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TO THE READER

This book is a dream visualized as a result of the blessings of Allah (swt) and the profound love we hold for the Masumeen (as). As followers of The Twelve we celebrate the birth anniversaries of the Masumeen (as). However, it is sad to note that the birth of Our Sixth Holy Imam (as) gets overshadowed due to the birth of Our Beloved Prophet (saw) on the same date.

This book is dedicated to Imam Ja'far As Sadiq (as), as it is compiled from the discussion he had over 4 days with a companion called Mufadhhal, proving the existence of The Creator. The original book is popularly known as HADITH MUFADHAL.

This book is written at children's level in order to pass on the awesomeness we hold for these esteemed personalities to the next generation, as well as strengthen their belief in One Lord.

I pen down with the hope that the book serves its purpose. Amen.

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HOW ARE ANIMAL BODIES MADE?

Have you ever seen a rag doll? They have wooden frames with rags tied around them by strings. Finally a varnish of gum is painted on them. Well. Animal bodies are also made in somewhat similar way. Let the wood stand for their bones, rags for muscles, strings for tendons and varnish for skin. Can the rag dolls come to life? Who, then, has made you? For indeed, He is the One who gave you life too!



HOW ARE LIVING BEINGS DIFFERENT FROM ONE ANOTHER?

MAN

Man possesses intellect and reason. For survival he works on occupations like Carpenter, Masonry, etc. For this a human has large palms with thick fingers to help grasp all types of tools.

CARNIVOROUS ANIMALS

These live on game birds. Therefore they possess soft palms with claws capable of drawing in. They can hunt excellently but are unsuitable for professional arts like that of humans.

HERBIVOROUS ANIMALS

These have slotted hooves to save them from the hardness of the ground.

Young one of hen pick up corn and move about as soon as hatched form eggs. Birds like pigeons have weak chicks. Therefore, the mothers have extra maternal instincts. This is why they bring grains to the mouths of their chicks.



HOW ARE ANIMALS CONTROLLED BY MAN?

A donkey works extra hard on the farm in spite of observing the horse getting much rest there. Camel works equal to ten men without a sigh. A single person is able to look after a flock of sheep. Think. What if the donkey demanded equality? What if the camel refused to work? What if the sheep went astray, each on its own way? They are all under man's control because they neither possess any intellect nor any reason powers to argue it out





WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT A DOG?

A dog is loyal to its master. It keeps watch in the dark nights safeguarding against burglars. It is so loyal to its master that it can put up with hunger and pain for its masters sake. With its strong teeth, stout claws and a frightful back it has been specially made to frighten thieves and to prevent them from nearing things entrusted to its care.

ARE THE ANIMALS SPECIALLY MADE THE WAY THEY ARE? :-

The eyes are placed in the front to save them if they strike a wall or fall in a pit. Their mouths are divided into two from under the snout. If they were like those of man, they would not have been able to pick up food from the ground. Think of their tails. It has benefits too. It covers the private parts. It also helps keep off flies and mosquitoes. Animals also get relief by wagging their tails. The tail is the weapon used to free itself when it gets stuck in the mud



HOW PRECIOUS IS A TRUNK TO AN ELEPHANT?

It acts like a human hand in taking in food and water. It helps in lifting things from the ground. An elephant does not have a long neck like other animals. This is because it has heavy ears that can cause strain while bending to pick food from the ground. Therefore, its head is directly connected to the body and it has been gifted with a long trunk instead, to meet its individual needs.



WHY DOES THE GIRAFFE HAVE AN EXTRA LONG NECK?

Giraffe's extra long neck enables it to reach up to the leaves and fruits of tall trees for its feeding where it lives, or places where it goes to graze, the thick forests. Imagine if all animals had similar necks the ground, what would happen to the leaves and fruits forests?



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WHY IS A MONKEY SIMILAR TO MAN?

The monkey is very similar to man in its creation. Moreover, it is gifted with a brain because of which it understands directions by his master. The monkey should always remind man that in his nature and material, man is just like an animal. He looks so similar to them that if he was not gifted with a brain, intellect and speech, he would have been totally like animals

WHY IS HUMAN SKIN DIFFERENT FROM ANIMAL SKIN ???

