# Reflection of Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham) Qur’an 6:75-83

*Many years ago, a boy called Ibrahim (Abraham) lived in Canaan. He was very clever and was always asking questions. One night, Ibrahim (Abraham) went up to the mountain, leaned against a rock, and looked up to the sky. He saw a shining star, and told his people: “Could this be my Lord?” But when it set, he said: “I don’t like those that set.” The star has disappeared, it could not be God. God is always present.*

*Then he saw the moon rising in splendour and said: “Could this be my Lord?” But when it set, he said: “I don’t like those that set.” The moon has disappeared, it could not be God. God is always present.*

*At daybreak, he saw the sun rising and said: “Could this be my Lord, this is bigger?” But when it set, he said: “I don’t like those that set.” The sun has disappeared, it could not be God. God is always present. Ibrahim (Abraham) said: “... I have turned my face towards Him Who created the heavens and the earth, and never shall I give partners to Allah (God).”*

*Our Lord (Allah) is the Creator of the heavens and the earth and everything. He has the power to make the stars rise and set, make the moon rise and set, make the sun rise and set. Ibrahim (Abraham) then heard Allah (God) calling him: “O Ibrahim (Abraham)!” Ibrahim (Abraham) said trembling: “Here I am O my Lord!” Allah (God) said, “Submit to Me! Be a Muslim!” Ibrahim (Abraham) fell on the ground, prostrating and crying, he said: “I submit to the Lord of the universe!” Ibrahim (Abraham) kept prostrating until night came again. He got up and went back to his home, in peace, full of conviction that Allah (God) has guided him to the Truth.*

When Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham) returned from the mountains he told his father he didn't think people should worship objects they had made themselves. His father was angry and told him not to say anything about their way of worshipping again.

Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham) decided he must show the people they were wrong, so he thought of a plan. One night he sneaked into the place where all the objects that were worshipped were kept and moved them around.

The next morning the people were very angry and upset when they saw that the objects that they worshipped had been moved around. They were sure Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham) had done it. They gathered in the public square and asked him if he had done it. Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham) told them to ask the objects they worshipped to tell them what had happened and who was responsible.

This response angered the people of Canaan. They started to collect wood for a fire. They made a big bonfire and put Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham) on the top. Everyone came to watch. They lit the wood. The fire burnt, the flames grew higher and higher. The people had to back away from the heat of the flames.

Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham) was not afraid. He believed in Allah (God) and knew that Allah (God) will protect him. When the flames died down Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham) was alive, and the flames had not harmed him at all. This was one of the miracles of Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham).

Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham) walked out of the fire and dedicated the rest of his life teaching the message of Allah (God) to all humanity. Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham) loved Allah (God) very much.

Many, many years later, when Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham) was much older Allah (God) told Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham) and his son Ismail (Ishmael) to build the Ka’bah in Makkah and call it the house of Allah (God).