

SURAT-UL-HUMAZAH

سورة الهمزة

1 Woe to every backbiter, slanderer

2 Who amasses wealth and hoards it

3 Thinking that his wealth will make him immortal

4 Nay, he will certainly be hurled into the 'Hutamah'

5 And what makes you know what the 'Hutamah' is"?

6 (It is) a fire kindled by Allah

7 Which rises above the hearts

8 Surely it will be closed over upon them

9 In columns outstretched

وَيْلٌ لِّكُلِّ هُمَزَةٍ لُّمَزَةٍ

الَّذِي جَمَعَ مَالًا وَعَدَّدَهُ

يَحْسَبُ أَنَّ مَالَهُ أَخْلَدَهُ

كَلَّا لَيُنْبَذَنَّ فِي الْحُطَمَةِ

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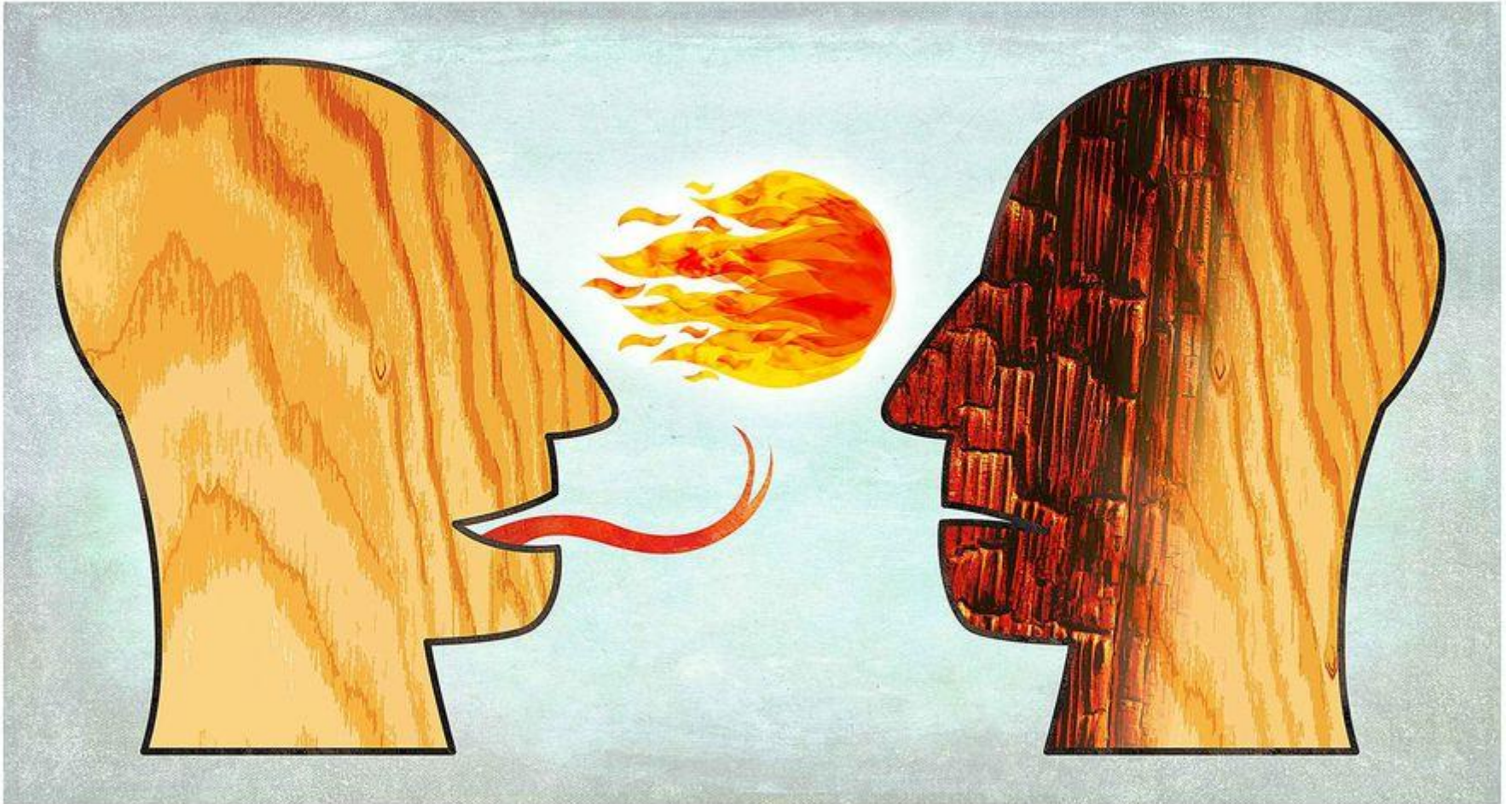
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إِنَّمَا عَلَيْهِمْ مُّوَصَدَةٌ

فِي عَمَدٍ مُمَدَّدَةٍ

GENERAL FACTS



OCCASION OF REVELATION

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A group of commentators believe that the ayah of this surah were revealed against **Walid ibn Mugayyarah** who used to backbite the holy Prophet (S) and made sarcastic remarks and mocked him (S).

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Some others believe that they are against some of the chiefs of the pagan Arabs and the known enemies of Islam, such as: Akhnas ibn Shariq, Umiyat ibn Khalaf, and 'As ibn wa'il.

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سُورَةُ الْحَمْدِ

MERITS

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On the virtue of reciting this Surah, a tradition from the Holy Prophet (S) says:

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“He who recites it in any of his obligatory prayers, poverty will stay away from him, sustenance will approach him, and a hideous death will be repelled from him.”

