

# THE EXISTENCE AND IDENTITY OF THE TRUE GOD

*Proof by using Documented Arguments*

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## ABSTRACT

Arguments to prove the existence of God have been well debated throughout the known human history. The famous ones include the Cosmological Argument and the Design Argument. These arguments, no doubt, have been considered as the strongest reasons to prove the existence of God. However, it is the Miracle Argument that has been less debated in this regard. Two of the main critics of this argument are David Hume and Baruch Spinoza. This paper refutes their criticism against the Miracle Argument and justifies that this argument is the one that can prove not just the identity of God but also can confirm the existence of God already proved through arguments such as Cosmological and Design arguments. Finally it uses this argument to identify the true God and the religion that existed throughout the human history and that exists today as well.

## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this paper is to eradicate all the confusions regarding existence of God, and prove rationally not only the existence but also the identity of the only true God Who ever existed, using well-known documented arguments. This paper has been organized as follows: first, the method to prove the existence of God using Cosmological and Design arguments has been illustrated, then the Miracle Argument has been explained and the refutations to the arguments made especially by David Hume and Baruch Spinoza against miracles have been presented. Finally, it has been proved that the Miracle Argument has always been used by the true God to justify His existence and to identify Himself, throughout the human history till today.

## EXISTENCE OF GOD: THE COSMOLOGICAL ARGUMENT

In the annals of human history, there have been various arguments in support of the existence of God, given by theist theologians and philosophers. However, the Cosmological Argument and the Design Argument are considered as the most valid and easily understandable arguments.

The roots of Cosmological Argument are not known but it is a fact that this has been one of the most debated arguments throughout the known human history. Plato and Aristotle were also in favour of this argument. Similarly, Muslim philosopher Avicenna and famous theologian of Medieval Europe Thomas Aquinas are among the notable philosophers who argued in favour

of this argument. Through the Cosmological Argument, God's existence can be realized by considering the following facts <sup>1</sup>:

1. Every finite being has a cause
2. Nothing finite can cause itself
3. Causal chain cannot be of infinite length
4. These three facts thus prove that the first cause --- which is not the effect --- must exist

Another stylized version of this argument named as "Kalam Cosmological Argument" has been recently presented by William Lane Graig <sup>2</sup>, the famous living American Philosopher and Theologian, in light of the Big Bang theory, which states that anything that didn't exist before certain time and then came into existence after that time is a creation (effect) and hence has a creator (cause) e.g. table, chair, computer etc. are all creations as they didn't exist before their manufacturing dates. Now, as we know that life on Earth comprising of all the living organisms --- plants and animals including humans --- also didn't exist before certain time, and came into existence after that time, hence, it is also a creation and must have a creator as well. We have also come to know recently that even the whole universe didn't exist before certain time and came into existence after the Big Bang; hence it is also a creation and must have a creator as well. These acts of creation, by an Invisible Hand, are also continuously happening all around us and can be witnessed: every time a seed is developed into a plant or a tree, every time a baby is born and every time a new star or a galaxy is formed etc. The above analysis, thus, is an evident proof that at least a Creator exists Who has created this universe, and everything that lies in it, from nothing, and He is the ONE Who is continuously creating these living and non-living entities and these acts of creations by this invisible Creator can be witnessed all around us.

### CRITICISM AND REFUTATION

The criticism against this argument is that if every creation (effect) has a creator (cause) then the question remains: who is the creator of the God? Secondly, it is argued that this argument may prove the existence of the first cause but it doesn't prove the attributes --- such as Omnipotence, Omniscience --- of the Deity often being worshiped. It is also sometimes argued that the creations can be acts or events. The creations of buildings, roads, cars, bikes etc. are obviously acts as we can observe them being performed by their actors. But creation of plants, trees, animals etc. are events that just happen and do not require any actor. These criticisms against the Cosmological Argument can be refuted easily by considering the following points:

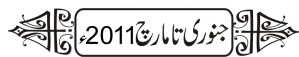
- The first argument can be easily refuted by asking a counter question that: if God has a creator then who is God's Creator's Creator? Or what

is the cause of the cause of the first cause? And then, such questions can continue for ever, but it can be realized that no matter how many subsequent creators are in the middle, there has to be a First Creator Who initiated this process, otherwise this universe including all the subsequent creators --- if they exist --- shouldn't exist, but because this universe exists, there must be a First Creator and He is the only ONE Who qualifies to be called a God. This is like if you have one end of a string in your hand, and there is no other end, then this string, itself, shouldn't exist, but as one end of the string exists, other end of that string must exist as well.

