

To	AN OPEN MEMORANDUM TO THE PEOPLE OF ANY FAITH
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Dear All

Before the subject matter is addressed, it is imperative that a background of the creation is understood. It may be that those who do not believe in the existence of God, remained unconvinced even to read this memorandum, but I request the readers to look at the subject matter objectively, without any inherent prejudices, and analyse the facts and evidenced produced herein logically and proactively.

Background of the Creation

The knowledge of the Lord of the Universe its Creator, Master and Sovereign and belief in Him constitute the very foundation of the existence of mankind. The Maker and the Sustainer of all creatures is known to be God Almighty or more appropriately "Allah" the name given by Allah Himself which means "The one true God". Allah is utterly transcendent and is not to be compared with any of His creatures.

Allah's attributes are different from anything we know in our present world. His life is eternal, which does not depend upon other things and is not limited to space and time. His existence is being the source and constant support of all desired form of life. Allah is independent of the material courses and proximate, for He Himself creates them and establishes their laws as He pleases. Allah's 'Word' is in itself the Deed and Allah's promise is in itself the Truth. There is certainly no interposition of time or conditions between His Will and its consequences because He is the ultimate reality. In Allah's command, the Word 'Be' (kun) includes everything, without the intervention of or dependence upon, any other being or thing whatsoever.

Allah began the process of creation as a continuous process. Through Divine Revelation, we know that Allah created the heavens and earth in six days and then He established Himself on the throne. However, a day is not to be confused with the day as we know of but in the sight of Allah a day is like a thousand years of our reckoning. Accordingly, these six days may be perceived as six great epochs of evolution precluding to Allah's work in accordance with His authority, which is being constantly exercised by the laws, which He establishes and enforces in all parts of His creations. For example, the heavenly bodies show an order, which is an evidence of His constant care, maintenance and government. The night and day seeking out each other in rapid succession showing the mutual interaction, each covering the other in turn.

Apart from the creation of primeval matter, Allah created Angels, mankind Jinns and other creatures. Angels are noblest and purest things of all. On one side, Angels reflects Allah's Glory and Praise and on the other forgiveness and mercy, thereby proclaiming the greatness and unbounded goodness of Allah in their own prayers. Allah creative work is then recapitulated through the process of reproduction.

Allah created mankind and to serve Him whilst other creatures for the benefit of mankind. Allah created man from quintessence (of clay) and then created a spirit and breathed spirit in him, thereby bringing man nearer to the nature which has supreme mastery and will. Man was endued with emotion and feelings the particular qualities which were outside the nature of angels. Man was then able to love and understand love and was able to plan and initiate. Allah raised him to the dignity of vicegerency. The angels acknowledge this, having complete faith or belief in the unseen. Angels upon Allah's command bowed down to man (Adam) except Iblis (the Satan) who was then proclaimed as rebellion. Allah then created Eve and made her Adam's wife. Allah made Adam His vicegerent on the earth, thus giving him superiority over all other creature including angels and jinns.

Adam and Eve were innocent in material as well as spiritual matters and they knew no evil. Adam together with his wife were dwelling in a spiritual garden of innocence and bliss and enjoyed its good things, but were warned not to approach the specific tree; otherwise they will run into harm and transgression. It was Allah's plan to give Adam a limited faculty of choice and he succumbed to Satan's suggestion and fell. But the faculty of choice, which was given to Adam and Eve and which raised them above the angels also implied that they have capacity to evil which they were to reject. However, when they fell, they realized the evil and asked forgiveness, Allah got them down on earth to make it their dwelling place, therein to live and die and Allah chose Adam for His Grace. He turned to him and gave him guidance to represent all mankind on the earth as Allah's vicegerent. Allah's creative work was recapitulated through the process of reproduction. Among the most wonderful mysteries of human nature (unlike animals and other beings) is that of sex resulting in social relationship in our collective human life. Through the relationship of husband and wife we enter parentage and from one set of parents mankind has been multiplied and scattered through the earth, thereby developing different languages and characteristics. Allah's omnipotence could have deprived man from granting the limited free-will and made all mankind alike i.e. all would then have faith, but that faith would have reflected no merit on them. Allah in His infinite wisdom has endowed man with various faculties and capacities so that he should strive and understand himself, nature and know Allah through His wondrous signs and bring himself into harmony with Allah's Will by glorifying Him in Truth, Reverence and Unity.

