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God knows everything

[20:98] Your only god is GOD; the One beside whom there is no other god. His knowledge encompasses all things.

I enjoy teaching my son, Gabriel, random facts as we're driving around town. Over the course of many such drives, he said to me: "Man, Eubie, you know everything!" My response was, "No, son, only God knows everything. I may know a bit about a lot of different things, but God knows every single thing." I want to teach him that God's knowledge knows no limit and that God created all things and that God is present in each and every moment of our lives.

[20:110] He knows their past and their future, while none encompasses His knowledge.

[22:70] Do you not realize that GOD knows everything in the heavens and everything on earth? All this is recorded in a record. This is easy for GOD to do.

Recently his interest has been in sharks and octopus and stingrays, which led me to look up various things about the oceans. I find the ocean to be one of the most humbling creations



of God for us humans. It has been ever present in the history of the human race, but it is the source of mystery like no other. It is said that humans have a greater knowledge of outer space than the ocean on our home planet. And God is the only one who has a complete knowledge of this grand mystery.

[11:7] He is the One who created the heavens and the earth in six days—and His (earthly) domain was completely covered with water—in order to test you, to distinguish those among you who work righteousness....

[30:46] Among His proofs is that He sends the winds with good omen, to shower you with His mercy, and to allow the ships to run in the sea in accordance with His rules, and for you to seek His bounties (through commerce), that you may be appreciative.

Historically, there are four named oceans: the Atlantic, Pacific, Indian and Arctic. However, most countries, including the United States, now recognize the Southern (Antarctic) as the fifth ocean.

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Ocean exploration is extremely difficult. In comparison to the length of human history, it is a rather modern journey. The deeper into the ocean you travel, the darker it becomes. The vast majority of the ocean is pitch black and receives no sunlight. In the early 1500s, scientists were already looking into space, but no one could look much further than a few dozen feet deep into the ocean. A large amount of the equipment needed to explore ocean depths has only been invented recently.

Another obstacle is the pressure. The deeper you go under the sea, the greater the pressure of the water. Without proper equipment, humans cannot survive the pressure. God has designed animals of the sea to have no problem with this. Sperm whales can reach depths of 7000 feet or more as they hunt giant squid. When God creates, He creates the best. When we humans make things, we constantly find errors and have to make updated models. God didn't have to put out a 2024 edition sperm whale. God's design is flawless.

[25:2] The One to whom belongs all sovereignty of the heavens and the earth. He never had a son, nor does He have any partners in sovereignty. He created everything in exact measure; He precisely designed everything.

The average depth of the ocean is about 12,000 feet. The deepest, the Challenger Deep, along the Mariana Trench, is over 35,000 feet deep, much deeper than Mt Everest is tall. The pressure at that depth would feel like 100 elephants standing on your head.

Victor Vescovo, a retired naval officer, recently made the deepest dive into the Challenger Deep in a specially crafted submarine. He was able to film sea life and the rocks on the ocean floor. And he also found a man-made object, believed to be plastic. Humans have managed to litter the deepest point on earth.

How about some ocean "fun facts"—things God knows (since He created them) and allows us to have knowledge of as well. [From: "Twenty fun facts about the ocean" by Alexandra Clendenning]

About 94 % of the earth's wildlife is found in the ocean.

More than 70 % of the earth's oxygen is produced by the ocean.

The sun is what makes the ocean blue.

Coral creates its own "sunscreen" by producing coral fluoresce that protects the algae found in coral.

The largest mountain range is found underwater and is called the Mid-Oceanic Ridge. It is around 40,390 miles long and wraps around the globe with different branches.

The loudest sound ever recorded was made by an iceberg, breaking off from a glacier in 1997. The sound was recorded and named "the Bloop." It was said to be heard from more than 3000 miles away.

Ice found in the ocean is safe enough to drink. You first must let the fresh ice sit to let the brine release. After that, the ice is safe to consume.