- Another argument in this regard is that the creation is a cyclic process like water cycle or food cycle, and hence, there is no start and end of this process. The refutation of this criticism is that if this is a cyclic process, then why this universe is not creating another universe? Why a plant, a tree, a mountain, a star or a galaxy etc. are not creating other entities? Another important point to note is that for any being to create something, He has to be a self-conscious being, and as humans are the only visible self-conscious beings, why can't they create another self-conscious being? Hence, this process of creation is not a cyclic process but is a linear process, and for a linear process to exist, a start of that process initiated by a self-conscious Originator must exist. Even if we do consider that it is a cyclic process, the process must start from somewhere before forming the first cycle, otherwise this cycle, itself, shouldn't exist. Hence, either ways, for any process to exist, there has to be a start, otherwise that process shouldn't exist, which proves that the process of creation of universe must have a start, initiated by a self-conscious Originator Who initiated this process, and hence is the only ONE Who qualifies to be called a God, otherwise this universe shouldn't exist.
- Regarding the second argument, it is true that the Cosmological Argument cannot prove all the attributes of God but it can certainly prove the most important attribute: the Creator. The rest of the attributes can be proved using the Miracle Argument as will be explained later.
- The third argument can be refuted by considering the fact that all the creations should either be acts or events, but if someone claims that some creations are events and others are acts, even then it proves the existence of a Deciding Being, Who is deciding between such acts and events of creations, as obviously, we are not (e.g. if we want to grow or give birth to a table, a chair or a car etc. and similarly we cannot create a plant or an animal). This Deciding Being, hence, is the God.

## CONCLUSION

For any kind of process --- linear or cyclic --- to exist, there has to be a start otherwise that process shouldn't exist. Since, this universe came into existence after a particular time i.e. the moment of Big Bang, and is also



existing now, the process of creation of universe has a start as well, which is initiated by a self-conscious Originator, and He is the only ONE Who qualifies to be called a God, otherwise this universe shouldn't exist.

### EXISTENCE OF GOD: THE DESIGN ARGUMENT

The Design Argument, like Cosmological Argument, is also one of the most discussed arguments. The proponents of this argument include famous philosophers and theologians such as Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, Marcus Mencia Felix, Augustine of Hippo, Averroes and Aquinas etc. This argument can be understood by considering the following facts <sup>3</sup>:

1. Nature exhibits complexity, order, adaptation, purpose and/or beauty.
2. The exhibited feature(s) cannot be explained by random or accidental processes, but only as a product of mind.
3. Therefore, there exists a mind that has produced or is producing nature.
4. A mind that produces nature is a definition of "God".
5. Therefore, God exists.

As can be easily realized, this is a very strong argument to prove the existence of God. The presence of fine tuning, complex design and perfect harmony in different systems of this universe, this planet Earth, human body and its highly sophisticated vital organs etc., prove that there has to be someone who is constantly monitoring and controlling these complex systems. This argument can be easily appreciated by considering the movement of satellites around the Globe. These satellites are sent into Geo Stationary Orbit through the launching platforms from earth. When these satellites enter into the Geo, a control center constantly monitors it throughout its lifecycle at the ground station otherwise it might collide with other satellites and destroy all other satellites in the orbit. Now, since, all the conditions in the space are the same including the laws of nature for planets, galaxies, stars etc. besides these satellites, then how can the existence of a controlling self-conscience being be denied who is constantly controlling and monitoring the movement of these huge elements of space, when comparably the smaller man-made satellites require monitoring and control throughout their life-time to remain in their prescribed orbits? This argument thus provides an evident proof of the existence of a self-conscious being in control of all the complex systems of this universe.

