

## Few Questions on Religion!

1. Can you imagine, alive people will be burning in the hell-fire and Merciful Allah will be watching that spectacular scenario for eternity! Even being simple human being we cannot burn any human/animal in fire. How would then Merciful Allah burn people in the eternal hell-fire just not to believe Him while He never reveals Himself to us? Why just **'disbelief'** is so much important to Him than any other sin (**Qur'an: 4.48, Bukhari: Vol. 4, No. 445**)? Is it befitting with a Rational/Merciful/Compassionate Allah?
2. Does Allah honestly want all the people to believe Him? If yes, then why doesn't He change people's mind by Himself? Is it His limitation? If not, then why does He always send some messengers to do His job? Why does He always employ some messengers to fight/kill other people in His name who do not believe Him (**Qur'an: 4.74, 9.14, 9.29**)? How come a Rational Allah expects people to believe a messenger whatever he says?
3. According to Qur'an and Sahih Hadith (**Qur'an: 4.48, 3.85, Bukhari: Vol. 4, No. 445**), people like Mother Teresa, Florence Nightingale, Mahatma Gandhi, Dalai Lama, Einstein, Newton, Galileo, Luipastor, Alva Edison, Graham Bell, Right-Brothers, Omar Khayyam (?), Al-Razi (?), Al-Maari (?), Rabindranath Tagore, Kazi Nazrul Islam (?) and so many like minded people will be burning in the eternal hell-fire just not to believe in Allah (No-matter how much honest they are! Maybe some of them have not even committed any other sin. Were they too stupid to understand the absolute truth?), whereas killers like Saidi, Nizami, Moududi, General Niazi, Yahya Khan, Saddam Hussein, Bin Laden and like minded people will be cheering in paradise with so many perpetual hooris (virgins), pretty pearl-like boys, rivers of chilled wine, honey, milk, juicy fruits, birds' meat, etc as they simply believe in Allah (No-matter how much dishonest they are. Maybe they have to be in hell-fire for a limited time)! How is it justified in the eyes of Just and Merciful Allah?
4. How does Rational Allah expect people (other than Arabic speaking) to understand and learn wisdom from a single language, Arabic (**Qur'an: 43.3**)?! Could not He send His message in a language so that all the people on the earth would be able to understand, as some people claim that Qur'an is for ALL the nations on the earth?
5. Some scholars always blame on people's lack of knowledge of the Arabic language. Therefore, we have to go to Al-tafseer. The question is "Why would Allah put His ultimate Words in the hands of some people so they can explain what is in the Qur'an according to their own understandings?" Of course, if you just read the Qur'an as is, you are wrong; you have to go to Al-tafseer, and see what it says! Well, those people are human beings like us, so they can make mistakes as well! The fact is that only around 2% people in the world speak Arabic and out of the 2%, only less than 0.1% know archaic Arabic fluently, the way Qur'an is written. So, how the rest 98% people of the world will understand and learn wisdom from Qur'an? Prophet Muhammad (S) was an illiterate and he didn't know how to read and write. Therefore, he was not even able to check whether or not his words were written in Qur'an properly by his secretary. So, how would Prophet teach Qur'an to other people who did not know Arabic? How does Rational Allah send His message to a man who was not able to read and write?
6. Why do scholars have to play with some kind of tricks like "Out of context", "Quran cannot be understood properly without Arabic", "Rupok", etc to justify Qur'anic verses if the Qur'an is an ultimate truth? Why there is no straightforward answer in ultimate truth? No sane person but mad will ever doubt about an absolute truth like "Man is mortal", "Cow's milk is white", " $2+2 = 4$ ", etc. Then why do many intelligent and higher educated people doubt about religious scriptures if these are absolute truth? Are all these people stupid and mad!

