

6660 - The non Muslims ask who created Allaah

the question

I tell non-Muslims that Allah created everything in this universe. They ask me who created Allah ?

How can Allaah have been there since the beginning?

How can I answer them ?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allaah.

This question which the non Muslims have asked you is inherently false and self-contradictory. If we were to say – for the sake of argument – that someone created Allaah, then they would ask you, Who created the creator of the Creator? Then, who created the creator of the creator of the creator?! And so on, ad infinitum. This is irrational and impossible.

All of creation goes back to the Creator Who created all things. No one created Him; He created everything other than Himself. This is what makes sense and is logical. This Creator is Allaah, may He be glorified and exalted.

With regard to what our religion tells us, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) told us about this question, where it comes from, and how to respond to it.

Abu Hurayrah (may Allaah be pleased with him) said: the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “People will keep on asking questions until someone will say, ‘Allaah created the universe, but who created Allaah?’ Whoever encounters anything like that, let him say, ‘Amantu Billaah (I believe in Allaah).’”

The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “The Shaytaan will

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come to one of you and say, 'Who created the heaven? Who created the earth?' He will say, 'Allaah'" - then he mentioned something similar (to the previous report), and added, "And His Messengers." [i.e., amantu Billaah wa Rusulihi = I believe in Allaah and His Messengers]

The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "The Shaytaan will come to one of you and say, 'Who created such and such?' until he says to him, 'Who created your Lord?' When it reaches that stage, let him seek refuge with Allaah [say A'oodhu Billaahi min ash-shaytaan ir-rajeem = I seek refuge with Allaah from the accursed Shaytaan] and stop thinking about it."

The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "The Shaytaan will come to a person and say, 'Who created such and such...'" and he narrated the whole report. (Imaam Muslim, 134).

In these ahaadeeth (Prophetic narrations) we see:

Where this question comes from - from the Shaytaan;

How to deal with it, which is:

to stop pursuing these thoughts and these tricks of the Shaytaan

to say, "I believe in Allaah and His Messengers"

to seek refuge with Allaah from the Shaytaan.

It was also reported that one should spit drily three times to one's left, and recite Qul Huwa Allaahu ahad.

(See "Problems and Solutions" in the Shaykh's Books section of this website).

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3. With regard to the prior existence of Allaah, our Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) has told us about this, for example:

He (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "O Allaah, You are the First and there is nothing before You; O Allaah, You are the Last and there is nothing after You." (Narrated by Muslim, 2713)

He (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "Allaah existed when there was nothing apart from Him." According to another report: "There was nothing before Him." (Narrated by al-Bukhaari; the first report 3020; the second report 6982).

This is in addition to what is stated in the aayaat (verses) of the Qur'aan. The believer believes without a doubt, the non Muslim denies and the munaafiq (hypocrite) doubts. We ask Allaah to grant us sincere and certain faith with no doubts. And Allaah is the Source of strength.