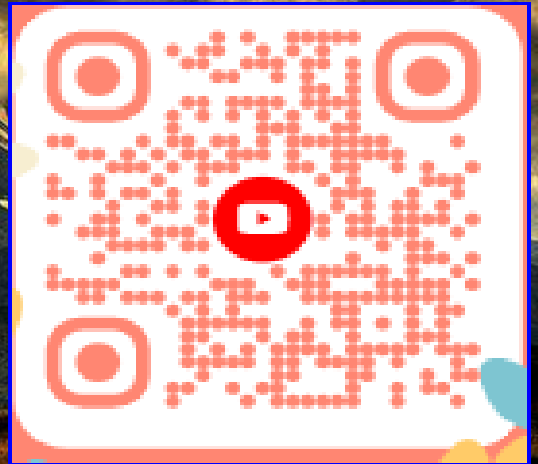


# In The Name of Allah We Start

## MOUNTAINS ARE LIKE TENT PEGS

Have We not made the earth as a bed,  
and the mountains as pegs?

(HOLY QURAN - 78:6-7)



Geologists tell us that the radius of the Earth is about 6,035 km and the crust on which we live is very thin, ranging between 2 to 35 km. Since the crust is thin, it has a high possibility of shaking. Mountains act like stakes or tent pegs that hold the Earth's crust and give it stability.

The word awtad means stakes or pegs (like those used to anchor a tent); they are the deep foundations of geological folds. A book named 'Earth' is considered as a basic reference textbook on geology in many universities around the world. One of the authors of this book is Frank Press, who was the President of the Academy of Sciences in the USA for 12 years and was the Science Advisor to former US President Jimmy Carter. In this book he illustrates the mountain in a wedge-shape and the mountain itself as a small part of the whole, whose root is deeply entrenched in the ground. [Earth, Press and Siever, p. 435. Also see Earth Science, Tarbuck and Lutgens, p. 157] According to Dr. Press, the mountains play an important role in stabilizing the crust of the earth.

The Qur'an clearly mentions the function of the mountains in preventing the earth from shaking: "And We have set on the earth mountains standing firm, lest it should shake with them." [Al-Qur'an 21:31]

**Allah has supported His last Prophet Muhammad with many miracles and much evidence which proves that he is a true Prophet sent by Allah. Also, Allah has supported His last revealed book, the Holy Quran, with many miracles that prove that this Quran is the literal word of Allah, revealed by Him, and that it was not authored by any human being. The Quran is the literal word of Allah, which He revealed to His Prophet Muhammad through the Angel Gabriel.**

**Not one letter of the Quran has been changed over the centuries. The Quran, which was revealed fourteen centuries ago, mentioned facts only recently discovered or proven by scientists. This proves without any doubt that the Quran must be the literal word of God, revealed by Him to the Prophet Muhammad, and that the Quran was not authored by Muhammad or by any other human being. This also proves that Muhammad is truly a prophet sent by God. It is beyond reason that anyone fourteen hundred years ago would have known these facts discovered or proven only recently with advanced equipment and sophisticated scientific methods.**

**I will now show you part of the story of the**

**Prophet Solomon**

**in the Qur'an (( surah**

**An-Naml)) Ants**



15. And indeed We gave knowledge to Dâwûd (David) and Sulaimân (Solomon), and they both said: "All the praises and thanks be to Allâh, Who has preferred us above many of His believing slaves!"

16. And Sulaimân (Solomon) inherited (the knowledge of) Dâwûd (David). He said: "O mankind! We have been taught the language of birds, and on us have been bestowed all things. This, verily, is an evident grace (from Allâh)

17. And there were gathered before Sulaimân (Solomon) his hosts of jinn and men, and birds, and they all were set in battle order (marching forward)

18. Till, when they came to the valley of the ants, one of the ants said: "O ants! Enter your dwellings, lest Sulaimân (Solomon) and his hosts should crush you, while they perceive not

19. So he [Sulaimân (Solomon)] smiled, amused at her speech<sup>[1]</sup> and said: "My Lord! Grant me the power and ability that I may be grateful for Your Favours which You have bestowed on me and on my parents, and that I may do righteous good deeds that will please You, and admit me by Your Mercy among Your righteous slaves

20. He inspected the birds, and said: "What is the matter that I see not the hoopoe? Or is he among the absentees

21. "I will surely punish him with a severe torment, or slaughter him, unless he brings me a clear reason.

22. But the hoopoe stayed not long: he (came up and) said: "I have grasped (the knowledge of a thing) which you have not grasped and I have come to you from Saba' (Sheba) with true news

23. "I found a woman ruling over them: she has been given all things that could be possessed by any ruler of the earth, and she has a great throne

24. "I found her and her people worshipping the sun instead of Allâh, and Shaitân (Satan) has made their deeds fair-seeming to them, and has barred them from (Allâh's) Way: so they have no guidance."

