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Translator's introduction

All praise is due to Allah; we praise Him and seek His forgiveness.

We seek refuge in Allah from the evils of our souls and the wickedness of our deeds.

He, whom Allah guides, none can misguide him, and he whom He misguides, none can guide him.

I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, alone, without partner.

His is the dominion and His is the praise.

He gives life and causes death, and He is over all things competent. Now then:

I have translated those lectures given by Sheikh (**Muhammad Saeed Raslan**) , which you can listen to in Arabic, in audio and video, through this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FGAqmcTLPJw&list=PLYeopyETdCcfB_WoDSIZyXC2M-us6ub1Z

And which were transcribed by our brother(**Abu al-Fadl Mahmoud bin Sayyid Jabir**) . I ask Allah to benefit us and you with the beneficial knowledge in them, for He is capable of all things.

This translation is my own effort. If I do well, it is from Allah and His guidance to me, and if I make a mistake, it is from myself and from Satan.

I ask Allah to make this work of mine purely for Him and to spread the word of truth throughout the entire earth and to teach Muslims who do not speak Arabic their religion that Allah has chosen for them.

The one in need of his Lord's forgiveness: **Omar bin Ahmed Tohamy**.

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Indeed, all praise is due to Allah, we praise Him, seek His help and ask His forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allah from the evils of our souls and from our bad deeds. He, whom Allah guides, none can misguide him, and he whom He misguides, none can guide him. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, alone, without partner, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger, may Allah's prayers and peace be upon him and his family. Now then:

The most truthful speech is the Book of Allah, and the best guidance is the guidance of Muhammad, may Allah bless him and his family and grant them peace, and the worst of matters are their innovations, and every newly invented matter [in religion] is an innovation, and every innovation is misguidance, and every misguidance is in the Fire.

Now then:

In the book "Physics and the Existence of the Creator" there is a mention of

some of the reasons that led to atheism in the modern era:

- 1- Among these reasons: The disagreement between science and religion was not a scientific disagreement; rather, it was also a moral and political disagreement with the church that speaks in the name of this religion.

For reasons like these, many believers in the existence of the Creator and defenders of this belief believed that belief in Allah should not be linked to religion.

One of the historians of atheism in Western civilization said:

"That this - meaning defending the existence of the Creator - should be without resorting to the church - meaning the Western church - he said: That this should be so; this seems obvious; The church was part of the problem, part of the disease that was afflicting all knowledge of God, not part of the cure. The Western churches were the soil that produced atheism."

This was said by one of the historians of atheism in Western civilization.

- 2- One of the biggest causes of atheism was some intellectual principles that were established and defended by famous influential philosophers, who were believers in themselves, that is, they believed in the existence of the Creator; but their intellectual principles were in reality the principles of atheism;

Therefore, many of those who came after them were convinced by those intellectual principles, and based their atheism on them, and considered the faith of those philosophers who established them; they considered their faith a personal matter that did not fit with the rational principles they established. Among these philosophers was: " Rene Dekart " who came up with a theory of nature, and thus of the natural sciences, the gist of which is: that nature, after God created it, became completely independent with its laws that He deposited in it, and the Creator no longer interfered in its affairs, or stopped its effectiveness. The Creator has therefore become -according to this- something far removed from people's daily lives and current concerns!! He has become something that life can continue without resorting to, or even without remembering!!

It was no longer necessary to mention it unless the talk was about the beginning of creation!!

This negative creator that Dekart indicated soon became, for many natural scientists, a mere metaphorical name for the principle or principles on which the system of nature is based.

Many people think that Einstein was a believer in God when they hear him mention God in phrases such as his famous saying: "God does not play dice with the universe." However, Einstein was only using this phrase metaphorically. To express his rejection of the theory that says that coincidence is an objective fact in the structure of the universe, and not a relative matter specific to the observer of the universe.

In our days, George Smoot, who discovered the existence of wrinkles in the cosmic background radiation dating back to the first three hundred thousand years of the universe's age - as he says -!!, which was the nucleus from which cosmic bodies were formed according to what they went to from the Big Bang theory.

He said, while announcing this discovery and explaining it to non-specialists in a press conference in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-two "1992" of the last century; he said: "If you're religious, it's like seeing God."

And this phrase was among all that he said in explaining his discovery that was circulated by the media and published widely throughout the world; but when he wrote his book called "Wrinkles in Time"; he said as if he was apologizing to his physicist brothers in cosmology:

Physical science meets philosophy when research approaches the ultimate question about our rational existence of the universe.

He once said: "I want to know how God created the world?

I want to know his thoughts!!"

He intended this to be a metaphor.

He was expressing the depth to which he had gone in his research.

My remark was - he says so; because when he talks about what Einstein said in that statement that passed - "I want to know how God created the world? I want to know his ideas."

He began to apologize for this statement; he said: He intended this to be a metaphor.

He was expressing the depth to which he had gone in his research, and my remark, which was often cited, was formulated in this same form.

That is, it was a metaphor; because he was apologizing to his physicist brothers for what he said that he does not believe in the existence of the Creator at all.

