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OBJECTION 1: WHY CAN'T WE SEE GOD?



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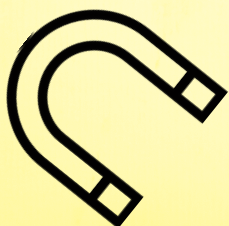
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WHY CAN'T WE SEE GOD?

We cannot deny something's existence because we cannot perceive it through a particular sense.

The eyes, for example, are the medium for perceiving colors, the nose for discerning smells, and the ears for hearing sounds. Would it not be insanity to insist a certain smell does not exist because we cannot perceive it with our eyes, or that a color does not exist because we cannot sense it with our nose?



Take the magnetic force, for instance. 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. Yet we do not deny its existence based on these factors.

"Eyes cannot reach Him but He reaches the eyes. And He is the Incomprehensible, the All-Aware. (6:104)"

The human eye cannot see without light. Light strikes an image or object, and returns to us only if what it strikes is coarser than the light itself. If the object is thinner than light, the light simply passes through it. If light is coarser than God, the human eye would be incapable of perceiving Him.



Demanding to see God would require God to be a corporeal being, or to assume a corporeal form. Yet, there are millions of blind people in this world. Would they then not have the right to demand that God should assume some other material form so that they may taste, smell or feel Him? Does this not amount to ridiculing God?

If God adopted a corporeal form, He would be finite. We could then reject Him, saying that we do not believe in a finite God.



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