



LESSON 5

HOW DO PEOPLE FALL INTO POLYTHEISM?

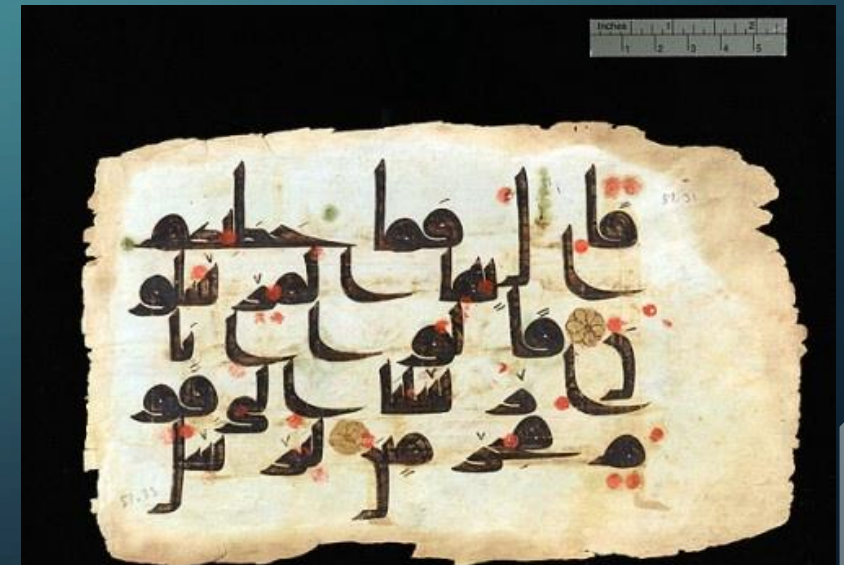
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MCMC LEARNING SERIES:

CONTEMPORARY COMPREHENSION OF THE IMAN: BELIEFS, ARGUMENTS AND PROOFS

GROUND RULES

1. No new Islam
2. Islam is about success in the Hereafter
3. You have to learn Arabic





RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS?





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DIVINE INSPIRATION?



HUMANNESS

(According to the three-fifths compromise)



FREE WHITES



BLACK SLAVES



THE MODERNISM PACKAGE

What is modernism?

- 1) The future is going to be better than the past
- 2) Wonderful, amazing, awesome technology
- 3) Show it to me, otherwise, it doesn't exist

RULE #1: THE BEST TIME

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (ابْنِ مَسْعُودٍ) ^{رَضِيَ} : أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ قَالَ: خَيْرُ

النَّاسِ قَرْنِي، ثُمَّ الَّذِينَ يَلُونَهُمْ، ثُمَّ الَّذِينَ يَلُونَهُمْ

The Prophet ﷺ said, "The best people are those living in my generation, and then those who will follow them, and then those who will follow them."

(Recorded by al-Bukhārī, Ḥadīth 2652, 3651, 6429)

THE BEST TIME

لَنْ يَصْلُحَ آخِرُ هَذِهِ الْأُمَّةِ إِلَّا بِمَا صَلَّحَ بِهِ أَوَّلُهَا، فَمَا لَمْ
يَكُنْ يَوْمَئِذٍ دِينًا، لَا يَكُونُ الْيَوْمَ دِينًا

Imām Mālik   said, “The latter part of this Ummah will never be rectified by anything other than what the first part was rectified by; and so, if there was no Dīn at that time, there will be no Dīn today.”

OUR PROBLEM – ARROGANCE

لَا يَدْخُلُ النَّارَ أَحَدٌ فِي قَلْبِهِ مِثْقَالُ حَبَّةِ خَرْدَلٍ مِّنْ إِيمَانٍ
وَلَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ أَحَدٌ فِي قَلْبِهِ مِثْقَالُ حَبَّةِ خَرْدَلٍ مِّنْ كِبْرِيَاءٍ

“None shall enter the Fire (of Hell) who has in his heart the weight of a mustard seed of Iman and none shall enter Paradise who has in his heart the weight of a mustard seed of pride.”

