

Questions And Answers About Islam

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Preface

I am an Egyptian writer. I have written some articles about Islam. I have sent these articles to many forums to get the reaction. Indeed the replies that were sent helped me to write more articles. The main issue is that many western persons deny the presence of the God. I have tried to convince them that there is a God and I have written an article about the God from the Islamic point of view. Many western persons have got their information about Islam from the anti-Islamic writings. I invite them to read about Islam from the Islamic point of view.

About 100000 persons have read these articles. I think that I have invited them through my articles to rethink about God, religion and Islam. I invite you to rethink about Islam. Thinking is a good thing, isn't it? I hope that you will enjoy reading this book.

Islam Helps You

I discussed many persons who were against religion of any kind. I used to ask them three questions. I used, as well, to invite them to think deeply and clearly before answering my questions. These questions are:

- 1- Do you think that there is a Creator who has created this universe?
- 2- Should we worship the Creator of the universe or not?
- 3- Have you made a comparison between Islam and other doctrines?

As regards the first question, I do not know the reason that makes some people deny the presence of the God. The universe, the sky, the stars, the sea, and the air are clear evidences that there is a Creator who has created this universe. The greatness of the universe is clear evidence that a Great God has created it.

The answer of the first question leads us to the necessity of religion. How can you live in this universe without worshipping the Creator of the universe?

Islam is the true religion. Islam helps you to live in tranquility. Islam achieves the harmony and balance between the soul and the body. Islam leads you to the Heaven in the day after. But a lot of non-Muslims have got their information about Islam from the writings of anti-Islamic writers. I invite them to read about Islam from the Islamic point of view. I invite them to make a comparison between Islam and other doctrines and I am sure that they will discover the greatness of Islam.

The God In Islam

Many secular persons deny the presence of the God. I am trying here to convince them that there is a God who has created the universe.

Many secular persons will argue that the God is unseen and they believe only in what they see. The God is unseen but we can see the evidences of His presence. The earth, the sky, the stars, the moon, the sun, the sea and the harmony of the universe are all evidences that there is a God who has created the universe.

The harmony and the greatness of the universe are evidences of the Wisdom and Greatness of the Creator. Let's assume that there is no creator, then what is the cause of the harmony and greatness of the universe? Did the sun, the moon, the land, the sea, the starsetc have a meeting and decided what to do? They are too many and everyone would want the universe as he wants. We are sure that the sun, the moonetc are not wise. Then we can say that the harmony and greatness of the universe are clear evidences

that there is a Wise and Great Creator.

In Islam, we believe in the One and the Only God. In the day after, the believers will enter the Heaven while the non-believers will be punished. In Islam, we believe that the God has no sons. We are not like Christians who believe that the God has a son. This belief is completely untrue and illogical. If the God decided something and His son decided another contradicting thing, what will happen?

I ask the readers of this article to think deeply about the presence of the God. If you came to a conclusion that there is a God who has created the universe, please ask the God from your hearts to guide you to the true religion. I am sure that the God will guide you to Islam. I invite the readers to read the Holy Quran to know more about Islam.

Islam Versus Atheism

This is an imagined discussion between a Muslim and an atheist. But it is based on my actual discussions with atheists.

Muslim: Do you believe in God?

Atheist: There is no God. Can you prove that there is a God?

Muslim: The universe, the land, the sea, the sky, the sun, the moon,....etc are all evidences that there is a God who has created the universe.

Atheist: Can I see and hear the God?

Muslim: You cannot see the God. We have the word of the God which is the Quran. The language of the Quran is Arabic. We –Arabs- know very well that the Quran cannot be written by a human being. The Quran has challenged the old Arabs to write something that resembles the Quran. The old Arabs were genius poets but they could not. Nowadays, some persons tried to write something that resembles the Quran, but they made themselves a joke.

Atheist: Then the Quran is for Arabs only.

Muslim: The Quran is the word of the God for all peoples. Indeed the Arabs can feel the greatness of the Quran more than the other peoples. But the other peoples can read the translation of the meanings of the Quran. They can see the wisdom of the Quran. They can see the scientific accuracy of the Quran.

Atheist: Can you give me an example of the wisdom of the Quran?

Muslim: Islam forbids homosexuality and sex outside marriage. We can see clearly that homosexuality and sex outside marriage caused the spread of AIDS which caused or will cause the death of millions of people. Besides, with Islam, a man can be sure that his son is really his son. But in western countries, a man cannot be sure that his son is really his son.

