ordered us to respect the mind and to care for and motivate it, and not allow it to become inactive by relying

on tradition and prejudice, since it is only with an active mind that we are able to carry out Allah's commandments. Allah also made the mind itself serve as a proof of His existence and an argument in favor of His Oneness. He also ordered us to use our mind when there are different views. Allah says: {Say (O Muhammad, Peace be upon him), “Produce your proof if you are truthful.”} [Al-Baqarah:111]

Allah freed the mind from superstition, charlatanry, seeking the help of the Jinn and the like.

- This places emphasis on the fact that each person is responsible for himself and will be held account for his actions, and he is not responsible for the actions of others. Allah says: {And no bearer of burdens shall bear another's burden} [Fâtir:18]

The concept of the Original Sin is nullified by this blessing; that each one of us is accountable only for his own actions, and it also saves humankind from the heavy consequences of that concept.



The honoring of women and men alike:

The honoring of human beings is not confined to only one sex, rather the basic principle is that women and men are alike with regards to honor, and are equal. Allah says: {And they (women) have rights (over their husbands as regards living expenses, etc.) similar (to those of their husbands) over them (as regards obedience and respect, etc.) to what is reasonable} [Al-Baqarah:228]

Allah also says: {The believers, men and women, are Auliyâ' (helpers, supporters, friends, protectors) of one another} [At-Taubah:71]

Women do not differ at all from men when it comes to punishment in the Hereafter. The Almighty says: {So their Lord accepted of them (their supplication and answered them), "Never will I allow to be lost the work of any of you, be he male or female. You are (members) one of another} [Âl-'Imrân:195]

He also says: {And whoever does righteous good deeds, male or female, and is a true believer in the Oneness of Allâh (Muslim), such will enter Paradise and not the least injustice, even to the size of a Naqîra (speck on the back of a date stone), will be done to them}. [An-Nisâ':124]

Equal rights

"The Oxford University did not equalize between female and male students concerning students' rights (in clubs and the student union) except after a decision was issued on July 26, 1964."



The real miracle

"If we compare the rules of the Qur'an with all previous societies; they record undoubted progress, especially in relation to Athens and Rome, where women were consistently treated like a minor."

Roger Garaudy
French Philosopher

Allah bestows honor upon women when He considers her to be fully responsible and competent, exactly as men, and thus, is similarly rewarded and punished for her actions. The first divine obligatory command issued to man was given to both men and women. Allah says to the first humans, Adam and his wife, Eve: {And We said: "O Adam! Dwell you and your wife in the Paradise and eat both of you freely with pleasure and delight of things therein as wherever you will, but come not near this tree or you both will be of the Zâlimûn (wrong-doers)."} [Al-Baqarah:35]

Allah also does not put the blame on women for Adam's expulsion from Paradise and the misery of his descendants, as stated in some other religions. Rather, Allah mentions that Adam is primarily responsible:

{And indeed We made a covenant with Adam before, but he forgot, and We found on his part no firm will-power}. [Tâ-Hâ:115]

{121. Thus did Adam disobey his Lord, so he went astray. 122. Then his Lord chose him, and turned to him with forgiveness, and gave him guidance}. [Tâ-Hâ:121-122]

Women in man-made laws

"A large meeting was held in Rome in which women's affairs were discussed. It was decided that women were soulless objects and that, for this reason, they will not inherit life in the Hereafter. The decision claimed that women were an abomination that must not eat meat, and not laugh, and even not speak. They should spend their time in prayer, worship and service. To prevent women from doing all the above, they closed women's mouths with an iron lock. Women from the highest and lowest class families walked in the roads, and moved around in their homes with locks on their mouths. This was beside the corporal punishment which was experienced by women as they were considered tools for seduction used by Satan to corrupt hearts."

Women in other cultures

"In the laws of ancient India: epidemics, death, hell, poisonous snakes and fire were considered better than a woman. A woman's right to life ends with the death of her husband, who is her master and owner, and if she sees her husband's body burning, she must throw herself in the flames, otherwise eternal damnation will befall her."

