



Amerji's

Calligraphy

Amerjee's Calligraphy; *These cards have been designed to give an insight into the Islamic history by means of calligraphy to primary school children. A brief history of the lives and contributions of the prophets and religious leaders has been given at the back of each card. hope this humble effort is appreciated.*

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Bismillah-Irrehman-Er-Rahim:In the name of Allah the most benevolent and merciful.

This geometrical pattern is in Arabic script .

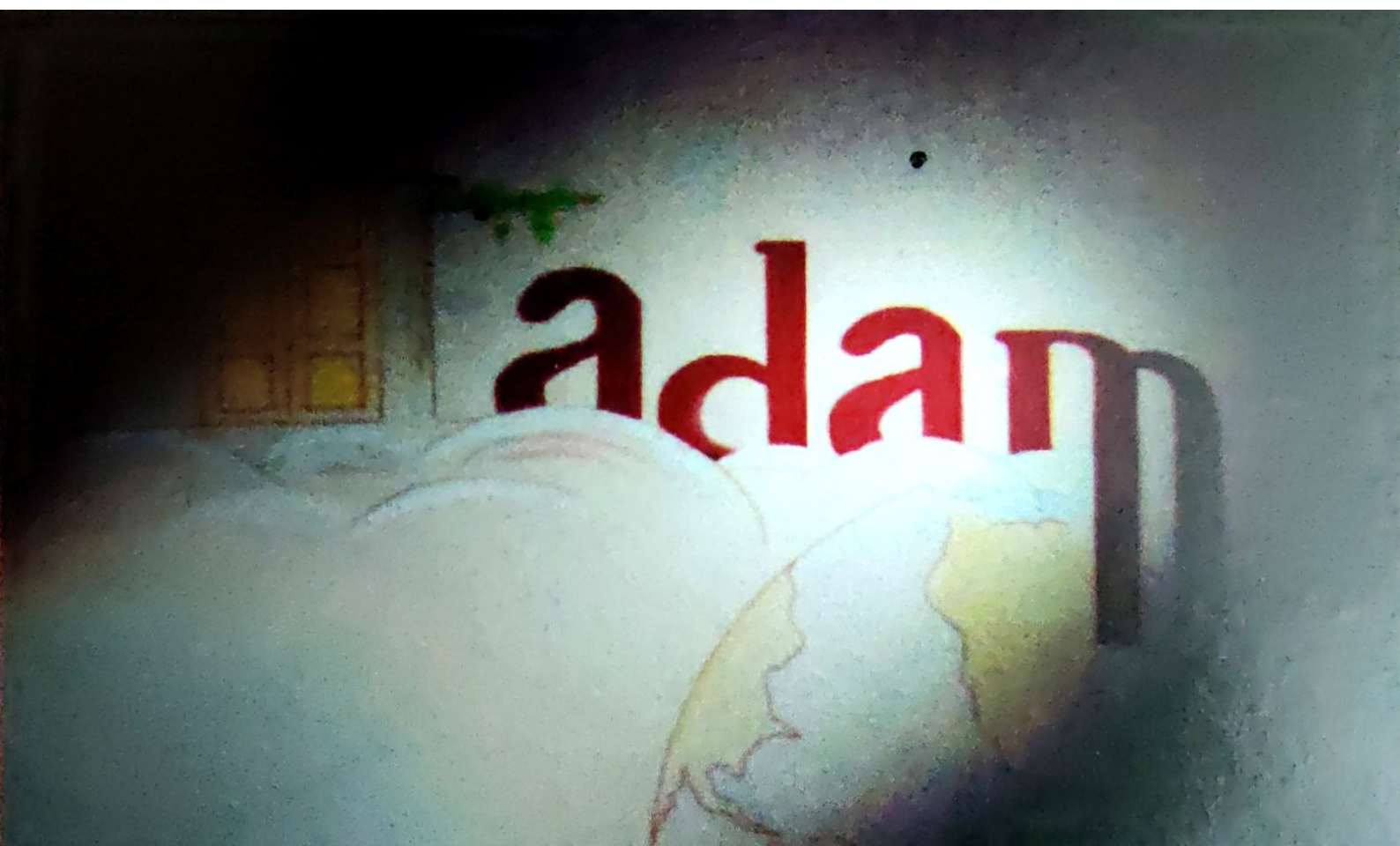
The script is so flexible that it can be stretched and moulded into any form or shape and size, all as per the creative desires of calligraphers. In the last 1400 years, this sentence has been beautifully written and decorated numerous times by the calligraphers all over the world.

