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This is The Creation of Allaah, So Show Me that which those beside Him have Created?

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Man & Nature?

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INTRODUCTION

The closest thing to man is **himself**. How many of us really **know** about ourselves before even thinking about the environment surrounding us? There are many great things in ourselves that we are either heedless regarding their magnificence or that we take for granted. Let us take the following journey back to the days when each one of us was an "embryo" inside the womb of his mother:

[Who took care of me with utmost care and graciousness when I was a tiny seed settled on the wall of the uterine with three layers of darkness surrounding me?

Who made my mother's blood bring me food I need until I grew up to a stage in which my body was able to stand the air, the light, and the hands of people who turn me around?

Then, when the contractions **pushed** me, and I was "squeezed" out and to the world of tests and trials I came out!

Who shielded you inside as a "fertilized egg"? Then who made your residence enlarge as you grew up? Who opened the way for you when you came out naked without belongings or wealth?

There you came so poor and needy. Two "containers" of milk hanging on your mother's chest came to the rescue! Who commanded the milk to develop and then to stand ready for your lips to come and suck it out? A milk so agreeable to you, neither cold nor hot; neither salty nor bitter. You were so thirsty and so hungry.

Who turned the hearing of your mother and filled it with mercy, love and attachment? The moment she hears you crying she comes forth led by her mercy and love. She would prefer to see herself in pain not you! You enlighten her life. Who put all of that in her heart?

When your body got stronger and your belly size became bigger, you needed another kind of food. Who put in your mouth the cutting and grinding "tools"? Who held your teeth from growing during the period of your breastfeeding? It was a mercy for your mother when they were held and a mercy for you when they came out! And the stronger you became, the more you got from these "tools" of your mouth! Thereupon you used a new set of "tools": the molars working on meat, bread and all kinds of solid food. Who provided you with these "instruments" and made them easy for you to utilize.

When we came out we knew nothing. What a burden it would have been if we were born in a state possessing the intelligence of an adult wrapped in diapers? What kind of living it would be? Would we receive the care and kindness you normally get as developing newborns?

Our intelligence developed gradually and we were able to slowly but surely familiarize ourselves with our surroundings. Who is the One Who is All-Wise and Most Merciful, the One Who is ever watching over us and providing us with the means we need in due proportions and exact measurements?

Then who is the One Who fashioned our heads with hair as a beauty and protection from cold and heat?

Who adorned the face of the growing man with the distinctive beauty of the beard and kept the woman's face soft, radiant and hairless?

Many are turning away from the one who created us and increasingly becoming heedless regarding the true objective behind our existence. They are misled by a concept and a "theory". That is it! A "theory" that practically denies the existence of the true God (Allaah).

Darwin¹, presented a "theory" that denies the creation of man as well as creation itself. The theory was announced in the second half of the nineteenth century. Although it is an "assumption," there are

¹Charles Robert Darwin (1809-1882).

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those who consider it scientific evidence to support their arguments against the reality of creation. The theory claims that the origin of life lies in a single small animal that was "developed" on its own from water. The "environment", according to the theory, imposed specific structural changes on this organism producing new features in it. These changes were offspring the then inherited in and further transformed with time to produce more advanced creatures of which man is the highest form. This is the theory of Darwin.

Many critical aspects of the lives of people are still affected, knowingly or unknowingly, by some basic elements of Darwin's theory, mainly the idea of "development" and its link to the "environment." The objectives of this book are to:

A) Examine the basics of the theory and the evidence supporting them.

B) Provide the essential facts that disprove the validity of the theory's assumptions.

C) Discuss the influence of the theory on the life of this world.

D) Relate man to his Creator and hence to the purpose of our creation.

I ask Allaah (God) to enlighten the hearts of those men and women who will read this book, and to guide them to worship Him alone by submitting their wills to His will. The submission and obedience to Allaah's Will and Commands as detailed in the last

Revelation to mankind, the Qur'an, is the meaning of Islam.