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سُورَةُ الْاٰمِنَاتِ

COMPOSITION

Compilation

104

Revelation

32

Ayah

9

Words / Letters

33 / 143

Juz

30

Classification

Mid Makkan

Names

2

HUMAZAH

Scandal Monger

LUMAZAH

Slanderer

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سُورَةُ الْاٰمِنَاتِ

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THE HELLFIRE

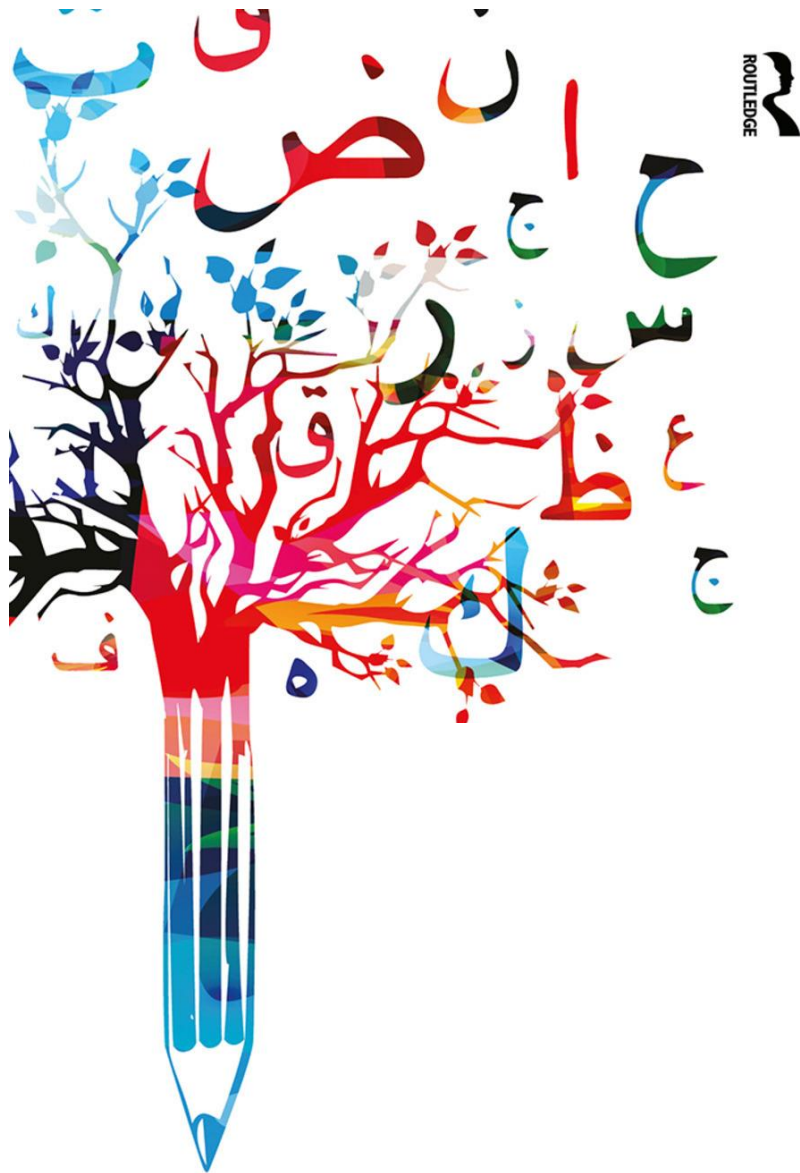
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سُورَةُ النَّارِ

According to several scholars, there is no severer description given of hell in the Qur'an than the description given in this surah. Many severe and harsh descriptions of hell are mentioned in this surah, especially when Allah says about hell what He has not said in other Suwar: “ **Naarullah** ”[(the) Fire (of) Allah!].

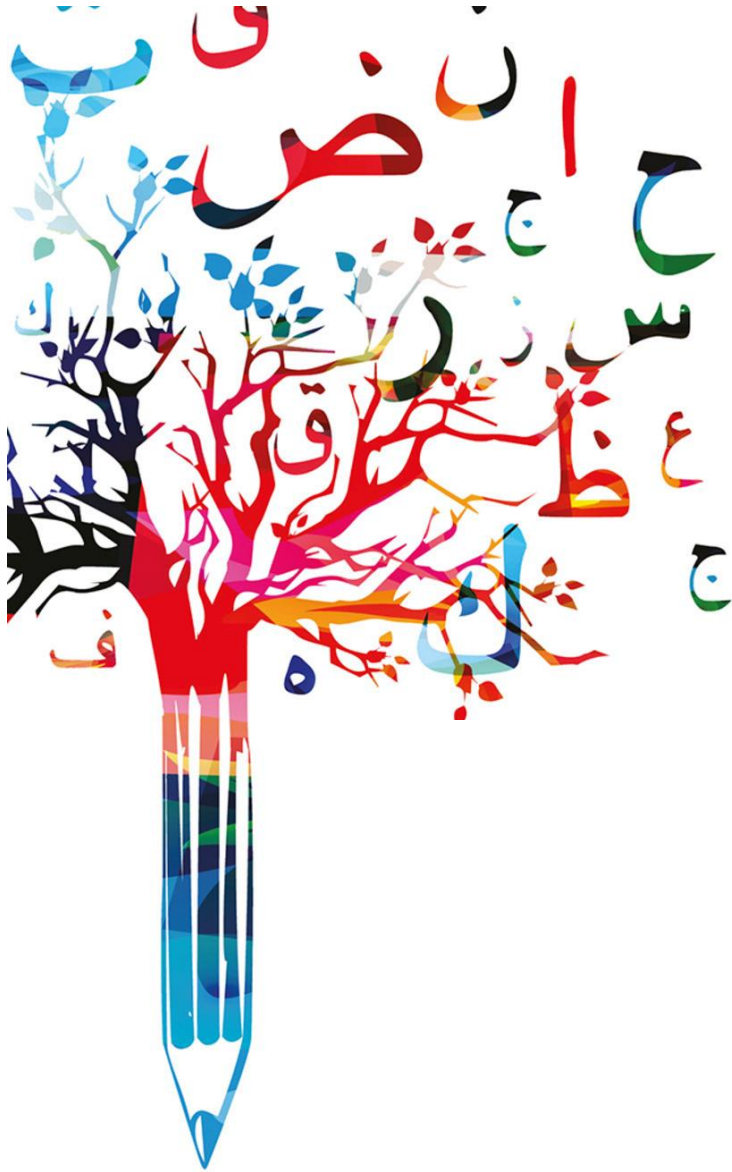
Allah has kept the most gruesome description of the hellfire to the last. Please note that this is the last surah in the Holy Qur'an which discusses the Akhirah [after life], and the suwar after this do not discuss the Akhirah [afterlife] again.



