

OUT OF REACH

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

Take a glimpse into Sura al – Tur (ch.52) : verses 37-38 :-

“...or are the treasures of thy Rabb with them, or are they the managers (of affairs)? Or have they a ladder, by which they (climb up to the heaven and) listen (to its secrets)? Then let (such a) listener of theirs produce a manifest proof.”

Remember, Allah (S.W.T.) has kept out of man’s reach the secret of the process of creation lest he use it for the destruction of humanity itself.

The main resources of life in this universe consist of our planet earth, and a cosmic and solar system which man cannot control. The universe has been created by Allah (S.W.T.) and it operates according to the pattern he has prescribed.

We come now to the three main requirements essential for maintaining life on earth:-

Air, water and food.

Man cannot live without air for more than a very few minutes. This is one of the reasons why our Rabb has not allowed man to have control of air. Allah (S.W.T.) has made it free for all living things, and no one has been endowed with the power to control its movements, change its composition or prevent it from reaching organisms without discrimination.

As you know, water is also important. No person can live without it for more than a few days. Man’s control over its free flow is somewhat limited; -- so is his power to prevent rain from falling or to control its distribution over the face of the earth.

The third requirement is food. Here man’s capacity to have control over its production and storage is considerably greater than in the case of air and water. This allowance has been made because man can live without food for a much longer period of time and sustain himself with very small amounts.

In this way Allah (S.W.T.) ensures the survival of all His creatures!

Listen to the Quraan:-

“And We have provided therein means of subsistence, -- for you and for those whose sustenance you are not responsible. And there is not a thing but its (sources and) treasures (inexhaustible) are with us; but we only send down thereof in due and ascertainable measures.”

Sura al-Hijr (ch.15): verses 20 – 21

Worksheet

- 1) Having studied the above lesson, why is not possible that chance could be the motivating force behind the pattern and order that ensures the survival of the creatures on earth ?

- 2) What would have happened if certain people had control of air?

- 3) The Quraan says that our Rabb has provided enough sustenance for us. Why then do so many people die of starvation?
