

Surah Takathur

Negative Abundance
Competition



سُورَةُ التَّكَاثُرِ

COMPOSITION

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| Compilation | 102 |
| Revelation | 16 |
| Ayah | 8 |
| Words /Letters | 28 / 123 |
| Juz | 30 |
| Rev. Period | Early Makkan |
| Classification | Mufassalat |

THEME

Surah At-Takathur is among the cluster of 4 surahs: 99-102 (Zilzal, 'Adiyat, Qaari'ah, Takathur) that follow a pattern of Qiyamah, Duniya, Qiyamah, Duniyah. This surah covers the following two themes:

Man's strong desire for worldly wealth. The extreme tendency of human beings towards this world .

Consequences of running after worldly wealth. Lovers of this world will be aware of the truth of what they did after seeing the Hell

VIRTUES

According to the Holy Prophet (S)

"He who recites it, Allah will not account the bounties he was given in the world, and He will award him such a reward as if he had recited one thousand ayaah (of the Qur'an).

"The recitation of this Surah in the obligatory and optional prayers has a reward similar to Martyrdom."

It is obvious that these total rewards are for the one who recites it, practices it in his daily life and harmonizes his mind and soul with it.

آلْهَكُمُ التَّكَاثُرُ

The competition to increase Diverts you

Lahw essentially means entertainment of any form and it is this Lahw that keeps us busy and deviated from things that actually need our attention and interest

Deviations: Alha – Ilha – Lahw – Lahwan - Tulhikum

The principal message in this word is that you are wasting your time on something that is less important, when you could be doing something a lot more important.

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Takhathur Deviations

Kathra – Katheer
[a lot – plentifullness]

Desire of having a lot

Worldly / Materialistic stuff: Car, Home, Devices

Competing with others in getting a lot

Latest version of cell phone than friends

Being arrogant about having a lot

My house has twice the square footage

Wanting more and more

Have an iphone, now want iWatch, Airpods

حَتَّىٰ زُرْتُمُ الْمَقَابِرَ

The graves You visit Until

Zurtum: Comes from Zaara or Ziyaara

Ziyaara means to go to meet someone for a temporary visit.

Generally, ziyaara is used with a visit to a tomb.

Graves are temporary, before a permanent trip to Jannah or Jahannam

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Some commentators believe that the use of the term Maqaabir (plural of Maqbara – Tomb) instead of Quboor (plural of Qabr – Grave) is pointing to the fact that there were tribes who would compete with everything; more people, better weapons, even better dead people pointing at the graves and say - "do you have someone like that person?"

كَلَّا سَوْفَ تَعْلَمُونَ

You will know Soon Nay!

ثُمَّ كَلَّا سَوْفَ تَعْلَمُونَ

You will know Soon Nay! Then

According to Hazrat Ali Ibn Abi Talib, "***People are sleeping and when they die - they wake up.***" In other words, men will only realize how they wasted their life away, after death.

According to some scholars,

Ayah 3: *When you enter the grave, you will find out the reality.*

Ayah 4: *When, 2nd time, you come out of the graves on Judgment Day.*

كَلَّا لَوْ تَعْلَمُونَ عِلْمَ الْيَقِينِ

(Of) (with) a You If Nay!
certainty knowledge know

'Knowledge' contrasts with 'ignorance'. In other words, it is referring to 'the clarity and positiveness of something'.

'Certitude' (yaqin) is the opposite case to 'doubt'.

According to what is understood from the Islamic narrations and traditions, one of the strongest features of Faith is called 'yaqin'.

