

LESSONS OF NATURE

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

Listen to Allah (S.W.T.) In Sura al-Nahl (ch. 16): verse 18:-

“If you would count up the favours of Allah, never would you be able to number them : for Allah is Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful.”

Now lend an ear to Sura al-Nahl (ch. 16): verse 72:-

“... Will they then believe in vain things, and be ungrateful for Allah’s favours?”

Yes, there are far too many who worship falsehood and ignore truth!

We love ourselves to such an extent that we deprive ourselves of the deliciousness of love divine.

We do not know what it is to be humble and so deprive ourselves of the pleasure of our prayers.

We base our life on discrimination and so fail to appreciate the equality of the human race.

We derive immense pleasure from taking advantage of the weakness of others.

We are charitable for the sake of fame and withhold charity where there is no fame to be gained.

We are polite and humane towards the mighty and look down with disdain on the weak and lowly of this earth.

Now take a glimpse into the wonderful world of nature.

Trees stand high but they cast their shadows on the ground in perfect humility.

Winds blow but they do not clash with anybody.

The mighty sun radiates light on all alike --- it does not discriminate between the mighty and the weak.

Rain falls from the clouds, benefiting all whom it reaches.

Birds and ants are busy in their search for food but they do not steal one another's share.

What are the lessons of nature?

We must learn to converse with each other in gentle tones.

We must learn to respond to the possession of power in a humble manner.

We must learn to renounce our ego in the face of divinity.

We must learn to shower affection on the most awesome of beings.

We must learn to hear our Rabb speaking to us with each throb of our heart.

We must learn to read the Holy Quraan with a feeling that the pages of our nature are being unfolded.

We must learn to prostrate ourselves in prayer as if our maker has embraced us in his infinite mercy.

We must learn to eat in a manner where every fibre of our being gives thanks to Allah (S.W.T.) for the nourishment and sustenance with which he has provided us.

We must learn to drink water in a manner where tears of thanks flow from our eyes, for if our Rabb had not provided water, how could we have quenched our thirst?

We must learn to be grateful to our creator for having provided us with such an impeccable example of how life should be lived and then having preserved that model for all time to come.

Worksheet

- 1) Why do many people worship idols of their own making instead of the real and unseen creator of the universe?

- 2) Quote a verse from al-Quraan which states that there are those who take for an Illah (god) their own passion.

- 3) On page 2 of the lesson, **ten lessons of nature** have been mentioned. Quote a verse that covers some of these lessons of nature.
