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10244 - Allaah is All-Aware of everything?

the question

What is the meaning of the aayah “And Allaah is All-Aware of everything” (al-Baqarah 2:231 - interpretation of the meaning)?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Allaah knows and is aware of all things. Nothing on earth or in heaven is hidden from Him, be it words or deeds, movements or cessation of movement, acts of obedience or acts of disobedience.

“Know you not that Allaah knows all that is in the heaven and on the earth? Verily, it is (all) in the Book (Al-Lawh Al-Mahfooz). Verily, that is easy for Allaah” [al-Hajj 22:70 - interpretation of the meaning]

Allaah has encompassed all things with His knowledge, and has written it in al-Lawh al-Mahfooz, as He says (interpretation of the meaning):

“Neither you (O Muhammad) do any deed nor recite any portion of the Qur’aan, nor you (O mankind) do any deed (good or evil), but We are Witness thereof, when you are doing it. And nothing is hidden from your Lord (so much as) the weight of an atom (or small ant) on the earth or in the heaven. Not what is less than that or what is greater than that but is (written) in a Clear Record”[Yoonus 10:61]

Allaah Alone knows the unseen. He knows what is in the heavens and what is on earth, as Allaah says of Himself (interpretation of the meaning):

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“...I know the Ghayb (Unseen) in the heavens and the earth, and I know what you reveal and what you have been concealing” [al-Baqarah 2:33]

Allaah knows all things. The keys of the unseen are known to no one but Him, as He says (interpretation of the meaning):

“And with Him are the keys of the Ghayb (all that is hidden), none knows them but He. And He knows whatever there is in the land 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” [al-An’aam 6:59]

Allaah alone is the One Who knows when the Hour will begin, when rain will fall, what is in the wombs, what each person will do, and when and where each person will die. Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“Verily, Allaah, with Him (Alone) is the knowledge of the Hour, He sends down the rain, and knows that which is in the wombs. No person knows what he will earn tomorrow, and no person knows in what land he will die. Verily, Allaah is All-Knower, All-Aware (of things)” [Luqmaan 31:34]

Allaah is with us and nothing we do is concealed from Him...

“And He is with you (by His Knowledge) wheresoever you may be. And Allaah is the All-Seer of what you do” [al-Hadeed 57:4 - interpretation of the meaning]

Allaah is always watching us. He knows what we do, whether it is good or bad. Then He will tell us of that and will reward or punish us accordingly on the Day of Resurrection, as He says (interpretation of the meaning):

“Have you not seen that Allaah knows whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is on the earth? There is no Najwa (secret counsel) of three but He is their fourth (with His Knowledge, while

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He Himself is over the Throne, over the seventh heaven), — nor of five but He is their sixth (with His Knowledge), — nor of less than that or more but He is with them (with His Knowledge) wheresoever they may be. And afterwards on the Day of Resurrection He will inform them of what they did. Verily, Allaah is the All-Knower of everything” [al-Mujaadilah 58:7]

Allaah Alone knows the unseen and the seen, what is secret and what is open, as He says of Himself (interpretation of the meaning):

“All-Knower of the unseen and the seen, the Most Great, the Most High” [al-Ra’d 13:9]

And Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“And if you (O Muhammad) speak (the invocation) aloud, then verily, He knows the secret and that which is yet more hidden” [Ta-Ha 20:7]