

Supplement to the first letter

In the name of Allah, the eternally Gracious, the infinitely Merciful

All praise is due to Allah, Lord and Sovereign of the worlds, and the peace and blessings (ﷺ) be upon His servant Muhammad, who was sent as a mercy to mankind, and peace to his loyal followers.

(There is no god worthy of worship except Allah and Muhammad is His Messenger)

Allah Almighty says: ***{And We sent not before you any messenger except that We revealed to him that, “There is no deity except Me, so worship Me}. [Chapter 21:25].*** Also Allah says: ***It is He who sent His Messenger with guidance and the religion of truth to manifest it over all religion. And sufficient is Allah as Witness. Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah... [Chapter 48:28-29]***

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Are human beings free to choose their God?

We had said in the first message that religion is unique and we answered the question: How is there one religion and mankind is different and changes from one era to the next? They are different in their height (some taller and others shorter), in their physical strength (some stronger and others weaker), and in their physical condition, some more obese or more thin than others. **And we see in the case of prophet Adam, peace be upon him, who measured 60 cubits in height and 7 of width. This size of the human being continued to diminish though the ages until it reached the average height of today which are 3 cubits of height and 1 of width.** And that difference needs a suitable religion each time a change occurred. We also said that the religion is unique (Islam) in its doctrine even if the laws change.

The human being has an internal part and an external one. In the internal part is the heart of the human being, which is the center of thinking; and in the external part are the extremities of the human being, which do the work. Then, if the heart is free of every bad thought, hate, envy and doubts, this will reflect in the exterior behavior of that person and you will see a straight human being. But, the contrary case (if there is hate, envy, and doubts) it will also reflect in the exterior as damaging himself and everything around him. Then,

The part that Allah improves through the interior of the human being is called belief.

And the part that Allah improves through the exterior of the human being is called doctrine (Sharia).

The belief has certain different pillars, which are: belief in Allah, in His angels, in His holy books, in His messengers, in the Day of Judgment, and in the fate of the human being, either good or bad.

And fate means: everything that happens to a human being, from death, illnesses, loss of assets and fright. The human being needs to be patient and accept the fate of Allah and should know that it is a test from Allah towards his patience during hard times and the

same happens on the good side. So that is the belief and its aspects, it is a set belief between all nations and with all the prophets and messengers from Adam, peace be upon him, until the end of the world.

As to the Sharia (doctrine): it is a methodology and a type of adoration and this is changing from one era to another, from the existence of Adam, peace be upon him, until the era of the last messenger and prophet who was Muhammad, peace and blessing be upon him, and until the Hour or the Day of Judgment comes. And we had mentioned that the length of prophet Adam, peace be upon him, was 60 cubits and his width was 7 cubits. And between us and that era, there is a difference in body sizes, thus, those changes need new legislation.

Doctrine has its pillars which are: bearing witness that there is only one God, and that is Allah, that... (Such prophet) is a messenger of God, pray to God, almsgiving, fast the month of Ramadan and pilgrimage to the Sacred House (Mecca).

That is why Muslims during the era of Adam would bear witness that there is no other god except Allah and that Adam is His messenger and the Muslims from the era of Noah would bear witness that there is no other god except Allah and that Noah is His messenger; and the Muslims during the era of Abraham would bear witness that there is no other god except Allah and that Abraham is His messenger; and the Muslims during the era of Moses would bear witness that there is no other god except Allah, and that Moses is His messenger; and the Muslims during the era of Jesus would bear witness that there is no other god except Allah, and that Jesus is His messenger; and the Muslims during the era of Muhammad would bear witness that there is no other god except Allah, and that Muhammad is His messenger. **And the Muslims of each era and each place have to believe in all of the messengers and prophets with no preference between them.** That is why for each nation had a certain adoration that suited it: they would make their prayers, paid alms, fasted and made pilgrimage. All different from one era to the next. The doctrine applied to the people from the time of Adam was different than the time of Noah, peace be upon them, **because, as we said and repeat:** Adam was 60 cubits tall and 7 of wide, however mankind diminished in size and strength and that difference in the appearance and strength has to have consequence

in being able to carry the religion adequately and that's why there had to be changes in the methods and orders according to that change in size and strength of the human being. **We also said:** since the belief is one, and if there exists changes in the sharia or doctrine, then Allah has to take into consideration those changes so that the people can easily support His commands. We can see that clearly in the different ages and stages of the human being. The small has a method and strength and the big has another adequate for him. These differences are not only in the human being, but in other beings like: animals, plants, and the rest of His creation.

