

Does God Exist?

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Course Objectives:

1. To be able to prove to the atheists the existence of God and the veracity and divine origin of the Qur'aan
2. To be able to dispel the common misconceptions from the minds of non-Muslims
3. To be able to answer questions related to comparative religion

QUESTION & ANSWER BUCKET

TRANSCRIPTS

ASSESSMENT

Multiple Choice Questions

Match the Columns

True or False

COURSE DURATION

Video	–	3 hours 40 min
Study Guide	–	60 min
Assessment	–	15 min
Total Duration	–	4 hours 55 mins

Lesson 1: Does God Exist – Part 1

1. Inviting an Atheist to Islaam

To invite an atheist to Islaam is easier than inviting a non-Muslim who worships a false god. This is because the former has already done half the Shahaadah, out of independent thinking, that is laa ilaaha (there is no god), whereas the latter—before inviting him to the true religion, Islaam—he needs first to be convinced that the god he is worshiping (usually, in imitation of the society) is not the right god.

2. Ask the Atheist to Define God

Any person denying the existence of God should be asked to define God. For anyone to say that so and so thing does not exist, he should know the definition of so and so. If he does not know the definition of so and so, he cannot say so and so does not exist.

An atheist may deny the existence of God because the people around him have taken a false god, a god that has human qualities (needs to eat, drink, sleep, needs help, dies, etc.). Hence, the importance of defining the god that the atheist denies.

The same applies to those who reject Islaam and ascribe violence, terrorism, etc., to it. They are actually rejecting the pseudo-Islaam, which is propagated by the media, not the correct Islaam. What should be noted is that:

i. The Qur'aan says that if any human being, whether Muslim or non-Muslim, kills any other innocent human being, whether Muslim or non-Muslim, it is as though he has killed the whole of humanity. If any human being saves any other human being, it is as though he has saved the whole of humanity. This one verse of the Qur'aan is sufficient to prove that Islaam is against terrorism. There is no other religion on the faith of the earth which has this statement.

ii. Islaam rejects all forms of discrimination and declares that humans are equal, and the only means through which distinction is attained is Taqwa, which means God-consciousness and piety. The most honoured in the sight of Allah is the most righteous. (Al Qur'aan: 49:13)

iii. Islaam is the religion which gives rights to the woman.

iv. Islaam is the religion which is a logical religion. Therefore, it says, "Will not the men of understanding take heed", "Will they not then believe?"

v. Islaam is the most scientific religion. This is detailed below.

3. Give the Atheist the Correct Concept of God

This best technique is to present the concept of God detailed in Surah Ikhlaas. The best reply that any Muslim can give regarding the concept of Almighty God, is quote Surah Ikhlas, Chapter number 112, Verse number 1 to 4, which says, "Say He is Allah, One and Only. Allah, the absolute and eternal. He begets not, nor is He begotten. And there is nothing like Him".

Any person saying that so and so candidate is God, if that candidate fits in this four-line definition, we Muslims have got no objection in accepting that candidate as God.

Put whichever god you believe in, to the test of Surah Al-Ikhlās. If the god you are worshipping passes the test of Surah Al-Ikhlās, He is a true God. If he does not pass the test of Surah Al-Ikhlās, he is a false god.

The majority of atheists would request you to prove the existence of God scientifically, because this is the age of science and technology. This is what we will be discussed in the following lessons.

Lesson 2: Does God Exist – Part 2

4. Ask the Atheist Who could have Mentioned That

Atheists think that science is ultimate. Therefore, they should be shown how scientific the Qur'aan is, and asked to explain who could have mentioned such scientific facts in the Qur'aan. It is advisable to take the atheist through this series of questions:

i. How did our universe come into existence? He will tell say that it was about 45 years ago in the 1970s when a group of scientists described how the universe came into existence, and they called it the Big Bang.

They said that initially, our universe was one primary nebula. Then there was a Big Bang; there was a secondary separation which gave rise to galaxies, stars, to planets and the earth, on which we live. Tell the atheist that what you have come to know about 45 years ago, is mentioned in the Qur'aan 1,400 years ago.

It's mentioned in the Qur'aan (21:30), "Do not the unbelievers see that the heavens and the earth were joined together and we clove them asunder". Ask the atheist who could have mentioned that?

ii. What is the shape of the Earth? The atheist who is well versed with science, will reply that previously, people thought that the earth was flat. It was in 1577 when Sir Francis Drake sailed around the Earth that he proved that the earth was spherical. What you came to know about 450 years before was already mentioned in the Qur'aan 1400 years ago.

In the Qur'aan (79:30) also, "And thereafter He made the earth egg shaped". The Arabic word 'Dahaha' has two meanings: 1) an expanse, and the earth is an expanse, and 2) it is derived from the Arabic word Duhyah which means an egg. We know today that the earth is not completely round like a ball. It is flattened from the poles. And the Arabic word Duhyah does not refer to any egg. It specifically refers to the egg of an ostrich, which is also geo-spherical. Ask the atheist, who could have mentioned this in the Qur'aan 1,400 years ago?

iii. Is the light of the moon its own light or reflected light? The atheist will say that previously we thought that the light of the moon was its own light. Recently, we came to know that the light of the moon is not its own light, but it is a reflected light of the sun. Tell the atheist that the Qur'aan (25: 61) says "Blessed is He who has placed the constellation in the sky and placed therein, sun having its own light, and a moon having borrowed light". The Arabic word used for the sun in the Qur'aan is Shams, and its light is always described as Siraaj, Wahhaaj or Diyaa', meaning a torch, blazing glory, or a blazing lamp.

