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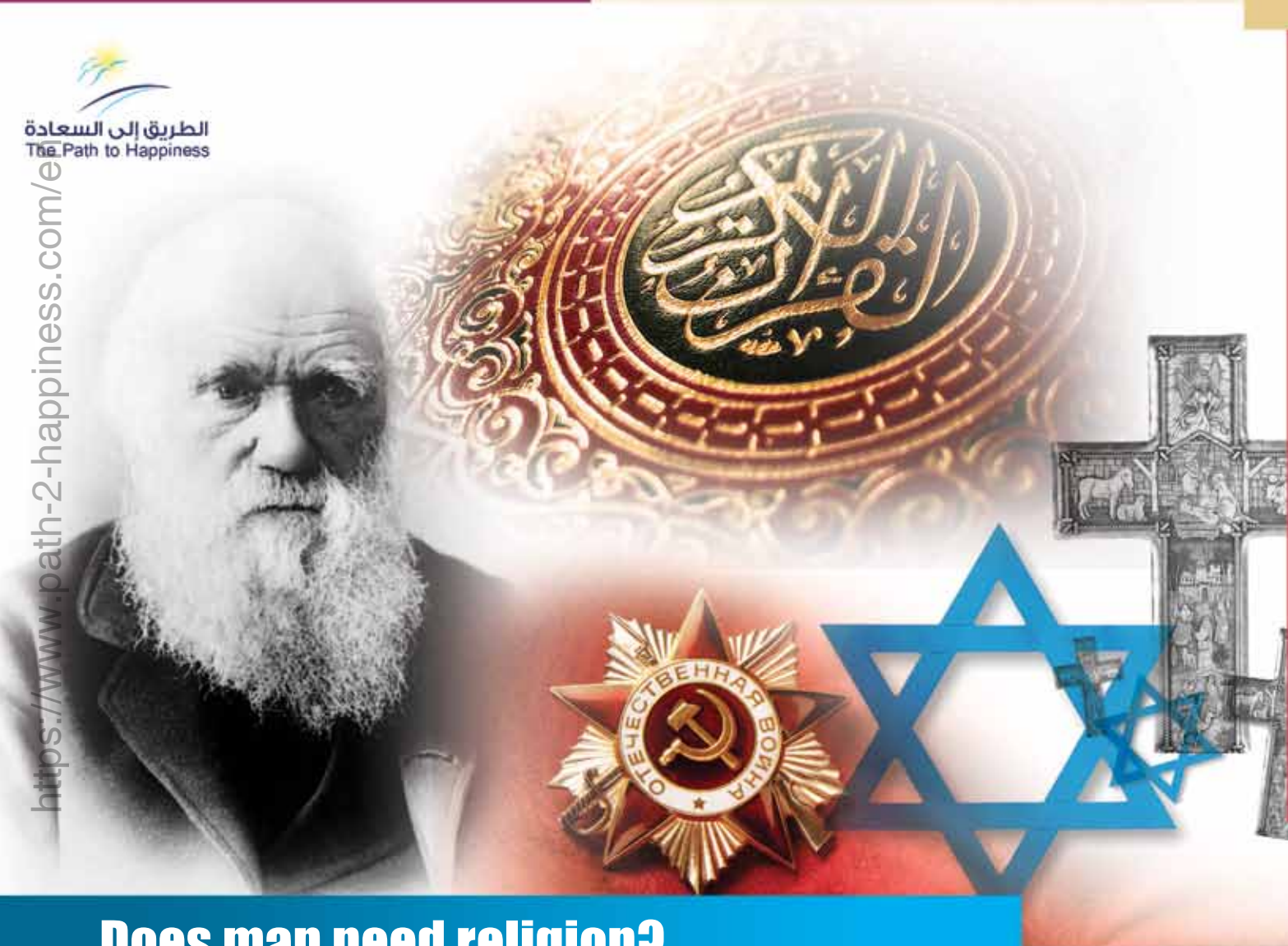
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# Does man need religion?

## Is there a real need for religion?

Man cannot, under any circumstances, live without religion.

Just as man is social by nature and cannot live alone and be isolated from society, he is also innately devout and cannot live properly without religion. Religiousness is a natural instinct in man.

The clearest proof of this is that man flees to Allah Almighty when facing difficulties and hard times. Allah says: {And when they embark on a ship, they invoke Allâh, making their Faith pure for Him only, but when He brings them safely to land, behold, they give a share of their worship to others} [Al-'Ankabût: 65]

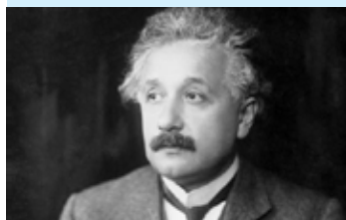
Just like a person who manufactures a machine knows best about how it works and about its maintenance, the Creator likewise knows best about His creation and their needs: {Should not He Who has created know? And He is the Most Kind and Courteous (to His slaves) All-Aware (of everything)} [Al-Mulk:14]

Due to the fact that the Creator is Compassionate All-forgiving and All-Generous, He prescribed for people religion, so that their souls would

### Strongest results

"Faith is the strongest and noblest motive for scientific research."