أهل الله

Allah: Allah has many names. You can call him
‘Razzaq’ who gives you food, call Him
‘Rehman who is merciful, call Him ‘Khuda’ as
he is known in the Persian language or call
Him ‘Allah’, the name by which He is
addressed in the holy Quran. *This plate shows
His name written in the sky on a single cloud
• in both English and Arabic.*



Khuda: Islam preaches monotheism. God is one and the only one. His shape and size are not known to anyone. He is omniscient and omnipotent. We should worship him and pray to Him to guide us and to show us the right path. *This plate depicts the relationship between Him seated on a throne and His creation standing before him with folded hands in the shape of Alif.*



Adam (AS) ; The first prophet sent on earth by God descended some where in present day Sri Lanka. According to The Quran he ate wheat which was forbidden in heaven.

Adam

Adam(AS): Also known as 'Adam Safiullah'
The first prophet sent on earth by God the
almighty. You pronounce his name and an
apple comes rushing to your mind or when
you look at an apple you think of him.
This plate replaces letter 'A' by an apple.

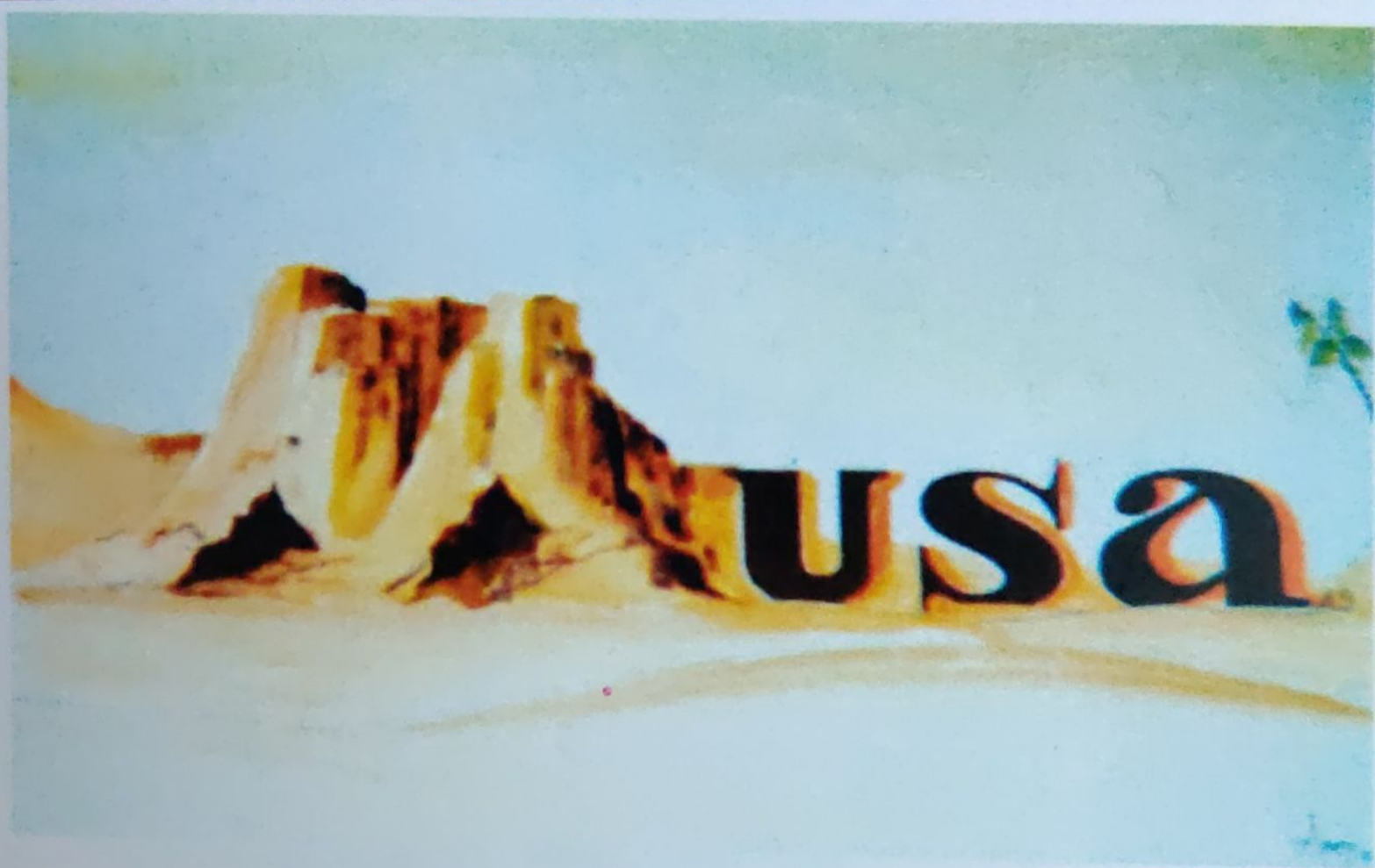


Noah/Nuh(AS):Also known as Nuh Najiullah. During this Prophet's time there was a great deluge but his ark protected almost every single species. The plate gives an idea of his ark nearing the sea shore. *The letter 'h is utilized as the sail.*



