



AL-FAATIHA - THE OPENING



SUMMARY OF THE QUR'AN
TO AWAKEN THE SOUL TO FAITH AND
SUBMISSION TO DIVINITY IN ORDER TO REACH ONE'S FULL POTENTIAL
SEEKING THE PATH TO SUCCESS DEFINED BY DIVINITY

001

3

REPLY FROM DIVINITY

- Follow the path of those whom He has blessed
- Not to follow those on whom there is anger
- Not to follow those who are lost

Aya 7

WE WISH TO BECOME YOUR SLAVES AND WANT YOUR HELP IN GUIDANCE TO REACH OUR FULL POTENTIAL

- An 'abd (slave) knows that no act is significant unless it is linked to the Master
- Siraat Al Mustaqeem is the straight, wide and only path which leads to Divinity

2

Ayaat 5-6

WHO IS ALLAH?

RABB – Master, Cherisher, Nourisher, Sustainer

RAHMAAN – Mercy that encompasses all creation

RAHEEM – Special Ear Marked Compassion to those who submit to Him

MAALIK – Owner and controller (Micro and Macro)

1

Ayaat 1-4



001. Al-Faatiha ~ The Opening

7 Ayaat (Makki)

FOCUS

SUMMARY OF THE QUR'AN
TO AWAKEN THE SOUL TO FAITH AND SUBMISSION TO DIVINITY
IN ORDER TO REACH ONE'S FULL POTENTIAL
SEEKING THE PATH TO SUCCESS DEFINED BY DIVINITY

DID YOU KNOW?

THE ENTIRE QUR'AN IS A DIALOGUE BETWEEN ALLAH AND HUMAN BEINGS.
THIS SURAH IS A CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE HUMAN BEING AND ALLAH
TEACHING US HOW TO CONVERSE WITH OUR CREATOR.

SELECTED AYAAT

- | | |
|-----|---|
| 1:1 | IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE MOST MERCIFUL, THE MOST COMPASSIONATE. |
| 1:2 | ALL PRAISE AND GRATITUDE BELONG TO ALLAH, THE RABB OF THE WORLDS |
| 1:3 | THE MOST MERCIFUL , THE MOST COMPASSIONATE |
| 1:4 | OWNER (SOLE POSSESSOR) OF THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT |
| 1:5 | YOU ALONE DO WE SERVE AND YOU ALONE DO WE ASK FOR HELP |
| 1:6 | GUIDE US ON THE STRAIGHT (RIGHT) PATH |
| 1:7 | THE PATH OF THOSE WHOM YOU HAVE BLESSED, NOT OF THOSE ON WHOM THERE IS ANGER, NOR THOSE WHO HAVE GONE ASTRAY. |

NARRATIVE

The primary meaning is THE OPENING and it opens the Qur'an on optimism and gratitude. Hamd is a combination of praise and gratitude
It is recited in every cycle of salaa and also recited on occasions as diverse as funerals, weddings, birth, inauguration of official events , beginning of journeys, etc.
It is the first complete chapter to be revealed; a synthesis of the message of the Qur'an and its most important sura thus also given the title - Mother of the Book
It has a threefold structure:
The first answers WHO IS GOD?
The middle verses deal with the RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HUMAN BEINGS AND GOD
The final section deals with the VARIOUS STATES OF THE HUMAN BEING.