



GOD AND THE LAST DAY

This part delves into belief in God and the Last Day in a little more detail.

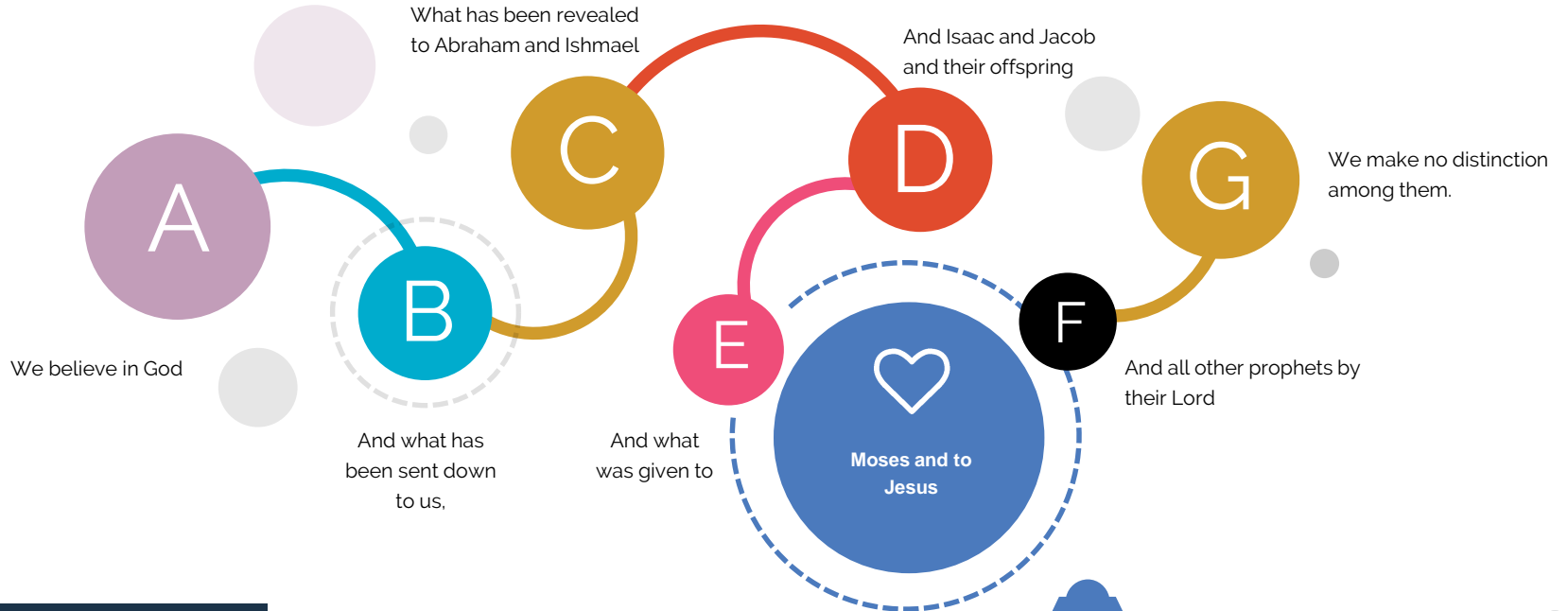
GOD



The Word for God in the Arabic language is 'Allah.' Allah is not just their God, but He is the Lord of the entire universe.

One of the greatest misconceptions about Islam has to do with the Arabic name of God. Some non-Muslims assume that 'Allah' is a God other than the God of Judaism or Christianity.

Interestingly, Arabic speaking Jews and Christians use the word 'Allah' to refer to God. Judaism, Christianity, and Islam all believe in the same Creator and their roots go back to Prophet Abraham.



