

# Two Fundamental Laws in Islam

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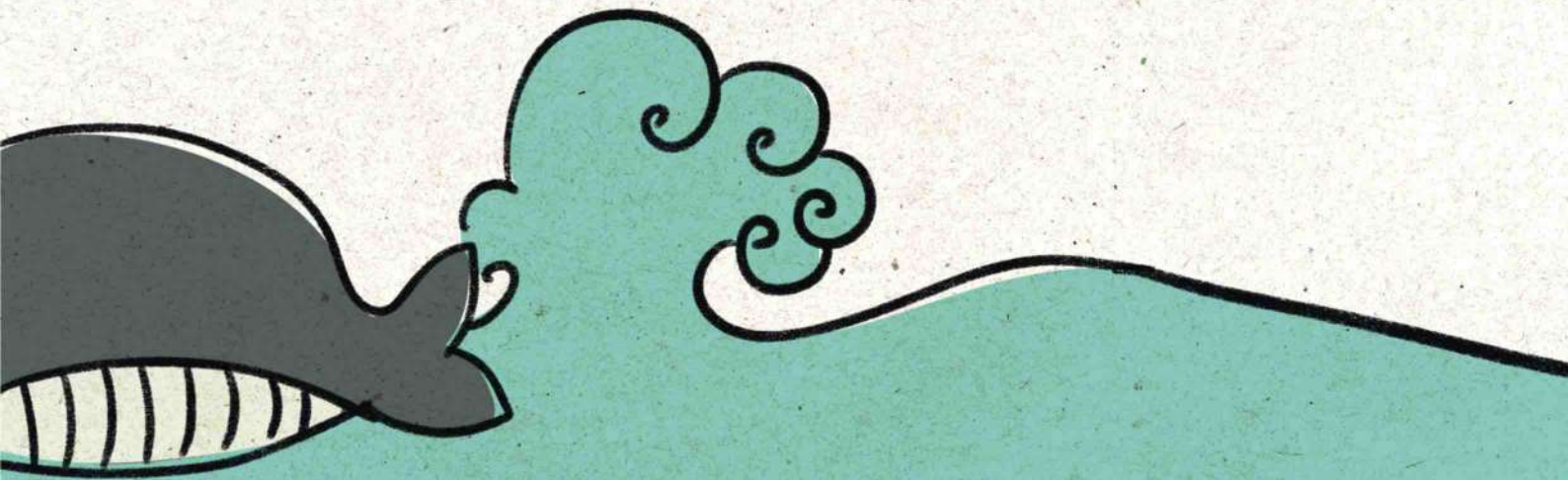