The Arabic word for moon is Qamar. Its light is always described as Muneer or Noor, meaning borrowed light or reflected light. So, the Qur'aan says 1,400 years ago that the light of the moon is not its own light, but reflected light. Ask the atheist who could have mentioned this 1400 years ago?

iv. In the past, students were taught in schools that the sun was stationary. But the Qur'aan (21:33) says "It is Allah who has created the night and the day, the sun and the moon, each one travelling in an orbit (with its own motion)".

The Arabic word used here is Yasbahoon, derived from the Arabic word Sabaha, which describes the motion of a moving body. If this Arabic word is used for a person on the floor, it will not mean he is rolling; it will mean he is walking or running. If the same Arabic word is used for a person in the water, it will not mean he is floating; it will mean he is swimming. Similarly, when the Qur'aan uses it for a celestial body in the sky, it does not mean it is floating; it means it rotates about its own axis.

What we came to know a few decades ago, was mentioned in the Qur'aan 1,400 years ago. Ask the atheist who could have mentioned this in the Qur'aan?

v. Today, science tells us that the sunlight we have is due to a chemical reaction which is taking place since billions of years and one day this chemical reaction will stop; and the sun will cease to exist, but it will take another billion years. The Qur'aan (36:38) says that the sun is running its course to a place determined for a period determined. The Arabic word Mustaqar means a place determined, or a period determined.

Today's science tells us that the sun, along with the solar system, is moving at a speed of 12 miles per second, to a point known as solar Apex. The Qur'aan says the sun is running for a term determined, or a period determined and to a place determined, indicating that the sun is there for a particular time period, and that it is running to a position determined. Who could have mentioned this in the Qur'aan?

vi. Today's science tells us that the atmosphere that we have above the earth, which we call as sky, acts like a protected ceiling. It prevents the harmful radiations, the ultraviolet rays and the X-rays from entering the earth, without which life would have ceased to exist on the face of the earth. The Qur'aan (21:32) says "We have created the sky as a protected ceiling." Ask the atheist, who could have said this 1400 years ago?

vii. In the past, it was believed that there were three states of matter, solid, liquid, and gas. And the scientists believe that there was a vacuum outside the organised astronomical systems. Today, after science advanced, we have come to know that outside the organised astronomical system is not vacuum. There is something which they call as plasma. And today, scientists call this as the fourth state of matter. The Qur'aan (25:59) says clearly "It is Allah who has created the Heavens and the Earth and everything in between. That means there is a thing in between, it is not vacuum, which science has come to know only recently. Who could have mentioned this in the Qur'aan?"

viii. One of the greatest discoveries of the 20th century was done by Edwin Hubble, a very famous scientist, who said that our universe is expanding. The Qur'aan said this 1400 years ago in Surah Dhariyat, Chapter number 51, Verse number 47. Who could have mentioned this 1400 years ago?

Lesson 3: Does God Exist – Part 3

5. In the field of physics

Previously, it was thought that an atom is indivisible. The Qur'aan went ahead of this theory and affirmed that an atom is divisible. And this matches with modern science which expounds that an atom can be divided into protons, neutrons, and electrons.

The Qur'aan does not speak of the Zarrah (atom) as the smallest part. Rather, the Qur'aan (10:61) says "Nor is hidden from thy Lord (so much as) the weight of an atom on the earth or in heaven. And not the least and not the greatest of these things but are recorded in a clear record" thus implying that there are things smaller than an atom.

6. In the Field of Hydrology

The water cycle was first described by Sir Bernard Palissy in the year 1580. And we learnt in school that the water evaporates from the ocean, then it forms into clouds, the clouds move into the interior, and they fall down as rain, and the water table is replenished. Previously in the 7th century B.C., Thales of Miletus said it was the spray of the ocean which was picked up by the wind which fell into the interior as rain. Other theories were propounded. People did not know where the underground water came from.

Today, we know that the underground water we have is due to the seepage of the rainwater in the cracks in the ground. It is mentioned in the Qur'aan (39:21) "Seest thou not, it is He who sends down water from the sky and leads it in cracks in ground, and causes sown field of varying colours to grow." The Qur'aan (30:24) also mentioned "It is He who sends down water from the sky and give life to the earth after it is dead."

Further, it is mentioned in the Qur'aan (23:18) "It is We who send down water from the sky. We are able to store it, or We are able to drain it." It is mentioned in the Qur'aan (15:22). It says that, "We cause fecundating winds." The Arabic word used is Lawaaqih coming from the Arabic word Laqaha, it means to fecundate. Today, science tells us that the pollen is carried by the winds. Also, they fecundate the clouds; they impregnate the clouds from which the water falls. Who could have given these details?

7. In the Field of Geology

Today, in geology we know that the radius of the earth on which we live, is about 3,750 miles. And the deeper layers are hot fluid, which means that they cannot sustain life. The upper layers are solid. The superficial layer is about 1 to 30 miles in thickness and it is a very thin crust. There are high chances that this superficial layer will shake.

Today, science tells us it is the mountain ranges that give stability to the Earth. The Qur'aan (78:6-7) says "We have made the earth as an expanse, and the mountains as stakes." The Arabic word used here is "Awtaad" meaning stakes, or tent pegs. When we put a tent peg into the ground, the portion that we see above the head is very small. The major portion goes deep underground. Also, the Qur'aan (79:19) says "We have placed on the Earth mountains standing firm."