In conclusion, what we are saying is that the belief is set from when Allah created Adam until the end of the world and the sharia is variable from one nation to another nation until the end of the world.

Can someone ask: what is Judaism and what is Christianity if Islam is the religion chosen for humanity? We say: Judaism is a sharia (doctrine method) of Islam and so is Christianity.

So: it may be that they call Judaism and Christianity as religions and that is true taking into account that they are different methods or doctrines, and those that call them religion are referring to a set belief. Allah taught human beings the reality of the religion on both sides (belief and doctrine), through their messengers, who were human beings. They were chosen by God to take His Message and were created under His supervision and protection and far away from all bad things so they could be examples for mankind and so nobody would doubt them. Allah supported them with evidence that a common and ordinary human being could not present. And that is what we call miracle.

The meaning of miracle is: something out of the ordinary and that nobody can introduce it or introduce something similar. **And someone may wonder:** Does the messenger receive the order from his Lord without intermediaries? **We say:** that Allah chose between his angels emissaries that take the message from Allah to the messengers. These messengers sometimes present themselves in the form of a human being, other times they appear in dreams or on occasion, Allah gets His words across to the messenger without intermediary and in that way the messenger receives the words of Allah without seeing Him.

Finally here is the answer to the question: Does the human being have the freedom to choose who to adore? We say: Man does not have the freedom to choose who to adore. Why? The human being is a created being and it is a duty of the created being to obey the orders of who created him. Almighty Allah is who created all creation and contains it. He created skies and earth and what is between them and He chose for his servants only one religion which is Islam.

“Islam is the religion of the former and the latter”

The question has always been why is Islam the religion of the former and the latter? And the answer is that Almighty Allah (God, the Creator) is One and only One, without any partners unto Him. In Surat Al-Ikhlās (the Sincerity 112:1-4) Almighty Allah says: ***{Say, “He is Allah, [who is] One, Allah, the Eternal Refuge. He neither begets nor is He begotten, Nor is there to Him any equivalent}.*** Allah does not have partners within His Dominion. If other partners existed for sure there would have been chaos on earth and in heavens as partners tend to disagree and dispute with one another and Allah cleared that point in Surat Al-‘Anbyā (The Prophets 21:22) as He declared: ***{Had there been within both gods [heavens and earth] besides Allah, they both would have been ruined. So exalted is Allah, Lord of the Throne, above what they attribute to Him}.***

Religion is only one, and it is Islam, and we have discussed this point in detail in previous literature (please request the first and second messages from the Islamic Center).

This religion has two sides; one side is to guide mankind from within (the spiritual side concerning the soul: and the external side is to guide mankind’s daily affair which is called “Shariah”. The internal side of the religion is called creed or belief, and Allah has ordered all his creation to believe in Him; as He states in Surat Al-Baqarah (The Cow 2:285): ***{The Messenger believes in what has been sent down to him from his Lord; and the believers. Each one believes in Allah, His angels, His books, and His messengers, we make no distinction between any of His messengers. And they say “we hear and we obey, Lord forgive us and to You is the return}.***

The corners or foundations of Creed are: believe in Allah, His angels, His books, His messengers, the Day of Judgment, and believe in fate what appears to be good or what we may perceive as bad. Fate is what has been decreed, by Allah upon us as to life and death, health & sickness, etc. Shariah is the rituals and daily transactions that are suited to every age and time starting from the time of Adam until the end of the world. The foundations of Shariah are the two testimonies of faith, prayers, almsgiving (Al Zakah), fasting, and answering the call for the pilgrimage. All humanity is commanded to believe in one Creed and Shariah and no man has the right to select or worship and deity except Allah, glory be unto Him. That's because Allah has created Adam and his offspring and enjoined upon them one religion which is Islam. All the prophets, from the time of Adam, have confessed to only one religion and that's Islam and that was put clearly in Surat Al Baqarah (The Cow 2:133-136): ***{Were you witnesses when death approached Jacob? Behold, he said to his sons: "What will ye worship after me?" They said: "We shall worship your Lord and the Lord of your fathers; -Abraham, Isma'il, and Isaac- one Lord and to Him we submit in Islam. That was a nation that has passed away. They shall reap the fruit of what they had done and you of what you do! And you will not be questioned of what they used to do}***. And again in Surat Alshura (The Poets 43:13): ***{“He has made plain to you of the religion what He enjoined upon Noah and that which We have revealed to you and that which We enjoined upon Abraham and Moses and Jesus that keep to obedience and be no divided therein”***.