### CRITICISM AND REFUTATION

The criticism against this argument is that in the universe, besides harmony and order in the complex systems, there exist certain irregularities --- such as the collisions of stars and galaxies in space, earthquakes, floods and other natural calamities on Earth --- that prove that the universe is not that perfectly designed. Since God, by definition, has to be a perfect being,

therefore Design Argument doesn't prove the existence of God. Another point, like the one against the Cosmological Argument, is that even though this argument proves the existence of an intelligent designer, it doesn't prove the existence of the Omnipotent, the Omniscient, and All-Originating God. The refutation of these arguments is as follows:

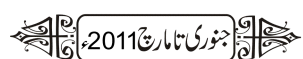
1. The first argument doesn't address the main premises of the argument but, in fact, poses another argument besides the argument to divert the attention from the main point. The presence of complex design, order and harmony in various systems of this universe is an argument that, no doubt, proves the existence of a self-conscious controlling being. On the other hand, presence of certain irregularities doesn't negate the argument but in fact being the exceptions which prove the rule. How can we realize order if there is no disorder, how can we realize beauty if there is no ugliness, how can we realize regularity if there is no irregularity? In fact the One who can hold the order can destroy it whenever He likes. It can also be realized that even the disorder being observed in the universe is controlled as it doesn't affect and destroy the entire system with it. The presence of irregularities besides the order and harmony in various systems of this universe thus further adds to the authority of God whose existence has already been proved.
2. The second argument mainly posed by famous philosophers such as Spinoza and Hume is a valid argument and will be addressed later, as the Design Argument despite proving the existence of a few attributes of God, cannot prove the existence of all the attributes of God we know. However, Hume's argument that it doesn't prove whether there is one God or many gods, can be refuted as the harmony and order in the universe itself proves the existence of a single God. If there were multiple gods there would have been much disorder instead of harmony in the universe due to disputes among these gods.

### CONCLUSION

The presence of harmony, order, beauty and purpose in the various systems and objects of this universe prove the existence of a controlling all-encompassing, all-sustaining, self-conscious being. The presence of certain irregularities, on the other hand, doesn't negate this argument but, in fact, being an exception, proves the rule and thus further affirms the argument.

### THE EXISTENCE AND IDENTITY OF GOD: THE MIRACLE ARGUMENT

Though the Cosmological Argument and the Design Argument prove that at least a God exists Who has created everything from nothing, and He is the one Who is sustaining and controlling creations whether these are beings, objects or systems but still it does not clarify the whole truth, because even after realizing the fact that there exists a God --- the Creator, the Controller and the Sustainer --- we are still unable to find out:



- Whether there is only one God or many gods?
- WHO is the true God: Muslims' Allah, Christians' Jehovah, Jews' Yahweh or gods and goddesses of the Polytheists?
- What are His true attributes?
- Why He has created this universe and everything that lies in it?
- What does He require from us?

Or in simple words: Which religion is the true religion?

Now, anyone can claim that he is the representative of the true God, and can then create a new religion based on his own ideas, and we will never be able to tell whose claim is true. So, for us to believe in the true God, besides proving His existence, He has to be identified; otherwise we will never be able to find the answers to above questions. Regarding the existence as well as the identity of God, according to religious history, apart from other reasons that might have been provided by the True God, there always remained one common and a well-recognized reason, and that was the presentation of a miracle along with an inimitable open challenge by God through His prophets in front of all the humanity to prove it wrong, which used to confirm His existence and authenticate His prophets' identities and His messages. Now in order to understand how this miracle provided the reason to our ancestors, it is important to know the meaning of the word miracle, which can be defined as:

“An act that cannot be explained by the known laws of nature or, in other words, by any scientific or logical reasons”

Or

“A miracle is a transgression of a law of nature by a particular volition of the Deity”

Or in simple words:

“A miracle is an act that cannot be performed by any other being except God”.