The one who is need of the Mercy of Allaah

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<u>From A Small Animal to Man!</u> A Theory With A Broken Chain

The Background and Basics of The Theory:

(1) The theory depends on what was observed in archeological discoveries at the time of Darwin: old and new geological layers contained different remains from different forms of creation. The "old" layers contained "primitive" forms of creation while more recent layers contained more "advanced" forms. Darwin concluded that the "more advanced" creatures originated (evolved) from the "lower primitive" ones.

(2) The theory also depends upon an idea that was prevailing at the time of Darwin in which it was thought that all animal embryos were similar at their early stages of development. This brought a conclusion that "the origin of all beings is one" and that "evolution" on earth occurred in the same way it occurred inside the wombs of living beings.

(3) Furthermore, the theory cites "differences in the roles" of the appendix in man in comparison to that in monkey. Since it is assumed that it "does not have a role" to play in the function of the human body while it can digest plants in monkeys, the theory suggested that the appendix in man is an underdeveloped form that was a left over from monkeys.

(4) The theory assumes the presence of a "**Natural Selection**" process in which there are "elimination factors" that can abolish the weak living beings while the strong ones are kept, and that their characteristics are to be inherited in their offspring. With time these characteristics will accumulate in the new beings producing new characteristics. According to Darwin, this represents the "evolutionary" process that makes of these new characteristics "higher" forms of life.

(5) The theory suggests a "**Sexual Selection**" process by which there is a tendency of the male and female to mate with the strong and best members of both sexes. The characteristics of the "best" will be "inherited" and those associated with weak animals would be "eliminated" because of the lack of tendency and/or interest to mate the weak.

(6) Whenever a new characteristic is evolved it is inherited in the offspring.

REALITY VS THEORY

(1) The Points about Archeology

The science of archeology is far from being complete and no one can claim that the search has been completed under the earth or sea layers. The door is still open for more discoveries that may contradict the theory. Assuming, however, that the findings of this science are completed, this does not establish that "higher" forms of life are developed from "lower" ones. This is only evidence for organized existence of these beings (in any form) at times when the environment is suitable for that. On the other hand, the archeological studies at the time of Darwin estimated that man's life on earth was 600,000 years whereas new archaeological discoveries give an estimate figure of 10 Million years. This is a reflection of the incompleteness of these studies and that this science is still variable.

It is also important to note that there are many "missing links" in the so-called "evolutionary chain" of Darwin's theory. For example there are no archeological data to link animals of "single cells" and those of "multiple cells" nor between invertebrate animals and fish or amphibians. The same is true between amphibians and reptiles and between amphibians and birds.

(2) The Point About Embryos

This was a wrong conclusion made by some scientists because of the less sophisticated microscopy present at Darwin's time. Todav's technology demonstrates that there are fine differences between the structure, build up and organization of animal embryos.

(3) The Point About The Appendix

The presence of this organ in man does not represent a concrete evidence for the development of man from a "monkey". Rather its presence is inherited from the grand-man who depended upon vegetation as a source of food to help him digest it. In addition, there could be other important functions for the appendix that are not discovered yet.

(4) The Point About Natural Selectivity

(a) Elimination "Factors" & Life "Factors"

Surely there is a law and discipline that work to eliminate the living creatures, weak as well as strong. Allaah ordained **death** on every living being. The elimination factors are not the only factors that affect life on this planet. There are "life factors" as well, and that there is a discipline of mutual dependency and relationship between the living being and its environment. These "factors" represent the true

means which Allaah has provided: sun, seas, wind, rain, plants, gravity, etc. All of these means are coordinated to provide survival for man, animals and plants. Considering the "elimination factors" alone and disregarding the "life factors" is confusion on the part of Darwin's theory. When scientists try to formulate theories to explain certain matters in the outside world, they take into account all factors of influence.

