

The Second Proof: This Universe must have a creator

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A proof no sound mind can possibly reject

The Qur'an offers the disbelievers and deniers proof which rational minds have no option but to affirm.

﴿ أَمْ خُلِقُوا مِنْ غَيْرِ شَيْءٍ أَمْ هُمْ الْخَالِقُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾ أَمْ خَلَقُوا السَّمَوَاتِ
وَالْأَرْضَ بَلْ لَا يُوقِنُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾ ﴾

﴿Were they created by nothing? Or were they themselves the creators? Or did they create the heavens and the earth? Nay, but they have no firm Belief.﴾

(Qur'an 52: 35-36)



Allah is telling them that the heavens and the earth, including themselves all exist without any doubt whatsoever.

It is common sense, to the rational mind, that the things which exist must have a cause for their existence.

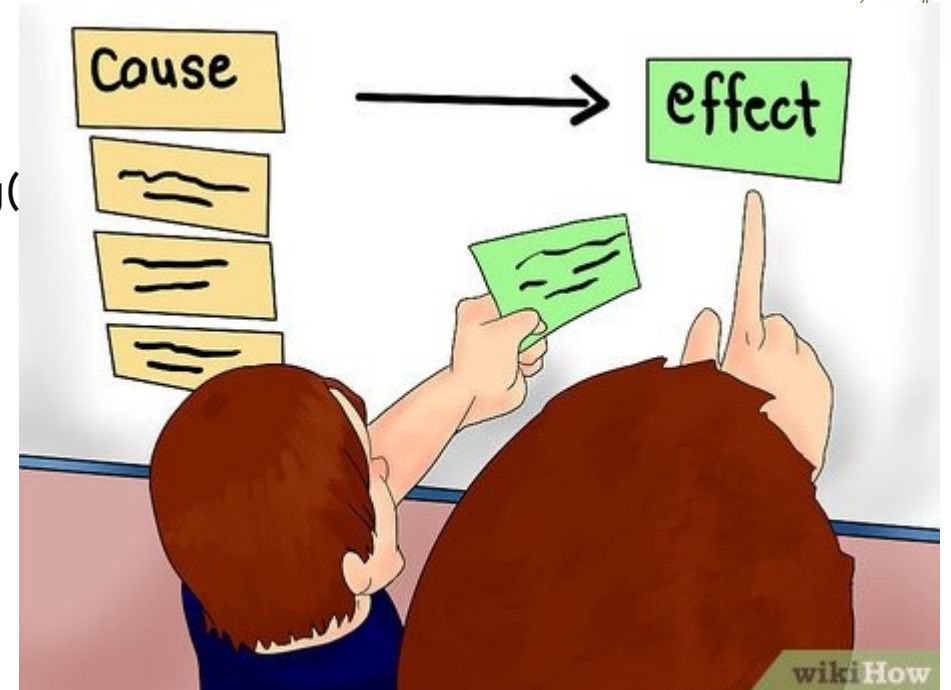
The Law of Cause and Effect

What is referred to in this aayah(verse), is known to scientists as the law of cause and effect.

This law states that:

A (possible) thing \longrightarrow Cannot happen by itself without another thing(Why ? it)

Because it does not posses in itself the power to exist by itself, and it cannot by itself cause something else to exist, for it cannot give to others that which it does not itself posses.



Confused ? An Example !

Are you confused ? Here is an easy example which will make it clear for u **لِنْ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ**

A few years ago, the sands in the Rub' al-Khaali desert (the Empty Quarter) were blown away by a windstorm to reveal the ruins of a city that was covered. When archaeologists began examining to determine when it was built

Nobody among the archaeologists even suggested that this city could have appeared as a result of the natural actions of the wind, rain, heat and cold, and not by the actions of man.

If someone suggested so, they would have been considered as crazy !

But what about the one who would suggest that the city was formed by the air from nothing in the far distant past, then it settled on earth ?

Far stranger than the previous proposition isn't it ?

Why ? Because nothing cannot create something, nor can a thing create itself. This is simply common sense.

The city must have been made by intelligent people who were skilled in construction and planning.

What a strange mind... What a strange ship...

It is strange, that people are certain that this city could not have come into existence without a creator, and that it could not have built itself, but there are some among them who insist that this universe came into being without a creator, even though the structure of this universe is far more complex.

