

IS THE QUR'AN GOD'S WORD? - PART-I

(Dr. Mohammad) *Bismillah Hirrehmaaan Nirraheem.* We begin today's programme with the Qirat - The recitation of the Holy *Qur'an* by brother Ashraf Mohammedy. Brother Ashraf Mohammedy: *Assalaam wa alaikum wa rehmatullahi wa barakatahu.* ...Arabic... The translation ... Surah Sajadah, Chapter 32, Verses 1 to 3, I seek refuge with Allah from Satan the accursed. In the name of Allah, most gracious, most merciful. '*Alif Laam Meem*'. This is the revelation of the book of the book in which there is no doubt from the Lord of this world. Or do they say He has forged it. Nay, It is the truth from your Lord. That you may admonish a people to whom no Warner had come before you in order that they may receive guidance. Surah Jaziyah, Chapter 45, Verses 1 to 6. In the name of Allah, most gracious, most merciful. '*Ha Meem*'. The revelation of the book is from Allah. The exalted in powerful of wisdom. Verily, in the heaven and the earth, are signs for those who believe. And in the creation of yourselves and the fact that animals are scattered through the earth, are signs for those of assured faith. And in the attenuation of night and day, and the fact that Allah sends down sustenance from the sky, and revolves therewith the earth after its death. And in the change of winds, are signs for those that are wise. Such are the signs of Allah, which we rehearse to you in truth. Then in what exposition will they believe after rejecting Allah and His signs? Verily Allah speaks the truth.

(Dr. Mohammed): Our chief guest for the day Mr. Rafiq Dada. The distinguished guest of honor, respected elders, our special guests who have come from other cities of India today as well as those who have come from abroad, brother and sisters. I, Dr. Mohammed Naik, welcome all of you with the Islamic greetings - *Assalaamu alaikum*, may peace be on you. I am your host and coordinator for today's programme, organized by the Islamic Research Foundation. The Islamic Research Foundation, a registered public trust was established in February 1991, and has been striving since then for the proper presentation, understanding, and clarification of Islam as well as removing misconceptions about Islam amongst Muslims as well as non-Muslims. Along with real faith, reason, logic and modern scientific understanding form the basic of all our presentations and discussions on Islam. The IRF has more than 1600 videocassette titles collections on Islam available on free hire. It also has more than 4500 audiocassette titles on Islam. We have more than 55 IRF publication in English on Islam, which are distributed free, on request. *Masha Allah*, we have lately been receiving excellent response from the cable television operators in Bombay and the viewers for our videocassettes. In addition, the IRF also has many on going charitable, educational and other programmes. You may wonder, why have a talk on - 'Is the *Qur'an* God's word?' Today, as you would know, Islam in its resurgence continues to shape event around the globe having contemporary relevance. Its main constitutional book of guidance is the Holy *Qur'an*. It is the book unifying and transformational source for Muslims. And lately, the *Qur'an* has been more subjected to mischievous misquotations, criticisms based on half truths, and out of context remarks as unscientific false allegation by ill informed or biased persons in the west as well as in India. Therefore the Islamic Research Foundation has thought it fit to hold this public talk today on 'Is the *Qur'an* God's word?' by Dr. Zakir Naik. Our objective is to critically analyze the topic as well as keep it open to questions in public. At the end, we leave it to you members of the audience to judge rightly from wrong. Our chief guest for today Mr. Rafiq Dada, is an eminent authority on constitutional law and a leading senior advocate in India. In 1966 he stood second in the LLM exams of the University of Bombay. He was designated a senior advocate in 1987. He regularly appears in cases on the High Court and Supreme Court of India. A thorough gentleman with dynamic knowledge of contemporary human affairs and motivations Mr. Dada is the vice president of the Bombay Bar Association. In November 1994, the Government of India has honored him with an appointment as the additional solicitor general of India. May I present to the August audience present here, Mr. Rafiq Dada.

(Mr. Rafiq Dada) *As Salaam wa Alaikum.* Dr. Mohammed Naik, the speaker of the day, Dr. Zakir Naik distinguished members of the audience, ladies and gentlemen. I stand before you in al humility for I am but very small in this great hall of knowledge. But small as I am, reminded of that little story of a fisherman who went one early morning before the sun

came out. When he cast his net, he found a load. And when he checked it up on the darkness, he found that they were little pieces of stone. So he lamented his faith and he started throwing stone after stone into the water. But when he was about to cast the last few stones, the sun came out in all its glory and suddenly he saw that what he was throwing out into the sea was not a stone but was a precious pearl. Therefore in the darkness of ignorance, he was casting away pearls thinking that it was stones. It was only in the light that he ultimately saw reality and then he lamented his faith, that all the darkness, which had gone by in the previous time, had been wasted and he had given away some thing so precious. As far as the world of Muslims is concerned, the light shone bright 1400 years back when the Holy *Qur'an* was revealed to the world. It is an article of faith with every Muslim that the Holy *Qur'an* is the word of God. There is no debate possible on the subject. This is the article, which is axiomatic. It is the article of faith, but it is a belief of Muslim that religion have been perfected with the Holy *Qur'an*. And in the Holy *Qur'an* it has been mentioned, that this religion will be protected and preserved by the almighty. In fact, such is the miracle of the Holy *Qur'an* that right from the time of the holy prophet, hundreds and thousands and now million and may be crores of people committed it to memory so that not only is it inscribed in beautiful paper but it is enshrined in the heart and minds of men that it can never ever be erased. And it always remains in its authentic purity. It is a matter of pleasure and pride for me and as I said in all humility that you have considered me fit to stand before you and say all this. I say that it is necessary to meet and talk about all this because we are living at a time, which the scientists have called the age of calculators and philistines. Science has been used to denigrate religion and therefore it is necessary to reiterate some of the verses of the Holy *Qur'an* which point out to the scientific base which one finds in it. Dr. Maurice Bucaille is from the French Academy of Science. On 14th of June 1978 he addressed a big gathering in London. His subject was the Holy *Qur'an* and Modern Science. He referred to various verses from the Holy *Qur'an* and he established with great conviction, that what was mentioned 1400 years back has now been found by science. For instance he mentions that the Holy *Qur'an* mentions the fact that God Almighty, Allah Almighty had created the night, the sun and the moon each moving in its own orbit with its own motion. This was revealed at a time when the major part of the world or perhaps all the world believed that the world was flat and any one who had the courage to talk about anything to the contrary was either slaughtered or executed or was stoned that he was a lunatic. Likewise it has been mentioned that with the power of Allah, if human beings can penetrate the heavens and the earth, they shall do it. This was also mentioned at a time when the world perhaps did not even know a bullock cart and the question of going into the heaven was nothing but a distant dream. All this was revealed 1400 years back and Dr. Maurice Bucaille pointed this out in the seminar in London. It is difficult to comprehend the great subject that is going to be talked about today but we have a very distinguished speaker Dr. Zakir Naik. Most people are familiar with his speech and with great knowledge. Dr. Zakir Naik as you all know, in a short span of 30 years has delivered innumerable discourses on various religious subjects. He has spoken to audiences many and hundreds of audiences in the country and also audience's abroad like in South Africa. He has visited various parts of the world U.K., U.S.A., Germany, Switzerland and various other parts of the Middle East and Far East. In fact one of the great thinkers of recent times Dr. Ahmed Deedat with great pleasure called Dr. Naik, Deedat plus. So we have Deedat plus before us and we have this vast subject. I pray to the Almighty that we have the strength, we have the humility and that he may shower us with his blessings and his glory. Thank you very much.

(Dr. Mohammed) For the seating committee and the reception committee, I would kindly request you to adjust the younger people on the stage so we could be more respectful for the elders and provide them seats. We know it is little congested little difficult. But if you can cooperate we can make a very good program going. Now we have the main talk of the day "IS THE QUR'AN GOD'S WORD?" by Dr. Zakir Naik.

