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Islamic Viewpoint vs.  
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Purpose Reason for Being

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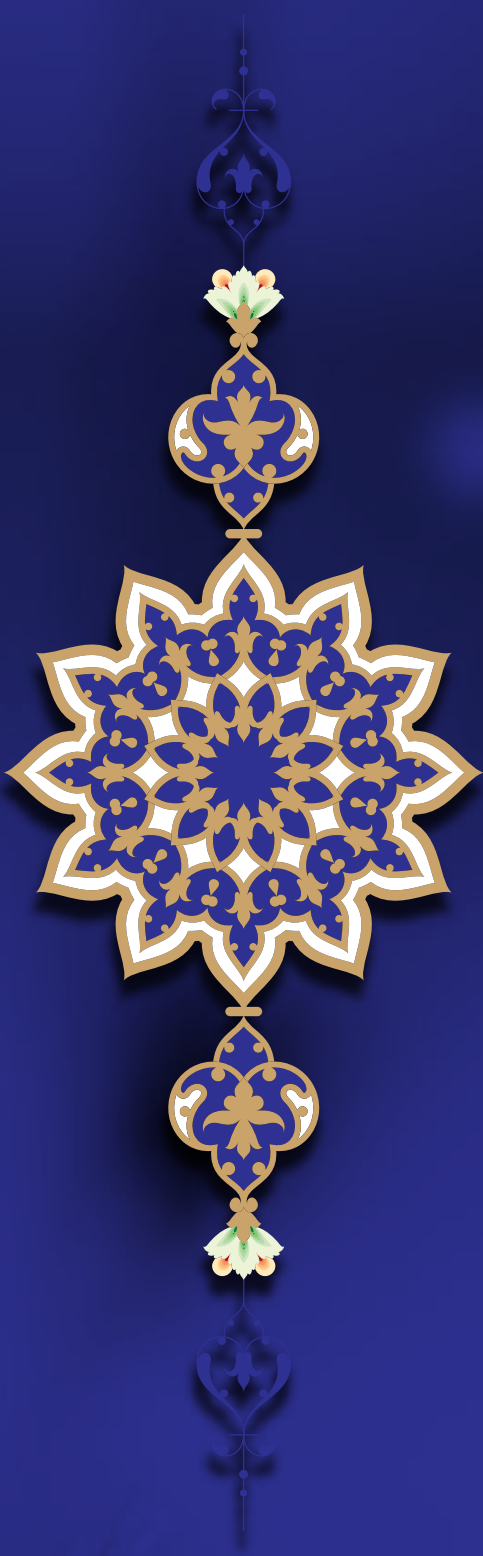
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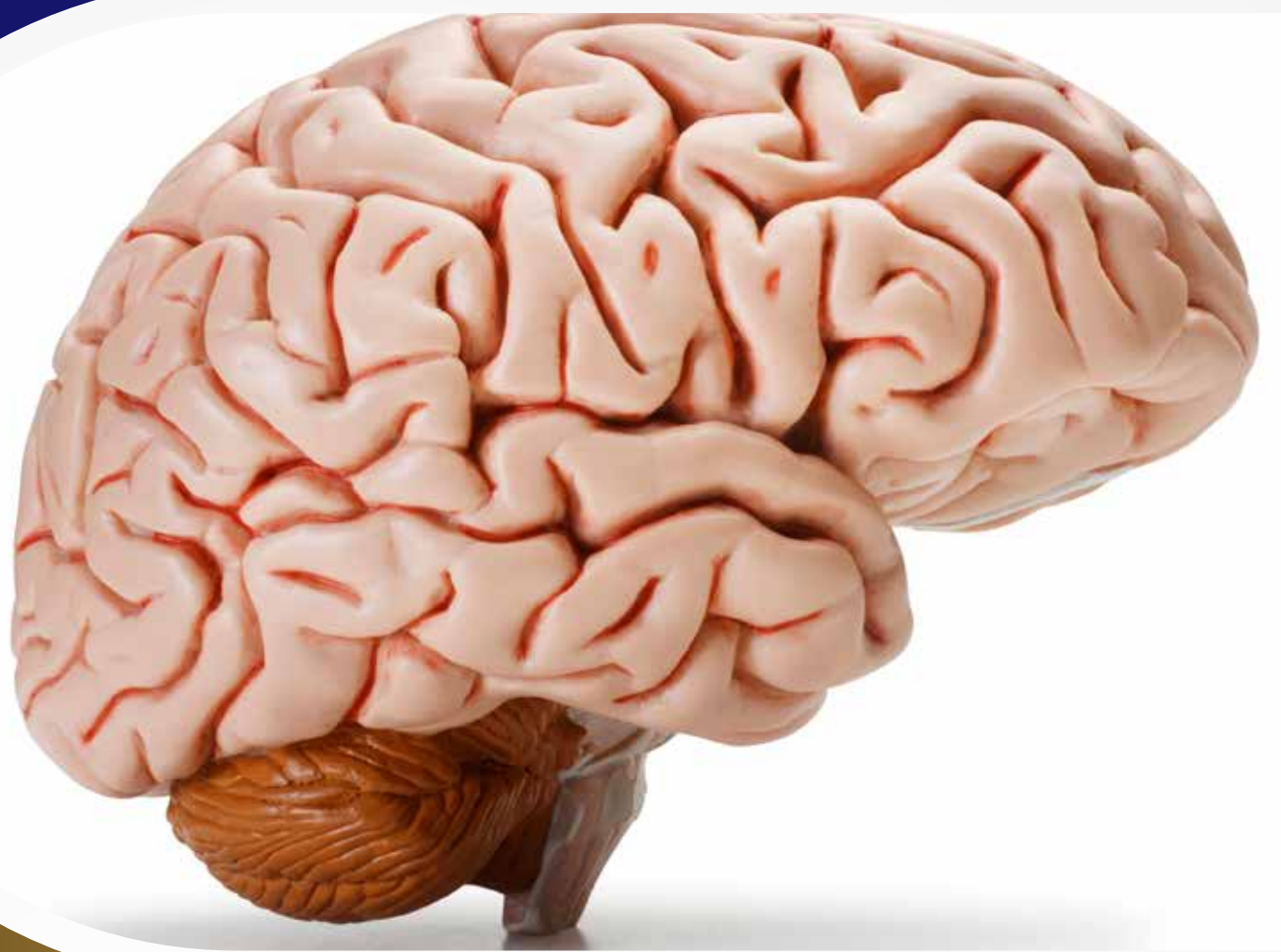


