

Who do you worship?

- Every human being wants to worship something. Why do people want to worship? Human beings are weak in nature. We feel that weakness within ourselves and the need to depend on something else. As a result when man sees something more powerful than himself he often depends on that thing for guidance, security and hope.

- In the past people bowed down in front of the sun, stars, mountains, animals and even statues made from their own hands. Before Islam came there were over 360 idols in the Kaaba.

- Similarly, we can see today that there exists a multitude of different 'gods' that people bow down to. Many philosophers, politicians and thinkers are almost worshipped as 'demi gods'. For many people they have become the source of all guidance, direction and solutions for society's problems. On the other hand, pop stars, film stars and sports personalities have become 'gods' for others. Their whole lives are occupied in following and emulating these people.

- There are still others who have become enslaved to their own desires. Their desires have become their 'gods'.

- Islam came to make man think to whom he has enslaved himself to. The gods that people have become enslaved to are no different to man himself. They all share the same qualities of being limited, weak and needy. So why should man worship such things?

- Islam came to liberate man from the worship of limited and weak things to the worship of the Creator, Allah (SWT). Allah (SWT) is the Creator of all things and the Only One that is worthy of worshipping. Allah (SWT) says in Surah Az-Zariyat:

"I created the jinn and humankind only that they might worship Me."

- Allah (SWT) is the only source of all Guidance for the human being. This means Allah (SWT) is the only source of all of man's concepts, solutions to life's problems and rules for guiding society.

- Unfortunately today, we worship Allah (SWT), only on our prayer mat. All our aims, objectives in life, rules and laws in our society emanate from other weak 'gods'.

- Let us work towards understanding the true meaning of "Laa ilaha illa Allah, Muhammadur Rasool Allah" so that our whole lives become worship to Allah (SWT).