7. According to the Qur'anic verses (**Qur'an: 2.34, 7.11, 17.61, 18.50, 20.116**), Allah didn't command Iblis to prostrate to Adam. Therefore, Iblis was not supposed to do so! Why did then Allah accuse Iblis to refuse His command? Isn't it funny? Is it like Allah wanted to make Iblis a scapegoat, as he was inferior to Angels?
8. For the sake of argument even if we assume that Allah really commanded Iblis to prostrate to Adam, still there are many questions left. Allah's **Divine Order** gives a choice to the creature either to obey or disobey, while Allah's **Divine Will** is beyond any one's choices since Allah's will is above all His creatures and His Will always prevail. So the question that logically follows is: Did Allah want Iblis to obey or to disobey His command? If Allah wanted Iblis to obey His command and prostrate to Adam, then how Iblis can deny it? Obviously then, Allah wanted Adam to disobey His command either. Moreover, did Allah give a prior warning to Angels and Iblis saying that disobeying His command would result punishment? If not, then how would Iblis know that Allah is not testing his faith? In fact, Allah was testing their faith and all the Angels have failed but Iblis. All the Angels except Iblis did shirk by prostrating to Adam. So, Iblis did the right job by not prostrating to someone else but Allah!
9. **Again, who did misguide Iblis to be a sinner in the first place as there was no Satan before him?** Is it his bad Nafs? Who created that bad Nafs then? Is bad Nafs self created? If yes, then Allah is not the Creator of ALL. What is the actual role of Satan anyway? Is it only to misguide people? Can Satan guide people if he wants? If yes, then how do we make sure that what is Divine and what is Satanic? Even Prophet Muhammad (S) was sometimes confused about this (**Muslim: Book 4, No. 1106, Bukhari: Vol. 4, No. 490**)!
10. **Why didn't Iblis get any fear when Allah cursed him and confirmed his hell-fire for eternity?** Why didn't Iblis appeal to Allah to forgive his sin? According to Qur'an, Iblis accepted eternal hell-fire without any appeal/argument (**Qur'an: 7.13-15, 15.34-37, 38.77-80**)! It seems that hell-fire is nothing to Iblis! Is it then cool-fire? Or, just a myth?
11. **In real world, no Judge would give respite to a murderer to murder more people even if the murderer appeals for that.** If it is, then why did Allah give respite to Iblis (**Qur'an: 15.36-37, 38.79-80, 7.14-15**) to misguide more people to accompany him in the eternal hell-fire (**Qur'an: 15.39, 38.82**)? Is it something like Allah and Iblis are acting together in a partnership (**Qur'an: 7.179, 32.13, 15.39, 38.84-85**) to fill up the hell-fire to fulfill His ultimate wish (**Qur'an: 7.179, 32.13**)?
12. **How come Adam, Hawa, and Iblis did refuse Allah's "very direct commandment"?** It seems that they were not obedient even in front of Allah! We can imagine Allah's mighty from here! Otherwise, how it is possible! If this is the case, then how does a Rational Allah expect people to obey His "very in-direct commandments"?
13. **If the purpose of creation only to worship Allah then why did He create Satan?** Why Allah is so much in need to be recognized that He created this entire universe and put in it the people to know Him and worship Him? Does He feel lonely? Does He lack anything? If not, why does He need to be worshiped then? Why does He want to be known? Why is this so important to Him that He would even burn us eternally in the blazing hell-fire if we fail to recognize Him and believe in His messengers? Why then He is playing hide-and-seek with us if He really wants to be known? Why then He always sends His message to a messenger very "secretly"?
14. First revelation: Why didn't Prophet Muhammad (S) himself know that it was a revelation to him (**Bukhari: Vol. 1, No. 3**)? Waraqa bin Naufal, a Jew later converted to Christianity told him that it was a revelation! Thereupon Muhammad believed himself to be the Prophet!

How did Naufal get confirmed that it was really a revelation? Did Allah tell him? How do we make sure that it was not a Jews-Christian conspiracy as we often used to say so?