(b) Natural Selectivity or "Mother Nature"

Surely those in support of the theory of evolution like to refer to "Mother Nature" as the "source" that provides and supports the "natural selectivity." "Mother Nature", however, lacks wisdom, power, self-coordination, will, and knowledge. Natural things such as wind, lightning, water, storms, warmth, severe cold, etc. *can cause destruction or deformation. How could these conditions explain the beauty of the creation and its fine course of establishment and coordination?* How could the minute elements in the egg of a bird "*know*" that the egg must appear in the form of a bird and thus it has to break its own shell to survive? The One Who had created nature provided all the means for its course of existence and activity.

Now we see that many who arrogantly deny Allaah's existence try to divert the attention of the people to worship this "new" deity called "Mother Nature"! In many conversations some people are reluctant to say

"God" when they want to refer to "supernatural" phenomena. Instead, they say: "Mother Nature" did such and such. They like to look "normal and advanced" and not "strange and backward" in front of others. The idea of "how people will look at me," overshadows that God (Allaah) is more important than people. It is a reflection of psychological defeat in front of secularism, which itself is the major fruit of Darwin's theory. It is lack of true faith in the true God, Allaah. A believer in Allaah would not fear saving the Name of his Creator, the Most Merciful, and the Most Compassionate. He knows that those around him will one day die, but Allaah is the Everliving. So, who must count first? He knows that Allaah is the Sustainer and Provider and not the "Chairman of the Boards" nor the "Chief Executives," managers, or any other boss! This is the benefit of worship of Allaah: A liberation from slavery to anything and (or) anyone but Allaah.

(c) "Mother Nature" Is Not The "Creator"

A simple comparison between man and nature illustrates that **man** can see, hear, know, learn, reason, etc. whereas **nature has none of these qualities.** How could man then be "more advanced" than a "creator" known as "Mother Nature?"

This proves the falsehood of the idea of god-Mother Nature. Allaah says:

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"Say (O Muhammad ²/₂² to mankind): How do you worship besides Allaah something which has no power either to harm or benefit you? But it is Allaah, Who is the All-Hearer, the All-Knower." (Qur'an 5:76).

In many aspects, nature is under man's service, and its resource is under his disposal, as Allaah had decreed in the Final Revelation to mankind, the Qur'an:

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"See you not (O men) that Allaah has subjected for you whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth, and has perfected His graces upon you (both) apparent³ and hidden⁴? Yet of mankind is he who disputes about Allaah

²The Arabic inscript ﷺ is an invocation recited after the name of the Prophet Muhammad is stated. It reads: *Sallaa Allaahu 'Aleihi Wasallam*, which means: May Allaah Praise his mention and safeguard him from every imperfection and from all kinds of evil."

³i.e. Islamic Monotheism, the lawful pleasures of this world, including health, good looks, etc.

⁴i.e. One's faith in Allaah, knowledge, wisdom, guidance for doing righteous deeds, and also the pleasures and delights of the Hereafter in Paradise, etc.

without knowledge or guidance or a Book giving light." (Qur'an 31: 20).

With the progress of technology some people became even more arrogant. Not only do they refer to "Mother Nature" as the "founder or creator," but aim to control nature itself. It is a strange conclusion! Allaah has made it very clear that there will be this type of people:

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"The likeness of (this) worldly life is as the rain which We send down from the sky, so by it arises the intermingled produce of the earth of which men and cattle eat until when the earth is clad with its adornments and is beautified, <u>and its</u> <u>people think that they have all powers of disposal</u> <u>over it</u>. Our Command reaches it by night or by day and We make it like a clean-mown harvest, as if it had not flourished yesterday! Thus do We explain the Signs (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, laws, etc.) in detail for people who reflect." (Qur'an 10: 24).

(d) The "Laws" of Nature

Some consider that "Nature" represents the "Laws" that govern the universe. They try to explain how things occur, but do not answer questions like: Who created this universe? Who put the "Laws" into effect? This leaves them separated by an artificial barrier into two "personalities": one that best "fit" the society (i.e. the outside) and tries to give "interpretations" for what occurs in the universe; and one kept within themselves confessing that God (Allaah) is the One commanding these "supernatural" phenomena. But under dangerous circumstances, you hear them calling: "Oh my God!" or "God help me!"

