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LESSON 6

DID HUMANS INVENT GOD?

WHY GOD IS NOT A HUMAN INVENTION

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DID HUMANS INVENT GOD?

As Muslims, we dismiss this question as ridiculous because we know that Allah is the Creator of everything and no-one created Him. So why is this question relevant?

It is relevant because people do ask it or declare it and believe that God is a human invention, so they deserve to have a satisfactory answer.



DID HUMANS INVENT GOD? THE ATHEISTIC EXPLANATION

Some people proclaim that “the origins and ubiquity of religious beliefs can be explained by evolutionary theory.”

They say that humans “evolved” and had no concept of God at first. Then they began considering anything as god that seemed more powerful than themselves and which they could not understand.

Then, as their knowledge of nature grew, the numbers of gods diminished until one god remained.



THE ISLAMIC EXPLANATION

God (Allah) always existed.

He created humans with belief in Him. Not belief in gods, i.e. pure monotheism (Tawhīd).

This was the Fiṭrah (الفطرة) “the Natural Way”.

Polytheism is a later development among humans.

THE ISLAMIC EXPLANATION

﴿وَإِذْ أَخَذَ رَبُّكَ مِنْ بَنِي آدَمَ مِنْ ظُهُورِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ وَأَشْهَدَهُمْ عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ أَلَسْتُ بِرَبِّكُمْ ۖ قَالُوا بَلَىٰ ۗ شَهِدْنَا ۗ أَنْ تَقُولُوا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ إِنَّا كُنَّا عَنْ هَذَا غَافِلِينَ﴾

And [mention] when your Lord took from the children of Adam - from their loins - their descendants and made them testify of themselves, [saying to them], "Am I not your Lord?" They said, "Yes, we have testified." [This] - lest you should say on the day of Resurrection, "Indeed, we were of this unaware." (Sūrah Al A'rāf, 172).

THE ISLAMIC EXPLANATION

﴿فَأَقِمْ وَجْهَكَ لِلدِّينِ حَنِيفًا ۗ فِطْرَتَ اللَّهِ الَّتِي فَطَرَ النَّاسَ عَلَيْهَا ۚ لَا تَبْدِيلَ لِخَلْقِ اللَّهِ ۗ ذَٰلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقَيِّمُ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ﴾

So direct your face toward the religion, inclining to truth. [Adhere to] the fitrah of Allah upon which He has created [all] people. No change should there be in the creation of Allah. That is the correct religion, but most of the people do not know. (Sūrah Ar-Rūm, 30)

THE ISLAMIC EXPLANATION

عن ابن عباس رضي الله عنهما عن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم قال "إن الله أخذ الميثاق من ظهر آدم عليه السلام بنعمان فأخرج من صلبه كل ذرية ذراها فنثرها بين يديه ثم كلمهم قبلا قال أأست بربكم قالوا بلى شهدنا أن تقولوا يوم القيامة إنا كنا عن هذا غافلين إلى قوله المبطلون

Ibn 'Abbās: the Prophet said: "Allah took the covenant from Adam's progeny at Nu'man. He extracted Adam's progeny from his loin and scattered them in front of Him then spoke to them 'am I not your Lord?' they said 'yes' ... the ayah.

THE ISLAMIC EXPLANATION

Ibn Kathir: “Allah informs us that He extracted Adam’s progeny from their loins, testifying against themselves that Allah is their Lord and Master and that none is to be worshipped but He and that He moulded their nature according to this fact.”

كل مولود يولد على الفطرة فأبواه يهودانه ، وينصرانه ، ويمجسانه ، كما تولد
البهيمة بهيمة جمعاء ، هل تحسون فيها من جدعاء

Hadith: “Every child is born on the Fitrah and his parents make him a Jew or a Christian or a Majus, just as a beast will give birth to a perfect beast. Do you see any with any deformity?” (Bukhari & Muslim)



THE ISLAMIC EXPLANATION

The origin of idol worship (how did polytheism start?)

Ibn 'Abbas says that there were righteous men among the people of Nuh, peace be on him, and when they died Satan suggested to the people to make statues of them to remember them. These statues were not worshipped at first. But the people venerated them more and more in each generation until they began to worship them.



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