Thus, women and men are both alike with regards to their human nature. Allah says: {O mankind! We have created you from a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, that you may know one another. Verily, the most honourable of you with Allâh is that (believer) who has At-Taqla [i.e. one of the Muttaqûn (pious - see V.2:2)]. Verily, Allâh is All-Knowing, All-Aware}. [Al-Hujrât:13]

Therefore, men and women are equal participants in the following:

Civil liability with regards to personal material rights: women's moral personality is respected and valued. Allah makes women equal to men with regards to being competent in fulfilling obligations and performing religious duties. Furthermore, the Almighty stresses women's right to arrange and partake in all contracts; such as the right to sell and the right to purchase, etc. All these civil rights are enforceable, without any restrictions that may limit her freedom to act, except when those same restrictions are applied on men. Almighty Allah says: {For men there is reward for what they have earned, (and likewise) for women there is reward for what they have earned} [An-Nisâ':32]

He also gave her the right to inherit. Allah says: {There is a share for men and a share for women from what is left by parents and those nearest related, whether, the property be small or large - a legal share}. [An-Nisâ':7]

Almighty Allah made women's position in Islamic law exactly the same as that of men concerning the performance of good actions or the committing of evil ones. Allah says: {Cut off (from the wrist joint) the (right) hand of the thief, male or female, as a recompense for that which they committed, a punishment by way of example from Allâh. And Allâh is All-Powerful, All-Wise}. [Al-Mâ'idah:38]

Reward or penalty in the Hereafter: {Whoever works righteousness, whether male or female, while he (or she) is a true believer (of Islâmic Monotheism) verily, to him We will give a good life (in this world with respect, contentment and lawful provision), and We shall pay them certainly a reward in proportion to the best of what they used to do (i.e. Paradise in the Hereafter). [An-Nahl:97]

Loyalty and coalescence. Allah says: {The believers, men and women, are Auliya' (helpers, supporters, friends, protectors) of one another, they enjoin (on the people) Al-Ma'rûf (i.e. Islâmic Monotheism and all that Islâm orders one to do), and forbid (people) from Al-Munkar (i.e. polytheism and disbelief of all kinds, and all that Islâm has forbidden); they perform As-Salât (Iqâmat-as-Salât) and give the Zakât, and obey Allâh and His Messenger. Allâh will have His Mercy on them. Surely Allâh is All-Mighty, All-Wise}. [At-Taubah:71]

How unfair!!!

"Women are to the man as the slave is to the master, the manual to the mental worker, the barbarian to the Greek. A woman is an unfinished man, left standing on a lower step in the scale of development."

Aristotle

Greek Philosopher

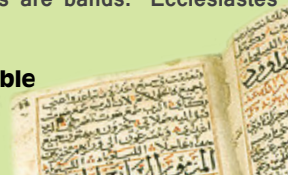
French women

"In a French province a meeting was held in 586AD. The status of women was discussed in that meeting: should she be considered human or not? The conclusion of the research was that those present decided women were human, but they were created to serve man. In February 1938, a law was passed that eliminated laws that prevented French women from carrying out some of their own private financial transactions. Women were allowed for the first time in the history of France to open their own current accounts in banks."

Oppressed women

"I applied my heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things, to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness and madness. And I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands are bands." Ecclesiastes 7:25 - 26

The Holy Bible



Without distinction

"Under Islam women regained their freedom, and gained prestige. Islam considers women as sisters of and equivalent to men. Both complement each other. Islam called for the education of women, and to provide them with knowledge and culture, and also granted them the right to own property and the freedom to dispose of it as their own. Islam also granted women the right to enter into contracts of marriage, and the freedom of thought and expression. "

Mona Mc Cluskey
German Diplomat

Men are commanded to be gentle to women and show them mercy. Allah forbids the killing of women in wars, and He commands men to eat with menstruating women and to kiss and caress them (but not to have sexual intercourse with them). The Jews, however, forbid this, and they disrespect them and keep away from menstruating women, they do not even eat with them until they become clean again. Furthermore, from the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) women gained the greatest honor when he said: «The best of you is the best to his wives, and I am the best among you to my wives» (Narrated by al-Tirmidhi)

