

Doubts of an *Aryasamaji* about Revelations of God

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Sharing my response (for benefit of others) to an *Aryasamaji* against Islam:

A. //कुरान से पहले तीन किताब थी. (There were 3 books before Quran) //

Correction required for better understanding: Nowhere Quran says that Allah has sent 3 books before Quran.

Quran talks about Torah (Quran 5:68), Zabur (Quran 4:163), Injeel (Quran 5:68), Sohf-e-Ibraheem (Quran 87:19), Zubrul awwaleen (Quran 26:196) etc. Just like there were many messengers of God, similarly there were many revelations of God. Just like it's not feasible for Quran to mention each and every messenger's name similarly it's not feasible and logical that names of all revelation (previous scriptures) get a mention in it.

Revelation / book is given to Prophets of God. God says that for every community (ummat) a prophet was sent.

"...And there never was a nation but a warner had passed among them." Quran 35:24

"You are only a warner, and to every people there is a guide". Quran 13:7

So different communities had got revelations from the same God.

Since God is not region-bound and culture-bound (unlike *avtaarvaad* or reincarnation of God concept of Hinduism), His message is for the whole mankind. Quran is the last revelation.

Also, Quran gives an important principle: A believer should not make distinction between messengers of GOD; a believer should not make distinction between revelations of GOD. Refer to Quran 2:136; 2:285; 3:84; 4:152

In fact, Quran tells that people have done forgery in God's word (Quran 2:79), yet it does not for once tell us to throw those books in dustbin. On the other side Quran, time and again tells us to believe in THOSE portions of book which were revealed by God. This is great wisdom and unique universalism which only Islam offers. Details of this are beyond the scope of discussion.

All messengers were given the one and the same religion - Islam. Hence, all revelations spoke about the same truth of God. There are numerous ayah of Quran which speak about previous prophets / revelations also teaching the same fundamentals of Islam. Imaan, Salah, fasting, zakat etc were obligatory through all revelations. All messengers and revelations taught Islam only.

"Verily, We have sent to every nation a messenger saying: 'Worship Allah and avoid false objects of worship'". Quran 16:36

"He (Allah) has ordained for you the same religion which He ordained for Nuh (Noah), and that which We have revealed to you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم), and that which We ordained for Ibrahim (Abraham), Musa (Moses) and 'Isa (Jesus) saying you should establish religion, and

make no divisions in it. " Quran 42:13

B. // और वह भी अल्लाह की तो उसमे क्या कमी आगई की अल्लाह को अपना ज्ञान बदलना पड़ गया ? अल्लाह का ज्ञान पूर्ण होना चाहिए की अपूर्ण ?

If knowledge of Allah is complete then why he revealed so many revelations? //

What does complete / incomplete knowledge has to do with one revelation or several revelations of God?

It's like you are telling to a Physics professor, "Professor! Your knowledge is incomplete because you didn't teach one and the same book of Physics to students of intermediate, students B.Sc, students of M.Sc and students of Ph.D". See how absurd and meaningless is your allegation against professor. Professor will teach different classes with different books depending on their needs and level of understanding.

However, if the professor teaches students of intermediate that sound can travel in vacuum and then he teaches to M.Sc students that sound can NOT travel in vacuum then you can object that he is giving contradictory teachings. Read carefully next portion of this discussion.

C. //Why so many revelations? //

In the case of revelations of God, little bit of common sense gives clear understanding. Human being is continuously undergoing intellectual evolution. Communication system, mode of transportation, inventions have changed drastically in the past thousand years. Previously, people were not as easily connected as today in terms of communication, transportation and preservation of a text. It was not possible to have one particular book from God to be available to the whole mankind as there was no paper, no printing machines, no telephones, no trains or airplanes. People were "discovering" other parts of the world until a few centuries back. Columbus discovered America, Vasco da Gama discovered India, and so on. We read all this in modern history, didn't we? So, before Quran there was no possibility of having one common message of God in the form of a book to be available to all people of the world. Most importantly, there was no paper or printing press for easier writing and easier preservation. That is why earlier messages of God were for a particular era and particular people.

D. //Why has only Quran been preserved?//

After creation, Almighty God manages this universe through MEANS (*asbaab* in urdu and *kaaran* in sanskrit). Things happen here as per the law of God. God makes clear that His laws never change.

"So no change will you find in Allah's Sunnah (way of dealing), and no turning off will you find in Allah's Sunnah (way of dealing)." Quran 35:43

When God does something then it happens through MEANS. Man may or may not have 100% understanding of all the means every time.

So, when God says that He will preserve Quran then it does not mean that God will come down to earth and memorize or keep a copy of original Quran.

Rather, as per the laws of God, those MEANS will come into existence through which man will be able to preserve the Quran.

With the invention of paper it was possible for people to easily preserve the text. Printing press

added to this revolution. Prior to this, things were written on parchment, bone, bamboo etc around the world.

So, God due to His divine knowledge knew that revelations prior to Quran could not be preserved to full extent. It was part of God's knowledge that Quran would be preserved in its original form because those preserving MEANS would be invented.

E. // अब जाहेलाना पनकी ज़वाब सुनें, कि अल्लाह के ज्ञान में लोगों ने मिलावट करदी, अब इन बुद्धिमानी का क्या दाद दिया जाये की ज्ञान अल्लाह की, उसमे मिलाये इनसान मतलब यह हुवा की अल्लाह के ज्ञान में मानव मिलादे यह कैसा संभव हुवा ? दूसरी बात है जब ज्ञान अल्लाह का है और उसमे मिलावट इनसान कर सकता है यह इल्म अल्लाह को नहीं था ?

