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Fast 12: The existence of God — (2) evidence of human nature

• The second kind of arguments for the existence of God given in the Holy Quran relates to the human soul.

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 In the first place, the human soul has in it consciousness of the existence of God. There is an inner light within each one telling him that there is a Higher Being, a God, a Creator. This inner evidence is often brought out in the Quran in the form of a question. It is like an appeal to man's inner self. The question is sometimes left unanswered, as if he were called upon to give it a deeper thought:

آمُرخُلِقُوامِنْ غَيْرِشَى ٢ أَمُرهُمُ الْخُلِقُونَ ٢ أَمْرِ حَلَقُوا السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَدْضَ تَبَلَ لا يُوْقِنُونَ

"Or were they created without a (creative) agency? Or are they the creators (of their own souls)? Or did they create the heavens and the earth? No, they are sure of nothing." — 52:35–36



Another example is the following verse:

نَحْنُ خَلَقُنْ كُمْ فَلَوْلَا تُصَ**دِّقُوْنَ ٢**

"We have created you, why do you not then accept?" - 56:57

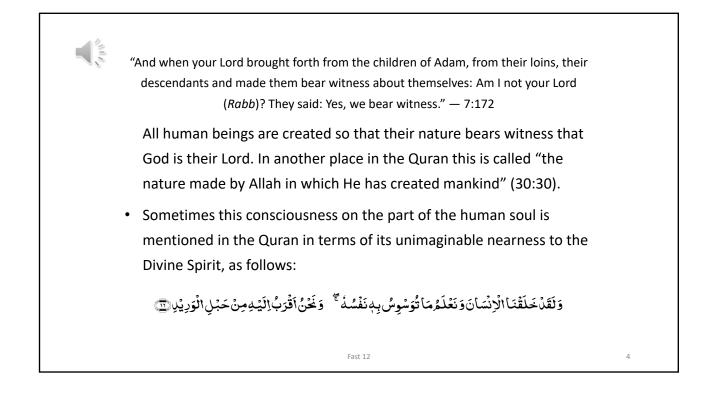
• Sometimes the answer is given:

وَلَبِنُ سَاَلْتَهُمْ مَّنْ خَلَقَ السَّلوٰتِ وَالْأَرْضَ لَيَقُوْلُنَّ خَلَقَهُنَّ الْعَزِيزُ الْعَلِيمُ ٢

"And if you ask them, Who created the heavens and the earth, they would say: The Mighty, the Knowing One, has created them." - 43:9

• On one occasion, the question is put direct to the human soul by God Himself:







"And certainly We created man, and We know what his mind suggests to him — We are nearer to him than his life-vein." — 50:16

وَنَحْنُ أَقْرَبُ إِلَيْهِ مِنْكُمْ وَلَحِنْ لَّا تُبْصِرُوْنَ ٢

"We are nearer to it (the soul) than you, but you do not see." - 56:85

وَاعْلَمُواانَ اللهَ يَحُوُلُ بَيْنَ الْمَرْءِوَقَلْبِهِ وَانَّنْهَ إِلَيْهِ تُحْشَرُوْنَ ٢

"And know that Allah comes in between a man and his heart, and that to Him you will be gathered." — 8:24

The meaning of Allah coming "in between a man and his heart" is that Allah is what is closest to a human being. There is no distance between a person and his heart, and yet Allah comes in between the two of them.

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