When women were beaten at his time, the Prophet (pbuh) became angry and said: «One of you hits his wife like a slave, and then embraces her at the end of the day!!» (Narrated by Bukhari)

When a group of women came to the Prophet (pbuh) to complain about their husbands, he said: «Many women went around to the wives of Mohammed to complain about their husbands; these (husbands) are not the best of you (meaning that they are bad Muslims for treating their wives badly)» (Narrated by Abu Dawood)

And women are granted what men are not. Being dutiful to mothers is emphasized more than it is in relation to fathers. A man

came to the Prophet (pbuh) and said: «O Messenger of Allah, who is most deserving of my good companionship?» In another narration "to be treated well?" The Prophet said: "Your mother. The man asked: "Then who?" The Prophet replied: "Your mother." The man asked: "Then who?" The Prophet said: "Your mother." The man asked again: "Then who?" The Prophet said: "Your father.» (Agreed Upon)

Islam also emphasizes that bringing up girls is rewarded by Allah more than bringing up boys. The Prophet (pbuh) said: «He who is involved (in the responsibility) of (bringing up) daughters, and he is benevolent towards them, they would become a protection for him against Hell-fire.» (Agreed upon) He also said: "Verily I declare the gravity of the rights of the two weak persons: the orphan and the woman» (Narrated by an-Nasaa'i isnaad Hassan)



An unfair man-made law

"King Henry VIII issued an order prohibiting women from reading the Bible. Moreover, women were, in accordance with the English common law laid down in about 1850, not counted as citizens, and did not have any personal rights, nor did they have the right to own their clothes, nor the money they earn from their own work. "

King Henry VIII



The wisdom of the creation of man

The human being to whom Allah has made everything in the universe subservient and who He has honored above all of the other creatures was created by Allah for a great wisdom, because He is exalted above any absurdity or falsehood. 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 Allâh (always, and in prayers) 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 (all) this without purpose, glory to You! (Exalted be You above all that they associate with You as partners). Give us salvation from the torment of the Fire}. [Âl-'Imrân:190-191]

Allah also says about the unbelievers bad assumptions: {And We created not the heaven and the earth and all that is between them without purpose! That is the consideration of those who disbelieve! Then woe to those who disbelieve (in Islâmic Monotheism) from the Fire!} [Sâd:27]

Allah did not create man to eat and drink and reproduce, otherwise he would be similar to animals. Rather, the Almighty has honored human beings and certainly blessed them over many of those whom He created, but most of the people refuse the truth and accept nothing but disbelief. They are ignorant of or deny the true wisdom that lies behind their creation, and they direct all their concern to enjoying worldly desires. The life of such



Onwards towards God

"There is a steady, ongoing, never-slackening fight against skepticism and dogmatism, against unbelief and superstition, which religion and science together wage. The directing watchword in this struggle runs from the remotest past to the distant future: 'Onwards towards God!'"

Marx Planck

Founder of the Quantum Theory

people is similar to that of the beasts; in fact they are even worse. Allah says: {while those who disbelieve enjoy themselves and eat as cattle eat, and the Fire will be their abode}.

[Muhammad:12]

He also says: {Leave them to eat and enjoy, and let them be preoccupied with (false) hope. They will come to know!} [Al-Hijr:3]

The Almighty says: {And surely, We have created many of the jinns and mankind for Hell. They have hearts wherewith they understand not, they have eyes wherewith they see not, and they have ears wherewith they hear not (the truth). They are like cattle, nay even more astray; those! They are the heedless ones}. [Al-A'râf:179]

People firmly believe that their limbs and senses were created for a reason. So the eye is used for seeing, the ear for hearing, and so on...Could it be that our limbs and senses were created for a reason and we ourselves were created in vain?! Or is it that man does not accept to respond to his Creator when He tells him the wisdom in creating him?!

Why did Allah create us? Why did He honor us and make everything subservient to us? Allah tells us the answer. The Almighty says: {And I (Allâh) created not the jinns and humans except they should worship Me (Alone)}. [Az-Zâriyât:56]

He also says: {1. Blessed is He in Whose Hand is the dominion, and He is Able to do all things. 2. Who has created death and life, that He may test you which of you is best in deed. And He is the All-Mighty, the Oft-Forgiving} [Al-Mulk:1-2]

Magnus Maclees

"Man cannot imagine the beginning or the continuation of life without there being a dominant creative power, and I believe that philosophers in their philosophical researches about life have paid no attention to the compelling proof contained in the order that controls this universe."