Animal bodies are covered with different kinds of hair to protect them from weather. They also have hooves, divided or undivided or padded feet to protect them. However, they neither have palms, hands, and fingers to spin and weave nor desire to change clothing with moods. Therefore, their clothing is made part of their body to serve them throughout life. Man possesses hands, skill to weave and spin and desire to change clothing. These keep him away from idleness. Laborers and traders also get their livelihood out of these activities. Therefore skin of man is different from animal skin.

ARE ANIMALS SMART TO ?

Some animals seem very smart. They do not have any intellect and their seeming smartness is created in them as their instinct. The deer that swallows up a snake knows that if it drinks water the poison from the snake will circulate in its body and kill it. It cries because of thirst, roams about water tanks but does not touch water for fear of death. Consider the fox. When it fails to get food it pretends to be dead by inflating its belly. The birds get deceived and come round it to devour the dead body. As soon as the birds near, the fox attacks them and has a hearty meal. The dolphin needs birds as victims. So it catches and kills a fish. Then it keeps the fish floating on water while it itself is hiding underneath. As soon as a bird pounces upon the fish, it pounces on the bird and takes hold of it. Think! Who taught the deer not to drink water and to be so strong willed? Who gifted the fox with skill and fraud as means of livelihood? Who made the dolphin so smart?



AN EGG IS MARVELLOUS

Have you ever broken an egg shell to see the egg inside? The egg has white matter and yellow yolk inside. One part is to form the chick while the other is to feed it till it's ready to leave the egg shell. So the chick develops within the shell and also gets nourished till it is strong enough to survive the outside world. That is when the shell cracks open and a new life springs out. Who planned all this? What do you think?



DO YOU KNOW HOW A



SPIDER GETS ITS FOOD?

A kind of a spider is known as the lion of the flies. When it feels a fly nearing, it ignores the fly as if it itself was dead. When it feels that now the fly is off guard it begins moving towards it in slow steps till it gets near enough to catch it. Then it pounces and gets hold of it, embraces with its whole body so the fly cannot escape. It holds on until the fly weakens and eats it up. Other spiders weave webs where flies get trapped. As soon as they are trapped, spiders pounce upon them and cut them up into pieces. Such weak insects have been gifted with ways to get their own food. Who taught them?

HOW AMAZING IS A BIRD!

A bird has been given a light body and features suitable to allow it to fly. It has only two legs instead of four, four fingers instead of five and one opening for excretion instead of two. Its chest is sharp to cut through air just like a boat cuts through water. The body is covered with feathers to get filled with air for high flights. A bird lays eggs rather than giving birth so that it does not have to carry the weight of its young one in its womb waiting to be fully developed. Since a bird does not need to chew food it does not have teeth. Instead it has a stiff beak to pick up food and a great deal of heat is created in its stomach which serves to cook up the food without chewing.



WHY DO BIRDS HAVE CROPS?

A bird crop is a bag like thing that stores grains that a bird collects before they move to the stomach. The bird fills up its crop hastily and without the crop, the grains would have moved to the stomach just as hastily too. This would have caused digestion problems. A bird also feeds its young ones from the grains collected in its crop.



WHO DESIGNED THE BIRDS FEATHERS?

Have you seen the peacock spreading its feathers? Who has painted them so artistically, maintaining the design and uniformity? Look closely at the feathers of a bird. One hair is interwoven with another as one piece of thread is interwoven with another. Within the feather, you will find a stick that holds the hairs. The stick is hollow so as not to be heavy, as a bird needs to be light in order to fly. Who designed all this?



WHY SOME BIRDS HAVE LONG LEGS

Such a bird is found at shallow waters. It feeds on things in waters and catches movement inside while standing still. When it sees something to eat, it slowly moves and catches its victim. If it had shorter legs, its belly would touch water and it might have failed to catch its victim. Who then gave it the two long props to fulfill its needs?



WHY IS RIZQ THROUGH DIFFICULTY?



You will see that long legged birds have long necks too in order to pick food from the ground. Or sometimes have long legs to serve the same purpose. If you look at the herbs searched by birds, they are never collected in one place. They are obtained only through difficulty of searching and moving. It is not totally out of reach nor so easily available to obtain without efforts. For otherwise animals would have glutted leading to indigestion and destruction. Man has to take lessons from this, strive for sustenance, and be thankful to the Lord.



