

Not a single leaf falls from a tree anywhere in the World except that Allāh سبحانه وتعالى knows

Allāh سبحانه وتعالى said in His Book:

وَعِنْدَهُ مَفَاتِحُ الْغَيْبِ لَا يَعْلَمُهَا إِلَّا هُوَ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ وَمَا تَسْقُطُ مِنْ وَرَقَةٍ إِلَّا يَعْلَمُهَا وَلَا حَبَّةٌ فِي ظُلْمَةٍ
الْأَرْضِ وَلَا رَطْبٍ وَلَا يَابِسٍ إِلَّا فِي كِتَابٍ مُبِينٍ

[Sūrah al-An'ām:59]

“And with Him are the keys of the Ghaib (all that is hidden), none knows them but He. And He knows whatever there is in (or on) the earth and in the sea; not a leaf falls, but he knows it. There is not a grain in the darkness of the earth nor anything fresh or dry, but is written in a Clear Record.”

This great āyah highlights the Might & Majesty of Allāh; that, indeed, Allāh is all aware of every matter, every movement, every sound.

Consider for a moment, what are the numbers of trees in and around your home when you look out of your window? Then, what about in

your neighbourhood? Then, what about in your village/town/city? Then, what about in your whole country? Then, what about in your whole continent? Then, finally, what about in the whole World, including the Amazon rainforests and its likes?

After considering that - and the figures are estimated into trillions (1 trillion is a million million, 1,000,000,000,000) - then consider this: how many leaves are on all of those trees? Now we would need to multiply the trillions by further trillions upon trillions...

Finally, consider this; a single, solitary, lone leaf separating from its branch or twig from a single tree - any one from the trillions of trees on Earth, perhaps in the darkness of the night, perhaps in the isolation of some of the most remote locations on Earth, places where mankind barely tread upon, it floats and flutters in the air momentarily - in silence - until finally coming to rest on the ground.

Now understand, that this solitary, lone leaf that falls from that specific single tree absolutely anywhere upon this Earth, is known to Allāh, and He has knowledge of which exact and specific leaf has fallen, and from which exact and specific tree from any location on the Earth it has fallen from, and how long it fluttered in the air before coming to rest on the ground.

Al-Imām al-Qurtubī رحمه الله stated in his tafsīr of this āyah:

“Not a leaf falls except that Allāh knows of it, meaning from the leaves of the trees, except that Allāh knows when it fell, where it fell, and how long it floated in the air (before coming to rest on the ground).” (8/406)

Al-Imām ibn Kathīr رحمه الله stated:

“Allāh knows of all movements, even from inanimate objects, what therefore do you think (in regards to Allāh’s knowledge) of the animals and especially those whom responsibility is upon and are obligated and bound by the Legislation (Sharī’ah) from the Humans & Jinn.” (6/53)

This highlights to us the all-encompassing knowledge of Allāh, not a single affair is hidden from Him, as Allāh سبحانه وتعالى stated:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَخْفَىٰ عَلَيْهِ شَيْءٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي السَّمَاءِ

“Truly, nothing is hidden from Allah, in the earth or in the heavens.”

[Sūrah Āle ‘Imrān:5]

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