ROUTLEDGE



THE VOCABULARY

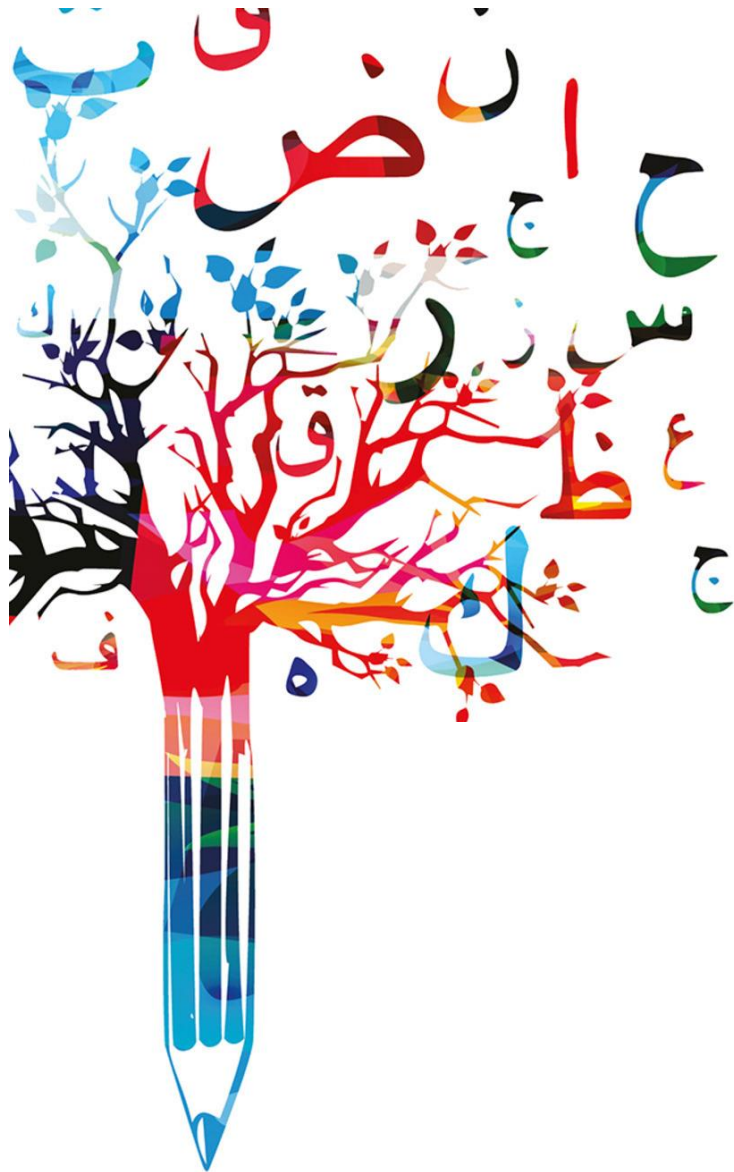


Layumbazan'na (ayah 4)

لَيُؤْتِنَا

The term is based on "**nabaza**". This means 'to discard something because of its unimportance'.

In the same way, Allah will discard these arrogant people, who overvalued themselves compared to Allah (SwT), into Hell.



Hutamah (ayah 4 and 5)

حُطَمَةُ

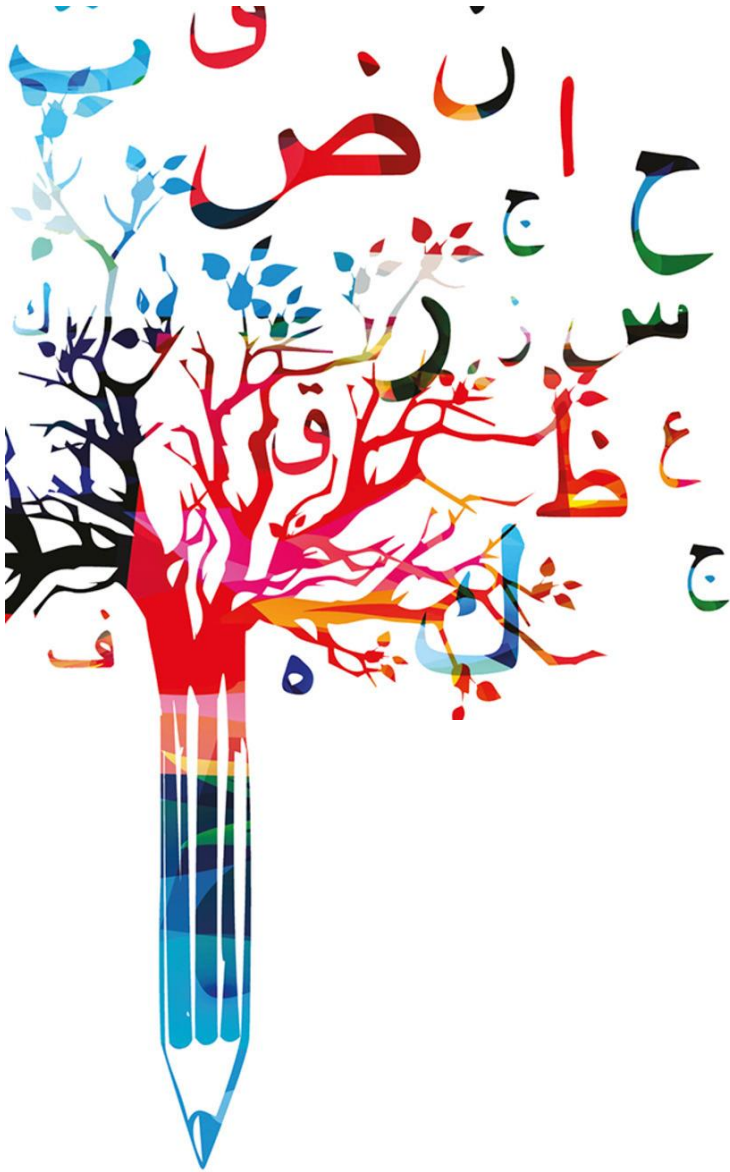
This term is based on the word "hatam" with the meaning of 'to wreck, break to pieces'. In this case, the effects of hutamah are amplified, which gives the image of the blazing fire of Hell breaking their limbs violently. Some Islamic narrations denote that "hutamah" is not the name of the entire Hell but the name of an extraordinarily hot region of it.