# PURPOSE: REASON FOR BEING



According to Austrian  
Existential Psychiatrist **Viktor**  
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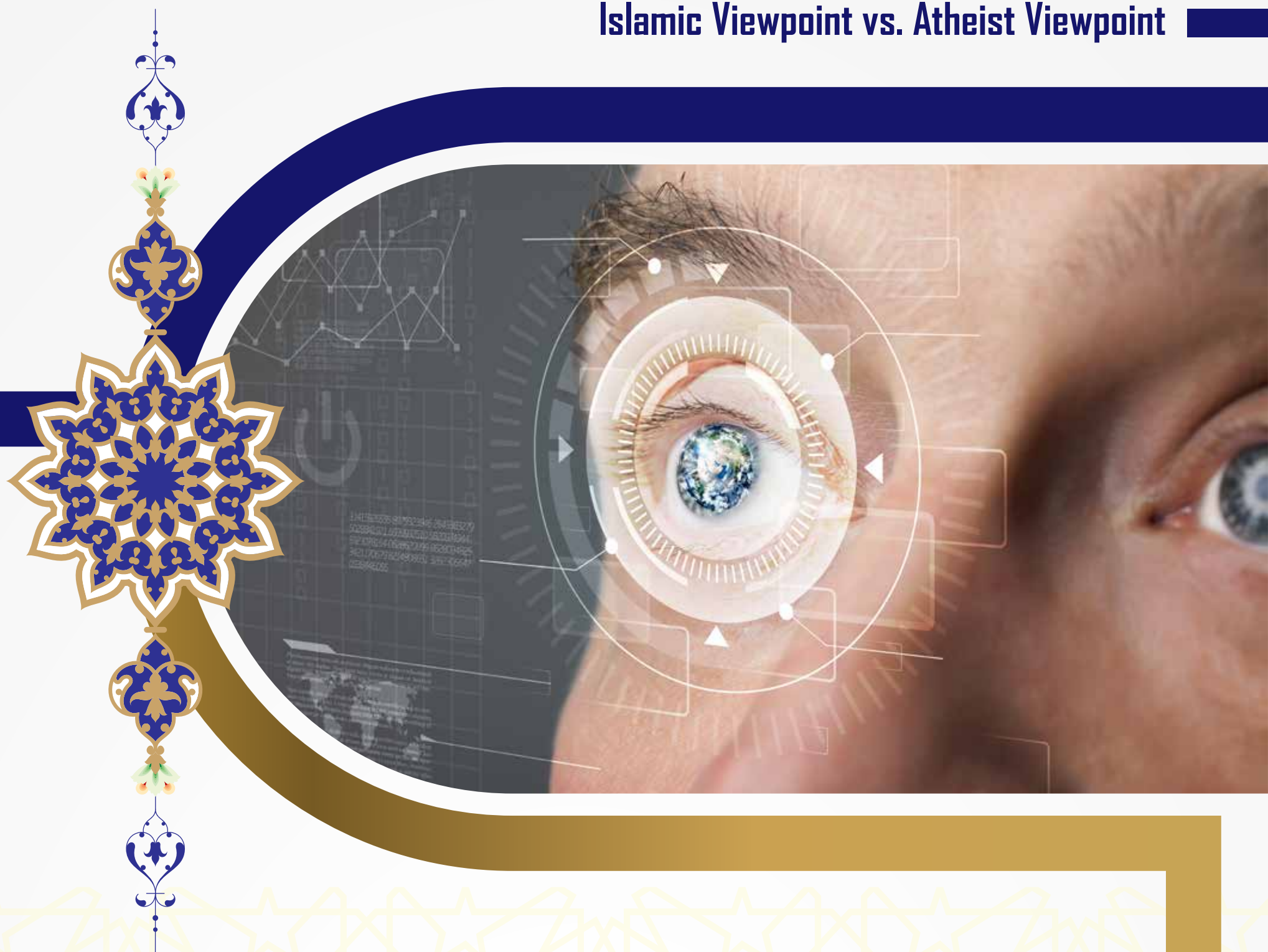
**“THE WILL TO MEANING”  
IS THE BASIC MOTIVATION  
FOR HUMAN LIFE.**



