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On the Difference Between Reminding and Remembering: How God Is Recalled In The Brain

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ABSTRACT

The survey investigates the significant gap between Faith and Belief, using the conceptual distinction between Human and Man, highlighting the importance of divine reminding over mere remembering. The existence of a distinct genetic code in Humans known as Post Man Human (PMH) is proposed, which allows for a closer relationship with God, in contrast to men's materialistic character. The concept of the sacrificial mind, or "HU", is introduced as a key component of divine reminder that leads to spiritual ascent. The subject then shifts to the history of religious thought, stating that whereas religious systems emphasize memory and historical renewal, Faith is a direct, uncalculated link to God, that fosters love and mercy. I discuss the idea that God's presence transcends individual religious contexts, and argue that the actual essence of divinity can be comprehended through the oneness of diverse religious experiences. It is suggested that, while religious Beliefs and rituals are embedded in specific historical and cultural settings, the Human brain is predisposed to seek a higher power. This search stems from a pre existing ability to comprehend the divine, which develops alongside Human cognitive development. Unlike Belief systems, Faith does not rely on the brain's cognitive processes of memory and judgment, but rather, provides a direct spiritual connection that overcomes these constraints. This divine reminder method is viewed as a technique to avoid the confines of time, place and cognitive limitations, resulting in a more profound and immediate spiritual experience.

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1. Introduction Introduction

To remember God consciously, is other than getting reminded of Him unconsciously. Therefore, there is a difference between remembering and reminding, where remembering befalls by personal volition, though reminding happens by God Himself. The Brain's memory constitutes Belief, not Faith; Belief is the blind Faith, so it could be remembered, not reminded. These two phenomena, activate different parts of the brain. It is now recognized that the hippocampus, a brain structure that is a part of the limbic system, plays a critical role in memory formation and nearly the whole neocortex provides inputs to the hippocampus (Amthor, 2011: 33), which is involved in remembering process. Haunting consciously, is the very Belief which deals with reasoning and evidence, that through rituals and experiences, demands dealing with functional memory. The hippocampal structure, located directly behind the amygdala in each temporal lobe, is shaped like a telephone receiver. Recalling items that hold significant emotional value, makes sense. We want to preserve both positive and negative memories" (Newberg, 2018: 79). An important part of memory, learning and information processing, is played by the hippocampal region (Kandel et al., 2013). On the other hand, reminding is about mentioning something already known in the memory or bringing to focus of attention, something totally unknown before. Reminding is therefore about knowing that of is already known or aught completely intrusive, currently seemingly

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unknown and unseen. It is a good question to ask, "whether it means that reminding is an occurrence or rede, prompting from outside to affecting the brain or is it just happening within the brain?"

"The diagram illustrating the inputs to the hippocampus, does not include the important function played by the frontal lobes, which project to the hippocampus. For the purpose of quickly and effectively connecting the frontal lobes with the parietal, occipital and temporal lobes, the thalamus plays a crucial role. Information about consciousness, awareness and attention, is transferred across these domains" (Amthor, 2011: 320). "This projection does more than only identify the object of attention, which is represented in the parietal, occipital and temporal lobes. The frontal lobe input adds contextual information. Instead of only providing information about an object, context also includes details about a specific event that the object was a part of" (Ibid: 276). This can be interpreted as Faith in God, rather by seeing Him in Faith than hearing about Him in a Belief system, which holds a deeper conviction and can even occur in an unconscious level. Faith can be explored in getting to know about the concept of "blindsight" as an intriguing example. ¹ Also, the main visual region (Primary Visual Cortex 'V1' or Striate Cortex), discerns crude visual patterns that cannot be detected by the conscious mind, but there is evidence that the brain becomes aware of them on an unconscious level (Newberg et al., 2001: 25). Temporal cortex: The Temporal Involvement Hypothesis (Beauregard & Paguette, 2008; Beauregard, 2011: 57-73; Tinoca & Ortiz, 2014: 234-257) posits that, religious experiences arise from the activation of the temporal lobes, whereas the frontal executive regions (FER) are thought to be crucially inhibited (Walter & Koenig, 2023: 1191-1206). Anterior Cingulate Cortex (ACC) as a key FER region, sports decisively when both attention and emotions are simultaneously being worked out in the brain. In a research, the left Dorsal ACC's Regional Homogeneity (ReHo), showed a positive correlation with the duration of love in the lovers, while negative correlation with the length of time since breakup in the none lovers (Song et al., 2015). A desire to establish or preserve a close relationship with a particular person, is linked to the psychological state of romantic love (Aron and Aron, 1991; Cacioppo et al., 2012; Diamond and Dickenson, 2012). This person to be loved or to receive love from, is basically and firstly God Himself: "Since God is love, anyone who does not love, does not know God" (1 John 4:8); "O you who have Faith, whoever of you should revert from his religion, Allah will bring forth [in place of them] a people He will love and who will love Him [who are] humble toward the Faithful, powerful against the infidels, striving in the cause of Allah and not fearing the blame of a blamer. That is Allah's bounty; He gives it to whomever He pleases, and Allah is All Powerful and All Aware" (Quran 5:54). On the basis of this Godly order in Human brain, no one will gather together in harmony, respect, gratitude and righteousness, unless in the love of God: "... And those who have Faith are stronger in love for Allah ..." (Quran 2:165). This survey tries to explain this note, that, while remembering is an active process performed by the believer, reminding is a passive one, bestowed and delivered by God.

Faith Beyond Belief

Faith is the guarantee for one's spiritual survival who trusts in God, while God and His plan(s) are yet unknown to him/her; as it is written that, "*Nowadays, faith is assurance about the things we do not see, and trust in the things we hope for*" (Hebrews 1:11). Faith is witnessing God, a kind of seeing which is beyond common eyes functionality and lays trust in Him by an "unseen seeing". But this trust in God is not what man can make it by him/herself, because it demands a higher power than him/her, on one side, to give rise to his/her consciousness (Belief) and on the other side, alleviate his/her trust in him/herself. Therefore, it is also written that, "*Because you have been saved by Grace through Faith, a gift from God, not something you have earned, no one should take pride in this*" (Ephesians 2:8-9). Grace shall be then, operating through brain, where "unconscious ability of, is to perceive unformed visual input, that, as raw as it may be, appears instructive enough to allow the persons to their physical environment safely" (Newberg et al., 2001: 25). In fact, the "blindsight" is that of "Faith", which "results from the unconscious potentiality of brain" (Ibid).

