

سُورَةُ الْعَنْكَبُوتِ  
Surat al-'Ankabūt (29)

# The Spider

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COMMENTARY OF THE QUR'AN

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# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Review for Today



**Session 18**

**Review for Today**

**Āyāt 42-44**



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Introduction

## God’s precedence in testing humans’ faith

Testing people’s faith at all times. (Verses 1-4)

4 Verses



Different groups going through Divine Trials. (Verses 5-13)

9 Verses



Consequences of disbelieving in Prophets sent by God. (Verses 14-44)

31 Verses

The trials which those who opposed the Prophets went through. (Verses 45-68)

24 Verses

Achievements of those who struggle in the way of God – Divine Mercy and Guidance. (Verse 69)

1 Verse



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verse 42 to 44

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ مَا يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ وَهُوَ  
الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٤٢﴾

Indeed Allah knows whatever they call upon apart from Him. He is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise. (42)



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verse 42 to 44

1. Allah knows and sees those idols which the disbelievers worship and submit to – whether they do it in open or in secret – nothing is hidden from Him.



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2. The idol worshippers “excuse” that they do not worship idols but rather, they are mere “representations” of God that they create to focus upon.



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verse 42 to 44

## CONTEMPORARY IDOL WORSHIPPERS

“God is everywhere, but people want to pray to Him, ask favors, offer food, tell stories, bathe Him, play with Him and do what they do in their lives. Creating a human-like idol creates an image of God as a companion, a guide, a friend, a protector, a giver, a fellow being and so on. An idol is just a concrete representation where they find Him. When I look into the eyes of an idol, I do not see stone or metal, but another pair of eyes looking affectionately at me, smiling.”



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verse 42 to 44

وَتِلْكَ الْأَمْثَالُ نَضْرِبُهَا لِلنَّاسِ وَمَا يَعْقِلُهَا إِلَّا  
الْعَالِمُونَ ﴿٤٣﴾

These are the *various* parables which We present for the *benefit of* humanity, yet, except for the learned, nobody tries to grasp them. (43)





# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verse 42 to 44

“Parables convey spiritual and moral teachings in a way in which words can sometimes not fully explain - parables can say things symbolically that we can’t say in words. They reinforce crucial concepts - aiding in better understanding and promoting enhanced memory retention.”



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verse 42 to 44

خَلَقَ اللَّهُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ بِالْحَقِّ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً  
لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٤٤﴾

Allah has created the skies/heavens and the earth with truth - *meaningfully and for definite, wise purposes, and on solid foundations of truth.* Surely in this, is a sign for the believers.(44)



# Sūrat Al-ʿAnkabūt: Verse 42 to 44

## THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN KNOWLEDGE (ILM) AND FAITH (IMAN)



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وَمَا يَعْقِلُهَا إِلَّا الْعَالِمُونَ ﴿٤٣﴾

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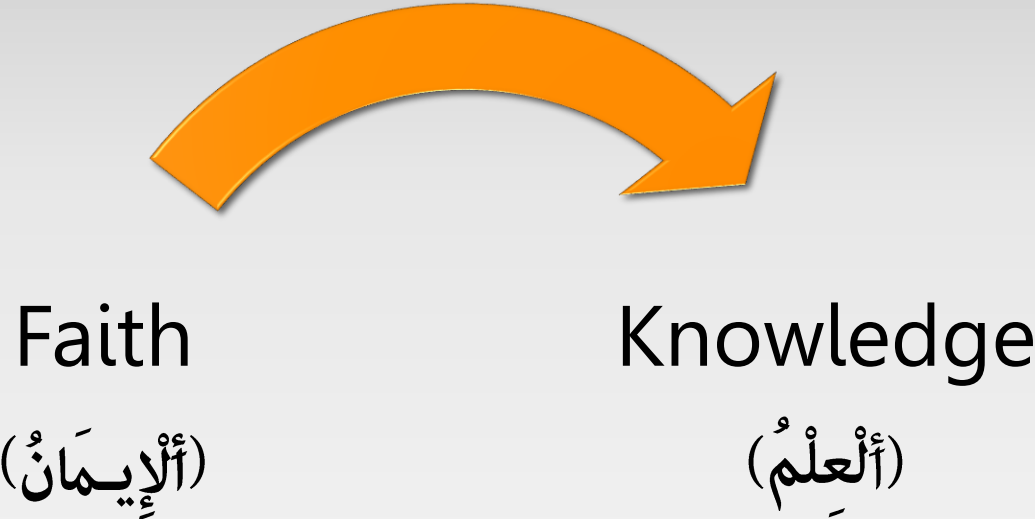
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إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٤٤﴾

In this there is evidence (of the truth) for the **believers**. (44)



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قال الإمام عليّ عليه السلام: نِعَمَ دَلِيلُ الْإِيْمَانِ الْعِلْمُ

Imam Ali عليه السلام said: "How good a guide of faith, knowledge is!"

Ref: Ghurar al-Hikm, #7011



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قال الإمام عليّ عليه السلام: أَلِإِيمَانُ وَ الْعِلْمُ (وَ الْعَمَلُ) أَخَوَانِ  
تَوَأْمَانِ وَ رَفِيقَانِ لَا يَفْتَرِقَانِ

Imam Ali عليه السلام said: "Faith and knowledge (or action) are twin brothers and companions who do not part ways."

Ref: Ghurar al-Hikm, #775



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verse 42 to 44

## Points for Reflection

1. If we turn away from Allah and put our trust in anyone or anything other than Him, it will not affect Him in the least.
2. The parables of the Quran are deep and rich in imagery and meaning which we must **ALL** reflect upon – the laity and the scholars.
3. The only way we can truly understand the depths of the Quran is to study and reflect on this book.