The Qur'aan mentions clearly 1400 years ago that the function of the mountains is to prevent the earth from shaking, which modern science has revealed only recently. Ask the atheist who could have mentioned this in the Qur'aan?

8. In the Field of Oceanology

The Qur'aan (25:53) says that it is He who has let free two bodies of flowing water, one sweet and palatable and the other salty and bitter. Though they meet, they will not mix. There is a barrier that is forbidden to be trespassed.

We can see this phenomenon in the southernmost tip of South Africa in the Cape of Good Hope where we find the two waters meeting. We can even see the different colours of these two waters. We can even see in Egypt when River Nile flows into the Mediterranean Sea. Who could have mentioned this unseen barrier 1400 years ago?

9. In the Field of Biology

The Qur'aan (21:30) says "We have created every living thing from water. Will you not then believe?" Imagine in the deserts of Arabia, 1400 years ago, the Qur'aan is saying every living thing is created from water. Who would have believed in it? In the deserts of Arabia where there was scarcity of water, who would have believed in the Qur'aan that every living thing is made from water? Today after science has advanced, we have come to know that the basic part of every living creature is the cell. The major portion of the cell is the cytoplasm, which is approximately 80% water. Today science tells us that 50 to 90% of all living creatures are made of water.

The Qur'aan (24:45) says "We have created every animal from water." The Qur'aan (25:54) also says "We have created every human being from water." Who could have mentioned this in the Qur'aan?

10. The Theory of Probability

The theory of probability means that if I toss a coin and ask you, "Is it head or tail?" The chances you will be right is one upon two or 50% because there are two options. If I toss a coin twice, the chances I will be right both the times is $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ or 25%.

If I toss a coin three times, the chances you will be correct all three times is $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = 12.5\%$. If I throw a dice -- a dice has got six sides. If you make a wild guess, the chances that you will be correct is $\frac{1}{6}$. If you throw the dice twice, the chances you will be correct both the times is $\frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{36}$.

Now let us put this theory of probability to what we have been discussing. Suppose, you ask the question, what is the shape of the earth? The chances someone makes a wild guess, you can think of maybe 10 shapes. So, if you make a wild guess, the chances it comes right is 1/10. Similarly, if one makes a wild guess whether the light of the moon is its own light or reflected light, the chances it will be correct is ½ or 50%. Considering these two examples, the chances that both will be correct is $1/10 \times 1/2 = 1/20$ (5%). That means that if you make 20 guesses, the chances you will be right is one.

If I ask what are the living creatures made up of? In the deserts of Arabia, you can think of 1,000 things, sand, stone, brick, wood, etc. Last you will think of water. If you can think 1,000 things, what the living creatures are made of, the chances you will be right is 1/1000. The chances that you will be right all the three times, the shape of the earth is spherical and the light of the moon is reflected, and every living thing is made of water is $1/10 \times 1/2 \times 1/1000 = 1/20000$ or 0.005%, in three things only. In three scientific facts, the answer has come to 0.005%.

Mathematics tells us that anything 10 raised to negative 50, the answer is 0. If you put the few things that I have already mentioned, to this to theory of probably, it will be 0.0000000, zero. The chances a wild guess would be right in all issues combined is zero. This is the theory of probability. Ask the atheist, who could have mentioned all that in such precision?

11. In the Field of Botany

The Qur'aan (20: 53) says, "It is He who has sent the water from the sky and with it brought diverse pairs of plants." The Arabic word for pairs is Azwaj. Azwaj means spouses or pairs, male and female. The Qur'aan says even the plants have got sexes, male and female.

The Qur'aan (33:36) also says that We have created what the human beings know and what they do not know, into pairs. We have come to know even a phenomenon like electricity, there is a plus and a negative, a positive charge and negative charge, electron and a proton, talking about the atom.

12. In the Field of Zoology

Animals living in communities

The Qur'aan (06:38) says that it is He who has created every animal that walks on the earth and every bird that flies in the air to live in communities like the human beings, which science has discovered only recently.

The Bees

The Qur'aan (16:68-69) says that it is He who has taught the bees to build its cells in human habitations, in trees and on hills, and to find the spacious path of thy Lord with great skill.

It was in 1973 that Sir Von-Frisch got the Nobel Prize for describing the behaviour of the bees. He said that whenever a bee finds a new flower or a new garden, it goes and tells its fellow bees the exact direction of the new garden or the new flower by a process known as the bee dance. The Qur'aan mentioned this, which we came to know 1,400 years ago, hardly 45 years ago. The Qur'aan (16:68-69) even implies that worker bees are female.

Today, science tells us that it is not the female bee which is the worker bee, and they do not report to a king, but to the queen. Who could have mentioned this in the Qur'aan?

The Spider

The Qur'aan (29:41) says "As to those who take for protectors anyone besides Allah, they build for themselves houses like that of the spider. Verily the house of the spider is fragile". Besides talking about the delicate nature of the web of the spider, it even speaks about the social nature. Today science tells us that many a time the female spider kills the male spider and it is called as a black widow. The Qur'aan says, "Those who take for protectors anyone besides Almighty God, build for themselves houses like the spider." Besides being fragile it talks about the delicate nature of the family relationship in which the female spider kills the male spider.

Communication of Ants

Qur'aan (27:17-18) says that when Solomon and his host of men, Jinns and birds walked and when they approached a lowly valley of ants, one of the ants said, "O ye ants, get into thy habitations, lest Solomon and his army unknowingly crush you." People may think, what kind of a fairy tale book is the Qur'aan? The ants talking among themselves?

