

Section –I. Knowing God.

The Gigantic Universe in which we live!

Imagine! How huge is this universe. We are not even a dot on this earth... and the earth is a small part of the solar system... and the solar system is not even a dot in the Milky Way... and the Milky Way is hardly a dot in the whole universe. God is the Creator of this universe. When the creation is so great, then imagine, how great the Creator! He is the One who has made us; given us everything we have; controlling everything around us. And to Him we will finally return back. Isn't it very important for us to "Know" our Creator – God Almighty?

1. Is God Perfect or Imperfect?

Most people, inspite of different religious backgrounds, unanimously agree that – Yes!! God is PERFECT!! He is absolutely faultless and doesn't have even the smallest deficiency.

2. Do Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Buddhists have different Creators?

All of mankind, of any belief, nationality, colour, background has only one God. We all are products of His Creation, we all depend for our needs on Him, He alone controls this world. God is perfect.

"Allah" is a pure, uncorrupted word in Arabic Language which refers to One Supreme God of all mankind. He is the God of not just the Muslims or the Arabs. Rather He is the God of all of mankind.

3. Is God Dependent or Truly Independent?

We humans are dependent. We need so many things – air, water, food, clothes, rest, sleep... But can we say this about Allah? Does He need all these things? All would agree – No!! Surely not! He is truly independent.

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Faatir 35: 15

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ أَنْتُمُ الْفُقَرَاءُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ هُوَ الْغَنِيُّ الْحَمِيدُ

"O Mankind! It is you who stand in need of Allah, and it is Allah Who is Free of all wants, worthy of all praise."

4. He does not eat! Rather He feeds!

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah An'aam 6: 14

قُلْ أَعْيَرَ اللَّهُ أَنْخِذُ وَلِيًّا فَاطِرِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَهُوَ يُطْعِمُ وَلَا يُطْعَمُ

Say: "Should I take as my protector anyone other than Allah, Who is the Creator of the heavens and the earth. Who feeds all and is not fed?"

5. Allah NEVER forgets!

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Maryam 19: 64

وَمَا كَانَ رَبُّكَ نَسِيًّا

"Your Lord is never forgetful."

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Ta-Ha 20: 52

لَا يَضِلُّ رَبِّي وَلَا يَنْسَى

"My Lord is neither unaware nor He forgets"

6. He doesn't SLEEP!

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Al-Baqara 2:255

لَا تَأْخُذُهُ سِنَّةٌ وَلَا نَوْمٌ

"Neither slumber, nor sleep overtakes Him."

7. Allah forgives and loves

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Al- Burooj 85: 14

وَهُوَ الْعَفُورُ الْوَدُودُ

"And He is Oft-Forgiving, full of love"

8. He does not do injustice! even to the least degree!

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah An-Nisaa 4: 40

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَظْلِمُ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ

"Verily, Allah does not do injustice of the least degree."

9. Only one creator of all

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Ar-Ra'ad 13: 16

قُلِ اللَّهُ خَالِقُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَهُوَ الْوَاحِدُ الْقَهَّارُ

"Say: "Allah (alone) is the Creator of all things, and He is the One, the Irresistible."

10. None can help or injure us against the will of Allah

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Yunus 10: 107

وَإِنْ يَمْسَسْكَ اللَّهُ بِضُرٍّ فَلَا كَاشِفَ لَهُ إِلَّا هُوَ وَإِنْ يُرِدْكَ بِخَيْرٍ فَلَا رَادَّ لِفَضْلِهِ يُصِيبُ بِهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ
وَهُوَ الْعَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

"If Allah afflicts you with a calamity, none can remove it but He; and if He intends to bestow a favor, none can withhold His bounty. He bestows it on whomsoever

of His servants He pleases; He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.”

11. So... Does Allah need any Helpers?

When we all agree that God is indeed perfect, then does He need any helpers? No!! He doesn't!

Section II - Does He have any partners?

1. The order in the universe proves oneness of God

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Al-Ambiya 21: 22

لَوْ كَانَ فِيهِمَا آلِهَةٌ إِلَّا اللَّهُ لَفَسَدَتَا

“If there were other gods therein (in the heavens and the earth) besides Allah, both (the heavens and earth) would have been in a state of disorder.”

