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Allah is the Only True God

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Abstract

People in this world worship multiple gods, others worship only one God, and others worship no god Polytheism was practiced by ancient Egyptians, and ancient Mesopotamians, ancient Greeks and ancient Romans. (Kimmerle Heinz, 2006). Abrahamic religion replaced polytheism to monotheism belief, which only one deity is worshiped. This paper analyzes the concept of the existence of God, who is the true God, who is Allah. Allah is the true name of God of all Prophets, and Islam is the religion of all Prophets from Adam, Moses to Muhammad, all the Prophets were Muslims and Islam is the only true religion, and Allah is the only true God. (Quran 3:19)

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of Allah to create the universe is worship, so worshiping is the basic thing in this world, this was the message of Allah to all Prophets.² Because of ignorance of people all over the world people have begun worshiping idols, which they made by their own hands. Idolatry is worshiping false God, because human beings were created to worship by nature, ignorance made human to worship idols, this resulted in man having many religions. (Wendy Doniger ,1999). Abrahamic religions are safe from Idolatry, but after death of the Prophet Moses, Jews changed the original teachings of Moses and introduced wrong worship. Some Jews objectified God, visited and worshiped in pagan temples and abandoned their Jewish heritage. Richard Liong Seng Phua (4 December 2005. pp. 203). Judaism believes that Jesus of Nazareth was neither the Messiah nor "the Son of God". (Schochet, Rabbi J. Emmanuel 29 July 1999). Christians rejected the last Prophet of Allah to whom the Quran was revealed. The Quran rectified all heresy made by Christians and Judaism. The main error which this paper discusses is the name of God. The Quran named God Allah, the only word which has no feminine and masculine.

DISCUSSION

God's definition varies from Monotheism to Polytheism. In monotheism belief systems, God is viewed as the Supreme Being, creator of the Universe. In polytheism systems of belief, a god is "a spirit or being, believed to control some part of the Universe, or life and often worshiped for doing so. (Alvin, 2000)

Concept of Existence of God

There is a contradiction among theologians and philosophers regarding the existence of God. Theologians and philosophers have developed arguments in favor of and against the God's existence. (CS Evans, 2014)

Christian's Concept of the Existence of God.

Thomas Aquinas, (1225 – 7 March 1274) and the First Vatican Council (1869–70), affirmed that God's existence "can be known with certainty from the created world, by the natural light of human reason. (New York: Doubleday, 1995 n. 36, p. 20).

Islamic Concept of the Existence of God.

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Abū l-Walīd Muḥammad Ibn 'Aḥmad Ibn Ibn Rushd (14 April 1126 – 11 December 1198), the prominent Islamic jurist and theologian, concluded that there should be a higher being who has created everything perfectly to serve the needs of human beings.

ATHEISM VERSUS THEISM

The definition of theism varies from time to time. Theism can be defined as the belief of the existence of at least one deity; it is the belief in the existence of God.("theism", Archived 12 December 2021 at the Wayback Machine Dictionary.com. Retrieved 21 October 2016.)

Atheism (from Gr. $\dot{\alpha}$ -, privative, and $\theta \dot{\epsilon} \dot{\alpha} \dot{\alpha}$, God), literally is a system of belief which denies the existence of God. Atheism is an absence of believe in the existence of any deities. (Zdybicka, 2005)

Agnosticism is the view that the truth value of certain claims, especially claims about the existence of any deity, religious and metaphysical claims, is unknown or unknowable. (Cline, 2017).

2.1 Apatheism is the denying any claims that gods exist, or do not exist. The existence of gods is not rejected, but may be designated unnecessary or useless, gods neither provide purpose to life, nor influence everyday life, according to this view.

Apatheism (/_æpəˈθiːIzəm/; a portmanteau of apathy and theism) is the attitude of lack of concern towards the existence or non-existence of God. (Kunz, 2021)

The most reliable source of belief in the existence of God, is through revelation in religion, divine revelation is the disclosing of some form of knowledge through communication with a deity (god) or other supernatural entity or entities.³ Deism (di:Izəm), is the philosophical position that generally rejects revelation as a source of divine knowledge, and asserts that empirical reason and observation of the natural world are exclusively logical, reliable, and sufficient to determine the existence of a Supreme Being as the creator of the universe.⁴

In The Age of Reason (1794–1809), Thomas Paine was the first to develop the theology of deism, rejecting the possibility of miracles, and arguing that a revelation can be considered valid only for the original recipient.

