Reading passage 6:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’ testimony to Existence of Allah

Then, while that traveller was travelling in his mind through the mountains and plains, the gate to the arboreal and vegetable realm was opened before him. He was summoned inside: “Come,” they said, “Inspect our realm and read our incriptions.” Entering, he saw that a **splendid** and well-adorned assembly for the **proclamation** of God’s unity and a circle for the mentioning of His Names and the offering of thanks to Him, had been drawn up. He understood for the very appearance of all trees and plants that their different species were proclaiming **unanimously**, “There is no god but He.” For he perceived three great and general truths indicating and proving that all fruit-giving trees and plants with the tongue of their symmetrical and **eloquent** leaves, the phrases of their charming and loquacious flowers, the words of their well-ordered and well-spoken fruits, were **testifying** to God’s glory and bearing witness that “There is no god but He.”

The First: In the same way that in each of the plants and trees a deliberate bounty and generosity is to be seen in most obvious fashion, and a purposive liberality and **munificence**, so too it is to be seen in the totality of the trees and plants, with the brilliance of sunlight.

The Second: The wise and **purposive** distinction and differentiation, one that cannot in any way be attributed to chance, the deliberate and merciful adornment and giving of form - all this is to be seen as clearly as daylight in the infinite varieties and species; they show themselves to be the works and **embroideries** of an All-Wise Maker.   
  
The Third: The opening and unfolding of all the separate members of the hundred thousand species of that infinite realm, each in its own distinct fashion and shape, in the utmost order, equilibrium and beauty, from well-defined, limited, simple and solid seeds and grains, identical to each other or nearly so - their emerging from those seeds in distinct and separate form, with utter equilibrium, **vitality** and wise purpose without the least error or mistake, is a truth more **brilliant** than the sun. The witnesses proving this truth are as numerous as the flowers, fruits and leaves that emerge in the spring. So the traveller said, “Praise be to God for the blessing of belief.

Reading passage 7:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’ testimony to Existence of Allah

As this traveller through the cosmos **proceeded** on his meditative journey, with increased eagerness and a bouquet of **gnosis** and faith, itself like a spring, gathered from the garden of the spring, there opened before his truth-perceiving intellect, his cognitive reason, the gate to the animal and bird realm. With hundreds of thousands of different voices and various tongues, he was invited to enter. Entering, he saw that all the animals and birds, in their different species, groups and nations, were proclaiming, silently and aloud, “There is no god but He,” and had thus turned the face of the earth into a vast place of invocation, an expansive assembly for the proclamation of God’s **glory**. He saw each of them to be like an ode dedicated to God, a word proclaiming His glory, a letter indicating His mercy, each of them describing the Maker and offering Him thanks and encomium. It was as if the senses, powers, members and instruments of those animals and birds were orderly and balanced words, or perfect and disciplined expressions. He observed three great and **comprehensive** truths indicating, in decisive form, their offering of thanks to the Creator and Provider and their testimony to His unity.

The First: Their being brought into existence with wisdom and purpose and their creation full of art in a fashion that in no way can be **attributed** to chance, to blind force or inanimate nature; their being created and composed in purposive and knowledgeable manner; their animation and being given life in a way that **displays** in twenty aspects the manifestation of knowledge, wisdom, and will - all of this is a truth that bears witness to the Necessary Existence of the Eternally Living and Self-Subsistent, His seven attributes and unity, a witness repeated to the number of all animate beings.

The Second: There appears from the distinction made among those infinite beings and from their adornment and decoration in a fashion by which their features are different, their shapes adorned, their proportions measured and symmetrical, and their forms well-ordered - there appears from this a truth so vast and powerful that none other than the One Powerful over all things, the One Knowledgeable of all things, could lay claim to it, this comprehensive act which displays in every respect thousands of **wonders** and instances of wisdom; it is impossible and **precluded** that anything other than such a one could lay claim to it.

Reading passage 8:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’ testimony to Existence of Allah

That meditative **voyager**, in order to advance farther in the infinite degrees and countless   
luminous stages of knowledge of God, then wished to enter the world of men, the realm of   
humanity. Humanity, headed by the prophets, invited him, and he accepted the invitation.   
Looking first at the stopping-place of the past, he saw that all of the prophets (Peace and   
blessings be upon him), the most luminous and perfect of human kind, were reciting in chorus,   
“No god but He,” and making remembrance of God. With the power of their brilliant, well-  
attested and innumerable miracles, they were proclaiming God’s unity, and in order to advance   
man from the animal state to angelic degree, they were instructing men and summoning them to   
belief in God. Kneeling down in that school of light, he too paid heed to the lesson.   
  
He saw that in the hand of each of those teachers, the most exalted and renowned of all   
celebrated human beings, there were numerous miracles, bestowed on them by the Creator of All   
Being as a sign confirming their mission. Further, a large group of men, a whole community, had   
confirmed their claims and come to belief at their hands; a truth assented to and confirmed by   
these hundreds of thousands of serious and veracious individuals, unanimously and in full   
agreement, was bound to be firm and definitive. He understood, too, that the people of   
misguidance, in denying a truth attested and affirmed by so many veracious witnesses, were   
committing a most grievous error, indeed crime, and were therefore deserving of a most grievous   
punishment. He recognized, by contrast, those who assented to the truth and believed in it, as   
being the most true and righteous, and a further degree of the sanctity of belief became apparent   
to him.   
  
Yes, the infinite miracles bestowed by God on the prophets (Peace be upon them) each one   
being like a confirmation of their mission; the heavenly blows dealt to their opponents, each   
being like a proof of their truthfulness; their individual perfections, each one being like an   
indication of their righteousness; their veracious teachings; the strength of their faith, a witness to   
their honesty; their supreme seriousness and readiness to self-sacrifice; the sacred books and   
pages held by their hands; their countless pupils who through following their paths attain truth,   
perfection and light, thus proving again the truthfulness of the teachings; the unanimous   
agreement of the prophets -those most earnest warners- and their followers in all positive matters;   
their concord, mutual support and affinity - all of this constitutes so powerful a proof that no   
power on earth can confront it, and no doubt or hesitation can survive it