This is something they are ashamed of, and if a believer believes it, then they should hide it, and that should be private to him.

- 3- Among the reasons that led to atheism in this era as well: What is repeatedly mentioned in the writings of Westerners as an explanation for their aversion to religion; it is repeatedly mentioned in the writings of Westerners that the many wars and tragedies that occurred in their history occurred because of religious disputes!!

They say: This is the justification that makes us not love religion and not believe in it; because no good came from it as they say!! Rather, tragedies and wars occurred because of it in their history, and all of that happened because of religious disputes as they claim!! The British biologist Peter Medawar says, as quoted by Tyler: The price that humanity as a whole was forced to pay in exchange for the comfort and spiritual revival that religion brought to a few people; it was the price that humanity was forced to pay; It was blood and tears, and it is so expensive that we cannot trust religious belief over morality.

There is no argue that wars, tragedies and injustices have occurred in the name of what is called religion in Western countries and elsewhere; but does this constitute a justification for rejecting every religion, whatever it may be?!

This is unacceptable; for the fair scientific approach requires that we look at these religions to distinguish between them; the name of religion is a name that includes beliefs, values, and claims that are so different that they are not connected except by that name. It requires us to look into these different beliefs, values, and claims to see what is true and what is false. If there is something in common between them, was it the cause of those tragedies so that we can pass this general judgment on all religions? Or was the cause something outside of those beliefs, so that they cannot bear its guilt? Meaning: It may be due to the exploitation of those religions, or due to a misunderstanding of them, or due to injustice done to the religious group; because the exploitation of religion is like the exploitation of everything good.

It is a bad exploitation in many cases as is the reality in many countries and many fields, and the true religion decides this and warns us against it.

We do not know of any speech that is more severe in warning against those who exploit religion to achieve worldly goals, and who commit atrocities due to the deviant perception of religion as we find that in the Book of our Lord and the Sunnah of our Prophet, may Allah bless him and his family and grant them peace; Allah - the Almighty - says:

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنَّ كَثِيرًا مِّنَ الْأَخْبَارِ وَالرُّهْبَانِ لَيَأْكُلُونَ أَمْوَالَ النَّاسِ بِالْبَاطِلِ وَيَصُدُّونَ عَن سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ﴾

“O you who have believed, indeed many of the scholars and the monks devour the wealth of people unjustly and avert [them] from the way of Allah.” (At-Tawbah: 34)

This is a form of exploiting religion in a bad way, and Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, mentioned it to warn against it and against falling into its likeness. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) also said about the Kharijat¹: **“They recite the Qur’an, but it does not go beyond their throats. They depart from the religion as an arrow departs from its target. They kill the people of Islam and leave the people of idols. If I catch up with them, I will kill them as the people of ‘Aad were killed,”** as in the two Sahihs². This is also an exploitation of religion in shedding blood and what is above and below that is labeling someone as unbeliever Muslims, stealing their money, and violating their sanctities. We have in the Book of our Lord and the Sunnah of our Prophet, may Allah bless him and his family and grant them peace, what warns; rather, what is in it of warning is not found like it against the exploitation of religion in a bad way.

¹ The Kharijat are the outlaw sect. They were called that because they rebelled against Ali, may Allah be pleased with him, and then rebelled against all the imams who did not agree with them, whether they were just or unjust. The description of rebelling against the imams without their agreement is the most specific description of them, to the point that some scholars have stated that it is not correct to apply the description of Kharijat to anyone except those who declared Muslims to be infidels, drew their swords against them, and wanted to change the ruling authority without a legitimate reason.

² Sahih Al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim

Others say: Religion has been exploited in a bad way, and what happened of wars and tragedies happened because of it.

They are told: The scientific approach requires you to research every religion. If you look at the Islamic religion, for example, you will find that the Qur'an and Sunnah warn against exploiting religion in a bad way, as mentioned in the two noble texts previously mentioned.

Then, assuming that religious beliefs are what led to those wars, did the wars stop after secularism replaced the religious state in the West?!!

They removed religion and replaced religion with secularism, and major wars occurred that the world had never witnessed before, with the absence of religion and the presence of secularism.

The killing, wounding, harm, destruction and corruption that occurred due to the two world wars were unparalleled in the history of all mankind; was this because of religion?!! The wars that the Western capitalist and communist countries waged against weak peoples to colonize them and steal their wealth; were they religious wars?!!

The wars that occurred in recent years in Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Yemen and others; were they because of religious beliefs?!! Or because of the plundering of wealth and the humiliation of peoples?!!

If the wars and tragedies that occurred in the name of religion were a reason for aversion to all religions and distrust in them, then let these wars and tragedies be a stronger reason for aversion to secularism and distrust in it, according to their measure, otherwise, they are contradicting themselves. Therefore, if we want to be fair in our evaluation of religion, we must take all these matters into consideration; otherwise, our rejection of religion and our aversion to it will be an emotional matter based on whims, but it is disguised as science and reason.

- 4- One of the reasons that led to atheism is that atheists followed a deceptive method, which is: to place religion in opposition to natural science, then talk about the advantages that distinguish its scientific method, and about the fruits that people have reaped from the inventions that were based on it, and about its expansion of the circle of people's knowledge of the universe, and its elimination of many superstitions related to the nature of the universe or the nature of the active causes in it, and other than that.

