

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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What do you say about the use of credit-cards in respect of Islamic principles?

Why in respect of Islamic principles, when there are no Islamic principles. When our own government, laws and economy is not based on Islamic system then why do you involve credit -cards in it. You are asking this question in one individual capacity. Are you the only person who is using it? If you have had choices then you would be able to change it. You have got no choice to change the monetary or banking system. Why are you insisting on such question? You will have to create an interest- free banking system. The system of our government is based on interest (usury) system. We are building mosques and constructing roads on interest, even we get water through this system.

There is a hadith of Prophet (SAW) regarding interest (usury).

"A time will come when every house will be affected by it (usury) indirectly."

Have you got no sense for change or the true acceptance of Islamic system? Allah hath said clearly in Qur'an,

""Do not deceive me"

We are mixing democracy with monetary and communism.

Allah says;

"Don't do this with me, you choose namaz and fasting for me and adopt mixed systems according to your own choice".

If you really want to get benefit from Islam then you have to see which system is better. When you acknowledge and adopt the democracy and communism fully then why not Islamic system? Allah hath said in Qur'an:

"If you want to accept my religion then does it fully and completely, don't mix it."

So if you have to create an Islamic system then enter in this system fully, where will be prevailed a system of zakat (poor due) and sadakat (alms). We have to build up such a structure where government and its people both have got their equal rights. Where the common man has got the right to approach his king, just like the example set by Hazrat Umar (R.A). When our every institution will run on such system and still we suffer then it would be our right to complaint against Allah. Allah says you (Muslims) are just maintaining me .You have accepted me like traditional taboos. You give credit to the whole world and discredit my religion.

All systems except Islamic system are satanic so never mix them, Allah says, "There is no doubt that he (Satan) is your open enemy" "Every system except Mine is satanic" As far as credit card is concerned it is of little worth, practically speaking it is better to avoid credit cards.

What are those skills required for the better understanding of Qur'an?

It is the problem of opinion making, unless you have had collected enough information, avoid opinion making and concentrate on acquiring knowledge and after absorbing knowledge it should be reflected in your ways of life practically.

Mostly it happened to you that you turned against one person's opinion after getting impressed with another's. Keep learning and be Patient! Allah has provided you a choice and I believe when you will study and collect different opinions then it is possible to achieve any good opinion. You should not make an opinion unless you attain the power of decision and maturity of opinion according to the Principles of ethics.

There is no limit for getting knowledge, study whatever you like to study but don't make any opinion. It is possible that you make a big mistake in haste by taking any of final decision. And you should always seek more and more guidance on the situation and never ignore possibilities. You should snatch each and every point of view like a hen that picks about the gravel.

The curiosity of a student should be on such a level that he picks every thing which is available. It should be in your clutches if you are a good student.

What is your opinion about "musical naat"?

If music of that naat is used before in any film then it should not be allowed. Let me tell you an authentic incident from Islamic history. When our great Prophet Muhammad (SAW) entered Madina, the little girls of Madina were playing tambourine(daff)and were singing these lines in praise of Prophet (SAW).

"Tala al badar-o-aleina min sania til Wida,waja baat shukur-o- aleina,ma da allah-e- da"

It means musical naa't is not forbidden in a respectable and reasonable musical background. Only that music which is normally called jam-packed music is not allowed. It would be an insulting act to use filmy music in composition of naa't. If you have to compose a musical naa't then follow the example of girls of Madina who played tambourine which is a kind of musical instrument. They played tambourine and sung in praise of Prophet (SAW) and we are completely aware about this naa't which was sung by that time;

"THE MOON AROSE FROM "THE PASSES OF WIDA" AND PROPHET (SAW) CAME HERE, EVERY ONE SHOULD THANKED TO HIS LORD WHO HAS BLESSED US AND BESTOWED UPON US SUCH A GREAT BLESSING IN THE FORM OF PROPHET (SAW)"

Melaad-un -Nabi(saw) which are being celebrated at present time are a mere show of music and dance. No one can even suppose to consider it as a sacred gathering. To celebrate this event is not prohibited but the way it is celebrated nowadays is improper. It should be celebrated in a decent manner; though every one gives his own judgment according to his standards of decency. May Allah bless us to be on right direction!

What does Islamic Law say about the legitimacy of suicide attack?

When the war between India and Pakistan in 1965 was going on, all newspaper were consecutively announcing the following news, that our army was fighting hard and they did not even hesitate to put bombs around their bodies and blast the tanks of enemy with them. They were suicide attackers and what else? Off course! they were suicide attackers. Beside this there is another method of suicide attacks in the western societies, which is called total brain washed methodology. In such societies they prepare suicide bombers by keeping them in complete seclusion and without any food. When they get totally fed up from their lives, only one choice is left for them to get freedom, which is; to become suicide bombers.

One method is based on defend of one's country, out of love and compassion, and the other is based on brain washing. There are many other examples in the world where armed forces fight to defend their countries and we can not label them as suiciders. This is the basic difference throughout this approach. At one place there are professional bombers, and at other place are army men who are fighting for the honor and the defense of their country. And nowadays it is great misconduct which we are observing in cases of Iraq and Afghanistan.