Man though created in the best of moulds, fell from unity through warping of his Will and chose the crooked path of discord. As a consequence thereof disbelief, selfishness, ignorance, sorrow, hatred, pain, degradation, despair, arrogance and jealousy etc. poisoned his life and he saw traces of evil in himself and in the physical, spiritual and moral side of life. This situation is best explained by reciting the story of two sons of Adams as described in the Divine revelation. The two sons of Adams were Habil (Abel) and Qabil (Cain). Habil was the younger, the innocent and righteous one Qabil was the elder and presuming on the right of elder, he was puffed up with arrogance and jealousy which led him to kill his brother Habil. The innocent unselfish pleading of younger brother has no effect on the elder brother (as his soul was full of selfishness, pride and jealousy) and he committed the crime of murder, but in so doing he not only harmed his soul but also ruined his own self.

When mankind spread themselves over the earth and became many nations, speaking different languages and observing different customs and laws, the evil became multiplied and brotherhood of mankind forgotten. Arrogance, selfishness and untruth grew to such an extent that faith, love, justice and belief were obscured over masses of mankind. Even the question of Allah's Existence started preoccupying human minds resulting in both believers and unbelievers.

Believers believe in truth and do right in obedience to Allah's command whereas unbelievers are characterized in three ways, namely: (i) they love this ephemeral life and its vanities, more than the true life, (ii) they not only harm themselves but mislead others and (iii) their own crooked minds search for something crooked in Allah's straight path, but in so doing they go further and further from the truth i.e. they plot against the Truth. The believers though agree that the finite human intelligence cannot prove the existence of the infinite boundless Allah, but nevertheless, they know Him by clear evidence showing His Existence such as: explanation of the great universe, interpretation of the secret of existence, the creation of human being, the variety of tongues and hues in mankind, etc. On the other hand the unbelievers who deny the existence of Allah wrongly base their claim on spiritual theories of

knowledge, philosophy or science. They started asking evidence of, without appreciating that marvellous wonders of the universe and secret of life and death, cannot just be the product of mere chance or random accident, but the work of the Greatest Planner to bring things into being and keeping them moving in order. To convince such people, I would draw their attention to the following aspects:

Evidence of Existence of Allah

Many misguided people ask evidence of existence of Allah. Such people do not realize that a sound human instinct bears witness to the existence of Allah without any further need for evidence. The natural instinct calls man to turn towards his Creator and something which is natural and instinctive should not be subjected to further evidence.

If we look at the history of people of different times, we note that the natural instinct (fitrah) is the common thing which explains the phenomenon of different religions, because the natural instinct calls man to turn towards his Creator, but external influences deviated man from the truth and making them to worship different gods and giving way to different religions. For example, regardless of a person of which religion or faith, when he or she is in pain and suffering or lying in his or her death bed, instinctively asks help from the Creator for his or her relief. We see phenomena everyday when calamity strikes or problems arise for which no help is forthcoming from any human being and there is no means of saving oneself, man turn to his Creator for help because the veils covering the fitrah that prevented them to see the truth are removed and man see the truth. When there is a terrifying ordeal people hearts turn towards their Creator in all sincerity. For example we have heard how airplane passengers turned to their Lord when their plane developed problems beyond the power of any human being including pilot to rectify it. They start screaming and praying as they had been turned to their Lord in full sincerity and asking help from no one else but their Creator. There was no room for polytheism (shirk) and atheism in the face of such a terrifying ordeal.

Man is born on Fitrah but because man is surrounded by many influences which make him deviate from worshiping the Creator towards worshiping of other gods. For example, parents, teachers, writers and other instill into children's minds, ideas which change and contaminate this natural instinct (fitrah) and making them to turn away from the truth.

The other evidence is that this universe is not created by itself but it must have a Creator. According to scientific law of cause and effect, a possible thing cannot happen by itself without another thing causing it, because it does not possess in itself the power to exist by itself, and it cannot by itself cause something else to exist, for it cannot give to other that which it does not itself possess. For example, if we compare the construction of a building with the creation of the universe, we all know that building cannot be constructed by itself and there have to be intelligent people having skill in construction and planning to create a building. Accordingly the universe, the structure of which is far more complex than a building, must have its Creator. But some of the same people, who believe that a building cannot be constructed without a creator, insist that this universe came into being without a creator.