Let us take a simple example – What will happen to a car which has more than one driver? Surely it will have an accident! So what would have happened to this universe if there were more than one Allah in it?

2. What would have happened if there were many gods?

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Mominoon 23: 91-92

مَا اتَّخَذَ اللَّهُ مِنْ وَلَدٍ وَمَا كَانَ مَعَهُ مِنْ إِلَهٍ إِذَا لَذَهَبَ كُلُّ إِلَهٍ بِمَا خَلَقَ وَلَعَلَّا بَعْضُهُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَمَّا يُصِفُونَ

“Never has Allah taken anyone as a son, nor is there any god besides Him. (If there had been many gods), behold, each god would have taken away what he had created, and some would have tried to overcome others! Glorified is Allah above all that they attribute to Him!”

It is commonly found in some religions that one god defeats others. If a god is defeated or unable to defeat then can we say that He is the one true God who is perfect and independent? And why does God Almighty need a partner? If we say that two different gods take care of different aspect of the needs of the creation e.g. one supplies rain while another is the sun god or one is the god of knowledge and another is the god of money, it indicates that one god is incompetent of certain acts and ignorant about the other gods' functions and responsibilities. But the true God is Perfect and Independent!!

3. What is Better- Many Gods differing among themselves or One God

Supreme and Irresistible?

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Yusuf 12: 39-40

يَا صَاحِبِي السِّجْنِ أَرَبَابٌ مُتَفَرِّقُونَ خَيْرٌ أَمْ اللَّهُ الْوَاحِدُ الْقَهَّارُ

مَا تَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ إِلَّا أَسْمَاءَ سَمَّيْتُمُوهَا أَنْتُمْ وَآبَاؤُكُمْ مَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ بِهَا مِنْ سُلْطَانٍ إِنْ الْحُكْمُ إِلَّا لِلَّهِ أَمَرَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ ذَلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقَيِّمُ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

"Are many lords differing among themselves better, or Allah, the One, Supreme and Irresistible?

If not Him, you worship nothing but names which you have named - you and your fathers - for which Allah has sent down no authority:

The command is for none but Allah: He has commanded that you worship none but Him: that is the right religion, but most men understand not..."

Would God ever become a human being?

We humans are imperfect. God is PERFECT. If He becomes a human – how can He be perfect and imperfect both at the same time! This is impossible. Similarly how can He be dependent and independent both at the same time? How can He need sleep, air, water, food..... and NOT need them at the same time The list of such questions is endless!

The answer is simple – "No" God will NEVER **choose** to become a human. The Qur'an says about Allah in Surah Al-Burooj 85: 16, that

فَعَالٌ لِّمَا يُرِيدُ

He is the "Doer of all that He intends."

He will NEVER intend to do such a thing!

5. Why should God become a Human?

Many people have an understanding that God would become a human being due to one of the three reasons mentioned below:

A. To understand the difficulties and problems faced by man

Does GOD KNOW all our needs?

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Al-Mulk 67: 14

أَلَا يَعْلَمُ مَنْ خَلَقَ وَهُوَ اللَّطِيفُ الْخَبِيرُ

"Would He not know Who has created (them)? He is the Knower of finest mysteries, and aware of everything."

Consider the example: Even a manufacturer who makes a small tape-recorder knows his machine. He knows the parts that he has put in his machine and hence writes an instruction manual which gives the do's and don'ts for the machine. Surely God has incomparably perfect knowledge about His creation. When we acknowledge that He is Perfect, He also has perfect knowledge!

B. To teach men by example.

To guide mankind, God chooses a man from amongst men and guides him to teach mankind what is right and wrong. Such men are called Prophets and Messengers of God.

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Faatir 35: 24

إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ بِالْحَقِّ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا وَإِن مِّنْ أُمَّةٍ إِلَّا خَلَا فِيهَا نَذِيرٌ

"There never were a people without a warner having lived among them (in the past)."