(Dr. Zakir) *Auzubillahi minash shaitan nir rajim. Bismillah hir rahman nir rahim. ...Arabic...* Respected guest of honour Mr. Rafique Dada, the distinguished guests of honour, the learned scholars, the respected elders and my dear brother's and sisters. I welcome all of you with the Islamic greeting *Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuhu*. May peace,

blessings and mercy of Almighty Allah be on all of you. The topic of this mornings talk is "IS THE *QUR'AN* GOD'S WORD?" Many people have a misconception that Prophet Muhammad (May peace be upon him) was the founder of the religion of Islam. In fact, Islam is in existence since man first set foot on the earth. God Almighty has sent several revelations and messengers to this earth. All the previous Prophets sent by Allah (SWT) were meant only for their people and their nation and the complete message was meant for a particular time period. That is the reason that the miracle they performed like the parting of the sea, like raising the dead to life convinced the people of that time but cannot be examined and verified by us today. Prophet Muhammad (May peace be upon him) was the last and final messenger of God Almighty sent to the whole of humanity and his message is meant till eternity. The *Qur'an* mentions in Surah Al-Ambiya, Ch. No. 21, Verse No. 107...Arabic... `That we have sent not thee but as a mercy to the whole of humankind, as a mercy to all the world. Since Prophet Muhammad may peace be upon him, was the last and final messenger and his message was everlasting, that is the reason, the miracle given to him by Allah (SWT) should also be everlasting and examinable by us at all the time. Though Prophet Muhammad (May peace be upon him), performed several miracles which are mentioned in the Hadith, that is the traditions, he never emphasized them. Those Muslims believe in all these miracles. We only boast of the ultimate miracle given to him by Allah (SWT) that is the Holy *Qur'an*. *Al-Qur'an* is the miracle of all times. It proved itself to be a miracle 1400 years ago. It can be reconfirmed today and forever. In short, it is the miracle of miracles. Probably the only point common amongst the people, whether they be Muslims or non Muslims is that the *Qur'an* was recited the first time by the man born in the city of Makkah in Arabia in the 6th Century by the name Muhammad (May peace be upon him) regarding the source of the Holy *Qur'an*, there can be basically 3 different assumptions. The first is that the Holy *Qur'an*, its author is Prophet Muhammad (May Peace be upon him) himself consciously, sub-consciously or unconsciously. The second assumption that can be is that Prophet Muhammad (May peace be upon him) he obtained it from other human sources or from other religious scripture. And the 3rd is that the Holy *Qur'an* does not have human author but it is verbatim the word or the revelation of God Almighty. Let us examine today all the three basic assumptions. The first being that Prophet Muhammad (May peace be upon him) was the author himself consciously, sub-consciously or unconsciously. It is highly abnormal to challenge the testimony of a person who disclaims the responsibility of any great work. Whether it is literally, whether it be scientific or otherwise. But this is exactly what the orientalists do who doubt the origin of the *Qur'an*, when they say that Prophet Muhammad (May peace be upon him) was the author. The Prophet never ever claimed that he was the author of the *Qur'an*. In fact, he always said that it was a revelation from Allah (SWT). To think otherwise is illogical and would mean that he was telling a lie, God forbid. History tells us that never has the prophet been ever reported of telling a lie till the prophethood that is till the age of 40. And all the people acclaimed him as a person who was honest, who was noble, who was chaste. No wonder they gave him the title Al-Ameen - the trustworthy. Friends and foes alike. Even those people who said that he was a liar, God forbid, after he claimed prophethood, even then, they kept their valuables with him for safe keeping. Then why should an honest person lie and say that the *Qur'an* is a word of God and that he was a prophet. Let us examine the claims made by the orientalists. Some say that prophet Muhammad (May peace be upon him) he attributed the *Qur'an* and said he was a prophet for material gains, for worldly benefits, I do agree there are several people who falsely claim to be prophets, saints and preachers for wealth. And they acquire riches and lead a luxurious life. We have several throughout the world. Especially in our country India. Prophet Muhammad was financially better off before than after prophethood. He had married a rich business woman by the name of Khadijah (May Allah be pleased with her) at the age of 25. 15 years before prophethood and his life after he claimed he was a prophet was unenviable. According to the collection of Hadith by An-Nawawi in Riyadh as Saleheen, Hadith No. 492, it says, that Ayesha (May Allah be pleased with her) who was the wife of our beloved prophet Muhammad (May peace be upon him) said that there were times when one or two months would pass without having fire been lit in the house because they did not have any cooked food. They survived on water and dates and sometimes supplemented by

the goat milk given by the people of Madinah. This was not just a temporary phase. It was a way of life for the prophet. According to Riyadh as Saleheen, Hadith No. 465 and 466, Hazrat Bilal (May Allah be pleased with him) he said that whenever the prophet received gifts and provision for the future he gave it to the poor and the needy and never kept it back for himself. Then why should you doubt that the prophet told a lie, Nauzubillah for material gains. And there is a verse in the *Qur'an* which negates this thing. It is from Surah Al-Baqarah, Ch. No. 2, Verse No. 79, which says ...Arabic... 'Then vow to those who write the book with their own hands'...Arabic... 'And then say, this is from Allah'...Arabic... 'To traffic with it for a miserable price'...Arabic... 'Then vow to those for what their hands do write'...Arabic... 'Then vow to those for what they earn'. This Verse is talking about the people who wrote the book with their own hands and said it is from God Almighty or they changed the words of Allah (SWT). There were every possibility that if Prophet Muhammad (May peace be upon him) himself would have written the *Qur'an* and attributed it to Allah (SWT) in some point of his life, he would have been exposed. Then he would be called as the biggest hypocrite and would be called as the biggest hypocrite and would be cursing himself in his own book some people say that prophet Muhammad (May peace be upon him) attributed the *Qur'an* to Allah (SWT) and called himself a prophet for status, for power, for glory, for leadership. What are the qualities of a person who wants power, status, leadership and glory. He wears fancy clothes. He eats very good food. He lives in mansions and in monumental buildings. He has guards etc., our beloved prophet Muhammad (May peace be upon him) he milked his own goat. He mend his own clothes, he repaired his own shoes, he even many a times did the household work. He was an amazing model of simplicity and humbleness. He sat on the floor, he went to shop in the market without any guards. Even when the poor people used to invite him, he used to dine with them and eat graciously whatever was given to him. So much so that, that it is mentioned in the *Qur'an* in Surah Tauba, Ch. No. 9, Verse No. 61, said... 'Oh! He listens to everybody what kind of a person is this who listens to every Tom, Dick and Harry'. Once when the representative of the pagan Arab by the name of Udba. He came to the prophet and said... 'If you give up this claim of prophethood, we will give you all the wealth in Arabia. We will make you the leader of Arabia and crown you the king. Only thing that we want is that you should give up this message that there is only one God' and the prophet refused. By the revelation of the *Qur'an* from Surah Fussilat, Ch. No. 41. There were several attempts made once through his Uncle Abu Talib that you give up your message and we will make you the wealthiest man in Arabia. The prophet said... 'Oh! My Uncle, even if they put the sun in my right hand and the moon in my left, I will not give up this mission until I die. Why should a person lead a life of such suffering and sacrifices when he was triumphant even with his advisories. And he was so humble and noble that, at all the times of victory, he always said, it is due to the help of Allah (SWT) and not my own genius. Some of the orientalist, they come up with a new theory, that the prophet, he was suffering from Mythomania. God forbid, Mythomania is a mental disorder in which a person tells a lie and he believes in it. So they said that our prophet Muhammad (May peace be upon him) told a lie Nauzubillah and he believes in it. If a psychiatrist has to treat a mythomaniac, he will pose him with facts because these people can not face facts. Suppose a person says I am the king of England. The psychiatrist will not tell him that he is crazy, he is mad. He will say okay if you are the king of England, where is your queen. He will say she is gone to my mother in laws place. Where is your minister, he has died. Where are the guards, the moment you keep on posing facts, finally the mythomaniac will say I think I am not the king of England. The *Qur'an* does the same. *Qur'an* poses the people with facts and questions. In fact it is not prophet Muhammad (May peace be upon him) who was Mythomaniac, it is these people who are actually Mythomaniac because they say that the prophet lied and they believe in it and *Qur'an* treats such people by posing facts by posing questions. If you doubt, if you think that the *Qur'an* has been forged, do so and so, so and so things. If you think that the *Qur'an* is not from Allah (SWT) what about this. It poses several questions, which we will be dealing with InshaAllah, during the course of the talk. Some have come up with a theory called the religious illusion theory or the sub conscious theory in which the prophet they say Nauzubillah used to form his subconscious mind, he derived the *Qur'an* unknowingly. And some of them said he was

