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and omissions or perhaps misinterpretations that were introduced over time, and this is why God revealed the Qur'an to sort of correct those problems once and for all.

Muslims often say that the Qur'an is inherently pluralist, meaning that it recognizes more than one faith tradition as being true, because there are verses that talk specifically about Jews, Christians, and Sabians, as people who will go to paradise in the afterlife if they live out the teachings of their faith tradition. So it's not a call for them all to convert to Islam, but to be faithful to the faith traditions that they do adhere to.

It also talks about how God could have made everybody exactly the same, but that God likes diversity and that God created diversity with a purpose. And the purpose was so that different tribes and nations and groups of people could come to know one another. In other words, human beings were created with the intent of living in community and building relationships with each other, rather than maintaining separateness.

When Muhammad received the revelation, it was spoken to him through the Angel Gabriel.

