

THE EARS – A GATEWAY TO KNOWLEDGE

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

The organs of hearing and of sight are the means of acquiring knowledge and wisdom.

We are able to appreciate the joys of life through these wonderful organs.

We hear the winds in the trees, the tides of the oceans, the laughter or cry of a baby, a bird chirping in the early hours of the morning, and numerous other sounds.

What about the rhythmic chant of the Holy Quraan which moves a person to tears and ecstasy!

Learning can be most difficult for one who cannot hear.

We should value our faculty of hearing to the point where we offer praise and thanks to our Rabb!

How else may we show appreciation?

Learn to take proper care of the ears by keeping them clean.

Ears are also meant to distinguish good from evil.

Be in the company of the good and listen to that which is healthy for our moral growth.

Now listen to the Noble Quraan in Sura al-Isra (ch. 17): verse 36 :-

“And pursue not that of which you have no knowledge; for every act of hearing, or of seeing, or of (feeling in) the heart will be enquired into (on the day of reckoning).”

Our beloved Nabie (S.A.W.) warned that backbiting does not only make the speaker the sinner, --- the listener also becomes the sinner !

In numerous other passages the Holy Quraan advises us to avoid the company of those who engage themselves in vain discussions!

Remember, the exercise in futility serves as a means of keeping a person from doing that which Allah (S.W.T.) expects of us.

Is it not much more productive to use our ears in accordance to what is approved by our Rabb?

To listen to Allah (S.W.T.)’s word, to lend an ear to our Nabie’s statements and to pay attention to what the learned and pious folk have to say, are among the acts that please our Maker!

Worksheet

- 1) How can we please our Rabb with our faculty of hearing?
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