crazy. God forbid. Let us analyze their claim. A person if he is suffering from the disease or if he is crazy, they fail to realize that the *Qur'an* was revealed during a course of time which was 23 years. The *Qur'an* was not revealed at one time. It was revealed over a period of 23 years in stages part by part. If this *Qur'an* as they claim is from a mind which is sub conscious or a crazy mind, it could not have been so consistent. And neither can a person be under the false impression that he is a prophet when everything is coming from his sub conscious mind for a period of 23 years. There are several facts in the *Qur'an* which can disprove this. For example *Qur'an* mentions about several historical events which no one at the time of the prophet knew. There are several prophecies, which are, mentioned which have been fulfilled. There are several scientific facts which were known that time and had been confirmed today. It is impossible for these sort of facts to come out from a subconscious mind or a crazy mind. And the *Qur'an* testifies in Surah Araf, Ch. No. 7, Verse No. 184, 'Do they not deflect that their companion is not one possessed with evil but he is a perpetuous warner'. The *Qur'an* repeats in Al-Qalam, Ch. No. 68, Verse No. 2, 'Thou is not by the grace of thy lord crazy or possessed'. It is said in Surah Tawkir, Ch. No. 81, Verse No. 22, 'Your companion is not possessed and mad'. So why should a person lie, it is not possible to discuss all the various theories put forward by them. If any one had any new theory they are most welcome to put it during question answer time and InshaAllah, I will try my level best to clarify it. The second assumption is that the prophet copied it from other religious scriptures or he got it from some human source. One historical fact is sufficient to prove this theory wrong. That is our beloved prophet Muhammad (May peace be upon him) he was an illiterate and *Qur'an* testified in Surah Ankabut, Ch. No. 29, Verse No. 48, that those was not able to recite any book before this book was revealed, nor was thou able to transcribe it before this. In that case indeed the talkers of vanities would have doubted. Allah (SWT) knew that people would doubt the source of the *Qur'an*. That is the reason that in his divine wisdom, he chose his last and final messenger Prophet Muhammad (May peace be upon him) to be an Ummi, an illiterate and unlettered prophet. Otherwise, surely, the talkers of vanities, the babblers in the market place would have something to say and if the prophet was literate, the critics, the cynics would have had some weight to say that the prophet copied it from somewhere else and rehatched it in a new form, Nauzubillah! But even this claim is denied. A point hardly big enough to hang a fly and our Qari, brother Ashraf Mohammedy, he recited the verses of the *Qur'an* from Surah Sajdah, Ch. No. 32, Verse No. 1 to 3...Arabic... 'Alif lam meem'. 'This is the revelation of book without doubt from the lord of the worlds. Do they say he has forged it? Nay! It is a truth from thy lord, so that thou may admonish a people to whom no warner was sent before. So that they may receive some guidance'. The *Qur'an* is unlike any other religious scriptures which has a typical human type of narration like a storybook. How does the storybook begin? It begins with once upon a time, foxes and grapes, wolf and the lamb. Similarly, if you read other scriptures, it says, in the beginning was God, he made the heavens and the earth. In the beginning was the word. It may say now it came to pass as though so it happened. The *Qur'an* does not have such human narration in the beginning was so and so and if you read the other religious scriptures, they have a typical sequence of the human narration's. It talks about a particular person, talks about his family, about the children and the sequence runs in order - Chapter 1, Chapter 2, it is in order. *Qur'an* too speaks about people and their family lives but it speaks not in a particular sequence like the human story book. The *Qur'an* has its own unique style. It is a unique book. The people who cannot prove that *Qur'an* is a work of a human being then they finally come up and say that the *Qur'an* is the deception? They will not be able to point out a single deception in the whole *Qur'an*. People they believe in things for which they have got no proof or reason. And they fool themselves but stick into it. For example if I believe that this particular man, he is my enemy for which I have got no proof for which I have got no reason. But the moment that man comes in front of me, because of my false belief, I start behaving like an enemy. He reacts and too behaves like my enemy and then I satisfy myself see! I was right. This man is my enemy because he is behaving like my enemy. If it had not been for my initial false belief, that man would have never behaved like my enemy. So people believe in things without proof and reason and fool themselves by sticking to it. *Qur'an* says that the revelation goes in parallel with reason.

Some people says that holy scriptures, they are beyond reasoning if they are beyond reasoning, then how can we decipher, which of the Holy Scriptures are true and which are false. The *Qur'an* infact encourages reasoning, it encourages a discussion. Many Muslims feel that you should avoid religious discussions. You should avoid getting into a dialogue where religion is concerned. And they are sadly mistaken. The *Qur'an* says in Surah Nahl, Ch. No. 16, Verse No. 125...Arabic... that is, 'Invite all to the way of thy lord with wisdom and beautiful preaching and argue with them and reason with them in the ways that are best and most gracious'. *Qur'an* encourages discussion, encourages reasoning. No wonder the Arabic words '*Qalu*' which means they say is mentioned 332 times and the Arabic word '*Qul*' which means say is also mentioned 332 times. This proves that the *Qur'an* encourages discussion. There is a theory known as exhausting the alternatives. The *Qur'an* says that this book, this book the *Qur'an* it is a revelation from God Almighty. If it is not, then what is it? You give the other alternative. Some may say it is a handiwork of Prophet Muhammad (May peace be upon him). It has been disproved. Some may say he lied for material gain Nauzubillah! That has been disproved whatever claims they have got, put forth and see whether they stand the test. This is the *Qur'an* it is a book. It is paper and ink where is it confirmed it requires an explanation. The *Qur'an* says it is from Allah. It is from God Almighty. If it is not where did it come from? In Surah Jathiyah, Ch. No. 45, Verse No. 1 & 2...Arabic... 'Ha meem... This is a revelation of the book from Allah, the exalted in power full of wisdom'. And *Qur'an* mentions in several places, that this is a revelation from God Almighty. It is mentioned in Surah Anam, Ch. No. 6, Verse No. 19, in Surah Anam, Ch. No. 6, Verse No. 92, in Surah Yusuf, Ch. No. 12, Verse No. 1 & 2, in Surah Taha, Ch. No. 20, Verse No. 113, in Surah Nahl, Ch. No. 27, Verse No. 6, it is mentioned in Surah Sajdah, Ch. No. 32, Verse No. 1 to 3, it is mentioned in Surah Yasin, Ch. No. 36, Verse No. 1 to 3, in Surah Al-Zumar, Ch. No. 39, Verse No. 1, in Surah Jathiyah, Ch. No. 45, Verse No. 45, Verse No. 2, it is mentioned in Surah Rahman, Ch. No. 55, Verse No. 1 to 2, it is mentioned in Surah Waqiah, Ch. No. 56, Verse No. 77 and 80, it is mentioned in several places. It is mentioned in Surah Insan, Ch. No. 76, Verse No. 23, in several places the *Qur'an* says... 'This is a revelation from God Almighty, if it is not, what is it?' The scientific community, they have a different approach. If any one has a new theory, they say we do not have time to listen. And they have a reason for that. They say, that if you have a new theory do not bring it to me unless you have a way unless you have a test to prove your theory wrong. Unless you do not have a way or a test to prove your theory wrong, I do not have time to waste with you. It is called as the falsification test. That is the reason that Albert Einstein in the beginning of the century, when he gave a new theory that I feel the universe works like that along with the theory he gave 3 falsification test saying that if you think my theory is wrong do these three things and my theory will be proved wrong. The scientists, they examined it for 6 years and then said yes the theory of Albert Einstein is correct. That does not mean that he is great person. It means he deserves a listening. *Qur'an* has several such falsification tests. When you get into discussion in future, with anyone regarding religion, you have to ask him, that do you have a way to prove your religion? Believe me I have not come across any person who has told me that I have a way to prove my religion wrong. The *Qur'an* has, the *Qur'an* has several falsification tests. Some of them were only meant for the past. Some of them are applicable for all times. Let me give you a few examples. The Prophet had an uncle by the name of Abu Lahab. He was the staunchest opponent of the Prophet. Whenever the Prophet spoke to any stranger, he used to follow the Prophet, the moment the Prophet departed he used to go to the stranger and ask what did the Prophet tell you. Did he say it is day, it is night. Did he say it is black, it is white. He spoke exactly the opposite of what the Prophet said. And there is a full chapter Surah Lahab, Ch. No. 111, of the *Qur'an* which was revealed and it says that Abu Lahab and his wife, they will perish in hell. And it says indirectly that people will never except Islam. They will never become Muslims. This Surah was revealed 10 years before the death of Abu Lahab. In that span of time, many of his friends who were also opponents of Islam embraced Islam. But Abu Lahab did not embrace Islam. Since he used to lie always against the prophet the only thing he had to do to prove the *Qur'an* wrong was to say I am a Muslim. He did not have to behave like a Muslim. He did not have to act like a Muslim. He only had to say I am a Muslim and

