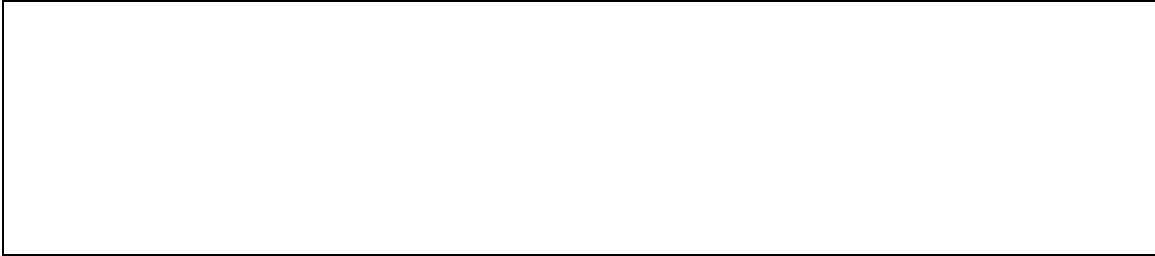


Luqman (31:25)



If you ask them, who it is that created the heavens and the earth. They will certainly say, "(Allah)". Say: "Praise be to Allah." But most of them understand not.

MUHAMMAD HUSAIN TABA TABAI (AR)

And if you ask them: "who has created the heavens and the earth?" They will say, "Allah". Say, "All praise is for Allah" But most of them do not know.

The verse says that men are naturally inclined towards the Oneness of God but they do not perceive it. If they are asked who created the heavens and earth they will spontaneously reply "God". When He is the creator then He must be the God because the one who creates is the one who nurses and sustains his creation. Since He created and then expanded the universe and we hope from Him and fear Him then He must be God. He must be the one and only God and man even though he does not know admits this to be the case.

This is why He asked the Messenger to recite praises. He then said most men accept this fact but have no realization about it. Of course there are some who know and admit the truth. God says, " Whatever is in the heavens and earth and between them is for God. Indeed He is above all needs, unfathomable and worthy of praise.

Once they admit that He is the creator and is the sustainer then His control proves His entity as God. When He plans and arranges everything, He is worthy of all the Praise. The Messenger praises Him but the people are ignorant because of their negligence.

The other proof is that the total creation depends on Him and He is the fountain head of all creations. It is He who has given them their glory. The conclusion is the same. He is the one who creates everything. Everything is dependent on Him because He is the sustainer.

Had He not been generous then He would not have been the creator and fountainhead of all creation. When He is the most generous then He is the owner of all that is on earth and the heavens. He is the sole owner of everything and He can use and spend whatever He likes. He is the one with the supreme power and He is the sustainer and Lord of the worlds. He is the one worthy of worshipping, He is the one to be thanked and He is the one who obliges us. He is the one who praises and He is the one worthy of all praise. He is the owner of all creations, the bestower of all grace, the Lord of the worlds, and the instigator of all good deeds and this is why all praise is for Him.

Imam Muhammad Baqir is quoted in the book Tawhid to have quoted the messenger as saying, “Everything is born in its own natural form and it knows that its creator is God” and this is what is said in the previous verse.

Tafsir Qummi explains that the words, “Did you not see the vessels plying the seas?” Here movement of the vessels is the gift of God.

MIR AHMED ALI (AR)

(no commentary available for this verse)