﴿لَخَلْقُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ أَكْبَرُ مِنْ خَلْقِ النَّاسِ...﴾

﴿The creation of the heavens and the earth is indeed greater than the creation of mankind;...﴾ (Qur'an 40: 57)

But when these deniers are confronted with their own scientific logic that addresses their reason, they either accept it or stubbornly reject it.

This is an evidence that scholars of Islam confront the deniers with.

One of the scholars was approached by some heretics who deny the creator.



He asked them:

What would you think of man who tells you I have seen a ship laden with cargo, filled with goods

in the middle of the ocean, being buffeted by waves

Winds, yet despite all that, it is sailing smoothly and following a straight course, with no sailors controlling

steering it. Is this reasonable to believe?

They said: "This is irrational"

The scholar said:

"Subhaan Allah ! If it is not rationally possible for a

smoothly across the sea without any sailors or crew, how is it

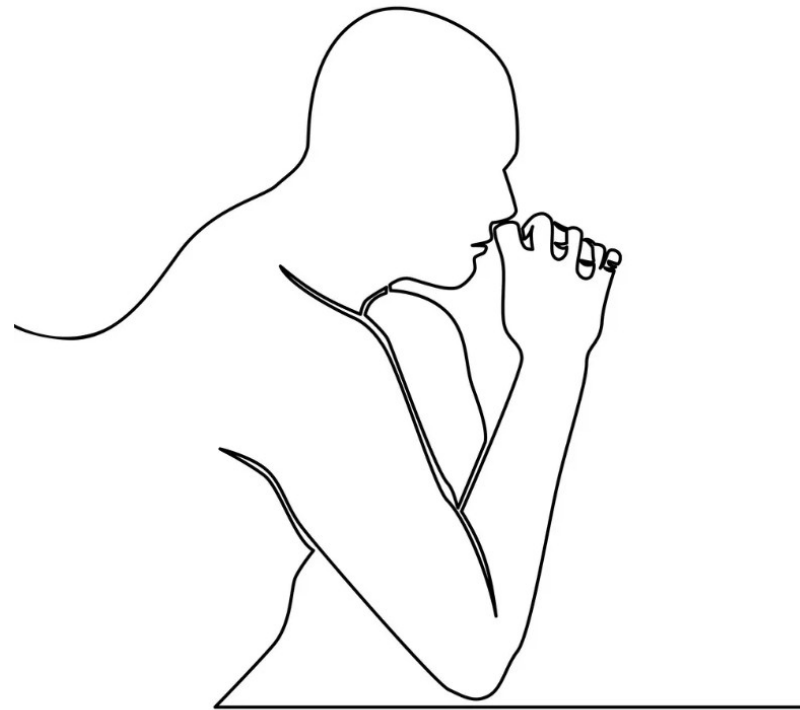
Possible for this world, with all its different forces and factors,

With its vastness and huge variety, to exist without a creator or

With regard to the meaning of the aayah

﴿Were they created by nothing?...﴾ (*Qur'an* 52: 35), Al-Khattaabi said: “Or were they brought into being without a creator? That could not happen, because the creation must inevitably be connected to the Creator. There has to have been a Creator. If they deny the Divine Creator, but they could not have come into being without a creator creating them, then did they create themselves? That is an even more fallacious argument, because if something does not exist, how can it be described as having power, and how could it create anything? How could it do anything? If these two arguments are refuted, then it is established that they have a Creator, so let them believe in Him.