the *Qur'an* would have been proved wrong. It was so easy for him to prove the *Qur'an* wrong. Since he had lied before, he just had to say an additional lie. It is as though the prophet is telling him. You think I am your enemy, come on say this say I am a Muslim and I will be proved wrong. It was so easy. But he did not say it. It is proved that no human being can make such a statement in his book. It has to be a divine revelation. Another such example is in Surah Al-Baqarah, Ch. No. 2, Verse No. 94 and 95, which says that they say that the last home of Allah is with them alone. It is meant for them alone and no one else and the *Qur'an* continues. Tell them that if the last home for Allah is for them alone tell them to seek for death. They will never seek for death because of the sins they have committed. This was revealed during a discussion during a confrontation between the Jews and the Muslims and the Jews said that the last home of Allah that is the paradise is for the Jews alone and not for anyone else. So a verse was revealed saying that if you think that paradise is specially meant only for the Jews you call for death, seek for death. The only thing the Jews had to do at that time anyone of them any one of those Jews a single person would have come out and said I seek for death. I want to die not that he had to die not that he had to act only thing he had to do was seek for death. Say I want to die and the *Qur'an* would have been proved wrong. It has so easy to prove the *Qur'an* wrong but none of the Jews came forward and said that I seek for death. It is a falsification test. But now you may tell me, that all these tests are of the past how can we prove the *Qur'an* wrong today if you want to prove it wrong *Qur'an* has tests, falsification tests which are also meant for all times. For that time and for today and till eternity, the *Qur'an* mentions that many people claimed and said that the *Qur'an* is false. The *Qur'an* tells them it is mentioned in Surah Isra, Ch. No. 17, Verse No. 88, that say if all the humankind and jinn's were to gather together to produce the like of the *Qur'an* they will bot be able to do it even if they helped each other. It is a challenge that if all the humankind and jinn's gathered to produce the like of the *Qur'an*, they will not be able to do it even if they helped each other. The *Qur'an* is acclaimed as the best Arabic literature on the face of the earth by the Muslims and non-Muslims alike. The Arabic language of the *Qur'an* it is so clear so meaningful, intelligible, unsurpassable, miraculous. It does not deviate away from truth. Even though it rhymes unlike other poetry and literature. It is the highest order of rhetoric towards the revelation. The same verse of the *Qur'an* can convince even a common man as well as an intelligent person. It is a miraculous book. The same challenge that produce a recital like the *Qur'an* is given in Surah Tur, Ch. No. 52, Verse No. 34, which... later on God Almighty, he made the test easy for the people. In Surah Hud, Ch. No. 11, Verse No. 13, which says, 'do they say he has forged it, tell them produce 10 such Surahs forged and let them call for help anyone besides Allah if they speak the truth. And no one could produce 10 Surahs exactly like the *Qur'an*. Allah (SWT) further simplifies the test and says in Surah Yunus, Ch. No. 10, Verse No. 38, that do they say he has forged it, say produce one Surah exactly forged like the *Qur'an*. One Surah forged exactly like the *Qur'an* and call to help anyone besides Allah, if you speak the truth and they could not do it. Then Allah (SWT) gives an easiest of easy of the test. The easiest falsification test in Surah Baqarah, Ch. No. 2, Verse No. 23 and 24, which says... Arabic... 'And if you are in doubt as what we have revealed to our servant from time to time' ...Arabic... 'Then produce a Surah somewhat similar to it' ...Arabic... 'And call forth your helpless and witnesses if there are any besides Allah' ...Arabic... 'If you speak the truth'...Arabic... 'But you cannot'...Arabic... 'And of a surety you cannot'...Arabic... 'Then fear the fire whose fuel shall be men and stones'...Arabic... 'Which is prepared for those who reject faith'. First the *Qur'an* gave a challenge - produce a recital like the *Qur'an*. Allah (SWT) simplified and said produce 10 Surah like the *Qur'an*. Then produce one Surah. Here it says produce one Surah somewhat similar. 'Mim mislihi', the other places the *Qur'an* says 'Mislihi'. Here it says 'Mim mislihi' some what similar to the *Qur'an* and the non-Muslim Arabs they failed miserably. Arabic was at its peak when the *Qur'an* was revealed. Several, several pagan Arabs, they tried but they failed miserably. Some of their works is yet present in the historical books and it makes them a laughing stock. The challenge was there 1400 years ago, it is even there today. Today, there are more than 14 million Coptic Christians, Christians who are Arab by birth. Arabic is their mother tongue. This test is even for them. Even if they want to try and prove the *Qur'an* wrong, only thing they to do is produce one

