

Why we were created

The question is answered directly in the Qur'an, more than once. Here is the answer and what follows from it.



★ To worship Him

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

"And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me." The purpose is stated, not inferred.

Qur'an 51:56

★ He gains nothing by it

"I do not want from them any provision, nor do I want them to feed Me." You are the one in need, not Allah.

Qur'an 51:57 · 35:15

★ Life is the test

الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْمَوْتَ وَالْحَيَاةَ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ أَيُّكُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا

"He created death and life to test you as to which of you is best in deed." Both ends of life belong to the test.

Qur'an 67:2 · 11:7

★ Not made for nothing

أَفَحَسِبْتُمْ أَنَّمَا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ عَبَثًا وَأَنَّكُمْ إِلَيْنَا لَا تُرْجَعُونَ

"Then did you think that We created you uselessly, and that to Us you would not be returned?"

Qur'an 23:115 · 75:36

★ You already answered once

Allah took from the children of Adam their own testimony: "Am I not your Lord?" They said: yes. Nobody can plead ignorance.

Qur'an 7:172

★ Worship is wider than prayer

"My prayer, my rites, my living and my dying are for Allah, Lord of the worlds." Work, patience and kindness count when done for Him.

Qur'an 6:162

★ Trusted with the earth

Allah announced to the angels that He would place a successive authority on the earth. You are here with a charge, not only an appetite.

Qur'an 2:30

★ This world is the smaller half

"This worldly life is not but diversion and amusement — and indeed, the home of the Hereafter, that is the life."

Qur'an 29:64 · 57:20

★ Where it ends

"Every soul will taste death. Then to Us will you be returned." The purpose and the destination point the same way.

Qur'an 29:57 · 2:28