

THE UNIVERSE SPEAKS TAWHEED

Critical thinking/study Questions

1. Why do you think anyone would doubt the existence of the One Great God-Allah?
2. How is Tafakkur considered worship?
3. How did the prophet (SAW) model or practice this act of worship?
4. List some examples of how the universe moves in harmony and how it is well planned.
5. Reflect upon how man's creations and Allah's creations differ. What are some examples?
6. Discuss the balance of the planet earth as far as chemical balance is considered.
7. Reflect on the passage from the Qur'an:

"And Allah has brought you forth from the wombs of your mothers- you did not know anything- and He gave you hearing and sight and hearts that you may give thanks." (16:78)

FAITH IN ACTION

- 1) Always have a firm unshakable belief in Allah as the one and only creator of the Universe
- 2) Always worship Allah alone and serve his cause.
- 3) Always learn and remember the great attributes of Allaah. Belief in one Great God is the first aspect of our iman, or faith
- 4) Tafakkur, or reflection is a gift from Allah and it lets us wonder, think and open up to learning more about Allah.
- 5) True belief in Allah leads to loving and obeying Him.
- 6) As you meet unbelievers you will realize that they rob themselves of appreciating signs that leads to belief in Allah
- 7) A true believer can begin to understand the power of Allah through His signs.

Answers

1. Arrogance, pessimism and lack of Tafakkur and Tawakkul
2. To think about, dwell upon and wonder about Allaah draws our hearts nearer to Him
3. The Prophet Muhammad (SAW) would go to the Cave Hira' for this type of reflection.
4. Rotation of celestial bodies, interdependence, total harmony
5. Man does not create from nothingness but Allaah does. Man's creations frequently contain errors that are seen and not seen. Man is dependent upon Allaah for knowledge and even for the breath, energy and intellect that it takes to make these inventions or so called creations. It is all by Allaah's permission and leave.
6. The earth is 77% nitrogen, 21% oxygen and 1% carbon dioxide and other gases in the atmosphere. What would happen if we did not have a balance?