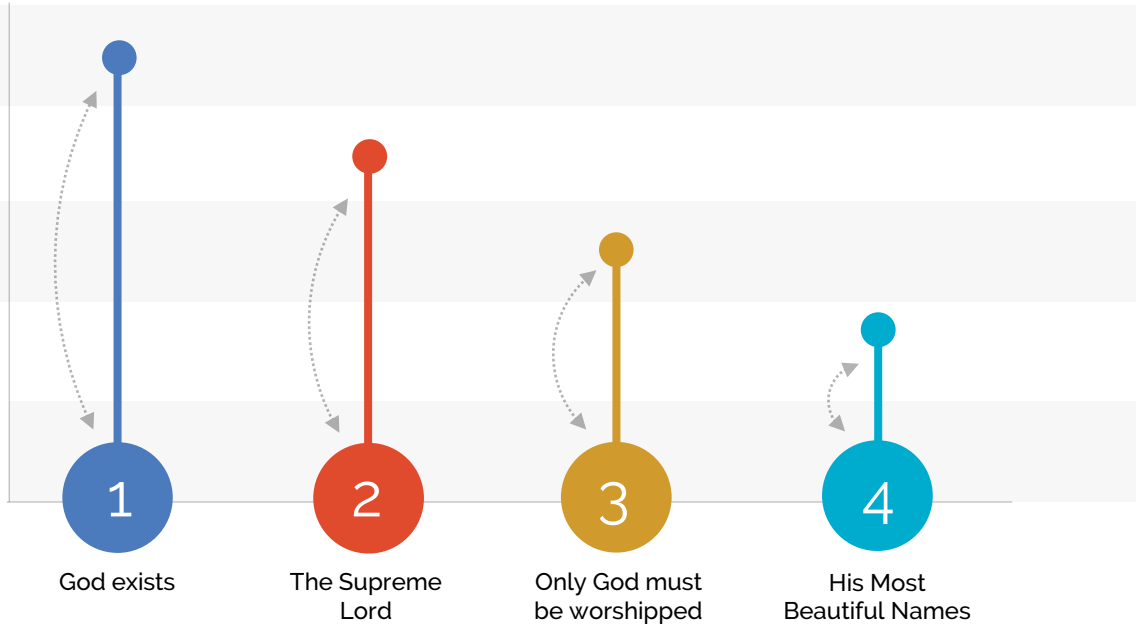
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'The disbelievers say, 'The Lord of Mercy has a son.' This is certainly a monstrous lie! It almost causes the heavens to be torn apart, the earth to split asunder, the mountains to crumble to pieces, That they attribute offspring to the Lord of Mercy.

- 1 God exists
- 2 God is the Supreme Lord
- 3 Only God must be worshipped
- 4 We know God by His Most Beautiful Names and Attributes





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In Islam, Allah is neither male nor female, but the Creator of both genders.

1 God's Existence

God is real and His existence is true. God's existence is recognized by the innate nature of every human being. From a castle one learns of the castle-maker, from the universe one learns of its Creator. God's existence is also known by answers to prayers, miracles of prophets and the books God revealed. Neither is God part of His creation, nor does He dwell in it. He is separate and above what He has created.

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God the 'Ruler' of human beings. Just like the physical world submits to its Lord, human beings must submit to the teaching of their Lord.

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God is the Supreme Lord

God is the sole Lord and Ruler of the world. He has no sons or wife. He does not sleep or get tired. He is unique, everlasting, powerful, and eternal. God is the 'Lord' means that He is the Creator, Controller, and Owner of the universe. God is the King and the Savior, a Living God, a Loving God, full of wisdom. The kingdom of the heavens and the earth belong exclusively to Him. Angels, prophets, and human beings are under His control.

"Is He not closer than the vein of your neck? You need not raise your voice, For he knows the secret whisper, And what is yet more hidden"

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Human beings are weak and prone to sin, but God is willing to forgive. The Prophet Muhammad said, «God's mercy out- weighs His wrath.»

The most fundamental teaching and core of Islam and the purpose of our creation is to worship and serve God. God must be worshipped by one's heart and limbs. No one can be worshipped apart from Him, no one can be worshipped with Him. He has no son, daughter, helper, partner or associate in worship. Worship, in its comprehensive sense, is for God alone. A person becomes Muslim by testifying to God's right to be worshipped. It was the central message of all prophets of God.

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All chapters of the Quran (the Muslim scripture), except one, begin with the phrase, "In the Name of God, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate."

We cannot see God in this life and Islam does not allow making statues or pictures of God. So, how do we know Him? We know God by His Names and Attributes that describe Him. More than nine-nine beautiful Names and many more Attributes come to us from the Quran and the teachings of His Prophet, Muhammad ﷺ.

"And the Most Beautiful Names belong to God, so call on Him by them".

Two of the most frequently used Names of God are, "the Most Merciful." (Ar-Rahman in Arabic) and "the Most Compassionate" (Ar-Raheem in Arabic).



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God's Most Beautiful Names and Attributes

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WHY DO I SURRENDER TO 'ALLAH'?