Hence, Faith is an otherworldly gift by God bestowed to the person via Grace, while running rituals and doing prayers are the matter of choices of any Belief system for believers in every religion that they may be in. It is how God reminds the person of Himself. Grace is the reminding element, through which, the blessing of Faith is granted.

Otherwise, Belief is just a basic recalling of God through memory and is a general and all encompassing phenomenon: "You succeed because you think there is only one God. The devils themselves are persuaded and shudder" (James 2:19), by which, one may know God but would lack the knowing of his/her knowing, which is the very trust in and reliance on God; or simply put, by Belief alone, the person may have no Faith in God: "God loved the world so much that He offered His one and only begotten Son, so that everyone who have Faith in Him would not perish but instead have eternal life" (John 3:16), stating the it is the Faith in God which saves a person and not a Belief alone. Hence, Remembering God is not enough, because it does not affect actions of a believer: "Even similarly, Belief if being alone and has not actions, is dead" (John 2:17); and respectively, it does not change person's path of life toward God per se and it is just a memory recalled.

¹ See Weiskrantz 1986, 1997.

"The components of episodic memory, include context and content. Everything connected to a certain experience within a specific period of time, is called the context" (Ibid: 277). In cognitive neuroscience, comparing voluntary activity to externally guided behavior, has been a popular conceptualization strategy (Goldberg, 1985). Conceptualization arises from context and includes contents of the context; and in case of having Belief without Faith, the context lacks Grace, and therefore, the experiences (memories) earned upon that, will be missing any information about trusting in God, while the Belief is still there. This way, context is defected and lacks reminding via Grace. Thus, it is the environment which has formed a Belief system in a person, not Will of God via Grace; and when a person's Will would comply with his/her surrounding, Faith as the result of Will of God, still is absent and there will be no synchronization of man's Will with God's Will. In fact, it is because of lacking Divine Grace, that, the only left item is that of Belief. This distinction is predicated on the notion, that, behaviors that are heavily influenced by their surroundings are perceived as having less volition (Brass et al., 2013).

When a person practising his/her Beliefs, he/she is dealing with his/her memories. This regards to what was once stored and then retrieved. There is nothing new about it and knowing, is about remembering memories only, not about "knowing about knowing" (Metacognition) of memories. While this is the case with remembering, which takes a long time to store information through, for example, rituals and other details of a Belief system, but reminding can occure spontaneously and literally arrive out of nowhere. The unexpected shift in memory, and thus, sudden firing of neurons in brain structures such as hippocampus and parietal lobe, is an intrusive change of perception from remembering to being reminded. "In reference to parietal cortex, 'the Cotterill Triiangle Hypothesis', is a long standing theory, on which brain areas are involved in awareness. According to this theory, the thalamus, frontal lobes, especially the premotor areas and sensory cortical regions like the parietal or occipital lobe, are all necessary for high level awareness" (Amthor, 2011: 216). Navigation and pattern recognition are two spatial skills that heavily rely on the right parietal cortex (Amthor, 2011: 202). Researchers at the Neurosciences Institute in San Diego have concluded that, maintaining the conscious state seems to require the witnessing self (Baars et al., 2003: 26(12), 671–675). Consciousness is a very particular and individual experience, as is the language we use to express our thoughts, feelings and ideas (Creutzfeldt, 1979: 217–233). Most of the time, all we do is repeat the internal dialogue our brain uses to process and organize the deluge of information entering our consciousness (Newberg & Waldman, 2012: 72).

Neurological connections and talents do not develop gradually. Typically, these changes occur abruptly and within short intervals following strong stimulation; a single trigger can quickly activate a working circuit (Yoshii & Constantine-Paton, 2007). This intrusiveness holds a well known word coined for, in biblical enlightenment literature, phrased as "theft" or "thievery", where Jesus Christ says, "But keep in mind this: Had the home's owner known when the thief was likely to arrive, he would have kept an eye on things and prevented the break in. Because the Son of Human will appear at a time when you least expect Him, you too must be prepared" (Matthew 24:43-44); and else where He illumines what kind of thief He means Him to be: "The thief's sole purpose is to steal, kill and destroy; My purpose is to give them life and life to the fullest" (John 10:10).

While taking "thief" or "thievery" as a metaphore, what it really signifies, are featured as "suddenness", "vitalization", "rapidity" and "obscurity", which the last one, expresses then vagueness about what was priorly assumed as "known". "People often wish to impart their knowledge and wisdom to others after going through life altering experiences that significantly alter their perspective on the world; and though the experience itself is hard to describe, history is replete with 'enlightened' people who left behind valuable lessons. The message is also evident even in Plato's cave allegory: if you have seen the 'light', that is, if you have emerged from the shadow of ignorance and realized the truth² about reality, you need to go back to your fellow cave dwellers and impart your wisdom to them" (Newberg & Waldman, 2016: 84). While the enlightenment via reminding is intrusive, but it prompts an extra volition to go on with that just newly accessed mentality, and demands an "excitation of the top down excitatory signals corresponding to the scene's elements that require attention, causes voluntary attention gaps. Due to mutual inhibition, they bias the competition between the neurons representing the scene, causing the neurons representing the features that need to be attended to become more active and the neurons processing other features to become less active" (Miller & Cohen, 2001), resulting a submissive state "developed by utilizing an epistemological technique to uncover the facts, believing that phenomena have a specific path, an extreme extent toward it, or a way from top to bottom" (Eltahir, 2023).