**Einstein**  
Physicist



flourish and their lives would be set right. Allah says: {O you who believe! Answer Allâh (by obeying Him) and (His) Messenger when he (pbuh) calls you to that which will give you life} [Al-Anfâl:24]

This is why even those who go against their natural instinct and deny Allah, know within their souls that they are liars and are ungrateful. Allah says: {And they belied them (those Ayât) wrongfully and arrogantly, though their own selves were convinced thereof [i.e. those (Ayât) are from Allâh, and Mûsa (Moses) is the Messenger of Allâh in truth, but they disliked to obey Mûsa (Moses), and hated to believe in his Message of Monotheism]. So see what was the end of the Mufsidûn (disbelievers, disobedient to Allâh, evil-doers, liars.)).} [An-Naml:14]

This is clearly seen during difficulties and hard times. Allah says: {40. Say (O Muhammad pbuh): "Tell me if Allâh's Torment comes upon you, or the Hour comes upon you, would you then call upon anyone other than Allâh? (Reply) if you are truthful!" 41. Nay! To Him Alone you call, and, if He will, He would remove that (distress) for which you call upon Him, and you forget at that time whatever partners you joined with Him (in worship)!} [Al-An'âm:40-41]

He also says: {And when some hurt touches man, he cries to his Lord (Allâh Alone), turning to Him in repentance, but when He bestows a favour upon him from Himself, he forgets that for which he cried for before, and he sets up rivals to Allâh, 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]

For that reason, all humans have been created with a natural instinct placed inside them by Allah, which is the desire to want to worship a god in whose hands all power lies, Who does whatever He wishes and



### The religious and the sick

"I can remember the days when people talked about the conflict between science and religion, but no more. The newest of all sciences - psychiatry - is teaching what religion teaches. Why? Because psychiatrists realize that prayer and a strong religious faith will banish the worries, anxieties, strains and fears that cause more than half of all our ills, as Dr. A. A. Brill said: 'Anyone who is truly religious does not develop a neurosis.'"

**Dale Carnegie**  
American writer





**Dale Carnegie**  
American Writer

### Be deep

"The Philosopher, Francis Bacon, was right when he said: 'It is true that a little philosophy inclines man's mind to atheism; but a deep study of philosophy brings man's mind to religion.'"



ordains what He wishes. Allah says: {And if Allâh touches you with harm, none can remove it but He, and if He touches you with good, then He is Able to do all things}. [Al-An'âm:17]

He also says: {Whatever of mercy (i.e. of good) Allâh may grant to mankind, none can withhold it, and whatever He may withhold, none can grant it thereafter} [Fâtir:2]

Man has two powers: the power of knowledge, and that of will; and the more effort he exerts to achieve them, the closer he becomes to reaching the goal he desires. Such is the case with happiness. As for the first, i.e. the strength of knowledge; the highness of his degree of servitude to Allah, as well as the degree of his status, his happiness in this world, not to mention the Afterlife, all depend on the extent he knows Allah, His names and attributes, what he should and should not do, and his behavior and the personal code of ethics he adopts. This is also affected by whether he takes the path of those who are close to Allah and the lofty path of those who tread the route that leads to Allah, and if he possesses knowledge of the human soul with its diseases and impurities, and knows how to overcome them, its enemies and all that comes between it and its Lord. One needs to know how to lift the soul high and purify it with godly ethics in a manner that elevates it to the level of exalted souls, makes it attain a firmness of purpose and keeps it away from nonsensical materialistic issues and the filth of desires and suspicions. The more one does this the higher ones level of worship and ones place (with Allah) will be, even the level of his happiness in this life, and of course his final position in the Afterlife, will be higher.

Moreover, this power of knowledge is the benefactor and the provider of willpower, surrounding him with guidance, as well as making him steadfastness and righteousness. Allah says: {O you who believe! Answer Allâh (by obeying Him) and (His) Messenger when he (pbuh) calls you to that which will give you life}. [Al-Anfâl:24]

And here we have the doctrines of atheism imposing severe bankruptcy as far as granting comfort to the body is concerned, let alone satisfying the soul. These doctrines fail to provide true happiness to the human being, no matter how much they inspire one another with adorned speech so as to delude others.

To who then should man resort in case of disasters and calamities?! It only makes sense that he resorts to a strong support. He turns to Allah Almighty; where there is strength and hope, belief, patience, and a beneficial trust. Therefore, we should entrust Him with all our affairs. Allah says: {Those who believe (in the Oneness of Allâh - Islâmic Monotheism), and whose hearts find rest in the remembrance of Allâh, Verily, in the remembrance of Allâh do hearts find rest} [Ar-Ra'd:28]

Even if one is battered by the winds of injustice and tastes its bitterness, he is sure that the universe has a Lord, who lends support to the oppressed, even if it comes after some time, and that the Day of Judgment is drawing near, when each person will be recompensed for all his deeds, good or bad. As for the doers of good deeds they will be rewarded, and the doers of bad ones they will be punished, so his heart is filled with confidence and certainty in Allah. Allah says the following about such people: {Is then one who follows (seeks) the good Pleasure of Allâh (by not taking illegally a part of the booty) like the one who draws on himself the Wrath of Allâh (by taking a part of the booty illegally - Ghulul)? - his abode is Hell, - and worst indeed is that destination!} [Âl-'Imrân:162]



### Truth is crystal clear

"My Ph.D. thesis dealt with education and nation-building, and I discovered that the basic pillars of Islam provide a great foundation and a valuable base for rebuilding the nation socially, economically and spiritually."

**Dr. Douglas R. Archer,**  
Mayor of Regina



### Religiosity cures ills

"Psychiatrists realize that prayer and a strong religious faith will banish worries and anxieties, and cure people from these ills."

