



# Ma'rifah / Recognizing **Allah SWT**

**External sign – His Creation**

# Why recognize Allah SWT

“The foremost thing in religion is to know Him [Allah].”

Nahj al-Balaghah, Imam Ali (a)

Why do you think Imam Ali (s) said this?

In Hadith al-qudsi, Allah SWT tells us:

“I was a hidden treasure and wanted to be known. Hence I created the creation so that I would be known.”

# Why Ma'rifah of Allah SWT

The more we know Allah, the more we believe in Him.

...The more we believe in Him, the more we do good deeds and try to adopt His qualities in our lives.

.....The more we do good deeds and try to adopt His qualities in our lives, the more we get closer to Him, and

.....the closer we get to him, the closer we get to becoming an insan kamil – a complete human being.

# Ways to recognize Allah SWT

Allah's Attributes

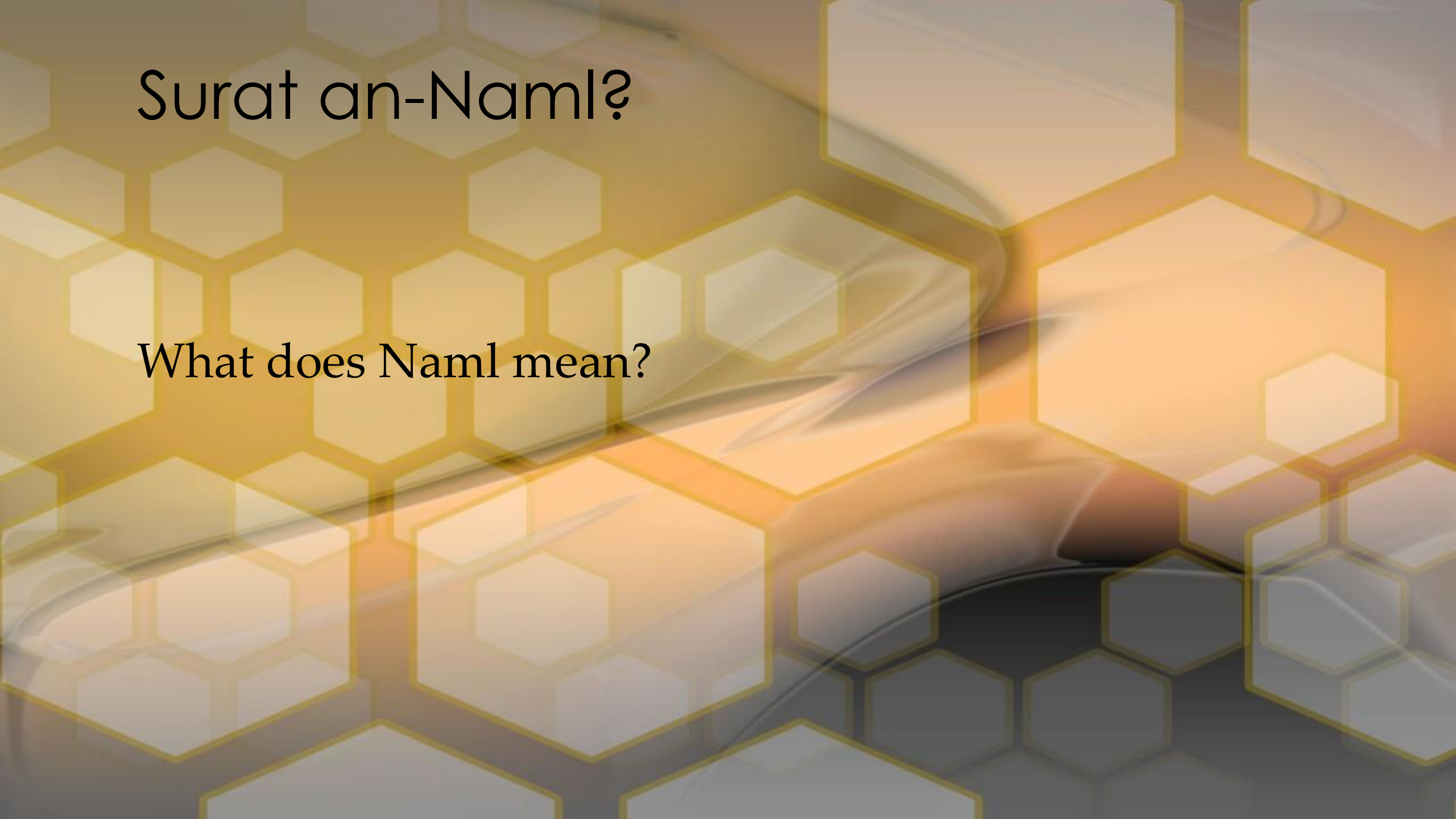
Our natural instinct

External Signs of Allah SWT

In Surat an-Naml (27:93) Allah says:

وَقُلِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ سَيُرِيكُمْ آيَاتِهِ فَتَعْرِفُونَهَا وَمَا رَبُّكَ  
بِغَافِلٍ عَمَّا تَعْمَلُونَ

And say: 'All praise belongs to Allah. Soon He will show you His signs, and you will recognise them.'