THE LSAT DAY

One thing is certain in this life, and that is death

Not only does Islam explain what the purpose of life is, but it also speaks clearly about life after death and how this life and the next one are related.

Our duration on this earth is short and temporary. The end of this life is the beginning of another one that will last forever. That is why it is called the 'Last Day.' The universe will come to an end on that day. Everything will be annihilated.

The Quran describes the Day of Resurrection as follows:

Everyone will stand to be judged by a Fair, Just, and Merciful God about the choices they made in this life.

- Those who were good will be admitted into Paradise.
- Those who rejected faith and did evil, will be punished in Hell

- 1 "When the sky bursts open,
- 2 When planets are dispersed,
- 3 When the seas spill forth,
- 4 When graves are turned over,

Then,

each soul will know what it sent forward and what it left behind."

THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT HAVE BEEN CLEARLY LAID DOWN IN THE QURAN AND BY THE PROPHET OF ISLAM:



Why a Judgment Day?

1) Perfect Justice

S M T W T F S

God will judge between people with perfect justice. God's court will not discriminate based on race, color, sex, or mere verbal affiliation to a religion. No person will be treated unjustly, even as little as a 'seed,' 'Then every soul will be compensated for what it earned, And they will not be treated unjustly.'

2) Each On His Own

S M T W T F S

God's justice will judge everyone individually, no one will bear the sins of the other.

'And no bearer of burdens will bear the burden of another.

Then to your Lord is your return, And He will inform you concerning that over which you used to differ.'

3) Written Records

S M T W T F S

People will be handed their personal "diary" containing all their deeds, the good and the bad. 'And the record [of deeds] will be placed [open], And you will see the criminals fearful of that within it, And they will say, "Oh, woe to us! What is this book that leaves nothing small or great except that it has enumerated it?" And they will find what they did present [before them].

4) Divine Grace

S M T W T F S

The Prophet of Islam informed us, 'God Almighty has divided mercy into one hundred parts. He kept ninety- nine parts and sent down one part to earth. Because of that one single part, creatures are merciful to one another so that even the mare will lift its hooves away from its foal so that it does not trample on it.'



وَاللَّهُ
عَلِيمٌ
غَدِيرٌ

And He is over all things competent.

PARADISE

It is a place of peace, with rivers and fruits, sweet smells, goblets of gold, and the shade of God Himself.

A beautiful and wonderful place that awaits those who believe in God, His prophets, and do righteous good deeds. Paradise is not God's residence or a spiritual state of everlasting communion with God as some think. The Quran describes it as a beautiful and wonderful place that awaits those who believe in God, His prophets, and do righteous good deeds.

The Quran tells us that the joys of Paradise are beyond our comprehension:

“No person knows what delights of the eye Are kept hidden in reserve for them, As a reward for their good deeds.”

Paradise is a spiritual and sensual residence of pleasure in which all one's senses will be gratified to the fullest. It is an abode of manifold enjoyments for the faithful, its dwellers will not feel the least pain or sadness, where every aspiration will be finally realized

HELL FIRE

Hell is depicted as a fierce fire that will burn and punish those who are caged in it. It is a place of intense heat and suffering, with boiling water, hot wind, and black smoke

Just as the good will be rewarded for their efforts, those who rejected God and rebelled against His laws will face punishment in the life to come. The Fire of Hell is described to serve as a warning about the consequences of the choices people make in life.

The Quran says: “So taste the results of your evil; No increase shall We give you, Except in torment.”

In Hell people are burned and dragged in chains. They are given boiling water to drink and thorny plants to eat. There is no relief for the punished.





DOES GOD EXIST?



This video looks at some of the great signs pointing to God, both in the world at large and within our selves.

These signs should be enough for any rational person to reflect on creation and to arrive at an absolute conclusion that everything in the universe is God's creation. Everything testifies to His limitless power, infinite wisdom and perfect design.

Everything in our world has its limits. Does this apply to the universe as a whole? Are atheists right when they claim that the universe manages its own affairs?





GOD ACROSS HISTORY

How did the universe come about? Is it created? Does it come to an end?

These and similar questions may have a strong philosophical dimension. God did not wish to leave man in a dilemma. The message of God's oneness started with Adam, the first prophet.

This video shows how man searched for God, and how the followers of different religions worship God. It arrives at the conclusion that God sent all prophets so that mankind will believe in God's oneness.