Furthermore, we hear and read specious arguments which were put forward in the past in explaining the existence of the universe, an overview of these is given below:

(1) Creation Happened By Accident:

This theory is totally irrational both scientifically and logically. According to a scientist, "the idea that life happened as the result of an accident is like saying that you could get a dictionary as the result of an accidental explosion in a printing press." According to another scientist (Huxley), "... None of our branches of sciences ----- until the present day ----- know what type of accident could produce such a great reality with all its wonder and beauty". Everything in the universe is a living example which tells us that the universe was created by no one but Allah, the Creator of Heavens and the Earth and all that exist., but man is ignorant and unjust (to himself).

(2) Nature is the Creator of the Universe:

This is a modern myth that nature is the creator of the universe. However, it is not clear what these people precisely perceive nature. Some perceive nature the essence of things, whilst other perceive nature as the laws that governs and control the universe and yet the other perceive nature other force beyond the universe that created it and brought into existence. The first perception that nature is the essence of things, i.e. nature means i.e. the universe itself cannot hold water as a thing cannot bring itself into existence. The second perception that nature is the laws which govern the universe i.e. nature is the creator but this perception does not answer the question who created the universe and who created the laws that governs it. The third perception that other forces beyond the universe that created it but this perception cannot explain what is this force. This perception is true but this powerful force cannot be called nature but the name it deserves to be called, and that is Allah, Exalted is He and All-High.

We must keep ourselves away from the products of corrupt minds in such matters concerning which Allah has spoken decisively and left no room for people's opinions.

Evidence of the Universal Signs which point to the Creator and Initiator

No one can deny the existence of creation because it exists in front of us, for all to see, and from this principle extends the fact that the creation itself actually testifies to the presence of A Creator. Some scientist and scholars of the past and present have explained the Wonders that Allah has made in His Creation. They have explained various phenomena of the sign within creation through scientific knowledge. These signs point towards the Creator, and also display the vast Ability, Power and Intelligence of the Creator. Also the universe has a prescribed order and is governed by laws. This requires knowledge, regulation and control. The existence of our planet as a floating mass in the universe and its relationship with our solar system serves as a sign. The earth floats in an orbit through space around our sun causing alternation between day and night, which constitutes time. The successive alternation of night and day, is further organized by the lunar phases of the moon serving as a celestial calendar in the most profound way, from the crescent to elegant full moon. Surely, these are magnificent signs, if we reflect.

There are many wonders of creation and the mysteries of the universe, which modern science has explained us. For example the world of the bee; the ant and the wonders of its creation; the hoopoe (one of the most guided animals, and most able to see where water is located beneath the ground, which other cannot see) and the wonders of its creation; pigeon (wisest bird) and its creation; and many more. There exist signs within ourselves and how we are created from a fluid, then fashioned in the womb and brought out to live on the earth for a prescribed period after which we die. Thus for those who reflect, ponder, consider, think and observe, there is a considerable number of proofs of Allah's existence through His signs in His Creation. The people who still are not convinced about the existence of Allah, should reflect from all other signs they come up during everyday life.

Do Jews, Christians and Muslims worship different God?

Although, Muslims, Christians, and Jews and majority of them worship one God, i.e. Allah, yet they fall into another misconception about Divine Religion, Divine Revelations, and Divine brotherhood of Messengers and Prophets sent by Allah, to put the mankind on right path leading to willing obedience to Allah and to worship Allah alone in prescribed manner to fulfil the purpose for which Man was created together with Jinn, which I will deal under a separate Memorandum.