Since a miracle is an act beyond human capacity, it is obvious that some other being more powerful than humans has done it, and if that Being claims that there is no God but Him, He has no beginning in time and is eternal (i.e. time itself is His creation), He is the one Who showed all such miracles in the past, He is the Creator of the universe and everything that lies within including humans and He is the one Who alone is maintaining all this, and then remains inimitable after openly challenging on His miracle, He can be none other but the True God --- the Omnipotent, the Omniscient and the Originator of the universe --- as if He is any other creature more powerful than humans e.g. an angel or a ghost, or any other god but the True God (or God's Creator according to Atheist Argument or gods in case of Polytheist beliefs), the True God (or gods) will meet His challenge and show His/Their



signs to prove that He/They is the True God. A possible confusion in this regard is that the natural disasters or tragedies such as earthquakes, floods, storms, plagues, famines and even rare incidents, in which a person survives, somehow from a severe accident, can also be claimed by someone as miracles of God. So how are the God's miracles, given to His prophets by Him, are different from such miracles? The main difference, however, can be understood easily, as the miracles of God that prophets show, are given in their control and these can be shown by them on demand with an open challenge to every one as an authentication of their God and them being His prophets, whereas natural disasters or tragedies just occur randomly and cannot be controlled or repeated by any person (except God) if demanded. Hence in this way, the observation of God's miracle with an inimitable open challenge in front of humanity, given in control of His prophets by Him, can provide a strong reason for us to believe in Him and His prophets and this alongwith the Cosmological Argument and the Design Argument explained above can prove without doubt the true God's existence as well as His true identity.

### CRITICISM AND REFUTATION

Since, the existence of God has already been proved by the Cosmological and the Design Arguments explained above, the presence of a miracle can unanimously prove the identity of the true God. David Hume and Baruch Spinoza have been and are still considered as the main critics of the Miracle Argument. Their criticism has been illustrated in detail below:

- **Hume's Argument 4:** Hume argued that the main problem with the miracles is the reports of the miracles itself, as these are not reliable enough to be considered as true. He further argues that it is more likely to accept that the reporters of the miracles have been wronged than to accept their claims, as evidences that nullify their claims are more than the evidences that support such claims. This argument can be realized by considering the fact that all such incidents regarding miracles happened at least 1500-3000 years ago, when there was no well-established system available to save the records of the history on a piece of paper and the only means of preserving history was by word of mouth, which may lead to several uncertainties making it a very confusing matter. Another important point is that, as all such incidents happened well back in the history, they cannot be used as strong sources for evidence, because history is basically an account of a historian. A historian gathers information from a variety of sources about an incident (e.g. several versions of the incident as narrated by the people, archaeological findings etc.) and then based on that information writes --- which best suits his understanding --- about that incident. As we know, it is not possible for any person to interpret accurately all the details about a particular incident in a particular age, so a historical account might give a general idea about an incident, it is not 100% evident truth in every

aspect. In addition to that, history has also been written by the victors of the time, and as we know, in the earlier eras, victors used to control churches, courts, education, media etc. They obviously had authority to promote their version of events. Hence there is a possibility that a fake story was created and then propagated later on as a historical fact, or a historical fact was forged and then that false version of the history was propagated onwards as a historical fact. Another important point is that most of these incidents, however, are not even quoted by historians but are quoted by religious devotees, which make this information even lesser authentic due to their biased beliefs.

