
MACE LEVEL 5

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Agenda

- ▶ Quran: The Miracle of Revelation Lecture 2 (The Means Towards Knowledge)
- ▶ Aqidah – The Prophets (as) & Companions (ra) (Lesson 13 & 14)
- ▶ WWOH discussion
- ▶ *Homework: Read WWOH Ch 5 (Parties) and Aqidah Lesson 10*

Quran: The Miracle of Revelation

Lecture 2

The Means Toward Knowledge

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- ▶ 3 ways to interact with our surroundings and how we gain information about our surroundings: 5 senses, intellect, wahi.



#1
5 senses



- ▶ 5 senses gain information is processed through the brain to come up with something.
- ▶ 5 senses can be wrong.
- ▶ Taste: Can't taste when sick
- ▶ Hearing: Think you heard something
- ▶ Sight: Think something is blue, when it's green.
- ▶ Touch: Think something is hot, when really cold.

The Means Toward Knowledge



#2
Intellect

- ▶ Can't only use 5 senses. Need to use intellect & reasoning.
- ▶ We gain knowledge – we piece things together.
- ▶ Intellect & reasoning can be wrong. Multiple examples of wrong theories by scientists:
- ▶ The world is flat.
- ▶ The sun revolves around the earth.
- ▶ Breast milk is bad.
- ▶ Showing love is bad.



Wahi

- ▶ Where the 5 senses end, intellect & reason begin. Where reason/intellect ends *wahi* begins.
- ▶ *Wahi*: Divine Inspiration (Examples: Quran and Hadith)
- ▶ *Wahi* is the highest source of knowledge

***Wahi* > Intellect > 5 Senses**

- ▶ *Wahi* **can never be wrong** and can only be arrived at by Allah directly.
- ▶ We use our 5 senses and intellect to understand *wahi*.

Because everything around us proves His existence

- ▣ "If you ask them who created the heavens and the earth and subjected the sun and the moon, they will certainly reply 'Allah'" (Quran 29:61)

Wahi

- ▶ Principal: *Wahi* is above and beyond any intellect. THEREFORE DOES NOT have to be comprehended by any intellect.
- ▶ Usually use our intellect to justify *wahi*. Example: We explain why alcohol is haram. You don't think straight, you can drink too much and will drive drunk it will be bad for you.
- ▶ Alcohol is haram because **ALLAH said it was haram.**
- ▶ If tomorrow all the scientists in the world came together and said alcohol is good, we will still say it's haram.

Aqidah

The Fundamentals of True Faith

The Prophets (as) & Companions

The Prophets

- ▶ The prophets are all free from minor sins, major sins, unbelief, and wicked acts
 - ▶ Both BEFORE prophethood and AFTER prophethood
 - ▶ Slips and mistakes are possible
- ▶ The prophets are infallible (masum)
 - ▶ They are constantly guided and purified by Allah

Sin

- ▶ Sin: An intentional disobedience
 - ▶ Major
 - ▶ Leaving any fard or wajib act, even once, without an excuse
 - ▶ Committing an impermissible (haram) act
 - ▶ Habitually leaving an emphasized sunnah or committed disliked acts
 - ▶ Minor
 - ▶ Leaving an emphasized sunnah without an excuse due to laziness or not caring
 - ▶ Committed a disliked act

Slips and Mistakes

- ▶ Slips and mistakes
 - ▶ Can occur by accident or forgetfulness
- ▶ Examples
 - ▶ Adam (as) eating from the tree. He intentionally ate, but not out of willful disobedience. Forgetfulness, shaytan, their intention was to stay in paradise.
 - ▶ Allah's forgiveness "If you did not sin, Allah would bring forth a people who would sin and (then) seek forgiveness and Allah would forgive them."
 - ▶ Musa (as) killed an Egyptian accidentally. He intended to defeat him, but didn't mean harm.

Rasulullah ﷺ

- ▶ Muhammad is Allah's messenger, His chosen one, His beloved and His purified one.
- ▶ Never did he worship idols or partner anything with Allah, even for the blink of an eye

Companions

- ▶ A sahaba is any Muslim who met the Messenger of Allah.
 - ▶ Must have been Muslim at the time of the meeting
 - ▶ Must meet in person
 - ▶ Must die on iman
 - ▶ We love all sahaba, without exception
 - ▶ We do not speak ill of any of them
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