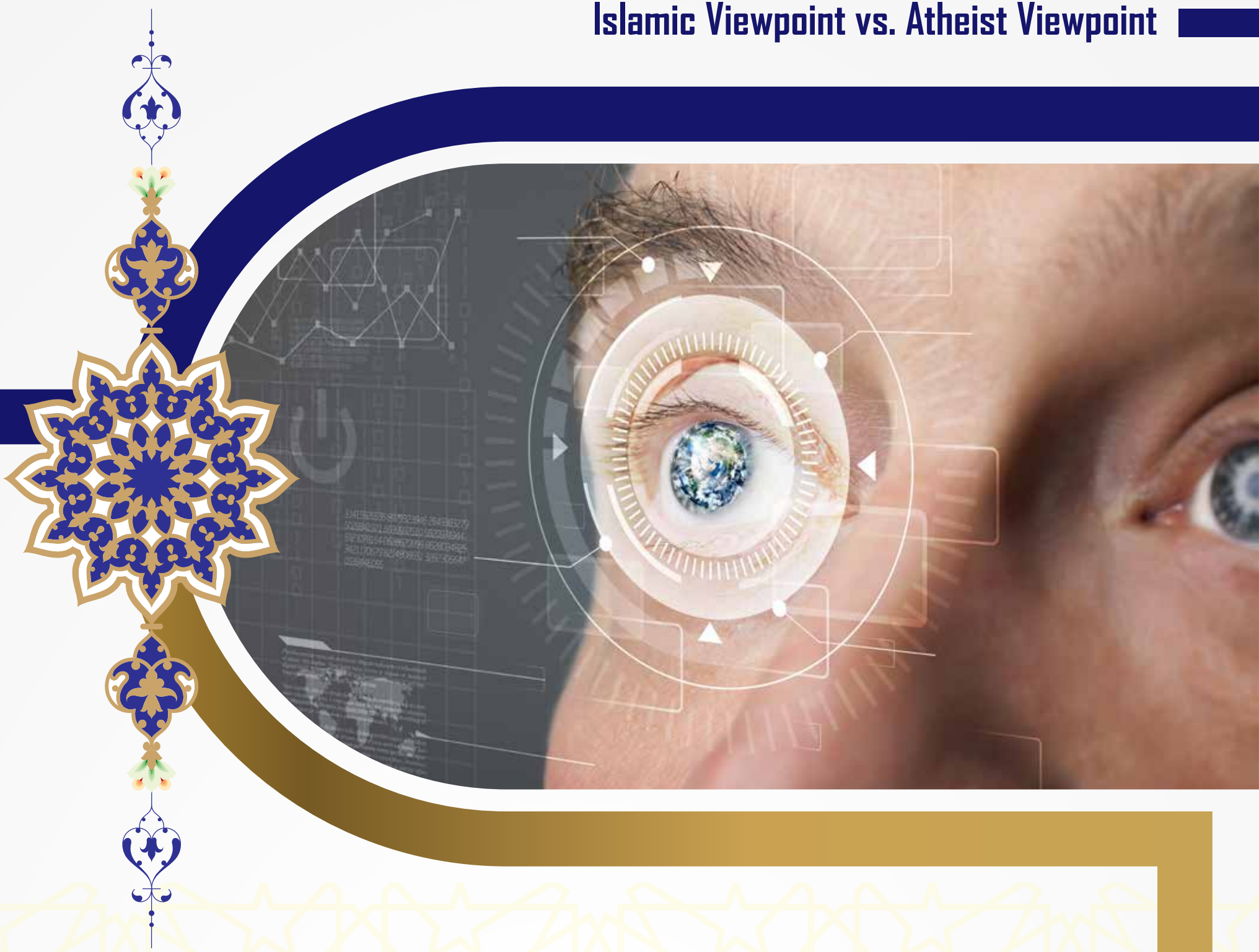
- **Within every human is an innate desire for ultimate meaning and purpose. It cannot be escaped, as it goes to the root of human nature. Deep inside, humans want their lives to count for something much more than mere existence.**
- **Goals along this life's journey are temporary, changing, and individualistic; they vary from one person to another and change according to the stage of life and the circumstances being experienced. Sometimes it is career, sometimes wealth, sometimes relationships. But none of these, alone, is original, enduring, or satisfying in itself. Without an intended reason for existence, the pursuit of these or any other of life's goals cannot be meaningful.**



