

To be Muslims we have to believe that:

لا إله إلا الله

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Laa ilaaha illa Allaah

Allaah is the only One we should worship<sup>2</sup>, and there is nothing else at all that should be worshipped along with Him.

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<sup>1</sup> Meaning: None has the right to be worshipped except Allaah

<sup>2</sup> For a reminder of the meaning of the word 'worship' refer to the article 'What is Worship?'

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*laa* means NO

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*ilaaha* means a GOD, something that people worship

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*illaa* means EXCEPT

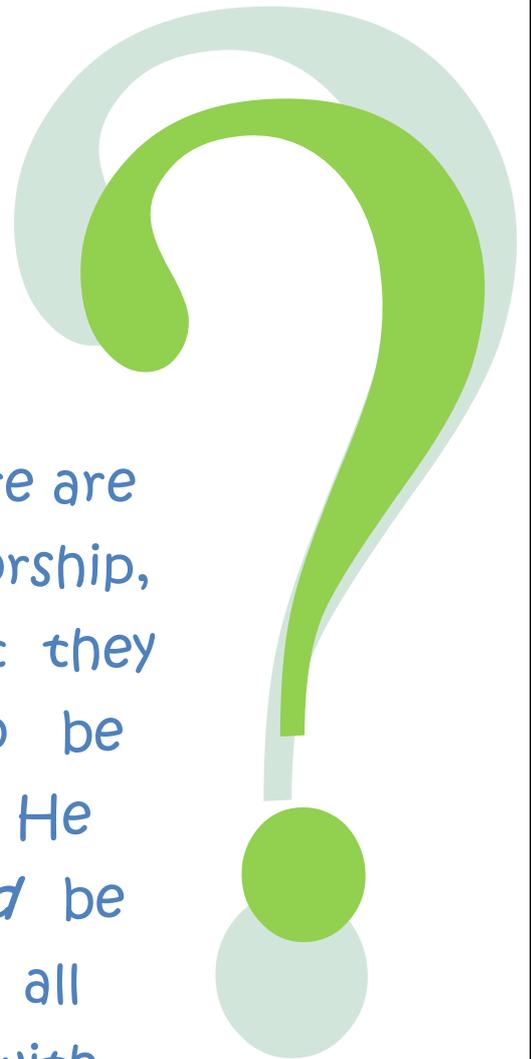
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this says ALLAAH

Do you remember what worship means? It means things that we do and say that Allaah loves, like praying to Him, being good to our parents, telling the truth and reading the Qur~aan.

So what does '*Laa ilaaha illaAllaah*' actually mean?

It means that: even though there are lots of things that people worship, not one of those things that they worship actually *deserves* to be worshipped *except* for Allaah. He is the only One who *should* be worshipped and nothing else at all should be worshipped along with Him. So we pray only to Allaah, we fast only for Him and we must do all other acts of worship only for Allaah and no one else at all.