Today after science has advanced, we have come to know that the animal or insect that has the closest resemblance to a human being, is the ant. The ant buries the dead the same way human beings do. They have a sophisticated method of labour, where they have a manager, a supervisor, a foreman, and a worker. They have a sophisticated method of communication. They very often meet to chat. They even have marketplaces where they exchange goods.

If the ants store the grain, and if the grain begins to bud, the ants chop the bud as though they knew that budding will cause the rotting of the grain. If the grain gets wet in the rainy season, the ant takes the grain in the sunlight to dry as though it knew that humidity will cause the rotting of the grain.

Lesson 4: Does God Exist – Part 4

13. In the Field of Medicine

The Qur'aan (16:69) says "From the belly of the bee, We give you a drink of varying colours in which there is healing for humankind." We did not know previously that the honey is obtained from the belly of the bee. We came to know hardly 300 years back that the honey we have is from the belly of the bee.

Today science tells us that the honey is rich in vitamin K and fructose, and it even has mild antiseptic properties. Germs and bacteria could not grow in the wound because of the density of honey. In addition, if a person is suffering from the allergy of a particular plant, if honey produced from that plant is given to him, he starts developing resistance to that allergy.

14. In the Field of Physiology

There is one particular verse which talks about the blood circulation and the production of milk. It was 600 years after the Qur'aan was revealed that Ibn Nafees first described the blood circulation. Four hundred years after Ibn Nafees, William Harvey made it common to the world, 1,000 years after the Qur'aan was revealed and 400 years after Ibn Nafees spoke about the blood circulation!

Just in a nutshell, the food that we eat enters the stomach. From the stomach, it goes into the intestine. From the intestines, the constituents of the food via the blood vessel of the intestines go into the bloodstream. It reaches almost all the different organs of the body, many a time via the complex way of the liver. It also reaches the mammary glands which is responsible for the production of milk. All this complex blood circulation and the production of milk is mentioned in a nutshell in the Qur'aan, in Surah An-Nahl, Chapter number 16, Verse number 66 where it says that, "Verily in the cattle is a lesson for you. We give you to drink from what is within their body, coming from a constituent of the contents of the intestines and blood, milk which is pure for you to have."

The Qur'aan (23:21) says, "Verily in the cattle is a sign for you. We give to drink from what is within the body, milk which is pure for you and in it are various benefits, and of their meat, you can eat." Who could have mentioned this in the Qur'aan 1,400 years ago?

15. In the Field of Embryology

A group of Arab students collected all the verses of the Qur'aan and the Hadith dealing with embryology, translated them into English, and took them to Professor Keith Moore. This was in the late part of the 1970s. They took it to Professor Keith Moore, who at that time was one of the highest authorities in the field of embryology.

Professor Keith Moore said that most of the verses of the Qur'aan and the Hadith which speak about embryology, are 100% in conformity with what modern science has come to know recently, but there are a couple of verses which I cannot say

whether they are correct or wrong since I myself do not know. Two such verses were the first two verses of the Qur'aan to be revealed.

That is from Surah Iqra or Surah Al-Alaq, Chapter 96, verse number 1 to 2 which read, "Read in the name of thy Lord, who has created human beings from something which clings a (leech-like substance)". Professor Keith Moore said, "I do not know whether the embryo looks like a leech or not. He went in his laboratory and under a very powerful microscope, observed the early stage of an embryo and compared it with a photograph of a leech and he was astonished at the striking resemblance.

Later on, when more than 80 questions were asked to him about embryology, he said, "I would not be able to answer more than 50% if you asked me these questions 30 years ago."

In conclusion, Prophet Keith Moore said, "I have no objection in agreeing that this Qur'aan is the word of Almighty God and Prophet Muhammad is the messenger of God."

Man's Creation between the Backbone and the Ribs

The Qur'aan (86:5-7) says "Does not man think from what he is created? He is created from a drop emitted from a space between the backbone and the ribs." What does the Qur'aan mean by saying that human beings have been created from a drop emitted from a space between the backbone and the ribs?

Today after science advanced, we have come to know that the genital organs in the human being (the testes in the male, and the ovaries in the female) initially develop in the embryonic age in a space where the kidney is present between the backbone and the ribs; and later on, they descend. In the male, it descends via the inguinal canal into the scrotum; and in the female, it descends to the true pelvis.

Even after the descent in the adult life, after the child is born, they still receive the blood supply and the nerve supply from the same space where the kidney is present between the backbone and the 11th and 12th ribs. Even the venous return goes back to the same space between the backbone and the 11th and 12th ribs.

The Embryological Development as mentioned in the Qur'aan

The Qur'aan (23:13 and 22:5) says that Allah has created the human beings from a Nutfah. A Nutfah in Arabic means a minute quantity of liquid. Today science tells us that out of the 300 million sperms emitted in a normal ejaculation in a male, only one sperm is sufficient for fertilizing the ovum which the Qur'aan refers to as Nutfah. The Qur'aan (32:8) also says We have created the human beings from Sulaalah. Sulaalah in Arabic means the best part of the whole. The Qur'aan refers to the one sperm out of the 300 million sperms, which fertilises the ovum, as Sulaalah, the best part of the whole.

The Qur'aan (79: 2) says, "We have created the human beings from Nutfatin Amshaaj," a minute quantity of mingled fluid. Besides the spermatic fluid, there is a requirement of seminal fluid and other fluids which are responsible for the birth of the child. The Qur'aan (39:6) says that We have created the human beings in the womb

of the mother, in stages, one after the other, in three veils of darkness". When Professor Keith Moore was shown this Verse of the Qur'aan, he said that these three veils of darkness mentioned in the Qur'aan refer to the anterior abdominal wall, the uterine wall and the amniochorionic membranes. Who could have mentioned this in the Qur'aan?