Atheist: I want to discuss the presence of the God. The universe is created by the God. Who has created the God.

Muslim: The God has not been created. The God is eternal.

Atheist: I can say that the universe is eternal.

Muslim: The universe is changeable, so it cannot be eternal.

Atheist: You did not convince me.

Muslim: I invite you to read the Quran. I invite you to rethink about the common secular idea that there is no God. It is a common idea, but it is completely wrong.

Islam

I used to discuss many secular persons about Islam. They had some questions and objections. I am trying here to answer some of their questions.

Atheist: Islam has spread by the sword.

Muslim: This is not true. Islam has spread in many countries in Asia and Africa without any military action. The Islamic civilization is a fact that cannot be denied. Ask Europe about the Islamic civilization in Spain and the darkness of Europe. Islam is not a barbaric religion. But Islam is the true religion. The Islamic civilization used the military actions for defence and for attacking some enemies. But the Muslims did not enforce anyone to convert to Islam. The Muslims treated non-Muslims justly. They wanted to convince them not to enforce them to convert to Islam.

Atheist: I do not need any religion.

Muslim: Who has created the universe? Who has created you? What is the aim of your life? What will happen to you after death? All these are questions that you cannot find answers to

without Islam. Besides, you enjoy materialistic pleasures, but you neglect your soul. Islam achieves the balance and harmony between the soul and the body. Islam does not forbid materialistic pleasures, but Islam is a unit of enjoying our lives and more important obeying our God and Creator.

Atheist: There is no soul.

Muslim: You deny the presence of the soul because you cannot see and cannot touch the soul. We cannot see electricity, but we are sure that there is some thing called electricity because we can see its effects -the light and the heat for example-. Equally, we cannot see the soul, but we can see its effects. What is the difference between two young men: one of them can talk and move while the other is dead without any reason? He did not suffer from any disease. He was not the victim of any accident. The difference is that the soul of the first one is inside his body while the soul of the second one had left his body.

Atheist: What is the difference between Islam and Christianity?

Muslim: The true Christianity invited people to worship One Deity, but some of its followers

changed it. The unchanged Bible said that there will be a prophet called Muhammad or Ahmed and invited Christians to follow him.

The untrue Christianity says that there is a God and his son. This is untrue. If the God decided something and his son decided another thing, what will happen? There will be a conflict between the God and his son. In Islam, there is only One God and He has no sons.

Atheist: There is no God.

Muslim: The universe is changeable, so it cannot be eternal. The God created the universe. The God is eternal. I invite you to rethink about the presence of the God and to read the Holy Quran. I invite you to read about Islam from the Islamic point of view.

Questions And Answers About Islam

This is an imagined discussion between a Muslim and an atheist. I try here to be honest. I will not say the classical words which we used to hear. I want to say that this article is my personal point of view. you have the right to agree or disagree with me.

Atheist: Islam is the religion of terrorism.

Muslim: Islam does not allow us to kill women, children or very old men. Even in the war, Islam does not allow us to kill non-fighters. But there is a famous rule that every action has a reaction. What happened in America in September was a reaction against the American support for Israel which occupies our land and what was happening in Iraq. What happened in Spain and Britain was a reaction against occupying Iraq which was based on a group of lies. Justice is the solution. But unjust actions will always lead to violent reactions.

Atheist: What do you say about Palestine?

Muslim: Palestine is occupied and we have the right to defend our land and ourselves.

Atheist: What about Iraq?

Muslim: There is a kind of chaos in Iraq. The American occupation is responsible for this chaos.

The Islamic Dream

The Birds "short story"

We were dreaming that we are a bird; in the colour of the sky; as big as no cage can contain it; swimming in a throne of clear white silky clouds. Drops of water gently touch his face before they fall down and change into rotten mud; inhabited by thousands of dirty creatures that eat the rubbish and the remnants of some birds that were deceived by the solid surface of the mud and thought that it is a great land; without cages; without bars.

We were dreaming that we are a bird; moving his wings that expand endlessly. Air moves around him in silky waves that evoke nice feelings-air that is not full of bombs' smoke. This air does not arrest our smells nor carries them to the police's dogs that eat blood and flesh.