(Recorded by Muslim, Ḥadīth 91)

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Imām Abū Ḥanīfah ۞ Masjid in Baghdad



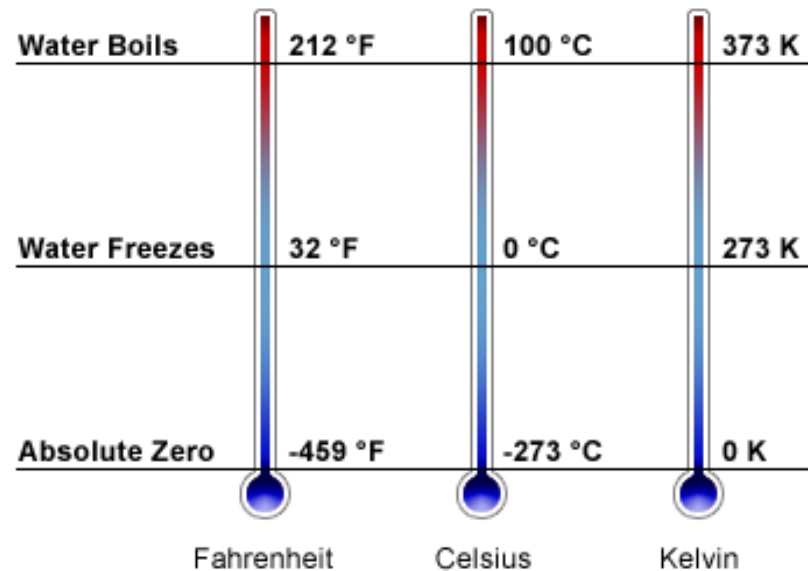
“SHOW ME ‘ZERO’ OR ELSE IT DOESN’T EXIST”

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Absolute Zero

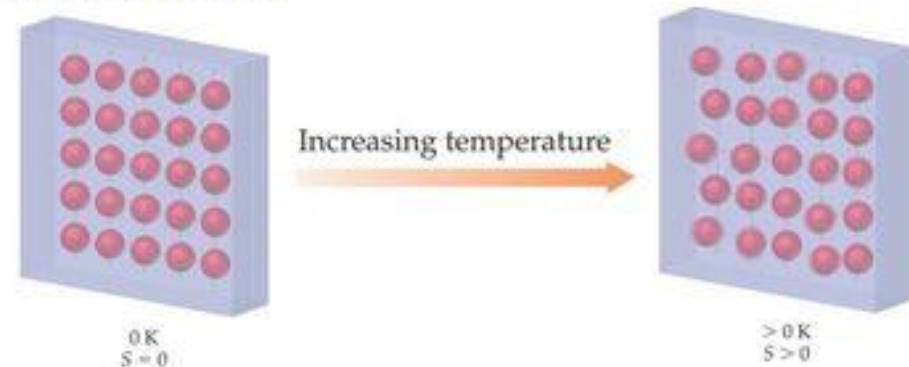
Thermometers compare Fahrenheit, Celsius, and Kelvin scales



Third Law of Thermodynamics

At absolute zero (0 K) temperature, theoretically all modes of motion stops (no vibration, no rotation and no translation!)

Thus, the 3rd Law of Thermodynamics states that **the entropy of a pure crystalline substance at absolute zero is 0.**



OUR PROOF FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD IS RATIONAL

$a=b \quad b=c$

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$a=b=b=c$ reflexive property!

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$a=b=b=c$

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$a=c$

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم:

"أَحَبُّ الْبِلَادِ إِلَى اللَّهِ مَسَاجِدُهَا،
وَأَبْغَضُ الْبِلَادِ إِلَى اللَّهِ أَسْوَاقُهَا."

