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Lecture 03 Handouts

Proof for Existence of God (B)

The Religious Perspective

Islam is not a new religion but it is the extension and completion of previous divine religions. Existence of Allah is solid in terms of its rational foundations as well as the purpose, meaning, comfort, and guidance that it gives to our lives. There is an authentic, sound purpose and meaning of this universe. Hence, the early scholars of Islam defined knowledge of God not as a collection of facts and arguments, but rather as a light within the heart.

The "light" of the knowledge of God is found in the guidance, spiritual direction and the sense of peace that one can attain by practicing Islam. The greatest proof for the existence and lordship of Allah is discovered in the innate experiences of the heart. These experiences help to find comfort, inner-peace, moral education and meaning in the life of believers which are the spiritual fruits of a true religion.

In Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Sikhism and Zoroastrians, the concept of oneness of God is prevailing with minute differences. They have many other gods but deep inside they believe in one single God. That is why they ask help from the Lord of lords, even the atheist seek help of God in time of crisis. Even in the ancient civilizations, the belief in One God existed. Later, they turned to polytheism (belief in more than one God). But the concept of monotheism (belief in one God) was there in one or another form. In Quran, the Oneness of God is declared in Surah Ikhlas.

Allah addressed to every nation in the Quran that we have sent a messenger to teach them to worship One and real God and leave the other and false deities. The concept of Oneness of God is primitive among the ancient tribes and societies even in America before Columbus. A famous Muslim historian and a scholar Abdullah Hakeem quickly and extensively studied the attributes of different tribes of the world and found that the concept of Oneness of God is a common belief among all societies which later has been corrupted into polytheism. This is one good evidence about the presence of the oneness of God among all the tribal inhabitants of the world in different times.

In perspectives of comparative analysis of the contemporary religions in the world, we can see that the concept of prophethood, miracles and acceptance of "dua" (prayers) are the common beliefs. These facts cannot be easily fabricated by any rank of human race. These luring facts also nullify the objections and fabricated stories about the refusal of arrival of prophets and their teachings regarding Oneness of God to every nation were similar. On the contrary, it intensified the rightfulness and refuted the non-believers.

The stories and events of Prophet Adam and Eve, Prophet Moses, Prophet Ibrahim, Prophet Yaqoob, Prophet Yusuf and Prophet Essa (Jesus) (Peace Be Upon Them) are commonly

discussed in almost every religion. Although, there are differences in the revelations and sequence of events but the divine message is same. Muslims believe that all prophets are infallible, they are not of the sin-doers whereas in the previous scripts like Bible they labeled them as the sinners.

Allah has created His creatures to worship Him only. We, the humans and another creature known as Jinn are also mentioned in Quran with the purpose of their creation that is to worship Him alone.

The script of the Quran does not contain anything that is impossible according to rational thinking or that would be rejected by any reason. Also, there isn't any argument that contradicts the reason or any analogy based on rational thinking. Whereas the proponents of falsehood never presented any analogy to support their ideology but the Qur'an refuted it on the basis of truthful and clear argument.

All creationsby Allah (SWT) are created only to worship Him. Animals and Jinn are also His creation. Iblees (Azazil) is a jinn but was so pious that he became the companion of angels, but his arrogance made him evil.

Mankind is different as they can speak. They have intellect and can think. The intellect is a gift from Allah.

He for Whom is the kingdom of heavens and earth and He has not taken a son for Himself and He has no Partner in His Kingdom, and after creating everything, He has ordained it on a right estimate. (Surah Al-Furqan: 25/2)