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What is the ruling on drawing artistic impressions of Paradise based on the descriptions given by the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him)?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

That is not permissible, and it is not possible, because the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) told us that his Lord said, describing Paradise: “I have prepared for My righteous servants that which no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and it has not crossed the mind of man. Recite, if you wish:

‘No person knows what is kept hidden for them of joy’

[al-Sajdah 32:17 – interpretation of the meaning].”

(Narrated by al-Bukhaari, 3244; Muslim, 3824).

This drawing may lead to belittling of the delights of Paradise; the descriptions narrated in the Qur’aan and Sunnah are sufficient, as the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) explained to his companions. And Allaah knows best.