

SEEDS

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

We say a seed has germinated when the embryo of the seed starts growing and a new plant forms.

The germination of the seed is an example of how our Rabb repeats creation.

We read in Sura al-Ankabut (ch.29): verse 19:-

“Do they not see how Allah originates creation, then repeats it : truly that is easy for Allah.”

Humans play a very small part in the germination of seeds. It is Allah (S.W.T.) Who plays the greatest role of providing seeds with water, warmth and air which are needed for germination.

According to our Rabb’s law of germination, seeds will only germinate if a balanced amount of water is provided. If too much water is given, the water will replace the air in the soil and the seeds will not grow into healthy plants.

Allah (S.W.T.) has assigned everything in nature a particular role :

He accommodates the tips of the roots of a growing seed with hairs so that water and mineral salts can be taken in.

He also enables the cotyledons to provide food for the germinating plant.

In Sura al-Waqi’a (ch.56): verses 63 – 65 we read:-

“Do you see the seed that you sow in the ground? Is it you that cause it to grow, or are we the cause? Were it our will, we could crumble it to dry powder, and you would be left in wonderment.”

When a seed germinates the outside coating is opened. This opening allows roots to emerge which absorbs all that is necessary from the soil to grow into a new plant.

The Holy Quraan refers to this in Sura An’am (ch. 6): verse 95:-

“It is Allah who causes the seed-grain and the date-stone to split and sprout. ...”

We must bear in mind that the germination of seeds implies the production of food for all the creatures in the world. Hence we should show gratitude to Allah (S.W.T.).

Worksheet

1) What are cotyledons?
