

175174 - Ruling on presenting recitation of Quranic verses in video clips

the question

What is the ruling on recording recitation of the Holy Quran over a video of the sea in which the movement of waves can be seen and the sound of the waves can be heard?

Detailed answer

Some people produce various kinds of video clips which show the greatness of Allah's creation and other things that promote good deeds such as honouring one's parents and sponsoring orphans. Some of the producers of these clips put with them Quranic verses that speak of the subject of the clip, either during the clip or at the end. We do not think that there is anything wrong with doing that because it is no more than a scene that is in harmony with the meaning of the verses, but it is important to pay attention to a few things:

- 1.The clip should not contain any music
- 2.The clip should not show any women
- 3.The topic of the clip should not speak of matters of the unseen, because it is not appropriate to show worldly gardens and then quote verses that mention the garden of Paradise; or to show huge fires and then quote the verses that mention Hell. That is because of the difference between what is in this world and what is in the Hereafter, as they have nothing in common but names.

There is nothing wrong with showing clips of things mentioned in the Quranic verses that are not different from and are in harmony with the Quranic verse. An example of that is what the questioner mentioned about showing clips of the sea and its waves, then quoting the verses that speak of that. Another example is showing mountains, rivers, the sun, the moon, ships, animals, the stages of development in the foetus, and other things in which the meanings of the verse match what is shown to the viewer. If a video clip of camels is shown, including features of their creation, then the clip includes the verse (interpretation of the meaning), "Do they not look at

the camels, how they are created?” [al-Ghaashiyah 88:17], that would be in accordance with the meaning of the Quranic verse. These worldly things that are shown in the clip are exactly what is mentioned in the verses. Similarly, if the clip is about honouring parents and sponsoring orphans, then it quotes the Quranic verses that mention that, there is nothing wrong with this, in sha Allah.

And Allah knows best.