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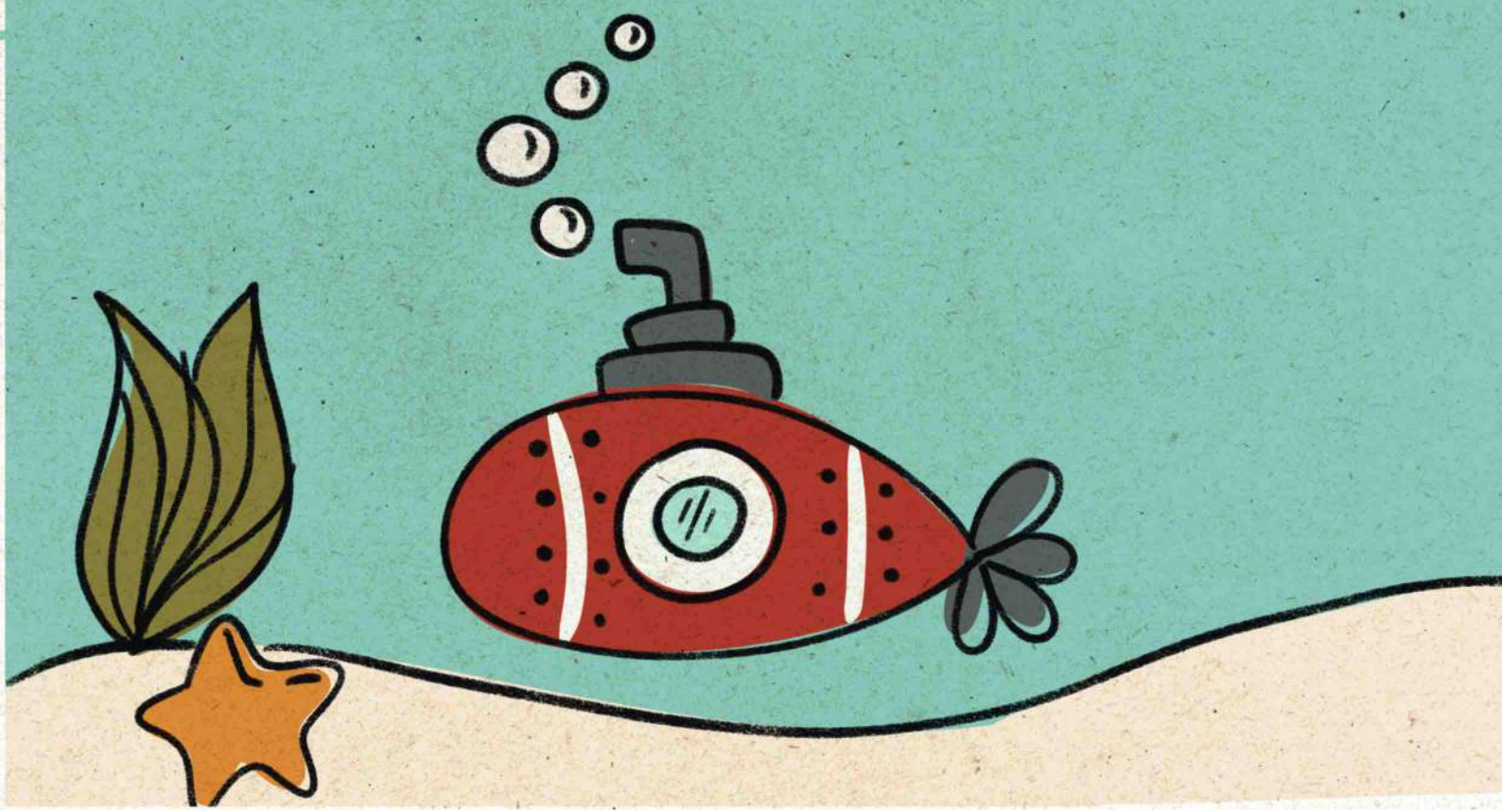