رواه مسلم

Like

Love

Haha

Yay

Wow

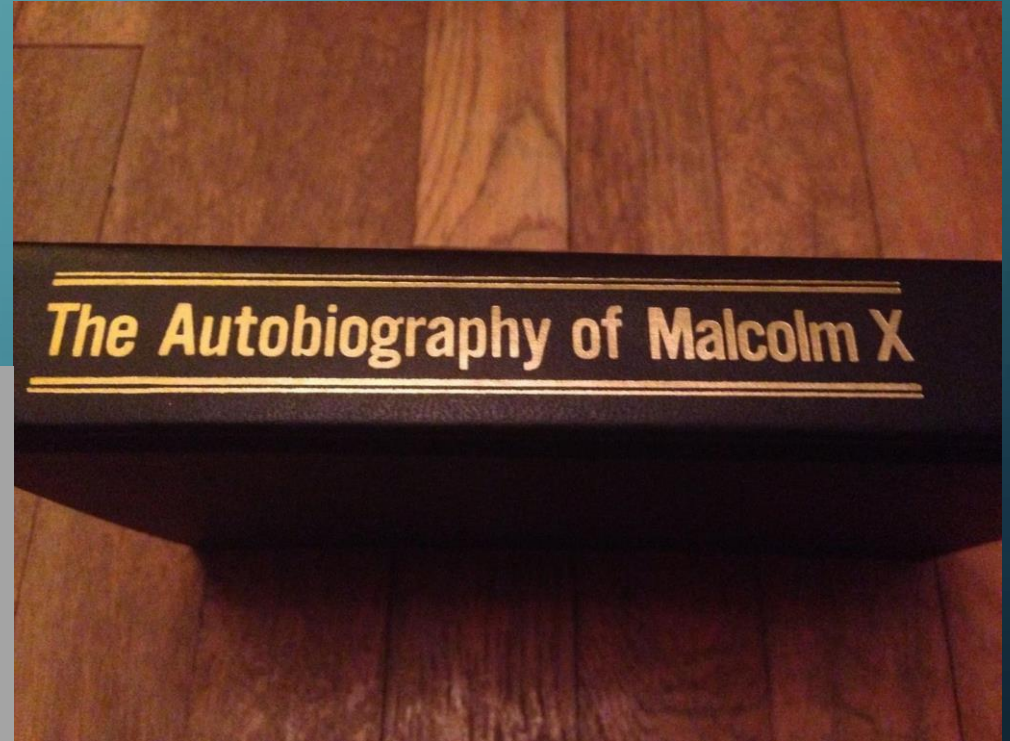
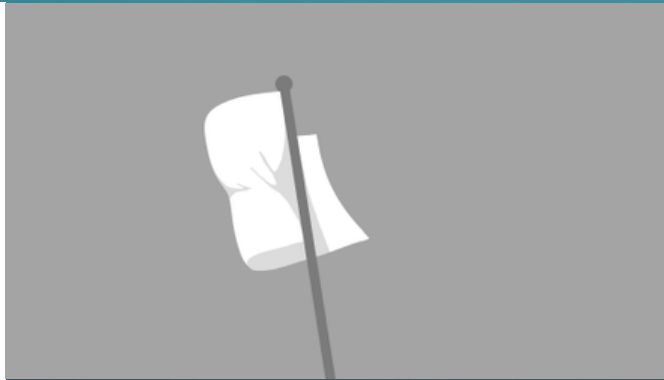
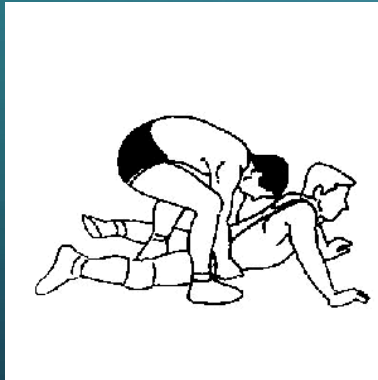
Sad

Angry

WHAT ARE THE SOURCES OF KNOWLEDGE?

3. Revelation (Wahy)

- What does Islam actually mean?



- Bottom Line: Revelation is a higher source of knowledge than the five senses and the intellect.

“ISLAM” MEANS SUBMISSION

3. Revelation (Wahy)



فَإِنَّهُ مَا سَلِمَ فِي دِينِهِ إِلَّا مَنْ سَلَّمَ لِلَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ وَلِرَسُولِهِ ﷺ وَرَدَّ
عِلْمَ مَا اشْتَبَهَ عَلَيْهِ إِلَى عَالِمِهِ

For no one is safe in their religion except those who submit/surrender themselves to Allāh Almighty and to His Messenger ﷺ, and defers the knowledge of what is ambiguous to the One Who Knows it.