15. It is said that Jews and Christians have changed their Divine Books, which were also sent by Allah! How dare they are! **Well, if it is, then why Allah could not save His Own Divine Books from corruption from the hands of Jews and Christians?** Is it like He could not save or He didn't want to? **Was He doing mistake recurrently (at least three times: Taurat, Jabur, and Injil) and suddenly realized that His revelations need to be protected by Himself?**
16. The Qur'an was started revealing on Prophet Muhammad (S) at the age of 40. Which religion Prophet Muhammad (S) used to follow up to the age of 40? **At what age of Prophet Muhammad (S) and in what circumstances Allah told him that the then religious scripture (Bible?) needs to be changed and there needs another scripture (Qur'an)?**
17. According to Qur'an (**Qur'an: 7.178, 7.188, 9.51, 10.100, 32.13, 57.22, etc**), we have NO power to do anything! If it is, then why will we be given punishment for any wrongdoing? What's the meaning of creation of hell-fire then?
18. According to one Qur'anic verse alcohol is not only okay but also it is a sign of Allah's creation (**Qur'an: 16.67**) and it is forbidden by another Qur'anic verse (**Qur'an: 5.90-91**). If it is not a contradiction then what is? Why there will be a question of abrogation in the ultimate truth?
19. According to one Qur'anic verse the Jews, Sabians and Christians are on the right path (**Qur'an: 5.69**)! But according to other Qur'anic verses (**Qur'an: 3.85, 3.28, 5.51, 9.29**) they are the people who have lost faith! If this is not a contradiction then what is? Again, why there will be a question of abrogation in the ultimate truth? Who would decide which one is correct? Is there need another messenger to make them up?
20. Before discovering the round shape and movement of earth people didn't know where the Sun goes at night! They thought that the earth is flat and fixed and Sun is moving around the earth. So, they used to think that the sun goes somewhere at night and take rest for about 12 hours until morning! Prophet Muhammad (S) was also thinking the same. At night Sun remains prostrated under Allah's Throne (resting place for Sun?) and waits for His permission for rising again in the East (**Bukhari: Vol. 4, No. 421**)! Is it scientific?
21. If somebody (who doesn't have any scientific knowledge) stands in an open area from dawn-to-dusk and from dusk-to-dawn, he will observe that both Sun and Moon are moving along the sky keeping the same distance from earth. Even nobody with bare eyes can imagine that they (Sun and Moon) are very far from each other. Prophet Muhammad (S) was thinking exactly the same? He was wondering why/how Sun and Moon do not collide/catch each other even though they are moving along the same sky's ceiling (**Qur'an: 36.40: It is not permitted to the Sun to catch up the Moon ...**)! Why will Allah be thinking like this?
22. In our childhood we used to think that the Sky (Heaven?) is a solid roof of the earth. We never thought that the Sky is nothing but like an illusion! Because we didn't have any idea about the Sky. It seemed to us like a vast roof (canopy?)! Even now a days many people may think like that especially in village areas. Therefore, it is quite obvious that people will be thinking the same 1500 years ago and Prophet Muhammad (S) was not an exception in this regard. He was wondering how such a BIG roof is standing in the space without any pillar (**Qur'an: 31.10: He created the heavens without any pillars that ye can see ...**)! Otherwise why there will be a question of pillar to describe Sky? Why there will be a

question of asunder to describe the Sky if it is not considered as solid (**Qur'an: 82.1, 78.19, 21.32**)? Why will Allah be thinking like this? Is it a "Rupok"?