The neurons of certain regions of the brain, namely "Prefrontal Cortex" (PFC) and "Basal Ganglia" (BG), which are responsible for both volition and memory, are suspected to be involved in direct enlightenment process. It has long been believed that the prefrontal cortex is crucial for cognitive control, the capacity to plan actions and thoughts to achieve one's own objectives (Miller & Cohen, 2001). "Meditation improves our emotional regulation (BG), empathy and social awareness (Cingulate), and attention and attentiveness (PFC). Lazar et al. (2005) also, discovered that brain areas involved with attention, introspection and sensory processing, were thicker in participants who meditated than matched controls". This, impacts our sensory perception of the world (Thalamus), which is transmitted to other portions of the brain" (Newberg & Waldman, 2009: 33). Moreover, there is proof that the medial frontal lobe's preconscious activity of tiny clusters of single neurons, not only precedes volition, but also accurately predicts

² I may define Truth as, "spiritual and ultimate fact of God".

when it will occur on a single trial (Fried et al., 2011). This, I believe, is that of missing volition that comes from God, the Grace Himself, the Will of God, which is prior to person's volition. Also, the basal ganglia's role in this reminding phenomenon, processes the Will of God before person's volition. "Caudate and Putamen are thought to play a role in establishing and preserving key preconditions for the internal production of unique behavioral actions based on contextual information (reward, task constraints and movement targets' positions). Since similar premovement activity takes place concurrently in frontal cortical regions that are intimately linked to the striatum, cortico basal ganglia loops may be involved in the neural mechanisms governing internal behavior creation" (Schultz & Romo, 1992).

Internal behavior based on Will, could be more under influence of Grace rather than memory, accommodating Faith of God, in order to yield a reminding enlightenment. Human intelligence requires a greater light, known as the "light of grace", which is imparted to nature in order to understand higher things (Aquinas, 1274: Q.109, A.1, Obj. 3). Insightful thoughts are to be formed then after, and this is a healing process for the mind entangled in its own memories, and a way out of the prison of mind.

Extrusion Of Truth

According to Carl G. Jung, symptomatic behaviors, sometimes known as "symbolic actions", and actual failures such as forgetfulness or slips of the tongue, are phenomena caused by unconscious constellations, resulting in numerous entry points into the unconscious³ (Jung, 1915: 65-66). By establishing Faith in brain, the conscious mind⁴ will be permeable to the truth, and Beliefs will become subdued to unconscious, and brain is reminded for what has forgotten to remember or neglected to know. In fact, even if brain already knows about God's Will and truth of Him, yet it will be reminded and will know about what it already knows. The unconscious enters to the conscious and through such a top down process of enlightenment, an epistemological perception dawns upon mind. Then, "the conscious words, thoughts and feelings, will cause thalamus to change structurally over time. It is believed that these thalamic modifications impact how a person experiences reality" (Newberg & Waldman, 2012: 38).

Working memory allows us to retain the contents of our conscious awareness in our "mind's eye"⁵, even when there is no sensory input, by retaining an active representation of information for a short amount of time (Courtney et al., 1998). "This radical and en masse change in neural activities, is stressful, awash of effects of feeling oneness. The new perception, understands all thoughts and feelings as stress (dukkha)" (Khema, 1994). A tension as such, can totally shut down the prefrontal cortex, which is, "the most recently evolved region of the brain and is highly sensitive to even minor anxiety and worry" (Arnsten et al., 2012). Regarding prefrontal cortex, "Neurotheology would contend that, religion ultimately influences the brain mechanisms that enable the capacity to form cohesive groups, regardless of whether group cohesion is advantageous on an individual or group level. The idea of in group and out group perspectives, appears to represent a significant evolutionary advantage from the brain's point of view. Studies indicate that, these regions are also engaged during other religious activities including prayer and meditation" (Newberg, 2018: 139). The prefrontal cortex (PFC), anterior cingulate cortex (ACC), insula and fusiform face area (FFA), are respectively the brain regions linked to social categories, empathy and facial perception (Molenberghs, 2013: 37(8), 1530–1536), all of which are indirectly and significantly linked to memory in order to harvest social memory, emotional experiences and facial recognition memory ability. A brainbscan study found that, meditation strengthens a specific circuit including the prefrontal and orbital frontal lobes, the anterior cingulate, basal ganglia, and thalamus, which would otherwise degenerate with age (Pardo et al., 2007). The neuronal networks between the anterior cingulate and prefrontal cortex, coordinate attention, working memory, motivation and other executive functions (Newberg & Waldman, 2009: 24). The intense Meditation which requires focused concentration, can affect attentional processing and brain anatomy (Kempton, 2011: 128). Truth is found at the beginning and at the end, that is inherent from start and expanding to conclusion of a matter, because its nature is essentially unchanging. Revealing truth, is the arrival of enlightenment. Revelation begets absolute Faith in God and "... He might demonstrate the great riches of His love in compassion to us through Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:4-6-7). Enlightenment as reminding, "was God's Will (intention) to use the Church to demonstrate His wisdom in its many forms to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms. This was His eternal purpose, which He fulfilled through Christ Jesus our Lord" (Ephesians 3:10-11).

The moment of enlightenment comes after the period spent towards it. No one can rationally expect that someone would turn into an adept in any field, overnight. This is understandable when we consider this a fact, that, enlightenment is about perfection.

³ Feelings and thoughts that you have without being aware of them, and that influence the way you behave (<u>Cambridge</u> <u>Dictionary</u>).

⁴ The thoughts and feelings that a person is aware of having at any one time (*<u>Cambridge Dictionary</u>*).

⁵ The human brain's capacity to keep or picture ideas, concepts or images in conscious awareness in the absence of direct sensory input. To put it another way, it is similar to "seeing" something in mind or having a vivid visual image in mind, even while person is not actually using physical senses to view it.

Therefore, even the process of shutting down the prefrontal lobe, can be readily started 20 years back (Arnsten et al., 2012). "The fruition moment occurs after the journey moment and leads to a new perspective on life. Theravada Buddhism distinguishes between a 'path' moment and the immediate 'fruition' condition, which can be repeated and cultivated" (Davis & Vagi, 2013). According to Khema (1994), the path moment lacks thinking and feeling, unlike meditative absorptions that create a sense of togetherness. Although the moment of reminding is perfection of Faith, but the process of enlightenment is not. Thus, remembering is crucial but never sufficient and it will not accomplish reaching enlightenment by itself (path), rather it is the love of God which arrives to the person in a right moment (fruition). The perfection of contemplation or inner vision (Dhyäna Päramitä), is reaching climax of awareness of reality, which is the realization of the mind itself (Govinda, 1969: 214), priorly stated as "knowing about knowing".

