



Second question from Fatwa No. 3247:

Q: We know that the Messenger (peace be upon him) cursed al-musawireen (photographers, idol-makers, and painters) but who are al-musawireen? Are they the idol-makers, the photographers, or the painters? Do paintings of natural scenery fall under the prohibited category?

Taking photos of living beings is unlawful whether the photo is three-dimensional, photographic, manual, or sculpturesque, due to the generality of the evidences on the prohibition of al-tasweer (photography, painting, sculpture). For example, the Prophet (peace be upon him) says: [\(The people who will receive the severest punishment from Allah will be the picture makers. \)](#) Narrated by Al-Bukhari and Muslim. [Similarly, Al-Bukhari narrated](#) in his Sahih book on the authority of [Abu Juhayfah](#) (may Allah be pleased with him)

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that the Prophet (peace be upon him): [\(cursed the devourer of usury \(usurer\) and its clerk, and the image-maker. \)](#).

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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