It is their right to fight for freedom; we can not clearly say whether they are wrong in doing so (suicide attacks). They are applying the same methodology of "do OR die", it is a war skill and an action like gorilla war; we can not blame them. But the way suicide bombers are attacking in cities and killing hundreds and thousands of children, young men, women and old alike without any discrimination is unjustifiable. Quran says:

"Work not in confusion in the earth after the fair ordering" (Al-Ayraf 56):

The Prophet Muhammad (SAW) once said: Near the end of this world a time will come when the victim and the victimizer both will be unaware of the fact; why they are killing or being killed? And I think that time has come now. Thousand of people are becoming victim of such suicide attacks without any involvement, neither are they part of war nor they did any crime or having any part in terrorism but are dying....why they are dying and who are killing them? We do not know any reason yet, but we can not make this opinion for freedom fighters or armed forces.

Is it true that physical extremities lead to God?

It is a beautiful question but it would be better to ask as; whether in human attitude physical extremities lead to God. Then my reply is; it is absolutely the wrong approach. God has clearly said in Qura'n that He never asked to adopt extremism. It were Christian priests who had adopted such extremities in their religion. Some of them followed it and while others declined. Why do people adopt such behavior? To explain this I must say that, it is basically a psychological factor. Some people know that habit pre-occupied them, so to get rid of their habits they keep themselves in such situations for a long time, like fasting or remaining in solitude. Whatever they do has nothing to do with mysticism. It is their individual act. Suppose I am aware of a certain habit of mine and to control it I start living on Himalaya Mountain in total loneliness. Similarly if some person does not find himself fit to mix up with public, he adopts solitude. It is a kind of self imposed punishment common in the mystics of ancient times. It was due to their abnormal attitude that they adopted such extremities to get rid of their abnormalities. There is an incident narrated by Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani in his book "Tazkarah".

"I used to recite the complete Qura'n during night at Baghdad University. One night I was going for prayers as usual. When I stepped on the first stair, my 'nafs' (self) tried to stop me from prayers. I rebuked my 'nafs' (self) at once and as a punishment offered my prayers and recitation of Qura'n at that very step".

Such examples of extremities are not meant for common men. Some where extremity becomes a part of some body and some people have more fears of being entrapped by their self (nafs).

God has not maintained any standards on account of physical and psychological conditions. If there is any person who has the best knowledge and understanding of God then it is only Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

He (PBUH) was not an extremist. His understandings were neither abnormal nor subnormal. Instead of these, he was an epitome of moderation and normalcy. From his life we are being given the lesson of normalcy.

Normalcy creates best understanding and overcomes every thing.

What is your opinion about friendship with girls in universities; should it be allowed regarding present circumstances?

If we observe restrictions imposed on us by Allah, then it is not allowed. Friendship meant to be in same sexes and in a same pattern. Boy and girl belong to different sexes, so friendship is not possible between them. There is only one objective behind, i.e. procreative objective as once Patras Bukhari said "Who knows when the barking dogs would start biting?" This European term friend or boy-friend is rather precarious. There is no surety of when would they discard the relation of being girl-friend and boy-friend and become only boy and girl. And normally there are no hard and fast rules for such differentiation in any society, but hostilities are there. Both sexes are very different in nature and knew their objectives and its outcomes. There is no harm if they met for educational purposes in colleges or universities. But the word 'friendship' is interdependent in some outward and inward matters. We use this word for intimate relationships. It is an interdependence of feelings and emotions, where ever this interdependence will occur, as one poet had said, **"Dost aan bashad kay geerad dast-e- dost der pareeshan hali -o- der mandgi"**

(A friend in need is a friend indeed.)

It would never be a local condition. It is a permanent relation and such relation is possible only between husband and wife.

There are many symbols of love in this world; one is "Taj Mahal". Valentine day is celebrated all over the world and no one knows the exact origin of valentine, who was he?? Did anybody ever celebrate Taj Mahal day? Why they did not celebrate it, which is the greatest symbol of love between husband and wife.

A top-class historian had said the following words describing Taj Mahal,

"It's a lyric in stone. It's a dream in marble. It's an eternal tear on the cheeks of mortality and the finest monument of conjugal love and fidelity."

No one celebrate this day and I must say this particular concept of friendship in females and males never been had before and such concepts which European life is flashing are resulting in declining of institution of marriage. Fifty percent there are no marriages in England and the rest of fifty percent marriages are contracted as partnership not as marriage. It gives rise to concept of "living together". In the beginning they start their relationship as friends, have children and finally left the women with four or five children on her disposal. This is a very irresponsible attitude of the youth because youth have got rebellious nature.

They love without knowing the meaning of love .The word friendship is used in a wrong context by the person who has asked this question. He is only asking for the submissive attitude to love somebody and to be loved in return.

How can a person control his destiny (Taqdir)?