Then they say: For all of this, reliance should be on natural science to religion in knowing the facts.

This argument would have been valid if religion and natural science were two contradictory things that a rational person could not combine.

Perhaps this argument would have been valid if it was possible to use the method of natural science in all areas that people need, including - for example - the purpose of their lives on this planet Earth; can material science show us this purpose?!

And also what people will become after this life. And also the values that guide them in their lives; but natural science, by the nature of its method, and also by the admission of its masters, cannot decide for us in these matters.

The one who says to people - in this case -: Take natural science and leave religion; is like a person who says to you: People agree on what they observe with their senses more than they agree on what they conclude with their minds.

If you agree with him on that; he goes on to say: Then; we must rely on the senses and leave the mind aside!! The analogy is one.

And that there is no contradiction between relying on the senses in knowing what is supposed to be known by them - i.e.: by the senses - and relying on the mind in knowing what is not known except by it.

There is no contrast between natural science and religion; rather, the true religion recognizes the natural scientific method as a means to knowledge; rather, the experimental method was established by our Muslim scholars. The first person to establish the experimental method was "Sheikh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyya - may Allah have mercy on him -", and it was stolen from him, then it was promoted in the West as an invention of so-and-so in scientific research!! However, what is certain and does not accept argument or refutation is that the first person to establish the foundations of the experimental method was "Sheikh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyya - may Allah have mercy on him -". So, religion is not the opposite of natural science; rather, it says - that is, the true religion that recognizes natural science - that it is not a means - meaning: natural science - to all knowledge; you cannot reach all knowledge through natural science; Rather, there is knowledge that cannot be attained except through narration, except through telling, as was mentioned in the words of Sheikh al-Islam and others when looking at the letter of the scholar al-Saadi, may Allah have mercy on him.

Rather, there is also knowledge that cannot be attained except through rational deduction.

All of these are means of knowledge and their methods are: reason and sense, as well as narration and telling.

Also, there is what cannot be known except through the way of messengers, which is through truthful telling. The rational person is the one who benefits from all of these means according to the type of knowledge he wants, and the one who does not have a mind confines himself to some of them and denies others. Therefore, people, due to their great need for that knowledge that natural knowledge cannot lead them to, prefer to adhere to any religion, even if they see some falsehoods in it. Because it satisfies some of their need for this knowledge; because people have an innate hunger to worship the true God, and they look forward to something false. Natural science cannot satisfy these needs, nor fill those hungers, and then people cling to any religion that comes to them, even if it is superstitions; but it speaks about such inner suffering that the human being finds in himself.

Also from the fabricated articles; rather, they are funny in themselves: what the philosopher "Popper" said, which "Weinberg" cited:

"It is very obvious that irrationality, not rationality, is responsible for all wars and national hostilities before and after the Crusades; but I do not know of a war that was ignited for a scientific purpose, or at the behest of scholars."

This is what that philosopher said!!

He is told: Likewise, wars have not been waged because of literary differences and artistic tastes; but the belligerents - whether religious or not - benefit from what they know of worldly knowledge in their wars; so if wars were not waged in the name of this knowledge - it was a servant subjugated in it -; so what advantage does it have over religion in that?!!

He is told: Wars have been waged because of color differences and racial affiliations; so will people abandon their colors and races?!!

It is also said: War is evil, there is no doubt about that; therefore the Prophet may Allah bless him and his family and grant them peace, said to the believers: **"O people, do not wish to meet the enemy, and ask Allah for well-being."** As it was narrated in "Sahih al-Bukhari and Muslim."

But this evil may be a good deed if it is the only means to defend the truth, or to ward off a greater evil.

- 5- Also among the causes of atheism were: claims that atheists claimed and continue to claim about the contradiction between faith and the facts of natural science.

Many thinkers in the West have accepted it, and it has begun to be repeated and spread from generation to generation, and is transmitted from book to book; although it does not indicate anything that its claimants intended.

Examples of this include: their delusion that belief in the existence of the Creator is linked to certain perceptions of the world that were common among people in Europe, and that science has proven the invalidity of those perceptions, thus removing the basis on which that belief was based.

This is despite the fact that there is no necessary relationship between belief and those perceptions.

One of the most common things they mention in this regard is the belief of people in the past that the Earth is the center of the universe, and that Copernicus came and proved that the Earth is only one of several planets, and that it has no advantage over the rest of the planets and stars.

The proponents of this statement forget that natural science was also associated in the minds of many of its people with perceptions of the universe that science itself soon invalidated.

Didn't many natural scientists imagine that the universe was eternal, with no beginning or end?!!

In fact, this was considered a necessary matter for the scientific view until the Big Bang Theory came along - which many of them adhere to - and caused them great embarrassment.

