THE FINAL TESTAMENT

In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Who Are We?

During the past fourteen centuries, traditions, customs, and superstitions have crept into the religion of Islam (Submission). Gradually, they became dogma or ritual, to such an extent that anyone who questions them finds himself or herself regarded as a dangerous innovator or heretic.

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Therefore, we have made a decision to hold the conference as scheduled. We regret any inconvenience this may cause to several brothers and sisters. We pray to God that He will somehow make it easy for everybody to attend the conference, and that He will provide us the time and means for getting together and striving in His cause.

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The word “rabb” is usually translated to English as Lord, master, sovereign, or sustainer. But these are poor translations of the original, simply because there is no equivalent word to convey the depth of its meaning.

The word “rabb” is derived from the triliteral Arabic root r-b-b whose meaning can only be summarized as: “to have a legitimate claim to the possession of anything and consequently authority over it, as well as to nurture, to sustain, to foster and to develop a thing from its inception to its final completion.” One of the most famous lexicographers of the words of the Quran, over 1000 years ago, long before the concept of modern science and evolution, defined the word “rabb” as: “Father of a thing, who develops it from one state into another until it attains completion according to a pre-plan.”

So when we freely say “Praise be to God, Lord of the universe,” as we do at least a day when we read Al-Faatihah (the Key) in our Salat (Contact) prayers, we admit, we accept and we praise all these qualities of God present in the word “rabb”: one who plans, who creates, who sustains.

Notice that right at the beginning of the Quran God calls Himself Lord of the universe (the worlds), of all things, those we see and those we do not see. He is not just “rabb” of righteous people, He is also...
In Praise of God continued

"rabb" of evil people, idol worshipers, frequently, God leaves them alone, or leads them to the decision of their blundering to destroy themselves.

Everything Has a Purpose

As was pointed out, part of the definition of "rabb" is to control things, to plan, to carry out. This makes God a dynamic divinity who is involved in the day to day affairs of the universe, of you and me. One who does everything every day, every moment. He creates, guides, gives provisions, sends the rains...

All these things now and forever. He did not just create and then leave everything to itself.

Another part of the definition of "rabb" is having purpose, one who carries out a plan toward a pre-determined goal...

...Our Lord, You did not create all this in vain...[3:91]

Among the strongest arguments used in the Quran for the existence of God and the quality of "rabb" is in the fields of teleology, the existence of purpose in all nature, the adaptation of all in nature for its own specific purpose. This is God, Lord of the Universe, who planned and programmed the minutest detail of the life of each star billions of years ago when He created the universe. Before the creation of the universe, there was only one star, a sun or planet that will be more complex, more involved than the parent star. The parent star may have been made of only hydrogen and helium but the new-born, population I star (as our sun is, for example), will have a variety of elements, necessary for life. In the exact way, God has planned and charted the entire life cycle of every single creature in the universe, including us...

We have recorded the fate of every human being; it is tied to his neck...[17:13]

He initiated you from one person, and decided your path as well as your final destiny...[6:68]

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Therefore death is not just something that happens at the end of life, rather it is an all or nothing, an end of existence of the whole and all the implies. Consequently, God leaves them alone, or leads them to the decision of their blundering to destroy themselves.

In Praise of God continued

Everything we created is precisely measured...[56:49]

God's Greatness

Can we really appreciate the greatness, the glory and the magnificence of God? How could we?

No vision can comprehend Him but He comprehends all visions...[6:103]

How could we?

God is far greater than we can imagine, more powerful, more compassionate, more just, more than we could possibly imagine.

But God says He has given us the best of example and allegories in the Quran so that we can appreciate some of His mercy, compassion and greatness.

And lower for them (the parents) the wings of modesty and kindness, and say: "My Lord (Rabb), shower them with your mercy, for they have raised me from infancy (rabbanugum)...[7:24]

There appears to be a subtle play on words as both "rabb" and "rabbanugum" are used even though they may not have the same verbal root. Raising an infant child, or this, another play on words, a single creature in the universe, including us...

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In Praise of God continued

God never burdens any soul beyond its means: its credit is whatever it earns and against it is whatever it contributes...[2:296]

Submission to God's Will

It would really be extreme foolishness and arrogance for us to wish to be somebody we are not, to wish to be somebody God did not create us to be, to ask God for more of this, less of that because God knows and you know not...[24:19]

Because God says...

O you who believe, shall you embrace total submission...[2:208]

Total submission; to accept absolutely, which is an extreme, all of God's decisions which means all that happens everywhere, that all you are given and all that you are not given. Who are we to question God's judgments?

Whatever you will is in accordance with God's will...[6:30]

Therefore, all has been planned by the best planner. All has been charted for us the only way God charted the life of that star, billions of years away.

Whether we are to be rich or poor, old or young, in a far away land, lonely or among friends, have many children or...