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With this piece of 'evidence' the author, and indeed the whole institution behind *Manar As-Sabeel* finally show their true colors. They actually provide to the world tangible, undeniable evidence of their contempt of God and His words. This 'fifth piece of evidence' alone suffices to make any sincere believer cringe. What any reader can infer is that the author is saying that God's need of Muhammad is more than Muhammad's need of God. What a blasphemy! No wonder the prophet Muhammad himself will state on the Day of Judgement that "his people" have abandoned the Quran (25:30).

There are at least 15 verses in the Quran where God states, in no uncertain terms, that He does not need anyone. Any subsequent examples that the author uses to prove his point become pointless. He quotes the famous excuse: "If the Quran is complete and fully detailed, where do we find the number of units in Salat? How do we give Zakat? And what about Hajj?" And on, and on... He writes:

Ibn Hazm said: "in which Qur'an do you find that Zuh'r prayer is four Rak'as, Maghrib prayer three Rak'as, Ruku, (kneeling in prayer) is to be performed this way, recitation (prostration in prayer) is to be performed that way, recitation of Qur'an in prayers is such and such, the end of the prayer is so and so, the type of fasting to be avoided, the amount of Zakat due for gold, silver, sheep, camels, cows, the rituals of Hajj..."

Here, the author shows his not-so-subconscious aversion of the Quran. He conveniently 'forgets' that these practices of the religion of Submission (Islam) have existed since Abraham. It was Abraham, not Muhammad, who was the founder of Islam; Muhammad himself said that he

was a follower of the religion of Abraham (22:78, 16:123). The proper response is to pose this rhetorical question from God's own book:

...*In which Hadith, other than God and His revelations, do they believe?* (45:6, 77:50)

The author also uses this example:

- "As to the thief, male or female, cut off his or her hands: a retribution for their deed and exemplary punishment from Allah..." what type of theft necessitates cutting? What are the circumstances and the quantity of the stolen wealth to which this punishment applies? What part of the hand is to be cut off?

This argument (based on 5:38) is a flimsy one. God gives us the clear meaning of the verse by explaining the same word "cut" in 12:31. God also provides us with an excellent counter example of the similar attitude shown by the Children of Israel, in the famous incident of the heifer, when they argued back and forth with Moses upon receiving God's clear instruction (2:67-71).

Finally, we can all reflect on the following verses:

*This (Quran) is not a fabricated Hadith; this confirms all previous scriptures, provides the details of everything, and is a beacon and mercy for those who believe.* (12:111)

*If all the trees on earth were made into pens, and the oceans supplied the ink, augmented by seven more oceans, the words of God would not run out. God is Almighty, Most Wise.* (31:27)

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# Submitters Perspective

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## IS GOD NOT ENOUGH?

When one studies God's revealed words in the scriptures with an open mind, it becomes clear that the main theme in all of these books is one and the same. One can read the Torah, the Gospel, the Quran or any other scripture from God, and there is no mistaking their bottom line: there is no god except God, and you shall not worship except Him.

*"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One. Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength."* (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)

When asked by a rabbi of his time, Jesus confirmed the most important of all the commandments (Matthew 22:37 and Mark 12:29-30). In the Quran, we find this unequivocal statement of the oneness of God as follows:

*God bears witness that there is no god except He, and so do the angels and those who possess knowledge. Truthfully and equitably, He is the absolute god; there is no god but He, the Almighty, Most Wise.* (Quran 3:18)

Even the Veda of the Hindus contains the same message:

*Let us meditate on God, His glorious attributes, who is the basis of everything in this universe as its Creator, who is fit to be worshiped as Omnipresent, Omnipotent, Omniscient ...* (Gayatri Mantra, Yajur Veda)

Further study of the scripture reveals that this main theme, which is consistent throughout all the scriptures, is the very reason for our existence in this life. The Quran, for example, teaches us that we were among those who rebelled in the past, doubted God's absolute authority over His creations, and therefore were given the final chance by His mercy to redeem ourselves in this life. This is why we find in the Quran statements such as: "I did not create the jinns and the humans except to worship Me alone" and "the only unforgivable offense is idolatry" (51:56, 4:48, 116).