BIRDS LIKE OWLS AND ANIMALS LIKE BATS COME OUT ONLY AT NIGHT

Birds like owls and bats come out only at night. Have you ever wondered what they feed upon? Turn on a lamp in pitch darkness and in no time you will see it surrounded by fleas and insects. This proves that the atmosphere is full of such fleas. When night birds move about they feed upon these insects moving about in the atmosphere. Who has planned that?

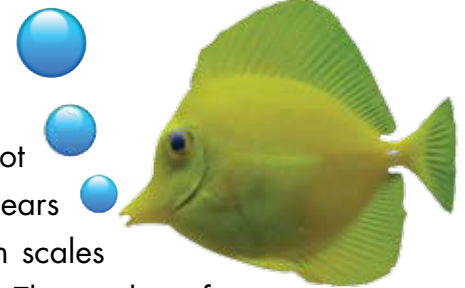


A WEAVER BIRD IS SMART TOO.

A weaver bird makes its nest in a tree. When it sees a snake moving towards its nest it gets worried. It quickly looks about for means of safety. As soon as it comes across a thorny seed, it picks it up and throws it into the open mouth of the snake. The snake dies from this. Who could imagine that a seed could kill a snake? Or who would imagine a bird thinking of such a plan? The Almighty has created each one with a power to defend itself.

THE FISH IS AMAZING!

It has no legs as does not need to walk. Instead, it has fins which move just like oars of a boatman. It has no lungs, as it does not need to breathe. Instead, it has openings all along the mouth to the ears to pass water and derive the air needed. Its body is covered with scales interlocked like links of a coat of mail to protect itself from accidents. The number of eggs inside a fish cannot be counted. This is to increase the food for other beings. Since beasts, birds, man and even other fish prey on fish The Great Planner has provided eggs in uncountable numbers to sustain them all!



WHY IS THE SKY BLUE COLOURED?

Doctors advise people with eye ailments to gaze at ocean colour. People with weakened eyesight are directed to look into a basin of ocean coloured water. Just observe how Allah has created the sky of such a colour that is tonic for the eyes. It is also freely available for all rich and poor alike. The colour does also not cause imperfections in eyes due to repeated looks.

WHY DOES THE SUN RISE AND SET?

Sunlight allows growth of plants and animal life. Sunlight allows activities for livelihood. However, man is greedy and if there was no sunset, he would have persistently worked harder and longer. This would cause damage to his body. In order to maintain balance between work and rest, which are both equally important, The Almighty has made the sun to rise and to set.



WHY GRADUAL CHANGES IN TEMPERATURE?

We notice that hot weather gradually changes to a cold one and vice versa. Why is the change not an abrupt one? Consider a man coming out from a hot bath entering a cold room immediately. He would damage his health. Likewise, for the benefit of the universe and the lives on it, our Master has planned changes gradually. Even a day gradually turns into night and a night too does not abruptly end into a day.



WHY DOES THE MOON REFLECT LIGHT?

The moon shines at night to avoid complete absence of light. It brings coolness in the darkness to allow rest and comfort. Man needs to undertake some work for want of leisure during the day. Maybe, due to extreme heat during the day, he wishes to work during the night, for example, milking animals, wood cutting, etc. Travelers find their way in moonlight. Moonlight is ordained differently as the month begins and moves towards the middle, then to the end. This is so that a man may not start working in the same way as he does during the day.



DO STARS MOVE?

Some stars do not budge from their places while some move with two distinctive speeds of movement. Consider an ant moving on the upper piece of the grindstone. The grindstone moves to the right and the ant in the opposite direction. In such a case, the ant has two speeds of movement; one in its own direction the other is along with the grindstone. Similarly, the stars move in the direction of the west to the other bodies and independently in the opposite direction. This proves that there is a Creator who has planned these movements else why should there be any movements at all?



WHY DO WE SEE STARS AS STEADY?



If stars move why don't we see them moving? Consider the ceiling in your house studded with lighted candles, revolving around the head in terrific speed. The eyes will not be able to bear the sight as they will be dazzled. The stars therefore, have been kept at a he distance from the earth in order to protect our eyesight against damage and diseases while moving in tremendous speed that Allah has made them move in.