Surah somewhat similar. And if you analyze certain Surahs, certain chapters of the *Qur'an*, hardly containing a few words, but so far no one has been able to do it and no one will be able to do it in future InshaAllah. You may tell me that Arabic is not my mother tongue. So where do I fit in this test. *Qur'an* has a test even for the non Arabs. For people who do not know Arabic every one in the world if they want if they want to try and prove the *Qur'an* wrong, they can very well try their level best. I started my talk by quoting a verse from the Holy *Qur'an* from Surah Nisa, Ch. No. 4, Verse No. 82, which says...Arabic... `That do not they consider the *Qur'an* with care? Had it been from anyone besides Allah, there would have been many contradictions. There would have been many discrepancies. The *Qur'an* is saying that if you want to prove the *Qur'an* wrong, just point out a single contradiction. A single discrepancy, a single fault in the *Qur'an* and the *Qur'an* would be proved not to be the word of the God. it is so easy. I do know that there are hundreds of people who have pointed out mistakes and contradictions in the *Qur'an*. Believe me all of them 100 percent are either out of context, they are misquotations, mistranslation to deceive the people. So far no one has been able to take out a single contradiction, or a single mistake in the *Qur'an*. Suppose there is a maulana who is very well versed in the history of Islam but is not very well versed with the scientific knowledge. I do know of several maulanas who are well versed in Islam as well as science but suppose there is a maulana who is only well versed with the historical facts of Islam but is not well versed with science. And suppose you go to that maulana and tell him that here there is a scientific mistake in the *Qur'an*, just because he cannot clarify that scientific mistake the alleged scientific mistake in the *Qur'an* that does not mean that *Qur'an* is not the word of God because *Qur'an* says in Surah Furqan, Ch. No. 25, Verse No. 59, that ask the person who is well acquainted with those things, if you want to ask about the *Qur'an* if the *Qur'an* speaks about science ask a scientist and he will clarify what does the *Qur'an* say. Similarly suppose any one of the audience they point out an Arabic grammatical mistake in the *Qur'an* I am not an expert in arabic. I am just a student and if I cannot clarify that arabic mistake, if I am able to *Alhamdulillah*, but if I am not able to clarify that arabic mistake since I am not able to clarify that arabic mistake since I am not an expert that does not mean that person who is an expert in the field of Arabic. So for no one has been able to take out a fault in the *Qur'an*. And *InshaAllah* no one will ever be able to take out a fault in the *Qur'an*. After these logical explanations no human being who believe in a God can say that *Qur'an* is not from God. those people who do not believe in God Almighty, if they say it is different. But a person who does not know who is not a Muslim but who believes in God after producing these proofs even he cannot say it is not from God. The only third basic assumption remains is that it is a divine origin. It is from God Almighty. It is from Allah (SWT) regarding the atheist those who do not believe in God all those atheist that are present here I would like to congratulate them. My special congratulation to the atheist because they are using their intellect. They are using their reasoning power. Most of the people in the world who believe in a God they are doing blind belief. He is a Christian because his father is a Christian, he is a Hindu because his father is a Hindu. Some Muslims are Muslims because their father is a Muslim. They are doing blind belief. This atheist even though he may belong to a religious background, to a religious family he thinks that how is it possible that the people around me they are worshipping a God which has got human qualities, qualities same as me. How can I believe in such a God so he says there is no God. He rejects, some Muslims may ask me. Zakir, how come you are congratulating an atheist. I am congratulating the atheist because he has said the first part of the Shahadah. The Islamic creed... `La ilaha' there is no God. Now the only part remaining is `Illallah' but Allah, which we shall do *InshaAllah* He has argued with the first part of the Shahadah that there is no God. He does not believe in a God, which has got human qualities. So it is our duty now to prove to him about the one and true God Allah (SWT). The moment an atheist tells me I do not believe in God, I will ask him a question - what is the definition of God? What do you mean by God and he has to answer. You know why? Suppose I tell you, that this is a pen. If I say this is a pen for you to say it is not pen, you have to know the meaning of a pen, you should know the definition of a pen, you may not know what this is, but if I say this is a pen and if you have to say this is not a pen, you should at least know the meaning of the pen. The definition of a pen. In the

same way if an atheist says there is no God, he should know what is the meaning of God, and the atheist they tell me that see these people around me what they worship, what Gods they worship. It is their own creation, they have got human qualities, therefore I do not believe in such Gods. Because the concept of God that these people have is a wrong concept. Since you reject the wrong concept even I as a Muslim reject these wrong concepts of God '*La ilaaha*'. But the moment I agree with him, I have to also tell him the true concept of Allah(SWT). Suppose there is a non-Muslim who believes that Islam is a ruthless religion. It is merciless religion, it is a religion connected with terrorism, it is a religion which does not give rights to the women. It is a religion which conflicts with science. And if he rejects Islam, I will tell him I too reject such a religion which is merciless, which is ruthless, which does not give rights to the women, which is unscientific, at the same time, I have to correct the concept of Islam and tell him that Islam is a religion which is merciful, it has got nothing to do with terrorism. It gives equal rights to the women. It does not conflict with science, it conciliates with science. Then *InshaAllah* the non-Muslim will accept the religion of Islam. It is our duty to correct the concept. In the same manner I have to correct the concept of God Almighty, of Allah (SWT) to the atheist. The best definition that I can give of Allah (SWT) of God Almighty from the holy *Qur'an* is Surah Ikhlāas, Ch. No. 112, which says ...Arabic... 'Allah the absolute and eternal', meaning, he is absolute, he is eternal. He has no beginning, he has no end, he is the one who helps other people but does not require help...Arabic... 'Allah, the absolute and eternal'...Arabic... 'He begets not nor is he begotten', he has no father and mother. He has got no children, no begotten children...Arabic... 'And there is nothing unto him like in this world'. There is nothing comparable to him in this world. The moment you can compare Allah (SWT) to anyone, he is not Allah (SWT) ...Arabic... this is a four line definition of Allah (SWT). If anyone who you claim to be God Almighty, who you claim to be Allah (SWT) fits in this four line definition, we Muslims, we have got no objection to accept him as God Almighty. To accept him as Allah (SWT) what... which are your candidates, bring your candidates one by one. Some may say, that Bhagwaan Rajneesh Osho, he is God Almighty. Let us put him to test. The first criteria is...Arabic... 'Say he is Allah one and only', Rajneesh - we have several people like Rajneesh. We have plenty of them in our country, but still a follower of Rajneesh will say no, Rajneesh is unique, he is the only one. Okay give him a chance, okay let him pass the first test. No problem, the second test is...Arabic... 'Allah the absolute and eternal'. He does not require any help. He is the person who helps other people. Rajneesh we know very well, he was suffering from 'Asthma' from 'Diabetes'. He could not cure his own disease, what will he cure your disease and my disease. When he went to America, he was imprisoned by the American government, imagine God being imprisoned. He could not free himself, how will he free you and me when we are in trouble and then he gives a statement that they gave me poison, slow poisoning. Imagine God can be poisoned? Put him to test, the Archbishop of Greece said that if you do not throw this godman Rajneesh out we will destroy his houses and the houses of his disciples and the president had to throw him out of Greece. Is he absolute and eternal? The third test...Arabic... 'He begets not nor is he begotten', I do not know how many children's he had but I do know that he had a father and a mother. He was born on the 11th of December 1931 in Jabalpur and he died on the 19th of January 1990. But when you go to his center in Pune, there it is mentioned 'Bhagwaan Rajneesh - never born, never died, but visited the earth from the 11th of December 1931 to 19th January 1990'. They did not mention that he was not allowed to enter 21 countries of the world. He was not given the visa. He tried to enter he could not enter 21 countries. Imagine God is visiting the world, God is visiting the world, he cannot visit 21 countries. Is this the God you believe in? And the last test...Arabic... 'And there is nothing, there is nothing like him in this world, there is nothing. There is nothing comparable, the moment you can think what God is, you can draw his figure he is not God. We know very well that Rajneesh, he had long hair, he had a big flowing beard which was white in color, he wore a robe, the moment you can think you can draw a picture of God, he is not God...Arabic... If you say that God Almighty suppose is a thousand times as strong as Arnold Schwarzeneger, do you know Arnold Schwarzeneger? He was crowned Mr. Universe - the strongest man in the world. If you say that God Almighty is a thousand times as strong as Arnold Schwarzeneger or Dara Singh or may be King

