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PREFACE

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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People around the Globe are entangled in various issues related to concocted stories of Philosophy and Theosophy that are contrary to the facts about the Cosmos and its inhabitants. There are many philosophical theories that are presented in such a way that these look logical facts.

Christian missionaries convince people by oratory. They have mastered the art of emotional exploitation of people. They make people believe in miracles that are reported to have happened.

There are some deviant sects who show mastery in inter-religious issues and show exceptional vocabulary. They strive to convince people about their self-acquired beliefs that are contradictory to Islamic teachings. They claim Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) is confined to a physical body and that He has hands and other body parts. They preach their sects beliefs in the name of Da'awa.

Some people use super natural powers as proof of truthfulness of their philosophical theories presented as faith. They use incantation (chanting of mantra) and spells to achieve their objectives. They also use willpower / hypnotism to subdue common people.

What happens in hypnotism? A person develops his will-power and influences the normal human beings who have weak will power.

How can a Muslim deal with these issues? Rejecting these issues 'as false' does not work. We need to go to the crux of the matter and explain the facts to the people so that they realize the truth and come to the straight path of Islam.

We have discussed these issues in this book. It will provide answers to all kinds of doubts of people in this context.

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PHILOSOPHY AND THEOSOPHY

Philosophy means **(i)** an attitude towards life or **(ii)** the pursuit of good judgment. Philosophical theories keep on changing with time. Philosophy deals with the following branches of knowledge.

(i) Metaphysics - The study of the principles of things. It covers the following two areas.

(a) Ontology - study of essence of things

(b) Cosmology - study of Universe as a systematic order

(ii) Ethics - Moral values

(iii) Aesthetics - Artistic and visual principles

(iv) Epistemology - The study of the nature of knowledge; its origin, foundations, limits and validity.

(v) Logic - Reasoning and common sense.

It is difficult to talk to philosophers. They are thinktanks who spend their lives in finding answers to various question that are generated in their minds. After extensive research and deliberation, they come to certain conclusions. But later generation of philosophers come and prove old theories wrong. This process is continuing throughout the known history of mankind.

Theosophy means 'a religious system based on specific philosophies related to instinctive knowledge about God'. Theosophy deals with inspiration to human beings that are claimed to establish personal communion with God. Theosophists deal in super natural things and consider that a person who shows supernatural spectacles is a Godman.

Christians, Jews, some Hindu politicians and other affluent people in the world claim that in view of truthfulness of their religion, they are economically advanced and powerful in the world. Wahhabis in oil rich Arab countries also claim their wealth to be the touch stone of truthfulness of their sects' beliefs.

In such a scenario how do we get to the truth? How do we get to the straight path of Islam? Until we find satisfactory answers to these questions, people cannot be convinced and brought to the straight path.

IMPORTANCE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF TRUTH (علم حقيقي)

Many new inventions in the world, like Internet, I-Pones, satellites, air planes, fast electric trains, tall buildings, huge ships and weapons of mass destruction have been invented by scientists and technologists. Different people undertake research on different things. Like aviation scientists work on the manufacture of airplanes. Automobile scientists work on train engines and motor vehicles. Building scientists work on the structure of sky scrapers and some evil minded politicians push scientist to make weapons of mass destruction so that their hegemony in the world could be maintained. Research in every field of human activity is a continuous process.

Similarly, correct knowledge about Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) and this Cosmos is important for our salvation. If we do not ponder on these issues and come to the right conclusions in the light of Quran and Sunnah, we are sure to lose the straight path of Islam.

It is in Quran - وَالَّذِينَ جَاهَدُوا فِينَا لَنَهْدِيَنَّهُمْ سُبُلَنَا [The people who strive in our way, We show and put them on the right path.] (Al-An-Kaboot - 69).

It is in Quran - إِنَّ فِي اخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ وَمَا خَلَقَ اللَّهُ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ لآيَاتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يَتَّقُونَ [Verily, in the alternation of the night and day, and in all that Allah has created, in the heavens and the Earth, are signs for those who fear Him.](Yousuf - 6).

It is in Quran - اللَّهُ الَّذِي رَفَعَ السَّمَاوَاتِ بِغَيْرِ عَمَدٍ تَرَوْنَهَا ثُمَّ اسْتَوَىٰ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ وَسَخَّرَ الشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ كُلٌّ يَجْرِي لِأَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى يُدَبِّرُ الْأَمْرَ يُفَصِّلُ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّكُمْ بِلِقَاءِ رَبِّكُمْ تُوقِنُونَ [Allah is He, Who raised the heavens without any pillars that you can see; is firmly established on the throne (of authority); He has subjected the sun and the moon (to his Law)! Each one runs (its course) for a term appointed. He does regulate all affairs, explaining the Signs in detail, that you may believe with certainty in the meeting with your Lord.] (Ar-Ra'ad - 2).

