

CONCLUSION

O Allah (The Exalted) we have believed in him, the blessings and peace of Allah be upon him, without seeing him, so make us enjoy, O Allah (The Exalted) a vision of him in the two realms and keep our hearts always in love with him.

Human beings are created in a state of fitra and it is their guardians (parents etc.) that lead them away from the path of guidance. Allah (The Exalted) has prescribed for humans laws which have an inherent benefit for us. We know this as the Shariah. Modern science and medicine has shown beyond any shadow of a doubt that the prescriptions from the Sunnah and the Qur'an which form the basis of the Shariah are indeed advantageous.

The Qur'an, although it contains many more such allusion, must not be considered a science textbook but a book of signs. Its only purpose is to guide us to right belief and right action. We must ensure that it, and not our arrogance, insolence, and vainglory, directs our pursuit of knowledge.

Moreover, how can the eternal and unchanging Qur'an be "proven" by science, which is subject to change? Science only serves to awaken sleeping or confused minds. It cannot establish the truths of faith in our conscience, for faith comes only by Divine guidance. Our faith, not our knowledge, makes us believers. Objective and subjective evidence must eventually be dropped, so that we can make spiritual progress by following our heart and conscience within the Qur'an's light and guidance.

Allah knows best.

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All praise is to Allah (The Exalted) from beginning to end, and Salaah and Salaam on His beloved Messenger (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) for eternity.

O Allah (The Exalted) resurrect us in the company of the Messenger of Allah (may Allah bless him and grant him eace), establish us on his way, cause us to die following his tradition, acquaint us with his face and make us among his company and party.

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