Kong, he is not God. The moment you can compare him with anyone whether a thousand times, whether a million times, whether ten million times. The moment you compare him with anything, he is not God...Arabic... 'There is nothing unto him like in this world, I leave it upto the distinguished audience, the intellectual audience to decide for themselves that whichever God they are worshipping, let them put their God to test. To this 4 test of the *Qur'an*, if the God you are worshipping, if they pass these 4 test, we Muslims, we have got no objection in accepting him as God Almighty. Otherwise, you can decide for yourself. After giving these proofs some atheists they may agree that now we believe in such a God. But most of the atheist will not agree. They will say we do not just believe in such definitions we believe in something, which is ultimate. We believe in science. I do agree today is the age of science and technology so lets put the scientific knowledge that we have. Let us apply it to the *Qur'an*. The atheists they say this is the world of science and technology, we do not believe in such Gods, prove to us scientifically the existence of God. Then we will believe in it. The first thing I would like to ask a question to these atheists or any educated man who does not believe in a God and who believes only in science, that can you tell me the first person who will be able to tell you the mechanism of an unknown object? There is an object, an unknown object, an unknown machine, which no one in the world has ever seen before or heard of before. Now this machine is brought in front of that atheist or the educated man who believes in science that who will be the first person who will be able to tell you the mechanism of this unknown object. I have asked this question to hundreds of atheist, after little bit of thinking he replies may be the creator, the person who has created the object, some may say the inventor. Some may say the manufacturer, some may say the producer. Whatever they will say believe me it will be somewhat similar. Either the creator, the maker, the manufacturer, the inventor, I have asked this question to hundreds of atheists and all have given me somewhat similar answer. Whatever answer they give me I accept it. I only keep it in my mind. It will be somewhat similar. The next person may be the person whom the creator has told or may be that someone does a research but the first person will be the creator, the manufacturer, the inventor or the producer. I ask the atheist who believes in science how did this world come into existence? So he tells me that initially the full universe was one mass the primary nebula, then there was a big bang, the secondary separation, which gave rise to galaxies. And it formed the stars and the planet in which we live. I ask him, where did you get all this fairy tales from? He says no! These are not fairy tales, these are established facts, we have got proof for this. I will say where did you learn? When did you learn all these fairy tales? He says no! These are scientific facts. They are not fairy tales, we learnt it yesterday, yesterday in science means 50 years back, may be 100 years back. Yesterday and in 1973 a couple of scientists got the noble prize for discovering the big bang theory. So I tell okay you say it is a fact, I accept it but what do you have to say about what is mentioned in the *Qur'an* 1400 years ago, it is mentioned in Surah Al-Ambiya, Ch. No. 21, Verse No. 30...Arabic... 'Do not the unbelievers see' that the heavens and the earth were joined together and we clove them asunder. My *Qur'an*, which was revealed 1400 years ago, there are enough historical proofs to show it was a book which was present 1400 years ago, how come my *Qur'an* says it speaks about your big bang theory? It speaks in a nutshell. You say it was discovered yesterday, 50 years back, 100 years back, who could have mentioned this in the *Qur'an*. So the atheist tells me may be somebody guessed. I do not challenge him, I do not challenge him, I proceed. The world we live in what is the shape? He tells me, previously people thought the world was flat and people were afraid to venture too far lest they would fall over. But now we have enough scientific proof to show it is not flat, it is spherical. When did you learn? Yesterday! 100 years back, 200 years back in science. And if he has a good knowledge he replies that the first person who proved that the world was spherical was Sir Francis Drake in 1597. I pose him a question, analyze what the *Qur'an* in Surah Luqman, Ch. No. 31, Verse No. 29, it says that... 'It is Allah who merges the night into day and merges the day into night'. Merging means a slow and a gradual change. The night slowly and gradually changes into day and the day slowly and gradually changes to night. This phenomenon is not possible if the world is flat. It is only possible if the world is spherical. A similar message is given in Surah Al-Zumar, Ch. No. 39, Verse No. 5, that... 'The night overlaps the day and the day overlaps the

night'. The Arabic word used is 'Tanwara' as though you coil a turban round the head, coiling, this coiling, this overlapping of the night over the day and the day over the night is only possible if the earth is spherical. It is not possible if the earth is flat. You tell me it was discovered recently. Can you account for who could have mentioned this in the *Qur'an* 1400 years ago. May be it is a good guess, it is a wild guess, it is a wild guess but it was a guess I do not challenge him, I proceed. The light that we have the light that we obtain from the moon. Where does it come from. So he will tell me that previously we thought that the light of the moon was its own light, but today after science has advanced we have come to know that the light of the moon, its not its own light but it is a reflected light of the sun. I will ask him a question that it is mentioned in this *Qur'an* in Surah Al-Furqan, Ch. No. 25, Verse No. 61... 'Blessed is he who has created the constellation and placed there in a lamp and a moon which has reflected light. The Arabic word for moon is 'Qamar' and the light described there is 'Munir' which is borrowed light or 'Noor' which is a reflection of light. The *Qur'an* mentions that the light of the moon is reflected light, you say you discovered it today how come it is mentioned in the *Qur'an* 1400 years ago? He will pause for a time. He will not reply immediately and then he may say may be, may be it is a fluke! I do not argue with him for sake just for the sake of discussion I say okay you say it is a guess I do not argue with you. Let us proceed, I ask him that when I was in school I passed my tenth standard in 1982. I had learned that the sun was stationary, the sun revolved but it was stationery so he asked me does this what the *Qur'an* says. I say no! this is what I learned in school, is it true? He says no. Today science is advanced, recently we came to know that the sun besides revolving it also rotates it is not stationary it rotates about its axis and if you have an equipment you can have the image of the sun on a tabletop. The sun has got black spots and it takes about 25 days for these black spots to complete one rotation. Does the *Qur'an* say it is stationary? He starts laughing Ha! Ha! I said no! the *Qur'an* in Surah Ambiya, Ch. No. 21, Verse No. 33...Arabic... 'It is Allah who has created the night and the day, the sun and the moon, each one rotating about its own axis. It revolves and rotates, each one rotating about its own axis. You tell me who could have mentioned this scientific fact in the *Qur'an* which was discovered recently? He is silent and after a long pause he replies that see the Arabs were very well advanced in the field of astronomy so may be some Arabs told your Prophet and he mentioned this in his book. I do agree, I do agree that the Arabs were very well advanced in the field of astronomy but I remind him that his dates are very poor. The *Qur'an* was revealed centuries before the Arabs became advanced in the field of Astronomy. So it is from the *Qur'an* which the Arabs learned about astronomy. It is not the vice-versa. So *Qur'an* mentions about several scientific facts. The *Qur'an* says regarding the field of Geography regarding water cycle. It says in Surah Zumar, Ch. No. 39, Verse No. 21, that... 'Sees not thou that it is Allah who sends down rain from the top, from the sky and leads it into the sources of the earth and causes fields of various colors to grow'. *Qur'an* speaks about the water cycle in great detail. It says in several other verses that the water from the ocean rises up, it forms into clouds. The clouds condense, there is lightning and rain falls from the clouds. It is mentioned in several places in the *Qur'an*, it is mentioned in Surah Muminun, Ch. No. 23, Verse No. 18. It is mentioned in Surah Rum, Ch. No. 30, Verse No. 24, it is mentioned in Surah Nur, Ch. No. 24, Verse No. 43, it is mentioned in Surah Rum, Ch. No. 30, Verse No. 48. In several places the *Qur'an* describes in detail this water cycle which was discovered by Bernard Palacy in 1580. Only in the year 1580 was this present coherent water cycle discovered. Who could have mentioned in the *Qur'an*, 1400 years ago? In the field of Geology that atheist will tell you that there is a phenomenon known as 'Folding'. The earth that we live on, the earth's crust is very thin. These mountain ranges due to the phenomenon of 'Folding' prevents the earth from shaking. It gives stability to the earth. I tell him that the *Qur'an* mentions in Surah Naba, Ch. No. 78, Verse No. 6 and 7 that we have made the earth as an expanse ...Arabic... 'And the mountains as stakes'. The *Qur'an* says that the mountains are made as stakes as pegs and this is the description which the scientist gave us today that like the text pegs. The mountains are like text peg and the *Qur'an* gives more information in Surah Al-Ambiya, Ch. No. 21, Verse No. 31. 'It says that we have set on the earth, mountains standing firm lest it would shake'. *Qur'an* says that we have made the mountains to prevent the shaking of the earth. The