If people were to refuse to adhere to religion; Because some perceptions have been associated with it by some people, and they are not necessary, neither rationally nor transmitted; so let people reject natural science as well; because it is associated in the minds of some of its people with perceptions that show falsehood, and it has become clear in it. Such arguments only came according to the environment in which contemporary atheism arose; because - as mentioned - they only began atheism and divorce from religion and dissociation from it when they found the clash existing between what the Western Church decides, and claims that it is the true faith, and that everything else is heresy and unbelief; And between what science has proven of the established facts that cannot be disputed or disputed, they disbelieved in the religion to which it called them, and held fast to science, and said: This religion is not good for anything, and a person only reaches what he reaches; rather the whole world; rather the human race reaches what he reaches of advancement by abandoning religion and divorcing it, and distancing themselves from it, and disbelieving in the Creator God!!

This was not with us!! This was with them!! As for us; our religion calls for knowledge, and urges it, and calls people to draw from its source, and to increase their seeking of it, and other than that which is known.

Wayne Beer, a famous physicist, claimed in his book:

“The religious people thought that the celestial bodies had a sublime nature different from the nature of the terrestrial bodies; therefore, they believed that they were the ones that indicated the existence of the Creator. But the sun and all the other stars have lost their distinguished position, for we know that they are balls of burning gas held together by gravity, and prevented from collapsing by pressure that remains constant due to the heat generated by the thermonuclear reactors present in the hearts of the stars. The stars do not tell us about the greatness of the Creator - this is what he said!! - With less and no more than the stones present on the earth around us tell us. So, this is what modern science has reached as evidence of disbelief in the Great Creator, and he says: Those religious people believed that the celestial bodies have a lofty status, and that they are what indicate the existence of the Creator. And since this belief has been proven false, then there is no Creator there!! You are amazed at many of those people when their minds work with full energy and activity in what they are exposed to from the material sciences they practice, but when they come to such simple and clear issues; they go astray and stumble in them at a time when the naive child is guided to the right path in them!!

What is the connection between this and that?!!

Did religion come to prove that these stars are the only ones that indicate the existence of the Creator ; because we do not know their nature?!!

Rather, it indicates to us, according to what material science has reached, the existence of the Creator, and His greatness as well; because even if it is nothing more than blazing fireballs of gases held together by gravity... and so on, as material science says; who made it that way?!!

And who set for it its law that it follows?!! And it is a divine law.

And who made its rotation, movement, radiation, heat, center, and location like this?!!

And where did it come from?!!

Because it only loses heat with time; even if the loss is slight until it reaches inactivity.

So who gave it movement before?!!

In addition to other rational matters that indicate to us that we use this to indicate the existence of the Creator.

This is from the created things, and it indicates the existence of the One who created it and formed it.

It is also said to this man and his likes: Assuming that some religious people believed that celestial bodies were of a different nature from earthly creatures; then who said that all believers in the existence of the Creator believed in this belief?!! And assuming that they all believed in it; then who said that their belief in the existence of the Creator was dependent on such a conception of celestial bodies?!!

How often does a person imagine something, then find it to be different from what he imagined, and this does not affect his faith or his trust in his Lord; rather, he attributes it to his ignorance, and is pleased that Allah has guided him to the correct perception. Every person goes through a period of time while he is a child; imagining the sky, the sun, the stars, and the moon in a way other than their reality, then he grows up and learns that this blue dome that you see during the day and at night is not as it appears to the eye; Rather, it is much greater than that, so it does not call him to change from faith to disbelief; so why then should his error in his perception of the nature of the celestial bodies be a call for such a change?!! The atheist is not talking here about an observed reality, nor about a rational consequence; rather, he is expressing an illusion that he imagined, otherwise if the matter were as he claimed; There would not have been any believers left on the face of the earth, and people would not have needed modern natural science to move from faith to disbelief, because they were discovering such errors in their perceptions, even before the advent of this science, as happened in the development of man from childhood to adolescence, to youth, to adulthood.

Man's perceptions grow, his knowledge increases, and he learns about the universe what he did not know before.

Does this mean that whenever he learns something new, he is carried away by a previous delusion that he imagined, and that at that time he abandons faith and enters into disbelief?!! Does faith depend on such delusions?!! If man's discovery that the celestial bodies are flammable gases, if this discovery was a reason for him to say: Allah did not create them; It would have been enough for him to reach such a result if he knew, for example, that despite a person's mind, talents, emotions, and achievements, the amount of water represents 60% of his body. Water represents 60% of your body with all your talents, all your mind, and all the achievements you reach, and this is a fact that you know now; does this call for abandoning faith?!! I did not know before that water represents 60% of my body, so if I knew, a person would abandon faith and enter into disbelief because something new has come to him that he did not know before and could not imagine?!!

Did he believe before he knew this fact that his body was 60% water?!!

He did not know that, nor could he imagine it, so when he knew it, what happened!! Nothing.

He says: Glory be to Allah, the Great Creator, who made it so.

- 6- Among the things also or examples: what they imagined of the existence of a contradiction between the idea of creation and the idea of causes. That is: in order for something to be created by Allah; there should not be natural causes for its occurrence, so if we discover the natural causes of its occurrence; this would be evidence that it did not occur by the power of the Creator!!

This is a false idea despite its spread among people, believers and disbelievers, in the East and the West, and over a long history.