First of all I would like to clear a misunderstanding among you about the word destiny. It is mostly used in the sense either something is pre-ordained or not in our fate. And when something did not happen according to our wish we ought to blame it and when it is fulfilled we seldom give any credit to it. Mostly people consider their achievements an outcome of their own intellect and wisdom and invariably blame destiny when they face any failure in life.

Ladies and Gentlemen! Destiny is a measurement. It is such a measurement on which not only on individual level but also collective creation of this whole universe depends, e.g. The making of the whole universe and creation of means for man and his habitation as Allah Almighty says in Qur'an :

"And there is not a beast in the earth but the sustenance thereof dependth on Allah" (Hud 2)

Obviously there is no haphazard technique through which Allah has spread this universe. He has created this huge world of rivers, lands and mountains with an accurate measurement and for the moon Allah has appointed mansions and for the sun fixed its timings to rise and sets in time and command it to provide light for plantation whether it has to be ripe, decayed or left useless, everything is preordained, so the word destiny (taqdir) is used in a broader sense. It is a pattern and all things and professions are created out of this pattern. Every one has to follow this pattern without any other choice. When a child is born, he has got no hold over his destiny for several years...where he will be born, who will be his parents? He is not able to control his matters on intellectual or conscious level. If we look at the general history of mankind then even in the well educated and civilized areas of the world child is the responsibility of his parents unless he is sixteen years old. How could he control his life when for sixteen years he remained dependent? Now I will ask a counter question to all of you to tell me what is destiny? Suppose at one place you have the choice to spend countless life of luxuries and enjoyments and at other place countless life of torments of hell then to which you would call destiny? Do you think this earthly life of sixty or seventy years is your destiny or the

life after death is your destiny? Then listen, neither it (foreordination: muqader) has to do anything with you nor you have to do anything with it. This is a general set of facility which is given to every human being to prepare him for his "Taqrir" (destiny) which is either a countless life of luxuries or countless life of torments of hell fire. Ladies and Gentlemen! It is in fact your "protocol" which you call destiny. Why I called it protocol? When president of any country have to visit any place; first of all, security is provided there, besides this, every movement is pre-planned and fool proofed. If you observe the security concerns of any important personality and if by chance there left any loop hole then a huge security breach is created and all apprehensions come to an end. Everybody seems to worry for that VIP; similarly Allah Almighty says in Qura'n; that there shall be for you on earth a habitation and provision for a time and angels for your protection from supernatural beings, occupation and skills for you so you could prove your capabilities. He has provided you family and children for your wellbeing and security. Why Allah has provided all these facilities to mankind? Just to save man from complaining against Him. Suppose on the day of judgment Allah will ask the following question to all of us that he had sent man in this world and endowed him wisdom and intellect whether he be grateful or disbelieving, but he remained busy in worldly affairs.

"Lo! We have shown him the way, whether he be grateful or disbelieving." (Dahar 3)

And it is possible that man would have reply, O' Almighty Allah, You kept me busy in worldly fever and frets to search my parents, job and then family, I did not get a single minute to think about You. There are two possibilities either Allah will accept these excuses as they are very important things and we should have done it and did not think about Him. But Allah will say, you tell lies, you were not responsible for any thing neither for your food nor habitation. It was my responsibility to take care for your each and every affair.

He knoweth its habitation and its repository. (Hud)

When Dick Cheney was the vice-president of America, he sent armed forces in Algeria. Algeria was under extreme hostile conditions. Someone warned him about those hostile conditions to which he replied that he has equipped his army fully according to its environment, and even if they will be in need of needle we have provided it too...So, Ladies and Gentlemen! If the governments of world are so efficient then think about the creator of this whole universe ; One who has to manage the arrival and departure of his subordinate on earth and had to bestowed on him honour and respect and what do you think, were not it be His responsibility? He is the only provident and sustainer of the mankind. And which you call your destiny is in fact your protocols and the real destiny will be achieved in life after death.

Is God being confirmed by Sciences?

A: What would you say if I object your God?

Questioner: No, why? Those are the basis of Iman.

A: How will you define Iman (faith)?

Questioner: Iman is belief in God without any question.

A: Who has asked you that God exist? What is the base of your belief?

Questioner: Human science and mind can not explain God.

Ans: Who has forced you to believe in God, your belief can not even bear the blow of a single question.

Questioner: There is no doubt in my mind.

Ans: Why don't you believe in Satan then if to believe in any reality is called Iman?

Questioner: Belief in God is a kind of faith.

Ans: Tell me why is it a sin to worship idols?

