

# THE RELIGION of TRUTH



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## **Publisher's Note**

We take great pleasure in presenting the readers this book which is of utmost importance towards knowing our Lord, understanding our religion and obeying our Prophet (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him).

This book is written by our brother, Abdur Rahman bin Hammad Al-Omar and provides basic knowledge about the Religion of Truth - Islam, which is a salvation for us not only in this life but also in the Hereafter, the everlasting life.

Because of its importance, this book had been printed, published and widely distributed by the Presidency of Islamic Researches, Ifta and Propagation, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. We are presenting the revised edition of this book to make it more useful for the readers by selecting the English translation of Qur'anic verses from the Noble Qur'an translated by Dr. Muhammad Muhsin Khan and Dr. Muhammad Taqiuddin Hilali. Another improvement is the presentation of Qur'anic verses in the Arabic calligraphy of Mushaf Al-Madinah An-Nabawiya, which has been printed by the Mujamma' of King Fahd of Saudi Arabia for the printing of Al-Mushaf Ash-Sharif.

We hope that readers will appreciate our efforts in this regard and get benefited from the book.

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## **Preface**

*In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful*

All praise be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds. May the peace and blessings be upon Muhammad, the last of the Messengers.

To proceed to my topic, I say:

The Supreme Head Office for Religious Researches, Ifta, Call, and Guidance Departments in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia gave its approval on the 23rd of Safar 1395 H for the publication of this book, after it had been revised by the competent authorities according to the legal rules of Islamic Law. I pray to Allah that He may make this book of use to a large number of people.

**Abdur Rahman bin Hammad Al-Omar**



## **Introduction and Dedication**

All praise be to Allah, Lord of the worlds. May the peace and blessings be upon all of His Messengers.

This is a call for salvation which I would like to present to every wise .Person, hoping that Allah, the All-Omnipotent and the All-Sublime, would guide by it those who have gone astray, and that He may reward me bountifully and reward everyone who participates in distributing it.

We should know that the only way for our salvation in this life and in the Hereafter is to know, for sure, our Lord who created us, believe in Him, and worship Him Alone. We should also know our Prophet whom Allah had sent to us and to mankind, believe in him and follow him. We should know the religion of truth which our lord has commanded us to believe in, and practise it.

This book...The Religion of Truth, treats these basic and great subjects. I have indicated in the footnotes the meaning of some words and the explanation of some subjects, basing these explanations on The Noble Qur'an and the Sunna (Ahadith - traditions) of Prophet Muhammad (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him), because these two are the only sources of Islam, the religion of truth. In this book, not only have I dropped blind imitation, which has already misled a large number of people before, but I have also discussed about quite a number of deviated sects which still pretend to be on the right path, although they have gone far astray.

This is an attempt to guide those, who are related to such sects uncautiously, by showing them that these sects have deviated from the path of truth, and to warn others to take precautions for themselves.

May Allah guide me! He is the Most Exalted and on Him I depend.





## Chapter One: How to Know Allah the Great Creator

We should know that our Lord who created us out of naught and sustained us with His bounties is Allah, the Lord of the worlds. The wise believers in Allah did not see Him, but they knew Him by clear evidences showing His Existence and proving that He is the Creator and Sustainer of all creatures.

Some of these evidences are:

1. The universe, mankind and life are all created objects, with a limited scope of existence. Every incidental and dependent object is created, and thus, must have a creator. This Great Creator is Allah, Who informed us through the Books which He revealed to His Messengers that He is the Originator and the Sustainer of all creatures. The role of His Messengers was to convey Allah's Words to mankind and call people to believe in Allah and worship Him Alone. Allah stated in the Qur'an:

﴿إِنَّ رَبَّكُمُ اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ اسْتَوَىٰ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ يُغْشِي اللَّيْلَ النَّهَارَ يَطْلُبُهُ حَثِيثًا وَالشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ وَالنُّجُومَ مُسَخَّرَاتٍ بِأَمْرِهِ ۗ أَلَا لَهُ الْخَلْقُ وَالْأَمْرُ ۗ تَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ﴾