God rather sends messengers for this purpose. The last messenger sent for mankind is Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). He came with this pure, unadulterated message about God being One, without any partners.

It does not suit the divinity of God to become a human being. ".But glory to God, the Lord of the Throne: (high is He) above what they attribute to Him! "(Qur'an 21:22). We Human-Beings need a Human Being as an example. Since if the example would not be a human being, people would surely say, "He was not a human like us." A human-being guided by God is the best practical example for other human-beings to follow.

C. To destroy evil

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Ghaafir 40: 68

هُوَ الَّذِي يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ فَإِذَا قَضَىٰ أَمْرًا فَإِنَّمَا يَقُولُ لَهُ كُن فَيَكُونُ

"It is He Who gives Life and Death; and when He decides upon an affair, He says to it, "Be", and it is."

God is Perfect. He does not have to take human form, go through human sufferings to destroy evil. To destroy evil God merely has to command, "Happen" and it is done! To show, how to fight against evil in a human manner, he will send a Human Being guided by Him as mentioned above.

6. Worship the creator, not the creation

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Fussilat 41: 37

وَمِنَ آيَاتِهِ اللَّيْلُ وَالنَّهَارُ وَالشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ لَا تَسْجُدُوا لِلشَّمْسِ وَلَا لِلْقَمَرِ وَاسْجُدُوا لِلَّهِ الَّذِي خَلَقَهُنَّ إِن كُنتُمْ إِيَّاهُ تَعْبُدُونَ

"And from among His Signs are the night and the day, and the sun and the moon. Prostrate neither to the sun nor to the moon, but prostrate to Allah Who created them, if you (really) worship Him."

Only he can be called the God who is Ever Living and independent of others.

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Al-Furqaan 25: 58

وَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى الْحَيِّ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ

"And put your trust in the Ever Living One Who dies not."

The false gods own nothing

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Faatir 35: 13

وَالَّذِينَ تَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ مَا يَمْلِكُونَ مِنْ قِطْمِيرٍ

"Those to whom you invoke (or call upon) besides Him do not even own the thin membrane over the date stone."

The false gods cannot create they themselves are created

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Al-Furqaan 25: 3

وَاتَّخَذُوا مِنْ دُونِهِ آلِهَةً لَا يَخْلُقُونَ شَيْئًا وَهُمْ يُخْلَقُونَ وَلَا يَمْلِكُونَ لِأَنْفُسِهِمْ ضَرًّا وَلَا نَفْعًا وَلَا يَمْلِكُونَ مَوْتًا
وَلَا حَيَاةً وَلَا نُشُورًا

"Yet they have taken besides Him other gods that created nothing but are themselves created, and possess neither hurt nor benefit for themselves, and possess no power (of causing) death, nor (of giving) life, nor of raising the dead. (Qur'an 25:3)

Can they walk, hold, see or LISTEN?

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah A'araf 7: 194-195

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ تَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ عِبَادٌ أَمْثَالِكُمْ فَادْعُوهُمْ فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا لَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ
أَلَهُمْ أَرْجُلٌ يَمْشُونَ بِهَا أَمْ لَهُمْ أَيْدٍ يَبْطِشُونَ بِهَا أَمْ لَهُمْ أَعْيُنٌ يُبْصِرُونَ بِهَا أَمْ لَهُمْ آذَانٌ يَسْمَعُونَ بِهَا قُلِ ادْعُوا
شُرَكَاءَكُمْ ثُمَّ كِيدُوا فَلَا تُنظِرُونَ

"Verily, those whom you call upon besides Allah are slaves like you. So call upon them and let them answer you if you are truthful. Have they feet wherewith they walk? Or have they hands wherewith they hold? Or have they eyes wherewith they see? Or have they ears wherewith they hear?"

