

Our Spiritual Journey to Get Closer to Allah

Knowing Allah (SWT) Through Nahjul Balagha



Khutba 91: Creation of Allah-The Earth

Reminder when Participating in the Chat

- 1) Do not write any personal information in the chat box (involving your email address and phone number).
- 2) Do not make fun of the responses of other students (show respect to everyone).
- 3) Once the class has begun all discussions should relate only to the class (no private conversations with others).

Recap from Previous Class

- In any situation in which there is design, there has to be an **Intelligent** and **Conscious** and **Capable** designer who is aware of what is being designed.
- Hadith of Imam Ali (a), “I have not seen anything without seeing Allah with it, and before it, and



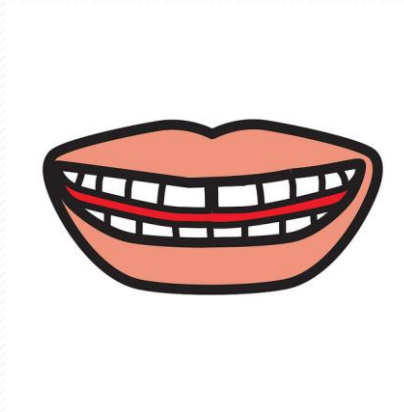
Story Related to the Hadith of Imam Ali (a)

- “Make Allah the Centre of your Life” story
- What can we learn from the story?



Words of Wisdom from Nahjul Balagha Hadith 35

- **Amir al-mu'minin, peace be upon him, said:** If someone is quick in saying about people what they dislike, they speak about him that about which they have no knowledge.



Excerpt from Khutba #91 Creation of Allah-The Earth

- *Allah spread the earth on stormy and tumultuous waves and the depths of swollen seas, where waves clashed with each other and high surges leapt over one another . . . The tumult of the stormy water was subdued by the weight of the earth, when the earth pressed it with its chest its shooting agitation eased, and when the earth rolled on it with its shoulder bones the water meekly submitted.*



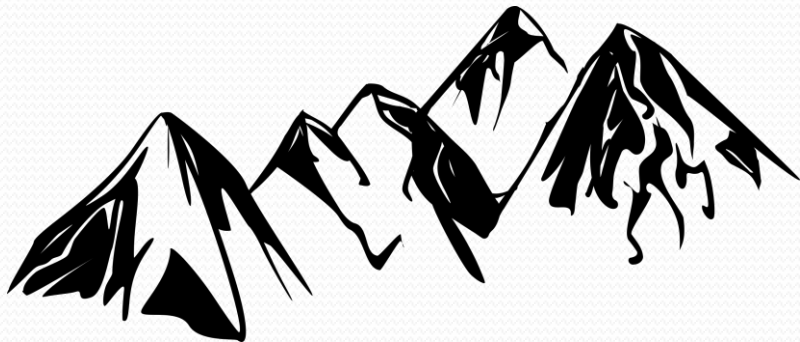
Story Time

- “The World is an Egg”
- What can we learn from the story “The World is an Egg”?



Excerpt from Khutba #91 Creation of Allah-The Earth

- *When the excitement of water subsided under the earth's sides and under the weight of the high and lofty mountains placed on its shoulders, Allah flowed springs of water from its high tops and distributed them through plains and low places and moderated their movement by fixed rocks and high mountain tops.*



Connection with Khutba 185

- *He created the earth and suspended it, retained it without support, made it stand without legs, and raised it without pillars.*



Excerpt from Khutba #91 Creation of Allah-The Earth

- *Then Allah created vastness between the earth and heavens and provided blowing wind for its inhabitants. Then He directed its inhabitants to spread all over its convenient places. Thereafter He did not leave alone the barren tracts of the earth where high portions lacked in water-springs and where rivers could not find their way, but created floating clouds which enliven the unproductive areas and grow vegetation.*



The Universe Has Design

- There are many examples of design in the universe around us:
- Sunrise and sunset: The times for this can be calculated for thousands of years in advance. This shows a sophisticated and precise design.
- Design of planets and other bodies in the solar system: Everything has been arranged in a certain way such that if it was disrupted by even a small amount, chaos would rule. For example, if the temperature were to rise by 5 degrees, or summertime were extended by a few days, or the earth was slightly closer to the sun, or etc., life would cease to exist.
- *Conclusion: Therefore, there is a Designer for this universe that is Intelligent and Aware of His design and Capable of putting it together.*

Excerpt from Khutba #91 Creation of Allah-The Earth

- *He made a big cloud by collecting together small clouds and when water collected in it and lightning began to flash on its sides and the flash continued under the white clouds as well as the heavy ones. He sent it raining heavily.*



How the Has the Earth Been Described in the Holy Qur'an?

- 2:22
- *Who has made the Earth a resting-place for you and the sky a canopy, and has sent down water from the sky and thereby brought forth fruits for your sustenance ...*
- 2:29
- *He it is who has created for you all that is on the Earth, and has applied His design to the heavens and fashioned them into seven heavens*

Excerpt from Khutba #91 Creation of Allah-The Earth

- *When the cloud prostrated itself on the ground and delivered all the water it carried on itself Allah grew vegetation on the plain earth and herbage on dry mountains. As a result, the earth felt pleased at being decorated with its gardens and wondered at her dress of soft vegetation and the ornaments of its blossoms. Allah made all this the means of sustenance for the people and food for the beasts. He has opened up highways in its expanse and has established minarets of guidance for those who tread on its highways.*

Challenge Question

- Based on the way Allah has created the universe what is the maximum number of hours a day or a night can last?



Answer can be Found in Hadith e Mufaddal

- The days or the nights do not exceed fifteen hours.
- Do you know that if days were extended to a hundred or two hundred hours, the animal and plant life would have perished? Such a long interval without rest and comfort would have killed the animals...Men, too, would have continued to work on without stopping with consequent peril to life...
- Similarly, if the night had been prolonged equally, all species of living beings would have been prevented from moving about and finding nutrients with consequent starvation. The plants would have lost their vital heat, delayed and perished

Taking a Closer Look at Our Universe

- Seeing our world from a different perspective