- **Spinoza's Argument** <sup>5</sup>: Spinoza argued that if the existence of miracles, being considered as transgression of the laws of nature, are accepted then it will lead to Atheism as God is the one who is known through these laws of nature. If it is accepted that the laws of nature have been contravened, it will negate the very basis on which the existence of God is proved. Instead, he argued that the miracles are not the transgression of the laws of nature but in fact are the natural events which are just beyond human comprehension.
- Third argument against the Miracle Argument is that these miraculous acts do not necessarily prove the existence of God as these may be from some lesser divine being, hence they cannot prove the presence of an omnipotent, omniscient, originator and ruler of the universe.
- Religious scholars of different religions have also argued against using solely miracles to authenticate the existence and identity of God. One of the reasons is the difficulty in categorizing the reason from Miracle Argument among the known types of reasoning i.e. deductive, inductive, abductive, analogical etc. that are being accepted as valid type of reasoning in modern literature. Another reason is the difficulty in differentiating the miracles from the acts of magic. In this regard, notable Muslim scholars such as Averroes in his work “*Kashf-ul-Adla*”, Al-Ghazzali in his work “*Al-Munqaz Min Adhalaal*”, Arrazi in his work “*Mutalib-e-Aaliya*” and Maulana Rumi in his work “*Masnavi*” have analyzed this aspect of miracles in detail <sup>6</sup>. They have argued against using miracles alone to prove the prophethood (which indirectly proves the identity of God). According to these scholars the undisputed, trustworthy and honest characters of the prophets are the ultimate proofs of their prophethood, while miracles can just affirm the fact that has already been established.

The refutation of above criticism is as follows:

- The arguments made by Hume and Spinoza seem to be a valid criticism against the method of using miracles as proof of existence and identity of God, if it is established that miracles don't exist today. Their arguments thus can only be refuted if we have a miracle present today as well,



otherwise it is easy to conclude that there had never been such miracles and such accounts are nothing but myths created by the people of the old age.

- The third point, however, has already been refuted through the Cosmological and the Design Arguments explained above, and hence, these arguments alongwith the Miracle Argument, solve this problem easily. As if such acts have been performed by some lesser divine beings then why other beings like them are not showing such miracles to claim their sovereignties, as every one of them should be quite keen to do so. Hence, even a miraculous act alongwith an inimitable open challenge and a claim of divinity, can prove the existence and identity of the True God, and this alongwith the Cosmological and the Design Arguments can leave no room for doubt in this regard.
- The fourth argument is not really against the Miracle Argument; it just argues that miracles alone cannot prove the identity of God and His prophets. These problems can be solved by considering the “inimitable open challenge” part of the miracle which, in fact, actually proves that a miracle has occurred. This also differentiates between a miracle and an act of magic. A magician, no matter how good he is, never challenges on his act of magic as he knows that there are other magicians who can meet his challenge and prove him wrong, whereas miracles come with open challenge and remain inimitable. There might be some concern that till the time magician's challenge is imitated and his falsehood is confirmed, he might divert the people astray by claiming to be a prophet of God. The solution to this problem has been agreed upon by the religious scholars, that the “purpose” of such a miraculous act can identify its status as a miracle or an act of magic. If the purpose is noble, the act will be considered as a miracle otherwise it will be considered as an act of magic. However, in my humble opinion, this problem can also be solved by the “inimitable challenge” part of the miracle as if it is established that a miracle has remained inimitable after being challenged by any new claimer, he will have to first imitate the miracle before presenting his own miracle otherwise he can straight away be rejected without waiting till the time it will be established. Furthermore, as is explained by a famous Muslim philosopher, it is not necessary that the reason has to remain within types of reasoning explained in Aristotelian logic. There can be other types of reasoning as well. The Miracle Argument, according to Ash'ari Islamic School of Thought, may not fall in the categories of logical reasoning but it may be considered as a psychological reason <sup>7</sup>. Despite this, even if deductive reasoning is applied on the following facts, one can easily deduce the existence and identity of God:

- A miracle (an act beyond human capacity) is shown with an open challenge alongwith the claim that this is from the true God, there is no God but Him, He is eternal and ever-lasting, He is the one Who showed all such miracles in the past, He is the Creator of the universe and everything that lies in it including humans and He is the one Who alone is maintaining all this.
- His challenge remains inimitable.
- Thus these facts, if established, can prove the existence and the identity of the True God, as if there are any other creature more powerful than humans or any other God but the True God (or God's Creator according to Atheist argument or gods in case of Polytheist beliefs), the true God (or gods) would meet this challenge, by imitating the miracle, and then would show His/Their miracles to the humanity to justify their claim.

