

Where is Allah?



Laysa-ka-mithlihi-shaya'

There is none like unto Him



Did You Know

A **solar eclipse** occurs when the moon gets between Earth and the sun, and the moon casts a shadow over Earth. A solar eclipse can only take place at the phase of new moon, when the moon passes directly between the sun and Earth and its shadows fall upon Earth's surface.

Lunar eclipses occur when Earth's shadow blocks the sun's light, which otherwise reflects off the moon. There are three types – total, partial and penumbral – with the most dramatic being a total lunar eclipse, in which Earth's shadow completely covers the moon.

Some people say Allah is everywhere, some say He is above the heavens, and some say He is on His throne.

So where is Allah?

It is important to realize that the issue 'where is Allah?' was never debated or made a matter of great dispute by the Companions. We have not been commanded to identify the exact 'physical location' of Allah; rather our responsibility is to recognize Allah, build a strong relationship with Him, affirm His Exaltedness, affirm His Oneness, learn about His attributes, worship Him, obey His commands and abstain from His prohibitions. Beyond that, there is no Islamic obligation to know where Allah Almighty exactly is; neither is it possible for the meager intellects of us created beings to fully grasp the reality and majesty of our Creator. We have not even fully understood the reality of our souls, bodies, the sun, the moon, the stars, the mountains, the sky, and so forth; then how are we expected to comprehend the essence of the Almighty?!






Evidence that Allah is Exalted, High Above His Creation and Above the Heavens

The people of Sunnah and Jama'ah (adherents to the prophetic way) believe that Allah is exalted above His creation because of the evidence of the Quran, Sunnah (prophetic traditions), consensus of the scholars, common sense and man's innate instinct (fitrah). Here are some reasons why.

The Quran describes the "Exaltedness" or "Highness" of Allah in different ways, as His being high and above, and by describing how things come down from Him, and go up to Him, and by stating that He is above heaven. For example (interpretations of the meaning):

(Highness): "... and He is the Most High, the Most Great." [2:255]

"Glorify the Name of your Lord, the Most High." [87:1]

(Above):

"And He is the Irresistible, above His slaves ..." [6:18]

"They fear their Lord above them, and they do what they are commanded." [16:50]

(Things coming down from Him):

"He arranges (every) affair from the heavens to the earth ... " [32:5]

"Verily We: it is We Who have sent down the Dhikr (i.e., the Quran) ..." [15:9]

(Things going up to Him):

"..To Him ascend (all) the goodly words, and the righteous deeds exalt it .." [35:10]

"The angels and the Rooh (Jibreel) ascend to Him ..." [70:4]

(Allah is above heaven):

"Do you feel secure that He, Who is over the heaven, will not cause the earth to sink with you ...?" [67:16]

The Sunnah: The Prophet, Sallahu alayhi wa salam, used to say "Subhana Rabbi al-A'la (Glory be to my Lord Most High)" in sujood (prostration), and in some ahadeeth (reports) he is reported to have said, "By Allah Who is above the Throne."

The term "We" in the Quran is the royal "We" - as an example when the king says, "We are not amused." It does not indicate plural; rather it displays the highest position in the language. English, Persian, Hebrew, Arabic and many languages provide for the usage of "We" for the royal figure. It is helpful to note the same dignity is given to the person being spoken to in English. We say to someone, "You ARE my friend." Yet the person is only one person standing there. Why did we say "ARE" instead of "IS"? This is the royal plural "ARE".



During the Farewell Pilgrimage

Among his deeds is the gesture of, Prophet Muhammad, pointing up with his finger, when addressing the people in the greatest gathering, on the Day of 'Arafah during his Farewell Pilgrimage. He asked the people, "Have I not conveyed the message?" and they said, "Yes!" He asked again, "Have I not conveyed the message?" and they said, "Yes!" He asked a third time, "Have I not conveyed the message?" and they said, "Yes!" Each time, he said: "O Allah, bear witness!" - pointing up to the sky and then at the people. He also used to raise his hands towards heaven when he made du'a (supplication). This is proof via his actions that Allah is exalted and high.

