

RAIL, ROAD AND AIR TRANSPORT

WITH THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.

We read in Sura al-Mulk (ch.67): verse 15:-

"It is He who has made the earth manageable for you, so traverse you through its tracts and enjoy of the sustenance which He furnishes: but unto him is the resurrection."

And in Sura Ta-Ha (ch. 20): verse 53 we are reminded:-

"He who has made for you the earth like a carpet spread out; has enabled you to go about therein by roads (and channels); ..."

Large goods can be carried at higher speed by rail than by road which makes rail transport very useful.

Roads make it easy to move from one place to another.

Aeroplanes use a lot of fuel which makes air transport very expensive, but it is the fastest means of transporting goods.

As a matter of interest, the Arabs were the first to think of the possibilities of flying.

'Nafhal-tib min Ghusn al-Andulas al-Ritab', a tenth century book on the history of Spain, has the following to say on the matter :-

"Abu 'l-Qasim ibn Firnas, of Spain, was the first to discover the manufacture of glass from sandstone and he devised a means for flying by covering his body with feathers and fixing two wings to it but his devise was not perfected as to coming down."

Worksheet

1) What is the advantage of air transport?

2) Is it possible for humans to build tunnels through mountains?