The latter is a concept much misunderstood by people of many religions. Christians of various Protestant denominations consider the Catholic practice of calling Mary "the Mother of God" idol worship. Muslims consider idolatrous the practice of all Christian sects of calling Jesus "the Son of God" or "God the Son." Yet many Muslims themselves are not aware of the full

range of what constitutes idol worship, even though the Quran gives example after example. Most people will deny that they are committing this offense, even when they are face to face with God Himself! (please see Quran 6:22-24).

Idolatry (in Arabic: *shirk*) is ascribing partnership to God, i.e. believing that anything or anybody other than God possesses the power to benefit or harm (13:16, 22:12 and many others). The Muslims never claim divinity for Muhammad, they even insist on calling him *the* servant and messenger of God. However, they believe that Muhammad can help them on the Day of Judgement. Over time, millions of Muslims put more and more emphasis on the word "*the*," calling him *the* last messenger and the greatest of all the messengers, in flagrant defiance of the Quran (33:40, 10:47, 2:285). Some in traditional circles even go as far as saying that God created the universe for Muhammad's sake, and that Muhammad is the light of the universe.

Just as the Children of Israel fell into Satan's trap of following the *mishna* (oral) and *gemara* (actions) attributed to their prophets, which is known collectively as the *Talmud*, the Muslims fell into the same mistake and invented *hadith* (oral) and *sunna* (actions) falsely attributed to Muhammad, despite clear warnings from God. In so doing, both have forsaken God's revealed words in the scriptures and have chosen instead human fabrications as the source of their religious guidance.

*You shall recite what is revealed to you of your Lord's scripture. Nothing shall abrogate His words, and you shall not find any other source beside it.* (18:27)

*God has revealed herein the best Hadith; a book that is consistent, and points out both ways (to Heaven and Hell).* (39:23)

*Is God not sufficient for His servant? ... "Say: God is sufficient for me."* (39:36, 38)

*When God alone is mentioned, the hearts of those who do not believe in the Hereafter shrink with aversion. But when others are mentioned beside Him, they become satisfied.* (39:45)

The following are direct quotes from an article in the December 1992 issue of *Manar As-Sabeel*, a new Saudi publication of

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"Islamic" propagation in America with its headquarters in Fairfax, Virginia. The title of the article was "The Sunnah: A Source of Legislation" by Dr. Al-Hussain Shouat (hereinafter referred to as the author), and it appeared under the Studies and Research section of the journal. In order to support his argument, the author tried to use the Quran as his first piece of evidence. However, in light of the Quranic verses quoted earlier and many other verses that elucidates the Quran's main theme, any sincere seeker of the truth will immediately notice the fallacy of his argument.

The rest of the author's 'evidence' for the Sunna are photocopied directly below.

#### The Second Piece of Evidence: The Pure Sunnah

There are numerous and diverse Hadiths indicating that obeying the Prophet (sAws) and following his Sunnah are musts. The Hadiths also indicate that the Sunnah is the Qur'an's counterpart in legislation. These Hadiths can be classified according to their topics into several types:

1. Hadiths indicating that the Sunnah is equivalent to the Qur'an in legislation, and that the Shari'ah cannot be derived from the Qur'an only. Examples of this type are:

a: Al-Miqdam Bin Ma'di Karib (May Allah Be pleased with him) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (sAws) said:

"Behold! I have indeed been given the Book and its like with it. Behold! a man with a full stomach on his day bed might say: take this Qur'an, whatever Halal you may find in it let it be so, and whatever Haram you may find in it let it be so. But verily, what the Messenger of Allah forbade is the same as what Allah forbade." (Related by Abu Dawood, Tirmidhi, and Al-Hakim).

The Muslim scholars are unanimous in their opinion that Hadith and Sunna are based on chains of narrations spanning many generations. In other words, they are hearsay, pure and simple. To support Sunna, i.e., a body of hearsay, as a legal source based on other hearsay is unheard of, except when common sense gives in.

Shall I seek other than God as a source of law, when He has revealed to you this book fully detailed? (6:114)

The idol worshipers say, "Had God willed, we would not worship any idols beside Him, nor would our parents. Nor would we prohibit anything beside His prohibitions." Those before them have done the same. Can the messenger do anything but deliver the complete message? (16:35)

In the strongest terms, God nullifies the argument for any other sources of religious law beside His words. As for dietary prohibitions, what was delivered by prophet Muhammad in the Quran is complete and fully detailed. In fact, God calls those who invent other prohibitions idol worshipers.

