

**A person has two main aims in life:** 1. to keep himself safe from harm, and 2. to achieve something good.

As a matter of necessity "Keeping safe from harm" takes precedence over "getting something good".

This "keeping safe" from what is harmful and evil however, would be different for different living beings, depending on the maturity and complexity of their creation. Even among the human race which is seen as the most mature creation on earth the concept of safety and achievement would be different for different individuals depending on one's understanding of what is evil and harmful for him and what he considers as good.

Every sensible person recognises that this life would eventually lead to one of the two consequences, **success** (safety from evil, and achieving the good) or **failure**; therefore every sensible person must answer the following questions before deciding his route to safety and achievement, and must answer them now lest he dies before tomorrow comes for him.

## 1 - Is there really a creator?

Have you ever seen a chair, or a table, or a car being made by itself?

If not, what about a man, does man have any control over the process of his birth? Have you ever seen a man who has created himself outside his mother's womb?

Not even the mother who carries the child in her womb knows how food and oxygen reaches her child, neither does she have any control over it, let alone the control over if the child will be free of defects and will be born alive.

Then what about the tree which grows from a seed, shadows which move through a set rule every day, the day and night following each other and the creation of the earth, sky, stars, moon and the sun.

Have you ever heard of the sun rising from the west instead of east? Or a man being able to decide exactly how long he would live and what date and time he would like to die.

Indeed the answer to all these questions is "no" and any sensible person would recognise that there is a creator who has the power and wisdom to create, organise and sustain not only human beings but the whole universe.

Even the atheists, communists and (disbelieving) scientists cannot avoid this reality, but substitute the term 'creator', for phrases like 'Mother Nature' and 'the amazing way nature' etc...

Once a man was asked about the evidence for a creator's existence, he responded, ``All praise is due to God! The camel's dung testifies to the existence of the camel, and the track testifies to the fact that someone was walking. A sky that holds the giant stars, a land that has fairways and a sea that has waves, does not all of this testify that the Most Kind, Most Knowledgeable exists"

## 2 - Are we in need of the creator?

Having recognised the existence of a creator any person with a bit of common sense would also recognize how dependant the life, the universe and everything in the universe is, on it's Creator. Can a complex and majestic system like the universe and all that is in it, run without a controller? It is strange that the one who thinks that good management is so essential for any small 'project' on earth would doubt about the necessity of a management in skies and galaxies, absence of which would surely result in an unimaginable disaster.

Man's dependence on his creator is shown simply by man's total lack of control on his own birth and death, no one on earth can say that he was in control of his birth prior to when he was born, or can come back to life after he dies.

No one is able to change the use of his eyes, ears, nose or tongue etc to abilities other than what the creator has made these for.

All this shows the shear dependence of man on his creator. Therefore it is also the matter of common sense that man recognises his need and must worship, obey, fear, hope and love his creator. The one who does not acknowledge this truth is an atheist and a

denier, and is ignorant and corrupt; his intellect is less than human.

## 3-How can the need of creation be met?

Now having recognized the need and dependency of creation on their creator there has to be some way of communication between the two so that the creation can be guided for what the creator requires of them.

The only such way known to man is revelation, that came to appointed men (Prophets of God). It is well known from the history and religious texts that prophets were sent to every nation. These prophets received revelation and the nations who denied or mistreated the prophets and revelation were destroyed.

## 4-Can one afford to deny revelation?

If one acknowledges that he is created and that he has a creator apart from whom there is no one who has control then **only the most foolish one will deny revelation, knowing that it is the only way of contact between man and his God**. Once a person accepts the importance of believing in revelation all he needs is to distinguish between the true revelation (which can not be more than one) and man made texts.

## 5-How can one decide a certain text is revelation?

There are two simple ways to determine this:

1- To see if a particular text is truly secured and free from corruption and changes.

