

FILM – MEDIA & THE STAGES OF LIFE

اعْلَمُوا أَنَّهَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا لَعِبٌ وَلَهُوَ وِزِينَةٌ وَتَفَاخُرٌ بَيْنَكُمْ

*“Know that the life of this world is but amusement and diversion
and adornment and boasting to one another and competition”*

(57:20)

Imam Ghulam Moyhuddin

MEDIA - ART - EXPRESSION - LESSONS

Life Is A Story

World Is A Stage

Nations/Civilisations Are On Show



STORIES - EXPRESSIONS

Lut, Aad, Pharaoh, Musa, Nuh, Abraham, Jesus, Muhammad

The Quran is a Metanarrative

Grand Narrative

Holistic

Concise

Elucidates/Distinguishes

وَأَذْكُرُ فِي الْكِتَابِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ
وَأَذْكُرُ فِي الْكِتَابِ مُوسَى
وَأَذْكُرُ فِي الْكِتَابِ إِدْرِيسَ

LESSONS

Axiomatic

Struggle

Truth

Falsehood

Choice

نَحْنُ نَقُصُّ عَلَيْكَ أَحْسَنَ الْقَصَصِ
لَقَدْ كَانَ فِي قَصصِهِمْ عِبْرَةٌ لِأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ
جَاءَهُمُ الْحَقُّ مِنْ عِنْدِنَا
يَجْعَلُ لَكُمْ فُرْقَانًا
الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّكَ فَلَا تَكُنْ مِنَ الْمُمْتَرِينَ

ARTS – EXPRESSION

Imagery

When the sun is folded up; when the stars fall, losing their lustre; when the mountains vanish;

Tangible

On the day when some faces will be white, and some will be black:

Abstract

Sensory

When the earth is shaken to its convulsion throws up its burdens

Symbols

The day that the sky will be like molten brass

Allusions

When the oceans boil over with a swell

Similes

In gardens beneath which rivers flow

MEDIA - FILMS

Noah – Hollywood Film – Darren Aronofsky – Atheist

Artistic License – Liberty

Criticism – Abrahamic Faiths

Excitement – Secularists/Modernists

Traditional View - All Prophets of Allah are *M'asum*

(sinless/inerrant), human portrayal of Prophets is prohibited

Banned – UAE



SURAH NUH

First Prophet – Adam

Accountability

950 Years

**Deprived Of Divine
Providence**

Warning – Attitudes

Da'wah

Ark

Mission – Tawheed

Flood



MEDIA – FILMS

Human Portrayal Is Limited

Psychological

And Spiritual Effects

Maryam, Al-Nebras, The Last

Prophet, The Message,

Muhammad Childhood, Prince Of

Egypt, Fitna, Cartoon Caricatures

Biblical films in 2014:

Son of God (Story of Jesus)

Noah

Mary, Mother of Christ

Exodus, (Story of Moses)

Day of War (Story of King

David)

ARTS - ARGUMENTS

Fictitious Artistic Rendering

Enactment Of The Story Of

Noah Is Not Real But An

Artistic Adaptation Of The

Spirit Of The Story

Mimesis

Imitation, Expression

The 10th Century Islamic Scholar Al-Farabi

Actual, Achieved By Doing Something

Verbal, Achieved By Saying Something

Act Of Re-construal And Re-construction Of The World As The Poet Lives And Perceives It
Bridging The Gap Between The Word - World

RESPONSE MODERN MEDIA/ARTS

Desensitised

Offensive: Only The Images Of Prophet Muhammad?

Russell Crowe/No Actor Can Represent Prophet/s Nuh

Pure Imagination – Surah Nuh

Imagery Whilst Reciting Quran

Where Will Imagination/Technology/Art Wander?/Stop?

Balance Media/Art – Purity Of Image – Anticipation Hereafter