An example of an approval of the Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, which indicates that Allah is exalted and high is the hadeeth (report) concerning the young slave girl, to whom the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "Where is Allah?" She said: "In heaven." He asked, "Who am I?" She said, "The Messenger of Allah." So he said to her master: "Set her free, for she is a believer." This young girl was uneducated, as many are, and she was a slave, but she knew that her Lord is above heaven. Some misguided people deny that Allah is above heaven, and say, "He is neither above nor below; neither to the right nor to the left. He is everywhere." Allah is not everywhere, He is Al-Baseer - All-Seeing.

Common sense: Highness is a quality, which is associated in people's minds with perfection. If this is the case, then it should be attributed to Allah because every absolute perfection should be attributed to Him.

The innate instinct of humans - fitrah. There should be no dispute that man instinctively knows that Allah is above heaven. Whenever something overwhelming befalls a person, and he turns to Allah for help, he looks towards heaven, not in any other direction. But it is strange that those who deny that Allah is above His creation still raise their hands in supplication to no other direction than towards heaven.

Even Pharaoh, the enemy of Allah who disputed with Moosa (peace be upon him) about his Lord, told his minister Haman (interpretation of the meaning):

"O Haman! Build me a tower that I may arrive at the ways, - the ways of the heavens, and I may look upon the god of Moosa ..." [40:36-37]

DID YOU KNOW!!!

In the Arabic language, there is no pronoun with a neutral gender equivalent to the English "it". It is also common to all languages that when we have to refer to a living being without specifying the gender, we use the masculine pronoun, so we will say: "he who does such and such...", which can refer to both male and female. But when we use the pronoun "she," then this definitely specifies the gender. So "he" is a pronoun that can be used for when specifying the gender is required, as well as when it is not required, such as in the case of Allah Subhanahu-wa-Ta'ala, who is the Most Glorified and does not have a gender. While if we had used the pronoun "she," then it will defiantly imply a gender to Allah, may He be glorified. Giving gender to Allah, the Creator, will be against the teachings of Islam. There is nothing that we can possibly imagine or compare to like Him.

WORD SEARCH

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VOCABULARY WORDS

ALLAH

EVIDENCE

LOCATION

HIGH

EXALTED

ABOVE

GLORY

CREATION

ATTRIBUTE

HEAVENS

QURAN

ABSOLUTE

THRONE

SUNNAH

PERFECTION

When we pray, we are conversing with Allah. We talk as He Listens and rewards us without us knowing.

Ibadah – when you surrender your heart and limbs to Allah. This can be done with every move you make.

The Quran is the speech of our Lord. The Quran was sent down to the trusted Angel Jibreel, who taught it to Prophet Muhammad!

Some think humans evolved from apes,. Well, where did the apes come from? Allah is the Creator that was never created.

Faith is based on the belief in Allah, His angels, His book, His messengers, the Last Day, and providence – its good and its evil.

Allah created us with a purpose. The purpose is to worship Him. Not because Allah is in need of our worship, but because we are in need of His Mercy. Think of the doctor who sees his patients. The doctor is not in need of the patient, the patient is in need of the doctors abilities.

Ahad is not the same as “one.” We say Allah is “Ahad” not “one” because oneness is bringing things together to be “one.” One in Arabic is wahad.

Everything Allah has given us is for our benefit. Think of the complicity of the human body. We have been created with perfection by the Most-Perfect.

The Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea meet and mix, yet they have a barrier between them.

Everything is created in pairs. Humans, fruits, animals, plants, electricity – negatively and positively charged protons and neutrons , and so on.

Ants are the closest in lifestyle to humans. They bury the dead similar to humans, exchange goods like us, have levels of management, and have a sophisticated way of communication.

How can you explain Allah to others?

