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The Qur'an Vs Science on the Creation of the Universe (2)

Reasons for Scientific Signs in the Qur'an

Scientific signs, i.e. signs of **deep nature**—the part of nature that remained unapparent in the past due to the lack of sophisticated ways and means to explore—have been incorporated into this book as God, who is the creator of the universe as well as all-knowing, knew **the advancement of science was and is to happen during the Quranic period**. As a result, they would also be **compelling evidence** in the age of science to the truly rational, that the Qur'an is from the Creator God:

41.53: سَنُرِيهِمْ آيَاتِنَا فِي الْأَفَاقِ وَفِي أَنفُسِهِمْ حَتَّىٰ يَتَبَيَّنَ لَهُمْ أَنَّهُ الْحَقُّ
Soon We **will show them** (unbelievers) **our signs in the horizons** and **in themselves** until it becomes evident to them, surely **it (the Qur'an) is the truth**.

It is almost certain that many disbelievers would raise some questions on this verse. So, let us answer the apparently anticipated ones.

The first question may come on the use of “We” for singular God.

When God speaks something emphatically, He uses *We* in place of *I* in the Qur'an. That is, it is "**Emphatic we**" and not "**Royal We**" as Muslim commentators usually portray. When some Royal says "we" for himself, he uses "we" throughout

his address. But this is not the case in the Qur'an. In some places it uses "we", but in other places it uses "I". Therefore, this is not Royal We.

This very fact disproves the claim of ***"The plural of respect"*** as well. How can God be respectable at some places only?

Many Trinitarians, idolaters, and others may think by saying "we", the Qur'an speaks of ***plural gods***. But this is obviously wrong. ***It is just a matter of language***, e.g., in Urdu and Hindi, *We and I* are used interchangeably. Then, the Qur'an mostly uses *I* or *he* for God, which excludes the existence of multiple deities. Thirdly, at many places, the Qur'an claims of one and only one God. Finally, at the time when the Qur'an was being revealed, Arab polytheist hardliners were exceedingly good at Classical Arabic. Even then they did not feel it strange nor the validation of their smaller deities.

All the above evidence shows that "we" for singular God is a linguistic affair.

Next question: In spite of saying "soon", why were no signs shown during, or soon after, the lifespan of Muhammad (peace be upon him)?

The word "soon"—i.e. the prefix "sə" to an imperfect verb—in the verse is not in the meaning of "shortly or before long", but merely the future. It is because God looks at a distant event as a near one. For example, the Qur'an says in 70:6-7, "They see it (the Resurrection Day) as distant, while We see it as near."

Secondly, no obscure signs in the horizons were uncovered during the lifetime of Muhammad (peace be upon him), even for centuries after he left. This history is clear evidence that the word “soon” in the above verse is not in the meaning of “shortly or before long” but merely the future.

Third question: If all powerful God makes His signs quite evident to humans, everyone would be convinced and believe in Him and His book. But we do not see it happening as such. Does He have any problem with His omnipotence?

God is all powerful no doubt. But he does not control our heart or mind as he has given us total freedom to act the way we like. This is necessary for our test. As such, he makes things evident at the level of intellectual evidence and the rest is on us.

V.10.99: وَلَوْ شَاءَ رَبُّكَ لَأَمَنَّ مِنَ فِي الْأَرْضِ كُلَّهُمْ جَمِيعًا
أَفَأَنْتَ تُكْرِهُ النَّاسَ حَتَّىٰ يَكُونُوا مُؤْمِنِينَ

And if your Lord willed, whoever is on earth would have surely believed, all of them, all together. Then, will you compel people until they become believers?

V.10.101: قُلْ انظُرُوا مَاذَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ
وَمَا تُغْنِي الْآيَاتُ وَالنُّذُرُ عَنِ قَوْمٍ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ

Say, observe what is in the heavens and earth (to see his signs). But the signs and warnings avail not a folk who are bent on not believing.

P.S.

- (i) The 4th question and **some flaws in the Big Bang Theory** are discussed next.
- (ii) Please discuss **any criticism or concern** in the forum for resolution.