### CONCLUSION

Since the existence of God has already been proved through the Cosmological and the Design Arguments, the presence of a miracle with an inimitable open challenge and claim of divinity can eradicate all the confusions regarding God's identity, and hence these three arguments can prove without doubt both the existence and the identity of the True God.

### WHO IS THE ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOD?

Now we just have to find a miracle with an inimitable open challenge and a claim of divinity, to identify the True God. So, is there any miracle with an inimitable open challenge present today? The answer is yes, and that is **the Quran**, which is the only true miracle existing today and in fact is miracle of miracles, and has been presented in front of us by the true God --- Allah --- and His open challenge to us is as follows:

وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ فِي رَيْبٍ مِمَّا نَزَّلْنَا عَلَىٰ عَبْدِنَا فَأْتُوا بِسُورَةٍ مِثْلِهِ ۚ وَادْعُوا شُهَدَاءَكُمْ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ۝۲۳ فَإِنْ لَمْ تَفْعَلُوا وَلَنْ تَفْعَلُوا فَاتَّقُوا النَّارَ الَّتِي أُتِيَ وَتُوعَا النَّاسُ وَالْجَارَةُ ۚ أُوَعِدْتُ لِلْكَافِرِينَ ۝۲۴

*"And if you are in doubt as to that which We have revealed to Our servant, then produce a chapter like it and call on your witnesses besides Allah if you are truthful. But if you do (it) not and never shall you do (it), then be on your guard against the Fire of which men and stones are the fuel; it is prepared for the unbelievers." [Al-Baqarah 2:23-24]*

أَمْ يَقُولُونَ افْتَرَاهُ ۚ قُلْ فَأْتُوا بِعَشْرِ صُورٍ مِثْلِهِ ۚ وَادْعُوا مَنْ اسْتَطَعْتُمْ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ۝۳۸

*"Or do they say: He has forged it? Say: Then bring a chapter like this and invite whom you can besides Allah, if you are truthful." [Yunus 10:38]*

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*“Or, do they say: He has forged it. Say: Then bring ten forged chapters like it and call upon whom you can besides Allah, if you are truthful.” [Hood 11:13]*

قُلْ لِّمَنِ اجْتَمَعَتِ الْإِنْسُ وَالْجِنُّ عَدَا سِىَ أَنْ يَأْتُوا بِمِثْلِ هَذَا الْقُرْآنِ لَا يَأْتُونَ بِمِثْلِهِ وَلَوْ كَانَ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ ظَهِيرًا ۝۸۸

*“Say: If men and ghosts (jinn) should combine together to bring the like of this Quran, they could not bring the like of it, though some of them were helpers of others.” [Al-Israa 17:88]*

It is important to note that the True God --- **Allah** --- is not asking us to bring a surah of 100 or 1000 ayat, the three shortest surahs in the Quran comprise of just three ayat each --- 103, 108 and 110 --- of which the shortest surah i.e. 108 consists of just ten words. So, the challenge is to bring at least a single surah consisting of just three ayat, like one of these three surahs. Though bringing three ayat doesn't seem difficult at all, yet this challenge, at the time of Muhammad ﷺ, remained inimitable in a society where the people were at the pinnacle of their eloquence in the classic Arabic, the language of the Quran <sup>8</sup>. Even after that, the challenge has been out there for more than 1400 years and is still inimitable. There must have been innumerable Arabic experts living in the world in all these years, why couldn't anyone of them meet this challenge and invalidate **Allah**, so that the rest of the humans could realize that He is not the True Creator? There must be thousands of Arabists living in the world today, who would have spent their whole lives in this field, why are they not doing it now? (The fact, that the Quranic challenge has remained inimitable through out the history, is also confirmed by non-Muslim orientalists, and readers are recommended to check links <sup>9,10</sup> for further details)