Improving self perfection involves identifying and correcting flaws and expanding knowledge (Kant, 1996, 6:387; Kant, 1996, 8:39). This, big partially requests availing of memory, while it simultaneously demands presence of mind and freeing from past experiences. The process of enlightenment or reminding, can so be neurologically explained, because "our brains may have a single 'God' neuron or circuit that gradually increases when we think about religious notions" (Newberg & Waldman, 2009: 14). Contemplation of religion and spirituality, strengthens a neural circuit that enhances empathy, social awareness and lowers emotion (Ibid: 20). One's qualification for enlightenment, increases with their progress towards it. It is so, that, the more trust in God is formed, the more reminding occurs and the less remembering of old information will be loaded to distract the mind: "those who have Faith and whose hearts are secure in Allah's memory. Without a doubt, hearts are guaranteed by remembering Allah" (Quran 13:28). Hence, traditions and Belief systems do not necessarily save a believer, rather it is Faith in God which does. Where the presence of mind gradually soars, the absence of memory becomes eidetic and enlightenment arrives then. Surprisingly, Heidegger too, gives no room to memory or its value, as for the act of recognition (Ricoeur, 2004: 377); however, he provides insightful information on forgetting (Ibid: 385). More clearly, God's religion is not about memory, remembering, history and experiences, but it is all about God Himself, having Faith in Him and getting reminded of Him, while Belief is that of "God's proffer as a mutually owned capacity to being capable of remembering" (Ibid: 142). It is noteworthy to recite Imam Ali's word on metacognition regarding God: "The beginning of religion is the knowledge of Him (God), and the perfection of knowledge of Him is to attest Him (having Faith in Him), and the perfection of testimony to Him is to having Faith in His oneness, and the perfection of trusting in His oneness is to be sincere (devotion) to Him" (Al-Radi, 1996: 299).

Before Birth

During a period (not necessarily time),⁶prior to the event of birth in a time, there are recordings in the soul which can be retrieved. The reminding, operates on this kind of memory, while remembering works with the accumulation of experiences gradually gathered during a lifetime by physical senses. God as Alpha and Omega and all in between, is eternally present in the spiritual memory, which is referenced in the universal mystery "*Whence do I come, What is my purpose here, Whither shall I go?*" During life, the only lost is the very Human him/herself, ergo reminder is essential for salvation. "*He who knows and knows he knows, his wisdom's steed beyond the heavens goes*", is a captivating poem, ⁷which tersely speaks of a reminded person and his/her final redemption. This is while, that, babies recall the sounds and vowels they heard in the womb (Lagercrantz, 2009: S57–58).

While verbal interaction frequently implies a goal directed intention by the speaker (Nöth, 1990), which perpetually happens within a Belief system's rituals and traditions, the anamnesis of God and spiritual life, is non verbal and and is pre set. Spiritually, there is no goal to achieve, but there is purpose (final goal) and ultimation⁸ to pursue.

"During stages before birth, the brain of fetus gradually growing, undergoes substantial progresses. During this period, the brain does not conceive time, but it does follow a timeline, finally ending up to its birth. For optimal postnatal function, prenatal brain maturation requires precise morphological growth and folding of the cerebral cortex" (Garel et al., 2003). Therefore, it can be logically assumed that, soul wise, phenomenon of reminding is extant before the would be process of remembering take place. The reminding memory, later goes dormant more and more by piecemeal developing of cerebral cortex. By turning to Bible, it is unequivocally stated that God has set Himself in the mind of the soul to be worked out after birth: "*I knew you before I made you in the womb, I sanctified you before you were born, and I appointed you as a prophet to the nations*" (Jeremiah 1-5). Throughout a protracted process, starting from the 3rd postnatal week to adulthood (around age 25), a dynamic and complex set of processes, genetically guided, the environment and neurological structures are continually interacting, leading to behavioral development (Jernigan et al., 2011), which finally ensues in establishment of a memory based on remembering postnatal experiences; while this

⁶ Period in here refers to a span, during which, time is attributed to outside of that, not to itself. In spiritual realm, therefore, time is meaningless while period exists and ciuld be measured by time outside of it in material universe. Time according to Special Relativity by A. Einstein (1905), is a dimension akin to spatial dimensions.

⁷ Poem comes from Mullah Ahmad Naraaghy) 1771-1829(, in his work, "The Ascension Of Felicity" (معراج السعادت).

⁸ Ultimation meaning can be defined as considering or spotting an ultimate end.

being crucial, the brain is still active and open to new information and stimuli, denoting the capacity of brain to update and upgrade itself by getting reminded through various ways, such as visions and dreams (Daniel 7-12), signs and indications (Exodus 7-12), angelic contacts (Luke 1), inspirations (2 Peter 1:21, Ezekiel 2:2, Jeremiah 1:9) or even by direct contact from God (Exodus 3). If there was (is) not a soul to once know God, in order to know about its knowing, it cannot be reminded later on.

Divine Feature Of Salvation (DFS)

It is no surprising to state that, God has His own chosen people, the matter which both Bible and Quran speak of: "O Children of Israel, remind the gift (blessing) I have given you and the fact that I have excelled you above all other people" (Quran 2:47) and "For you are a people holy to the YHWH your God; the YHWH your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession, out of all the peoples that are on the face of the earth" (Deuteronomy 7:6). It firsly seems, at least partially, that this advantageous privilege, as it is related to a specific people, should be linked to an ethnicity or even a bloodline, while elsewhere, Quran 3:110 calls "the Muslim nation, the best of people, ever to be presented to mankind. You trust in Allah, and you order nice and prohibit vice. It undoubtedly would have been better for the People of the Book if they had believed. While there are some having Faith among them, the most are evildoers". In accordance with that, biblically speaking: "1 I feel deep sadness and constant agony in my heart, but I proclaim the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience affirms it through the power of the Holy Spirit. 3 For the sake of my people, those of my own race, 4 the people of Israel, I could desire that I myself were cursed and severed from Christ. The promises, the divine splendor, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the adoption to sonship are all theirs. 5 Theirs are the patriarchs, and it is through them that the Messiah, God Almighty, eternally exalted, can be traced back to His Human genealogy! Indeed" (Romans 9:1-5), conveys this concept, that, bloodline of Christ matters for granting salvation through Holy Spirit, which although has had been historically given to and thereupon originated from Israelites, but from the Christ on, the redemption is not limitary to those people anymore, "For everyone who believes, Christ is the fulfillment of the law, resulting in righteousness" (Romans 10:4).

