

AL-AN'AAM - THE CATTLE



OBJECTIONS OF THE MAKKANS TO MONOTHEISM AND DIVINITY'S REPLY
PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF TAWHEED
LIVESTOCK DEDICATED TO DEITIES AND INNOVATIONS IN THE NAME OF DIVINITY

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DIVINE GUIDANCE

Certainly, my salaa, my sacrifice and my life and death are all for Allah, the Rabb of the worlds Aya 162



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Ayaat 153-165

DIVINE COMMANDS AND PROHIBITIONS

Kindness to parents
Do not take a life
Do not steal
Give full measure



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Ayaat 147-152

INNOVATIVE LAWS MADE UP BY THE QURAYSH REGARDING CONSUMPTION OF CATTLE

Simple dietary laws given by Divinity Ayaat 145-146



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Ayaat 136-146

COMPARISON OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE VS THOSE WHO COVER UP THE TRUTH

Security and peace for one who believes
(expansion of the chest to reach full potential – climbs higher)

VS

THOSE WHO COVER UP THE TRUTH
Humiliation and agitation for those who cover up the truth (constriction – cannot climb higher)

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Ayaat 122-135

EAT THAT ON WHICH ALLAH'S NAME IS MENTIONED

Concept of halal meat

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Ayaat 118-121

REFLECTION ON ALLAH AS THE CREATOR

Germination of the grain
Living from the dead and death of the living
Breaking of dawn and the night for rest
The sun, moon and stars
Rain and the subsequent produce from the earth



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Ayaat 95-117

PROPHET IBRAHEEM'S DISCOURSE ON MONOTHEISM

Rhetoric questions of whether statues, stars, moon and sun could be worshipped?
Mention of other Prophets

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Ayaat 74-94

REPLY TO THE MAKKANS OBJECTIONS ABOUT ALLAH

To Him belong the treasures of the unseen and He is the Absolute Knower of the minute detail of everything Aya 59
He takes you in your sleep at night
He knows what you do in the day and you will be returned to Him and He will inform you what you did
He is the One who delivers from distress
Establish salaa and be God conscious

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Ayaat 48-73

AWESOMENESS OF ALLAH AND THE OBJECTION OF THE MAKKANS

Introduction of Allah as the Creator of the human being, heavens and earth,
Knower of secret thoughts, Master of the day of Judgement
Quraysh demanded a physical book and an angel – Divinity replies saying they will say it is magic and mock
Their stance being their disbelief in the hereafter and accountability

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Ayaat 1-47

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165 Ayaat (Makki)

FOCUS

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DID YOU KNOW?

This is the longest Makkan sura possibly revealed as one discourse with 70,000 angels.
It takes its name from the discussion of the self-imposed restrictions placed by the Makkans on the consumption of cattle.

SELECTED AYAAT

- 6:59 Keys of unseen treasure with Allah
- 6:63 Who delivers from danger?
- 6:141 Extravagance
- 6:160 Good deeds
- 6:162 Say: surely my prayer and my sacrifice and my life and my death are (all) for Allah, the Lord of the worlds.

NARRATIVE

THE CHAPTER BEGINS WITH A POWERFUL STATEMENT INTRODUCING ALLAH AS THE UNIVERSAL CREATOR AND HIS TOTAL POWER. AFTER REJECTING THE EXCUSES OF THE MAKKANS FOR NOT TAKING HEED OF THE PROPHET, ALLAH REPLIES TO THE OBJECTIONS OF THE MAKKANS REMINDING THEM OF THE FATE OF PREVIOUS GENERATIONS WHO IGNORED DIVINE MESSENGERS. IT CONSOLES THE PROPHET IN THE FACE OF THE REJECTION BY THE MAKKANS SPECIFYING HIS ABSOLUTE KNOWLEDGE OF EVERYTHING AND BEING THE ONE WHO DELIVERS FROM DISTRESS

PROPHET IBRAHEEM'S DISCOURSE ABOUT WORSHIPPING ANYTHING OTHER THAN ALLAH WHETHER IT BE THE STARS, MOON AND SUN IS FOLLOWED BY REFLECTION ON ALLAH AS THE CREATOR AND GIVER OF BOTH LIFE AND DEATH.

A DIRECTIVE TO EAT MEAT ON WHICH ALLAH'S NAME IS MENTIONED (HALAL) IS FOLLOWED BY A COMPARISON OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF BELIEF IN DIVINITY (SECURITY AND PEACE) VERSUS THE HUMILIATION AND AGITATION SUFFERED BY THOSE WHO COVER UP THE TRUTH.

THE CHAPTER THEN ADDRESSES THE INNOVATIVE RESTRICTIONS MADE UP BY THE MAKKANS REGARDING THE CONSUMPTION OF CERTAIN KINDS OF MEATS COUNTERING IT WITH A SIMPLE SET OF DIETARY LAWS AND A CONCISE LIST OF DIVINE COMMANDS AND PROHIBITIONS.

FINALLY IT CONCLUDES WITH VERSES ON MONOTHEISTIC BELIEF AND UTTER DEVOTION TO DIVINITY IN PRAYER, SACRIFICE, LIFE AND DEATH.