Questioner: Please explain the following verse:

"That is because Allah hath revealed the scripture with the truth". (Albaqra 176)

Ans: This verse is included in the later parts of Qur'an and God has begun the scripture with another statement. Every book starts with a positive statement, it means God has to write the above statement first but He has provided us with freedom of thought in an intellectual context to believe Him. If our intellect convinced us to believe that God exist then we have to believe, as God says:

"Lo! We have shown him the way, whether he be grateful or disbelieving" (Ad-dahr3)

But God has not begun Qur'an with any positive statement if He did so then it would have become a claim. Then I could believe my friend who is asking that God has forced us to believe Him. God is a great teacher, I have been a teacher for fifteen years too and in my opinion a great teacher is the one who explains both negative and positive aspects of any problem and decision is left to the student. In short ,one who thinks and believe and uses his intellectual capacities to understand about God, when he comes up then ultimately he reaches this statement:" That is because Allah hath revealed the scripture with the truth" and the second part of the this verse is about data and ultimacy. There is no doubt that Christen and all other faiths are the part of the same faith, meanwhile God says ,if we will quote that data it would not correct e.g. there were

seven or eight disciples of Jesus Christ: Mathias, Judas, Bartholomew etc. Different documentation came when Judas's lessons were listened by companions of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) and that documentation was not copied and instead of copying it, they conveyed further by letters. It reached Antioch's great churches of Saint Paul. After seventy years it came in book form. Therefore basic controversies still exist which were present at that time. Moreover when Pop Paul compiled the bible he consulted at least one hundred and thirty six versions. And the present version is considered to be the most compromising version. So God says, you just do not have to quote myself from the other books as they are separated now from its context and are changed. This (Qur'an) is the book of which I myself give the guarantee. If you have to quote myself then quote from this book. A writer has written a book about Qur'an, bible and science in which he has explained the controversies of bible and Qur'an.

Another Questioner: I want to suggest my friend who has asked this question to read this book in which writer has compared the authenticity of both bible and Qur'an. This writer has observed that whatever bible is saying is not proved by sciences therefore bible is wrong where as the data provided by Qur'an is proved by sciences.

Ans: Infect his objection is outcome of fear, God forbids! He fears that data provided by God would turn against sciences. I want to clear him that some data's has been discovered by sciences from Qur'an, and there are possibilities of some improvement as Qur'an says:

"We made every living thing of water" (Al-Anbiya 30)

And biology has further confirmed that all life is created by water. Now it has become a law. There are many Quranic laws which are not confirmed yet by sciences or they are in mid way in the form of hypothesis. There is no need to be feared, with the advancement of sciences nature will confirm it and I swear by God if there would be anything proved against Quranic data, I will be the first man to leave God. He has given me the liberty to refute or believe unless I understand it fully. I have searched God and now from thirty years I am with him. First of all you need some logic to believe and then come closeness with God. If you are willing to be closed to God then sciences are not enough. You will have to get knowledge of every thing. Let me tell you about a science which has not yet been discovered by sciences and I learn it from Qura'n. It is science of feelings and sentiments; it is a pity that sciences labeled feelings as unscientific. As time will pass you will come to know its actions, reactions and reciprocal reactions. After ten years you will learn that every feeling is a science, all the syndromes are science. But it will take time...

What is the definition of modernism in the light of Qur'an?

Ladies and gentlemen! Societies called it modernism when they developed in the field of scientific discoveries, psychological terminologies and in their idiosyncrasies. The real meaning of being modern is to be more generous from the past discoveries, idiosyncrasies and more authentic in their thoughts. The word modernism itself is not a word in which we could find any high relativity or negative expectations. We can not use this word for new trends in fashion. Sometimes it also happened that when some dress designer takes inspiration from antiquity and adopt it as new fashion, and called herself modern. Whereas generally speaking culture tend to be rebellious in nature, just like the germs of culture which feeds upon experience. Traditions are outcome of varieties and creates new environment. In the beginning traditions oppose these varieties but gradually feel proud of it. It is not a strange thing, for example, at the advent of Islam, idol ship was considered as a conservative religion whereas Islam was a modern and revolutionary religion. Gradually with the advancement of science and technology all religions were considered as unreliable but not Islam. All scientific inventions and discoveries were unable to compete Qura'n. Unfortunately now people have stopped reading Qura'n with complete understanding and they are doing researches on the basis of modern sciences. And it would be unjust to give opinion about it without reading it on its own level, as Lord Russell did and said about Qura'n, "All gospel truths is alike"

But all gospel truths is not alike, Qura'n is not like Bible. It is entirely a different book of which if any information is proved wrong then Allah becomes also wrong. There is a major difference between Qura'n and other gospels. Man remains a man despite of doing hundred of mistakes but Allah is not Allah if he does a single mistake. And Allah has declared Qura'n as his data. Logical positivist had denied Allah as there was no data of Allah. When we saw a table we already have a logical construct of table in our mind. The logical construct of table describes its own self. The logical positivist objected because there was no logical data of Allah in their mind. Russell quotes an example of a man, blind by birth, who has no concept of an elephant unless somebody told him about its shape. Similarly according to him people are blind to understand Allah as there is no data of Allah so it is apart from sense and ultimately is a non sense.