Due to the lack of evidenced based knowledge, many people have come to believe that Muslims worship a different God than Christians and Jews worship, which is totally false. The following text will clear this misconception:

Since by its very nature, man is fallible therefore to confirm what man already knows or can know, and to teach him what he does not or cannot know by his own means and to deliver Allah's message to mankind, the merciful and loving Allah has sent many Prophets. Every known nation has had one Prophet or more. Allah has been guiding mankind through a galaxy of Divinely - chosen human beings, known as Prophets, apostles and messengers totalling approximately 124,000, started with Prophet Adam the first citizen of the world and culminated in Prophet Mohammed. Prophet Abraham played a very vital role in the human

history as he was the one chosen by Allah to bring back to the earth the knowledge of the unity of Allah and is considered the pioneer of all surviving true religious traditions as all teachings containing the Unitarian doctrine stem from his reaffirmation of Allah's unity.

Prophet Moses also played a vital role, in the human history having an immense significance for mankind, and he marks the beginning of the modern age. Apart from Moses success in the encounter with Pharaoh, Allah gave the Banu Israil (follower of Moses) much higher place in the realm of the spirit but they failed again and again. Due to their excessive love of this world and their desire for what they had left in Egypt, they rebelled against Moses and turned their back on righteousness by making of the Golden Calf as a deity for their worship.

Prophet Jesus (PBUH) was assigned with the function to revive and purify the teaching of Moses among the Banu Israil. He was entrusted by Allah the mission to install the true religion of Allah and restore His revelations which had been falsified, misinterpreted and abused. Jesus not only preached the word of Allah, but also brought many tangible signs and performed miracles in support of his mission. However, very few people accepted him wholeheartedly. He was rejected by the Banu Israil and his violent death was plotted by killing him on the cross. However, Allah came to his rescue and saved him from violent death and raised him up to the Heaven. Those who did believe in him could not save his teaching from corruption & falsification for very long as soon after religion Christianity was invented by St. Paul (who never met Jesus) based on certain personal visionary experience of Jesus, thereby shadowing and dominating the real Jesus of history for ever.

The Prophets over the time were also miraculously supported by Allah and instructed by Him to affirm the continuity of the Divine Message: All Prophets form one brotherhood as their message is one, their religion/teaching is one and they all served Allah. The content of their message to mankind can be summarized as follows:

- Clear concept about Allah, His attributes, His creation, what should not be ascribed to Him.
- Clear idea about the unseen, the Angels, Jinn, Paradise and Hell, etc.
- Why has Allah created us and what does He want from us and what the reward for obeying or punishment for disobeying Him and
- How to run our society according to His will?

Such guidance cannot be obtained from science or mystic experience as the former is too materialistic and limited, and the latter is too subjective and frequently misleading. Therefore, there is no substitute for Prophets and only authentic source of information about the supernatural world is revelation.

The Word of Allah, being universal must be expressed on all moulds and forms and equally valid and vital for all section of humanity and must, therefore, be explained to each according to his or her capacity or receptivity. If the object of the message is to make things clear it must be delivered in the language, current among the people to whom the Apostle is sent. Through Apostles it can reach to all mankind. Divine Revelation came to every age and nation through Allah's appointed Apostles who spoke not from themselves but from Allah. The Apostles were doubted, insulted, threatened and persecuted but their trust was sure in Allah.

No new revelation came from Allah except when the past revelation has been distorted to such an extent that it was absolutely necessary for a new revelation to come to clear the gross distortion and to re-establish the Divine Message. Moses was given a revelation 'Taurat' meaning 'the law' which in its original form is recognized as having been an inspired book - but it was lost. What passed as "The Mosaic Law" with the Jews in the Apostle's (Jesus) time was the mass of traditional writings which now known as "Old Testament". The present Gospels (New Testament) do not come under the definition of earlier books, nor could be called 'Books of Jesus' as they were written not by him, but about him and long after Jesus existence in this world. It was in its original form a single Gospel (Injil) revealed to Jesus as true Word of Allah; but this did not survive. Early history of Christianity tells us that within twenty year after Jesus, two powerful conflicting religious grew preaching to different Gospels condemning and cursing each other which resulted many different versions of the Gospels by various writers containing human interpretations, errors, conflicting information or facts and confusions. There was a time when over 200 different versions were in use in the Christian world. In 325 AD in

the conference of NICCA under the auspices of the Pagan Emperor it was decided to accept the four Gospels that now form part of the 'New Testament', and the rest were declared apocrypha. It is obvious that the Bible as it is received and practiced today, cannot be true Word of Allah in its original form as Allah [SWT] is not author of confusion; and the Gospels which are written by men and having so many versions cannot be considered as 'true Word of Allah', i.e. a Divine Revelation.

