

## Sura 24( Nur ) 35 &amp; 36

35 God is the Light of the heavens and the earth. The parable of His Light is as if there were a Niche and within it a Lamp : The Lamp enclosed in glass : The glass as it were a brilliant star : lit from a blessed Tree , an Olive , neither of the East nor of the West , whose oil is well-nigh Luminous , though fire scarce touched it : Light upon Light ! God doth set forth Parables for men : and God doth know all things.36 ( Lit is such a Light ) in houses , which God hath permitted to be raised to honour ; for the celebration , in them , of His name : in them is He glorified in the mornings and the evenings , ( again and again ),-

## Star & Moon: Truth and It's Presence on Earth

Everyday we are faced with realities both within and without. The natural world outside us is true as it's roots are in God and it has no choice but to manifest the ideas of the Mind from which it springs. The Mind of God is the Sun and the natural world It's moon. The Light and the reflection thereof; perfect harmony ( Sura XCI 1&2 n. 6148 ). Contrastly, mankind lives in chaos. Simply speaking the reason for this is man's inverted values (that which he lends importance to). Most people see the natural world, which is nothing more than a graven image, and count it as everything. That is to say "They worship creation rather than the Creator". If you look at the moon's light you may think the moon is it's source but science teaches us that the moon only reflects the sun's light. It is the same with the material world in which we live. Most people give the greatest importance to it. They value it above all else. But even when they are filled to overflowing with it an emptiness still exists. The world is merely a reflection of genuine reality(ies). The idea and/or ideas things represent.

This being true, why do people value matter so much? Even to the point of devaluing that which is more genuinely important, their spiritual lives. The reason has it's roots in man's dual nature. Man has both spiritual and physical aspects of existence and unfortunately has nurtured, developed and given priority to the most superficial aspect, his material being. Man seeks and values material possessions and attributes and sets his standards by them but they never truly satisfy him nor give him genuine peace and security. He is backwards in his ways. Putting his physical needs first and his spiritual needs second. Because of this we all witness and are subject to in some way a reality which divides us one from the other. Because of this people are reduced to mere animals without an ability to genuinely love and trust. Their eyes are set on the earth and not on the heavens. Their standards for conduct set by jungle law. With the most troubling result of this inverted, materialistic standard for living being the ideal of a physical rather than a Spiritual God.

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