Anthropologists have declared religion an outcome of man's own action and they have provided examples from different societies; how they give rise to the concept of Allah. I give you its example when in Makkah they created two or three Gods (Heaven forbids) they called them daughters of God..... The goddess made

up of white stone was called lat and the goddess made up of black stone was called manat. The anthropologists were of the view that Hajr-e-asvad (black stone) is the symbol of lat as Arabs were under its spell. Since they did not listen or understand any argument authentic against their religion. Suppose if I say we do not give respect to Hajr-e- asvad as a sacred stone for its color but respect it as it was touched by Prophet like Ibrahim(A.S) , Ismail (A.S) and Muhammad (SAW). Moreover we will also try to understand them that why we kissed that stone but those people will never understand this, since that is part of anthropology as in August Comet words:

"If there was no God, the people would create a God"

Once I asked an anthropologist to tell me how a man could be religious by birth whereas once he was a wild man and killed animals! Why don't you realize that he was endowed a guidance of instructions of which you have no proof? And he replied to me

"This is a mistake we make; we can not include this possibility in our thesis because we have no proof."

This is the main reason for sciences to call itself modern. And this modernism is due to skepticism. Skeptics had the ability to raise question on any issue.

In declining societies first of all there code of moralities are affected. Code of moralities is based on religion. And in present circumstances standards of moralities have been changed and religion is considered as vile and mean. Ladies and gentlemen! We have very different ideas; honestly speaking we can not understand God with our common sense or with extraordinary intellectual sense. We have to work very hard, we have to understand things, very difficult things. We continuously need an intellectual perception and self discipline. To my mind it is the job of the highly intellectual seriousness. Unless we achieve that high seriousness we can not find God. This is the kind of approach we call modernism. Unfortunately modernism has compartmentalized all the branches of knowledge. Every one specializes in its own field and is ignorant of other fields. In the past people used to learn every kind of knowledge and a vision was created in them. An ordinary com-powder could diagnose our disease as compared to present situation as diseases have also become more complex with rising complexities in our lives .To see a supernatural being or search a virus has become an equal task. Modernism is an effort to get understanding but we just can not refuse the past. These moral values have not come in modern age. The main reason of lack of understanding, frustration and restlessness is due to getting far from central structure of religion.

How can we judge our priorities?

Priorities can not be judged. Being a small teacher I am going to tell you the similar ways as I have struggled hard and identified determinism. I have come to know God as much as I have tried to know Him. And I think when once you decide something then the second step is to maintain that priority. Many people are of the view that to fulfill the rights of people (Haqoq-ul- Ibad) is like to do tasbeeh. But let me tell you a very beautiful saying of Hazrat Saeed Bin Musseb, when he was asked to tell "which act is lawful for which there is no doubt for its being unlawful and what is unlawful which can not be lawful. And he replied "Remembrance of Allah is a lawful act and there is no doubt of its being unlawful and remembrance of anti god is as unlawful as there is no doubt of its being lawful". If you want to know God and you have to maintain this priority then do it like your other daily routine works and never forget to remember Him, and at least you would be able to say to Allah:

**"goe mae raha raheen-e- sitam hi rozgar
Lekin tery khyal se ghafil nahi raha"**

It is necessary to shun this "negligence" at least on minimum basis. There is a hadith narrated by Hazrat Ayesha who was asked what was the best thing liked by Muhammad (SAW) and she replied "To do deeds which is within your capacity and the best deed (act of worship) in the sight of Allah is that which is done regularly. We should make the remembrance of God part and parcel of our lives and when ever we forget then surely Allah will ask "what was more important for us than Him that we forget to remember Him? Ladies and Gentlemen! Never mix your prayers with good deeds as Allah has mentioned every deed separately. To remember God with our own consent is a voluntary action and is a personal relationship with God. To say prayers and fasting are social relationships and comes under some rules and regulations. And God has already mentioned in Qura'n with detail:

"Recite that which hath been inspired in thee of the scripture" (21:1)

And by establishing worship it preserved us from lewdness and iniquity. We come to know what is lawful and unlawful by reciting and understanding Qura'n. To establish worship with certain rules and regulations is the basic principle of Muslim society. No one is exempt from this save mentally disabled, child, insane and the one who is sleeping. To establish prayer is not a issue of any kind but what is important is

"And verily remembrance of Allah is more important" (29:45)

And it establishes our personal relationship with God in which there is no restriction:

"Remember Allah, standing, sitting and reclining" (4:103)

"Remember Allah as you remember your forefathers" (2:200)

God says don't remember me with any fear but remember me with love,

“Or with more lively remembrance” (2:200)

And remember me as much as you remember your relations, parents, siblings and prove it so I come to know you love Me.

“Ye will not attain unto piety until ye spend of that which ye love.” (3:92)

May Allah give to all of you the required courage to praise and remember Him. Just remember one thing that there are many misinterpretations made by both learned people Jews and Christians. No doubt we are not behind from anyone in the matter of remembering Allah. But the need of hour is to remain firm in our purpose and all of our actions must have only one priority which is to recite Qura'n. Why we recite Qura'n? Because it is similar to remembering God:

“Lo! We even We, reveal the Reminder” (Al-Hijr 9:15)

“Establish worship for my remembrance” (Taha 14)

Why do you establish prayers? You do it for remembering me. At one place you are forced to remember Him and at other its up to your own will and is a voluntary remembrance; full of love and sincerity.