**Dale Carnegie**  
American Writer

### Self-cure

"Faith is the greatest cure for anxiety."

**William James**  
American Psychiatrist



### Worlds apart

"Materialism always stresses what is common to animals and humans, while religion stresses what makes them different."

**Alija 'Ali Izetbegović**

Former President of the Republic of Bosnia Herzegovina

In contrast to what is mentioned above, whoever has lost the knowledge of Allah and faith in Him, has lost all power. He loses all comfort, reassurance and happiness, and lives amidst the folds of worry and sorrow, since there is no certainty or internal stability in his soul. The entire life of this kind of person is built around pleasures and desires, materialism and wealth. He does not know the goal of his existence, nor does he know the aim of his life. Rather, he rambles through his daily life aimlessly, looking for happiness, as a follower of desires, until he relapses and falls back to the level of the beasts and even worse. Allah Almighty says the following about this kind of person: {Or do you think that most of them hear or understand? They are only like cattle; nay, they are even farther astray from the Path. (i.e. even worst than cattle)}. [Al-Furqân:44]

If hit by a calamity, he falls an easy prey to spiritual destruction and internal anxiety: {"But whosoever turns away from My Reminder (i.e. neither believes in this Qur'ân nor acts on its orders, etc.) verily, for him is a life of hardship, and We shall raise him up blind on the Day of Resurrection."} [Tâ-Hâ:124]



### Psychiatrists – cum – evangelists

"Today, even psychiatrists are becoming modern evangelists. They are not



urging us to lead religious lives to avoid the Hell-fire in the next world, but they are urging us to lead religious lives to avoid the hell-fires

of this world – the hell-fires of stomach ulcers, angina pectoris, nervous breakdowns and insanity."

**Henry Ford**

Founder of the Henry Ford Foundation

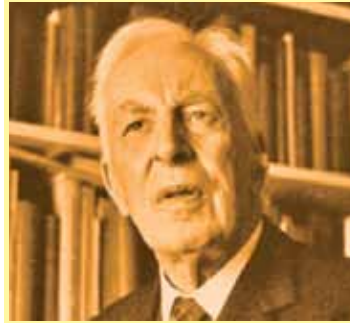
What a distinction there is between those who know their Lord, realize His Greatness, know what is due to Him, care to please Him, follow what is prescribed by Him, refrain from His prohibitions, and know that he is in urgent and everlasting need of his Lord in all

affairs, however small or big, little or great, at all times and periods, and those who don't. The most Exalted says: {O mankind! It is you who stand in need of Allâh, but Allâh is Rich (Free of all wants and needs), Worthy of all praise}. [Fâtir:15]





The other is thrown by suspicions and fantasies into the deep darkness of misery and the gloominess of unhappiness, where he wanders blindly here and there, his heart filled with skepticism and confusion. Whenever he tries to grope for happiness, he finds one mirage after another, even if he achieves all the pleasures of this world coupled with all of its desires, and holds the highest and loftiest of positions. For whoever loses Allah, What does he find?! And whoever finds Allah, what does he lose?!



### Religion is life

"Religion is one of the indispensable human faculties. It suffices to say that lacking religion pushes a human being to a state of spiritual despondency. It drives him to seek spiritual consolation from those who possess nothing of that sort."

**Arnold Toynbee**  
British Historian



### The age of anxiety

"We live in an age of anxiety, and there is no doubt that scientific and technological achievements have increased man's well-being and prosperity, but in turn it has not increased his happiness and contentment. Rather, it has increased his anxiety, despair and psychological trauma that have deprived him of beautiful meanings in this life."

**Dr. Rene Dubos**  
Nobel Prize-winning  
Scientist



### The communities' need for religion



### The verbal argument

"It is possible that everything we love could disappear and that rational thinking, science and industry could cease to exist, but it is impossible that religion could be eliminated. Rather, it will remain as proof that the materialistic thought, which wants to restrict man to the narrow path of the base life of this world, is false."

**Ernest Renan**  
French Historian

If an individual is in dire need of religion, then certainly the need of the society for religion is even greater and stronger. Religion is the protective shield of the community, because human life cannot exist except through the cooperation among its members for its betterment: {Help you one another in Al-Birr and At-Taqwa (virtue, righteousness and piety); but do not help one another in sin and transgression.} [Al-Mâ'idah:2]

This cooperation cannot exist except through a system that regulates their relationships, defines their duties, and ensures their rights.

This system could only come from the most Kind, the All-Aware, the All-Knowing of what humans need: {Should not He Who has created know? And He is the Most Kind and Courteous (to His slaves) All-Aware (of everything)}. [Al-Mulk:14]

The more humanity deviates from religion and Allah's laws and systems, the more it disappears and sinks into the darkness of doubt, misguidance, the feeling of being lost, confusion, misery and unhappiness.



### The True Law

"Islamic law does not differentiate between what is religious and what is worldly. It stipulates man's relationship to God, and his duties towards God, and organizes them, just as it does with man's relationships with his brother. All God's commands and prohibitions in relation to religious, civil and others matters are mentioned in the Qur'an. In the Qur'an there are six thousand verses or more, from which approximately a thousand verses are related to legislation."

### A religion with no place for caprice

"On the contrary, one of the reasons for the warm welcome which Muhammad received in Medina would seem to be that the adoption of Islam appeared to the more thoughtful of its citizens as a remedy for the disorders from which their society was suffering, due to its orderly discipline of life and its bringing the unruly passions of men under the discipline of laws enunciated by an authority superior to individual caprice."