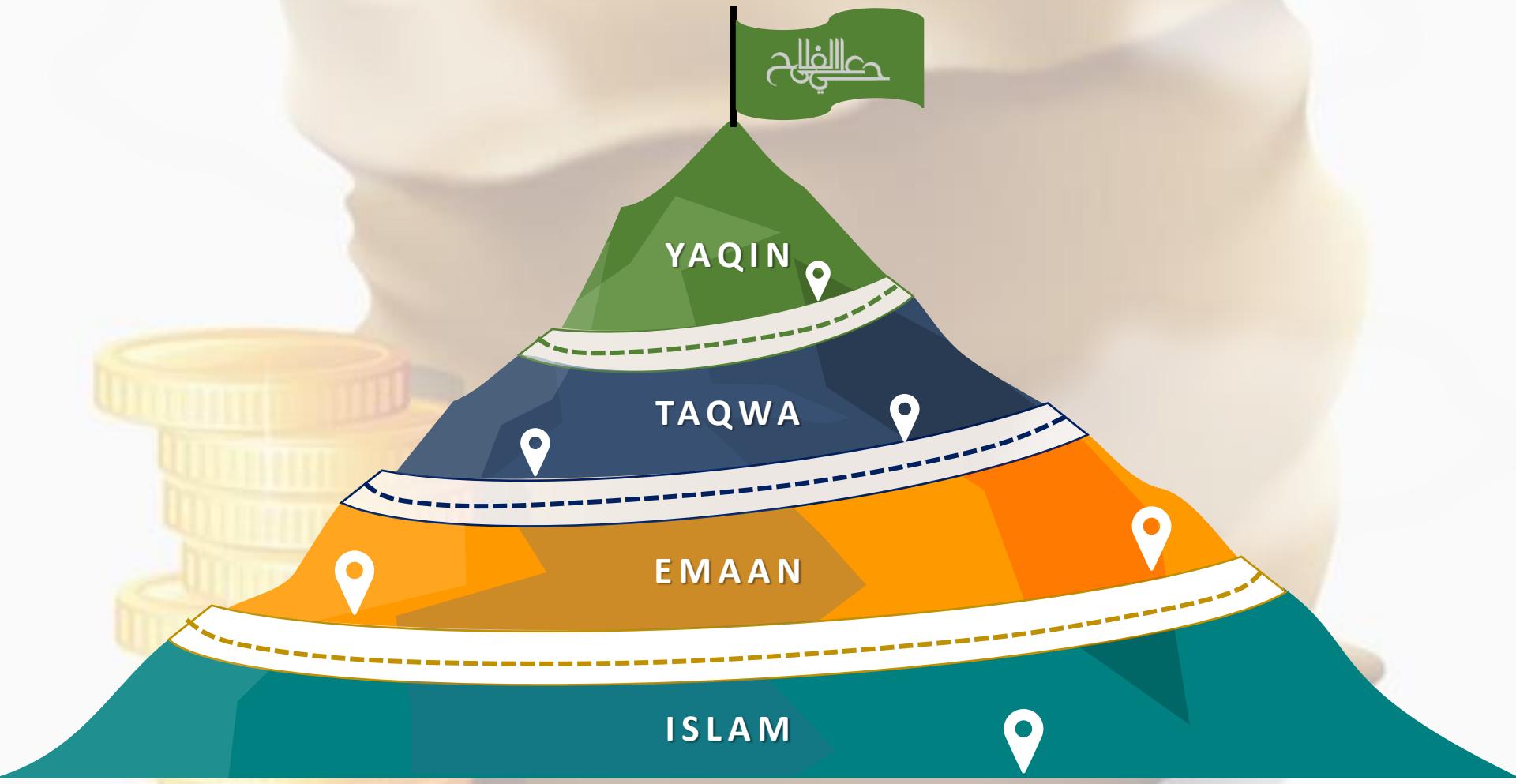
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(Of)
certainty

(with) a
knowledge

You
know

If Nay!



لَتَرَوْنَ أَلْجَحِيمَ

The
Hellfire

**Surely you
will see**

LA: used to respond to an oath. It is a qasam - for certainty.

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Jaheem comes from **Juhm** which is the stare of a lion when it is about to pounce on his prey.

The stare makes the potential prey petrified/horrified - so it cannot move. Hence the meaning:

You will see - the stare of the hunting hell.

لَمْ تَرُوهَا عَيْنَ الْيَقِينِ

(Of) (with the) Surely you Then
certainty eye will see

So, if you will only believe it through seeing it - then you
will see it, and when you see it
That is when you will go into it.

لَمْ تُسْأَلْنَ يَوْمَئِنَّ عَنِ النَّعِيمِ

The
pleasures about That Day

Surely
you will
be asked Then

1. **Tus'aloona**
You will be asked for sure.
2. **La Tus'aloona**
You will certainly be asked.
3. **La Tus'alun-na (with a shadda)**
Certainly, you will certainly, certainly be asked.

لَنْ تُسْأَلُنَّ يَوْمَئِنَّ عَنِ النَّعِيمِ

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- Ni'mah (Singular) – Ni'am (Plural)
- Na'eem - has a Ya in it means 'extra continuous comforts.'

You will be asked because you were in a state of continuous blessing. What did you do with those luxuries?

CONSLUSION

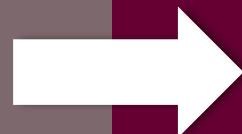
This beautiful surah began with the word,
TAKATHUR – the one that we run after, and which
distracts us

And the surah ends with NA'EEM –
The blessings that we keep ignoring which are the
means of getting closer to Allah (SwT)

All you have to do is

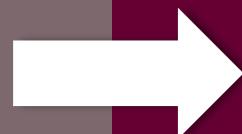
& Allah will ...

KNOCK



OPEN

ATTEND



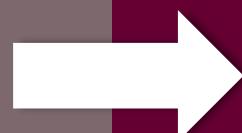
WELCOME

ASK



GIVE

REPENT



FORGIVE

CRY



LISTEN

اللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ وَّلَا جُنْدَهُ

Answers:

1=D , 2=A , 3=B , 4=A , 5=B , 6=B , 7=C , 8=A , 9=C , 10=D