True revelation from Allah is infallible and cannot be imitated by man as it is a living miracle, an open book challenging all the mankind to see and prove for itself. However, all the earlier revelations from Allah were distorted by the people of later generations, polluted with myths, superstition, idol worship and irrational philosophical ideologies and consequently the religion of Allah was lost in a plethora of other religions. Allah out of His abundant love for mankind sent the final messenger, last of the Prophets Mohammad to redeem humanity, with the Quran the final revelation representing the ultimate and permanent source of guidance for mankind, with Quran the final Divine Book incorporated all the relevant laws of the previous Books (including Taur'at and Inj'il) in perfect language whilst Allah Himself taking guarantee against its distortion and corruption, and perfected the religion of all prophets and named it Islam. According, the religion with Allah is Islam (which was the religion all prophets including Prophets Abraham, Moses and Jesus) and in reality Christianity, Judaism, and Muhammadaism are misnomers and offend the very spirit of only true religion before Allah, i.e. Islam.

Now in answer to the question: "Do Jews, Christians and Muslims worship different God", the answer is emphatic no, as they all worship the only true God, i.e. Allah and Allah is ought to be worshiped by all mankind and Jinn. Also Islam is the universal religion for whole mankind and should not be confused that the Muslims were sole recipient of Islam, or Divine Message (Quran) or Prophet Muhammad, as Divine Message is universal final and in complete form incorporating all the previous revelations and Muhammad is the Universal Prophet for blessing and mercy for all mankind. Muslims are that sector of mankind that have entered into the fold of Islam and have earned the title of the believers from Allah, whereas, Jews and Christians sector of mankind are called by Allah, the People of the Book, and rest of the mankind has been named by Allah as disbelievers.

Now we revert to the original subject, namely, 'Reality of Allah'

Reality of Allah

In most Muslim countries, by and large, Muslims do not understand the true meaning of Allah as most of the resources and available knowledge mislead them to understand Allah as a concept and this is the prime reason that people are having no fear of Allah and are involved in their daily life towards worldly gains through hook or crook.

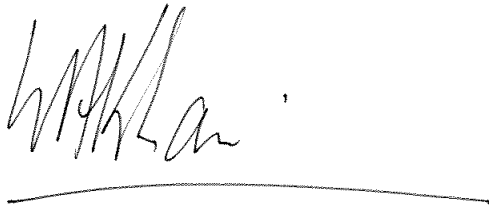
We must understand that Allah is real, unique and has no plural or gender. Allah is the Almighty, Creator and Sustainer of the universe, Self Sufficient or Self Subsistent. All Praise is due to Allah. His being Eternal is compounded by His being Divine. He is Proud in His Greatness. There is no term for His Divinity nor is there extinction to His domain. He is the first to create; the One Who is eternal even beyond eternity itself. Allah is physically alone in His kingship and Lordship and He has always existed and will always exist. He existed before creation and will still exist even if all of creation was to end. He is not subjected to time as He created time and movement Himself. He resides outside of time and outside of all His creation and is physically high above His creation, residing in a manner befitting His Majesty. Human imagination cannot

Allah has many attributes, which are befitting to Him alone which are beyond human comprehension, such as: His hearing, sight, hands, face, encompassing, His knowledge, His ability, His might and power, His ever-living inheritor of creation, His will and intent, His anger, His mercy, His sovereignty and dominion, and His unity and exclusiveness, and His being above the Arsh. Correct theistic belief (belief of Jews, Christians and Muslims) requires faith in the existence of these attributes as, Allah has described them without applying to them any allegorical meanings or attempting to explain how a certain quality could be - while this is

known only to Allah – and without comparing them to creation or denying that Allah would have such qualities. Accordingly, Allah’s Arsh is unimaginable to human comprehension and it is only known to Allah as it is above Allah’s creation. His Kursi [i.e. chair] extends over the heavens and the earth, which is not to be confused with the al-Arsh, which is much higher and greater than al-Kursi.

All Praise is for Allah, the Lord of the Worlds!

Kind Regards

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