Nar and Muqadah (ayah 6)

نَارٌ - الْمُوقَدَةُ

The word '**nar**' means 'the big fire'.

The term '**muqadah**' is evidence to refer to the continuity of that fire kindled (light) to a blaze (burning).

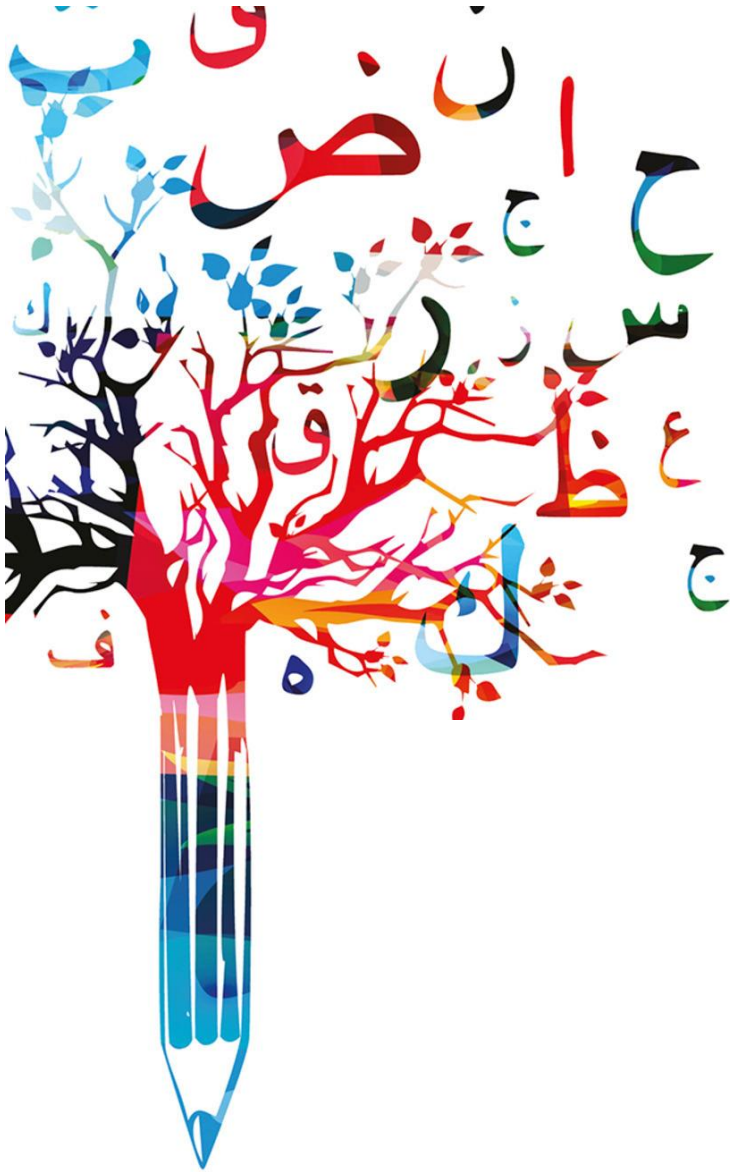


al-Af'idah (ayah 7)

الْأَفِيدَةُ

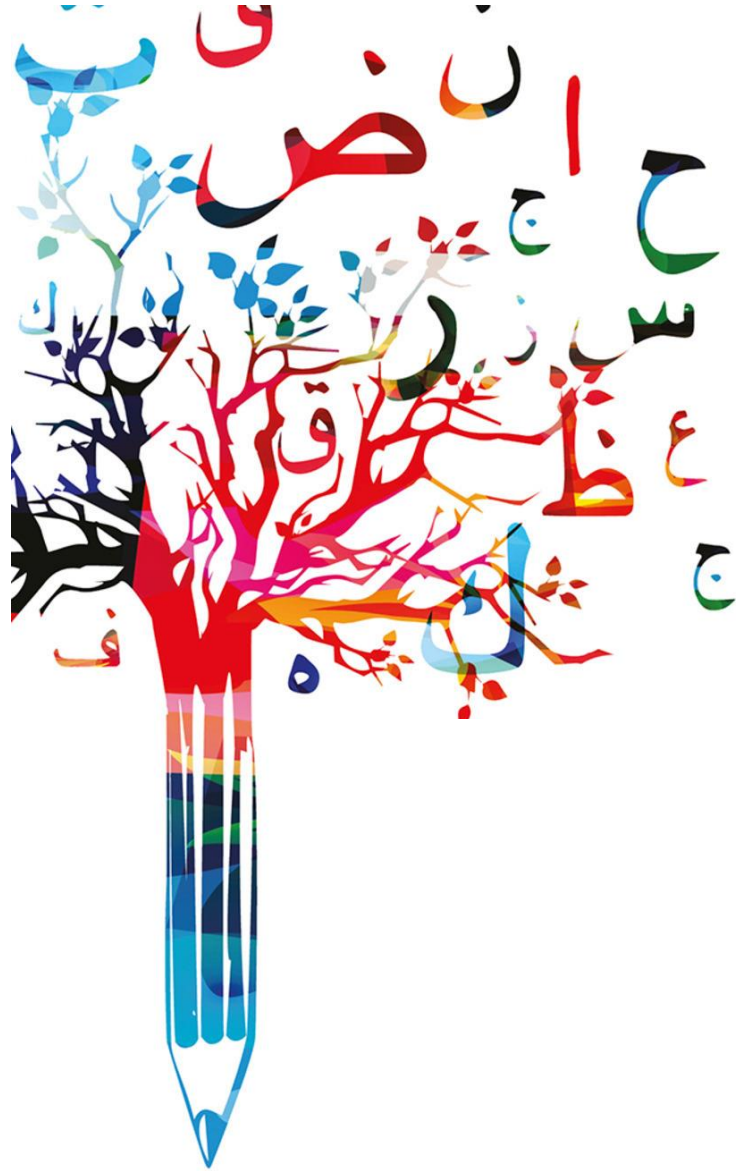
The term '**al af'idah**' means 'over the hearts.' We have learned in Surah Nas about the states of the heart.