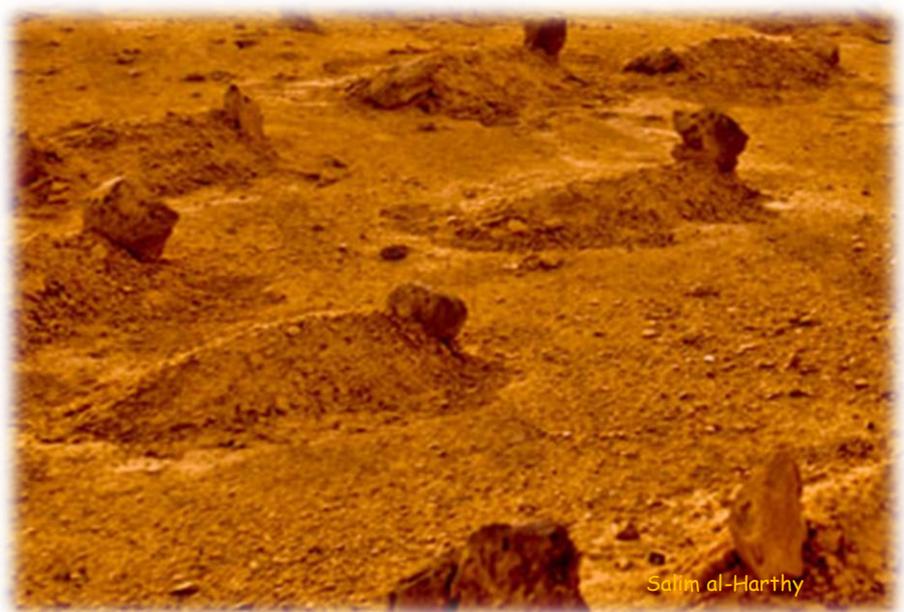


Allaah taught us in His Book, the Qur~aan, that we must worship only Him and He sent many, many Messengers to tell the people **this very thing** - that they should worship only Allaah and not worship anything else at all.



Different people worship lots of different things. Some people worship *animals*, some worship other *people* and some even worship people who have *died*. They go to the graves and ask them for things that they need! But, as you know, the people in the graves have already **died**.

They can't even help *themselves*, let alone help anyone else!

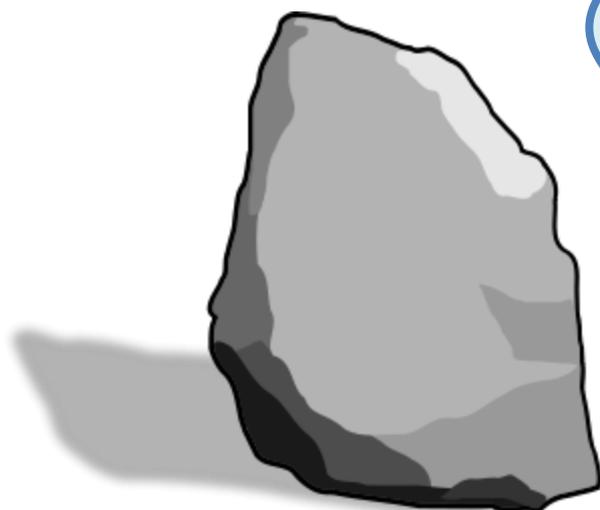


Salim al-Harthy

Others worship idols that are made of wood and stone that are shaped to look like people or animals – but these idols can't even speak or move themselves so how could they possibly help anyone



So they may say to a stone:



but of course the stone can't do *anything* to help them at all!

Or they may say to a cow.. 'PLEASE, MAKE IT RAIN!', but the cow simply won't understand or help.



It is very sad that people worship all these different things.

It is only **Allaah** and *no-one else* who made us.

It is only **Allaah** and *no-one else* who takes care of everything we need every single day.

It is only **Allaah** and *no-one else* who has given us every single thing that we have.

It is only **Allaah** and *no-one else* who made the whole world and owns it, and everything in it.



He gave us the Sun to keep us warm and give us light. He made the plants grow so we can eat, grow and be healthy



He made the rain fall so that we have enough to drink



He gave us a home and people that we love



But instead of thanking Allaah for all these things He gave them and worshipping only Him, they take everything that Allaah gave them and then go and pray to something else instead!

This is being unthankful to Allaah and is *very* bad!

But even though they don't thank Him, Allaah is still kind to them and carries on giving them food, drink, families who care about them, a place to live, other things that they need and things that they like. He is very kind to His creatures.

Let's ask Allaah to make us thankful to Him for everything He has given us! Let's ask Him to make us very good Muslims and ask Him to keep us that way, right up until we die and meet Him. Let's ask Him to keep us safe from ever worshipping anything else apart from Him.



Now let's see how much you can remember about what we have talked about so far. Don't worry if you can't remember something. Just ask a grown up to read it to you again, or go back and read it yourself if you can!

Here are some questions:

1. Should we worship Allaah?
2. Is it good to worship Allaah and worship something else too?
3. Can an idol made of stone speak or move itself?

