

Just Think!

Ignorance!

- Can we count the stars? Do we know how many galaxies are there? Do we know how many stars are there in our own galaxy? We do not know.
- Do we know why is the sky blue? We really do not know. Nobody knows, not even the scientists. Nor does anyone know why the sea appears blue.
- We all know about magnets. We know that unlike poles attract and like poles repel each other. But do we know why?
- How can two lumps of inanimate, inert, insentient matter, sitting millions of miles away pull one another? What exactly is gravity? Why do bodies attract one another? Why do they never repel? Nobody knows.
- We all get angry at times. But no one knows what exactly is anger. Or greed, or love, or jealousy for that matter. These are all real, we all experiences them in our everyday life. Yet we know so little about them.
- We all know that black cows eat green grass and give white milk. How exactly does the grass become milk?
- Mango trees and neem trees grow on the same soil, absorb the same water and breathe the same air. One produces sweet mangoes and the other bitter seeds. How?

- We know what happens to all the molecules of water, nitrogen and carbon in our body when we die - they are all added back to the common pool of resources in the earth system from which they have come. What happens to our knowledge? Being non-material, non-physical, knowledge cannot die, can it?
- We do not understand death. Or life. No one knows exactly what is the difference between a living organism and a non-living thing. All living beings do not breathe. All of them do not eat. All of them do not have hearts to beat. What exactly is life?
- We know so little about sleep. Or even about yawning. Or hiccups. It is foolish to think we know everything. It is foolish even to think we know many things, if not most things. It is foolish even to think we know anything substantial at all.
- We are all ignorant. We do not even know who we are. If somebody asks us, we innocently answer with our name, our father's name, our profession etc as if these are really answers to the question "who are you?" We are all ignorant, totally ignorant. Let us accept this.
- Water flows from high to low, knowledge flows from those who have it to those who are humble enough to take low ground. Arrogance arises out of ignorance. It is only the ignorant who think they know a lot. Ignorant people talk more and always try to occupy a high ground, advising others. Is this not like the blind leading the blind? Just think.