THE REASONS WHY A MAN BECOMES ATHEIST

Failure To Use the Faculty Of Reasoning

Anytime a man fails to use his faculty of reasoning (mind), he becomes an atheist.

Most of what we believe comes from mental tools working below our conscious awareness. Existence of God is the most inevitable idea for a man of a free mind. (Harper, 2020).

Failure to recognize that 'Every moving body must have an external force to move it.'

Because The Universe it is rotating, it must have external forces which cause it to rotate. Sir Isaac Newton's first law of motion states: "Every object persists in its state of rest or uniform motion in a straight line, unless it is compelled to change that state by forces impressed on it.⁵ How can complex a universe rotate without external force?

The existence of the universe itself, regardless of its finite or infinite nature, must have had a Creator to set the chain of causes in motion. (B Reichenbach, 2004).

Our eyes were made to see. Our ears were made to hear. Our lungs were made to breath. Our trees were made to produce fruit and clean air. Our water was made to sustain life, and so on. With so many clear instances of

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purpose that we repeatedly experience in the different parts of the universe, it is only logical to conclude that the entire universe itself exists for special purpose.

He let them taste His blessing then lo and behold! Some of them ascribe partners to their Lord, showing no gratitude for what We have given them. (Quran, 27:73)

Nurturing of the Child

Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger (*) as saying: The mother of every person gives him birth according to his true nature. It is subsequently his parents who make him a Jew or a Christian or a Magian. Had his parents been Muslim he would also have remained a Muslim.

Ibn Tamiyyah (d. 1328) writes: The establishment and recognition of the Creator is a fundamental instinct in human nature, even though some people have done something to corrupt their nature such that they need an argument to achieve knowledge of God. This is the opinion of the majority of people, as well as the skilled debaters, that knowledge of God is sometimes achieved effortlessly and other times by argument, as was recognized by more than one of the theologians.⁶

Lack Of Pondering About Creation

God created the universe, created man from clay and then from sperm, anyone who ponders about this creation must acknowledge the existence of God. (https://sunnah.com/muslim:2659a)

The Universe was estimated accurately with high precision, such that without that accuracy, life would not be possible on Earth. (Murray, Reason for the Hope Within, p. 49.)

Anthony Flew (2010) The world's most notorious atheist changed his mind from atheism to theism. (Flew, God & Philosophy, p. 11.) Richard Dawkins, (born 26 March 1941) one of the most harsh atheists and criticizes of religion, admitted that he could not be sure that God does not exist. (John Bingham, "Richard Dawkins: I can't be sure God does not exist.).

IDOLATRY

Idolatry is the worship of a cult image or "idol" as though it were a deity. (Poorthuis, Marcel:2007).

In monotheistic religions, idolatry has been considered as the "worship of false gods" and is forbidden by texts, such as in the 'Ten Commandments and other monotheistic religions.' (Wendy Doniger ,1999)

Judaism prohibits all forms of idolatry worship, idolatry in any icon or any form is prohibited in Judaism. (Barry Kogan, 1992)

The Hebrew Bible states that God has no shape or form, God is utterly incomparable, and God cannot be represented in a physical form of an idol.(Kidner et al. 2007)

Bible Verses Forbidding Idolatry

Leviticus 19:4 'Do not turn to idols or make metal gods for yourselves. I am the LORD your God."

<u>Psalms 16:4</u> "Those who run after other gods, will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods, or take up their names on my lips."

Revelation 9:20 "The rest of people who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood idols that cannot see or hear or walk".

Exodus 20:3-6 "You shall have no other gods before me. "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the

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parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments."

Quran And Idolatry

Ibn Taymiyyah confirmed that, Islam forbids idolatry (Majmū' al-Fatāwà, (v.16 p. 328). The Quran says that "You only worship, besides Allah, idols, and you produce a falsehood. Indeed, those you worship besides Allah do not possess for you [the power of] provision. So seek from Allah provision, and worship Him and be grateful to Him. To Him you will be returned" (Quran 29:16-17).

Church and the use of Icon.

Allah says "And remembers when Luqman said to his son, while advising him, "O my dear son! Never associate anything with Allah in worship, for associating others with Him is truly the worst of all wrongs. (Quran, 31:13)

The Roman Catholic and particularly the Orthodox Churches have traditionally defended the use of icons. Many Protestants also used images of the cross as symbols of worship (Vance, 1989).