In the old ages, man knew that rain came down from the sky. Today we know a lot about this process, from the evaporation of water up to the formation of raindrops, there is a reflection of real actions. In their references, scientists do not tell us how did these realities become laws. For example: why are these laws coordinated in ways allowing birds to fly in the air, fishes to live in the water, and man to live on the earth? **"Nature's" qualities are not its own**. It has been given the attributes we feel and see around us. The true Creating Power has all the Perfect Attributes and All-Perfect Actions. He is Allaah:

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Say (O Muhammad (peace be upon him)): Who is the Lord of the heavens and the earth? Say: "(It is) Allaah." Say: "Have you then taken (for worship) *Auliyâ'* (protectors) other than Him, such as have no power either for benefit or for harm to themselves?" Say: "Is the blind equal to the one who sees? Or darkness equal to light? Or do they assign to Allaah partners who created the like of His creation, so that the creation (which they made and His creation) seemed alike to them." Say: "Allâh is the Creator of all things; He is the One, the Irresistible."

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The One Who has created (everything), and fashioned it in due order and proportion; Who has measured and granted guidance. (Qur'aan 87: 2-3)

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"The One who has created the seven heavens one above another, you can see no fault in the creation of the One (Allaah) Whose Mercy encompasses everything. 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." (Qur'an 67: 3-4).

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"Allaah is He Who raised the heavens without any pillars that you see. Then He ascended the 'Arsh (the Throne in a manner that suits His Majesty). He has subjected the sun and the moon (to continue going round)! Each running (its course) for a term appointed. He regulates all affairs, explaining the *Aayaat* (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) in detail, that you may believe with certainty in the meeting with your *Rabb.* (Qur'an 13: 2).

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"He has created the heavens without any pillars, that you see, and has set on the earth firm mountains, lest it shake with you. And He has scattered therein animals of all kinds. And We send down water (rain) from the sky, and We cause (plants) of every goodly kind you grow therein." (Qur'an 31: 10).

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"And indeed We⁵ created the heavens and the earth and all between them in six Days and nothing of fatigue touched us⁶." (Qur'an 50: 38).

(e) A God Other Than Allaah!?

In an Address to man, Allaah sends clear and vivid verifications as well as challenges for man and for these "gods" that some invoke and worship:

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Neither slumber, nor sleep overtakes Him. (Qur'an 2:255)

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⁵The "We" refers to Allaah Himself. It is common with Semitic languages for any monarch to use the "We" and "Us" when referring to himself. And to Allaah belongs the best example. He Glorifies Himself as suits His Majesty. When Allaah says: "We" or "Us," no one who is familiar with the Arabic lexicology understands that this refers to "more than one God united in one!" Allaah is One and Unique and all of His Attributes describe His Essence, not qualities of separate "gods"! He is the Most Merciful, the Provider, the Creator, the Oft-Forgiving, the Originator, etc.

⁶The authenticity of the contents of any book, which describes Allaah with imperfect Attributes, is questionable. Allaah acts, originates, creates, and does what He wants such that neither tiredness nor slumber or sleep overtakes Him:

"Is not He (better than your gods) Who has made the earth as a fixed abode, and has placed rivers in its midst, and has placed firm mountains therein, and has set a barrier between the two seas (of salt and sweet water). Is there any god with Allaah? Nay, but most of them know not." (Qur'an 27: 61).

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"Is not He (better than your gods) Who created the heavens and the earth, and sends down for you water (rain) from the sky whereby We cause to grow gardens full of beauty and delight. It is not in your power to cause the growth of their trees. Is there any god with Allaah? Nay, but they are a people who ascribe equals (to Him)!" (Qur'an 27: 60).