The weakness of the false gods

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Al-Hajj 22: 73-74

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ ضُرِبَ مَثَلٌ فَاستَمِعُوا لَهُ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ تَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ لَنْ يَخْلُقُوا ذُبَابًا وَلَوْ اجْتَمَعُوا لَهُ وَإِنْ
يَسْأَلُهُمُ الذُّبَابُ شَيْئًا لَا يَسْتَنْقِذُوهُ مِنْهُ ضَعُفَ الطَّالِبُ وَالْمَطْلُوبُ
مَا قَدَرُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ قَدْرِهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَقَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ

"O Mankind! Here is a parable set forth! Listen to it (carefully)! Verily! Those, on whom you call besides Allah, cannot create (even) a fly, even if they combine together for the purpose! And if the fly snatched away a thing from them, they would have no power to release it from the fly. Feeble are those who ask and those whom they ask! No just estimate have they made of Allah: for Allah is He Who is Strong and able to carry out His Will."

They Don't provide anything.

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Ankaboot 29: 17

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ تَعْبُدُونَ مِن دُونِ اللَّهِ لَا يَمْلِكُونَ لَكُمْ رِزْقًا فَابْتَغُوا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الرَّزْقَ

"Verily, those whom you worship besides Allah have no power to give you provision, so seek your provision from Allah (Alone)..."

The correct Concept of God

The Qur'an gives the perfect concept of God in Surah Al-Ikhlaas 112:1-4

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ
اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ
لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ
وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ

- "1 Say: He is Allah the One and Only;
- 2 Allah the Eternal, the Absolute;
- 3 He begets not nor is He begotten;
- 4 And there is none like unto Him. "

There is NONE like God!

There is NONE EQUAL to God and He is One. However the truth is that there is NONE LIKE HIM

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Ash-Shura'a 42: 11

لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ

"There is nothing like Him."

Some people accept that there is only one God but they make the grave mistake of giving God's absolute attributes to others besides Him.

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Al-Ikhlaas 112:1-4

وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ

"And there is none like unto Him"

"He is Allah, there is none worthy of worship except Him, Knower of the unseen and the open. He is the Most Gracious, Most Merciful.

He is Allah, there is none worthy of worship except Him, the Sovereign, the Pure, the Source of Peace, the Bestower of Faith, the Overseer, the Exalted in Might, the Compeller, the Superior. Exalted is Allah above whatever they associate with Him. He is Allah, the Creator, the Inventor, the Fashioner; to Him belong the best names. Whatever is in the heavens and earth is exalting Him. And He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise."

Section III Whom should we worship?

1. Worship Him alone

We did not submit any "application form" before coming in this world with all our requirements like eyes, ears, etc. Allah gave us all these things without even asking for them. When every thing has been given by Him, has been made by Him, is controlled by Him alone— isn't it He alone who deserves our worship? What would we call such an employee who takes the salary from his employer but works for another person who doesn't give him anything? A cheat and a fool! What would we call a person who receives gifts from one but thanks another? Ungrateful! Today most of mankind is busy in the worship of other than Allah. Why do we do that when it is Allah ALONE who grants us everything and it is He alone who controls everything? We need to worship Him alone and in the manner He wants.

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Dharyaat 51: 56

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

"I have only created Jinns¹ and men that they may Worship Me."

When we ask for help or for needs to be fulfilled we should ask Him alone. Others don't have the power to grant us anything!!

2. Only Allah has the right to be worshipped. Why?

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Al-Baqarah 2: 21-22

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اعْبُدُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ
الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الْأَرْضَ فِرَاشًا وَالسَّمَاءَ بِنَاءً وَأَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَأَخْرَجَ بِهِ مِنَ الثَّمَرَاتِ رِزْقًا لَكُمْ فَلَا
تَجْعَلُوا لِلَّهِ أَنْدَادًا وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ

"O Mankind! Worship your Lord (Allah) Who created you and created those who came before you; by doing this you may expect to guard yourself against evil. It is He Who has made the earth a floor for you and the sky a canopy; and it is He Who sends down rain from the sky for the growth of fruits for your sustenance. Then set not up rivals unto Allah when ye know (the truth).

3. Let us Understand the relationship with our Creator...

Allah is near us and listens to our prayers.

¹ Jinns are another creation of Almighty Allah.

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Al-Baqarah 2: 186

وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ

"When my servants question you (O Muhammad) about Me, tell them that I am indeed near (to them by My Knowledge). I answer the prayer of every suppliant when he calls Me."