atheist will tell as that even though the salt water and the sweet water though meet they do not mix, they do not mix. They remain separate, I will point out to him the verse in the *Qur'an*, from Surah Furqan, Ch. No. 25, Verse No. 53, which says... 'It is Allah who has created two bodies of free flowing water. One sweet and palpable and the other salt and bitter and between them, he has made a barrier which is forbidden to be trespassed'. A similar message is given in Surah Rahmaan, Ch. No. 55, Verse No. 19 and 20 that... 'He has made two bodies of water between them is a barrier which is forbidden to be trespassed'. Today science tells that salt water and sweet water do not mix. There is a partition. He may tell me that may be some Arab, may be some Arab went underwater and he saw the partition and mentioned in the *Qur'an*. They fail to realize that this is an unseen barrier. The *Qur'an* says 'Barzak' an unseen barrier and this phenomenon is very much evident in Cape Town, that is the southern most tip of Africa. Even in Egypt when the Nile flows into the Mediterranean Sea. And the best example is the Gulf Stream which runs for thousands of miles. Both the waters are present but they do not mix. The *Qur'an* says in Surah Ambiya, Ch. No. 21, Verse No. 30...Arabic... 'We have created every living things from water, will they not they believe' ...Arabic... *Qur'an* says... 'We have created every living thing from water'. Will you not then believe. Imagine in the deserts of Arabia where there is scarcity of water who would have ever thought that every living creature is made of water. If they had to guess, they would have guessed everything but water and today science tells us that cytoplasm which is the main constituent of the cell it contains 80% of water. And every living creature contains 50 to 90 percent water. Who could have mentioned this fact in the *Qur'an* 1400 years ago? And the atheist is mum does not give you a reply. There is a theory of 'Probability' that suppose there are two options and out of those two options one is right and one is wrong. The chances that if you make a wild guess, you will get the right answer, it will be one out of two. It will be 50% for example if I toss a coin, the chances that I will get a right answer is one out of two. It is 50%. If I toss a coin the second time the chances I will be correct the second time is one out of two it is 50%. But the chances that I will be correct in both the tosses first and second will be one out of two into one out of two that is one fourth or 50 percent of 50 percent, that is 25 percent. If I throw a dice. The dice has got six sides. 1,2,3,4,5,6. The chance if I make a wild guess, I will be right is one out of six. The chance I will be correct all three times, the first toss, the second toss and the third throw the chances I will be correct all three times, is 1 out of 2 into 1 out of 2 into 1 out of 6. Will be 1 upon 24. Lets apply this theory on 'Probability' to the *Qur'an*. Suppose, we agree for the sake of argument Possible, a person gets all the matter that is mentioned in the *Qur'an*, may be somebody has guessed. Let us put the theory of 'Probability' to the *Qur'an*. The *Qur'an* says that the world is spherical. What different shapes can a person think of the earth? Some may it is flat, some may say it is triangular, some may say it is quadrangular, some may say it has 5 sides, pentagonal, some may say hexagonal, some may say heptagonal, some may say octagonal, some may say spherical. Let us say assume that you can think of about 30 different shapes of the Earth. The chances that that if any one makes a wild guess, he will be right are 1 upon 30. The light of the moon. It can be own light or it can be reflected light. The chances that any one makes a wild guess, he will be right are 1 upon 2. But the chances that both his guesses that the earth is spherical and the light of the moon is reflected, both are correct is 1 upon 30 into 1 upon 2 that is 1 upon 60. In the desert of Arabia, what can a person think that a human being can be made of, that the living creature be made of? A person in the desert may think, it is made of sand, may be it is made of wood, may be it is made of aluminum, of iron, of copper, of oil, of water, of hydrogen, of oxygen, you can make at least 10 thousand guesses and the last that any one will guess in the deserts of Arabia is water. But the *Qur'an* says that every living being is made of water. In Surah Al-Ambiya, Chapter No. 21, Verse No. 30, it says in Surah Nur, Chapter No. 24, Verse No 45, that... 'Every animal is made up of water'. And Surah Furqaan, Chapter No. 25, Verse No. 54, 'Every human being is made of water'. If you make a wild guess, the chances that you will be right is 1 upon 10 thousand. The chances that anyone will make 3 guesses and all 3 will be right, that the earth is spherical, that the light of the moon is reflected light, and every living being is made of water will be 1 upon 30 into 1 upon 2 into 1 upon 10 thousand which is 1 upon 60 thousand. It works out to .00017

percentage. I leave it upto you the audience to decide for your selves that if you apply the theory of probability to the *Qur'an*. The *Qur'an* mentions hundreds of facts, which were unknown at that time. If anyone made a guess, the chances that all the hundred would be right, it will be somewhere very very close to zero and in the theory o probability, it will be zero. Some may pose the question, that Zakir, are you using scientific knowledge to prove the *Qur'an*? I would like to remind that *Qur'an* is not the book of science 's-c-i-e-n-c-e', it is a book of signs 's-i-g-n-s', *Qur'an* has got 6000 signs, Ayats more than 6000. Out of which more than a thousand have scientific knowledge. I am not using science to prove the *Qur'an* right because to prove anything right, we have to use a yardstick. Something which is ultimate. For us Muslims, the ultimate is the *Qur'an*. Ultimate yardstick is the *Qur'an*. *Qur'an* is the *Furqaan*. It is the criteria to judge right from the wrong. But for that atheist, for an educated man who does not believe in God, for him, science is the ultimate. It is his yardstick. So I am using his yardstick to prove whatever *Qur'an* has said. And we know very well that many times science takes a U turn therefore I have only spoken about scientific facts which have got evidence and proof. I have not talked about theories, which are based on assumptions. I am using his yardstick to say that whatever your yardstick has said recently 100 years back, it has already been mentioned in the *Qur'an* and finally we come to a common agreement that the *Qur'an* is more superior than science. *Qur'an* mentions about several scientific facts. *Qur'an* says in Surah Ta Ha, Chapter No. 20, Verse No. 53 that... 'The plant have been created in pairs' which you discovered recently. It says in Surah Rad, Chapter No. 13, Verse No. 3, that... 'The fruits are created in pairs'. In the field of geology, it is mentioned in Surah Anam Chapter No. 6, Verse No. 38, that 'The animals and birds live in community', which science has discovered recently. The *Qur'an* says in Surah Nahl, Chapter No. 16, Verse No. 68 and 69, 'It is the female bee which goes out and collects the honey'. It is not the male bee which science has discovered recently. These bees, they describe the pathway of the new garden they have found by the flapping of the wings. It is mentioned in the *Qur'an*, which we discovered recently. The *Qur'an* says in Surah Ankabut, Chapter No. 29, Verse No. 41, that... 'The house of the spider is fragile'. Besides describing the physical nature, of the web of the spider, it is also describing about the relationship, the family relation in which many a times the female spider kills the male spider. The *Qur'an* says in Surah Naml, Chapter No. 27, Verse No. 17 and 18 that ants are talking to one another. You may think, it is a fairy tale book. What! Ants are talking to one another, Today science tells us, the insect or the animal, which has the closest resemblance to the lifestyle of the human beings, it is the ants. It buries the dead. It has a very higher system of communication. It has market place etc. *Qur'an* also speaks about the medicine. It says in Surah Nahl, Chapter No. 16, Verse No. 68 and 69, that you get the honey from the belly of the bee which we discovered today and in the honey, there is a healing for man kind. Today science tells us in the honey, there are antiseptic properties. No wonder that Russian soldiers used it to cover their wounds which left very little scar tissue. It is used in the treatment of certain allergies. *Qur'an* speaks about physiology. Its says in Surah Nahl, Chapter No. 16, Verse No. 66 and Surah Muminun, Chapter No. 23, Verse No. 21. It describes the blood circulation and the production of milk. And 600 years after the *Qur'an* speaks about blood circulation, Ibn Nafeez discovered it and 1000 years after the revelation of the *Qur'an*, did William Harvey made it famous to the western world. *Qur'an* speaks about Embryology. The first verses of the *Qur'an* to be revealed were from Surah Alaq or Surah Iqra. It says....Arabic... 'Read, recite or proclaim in the name of thy lord who created'. Who created the human being from some thing, which clings. A leech like substance. This and several other embryological data which is given in *Qur'an* was taken to Professor Keith Moore who happen to be are of the highest authority in the field of Embryology. He lives in Toronto in Canada. And was asked the question. Whatever matter the *Qur'an* speaks about embryology, is it true? Some Arabs followed the guidelines of the *Qur'an* - if you are in doubt ask the person who knows so they asked Professor Keith Moore. Is it true? He said that majority. Majority of the matter in the *Qur'an* is 100 percent perfect matching with the latest discoveries of embryology but there are certain statements in the *Qur'an*, which I cannot comment on because, I myself do not know it. And one such verse was this that we have created the human being from something, which clings - a leech like substance. He went and got a photograph of a leech