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"Is not He (better than your gods) Who guides you in the darkness of the land and sea, and Who sends the winds as heralds of glad tidings, going before His Mercy (Rain)? *Is there any god with Allaah*? High Exalted be Allaah from all that they ascribe as partner (to Him)!" (Qur'an 27: 63).

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"Is not He (better than your gods) Who originates creation, then repeats it, and Who gives you sustenance from heaven and earth? *Is there any god with Allaah?* Say, "Bring forth your proofs, if you are truthful." (Qur'an 27: 64).

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"Say (to the disbelievers): "Tell me, if Allaah took away your hearing and your sight, and sealed up your hearts, who is there-an "*ilah*" (a god) other than Allaah could restore them to you? Look, how variously We explain the Signs, yet they turn aside." (Qur'an 6: 46).

(f) What are these other "gods"?

Many in this world have turned to worship many created things or beings. Divine attributes has been given to Buddha, 'Eesa (Jesus), Saints, Monks, Musa (Moses), Prophets, Places, Rivers, Cows, Temples, etc., Do these "gods" benefit or harm?

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"And they worship besides Allaah things that hurt them not, nor profit them and they say: "These are our intercessors with Allaah." Say: "Do you indeed inform Allaah with that which He knows not, in the heavens or on earth? Far is He removed from every imperfection! And far is He above all that which they associate as partners with Him!" (Qur'an 10: 18).

Where did they find "Names" for them?

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"You do not worship besides Him but only names which you have forged, you and your fathers, for which Allaah has sent down no authority. The command is for none but Allaah. He has commanded that you worship none but Him, that is the (true) straight religion, but most men know not." (Qur'an 12: 40).

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"This is the creation of Allaah. So show me that which those (whom you worship) beside Him have created. Nay but the wrong-doers (and those who do not submit to Allaah) are in plain error." (Qur'an 31: 11).

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"Say (O Muhammad ﷺ): 'Tell me or inform me (what) do you think about your (so-called) partner-gods to whom you call upon besides Allaah, show me, what they have created of the earth? Or have they any share in the heavens? Or have We given them a Book, so that they act on clear proof therefrom?' Nay, the wrong-doers (and those who do not believe in Allaah) promise one another nothing but delusions." (Qur'an 35: 40). In fact they are unable to create even a fly:

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"Verily! Those on whom you call besides Allaah, cannot create (even) a fly, even though 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. So weak are (both) the seeker and the sought." (Qur'an 22: 73).

They themselves are created, aren't they?

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"Attribute they as partners to Allaah those who created nothing? But they themselves are created." (Qur'an 7: 191).

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"No help can they give them, nor can they help themselves." (Qur'an 7: 192).

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"Say (O Muhammad ﷺ): 'Have you then taken (for worship) protectors other than Him, such as <u>no</u> <u>power either for benef) it or for harm to</u> <u>themselves?</u>' Say: 'Is the blind equal with the one who sees? Or darkness equal with light? Or do they assign to Allaah partners who created the like of His creation, so that the creation (which they made and His creation) seemed alike to them.' Say: Allaah is the Creator of All things. He is the One, the Irresistible." (Qur'an 13: 16).

They cannot answer those who invoke upon them!

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"So call upon them and let them answer you if you are truthful." (Qur'an 7: 194).

The above proofs are sent down from Allaah to bring people to their senses. This is a Mercy and Kindness from Allaah for mankind. He said:

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"Allaah Is the One Who sends down manifest *Aayaat* (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations etc.) to His slave (Muhammad *****) that He may bring you out from darkness into light. And verily, Allaah is to you Full of Kindness,

(6) The Point About "Sexual Selection"

Most Merciful." (Qur'an 57: 9).

The survival of the strongest is not evidence for selective developmental evolution. The only thing that can be understood about the mating tendencies is that they will maintain continuity in the same strong kind and an end to the weak kind. Thus:

(i) The muscles of a strong athlete will not be inherited in his offspring.

