

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

Nahj al-Balaghah Lesson 4 God and Creation

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«كائنٌ لا عَن حَدَث، موجودٌ لا عَن عَدَم»

"He is a being, but not through phenomenon of coming into being. He exists but not from non-existence."

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• Allah was always there, without a beginning point and without coming into existence.

«مَعَ كُلِّ شَيءٍ لا بِمُقارَنَة و غير كلّ شيءٍ لا بمُزايَلَة» physical pearpess. He is different from evenything

"He is with everything but not in physical nearness. He is different from everything but not in physical separation."

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- Our positive attributes are different from God's, because His attributes are essential, independent and we cannot know their nature.
- This difference is against the fallacy that every creature is a part of God, because there is nothing but God.

«بِلا رَوتِةٍ أجالَها و لا تَجرِبَةٍ استَفادَها» "(He initiated creation) without undergoing reflection, without making use of any experiment"

 Some atheists pose that if there is a God, it is obvious that it has been experimenting creatures one after another, not knowing what to do. But their argument has neither a proof nor a reasonability.

«ثمَّ أنشأً سبحانَه فَتقَ الأجواء»

"Then The Almighty created the openings of atmosphere"

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«... فأجازَ فيها ماءً مُتلاطِماً تَيّارُه»

"Then He ordered the wind to raise up deep waters"

"So the wind churned it like the churning of curd and pushed it fiercely into the firmament throwing its front position on the rear and the stationary on the flowing till its level was raised and the surface was full of foam."

"... and made there-from the seven skies and made the lower one as a stationary surge and the upper one as protective ceiling and a high edifice without any pole to support it or nail to hold it together."

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