It is also very difficult to get even the slightest impression that God's words and human fabrications are comparable. One needs only to take a quick look at the above Hadith to appreciate the beauty of God's words. In a demonstration of foreknowledge that only an Omniscient Creator can give, God challenged the doubters to come up with verses similar to His, not just in content or in the underlying mathematical structure, but also in the beauty of the prose (17:88).

#### The Third Piece of Evidence: Consensus

Imam Ash-Shawkani, in his book: *Irshaad Al-Fuhood*, said: "That the pure Sunnah is surely a source of legislation and is independent in creed legislation, is a religious necessity. No one would dispute this fact except someone who has no share in the Deen of Al-Islam." In his book: *Al-Ihkam fi Usool Al-Ahkam*, Al-Hafiz Ibn Hazm said after mentioning a few Ayahs that indicate the legality of Sunnah: "No Muslim submitting to Tawheed (the oneness of Allah) would, if disputed with, refer to anything other than the Qur'an and the sayings of the Messenger (sAws), and would not reject what is found therein, if he does reject the substantiated proof, he is Faasiq. But, if one rejects it out of conviction and belief that something other than the Qur'an and the Sunnah is to be obeyed, we undoubtedly consider him an unbeliever." He added: "If one says: I would not consider but what is in the Qur'an, he would be an unbeliever by consensus of the Ummah."

How can one who follows the Quran alone, God's words revealed to Muhammad, be an unbeliever? Did prophet Muhammad not follow the Quran, and nothing but the Quran? Was he a Sunni, a Shia, an Ahmadiyya, or simply a Submitter?

If you obey the majority of people on Earth, they will divert you from the path of God. They follow only conjecture; they only guess. (6:116)

Most people, no matter what you do, will not believe...The majority of those who believe in God do not do so without committing idol worship. (12:103,106)

#### The Fourth Piece of Evidence: Infallibility of the Prophet against all mistakes pertaining to conveying the Message

Shari'ah, mind, and consensus have indicated that our Prophet Muhammad (sAws) and the rest of the prophets before him were shielded from committing any mistakes pertaining to conveying the messages with which they were entrusted by Allah. Allah protected His Messenger (sAws) from all mistakes, including incomplete delivery of the Message, lying, doubting any part of it, negligence, influence of Satan on him, forgetfulness, and mistakes in his sayings which were intended for the purpose of conveying the Shari'ah. The actions of the Messenger (sAws), however, are of three types.

1. Habitual actions pertaining to daily life. In this regard the Messenger (sAws) is a human being apt to forgetfulness. This has no influence on the Message since it is not part of it.

The Almighty God is very specific when it comes to the message given to Muhammad. What was Muhammad's message? It was—and is—the Quran, the whole Quran, and nothing but the Quran. God never says that He gave Muhammad the Quran and the Sunna, just as He never states that He gave the Torah and the Talmud to Moses and Aaron. In a very strong language, God swears that the Quran, the utterance of an honorable messenger (Muhammad), is a revelation from Him (69:38-43). These verses are followed by:

Had he (Muhammad) uttered any other teachings, we would have punished him. We would have stopped the revelations to Him, (and) none of you could have helped him. (69:44-47)

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Say, "Whose testimony is the greatest?" Say, "God's. He is the witness between me and you that this Quran has been inspired to me, to preach it to you and whomever it reaches. Indeed, you bear witness that there are other gods beside God." Say, "I do not testify as you do; there is only one god, and I disown your idolatry." (6:19)

...Therefore, remind with this Quran, those who reverence My warnings. (50:45)

Two other aspects of the author's point deserve comment. He writes that God protected Muhammad from all mistakes, including incomplete delivery of the message. Yet, when called upon to follow this message (i.e. Quran), the traditionalists will invariably state that the Quran is incomplete, and needs Hadith and Sunna to explain it. They contradict themselves further by saying that some of God's verses did not make it into the Quran (i.e. the Quran is incomplete), because the parchments that contained them were supposedly eaten by a goat!

