

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Preamble

(مقدمه)

Our Universe is seen in two ways:

The first way of knowing the Universe is scientific research. The knowledge of the Universe is achieved through observations and hypotheses. And with the experience this exploration proceeds onward. This advancement never stops; rather this study cannot be terminated. Because the Universe is so huge and gigantic that man is unable to have its complete information.

The second way to have some understanding of this Universe is religion. With this the Creator of this Universe Himself reveals some information upon His selective human beings, means Prophets and Messengers. For instance, He reveals on his Last Prophet that:

بَدِيعُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَإِذَا قَضَىٰ أَمْرًا فَإِنَّمَا يَقُولُ لَهُ كُنْ فَيَكُونُ

{The Originator of the heavens and the earth, and when He commands a thing, He only says to it, “Be” and it thereupon happens. (02:117)}

With best of human abilities knowing the truth of the things as they are, is called “Wisdom”. For this God says:

يُؤْتِي الْحِكْمَةَ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَمَنْ يُؤْتَ الْحِكْمَةَ فَقَدْ أُوتِيَ خَيْرًا كَثِيرًا

وَمَا يَذَّكَّرُ إِلَّا أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ

{Allah bestows wisdom on whomever He wills; and whoever receives wisdom has received abundant goodness; but none mentions except men of understanding. (02:269)}

As such, our religious scholars guide us about the realities of this Universe in the light of Quran and Sunnah, which is called Philosophy of Islam or Philosophy of Tasawwuf.

Maulana Muhammad Abdul Qadir Siddiqui, former Dean of Faculty of theology, Othmania University, Hyderabad, India, has written an outstanding book named, 'Hikmat-e-Islamia'. In this book he has not only highlighted many important points of Tasawwuf but also has discussed about this Universe and its Creator in the light of Islam.

While preparing this book I have mostly referred Maulana's book Hikmat-e-Islamia (Philosophy of Islam) to express the Islamic views regarding the Creation of this Universe. Thus this book has been named as "*Creation of Universe and Philosophy of Islam*".

In the beginning chapters of this book a brief appraisal is given on the scientific explorations of this Universe, so that a comparison could be made with man's observations. From every corner facts are exposed which cannot be denied. Here, only the angle of visualization matters. For example if we want to say about diamond, what it is? What is the truth of it?



To answer this, a common man would say it is a real substance and it is a 'cut-stone'. If asked with a geologist, he will say, in fact, it is mineral and it is among one of the forms of 'Carbon'. If it is asked from a scientist, he will say, it is a 'Matter'. If questioned with any **شهودي** (the Islamic observational to whom everywhere glories of God are seen), he will declare it as the exposition from the good names of God. And when asked with any **وجودي** (a Sufi who has attained the last stage of annihilation i.e. **فنا في الله**), he will say to it as the 'Real Existent'.

اللهم ارنا حقائق الاشياء كما هي

(O Allah! Show us the truth of things as these are)

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