Ibrahim (AS)-He was an embodiment of trustful confidence in God and is popularly known as a 'friend of God' - Khalilulallah. He was thrown into the blazing fire by the ruling king Namrood. The fire became a bed of fresh flowers and Ibrahim proved to the king, the might and love of his God and his association with Him.

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Musa (AS)- Also known as 'Kalimullah' Led a congregation of forty thousand Jews and remained in the desert for forty years. He climbed Mt. Senai (Koh-e-toor) where he came face to face with God, climbed down to the people with the Ten Commandments of God inscribed on stone slabs. The book revealed to him by God is known as Turaat. *The plate replaces letter 'M' by a sketch of Mt. Sinai.*



Yunus(AS): When a storm threatened to sink the ship he was sailing in, the ill-omened passenger was thrown overboard. But a big fish swallowed him and after three days coughed him up live on a sea shore.



DA  OOD

Dawood(AS) The poet, singer, musician shepherd boy who became the king of Israel, is the father of Prophet Suleiman. All his life he sang hymns in praise of God. His collection of poems revealed to him by God the almighty is known as 'Zaboor'. *The letter 'w' of his name is replaced by the popular musical instrument of Middle east in ancient times*



Suleiman(AS) ; He was the son of Dawood (AS).He was the wisest man of his time and was famous for his judgement.He had a divine power to understand the languages of all creatures.



