

Islam Question & Answer

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439 - Evidence that only Allah is the Creator of life

the question

Please explain to me, according to the Qur'an, is it possible for a human to produce life? If not, then explain in detail about the cloning of animals and possibly humans, by humans.

Please give the answer in detail as it is confusing the minds of many, who think that in the next century science will conquer religion.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

The evidence that Allah is the only Creator of life may be found in many places in the Qur'an and Sunnah. For example:

"Blessed is He in Whose Hand is the dominion, and He is Able to do all things,
Who has created death and life, that He may test you which of you is best in deed, and He is the
All-Mighty, the Oft-Forgiving."

[al-Mulk 67:1-2]

"Is, then, He Who creates as one who creates not?"

[al-Nahl 16:17]

"Yet they have taken besides Him other gods that created nothing but are themselves created . . ."

[al-Furqaan 25:3]

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Allah challenged all of mankind to create even the most insignificant creature, i.e. a fly, but no one could do that and no one ever will. Allah says:

"O mankind! A similitude has been coined, so listen to it (carefully): verily! Those on whom you call besides Allah cannot create (even) a fly, even though they combine together for the purpose. And if the fly snatched away a thing from them, they would have no power to release it from the fly. So weak are (both) the seeker and the sought."

[al-Hajj 22:73]

Imam al-Bukhari reported in his Saheeh from Abu Sa'eed (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (Peace & Blessings of Allah be upon Him) said: "There is no created being but Allah created it." In Arabic, the word "khalafa" means to make out of nothing, which is something that only Allah can do; it is impossible for anyone except Allah to do this. It also carries the meaning of decreeing or foreordaining. [**]

See Fath al-Bari Sharh Saheeh al-Bukhari, 13/390.

The Religion of Allah (Islam) is proud and cannot be defeated by the kaafirs' arrogance about the knowledge they possess. Allah says:

". . . [they] are deceived by the life of this world . . ."

[al-An'aam 6:70]

"They know only the outside appearance of the life of this world, and they are heedless of the Hereafter."

[al-Rum 30:7]

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We ask Allah to help us to be steadfast in our adherence to His Religion, and to make our end good. And Allah knows best.