People must take what the scholars of Ahl-Sunnah have decided, that there is no contradiction between something being created and its occurrence having causes; because it is the custom and habit of Allah, the Most High, to create with causes, and because He, the Most High, is the Creator of those causes and the One who made them causes; for Allah made man a direct and apparent cause for the existence of His child; does that mean that He is the One who created him?!! He is the One who brought him into existence from nothingness?!! Allah - the Almighty - created us for this reason, which being a creation of Him, the Almighty, the Most High. So Allah created our fathers, and then made our fathers the reason for our existence; so Allah is our Creator and the Creator of the reason that was the reason for our existence, and Allah is the Creator of everything.

Ignorance of this fact, which the Ahl-Sunnah decided in the past, is what made the atheists attack some believers and challenge them whenever they discovered reasons for some events that were not known before. Among these: What the author of that book says in the chapter he devoted to "The Relationship between Science and the Existence of the Creator," he says: "Indeed, until the nineteenth century, the design of plants and animals was considered clear evidence of the existence of the Creator. There are still countless things in nature that we cannot explain; but we see that we know the principles that govern the way in which it works. Whoever wants the real mysterious secret today must search for it in the field of astronomy, or the science of small particles." This is blatant disbelief in Allah!!

He says: People used to contemplate the design - i.e. the creation - of animals and plants, and they used to make this apparent perfection a reason to strengthen the faith of the believer, and evidence of the existence of the Creator for the atheist.

They say: Look at the diversity of creation in these animals and these plants.

He says, for example: If we look at the plant in its origin, we can trace the issue back to one unit, which is the plant cell, and likewise animals, we trace them back to one unit, which is the animal cell; we have discovered the secret!!

What secret?!!

This animal cell, why is it so diverse?!

And why does it differ so greatly even in one animal?!

For example, the cells of a human being differ; even the glands that Allah Almighty has placed in him - and they are grouped under one title-; like the sweat glands, they differ in their location in the human body. The sweat glands between the thighs and the pubis are different from the sweat glands under the armpits, different from the sweat glands on the surface of the body. They are all sweat glands, and their structure is the same, and their secretion is sweat; but it differs somewhat according to the location of the gland in the human body. This is one gland; but its secretion differs greatly according to its presence in one body; so how about its presence in the bodies of various animals?!! This atheist wants to tell us - as hundreds of Western philosophers and scientists have said before him - that the secret on which faith depends will be revealed and disappear, and with its disappearance the need for the existence of the Creator will disappear; so that we can explain the occurrence of things with a natural explanation, and that there is no secret left today, that is: something that science is still unable to explain, except in the two fields that he mentioned, and they alone today are the refuge of those who search for a secret on which to base their faith, meaning: astronomy and the science of small particles.

This is all an illusion, a delusional illusion, because the wretched schizophrenia that occurred between science and religion in Europe when the Western Church got on its head and refused to do anything but clash with scientific facts according to its myths and illusions; this wretched schizophrenia made people persist in their tyranny, and strive to walk in the path they had chosen for themselves, so the more they persisted in it; Their disbelief and atheism increased, otherwise there is no contradiction between something being created by Allah and its occurrence having a natural explanation. However, the most that science can achieve is to explain the occurrence to us through secondary causes, that is, causes that themselves need causes, and we undoubtedly need to know such causes in our daily lives; but they are not the causes that explain to us the existence of things with a final explanation. Then: The tremendous scientific discoveries that helped people understand many cosmic phenomena, and upon which technology was built that made people's lives easier; from eating, drinking, clothing, treatment, architecture, communication, and other things, these have fascinated many people, making them believe that experimental science will make them independent of religion; rather, it will succeed where religion has failed; Their example in this was as our Lord - the Most High - said:

﴿كَأَلَّا إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لِرَبِّهِ لَكَنَّا﴾

“No! [But] indeed, man transgresses because he sees himself self-sufficient.” [Al-Alaq: 6-7]

And as He - the Most High - said:

﴿حَتَّىٰ إِذَا أَخَذَتِ الْأَرْضُ زُخْرُفَهَا وَازَّيَّنَتْ وَظَنَّ أَهْلُهَا أَنَّهُمْ قَادِرُونَ عَلَيْهَا أَتَاهَا أَمْرُنَا لَيْلًا أَوْ نَهَارًا فَجَعَلْنَاهَا حَصِيدًا كَأَن لَّمْ تَغْنَبِ بِالْأَمْسِ ۚ كَذَٰلِكَ نُفَصِّلُ الْآيَاتِ لِقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ﴾

“Until, when the earth has taken on its adornment and is beautified and its people suppose that they have capability over it, there comes to it Our command by night or by day, and We make it as a harvest, as if it had not flourished yesterday. Thus do We explain in detail the signs for a people who give thought.” [Yunus:24]

The historian of science said: Nothing alleviated the severity of this arrogance except the First World War, then the Second. When contemporary man was shocked by the results of the sciences and research he had achieved, because the destruction, devastation, killing and displacement that had occurred were due to the modern material sciences they had achieved in the fields of manufacturing weapons, weapons of mass destruction. This was based on what they discovered of the laws of matter in relation to physics, chemistry and the like, so they arrived at the manufacture of what they manufactured of those weapons, then they were used without guidance or awareness, until their use led to the catastrophic results that resulted from the first war, then the second war resulted in a harsher one, and the world is waiting on pins and needles for the third war, and as long as the reins of human power on earth are in the hands of those devils; do not rule anything out. The “secularists” have succeeded in deluding many people into believing that scientific facts invalidate religious claims and support atheistic theories. Rather, they succeeded in making them believe that the atheistic view of existence is the only scientific view, so secularism or atheism became part of the concept of science itself.

