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In the last two issues, I discussed the existence of the Creator (Allah) and how to understand His attributes. And now that is proven rationally that everything (man, life and universe) created by Allah (swt), I come to the subject of the need for messengers. The need for messengers is also reached through the rational ability of the human beings. The need for messengers can easily be seen in two areas:

The first is that since worship is in man's nature, as being an instinct, then it is just natural for him to sanctify his Creator. This sanctification is worship itself. Worship, however, is the relationship between man and his Creator. If this relationship is not organized by the Creator, it will lead to disorder, such as worshipping other than Allah or not worshipping Him in the proper manner. Thus, Allah (swt) is to organize this relationship. Since man does not know the essence of Allah (swt), what pleases Him and what displeases Him and because Allah (swt) is not under man's senses, then Allah (swt) has to give us the system of how to worship Him. Therefore, messengers of Allah are needed to organize this relationship.

The second is that human beings have biological needs, such as the need for food, sleep, drink...etc. They also have an instinct of survival manifested by love for position, fear, selfishness...etc, and instinct of protecting the species, manifested by care for the poor, saving a drowning person, love for one's children...etc.

Both biological needs and instinctive needs must be satisfied completely. If they are not satisfied, death in the case of biological needs, and discomfort and unhappiness in case of instincts will result. Therefore, a system must be provided for the satisfaction of these needs. But man is incapable to provide such system because of his ignorance of the exact needs of man and of the proper balance of satisfaction of all the needs. Thus, the system must be provided by Allah, the Creator, because He knows the exact needs, the extent of each need, the proper way of satisfaction for each need, and the exact balance in the way of satisfaction for all of them. Thus, we need the system to be from Allah (swt), and this can only be reached through messengers. (The West rejected this notion and decided that human beings can legislate for themselves. Looking at their lives and their problems such as drugs, alcoholism, homelessness, crime, personal discomfort...etc, reflect the incorrectness of their argument.)

To conclude, human beings need messengers to organize the relationship between them and Allah by giving them the way Allah (swt) wanted to be pleased. Moreover, human beings need messengers to give the laws of Allah regarding the proper way of satisfying their needs and organizing their relations with each other in order to avoid wrong ways of satisfaction.

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