(ii) The mind of a high quality scholar will not be transferred to his children by inheritance.

The saying that newly acquired characteristics can be inherited is rejected by modern genetic studies as well as known facts. Any quality that is not an intrinsic part of the genome is "temporal" and is not transmitted to the offspring by inheritance: Muslims circumcise their babies. Their children are not born circumcised!

(7) "Under-developed Theory"

We have not seen (or heard about) certain types of animals coming to existence through the process of developmental transformation. There was no monkey transformed into a man even after hundred years or so!

The nose of a dog is more sensitive in its smelling function than that of man. Is the nose of the dog

more "advanced" than that of man? Or are the birds (with flying abilities) and frogs (with amphibian abilities) more "developed" than man? The eye of the camel and that of the horse or donkey can see during day and night, is it true then that these animals represent more "advanced" forms than man?

The male man, like the male elephant, has breast marks while horses and male donkeys do not (except some resemblance to whatever their respective mothers were). So, why does the male man continue to possess this feature while it was not present in some "lower" beings?

Scientists have called Darwin's study a "*Theory*" and clearly there is always a difference between theory and reality. A theory by definition is falsifiable.

DANGEROUS CONSEQUENCES

The idea of "selection for the strong" had a tremendous influence on humanity. It made it easy for some strong men and strong nations to think and feel that they are strong and superior because of an "evolutionary selective process." They feel that they are entitled to certain practices of domination according to the idea "survival is for the best!" This is well manifested in the colonial expansions, racism, and in many practices by many of the so-called "democratic nations" who practice the principle of "Might is Right." The idea supremacy: of "development" interprets life as a "constant struggle between living beings and that the survival is only for the one that best fits the environment around it." In reality this environment is a materialistic one and it dictates the type of development, its size, and its direction in an imposed way leaving no role for the living being. This idea is very well used in our times to support the materialistic life of the modern world. Materialism is imposed in a way as an integral part for "development." In the name of "development" today's "secondary" things for your home are becoming the "necessary" items of tomorrow and if you don't buy them you are going to "look different," "rejected" and a "drop out" because you do not "fit" the environment around you. Just look around and see the many thousands of things that were "secondary" a year ago and became "essential" a year later! Open a woman's dresser today and see the latest "fashion" dresses and shoes. Come next month

and you find "new" ones. She has to "fit" into the "environment" around her. Men are also influenced with this "fit the environment" concept. Who is doing this to the World? Many are those who contribute to this problem. They come from "big businesses", media sectors, politicians, military establishments, academia, 'the world of fashions', etc.

In the name of progress, many people are influenced by the materialistic environment and are driven away from Allaah, their Creator. On the other hand, many are discovering the truth regarding the very essence of the purpose of existence. They are finding true, satisfactory and beneficial life in the code of life which their Creator has described in the final revelation to man: the Noble Qur'an. They came to know the beauty and reality of the following verse:

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"Say: (O Muhammad ﷺ): "Truly, my prayer, my sacrifice, my living, and my dying are for Allaah, the *Rabb* [the Creator, the Owner, and the One Who Commands and Administers everything] of the '*Aalameen* [all that exists]." (Qur'an 6: 162).

Why Did The "Theory" Spread?

The theory came at a critical moment in the conflict between the church and many of its corrupted doctrines on one hand and the secular sector (especially scientists) in the 19th century Europe, on the other hand. During this conflict many scientists were killed and/or persecuted. This theory was one of the weapons that were raised by the scientists in their fight with the religious authorities in and outside Europe. It was presented as "The Scientific" reference of the mind. It was introduced in the education programs of most of the colonized countries as "Scientific Knowledge" to support its acceptance. Many colonized Muslim countries were targeted and this caused a great deal of negative influence on many generations, especially with the victory of the secular-scientific thoughts in Europe over the church-made laws. This played a role in the spread of secular thoughts in many parts of the world. For many it helped promote a stand against church oppression, and when it served its purpose it was transformed to serve the purpose of influence and secularism.