We were dreaming everyday until they met in their room under the ground. Their boss, with big eyes, spoke: "This dirty dream spreads as an epidemic disease". His voice became like the voice of a snake: "We must kill this dirty dream".

Then, they met in their metallic building that is too high for our eyes to see. One of them spoke: "My scientific researches prove that birds eat ten percent of the world's crops". He said: "Birds are the first enemy of the world". Others spoke. Their speeches were separated only by clapping. Before they go, they signed a statement that birds are the first enemy of humanity and that the next year is the year of killing birds.

Comment:

I am the writer of this short story, and I wrote it about the dream of One Islamic Nation. After you read the short story, I want to ask everyone of you some questions:

1. Do you -like the majority of western politicians- think that the One Islamic Nation is a danger?
2. Do you support what the western politicians do to prevent the achievement of this dream?

3. Do you understand the Muslims' reactions against the western attitude?

Try to be honest and try to understand the Islamic point of view.

The Christ In The Holy Quran

Mary In The Quran:

The Holy Quran says: "Allah did choose Adam and Noah, the family of Abraham, and the family of 'Imran above all people,- Offspring, one of the other: And Allah heareth and knoweth all things. Behold! a woman of 'Imran said: "O my Lord! I do dedicate unto Thee what is in my womb for Thy special service: So accept this of me: For Thou hearest and knowest all things." When she was delivered, she said: "O my Lord! Behold! I am delivered of a female child!"- and Allah knew best what she brought forth- "And no wise is the male Like the female. I have named her Mary, and I commend her and her offspring to Thy protection from the Evil One, the Rejected." Right graciously did her Lord accept her: He made her grow in purity and beauty: To the care of Zakariya was she assigned. Every time that he entered (Her) chamber to see her, He found her supplied with sustenance. He said: "O Mary! Whence (comes) this to you?" She said: "From Allah. for Allah Provides sustenance to whom He pleases without measure."

The Holy Quran says: Behold! the angels said: "O Mary! Allah hath chosen thee and purified thee- chosen thee above the women of all nations. "O Mary! worship Thy Lord devoutly: Prostrate thyself, and bow down (in prayer) with those who bow down." This is part of the tidings of the things unseen, which We reveal unto thee (O Messenger.) by inspiration: Thou wast not with them when they cast lots with arrows, as to which of them should be charged with the care of Mary: Nor wast thou with them when they disputed (the point). Behold! the angels said: "O Mary! Allah giveth thee glad tidings of a Word from Him: his name will be Christ Jesus, the son of Mary, held in honour in this world and the Hereafter and of (the company of) those nearest to Allah. "He shall speak to the people in childhood and in maturity. And he shall be (of the company) of the righteous." She said: "O my Lord! How shall I have a son when no man hath touched me?" He said: "Even so: Allah createth what He willeth: When He hath decreed a plan, He but saith to it, 'Be,' and it is! "And Allah will teach him the Book and Wisdom, the Law and the Gospel, "And (appoint him) an apostle to the Children of Israel, (with this message): "I have come to you, with a Sign from your Lord, in that I make

for you out of clay, as it were, the figure of a bird, and breathe into it, and it becomes a bird by Allah.s leave: And I heal those born blind, and the lepers, and I quicken the dead, by Allah.s leave; and I declare to you what ye eat, and what ye store in your houses. Surely therein is a Sign for you if ye did believe; "(I have come to you), to attest the Law which was before me. And to make lawful to you part of what was (Before) forbidden to you; I have come to you with a Sign from your Lord. So fear Allah, and obey me. "It is Allah Who is my Lord and your Lord; then worship Him. This is a Way that is straight."

The Birth Of The Christ:

The Holy Quran says: "Relate in the Book (the story of) Mary, when she withdrew from her family to a place in the East. She placed a screen (to screen herself) from them; then We sent her our angel, and he appeared before her as a man in all respects. She said: "I seek refuge from thee to ((Allah)) Most Gracious: (come not near) if thou dost fear Allah." He said: "Nay, I am only a messenger from thy Lord, (to announce) to thee the gift of a holy son. She said: "How shall I have a son, seeing that no man has touched me, and I am not unchaste?" He said: "So (it will be): Thy Lord saith, 'that is easy for Me: and (We wish) to appoint him as a Sign unto men and a Mercy from Us':It is a matter (so) decreed." So she conceived him, and she retired with him to a remote place. And the pains of childbirth drove her to the trunk of a palm-tree: She cried (in her anguish): "Ah! would that I had died before this! would that I had been a thing forgotten and out of sight!" But (a voice) cried to her from beneath the (palm-tree): "Grieve not! for thy Lord hath provided a rivulet beneath thee; "And shake towards thyself the trunk of the palm-tree: It will let fall fresh ripe dates upon thee. "So eat and drink and cool