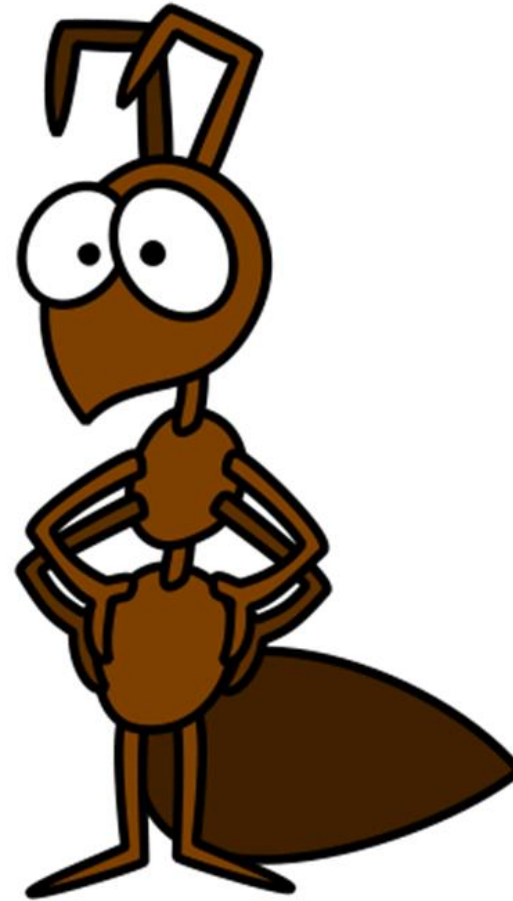
The background features a honeycomb pattern of hexagons in shades of yellow, orange, and grey. A glowing, translucent orb is positioned on the right side, emitting a bright light that illuminates the surrounding hexagons.

Surat an-Naml?

What does Naml mean?

# Surat an-Naml?

Naml = Ant



# The Ant

Look at the ant  
with its small body  
and delicate form.

See how it crawls on the earth  
and leaps at its livelihood.

It carries the grain to its hole  
and stores it in its storage.

It collects during the summer for the winter,  
and during strength for the period of its weakness.

(Nahj al-Balaghah, Imam Ali (a) - Sermon 185)



# And what about the other Sura called Surat an-Nahl?

Nahl = Bee

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**Once a Bird asked Honeybee:**

“You make Honey after so much hardwork and Humans come and steal the Honey away, don’t you feel bad...?”

**Honeybee gave a very nice answer:**

“Humans can only take away my Honey, But not my Talent of making Honey...”

**“Anyone can steal your Creation But not your Talent.”**





# Surat an-Nahl – Aya 68-69

وَأَوْحَىٰ رَبُّكَ إِلَى النَّحْلِ أَنِ اتَّخِذِي مِنَ الْجِبَالِ بُيُوتًا وَمِنَ الشَّجَرِ وَمِمَّا يَعْرِشُونَ

ثُمَّ كُلِي مِن كُلِّ الثَّمَرَاتِ فَاسْلُكِي سُبُلَ رَبِّكِ ذُلُلًا يَخْرُجُ مِنْ بُطُونِهَا شَرَابٌ مُّخْتَلِفٌ أَلْوَانُهُ فِيهِ شِفَاءٌ لِلنَّاسِ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً لِّقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ

And your Lord revealed to the bee saying: Make hives in the mountains and in the trees and in what they build:

Then eat of all the fruits and walk in the ways of your Lord submissively. There comes forth from within it a beverage of many colours, in which there is healing for men; most surely there is a sign in this for a people who reflect.

# So, once again, why recognize Allah SWT

Hadith al-qudsi, Allah SWT says:

“I was a hidden treasure and wanted to be known. Hence I created the creation so that I would be known.”

- What will you do today to look for His “hidden treasure”?
- What creation of His will you appreciate so that you will know Him?
- What quality of His creation will you appreciate and learn from so that you can get closer to Him?