With this piece of 'evidence' the author, and indeed the whole institution behind Manar Al-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 'five 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 (25:90).

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: “The Quran is complete and fully detailed, where do we find the number of days in Satan? How do we give Zakat? And what about Haj?” And on, and on... He writes:

Dr. Hearn said: “In which Quran do you find that Zahir prayer is fine Rain, Maghrib prayer three Rak’ah, Ruku, (bowing in prayer) is to be performed that way, recitation (prostration in prayer) is to be performed that way, instead of Quran in prayers is fine and such, the end of the prayer is no so and the type of fastings to be avoided, the amount of Zakat due for gold, silver, sheep, cows, dates, the rituals of Hajj...”

Here, the author shows his not-so-subconscious averting 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 (21:76, 16:123). The proper response is to 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 third, male or female, cut off his or her hands: a punishment for those who transgress and exemplary punishment from Allah. What type of theft necessitates cutting? 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 helper, 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. (12:181)

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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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 missing 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 12:30-31). 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 3:16).

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 Omniscient, Omnipotent, Omniscient... (Gayatri Mantra, Vajur 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 jinn and 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 idolatry 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 6:25-24).

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 Judgment. Over time, millions of Muslims put more and more emphasis on the word “the,” calling him the servant and 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 misinterpreting (oral) and parroting (actions) attributed to their prophets, which is known collectively as the Talmud, the Muslims fell into the same mistake and invented hadith (oral) and sufiyya (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. (10:27)

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 shudder 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 Al-As-Sabeel, a new Saudi publication of...
The Islamic propagation in America with its headquarters in Florida, Virginia. The title of the article was "The Sunnah: A Source of Ijma" by Dr. Al-Hussain Shoukat (Huseinallah 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 referred to the Quran as his first piece of evidence. However, in the light of the Quranic verses quoted earlier and many other verses that elucidate 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 this Prophet (AWW) and following his Sunnah are musts. The Hadith also indicates the extensive use of Quranic language in these teachings. These Hadiths can be classified according to their topics into several types:

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

   - "Al-Maglib Bi Miri Karin (May Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (AWW) said: 

      "Believe! I have indeed been given the Book and the Will with it. Behold a man with a full stretch of his day and he may not say: 'This Quran, whatever Halal you may find in it let it be so, and whatever Haram you may find in it let it be forbidden. But surely, what the Messenger of Allah forbade is the same as what Allah has forbidden.' " (Replied by Abi Dawood, Tirmidhi, and Al-Hakim).

2. Hadiths indicating that both the Quran and the Sunnah are based on chains of narrations spanning many generations. In other words, they are hearsay, pure and simple. To support Sunnah, i.e., a body of hearsay as a legal source based on Quranic language is unwise.

The Islamic scholars are unanimous in their opinion that Hadiths and Sunnah are not the source of legislation. They are not the source of legislation in any generation. In other words, they are hearsay, pure and simple. To support Sunnah, i.e., a body of hearsay as a legal source based on Quranic language is unwise.

"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 worship anything beside His prohibitions." Those before them had supported Sumah, i.e., a body of hearsay, as a legal source based on Quranic language. In fact, God calls those who support the Quran as a source of law, when He has revealed to you this book fully detailed, to lay eggs. She lacks the glands to make "royal jelly," and they are sealed and preserved until they begin to emerge after 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 25 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 flowers are enticing to bees 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 bees 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, wherein there is healing for the people. This is God's inspiration to 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, de-fended 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. In instinctively they are workers, they go to the hive and eat whatever 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 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 may catch her. She is then fertilized, and the eggs that she lays are destined to be queen bees. She 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 die. Otherwise, she will fly away leaving 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. 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, before working on expanding and repairing seed production. What a wonderful system.

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 Sunnah, 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, is to lay eggs. She lacks the glands to make "royal jelly," and they are sealed and preserved until they begin to emerge after 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 25 MPH, visiting thousands of flowers and finding their way back home unerringly.

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