(thine) eye. And if thou dost see any man, say, 'I have vowed a fast to ((Allah)) Most Gracious, and this day will I enter into not talk with any human being'" At length she brought the (babe) to her people, carrying him (in her arms). They said: "O Mary! truly an amazing thing hast thou brought! "O sister of Aaron! Thy father was not a man of evil, nor thy mother a woman unchaste!" But she pointed to the babe. They said: "How can we talk to one who is a child in the cradle?" He said: "I am indeed a servant of Allah. He hath given me revelation and made me a prophet" And He hath made me blessed wheresoever I be, and hath enjoined on me Prayer and Charity as long as I live; "(He) hath made me kind to my mother, and not overbearing or miserable; "So peace is on me the day I was born, the day that I die, and the day that I shall be raised up to life (again)"! Such (was) Jesus the son of Mary: (it is) a statement of truth, about which they (vainly) dispute. It is not befitting to (the majesty of) Allah that He should beget a son. Glory be to Him! when He determines a matter, He only says to it, "Be", and it is. Verily Allah is my Lord and your Lord: Him therefore serve ye: this is a Way that is straight.

The Christ is not a god:

The Holy Quran says: "And behold! Allah will say: "O Jesus the son of Mary! Didst thou say unto men, worship me and my mother as gods in derogation of Allah.?" He will say: "Glory to Thee! never could I say what I had no right (to say). Had I said such a thing, thou wouldst indeed have known it. Thou knowest what is in my heart, Thou I know not what is in Thine. For Thou knowest in full all that is hidden. "Never said I to them aught except what Thou didst command me to say, to wit, 'worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord'; and I was a witness over them whilst I dwelt amongst them; when Thou didst take me up Thou wast the Watcher over them, and Thou art a witness to all things. "If Thou dost punish them, they are Thy servant: If Thou dost forgive them, Thou art the Exalted in power, the Wise."

The Holy Quran says: "They do blaspheme who say: "(Allah) is Christ the son of Mary." But said Christ: "O Children of Israel! worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord." Whoever joins other gods with Allah,- Allah will forbid him the garden, and the Fire will be his abode. There will for the wrong-doers be

no one to help. They do blaspheme who say: Allah is one of three in a Trinity: for there is no god except One Allah. If they desist not from their word (of blasphemy), verily a grievous penalty will befall the blasphemers among them.

The Holy Quran says: " Christ the son of Mary was no more than an apostle; many were the apostles that passed away before him. His mother was a woman of truth. They had both to eat their (daily) food. See how Allah doth make His signs clear to them; yet see in what ways they are deluded away from the truth!

The Christ And Islam:

The Holy Quran says: " And remember, Jesus, the son of Mary, said: "O Children of Israel! I am the apostle of Allah (sent) to you, confirming the Law (which came) before me, and giving Glad Tidings of a Messenger to come after me, whose name shall be Ahmad." But when he came to them with Clear Signs, they said, "this is evident sorcery!" Who doth greater wrong than one who invents falsehood against Allah, even as he is being invited to Islam? And Allah guides not those who do wrong. Their intention is to extinguish Allah.s Light (by blowing) with their mouths: But Allah will complete (the revelation of) His Light, even though the Unbelievers may detest (it).

Conclusion:

Ahmed and Muhammad are names of the Prophet -may the blessing and peace of Allah be upon him-. So the persons who truly love the Christ must be Muslims because the Christ has said " and giving Glad Tidings of a Messenger to come after me, whose name shall be Ahmad."

Convert Now To Islam

I invite you to convert to Islam. The reasons are many. I will mention the most important reasons:

1- One God:

In Islam, there is only One God. In many other religions, there are many gods. What will happen if the God decides something and His son decides another contradicting thing? There will be a conflict between them and the universe will be destroyed.

2- Simple and Clear Religion:

You have to believe that there is no deity but Allah and that Mohammad is the apostle of Allah. You have to worship the God. If you are Muslim, you will enter the Heaven. Besides, Allah will bless your life in our world.