The reference to religion in the above verse is Islam. After the aforementioned prophets, Allah sent His Messenger Muhammad ﷺ with clear evidence as revealed in Surat Al-‘Araf (The Heights 7:158): ***{O mankind, indeed I am the Messenger of Allah to you all, [from Him] to whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth. There is no deity except Him; He gives life and causes death. So believe in Allah and His Messenger, the unlettered prophet, who believes in Allah and His words, and follow him that you may be guided }***.

To make the point, that Islam is the only religion enjoined upon all humanity a little clearer, I give the following example: every man has a country it's normal to acknowledge the current ruler or president as commander-in-chief the same way as past presidents

have been acknowledges. It's also elementary that each person in a country will have to adhere to current laws and regulations as he or she has adhered to previous ones. The question is, if someone says: "I only believe that the previous president is the current commander-in-chief and I will only obey the laws of the previous administration", how would that person be viewed? It's obvious that no one will agree with this person's logic and if he insists on his views he will be regarded as either insane and needs to be institutionalized or will be put in prison if his views are to be considered subversive in nature!

As such, it is not permitted for a rational person to follow any religion except one that his creator has chosen for him, and this religion is Islam as Allah indicated in Surat 'Ali-Imran (family of Imran 3:85): ***{And whoever desires a religion other than Islam, it shall not be accepted from him, and in the hereafter he shall be one of the losers}***

Allah almighty has created Adam and from his loin came Eve and from both of them multitudes of men and women were created. In Surat An-Nisa (The Women 4:1), Allah says: ***{O mankind, fear your Lord, who created you from one soul and created from it, its mate and dispersed from both of them many men and women. And fear Allah, through whom you ask one another, and the wombs. Indeed Allah is ever, over you, an Observer.}*** As the children of Adam multiplied, the need for reminders of Allah and his commandments became necessary and thus Allah sent His messengers and Prophets with appropriate rituals and guidance suitable to every time and place. The previous holy books are examples of guidance from Allah revealed through His messengers. Allah also supported the messengers with miracles to prove that these messengers have been sent by Him; the Creator. And finally, Allah sent His last Prophet Muhammadﷺ and gave him the great miracle of The Quran. In Surat ALAhzab (The Combined Forces 33:40), Allah declared: ***{Muhammad is not the father of [any] one of your men, but [he is] the Messenger of Allah and the last of the Prophets. And ever is Allah, of all things, Knowing}.}*** In Surat Fussilat (Explained in Detail 41:41-42), Allah describes the Quran as ***{...and indeed, it is a mighty Book. Falsehood cannot approach it from before it or from behind it; [it is] a revelation from a [Lord who is] Wise and Praiseworthy}.}***

Narrated Abu Huraira that the Prophet said: “My position in relation to the other prophets is like this: A man built a house, completing it and adorning it well, except for a place of one brick in one of the corners. People would roam around this building and express their wonder on it and would say: ‘how much more splendid the house will be with that brick in place’, then the prophet said: “I am that brick and I am the seal of the prophets”. So, by sending the prophet Muhammadﷺ to all mankind, all previous messages have been completed and Allah has chosen Islam as the religion to all his creation as He declared in Surat Al-Ma'idah (The Table 5:3): ***{...Today I have perfected for you your religion and completed My favor upon you and have approved for you Islam as religion...}***.

So it is incumbent on all humanity today as well as in the future to believe in one Lord without adjoining any other deities unto Him and this Lord is Almighty Allah. *Humanity must also believe in the prophet Muhammadﷺ as people have believed in the previous prophets and finally they must believe in the Quran as the constitution and guidance from Allah as we read in Surat Al Baqarah (the Cow 2:21-24): {O mankind, worship your Lord, who created you and those before you, that you may become righteous – [He] who made for you the earth a bed [spread out] and the sky a ceiling and sent down from the sky, rain and brought forth thereby fruits as provision for you. So do not attribute to Allah equals while you know [that] there is nothing similar to Him. And if you are in doubt about what We have sent down upon Our Servant [Muhammad], then produce a Surahⁱ the like thereof and call upon your witnesses other than Allah, if you should be truthful. But if you do not – and you will never be able to – then fear the Fire, whose fuel is men and stones prepared for the disbelievers}*.

Last but not least,

To anyone who wants to acquire more knowledge and understand the truth, please visit one of the Islamic Centers near you where you can find the translation of the meaning of the Quran in many languages. You will also find other Islamic books and you will be able to meet Muslims, ask questions and get answers from experts who are willing to dedicate their time to clear any misconception regarding the Almighty Allah and Islam, His last and eternal message.

May Allah's peace, mercy, and blessings be with you!