

## Why some people have misunderstandings and misconceptions in their beliefs 3

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### Lack of reflection and lack of learning

Some people have misunderstandings and misconceptions in their beliefs because they have a lack of reflection and pondering over the universe around us.

This is an argument that is used repeatedly in the Qur'aan.

The beauty of the universe, both on a large scale (the planets, the stars, the size of the galaxies, the setting of the sun, the mountains, etc) and on a minute scale (the structure of atoms and cells, the functioning of the cells in the brain) etc – Muslims believe that all of these things are evidences that Someone has created them.

The Qur'aan mentions:

**Indeed in the creation of the heavens and the earth,  
and in the alternation of night and day,  
and the ships which sail through the sea with that which is of benefit to mankind,  
and the water which Allaah sends down from the sky and makes the earth alive after its  
death,  
and the living creatures of all kinds that He has scattered therein,  
and in the veering of winds and clouds which are held between the sky and the earth  
(there) are indeed signs for people of understanding.**

[Soorah Baqarah (the second surah) ayah 164]

The second idea is a lack of importance given to learning.

Sadly, in many parts of the Muslim world, very little attention is paid to teaching people about the fundamental aspects of Islam.

So generations of children grow up without having much understanding of Islam, not knowing the basics – so how can a house be firm and strong when its foundations are weak or non-existent?