3- We believe that Moses and the Christ are the apostles of Allah. They have invited their followers to follow Mohammad -may the blessings and peace of Allah be upon him- when he

appears. But some of their followers have changed the Bible.

4- In Islam, there are harmony and balance between the soul and the body. Islam does not forbid materialistic pleasures, but Islam is a unit of enjoying our lives and more important obeying our God and Creator.

5- Clear and Simple Answers to the following Questions:

- **What is the origin of the universe?**

The God has created the universe.

- **What is the purpose of our life?**

We were created to live on the earth, but more important to worship our God.

- **What will happen to us after death?**

There will be the dayafter. The believers will enter the Heaven and the unbelievers will enter the hell.

Islam And Internal Peace

We are living in an age of conflicts and tensions. Internal peace and happiness are really sought for by many people. A human needs to live in tranquility, real tranquility that is permanent and not drug-induced. But fear of unjust superior powers, failure, enemies and the endless chain of fears are the enemies of this tranquility.

In Islam, believing in Allah and His Most High Names is the root of our faith. The fruits of this faith are innumerable. We are limited here to the subject of internal peace. The cure of all psychological problems springs of our faith that Allah is AlRahman "The All-Merciful". Whatever we are facing in our lives, we believe that Allah Al-Mighty is more kind to us than our own mothers. Can a mother throw her own baby into fire? Allah is more Merciful to us than our own mothers. Will He torture us if we are believers and faithful? Then let's face our lives with internal peace as long as we believe that nobody and nothing can harm us. "Praise be to Allah, who hath guided us to this (felicity): never could we have found guidance, had it not been for the guidance of Allah: Indeed it was the truth."

Humanity Needs Islam

The human nature means the soul and the body. A man without a spiritual life is no longer a man. Equally, whoever proclaims that spiritual training can delete the materialistic demands of that body is a devil in the clothes of a saint. Can he give up sleeping? Is he ready to destroy his body and to be a soul flying in the world of ideals?

The holy Quran says:

"O you mankind, a proof has already come to you from your Lord ; and We have sent down to you an evident light. So, as for the ones who believed in Allah and firmly adhered to Him, then He will soon cause them to enter into a mercy from Him, and Grace, and will guide them to Him on a straight path"

This Grace and mercy from Allah Al-Mighty is true for the believers in life and in the day after. The heaven is the endless grace and mercy. It is not only a spiritual heaven but the materialistic pleasures are innumerable there. Equally, in our life Islam does not forbid materialistic pleasures, but Islam is a unit of enjoying our lives and, more important, obeying our God and creator. Thus, without

Islam there can never be a balance and harmony between the soul and the body. Who do not believe in that can do a comparison between Islam and other doctrines and the result is undoubtable.

General Comments

Mariah from USA wrote:

I like your story on Islam.

Farooq Ahmed from Karachi, Pakistan wrote:

You are serving Islam by your writings! Keep doing this and also read and consult the relevant material for having more solid arguments.

Sana from Karachi, Pakistan wrote:

A good one but it could have been more better. Actually you haven't briefed about the evidences which you have given in support of your article.

Comments About The Relationship Between Muslims And Non-Muslims

Trump Rider wrote:

Convert to Islam Now or Die!

Pladecalvo wrote:

Interestingly, when the Moors conquered Spain, the defeated people were allowed to keep their possessions and keep the religion they chose. When Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand pushed the Moors back into North Africa, Moorish possessions were confiscated and anyone that would not convert to Christianity was put to death.

Wael El-Manzalawy wrote:

I live in Egypt. There are millions of Christians in Egypt. They have lived with us for hundreds of years. They were not killed. They were not enforced to convert to Islam. In many other Muslim countries, there are millions of non-Muslims. They were not killed. They were not enforced to convert to Islam.

Flyboy wrote:

How about Jews????

Wael El-Manzalawy wrote:

Some Jews were living in the Muslim countries. Muslims treated them very well. Muslims did not kill them. Muslims did not torture them. Muslims did not enforce them to convert to Islam. But Jews came from all over the world and occupied Palestine. They have chosen to be our enemies. We have the right to defend our land and ourselves.

Comments About The Woman In Islam

Wael EI-Manzalawy wrote:

In Islam, the system of marriage is based on love and mercy.

