

Sole reason Allaah created man and jinn

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Explanation of Soorah Adh-Dhariyat [51:56-58]

Allaah (*The Exalted, The Most High*) said:

[I have not created the jinn and mankind except to worship me. I do not want from them any sustenance and I do not want (from them) that they feed me. Indeed Allaah is the Provider, the possessor of power and strength]¹

This is the objective for which Allaah created the jinn and mankind and also the reason that Allaah sent the messengers – in order to call and preach their people to. The sole objective is the worship of Allaah which necessitates knowing Him and loving Him, as well as repenting and turning to Allaah in servitude. It also necessitates rejecting and turning away from all false gods.

In order to accomplish this, one must first have knowledge of Allaah, for one to perfect Allaah's worship he must know Allaah (His names and attributes and their meanings). In fact, the more knowledge a servant has of Allaah, the more his worship is perfected. This is why Allaah (*The Most High*) created the universe; He did not create the jinn and mankind because He is in need of them, and He certainly does not need any sustenance or food from them.

Allaah is greater and self sufficient to need anything from anyone. In fact creation, in its entirety, is in need of the Creator's sustenance in all of their needs and requirements, their basic [needs] and other than that. This is why Allaah said:

[Indeed Allaah is the Provider]: He provides sustenance in abundance; there is no creature in the sky or earth, except upon Allaah is its sustenance. He knows its dwelling place and its deposit (in the uterus, grave, etc.).

[The One who possesses all power and strength]: by which He created the enormous entities, low [in the earth] and high [in the heavens]. Due to this, He is able to command that which is apparent as well as hidden. His will and decree are enforced and executed in

¹ Soorah Adh-Dhariyat [51:56-58]

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all that He created. Whatever He has decreed is fulfilled instantly; similarly whatever He has not decreed can never occur.

Nothing can escape Him, nor can anybody escape His dominion. From the proofs of His vast power and strength is the fact that His bounties and sustenance reach all creation.

Also, from the many proofs of His ability and power is that He is able to raise the dead even after their bodies have corroded; the winds have scattered their remains; their bodies have been swallowed by wild animals and birds; and even after their bodies have been scattered and torn to pieces in [the earth's] wasteland and in the oceans waves.

No one among His creation will be missed by Him and He knows which ones of His slaves are yet to be buried in the earth.

Glory and praise to Allaah (the Most Powerful).