The inclusion of icons of Jesus Christ, the Virgin Mary, and the Apostles, manufacturing images of Jesus, the Virgin Mary, along with prayers directed to these, has been widespread among the Catholic and other Christians (Batnitzky, 2000). In Judaism, the reverence to the icon of Christ in the form of cross has been seen as idolatry. (Barry Kogan, 1992)

Islam on the other hand, blames Christianity by allowing idolatry, and ruling out that idolatry is a form of disbelief. ⁷Quran says that "those who say, "Allah is the Messiah, son of Mary," Have certainly fallen into disbelief. The Messiah himself said, "O Children of Israel! Worship Allah my Lord and your Lord." Whoever associates others with Allah in worship will surely be forbidden paradise by Allah. Their home will be a fire. And the wrongdoers will have no helpers. *Surah Al-Ma'idah* 5:72

Idolatry is also found in Buddhism religion. 8 In Hinduism, an icon, image or statue is called *murti* or *pratima* (<u>pratima (Hinduism)</u>". *Encyclopedia Britannica*. Retrieved 21 August 2011).

WHO IS ALLAH?

In Işlam, the only God who is the Creator of Universe is Allah (Arabic: ألله , Romanized as: Allāh, contraction of الإله al-'Ilāh, lit. 'the God'). Allah is Arabic word meaning deity, which could refer to any of the gods worshipped in pre-Islamic Arabia or to any other deity. Allāh is the Arabic word referring to God in Abrahamic religions. Allah can be translated as the only God in English. (Gardet, Louis (1960) and is related to El and Elah, the Hebrew and Aramaic words for God. (Vincent J. Cornell, 2005:724.)

Attributes of Allah in Islam

Allah is the creator and sustainer of the universe, who lives eternally and will eventually resurrect all humans.

God is conceived as a perfect is most-merciful, singular, immortal, omnipotent, and omniscient, completely infinite in all of his attributes. Islam rejects the concept of Anthropomorphism and anthropopathism in all forms. (Oliver Leaman, 2006).

ALLAH IS THE ONLY TRUE GOD IN THE QURAN

The Quran says "So know, [O Muhammad], that there is no deity except Allah and ask forgiveness for your sin and for the believing men and believing women. And Allah knows of your movement and your resting place. (Quran 47:19) https://myislam.org/surah-muhammad/ayat-19/)

The God of Muslims and the God of people of scriptures is the same God. Quran ruled out that "Do not argue with the People of the Book unless gracefully, except with those of them who act wrongfully. And say,

"We believe in what has been revealed to us and what was revealed to you. Our God and your God is only One. And to Him we fully submit." (Quran 29:46)(https://guran.com/en/al-ankabut/46).

Allah Is the Only True God in The Bible.

Allah, the one and only God in <u>Islam</u>. Etymologically, the name Allah is probably a <u>contraction</u> of the <u>Arabic</u> *al-Ilāh*, "the God." The name's origin can be traced to the earliest <u>Semitic</u> writings in which the word for god was *il*, *el*, or *eloah*, the latter two used in the <u>Hebrew Bible</u> (<u>Old Testament</u>). Allah is the standard Arabic word for God and is used by Arabic-speaking Christians and Jews as well as by Muslims.(Zeki Saritoprak , 2006)

The word Allah is in Arabic but in Hebrew it is called Elohim, in Syriac is 'Alāhā in <u>Aramaic</u> it is <u>Elah</u>, all mean the name of a true God. (<u>The Comprehensive Aramaic Lexicon</u> – Entry for '*lh* <u>Archived</u> 18 October 2013)

The word *Allah* has been used by Arabic people of different religions before the emergency of Islam; although they worshiped Allah together with other deities, they considered Allah to be the most superior deity. (Robin, 2012:304)

Arab Christians used to call their God Allah. But people of several religions, used the term Allah to mean God including Bahá'ís, Mandaeans, Indonesian and Maltese Christians, and Sephardi Jews, as well as by the Gagauz people. (Merriam-Webster. "Allah". Merriam-Webster 2014). The Quran says that "Do not argue with the People of the Book unless gracefully, except with those of them who act wrongfully. And say, "We believe in what has been revealed to us and what was revealed to you. Our God and your God is only one. And to Him we fully submit." (https://quran.com/al-ankabut/46).

The god of Christians is the same as the God of Muslims. Allah is the only true God, the Creator and the Sustainer of the whole universe, and the judge of humankind. He is the only one He is unique all-merciful and omnipotent. The Qur'an declares "the reality of Allah, His inaccessible mystery, Allah does not depend on anything. Allah has no parents and no children no similitude. (Allah." Encyclopedia Britannica. 2007).