In addition to that, several scientific miracles of the Quran have been discovered recently and are illustrated by many Muslim scientists especially by Harun Yahya <sup>11</sup>. Now, keeping in mind the level of scientific knowledge 1400 years ago, and realizing the fact that the scientific facts mentioned in the Quran have been discovered during the past 10 to 100 years with the help of 20<sup>th</sup> century sophisticated equipment, it can be easily realized that the probability of rightly guessing even a single scientific fact at that time was very low. Hence, even a single scientific miracle of the Quran to some extent can prove the truth individually --- as is obvious from the scientists' statements at link [11] --- whereas, collectively considering all the scientific miracles of the Quran leaves no room for doubt that this Quran is most surely the word of True God, as it would be really illogical and unscientific to even think that a human being of the 7th century could guess --- on his own or based on the infant scientific knowledge of that time --- at least more than hundred scientific facts, related to not just one but several fields of science, without giving even a single statement that goes against the modern established science. Now the challenge for the humanity is to point out any

science of the present day to add some confusion to this belief, which of course no one has done till yet.

## CONCLUSION

After understanding all the miraculous aspects of the Quran illustrated above, the truth can be easily realized that no matter how genius and intelligent a human being is, as opposed to an illiterate Arab man of 7<sup>th</sup> century Muhammad ﷺ, it is beyond human capacity to perform all such miraculous acts --- guessing accurately at least more than hundred scientific facts related to several fields of science 1400 years ago, which are only being discovered recently --- and challenging the humanity on just three ayat and yet remain inimitable for all these centuries till today. Finally regarding the question as to who will judge that the Quranic challenge has been met or not, the answer is itself given in the very ayah that is challenging the humanity: “**Call on your witnesses besides Allah if you are truthful**”. Now, first someone has to declare that he has composed a surah like that of the Quran, which of course no one has done till yet, and then the experts in Arabic language & literature will testify that the challenge has been met justifying the claim, which again no one has done till yet. This also clarifies that even the masterpiece literary works existing today cannot be compared with the miraculous Quran as their authors never dared to openly accept the challenge and so is the case with their patrons.

Now, since it is established that no one has been able to do it, so obviously some other being more powerful than us has done it, and that Being --- **Allah** --- has claimed that there is no God but Him, He was the first and no one was before Him and He will be the last and no one will be after Him, He is the One who is from ever and will remain for ever, He is the Only Creator of the universe and every thing that lies within including humans and He is the one Who alone is governing all this:

هُوَ الْأَوَّلُ وَالْآخِرُ وَالظَّاهِرُ وَالْبَاطِنُ أَوْ هُوَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ۝۳

“He is the First and the Last, the Evident and the Immanent: and He has full knowledge of all things.” [Al-Hadeed 57:3]

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ۝ اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ ۝ لَمْ يَلِدْ ۝ لَمْ يُولَدْ ۝ أُولَئِكَ يَكْفُرُونَ أَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ ۝۴

“Say: He, Allah, is One. Allah is He on Whom all depend. He begets not, nor is He begotten. And none is like Him.” [Al-Ikhlās 112:1-4]

اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ ۝ لَا تَأْخُذُهُ سِنَةٌ وَلَا نَوْمٌ ۝ لَّهُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۝ مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَشْفَعُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ ۝ يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ ۝ وَلَا يُحِيطُونَ بِشَيْءٍ مِنْ عِلْمِهِ إِلَّا بِمَا شَاءَ ۝ وَسِعَ كُرْسِيُّهُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ ۝ وَلَا يَئُودُهُ حِفْظُهُمَا ۝ وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ ۝۲۵۵

whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth is His; who is he that can intercede with Him but by His permission? He knows what is before them and what is behind them, and they cannot comprehend anything out of His knowledge except what He pleases, His knowledge extends over the heavens and the earth, and the preservation of them both tires Him not, and He is the Most High, the Great.” [Al-Baqarah 2:255]

إِنَّ رَبَّكُمُ اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ اسْتَوَى عَلَى الْعَرْشِ يُذِبرُ الْأُمُورَ أَمَّا مَنْ شَفَعَ إِلَّا مَنْ بَعْدَ إِذْنِهِ أَذْكُرُ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ فَاعْبُدُوهُ أَفَلَا تَعْلَمُونَ ٥٠٣

