

WELCOME TO ALI 544 –
CREATIVE
INTERACTIONS WITH
THE QURAN

SESSION 2:
QURAN JOURNALING –
CREATING A VISUAL
REPRESENTATION OF
VERSES

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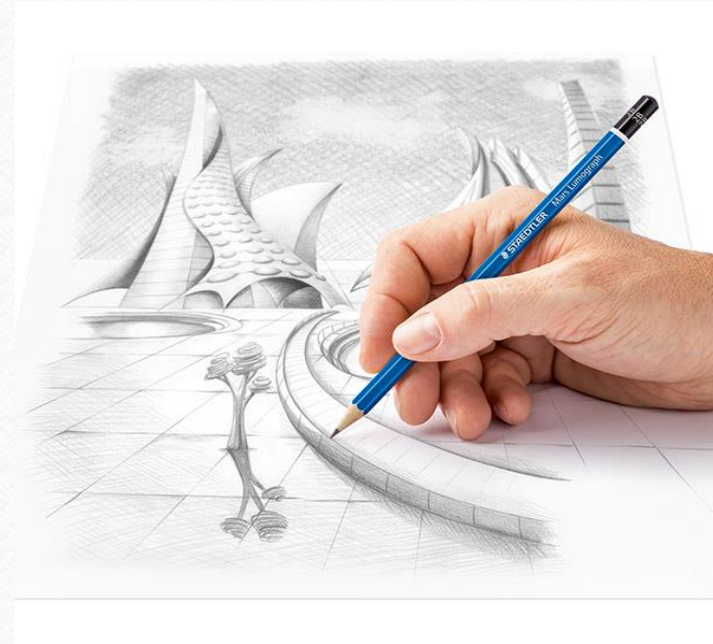
- Ensure **hijab** at all times
- Limit chats to only relevant questions concerning the session
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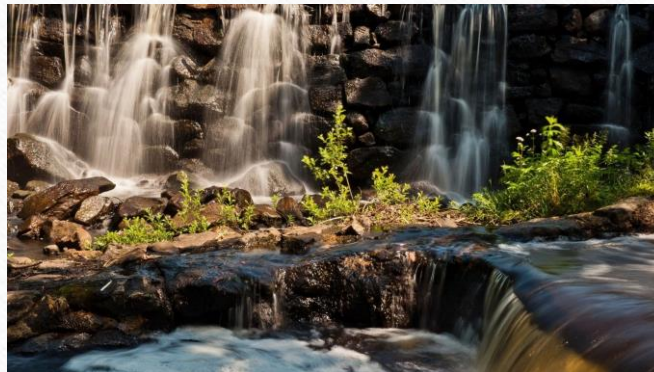
- Introduction
- Sample Verse Reflection
- Hadith Search
- Visualizing Exercise
- Illustrations
- Q & A





S. RA'D VERSE 17 (a)

- He sends down **water** from the **sky**
- whereat the **valleys** are flooded to [the extent of] their **capacity**,
- and the flood carries along a **swelling scum**.



أَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً
فَسَالَتْ أَوْدِيَةٌ بِقَدَرِهَا
فَاخْتَمَلَ السَّيْلُ زَبَدًا رَابِيًا



S. RA'D VERSE 17 (b)

- And from what they **smelt** in the **fire**
- for the purpose of [making] **ornaments** or **wares**,
- [there arises] a similar **scum**.

وَمِمَّا يُوقِدُونَ عَلَيْهِ فِي النَّارِ

ابْتِغَاءَ حِلْيَةٍ أَوْ مَتَاعٍ

زَبَدٌ مِثْلُهُ





S. RA'D VERSE 17 (c)

- That is how Allah compares the **truth and falsehood**.
- As for the scum, it leaves as **dross**,
- and that which **profits** the people **remains** in the earth.
- That is how Allah draws comparisons.

كَذَلِكَ يَضْرِبُ اللَّهُ الْحَقَّ وَالْبَاطِلَ

فَأَمَّا الزَّبَدُ فَيَذْهَبُ جُفَاءً^ط

وَأَمَّا مَا يَنْفَعُ النَّاسَ فَيَمْكُثُ فِي الْأَرْضِ^ج

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. How many things in nature is Allah mentioning in this verse?
2. What are the two elements mentioned, that form a scum/foam?
3. What are the parables being drawn?
4. Where else in the Quran is Allah talking about human capacity?



