



The second question of Fatwa no. 3247

Q 2: We know that the Messenger (peace be upon him) cursed Al-Musawwirun but who are Al-Musawwirun? Are they the idol-makers, the photographers, or the painters? Do paintings of natural scenery fall under the prohibited category?

A: Figuration of living beings is unlawful whether it is in three-dimensional, photographic, manual, or sculptural form, due to the generality of the evidence on the prohibition of Taswir (painting, drawing, sculpture, and photography). For example, the Prophet (peace be upon him) says: [\(The people who will receive the severest punishment from Allah will be Al-Musawwirun 'painters, drawers, sculptors, and subsequently photographers'.\)](#) (Related by Al-Bukhari and Muslim) Similarly, Al-Bukhari narrated in his Sahih (authentic) book on the authority of Abu Juhayfah (may Allah be pleased with him)

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that the Prophet (peace be upon him): [\(cursed the devourer of usury \(usurer\) and its clerk, and Al-Musawwirun 'painters, drawers, sculptors, and subsequently photographers'.\)](#)

May Allah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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