16. In the Field of Genetics

Today science tells us that the human beings have got 23 pairs of chromosomes and the 23rd pair of chromosomes is responsible for the sex of the child. If it's XX, it is a female; if it is XY, then it's a male. Today science tells us that it is the male sperm which deciphers the sex of the child. If the X of the male takes part in fertilisation, then a female is born. If the Y of the male sperm takes part in fertilisation, then a male is born. It is the male fluid, the sperm which determines the sex of the child. This is exactly what the Qur'aan said 1,400 years ago.

The Qur'aan (54:45-46) states " And that He creates the two mates - the male and female, from a sperm-drop when it is emitted. That is because the word "Tumnaa" means gushing forth from a male.

Creation of Hearing and Sight

The Qur'aan (76:2) says that We have given the human beings the faculty of hearing and sight. Today science tells us the first sense to develop in the human being is the sense of hearing. At the 5th month of pregnancy, a child is able to hear and in the 7th month, the eyes will open. First comes hearing, then comes sight.

Lesson 5: Does God Exist – Part 5

The Names the Qur'aan Gives to the embryological Stages

The Qur'aan (23:12 to 14) says, "We have created the human being from a minute quantity of liquid, a Nutfah. Then we kept it in a place of security (Qaraarim Makeen), then made it into a Mudghah, a chewed-like lump. Then We made the Mudghah into Izaama, that is bones. Then clothed the bones with Lahm, flesh. Ah, glory be to Allah, who is the best to create."

Various stages are mentioned:

i. Nutfah (a minute quantity of liquid)

ii. The Nutfah becomes Alaqah. One of the meanings of Alaqah is leech-like substance. It can also mean 'something which clings' and also 'a congealed clot of blood'. Today science tells us that the embryo clings to the uterine wall. And in line with the last meaning, "congealed clot of blood", today science tells us that at this stage, the blood does not circulate in the embryo and the embryo looks like a congealed clot. All three meanings of Alaqah, 1) something which clings, 2) a leech-like substance, and 3) a congealed clot, Alhamdulillah, are perfect according to modern science.

Then the Qur'aan says, "We placed the Nutfah into a "Qaraarin Makeen", a place of security." Today science tells us that posteriorly, the embryo is protected by the spine, as well as posterior muscles, and anteriorly by the anterior abdominal wall, as well as the uterine wall.

iii. The Alaqah is made into Mudghah (a chewed-like lump). Professor Keith Moore, took plasticine and made it look like a leech-like substance then bit it between his teeth to make it look like a Mudghah, a chewed-like lump. When he observed it, he saw that the teeth marks resembled the somites from where the nerves develop.

iv. Then the Qur'aan says, "We made the Mudgha into Izaama (bones). Then We clothed the bones with Lahm (flesh). Glory be to Allah who is the best to create."

What does Qur'aan mean by saying at this stage, "Glory be to Allah, who is the best to create"? Today science tells us till this stage, the development of the human being is somewhat similar to the development of the other animals like rabbits and fish, et cetera. Only after this stage, you find the development of the head, of the hands, and of the feet, which makes it different from the other creatures.

Types of Mudghah

The Qur'aan (22:5) says, "We have created the human being from minute quantity of liquid and made it into an Alaqah, made the Alaqah into Mudgha, partly formed, and partly unformed." When Professor Marshall Johnson from USA was shown this verse, he said, "At this stage, some of the organs of the embryo are complete while some are incomplete; some of the cells are differentiated, and some are undifferentiated. Who could have mentioned this in the Qur'aan?"

Professor Keith Moore said, "The description of the Qur'aan of the various embryological stages based on the shapes is far superior and easier than that in modern embryology where we talk about stage 1, stage 2, stage 3.

Professor Keith Moore in the year 1982 incorporated what he learned through the Qur'aan and the Hadith in his book, *Developing Human*, for which he got the award for the best medical book written by any single author in that year. Then this book was translated to various languages.

Fingerprinting

In affirming His ability to resurrect people, Allah says that He is able to reconstruct the very tips of man's fingers (Qur'aan 75:3-5). In other words, Allah says that He can, not only reconstruct the bones, but also reconstruct in perfect order the very tips of their fingers.

It was Sir Francis Galton in 1880, who discovered the fingerprinting method. He said that no two fingerprints, even in a million people are identical. Today, the police, the CIA, the FBI, the CID, use the fingerprinting method to identify the criminal. Who could have mentioned this in the Qur'aan?

Pain receptors

Previously, we thought it was only the brain which was responsible for the feeling of pain. After science advanced, we have come to know there are certain receptors in the skin which are called as pain receptors which are also responsible for the feeling of pain, which the Qur'aan mentioned 1400 years ago.

The Qur'aan (4:56) says, "As to those who reject Our signs, we shall cast them in the Hellfire. And as often as their skins are roasted, we shall give them fresh skin so that they shall feel the pain."

When Professor Tagatat Tejasen was shown this verse of the Qur'aan and was asked to comment on it, he said, "I cannot believe. I have spent so many years. How could this old book 1,400 years ago talk about pain receptors?" After verifying with Professor Keith Moore and again verifying the translation, he was so impressed with the Qur'aan that in the medical conference in Riyadh, in the conference itself, he said, "*La Ilaha Illallah Muhammadur Rasulullah*." There is no God but Allah and Prophet Muhammad is the messenger of Allah.