HADITH



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- <https://hadith.academyofislam.com/>
 - <https://www.al-islam.org/mizan-al-hikmah-scale-wisdom>
 - <https://www.al-islam.org/ghurar-al-hikam-wa-durar-al-kalim-exalted-aphorisms-and-pearls-speech>
 - <https://www.al-islam.org/nahjul-balagha-part-2-letters-and-sayings>

S. IBRAHIM VERSES 24-26

- Have you not regarded how Allah has drawn a parable?
- A good word is like a good tree: its roots are steady and its branches are in the sky.
- It gives its fruit every season by the leave of its Lord.
- Allah draws these parables for mankind so that they may take admonition.
- And the parable of a bad word is that of a bad tree: uprooted from the ground, it has no stability.

14. SŪRAT IBRAHĪM

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28 Have you not regarded those who have changed Allah's blessing with ingratitude, and landed their people in the house of ruin?

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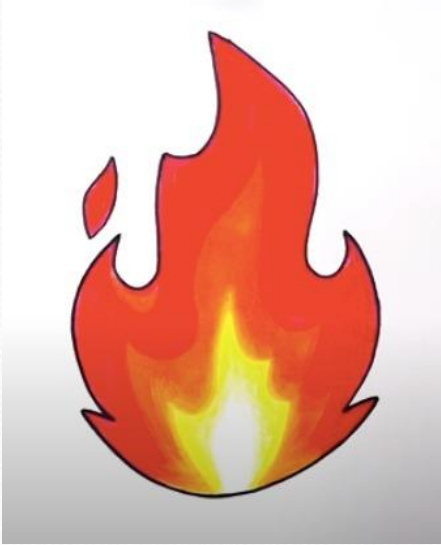
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 أَمْ هَلْ تَسْتَوِي الظُّلُمَةُ وَالنُّورُ
 أَمْ جَعَلُوا لِلَّهِ شُرَكَاءَ خَلَقُوا كَخَلْقِهِ
 فَتَشْبِهَةُ الْخَلْقِ عَلَيْهِمْ
 قُلِ اللَّهُ خَالِقُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
 وَهُوَ الْوَاحِدُ الْقَهَّارُ
 ١٧ أَنزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً
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'Are the blind one and the seer equal?
 Or are the darkness and the light equal?'
 Have they set up for Allah partners
 who have created like His creation,
 so that the creations seemed confusable to them?
 Say, 'Allah is the creator of all things,
 and He is the One, the All-paramount.'
 He sends down water from the sky
 whereat the valleys are flooded
 to [the extent of] their capacity,
 and the flood carries along a swelling scum.
 And from what they smelt in the fire
 for the purpose of [making] ornaments or wares,
 [there arises] a similar scum.
 That is how Allah compares the truth
 and falsehood.
 As for the scum, it leaves as dross,
 and that which profits the people
 remains in the earth.
 That is how Allah draws comparisons
 For those who answer [the summons of] their Lord
 there shall be the best [of rewards].
 But those who do not answer Him,
 even if they possessed all that is on the earth
 and as much of it besides,
 they would surely offer it to redeem themselves
 with it.¹
 For such there shall be an adverse reckoning,
 and their refuge shall be hell,

¹ Cf. 5:36 & 39:47.

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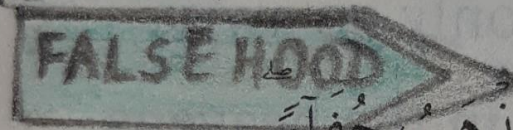
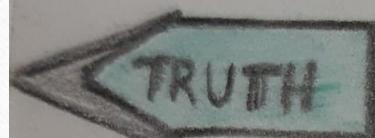
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SUGGESTED VERSES FOR ILLUSTRATION

- 1) Growth stages of a tree - 48:29
- 2) Parable of charity as a grain that multiplies 700 times - 2:261
- 3) Parable of washing away of good deeds - 2:264
- 4) Mountains of various colours - 35:27
- 5) Creation of a fly - 22:73
- 6) Calling the Prophet from behind his chambers (apartments) - 49:4
- 7) Benefits and beauty of cattle - 16:5-7