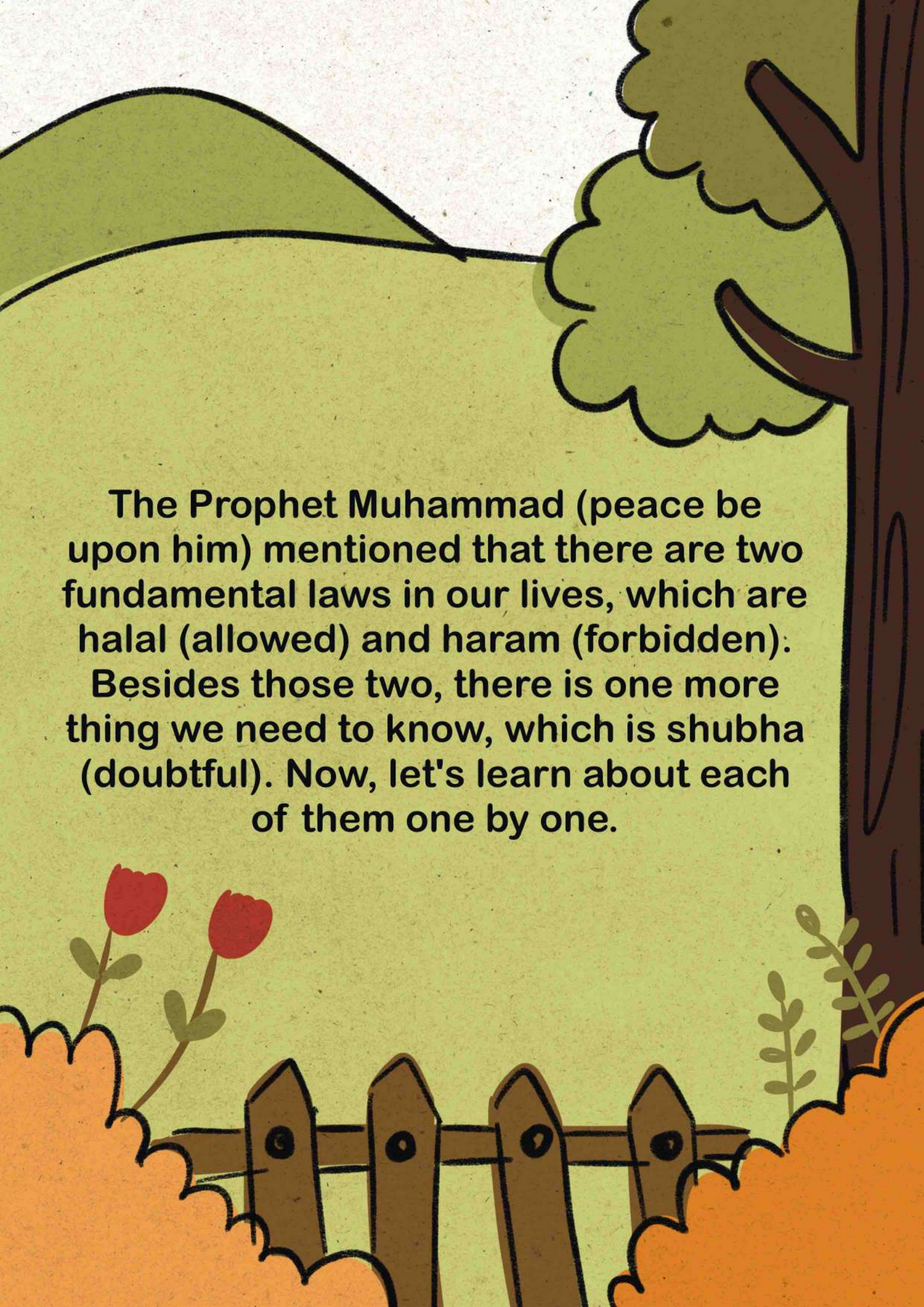


Dear friends, in Islam there are two important laws that we need to know for our lives. What are those two laws?  
Let's examine the following hadith!

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said, "Halal is clear, haram is clear, and between them are matters that are doubtful, which many people do not know about" (Narrated by Bukhari and Muslim).





The background is a light green field. On the right, there is a large tree with a brown trunk and a green, cloud-like canopy. In the foreground, there is a wooden fence with four posts and a horizontal rail. To the left of the fence, there are two red tulip-like flowers with green stems and leaves. The bottom edge of the page is decorated with a scalloped orange border.

**The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) mentioned that there are two fundamental laws in our lives, which are halal (allowed) and haram (forbidden). Besides those two, there is one more thing we need to know, which is shubha (doubtful). Now, let's learn about each of them one by one.**



**First is Halal.**

**Halal means things we are allowed to do. What things are we allowed to do?**

**There are so many things. We are allowed to eat fruits, to play with toy cars, and to wear nice clothes. Halal includes all the things that Allah and the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) have not forbidden.**





## **Second is Haram.**

**Haram means we are not allowed to do something because it is forbidden by Allah and the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). Examples of haram actions can be found in the Quran and the hadith.**

**It is important to avoid such actions because they are detrimental to us. What things are we not allowed to do? Stealing, lying, and consuming meat from animals that have not been slaughtered in the name of Allah are all examples of haram actions.**





Now we already know that we are allowed to do what is considered halal, and we should avoid what is considered haram. Additionally, there is one more thing that we need to be cautious about, and that is shubha (doubtful) matters.

### What is Shubha?

Shubha refers to things that are unclear and we are unsure about whether they are halal or haram. The best thing to do is to avoid these things because if we do them, we might end up doing something haram.





**It is possible that the matter of doubt (Shubha) can be either halal (allowed) or haram (forbidden), but we do not know it for sure.**

**An example of a syubhat situation is when you lose a pencil in class and find a similar pencil on someone else's desk. Can you take that pencil? The answer is no, because the status of the pencil is unclear (shubha). If it turns out to be your pencil, then it would be halal to take it. However, if it belongs to someone else, it would be haram to take it.**



**Whose pencil  
this is?**



Everything that is halal (allowed) and haram (forbidden) is clear, while anything that we are unsure of is called Shubha (doubtful matters) and we should avoid it. For matters that we are unsure of, it is important to seek guidance from our parents, teachers, or religious scholars.

It is important for us to keep learning, so we know what is halal, haram, and shubha. By learning, we gain knowledge and are protected from doing things that are forbidden by Allah.

May Allah always protect us and keep us away from His prohibitions. Amen.