25. [As Shaitân (Satan) has barred them from Allâh's Way] so they do not worship (prostrate themselves before) Allâh, Who brings to light what is hidden in the heavens and the earth, and knows what you conceal and what you reveal. [Tafsir At-Tabarî]

26. Allâh, Lâ ilâha illa Huwa (none has the right to be worshipped but He), the Lord of the Supreme Throne!

27. [Sulaimân (Solomon)] said: "We shall see whether you speak the truth or you are (one) of the liars.

28. "Go you with this letter of mine, and deliver it to them, then draw back from them, and see what (answer) they return."

29. She said: "O chiefs! Verily! Here is delivered to me a noble letter,

30. "Verily it is from Sulaimân (Solomon), and verily, it (reads): In the Name of Allâh, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful:

31. "Be you not exalted against me, but come to me as Muslims (true believers who submit to Allâh with full submission).'" "

32. She said: "O chiefs! Advise me in (this) case of mine. I decide no case till you are present with me (and give me your opinions)."

33. They said: "We have great strength, and great ability for war, but it is for you to command: so think over what you will command."

**It must be noted that Solomon is mentioned in several surahs of the Qur'an, not one surah**



## **Hadith**



**'Abdullah reported that**

**the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, "You must be truthful.**

**Truthfulness leads to dutifulness and dutifulness leads to the Garden.**

**A man continues to tell the truth until he is written as a siddiq with Allah.**

**Beware of lying.**

**Lying leads to deviance and deviance leads to the Fire.**

**A man continues to lie until he is written as a liar with Allah."**

# Ethics in Islam

(If a young pays respect to a person for his old age,



Allah will appoint a person who would facilitate him in his old days). Jami' al-Tirmidhi, Hadith # 22022.

We bow before Allah in gratitude that in Islamic lands, in accordance with the teachings of the Qur'an and Sunnah, the ageing parents and the senior citizens enjoy respect, and they are being taken care of by their children as compared to many other cultures and societies where old houses reflect an ugly face of their social culture and their treatment towards their elders, parents and grandparents.

ISAIAH 42:1

PROPHET MUHAMMAD IS KNOWN  
AS GOD'S SERVANT

...MY **SERVANT**

عبد الله  
'ABD-ALLAH'

WHOM I UPHOLD,

MY **CHOS**

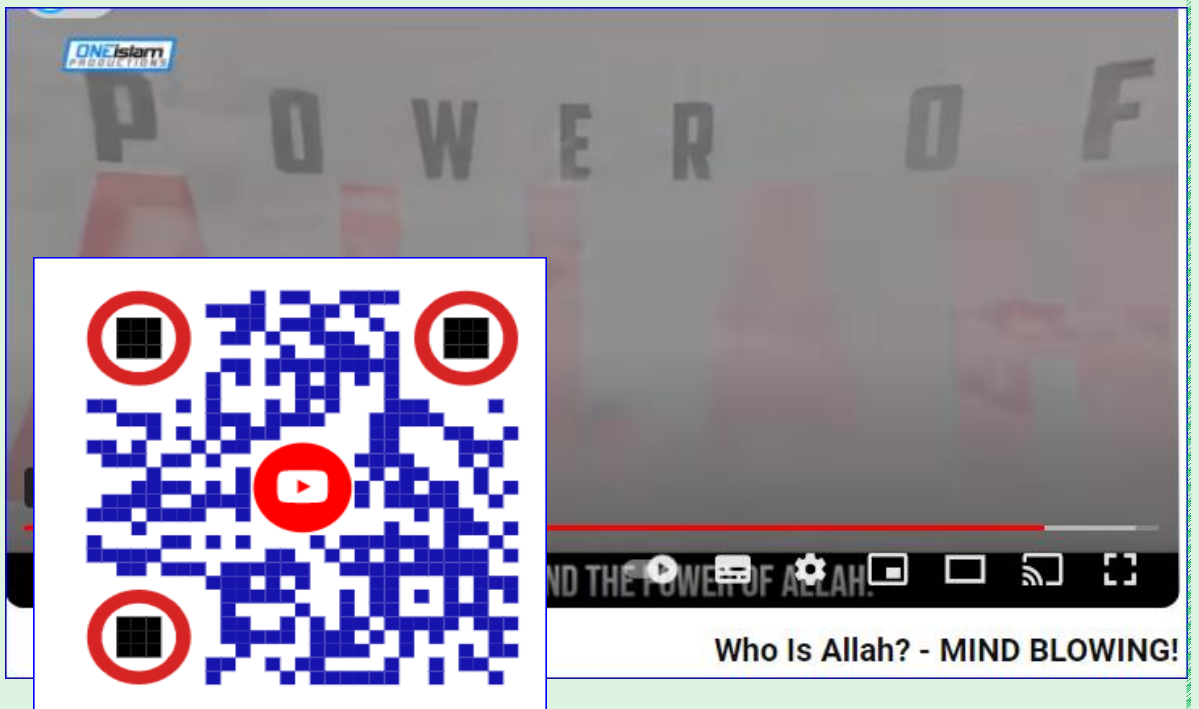
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مصطفى  
ISAIAH 42:9

