

# Surah Takathur

Negative Abundance  
Competition



سُورَةُ التَّكْوِيْنِ

# COMPOSITION

**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.*



# أَهْلِكُمْ 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.***

# أَهْنَكُمُ التَّكَاثُرُ

The competition to increase      Diverts you

## Takhathur Deviations

Kathra – Katheer

[ a lot – plentifulness ]

### *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*

# حَتَّىٰ زُرْتُمُ الْمَقَابِرَ

The graves You visit Until

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?"



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كَلَّا سَوْفَ تَعْلَمُونَ

You will know Soon Nay!

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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 ﴿٥﴾

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

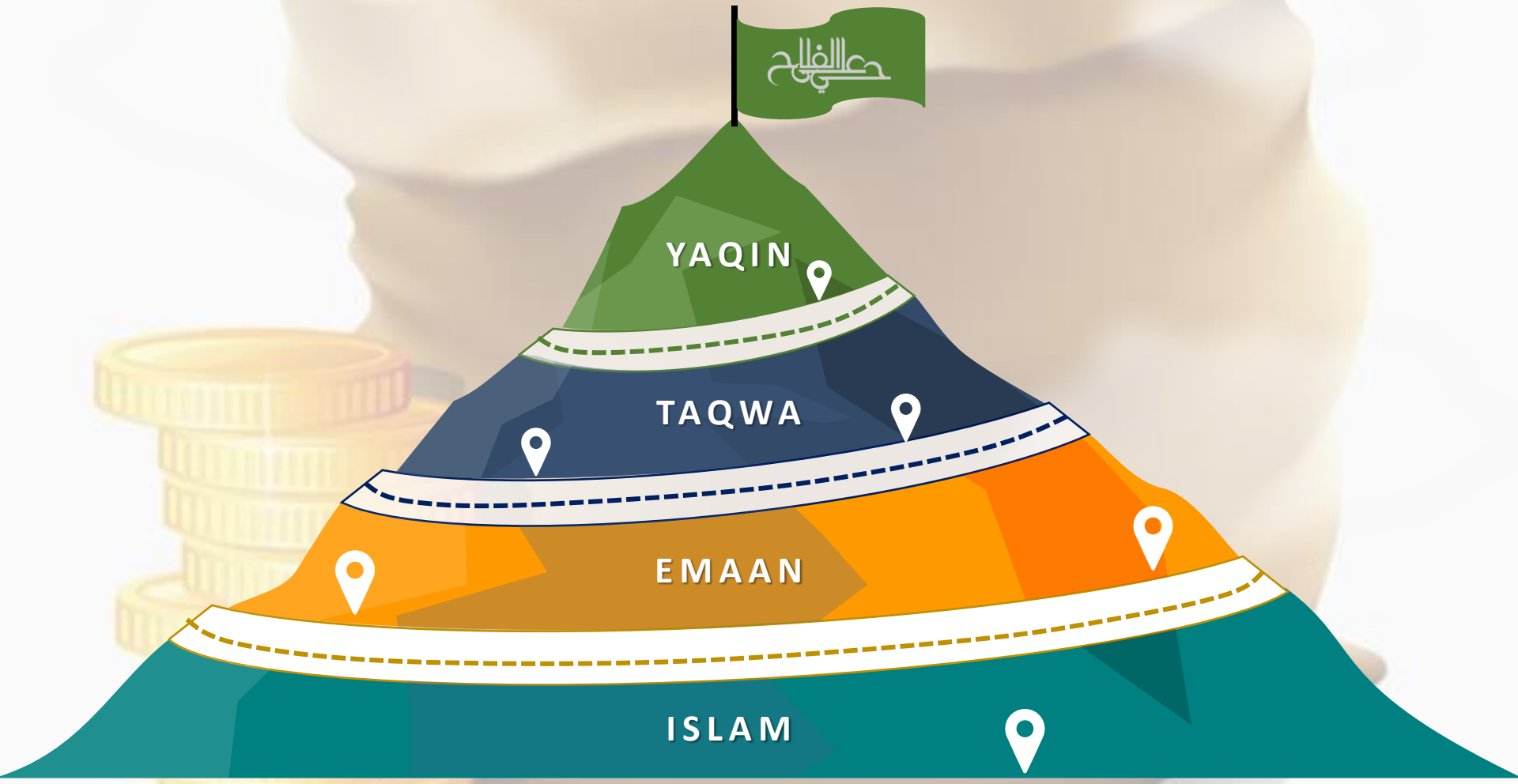
'Knowledge' contrasts with 'ignorance'. In other words, it is referring to 'the clarity and positiveness of something'.

'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'.

# كَلَّا لَوْ تَعْلَمُونَ عِلْمَ الْيَقِينِ ﴿٥﴾

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



لَتَرُونَ الْجَحِيمَ

The  
Hellfire

**Surely** you  
will see

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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.***



ثُمَّ لَتَرُوْنَهَا عَيْنَ الْيَقِيْنِ

(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.

ثُمَّ لَتُسْأَلُنَّ يَوْمَئِذٍ عَنِ النَّعِيمِ ﴿٨٤﴾

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.

# ثُمَّ لَتُسْأَلُنَّ يَوْمَئِذٍ عَنِ النَّعِيمِ

The pleasures

about

That Day

Surely you will be asked

Then

- 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**

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
وَالصَّلَاةِ وَالزَّكَاةِ  
وَالْحَقِّ وَالْأَمْرِ بِالْعَدْلِ  
وَالْحَقِّ وَالْأَمْرِ بِالْعَدْلِ  
وَالْحَقِّ وَالْأَمْرِ بِالْعَدْلِ

Answers:

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