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In previous articles, we examined the necessity of applying the principle of the primacy of expertise. We mentioned that whenever we deal with a new phenomenon or system, we consult its creator or expert. The more valuable, complex, unique, or delicate that system is, the more we need to apply this important principle. We have only one version of ourselves and we have only one opportunity to live. However, do we basically have the ability and opportunity to test all the humanology theories presented in various schools of thought in our limited lifetime?

Our short lifetime does not give us the opportunity for trial and error to reach a true definition of the human being. Essentially, it is neither possible nor rational to put the most valuable thing we have to the test. Therefore, like in all other aspects of life, the most rational thing to do is to apply the principle of the primacy of expertise. This is the very principle that we employ for the simplest tasks of our daily lives. According to this principle, only our creator has the competence and right to present a definition of the truth of our existence. Only He can determine the perfection of each dimension of our being, remind us of His main purpose in creating us, and guide us to the right path and show us the way to return to it if we make mistakes and stray from the right path.

In fact, only the expert in human affairs can provide an accurate and comprehensive definition of us because, first, he is the only one who is aware of the starting point of our creation. Secondly, he is aware of our present

conditions and needs; finally, he is aware of our ultimate goal, which ensures our eternal peace and happiness.

In other words, the only person who has the competence to give his opinion about the human being and our essence is the one who knows where we have come from, where we are, and where we are going. Having a comprehensive and precise awareness of these three stages makes a person competent to express his views about something and introduce it. Therefore, anyone who introduces himself as an expert in human affairs and presents a definition of the human being, aside from our Creator and His trusted deputies, is either misguided or provides an incomplete definition of the human being. This is because the human intellect and knowledge have never been able to fully grasp all the dimensions of our existence from the beginning of creation to worldly life and the ultimate end that awaits us after death.

### **Accessing God's Definition of the Human Being**

By accepting this principle about the human being and his lifestyle, a question arises: How can we access the definition which God has presented about His creation, that is, the human being?

In the previous discussions, we learned that God is our main beloved and He has sent us to the world to become like Him. Throughout history, He has sent thousands of prophets on this mission so that we would not be deprived of expert guidance in our lives and not go astray. These experts are infallible leaders who are linked to the source of divine knowledge; in other words, they are trained by God in order to have a direct presence among people and guide them.

Therefore, considering the principle of the primacy of expertise in regards to humans and all other affairs, we always need teachers, guides, and experts. Then, to find the correct answer to the most important questions of our lives, such as what a human being is, where and why she came to this world, and what her ultimate end is, we need an expert in human affairs or an infallible person, introduced by God, more than anything else. In fact, only such a person can provide a correct and comprehensive answer to these fundamental and crucial questions.

### **Expert in Human Affairs at This Time**

God introduced His prophets as experts in human affairs and guidance. Now this question arises: What is our duty now that there is no prophet among us? Of course, the absence of a prophet does not mean that the world will be devoid of an infallible expert, but rather divine guidance has continued and will continue through the individuals who have also been appointed and introduced by God.

In fact, just as it is impossible for a wise parent to abandon their newborn baby without any care, it is impossible for the Infinite Beloved who possesses all perfections and has created the entire existence with precise order and mathematics to leave us without a guide. However, since we cannot receive the specialized knowledge we need directly from God, we need an expert in human affairs approved by God who can provide us with the relevant specialized information without any deficiency. That is because our journey as a human being is powerful and complex in structure, and we are never independent of the presence of an expert. In fact, if we think that God has abandoned us, we have misunderstood the essence and capabilities of our Infinite Beloved.

In this article, we emphasized the importance of referring to an expert in human affairs. We stated that only someone who knows where the human being has come from, where she is, and where she is going can truly define her. The characteristics and needs of the human being as the most complicated creation is such that we always require an expert in human affairs. Since we cannot receive the specialized knowledge we need directly from God, we need an expert approved by God.

What do you think about human needs and qualities? Do you believe anyone can be an expert in human affairs?