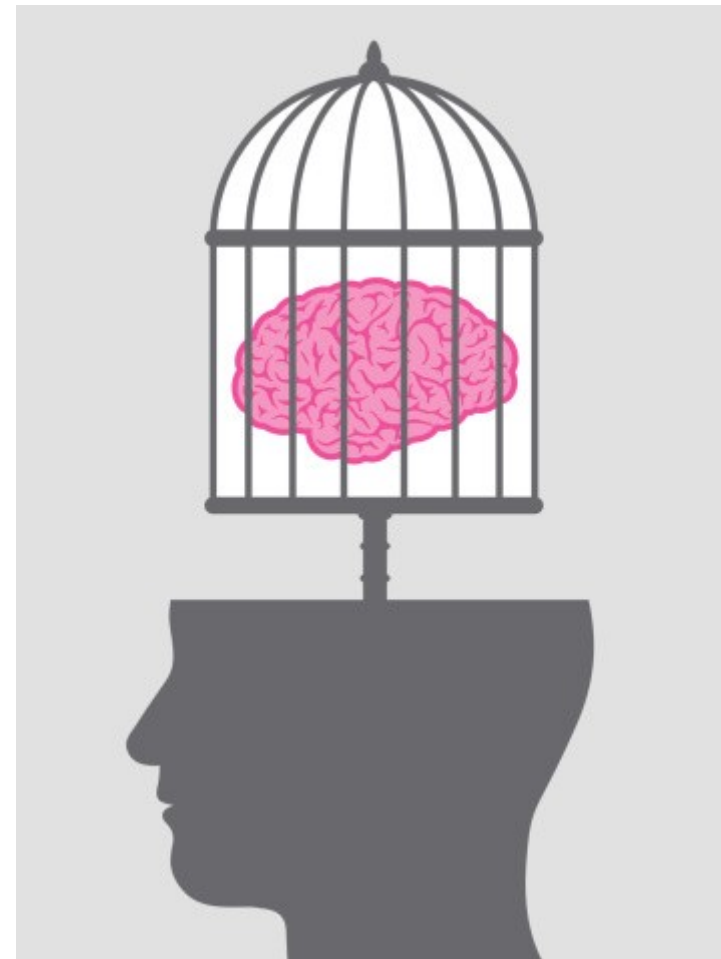
Then Allah (ﷻ), says: ﴿Or did they create the heavens and the earth? Nay, but they have no firm Belief﴾ (*Qur'an* 52: 36). This is something which they cannot lay any claim to. Thus they are defeated (in argument) and proof is established against them.”



The attitude of the empirical sciences towards this law

Human power and the nature of created beings is incapable of listing all the stages of cause and effect and tracing its sequence back, step by step, until it reaches the beginning of the universe. Hence the empirical sciences have no hope of finding out the origin of things. These sciences expressed refraining from such attempt. All that they have been able to do is to trace a few steps behind them, leaving everything beyond that to the realm of the unseen, concerning which scholars and ignorant people are on equal footing.

But this human despair of ever discovering the stages of creation in detail, with regard to both the past and the future, is counterbalanced by the general belief which every mind must acknowledge, voluntarily or otherwise, that no matter how long the list of cause and effect is, and whether it is considered to be finite or infinite, there should still be something else which carries in itself the cause of its existence and continued existence. This is the true beginning, before which there was nothing, otherwise all these created things would not have come into being (if they did not have an originator which exists independently).



Specious arguments about the Origin of the Universe.

We hear and read specious arguments which were put forward in the past, and those which are being proposed nowadays, which attempt to explain the existence of the universe. We shall quote some of these arguments and endeavour to explain where they went wrong.



1) The View that it Happened by Accident

Having examined the Qur'anic evidence which is addressed to the rational mind and which obliges it to acknowledge the existence of the Creator Who is to be worshipped, the notion that this universe came into being by accident without any creator is not only far from the truth, but also irrational. Whoever says this could be counted as one of those prattlers who have lost their minds, because they are stubbornly rejecting evidence which the rational mind has no choice but to accept and submit to.

There are yet others who said, "If six monkeys sat at typewriters and banged on the keys for billions of years, it is not unlikely that in the last pages they wrote we would find one of the sonnets of Shakespeare. This is the case with the universe that exists now. It came about as the result of random forces which played with matter for billions of years."

Waheed Uddeen Khan⁶ said, after quoting this paragraph from Huxley:⁷ "Any talk of this nature is utter nonsense. None of our branches of sciences — until the present day — know what type of accident could produce such a great reality with all its wonder and beauty."

He quotes another scientist who denounced this view by saying: "The idea that life happened as the result of an accident is like saying that you could get a dictionary as the result of an accidental explosion in a printing press."

Waheeduddin Khan states, "Mathematics, which has given us the concept of probability, itself states that it is mathematically impossible for this universe to have come into existence by accident."

Look at this example which Waheeduddin Khan quotes from the American scholar Christie Morrisson, which explains how it is impossible that the universe could have come into being by accident. He said: "If you take ten coins, and write on them the numbers from one to ten, then put them in your pocket and mix them well, then you try to take them out of your pocket in ascending numerical order (i.e., from one to ten), the chance of you taking out the coin on which is written the number one on the first attempt is one in ten. The chance of you taking out all ten coins in numerical order (1, 2, 3, 4...) is one in ten billion."⁸

On this basis, how long would it take for this universe to assume its current shape if it had come about by accident? If we were to calculate that in the same manner, we would not be able to imagine or calculate the numbers, let alone comprehend them.