It can be suggested that, while the matter of Belief is generalized to all who believe in God, but the lineage of salvation via Faith is perpetually reserved to a certain bloodline, disseminated throughout the world, which are rather called Humans than Men, being direct descendants of Adam, not the evolved man.

Ideas originate from heaven, but a big portion of Humans should have heen engaged with one single ultimate Truth, to which, one or just a few, historically well known and impactful, would emerge to perfectionize a particular idea. So, great sages, pholosopohers, scientists and so on, have appeared, and wonderfully we can see that, some specific genetic pools are more susceptible to apply some certain ideas and cook them in the best manner and fruit them perfectly. This Genetic Pool of Salvation (GPS), is the legacy of Adam as the first incarnation of God, holding the divine genome, which later on spreaded throughout the world. These are the people who naturally do have Faith in God and are holding a genomic trait of God and are fundamentally descendants of God's incarnation in Flesh. They are born with Grace and hold Holy Spirit within them since time of birth, while being that of Holy Spirit Himself before birth as a soul. Therefore, their soul is Godly, not materialistic, which is being generated by physical body (ego). The Humans have an extra soul, in addition to ego. That is the main reason that absolute majority of prophets have been coming in certain regions, closely related and tightly connected to each other. God, reminds Himself periodically during history, because people forget and even distort His religion. As there is only one true God, then there cannot be more than one true religion, and that religion is the very "religion of God", which by His consequent and persistent incarnations, sets up new rules and new conditions via a new prophet each time. Each time that God incarnates, the world shakes among people and a revolution occurs; this revolution can be classified to three states, one of which is at least applicable at the time: "Personal, Local (National) and Ecumenical".

Personal Revolution: When it is personal, the individual undergoes upheavals in his/her perception toward God, him/herself and the world; he/she reaches out the inner self and starts his/her journey, respectively "from people to Truth (Divine)" (Sadr al-Din, V.1: 13), "from Truth to Truth" (Rahigh Makhtum, V.1: 85–86), "from Truth to people" (Sadr al-Din, V.1: 14) and finally "from people to people" (Ibid: 14-15). The person going through these 4 step changes as such, will be reminded of him/herself to the fullest, so he/she will move towards God and then dwells in Him and walks through Him and explores the divinity: "*Oh YHWH, I adore your dwelling place and the area in which your glory resides*" (Psalm 26:8). Then he/she, while spiritually charged fully, moves from mere spirituality to mankind, where he/she explores the ranks of divine's offices and investigates "Jabarut": the realm of heavenly strength and authority, "Malakut": the kingdom or the sphere of sovereignty, and finally "Nasut": the world of mankind or the material world (Hosseinzadeh Amoli, 2008: V.1: 569; Hosseinzadeh Amoli, 2007: V.1: 121-122). Finally, the seeking person backs to people, while he knows him/herself and knows about his/her knowing (reminded).

Local Revolution: When God's incarnation is occurring locally, a group of people (i.e., a nation) would basically experience a drastic social and political change, which accompanies a religious turnover. The people will be then reminded of God's presence by feeling akin to each other and God Himself. The devotion skyrockets and martyrdom rate exponentially soars in case of a war. Accordingly,

I make a guess that historical figures such as, "Martin Luther King"⁹ the founder of Protestant Reformation, "Shah Ismael The First" the founder of the Safavid Empire who changed the Iran's official religion from Sunni to Shia, "Seyed Ali Mohammad Bab" the founder of Babism who abolished Islam and annuled its precepts and dictums, and of course the prophets Moses and Mohammad, are whether God's incarnation themselves or directly prompted by God.

Ecumenical Revolution: Though it may start locally, but the world would be induced to comply; and this happens since the start of the revolution or as the result of that. A "Total Ecumenical Reset" (TER) will make everyday upside down, defeating the enemies of God, breaking the old fashioned tyranny and injustice and re-establish the Godly order, after being severely attacked and overwhelmed by the so called New World Order (NWO). This great reset, holds a core agenda within its heart, the "ReStart", which may start TER by establishing a war or revolution or both. By observing religions from Zoroastrianism to Islam, this phenomenon has never incepted and shelled out without a long record of war, bloodshed and violent changes. Most famously, the World War 2, is the best recent example of. God reminds the entire world (of) His manner of conviction for justice and the sets of limits to be obeyed, wherein, even angels may fall and promises would be broken! Old fashions will be destroyed, so people may not operate their collective memory to remember the past any longer, which will be of no use, unless in purpose of reviving the hatred among mankind, making schism and disunion again.

While the first two Revolutions, actuate a deeper sense of Godliness¹⁰ and works on Faith to fight Beliefs, doubts, opinions and schismatism in a personal or group manner, the last one exercises a scientific approach to abrogate the old fashion based on ignorance of memory and tyranny of remembering, so the God's justice will be accomplished. It is this last revolution which is widely sopekn of in all religions, while by holding grap to memories of the earthly past, they are rather part of the problem than a solution to it. Hereupon, God is undoubtedly a fresh air to the rotten and sickened world, signifying the true meaning of Reminding.