4. Which one of these can help a person in trouble? Tick the right answer

- a) man in his grave who has died
- b) Allaah
- c) a stone

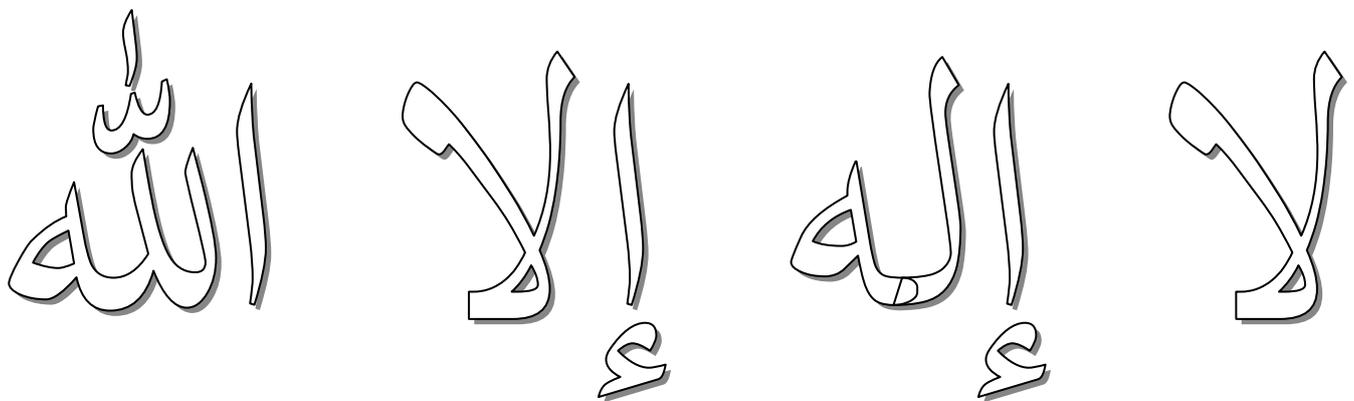
5. Who is the One who made us and gave us every single thing that we have and who takes care of us every single day? Tick the right answer.

- a) a wooden elephant
- b) a good person who has died
- c) Allaah

6. Which one of these is something that *should* be worshipped? Put a tick next to the right answer.

- a) a Messenger from Allaah who has died
- b) a monkey made of gold
- c) only Allaah
- d) righteous Muslims who have died

7. Colour in *laa ilaah illAllaah* in Arabic below:



8. Can you trace over the letters below?

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9. What does '*Laa ilaaha illa Allaah*' actually mean?

Here are some harder questions. Not everyone can answer these ones. Why don't you have a try?

1. Is it okay to pray to the Sun to ask it for what you need?

2. Is it good to pray only TO Allaah FOR Muslims who have died so that Allaah forgives them?

3. Who *else* apart from Allaah deserves to be worshipped? Tick the right answer.

a) Allaah's Messenger Muhammad sallAllaahu `alayhi wa sallam

b) the angel Jibreel (Gabriel) `alayhissalaam

c) no-one else – only Allaah

d) the Messenger `Eesaa (Jesus) `alayhissalaam

4. *Why* should we worship only Allaah and not worship anything or anyone else?

5. Now you can draw some of the things that Allaah has given us below!

## For parents and other educators:

For evidences and a more detailed explanation of the meaning of *Laa ilaaha illAllaah*, see pages 127-133 of Shaykh Saaliḥ al-Fowzaan's Explanation of Al-Usooluth-Thalaathah (Daarul-Imaam Aḥmad edition).<sup>3</sup>

## Answers to questions:

1. Yes

2. No

3. No

4. b)

5. c)

6. c)

9. *Laa ilaaha illAllaah* means that only Allaah deserves to be worshipped and nothing else at all should be worshipped as well.

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<sup>3</sup> To read a translation of this go to [www.ittibaa.com](http://www.ittibaa.com) > audio > creed and belief > al-Usool-uth-Thalaathah > lessons 27 and 28

## Answers to Harder Questions

1. No (because we should pray only to Allaah)
2. Yes (because we are praying only to Allaah)
3. c)
4. We should worship only Allaah and nothing else because Allaah told us to worship only Him in the Qur~aan and He sent us Messengers to tell us to do that.

Only He should be worshipped because He is the only One who made us, gave us all that we need, owns everything and takes care of everything. There is no-one else who can do these things, so only He deserves to be worshipped, nothing else.

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