Most people had no idea about the theory itself and/or the its concept of "selectivity" that was used as a "pretext of justification" for colonization, reflecting the prejudice of "being better" than those "weak ones" from the "other" world communities.

THE QUR'AN AND THE "THEORY"

When Allaah, the Most High, tells us about any matter, it comes from the One Who is All-Knowing. Whatever man knows is nothing compared to what Allaah, the Exalted, Knows:

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"Allaah knows and you know not." (Qur'an 2: 216).

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"Should He not Know, what He created? And He is the Most Kind and Courteous (to His slaves) All-Aware (of everything)." (Qur'an 67: 14)

Why do people question their origin when they did not witness its creation? This is result of secular reasoning. Without the reality of creation, there is no purpose for man's existence:

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"I called them not to witness (nor took their help in) the creation of the heavens and the earth, nor (even) their own creation." (Qur'an 18: 51).

Whatever Allaah decrees in relevance to man's creation is different from "theories"! Allaah, the All-Knowing, tells us that He informed the Angels about the creation of Adam before it happened:

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"And (remember) when your *Rabb* said to the angels: Verily, I am going to place (mankind) generations after generations on earth." (Qur'an 2: 30).

And He, Most High, told us about the kind of material from which Adam was created: dust and water, and the offspring of Adam from sperm:

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"O mankind! If you are in doubt about the Resurrection, then verily! We have created you from dust (i.e. Adam) then from a *Nutfah* (mixed drops of male and female sexual discharges i.e.

offspring of Adam) then from a clot (a piece of thick coagulated blood) then from a little lump of some formed and some unformed flesh. (miscarriage) that We may make (it) clear for you (to show our Power and Ability to do what We will). And We cause whom We will to remain in the wombs for an appointed term, then we bring you out as infants7, then (give you growth) that you may reach your age of full strength. And among you there is he who dies (young), and among you there is he who is brought back to the miserable

⁷Prophet Muhammad, may Allaah exalt his mention and render him safe from every imperfection, said: "(As regards your creation), every one of you is collected in the womb of his mother for the first forty days, and then he becomes a clot for another forty days, and then a piece of flesh for another forty days. Then Allaah sends an angel to write four words: *He writes his deeds, time of his death, means of his livelihood,* and whether he will be wretched or blessed (in the Hereafter). Then the soul is breathed into his body..."(Collected in Saheeh Al-Bukhari which contains the most authentic traditions of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ (vol. 4, hadeeth # 549). The texts are published by Dar-Arabia (Beirut, Lebanon) in English and Arabic. This narration came from Prophet Muhammad ﷺ who was un-lettered. These early stages of growth of the human body were known only approx.1400 years after the Prophet's explanation. These statements, together with other prophecies by the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is a testimony that a) he was a true messenger of Allaah and b) the Qur'an he was trusted with is a true Revelation from Allaah. Those searching for the truth can find in the Qur'an their objective if they are sincere in their strive.

old age, so that he knows nothing after having known." (Qur'an 22: 5).

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"He is the One Who has created you from clay and then decreed a stated term (for you to die)." (Qur'an 6: 2).

Allaah shaped Adam by His own Hands⁸:

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"Allaah said:"O! *Iblees* (Devil) what prevents you from prostrating yourself to one whom I have created with both My Hands." (Qur'an 38: 75).

The Prophet (Muhammad-ﷺ) also informed us that:

"When Allaah created Adam from a Handful from all of the earth (material), the children of Adam came

⁸All of the Attributes of Allaah are real and true. He informed us about Himself and about His Attributes. He speaks only the truth. In all of His Attributes He is perfect and distinct from His creation:

^{.[:] ()} "And nothing is like unto Him. He is the All-Hearer All-Seer." (Qur'an 42: 11).

