

IS BELIEF IN GOD ONLY PHILOSOPHICAL, NOT SCIENTIFIC?

The Holy Quran says, "He created man from dry ringed clay like pieces of pottery (55:15)". Recent research has explored the role of kaolinite clays in the early stages of chemical evolution, arguing that they gather energy from the environment, store it, and then release it when the clay is suitably disturbed by repeated wetting and drying.

ARGUMENTS FOR GOD FAIL TO CONVINC ME.

The Holy Quran provides many proofs of God's existence: the process of human birth, the process of human evolution and life after death, the process of how things grow out of nothing, how water is sent from the skies, and how fire has aided the creation and sustenance of the universe.

ATHEISTIC ARGUMENTS CONVINC ME.

The majority of atheists do not believe in God because they do not find any convincing evidence. Yet believing that the universe has existed forever and runs by itself due to inherent mechanisms involves countless complications. On the other hand, accepting that this universe has a Creator behind it is the most sensible course to follow.

WHY DOES IT MATTER TO KNOW IF GOD EXISTS?

The Founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community said: "Without Your grace, I would have perished and turned to dust; God knows where this dust might, then, have been thrown." This is the God presented by Islam. Islam goes further and proclaims that we can find this God if we seek and strive for Him. Do you still consider this search and investigation to be useless and irrelevant? This is the quest that will lead to a fulfilling journey for the heart, the soul and the mind.

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DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD?

An Islamic Perspective



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WHY IS THERE SUFFERING?

God did not create suffering as an independent entity in its own right. It is only the antithesis of pleasure and comfort. The absence of happiness is suffering, which is like its shadow, just as darkness is the shadow cast by the absence of light.

HAS SCIENCE EXPLAINED AWAY GOD?

The credibility of scientific facts is accepted on the basis of two principles. First, they have to be intellectually and theoretically proven. Second, they have to be proven by observation. When intellectual arguments are verified by experiments and observation, there is no chance of error left unless our observation is faulty. This is the best method for carrying out a research as it renders scientific facts more authentic than any other. The Islamic arguments which prove the existence of God are also based on scientific principles. The existence of God is not only proven by rational arguments but also, like any other scientific fact, it is based on experience and observation.

IS THERE PROOF THAT GOD EXISTS?

From an Islamic perspective, the Holy Quran, which reached us through an unlettered person yet has been followed by millions for 1400 years, is in itself evidence for the existence of God. It discloses events that happened thousands of years before it existed, and tells us about future events, many of which have already taken place and many of which are yet to take place.

WHY CAN'T WE SEE GOD?

No one denies the existence of the magnetic force though we cannot see it with our eyes, hear it with our ears, smell it with our noses, taste it with our tongues, or touch it with our hands. The force of magnetism nevertheless exists. You can "see" God through evidence, such as His attributes, and His Creation.

WHAT ABOUT EVOLUTION?

In his great work *The Origin of Species*, Darwin himself confesses that the intricate mechanisms of the eye cannot be explained by natural selection. He confessed, "**To suppose that the eye, with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different distances, for admitting different amounts of light, and for the correction of spherical and chromatic aberration, could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest possible degree.**" The theory of evolution only states that the world has progressed from a simpler state to a more complex one. It does not shed any light on the existence or absence of God.

IF GOD CREATED THE UNIVERSE, WHO CREATED GOD?

Let us assume that the Being Who is regarded as God has actually been created by another higher being. This would not pose any problem for us, for in this case we would call the Higher Being 'God,' and the lower being a creation among creations. We use the word 'God' only for the Being Who is the First. Someone may argue that since the question of the creator can be asked about every being, there can be no Prime Being. **This statement is logically untenable**, because if the existence of the first being cannot be proved, then ipso facto, we would have to deny the existence of all its creations. Since our world is also one of the creations, we would have to deny its existence and everything within it.