



MEN OF UNDERSTANDING

This is a clear message for mankind in order that they may be warned thereby and that they may know that He is (no other than) One Allah, and that men of understanding may take heed. (Ibrāhīm 14:52)

We are still in the early stages of the scientific age and every discovery reveals more about the existent of an Intelligent Creator. Since Darwin, we have made incredible discoveries that lead men of understanding to take heed and live their lives according to the rules of the Intelligent Creator, none other than Allah the Almighty.

It is He Who has sent down to you the Book: In it are verses that are entirely clear; they are the foundation of the Book: others are not entirely clear. So as for those in whose hearts there is a deviation, they follow that which is not entirely clear, seeking Al-Fitnah (polytheism and trials), and searching for its hidden meanings, but none knows its hidden meanings except Allah.

And those who are firmly grounded in knowledge say: "We believe in it; the whole of it is from our Lord": and none receive admonition except men of understanding. (Al-Imrān 3:7)

Here are seven reasons that lead men of understanding to the realisation and servitude of Allah .

First: By laws of mathematics and probability, we can prove that our universe was designed and executed by a great Being who possesses an all-encompassing intelligence.

Suppose you put ten coins, marked from one to ten, into your pocket and give them a good shuffle. Now try to take them out in sequence from one to ten, putting back the coin each time and shaking them all again. Mathematically we know that your chance of first drawing number one is one in ten; of drawing one and two in succession, one in 100; of drawing one, two and three in succession, one in a thousand, and so on; your chance of drawing them all, from one to number ten in succession, would reach the unbelievable figure of one chance in ten thousand million.

By the same reasoning, so many exacting conditions are necessary for life on earth that they could not possibly exist in harmonious relationship by chance. The earth rotates on its axis at one thousand miles an hour; if it turned at one hundred miles an hour, our days and nights would be ten times as long as now, and the hot sun would then burn up our



vegetation during each long day, while in the long night any surviving sprout would freeze.

Again, the sun, source of our life, has a surface temperature of 12,000 degrees Fahrenheit, and our earth is, just far enough away so that it warms us just enough and not too much! If the sun gave off only one-half its present radiation, we would freeze, and if it gave half as much more, we would roast.

The slant of the earth, tilted at an angle of 23 degrees, gives us our seasons; if it had not been so tilted, vapours from the ocean would move north and south, piling up for us continents of ice.

If our moon was, say, only 50 thousand miles away instead of its actual distance, our tides would be so enormous that twice a day all continents would be submerged; even the mountains would soon be eroded away.

If the crust of the earth had been only ten feet thicker, there would be no oxygen without which animal life would die.

Had the oceans been a few feet deeper, carbon dioxide and oxygen would have been absorbed and no vegetable life could exist.

If our atmosphere had been thinner, some of the meteorites, now burnt in the atmosphere by the millions every day would be striking all parts of the earth, starting fires everywhere.

Due to these, and many other examples, there is not even one chance in a million that life on our planet is an accident.

Behold! In the creation of the heavens and the earth, and in the alternation of night and day, - there are indeed Signs for men of understanding. (Al-Imrān 3:190)

Second: Allah uses the same chemical elements to create billions of different types of things; this is a manifestation of His all-encompassing intelligence. Life has conquered water, land and air, mastering the elements, compelling them to dissolve and reform their combinations. Allah is the One who shapes all living things; He designs every leaf of every tree, and colours every flower.

Allah has created for each bird its song, the insects to call each other in many sounds. Allah the Creator gives taste to fruits and spices, and perfume to the rose, changing water and carbonic acid into sugar and wood and, in so doing, releasing oxygen that animals may have the breath of life.

Don't you see that Allah sends down rain from the sky, and leads it through springs in the earth? Then He produces, therewith, crops of various colours: then it shrivels; you see it turn yellow; then He makes them crumble away. Truly, in this, is a Reminder for men of understanding. (Az-Zumar 39:21)



Third: The wisdom in animals points to the existence of a Creator who infused innate instinct into otherwise helpless little creatures. The young salmon spends years at sea, then comes back to his own river; and travels up the very side of the river into which flows the stream where he was born. What brings him back so precisely? If you transfer him to another stream he will know at once that he is off his course and he will fight his way down and back to the main stream and then turn up against the current to finish his destination more accurately.

Even more difficult to solve is the mystery of eels. These amazing creatures migrate at maturity from all ponds and rivers everywhere - those from Europe cross thousands of miles of oceans - all bound for the same area of sea near Bermuda. There they breed and die.

