

NATURAL AVENUES OF GOD-REALIZATION

LECTURE FOUR

PRODUCTS IN EVIDENCE OF MAKERS

In further examination of the natural law of cause and effect, a number of examples in our daily life can be cited of things we accept without perception through any of our senses. We only believe in their existence through logic and by witnessing their effects.

1. PHARMACY: HIDDEN HEALING POWERS

A well-equipped pharmacy with important medicines well-stored in every jar, bottle or pocket, demonstrates without doubt the existence of a highly skilled chemist, a wise pharmacist, even though we may not have contacted or seen him.

So too life-giving cures and remedy stored in thousands, of plants and animals of the world - a pharmacy for better equipped and greater than the human pharmacy in the town-also demonstrates the existence of a Supreme and Wise Possessor of Glory, Allah Subhanahu, in the supreme pharmacy of the World.

2. FACTORY - SKILLS IN CREATION

A huge factory that weaves thousands of different kinds of cloth from a simple material proves without doubt the existence of a manufacturer and a skilled machine operator.

So too this revolving machine of divine construction called the earth, our home, with its billions and billions of resident humans spread over giant continents and tiny islands, where varieties of animals roam, varieties of birds fly, where in the vast oceans varieties of marine lives live, and where varieties of foods and fruits grow a factory infinitely greater and more perfect than any factory fashioned by man, proves and demonstrate the existence of the master Craftsman and the Supreme Controller of this planet, which itself is a mere grain of sand in the huge Universe.

3. LIGHT - COMPARATIVE POWERS

Millions of electric lights that illuminate a great city and the power plant that supplies them with electricity

inexhaustibly demonstrate a miracle-working craftsman-an extra ordinary electrician, who establishes the power plant and manages the supply of power to every corner.

In the same way, in this vast Universe trillions of stars and restlessly rotating and speeding away from each other, some of which are hundreds of times bigger than our Sun which itself is a medium size star. Yes, the sun is a star just like the stars we see at night. Stars exist in the day too, but their dim lights are flooded by the sun. The nuclear power and light they radiate is immensely beyond human comprehension and calculation. They are far more shining than the total lights of a man-made city.

Light is said to travel at 186000 miles per second. Light from the sun takes 8 minutes to reach us light from the nearest star takes 4 years to reach us.

Does this not point to a Supreme Illuminer, the Maker Allah Subhanahu. Does it not arouse love for Him and inspire us to worship Him. Is he not worthy of our worship, not out of fear of Hell nor for Paradise?

4. DROPPINGS OF ANIMALS AS PROOF

A man once came to Ali Bin Abi Talib (A.S.) requesting for proof on the existence of God. In response, the Imam said:

"The wasteballs of a camel prove its existence and the dung of a donkey proves its existence and the footprints are evidence that someone passed a certain way. So why should not this sky and earth serve as the evidence of the existence of one most sublime and All-knowing".

5. MOVEMENT

It is evident that no immobile object can spontaneously move all by itself. No mobile object can come to a stop automatically. An aeroplane, an automobile, a wheel, an ant, a mosquito etc can only be in motion from the energy they generate. We witness the whole universe in motion, including the tiny atom and the vast galaxies.

No doubt the motion of every phenomenon a very extraordinary occurrence - is due to a cause which exists in Nature. And so too the motion of the whole Universe together with its evolution, change and transformations.

The Prophet Muhammed (SAW) once came across an old woman who was busy turning round her spinning-wheel. The Prophet in order to test her faith in God, asked her how she believed in the existence of God? The old woman promptly argued by saying

"How could the World rotate without a motive force when this small spinning wheel cannot turn without my intervention

The Prophet (SAW) agreed with her and confirmed her reasoning.

Thus if the motion of every mobile thing, be it tiny or huge, is the result of a motive force in this world, should we not believe in the fact that Allah is the driving force behind this whole universe? This is the law of cause and effect. It is Allah Who is the Supreme Cause of all causes and Supreme Motive Force in this Universe.

In one of the numerous ayats of the Holy Qura'n concerning God-knowing, it reads:

"Most surely in the creation of heavens and the earth and the alternation of the night and day there are signs for men who understand."

(3:189)

SUMMARY

1. Maker of a thing, though unseen, is recognized by witnessing his products.
2. Existence of an animal or a man is acceptable from the signs of its droppings or foot-prints on earth.
3. Motion of a thing points to the existence of a motive force behind it.
4. Similarly the rotation of earth and the heavenly bodies and the change of day and night point to the existence of Allah as the Supreme Cause and Motive Force in the Universe.