- **Any personal goals, in a random world with no clear origin and no ultimate meaning, would essentially lose their significance and become absurd; just motion without destination, events without reason, and efforts without a particular higher end in sight.**
- **The nothingness at both ends of a human's life – birth and death – would inevitably reduce any attempts in between to a pointless struggle to find meaning and purpose in the void.**
- **Only by having one, permanent, all-comprehensive purpose, which makes sense and directs all the various objectives and actions of life, can humans gain the willpower to live on, achieve aims, and navigate through the vicissitudes of life.**



- **God Almighty informs in His Noble Book that He has not created His creation in vain or for play and mere amusement, without use or significance, or reward and punishment. Indeed, He created this entire universe in the most perfect form, according to a precise system and law that moves it in a specific direction towards a set aim, and it all stands as a testament to His Power as the Creator and Giver and Sustainer of life. In numerous places in the Qur'an, God also asserts the sanctity of life, the seriousness of its purpose, and the seriousness of the role of the human being in it.**



**“We (God) created not the heavens, the earth, and all between them, merely in (idle) sport. We created them not except for just ends, but most of them do not know.”**  
**(Qur’an 44:38-39)**

**“God created the heavens and earth in truth and so that every soul may be recompensed for what it has earned, and they will not be wronged.”**  
**(Qur’an 45:22)**





“Does the Human Think  
that He Will be Left Suda  
(Neglected, Unobserved,  
Omitted)?”

(Qur'an 75:36)