23. How did Allah make mistake to distinguish between **Mariam** (the sister of Aaron) and **Mary** (the mother of Jesus)? Aaron (the brother of Moses) lived and died several centuries before Mary was born; and Aaron's sister was Mariam, not Mary. In the Arabic language, the word for Mary and Mariam is the same word, (Mariam) perhaps the cause of this mistake. It is an error that an Arab of the 7<sup>th</sup> Century might make, to confuse Mary with Mariam, but not a mistake that the all-knowing Allah would make (**Qur'an: 19:27-28: ... They said: O **Mary!** truly an amazing thing hast thou brought! O **sister of Aaron!** Thy father was not a man of evil, nor thy mother a woman unchaste!**).
24. According to some Qur'anic verses it took **SIX** days to create heavens and the earth (**Qur'an: 7.54, 10.3, 11.7, 25.59**) but according to some other verses it took **EIGHT** days to do the same (**Qur'an: 41:9-12**). To justify this discrepancy some people say that according to the verses 41:9-12, the summation will be  $2+4+2 = 6!$  Why there is such kind of ambiguity in an ultimate truth? Why there is a **clear room** to doubt? It took 23 years to write the whole Qur'an. Is not it most likely that Prophet Muhammad (S) was not aware of what he was saying at one time and what he was saying at other time? As a human being it is quite obvious to make such kind of mistakes. Why will Allah make any mistake?
25. Qur'an has mentioned only the **visible cosmos** that anybody can see with bare eyes such as **Sun, Moon, Star** and **Sky!** Why there is not a single planet mention in Qur'an that cannot be seen with bare eyes? Why there is not a single event/person mention in the Qur'an from outside of Arab Peninsula? Why there is not a single animal/bird/fruit/ river/hill etc mention in the Qur'an from outside of Arab Peninsula? Is it also a miracle! Doesn't it mean that as a human being Prophet Muhammad (S) didn't have any knowledge about other parts of the world and that's why he could not mention any of them in Qur'an? On one hand it is said that the Qur'an is for ALL the nations on the earth and on the other **everything** mentioned in Qur'an only from Arab Peninsula! Doesn't it mean that Allah is limited only in Arab Peninsula?
26. Why now a days people do not marry a little 6-9 years girl even though Prophet Muhammad (S) did it at the age of 54 (**Bukhari: Vol. 8, No. 151, Muslim: Book 8, No. 3311**)? Why did Prophet Muhammad (S) violate (**Bukhari: Vol. 7, No. 6**) a Qur'anic rule of having four wives at a time (**Qur'an: 4.3**)? Why cannot we follow some of the rules of Qur'an and some of the acts of Prophet Muhammad (S) now? If this is the case, then how can it be for ALL the mankind and for ALL the time?
27. How does Merciful Allah permit sex with slave girls (captives) without marriage (**Qur'an: 4.24, 23.5-6, 33.50, 70.29-30**)? Are slave girls not human being? Is it ethical?
28. **Why didn't Prophet Muhammad (S) possess more than one wife before demise of his first wife Khadija (R)? Were there no other widows to look after before her (Khadija) demise?** Why he was so prone to have multiple wives (**Bukhari: Vol. 7, No. 6**) only after her demise? Was there any link between before and after her demise? Was he afraid of Khadija as she was very wealthy, honorable, and motherly figure to him?
29. Why does a Merciful/Compassionate/Almighty Allah bear hatred, anger, etc in His mind towards non-believers (**Qur'an: 9.84, 9.113, 2.7, 2.10, 3.28, 3.73, 3.118, 4.139, 4.144, 5.51, 9.28**), while He claims that He has also created them? Is it befitting with Him? It might be befitting with Prophet Muhammad (S) as he was a human being after all! During that period there were always war, killing, bloodshed, assassination, etc between believers and non-believers. Therefore, it is most likely that believers and non-believers will have hatred and anger in their mind to each other.