...THE FORMER THINGS  
HAVE TAKEN PLACE,  
AND NEW THINGS  
I DECLARE...



**Music Halal or Haram** : Since the birth of Islam the permissibility of music and singing has been debated. Not only the lawfulness of the performer but also of the audience was discussed. Advocates and opponents alike traced the legitimacy of their position back to the Quran and the hadiths, the sayings of the Prophet



The seventeenth-century Muslim scholar Chelebi distinguishes three categories of music: that coming from birds, from the human throat and from instruments. He states that in Islam it is permissible to listen to the melodies produced by birds, and to those produced by the human throat, subject to certain conditions and rules. To listen to instruments that are blown or struck however, is never permissible (1957: 38). Certain instruments are forbidden because they are supposed to incite drinking. The kuba, an oblong drum, for instance, is prohibited because of its association with drinking wine, licentious songs and dissolute people. With respect to the human throat, if it produces songs about wine and debauchery, it is not permissible to listen to them (ibid.: 39)

According to the ethnomusicologist Al-Faruqi, religious opinion makes a hierarchy of music and singing in forbidden, unfavored, indifferent, recommended and commendable forms. The recitation of the Quran stands at the peak of the hierarchy, immediately followed by the call to prayer and



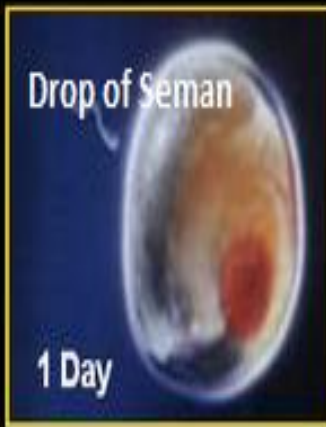
religious chants. Also legitimate are various types of songs connected to family celebrations, caravan chants, work songs and the music of military bands. At the bottom of the hierarchy, we find "sensuous music that is performed in association with condemned activities, or that is thought to incite to such prohibited practices as consumption of drugs and alcohol, lust, prostitution etc." (1985: 12). These genres are clearly forbidden, haram. Most forms of music and singing, though, fall between these clear categories and are controversial. The approval or disapproval of performers is not only related to the genre but also to the context of the performance. Regarding the permissibility of the context, three elements are deemed important by the eleventh-century Muslim scholar Imam al-Ghazali, that is, time, place and associates. It is not acceptable if too much time is devoted to performances so that it interferes with the higher Islamic goals and distracts the believers' attention from the devotion to God. Full-time professional performers are accordingly less acceptable than non-professional amateurs. The acceptability of the place and occasion of the performance is also an important factor in judging the legitimacy of the entertainers and their public. Lastly, the type of people present during the performance affects the permissibility of the performers and their audience. A certain genre of music can thus be permissible in one context while it is rejected in another circumstance. Playing the tambourine is, for instance, acceptable if it is done by women at a wedding but forbidden if it is done by men in contexts of homosexuality or prostitution

Allah (swt) The Creator - AL- KHALIQ

ثُمَّ خَلَقْنَا النُّطْفَةَ عَلَقَةً فَخَلَقْنَا الْعَلَقَةَ مُضْغَةً فَخَلَقْنَا الْمُضْغَةَ عِظْمًا  
فَكَسَوْنَا الْعِظْمَ لَحْمًا ثُمَّ أَنْشَأْنَاهُ خَلْقًا آخَرَ فَتَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ أَحْسَنُ الْخَالِقِينَ ﴿١٤﴾

Then We made the sperm-drop into a clinging clot, and We made the clot into a lump [of flesh], and We made [from] the lump, bones, and We covered the bones with flesh; then We developed him into another creation. So blessed is Allah , the best of creators. 23- 14

The Quran explains embryology 1400 years ago before the inventions of the first microscope.



Allah (swt) mentions His ability and subtlety in creating this Nutfah and taking it from stage to stage until it takes the shape of a perfectly formed human being,

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