*"Indeed your Lord is Allah, Who created the heavens and the earth in Six Days and then He Istawa [Istawa is an Arabic word which means "Sat upon, established Himself on". These are the linguistic meanings of the word but, in this verse is the description by which Allah has described this action. According to the Salafi correct doctrine, no interpretation is permissible for the Attributes and actions of Allah, so, we should restrict ourselves to this word and say that the meaning of Istawa in this verse is as Glorious and Majestic to be proper to Allah, Lord of all creation, "Naught is as His likeness, and He is the Omniscient, the Omnipotent." In addition to the above-mentioned, a Muslim shouldn't ask about the way how Allah sat upon His Throne, because the way that Allah sat upon His Throne differs totally from that of His creatures. To explain this Istawa, Imam Ahmed said: Istawa or sitting upon His Throne is known, but the condition is unknown; to believe therein is a duty or an obligation and to question 'How?' is an innovation -Bid'a. This means that nobody knows the condition or the state of how Allah sat upon His Throne Save He Himself, Glory be to Him. Speaking about Allah's Attributes is as such speaking about His Identity which is beyond human realisation of Allah's Existence] (rose over) the Throne\_ (really in a manner that suits His Majesty). He covers the night with the day, seeking it rapidly, and (He created) the sun, the moon, the stars subjected to His Command. Surely, His is the Creation and Commandment. Blessed be Allah, the Lord of the 'Alamin (mankind, jinns and all that exists)"! (V.7:54)*

Through this verse Allah informs mankind that He is their Lord, Who created them, the earth and heavens in six days [Allah is Able to create the whole world in a moment less than a twinkling of an eye. He stated that when He wills to create a thing He says, "Be!" -and it is. The graduation in the creation of the world, in six days, is for a sagacious reason intended by Allah] and that He has firmly established Himself upon His Throne. The Throne is elevated over the heavens. It is the most colossal and greatest thing that Allah had created.

He, Glory be to Him, encompasses all His creatures by His Knowledge and Will. None of their affairs is hidden from Him. Allah also stated that He makes the day to cover the night which follows it in haste, and He created the sun, the moon, and the stars and made them subservient and revolving in their orbits by His Command. Allah informs us that to Him Alone belongs the creation and sovereignty and that He is the Supreme, Transcendent and All-Perfect in Himself and His Attributes, greatly Bountiful, and that He is the Lord of the worlds, who created mankind out of naught, and sustains them with His Bounties.

Allah states in the Qur'an:

﴿ وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ اللَّيْلُ وَالنَّهَارُ وَالشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ لَا تَسْجُدُوا  
لِلشَّمْسِ وَلَا لِلْقَمَرِ وَاسْجُدُوا لِلَّهِ الَّذِي خَلَقَهُنَّ إِن كُنتُمْ إِيَّاهُ  
تَعْبُدُونَ ﴾

*"And from among His signs are the night and the day, and the sun and the moon. Prostrate not to the sun nor to the moon, but prostrate to Allah Who created them, if you (really) worship Him." (V.41:37)*

In this verse Allah informs us that the day, the night, the sun and the moon are some of His signs. Allah interdicts people from prostrating to the sun or to the moon as they are created objects like other creatures. Allah Alone should be worshipped. Since prostration is a kind of worship, thus, it should be for Allah Alone, because He is the Creator, the Sustainer and the Only True God Who deserves to be worshipped.

2. The creation of male and female.

3. The variety of tongues and hues in mankind. Two persons are never identical in colour, voice.... etc. On the contrary, they are quite distinct from each other in one or more of their features or characteristics.