The Arabic Bible mentioned the God in Arabic as Allah. (Allah). This word is Allah the name of God in Islam it can be found in the Arabic bible. (https://www.wordproject.org/bibles/ar/01/1.htm.)

1. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

2.The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

4. And God saw the light that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

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 وَدَعَا اللهُ النُّورَ نَهَارا وَالظُّلْمَةُ دَعَاهَا لَيْلا. وَكَانَ مَسَاءٌ وَكَانَ صَبَاحٌ يَوْما وَاجِدا.

5.God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

Allah Is the Creator of The Universe and All That It Contains

Allah the Supreme Being is the only Deity, who claimed to create the Universe and all it contains. (https://biblicalstudies.org.uk/pdf/grace-journal/08-2 27.pdf.)

Allah is the One who created the Universe and everything in it. The only Deity who has declared that the Universe and everything in it were created is Allah, the Almighty Being (Jaeger, 2012). Thus, God is the real creator of the cosmos and everything within it.

BIBLE VERSES PERTAINING TO CREATION.

Genesis 1:1-4" In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day (Genesis 1-4)

Revelation 4:11"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

Creation in the Quran

Allah is the creator of all things, and He watches over all things (Quran 39:62)

Certainly, We created man from an extract of clay. (Quran 23:12)

It is He who created you from dust, then from a drop of [seminal] fluid, then from a clinging mass, then He brings you forth as infants, then [He nurtures you] so that you may come of age, and then that you may become aged though there are some of you who die earlier and complete a specified term, and so that you may exercise your reason.(Quran 40:67).

And We created the jinn earlier, out of a piercing fire. (Quran 15:27)

It is Allah who has created seven heavens, and of the earth [a number] similar to them. The command gradually descends through them, that you may know that Allah has power over all things, and that Allah comprehends all things in knowledge (Quran 65:12).

GOD'S ATTRIBUTES

Allah can be expressed in His Attributes, but these are not equal to human attributes, Allah has an essence which is also referred to his Face, but this face doesn't equal to human face. Allah has Hands, eye face, and foot, but just Majestic hands, eyes and faces no similitude to the hands of His creation. Speaking of God and hearing of God, all are Majestic attributes the same case applies when we says, Allah descends and ascends, these are attributes befitting to His Majesty only, and no comparison can be made to His creation(.https://www.spreaker.com/episode/31-allahs-majestic-hands--41501483.) Allah has no similitude, nothing is like Him(Quran 42:11).

God is Speaking

The concept that God speaks, doesn't mean that He is similar to His creations(https://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?s=Bibles&q=god++says). Quran in many places mentioned about the God speaking to people. The Quran also affirms that the God is speaking. (Quran 42:51)

God is Hearing

God is also hearing all voices in all languages; the Quran says "Indeed, Allah has heard the argument of the woman who pleaded with you, O Prophet! Concerning her husband, and appealed to Allah. Allah has heard your exchange. Surely Allah is All-Hearing, All-Seeing. (Quran 58:1)

God Having a Hand

The Bible says "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:6)

The Quran says "Indeed, those who pledge allegiance to you, [O Muhammad] - they are actually pledging allegiance to Allah. The hand of Allah is over their hands. So he who breaks his word only breaks it to the detriment of himself. And he who fulfills that which he has promised Allah - He will give him a great reward.(Quran 48:10).

God Having a Face

The Quran says "And turn not away those who invoke their Lord, morning and afternoon seeking His Face" (Quran 6:52) also the Quran says And who has (in mind) no favor from anyone to be paid back, Except to seek the "Wajh" face of his Lord, the Highest. He surely, will be pleased (when he enters Paradise)" (Quran 92:19-21).

The verse in the Bible found in the in the <u>New International Version</u> says that "With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?" (Numbers 12:8)

CREED OF ISLAM

We will discuss some of the aspects in the Creed of Islam from Abū Jaʿfar Aḥmad aṭ-Ṭaḥāwī (853 – 5 November 933) the author of "Al-'Aqida al-Tahawiyya. 'Exposition of Sunna and the Position of the Majority'. It is a popular exposition of Sunni Muslim doctrine, written by the tenth-century Egyptian theologian, and Hanafi jurist Abu Ja'far al-Tahawi and the most authentic about the Islamic creed. Ibn Katheer said: he was a great scholar of theology. (Siyar A'laam al-Nubala' (15/33-37)