There are two types of research scholars in Islam who are minute viewers of the facts of things in the cosmos. They look at apparent and explicable signs of their Lord in the Cosmos and understand His glory in all its glisten. They are (i) Islamic theologian, and (ii) The Shaikh of Ihsan.

(i) Islamic Theologian - He is a scholar in reasoning who impedes the assaults on Islamic faith. He explains Islamic faith to the people with conclusive evidence from Quran and Hadith and exposes the ill-gotten 'ideas' of Non-Muslim philosophers and some Deviant Muslim sects who mislead people in the name of religion. The main opponents of Islamic theologian are Non-Muslim philosophers and misguided Muslim Sects.

(ii) The Sufi Shaikh of Ihsan - His heart is purified, his mind is illuminated and he is inspired with Islamic wisdom. He sees facts of things precisely. He is the friend of Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) who is an expert in both 'theory and practice' of Islam. His perpetual focus is on the Unity of Allah (ذات الہی). He walks on the footsteps of Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم). As an efficient Doctor of Islamic intrinsic reality, he diagnoses the ailments of our Nufoos and suggests appropriate remedies. He shows to people the rightful practices of Islam, purifies their hearts, cleanse them from worldly desires and helps them to get close to Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) and His Apostle (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم). He is Islamic doctor who explains Islamic faith and practices to people with irrefutable evidence from Quran, Hadith and from apparent happenings in the Cosmos. He exposes the ill gotten 'tricks' of Non-Muslim theosophists and misguided Muslim sects. The main opponents of the truthful Sufi Shaikh of Ihsan are Non-Muslim Theosophists, misguided Muslim sects and Guru/Babas who show supernatural gimmicks.

Human being is the combination of (i) the human 'self' or his 'person' (ذات), the human body (جسم), and human soul (روح).

Human body are made up of matter. What are the characteristics of matter? When it is motionless, it remains so unless a force makes it move. When it is in movement, it remains so, unless a force make it stationary. Therefore, it is not our body, it is we 'the Human Self' which is active in our body.

What is Soul?

Allah's (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) existence is absolute (His own). Other than Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ), everything else is dependent upon Him. This is the reason He is called 'Independent Being' (واجب) and 'true worshipable' (حق معبود). He has other attributes as well. He is 'Living' (حي), 'Knowledgeable' (عليم), 'Hearing' (سميع), 'Seeing' (بصير), 'Powerful' (قدير). He has 'will' (اراده), and He can speak (كليم). He also commands.

To create a thing, Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) gleams the refulgence (تجلى) of His attributes and epithets (اسماء و صفات) on the probate archetype and commands the (probate archetype) "Be" (كُن), and there it comes into existence.

It is in Quran - إِنَّمَا قَوْلُنَا لِشَيْءٍ إِذَا أَرَدْنَاهُ أَنْ نَقُولَ لَهُ كُنْ فَيَكُونُ [For anything which We (Allah) have willed, We say, 'Be' and it is there!] (An-Nahl - 40).

What is created by the command "Be"? The soul (روح) comes into existence from this command and gets associated with the Probate Archetype.

It is in Quran - وَيَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ الرُّوحِ قُلِ الرُّوحُ مِنْ أَمْرِ رَبِّي - [And they ask you about the soul. Say (O'Prophet - صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) the soul is the command of my Lord.] (Al-Isra - 85).

It is in Quran - فَإِذَا سَوَّيْتُهُ وَنَفَخْتُ فِيهِ مِنْ رُوحِي فَقَعُوا لَهُ سَاجِدِينَ [And when I have proportioned him and breathed into him (something out of) My soul, then fall down in front of him in prostration.] (Al-Hijr - 29).

Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) is addressing the angels saying when He completes the body of Adam (عليه السلام) and associates his soul with his body, Adam (عليه السلام) will come into life. 'At that moment all of you (angels) bow down in front of him in prostration as a mark of respect'.

From the above it is clear that when Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) wants to bring us into external existence (in this world), He first creates our material body as per the requirement of this world, then associated a specific soul with it. When these two are joined with our innate/person (ذات), we come into existence. Thus, there are three things involved in our creation, viz., (i) the 'human self' or 'person' (ذات), the human body (جسم), and human soul (روح).

THE RIGHT PATH OF ISLAM TO ENSURE OUR SALVATION IN HEREAFTER

The lives of human beings in this world are regarded as a 'test'. They have been given free will to accept or reject the faith and to do good deeds or bad deeds. When they die, they will be questioned about their Islamic faith and deeds. We have written an important book titled 'The Life after Death'. The life after death is an important issue. read this book. Many issues of Islamic faith will be cleared when you read it.