और अल्लाह एक बार नहीं जान पाए ,दोबार नहीं जान सके फिर तीसरी बार में जाकर पता लग पाया ,और अल्लाह को कहना पड़ गया की कुरान को नाजिल मैंने की और इसकी हिफाज़त मैही करूंगा ।

If Allah already knew that his message will be changed then why he revealed so many books?//

I hope, several of your misunderstandings must have got cleared after above elaborations. Your objection is that if God already knew that people will change His message then why did He reveal the message in the first place? It is like saying:

If God already knew that people will become atheist then why did He reveal His message about the existence of God?

If God already knew that some people will kill / murder then why did He create human beings?

If God already knew that some people will be rapists then why did he create such people?

Hundreds of such absurd statements can be added.

God has created human beings with FREE WILL. God has shown the path, distinguished right from wrong and then left it up to human beings to choose what they want. One is free to accept / reject message of God; God has also told the result of such actions. So if someone does forgery in the message of God then he is to be blamed and not God.

"And say: "The truth is from your Lord." Then whosoever wills, let him believe; and whosoever wills, let him disbelieve...." Quran 18:29

When God says that something will happen then it's a challenge also for mankind to prove the contrary. And saying of God will come true THROUGH the MEANS. Previous scriptures like Bible etc are not in their 100% pure form as there was no mechanism to preserve it that time. When God has promised to preserve Quran then it does not mean that God is demeaning previous revelations. Remember, it is the command of GOD only to not differentiate among revelations of God. By saying that "we will preserve it" God is saying that those means will be invented such that Quran will remain uncorrupted.

Let me Quote William Muir, one of the critic of Islam , "There is probably no other book in the world which has remained twelve centuries (now fourteen) with so pure a text". (Sir Williams Muir, Life of Mohamet, Vol.I. Introduction)

Every year thousands of people round the globe are accepting the divine and uncorrupt nature of Quran and coming to the religion of God.

F. // अब अल्लाह को याद आई की हम ने ही नाजिल किया इसको तो हिफाज़त भी मुझे ही करना

पड़ेगा? अब ध्यान देने योग्य बात है की,अल्लाह ने कहा. हम ही नाज़िल करने वाले, पढ़े लिखे लोगों जरा विचार करें अल्लाह एक है या अनेक? जिसको कुरान के इंग्लिश अनुवादकों ने भी we लिखा है, जो एक वचन में नहीं है, कुरान ही गवाह है अल्लाह अनेक हैं। सिर्फ यही नहीं जब अल्लाह ने उन किताबों को निरस्त कर दिया तो उसके ऊपर ईमान लाना है यह कैसी बात होरही है ? अपने को अकलमन्द कहलाने वालों यह तो बताव जिस किताब को बातिल कर दी गयी, उसपर बिस्वास किसलिए ?और दोष भी लगा दिया दूसरों पर की उन्होंने ने मिला दिया, तुम्हारी कौन सी बात सही है ? इसी बात पर भरोसा करने वालों को या बिस्वास करने वालों को अगर पढ़े लिखे मानें तो फिर मुर्ख कौन है ?//

I don't know where you read in Quran that previous revelations were *baatil* or they need to be thrown away. Please remember very important points:

1. Quran claims that people did forgery in previous revelations, mixed their words with God's words.
2. Instead of this Quran has always ASSOCIATED believers with previous revelations rather than DISSOCIATING them.
3. Quran does not say that reject previous messages because they are corrupted but Quran has asked believers to have EMAAN on those portions of revelations which were from GOD.

Note: "Which portion was from God and which was not" - this subject is beyond the scope of this Q & A.

G. // If Allah is one then why it uses plural form?//

Do you really have a doubt or just teasing?

THE TRUE PRAISE, THE TRUE GLORY, THE TRUE MAJESTY, THE TRUE GREATNESS is for God and only GOD. Nothing can be compared to God. To show His glory, greatness and majesty, He makes the use of 'Royal We' wherever He chooses in the text of the Holy Quran. 'Royal We' or '*pluralis maiestatis*' is the use of a plural pronoun (or corresponding plural-inflected verb forms) to refer to a single person holding a high office, such as a sovereign monarch, earl or religious leader like the Pope. When even human beings holding a high office make use of the 'Royal We' as an expression of their greatness then who more deserves the use of 'Royal We' than the Almighty God whose dominion is all of the universe and heavens? Those who are conversant with the nuances of languages like Urdu and English understand that it is customary for the Royalty to use the 'Royal We' as a singular pronoun. While in Urdu and some other North Indian languages, 'Royal We' is used by just any elder speaker to refer to himself/herself while addressing younger people. So, there are no question marks about the ONENESS of God Almighty just because of the use of 'Royal We'.

The other interesting part is that Muslims, Hindus, Christians and even atheists know that Muslims believe and worship ONE and ONLY ONE God. When a Muslim says "Al Rahman", "Al Raheem", "Al Kabeer" etc then even a Hindu understands that the Muslim is referring to one and the same Allah. But when a Hindu brother refers to Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva, Saraswati, Ram, Krishna then even he knows that he is referring to completely different personalities.