Allah is unique, and has non alike in His essence, and attributes (Quran 42:11). This verse negates the concept of God's image as human. Allah doesn't resemble mankind. (https://quranx.com/tafsirs/42.11)

Abuu Hanifa (699–768 CE) commented that "Allah is not like any of his Creatures, nor any creature is like Him. His attributes are different compared with creatures attributes. (Figh l Akbar, Beirut Darul Qutub Al Ilmiya (1984, p. 24)

Nothing is impossible for Him. Allah can do anything which He likes (Quran 2:20)

No vision can encompass Him, but He encompasses all vision.(Quran 6:103). Neither drowsiness nor sleep overtakes Him. ⁹ Since Jesus was overtaken by sleep. ¹⁰ Then Jesus wasn't God.

He is one and only .No God besides Him. No God before Him, and no God after him and no God besides Him.(Quran 2: 163) (https://quran.com/en/al-baqarah/163).

He is eternal, without a beginning, Everlasting without end. Has a perfect knowledge of all things. (https://quran.com/en/al-hadid/3)

Allah will neither perish nor pass away. He is the only one who has eternal life.(Quran 55:27) (https://quran.com/en/ar-rahman/27).

Nothing comes into being except by His will. The Universe is under the control of Allah, and all that happens, occurs by His will. (Quran 2:253)(https://quran.com/en/al-baqarah/253).

No imagination can conceive Him, and no understanding can fathom Him. (Quran 20:110) (https://quran.com/en/taha/110)

Allah cannot be understood by His creatures in depth. No one can encompass Allah with knowledge. But He exists and will never exist. This attribute negates agnostics, who hold the view that any ultimate reality (such as God) is unknown and probably <u>unknowable</u>, agnostics are not committed to believing in either the existence or the nonexistence of God or a god(https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/agnostic).

Allah is the overall creator, he created all things and ordained them in due measures. (Quran 25:2). Allah's command is always a decided decree. (Quran 33:38) He is the one who causes death, and He only will resurrect (Quran 67:2) (https://legacy.quran.com/67/2)

He is all -hearing all -seeing. (Quran 42:11) (https://quranx.com/tafsirs/42.11)

GOD'S IMAGE

In <u>Genesis</u> 1:27: "So God created humankind in his image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

The Ancient Greek philosopher, Xenophanes of Colophon. (570 – c. 478 BC) said that "the greatest god" resembles man "neither in form nor in mind. (Clement of Alexandria, Miscellanies V xiv 109.1–3)

<u>Saadia Gaon</u> (892-9420 argued that God's image does not mean that God <u>possesses human-like features</u>, but rather the reverse: that the statement is figurative language for God bestowing special honor unto humankind, to the rest of creation.

Judaism is against anthropomorphism, (<u>"ANTHROPOMORPHISM - JewishEncyclopedia.com"</u>. www.jewishencyclopedia.com. Archived from the original on 8 August 2022. Retrieved 8 August 2022.)

Salih Munajil (2003) when commenting on 'God's image' said, "What is meant, according to scholars, is that, Allah created Adam with the ability to hear and see, and to speak when he wants. These are also attributes of Allah, for He is All-Hearing, All-Seeing, and He speaks when He wants, and He has a Face, He may be glorified and exalted. Allah mentioned that the first people to enter paradise will be in the 'image of a moon' to mean that they will have a bright face like the moon.

Uthaymin (died on 2001) commented on the statement "Adam was created in His image" means that Allah created Adam in His image, for He has a face, an eye, a hand, and a foot, and Adam had a face, an eye, a hand, and a foot... but that does not mean that these things are exactly the same.

WHERE IS ALLAH?

Allah's essence is on the throne, and He is nearer to us by His Knowledge.

The Quran (10;3) says "Indeed, your Lord is Allah , who created the heavens and the earth in six days and then established Himself above the Throne, arranging the matter [of His creation]. There is no intercessor except after His permission. That is Allah , your Lord, so worship Him. Then will you not remember?(https://legacy.quran.com/10/3)

The throne is the largest of creation; it is larger than the whole universe (<u>Islam Issa</u>, 2016). Over the throne Allah rose in a manner that befits His Majesty (Munajid, 2022)

It was narrated that Ibn Mas'ood who said that: "Between the first heaven and the one above it is (a distance of) five hundred years. Between each of the heavens is (a distance of) five hundred years. Between the seventh heaven and Allah's footstool (a distance of) five hundred years. Between the footstool and the water is (a distance of) five hundred years, and the Throne is above the water. Allah is above the Throne, and nothing whatsoever of your deeds, is hidden from Him. (Bayhaqi in 'al-Asmaa' wa'l-Sifaat', p. 401 Authenticated by Dhahabi in al-'Uluw, p. 64).