How can we keep friendship with an atheist?

There are many kinds of atheist and you can keep friendship with themeat drink and be merry.....but be careful about one thing ,don't follow their eating habits instead of eating unlawful things with them , try to develop in them your eating habits. To keep friendship with an atheist is not forbidden in Islam. Usually we quit friendship when it affects our faith, for example, if your atheist friend is very impressive and you are not able to give answers to his arguments then most probably your faith would become weak. Gradually he would have a strong hold over you, because of his strong culture and arguments and in such a situation its you who are weak not your religion. One who deliberately accepts religion is basically a large hearted, generous and liberal person. I don't think so that there is any beautiful person except the religious person. It is next to impossible I don't know what your religion is and which religion you have accepted? Allah has promised in Qur'an that His light runs ahead of his lovers and followers. Obviously they are more attractive than any body else as God said: Who would be more beautiful, handsome and attractive than the person who is engulfed with light of God. I think you should broaden your religious understanding instead of getting afraid of any atheist.

How atheism is a problem for religious people and why scientists refuse God?

It is not a problem. Every one has different opinion, but what is worst of all is intellect itself as Sheikh Ibn-e-Arabi had said "Knowledge is the greatest veil" similarly the intellect of any intellectual is the main problem; this is a big dilemma, more psychological and scientific attitudes. When I perceive my approach is right and get the results out of my hard work, worldly and universal problems are being solved according to my deliberations. Meanwhile someone ask me to accept religion, whereas there is no empirical evidence/data for me to accept God. Same case is being faced by every scientist when he accepts God or tried to accept God. As they (scientists) had researched to solve scientific problems, similarly I have researched on the concept of God. I still remember when a western professor enquired me, how I found God? I told him that I did nothing extraordinary...just tried like a common student who had an urge to discover truth and mostly I wished to get rid from God and main cause of this fear was due to the image of God in my mind of a cruel person who will beat me if did any wrong. These images are instilled in our minds from generations. To overcome this fear I decided to search Him if he exist then it's all right if not then I will be free. I searched on the concept of God for eight years. I did not start my research on lower level. I had in my mind objections of world's greatest intellectuals, philosophers and atheist so I started my research on their standards. I have observed a common weakness in all the scientists that when they talk about God (mostly in the cosmologist). As everyone knew Alexander Fleming, who had to examine a culture plate for twelve years, after twelve years he suddenly discovered penicillin. Mostly things are discovered like this. Suddenness is very important but behind this suddenness great efforts are involved. After so much hard work when scientists discover something they give such comment 'Excellent....! Very good...! Exceptional hard work...! This is a meticulous work...! Dedicated, great people work with...' But when they talk about God they talk like quacks. They did not even study the whole Qura'n, neither Hadith nor Islamic History. They talk in a funniest way whether he is Altaf bhai or Hoodbhoy....it is the same case if I would be delivering lecture on atomic physics instead of thesis of Islam and hall is full of scientist who are waiting earnestly for my departure. You can not even imagine how stupid these people look when they talk about God. I would rather suggest them to stop giving their opinion in these matters. I experienced a practical incident when I said with reference to Qura'n that "God has set the mountains up as kingpins to keep the earth in balance". The head of physics department of Quaid-e-Azam University wrote me a letter asking "My dear professor If you came at university I will teach you about that, you should not talk on these realities. We have not such evidence. This is not right". I replied him only that "sorry professor, you are not a professor of Geology, You are a professor of Physics, do not involve yourself into other people job." The

professor of physics is criticizing me on giving geological statements. Obviously I have not studied it because I have not to become a scientist but the knowledge I get from God or Qura'n can never be denied, either it is proved through sciences or arts. God gives a statement in the Qura'n, just tell me from where I get its proof.....it was a queer statement that a bird 'hoopoe' came to king Solomon (A.S) and said " O' Grand king I have founded a strange and splendid state where a woman ruled and they worshipped the Sun. ladies and gentlemen! Who was hoopoe? I don't know...there are many who even denied this bird and say how birds could talk to Prophets and vice versa. One person said that king Solomon (A.S) had not addressed to the ants, he should wait a little before giving a final statement as he said ants can not hear, it was true since three years back, now modern research has proved that ants are able to hear, speech and give signals at 1 mega hertz. They ask for evidence which is known by every one now but it is not still known which quality in Prophet make him able to hear their voices, obviously he was an extraordinary man. When I studied this incident I was worried to get its evidence. Ladies and gentlemen! You will surely get the evidences from the archaeological findings of Sebains civilization where it was ruined. Do you know archaeologists have founded some places in Sebains civilization where people worshipped 'Apollo' the Sun. The very first pillar founded by them was of Apollo. Now sayings of God don't surprise me any more but what surprised me is the fact that what Qura'n says in the first place of these people that they worshipped Sun is being discovered by the archaeologist too. So ladies and gentlemen! It is necessary to take help from everywhere. My respected teacher Ali Usman Hajveri had said, "If you want to know God then get every kind of knowledge which is required for explaining Qura'n". And now a day it is not possible to be skilled in every kind of knowledge. But you can achieve that intellectual level where one can understand the ultimate results. Once you get a level of maturity then naturally anything can be understood. As it is not necessary to learn whole mathematics but there are chances that you would be able to understand the end results. It is not known how many years Newton took in the discovery of laws of motion but now they are even understood by children easily. So research is a different thing and the result of that research becomes a simple one, means scientist does not work as hard on religion as we do. But I am still not satisfied with the work done on Qura'n. Sorry to say! Let me give you an example from Qura'n where God says:

"Mankind was one community" (Al-Baqra 213)

I was looking for its evidence so I had to go back to the history where I found only idolatry and before idolatry there exist mythologies so I studied hard all the mythologies of the world. I was in a mood to find some mistake done by God to deny Him so I tried very hard and studied all the mythologies and when came to Greek mythology I noticed one thing that mostly you never read it from the beginning and remained stuck to only contemporaneous mythology. It tells us that there were several gods of Olympia .Zeus, Afrodite, Hephaestus were few of them but if we go back to history of Olympians, its very strange to know that all the gods of Olympians were born out of one god named Coronus who used to devour all his offspring when they were born, so his son Zeus was fled with his siblings to an island Crete. In the beginning they worshipped one God but they could not bear the oneness for long. They had to shift their place to build other temple at some other place and this gave rise to Idol ship. If we look at Indian history there are several idols and their respective generations. Where as the origin of Indian mythology starts from Aryans. When they entered India they believed on one god 'Indra'. He had two distinct qualities being 'God of thunder' and 'God of swarg' means 'Zuljalal-Wal-Ikram' who is able to give reward and punishment. When he entered in India they wed locked him with two goddesses 'Mitra' and 'Warona' which built trinity and there was no more oneness of God. The oneness of God came to surface again with another God Brahma. In the same time period came Vishnou and Shiva and another trinity came in to being. When the son of Mano asked his father to describe omnipotence of God, he replied: "There is only one God who has got two qualities of being destroyer and a constructive." Ladies and gentlemen! You can not imagine how much hard work is required for the interpretation of Qura'n, better to let them (scientists) stick to their own ideas.

What is your opinion on supernatural beings or Jinn?

Jinns are one of the creations of God. When God had decided to create, first of all he created energetic beings and after little variation he created pure gaseous beings. Then terrestrial beings were being created by God having weight. So our Earth has got two kind of beings; natural and supernatural. Moreover it is said about Hazrat sheikh Abdul-Qadir Jilani that he was known as "Ghos-ul -Saqlain"(the master of both Jinn and terrestrial beings.) There are billions of creatures on this Earth and we are completely unaware which kind of classification exists for it? Obviously it would be impossible to think that God would have no interest after creating it. If our planet has one billion creatures then there would be more above the Heavens. God would have been creating all this with a principle in his mind to evolve the living beings on this planet. First it was in the form of 'pure clay' (Taraab) which God turned into 'wet clay' (Teen-e- Lazab) and then from wet clay it was turned into the "potter's clay" (Salsal-e-kal-Fikhar) and then life was being created in the form of single cell e.g.(Paramecia, Amoeba, Proteus, and Caratum). Then it acquired the heights of sophistication from single cell to dinosaurs. After the extinction of Dinosaurs, huge Rhinos and Dinosaurs were made sizeable according to the circumstances suitable for human beings. The human being of those

days was very different from today. The height of human being at that time was not as huge /rather he was much smaller in size and his head was not as sophisticated /uniform as he has now; and that first man has been termed as "parental homosapien". Gradually the huge dinosaurs were made extinct through earthquakes. That human survived despite living among huge animals by hiding in the caves. It then entered into the phase of "homo-erectus" and "homo-habilous". God said in Qura'n that we started the creation from a single cell.

"Hath there come upon man (ever) any period of time in which he was a thing unremembered." (Al- Dahr-1) Rather it only existed in the form of a single cell, which still exists in our stomach in the form of Amoeba, which surprisingly multiplies and cause dysentery. There was a gradual development/evolution from higher energy order to lower level. Firstly, God created highly sophisticated beings from gaseous flames which were billion in number. God clearly says in Qura'n that jinn were created out of fire of scorching wind. To understand their formation, there is a very simple example. When we burn the oxygen gas a blue flame is produced .They (Jinn) were created in a similar manner. Same process was involved to create Jinn from the high degree volatile energy gases. Therefore jinn are able to acquire any shape. And there life span consists of 1500 to 3000 years. They have been taken the guidance of the same Prophets like us.

When God created Adam, angels have to confirm his Prophet Hood automatically. Many people ask who the followers of Adam was when he was the Prophet. If you think over it, you will come to know as well as God says in Qura'n;

"And when we said unto the angels: prostrate yourselves before Adam, they fell prostrate, all save Iblis. (Al-Baqra.34)

They fell prostrate due to sanctity of Adam's learning power and he has been tested for his learning power before hand, moreover there was a contest between angels and Adam now.