30. **How can an Almighty Allah be the enemy of some of His very tiny creatures, human and Satan (Qur'an: 2.98, Muslim: Book 4, No. 1106)?** Does Allah consider human and Satan as His parallel? Is it befitting with Him? It might be befitting with Prophet Muhammad (S) as he was a human being too!
31. **Verse 4.92 (also Bukhari: Vol. 1, No. 10, Vol. 9, No. 83)** says: "Never should a believer kill a believer ..." Don't this verse and hadith encourage believers to kill non-believers? Is it befitting with Compassionate Allah, after all non-believers are also His creation as He claims? It might be befitting with Prophet Muhammad (S) as he was a human and a leader of some believers!
32. Claiming Allah's merciful messenger, why Prophet Muhammad (S) was so ruthless towards non-believers (**Bukhari: Vol. 8, No. 795, Vol. 4, Nos. 265, 270, 264, 263, 73, Sunan Abu-Dawud: Book 38, Nos. 4396, 4348, many more**)?
33. How would Allah say that war booty is enjoyable for you (**Qur'an: 8.69**)? Enjoy with what? Enjoy with others' wives and daughters whose husband/father/brother have been killed in war? How can Allah say so? It might be befitting with Prophet Muhammad (S) (**Bukhari: Vol. 4, Nos. 388, 351, 379, 386**)! It could be a war strategy of Prophet to encourage his soldiers with war booty (for worldly rewards!) and lots of hooris and rivers of wine etc (rewards for hereafter!)! This was an either-way reward for the soldiers (**Qur'an: 4.74**)! During that time Arabian people used to hold multiple wives and that's why Prophet has promised them a lot of hooris. Moreover, some of the things were very rare/precious in Saudi Arabia, such as chilled wine and pure water (very precious in **Hot** desert area!), juicy fruits (they were fed up of eating dry dates), birds' meat (they were fed up of eating camel's meat), etc. Prophet Muhammad (S) would know very well that his soldiers would be very happy having these precious things, which were very rare in Arabia!
34. In what voice (male, female, or anything else?) did Allah talk to Prophet Muhammad (S) when he was visiting to Allah during Meraj? Why did Allah talk to Prophet from the shade of a curtain? Does He also follow "purdha"? Doesn't it mean that Allah is a limited being with physical body?
35. If Allah creates us perfectly then why do we need to do circumcision (Musholmani?) to make us more perfect (pure Muslim?), as some scholars scientifically claim that circumcision is good for health? Is it like people have to fix up Allah's mistake now? Why is Allah still not amending His mistake even knowing (from scientist?) that its good for health?
36. On one hand it is said that every child is born with a true faith of Islam but his parents convert him to Judaism, Christianity, etc (**Bukhari: Vol. 2, No. 441**) and on the other it is said that circumcision (Musholmani?) is necessary to be a true Muslim! Isn't it contradictory? If circumcision is necessary to be a pure Muslim, then is not it more logical to say that every child is born with a true faith of Hinduism/Buddhism/etc (As they don't do circumcision so they are pure/perfect by born) but his parents convert him to Judaism, Christianity, Islam, etc?
37. How does Allah select a soul to send it to a Muslim family or to a non-Muslim family? Why is Allah still sending people to the non-Muslim families, anyway? Is it just to use them as the fuel of eternal hell-fire? As they are sent to the non-Muslim families and that's why they are non-believers by born (NO?)! What is their fault then?
38. Why in Qur'an some of the events have been repeated many times? Like the story of Satan has been repeated at least for seven times (**Qur'an: 2.34, 20.116, 17.61, 18.50, 7.11-15, 15.28-42, 38.71-85**), the story of Sorcerers has been repeated at least for two times

(Qur'an: 26.46-48, 7.120-122), etc. Some people say that Allah has given more emphasis on some of the important events! Are these important events! Why Allah's Words have to be repeated, anyway? **Was Allah not sure that His one-time Word is not enough for His Own creation?** Even in real world people avoid repetitions in the same article because it is considered as redundancy. Well, even after repeating many times why more than 86% people in the world are not following His Words!

39. Prophet Muhammad (S) was not able to read/write according to Qur'an/Hadith, and therefore everything depends on him having perfectly memorized what Allah revealed to him through His Angels. Some of the stories in the Qur'an are enormously long. Are we really to believe that Muhammad remembered it exactly as it was revealed?
40. Questioning Allah is a Great Sin. Allah Himself has warned people for this. **Why is He so afraid of this if He is really an Almighty?** Is He afraid thinking that, one day, some scientists might go to the Seventh heaven to attack His Throne or to make a peace-treaty with Him? If not, then why is He so insecure, oppressive and dogmatic? Is it befitting with an Almighty?
41. Does Allah know that 'To err is Human'? If He doesn't then he is not the Creator! If He does then He cannot be Just in punishing man for the flaw He created him with!
42. Can Allah destroy Himself as human can do that? In another word can Allah commit suicide? If not, then this is "one thing" that Allah cannot do! If Allah cannot do even "one thing" then how can He be an Almighty?

**Raihan**