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A Sin Awaiting Judgment

Nowadays there are people who try to give life to statues that they make. Our Prophet said that anyone who made even pictures of living creatures would be committing such a great sin that it would not be tried and punished until Judgment Day. One day a man said to Prophet Mohammed, “I am going to draw pictures of people and sell them in order to earn my daily bread.”

“No, do not reproduce any living thing in a picture. That sin will be held against you from now until the Day of Judgment.”

[Ahmet Uysal: “I did not know that! I have taken many photographs during my life!”]

After you have committed such a sin, waiting for Judgment Day becomes even harder, because you keep thinking about whatever heavy punishment you will receive. On Judgment Day the sun will come down from heaven. It will be so hot that your brain will be cooked as if it were an egg in a frying pan. Depending upon your sins, the sweat from your body will reach your knees, your waist, even your

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neck. It may even cause you to drown in your own fluid. Your sweat will soak the ground so much that it will make mud of the soil. Do not underestimate the effect of Judgment Day. After that, our sins will be burned in hell. When our sins have been consumed in that way, we shall be able to proceed to heaven very clean.