Man Remembers And The Human Reminds

To more profoundly clarify the difference between Faith and Belief, the distinction between Human and Man should be put blatantly. This discrepancy arises from two dates attributed to the origin of man, explained to an extent by evolution, and the creation of Adam, explained in Bible. I theorize that, Post Man Human (PMH), is another being with a unique set of genetic codes which comprises the treasure of God, enabling it to know God in advance and to seek Him, allowing a Human to receive revelations and establish connection with God; i.e.,: "Samuel, a young man, served the Lord under Eli. There weren't many visions or words from the Lord during that time" (1 Samuel 3) and "... Just as he was getting closer to Damascus, he was suddenly surrounded by a burst of heavenly light. 4 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?', a Voice said to him as he collapsed to the ground. 5 'Lord, who are you?'', Saul enquired ..." (Acts 9:3-5). When God speaks of creating Human in image of Him (Genesis 1:26-27), He is precisely mentioning to this specific set of genetic codes, not the appearance of Adam. This is wild when noticing that, angels mistook Adam as the first Human, with previous men already residing on earth: "When Your Lord declared to the angels, 'I am going to establish a caliph on earth', they retorted, 'When we magnify Your praises and sanctify You, who will You place there who corrupts and sheds blood?'. 'I know what you do not know', He declared" (Quran 2:30). "Humans are created in the image of God" (Genesis 1:26-27), and by image, it means the very genome of the first Adam, not just his face and bodily parts as phenotypes, but the genotype which is the encoded information to creating the phenotypes, which in the case of Adam and His descendants, the Humans or Adamites, is directly invented by God and thus it is divine. Therefore, it can be claimed that, this is the reason why God accepted the Abel's offering and not Cain's, when Abel was a Human and Cain a man.

In Quran, the specific word "Evangelized" (Greek: ἀνθρωπος) is that of "Adam" (Hebrew: hā·ʿā·dām/D̃]): "And it is true that We imaged you after creating you, and when We told the angels to bow themselves to Adam, all of them did so with the exception of Iblis (Satan). He was not among the prostrates" (Quran 7:11); and: "When your Lord declared to the angels, 'Look, I am making an Evangelized out of mud that has been molded" (Quran 15:28). While Adam is the father of Adamites, they both possess the divine soul and Divine genome. Adamites, the children of Adam, in blood link to the genomically purest divine Human created materially on earth, the Adam; and in soul, they hold the divine soul, so they naturally have the Faith of God within them to be reminded, actuated and revived, while the mankind lacks the both, living and dying as an animal.

While Humans have a Godly soul bestowed upon them prior to birth, and then established in form of a Human body by birth (See Quran 7:11) and Bible has priorly stated: "*I say, if you walk by the Spirit, you will not satisfy your fleshly cravings*" (Galatians 5:16) but men lack this merit and their souls is to be getting generated during their lifetimes (ego/self) providing them with a material soul which opposite to Humans, cannot organically link to God, because a man is merely an animal, while a Human owns an animal body, but he/she is more than that: "*18 There I said in my heart about the blasphemy of the sons of men that God will test them and*

⁹ Luther maintained that salvation is a gift from God that can only be attained by repentance of sin and Faith (*Boston College:* "<u>An Introduction To Christian Theology</u>".

¹⁰ The quality of being Godly (= obeying and respecting God), by <u>Cambridge Dictionary</u>.

show them that they are beasts and go to them. 19 That, the fate of the sons of man and the fate of the beasts, is a meeting of them (is like that of the animals), as the death of this one, so the death of that one, and all men have the same soul, and men have no advantage over animals. Everything is meaningless" (Ecclesiaste 3:18-19).

"According to the Buddha, the soul is not a rational concept. The self is merely an emotion, therefore consciousness is an illusion and the sense of self is just an activity of the brain. Humans live unconsciousnessly, in a dream like state, believing in their own existence. The consequence is that, men become dependent on concepts and forms, not realizing that these have no more foundation than the activities of the mind. Due to this misconception, mankind's liberation would be hindered. The Buddha referred to this, as ignorance or Anatta (non self), which Einstein described as the illusion of consciousness" (Ego Podcast, 2024: 11:33). It is the Human which via its Godly genetic materials, is allegedly that of "Blood Of God": "However, we can have communion with one another if we walk in the light, just as He is in the light, and we are cleansed of all sins by the blood of Jesus, His Son" (1 John: 1-7). This is the very reason that, by possessing the Blood Of God, the person can receive revelations, be saved and of course, shall be reminded: "Love comes from God, so let's show love to one another, dear friends. Everyone who is loving, was created by God and is aware of God" (1 John 4:7). The purest form of this Godly genetic array, when set in, belongs to God Himself, by which He would incarnate on earth. By this occurance, God accomplishes His Will on earth one more time to the fullest: "I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please'" (Isaiah 46:10), and fulfils His promise of a Judgment Day: "All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as He pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back His hand or say to Him: 'What have You done?'" (Daniel 4:35), which turns up a revolution of either the 2nd or 3rd states aforementioned. Mankind has always murdered the complete epiphany of God, most famously, the crucifixion of Jesus Christ (30-33 AD) and decapitation of Hussain Ibn Ali (Oct. 10, 680 AD). This happened because God by His advent, called all to His own Way, while it was different or even opposite to that of prolongedly set as a religion. This call, for Humans were a reminder: "But put His righteousness and kingdom first, and you will also receive all of these things" (Matthew 6:33); and for mankind a claim of war: "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8).

In Quran, the distinction goes even further, with a buffer state between a man and a Human, called "The Evangelized": "*Bring good news to those who have Faith and do good acts. They will live in gardens under (the trees of) the rivers flow. When they are given fruit as a supply, they will respond, 'This is what we were given before', because they will be given in likeness. There they will have clean and tidy spouses and live forever" (Quran 2:25). Reminding is a process through which, God takes the faithful to paradise. The entire Bible is dedicated to this ultimate and divine purpose: "<i>I am filled with the Spirit of the Lord, for he has anointed me to bring good news to the underprivileged. He has sent me to proclaim freedom to the imprisoned, sight restoration to the blind, and the release of the downtrodden*" (Luke 4:18).