“Verily your Lord is Allah, who created the heavens and the earth in six days, and is firmly established on the throne (of authority), regulating and governing all things. No intercessor (can plead with Him) except after His leave (hath been obtained). This is Allah your Lord; Him therefore serve ye: will ye not receive admonition?” [Yunus 10:3]

وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ نُطْفَةٍ مِنْ طِينٍ ٥٠١٤ ثُمَّ جَعَلْنَاهُ نُطْفَةً فِي قَرَارٍ مَكِينٍ ٥٠١٣ ثُمَّ خَلَقْنَا النُّطْفَةَ عَلَقَةً فَخَلَقْنَا الْعَلَقَةَ مُضْغَةً فَخَلَقْنَا الْمُضْغَةَ عِظْمًا فَكَسَوْنَا الْعِظْمَ لَحْمًا ٥٠١٢ ثُمَّ أَنشَأْنَاهُ خَلْقًا آخَرَ ٥٠١١ أَفَتَكْبُرُكَ اللَّهُ أَحْسَنُ الْخَالِقِينَ ٥٠١٠ ثُمَّ أَعْلَمَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ لَيْسُونَ ٥٠١٥

“And certainly We created man of an extract of clay, Then We made him a small seed in a firm resting-place, Then We made the seed (a leach like) clot, then We made the (leach like) clot a lump of flesh, then We made (in) the lump of flesh bones, then We clothed the bones with flesh, then We caused it to grow into another creation, so blessed be Allah, the best of the creators.” [Al-Mu'minoon 23:12-15]

He has also claimed that He is the ONE who showed all the miracles in the past through His prophets --- Jesus, Moses etc. --- and hence anyone Who claims any other god but Him, is doing so out of his own ignorance and has no proof of this:

كَانَ النَّاسُ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً ۖ أَلْعَلَّ اللَّهُ لِنَبِيِّنَّ بُشَيْرِينَ وَمُنْذِرِينَ ۚ وَأَنْزَلَ مَعَهُمُ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ لِيُحْكُمَ بَيْنَ النَّاسِ فِي مَا اختلفوا فيه ۚ وَأَمَّا اختلف فيه إِلَّا الَّذِينَ أُوتُوهُ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَتْهُمْ الْبَيِّنَاتُ ۚ بَغْيَ أَشْتَهُمُ ۚ أَفَهْدَى اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لِمَا اختلفوا فيه مِنْ لُحَىٰ بِإِذْنِهِ ۚ أَوَلَمْ يَهْدِ اللَّهُ الْبَشَرَ مِنْ يَتَاء إِلَىٰ صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ٥٠٢١٣

“Mankind was one single nation, and Allah sent messengers with glad tidings and warnings; and with them He sent the Book in truth, to judge between people in matters wherein they differed; but the People of the Book, after the clear signs (miracles) came to them, did not differ among themselves, except through selfish contumacy. Allah by His Grace guided the believers to the Truth, concerning that wherein they differed. For Allah guides whom He will to a path that is straight.” [Al-Baqarah 2:213]

وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا نوحًا مِنْ نَجْطَرٍ ۚ وَأَوَّلْنَا عَنْ الْخَلْقِ غُلِينَ ٥٠١٤

*"And whoever invokes with Allah another god, he has no proof of this, his reckoning is only with his Lord; surely the unbelievers shall not be successful." [Al-Mu'minoon 23:17]*

Hence, **Allah** can be none other but the true God. If He had been any other creature more powerful than humans or any other god but the True God (or God's Creator according to Atheist argument or gods in case of Polytheist beliefs), the True God (or gods) would have met Allah's challenge long ago, by imitating the Quran --- the Miracle of **Allah** --- to prove Him wrong and then would have shown His/Their true signs to the humanity, which of course never happened. Hence, this inquiry is alone enough to prove without doubt that **Allah** has always been and still is the one and only True God.

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