and examined in his laboratory in a very... under a powerful microscope the early stages of an embryo and it exactly matched with the photograph. Then he said, whatever the *Qur'an* mentions, its perfectly right and whatever new data he got from the *Qur'an*, he incorporated it into his book- The developing human. And took out a 3rd edition for which he got, the best medical book written by any person in that year. And he said that whatever the *Qur'an* mentions, all the things about embryology, we discovered recently. It is one of the latest branch of medicine. It cannot be written by any human being, it has to be of divine origin. The *Qur'an* says in Surah Tariq, Chapter No. 86, Verses 5 to 7. It says 'Does no man think from what he is created? He is created from a drop emitted from between his backbone and rib. And today we know, that the genital organs, testes and the ovaries, during the embryonic age, they develop from where the kidney is placed - between the backbone and the 11th and the 12th rib. The *Qur'an* says in Surah Najm, Chapter no 53, Verse no 45 and 46, and Surah Qiyamah, Chapter No. 75, Verse No. 37 to 39, it says that it is the male which is responsible for the sex of the child which we discovered recently. The *Qur'an* says that the embryo is covered that the fetus is covered in three layers of darkness, which is confirmed today, the *Qur'an* describes the embryonic stages in great detail. In Surah Muminum, Chapter No. 23, Verse 12 to 14, and in Surah Hajj, Chapter No. 23, Verse No. 5, it says that 'The human being have been created from a minute quantity of liquid'. From something which clings, a leech like substance, then made into a '*mudgah*' a chewed like substance, then made into '*izamaan*' that is bones, then clothed with '*Laham*' that is flesh *Qur'an* describe the embryonic stages in great detail. The *Qur'an* also mention in Surah Sajdah, Chapter No. 32, Verse No. 9 and Surah Insan, Chapter No. 76, Verse No. 2, that... 'It is Allah who gives you the faculty of hearing and sight' and today medical knowledge tells us, that hearing comes first. It is developed completely by the 5th month of pregnancy. And then the eyes is split open by the 7th month of pregnancy. *Qur'an* gives the reply in Surah Qiyamah, Chapter No. 75, Verse No.s 3 to 4, that when the question is posed, how will Allah (SWT) assemble the bones on the day of judgement? Allah replies that we will not only be able to assemble your bone we even assemble your very fingertips. *Qur'an* is saying, Allah (SWT) can also assemble your fingertips. What does it mean? In 1880, Sir Golt, he described the method of finger printing, which today we use it to identify people. No two fingerprints even in a million people are identical. *Qur'an* speaks about finger printing method 1400 years ago. There are several examples of science, if you want to know more details, about the scientific knowledge, which is mentioned in the *Qur'an*, you can refer to my videocassette '*Qur'an* and Modern Science Conflict or Conciliation' which, is available for sale in the foyer. I would like to give one more scientific fact that there was a scientist in Thailand by the name of Professor Thagada Shaun. Who did a great deal of research in the field of pain receptors. Previously science thought that only the brain was responsible. Only the brain was responsible for the pain. But recently we have discovered, that there are pain receptor present in the skin, which is responsible, *Qur'an* mentions Surah Nisa, Chapter No. 4, Verse No. 54, that as to those who reject our signs, we will cast them into the hell fire and as often as the skin is roasted, we shall change it with new skin so that they shall feel the pain. Indirectly *Qur'an* is saying, there is something in the skin, which is responsible for the pain. It is giving an indication about the pain receptor. At first Professor Tagada Shaun could not believe. On verification when he realized that this book is speaking about pain receptor, 1400 years ago, he embraced Islam in a medical conference at Cairo and said '*La ilaaha illallah Muhammad ur Rasool Allah*'. That there is no God but Allah and Muhammad, May peace be upon him is the messenger of Allah.

Then you pose the question to the atheist - who could have mentioned all the scientific facts in the *Qur'an*? The only reply that he can give you, is the same, which he gave you earlier. Who is the person that can tell you the mechanism of an unknown object, It is the creator, It is the inventor. It is the maker, It is the producer. In the same way, the person who can mention all these facts in the *Qur'an*, is the maker the producer, is the creator of the Universe and its contents which we call in English language as God and more appropriately in the Arabic language as Allah, Francis beacon has rightly said that little knowledge of science makes you an atheist but an in-depth study of science makes you a believer in God Almighty. No wonder today, scientists are eliminatory the model of God but they are not

eliminatory God they are eliminatory models of God *La ilaaha* but not God *illalah*. I would like to end my talk by giving the translation of the second verses I quoted in the beginning of my talk, from Surah Fussilat, Chapter No. 41, Verse No. 53 which says...Arabic... Soon we shall show them our signs in the furthest regions of the horizons and into their soul until it is clear to them, that this is the truth. *Waakirudawaana avil hamdulillahi rabbil aalamin*.

Dr. Mohammed Naik: - Thank you, Jazak Allah Khair for the very rapt ... Kind and kind attention you all have shown during the course of the lecture. Now we come to the second part of our session, and we hope to have a similar, in fact a better interests of you all that is the question and answer session.

GLIMPSES OF QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Q - Arun Shourie says that in the *Qur'an* in Chapter 4, Verses 11 and 12, if you add up the different parts of inheritance given to the heirs, the sum total is more than one. Therefore Arun Shourie claims that the author of the *Qur'an* does not know math's. Please clarify.

Q - I was a Christian and I embraced Islam in 1980 how can I convince my parents who are yet Christians that prophet Muhammad peace be upon him, did not copy the *Qur'an* from the Bible.

Q - Dr. Zakir is it not contradictory that the *Qur'an* calls Iblis and Angel in one place and the jinn at another place?

Q - Now we believe that God is super natural and we can do everything. A non-Muslim friend of mine has a question, why is it that God does not assumes a human form. Can you please explain?

(Dr. Zakir) There are a thousand things I can list which God Almighty can't do. God is not super natural. God cannot do everything. God cannot take human forms.

Q - And one Muslim friend also told me that Islam believes that Jesus was born of a virgin and he was born by the power of Holy Spirit. And he was not born in the natural way. Now this proves that Jesus Christ if he is not God greater than Muhammad.

(Dr. Zakir) If suppose a person does not have a father and you claim because he doesn't have a father, he is God Almighty, *Qur'an* gives the answer in Surah Imran, Ali - Imran, Chapter No. 3, Verse No. 59 - the similitude of Jesus in front of Allah is the same as Adam. They were not created from dust and said 'be' and it was Adam may peace be upon him had no father. He had no mother. If you say that a person who has no father is God Almighty, Adam may peace be upon him is a bigger God.

(Dr. Muhammad) you know that Arun Shourie has written several articles and books against Islam. Why don't you challenge him to a public debate?

(Q) ... Hindi...

(Dr. Zakir) If you read the Vedas, it is mentioned in the Yajurveda, Chapter No. 3, Verse no 32. '**Na Tasya Pratima Asti**'. 'Of that God, you cannot make any image'. The Yajurveda says in Chapter No. 32, Verse No. 3, God is formless and bodiless. The same Yajurveda, Chapter No. 40, Verse No 8, says God has got no image has got no body. Same Yajurveda, Chapter No. 2, Verse No. 9, says that all those who worship the uncreated things they are in darkness and it continues.

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