This person, the evangelized, when reminded, then on he/she will move toward God by Faith and reaches the highest point a person can reach on earth, in order to keep living on earth: "*Sincerely, I tell you, if you have the Faith like a mustard seed, you will be able to move this mountain by saying, 'Move from here to there', and nothing will be impossible for you*" (Matthew 17:20). In fact, Humanity is the ultimate state of evangelized, a journey which starts with God's provision of special genetic codes, leading to a brain structure with specific mentality for concerning about God, passing through evangelion, and finally landing to Humanity. Human,¹¹ which is comprised of "Hu" and "Man", denotes that the person is the ransom for God, where "HU literally means sacrifice: The meaning of the Sanskrit word HU is 'to sacrifice, to carry out a sacrificial act or rite'. But the only sacrifice that the Buddha acknowledges, is the sacrifice of one's self" (Govinda, 1969: 131). Therefore, Human is an Indo European word, which the "MAN" part of, means "thinking" (manana) or "mind" (manas). ¹²-¹³The rational man¹⁴ who contemplates about God, is the "Sacrificial Mind" by his/her rational soul, the enlightened individual; and the one who has turned totally to a mind or soul, cannot live on earth anymore. It conveys the foundation for the Augustinian notion of "ascent to God". ¹⁵ This is the reason behind the Ishmael's narration of his sacrifice, which while the sacrificial ritual was conducted for him, but he could live on by God's acceptance, while Jesus Christ as a Perfect Human or God, died after his sacrifice and came back to life again. Saint Augustine asserts that, when God fills everything and incorporates it into Himself, the imperfect, imprecise and unsuitable, tend to fade away and make way for the

¹¹ This word is exactly being used as a name for men in Iran, in its Pahlavi format, "Hooman".

¹² Manana: Sanskrit Dictionary, learnsanskrit.cc.

¹³ Manas: Sanskrit Dictionary, learnsanskrit.cc.

¹⁴ According to Socrates, civilizations have a three tiered class system that mirrors each person's unique soul's structure of appetite, spirit and reason. The spirit, reason and appetite, are comparable to the social castes (Blössner, 2007).

¹⁵ De libero arbitrio 2.7, where the ascent leads to an understanding of God as immutable truth and wisdom; for a condensed version, cf. De vera religione 72–73, where Augustine even makes supra rational Truth, the source and criterion of the truth of the cogito itself.

beautiful, which is Perfect, exact and fitting (Nobre & Rufino, 2023). It is only in the afterlife that one can attain the Perfect (Ultimate) inner peace, which virtue seeks (Tornau, 2024).

Remembering both religious rituals and tenets of, will lead an earthly life and affect the ego for the afterlife, but without reminding of God, the very indwelling of Holy Ghost in the Godly soul of the Faithful, it will never help him/her regarding the salvation of the soul. Although occurs in different degrees, the bodily influx of the ego, is a mere spiritual one, letting the brain's recorded memories be dead to earth, while the efficacy of those memories are left with the ego. The ego will be judged in the afterlife, as it is the "Animalistic Soul" or "Bodily/Material/Mortal Soul": "*The life of this world is nothing but a distraction and play. In fact, the afterlife is the eternal life, if they but knew*" (Quran 29:64). It is in the afterlife that the ultimate reminding of God, separates benefactor from adversary for good, by which, judgement day occurs: "*We created the majority of people and demons for Gehenna. They have ears that they cannot hear, eyes that they cannot see, and hearts that they are unable to comprehend. They are more perverse than cattle, which is how they are similar. These people are oblivious" (Quran 7:179). By late reminding which ultimately occurs in the afterlife, there will be no time left to repentance; therefore, that is decisive and judgemental and happens to either those who just have a mortal soul or even those with a Godly soul, but led astray and got lost oblivious!. It is notable that all saviors to mankind, were the very reminders. That is why, the first coming of Jesus Christ, as the Perfect Human, was to save people and the second coming of Him, will be judgemental, which starts the no return point of a drastic transformation in the world that extends to beyond. ¹⁶*

As HU, the sacrificial mind, of the righteous Human ascends to God, the Perfect Human, so the earthly man descends to or remains on earth, "because you are dust and you will return to dust" (Genesis 3:19). Remarkably, Jesus who in flesh was sacrificed, is declared to be The Lamb Of God: "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!", exclaimed John as he watched Jesus approach him the following day" (John 1:29). This prophecy backs to old testament about Jesus who by sacrificing both His mind and Flesh, saves the world from its sins: "Even though He was suffering and oppressed, He remained mute. He was carried like a Lamb to the slaughterhouse and remained silent like a sheep in front of its shearers" (Isaiah 53:7). The sacrificial mind or HU, is the core element of reminding, which works both in the process and the destiny. Wonderfully, the HU is the glorious name of the 11th Zoroastrian attribute of God (AHUra Mazda), the "VoHU Manah", which literally means "Good Mind". In Yassna 31.4, in addition to praising VoHU Manah as a divine quality, the hymn considers how He could direct moral behavior and cognition: "O Lord of Wisdom, and O Holy Immortals, Withhold not Your Grace and compassion from us. In the light of Truth and Purity, Grant us unblemished love, humility and pure thought, that we may triumph over the followers of falsehood through their nurturing". And in Yassna 33.11, the verse emphasizes VoHU Manah's function as a divine power who defends righteousness and Truth, highlighting the significance of VoHU Manah in the divine order: "O AHUra Mazda, more powerful than all, with Armaiti, the embodiment of Faith and sacrifice, Asha, the foundation of the world's prosperity, VoHU Manah, the embodiment of pure thought and love, and Khshathra, the symbol of spiritual power and divine authority, listen to me, and on the day when rewards are given for every deed, be kind to me and do not withhold Your forgiveness".

Noticing that HU is the common part of AHUra in its Pahlavi form, while it is a transformation of Sanskrit ASUra, wherein AH or AS, are both one syllable and both literally mean "Breath", including in current Persian. In fact, AHU means "Lord" and "Master" as well and RA means Light or Fire, so AHURA MAZDA, would translate to: "The Lord Of Light, The Great Wise". Saying this, I may conclude that while AHURA MAZDA is God the Father, VOHU MANAH is God the Son. Biblically speaking, Jesus is that of VoHU Manah, the light of the world in His incarnation to earth as the Son: "*I am the world's light. Those who walk with Me will walk in the light of life, not in the shadows*" (John 8:12); and also, being the light of heaven as the Father in His eternal abode: "*The glory of God provides light for the city (Heaven/New Jerusalem), and the Lamb serves as its lamp, so it does not require the sun or moon to shine on it*" (Revelation 21:23). HU is a universal Word, by whom, everything can be created and ordered, saved and enlightened: "*That is your Lord, Allah. He is the only God; He is the One who created everything. So Honor Him. He is everything's guardian*" (Quran 6:102). This "Divine Light", is the 3rd state of light which is beyond the duality of wave-particle behavior. This "Creative Divine Light" (CDL), is totally immaterial and resides in the depths of absolute darkness, has no mass and could be perceived by contemplation only, the power of which, is bigger than any other light, is prior to and higher than any other light. CDL should then be put as "Spectral Divine Light" (SDL), the speed of which, marches the universe unimaginably way faster than photons of light.

