

Lesson 6: THE SIGNS OF ALLAH ﷻ

The signs of Allah's existence are evident in every aspect of our lives. Because these signs are so numerous, they are sometimes easy to take for granted. According to the Quran, every Muslim should seek out these signs. We should look around us and reflect upon the creation and its purpose. Increasing our awareness in such a manner strengthens our *Iman* and brings us closer to the Creator, Allah ﷻ. Here is a very important passage from the Quran about the signs of Allah ﷻ for every student to study:

وَاللَّهُمَّ إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿١٦٣﴾

إِنَّ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَأَخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ وَالْفُلْكِ
الَّتِي تَجْرِي فِي الْبَحْرِ بِمَا يَنْفَعُ النَّاسَ وَمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مِنْ
مَاءٍ فَأَحْيَا بِهِ الْأَرْضَ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا وَبَثَّ فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ دَابَّةٍ
وَتَصْرِيْفِ الرِّيْحِ وَالسَّحَابِ الْمُسَخَّرِ بَيْنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ
لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يَعْقِلُونَ ﴿١٦٤﴾

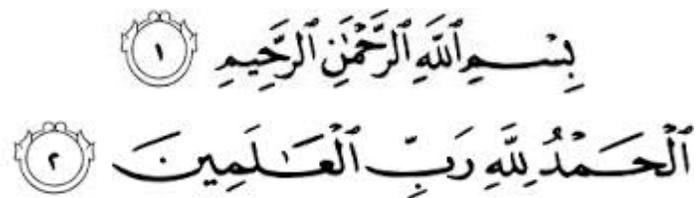
And your god is one God: there is no god but Him, the Most Gracious, the Merciful. Truly, in the creation of the heavens and the earth and the different night and day; and the ships that run upon the sea with that which is useful to man; and in the waters which Allah sends down from the sky; thereby reviving the earth after it had been lifeless; and causing all manner of living creatures to multiply thereon; and in the change of the winds; and the clouds that run their appointed courses between the sky and the earth: (in all this) there are signs for people who use their reason.

(Al-Baqarah 2: 163-164)

In examining these signs of Allah ﷻ, we can better understand the different schemes of life. We understand the answers to complex questions, such as

1. Who could be great enough to create the magnificent stars in the sky, and also the tiny grains of pollen on a flower?
2. Who could be might enough to create the earth with its mountains, rivers and seas?
3. What causes heavy ships to float on water? If you place an iron nail in the water, it will sink. But if you put a great iron ship in the water, it will stay afloat. Why?
4. Clouds are made of water. Water is heavier than air. How does so much water get up into the sky? And why doesn't it fall all at once?
5. What causes water to bring seeds to life? Why does the earth have so much water? Two-thirds of the earth is covered by water (the sea). What is the wisdom in that?
6. Why are there so many different kinds of animals and plant? What gives them their individual characteristics?
7. What causes the wind to change? Why don't they always blow in the same direction around the world?
8. What causes the clouds to be carried here and there by the winds, coming and going between different seasons?

Some may say that all of these things happen a result of nature. The question arises: “What is nature?” The word “nature” is used to describe certain basic behavior. For example, the nature of an ant is to live in a nest. The nature of a bee is to make honey. The nature of a bird is to fly and sing. By the Islamic definition, “nature” characterizes the Signs of Allah ﷻ. We praise Him for all His signs, which we see in the world around us, by saying:



In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Merciful.

Praise be to Allah, the Lord and Sustainer of all the worlds.

(Al Fatihah 1:1-2)

When you study geography and science, you can learn a lot about how these things work. The more you know about how they work, the more you will marvel at Allah’s arrangement, power and wisdom. Despite all the knowledge that science, geography, and other disciplines provide mankind, there is a wealth of knowledge that remains untapped, only to be known by Allah ﷻ. That is what scientists refer to as the “mysteries of life”. Perhaps, Allah ﷻ may choose to unravel these mysteries someday. Until then, we must continue our search for His signs and try to gain wisdom in what He has provided us.