The Holy Quran says:

"And among His Signs is this that He created for you mates from among yourselves, that ye may dwell in tranquility with them, and He has put love and mercy between your (hearts): verily in that are Signs for those who reflect."

Matilda wrote:

And men can have 4 wives and are allowed to hit them. Love and mercy? Do me a favor.

Wael EI-Manzalawy wrote:

- 1- Many many Muslims have only one wife.
- 2- A man can marry two, three or four women, but he must treat them equally.
- 3- Four wives are better than one wife and innumerable mistresses.
- 4- Islam forbids sexual relationships outside marriage, thus a man can be sure that his sons and daughters are really his sons and daughters.

- 5- In western communities a man cannot be sure that his sons and daughters are really his sons and daughters. Can you see the difference?

Miss Xtina wrote:

Why can't a woman marry 4 men then?

Wael El-Manzalawy wrote:

If she has a son or a daughter, who will be the father?

Wael El-Manzalawy wrote:

The system of family in Islamic countries is very strong despite the fact that men are allowed to marry four women. But in western communities, the family is something from the past, isn't it?

Quotations From The Holy Quran

The Holy Quran says:

Let there be no compulsion in religion: Truth stands out clear from Error: whoever rejects evil and believes in Allah hath grasped the most trustworthy hand-hold, that never breaks. And Allah heareth and knoweth all things. Allah is the Protector of those who have faith: from the depths of darkness He will lead them forth into light. Of those who reject faith the patrons are the evil ones: from light they will lead them forth into the depths of darkness. They will be companions of the fire, to dwell therein (For ever).

The Holy Quran says:

Allah forbids you not, with regard to those who fight you not for (your) Faith nor drive you out of your homes, from dealing kindly and justly with them: for Allah loveth those who are just. Allah only forbids you, with regard to those who fight you for (your) Faith, and drive you out of your homes, and support (others) in driving you out, from turning to them (for friendship and protection). It is such as turn to them (in these circumstances), that do wrong.

The Holy Quran says:

Say: "O my Servants who have transgressed against their souls! Despair not of the Mercy of Allah. for Allah forgives all sins: for He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful. Turn ye to our Lord (in repentance) and bow to His (Will), before the Penalty comes on you: after that ye shall not be helped. And follow the best of (the courses) revealed to you from your Lord, before the Penalty comes on you - of a sudden while ye perceive not!-

The Holy Quran says:

Allah forgiveth not that partners should be set up with Him; but He forgiveth anything else, to whom He pleaseth; to set up partners with Allah is to devise a sin Most heinous indeed.

The Holy Quran says:

Allah doth wish to make clear to you and to show you the ordinances of those before you; and (He doth wish to) turn to you (In Mercy): And Allah is All-knowing, All-wise. Allah doth wish to Turn to you, but the wish of those who follow their lusts is that ye should turn away (from Him),- far, far away. Allah doth wish to lighten your (difficulties): For man was created Weak (in flesh).

The Holy Quran says:

Say: Praise be to Allah, and Peace on his servants whom He has chosen (for his Message). (Who) is better?- Allah or the false gods they associate (with Him)? Or, Who has created the heavens and the earth, and Who sends you down rain from the sky? Yea, with it We cause to grow well-planted orchards full of beauty of delight: it is not in your power to cause the growth of the trees in them. (Can there be another) god besides Allah. Nay, they are a people who swerve from justice. Or, Who has made the earth firm to live in; made rivers in its midst; set thereon mountains immovable; and made a separating bar between the two bodies of flowing water? (can there be another) god besides Allah. Nay, most of them know not. Or, Who listens to the (soul) distressed when it calls on Him, and Who relieves its suffering, and makes you (mankind) inheritors of the earth? (Can there be another) god besides Allah. Little it is that ye heed! Or, Who guides you through the depths of darkness on land and sea, and Who sends the winds as heralds of glad tidings, going before His Mercy? (Can there be another) god besides Allah.- High is Allah above what they associate with Him! Or, Who originates creation, then repeats it, and who

gives you sustenance from heaven and earth?
(Can there be another) god besides Allah.
Say, "Bring forth your argument, if ye are
telling the truth!" Say: None in the heavens or
on earth, except Allah, knows what is hidden:
nor can they perceive when they shall be
raised up (for Judgment).