They achieved what they wanted through several means, the most important of which are:

- 1- Interpreting scientific facts with atheistic theories: then portraying these theories as the only ones capable of explaining those facts, and excluding every theory from which the scent of support for religion can be smelled, then spreading these atheistic theories, defending it, and teaching it to students, so that they grow up believing that it is part of scientific facts, not theories that may be true or false; rather, they are facts, not theories!!

Then, the fanaticism for these theories is a fanaticism that makes them ignores the facts that deny them or weaken their strength, and you will find examples of this fanaticism that ignores the facts. You will find fanaticism for the Darwinian theory of evolution; Those who believe in this theory - and they are now most of the big names in the field of biology - are still believers in Darwin's theory of evolution, and they are fed up with anyone who does the honor of showing people the weakness of some of the foundations on which Darwin's theory is based, and they

accuse him of either ignorance, or religious fanaticism, or other descriptions that do not befit a man of science. This happened, for example, to the author of the book "The Facts of Life," which was published in Britain in 1992, and soon became one of the best-selling books.

What increased the intensity of hatred for religion and people's transformation to secularism and atheism:

- 1- They saw the nation that Allah blessed with guidance to the true religion that does not have any of the objections that Westerners have about the religion that they knew, people found this blessed nation falling in most of its parts under their influence, and they saw it, even after it was facilitated to be freed from colonialism, adopting in most of its countries the approach of its colonizers, in its politics and economy, and in Many of their perceptions, and they saw it as a weak nation that was behind them in science and technology, and they did not see it as capable of challenging them with its religion, or showing them the difference between their religion and its religion; so they were tempted by that except for those among them whom Allah had mercy on.

This is the prevailing situation in this blessed nation, most of whose sons have turned away from considering religion and appreciating it properly. When others looked at us, they said: What have we reached - meaning: the atheism that they have reached with the material progress that they linked to disbelief in religion - they said: We are better than those, these people have no good in them - meaning the nation of Muhammad may Allah bless him and grant him peace. Our backwardness is not only a shortcoming in our own rights, but it is also a temptation for the materially advanced nations, tempting them to persist in their disbelief and atheism. This shortcoming is an injustice to humanity, causing it to miss the opportunity for guidance and worldly and otherworldly happiness:

﴿رَبَّنَا لَا تَجْعَلْنَا فِتْنَةً لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَاعْفُ رَنَا رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ﴾

"Our Lord, make us not [objects of] torment for the disbelievers and forgive us, our Lord. Indeed, it is You who is the Exalted in Might, the Wise." [Al-Mumtahanah: 5]

These are the reasons, and behind them are other reasons, which led to the emergence of atheism in Europe, and its spread after that, and its transfer to America, and from Europe and America to the rest of the world.

The truth is: The existence of the Creator of the universe is something that the minds know intuitively; therefore, in the past, only a few groups of people denied the existence of the Creator, as mentioned above; and therefore, the divine messages were based on people's acknowledgment of the existence of Allah; Because the messengers did not come to convince

their people of the existence of Allah, but rather they came to command their people to worship the Allah in whose existence they believe.

So, this is something established in nature, and it is what our scholars of monotheism call monotheism of Lordship. This is established and rooted in human nature.

The messengers did not come to establish monotheism of Lordship, but rather they came to call people to worship Allah alone. This is based on the creation's acknowledgement of the existence of the Great Creator, and that He is the Creator and Owner of everything, and He is the One who manages and directs it.

The prophets did not begin with the monotheism of Lordship, because this is established in human nature. Rather, they came to command their people to worship Allah, who created them, provides for them, gives them life, and causes them to die. Then, the prophets would increase their knowledge of Allah, the Blessed and Exalted, and of His names and attributes, and call them to worship Him alone, without others whom they know He did not create. That is, the people know that the one they worship did not create any of them, nor does He provide for them anything, nor does He give life or cause death, nor does He possess any of the attributes of the Creator.

﴿وَأَبْرَاهِيمَ إِذْ قَالَ لِقَوْمِهِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاتَّقُوهُ ۖ ذَٰلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ إِن كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ۖ إِنَّمَا تَعْبُدُونَ مِن دُونِ اللَّهِ أَوْثَانًا وَتَخْلُقُونَ إِفْكًا ۚ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ تَعْبُدُونَ مِن دُونِ اللَّهِ لَا يَمْلِكُونَ لَكُمْ رِزْقًا فَابْتَغُوا عِندَ اللَّهِ الرِّزْقَ وَاعْبُدُوهُ وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ ۚ إِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ﴾

“And [We sent] Abraham, when he said to his people, "Worship Allah and fear Him. That is best for you, if you should know. You only worship, besides Allah, idols, and you produce a falsehood. Indeed, those you worship besides Allah do not possess for you [the power of] provision. So seek from Allah provision and worship Him and be grateful to Him. To Him you will be returned.”[Al-Ankabut: 16-17]

So; He did not say to them: Come so that I may prove to you that Allah exists!!