You ask the atheist, who could have mentioned this in the Qur'aan? The only reply that can be given is that it is the creator, the manufacturer, the inventor, the producer, whom we Muslims call Allah.

Allah said in the Qur'aan (41: 53) " Soon We shall show them our signs in the furthest region of the horizons, until it is clear to them that this is the truth.

I would like to end my talk by saying,

No God, no peace. Know God, know peace.

Lesson 6: Does God Exist – Part 6

17. Is the Qur'aan from a Bad Angel?

Some Christians believe that any revelation that contradicts the Torah and Injeel is from a bad angel. Since the Qur'aan contradicts the Torah and Injeel, does that not make it a bad angel that appeared to Islaam's prophet?

In reply to that, it should be noted that:

i. Muslims believe that all the revelations came from one Almighty God, and that all the messengers' basic message is the same, i.e., to believe in one God and worship Him alone.

ii. The Bible is not the Injeel we believe in. We believe in the Injeel which was given to Jesus Christ (pbuh). But we do not believe that the present Bible is the Injeel given to Jesus Christ (pbuh). Even the Christian scholars do not believe that.

In the Bible is gospel according to Matthew, gospel according to Mark, gospel according to John and gospel according to Luke. What I want is gospel according to Jesus Christ (pbuh). Further, the scholars did not know who wrote these gospels. It is not Gospel of Matthew, it is gospel according to Matthew.

iii. Islaam is the only non-Christian faith that makes it an article of faith to believe in Jesus Christ (pbuh). So, if you get the original Injeel, it will never contradict. What you have today according to Christian scholars, is a mixture of the word of God and the word of the prophets, and the word of historians, I am sorry to say, even pornography is there. The Bible says that Prophet Lut (AS), Prophet Lut had sex (incest) with his daughter. That is unbelievable!

iv. The Qur'aan is the Furqan, the criterion to judge right from wrong. Whatever matches with the Qur'aan, I have got no objection accepting that portion of the Bible as the word of God. What is contradicting with the Qur'aan cannot be the word of God. I cannot agree that my prophet, Prophet Lut (AS) may commit incest with his daughter.

v. The Bible was not meant for whole of humanity. Jesus Christ (pbuh) told the deciples (Matthew: 10: 5) "Go ye not in the way of the gentiles [non-Jews]; rather, go to the house of the lost sheep of Israel." He also said, "I have not been sent, but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." (Matthew:15: 24)

So, Jesus Christ (pbuh), was sent as a messenger only to the Jews. The Injeel was revealed only for those people. All the messengers that came before were sent only for those people and for that time. That is the reason Almighty God did not think it fit to preserve their scriptures, because they were temporary.

vi. But the Qur'aan is the last and final message given to the last and final messenger, Prophet Muhammad (pbuh); it was not sent only for the Muslims or the

Arabs. It was sent for the whole of humanity (see the Qur'aan: 14:1&52; 2:85; and 39:41).

Allah also said "We have revealed the Qur'aan and we shall guard it from corruption (Qur'aan: 15:9). So Almighty God takes it upon Himself that because this is the last and final revelation, I will protect it. That is the reason it is called "the Furqan", the criterion, based on which, the other scriptures are judged. That is the reason this will never contradict with the original Injeel.

18. Was the Bible still Valid at the Time of the Prophet (pbuh)?

It is mentioned in the Qur'aan (5:68) "Say, O people of the book. You have no ground to stand upon unless you stand fast by the Law and the Gospel and all the revelation that has come to you from your Lord."

The question that can be asked in relation to this is whether this verse implies that in the Prophet Muhammad's time, 610 CE, the Christian and Jewish scriptures were available to the Jews and the Christians to stand fast upon.

In reply to this question, the following will clear this doubt:

- i. The Qur'aan should be taken holistically, not selectively
- ii. In Sahih al-Bukhari, it says that we may accept anything which is in the Bible and the Torah and matches with the Qur'aan. What is against them should be rejected.
- iii. The Qur'aan (3:64) further says, "Say, O people of the book. Come to common terms as between us and you. Which is the first term? That we worship none but Allah; that we associate no partner with Him; that we erect not among ourselves, lords and priests other than Allah. If then they turn back, say ye, bear witness, that we are Muslims", bowing our will to Allah *Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala*.

That means that the Prophet knew the Bible was corrupted, but it contained verses of God. Nowhere does the Qur'aan say that the complete Bible is the word of God. The original Wahy was the word of God, but the present book that you have, is not. The scholars of Christianity say when Jesus Christ (pbuh) walked on the Earth, not a single word of the Bible was written. The earliest was written 70 years after he died.

- iv. Islaam is the only non-Christian faith that makes it an article of faith to believe in Jesus Christ (pbuh). No Muslim is a Muslim if he does not believe in Jesus Christ (pbuh). We believe that he was one of the mightiest messengers of Allah *Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala*. We believe that he was the Messiah, translated Christ. We believe that he gave life to the dead with God's permission. We believe that he healed those born blind and lepers with God's permission.