Here it is pointing to the fact that the fire of the Hereafter is different from that of this world, and it will burn the heart and interior of the mind and bones, first. The burning of the Wrath of Allah does dominate their hearts first before occupying their other parts of the body. This is all because their mockeries, backbitings, fault-findings, slanders, and taunts which caused pain in the hearts of the believers within this world.



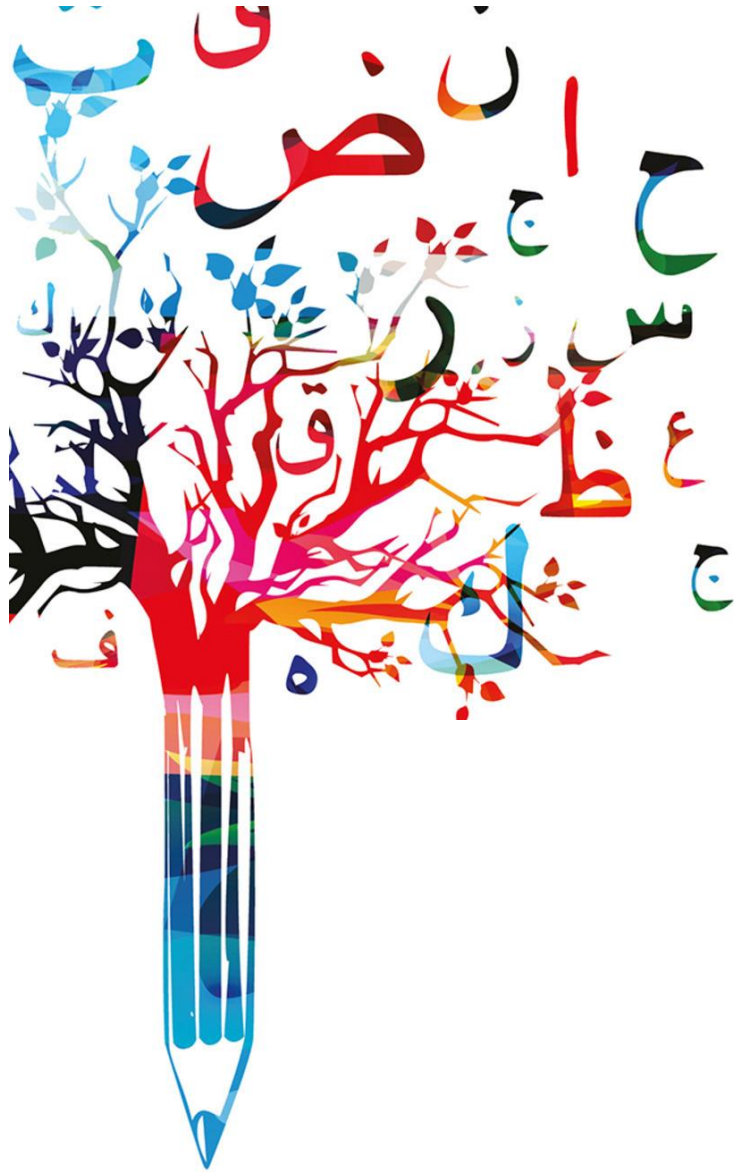
Mu'sadah (ayah 8)

مُؤَصَّدَةٌ



The term 'mu'sadah' is derived from "**isad**" with the meaning of 'to close a door firmly,' hence, the rooms made inside the mountains for gathering money and treasures in there were termed "wasid".

The same way as they secured their treasures in locked indoors, and secret storage, Allah, too, puts them in a punishment in Hell pits which have no door to run away from there.



'Amadin' and 'Mumaddadah' (ayah 9)

عَمَدٌ مُّمَدَّدَةٌ

The term 'amadin' is the plural form of 'amud' which means 'pillar, or any tall thing like a wooden pole, post, or shaft. The term 'mumaddadah' means 'extended, stretched (out)'

A group of commentators believe that this idea refers to the ' long iron nails by which the doors of Hell are locked so that nobody can go outside of it.

Pride and Arrogance give birth to great sins

Arrogance or self-aggrandizement promotes neglecting Allah. It causes the ingratitude of the bounties from Him, drawn into lusts, detracting from the character of others, and mocking the believers are all the results of this hideous quality.

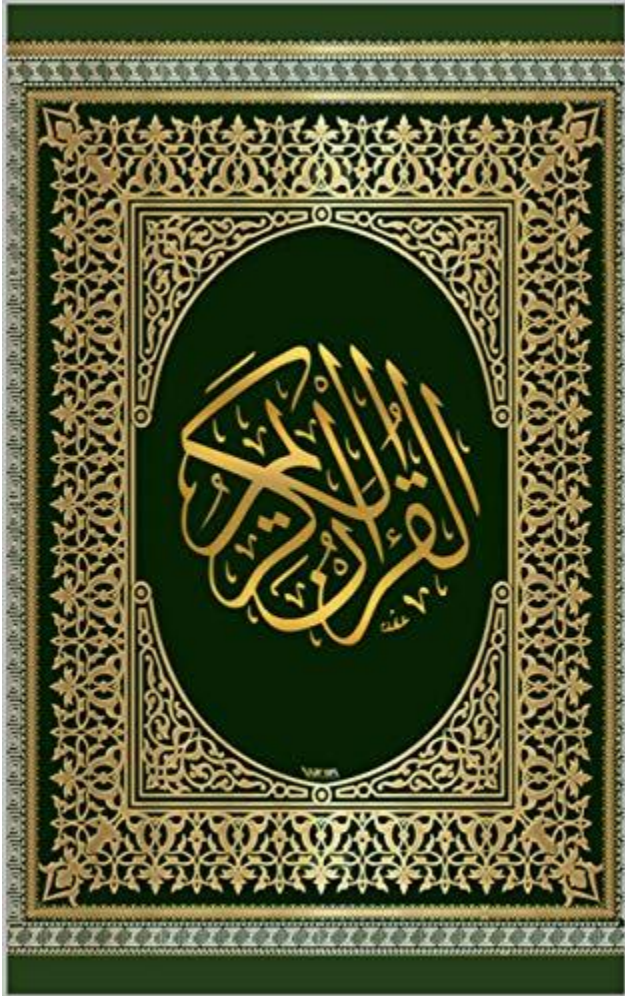
When persons of little capacity find themselves in some position of prestige, they become enveloped by pride and arrogance so that they consider others of no value. This quality causes them to be separated from society, and the society deserts them, too.

