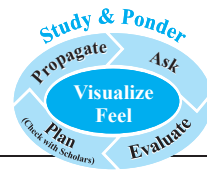


Qur'an Lesson-16a: Abrogation...

(Al-Baqarah: 106-107)



Lesson Outcomes

- Allah abrogates some instructions and replaces it with a better one for us.
- Allah has power over everything.
- To Him belongs the heavens and the earth & there is no helper except Him.

Recitation and Explanation

مَا نُنسَخُ مِنْ آيَةٍ أَوْ نُنسِهَا نَأْتِ بِخَيْرٍ مِّنْهَا أَوْ مِثْلَهَا^ط

² or similar (to) it.	than it	better	We bring	[We] cause it to be forgotten,	or	(of) a sign ¹	What We abrogate
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أَلَمْ تَعْلَمْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ¹⁰⁶ أَلَمْ تَعْلَمْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ لَهُ

for Him	that Allah	Do not you know ³	(is) All-Powerful?	everything	over	that Allah	Do not you know
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مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ^ط وَمَا لَكُمْ مِّنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مِنْ وَلِيٍّ وَلَا نَصِيرٍ¹⁰⁷

and not any helper.	any protector	besides Allah	And not (is) for you ⁴	and the earth?	(of) the heavens	(is the) Kingdom
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- ¹ نَسَخَ means to abrogate, abolish, or repeal.
- ² When the Qur'an is revealed as the final book replacing Tawrah, Bible, and earlier scriptures, some of the previous commands (such as Friday instead of Saturday; or Ka'abah as Qiblah instead of Baitul Maqdis) were changed.
 - Some Jews objected to it and started creating doubts in the minds of Muslims. They said: If the book is from Allah only, how can the commands change?
- ³ Allah says: We know what is best for people in different times and when to teach something better and new; We have power over everything.
 - Everything belongs to Allah alone, and His alone is the dominion. Here Allah invites us to reflect on His kingdom and His power.
- ⁴ Allah's dominion spreads far and wide beyond what you can see and imagine. Feel your helplessness and insignificance when a tsunami, an epidemic, or a storm is approaching? You can only call upon Allah for safety.
 - Imagine the huge systems in this universe, many of which we don't even comprehend, like the growth of vegetation, the animal and insect kingdoms, the food cycle, the water cycle, the ozone protection system, etc.

Hadith: Abu Bakr as-Siddiq RA said: Messenger of Allah! command me something to say in the morning and in the evening. He said: Say

اَللّٰهُمَّ فَاطِرَ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ، عَالِمِ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ، رَبِّ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَمَلِيْكُهُ،
 اَشْهَدُ اَنْ لَا اِلٰهَ اِلَّا اَنْتَ، اَعُوْذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ نَفْسِيْ وَشَرِّ الشَّيْطٰنِ وَشَرِّكَهٖ.

"O Allah, Creator of the heavens and the earth, Who knows the unseen and the seen, Lord and Possessor of everything. I testify that there is no god but You; I seek refuge in You from the evil within myself, from the evil of the devil, and his (incitement to) attributing partners (to Allah)." (Abu Dawud: 5067)

Imagine & Feel: Feel happiness that the one who created such a huge universe is our Guide and our Helper. He will never leave us alone. He is always there to help us, guide us, and protect us in the face of all the opposition against Islam.

Think & Ponder:

- Allah knows what is best for us and when to reveal and when to teach us something better and new. We should accept His commands with full conviction that these are for our own good.

Du'a: O Allah! Bless us with a strong Iman and love for the Qur'an.

Evaluate: Do I feel that Allah is always there to help us and guide us?

Plan: I will ponder the creations of the heavens and the earth at least once every week.

Nouns and Verbs: Below are some of the nouns and the verbs from the Ayaat of this lesson.

Verbs: Practice the six keys of verbs mentioned below with TPI								
Meaning	Name of action	اسم مفعول	اسم فاعل	فعل امر	فعل مضارع	فعل ماض	Root	Code
to abrogate	نَسَخَ	مَنْسُوخٌ	نَاسِخٌ	اِنْسَخْ	يَنْسَخُ	نَسَخَ	ن س خ	ف
to know	عَلِمَ	مَعْلُومٌ	عَالِمٌ	اِعْلَمْ	يَعْلَمُ	عَلِمَ	ع ل م	س
to be king	مَلَكَ	مَمْلُوكٌ	مَالِكٌ	اِمْلِكْ	يَمْلِكُ	مَلَكَ	م ل ك	ض
to come	اَتَى	مَاتِيٌّ	اِتٌّ	اِنْتِ	يَأْتِي	اَتَى	أ ت ي	هد
to be forget	اَنْسَى	مُنْسَى	مُنْسٍ	اَنْسِ	يُنْسِي	اَنْسَى	ن س ي	أَسْءُ

Nouns		
Meaning	Plural	Singular
sign	آيَات	آيَةٌ
heaven	سَمَاوَات	سَّمَاء
protector	أَوْلِيَاء	وَلِيٌّ

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. What is the meaning of نَسَخَ?
2. Why were the Jews not happy about the abrogation?

Class Project:

Create charts for the following ecosystems:

1. Food chain	2. Life in the oceans
3. Water cycle	4. Galaxies