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The Perfect Religion

[30:43] *Therefore, you shall devote yourself completely to this **perfect religion**, before a day comes which is made inevitable by GOD. On that day, they will be shocked.*

Monotheism: Natural Instinct

[30:30] *Therefore, you shall devote yourself to the religion of strict monotheism. Such is the natural instinct placed into the people by GOD. Such creation of GOD will never change. This is the **perfect religion**, but most people do not know.*

Dictionary definition of **religion**: It's the belief in and worship of a superhuman controlling power, especially a personal God or gods. A particular system of faith and worship.

Dictionary definition of **perfect**: It's having all the required or desirable elements, qualities, or characteristics; as good as it is possible to be. Free from any flaw or defect in condition or quality; faultless. Precisely accurate; exact. Some synonyms: ideal, flawless, superb, excellent, unequaled, awesome.

As a verb, perfect has a different pronunciation but similar meaning: to

make (something) completely free from faults or defects, or as close to such a condition as possible.

Only God can make something perfect as He tells us in the Quran. He perfected seven universes (2:29); He perfected His light (9:32); He perfected the Quran (11:1); He perfected His blessings on us (16:81). Ultimately, He perfected everything.

[27:88] *When you look at the mountains, you think that they are standing still. But they are moving, like the clouds. Such is the manufacture of GOD, who perfected everything. He is fully Cognizant of everything you do.*

So, it's no surprise that He perfected for us the ways to worship Him, gave us the perfect religion. But if you asked 100 people on the street what is the perfect religion, you'd probably get at least 50 different answers, depending on what street you were on.

Here in the US, Christianity is the dominant religion. Yet, you would still get many different answers. There are three main branches of Christianity—Catholic, Protestant and (Eastern)

Orthodox. Within Protestant, there are perhaps 20 different identified sects, not including so many “new age” Christian places of worship, with names like New Thought, Water of Life, and New Song Foursquare Church.

Protestant denominations include Anglicans, Baptists and Lutherans each with around 100 million members worldwide. I grew up in the Episcopal church which I just discovered in this research is actually considered Anglican. There are also Methodists and Seventh Day Adventists, and so many more.

They claim to be Monotheistic, worshipping one God. But they divide God into three parts (the Trinity), and their worship is mostly directed to Jesus. These statements of mine do not, of course, include every Christian. God tells us in Quran that within every religion there will be those who follow the criteria in verses 2:62 and 5:69.

What about if you asked 100 people on the street in Jerusalem. You might get 100% Judaism as their religion, but even there you might hear “reform”,

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“orthodox”, “conservative”, or “Hasidic.” And in Teheran, while the answer would be Islam, that also is subject to one of two main sects—Sunni or Shia, plus other divisions such as Sufism or Ahmadiyya.

So, how can we discover the perfect religion, with so many different answers around the world? Well, of course, we only need to consult one source for the correct answer—the Quran. God tells us He perfected the Quran. [11:1] *A.L.R. This is a scripture whose verses have been perfected, then elucidated.* It comes from a Most Wise, Most Cognizant.*

**11:1 Our generation is fortunate to witness two awesome phenomena in the Quran: (1) an extraordinary mathematical code (Appendix 1), and (2) a literary miracle of incredible dimensions. If humans attempt to write a mathematically structured work, the numerical manipulations will adversely affect the literary quality. The Quran sets the standard for literary excellence.*

He perfected it. He made it flawless. [18:1] *Praise GOD, who revealed to His servant this scripture, and made it flawless.*

And He sent it down as a Messenger: *The Quran: Messenger of God*

[11:2] *Proclaiming: “You shall not worship except GOD. I come to you from Him as a warner, as well as a bearer of good news.*

We know we can trust God. And we know He has given us a perfect scripture, so we can trust the Quran. Therefore, we can find the answer within the Quran. What is the perfect religion?

The Quran tells us in two places that the only religion acceptable to God is Islam, but that word must be translated. It’s not Islam as it’s practiced in the world today, but the true meaning of the word, which is submission to God. That’s the only religion acceptable to God.

Submission: The Only Religion
[3:19] *The only religion approved by GOD is “Submission.” Ironically, those who have received the scripture are the ones who dispute this fact, despite the knowledge they have received, due to jealousy. For such rejectors of GOD’s revelations, GOD is most strict in reckoning.*

Only One Religion Approved by God
[3:85] *Anyone who accepts other than Submission as his religion, it will not be accepted from him, and in the Hereafter, he will be with the losers.*

The perfect religion is the religion of Abraham.

