

STARS AND COMETS

WITH THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.

The sun is but one of the billions of stars which our Rabb has created. The stars in our galaxy differ in size and brightness.

The word النَّجْمُ means 'a star'.

In Sura al-Nahl (ch. 16): verse 16 we read:-

"And marks and sign-posts; and by the stars (humans) guide themselves."

Stars were also used to determine direction. Comets are also mentioned in the Holy Quraan.

"Except such as snatch away something by stealth, and they are pursued by a flaming fire, of piercing brightness."
Sura Saffat (ch. 37): verse 10

A comet is extremely bright and it can also be regarded as a flaming fire.

The Arabic term for a comet is شَهَابٌ

The function of a comet is to guard the lower heaven from the interference of Jinns.

We are told in Sura Jinn (ch. 72): verse 10:-

"(the Jinns said): 'and we pried into the secrets of heaven; but we found it filled with stern guards and flaming fires.' "

Worksheet

1) Give the Arabic term for 'star'.

2) Is the sun a star?

3) Give the Arabic word for 'comet'.
