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TWO QUESTIONS

Either in our youth or later in life we all ask ourselves two questions:

- 1. What am I to be?**
- 2. What am I to become?**

Throughout the ages, philosophers, from Aristotle to Kant, have also tried to answer these questions.

In attempting to answer the first question: “*What am I to be?*”, one could say that since I live in this world I must be what is in accordance with the nature of this world... .

And in attempting to answer the second question: “*What am I to become?*”, one could say that I must become what is in accordance with the nature of myself.

But then what is the nature of this world and what is the nature of myself?

Each answer gives rise to many other questions, chains of questions.

The German philosopher Kant, therefore, concluded

that these questions can not be answered philosophically or through reason.

However, the questions above have been answered through revelations by prophets and messengers of God Almighty.

These revealed messages tell us what we were before we were born, what the purpose of life is and what will happen to us after we die.

CREATION OF HUMAN KIND

When God Almighty decided to create Paradise, a perfect world that is eternal; where its inhabitants will attain felicity for ever, where they will be granted whatever they desire and more...(*The Quran 50:35*).

He decided to allow residency in Paradise only to the deserving.

He therefore invented Death and Life and planned that all human beings must go through a test. (*The Quran 67:2*)

The test is to go through this finite earthly life and prove that we deserve to go to Paradise and attain eternal felicity.

When He created Adam, He also created all human beings spiritually. They testified that God Almighty is the Creator, Cherisher, Sustainer. They were subsequently put to sleep (*The Quran 7:172*).

Later, they were given this earthly life. They were granted a built-in criterion of right and wrong, (*The Quran 91:7-8*): this can be called “*conscience*”.

Prophets and messengers were also sent by God Almighty and were given scriptures (instruction manuals) for the guidance of humankind.

The nature of this guidance, has, in essence, always been the same, from Adam, the first Prophet to Muhammad the last and final Prophet. It entreats us to believe in One God and to obey His commandments so as to be successful in this life and the Hereafter, (*The Quran 42:13*).

LIFE AFTER DEATH

The Prophet Muhammad said that when we die our bodies perish and are consumed by earth except for one part, that is Agbu adh-Dhanab (*Sunan Al-Nisai 2079 and Abu Daud 4743*).

This is part of the coccyx bone, at the base of the vertebral column. It is the size of a mustard seed and is indestructible.

The Chinese have carried out extensive research on this phenomenon. They have tried to burn it in high temperature furnaces, tried to destroy it with lasers, tried to dissolve it in strong acids but have discovered instead that it is indeed indestructible.

The Prophet said that on the Day of Resurrection there will be ‘*special*’ rain and we shall grow from the coccyx just as a plant grows.

Notably, this is the same point from which a baby grows in its foetal stage.

Our mould and disposition in this world is that of a finite nature, in complete harmony with the finite world that surrounds us. When we are resurrected

we shall be exactly the same except for one major difference; our mould and disposition then will be of infinite nature in complete harmony with the infinite world which will then surround us.

EVERYTHING RECORDED

We are informed in the Holy Quran (4:81, 21:94, 43:80, 68:1, 78:29) that all our words and actions are being recorded.

It would have been unthinkable over fourteen hundred years ago, but we know today that virtually unlimited information can be recorded in a little chip.

We know that our nerve fibres coming from the brain to the back of the neck go through the vertebral column to various organs of the body.

The part of the coccyx that is indestructible is located at the bottom of the vertebral column.

It is quite possible that everything that we think, we see, we hear, we say, our emotions and sentiments etc. are all recorded in this portion of the coccyx (chip).

The Quran informs us (17:33, 19:95, 21:47, 39:31) that when we are resurrected on the Day of Judgement we shall be recreated with the same personality and that we will remember everything; all words and actions performed during our finite lives on this planet earth.

DEATH AND RESURRECTION

Everything that lives must one day die, (*The Quran 21:35*)

The Prophet Muhammad, upon whom be peace, said that sleep is sister of death. When we sleep, we experience a likeness of death. When we awake, we experience a likeness of resurrection. *A constant reminder of death and resurrection.*

Our body consists of approximately thirty trillion cells, about six million cells are dying every second and are recreated.

It takes about seven years for the body to be completely renewed. It's amazing how we still maintain our memory. It is a miracle indeed and *a constant reminder of death and resurrection.*

The Holy Quran tells us that God Almighty has created everything in pairs, (*The Quran 51:49*).

We know that there are pairs of every material thing, human beings, animals, fruits, plants and vegetation as well as non-material things e.g. positive and negative particles, matter and anti-matter etc.

Similarly, this Finite Universe is paired with Infinite Universes.

This universe will be rolled up and recreated. (*The Quran 39:67-70, 11:48*).

That will be the infinite Universe to last for eternity.

THE HOLY QURAN

The Holy Quran is the manual given to us through the last and final Prophet. This manual gives us the answers to all our questions and enlightens us as to the purpose of our lives.

Previously, the responsibility to preserve such scripture was given to man but he failed.

The Prophet Muhammad is the last and final

messenger for all humanity and for all times. He is the only Prophet whose life can be viewed in the full light of history.

The Holy Quran revealed to him is the final revelation for all humanity and for all times, therefore God Almighty Himself undertakes the responsibility to preserve it, safeguard it and protect it. (*The Quran 15:9*).

There are five copies of the original still extant; one in Tashkent, two in Istanbul, one in Sana and one in Cairo.

It is the only scripture that can claim to be still intact with us today exactly as it was revealed over fourteen hundred years ago.

Those who wish to follow the commandments of the Creator have, therefore, really no choice but to turn to the Quran for guidance.

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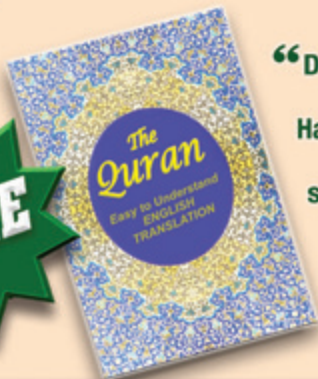
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