

Lesson 4: How did you come to know your Lord?

Part II

Knowing Allah by His Creation—Proof 2.

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In this lesson:

- Activity 1: Vocabulary. Learn some key words of the ayaah
- Activity 2: Begin to Memorize the ayaah, using Hifz Page.
- Activity 3: Write the ayaah as an aid to memory (on writing paper)
- Activities 4-6: Learn the meaning of this ayah

Activity 1. Words To Know:

Learn/Review the following words/phrases in Arabic by completing "Words To Know" below:

Heavens, Earth, Six days, Rose over the Throne,
Night, Day, Sun, moon, stars, Alameen

Words to Know

Write the correct Arabic word next to each English word.

English	Arabic
heavens	
earth	
six days	
rose over the Throne	
night	
day	
sun	
moon	
stars	
'Alameen	

Tip: Use these as flash cards by cutting out on the solid lines and folding along the dotted line.



Activity 2:

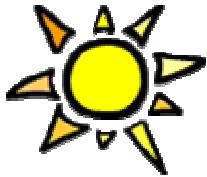


Begin to Memorize the ayaah

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[Suratul A.raaf: 54]



**Inna rabbakumullahulladhi khalaqas samaawaati wal
arda fee sittati ayyam(in)**

**Thummastawaa 'alal arsh(i) yugshil-laylan-nahaara yatlubuhu
hathiyatha(n) wal shamsa wal qamara wan-nujuma musakh-kharaati
biamrihi, alla lahul-khalqu wal amru tabaarakallahu rabbul 'aalameen.**

Activity 3: Write the ayaah

Copy as needed

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Activity 4:

Read/listen to the explanation of the creation of the universe,
from Tafsir Ibn Kathir.

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أَيَّامٍ

Allah states that He created the universe, the heavens and earth and all that is in, on and between them in six days, as He has stated in several Ayat in the Qur'an. These six days are: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. On Friday, the entire creation was assembled and on that day, Adam was created. There is a difference of opinion whether these days were the same as our standard days as suddenly comes to the mind, or each day constitutes one thousand years, as reported from Mujahid, Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal, and from Ibn ` Abbas according to Ad-Dahhak's narration from him. As for Saturday, no creation took place in it since it is the seventh day of (of the week). The word `As-Sabt' means stoppage, or break. Imam Ahmad recorded Abu Hurayrah saying: `Allah's Messenger told me:

«خَلَقَ اللَّهُ، (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ)، التُّرْبَةَ يَوْمَ السَّبْتِ، وَخَلَقَ فِيهَا الْجِبَالَ
يَوْمَ الْاَحَدِ، وَخَلَقَ الشَّجَرَ يَوْمَ الْاِثْنَيْنِ، وَخَلَقَ الْمَكْرُوهَ يَوْمَ
الثَّلَاثَاءِ، وَخَلَقَ النُّورَ يَوْمَ الْارْبِعَاءِ، وَبَثَّ فِيهَا الدَّوَابَّ يَوْمَ
الْخَمِيسِ، وَخَلَقَ آدَمَ، عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ، بَعْدَ الْعَصْرِ مِنْ يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ،
فِي آخِرِ الْخَلْقِ، فِي آخِرِ سَاعَةٍ مِنْ سَاعَاتِ الْجُمُعَةِ، فِيمَا بَيْنَ
الْعَصْرِ إِلَى اللَّيْلِ»

. (Allah created the dust on Saturday, and He created the mountains on Sunday, and He created the trees on Monday, and He created the unpleasant things on Tuesday and He created the light on Wednesday and He spread the creatures through out it on Thursday and He created Adam after `Asr on Friday. He was the last created during the last hour of Friday, between `Asr and the night.)

Write the day of the week that each item was created on,
according to the Tafsir.

Variation: younger ones can match the day to the event)

Adam	English	Bonus: Write the Arabic Day name
creatures		
dust		
light		
trees		
unpleasant things		
mountains		

Bonus: What do the kuffar say that Allah did on Saturday, the seventh day?

Activity 5:
Read/listen to the explanation of
Allah's Rising over the Throne

How did Allah rise over his Throne? The scholars and others have different opinions or beliefs about the meaning of this. However, we follow the way of our righteous predecessors and accept that he rose over His Throne, as He said, and we don't discuss how he actually did this and do not liken (His rising) it to that of creation as nothing is similar to Allah.

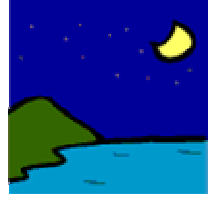
(Reworded from Tafsir Ibn Kathir)

(Indeed, we assert and affirm what the Imams said, such as Nu`aym bin Hammad Al-Khuza'i, the teacher of Imam Al-Bukhari, who said, "Whoever likens Allah with His creation, will have committed Kufr. Whoever denies what Allah has described Himself with, will have committed Kufr. Certainly, there is no resemblance (of Allah with the creation) in what Allah and His Messenger have described Him with. Whoever attests to Allah's attributes that the plain Ayat and authentic Hadiths have mentioned, in the manner that suits Allah's majesty, all the while rejecting all shortcomings from Him, will have taken the path of guidance." (Tafsir Ibn Kathir)

Q: How would you answer if asked, "how did Allah rise over the Throne?"



Activity 6: Read/listen about The Day and Night as Signs of Allah



Allah said,

(يُعْشَى اللَّيْلَ النَّهَارَ يَطْلُبُهُ حَثِيئًا)

(He brings the night as a cover over the day, seeking it rapidly,) meaning, the darkness goes away with the light, and the light goes away with the darkness. Each of them seeks the other rapidly, and does not come late, for when this vanishes, the other comes, and vice versa.

and (He created) the sun, the moon, the stars subjected to His command.) meaning, all are under His command, will and dominion. Allah alerted us afterwards,

(وَالشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ وَالنُّجُومَ مُسَخَّرَاتٍ بِأَمْرِهِ)

(Surely, His is the creation and commandment) the dominion and the decision. Allah said next,

(أَلَا لَهُ الْخَلْقُ وَالْأَمْرُ)

(Blessed is Allah, the Lord of the all that exists!)

(تَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ)