## SCIENCE, REASON AND CONSCIENCE: A PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNEY FROM THE CHAIR TO THE CREATOR – 39

## "The Secret Born from Uniqueness: Exploring the Ever-Renewing Creation in the Light of Science"

The room trembled with the echo of silence; yet, this was no ordinary silence. It was a silence filled with the cries of truth reverberating in the depths of minds. Words had given way to thoughts, and within each listener, an invisible bridge was being built. Some took their first step toward truth across this bridge, while others felt the ground beneath them grow uncertain, as if standing on shifting sands. Time seemed to have halted, yet hearts beat to a different rhythm.

And now, there was a question-one that shattered the silence, one that parted the heavy veil of contemplation. A question that stretched the boundaries of the mind into the vastness of the cosmos, reaching into the darkest corners of conscience. A question that contained all the answers, yet bound each answer to an even greater truth.

And that question was about to carry thoughts into an entirely new universe:

**Deist:** The profound expressions you just shared unveil the deep meaning behind creation. But how do these explanations align with modern scientific findings regarding the laws of nature and the order of existence? Can we comprehend this intricate order more thoroughly under the guidance of science? If every being tells such a unique story, what are the scientific foundations of this story?

As Deist's question echoed through the room, a realization dawned-just moments ago, a similar question had been posed by Atheist. Was this mere coincidence? Or were minds in pursuit of truth inevitably arriving at the same fundamental inquiries?

Those who noticed the similarity glanced first at Atheist, then at Deist. Atheist, with a subtle smile, nodded slightly and spoke:

**Atheist:** In fact, I asked a similar question just moments ago. Your words are compelling, but I would like to see their scientific grounding in more detail. How does this perspective align with modern science? If we examine the grand picture through a scientific lens, will the traces of truth become even clearer?

This shared question marked a critical turning point in the course of the discussion. Believer silently contemplated the fundamental inquiry that had emerged from two different perspectives. Scanning the faces in the room, he took a deep breath before speaking.

**Believer:** You have touched upon an important point. In fact, it is inevitable that similar questions arise on the path to truth. While truth may appear as a singular path, when approached from different perspectives, we can see that each individual reaches it in their own unique way. The fact that a scientifically inclined thinker and a philosophically inclined one converge at the same question suggests that the pursuit of truth is being conducted in the right manner.

Then, with a gentle smile, he continued:

**Believer:** In that case, let us delve deeper into the shared question posed by both Atheist and Deist. By examining the relationship between modern scientific discoveries and the realities of creation, we can explore the order that science reveals and the traces of an underlying conscious intelligence within this order. How can we bridge the insights of modern science with the perspectives presented in Bediüzzaman's "The Treatise on Nature"?

Everyone in the room was eager to understand the scientific foundations upon which this bridge would be built. In this journey where philosophy and science intertwined, new doors had begun to open. Now, the real question was: How does truth appear when viewed through the lens of science?

The room sank into a heavy silence. Yet, this was no ordinary silence. The questions reverberating in people's minds seemed to collide with the walls, transforming into an invisible whisper. The inquiries posed by Atheist and Deist hovered in the air like echoes of a deeper search into the universe's most profound mysteries.

All eyes turned toward Believer. He closed his eyes briefly, as if weighing each word not just in his mind but in the very essence of existence. Taking a deep breath, he exhaled into the room, as if releasing a truth distilled from the depths of consciousness.

**Believer:** Bediüzzaman responds to Deist perspective with this notion: The Creator is not merely a force that initiated the universe and then withdrew, but rather an ever-present, continuously active power that manifests in every moment of existence. This truth has already been demonstrated in our previous discussions through scientific and logical reasoning.

Believer's gaze moved across the faces of those in the room. They were in the midst of a deep search-this was no ordinary debate. It was an inquiry into the origins of existence, a quest for the essence of truth. It was standing at the threshold of a door that opened beyond the visible universe.

**Believer:** Now, let us examine the core claim of Deism. Suppose, as Deists suggest, that the Creator brought the universe into existence once and then withdrew from it. If this were the case, wouldn't we be compelled to ask the following questions?

- Why is every created being unique from another?
- Why is it that no two humans share identical fingerprints, DNA, or facial features?
- If natural laws operate everything within a fixed order, why do we see such unprecedented, non-repeating, and unique structures in nature?

The room had transformed into a riddle with these questions. The silent inquiries echoing in the depths of consciousness had now found a voice.

Believer's voice became clearer, carrying a tone of certainty.

**Believer:** Now, we have reached the dilemma of Deist thought. If the act of creation had occurred only once, and if natural laws were governing everything independently, would it be possible for entirely new and distinct beings to continue emerging? No. Because every instance of unique and novel creation requires an active intervention and a conscious orchestration.

Are Natural Laws Sufficient? Bediüzzaman critiques the concept of "natural laws" as an explanation for creation's diversity. He argues that natural laws merely function as regulatory mechanisms; however, they fall short of explaining the infinite variety and intricate richness present in creation.

Believer placed his hand on the book lying on the table. Taking a deep breath, he looked directly into the eyes of those in the room and posed a question:

**Believer:** Imagine a printing press. If it operates using a single template, every book it produces will be identical. But if each book is different, then each one must require a new design, a new arrangement, and an intentional intervention.

A moment of realization spread across the room-an invisible knot in their minds seemed to unravel.

**Believer:** The endless diversity we observe in the universe can only be explained by a conscious and active will.

With a gentle smile, he raised his hand slightly, emphasizing his next words:

**Believer:** As Bediüzzaman highlights, science serves as a powerful guide in understanding this uniqueness and the continuous renewal of creation.

Now, the matter could no longer be approached merely from a philosophical or theological perspective-it had to be examined in the light of science.

Fixing his gaze on a point in the distance, Believer took a deep breath and added a calm yet compelling tone to his voice:

**Believer:** My friends, let us not seek to understand this profound matter through words alone. Instead, let us turn to scientific realities. If you permit, I will no longer speak-let "SCIENCE" speak! Let us direct our questions to "SCIENCE" and learn the answers from it.

After these words, the atmosphere in the room shifted. Believer's decision to entrust the matter to **SCIENCE** was not merely a rhetorical strategy-it was a testament to his profound confidence. He harbored not the slightest doubt about his faith. His unwavering belief in his cause was reinforced by his certainty that science, too, would point toward the truth.

The others in the room realized that this was not an evasion but rather a reflection of unshakable self-assurance. This was not the attitude of someone who viewed science as an adversary of truth, but rather of someone who understood that the most reliable path to truth was illuminated by the light of scientific inquiry.

Atheist furrowed his brow slightly, though curiosity flickered across his face. Agnostic nodded slightly, as if in appreciation of this unexpected approach. Deist, after a moment of surprise, allowed a small smile to emerge. A discussion placed in the hands of **SCIENCE** now provided common ground for all.

This was no longer a debate where one side sought to prevail over the other; it had transformed into a journey where truth was allowed to reveal itself in its own light.

Believer deliberately prolonged the silence. He knew that truth could not be rushed, that science had to be given space to speak. Finally, he turned his gaze to the faces of those around him. His eyes held an unwavering confidence, yet also a quiet humility-for truth was not the possession of any one person. It was a horizon, one that both the intellect and the heart could reach together.

**Believer:** Then, let our first question to SCIENCE be this...

A brief pause followed. But this was no ordinary pause. It was like that moment just before a door is opened-when the light seeping through dazzles the eyes.

Everyone in the room recognized that this was not just another question. It was one that had been asked countless times throughout history, yet each time it had led to new discoveries.

Fully aware of the weight of his words, Believer chose them with care:

"It is said that every human being and every living creature is unique-that even our fingerprints are one of a kind. Is this truly the case?"

"What does this uniqueness mean, and how does it explain the continuity of creation?"

The room plunged into a deep and meaningful silence. But this was not the silence of a debate that had ended-it was the silence heralding the beginning of new discoveries.

Atheist tilted his head thoughtfully, as if he were on the verge of recognizing a truth he had never considered before. Deist sat up straighter, eager to see how science would provide answers to this question. Agnostic narrowed his eyes, lost in contemplation-after all, truth sometimes emerged simply through the act of deep reflection.

Could **REALITY** be not merely a matter of **faith** but also a **scientific truth**?

Up until that moment, theories and ideas had hung in the air.

But now, science would speak.

And the traces of truth would be laid bare for all to see...

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