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The salamander is a reptile which is from the same family as newts. At first sight this animal is in no way different from any other amphibian. Its features are a distinctive, smooth moist skin that is richly supplied with mucous glands, a head, thorax and abdomen with the tail tapering at the end.

One might be deceived by these apparently ordinary features, and overlook its amazing capability when injured.

If this animal loses one of its legs, the whole leg regenerates, with all tissue and growth at birth and performs this function once again to recreate the whole leg.

This happens because humans tend only to believe in what they see. Once again, God tells us in the Quran:

"...He created everything in exact measure; He precisely designed everything." [252]

But the human being tends to believe only what he sees in front of him. [755]

Ijaz Chaudry / England

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Universe Itself Proves God’s Existence

Among His proofs are the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the variations in your languages and your colors. In these, there are signs for the knowledgeable. [30:22]

Today, we have discovered a powerful and elegant way to understand the universe. We call it science. We live in an enlightened world, every day of which brings forth new and exciting discoveries attesting to the existence of the one creator. Science is clearly revealing to us the unremarkable fingerprints of God, providing mute but clear testimony of His omnipotence, omniscience and omnipresence.

The size and age of the cosmos are beyond ordinary human understanding. Our earth is lost in its immensity, and yet from this terra firma, humans have made astonishing discoveries of the cosmos and our place within it.

These discoveries remind us that we have to continue to question, to always keep an open mind and use the knowledge thereby acquired to understand the role of the creator and the purpose of our creation.

The Quran, the Final Testament, was written 1400 years ago, and the Bible 2000 and more, yet, when we look at the scriptures and at the recent scientific discoveries, we see astonishing similarities. Up until the mid twenties, the universe was considered to have always existed, to be neither expanding nor collapsing, but standing still. It was only in the 1940's that Hawking and Penrose put forth the mathematical calculations which showed that the universe had to have an origin—that there was a Big Bang in which all matter was concentrated in a single point (popularly known as a singularity), that there was a Big Bang, in which this point emerged and exploded, creating our universe, space and time. It is a well known fact that at the singularity all the known laws of science and the normal concepts of space and time break down—they no longer apply.

Proof that their calculations of the origins were accurate was provided by Robert Wilson and Arnold Penzias in 1964. Their accidental finding of background micro-wave radiation of low intensity distributed evenly throughout the universe was correctly interpreted as a relic of the Big Bang. In other words, a primordial explosion of enormous proportions that began the whole process was expected to leave just such a residue, or 'echo' from a 'smoking gun'.

It is amazing that this very scenario is spelled out in the Quran:

Do the unbelievers not realize that the heavens and the earth used to be one solid mass that we exploded into existence? And from water we made all living things. Would they believe? [21:30]

The modern picture of Genesis, confirmed by scripture, therefore is of a cosmos starting out in an utterly featureless state and then progressing in a very orderly fashion, or more specifically, expanding:

We constructed the sky with our hands, and we will continue to expand it. [51:47]

We are witnessing, and indeed participating in a creative act that is taking place throughout time.

That the universe is expanding was directly confirmed by Edwin Hubble's measurements of the light emitting from various galaxies. These measurements proved that they were moving away from each other at a rate directly proportional to their distance from the Milky Way. The expansion is so precisely set that it neither runs away in an accelerating manner, resulting in a universe long since dissipated, nor will it give way to recombination for a final Big Bang.

There is no ambiguity in the above scriptural statements. They are clear and precise. They were written in the 'dark ages' and only in the light of recent scientific data are we able to understand and interpret their meaning accurately.

It is obvious, even at a casual glance, to any observer that the universe is remarkably ordered on all scales. At the Big Bang, just enough non-uniformity was included in the original chemistry to allow
We have cited in this Quran every kind of example...

[17:41, 18:54]

As you know every verse of the Quran is called 'ayah, a sign from God. All you need to do is read them, and you'll get a glimpse of the power of the Quran. The Quran is a complete guide to life, and it shows us the path to salvation.

We have included some of the most important verses from the Quran in this document to give you a better understanding of the book. We hope you find them helpful.

Shakirah Kanjiwsmis, M.D.

New Area Code For Tucson

Effective March 19, 1995, the telephone area code of Tucson has been changed from 602 to 520. Because of many complaints from the people and businesses that are experiencing problems with this new area code, the grace period to use the old code has been extended by the telephone company from July to October.

Therefore, if you encounter problems while trying to reach us by phone or fax using the new area code, try the old code to see if it works. We will appreciate it if you report such problems to us.

We have come full circle. It is time to face the reality that we are a people steeped in tradition and dogma that has no basis in fact or religion! We must have the courage to acknowledge this. We have broken ourselves into sects and congregations when it is abundantly clear that we have only one Creator. Common sense tells us that we must all be equal in His sight.

God knows best about your belief, and you are equal to one another, as far as belief is concerned... [42:25]

...The best among you are the most righteous... [49:10]

With the precision with which He created the universe, He could not but be equita-

ible. Let us therefore not hold on to worthless traditions, but recognize the One God, discard our prejudices, kill our egos and be united in His worship.

In the words of William Paley: "There cannot be a design without a designer, continuity without a contriver, order without choice, arrangement without anything capial of arranging."

...He created everything in exact mea-

sure; He precisely designed every- [25:2]

The One who created you, designed you, and perfected your design, then to Him is the final destiny. [6:3]

...Not even an atom's weight is out of your Lord's control, be it in the heavens or the earths... [10:61]

Science is simply a knowledge of what already is. It is a tool for us to realize the unique and infinite power of the Almighty Creator. It points out to us with great clarity how infinite God is and how incom-

ferable the human being is. And how irrational, how devoid of all common sense it is to attribute creative powers to humans—be they saints or prophets.

Yet, they set up idols beside Him gods who do not have existence. They themselves are created—and who possess no power to even harm or benefit themselves, nor do they pos-

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