HOW USEFUL IS AIR?

Sounds are carried by air. Someone or the other speaks throughout day and night. If the speech left its mark on air the way writing leaves marks on paper, the whole atmosphere would be filled with sounds all the time. Allah (swt) has created air in such a way that it retains the sound only enough to serve the hearer, and then turn like a fresh slate to have new marks. Air also carries fragrance from place to place. It carries heat and cold too. It transfers clouds from place to place. It causes plants to flower and bring fruits. It cools water, inflames fires, and dries up dampness. Without air, life is unimaginable.



WHY DO WE HAVE MOUNTAINS?

Mountains produce herbs and plants that can't grow in lowlands. They have dens and caves for beasts. They also serve as a defense posts and can be turned into dwellings. They contain mines, and minerals like gold, silver and rubies are obtained. With these treasures man has also been given the knowledge to turn copper into brass and tin into silver. However, the gems are rare, in order not to reduce their worth.

ONE GRAIN GROWS INTO?

Consider how Allah (swt) has planned for agriculture to continue as well as all living beings having enough to eat too. A hundred or so grains spring from a single seed. Similarly are trees like date-plams. They generate abundant fruits. This is so that in case of a sudden calamity the kind would not perish as there is a chance for another one to replace.



WHY DO PULSES AND GRAIN HAVE SHEATHS COVERING THEM?

Pulses and grains grow in pods whereby grains of wheat in hard shells. This is to protect them from birds and hence increase the yield to farmers. Then do the birds not get at the grains? They do as Allah (swt) The Sustainer, has provided for them too. However, they eat only what is necessary. In the absence of covering this would be easily available. Therefore birds would have made short work, suffering from indigestion and destroying farms too.



HOW DO PLANTS FEED?

Plants are living beings however they have neither mouth to feed nor can they move about in search of food. Therefore, The Creator has placed them with the earth serving as their mother from which they suckle nutriment. The roots serve as their mouths in feeding. The industrial skill of putting up tents with pegs and ports to make them stand upright is derived from the trees standing upright with roots spread out in the earth.



WHY DO LEAVES HAVE VEINS?

Have you ever observed a leaf carefully? Have you seen that it has veins along it and that they seem to be coming all the way up from the roots? They also look like roots spread out. These veins act like capillaries and carry water and nutrients from the roots to all parts of the plant as well as give a leaf its structure. Imagine a leaf without veins. Will it hold its shape and stay put the way it does? Does that make you say Subhanallah?



ARE SEED-STONES USEFUL?



A seed stone embedded in the fruit serves to plant another tree in case a tree perishes or there is need to plant another in a distant area. A seed stone gives stability to the fruit without which it would have split up and given way to instability. Some seed stones are edible and oil is extracted from others.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE POMEGRANATE?

Have you observed the grains laid in layers one upon another as if manually arranged? Then have you seen the grains divided into different parts and then each part is wrapped up in a strap and then all this enwrapped with a tough rind? The membrane that surrounds the grains provides nutrients for the grains and pulp to develop, and tough rind then keeps them all safe from external harm.



WHY DO CREEPERS CREEP?

Can you imagine melons growing on upright plants? The plant would either break down due to the weight of the fruit or drop the fruit before maturity due to its weight. Creepers spread out over the earth and its fruits also spread out on earth, not needing any other support.



IS WOOD THE MOST VALUABLE OF ALL?



Wood floats on water. In the absence of this, there would not be boats which carry goods from one part of the world to another. Many articles of use would have disappeared from the market or would have been available at great costs only if wood did not exist!

HOW IS MOONLIGHT BENEFICIAL?

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WHY DO BABIES CRY?

There is a certain fluid in the brain of a child that needs to be drained. If it is not drained off, it may cause illness or worse still, loss of eyesight. The discharge of the fluid as tears leaves the brain healthy and the eyes brighter.

WHY ARE EYES PLACED IN THE HEAD?

Can you imagine eyes on the knees? They would have got hurt as many times as you hurt your knees. Can you live with eyes on your feet? Then you would see things only at the level of your feet! Why not in your belly then? Then you would see things that are just right ahead of you. Eyes in the head that can rotate from side to side give us a wider vision.