2) The View that Nature is the Creator[A]

This is a lie which has become widespread in our own time, and has deceived even the prominent scientists, many of whom explain the creation of things through nature by saying it is nature that creates and originates.

We would like them to answer the question: What do you mean by nature? Do you mean the essence of things? Or do you mean the laws that govern and control the universe? Or do you mean other forces beyond this universe that created it and brought it into existence?



If they say that by nature they mean the universe itself, then we do not need to bother refuting them, because the falseness of this view is obvious from what we have said above. This view repeats the idea referred to above, that a thing can bring itself into existence. In other words, they are saying that the universe created the universe, i.e., the heavens created the heavens, the earth created the earth, the universe created man and animals. We have already explained that human reason refuses to accept that a thing could create itself. To make matters clearer, we say that a thing cannot create something that is more developed than itself. Nature, such as the heavens, earth, stars, sun and moon, does not possess reason or the faculties of hearing and seeing, so how could it create man who hears, sees and knows? This cannot be.

If they say, all of that was created by accident, we say, we know for sure that there was no accident involved in the creation of the universe. We have already explained this above.

2) The View that Nature is the Creator[B]

Another group suggests that nature is the laws which govern the universe. This is the view of those who claim to have knowledge and who believe that nature is the creator. They say: this universe is running according to certain laws which regulate its affairs down to the last detail. The events that happen in this universe happen according to these laws. This is like a clock which runs accurately and precisely for a long time, running by itself with no controller.

In fact, these people are not answering the question that has been asked: Who created the universe? They tell us about the way in which the universe operates, and they tell us how these laws affect things, but we want to know who created the universe and who created the laws that govern it.

Waḥeeduddin Khan says, “Ancient man knew that rain came from the sky, but nowadays we know everything about how water evaporates from the sea until drops of water fall on the land. All of this is a description of what happens, but it is not in itself an explanation. Science does not tell us how these events became laws, or how the water is held between heaven and earth in these stunning and beautiful forms (clouds). It is from these phenomena that the scientists derived these laws.

When man claims that by discovering the laws of nature he has solved the mystery of the universe, he is only deceiving himself. When he makes this claim, he is putting a link from the middle of the

chain at the end.

Nature does not explain anything (about the universe). It itself is in need of explanation. Read this debate that could take place between an intelligent man and a doctor who is prominent in his field:

Questioner: Why is blood red?

Doctor: Because there are red cells in the blood. The size of each cell is 1/700 of an inch.

Questioner: OK, but why are these cells red?

Doctor: Because in the blood there is a substance called haemoglobin, which becomes red when it is mixed with oxygen in the heart.

Questioner: That's fair enough, but where do these cells which carry haemoglobin come from ?

Doctor: They are manufactured in your liver.

Questioner: Wonderful! But how are all these things — the blood, cells, liver etc. — connected to one another so perfectly, and how do they each play their part with such precision?

Doctor: This is what we call the laws of nature.

Questioner: But what do you mean by the laws of nature?

Doctor: What we mean by the laws is the blind internal operation of natural and chemical forces.

Questioner: But why do these forces always produce the same result? How are things regulated so that birds fly in the air, fish live in water and man lives in this world with all his amazing potentials and capabilities?

Doctor: Don't ask me about that. My science only tells me about what happens, it does not answer the question about why it happens.

From these questions it becomes clear the extent to which modern science can explain the causes and effects behind this universe. The universe is like a machine which operates beneath a cover, and we know nothing about it except the fact that it is running. “But if we lift the lid, we will see how the many parts and cogs of this machine are connected to one another, how they turn one another; we will see all the movements of this machine. But does this mean that we know who created this machine, just by looking at its parts spinning? How can our seeing the machine running be proof that the machine came into existence by itself and is running by itself?”¹¹

In Conclusion

It is high time for us to wake up and return to our religion which brought the Book of our Lord, filled with goodness. It tells of what happened before you, what will happen after you, it judges between you. It is a serious matter, not a joke, and whoever follows guidance from any other source will be sent astray by Allah...

It is high time for us to keep away from the products of corrupt minds in such areas, i.e., matters concerning which Allah has spoken decisively and left no room for people's opinions.

We must put a stop to this intellectual defeat which has made us hasten to accept every new thing without pausing to think. We realize our mistake only when those who started it are destroyed.



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Jazakhallahu khairan !