

# 19 Functioning

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Last time we discussed the idea that everything we see around us proceeds with order and structure, and that this was an evidence mentioned in the Quran to show the Controller of these is One.

In this email we will discuss the idea that everything in creation has been assigned the things necessary to perform their function. <sup>1</sup>

The Quran mentions an encounter between Moses (peace be upon him) and the Pharaoh.

The Pharaoh asked Moses and his brother:

**Who then is the Lord of you two (people)?**

*Surah TaHa (the 20th surah chapter) ayah 49*

Moses gave an insightful answer which deserves some closer inspection and reflection:

**Our Lord is He who gave to each thing its form and nature, then guided it aright.**

*Surah TaHa (the 20th surah chapter) ayah 50*

People often marvel at the fact that everything that has been created has been given a form and nature which is appropriate for that thing – such as whether its body is large, small or medium size, and whether it can fly or not, and so on.

In addition, Moses’ answer refers to another phenomenon that every scientist will recognise: that everything has an instinct (‘has been guided’) to work for things which will benefit it, and will try to avoid the things which harm it – and this includes even the simplest animals.

**The One who made everything that He Created to be good.**

*Surah Sajdah (the 32nd chapter) ayah 7*

A person who studies the structure of the cell, or the function of the kidney or the design of tree leaves will be filled with wonder at how perfectly everything has been ‘designed’ for its particular role in the world.

Muslims believe that Allah has given all things the appropriate shape and form. He has given every male and female a form that is appropriate for marriage, affection and union. Thus we even find that Allah has given every limb of the body the appropriate shape and form.

The Arabs often would (and still do) express quite profound ideas and concepts in the form of poetry, such as the famous line:

*While in every single thing, there is a proof for Him  
Which indicates that He (meaning Allah) is Waahid (One).*

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**NEXT TIME:**

Is there a link between a) the ideas mentioned in the last 3 postings showing that the Creator of the Universe is One and b) the Islamic principle of worshipping Allah alone?  
Does one thing automatically lead onto the other?

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<sup>1</sup> Refer to ‘aqeedah ut tawheed p39 of Shaykh Saalih al Fawzaan for more information