"And He taught Adam all the names, and then showed them to the angels, saying: Inform me of the names of these, if ye are truthful." (Al-Baqra.31)

All the angels fell prostrate before Adam save Iblis (the founder of racial prejudice in this world) who said: I have been created out of fire whereas Adam is from clay, how could he be superior to me? Ladies and Gentlemen: "Haazraat" is a process which is used to invoke and subjugate Jinn. Many people are involved in this madness. But the question is what the true nature of invocation is? The pattern of negative and positive reasoning exists side by side, God says:

"And inspired it (with conscience of) what is wrong for it and what is right for it". (Al-Shams.8)

Men remain no longer on the path of mysticism or get blessed with God's love when they go to subjugate evil spirits. All the processes of invoking or subjugation are based on self concentration. They concentrate in favor of the self against God, whereas Sufi or mystic concentrate against the self in favor of God. These are the two basic principles and God has therefore forbidden His followers to get involved in such practices. Even though there were some mystics who did such practices, but just for the sake of learning.

It is said, God has made man in his own image, whereas there are bad natured men too.

It is not only a saying, it is rather a confirmed quote that God has made man on his own image, but what he left in man is the phenomenon of being perfect. God has bestowed man with His own noble attributes of being "Rehman" (most merciful) and "Raheem" (most forgiving). Now it's up to man to behave in such a pattern / manner. When God conferred the highest rank, respect and love to His Prophet Muhammad (SAW), He did not call him with the names of Abdul-Rehman or Abdul-Rauf; instead of these names He called him as Rauf and Rehman. There were fixed levels and timings for the application of the habits and names of God Almighty. Once there was a time when only God exists who then created the whole universe and Who finally did the making of terrestrial beings and its organization. Ultimately the attributes of God Almighty would be on the highest level when it would have passed through in different periods and divisions of time. On human level the example of being Rauf and Raheem is of Muhammad (SAW). And the level of kindness (raheemiat) is found nearly in all human beings. As God had said that He loves man more than the love of hundred mothers; it means if God's love is equal to hundred mothers than there would be some status of mother too, whose love is like God. Our instincts have progressed in two billion years. Once we were like animals that did fighting and killing by getting motivated by its instincts. After being awarded by "wisdom" we were able to motivate our instincts. But what is happening now? When the world's greatest so called civilized country is treating its prisoners inhumanly. The animal instinct of man has not still changed although he has got the noble attributes like God. Whatever progress man has achieved till present age is just on the behalf of those noble attributes which God had bestowed on us. Otherwise men like the so called civilized nation are still acting upon their animal instincts.

What is the origin of sin 'human self or 'devil'?

Ladies and gentlemen! There is a beautiful saying of sheikh Junaid which tells us to behave in such a manner that nothing bother us, either its good or bad, just like an earth that bears the existence of both

good and bad people. Devil acts like a cultivator who sows the seeds of evil in this earth. Human self is consisting of a packet of basic instincts. It is a collection of instincts in which hundred of instincts are present like intuition and intellect etc, but animal instincts are the base of every instinct. Animal instincts are very aggressive by nature and time and again influence our character. The devil keeps an eye on us to find out our faults. If some of us is happened to be simultaneously aggressive and sensible, than the devil waits to get a chance to inculcate the seeds of evil in that person. He (devil) adopts different strategies to attack and always keep changing his strategies. He has arranged our files since Adam's age. It is a complete and invincible system. He would never come to seduce you bare handed, on the other hand he has compiled our data and files and all of our record is maintained by his attendants. Suppose he has to seduce me to keep me away from the right path then instead of applying ridiculous or absurd methods, he will do it with full fledge planning. Firstly he will open my file containing all the previous history of my nature and temperament. Secondly he will find out my shortcomings then he will attack on me. But here I am also always ready for his attacks and defend myself and keep a constant check on my instincts, because, it is the devil who applies different strategies not the human self. The human self repeats its course again and again. It is stubborn and possessive and the cure lies in breaking of this very repetition. The devil gives us arguments to highlight the futility of our life.

There are two persons on this earth who have no concept or fear of death, one is mystic and the other is an insane. Why a mystic because in his whole life he has never given importance to lesser priorities. He comes to know the reality of things and overcomes the tragic element of life. For him nothing is important and there is no attraction in life when death approaches. As Iqbal said,

"Nishan-e- mard-e- haq degarcha goem

Choon marg ayed tabasum bar lab-e- oost"

A man who loves God has no fear of death and he smiles when death approaches him. And on the other hand an insane person either he is schizophrenic or manic is totally unaware of his surroundings. He is not able to get involve himself in any thing. Separation and aloofness of his self makes him depressed unless the devil finds an opportunity to provide him arguments to commit suicide; as life is not worth living. Most of the suicide cases are outcome of such examples of insanity.

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