**Thomas Arnold**  
British Orientalist

### Where are your minds?!

"I want my lawyer, my tailor, my servants, even my wife to believe in God, because it means that I shall be cheated, robbed and cuckolded less often."

**Voltaire**  
French Philosopher



There is no force on the face of this earth that is equivalent or even close to that of religion pertaining to ensuring respect for order, social cohesion and stability of its system, and the existence of all the reasons of comfort and reassurance it possess. The secret of this lies in the fact that man is distinguished from other organisms and that his voluntary moves and actions are controlled by something that cannot be heard or seen. To be more precise, this thing is faith and it refines the soul, purifies the senses and makes man as mindful of his inward thoughts and intentions as he is over his outward and public actions: {And if you (O Muhammad, pbuh) speak (the invocation) aloud, then verily, He knows the secret and that which is yet more hidden}. [Tâ-Hâ:7]

Man is driven by either a true or false doctrine. If his doctrine is true, then everything related to him will be true, and if his doctrine is false, then everything will be false.

For that reason, religion is the best guarantee that interaction among people will be founded on rules of justice and equity. This is also a social necessity, and it is not surprising that we find that religion is to nations as the heart is to the body.

Thus, since religion is of that status, and the situation in the present time is

that there is a diversity of religions and sects in this world, where each people are satisfied with their own religion and adhere to it, one must ask oneself, which is the true religion that achieves the human soul's aspirations?! What are the criteria of the true religion?!



### Criteria of the true religion:

In almost all cases, each believer is certain that his doctrine is the best and that it is the only true one. Each believer varies from the other in justifying that. Those who believe in humanly corrupted distorted doctrines justify it by saying that they found their fathers believing in it, and that they are just following in their footsteps. Allah says: {23. And similarly, We sent not a warner before you (O Muhammad, pbuh) to any town (people) but the luxurious ones among them said: "We found our fathers following a certain way and religion, and we will indeed follow their footsteps." 24. (The warner) said: "Even if I bring you better guidance than that which you found your fathers following?" They said: "Verily, We disbelieve in that with which you have been sent."} [Az-Zukhruf:23-24]

He also says: {170. When it is said to them: "Follow what Allâh has sent down." They say: "Nay! We shall follow what we found our fathers following." (Would they do that!) Even though their fathers did not understand anything nor were they guided? 171. And the example of those who disbelieve, is as that of him who shouts to the (flock of sheep) that hears nothing but calls and cries. (They are) deaf, dumb and blind. So they do not understand}. [Al-Baqarah:170-171]

Such people found their attitude on this ugly imitation, without resorting to reason, thought or contemplation. Often they resort to false, unsubstantiated and contradictory stories that lack any proof of



authenticity. It is not justifiable, of course, to reason or argue in such a manner in relation to religions, sects and creeds.

Since truth is one and has no multiple, it therefore follows that it is impossible that all those beliefs are on the right path, and that all of them are true at the same time, otherwise there would be contradicting truths, which is what sound minds refuse to believe:

{Had it been from other than Allâh, they would surely have found therein much contradiction}. [An-Nisâ':82]

Subsequently, what is the true religion and what are the criteria by which we can judge to establish which one of these beliefs are true and which ones are corrupt?!

These criteria are:

First: the religion should have a divine source, that is, it should come from Allah Almighty and be revealed through an angel to an apostle to convey it to Allah's slaves. True religion is the religion of Allah, the Creator of the universe (Glorified be He), and Allah is the One Who holds the creatures responsible and accountable on the Day of Resurrection for the religion that was revealed unto them. Allah says: {163. Verily, We have inspired you (O Muhammad, pbuh) as We inspired Nûh (Noah) and the Prophets after him; We (also) inspired Ibrâhim (Abraham), Ismâ'il (Ishmael), Ishâque (Isaac), Ya'qûb (Jacob), and Al-Asbât [the twelve sons of Ya'qûb (Jacob)], 'Isa (Jesus), Ayub (Job), Yûnus (Jonah), Hârûn (Aaron), and Sulaimân (Solomon), and to Dawûd (David) We gave the Zabûr (Psalms). 164. And Messengers We have mentioned to you before, and Messengers We have not mentioned to you, - and to Mûsa (Moses) Allâh spoke directly. 165. Messengers as bearers of good news as well as of warning in order that mankind should have no plea against Allâh after the Messengers. And Allâh is Ever All-Powerful, All-Wise}. [An-Nisâ':163-165]

Accordingly, any religion that is designed by someone and he attributes it to himself and not to Allah, is a fake religion. Moreover, any religion that is designed by humans to which they add and which they amend is also void, because the person who designs and changes does not know better, where the good of the people is

concerned, than Allah, the Creator of the world. {Should not He Who has created know? And He is the Most Kind and Courteous (to His slaves) All-Aware (of everything)}. [Al-Mulk:14]

If this was not the case, then the designer or the legislator of such a religion would be a lord and god who knows what is good for his creation, and Almighty Allah is far exalted over that (i.e. having partners in Lorship): {Do they seek other than the religion of Allâh (the true Islâmic Monotheism worshipping none but Allâh Alone), while to Him submitted all creatures in the heavens and the earth, willingly or unwillingly. And to Him shall they all be returned}. [Âl-Imrân:83]

He also says: {But no, by your Lord, they can have no Faith, until they make you (O Muhammad pbuh) judge in all disputes between them} [An-Nisâ':65]