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just like the earth: amongst them the red, the white and the black and those who are in between; the easy and the sad; the evil ones and the good ones."⁹

Allaah then changed this clay into "sounding clay:"

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"He created man (Adam) from a sounding clay like the clay of pottery." (Qur'an 55: 14).

Allaah, the Exalted and Magnificent, breathed into this clay a created and honored soul and life came into Adam and he became Adam that can hear, see, talk and think:

"So, when I have fashioned him (in due proportion) and breathed into him his soul created by Me, then you (angels) fall down prostrating to him." (Qur'an 15: 29).

Right after Adam's creation he started to speak:

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⁹Related by the scholars of Hadeeth: Al-Tirmithee and Abu Dawood and Al-Hakim.

"And He taught Adam the names (of everything); then He showed them to the angels and said 'Tell Me the names of these if you are truthful.' They (angels) said: 'Far is You (Allaah) removed from every imperfection, we have no knowledge except what you have taught us. Verily, it is You, the All-Knower, the All-Wise. He said: O Adam! Inform them of their names..." (Qur'an 2: 31-32).

Even the first woman was <u>created</u> from the first man, Adam:

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"O mankind! Be dutiful to your *Rabb*, Who created you from a single soul (Adam) and from him (Adam) He created his wife, and from them both He created many men and women.." (Qur'an 4: 1).

After the creation of Adam, Allaah commanded angels to prostrate to Adam; all of them obeyed. This is a great Honor to Adam. *Iblees* (the Devil) refused out of arrogance:

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"And (remember) when We said to the angels: "Prostrate to Adam." So they prostrated except *Iblees* (the Devil). He was of the *Jinns*¹⁰; he disobeyed the Command of His *Rabb.*" (Qur'an 18: 50).

Allaah expelled him from His Mercy, and warned Adam against him:

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"Will you then take him (*Iblees*) and his offspring as protectors and helpers rather than Me while they are enemies to you? What an evil is the exchange for the wrong-doers (and polytheists)." (Qur'an 18: 50).

¹⁰*Jinns* are beings created with free will, living on earth in a world parallel to that of man, and are invisible to human eyes in their normal state. The term "*Jinnee*" (English: Genie) is equivalent to *Jinn*, and *Jaann* may be used as its plural or as another singular form. In Islamic literature, *Shaytaan* (English: Satan, Devil) is a name given to disbelieving *Jinns*. Amongst them are the believers and non-believers. For details see Book of Ibn Taymeeyah's Essay on the Jinn, translated by Abu-Ameenah Bilal Philips", p.1, Tawheed Publications, P.O. Box 3835 Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

THE TEST

Both Adam and his wife were tested in Paradise. They were allowed to eat from all the fruits of Paradise. They were ordered, however, to stay away from a particular tree:

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"And We said: O Adam! Dwell you and your wife in the Paradise and eat both of you freely with pleasure and delight of things therein as wherever you will, but come not near this tree or you both will be of the wrong-doers." (Qur'an 2: 35).

They disobeyed Allaah by eating from it and Allaah sent them down to earth to live with their posterity, that He may test their obedience and submission to Him. Certainly they repented and Allaah, Oftforgiving, accepted their repentance. The status of the children of Adam is above that of monkeys or lizards:

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"And indeed We have honored the children of Adam, and We have carried them on land and sea and have provided them with *At-Tayyibat* (lawful

good things), and have preferred them above many of those whom We have created with a marked preference." (Qur'an 17: 70).

This is the true origin of man: an honored being above that of a cockroach or a mouse! The response of man must be that of thanks to his Creator, Allaah, manifesting itself in true submission and obedience to Him. This is the meaning of Islam. It is the religion of man since Adam, peace be upon him and it is the same religion of Noah, Ibraaheem (Abraham), Musa (Moses), 'Eesa (Jesus) peace be upon them all. It is manifested in its final, completed, and preserved form in the Qur'an that was revealed to Muhammad **35**. It calls man to dissociate himself from any form of worship to other than his Creator, Allaah.

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