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SURA AL-SHAMS



وَالشَّمْسِ وَضُحَاهَا

I swear by the sun and its brilliance,

Dhuhaa – Soothing morning light
Could mean Wa Rabbush Shams



وَالْقَمَرَ إِذَا تَلَاهَا

And the moon when it follows the sun,

Tilwaan – to follow along

The moon (especially when full moon) continues to follow
'it' – the sun

Subservient to it (takes from it light)



وَالنَّهَارِ إِذَا جَلَّاهَا

And the day when it shows it,

Jallaa – to give exposure to something that is already bright – to show its full glory

(the day shows the full glory of the sun/make beauty apparent)

Izha – When?

Tajalla – when a wife beautifies herself for her husband (old Arabic)



وَاللَّيْلِ إِذَا يَغْشَاهَا

And the night when it draws a veil over it,

Yaghshasa – when it covers it up (the light of the sun)

All 4 oaths centre around the sun



وَالسَّمَاءِ وَمَا بَنَاهَا

And the heaven and Him Who made it,

The sky and what made it!

Banaa – constructed

Look at the sky and think what an Awesome Creator He is.

Suratul Mulk xref ayaat 3&4



وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا طَحَاهَا

And the earth and He Who extended it,

The Earth and what laid it down - (spread it)

Tahaha – implies vastness



6 OATHS

INVITATION TO REFLECT

Sun Moon | Day Night | Heaven Earth

All opposites but each has a limit and a discipline which
brings harmony.

Following discipline gives harmony. Reflect & apply to oneself.



وَنَفْسٍ وَمَا سَوَّاهَا

And the soul and Him Who made it perfect,

Sawwa comes from **taswiya** – to take things that are unbalanced and to balance them.

No Al like the others-Refelct on the nafs & its amazing balance(He who balanced it). Ruh from the 'amr of Allah-His sustenance can only come from revelation. **Eiman & Revelation = Nur.**

Nurun alaa nur



فَالْهَمَّهَا فَجُورَهَا وَتَقْوَاهَا

Then He inspired it to understand what is right and wrong for it;

Ilhaam - Gut feeling, something one is sure about (gift from God)

Fujur – (Fajr) – Tears open

Faajir – Rebels in worse possible way. Clear knowledge of rebellion

Taqwaha – Protects itself (from harm and punishment. In built recognition of evil and good
Conflict – **LAWWAMA** (disturbed)

MUTMAINNA (content) Programmed to recognise evil & protection.

Guilty conscience - Wiqaya



قَدْ أَفْلَحَ مَنْ زَكَّاهَا

He will indeed be successful who purifies it,

Aflahaa from **Iflaah** – farmer about to reap harvest
Fujur – Anger, hatred, jealousy, resentment
Realises fujur and engaging in cleansing



وَقَدْ خَابَ مَنْ دَسَّاهَا

And he will indeed fail who corrupts it.

Khaabaa – running after something – failed to get it or it wasn't what you were looking for.

Dassaa – one who completely disregarded the nafs



كَذَّبَتْ ثَمُودُ بِطَغْوَاهَا

Thamood gave the lie (to the truth) in their inordinacy,

Subject switches to a nation

Thamood lied against their then prophet as a result of their rebellion.

Corrupt not as a lack of knowledge.



إِذِ انْبَعَثَ أَشْقَاهَا

When the most unfortunate of them broke forth with

The people of Thamood were a powerful knowledgeable nation known to the Quraysh.

The reference to a corrupt leadership as those of Thamood who led them to destruction.

Most audacious –the loudest of them – I WILL TAKE IT ON.



فَقَالَ لَهُمْ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ نَاقَةَ اللَّهِ وَسُقْيَاهَا

So Allah's messenger said to them (Leave alone) Allah's she-camel, and (give) her (to) drink.

Prophet Salih (pbuh) warned them
Quraysh listening – they called him a liar.
Suqyaha – Its place and time of drinking



فَكَذَّبُوهُ فَعَقَرُوْهَا

But they called him a liar and slaughtered her,

They called Prophet Salih (pbuh) a liar and disregarded him
'Aqar – a slow death (cut off the camels legs)



فَدَمَدَمَ عَلَيْهِمْ رَبُّهُمْ بِذَنبِهِمْ فَسَوَّاهَا

Therefore their Rabb crushed them for their sin and levelled them (with the ground). (Pounded and crushed until it becomes part of the ground).

Zhanab – Tail of an animal. That which should have made you ashamed. (“tail between his legs’ – humiliating)

Sawwa – Balanced it to the ground



وَلَا يَخَافُ عُقْبَاهَا

And He fears not its consequence.

Sura about one who doesn't fear consequences
Defies the messenger and kills signs

Divinity executes justice – doesn't fear anyone's comments
Opinion of creation doesn't affect Him

