

Surah 53:1-18 - The Star - An Najm (The first eighteen verses of the Star are considered among the earliest revelations of the *Qur'an* and are the most explicit reference to Muhammad's prophetic vision. It speaks to the divine power and nature of the visionary experiences of Muhammad. The *Qur'an* verses based on translation by Abdullah Yusuf Ali.)

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.

53:1 By the Star when it goes down,

53:2 Your Companion is neither astray nor being misled.

53:3 Nor does he say (aught) of (his own) Desire.

53:4 It is no less than inspiration sent down to him:

53:5 He was taught by one Mighty in Power,

53:6 Endued with Wisdom: for he appeared (in stately form);

53:7 While he was in the highest part of the horizon:

53:8 Then he approached and came closer,

53:9 And was at a distance of but two bow-lengths or (even) nearer;

53:10 So did (Allah) convey the inspiration to His Servant- (conveyed) what He (meant) to convey.

53:11 The (Prophet's) (mind and) heart in no way falsified that which he saw.

53:12 Will ye then dispute with him concerning what he saw?

53:13 For indeed he saw him at a second descent,

53:14 Near the Lote-tree beyond which none may pass:

53:15 Near it is the Garden of Abode.

53:16 Behold, the Lote-tree was shrouded (in mystery unspeakable!)

53:17 (His) sight never swerved, nor did it go wrong!

53:18 For truly did he see, of the Signs of his Lord, the Greatest!