“ISLAM” MEANS SUBMISSION

3. Revelation (Wahy)

وَلَا تَنْبُتُ قَدَمُ الْإِسْلَامِ إِلَّا عَلَى ظَهْرِ التَّسْلِيمِ وَالْأَسْتِسْلَامِ

The foundation of one’s Islam is not firm unless it is upon outward submission and surrender to Allāh.



“ISLAM” MEANS SUBMISSION

3. Revelation (Wahy)

فَمَنْ رَامَ عِلْمَ مَا حُظِرَ عَنْهُ عِلْمُهُ وَلَمْ يَقْنَعْ بِالتَّسْلِيمِ فَهَمُّهُ حَجَبُهُ
مَرَامُهُ عَنِ خَالِصِ التَّوْحِيدِ وَصَافِيِ الْمَعْرِفَةِ وَصَحِيحِ الْإِيمَانِ

For whoever wishes to know what is forbidden and is not satisfied with surrender, his understanding will be veiled from pure monotheism, clear recognition, and sound faith.

“ISLAM” MEANS SUBMISSION



3. Revelation (Wahy)

فَيَتَذَدَّبُ بَيْنَ الْكُفْرِ وَالْإِيمَانِ وَالنَّصْدِيقِ وَالنَّكَذِيبِ وَالْإِقْرَارِ

وَالْإِنْكَارِ مُوسِسًا تَائِهًا شَاكًا زَائِعًا لَا مُؤْمِنًا مُصَدِّقًا وَلَا جَاحِدًا

مُكَذِّبًا

He will veer between unbelief and faith, confirmation and denial, acceptance and rejection. Compulsive, disagreeable, doubtful and deviant he is not a true believer nor a

THE PROBLEM

{ثُمَّ لَأْتِيَنَّهُمْ مِّن بَيْنِ أَيْدِيهِمْ} من قبل الآخرة أن لاجنة وَلَا نَار وَلَا بعث وَلَا حساب {وَمِن خَلْفِهِمْ} أن الدنيا لَا تفنى وَأمرهم بالجمع وَالْمَنع وَالْبخل وَالفساد {وَعَن أَيْمَانِهِمْ} من قبل الدين فَمَن كَانَ على الهدى أشبه عَلَيْهِ حَتَّى يخرج مِنْهُ وَمَن كَانَ على الضلالة أزين لَهُ حَتَّى يثبت عَلَيْهَا {وَعَن شَمَائِلِهِمْ} من قبل اللذات والشهوات {وَلَا تَجِدُ أَكْثَرَهُمْ} كلهم {شَاكِرِينَ} مؤمنين
(Then I shall come upon them from before them) with regard to the Hereafter that there is no Heaven, Hell, Resurrection, or Reckoning (and from behind them) that the life of this world is everlasting and I shall command them to amass, withhold, be stingy, and to commit corruption (and from their right sides) with respect to the religion, so I shall confuse those who are guided until they leave the guidance, and I shall make it seem appealing to those who are misguided such that they remain misguided (and from their left hands) as regard pleasures and delights, (and You wilt not find most of them) all of them (grateful) believers in You.

(Tafsīr ibn ‘Abbas, Sūrah al-A‘raf 7, Āyah 17)

THE PROBLEM

وَلَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ نَسُوا اللَّهَ فَأَنْسَاهُمْ أَنْفُسَهُمْ

أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ

“Do not be like those who forgot Allah, for He made them forget their own selves;

They are the sinners.”

(Sūrah al-Ḥashr 59, Āyah 19)

THE PROBLEM

كَذَّابٌ بَيْنَ سِرَّانٍ عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ مَا كَانُوا

يَكْسِبُونَ

“No! But that which they used to
commit has covered their hearts with
rust”

THE SOLUTION





RECOMMENDED READING

- *The History of the Qur'anic Text: From Revelation to Compilation*
– Shaykh Dr. Muhammad Mustafa al-Azami
- *Al-Ghazali's Deliverance from Error (al-Munqidh min al-Ḍalāl)*
– translated by R.J. McCarthy
- *God, Islam & The Skeptic Mind: A Study on Faith, Science, Religious Diversity, Ethics and Evil* – by Saiyad Fareed Ahmad
- *The Divine Reality: God, Islam & The Mirage Of Atheism*
– Hamza Tzortzis
- *Science Set Free: 10 Paths to New Discovery*
– Rupert Sheldrake