Knowledge comes by concentration and hard work. You concentrate on any issue, flood gates of that knowledge will be opened for you. If this was not the case, we would not have been able to fly space crafts and live in high tech advanced world.

The problem with some Muslims Sects is that, they deny the existence of a thing if they do not know about it. If someone says that 'laughter is good for health', they will demand a reference for this statement 'word by word' in Quran and Hadith. The irony of the situation is that they cannot differentiate between the literal and metaphorical meanings of Quranic verses and Ahadith.

If an issue is not mentioned in Quran and Hadith, it means that Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) wants to give us flexibility of action in that regard. Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) does not forget things, like we do. Whatever He does, He does it with intention and wisdom. Ponder over the issue in the light of Quran and Hadith. Seek the assistance of your Imam of Fiqh and knowledgeable people. Surely you will find a truthful way. Since every Muslim cannot deduce things from Quran and Hadith, we needed literate Imams of Islamic schools of thoughts, Hanafi, Shafa'i, Maliki and Hanbali, who have deduced many dos and don'ts for us in the light of Quran and Hadith.

Some Muslim sects rebelled against these Imams and questioned their ability and authority. If a student rebels against his own teacher, it is anybody's guess what will happen to him? The founders of these sects started deducing things as per their limited worldly knowledge acquired by their independent study of books. The founders of these sects were totally blind about human self, soul and body and how these function. This is the reason they invented a strange definition of Islamic Monotheism contrary to the facts in Quran and Sunnah.

Non Muslims theosophists and philosophers have done research about the functioning of human self. They came to know about its wonders. This knowledge should have helped them to know the truth of Islam. But, alas, they wasted this vital knowledge and started doing super natural stunts and have gone astray.

The monks, by concentration and by leaving worldly desires, develop certain skills of human inner self. By years of practice, they are able to get their souls out of their bodies and enter into it, at will.

Recently an episode was shown on a TV channel in which a Hindu monk buried his head under ground for 12 hours at a stretch in a pit at a beach in north India. He stayed upside down, his head buried in the pit for 12 consecutive hours. After 12 hours, the neck deep sand was removed and he came out alive. This he did to show truthfulness of idol worship.

Some other monks were interviewed by media journalists on TV. During the interview, the viewers were informed that these monks were living without food and water for weeks. A TV channel showed some Hindus walking on burning coal and nothing happened to them. Similarly, some Muslims were also seen walking on burning coal. Some Muslims were seen piercing iron rods into their bodies, in their heads and chests and not a single drop of blood came out of their bodies. Once the rods were removed, there was not even a scar at that place. Similar super natural things are conducted by Buddhist monks and some Christian priests.

How the person could stay alive in the normal circumstances while his head is buried in the sand for 12 hours? This is the answer to this puzzle. The monk mastered the art of coming out of his body. When they buried his head, he came out of his body and supported it for 12 hours from outside. When they removed his head from the body, he went inside his body and acted as if he was holding his breath for 12 consecutive hours. This is a spiritual gimmick.

Muslims should also be aware of the functions of human self. The knowledge about human inner self is known as spirituality. When we know about spirituality, we will be able to understand super natural phenomena in the world.

Some Muslim sects consider 'even a talk of spirituality' a great sin. We fail to understand how could someone live in total spiritual darkness. Islam illuminates our inner self and gives us wisdom to understand about Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) and His Cosmos. Materialistic approach towards religion pushes people into complete darkness about the intrinsic aspect of Islam.

How could a person survive without food and water for weeks at a stretch?

The answer lies in spirituality. We need food for both our inner self and body. What is the food of our inner self? Staying away from materialistic desires makes our inner self strong. Staying away from sumptuous food makes us spiritually strong. Total concentration away from the materialistic world and spending hours in meditation makes a person spiritually stronger to survive without food and water for a long time. People who walk on burning coal, walk on water surface and pierce rods in their bodies, all have mastered the arts of spirituality. By their concentration and will power, and sometimes with the help of certain spells and incantations they do this kinds of stunts. I was told in my childhood days that a Christian missionary used to stop the engine of a fast running train and make it stationary for a few minutes by his will power. What is will power? It is the skill of your self.

A true Muslims spends his life away from materialistic desires. He automatically gets spiritual powers by the grace of Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ). He need not have to practice like Non-Muslims do. His unwavering belief in Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) and His Apostle Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) makes him a solid rock. No one can shake this rock. Whoever attacks him spiritually, break his own head.

Super natural gimmicks have nothing to do with rightful knowledge. To be affluent and successful in this life does not indicate truthfulness of your beliefs.

It is in Hadith - Abu Huraira (رضي الله تعالى عنه) reported that the Apostle of Allah (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) said: The world is a prison for the believer and a paradise for the unbeliever. **(Muslim)**