4. Differences of fortunes in life is an evidence of the existence of Allah, the Creator. Although all men are endowed with intellect, knowledge and incentives of competition among each other to gain wealth, acquire dignity or enjoy the favour of having a beautiful wife, they are clearly different in their fortunes. No one has a portion more than that which Allah has assigned to him. The underlying reason for such divergence in fortunes is that Allah tests people, and makes them help and serve each other for the benefit of the whole mankind. Whosoever is unfortunate in this life, but persists believing firmly in Allah, will be rewarded in the Hereafter, and his portion of bliss will be increased in the Gardens. Yet, poor people, even in this worldly life, are endowed generally with a great number of psychological and health privileges of which quite a number of the rich are deprived.

5. Sleep.

6. The soul whose nature is unknown to anyone except Allah.

7. The creation of the human being, his senses, his nervous system, his intellect, and digestive system, .... etc.

8. The rain which Allah sends down to revive the dead earth and brings forth plants of every kind and trees different in kind, colour and taste..... etc. There are only a few of the hundreds of pieces of evidence which Allah the Almighty presented in the Qur'an. All these evidences prove that Allah is the Living, the Creator and the Sustainer of all creatures.

9. People, by their natural and innate character, believe that they came to existence by the creation and sustenance of a Creator. Allah is the Creator and Sustainer of all creatures. Whoever denies this innate nature is going astray and throwing himself into distress. Thus, the communist, who denies the existence of his Creator and Sustainer, leads a miserable life, and in the Hereafter his end will be in Hell-fire. [Except for he who repents and returns to Allah, believes in Him, His Messenger; His religion, and behaves sincerely according to this belief. Allah accepts the repentance of those who return to Him]

Allah has many attributes. He is the First with no beginning for His Existence. He is Omniscient, Everlasting, Alive; neither He dies, nor does His Existence expire.

He is the Absolute and All-Independent; He is the One with no partners. Allah stated in the Qur'an:

﴿قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ۝ اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ ۝ لَمْ يَكُنْ لَهِ يَوْمٌ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ ۝  
وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهِ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ﴾

*"Say (O Muhammad Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him): He is Allah, (the) One. Allah-us-Samad (The Self-Sufficient Master, Whom all creatures need, He neither eats nor drinks). He begets not, nor was He begotten. And there is none co-equal or comparable unto Him." (V.112: 1-4)*

When the disbelievers asked Prophet Muhammad (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him) about the Attributes of Allah, Allah revealed this Surah (chapter) to His Prophet and commanded him to tell them that Allah is One with no partner, The Omniscient, Eternal, Alive and the Sustainer. To Him belongs the

Absolute Mastery over the creation, mankind and everything. To Him Alone should people make for refuge and from Him Alone should they ask for help and need. He begets not nor is He begotten; He has no daughter, son, father or a mother; because progeny, birth, and descendant chains are characteristics of creatures and not an Attribute of the Great Creator. In this verse, and other verses of the Qur'an, Allah negated absolutely the false sayings of Christians who pretend that the Christ is the son of Allah, the false claim of the Jews that Ezra ('Uzair Peace be upon him) is the son of Allah and the false belief of others who say that the angels are the daughters of Allah. All these forms of falsehood had been refuted in the Qur'an; Allah affirmed that He created by His power Jesus Christ ('Iesa Peace be upon him) from a mother and without a father, exactly as He had created Adam, the father of mankind out of clay; Eve (Hawwa), the mother of mankind, out of Adam's ribs and their offspring out of their seminal fluids.

Allah created everything; then He decreed a system for His creatures which no one except Him can ever change. Therefore, it is one of the signs of Allah that He created Jesus ('Iesa Peace be upon him) from a mother without a father; also the sign of Allah is that He gave Jesus the ability to speak while he was still a baby in the cradle. Allah gave Moses (Musa Peace be upon him) the miracle of the staff. This staff turned into a serpent when Moses (Musa Peace be upon him) cast it, and when he struck the sea with this staff, the sea divided and became a path through which Moses (Musa Peace be upon him) and his followers were delivered. Allah also gave the Seal of the Prophets, Muhammad (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him), the miracle of the splitting of the moon, made the trees to greet him when he passed by them, and the animals to testify loudly that he is the Messenger of Allah.

