



# **Bridging Perspectives**

Logical Answers to Common Questions About Islam



# The Concept of Focus

A common belief suggests that **idols are necessary training wheels** for beginners to **concentrate** during worship, and that advanced believers eventually outgrow them. If physical objects are strictly for the preliminary stages of spiritual focus, Islam represents that advanced stage: a **direct, unbroken focus on the Creator without the need for physical intermediaries.**


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## Truth Does Not Change With Age

We do not tell a curious child that grandma is grinding flour in heaven to explain thunder; we teach them the science of expanding gases. Similarly,  $2+2=4$  remains true from first grade to a PhD. If the foundational truth of God is formless, we should not teach comfortable falsehoods to beginners.

Truth must remain consistent at every level of understanding.

# Many Names, One Essence

The Quran states: Call upon Allah or Rahman: by whatever name you call upon Him, to Him belong the best names.

You can refer to water as Water, Pani, or Tanni depending on your language. However, you cannot point to a toxic liquid and call it water. The name can vary by culture, but the core essence and purity must perfectly match the definition.





## **The Acid Test of Divinity**

Calling a metal Gold or Sona does not automatically make it 24-karat. Before believing a seller, a goldsmith verifies the metal's purity using a touchstone. Not everything that glitters is gold. Similarly, before accepting any claim of divinity, we must pass the concept of that God through a rigorous theological touchstone.



# The Ultimate Touchstone

Chapter 112 of the Quran (Surah Al-Ikhlās) provides the strict, four-part acid test for Godhood:

1. He is the One and Only.
2. He is the Absolute, Self-Sufficient Master.
3. He begets not, nor is He begotten.
4. There is nothing comparable or equal to Him.



## Applying the Touchstone

Muslims deeply revere Prophet Muhammad. Yet, he fails the test of Godhood: He was not the only prophet, he experienced human mortality, and he had parents and children. Thus, Islam maintains absolute monotheism: Muhammad is the deeply respected Messenger, but never the Creator.



## **The Oldest vs. The Purest**

Is the oldest tradition automatically the best? A 19th-century crank-start vehicle is not superior to a modern car simply because it is older. Water left exposed in a glass for three months is not better than freshly distilled water. Age alone does not guarantee purity or superiority.



## The Latest vs. The Best

Conversely, being the newest does not equate to being the best. A brand new economy car cannot outperform a powerful classic luxury vehicle.

The true test of a belief system is not its age, but its inherent capability: its absolute purity, its lack of corruption, and its power to solve humanity's profound social and moral problems.



# Preservation of the Message

Islam has existed since humanity began. Its ultimate proof is precise preservation. Unlike texts lost to alteration, the Quran remains totally unchanged for 14 centuries—verified by millions who memorize it flawlessly, and original manuscripts still preserved today.

# The Science of Burial

Why do Muslims bury their dead? The elements of the human body naturally exist in the earth. Scientifically, burial allows the body to return to the soil naturally.

It completely eliminates the massive air pollution and severe deforestation caused by burning tons of wood for cremation, preserving essential greenery and public health.





## A Sustainable Cycle

Cremation is a single-use destruction of natural resources; once tons of wood are burned into ash, they cannot be reused, resulting in immense annual environmental costs. Burial is highly economical and **sustainable**. The earth naturally recycles elements over time, allowing the same physical space to be respectfully integrated back into the ecosystem.



## Adornment and Protection

Certain cultural adornments, like the Bindi and Mangalsutra, carry specific meanings. Traditionally, they identify a woman's marital status and are believed to serve as talismans—shields to ward off evil, protect a husband's life, and prevent harassment from others in society by signaling that a woman is spoken for.



# **The Ultimate Protector**

In Islam, absolute protection comes from the Creator alone. Relying on physical objects contradicts absolute trust in God's power. Furthermore, Islam mandates that all women—whether married or unmarried—are inherently guaranteed absolute safety and respect. Dignity is an unconditional right, completely negating the need for visual identifiers to prevent harassment.



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## **Timeless Logic, Practical Truth**

True belief does not rely on myths, age, or physical artifacts. It is built on unchanging logic, an uncorrupted message, a direct and undivided connection with the Creator, and practical, sustainable solutions designed to benefit all of humanity.