The Muslims and the Christians are going together, but one may ask, "Where is the parting of ways?" The parting of ways is that most of the Christians believe that Jesus Christ (pbuh) claimed divinity. On the contrary, there is not a single unequivocal statement in the complete Bible where Jesus Christ (pbuh) himself says that, "I am God," or where he says, "Worship me."

v. In fact, in the Bible (John: 14:28), Jesus Christ (pbuh) says, "My father is greater than I." Gospel of John, Chapter number 10, Verse number 29. He said that, "My father is greater than all." Gospel of Matthew, Chapter number 12, Verse number 28, "I cast out devil with the Spirit of God." Gospel of Luke, Chapter number 11, Verse number 20, "I, with the finger of God, cast out devil. Gospel of John, Chapter number 5, Verse number 30, "I can, of my own self, do nothing. As I hear, I judge and my judgment is just. For I seek not my will, but the will of my father."

Anyone who says, "I seek not my will, but the will of God," is a Muslim. Jesus Christ (pbuh) was a Muslim. It is clearly mentioned in the Book of Acts, Chapter number 2, Verse number 22, "Ye men of Israel, listen to this. Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God from amongst you by wonders and miracles and signs, which God did by him and you are witness to it."

The verse "I and my father are one"

In John 10:31 onwards, the Jews picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus said to them, 'I have shown you many great miracles from the father. For which of these do you stone me?' 'We are not stoning you for any of these.' replied the Jews, but for blasphemy, because you, being a man claim to be God. Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'Ye are gods?'" If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came, and the scripture are not broken, what about the one whom the Father set apart as His very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said I am God's son?

God's son doesn't mean God. God has got sons by the tons in the Bible. Adam is son of God. David is son of God. Ephraim is son of God. According to Romans, chapter number 8, all those led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. If you follow the commandments of God, you are a son of God. If I follow the commandments of God, I'm son of God. This is a biblical term. The word of God comes to the messenger but that does not make him God.

Further, the verse, "I in you and you in me, we are one", refers to the unity in purpose. In fact, if they thought Jesus Christ was God, he should say, "Yes, I'm God, stone me," because God cannot be hurt by stoning.

And when a man asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do so that I enter eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. If thou want to enter eternal life, you keep the commandments.

Lesson 7: Does God Exist – Part 7

19. Divinity of Jesus

According to John: 3:16, "For God's so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, whosoever believeth in him shall not die, but have everlasting life." Now, in the Revised Standard Version, revised by 32 scholars of the highest eminence, backed by 50 different co-operative denominations, it is reported that they regarded this word "begotten" as an interpolation, and have thrown it out of the Bible.

Alpha and Omega

Jesus is said in the bible to be the 'Alpha and omega', and this is interpreted as "he is the beginning and he's the end". However, he had a beginning. He was born in a stable. He is not the beginning of the world. It means in relation to the law, he is the beginning and the end. This statement means that he is the final authority. And this applies to every Prophet. Every prophet is the alpha and omega in his time.

The Message of Jesus' Successor is the Most Comprehensive

Jesus Christ peace be upon him also said in the gospel of John 16:12-14, "I have many things to say unto you, but you cannot bear them now. For he when the spirit of truth shall come, he shall guide you unto all truth. He shall not speak of himself. All that he hear shall he speak. He shall glorify me." Here Jesus Christ peace be upon him is talking about Prophet Muhammad Peace be upon him.

Let's forget what the Qur'aan and the Bible differ on, follow what they both command to be done, and avoid what both prohibit (e.g., pork and alcohol).

Did Jesus die for the sins of mankind?

This is not logical for the following reasons:

- i. Imagine there is an owner of a company who tells the employee, "I am killing my son for all the employees. I killed my son for you and you go to heaven". This is foolish, God is not foolish.
- ii. God is not unjust. The Qur'aan (4:40) makes it clear that "God is never unjust in the least degree". He will not slaughter his innocent son for the sins of others. According to Ezekiel (18:20),

"The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son".

The Test and Sufferings of Life

Question: a teacher gives a test to the students because he does not know how well they will be doing in the exam, but since God has infinite knowledge, why does He need to give a test?

Answer: 1) Despite God's infinite knowledge and infallible judgement, if Almighty God, without you living in this world, directly puts you in hell, you will object and say "Why did you put me in hell?". Almighty God wants to prove to the human being also. He does not want the human being to feel that God is unjust. There if you undergo the test, you know very well that you have not done well.

2) The Qur'aan says the bodily organs will give witness against you.

Question: When we are undergoing the test, we find there's so much misery, hurt, and so much of wrong things happening. This is a test. For example, when you give your examination to the students, some of the students stay full night. They stay awake. They may say, "What kind of a teacher is this?" He is a very bad teacher. It is a test. And the more difficult the test, the higher the reward.

This life, is a test for the hereafter. We are undergoing the test and there are rules and regulation laid down in the Qur'aan to guide people how to lead this life. This Qur'aan is our textbook. For every examination you have a textbook.

20. Terrorist Acts Committed by Muslims and Christians

Question: What is the difference between Islaam and ISIS? And what will be the first priority to change Korean people's minds and media that Islaam is not terrorist?

- i. First, we need to know what ISIS is. All that we know is through the media, which can by no means be a reliable source.
- ii. their acts which are highlighted by the media is not Islaam, at all.
- iv. The Qur'aan (5:32) clearly says, if anyone kills any other innocent human being, unless it be for murder or for spreading corruption in the land, it is as though he has killed the whole of humanity."

Hitler killed 6 million Jews, which outnumbered all attacks committed by Muslims. However, Christianity cannot be blamed for that. The Korean media would not mention the terrorist acts done by the Christians.

Regardless of the perpetrator's identity, killing innocent people should be condemned, including the thousands of innocent Afghans, the thousands of innocent Iraqis and the thousands of people killed in Palestine.

