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Some of the Signs of the Universe

Praise be to Allah, the King, the very Truth that makes all things manifest. He manifested to His servants the signs with which they can draw lessons and guidance. I testify that there is no god but Allah, with whom there are no partners, the Lord of the first and the last. I testify that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger, who was sent as a mercy for Jinn and Mankind. May Allah bless him, his family, Companions and those who follow them until the Day of Judgment!

O people! Fear Allah and praise Him for the signs He has shown to you that which indicate His Oneness and His ultimate Lordship. In all surrounding things, we find evidence that Allah is the sole God, Who is perfect in Knowledge, Power and Mercy. Among His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth. Whoever looks at the sky with all its glory, perfection, altitude and firmness will come to realize Allah's limitless power.

Allah, most Glorified is He, said which means: ***"Are you more difficult to create, or is the heaven that He constructed? He raised its height, and He has equally ordered it"*** [79:27-28] He also says which means, ***"With power did We construct the heaven. Verily, We are Able to extend the vastness of space thereof."*** [51:47] Also: ***"Who has created the seven heavens one above another, you can see no fault in the Creation of the Most Beneficent. Then look again: "Can you see any rifts? * Then look again and yet again, your sight will return to you in a state of humiliation and worn out."*** [67:3-4] And He said which means, ***"Have they not looked at the heaven above them, how We have made it and adorned it, and there are no rifts in it?"*** [50:6]

Whoever looks at the earth can see how Allah has spread it out like a carpet and enabled us to go about therein by road and channels. He has set on the Earth Mountains standing firm and high above it, and bestowed blessings on them. He has measured therein all things to give His creatures nourishment in due proportion. He has made manageable for mankind to traverse through the tracts of the earth and enjoy of the sustenance that He furnishes. In this way, they can till the earth and plant in it. They can also extract water from it to irrigate land and use it for drinking. Allah has made the earth a resting-place for creatures, so that it may not quake with them, except by His leave. Allah said which means: ***"And on the earth are Signs for those who have Faith with certainty."*** [51:2] and ***"And in the earth are neighboring tracts, and gardens of vines, and fields sown with corn, and palm trees, growing out two or three from a single stem root, or otherwise (one stem root for every palm), watered with the same water, yet some of them We make more excellent than others to eat. Verily, in these things, there are Ayaat (evidence) for the people who understand."*** [13:4]

These creations are diverse in their nature, characteristics and the benefits that people attain from them. There are gardens of vines and fields sown with corn, and palm trees, growing out of single roots, or otherwise; watered with the same water, yet some of them are made excellent than others to eat. Whoever ponders over this, will realize the extent of Allah's perfect Power and Mercy that He shows to His servants.

Among Allah's Signs are the living creatures that He has scattered throughout the heavens and the earth. There is no four-finger space in the heavens without being occupied by an angel, whether standing, bowing or prostrating to Allah. There are 70,000 angels who circumambulate Al-Bait Al-Ma'moor [the Most Frequented House], located in the seventh heaven. Once they leave it and they never come back again until the Day of Resurrection.

On earth, there are innumerable different kinds of creatures. Some of these are beneficial to man so that he may acknowledge Allah's grace conferred on him, and some are so harmful that man may realize his real status and how weak he is when compared to other creatures.

All creatures that have been spread throughout the land and in the seas celebrate Allah's praise,

glorify His holy Name and testify to His Oneness and Lordship. Allah said which means: ***“The seven heavens and the earth and all that is therein, glorify Him and there is not a thing but glorifies His praise. But you understand not their glorification. Truly, He is Ever Forbearing, Oft-Forgiving”***. [17:44]

The sustenance of all creatures depends upon Allah, their Creator. Allah said which means: ***“And no (moving) living creature is there on earth but its provision is due from Allah. And He knows its dwelling place and its deposit (in the uterus, grave, etc.), all is in a clear Book.”*** [11:6]

Among Allah’s Signs are the night and the day. The night is made as a means of seeking rest and tranquility for Allah’s servants. The day, on the other hand, is made a means of seeking sustenance and quest for livelihood out of Allah’s Bounty. Allah said which means: ***“Say (O Muhammad): Tell me! If Allah made night continuous for you till the Day of Resurrection, who is a god besides Allah who could bring you light? Will you not then hear? Say (O Muhammad) If Allah made day continuous for you till the Day of Resurrection, who is a god besides Allah who could bring you night wherein you rest? Will you not then see?”*** [28:71-73]

Among the Signs of Allah are the sun and the moon. They go around their orbits since the time they were first created by Allah, until the destruction of the world. They move on an organized course that is never altered or diverted. Allah said which means: ***“And the sun runs on its fixed course for a term (appointed). That is the Decree of the All-Mighty, the All-Knowing. And the moon, We have measured for it mansions (to traverse) till it returns like the old dried curved date stalk. It is not for the sun to overtake the moon, nor does the night outstrip the day. They all float, each in an orbit”*** [36:38-40]

Among Allah’s Signs are the countless huge celestial bodies, some of which are rotating, others are stationary, some are combined in groups, while others are separate. They move by Allah’s command as adornments of the lower heaven and as missiles to drive away the (Shayaateen) Evil Ones, as well as markers and signposts with which people can guide themselves.

Thus, the whole universe is full of the Signs of Allah. He is its Creator, Who rules and regulates it. The universe can never function by itself, nor even be regulated by other than Allah. Allah, said which means: ***“Were they created by nothing, or were they themselves the creators? Or did they create the heavens and the earth? Nay, but they have no firm belief.”*** [52:35-36]

The universe never created itself. It is also illogical for it to be established without a creator. Rather, there should be a Creator who has created it and disposed of its affairs, i.e. Allah, the Almighty, with Whom there is no creator, and there is no lord other than Him.

O people! If I told you that a stately castle was built by itself, you would deem that impossible. If I told you that it was brought into existence by accident, you would reject my allegation.

This immense universe, with its upper levels and the lower ones, cannot exist by itself, nor can it continue to exist by accident. There should be a Creator who is All-knowing and All-powerful, and that is Allah.

Allah said which means: ***“Verily, in the heavens and the earth are Signs for the believers. And in your creation, and what He scattered (through the earth) of moving (living) creatures are Signs for people who have Faith with certainty. And in the alternation of night and day, and the provision (rain) that Allah sends down from the sky, and revives therewith the earth after its death, and in the turning about of the winds, are Signs for a people who understand. These are the Ayaat (proof, evidence) of Allah, which We recite to you with truth. Then in which speech after Allah and His Ayaat will they believe?”*** [45:3-6]

May Allah bless the Holy Qur’an for you and for me!