This is a settled principle among them; rather, he said to them: Look at your gods that you worship besides Allah, the Blessed and Exalted, and know - indeed you know - that the One who provides for you in reality is Allah, He is the One who created you, and He is the One who controls and manages your affairs.

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اعْبُدُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ ۚ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الْأَرْضَ فِرَاشًا وَالسَّمَاءَ بِنَاءً وَأَنزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَأَخْرَجَ بِهِ مِنَ الثَّمَرَاتِ رِزْقًا لَّكُمْ ۖ فَلَا تَجْعَلُوا لِلَّهِ أَندَادًا وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ﴾

“O mankind, worship your Lord, who created you and those before you, that you may become righteous [He] who made for you the earth a bed [spread out] and the sky a ceiling and sent down from the sky, rain and brought forth thereby fruits as provision for you. So do

not attribute to Allah equals while you know [that there is nothing similar to Him].”[Al-Baqarah: 22-23]

So He began by calling them to worship Him alone, and this is the monotheism of divinity, and He ended the second verse with this command: **{So do not attribute to Allah equals}**, and this is the pure monotheism of divinity, and He made between these two commands a beginning and an end of what is related to the monotheism of lordship: **{who created you and those before you, that you may become righteous [He] who made for you the earth a bed [spread out] and the sky a ceiling and sent down from the sky, rain and brought forth thereby fruits as provision for you.}**

They do not dispute about that, and all of this is from the monotheism of Lordship, so He made it a ladder to oblige them to the monotheism of divinity. So when they acknowledged the monotheism of Lordship, He obliged them to the monotheism of divinity; because as long as you acknowledge that Allah the Most High is the One who created, and He the Most High is the One who owns, and He is the One who manages the matter, and He is the One who gives life and causes death; He alone is worthy of worship.

So the prophets came to guide the people to this; even those who denied the existence of the Creator.

Those who are called in our time as atheists, most of them do not deny the existence of any Creator, but they deny the existence of the True Creator whom the divine messages called them to believe in.

This is what they disbelieve in, and the one who believed in His Lordship was the one who associated others with Him in His worship.

Look at the state of the atheists in our time.

You will see that when they deny the existence of the True Creator, they attribute the occurrence of things to other things, and even if they do not call them the Creator; However, it must take the place of the Creator, glory be to Him; rather, they add to it some of the attributes of the Great Creator. Take the materialistic atheists of our time, for example: The mainstay of their atheism was their saying that matter is eternal and cannot be created or destroyed, and they believed that this was something that science had proven; so there was no room for disagreement about it!! However, the matter that they talk about and describe with this description is not the matter that we know and deal with in our daily lives and in our scientific laboratories.

The matter that we know is matter in the form of celestial bodies, or terrestrial bodies, or the components of these bodies from atoms, and the components of atoms and photons, and the like of which those creatures are composed; but none of this is eternal; rather, every matter in some form of forms occurs and disappears, and as for the matter that has no form, it is as Marx himself said: "an illusion in the minds of philosophers, it has no existence outside." That is: it exists mentally, not in reality.

This is the greatest contemporary atheist!! Their leader, their imam, and their sheikh to whom they make pilgrimage, and in whom they believe!!

He himself says: Matter that has no form is only an illusion in the minds of philosophers, and has no existence outside.

If matter has been given two of the attributes of the Creator, which are: eternity and everlastingness; since Allah alone is the First whose firstness has no beginning, and the Last whose lastness has no end; then something called "nature" has been attributed to some of the actions of the Creator, glory be to Him.

You often hear atheists and those who imitate them - even if they are not atheists like them – saying:

Nature did such and such, and nature chose such and such!!

But the nature that we know and deal with in our daily and scientific lives is: the sum of living, solid and liquid beings, and these beings are the ones that react, not the ones that act; rather, they are the ones that are reacted to, and they are the ones that exist, are formed, grow and perish; so where is that nature that does all this in relation to this nature that we know, which is passive and not active?!!

They say: Nature is active, not passive, or it is both active and passive.

As for the nature that all creation knows, it is the passive nature that exists, is formed, grows and perishes.

Are they really two natures; one that acts, and the other that is passive?!

No; the true nature is this nature that we witness, and as for the other that is established in the position of the Creator, glory be to Him; it is only a great illusion in the minds of atheists, and they float on it two of the attributes of Allah - the Most High -: eternity and everlastingness.

Allah is the First, there is nothing before Him, and the Last, there is nothing after Him.

What is said about nature is also said about evolution.

Evolution in its scientific concept is: the gradual way in which the present abundance in plant and animal life arose from the oldest and most primitive living creatures, as stated in the "Scientific Dictionary".