Footstool of Allah

His Kursiy(footstool) extends over the heavens and the earth" [al-Baqarah 2:255] Abu Dharr (may Allaah be pleased with him) said: I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) say: "The 'Kursiy' (footstool) in relation to the Throne is like an iron ring thrown out into empty land."

And, as one of the Salaf said, before the Throne it is like a step. (Sharh al-'Ageedah al-Tahhaawiyyah, p. 312, 313).

Shaykh Ibn 'Uthaymeen said: There are those who say that the *Kursiy* is the Throne because of the narration, "Allah will set up His K*ursiy* on the Day of Resurrection." They think that the *Kursiy* is the Throne. Similarly, some people claim that the *Kursiy* is Allah's knowledge, and say that the verse (interpretation of the meaning) "His *Kursiy* extends over the heavens and the earth" [al-Baqarah 2:255] refers to His Knowledge.

The correct view is that the *Kursiy* is a footstool, and the Throne is that which the Most Merciful raised above. And knowledge is the attribute of the knowledgeable one by means of which he understands that which he knows.(al-Qawl al-Mufeed Sharh Kitaab al-Tawheed,(3/393, 394).

While speaking about the 'Kursi', Allah says, 'His Kursi extends to the heavens and earth.' (2:225). It means that His Kursi is so great that it extends to the seven heavens and earth. While speaking about the Kursi, Abdullah Ibn Abbas (R.A) said, 'The Kursi is the place where the feet of Allah rest, and the Arsh, no one knows its extent except Allah.' (Tafseer Ibn Katheer, Vol.1, Pg. 548.)

In a tradition from Abu Dharr Al Ghifari he narrates that the Prophet said, 'By Him in whose hand is my soul, the seven heavens and seven earths in comparison to the *Kursi* is nothing but like a ring thrown in a desert, and certainly the hugeness of the *Arsh* over the *Kursi* is like the desert over that ring.' (Tafseer Ibn Katheer Vol.1, Pg. 549)

PROPHETS OF ALLAH IN THE QURAN

Allah sent Revelation to all these Prophets, including Moses and Jesus, but the followers of Jesus changed the message from Islam to Christianity. The followers of Moses changed the Islamic message revealed to Moses to a new religion Judaism. The only religion revealed from Allah to all Prophets was Islam. (*Reynolds, 2010*). The following are Messengers of Allah mentioned in Quran. (https://onepathnetwork.com/prophets-mentioned-in-the-quran/)

- 1. Adam as (Adam)
- 2. Idris as (Enoch)
- 3. Noah as (Nuh)
- 4. Hud as (Hud)
- 5. Shaleh as (Saleh)
- 6. Ibrahim as (Abraham)
- 7. Lut as (Lot)
- 8. Ismail as (Ishmael)
- 9. Ishaq as (Issac)
- 10. Yaqub as (Jacob)
- 11. Yusuf as (Joseph)
- 12. Ayyub as (Job)
- 13. Shu'aib as (Jethro)
- 14. Musa as (Moses)
- 15. Harun as (Aaron)
- 16. Dhulkifli as (Ezekiel)
- 17. Dawud as (David)
- 18. Sulaiman as (Soloman)
- 19. Ilyas as (Elijah)

- 20. Alyas'a as (Elisha)
- 21. Yunus as (Jonah)
- 22. Zakaria as (Zachariah)
- 23. Yahya as (John)
- 24. Isa as (Jesus)
- 25. Muhammad

Muhammad the last Prophet the seal of the Prophets

It is important to discuss the Prophet Hood of Muhammad 'so as to' confirm that the Quran is the word of God, as the Quran was revealed to Prophet Muhammad. The last Prophet Muhammad was prophesized in the last scriptures the gospel and Torah The first Christian monk to recognize prophet hood of Muhammad was Syrian monk Bahira who met Muhammad on the way to Syria. Bahira saw the sign of Prophet Hood from Muhammad, when he was about 12 years old, this confirms that the early bible prophesized Muhammad. Bahira being a monk and a Bible scholar knew the sign of the last Prophet from the bible. Khan, B. A. (2018) commented that Muhammad was prophesized in the Bible.)