[4:125] *Who is better guided in his religion than one who submits totally to GOD, leads a righteous life, according to the creed of Abraham: monotheism? GOD has chosen Abraham as a beloved friend.*

[6:161] *Say, “My Lord has guided me in a straight path—the perfect religion of Abraham, monotheism. He never was an idol worshiper.”*

[16:123] *Then we inspired you (Muhammad) to follow the religion of Abraham, the monotheist; he never was an idol worshiper.*

The perfect religion is the worship of God alone.

[12:40] *“You do not worship beside Him except innovations that you have made up, you and your parents. GOD has never authorized such idols. All ruling belongs to GOD, and He has ruled that you shall not worship except Him. This is the perfect religion, but most people do not know.*

[10:104] *Say, “O people, if you have any doubt regarding my religion, I do not worship what you worship beside GOD. I worship GOD alone; the One who will terminate your lives. I am commanded to be a believer.” [10:105] I was commanded: “Keep yourself devoted to the religion of monotheism; you shall not practice idol worship.*

[16:52] *To Him belongs everything in*

the heavens and the earth and therefore, the religion shall be devoted absolutely to Him alone. Would you worship other than GOD?

[39:14] *Say, “GOD is the only One I worship, devoting my religion absolutely to Him alone.*

[98:5] *All that was asked of them was to worship GOD, devoting the religion absolutely to Him alone, observe the contact prayers (Salat), and give the obligatory charity (Zakat). Such is the perfect religion.*

The Quran tells us clearly in 30:30 that the perfect religion is “strict monotheism.” Christianity, with its trinity (4:171), is not strict monotheism. Islam, with its sects based on human factors (30:32, 6:159), is not strict monotheism. So, we have to search to find true monotheism.

And how do we find this perfect religion? We follow God’s guidance. [2:120] *Neither the Jews, nor the Christians, will accept you, unless you follow their religion. Say, “GOD’s guidance is the true guidance.” If you acquiesce to their wishes, despite the knowledge you have received, you will find no ally or supporter to help you against GOD.*

We follow the example of Abraham. [16:120] *Abraham was indeed an exemplary vanguard in his submission to GOD, a monotheist who never worshiped idols.*

We persevere and remain steadfast even in the face of opposition. [40:14] *Therefore, you shall devote your worship absolutely to GOD ALONE, even if the disbelievers dislike it.*

And most important, we reject any kind of idol worship and worship God alone.

[16:36] *We have sent a messenger to every community, saying, “You shall worship GOD, and avoid idolatry.” Subsequently, some were guided by GOD, while others were committed to*

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straying. Roam the earth and note the consequences for the rejectors.

[39:11] Say, "I have been commanded to worship GOD, devoting the religion absolutely to Him alone.

This is the perfect religion.

Lydia

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Spiritual Truth

What is spiritual truth? Most people think this form of truth matches their own values and thoughts. However, different people have different ideas about what that means. For instance, a Christian believes that God the Father begat Jesus as His son, and many of them, though not all, believe that he actually is God as part of the Trinity. But followers of Islam, Hinduism, Jainism, and people of many other religious backgrounds do not have the same understanding.

Can the dictionary definition help us? Merriam Webster gives quite a long definition of "truth". Perhaps the most useful part of their definition for our discussion follows: "a transcendent fundamental or spiritual reality". Breaking that definition down, I understand it to mean that, though universal and significant, spiritual truth goes beyond human ability to understand. We simply do not have the capability to comprehend it. We can believe in it and study the scriptures to increase our knowledge of it but we can never fully understand it while we exist in our earthly life.

[6:103] No visions can encompass Him, but He encompasses all visions. He is the Compassionate, the Cognizant.

[59:22–24] He is the One GOD; there is no other god besides Him. Knower of all secrets and declarations. He is the Most Gracious, Most Merciful. He is the One GOD; there is no other God

besides Him. The King, the Most Sacred, the Peace, the Most Faithful, the Supreme, the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the Most Dignified. GOD be glorified; far above having partners. He is the One GOD; the Creator, the Initiator, the Designer. To Him belong the most beautiful names. Glorifying Him is everything in the heavens and the earth. He is the Almighty, Most Wise.