90% of the earth's volcanic activity happens in the ocean.

Over 3 million shipwrecks are estimated to lie on the ocean floor.

There are more historic artifacts under the sea than in all of the world's museums.

The Great Barrier Reef can be seen from the moon.

The largest blue whale on record was 108 feet long. That's as tall as an 11-story building.

There are more than 240,000 marine species in the world's waters. That's the "known" species. God knows that there may be thousands more.

Only about 5% of the ocean's floor has been mapped in detail.

[34:2] He knows everything that goes into the earth, and everything that comes out of it, and everything that comes down from the sky, and everything that climbs into it. He is the Most Merciful, the Forgiving.

[57:4] He is the One who created the heavens and the earth in six days, then assumed all authority. He knows everything that enters into the earth, and everything that comes out of it, and everything that comes down from the sky, and everything that climbs into it. He is with you wherever you may be. GOD is Seer of everything you do.

[6:13] To Him belongs everything that dwells in the night and the day. He is the Hearer, the Knower.

[11:6] There is not a creature on earth whose provision is not guaranteed by GOD. And He knows its course and its final destiny. All are recorded in a profound record.

Praise God for allowing us to explore His earth, and to witness the submission that is happening every day right in front of us, and deep in the waters below us. Praise God for giving us some knowledge of all the things He has created, and He controls. Now when Gabriel and I are driving, he may be watching his tablet and from the back he'll say, "Eubie, nobody knows everything. Only God knows everything. He's the strongest and Most Powerful." And I'll say, "Yes, son, you are correct. Praise be to God."

Ayyub

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THE OCEANS

[45:12] GOD is the One who committed the sea in your service, so that the ships can roam it in accordance with His laws. You thus seek His provisions, that you may be appreciative.

[22:65] Do you not see that GOD has committed in your service everything on earth? The ships run in the ocean by His command. He prevents the heavenly bodies from crashing onto the earth, except in accordance with His command. GOD is Most Kind towards the people, Most Merciful.

[11:7] He is the One who created the heavens and the earth in six days—and His (earthly) domain was completely covered with water....

God has designed the earth with about 70% water on its surface. This helps us in many ways including allowing for easy transportation of goods, giving us plenty of fish, keeping the earth cooler and balancing out the carbon in the atmosphere. If the ratios were reversed with 70% land, the earth's temperature would rise significantly: currently it is estimated that more than 93% of excess heat captured by greenhouse gases is absorbed by the oceans. To put a number to it: the average global temperature right now is about 60 degrees Fahrenheit. This average temperature would rise to 122 degrees!! More than double. Also, global warming would speed up, and because the oceans would not absorb extra greenhouse gases the atmosphere would be saturated with these gases making it uncomfortable to breathe.

We know that plants provide the oxygen for us to breathe. About 50-70% of the oxygen in the air is supplied by aquatic plants! If the oceans were half the size, we would have only half the amount of plants. That means we would have about 25-35% less oxygen being generated and

replenished in the atmosphere. As you can imagine, over time this means the amount of oxygen in the air would decrease. You and I would struggle to breathe because it would be like climbing towards the sky with less oxygen available.

This indicates to me that we need to be more appreciative that God has so closely linked our existence to earth's water & its provisions at our service!

Among the features of the Oceans: It has the longest living creatures because the conditions in the water are stable and consistent. The oldest land forest is about 80,000 years old (the Trembling Giant of Utah, which consists of about 50,000 quaking aspen trees sharing a single root system). In contrast, the oldest sea forest is about 200,000 years old (a sea grass meadow near Spain).

If we look at animals, some land-based giant tortoises are estimated to live for about 250 years or so. In comparison for sea creatures, we see that Greenland sharks are estimated to live up to 500 years. Bowhead whales are estimated to live over 200 years making them the oldest mammals. Also, we find that some sponges live over 2000 years, with some estimated to be about 10,000 years old. Theoretically speaking, water-based hydra could potentially live forever because their cells do not seem to deteriorate when they clone to multiply. Glory be to God.