Abdulla bin Salami the Jewish Rabi from co <u>Banu Qaynuqa</u> tribe converted to Islam at the time of Prophet. Before Abdullah uttered two testimonies of faith Jews were trusting him as their great scholar, when he embraced Islam Jews said that he was the worst people." (https://sunnah.com/bukhari:4480)..

THE QURAN A WORD OF GOD

The Quran (/kʊrˈɑːn/, vocalized Arabic: الْقُرْءَانُ, Quranic Arabic: الْقُرْءَانُ, al-Qurʾān lit. 'the recitation), also Romanized Qur'an or Koran, is the central religious text of Islam, believed by Muslims to be a revelation from God .¹¹ (Arberry, Arthur ,1956:91).

Muslims regard the Quran as God's words and Muhammad's most important miracle. The Quran is proof of Muhammad's prophet hood. ¹² Muslims also believe that the Quran was preceded by divine revelation of *Tawrat*, the *Zabur* (Psalms) and the *Injil* (Gospel).

The Quran a Divine Revelation

Quran is an imitable book by itself challenged that no one can author a book like it.¹³

Quran has been written in special style and its literacy that cannot be imitated by anyone. (Sophia, 2002) The Quran has scientific miracles that prove without any reasonable doubt, that it was not authored by a person but divinely revealed. (https://themuslimvibe.com/faith-islam/13-scientific-facts-in-the-holy-quran)

Big Bang Theory.

The Quran says "Do not the unbelievers see that the heavens and the earth were joined together (as one unit of creation), before We clove them asunder? We made every living thing from water. Will they not then believe?" [Al-Qur'an 21:30] https://legacy.quran.com/21/30. This verse talks about the Big Bang Theory, which explains the origin of the Universe. It was first proposed in 1927 by Roman Catholic priest and physicist Georges Lemaître. (Silk 2009, p. 208), how could a man like Muhammad have knowledge of this new scientific concept at his time?

Embryology in the Quran.

The Quran says "And indeed, We created humankind from an extract of clay, then placed each human as a sperm-drop, in a secure place then We developed the drop into a clinging clot, then developed the clot into a lump of flesh, then developed the lump into bones, then clothed the bones with flesh, then We brought it into being as a new creation. So Blessed is Allah, the Best of Creators. (https://quran.com/en/al-muminun/12-14). This theory has been authenticated by Modern Scientists today, no one had this knowledge during Muhammad's time, so the Quran must be heavenly inspired.

The Sky's Protection

In Surah Al-Anbya, Allah (SWT) says: "And We made the sky a protected ceiling, but they, from its signs, are turning away" (Quran 21:32). (https://legacy.quran.com/21/32)

It is a known scientific fact that, the ozone layer protects the earth from the harmful rays of the sun. If there was no protective layer, life on earth would cease to exist, as the temperature on earth would be freezing at -270.556°C. Could Muhammad by himself know these scientific modern facts at that time.?

Iron within Meteorites

Allah said "We sent down Iron with its great inherent strength and its many benefits for humankind" (Quran 57:25). https://quran.com/en/al-hadid/25.

According to M. E. Walrath, (1923) iron is not natural to the earth. Scientists state that billions of years ago, the earth was struck by meteorites. It was within these meteorites that iron was present and due to an` explosion on earth, we now have iron available to us.

Sun Moving in Orbit

Allah says "And it is He who created the night and the day and the sun and the moon; all [heavenly bodies] in an orbit are swimming" (Quran, 21:33) (https://quran.com/en/al-anbya/33)

Science now proves that the sun rotates in a special orbit. (https://academic.oup.com/mnras/article/65/8/813/1079020.)

Expansion of the Universe

Allah says "And the heaven We constructed with strength, and indeed, We are [its] expander" (Quran, 51:47) (https://quran.com/en/adh-dhariyat/47).

According to Stephen Hawking (1868) in his book 'A Brief History of Time', "The discovery of the 'expanding universe' was one of the great intellectual discoveries of the 20th century" (Stephen Hawking, A Brief History of Time, and ISBN-13: 978-0553380163). Muhammad would not have enough knowledge of this discovery.