Allah carried his Prophet on the Buraq from the Sacred Mosque in Makkah to the Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem, then he has been ascended to the heavens accompanied by the angel Gabriel (Jibrael) and have the honour of being in the presence of Allah. Allah spoke to His Prophet and commanded him and his followers to perform the prayer on his way back to Makkah, the Prophet (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him) saw the inhabitants of each heaven, all of these events took place before dawn. The miracle of the journey by night and ascension to the heavens is well-known, it is mentioned in the Qur'an, Prophetic traditions and history books.

Some of Allah's Attributes: He is the Omniscient, the Omnipotent and has the Ability to do everything; nothing can veil His Seeing or Hearing. Allah knows what is hidden in the wombs, what is concealed in the hearts and knows whatsoever happened and whatsoever will happen. When He desires a thing, He commands "Be!"-and it is. Allah attributed to Himself speech. He speaks to whom He wishes and decrees whatever He wishes. Allah had spoken to Moses (Musa Peace be upon him) before, and to Muhammad

(Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him) the last of Messengers. The Qur'an, in its letters and meanings, is the speech of Allah, revealed to His Messenger Muhammad (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him). Therefore, the Qur'an is one of the Attributes of Allah and not a creation as the erroneous Mu'tazila believe. Among the Attributes of Allah by which His Messengers described Him are: His Countenance, His Highness, His pleasure, His wrath .... etc. Allah bestows His pleasure on His believing bondsmen and inflicts His wrath on the disbelievers of his creatures, Allah's Attributes are as Supreme and Majestic as to be proper to Him, Glory be to Allah.

The Qur'an and Prophetic traditions confirm that the believers will see Allah in the Hereafter while they will be in their eternal abode in Paradise. The Attributes of Allah have been explained clearly in the Glorious Qur'an and Prophetic traditions. Thus, he who wishes to know more about these Divine Attributes can consult these sources.

## The Raison D'etre for the creation of Mankind, Jinns and Others

If we know that Allah is our Lord who created us, we should also know that He did not create us without purpose, but to worship Him. The evidence proving this fact is stated in the Qur'an:

﴿ وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ ۝ مَا أُرِيدُ مِنْهُمْ مِنْ رِزْقٍ وَمَا أُرِيدُ أَنْ يُطْعَمُونِ ۝ إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الرَّزَّاقُ ذُو الْقُوَّةِ الْمَتِينُ ﴾

*"And I (Allah) created not the jinns and men except they should worship Me (Alone). I seek not any provision from them (i.e. provision for themselves or My creatures) nor do I ask that they should feed Me (i.e. feed themselves or My creatures). Verily, Allah is the All-Provider, Owner of Power -the Most Strong." (V.51:56-58)*

In these verses, Allah stated that He had created the jinns and mankind to worship Him Alone, and that He is All-Independent and not in need of any provision or food from His bondsmen (to Him or to His slaves). Allah is All- Powerful and He is the Donor of livelihood Who sustains mankind and all creatures with His bounties. Allah causes rain to pour down on the earth, and thereby produce all kinds of fruits and bounties with which He favours mankind.

As for other creatures which are not endowed with reason, Allah stated that He had created them for the benefit of man. Therefore, man's action and behaviour towards these creatures should be regulated by the Laws of Allah. Every creature, every state of motion or quiescence has been created for a special reason. Allah has stated a lot of these underlying reasons in the Qur'an; the scholars of Islamic Law have a good knowledge about this subject, although they differ in rank according to their different levels of knowledge in this field.

Differences in lifetime, means of livelihood, life incidents and even misfortunes of life are caused by the Will of Allah to test His reasonable bondsmen. So, 'whosoever surrenders to Allah, is contented with what He has for him and endeavours to gain His pleasure, will be rewarded bountifully; Allah will bestow upon him happiness in this life and in the Hereafter. But, whosoever refuses to submit to Allah, is discontented with what He has destined for him and disobeys Him, will suffer the wrath of Allah, and feel misery in this life and in the Hereafter.

May Allah bestow upon us His pleasure and protect us from His wrath.