Magnus Maclees

Member of the British Science Association



It is well-known to sensible people that he who makes something is the most knowledgeable about the reason for making that thing. Allah is the best example. It is He Who created human beings. He knows the wisdom that lies in creating them, and such worship (referred to in Surah Az-Zâriyât) is a concept which is broader than just praying and fasting. Rather, worship includes the population and the establishment of a righteous life in the whole universe. Allah says: {He brought you forth from the earth and settled you therein, then ask forgiveness of Him and turn to Him in repentance}. [Hûd:61]

And worship encompasses the entire life of a human being. Allah says: {162. Say (O Muhammad, pbuh): "Verily, my Salât (prayer), my sacrifice, my living, and my dying are for Allâh, the Lord of the 'Alamîn (mankind, jinns and all that exists)."} 163. "He has no partner. And of this I have been commanded, and I am the first of the Muslims.} [Al-An'âm:162-163]

O human being: from all what is mentioned above, it follows that.

Worship is a Comprehensive Concept

"The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: «If the Last Hour comes while one of you has a palm seedling in his hand which he can plant before it (the hour) falls, let him plant it» (Narrated by Musnad Ahmad)

"They said, «O Messenger of Allah, when one of us fulfills his carnal desire will he have some reward for that?» He (peace be upon him) said, 'Do you not see that if he were to act upon it [his desire] in an unlawful manner then he would be deserving of punishment? Likewise, if he were to act upon it in a lawful manner then he will be deserving of a reward» (Narrated by Muslim)

An honorable hadeeth

If all of this universe is subservient to you, if the miracles and signs of this universe are evidences before your eyes and serve as a witness that there is no god but Allah alone, and if you know that your resurrection is a task that is easier for Allah than creating the heavens and the earth; if you know that He created you in the best form, and honored you greatly, and made the entire universe subservient to you, then what on earth has made you careless concerning your Lord, the Most Gracious One?! The Exalted says: {6. O man! What has made you careless concerning your Lord, the Most Generous? 7. Who created you, fashioned you perfectly, and gave you due proportion; 8. In whatever form He willed, He put you together}. [Al-Infitâr: 6-8]

You will eventually meet your Lord. Allah Almighty says: {6. O man! Verily, you are returning towards your Lord with your deeds and actions (good or bad), a sure returning, so you will meet (i.e. the results of your deeds which you did). 7. Then, as for him who will be given his Record in his right hand, 8. He surely will receive an easy reckoning, 9. And will return to his family in joy! 10. But whosoever is given his Record behind his back, 11. He will invoke (his) destruction, 12. And shall enter a blazing Fire, and made to taste its burning}. [Al-Inshiqâq:6-12]

Proceed then on the road to happiness in this world and the Hereafter by living according to the wisdom behind your creation. It is then that you will be satisfied with your life, and feel content and be happy when you meet your Lord after death.

The whole universe also worships its Lord, for all creatures glorify and praise the Lord. The Almighty said: {Whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is on the earth glorifies Allâh}. [Al-Jumu'ah:1]

and they also bow to His greatness. The Exalted and Most Praised 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}. [Al-Hajj:18]

Even these organisms pray to their Lord in a way that is suitable for them. Allah Almighty says: {See you not (O Muhammad, pbuh) that Allâh, He it is Whom glorify whosoever is in the heavens and the earth, and the birds with wings out-spread (in their flight). Of each one He (Allâh) knows indeed his Salât (prayer) and his glorification, [or everyone knows his Salât (prayer) and his glorification]} [An-Nûr:41]

Does it then befit you to stay away from this majestic scene and consequently be disgraced?! Allah, the Magnificent 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]



Will they not ponder?!

"I am surprised at those who look to the sky and watch the grandeur of the creation and then do not believe in God."

Abraham Lincoln

Former President of the United States