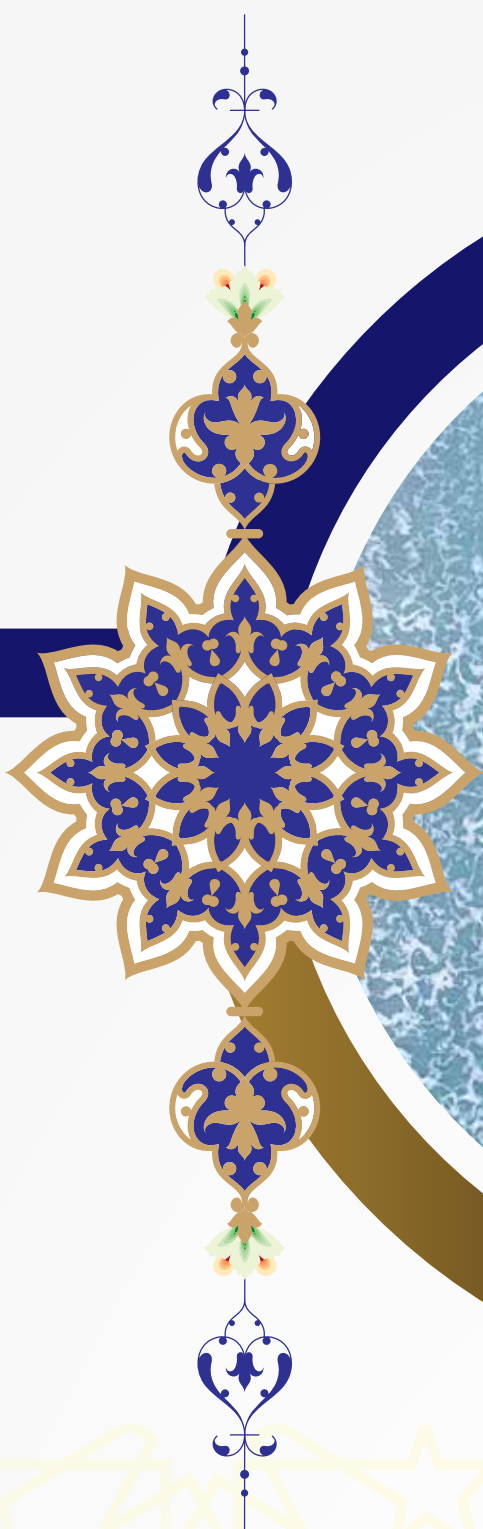
**PURPOSEFUL CREATION  
WITH A PURPOSE  
IN CREATION**

**ONLY THE POTTER  
KNOWS THE PURPOSE  
OF HIS CREATION**



- **The point of anything designed is to serve a purpose. And when the purpose of a thing is not known and understood, the abuse of that thing becomes inevitable.**

**A created thing cannot know its purpose apart from its creator. Just as a potter and his pot: the potter has a purpose and plan in mind, which the pot simply does not know, nor do the onlookers. No amount of examination of a thing alone can give a complete answer as to why it was made. Humans cannot expect to comprehend God's purposes in creation just by looking through telescopes, microscopes, or other scientific instruments.**



- **To know the purpose of a particular product, humans must ask the manufacturers directly and specifically. They are the most qualified to talk about the product. The product itself cannot tell them. That is the way it is with humans and God. Humans cannot know the purpose of their lives by simply asking themselves or others, “Why are we here?” or “What is the meaning of life?” They can know this only from their Creator.**
- **To ensure proper operation and avoid damages, every manufacturer provides an instruction manual that describes the product’s purpose, function, and features as well as contact information if something goes wrong.**



- **As it is with man-made creations, so it is with God's creations. When God created humanity, He supplied it with an instruction manual – His revelations. According to Islam, God's Guidance has been universal; He has left no nation or people without guidance sent through His continuous chain of Messengers. His revealed books included Abraham's Scrolls, the Torah, the Psalms, the Gospels, and, finally, the Qur'an.**



**RUNNING LIFE WITH  
DISREGARD TO THE  
MAKER'S INSTRUCTIONS**



**01** The value will only come when the manual is followed completely and consistently.

**02** Similar to the warnings found in user's manuals cautioning against failure to read and follow the information and instructions given, humans are also warned in the Qur'an not to neglect reading and following their Creator's Book, which says:

**“And whoever turns away from My remembrance (My Book) - indeed, they will have a depressed life.”**

(20:124 Qur'an)



**03** Operating according to the maker's design and plan is the correct and best way to function. Everything in God's creation is designed to function according to its God-assigned purpose, with a view to its specific end, and has a particular and proper use and a particular prohibited use. Humans are no exception.





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**Humans can only become the person God created them to be and live life to its best and fullest meaning when they apply the rules and standards their Maker has set out for them in His Book. It, alone, can bring them to the purest and highest state of being and give them the best possible direction, as indicated in the Qur'anic verse:**

**“Indeed, this Qur'an guides to that which is most just and right.”**

(17:9 Qur'an)



**⚠ WARNING**

**Read and fully understand operator's manual before using this machine.**

**Failure to follow operating instructions could result in death or serious injury.**



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