Then, they live in their own imaginations and think that they are somewhat different from others. They count themselves among 'the nearest to Allah, ' which causes them to think of others' honor, character, and even lives as unworthy. They continue to commit their slandering, backbiting, and fault-finding against them, to increase their dignity, or so they think.



UNDERSTANDING SURAH HUMAZAH

AYAH 01



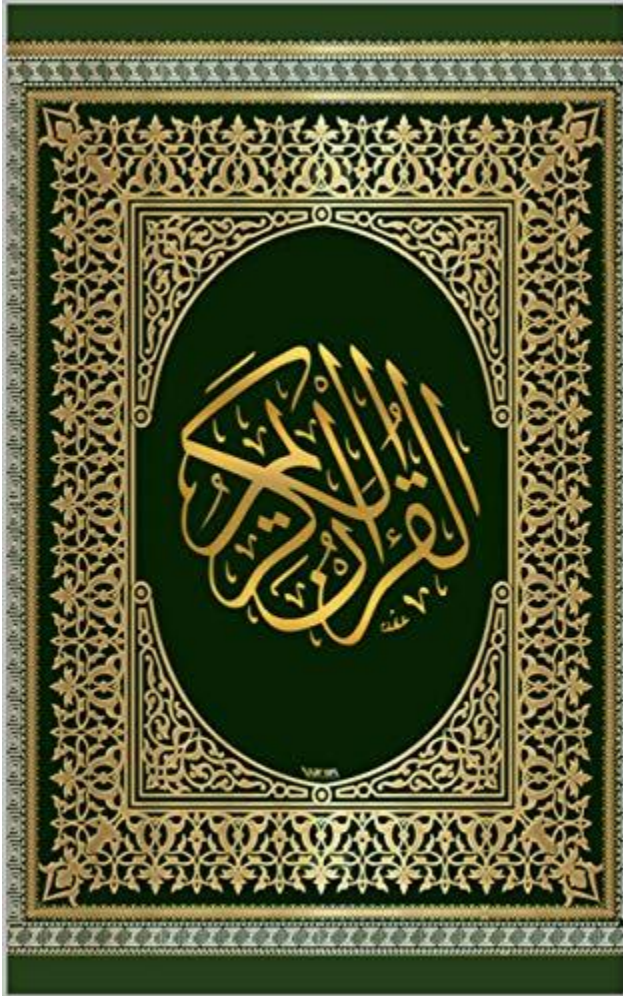
The use of the word **WAYL** shows extreme frustration of Allah with those who scorn and mock. The term is used to condemn with an expression of emotion of anguish.

Note: The term WAYL has appeared 27 times including 10 times in Surah Mursalat (77) alone.

Humazah: Insult someone BEHIND THEIR BACK (back-biting)

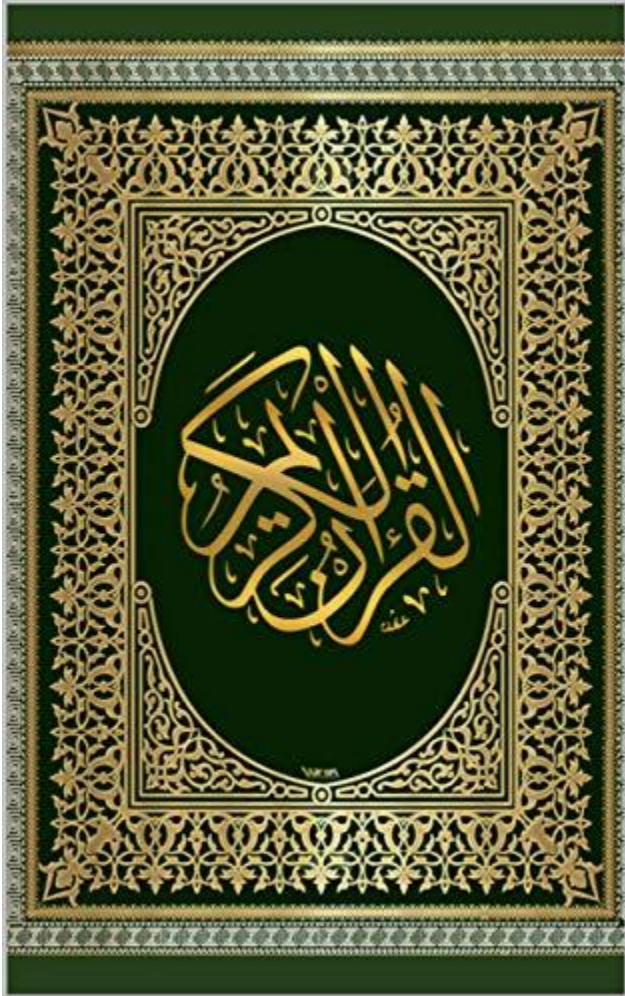
Lumazah: Insult someone IN FRONT OF THEIR FACE (mocking)