Overwhelming Signs of God

[2:164] In the creation of the heavens and the earth, the alternation of night and

day, the ships that roam the ocean for the benefit of the people, the water that GOD sends down from the sky to revive dead land and to spread in it all kinds of creatures, the manipulation of the winds, and the clouds that are placed between the sky and the earth, there are sufficient proofs for people who understand.

Those Who Possess Intelligence

[3:190] In the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the alternation of night and day, there are signs for those who possess intelligence

[3:191] They remember GOD while standing, sitting, and on their sides, and they reflect upon the creation of the heavens and the earth: "Our Lord, You did not create all this in vain. Be You glorified. Save us from the retribution of Hell.

As much as we know about oceans – scientists feel we have barely understood or scratched the surface about the mysteries of the oceans. More than 80% of the ocean remains unexplored. A body of water that covers most of Earth's surface is also one of the most vulnerable – and least understood – places in the universe. We still have very limited maps of the ocean. It's difficult and expensive to explore. There is zero visibility, extremely cold temperatures and crushing amounts of pressure. It seems easier to send people into space than to send people to bottom of the ocean. On the surface of the earth, pressure on your body is about 15 pounds per square inch. In space, that pressure is zero. At the bottom of the Mariana Trench, pressure is about 1000 times that on the surface. That's like several jumbo jets pressing down on you! When we think about that—we can only imagine God's amazing design. On the same earth, He made creatures that thrive on the surface of the earth and those that live deep inside the sea where the pressures would just crush us instantly. Even with special equipment like the

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Titan submersible that sank in June 2023, one mistake and we are toast. Glory be to God for His power, His amazing design, and how He takes care of us.

[51:20] The earth is full of signs for those who are certain.

[7:54] Your Lord is the one GOD; who created the heavens and the earth in six days, then assumed all authority. The night overtakes the day, as it pursues it persistently, and the sun, the moon, and the stars are committed to serve by His command. Absolutely, He controls all creation and all commands. Most Exalted is GOD, Lord of the universe.

[13:16] Say, "Who is the Lord of the heavens and the earth?" Say, "GOD." Say, "Why then do you set up besides Him masters who do not possess any power to benefit or harm even themselves?" Say, "Is the blind the same as the seer? Is darkness the same as the light?" Have they found idols besides GOD who created creations similar to His creations, to the point of not distinguishing the two creations? Say, "GOD is the Creator of all things, and He is the One, the Supreme."

[14:19] Do you not realize that GOD has created the heavens and the earth for a specific purpose? If He wills, He can re-

move you, and substitute a new creation in your place.

God ALONE Worthy of Worship
[27:60] Who is the One who created the heavens and the earth? Who is the One who sends down to you from the sky water, whereby we produce gardens full of beauty—you could not possibly manufacture its trees? Is it another god with GOD? Indeed, they are people who have deviated.

[27:61] Who is the One who made the earth habitable, caused rivers to run through it, placed on it mountains, and created a barrier between the two waters? Is it another god with GOD? Indeed, most of them do not know.

[31:27] If all the trees on earth were made into pens, and the ocean supplied the ink, augmented by seven more oceans, the words of GOD would not run out. GOD is Almighty, Most Wise.

Ahmed

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God Willing

39th Annual Conference
United Submitters
August 2-4
Tucson, Arizona



God willing, the annual conference of United Submitters International will be in Tucson AZ, on August 2-4. It is an opportunity to remember God, increase our knowledge and meet our brethren in faith (3:191-194, 18:28, 58:11, 49:10).

Registration and hotel details will, God willing, be available soon at: www.masjiduntucson.org/conference/

As usual, attendance will be by invitation only. To help us organize a successful conference—and God has always been generous and gracious towards us—please let us know of your plans as soon as you know.

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