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Muslims believe that, amongst the many beings which are worshipped by people, there is only one god deserving of worship – the One True God.

In Arabic, the word for this True God is Allaah.

This Oneness of God has different aspects.

One of the aspects is His Oneness in terms of His Actions – in particular, His uniqueness in creating the creation, sustaining and nourishing it, controlling all that goes on it.

This in Arabic is called Tawheed ur Ruboobeyah.¹

This literally means “oneness of Lordship”.

The Qur’aan mentions this idea many many times.

Allaah is the Creator of all things.

[Soorah Zumar (the 39th chapter) ayah 62]

And there is no living creature on the Earth except that its provision (rizq) is due from Allaah.

[Soorah Hood (the 11th chapter) ayah 6]

Muslims believe that this is a belief which is ingrained in human nature.

We see that throughout history, every community on the face of the earth realises that there is a Creator, although a few people in recent times pretend to deny this.

But no matter how much someone denies that they believe in this One True God, Muslims believe that such a person will almost certainly turn to Allaah in desperate circumstances.

If we consider an example of a plane which is about to crash into the sea, and what will be going on in the minds of the people who are on the plane watching the sea come closer and realising that they are living their last few minutes of life – who will not be crying out to God/Allaah/Jehovah or whatever the name for God is in their language, asking Him to save them?

¹ Refer to ‘Aqeedah ut Tawheed p22 of Shaykh Saalih al Fawzaan for more information