AYAH 02



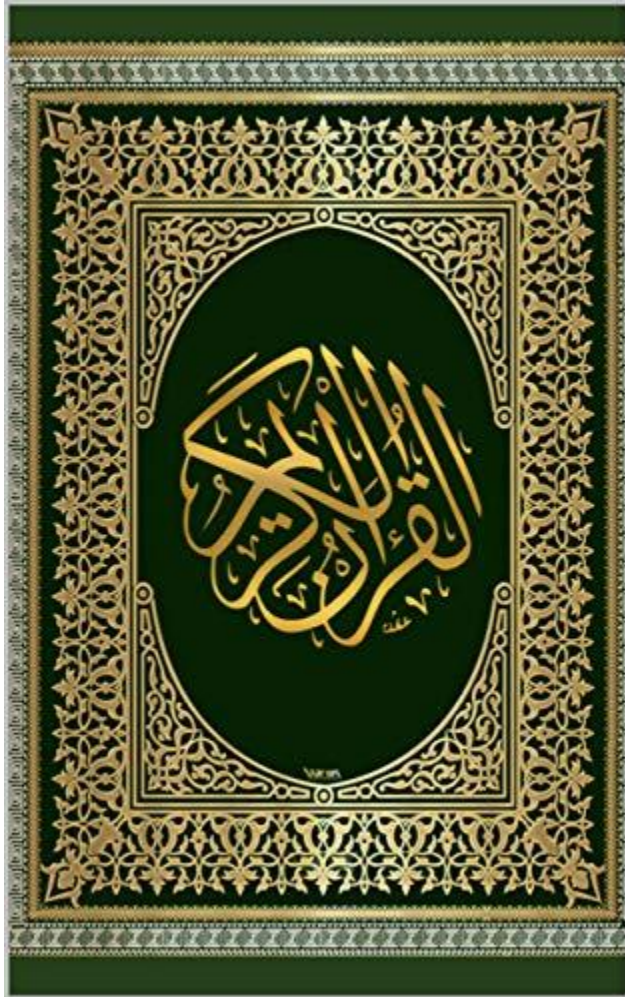
Even though the word WAYL is not repeated, the expression of disgust continues for those who hoard wealth and count it. Such people gather wealth through any means possible all their life, but this wealth will not benefit them at all on the Day of Judgment.

AYAH 03



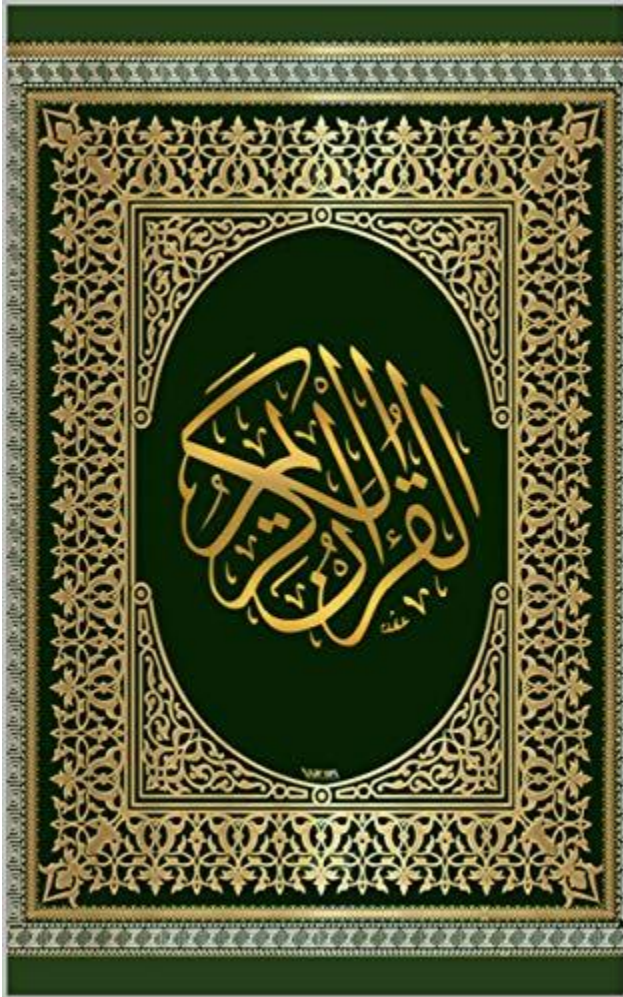
Allah is now showing this character's psychological state. He thinks that his wealth will make him immortal. He thinks that the money he has taken from others through corruption is rightfully his. People are so certain about death, yet the majority of the people live on as if it will never happen to them. They do not realize that by actually giving their wealth to the poor, that is what would bring them an eternal blissful life in Paradise.

AYAH 04 and 05



Allah Says in Ayah 4, that He will surely throw them into the Crusher. These people will not be able to comprehend what Hutama really is (Ayah 5). This one Divine punishment of Hutamah is sufficient destruction for two heinous crimes: Humazah and Lumazah.

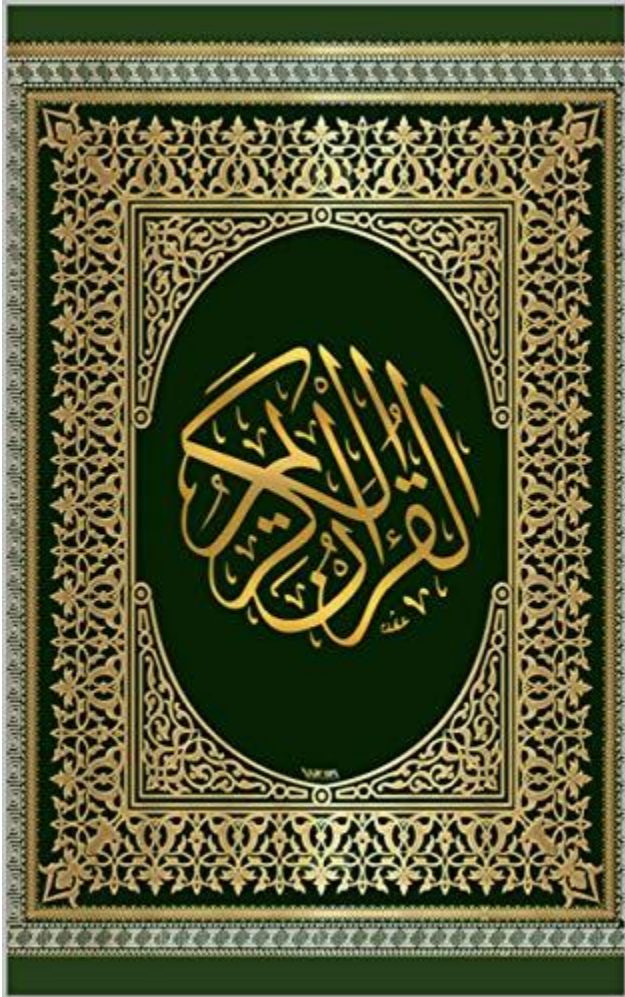
AYAH 06



Allah's Fire can never be compared to any other fire. Its incomparable to any worldly or imaginable fire. It is the fire of Allah that He has lit, so imagine how badly it has been lit.