The author also states that Muhammad, as a human being, was prone to forgetfulness in his habitual actions pertaining to daily

life, but that this has no influence on the message. A quick observation of many of today's Muslims, however, bears out the fact that they are actually more concerned with how to imitate Muhammad's beard, the way he ate, slept, etc., rather than trying to study and follow his proven message. This is a clear sign that after centuries of conditioning from their scholars, the Muslim masses are obsessed with Hadith and Sunna, to the point of discarding the Quran.

#### The Fifth Piece of Evidence: It is impossible to Apply the Qur'an Alone

The claim that worship of Allah can be limited to what is in the Qur'an and that the Sunnah is not needed is one of the methods the enemies of Islam utilize to demolish the foundations of the Deen. They indeed know that the Qur'an alone is not sufficient to worship Allah the way He commanded. Ibn Abdulbarr reported some early Muslims to have said: "the Qur'an's need of the Sunnah is more than the Sunna's need of the Qur'an."

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## THE BEE



about 16 days. The first new queen may seek out and eat all the others, or two emerging simultaneously may fight to the death.

Five to ten days later, on pure instinct, the queen flies out. The third type of bee—the drones—chase her, and perhaps 5 will catch her and mate with her in the air. Then they fall dead. Drones live only a few months anyway, and their only job is to mate with a queen. Once this is accomplished, the workers will refuse to feed the drones, who are incapable of gathering their own food. And the workers may not allow them into the hive. So they will starve or freeze once their job is done.

Meanwhile, the queen who has been mated will retain the genital organs from the drones to produce millions of sperm to last the rest of her life, maybe 5 or 6 years. If the old queen in the hive is too old, she may be allowed to stay until she dies. Otherwise, she will fly away leading a swarm of workers to establish a new hive. Scientists have no idea who decides which workers will go and which will stay. It is done instinctively.

The workers within a hive do all the work. Their lives progress from one job to another. The first few days, they work, clean up, keeping the hive free of dirt and debris. Then they are promoted to feeding the larvae—a big job as each larva must be fed 1300 times a day. At about ten days old, they move on to receiving food from the gatherers and storing it in the combs, also working on expanding and repairing the combs. Then they guard the entrance and make short exploratory flights out-

Sura (Chapter) 16 in the Quran is entitled "The Bee." And your Lord inspired the bee: build homes in mountains and trees, and in (the hives) they build for you. Then eat from all the fruits, following the design of your Lord, precisely. From their bellies comes a drink of different colors, wherein there is healing for the people. This should be (sufficient) proof for people who reflect. (16:68-9)

So it is God's inspiration to build the hives, to eat from the fruits, and to create the honey. It is God's inspiration in the efficient way honeybees thrive.

Within a honeybee hive, there are three types of bees—queen, worker and drone. There is a single queen bee. Her only job is to lay eggs. She lacks the glands to make wax, the tongue to gather nectar, she has a smaller brain. She is fed, groomed, defended to the death. She has no maternal instinct—she only lays the eggs, they are cared for by the workers.

There are maybe 50,000 workers in a hive, all female. They instinctively care for the eggs, feeding them in proper proportion to what they will become. The future queens are given a special formula called "royal jelly," and they are sealed and protected until they begin to emerge after

side. At about three weeks old, they begin gathering food. The rest of their lives, just a few weeks, is spent hauling loads as heavy as themselves from dawn to dusk. They have an incredible sense of direction. They zip along at about 12 MPH, visiting thousands of flowers and finding their way back home unerringly.

In God's beautiful system, the flowers and the bees are dependent on each other. The color and smell of the flower is not for man, although we can and should enjoy it. It is to attract the bees to insure the flower's survival. And if the flower did not produce nectar and pollen, the bee would not survive.

Only bees make honey. Artificial attempts have fallen far short. In a special section of the bee's stomach, digestion of the nectar begins and an enzyme is added. Back at the hive, the bees regurgitate into cells, where it is left to thicken. When it is the proper consistency—"following the design of your Lord precisely"—the cell is sealed with wax. Created is a delicious food with healing properties. "From their bellies comes a drink of different colors, wherein there is healing for the people."

Bees are very important to man—not just for the honey and wax, but also in pollinating crops and fruit trees. Many fruit trees, such as the apple, cherry and peach, will not produce abundantly without bees. And crops such as alfalfa and clover need bees for pollination. In fact, alfalfa needs two to three hives per acre for proper seed production. What a wonderful system.

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