Jesus is the ultimate divine magnet which pulls all iron particles in existence and they literally turn to Him, while it is only iron with this capacity to be pulled towards the magnet. Only the one with a Godly soul and having Faith, the sacrificial mind, the HU, could be reminded by Him, the divine Magnet. While God is "Infinite" in the sense of Holy Trinity, the God's incarnation in flesh is "Infinite In Finite": "While UM is the infinite, the HUM is the infinite in the finite, the eternal in the temporal, the timeless in the moment, the unconditioned in the conditioned, the formless as the source of all form, the transcendental in the ephemeral: it is the Wisdom of the Great Mirror, reflecting the Void (Ünyatä) as much as the objects, revealing the 'emptiness' in the things as much as the things in the 'emptiness'" (Govinda, 1969: 131).

¹⁶ Observe Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Revelation 19 for 2nd coming of Jesus Christ.

Belief Industry¹⁷ Of Religion

An industrial religion,¹⁸ is a body of Belief system operating on the history context of a religion, which the contents of, such as Beliefs and doctrines, written sacred texts, festivals, rituals, communities, historical background, morals and ethics, saints and symbols, function as its memories that are to be remembered. There is nothing spiritual about that and religions have factually told nothing about the life after life¹⁹, except some myths. A Belief system is a material creation with its own narratives. For this purpose, and also because it is not eternal, it demands revival of old events and experiences as its memories to be recalled periodically, so the new generations in a specific Belief system would learn about the past, providing them a false identity; conversely, the true identity of a Human, is God and His unique ongoing religion, not any other religion and the doctrines of.

While any religion is a whole package of ideas, narratives and doctrines, their contents processed within a frame of time and place, act as its head, that by remembering the past, they act upon present and future of the lifetime they govern on, providing a false religious identity, known as Islam, Christianity, Judaism and so forth.

On the contrary, Faith is not a system at all. It directly originates from its source, the God; and its concern opposite to Belief, is not to be remembered, but to remind. Faith arrives to specific persons spiritually evolved enough to host the Holy Ghost, which is that of arrival of Love, to draw nigh and arrive. It is not something, in contrast to Beliefs and doctrines, demanding to be learned beforehand.²⁰Faith does not engage the computing parts of the brain, which firstly draw upon memory, and secondly, process counting and weighting. It is Belief which orders a believer to compute and exchange one thing for another, to do something and avoid another, to commit a work quid pro quo to receiving a pardon or gift. Faith instead, is beneficent and releases a Faithful man from his/her mental concerns; it bestows grace and mercy, which is true forgiveness. Faith grants all incalculably and uncomputably, makes love and provides. Faith does not judge, while it is Belief which gives advantage to one over another, resulting in greed, jealousy, slander and accusal when comparison made. God Himself is Faithful and says in Deuteronomy 15:10 that, "*He would bless those who donate*". According to the Bible, "*those who are generous, will prosper*" (Proverbs 11:25) and "*those who are friendly to the needy, will receive rewards*" (Proverbs 19:17).

Conclusion

God has mysteriously revealed Himself throughout distinct religious traditions, which we know quickly since few thousand years ago. Because God is eternal and is basically Spirit or non material, His traces shall be sought in all religious everything, including sacred corpuses. In addition to the most ancient devout experiences of mankind, the brain structure of people is wired in a way which, supposedly without any presence of a factual supernatural phenomenon, yet it would seek for a superior power outside itself. The Biblical God is the only God who has claimed to be both within the Faithful and beyond him/her, which is basically a crucial return point in the commence of the early monotheistic approaches. In reference to Divine Brush Theory (HekmatAfshar, 2024), while God seems to evolve from an older to a newer religion, this would be a misconception to learn it this way that, it is God who is evolving, rather than the genomic structure of mankind which has partially and gradually updated and augmented by mixing with the Adamite genome, with a built in capacity to understanding the True, One and Unique God. It is fascinating how perfectly the different sacred texts match together in the sense of current survey, commemorating the God's existence and incarnation. To remember Him, mankind has struggled hard, but a Godly reminding can be spontaneous and lightening. This survey promotes the enthusiast to observe further diverse aspects of divine presence on earth in light of archeology, geography, etc. Renunciation of the difference between remembering and reminding, is the key to neglect the presence of God in Human flesh; the point which beyond Christianity, is evidentially important to be explored further in other religions. Clarity in this divine feature, corresponds to the unity of religions and the expansion of Faith in God among mankind, by which man would contribute to its salvation by knowing the truth about God, who is absolutely not alien to us. While man's brain needs to draw upon its memory, the confined religiosity would act as its barrier, if the vision is contextually delimited to a specific religion, time or place. The reminding process and the enlightenment fruition are of God's foresight miracle, whereby the above restrictions are bypassed. Brain as a processing unit, which computationally, geometrically, psychologically, cognitively, socially, mathematically, belletristically and etc., works on the basis of number 3, tries to solve the problem of God and makes all decisions in accordance to his/her own perception towards God, whether to accept or reject Him. The ultimate merciful act of God, is to remind everyone

¹⁷ Industry: The companies and activities involved in the process of producing goods for sale, especially in a factory or special area (*Cambridge Dictionary*).

¹⁸ The systematic and organized processes, institutions and activities involved in the management, propagation and diffusion of religious practices and Beliefs.

¹⁹ The psychiatrist Raymond Moody popularized the term "life after life" in his 1975 book "Life After Life". This book investigates the idea of an afterlife and near death experiences. Although there are historical, philosophical and religious traditions that support the idea that life continues beyond death, Moody's work introduced this idea to modern awareness.

²⁰ Quatrain 1899 by Mohammad Balkhi (Rumi) in Persian; for the link to the poem, click <u>here</u>.

of His ever freshly presence on earth, both directly and indirectly. This statement matches with the theory of divine brush (TDB), by which, God has a surviving tradition of His own ongoing religion, the religion of God which the only true religiosity, through and beyond all by far recognized miscellaneous religions.

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