AYAH 07

Fire will enter their limbs and reach the chest, and make its way above the heart, and there is nothing more subtle and sensitive in the body than the heart. Allah protected the human body with the strongest bones being next to the most important organs i.e. A strong skull to protect the brain, and a strong ribcage to protect the heart. However, this Hutama will pierce through and cause the heart to go on fire, and the person will continuously feel pain without dying.



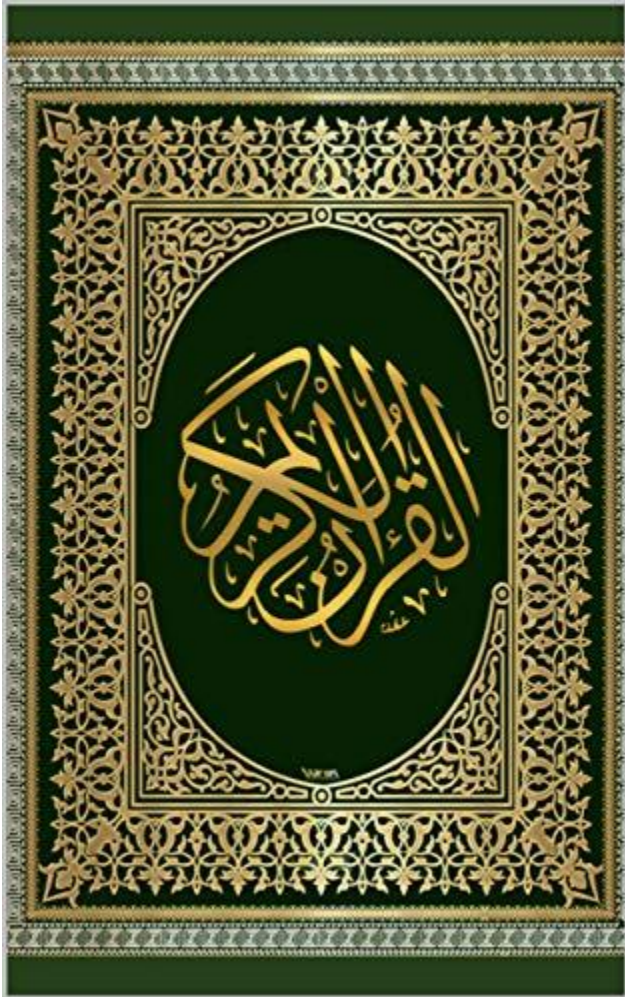
AYAH 08

Mu'sadah comes from 'Eesaad', a place where animals are kept locked up and secured.

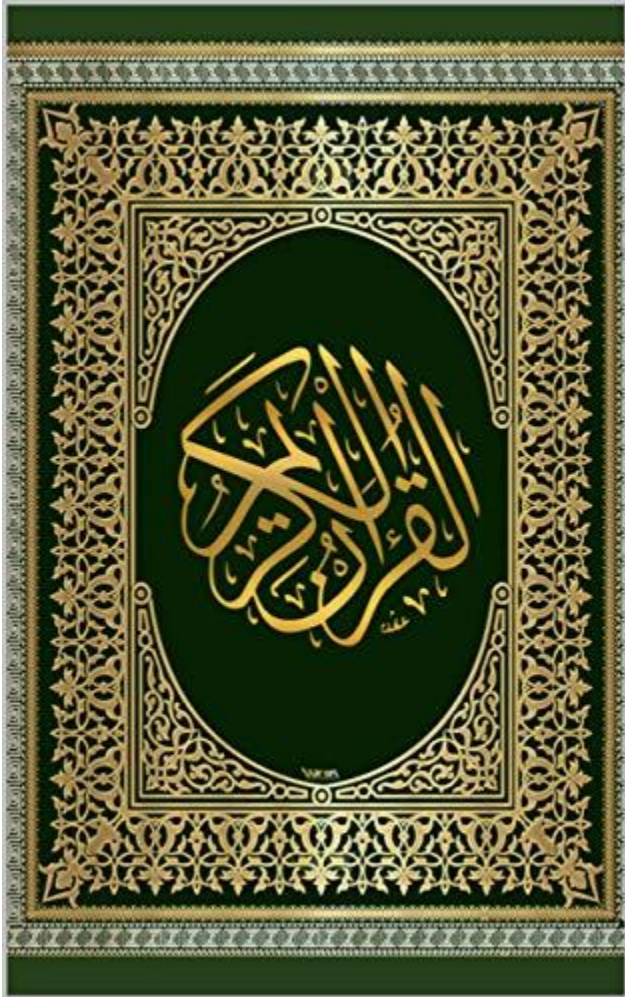
Please note that the word 'alayhim' is placed earlier than 'Mu'sadah'.

According to the arabic language, it should be: Inaha mu'sadat alayhim.

This figure of speech is known as 'Taqdeem' and it is implying the these are a special group of people (the corrupt humazah and lumazah) who will get this specific punishment.



AYAH 09



Again, in this ayah, the severity is emphasized on by saying that the columns will be stretched to far extremes - as far as the stretch can go.

How to avoid Backbiting and Slandering

Increase your knowledge

Avoid people who talk about others

Avoid places of gossip

Don't ask leading questions

Stop backbiting/slandering the first time it happens

Let people/friends know you are trying to avoid backbiting/slandering

Maintain a policy with friends to remind each other not to backbite/slander

Forgive those who backbite about you or slander you

Remember death often

Learn Surah Humaza by heart and recite it often

Give Sadqah when you backbite/slander on behalf of the victims

Supplicate to Allah to keep you away from this heinous sin

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