It would suffice to say that there is no text of revelation on earth other than the Qur'an which is:

a- in its original language it was revealed in.

b- is exactly identical to what it was over fourteen hundred years ago (apart from the diacritical marks added for ease of pronunciation for non-Arabs).

c- has millions of memorizers aged from their teens to 70s and 80s who know every letter of the Qur'an by heart.

2- Logic in the text itself, i.e. the text is free from any inconsistency or conflict. Again the Qur'an is the only text which is consistent and logical in calling man to the obedience of one and only God and free himself

from the slavery of all others.

## 6-What does the Qur'an teach?

Anyone who reads the Qur'an will see that it teaches:

1. the belief in the unseen,
2. Total obedience and worship of the one and only God,
3. Justice in all affairs of life irrespective of colour, race or nation, and
4. Accountability after death. Reward for good deeds and punishment for evil deeds.

This is **Islam**, the religion of **submission**, the only religion sent from the lord of the worlds, the religion of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad (peace and blessing be upon them all), and a **divine guidance for the whole of mankind**.

## 7- Can one ignore the divine guidance?

The answer is very simple.

*"It is those who believe (in the Oneness of God and worship none but Him Alone) and confuse not their Belief with wrong (i.e. by worshipping others besides God), for them (only) there is security and they are the guided ones" [al-An'aam 6:82]*

*"Whoever works righteousness - whether male or female - while he (or she) is a true believer verily, to him We will give a good life" [al-Nahl 16:97]*

*"And pleasant dwellings in 'Adn (Eden) Paradise; that is indeed the great success" [al-Saff 61:12]*

*"But whosoever turns away from My Reminder (i.e. neither believes in this Qur'aan nor acts on its teachings) verily, for him is a life of hardship, and We shall raise him up blind on the Day of Resurrection" [Ta-Ha 20:124]*

*"And they say: 'The Most Gracious (Allaah) has begotten a son (or offspring or children) [as the Jews say: 'Uzayr (Ezra) is the son of God, and the Christians say that He has begotten a son [ 'Eesa (Jesus)], and the pagan Arabs say that He has begotten daughters (angels and others)].*

*'Indeed you have brought forth (said) a terrible evil thing. Whereby the heavens are almost*

*torn, and the earth is split asunder, and the mountains fall in ruins, That they ascribe a son (or offspring or children) to the Most Gracious (God). But it is not suitable for (the Majesty of) the Most Gracious that He should beget a son (or offspring or children). There is none in the heavens and the earth but comes unto the Most Gracious as a slave" [Maryam 19:88-93]*

*"And who does more wrong than he who is reminded of the Ayaat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) of his Lord, then he turns aside there from? Verily, We shall exact retribution from the Mujrimoon (criminals, disbelievers, polytheists, sinners)" [al-Sajdah 32:22]*

*"And the Book (one's Record) will be placed (in the right hand for a believer in the Oneness of Allaah, and in the left hand for a disbeliever in the Oneness of Allaah), and you will see the Mujrimoon (criminals, polytheists, sinners), fearful of that which is (recorded) therein. They will say: 'Woe to us! What sort of Book is this that leaves neither a small thing nor a big thing, but has recorded it with numbers!' [al-Kahf 18:49]*

*"(It will be said to the angels): 'Assemble those who did wrong, together with their companions (from the devils) and what they used to worship, Instead of the All-mighty, and lead them on to the way of flaming Fire (Hell)'" [al-Saaffaat 37:22-23]*

*"The Day when man will see that (the deeds) which his hands have sent forth, and the disbeliever will say: 'Woe to me! Would that I was dust!'" [al-Naba' 78:40]*

*"And whoever seeks a religion other than Islam, it will never be accepted of him, and in the Hereafter he will be one of the losers." [Aal 'Imraan 3:85]*

*"The losers are those who will lose themselves and their families on the Day of Resurrection" [al-Zumar 39:15, al-Shoora 42:45]*

We hope that anyone who reads this will be guided to follow the truth. May Allaah protect us from all evil.

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