

The Story of Adam in the Quran: Its Application Surah 15:28-

Surah 15 Verse 28

وَإِذْ قَالَ رَبُّكَ لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ إِنِّي خَلِقُ بَشَرًا مِّنْ صَلْصَلٍ مِّنْ حَمَإٍ مَّسْنُونٍ ﴿٢٨﴾

And [mention, O Muhammad], when your Lord said to the angels, "I will create a human being out of clay from an altered black mud.

The meaning of this verse is best explained by another verse of the Quran, namely "We have made man from a breed of clay" (Believers, 12). According to Mustafa Mahmud:

"Now this is direct statement. It explicitly says that man was not created in the beginning out of clay but rather out of a certain breed developed from clay. There is therefore an intermediate stage between clay and man--a stage of various successive breeds culminating in the superior breed of mankind." (The Quran: An Attempt at Modern Reading, pg. 72)

Also, under the commentary of the same verse, Dr. Maurice Bucaille writes: "I have used the word 'quintessence' to translate the Arabic term *sulatat*, which means 'one thing extracted from another thing'. As we shall see later, the word appears in another passage of the Quran in which it is stated that man's decent derives from that which is extracted from spermatic liquid; (it is known today that the active component of spermatic liquid is a unicellular organism called a 'spermatozoon'. I imagine that the 'quintessence of a clay' must refer to the various chemical components which constitute clay, extracted from water, which in terms of weight is its main element." (What is the Origin of Man, pg. 174)

'It may have been that Allah wanted the angels to observe mankind's development over a long period of time in response to their question in Surah 2 verse 30: "Will you place therein one who will cause corruption and shed blood". The purpose therefore would be to create a simulation for all of creation and finally establish that the unique choices a human being makes helps him to be a suitable creation for viceregency of the Earth. Thus the completion of the human form, the unique choices we as human beings make; all of them, from love, to fear, to humility, to good will, to sadness, even to evil things are all an answer to the subjected creation and thus their natural response to Allah in Surah 2: "Glory be to you, no knowledge we have save what you have taught us, truly You are The All- Wise, The All-Knowing".'

Surah 15 Verse 29

فَإِذَا سَوَّيْتُهُ، وَنَفَخْتُ فِيهِ مِنْ رُوحِي فَقَعُوا لَهُ سَاجِدِينَ ﴿٢٩﴾

And when I have proportioned him and breathed into him of My [created] soul, then fall down to him in prostration."

Surah 15 Verse 30

فَسَجَدَ الْمَلَائِكَةُ كُلُّهُمْ أَجْمَعُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾

So the angels prostrated - all of them entirely,

Surah 15 Verse 31

إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ أَبَى أَنْ يَكُونَ مَعَ السَّاجِدِينَ ﴿٣١﴾

Except Iblees, he refused to be with those who prostrated.

Surah 15 Verse 32

قَالَ يٰٓإِبْلِيسُ مَا لَكَ أَلَّا تَكُونَ مَعَ السَّاجِدِينَ ﴿٣٢﴾

[Allah] said, O Iblees, what is [the matter] with you that you are not with those who prostrate?"

Surah 15 Verse 33

قَالَ لَمْ أَكُنْ لِأَسْجُدَ لِبَشَرٍ خَلَقْتَهُ مِنْ صَلْصَلٍ مِنْ حَمِئٍ مَسْنُونٍ ﴿٣٣﴾

He said, "Never would I prostrate to a human whom You created out of clay from an altered black mud."

Surah 15 Verse 34

قَالَ فَأَخْرِجْ مِنْهَا فَإِنَّكَ رَجِيمٌ ﴿٣٤﴾

[Allah] said, "Then get out of it, for indeed, you are expelled."

Surah 15 Verse 35

وَإِنَّ عَلَيْكَ اللَّعْنَةَ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ ﴿٣٥﴾

And indeed, upon you is the curse until the Day of Recompense."

Surah 15 Verse 36

قَالَ رَبِّ فَأَنْظِرْنِي إِلَى يَوْمِ يُبْعَثُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾

He said, "My Lord, then reprieve me until the Day they are resurrected."

Surah 15 Verse 37

قَالَ فَإِنَّكَ مِنَ الْمُنْظَرِينَ ﴿٣٧﴾

[Allah] said, "So indeed, you are of those reprieved

Surah 15 Verse 38

إِلَى يَوْمٍ أَلْوَقْتِ الْمَعْلُومِ ﴿٣٨﴾

Until the Day of the time well-known."

Surah 15 Verse 39

قَالَ رَبِّ بِمَا أَغْوَيْتَنِي لَأُزَيِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا أَغْوِيَنَّهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿٣٩﴾

[Iblees] said, "My Lord, because You have put me in error, I will surely make [disobedience] attractive to them on earth, and I will mislead them all

Surah 15 Verse 40

إِلَّا عِبَادَكَ مِنْهُمُ الْمُخْلَصِينَ ﴿٤٠﴾

Except, among them, Your chosen servants."

'Your chosen servants' simply refers to all those who have submitted their will to God. Such people are knowledgeable and do not, out of their own free will, do things which are generally a nuisance to their life, community, country and overall to the Earth.'

Surah 15 Verse 41

قَالَ هَذَا صِرَاطٌ عَلَيَّ مُسْتَقِيمٌ ﴿٤١﴾

[Allah] said, "This is a path [of return] to Me [that is] straight.

Surah 15 Verse 42

إِنَّ عِبَادِي لَيْسَ لَكَ عَلَيْهِمْ سُلْطَانٌ إِلَّا مَنِ اتَّبَعَكَ مِنَ الْغَاوِينَ ﴿٤٢﴾

Indeed, My servants - no authority will you have over them, except those who follow you of the deviators.

Surah 15 Verse 43

وإِنَّ جَهَنَّمَ لَمَوْعِدُهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿٤٣﴾

And indeed, Hell is the promised place for them all.

Surah 15 Verse 44

لَهَا سَبْعَةُ أَبْوَابٍ لِكُلِّ بَابٍ مِنْهُمْ جُزْءٌ مَّقْسُومٌ ﴿٤٤﴾

It has seven gates; for every gate is of them a portion designated."

Surah 15 Verse 45

إِنَّ الْمُتَّقِينَ فِي جَنَّاتٍ وَعُيُونٍ ﴿٤٥﴾

Indeed, the righteous will be within gardens and springs.

Surah 15 Verse 46

أَدْخُلُوهَا بِسَلَامٍ ءَامِنِينَ ﴿٤٦﴾

[Having been told], "Enter it in peace, safe [and secure]."

Surah 15 Verse 47

وَنَزَعْنَا مَا فِي صُدُورِهِمْ مِّنْ غِلٍّ إِخْوَانًا عَلَىٰ سُرُرٍ مُّتَقَابِلِينَ ﴿٤٧﴾

And We will remove whatever is in their breasts of resentment, [so they will be] brothers, on thrones facing each other.

Surah 15 Verse 48

لَا يَمَسُّهُمْ فِيهَا نَصَبٌ وَمَا هُمْ مِنْهَا بِمُخْرَجِينَ ﴿٤٨﴾

No fatigue will touch them therein, nor from it will they [ever] be removed.