WHAT GIVES US OUR VOICE?



Have you seen the one who loses his teeth and cannot say ssss? Or the one whose lips get cut and cannot say fff? And the one who cannot say rrr because of an extra thick tongue? All these factors have to be in perfect order to be able to produce proper sound.

WHY DO WE HAVE NAILS?

Nails give protection to fingers, help in better the efficiency in doing normal chores. Can you imagine taking a pinch of salt with fingers of flesh only without the hard structure of the nails? Or to use a pen? Or thread a needle with lumps of flesh as fingers?





WHAT IF THERE WAS NO SALIVA?

Saliva is composed to ensure constant flow to keep the throat and the palate moist. Dryness of these areas may lead to death. It also helps in chewing and swallowing food.

WHY IS SPEECH SO IMPORTANT?

Can you imagine your life without speech or without the ability to write and relate? If such was the case the humans would have been similar to animals then there would be no expressions of thoughts, no exchanging of ideas and no passing down of information from one generation to another, or from one end of the world to another.



WHY SOME DREAMS COME TRUE WHILE OTHERS DON'T?

If all dreams were true, then all men would be like prophets. And men would have learnt to be dependent upon them while if all were untrue they would be useless, and he would not pay heed to them even if they were as a warning to him.



WHY MAN STANDS UPRIGHT?

Suppose a man was hunched like animals could he have performed the normal tasks that he does now? For example being a builder, a doctor, a driver, etc? In order to carry out various duties he has been made to stand on two feet by Subhanahu wa Ta'ala





WHY DO WE HAVE A PAIR OF LIPS?

Why do we have a pair of lips? They help to suck in liquid so as to allow the right amount to enter the stomach as required not gorging down to cause suffocation in the throat. Moreover, the lips serve as doors to keep our mouth shut when we want to. Does that make you feel like doing dhikr of Allah?

WHY DO WE CLIP NAILS?

The trouble and ailments of fingers are relieved through nails so nails have to be clipped at regular intervals to ensure relief from ailments.



WHY ARE BABIES NOT BORN WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE?

Babies are like travelers in a strange land. When you go to a strange land, you need to learn things slowly, like the culture and language of that land. Otherwise you would be bombarded with information that you cannot handle. Babies, likewise, are in a strange environment and they have a delicate body needing care and cuddling. If they were born intelligent, they would not like to be cuddled and carried around. They would not have needed education and other basic needs that parents provide. So there would not be any bonding between parents and children.



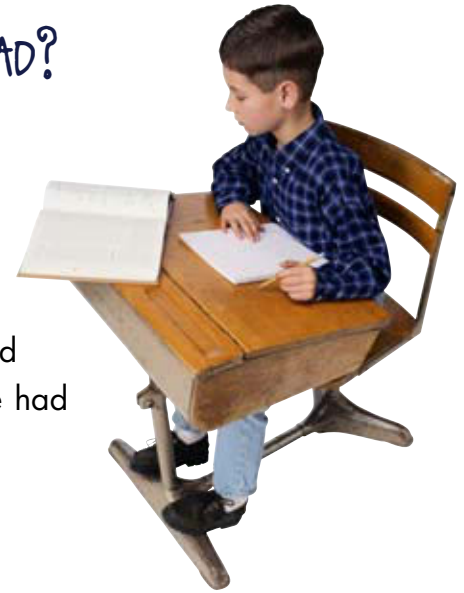
WHY DO SOME PEOPLE HAVE NATURAL DEFECTS?

Some people are born with physical defects such as blindness or not being able to speak. This is to warn others who are normal and also to make them realize of the great gifts of Allah (swt). And as for those who are deprived of these gifts in this world, they will be gifted with extra bounties in the hereafter.




WHY DO WE HAVE TWO HANDS BUT ONLY ONE HEAD?

Two hands are needed to accomplish the tasks that we normally do. We pass objects from one hand to another numerous times during the day, not realizing the importance of both. Can you imagine a carpenter with one hand? On the contrary, all the things needed on the head are sufficiently placed on one head; a second head would have been useless not mentioning the extra weight we would have had to carry around.







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