

All of the existence is with the command of Allaah

Sharh-us-Sunnah of Shaykh Saalih Fawzaan

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Imaam Barbahaaree rahimahullaah said:

And know that reptiles, beasts of prey and all creatures such as the tiniest ant, flies and bees are all acting as they have been commanded and they not do anything except with the permission of Allaah, the Most High.

Shaykh Saalih Fawzaan:

The whole of the creation is under orders relating to the creation. The sun proceeds and the moon proceeds and the stars and the planets orbit and the creatures and the bird, everything proceeds upon the order that Allaah has decreed for it.

قَالَ رَبُّنَا الَّذِي أَعْطَى كُلَّ شَيْءٍ خَلْقَهُ ثُمَّ هَدَىٰ

[He gave everything its due form and nature and created an appropriate mate for it and then He guided it to acquiring its benefit.] (Soorah Taa Haa (20), aayah 50)¹

So, He ordered the whole of this worldly life and whatever is within it from existing things and beings and planets and heavens and the earth, all of them proceed in accordance with preordainment and predecree of the Creator, the Perfect and Most High and they comply with His commands relating to the creation.

إِنَّمَا أَمْرُهُ إِذَا أَرَادَ شَيْئًا أَنْ يَقُولَ لَهُ كُنْ فَيَكُونُ

[Verily, His Command, when He intends a thing, is only that He says to it, “Be!” and it is!] (Soorah Yaaseen (36), aayah 82)

So they precede and pass along in accordance with the command of Allaah, the Perfect and Most High and in accordance with His pre-decree and His creation and His will and His wish in submission to Him, He, the Perfect and Most High.

كُلٌّ يَجْرِي لِأَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى

[Each running its course for an appointed time.] (Soorah Ra`d (13), aayah 2)

¹ Translator’s side point: Explanation been taken from Tafseer At-Tabaree as usual.

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His saying, “And they not do anything except with the permission of Allaah, the Most High,” meaning with the permission of Allaah relating to the creation and it is al-amrul kowniyy (His creational command) and the mashee-ah (His wish), Allaah, the Perfect and Most High. So, they do not proceed on the basis of their own desires or upon control from someone besides Allaah, the Majestic and Most High and therefore when the tyrant king said to Ibraheem `alayhissalaam:

أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِي حَاجَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ فِي رَبِّهِ أَنْ آتَاهُ اللَّهُ الْمُلْكَ إِذْ قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ رَبِّيَ الَّذِي يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ قَالَ أَنَا أُحْيِي وَأُمِيتُ ۗ قَالَ
إِبْرَاهِيمُ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْتِي بِالشَّمْسِ مِنَ الْمَشْرِقِ فَأْتِ بِهَا مِنَ الْمَغْرِبِ فَبُهِتَ الَّذِي كَفَرَ ۗ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ

“I give life and cause death.” Ibrahim (Abraham) said, “Verily! Allaah causes the sun to rise from the east; then cause it you to rise from the west.” So the disbeliever was utterly defeated. And Allaah guides not the people, who are Zalimun (wrong-doers, etc.).]

(Sooratul-Baqarah (2), aayah 258)

So, the actions of Allaah, the Majestic and Most High, no one is able to do them or to copy them. So, He is the one who controls the creation, He, the Perfect and Most High and He orders it in the best and most precise arrangement, it does not alter and it does not change.