Evolution is the way in which this diversity occurred, and it is not the creator of diversity - according to what they believe!! -. Evolution is the way in which diversity occurred, and evolution is not the creator of diversity, but atheists talk about evolution as if it were the doer.

Darwin says in the second edition of his book "The Origin of Species": "It may be said metaphorically that natural selection is continually examining every day and every hour, and throughout the world, every change, however subtle, rejecting the bad, preserving and collecting all that is good, working silently and gently, whenever opportunity arises, to improve each living being in relation to the material and immaterial conditions of his life. We see nothing of these slow changes as they occur, until the hand of time, as he said!, places a mark on The long periods that have passed.

Stanley said - and this text is quoted from him, that is, this Darwinian text:-

"Darwin did not add the word 'metaphorically' until the second edition of his book." He explains this addition as: He was living in an era in which it was claimed that life had a divine purpose, so he wanted - apparently - to show the reader that there was no place in his argument for such religious talk, and that his project was mechanical to a frightening degree!! You see people like these saying: Evolution or selection does such and such, and they put it in the place of the Creator, glory be to Him.

This is despite the fact that describing the way in which things happen does not contradict the existence of a Creator who creates and develops them in that way.

We can describe the way in which a human being develops from the time he is a fetus in his mother's womb, until he emerges as a child, then grows into a young man, until he becomes an old man, and we do not find in this anything that contradicts our belief in Him who created all these human stages; Allah the Almighty says:

﴿يَخْلُقُكُمْ فِي بُطُونِ أُمَّهَاتِكُمْ خَلْقًا مِّن بَعْدِ خَلْقٍ فِي ظُلُمَاتٍ ثَلَاثٍ﴾

"He creates you in the wombs of your mothers, creation after creation, within three darknesses."[Az-Zumar: 6] and He the Almighty says:

﴿مَا لَكُمْ لَا تَرْجُونَ لِلَّهِ وَقَارًا وَقَدْ خَلَقَكُمْ أَطْوَارًا﴾

“What is [the matter] with you that you do not attribute to Allah [due] grandeur While He has created you in stages?”[Nuh: 13-14]

So there is no contradiction in this in principle, and this does not cast doubt on the faith of the believers, nor does it make them doubt their religion or their faith.

So do not be surprised after that it is said: “The atheists are polytheists”;

Polytheism is the opposite of monotheism, and they are polytheists. They want to be at a higher level than polytheism, because polytheism affirms the existence of God, and then makes a partner for Him. As for them, they deny the existence of God, the Blessed and Exalted. But they still prove a god in one form or another,

And you know that the obligatory monotheism is not completed except by three things:

First: That a person believes that Allah Almighty is the Lord, the Creator, the Maker, the Fashioner... to the end of the attributes of Lordship, until he believes that there are actions that only Allah Almighty does and cannot do.

The second of these matters: That he believes that this Lord, glory be to Him, is the only one who is characterized by all the attributes of perfection, so he does not add to Him an attribute of deficiency, nor does he take away from Him an attribute of perfection, nor does he describe anyone else with any of these attributes.

The first is the monotheism of Lordship, and this is the monotheism of names and attributes.

The third: That he believes that this Lord alone is the God who deserves worship; so he does not worship anyone else with Him, and this is the monotheism of divinity.

The first – meaning the monotheism of Lordship – is the basis of the monotheism of names and attributes; Because you will not prove an attribute for something that does not exist, but rather you prove attributes for something that exists; so existence must be proven first.

This first one - meaning the monotheism of Lordship - is the basis of the monotheism of names and attributes, and it is the basis of the monotheism of divinity; because man does not describe Allah with attributes of perfection, nor does he see Him as deserving of worship; unless he knows that He alone is described with those attributes of Lordship. Therefore, you find the Qur'an making this fact the basis of its call to the polytheists who submit to it – meaning the monotheism of Lordship, meaning the existence of Allah – the Most High – so it calls them to worship Allah alone, and not to describe Him with what is not appropriate, or to describe anyone other than Him with any of His attributes. Whoever believes in the existence of a

Creator other than Allah, or whoever describes one of Allah's creatures with some of Allah's attributes – as atheists do when they describe nature with some of Allah's attributes – is associating partners with Allah, whether he believes that Allah Almighty is also a Creator or not. However, those who deny the existence of the True Creator – even if they are an exceptional minority – are polytheists. However, some of them may be influential among people, raising doubts in their souls, even regarding this self-evident matter upon which creation was created. Therefore, the Holy Qur'an did not neglect to mention this category of people, nor did it neglect to respond to their doubts. It responded to those who claim that there is no Creator at all, just as it responded to those who took creators other than Allah, the True Creator, and made clear to them that they cannot be true creators, but rather they are created in reality.

All of this is an introduction that will be followed by some introductions, God willing - the Most High - before what we will address, God willing - the Most High - and by His power and strength - in response to the atheists.

May Allah - the Most High - make this guidance for a lost person, or direction for a confused person, or confirmation for a believer in the true faith and firm certainty.

And Allah Almighty is behind the intention, and He guides the way.

May Allah's prayers and peace be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and all his companions.