Others, including Indigenous Americans recognized the greatness and omnipresence of God. For example, Black Elk held the position of medicine or holy man among his tribe. I found the following attributed to him: "The Great Spirit is everywhere; He hears whatever is in our minds and our hearts, and it is not necessary to speak to Him in a loud voice." (Black Elk of the Lakota tribe)

The Bible also speaks of God's greatness:

*Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is One God!
Therefore you shall adore the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.*
[Deuteronomy 6:4–5, Mark 12:29–30]

As do the Hindu Vedas:

Let us meditate on God, His glorious attributes, who is the basis of everything in this universe as its Creator, who is fit to be worshiped as Omnipresent, Omnipotent, Omniscient and self-existent conscious being, who removes all ignorance and impurities from the mind and purifies and sharpens our intellect.
[Gayatri Mantra, Yajur Veda]

We find similar passages in the scriptures and traditions of a great many faiths. Thus, we see that no one group owns exclusive rights to the essential spiritual truth.

Lisa

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The Best Deal

We all love good deals. We search for bargains, clip coupons, watch the ads. On "black Friday" people will stay up all night, camp out at a Best Buy, just to get a deal on the latest in flat screen TVs. It doesn't even matter if it's really cold outside. They'll wrap up in a blanket or a sleeping bag—just to be among the first into the store.

This isn't limited to our day and age. The Quran tells us in the story of Joseph how happy the brothers were when they got home and found all their goods returned to them (12:65). They realized what a blessing this was in the material world. "What more can we ask for?" They figured they could go back and get another whole camel-load for free. "This is certainly a profitable deal."

And God tells us that even though the Jumah prayer is an important requirement for all submitters, often people would choose to take care of business, particularly if some deal was in the works, rather than come to the prayer.

*Important Commandments
to All Believers*

[62:9] O you who believe, when the Congregational Prayer (Salat Al-Jumu'ah) is announced on Friday, you shall hasten to the commemoration of GOD, and drop all business. This is better for you, if you only knew.
[62:10] Once the prayer is completed, you may spread through the land to seek GOD's bounties, and continue to remember GOD frequently, that you may succeed. [62:11] When some of them come across a business deal, or some entertainment, they rush to it and leave you standing! Say, "What GOD possesses is far better than the entertainment or the business. GOD is the best Provider."

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These are the deals of man, of this material world. How do they compare to the deals promised by God?

You can stand in line in the cold all night for one specific day's deals or you can contact God any time, any place, for any reason.

You can definitely save money on the deals of this world, and they will bring some joy. But this is temporary. God's deals bring us precisely measured provisions, based on our needs and wants in this life, and more importantly joy and happiness forever in the Hereafter.

Different Priorities

[3:14] *Adorned for the people are the worldly pleasures, such as the women, having children, piles upon piles of gold and silver, trained horses, livestock, and crops. These are the materials of this world. A far better abode is reserved at GOD.*

[3:15] *Say, "Let me inform you of a much better deal: for those who lead a righteous life, reserved at their Lord, are gardens with flowing streams, and pure spouses, and joy in GOD's blessings." GOD is Seer of His worshippers.*

Deals at the store may be limited. You may get this price today only. And you may only be able to take one or two at

the bargain price. God's deal is available 24/7 in unlimited amounts.

[3:74] *He specifies His mercy for whomever He wills; GOD possesses unlimited grace.*

[57:29] *Thus, the followers of previous scripture should know that they have not monopolized GOD's mercy and grace, and that all grace is in GOD's hand. He bestows it upon whomever He wills. GOD is Possessor of Infinite Grace.*

Does this mean we shouldn't go after deals in this world? Of course not. God tells us to use common sense and not neglect our share of this world. So, if we find a bargain on something we want, we should certainly take advantage of it. We should just always remember that there is no deal in this world that can compare to the deals offered to us by God. That will always be the Best Deal.

The Best Deal

[61:10] *O you who believe, let Me inform you of a trade that will save you from painful retribution.*

[61:11] *Believe in GOD and His messenger and strive in the cause of GOD with your money and your lives. This is the best deal for you, if you only knew.*

[61:12] *In return, He forgives your sins, and admits you into gardens with flowing streams, with beautiful*

mansions in the gardens of Eden. This is the greatest triumph.

[61:13] *Additionally, you get something you truly love: support from GOD and guaranteed victory. Give good news to the believers.*

Noorjahan

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TO LIVE THE LONG DAY

If all life were to cease where would you go to the fires of deep or the mountains that glow

Will your rest be serene like a trip out to sea or will you never slumber and constantly wonder

Where did you go wrong to never sing the angel's song what could you have done right to have been blessed towards the light

You choose your own path your heart leads the way either to suffer His wrath or to live the long day

Ayyub

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[50:34] *Enter it in peace; this is the Day of Eternity.*