Fingerprints in Quran

Allah says in Quran "Does a man think that We cannot assemble his bones? Nay, We are able to put together in perfect order the very tips of his fingers." (Al-Qur'an 75:3-4) (https://legacy.quran.com/75/3-4) Science proves today that fingerprint is the only unique biometric method mentioned in the Quran, how Did Muhammad knows this recent scientific evidence without revelation from God? 14 It can be proved therefore that Quran contains many modern scientifically facts, which acts as an evidence that Quran was not authored by a man rather it is the revelation from God. 15

Jesus Is Neither Divine nor God

Jesus is no more than a Prophet of God, he was neither divine nor God. The statement from Jesus himself is a witness that he has a God who is also our God. Jesus said "Go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God." (John 20:17)

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Jesus is not Divine from the Bible

There is no single place in the bible where Jesus said that he was Divine. Christians are always claiming that Jesus is GOD.(of his miracles and being called God with us) These are the bible verses which clearly prove that Jesus is not a God.

"From noon until three in the afternoon darkness went over all the land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?") https://biblia.com/bible/esv/matthew/27/45-46.

"I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me." (https://biblia.com/bible/esv/john/5/30)

"Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know." (https://biblia.com/bible/esv/acts/2/22)

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. (https://biblehub.com/john/17-3.htm). This verse is clear that there is only one true God, and if there is only one true God it means that Jesus is not a God. And Jesus clearly stated that he was sent by that God. If Jesus was sent by God then automatically he is not a God.

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus 1 Timothy 2:5 (https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1-timothy/2/5).

Jesus is not Divine Evidence from Quran.

Christian elevated the status of Jesus from Prophet to God, and they worship him. (Caner, E. F., & Caner, E. M. (2003). *More Than a Prophets: An Insider's Response to Muslim Beliefs about Jesus and Christianity*. Kregel Publications.). Christians always claim that Jesus was more than a Prophet. Quran clearly states that Jesus is not a God, but he was a prophet like other prophets, and he shouldn't be worshiped. Allah alone is God who neither begets a son nor was begotten. (Quran 112) (https://quran.com/en/al-ikhlas).

Quran says "O People of the Book! Do not go to extremes regarding your faith; say nothing about Allah except the truth. The Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, was no more than a messenger of Allah.....(https://quran.com/en/an-nisa/171.)

Jesus will descend from heaven and continue with his life, because he neither died nor crucified. (https://quran.com/en/an-nisa/157). But he will return as a Muslim because he never taught Christianity and never taught the doctrine of salvation. (Bilal P, 2022)

Jesus will descend to earth shortly before Judgment Day, (Sonn 2004, p. 209). Jesus will descend at the point near white minaret, east of Damascus, He will then greet the Mahdi and being a Muslim Jesus will pray beside Mahdi. Eventually, Jesus will kill the *Dajjal*(antichrist) he will "break the cross, kill the pigs, and abolish the *Jizya* (tax)", (https://sunnah.com/bukhari:3448). Jesus will preach Islam and Christianity will come to an end. Jesus will "destroy the churches and temples, and only Islamic religion will stay on the earth, all false religion will be extinguished......Jesus was a Muslim and his early followers were Muslims.(https://quran.com/en/alimran/52).

ISLAM IS THE ONLY GOD'S RELIGION

Islam is the only true religion, because it is a religion from God, Jesus and all Prophets were Muslims. Muhammad was the last Prophet and all people in this world are obliged to worship God Allah who is the only true God. Allah will not acknowledge any religion in the hereafter save Islam, any follower of a religion other than Islam, his deeds will not be accepted, and he will be rewarded with eternal hell.

(https://islamqa.info/en/answers/287024/the-only-religion-in-the-sight-of-allah.)

Allah is the only True God

Islam is the only true religion. Allah says "Indeed, the religion in the sight of Allah is Islam. And those who were given the Scripture did not differ except after knowledge had come to them out of jealous animosity between themselves. And whoever disbelieves in the verses of Allah, then indeed, Allah is swift in [taking] account.(https://corpus.guran.com/translation.jsp?chapter=3&verse=19).

Therefore, the God of Islam with the name Allah is the only true God. Allah is the god of all Prophets, and Islam is the religion of all prophets. All deities save Allah are idols. The only deity worth of worship is Allah, who created universe and initiated life.. (https://koran-contradiction.link/allah-stone-idol/).

CONCLUSION

Allah created the Universe and bestowed human beings with a faculty of reasoning. When man uses his mind effectively, he will realize the existence of only one God, whose name is Allah. The only true God worth of worship is Allah, who is the God of all Prophets from Adam to Muhammad. The only true religion is Islam. Every person should study Islam and embrace Islam, because all people who were not Muslims will be punished in life hereafter for the rejection of the Prophets, and deny worshiping Allah the Supreme deity.

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