Second: religion must call for singling out Almighty Allah in worship, and must prohibit polytheism. Since calling for monotheism is the foundation of the call of all the prophets and messengers. Polytheism and idolatry, on the other hand, violates the ABCs of natural instincts and of guided minds. Allah says: {(And We did not send any Messenger before you (O Muhammad pbuh) but We inspired him (saying): Lâ ilâha illa Ana [none has the right to be worshipped but I (Allâh)], so worship Me (Alone and none else)} [Al-Anbiyâ':25]

Each prophet said to his people: {"Worship Allâh! You have no other Ilâh (God) but Him. (Lâ ilâha ill-Allâh: none has the right to be worshipped but Allâh). Certainly, I fear for you the torment of a Great Day!"} [Al-A'râf:59]

## Monotheism

"The fundamental truth in Islam is monotheism; God is One and Muhammad is the Messenger of God, polytheism is set aside. There is no father nor is there a son, nor a separation between what is sacred and what is worldly, and what is eastern and what is western. There is one world and one religion."

**Michael Hems**

English Writer



Therefore, any religion that approves polytheism, or ascribes other partners to Allah, whether that other god is a prophet, a king, a saint, a human or a stone, must be a false religion, as worship must be directed to Allah alone, with no partners. Paganism and polytheism are outright deviations. Every religion which becomes blemished by polytheism, even if it was originally revealed by Allah, becomes false. Almighty Allah gives us an example. He says: {73. O mankind! A similitude has been coined, so listen to it (carefully): Verily! Those on whom you call besides Allâh, cannot create (even) a fly, even though they combine together for the purpose. And if the fly snatched away a thing from them, they would have no power to release it from the fly. So weak are (both) the seeker and the sought. 74. They have not estimated Allâh His Rightful Estimate; Verily, Allâh is All-Strong, All-Mighty}. [Al-Hajj:73-74]

Third: to be consistent with the natural instinct. Allah says: {So set you (O Muhammad pbuh) your face towards the religion of pure Islâmic Monotheism Hanifa (worship none but Allâh Alone) Allâh's Fitrah (i.e. Allâh's Islâmic Monotheism), with which He has created mankind. No change let there be in Khalq-illâh (i.e. the Religion of Allâh Islâmic Monotheism), that is the straight religion, but most of men know not}. [Ar-Rûm:30]

Here, the natural instinct is everything Almighty Allah has created in people, which becomes part and parcel of their composition. For it cannot be that religion does not fit the natural human disposition,



### Allah's Fitrah (Natural Disposition)

"Children are born being believers in God, and do not simply acquire religious beliefs through indoctrination, because they suppose that everything in the world was created with a purpose. Even if we leave children by themselves on a desert island to raise themselves alone, they would come to believe in God."

#### Justin Barrett

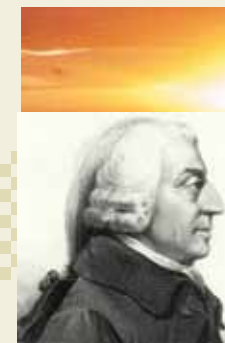
Researcher in Humanities,  
Oxford University

as otherwise the creator would have been different from the legislator of religion, which is impossible and considered as polytheism.

Fourth: true religion must be consistent with the sound mind; since true religion is Allah's law, and the right mind is Allah's creation, and it is impossible that Allah's law contradicts His creation. He says: {Have they not travelled through the land, and have they hearts wherewith to understand and ears wherewith to hear? Verily, it is not the eyes that grow blind, but it is the hearts which are in the breasts that grow blind}. [Al-Hajj:46]

He also says: {3. Verily, in the heavens and the earth are signs for the believers. 4. And in your creation, and what He scattered (through the earth) of moving (living) creatures are signs for people who have Faith with certainty. 5. And in the alternation of night and day, and the provision (rain) that Allâh sends down from the sky, and revives therewith the earth after its death, and in the turning about of the winds (i.e. sometimes towards the east or north, and sometimes towards the south or west etc., sometimes bringing glad tidings of rain etc., and sometimes bringing the torment), are signs for a people who understand. 6. These are the Ayât (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, revelations, etc.) of Allâh, which We recite to you (O Muhammad pbuh) with truth. Then in which speech after Allâh and His Ayât will they believe?} [Al-Jâthiya: 3-6]

It is not suitable for a true religion to be satiated with myths and superstition or contradictions in a way that makes a part of it at odds with the other parts. This is contrary to the sound mind. A true religion never commands its followers to do something and then contradicts it with another command. It does not make something impermissible or permissible to a group of people and make it the opposite for another group. Neither does it separate matters which are similar, nor combine contradictions,



### The disease of superstition

"Science is the great antidote to the poison of superstition."

#### Adam Smith

Scottish Philosopher





### Present your evidence

"A wise man builds his belief on evidence"

**David Hume**  
Scottish Philosopher

### Man and ethics

"A man without ethics is a wild beast let loose upon this world."

**Albert Camus**  
French Philosopher



Allah Almighty says: {Do they not then consider the Qur'ân carefully? Had it been from other than Allâh, they would surely have found therein much contradictions}. [An-Nisâ':82]

Rather, a true religion must be built on clear evidence. Allah Almighty says: {Say (O Muhammad Peace be upon him), "Produce your proof if you are truthful."} [Al-Baqarah: 111]

Fifth: a true religion calls for the best of morals and deeds. Allah the most High says:

{151. Say (O Muhammad pbuh):

"Come, I will recite what your Lord has prohibited you from: Join not anything in worship with Him; be good and dutiful to your parents; kill not your children because of poverty - We provide sustenance for you and for them; come not near to Al-Fawâhish (shameful sins, illegal sexual intercourse, etc.) whether committed openly or secretly, and kill not anyone whom Allâh has forbidden, except for a just cause (according to Islâmic law).

