سُورَةُ الْعَلَقِ

The Embryo

Theme:

The surah of Knowledge



(First ayats of the Qur'an revealed to Prophet (變) by Allah ﷺ)

- Allah (ﷺ) tells us that He created man from a germ cell (embryo) and from this low beginning Allah (ﷺ) gave man the greatest gifts of knowledge and understanding.
- But man mistakes Allah's () gifts as his own achievements thinking himself as self sufficient.
- Such thankless men not only forget that they have to return to their Lord to answer their deeds but also distract the right people from following their Lord.
- Allah (ﷺ) tells us that these evil doers will face the shameful punishment. So the right people should focus only on pleasing their Lord.

PRACTICAL TIPS

We should always be thankful to Allah (**) for the understanding and the knowledge that He gave us and in our thankfulness we should lead the life in the limits set by Allah (**) and that is the life of the sunna of the Prophet (**).



THE KNOWLEDGE

"To know and discover what was not known"

- True and right knowledge is like vision with two eyes i.e one eye of knowledge is the knowledge about "physical world" acquired by five senses and called Acquired knowledge or scientific knowledge.
- The other eye is the knowledge about spiritual world, only known through revelation i.e Wahi (••) and called Revealed knowledge.

Perfect vision is the balance with both eyes

- To discover the physical world we use five senses and get Acquired knowledge.
- To know about unseen world we need Qur'an to get Revealed knowledge.



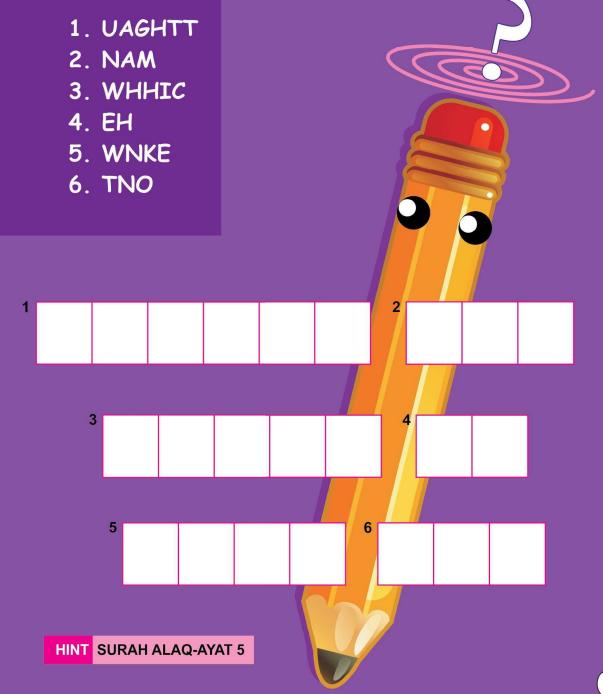
If any one eye is closed then the vision and wisdom become imperfect.

- If the spiritual eye is closed then man thinks himself as selfsufficient and transgresses all limits as he thinks he is answerable to none.
- If the scientific eye is closed then man is lost in religion of rituals alone.

Examples of the men with perfect vision are Muslim scientists like

Bu Ali Sina, Ibn Hathim, Jabir Bin Hayan, Al Razi

Arrange the letters and fill in the boxes/ numbers below to complete the puzzle.





Answer the following questions

What is the greatest gift that man gets from his Lord?

How should man thank Allah () for the great gifts of knowledge and understanding?