The number of Palestinians killed now are in tens of thousands. How many people are raising their voice? The biggest attack in human history is the bomb in Hiroshima. More than 350,000 people affected. Couple of hundred thousand people died. By whom? By America, the country of the Christian majority.

In Islaam, during a war, you cannot hurt the woman, or the children, or the old people. You cannot chop down trees. Rules and regulation are laid down in Islaam.

Today what we have in the media is mainly bombarding misconceptions, because if you write a book against Islaam, it sells more. If you write a book against the prophet, you'll get good TRP and good viewership. This is only because they want to

get popular. We believe we should speak the truth and we should present the correct picture of Islaam to the world so that they know that Islaam is a religion of peace and that it is the only religion which has the solution for humanity.

21. Importance of Salaah

Question: Who is better, a person who offers Salaah and does some bad things or a person who does good things and does not offer Salaah?

Answer: Amongst all the deeds, and the first deed that Almighty God will ask about on the day of judgement is Salaah. Salaah is the second pillar of Islaam and not offering Salaah is a major sin in Islaam.

Our beloved Prophet said, as is mentioned in Sahih Muslim, "The difference between Iman and Kufr is to not offer Salaah." A person who offers Salaah and maybe does some bad things is better than a person who does good deeds but does not offer Salaah.

The Qur'aan says in Surah Al-Ankabut, Chapter 29, Verse 45, that "Verily Salaah restrains from shameful and unjust deeds." If your Salah is correct, In Shaa Allah you will not lie, you will do good things and you will be a better Muslim.

22. Religious Differences

Question: All the religions say that there is only one Almighty God, so why is there so many different religions?

Answer: The reply is given in the Qur'aan in Surah Imran, Chapter 3, Verse number 19 which says, "The only religion acceptable in the sight of God is Islaam. Islaam means peace acquired by submitting our will to God.

Now Almighty God sends several revelations to messengers but by the passage of time, these messages got corrupted. The message of the messenger kept on changing. Then Almighty God sent a last messenger, Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and a last revelation, the Qur'aan. All the messages that came before were meant for a particular time period and they were meant to be followed by a particular people. Now, Almighty God revealed the Qur'aan about 1400 years ago and this Qur'aan is not meant only for the Muslims or the Arabs, but for whole of humanity. (*The Qur'aan: 14:1; 14:52; 2:185; 39:41*)

Now, because it is the last and final revelation, and no other revelation will come after this, Almighty God (*The Qur'aan: 15:9*) says, "We have revealed the Qur'aan and We shall guard it from corruption." This Qur'aan cannot be changed.

Despite the corruption that crept into the other scriptures, they still contain the basic message, namely, to believe in one God. This provides a golden chance to unite all humanity on one God. Since it is in all scriptures, all should be happy to follow. So,

let us agree to follow what is common in the Islaamic, Christian and Hindu scriptures, such as that:

- i. God is one (Deuteronomy: 5:7-9; Chandogya Upanishad, Chapter number 6, Section number 2, Verse, number 1; Qur'aan:112:1-4)
- ii. God has no image or idol, etc.
- iii. alcohol is prohibited
- iv. In prayer, by touching your forehead on the ground.
- v. The woman's head should be covered.
- vi. The final messenger to come is Muhammad (Deuteronomy: 18:18; Deuteronomy: 18:19; Isaiah: 29:12; Kalki Purana, 2: 4, 5, 7, 15; John:14:16)

In more than a hundred places in the Vedas, Prophet Muhammad is mentioned by name. He is also mentioned in the Kalki Purana. It says that the name of the father of this Kalki Avatar is servant of Allah, Vishnuyash which means Abdullah. His mother's name will be Sumati, meaning peace, which means Aaminah, which was the name of the mother and father of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).” He will get the revelation in a cave. Prophet Muhammad got it in a cave. He will migrate northwards and come back. Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) went to Madinah and came back. It says he left four companions, and this refers to the four Khulfa Rashideen.

Question and Answer Bucket

1. Does a Da'e need to prove the Qur'aan using science?

Ans. No. science is not ultimate, but the Qur'aan is. However, science can be used when we are addressing a person who considers science to be the yardstick. For a Muslim, the Qur'aan is the yardstick because it is God's word, and is therefore far superior.

I can only prove the existence of *Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala* with the help of the Qur'aan. Without the Qur'aan, I cannot scientifically prove the existence of *Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala*.

2. Given that some Muslims harm others, why is it not enough for a human being to only do good things in life and refrain from harming others?

Ans: There is not a single teaching of Islaam, or a single teaching in the Qur'aan or the Sahih Hadith which is against humanity. There may be some Muslims who may not be following Qur'aan and may be doing wrong things, such as, cheating, hurting neighbours, etc. These are bad examples. Do not judge Islaam by looking at the followers, in the same way you do not judge a school based on the fact that some of its students failed in the exam. In every school there are good student and bad students.

3. Why should we worship in a particular form?

Ans. Allah says, "By the token of time, man is well in a state of loss, except those who have faith, those who do righteous deeds, those who exhort people to truth and those who exhort people to patience and perseverance."

Only believing in God is not sufficient. Iman means the believing in God. You should also do righteous deeds. The third is exhorting people to truth, calling people to the right path. The fourth is exhorting people to patience and perseverance.

i. Understanding and realising who the Creator is, and thanking the Creator, who created you and gave you life, is more important than helping the human beings.

ii. No teacher will accept a student to say to him, 'I respect you but I will not follow your instructions. In our prayer, we humble the highest part of our body and put it on the ground in adoration of the Creator.