This He has commanded you that you may understand. 152. "And come not near to the orphan's property, except to improve it,

until he (or she) attains the age of full strength; and give full measure and full weight with justice. We burden not any person, but that which he can bear. And whenever you give your word (i.e. judge between men or give evidence, etc.), say the truth even if a near relative is concerned, and fulfill the Covenant of Allâh, This He commands you, that you may remember. 153. "And verily, this (i.e. Allâh's Commandments mentioned in the above two



Verses 151 and 152) is my Straight Path, so follow it, and follow not (other) paths, for they will separate you away from His Path. This He has ordained for you that you may become Al-Muttaqûn} [Al-An'âm:151-153]

He also says: {Verily, Allâh enjoins Al-Adl (i.e. justice and worshipping none but Allâh Alone - Islâmic Monotheism) and Al-Ihsân [i.e. to be patient in performing your duties to Allâh, totally for Allâh's sake and in accordance with the Sunnah (legal ways) of the Prophet pbuh in a perfect manner], and giving (help) to kith and kin (i.e. all that Allâh has ordered you to give them e.g., wealth, visiting, looking after them, or any other kind of help, etc.): and forbids Al-Fahshâ' (i.e. all evil deeds, e.g. illegal sexual acts, disobedience of parents, polytheism, to tell lies, to give false witness, to kill a life without right, etc.), and Al-Munkar (i.e. all that is prohibited by Islâmic law: polytheism of every kind, disbelief and every kind of evil deeds, etc.), and Al-Baghy (i.e. all kinds of oppression), He admonishes you, that you may take heed}. [An-Nahl:90]



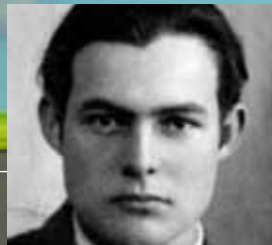


### Be realistic

"A realistic outlook on life, sincere advice, the call for kindness and compassion, ancient benevolent humanism; these and other factors were for me the greatest evidence of the truth of Islam."

Jul

Danish Orientalist



### Ethics means feeling good

"So far, about morals, I know only that what is moral is what you feel good about afterwards, and what is immoral is what you feel bad about afterwards."

Ernest Hemingway

American Writer

A religion is never a true one if it promotes lying, murder, injustice, theft, rape, disobedience or the like.

Sixth: a true religion regulates the relationship between man and his Creator, and the relationships among the creation. Allah says: {"You do not worship besides Him but only names which you have named (forged), you and your fathers, for which Allâh has sent down no authority. The command (or the judgement) is for none but Allâh. He has commanded that you worship none but Him (i.e. His Monotheism), that is the (true) straight religion, but most men know not}. [Yûsuf:40]

That religion must regulate man's duties towards his Creator, and also regulate relationships existing among the people. Allah says: {Worship Allâh and join none with Him in worship, and do good to parents, kinsfolk, orphans, Al-Masâkin (the poor), the neighbour who is near of kin, the neighbour who is a stranger, the companion by your side, the wayfarer (you meet), and those (slaves) whom your right hands possess}. [An-Nisâ':36]

Seventh: it respects man and honors him. It does not differentiate between its followers according to race, color or tribe. The deemed criterion for differentiation is what man has gained and what deeds he has performed with regards to knowledge and having fear of Allah. The Almighty says: {And indeed We have honoured the Children of Adam, and We have carried them on land and sea}. [Al-Isrâ':70]

He also 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). Verily, Allâh is All-Knowing, All-Aware}. [Al-Hujurât:13]

Eighth: such a religion guides to the straight path, which has no crookedness or deviation. It must have a healing effect on people, and be a light and guide to them. Allah says about the Jinn that when they heard the Qur'an they said the following to each other: {They said: "O our people! Verily! We have heard a Book (this Qur'ân) sent down after Mûsa (Moses), confirming what came before it, it guides to the truth and to a Straight Path (i.e. Islâm)}. [Al-Ahqâf: 30]

Allah says: {And We send down from the Qur'ân that which is a healing and a mercy to those who believe (in Islâmic Monotheism and act on it), and it increases the Zâlimûn (polytheists and wrong-doers) nothing but loss}. [Al-Isrâ':82]

It is a light and a guide that leads people from the darkness of ignorance and misguidance to the path of obedience and happiness, here and in the Hereafter. Allah says: {O people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians)! Now has come to you Our Messenger (Muhammad pbuh) explaining to you much of that which you used to hide from the Scripture and passing over (i.e. leaving out without explaining) much. Indeed, there has



### The best inheritance

"One of the most important bequests which Islam has transmitted to the civilized world is its religious law; the Shari'ah. It is a phenomenon so different from all other forms of law. It includes all the divine commands that regulate the life of each Muslim, for every aspect of his life. It includes provisions related to acts of worship and religious rites, as well as political and legal rules."