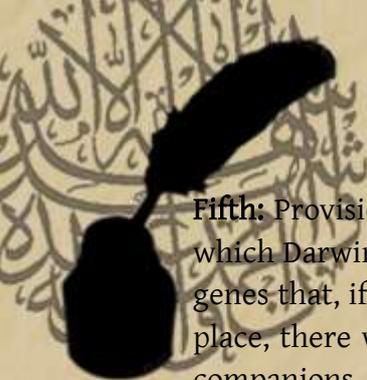
The little ones with no apparent means of knowing anything except that they are in a wilderness of water, nevertheless find their way back not only to the very shore from which their parent came from but then to the rivers, lakes or little ponds so that each body of water is always populated with eels. No American eel has ever been caught in Europe, nor European eel in American waters. Allah has even delayed the maturity of the European eel by a year or more to make up for its longer journey. Where else could this directing originate?

A wasp will overpower a grasshopper, dig a hole in the earth, and sting the grasshopper in exactly the right place so that it does not die, but becomes unconscious, and lives on it as a form of preserved meat. Then the wasp will lay her eggs appropriately so that her children when they hatch can nibble without killing the insect on which they feed, to them dead meat would be fatal. The mother then flies away and dies; she never sees her young. Surely the wasp must have to do this right the first time and every time, or else there would be no wasp. Such mysterious techniques cannot be explained by evolution; they were bestowed.

Indeed, in their stories, there is a lesson for men of understanding. It is not a tale invented, but a confirmation of which were before it, and a detailed explanation of everything, a Guide and a Mercy for the people who believe. (Yūsuf 12:111)

Fourth: Man has something more than animal instinct - the power of reason. No other animal has ever left a record of its ability to count ten or even to understand the meaning of ten. No need to spend a great deal of time on this fourth point; thanks to the human reason, we can contemplate the possibility that we are what we are only because we have received a spark of universal intelligence.

He grants wisdom to whom He wills; and he to whom wisdom is granted, is indeed granted abundant good; but none will grasp the Message but men of understanding. (Al-Baqarah 2:269)



Fifth: Provision for all living things is contained in phenomena which we know today but which Darwin did not know - such as the wonders of genes. So unspeakably tiny are these genes that, if all of them responsible for all living people in the world could be put in one place, there would be less than a thimbleful. Yet these ultra-microscopic genes and their companions, the chromosomes, inhabit every living cell and are the absolute keys to all human, animal and vegetable characteristics. A thimble is a small place in which the individual characteristics of seven billion human beings can be put. How do genes lock up all the chains of heredity of a multitude of ancestors and preserve the psychology of each in such an infinitely small space? How a few million atoms, locked up as an ultra-microscopic gene, can absolutely rule all on earth is an example of profound wisdom and provision that could come only from an All-knowing, All-wise, Almighty Being - no other explanation will serve.

(Here is) a Book that We have sent down unto you, full of blessings that they may meditate on its Signs and that men of understanding may receive admonition. (As-Şād 38:29)

Sixth: By the economy of nature, we are forced to accept that only the infinite wisdom of Allah could have foreseen and prepared nature with such amazing controls. Many years ago a species of cactus was planted in Australia as a protective fence. Having no insect enemies in Australia the cactus soon began to grow uncontrollably; the alarming abundant growth of cactus persisted until the plants covered an area as long and wide as England, crowding inhabitants out of the towns and villages, and destroying their farms. Seeking a defence, the entomologists (insect specialists) searched the world; finally they found an insect that exclusively feeds on cactus, and would eat nothing else. It would breed freely too; and it had no predators in Australia. So animal soon conquered vegetable and today the cactus pest has retreated, and with it all but a small protective amount of the insects, enough to hold the cactus in control. Such harmonious controlled balances have been universally provided.

Why have fast-breeding insects not dominated the earth? Because they have no lungs which man possesses; they breathe through tubes. But when insects grow large, their tubes do not grow in ratio to the increasing size of the body. Hence there has never been an insect of great size; this limitation on growth has held them all in check. If this physical check had not been provided, man could not exist. Imagine meeting a wasp as big as a lion!

Seventh: The fact that man can conceive the idea of Allah is in itself a unique proof. The conception of Allah rises from a divine faculty of man, unshared with the rest of our world, the faculty we call imagination and reason. By its power, man and man alone can understand the evidence of things unseen. Indeed, as man is perfected, imagination becomes a spiritual reality.

Verily in the creation of the heavens and the earth, and in the alternation of the night and day, and



the ships which sail through the sea, with which is of use to mankind, and the rain which Allah sends down from the sky, and makes the earth alive therewith after its death, and the spreading of all kinds of creatures, and in the controlling of winds and clouds which are held between the sky and the earth, are indeed Signs for people of understanding. (Al Baqarah 2:164)

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