

## SCIENCE, REASON AND CONSCIENCE: A PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNEY FROM THE CHAIR TO THE CREATOR – 32

### "The Comfort of Uncertainty or the Call of Truth?"

Silence had settled over the room like a heavy curtain.

Thoughts expanded in the mind like ripples spreading from a stone cast into water. Time, for a fleeting moment, had lost its flow-leaving behind only echoes: echoes of questions, doubts, and, deep within, an unrecognized truth.

The human mind was a traveler, wary of the unknown. Yet, some questions grew too vast to escape. Some truths, no matter how tightly one shut their eyes, found a way to seep through like light piercing the darkness.

Believer slowly lifted his head, letting his gaze sweep across the room where thoughts hung suspended. He weighed the words forming in his mind, then took a deep breath-ready to root the truth, which had been brewing within him, like an ancient oak sinking its roots deep into the earth.

But his words were no longer the heralds of a debate; they were the beginning of a journey.

And this journey, like a river flowing toward the depths of truth, would continue to move forward.

**Believer:** Questions are the steppingstones on the path to truth. Yet, walking this path requires courage. Today, we have traced the signs of truth through scientific and rational evidence concerning the workings of the universe. But the real matter at hand is what conclusion we draw from these signs. Because to know is to bear responsibility."

The room grew even heavier with his words. This was no longer a debate; it was a crossroads.

Believer straightened slightly in his chair. His gaze swept across each listener in the room, as if he were searching for the ripples of thought stirring within them.

**Believer:** Scientific data and logic are powerful tools in grasping the truth. Yet, man cannot rely solely on reason. For while reason may open the path to truth, it is the conscience that affirms it. And conscience is the whisper of truth in the deepest corners of the human soul.

He fell silent. The echoes of his words drifted from mind to mind. Then, in a deeper, more resolute voice, he continued:

**Believer:** Conscience compels one to ask:

- If I have been created, who is my Creator?
- What are my responsibilities toward this Creator?

These questions unlock the door to truth. Yet, to reject the guidance of conscience is to stand before that door and turn away. However, a mind that sincerely seeks the truth cannot escape finding the answers. Because those answers are inscribed deep within.

Believer paused briefly. Then, turning his gaze toward the one who had been avoiding it the most-Deist-he spoke with unwavering certainty:

**Believer:** And that answer is clear: Allah... The One who creates at every moment, who watches over all things, and who upholds the perfect order with absolute power.

Deist lowered his gaze. For the first time, he was thinking not to reject, but to understand.

Believer shifted his focus to the others.

**Believer:** This is not merely a belief; it is also a scientific and logical necessity. However, to follow the path that science and reason illuminate, one needs the guidance of conscience. Conscience grants a person the courage to accept the truth. But what about those who seek refuge in the comfort of uncertainty, just to avoid hearing the whisper of their conscience? What about those who, despite seeing the evidence presented by reason, choose to cast it aside?

Atheist leaned forward slightly, his expression thoughtful.

**Atheist:** Questioning truth is, of course, essential. But for me, the real issue is how we define that truth. The evidence you present is intriguing, even compelling. But does it truly necessitate the idea of an absolute Creator? If the universe was designed from the beginning, does that mean it requires constant intervention? What if the laws of physics inherently contain this order within themselves?

Believer's expression remained calm, his voice unwavering.

**Believer:** Did the laws of physics come into existence by themselves? If these laws exhibit a specific purpose and order, is there not an intelligence that determined them? Even if we were to accept your premise, these laws cannot consciously make decisions on their own. It is like an orchestra...

Atheist raised an eyebrow.

**Atheist:** An orchestra?

**Believer:** Yes, think about it. Everything in the universe moves in perfect harmony, like a grand orchestra where each instrument plays its designated melody. But without a conductor guiding them, that harmony would collapse into chaos. The order we observe in the universe is just like this. The laws of physics, biological processes, and quantum balance come together to form a magnificent symphony. Yet, there must be a will that governs them all and gives meaning to their existence.

Agnostic rocked slightly in his chair, his fingers interlocked. A deep unease stirred within him. Then, summoning the courage to speak, he asked:

**Agnostic:** But what about us? What is our role as humans? If, as you say, the universe was arranged by a conscious Creator, then where do we fit into this order? Are we just another instrument in this orchestra? Or are we beings with free will, capable of stepping outside the arrangement?

Believer smiled.

**Believer:** An excellent question! Man is not merely a single note in this orchestra but also a listener, striving to understand the composition. While all other beings fulfill their roles instinctively, humans have been given the ability to comprehend this order and make a choice of their own free will. However, free will does not leave a person aimless; on the contrary, it bestows responsibility.

Deist placed his hands on the table and leaned forward slightly.

**Deist:** Let's say you're right, and the universe is constantly being watched over by a Creator. Then let me ask you this: If a Creator is overseeing everything at every moment, why is there so much disorder, evil, and suffering in the world? If the universe is a perfect system, why do these flaws exist?

Believer nodded.

**Believer:** An excellent question! But let's not forget-just because a system operates does not mean it will always be in a state of absolute harmony. Take, for example, a master carpenter who crafts a magnificent chair. If it is not used properly, it may break. Does this mean the chair was poorly designed, or does it reflect the fault of the one misusing it?

Atheist tilted his head slightly, considering the response.

**Atheist:** So, you're saying that this disorder actually stems from our own choices?

**Believer:** Precisely! Humans are the only beings capable of choosing between good and evil through free will. All other creations fulfill their roles flawlessly as dictated by their nature. The sun does not fail to rise, even for a moment. Trees do not stop drawing water through their roots. But humans, despite being aware of this order, can silence their conscience. And that is exactly why they bear responsibility.

Agnostic rubbed his forehead. The discussion had stirred a new contradiction within him.

**Agnostic:** Alright, let's assume you're right. If this order and responsibility truly exist, why doesn't everyone accept it? Why doesn't everyone follow the guidance of their conscience?

Believer leaned forward slightly, his expression calm yet firm.

**Believer:** Because truth requires stepping out of one's comfort zone. Sometimes, people avoid accepting a truth they already know because doing so places a burden of responsibility upon them. The path shown by conscience can be difficult and demanding. But truth awaits those who dare to seek it with courage. So now, I must ask you: Are you truly searching for the truth, or are you choosing to remain in the safe harbor of uncertainty?

Silence filled the room. Deist's eyes drifted to the table, Agnostic sank into deep thought, and Atheist lowered his head.

Believer leaned back in his chair, sensing that the next discussion would bring even heavier questions to the surface.

**Believer:** In our next conversation, we will delve even deeper into the truth. The real question is-are you ready to face it?

The silence that followed echoed louder than any response...

**See you in the next chapter, God willing...**