The Holy Quran says:

Hast thou not Turned thy vision to one who disputed with Abraham About his Lord, because Allah had granted him power? Abraham said: "My Lord is He Who Giveth life and death." He said: "I give life and death". Said Abraham: "But it is Allah that causeth the sun to rise from the east: Do thou then cause him to rise from the West." Thus was he confounded who (in arrogance) rejected faith. Nor doth Allah Give guidance to a people unjust. Or (take) the similitude of one who passed by a hamlet, all in ruins to its roofs. He said: "Oh! how shall Allah bring it (ever) to life, after (this) its death?" but Allah caused him to die for a hundred years, then raised him up (again). He said: "How long didst thou tarry (thus)?" He said: (Perhaps) a day or part of a day." He said: "Nay, thou hast tarried thus a hundred years; but look at thy food and thy drink; they show no signs of age; and look at thy donkey: And that We may make of thee a sign unto the people, Look further at the bones, how We bring them together and clothe them with flesh." When this was shown clearly to him, he said: "I know that Allah hath power over all things." Behold! Abraham said: "My Lord! Show me how Thou givest life to the dead." He said: "Dost thou not then

believe?" He said: "Yea! but to satisfy My own undertaking." He said: "Take four birds; Tame them to turn to thee; put a portion of them on every hill and call to them: They will come to thee (Flying) with speed. Then know that Allah is Exalted in Power, Wise."

1. When the Event inevitable cometh to pass,
2. Then will no (soul) entertain falsehood concerning its coming.
3. (Many) will it bring low; (many) will it exalt;
4. When the earth shall be shaken to its depths,
5. And the mountains shall be crumbled to atoms,
6. Becoming dust scattered abroad,
7. And ye shall be sorted out into three classes.
8. Then (there will be) the Companions of the Right Hand;- What will be the Companions of the Right Hand?
9. And the Companions of the Left Hand,- what will be the Companions of the Left Hand?
10. And those Foremost (in Faith) will be Foremost (in the Hereafter).
11. These will be those Nearest to Allah.
12. In Gardens of Bliss:
13. A number of people from those of old,
14. And a few from those of later times.
15. (They will be) on Thrones encrusted (with gold and precious stones),
16. Reclining on them, facing each other.

17. Round about them will (serve) youths of perpetual (freshness),
18. With goblets, (shining) beakers, and cups (filled) out of clear-flowing fountains:
19. No after-ache will they receive therefrom, nor will they suffer intoxication:
20. And with fruits, any that they may select:
21. And the flesh of fowls, any that they may desire.
22. And (there will be) Companions with beautiful, big, and lustrous eyes,-
23. Like unto Pearls well-guarded.
24. A Reward for the deeds of their past (life).
25. Not frivolity will they hear therein, nor any taint of ill,-
26. Only the saying, "Peace! Peace".
27. The Companions of the Right Hand,- what will be the Companions of the Right Hand?
28. (They will be) among Lote-trees without thorns,
29. Among Talh trees with flowers (or fruits) piled one above another,-
30. In shade long-extended,
31. By water flowing constantly,
32. And fruit in abundance.

33. Whose season is not limited, nor (supply) forbidden,
34. And on Thrones (of Dignity), raised high.
35. We have created (their Companions) of special creation.
36. And made them virgin - pure (and undefiled), -
37. Beloved (by nature), equal in age,-
38. For the Companions of the Right Hand.
39. A (goodly) number from those of old,
40. And a (goodly) number from those of later times.
41. The Companions of the Left Hand,- what will be the Companions of the Left Hand?
42. (They will be) in the midst of a Fierce Blast of Fire and in Boiling Water,
43. And in the shades of Black Smoke:
44. Nothing (will there be) to refresh, nor to please:
45. For that they were wont to be indulged, before that, in wealth (and luxury),
46. And persisted obstinately in wickedness supreme!
47. And they used to say, "What! when we die and become dust and bones, shall we then indeed be raised up again?-
48. "(We) and our fathers of old?"

49. Say: "Yea, those of old and those of later times,
50. "All will certainly be gathered together for the meeting appointed for a Day well-known.
51. "Then will ye truly,- O ye that go wrong, and treat (Truth) as Falsehood!-
52. "Ye will surely taste of the Tree of Zaqqum.
53. "Then will ye fill your insides therewith,
54. "And drink Boiling Water on top of it:
55. "Indeed ye shall drink like diseased camels raging with thirst!"
56. Such will be their entertainment on the Day of Requital!

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