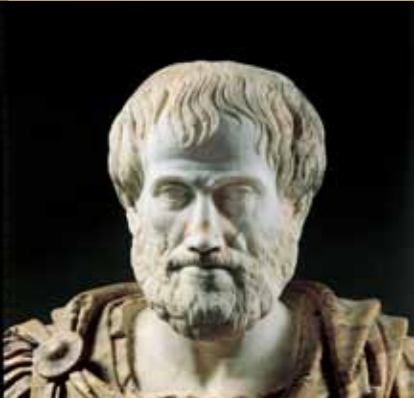
Joseph Schacht

German Orientalist



come to you from Allâh a light (Prophet Muhammad pbuh ) and a plain Book (this Qur'ân)}. [Al-Mâ'idah:15]

The Almighty also says: {256. There is no compulsion in religion. Verily, the Right Path has become distinct from the wrong path. Whoever disbelieves in Tâghût and believes in Allâh, then he has grasped the most trustworthy handhold that will never break. And Allâh is All-Hearer, All-Knower. 257. Allâh is the Walî (Protector or Guardian) of those who believe. He brings them out from darkness into light. But as for those who disbelieve, their Auliya (supporters and helpers) are Tâghût [false deities and false leaders, etc.], they bring them out from light into darkness. Those are the dwellers of the Fire, and they will abide therein forever}. [Al-Baqarah:256-257]



### Inequality

"The worst form of inequality is to try to make unequal things which are equal."

**Aristotle**

Greek Philosopher



### Ask God for help

"Maybe it is possible to save thousands of people who are screaming in anguish in mental hospitals. It is better if they ask for help from God's Divine Care, rather than fight the battles of life alone without any support or protector".

**Dale Carnegie**

American Writer

## What religion do we need?!

### What then is the religion to which all the previous criteria of the true religion apply?

Religions can be divided according to their source into two sections:

Earthly, human religions which are not divine, but are determined and developed by human beings and are not revealed by Allah; such as Buddhism, Hinduism, Parsee and Paganism. These could not be further from the true religion. Rather their religion comes according to their own whims:

{Have you seen him who takes his own lust (vain desires) as his ilâh (god), and Allâh knowing (him as such), left him astray, and sealed his hearing and his heart, and put a cover on his sight. Who then will guide him after Allâh? Will you not then remember?} [Al-Jâthiya:23]

It is not a divine religion. It is the religion of human whims. It is for that reason that you find these religions filled with superstition, hypocrisy, class distinction and contradictions. The Almighty says : {Had it been from other than Allâh, they would surely have found therein much contradictions}. [An-Nisâ':82]

The second kind are the divine religions from Allah; such as Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The Creator ordained these religions



### But God is One

"Researchers have grown tired while counting the number of gods in earthly religions. Ancient Egyptian gods are more than 800 and Hindu gods are more than 10,000. Such polytheism is also found to be believed by Greeks, Buddhists and other earthly religions."



and approved them. Allah says: {He (Allâh) has ordained for you the same religion (Islâm) which He ordained for Nûh (Noah), and that which We have inspired in you (O Muhammad pbuh), and that which We ordained for Ibrahîm (Abraham), Mûsa (Moses) and 'Isa (Jesus) saying you should establish religion (i.e. to do what it orders you to do practically), and make no divisions in it (religion) (i.e. various sects in religion). Intolerable for the Mushrikûn, is that to which you (O Muhammad pbuh) call them. Allâh chooses for Himself whom He wills, and guides unto Himself who turns to Him in repentance and in obedience}. [Ash-Shûrah:13]

There is no doubt that earthly religions contain a wide range of ideas and human thought, which are tailored to suit the caprices of their legislators. People discover shortly afterwards, however, that such religions are not proper. They, therefore, try to develop them and continue in confusion and deviation. These religions have several characteristics, which include:

Polytheism: everyday they invent a new god for themselves, for their gods are of their own making! They do not realize or think about the impossibility of the presence of other gods with Allah, for if there were more than one god, there would only be conflict and chaos. Almighty Allah says: {91. No son (or offspring or children) did Allâh beget, nor is there any ilâh (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 Allâh 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'minûn:91-92]



### The True law

"I have understood and realized that what humanity needs is a divine law that warrants the right and invalidates falsehood."

**Tolstoy**

Russian writer

Class distinction: the non-monotheistic religions are based on class distinction and enslavement, since the legislators of these religions give advantages to themselves, their community and to those whom they wish, which are not given to others. They do that only to achieve their goals and to enslave others. 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-Taqua [i.e. one of the Muttaqûn (pious - see V:2:2). Verily, Allâh is All-Knowing, All-Aware}. [Al-Hujurât:13]

The Almighty forbids looking down upon others or mocking them: {Let not a group scoff at another group, it may be that the latter are better than the former}. [Al-Hujurât:11]

Therefore, there is no distinction before Allah between a white person and a black one, nor between one race and another, nor one nationality and the other. Many of these earthly religions, on the other hand, are based on detestable class distinctions.

Contrary to natural instinct: earthly religions contradict the natural human instinct. They burden man with what he cannot tolerate, and are based on opposing and contradicting human nature and the sound mind. Followers of such religions have drifted far away from the straight path and have made complete alterations. Allah says: {So set you (O Muhammad SAW) your face towards the religion of pure Islâmic Monotheism Hanifa (worship none but Allâh Alone) Allâh's Fitrah (i.e. Allâh's



### Unfair class distinction

"The caste system in Hinduism is distributed as follows: the white class to which belong the clergy and scholars [Brahmins (priests)], the red class which includes princes and knights [Kshatriyas (warriors)], the yellow class which includes farmers and traders [Vaishyas (common people, including merchants)], and the black class which includes people of handicrafts and industry [Shudras (servant classes)]. As for the fifth class or what is known as the untouchables, it includes people of low character. Upper classes enslave lower ones and the lower serve the upper."

