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Respectable Irshad Manji,

I greatly admire your adherence to Islam. If people could understand what Islam and being a follower of Mohammad (ﷺ) is they would probably abandon all else as his companions did.

Muslims are mindful of Almighty God all the time and are thus perpetually praying. Truth is with them all the time.

After listening to your debate with Mehdi Hasan, I have a question and a comment.

My question is:

For people producing atomic, chemical and biological weapons of mass destruction; can physics, chemistry or biology be held responsible?

My comment is actually quoting The Holy Quran that Almighty God is The Living Manifest Truth.

اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ (البقرة/ ٢٥٥)

Here are the verses of The holy Quran to guide us.

(١) فَذَلِكُمُ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ الْحَقُّ فَمَاذَا بَعْدَ الْحَقِّ إِلَّا الضَّلَالُ فَأَنِي تُضْرِفُونَ  
(١٠/ يونس/ ٣٢)

(٢) هُنَا لِكَ الْوَلَايَةُ لِلَّهِ الْحَقِّ (١٨/ الكهف/ ٤٤)

٣) فَتَعَلَى اللَّهُ الْمَلِكُ الْحَقُّ وَلَا تَعْجَلْ بِالْقُرْآنِ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ يُقْضَى إِلَيْكَ وَحْيُهُ،  
وَقُلْ رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا (١١٤/طه/٢٠)

٤) ذَلِكَ بَأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ وَأَنَّهُ يُحْيِي الْمَوْتَى وَأَنَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ  
(٢٢/الحج/٦)

٥) ذَلِكَ بَأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ وَأَنَّ مَا يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ هُوَ الْبَاطِلُ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ  
الْعَلِيُّ الْكَبِيرُ (٢٢/الحج/٦٢)

٦) فَتَعَلَى اللَّهُ الْمَلِكُ الْحَقُّ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْكَرِيمِ  
(٢٣/المؤمنون/١١٦)

٧) يَوْمَئِذٍ يُوفِّيهِمُ اللَّهُ دِينَهُمُ الْحَقَّ وَيَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ الْمُبِينُ  
(٢٤/النور/٢٥)

٨) ذَلِكَ بَأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ وَأَنَّ مَا يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ الْبَاطِلُ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْعَلِيُّ  
الْكَبِيرُ (٣١/لقمن/٣٠)

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إِذَا جَاءَ نَصْرُ اللَّهِ وَالْفَتْحُ وَ رَأَيْتِ النَّاسَ يَدْخُلُونَ فِي دِينِ اللَّهِ أَفْوَاجًا  
(١١٠/النصر/١١)

It is by knowing Almighty God as The Living Manifest Truth that a clear understanding of The Holy Quran and Religion emerges. This is the message.

There is no escape from this Truth.

There are two reminders;

1) Science is based on Truth not vice versa.

2) Love is woven into our fabric. As our love and fascination for a thing reaches its ultimate, we begin to worship it. Probably that is how the worship of the sun and moon and the celestial bodies started. Following reverence for the animals admiration of their own crafts became "idols". To make it palatable the name of god was attached. Then it seems it became necessary to emphasize and demand **strong** unquestioned belief and submission.

When stating  $3+4=7$ , we do not require strong belief and faith?

In the Holy Quran the emphasis has been on Truth, repeated 227 times. Islam, from the very beginning has demanded belief and faith in Almighty God, The Living Manifest Truth. (Chapter 24, Verse 25) As old habits die hard, aspects of idolatry persist. You will notice it when you pay attention to preachers.

It is the task of the teachers to help students separate facts from metaphor, allegories and fables when teaching The Holy Quran.<sup>1</sup>

هُوَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ مِنْهُ آيَاتٌ مُحْكَمَاتٌ هُنَّ أُمُّ الْكِتَابِ وَأُخْرَى  
 مُتَشَابِهَاتٌ ۚ فَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ زَيْغٌ فَيَتَّبِعُونَ مَا تَشَابَهَ مِنْهُ ابْتِغَاءَ الْفِتْنَةِ  
 وَابْتِغَاءَ تَأْوِيلِهِ ۚ وَمَا يَعْلَمُ تَأْوِيلَهُ إِلَّا اللَّهُ ۗ وَالرَّاسِخُونَ فِي الْعِلْمِ  
 يَقُولُونَ آمَنَّا بِهِ كُلٌّ مِّنْ عِنْدِ رَبِّنَا ۚ وَمَا يَذَّكَّرُ إِلَّا أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ (ال عمران ٧١)

There is a saying in Afghanistan, that goes something like this:

"I say *alip*, you don't say *alip*, you say *alip*". This comes from regions that cannot pronounce "F", thus it comes out as "P"

It's not the pronunciation but the pronouncements that have wrought havoc in the

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lives of Muslims.

With best wishes,

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P.S.

Muslims take pleasure and pride in the fact that the words they are uttering during Salaat are the same that came from the lips of Mohammad Rasool Allah (ﷺ). They feel his presence and his tradition is perpetuated. Salaat becomes joyful and the inspiration that transforms human beings to upright individuals of the society. Al-gebra, Al-chemi, Al-gorithm etc. is not the monopoly of any nation neither is Islam.