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Gha'afir 40: 60

وَقَالَ رَبُّكُمْ ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ

"And your Lord says: "Call on Me, I will answer your prayers."

Can anyone be so close?

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Qa'af 50: 16

وَنَحْنُ أَقْرَبُ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ حَبْلِ الْوَرِيدِ

"I am nearer to him than (his) jugular vein."

Wrong Examples for God

Many people give example for

Section IV- The Worst Sin

The Treason

If we worship other than Him or along with Him, then we are guilty of the gravest sin i.e. associating partners with Him. This sin is **"treason"** in the sight of God. This is the sin that God will NEVER forgive, unless a person sincerely realises and repents in this life itself.

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah An-Nisaa 4: 48

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُونَ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَمَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدِ افْتَرَىٰ إِثْمًا عَظِيمًا

"Allah forgives not that partners should be set up with him; but He may forgive a sin other than that to whom He pleases; to set up partners with Allah is to devise a sin most heinous indeed."

1. Joining partners with Allah is the Biggest Injustice

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Luqmaan 31:13

لَا تُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ إِنَّ الشِّرْكَ لَظُلْمٌ عَظِيمٌ

"Do not ever join partners with Allah; surely joining partners with Allah is the Biggest Injustice."

2. Associating partners with Allah nullifies all good deeds of a person

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Az-Zumr 39:65

وَلَقَدْ أُوحِيَ إِلَيْكَ وَإِلَى الَّذِينَ الْأُولَىٰ مِنَ قَبْلِكَ لَئِنْ أَشْرَكَتَ لَيَحْبَطَنَّ عَمَلُكَ وَلَتَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

“It has already been revealed to you

as it was revealed to those before you that if you commit shirk, all your deeds will become fruitless and you will surely be among the losers.”

3. Shirk is the worst lie!

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Yunus 10: 68-70

قَالُوا اتَّخَذَ اللَّهُ وَلَدًا سُبْحَانَهُ هُوَ الْغَنِيُّ لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ إِنَّ عِنْدَكُمْ مِّنْ سُلْطَانٍ بِهَذَا أَتَقُولُونَ
عَلَى اللَّهِ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ

قُلْ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَفْتَرُونَ عَلَى اللَّهِ الْكَذِبَ لَا يُفْلِحُونَ

مَتَاعٌ فِي الدُّنْيَا ثُمَّ إِلَيْنَا مَرْجِعُهُمْ ثُمَّ نُذِيقُهُمُ الْعَذَابَ الشَّدِيدَ بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْفُرُونَ

They say: "Allah has begotten a son (children)." Glory be to Him! He is Rich (Free of all wants). His is all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth. No warrant you have for this. Do you say against Allah what you know not? Say: "Verily, those who invent lie against Allah will never be successful" – A brief enjoyment in this world! - And then unto Us will be their return, then We shall make them taste the severest torment because they used to disbelieve

Conclusion:

So what has deluded you about your God?

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Al-Infitaar 82: 6-8

يَا أَيُّهَا الْإِنْسَانُ مَا غَرَّكَ بِرَبِّكَ الْكَرِيمِ
الَّذِي خَلَقَكَ فَسَوَّاكَ فَعَدَلَكَ
فِي أَيِّ صُورَةٍ مَّا شَاءَ رَكَّبَكَ

“O Man! What has lured you away from your Lord, the Most Generous? Who created you, fashioned you perfectly, and gave you due proportion; in whatever form He willed, He put you together.”

Indeed, so many are the favours of Allah on each one of us that if we were to count them we will not even be able to number them (Qur'an 16:18). After all this why should we not be ready to render to Allah Almighty His Right - that we worship none but Him?

Dear Brothers and Sisters! Come! Let us leave all the falsehoods about God and believe in Him and worship Him alone!

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Al-baqarah 2:256

فَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِالطَّاغُوتِ وَيُؤْمِنِ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدِ اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ الْوُثْقَىٰ لَا انفِصَامَ لَهَا

“Whoever disbelieves in the false gods and believes in Allah, then he has grasped

the most trustworthy handhold that will never break.”