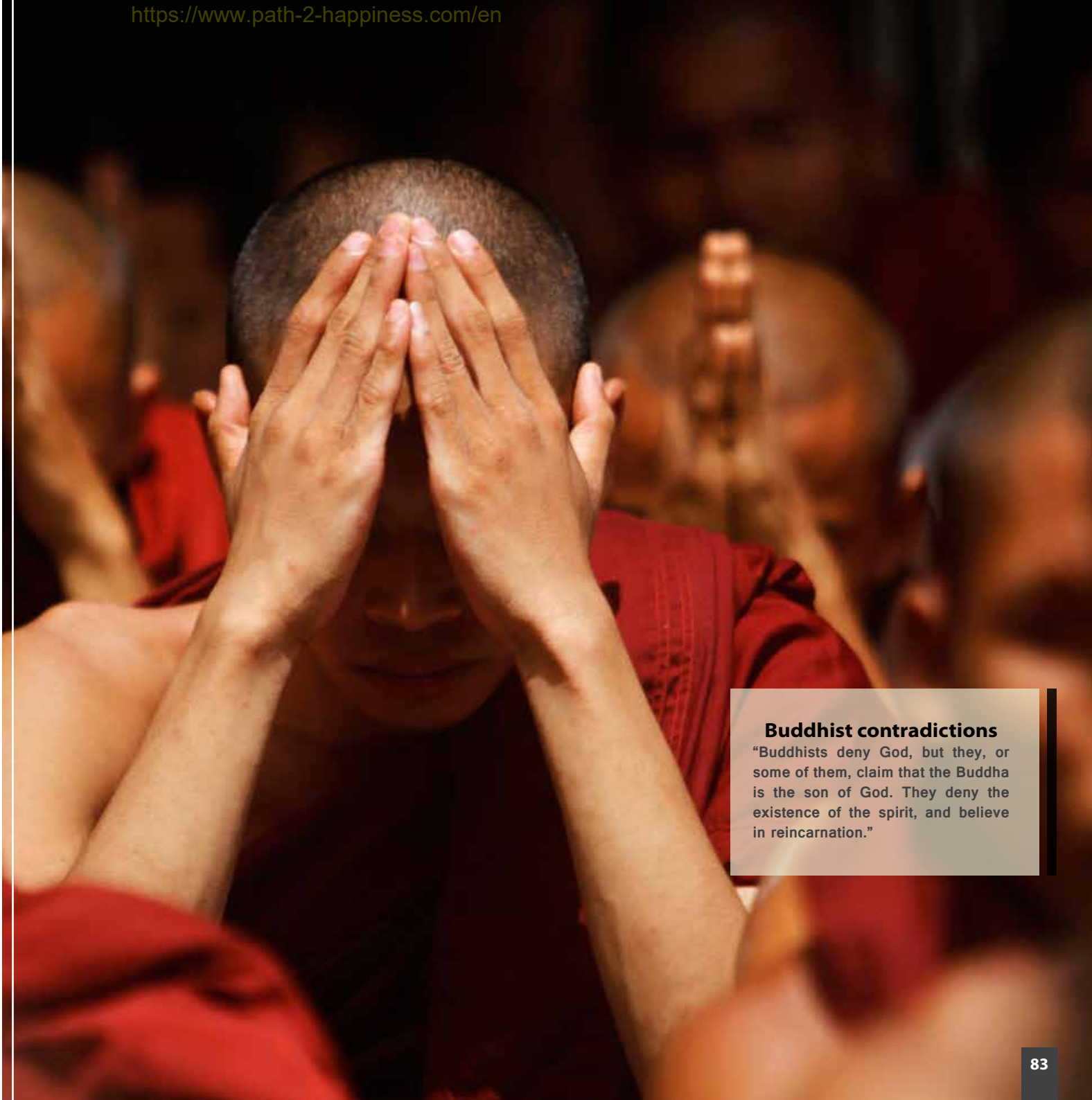


Islâmic Monotheism), with which He has created mankind. No change let there be in Khalq-illâh (i.e. the Religion of Allâh Islâmic Monotheism), that is the straight religion, but most of men know not} [Ar-Rûm:30]

Superstition: it is the belief or the thought based on mere fantasies, without the existence of any mental, logical or scientific reason. Earthly religions contain myths which have neither evidence nor arguments to support them. What is built on a myth is certainly nothing but a falsehood. Allah, the Truthful, says: {Say, "Bring forth your proofs, if you are truthful."} [An-Naml:64]

Discrepancies: those religions are full of contradictions. Each group is built upon the ruined remains of another which contradicts it, and then it develops such remains on this (conflicting basis). Allah, the Truthful says: {Had it been from other than Allâh, they would surely have found therein much contradictions}. [An-Nisâ':82]

As for divine religions, they are a blessing from Allah to mankind. He revealed these religions to guide man, illuminate his way, establish proof against him on the Day of Resurrection, and keep him away from superstition and polytheism, as well as from contradicting common sense. It is for this reason that Allah sent messengers to convey the Word of Allah and His message: {Messengers as bearers of good news as well as of warning in order that mankind should have no plea against Allâh after the Messengers. And Allâh is Ever All-Powerful, All-Wise}. [An-Nisâ':165]



### **Buddhist contradictions**

"Buddhists deny God, but they, or some of them, claim that the Buddha is the son of God. They deny the existence of the spirit, and believe in reincarnation."