

Fast 13: The existence of God — evidence of revelation

- The third group of arguments found in the Holy Quran, to prove the existence of God, relates to Divine revelation — the clearest and surest evidence. The Quran *presents its own revelation* as evidence of the existence of God.
- But revelation in the Quran not only establishes the truth of the existence of God *but also tells us all about God's attributes*. Without that knowledge, the existence of God would remain nothing more than a belief in words.
- Then there is the example of the life of the man himself who receives revelation. In his life, in particular the life of the man who received the Quran in his revelation, we see that:
 - He felt the presence of God in each hour of his everyday life
 - He had the closest relations with God
 - This changed his life and made him an irresistible spiritual force in the world.
- There is not just only example of this. This was not experienced by one man or one nation only, but by people in all nations, all countries and all ages. Abraham, Moses, Christ, Confucius, Zoroaster, Rama, Krishna, Buddha and Muhammad, each and every one of these luminaries brought about a moral and spiritual revolution in the world, and in some cases also a material revolution.
- The Prophet Muhammad was commissioned by God for a task, and it was on help from God that its success depended. With every new dawn the task grew harder, and the opposition raged stronger, until, to an onlooker, there was nothing but disappointment everywhere. Nonetheless, his determination grew stronger with the strength of the opposition. This was because his revelation promised him success.
- While in his earlier revelations there were only general statements of the triumph of his cause and the failure of the enemy, those statements became clearer and more definite as the prospects, to all outward appearance, grew more hopeless. Some of these verses are given below in order of their revelation:

“By the grace of your Lord, you are not mad. And yours is surely a **reward never to be cut off**.” — 68:2–3

“Surely with difficulty is ease. **With difficulty is surely ease**.” — 94:5

“And surely **the later state is better for you than the earlier**, and soon will your Lord give you so that you will be well pleased.” — 93:4–5

“O man! We have not revealed the Quran to you **that you may be unsuccessful...**” — 20:1–2

“And on that day the **believers will rejoice** in Allah’s help.” — 30:4–5

“We certainly **help Our messengers, and those who believe**, in this world’s life and on the day when the witnesses arise...” — 40:51

“Blessed is He Who, if He please, **will give you what is better than this:** Gardens in which flow rivers. And He will give you palaces.” — 25:10

“He it is Who has sent His Messenger with the guidance and the Religion of Truth that **He may make it prevail over all religions.**” — 48:28

- How helpless against opposition the prophets and their followers could become is indicated in the following verse:

“Distress and affliction befell them and they were shaken violently, so that the Messenger and those who believed with him said: When will the help of Allah come? Now surely the help of Allah is near!” — 2:214

- The defeat of opposition to the Holy Prophet was predicted:

“... they will (come to) know who is weaker in helpers and smaller in number.” — 72:24

“Or do they say, We are an army allied together to help each other? Soon shall the armies be routed and they will show their backs.” — 54:44–45

“Say to those who disbelieve: You shall soon be defeated...” — 3:12

- And all this did happen a few years after these things had been foretold, though at that time there was nothing to justify such prophecies and all the circumstances were against them. No man could possibly have foreseen what was so clearly stated as certain to come about, and no human power could have brought to utter failure the whole nation with all its resources ranged against a solitary man and determined to destroy him.
- Divine revelation thus affords the clearest and surest testimony of the existence of God, in Whose knowledge, past, present and future are alike and Who controls both the forces of nature and the destiny of human beings.