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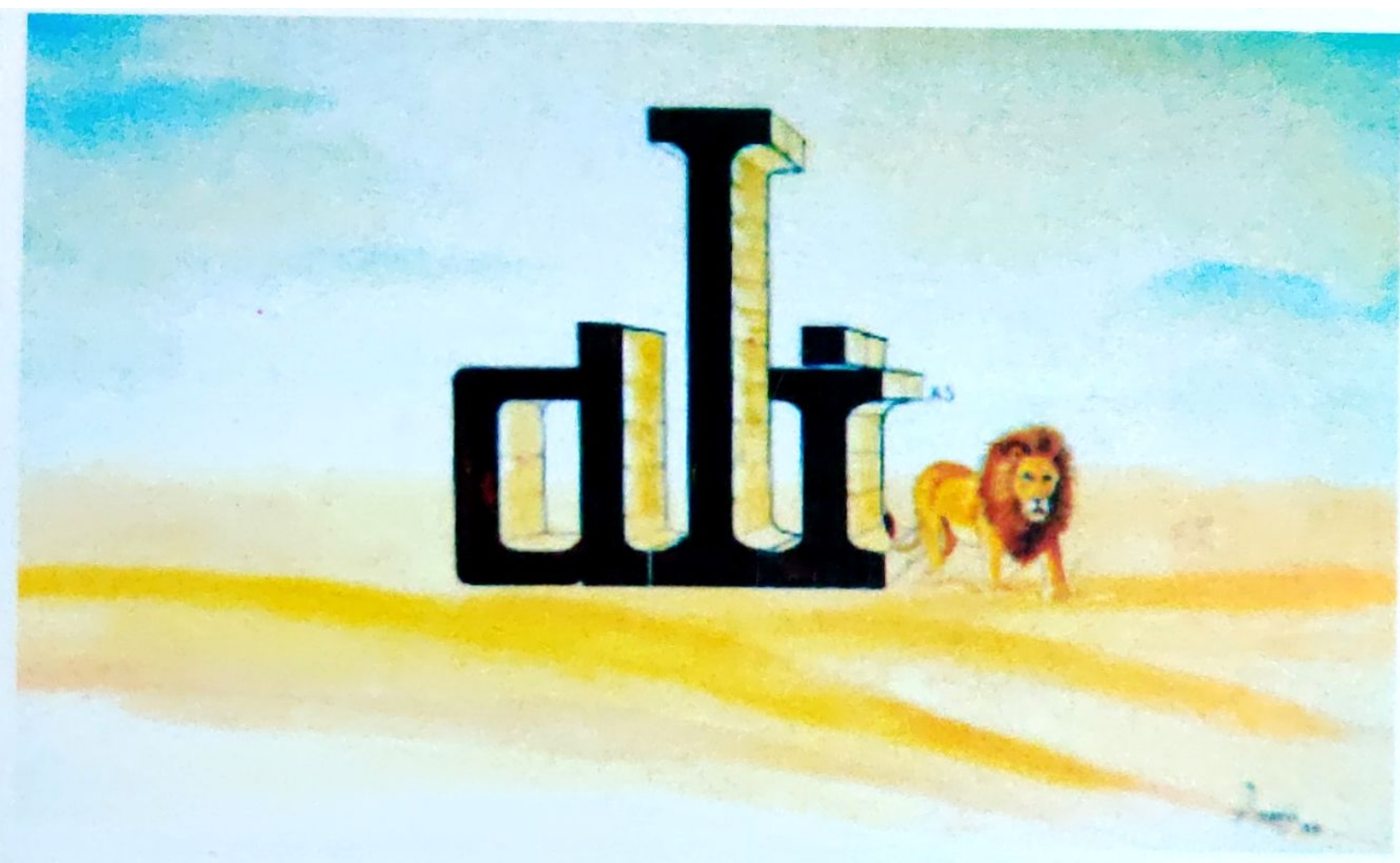
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Mohammed (SAW)-The last prophet sent by God is known as "Rasoolillah" and also as "Sarwar-e-Kainat"- master of the universe. The holy book Quran was revealed to him by God. He preached and proselytized Islam and gave a new code for worshipping God. He also enacted a series of Islamic codes and laws to govern the conduct of the people.

The plate shows global conquest of Islam and its followers saying their prayers.



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fatima

Fatima-t-az- Zahra(AS)-'Our Lady of Light' The beloved daughter of prophet Mohammed , the wife of Hazrat Ali ibne Talib and the mother of Imam Hasan & Imam Hussain. The Prophet while admiring the virtues of his daughter has said"... she is part of me and the light of my eyes,she is the flower of my heart and my soul..."(Bihar-ul -Anwar vol. 10)



HASAD

Hasan Ibne Ali(AS)- The eldest son of Bibi Fatima and Hazrat Ali and the beloved grandson of prophet Mohammed(SAW) Imam Hasan(AS)was a learned and peace loving Imam. He practiced an ascetic lifestyle.

This plate shows a jug filled with poisonous syrup in letter ' n '



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The background of the cover is a painting. It depicts a man in a black turban and a black and white striped shirt, seen from behind, painting a portrait on a wall. The portrait is of a bearded man in a turban, holding a long staff. The scene is set in a room with a checkered floor and a dark, shadowed area on the left.

मिर्ज़ा ग़ालिब

एक आर्टिस्ट की नज़र से

नूरुद्दीन अमरजी