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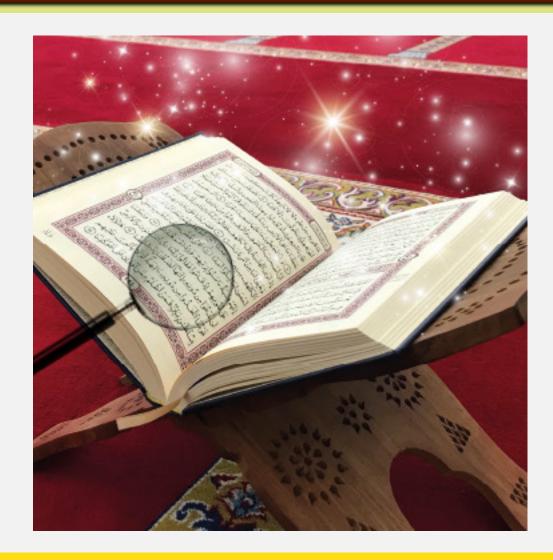
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DID YOU KNOW?



The Prophet (pbuh) has said "For everything there is a bride, and the bride of the Qur'an is Sura Al Rahmaan".

This is the only chapter that begins with an attribute (name) of Allah addressing both human beings and the jinn and emphasises the concept of gratitude repeating thirty one times

"Which of the favours of your Rabb will you deny"

*When the content of a message and its teacher are flawless, and the students still do not learn, there is a necessity of repetition and a clear description of consequences.

The 64th verse of this chapter is the shortest verse in Qur'an, "Mud haammataan" (Densely shaded with dark green trees).



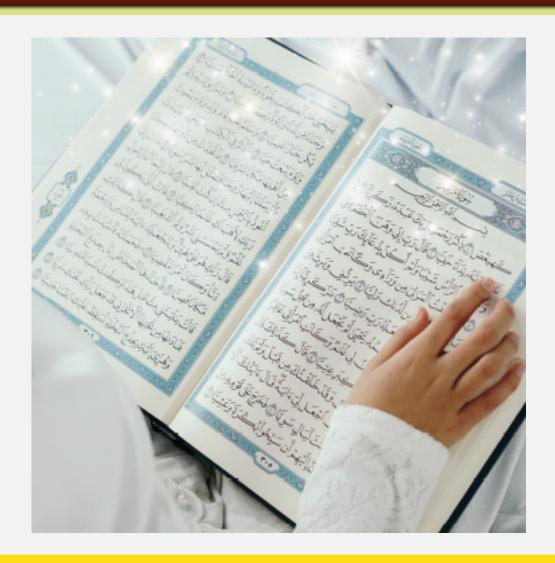
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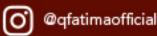




BENEFITS OF RECITATION



- Cures eye problems
- Removal of hypocrisy from the heart
- May ask forgiveness for whoever one wants
- Safety angel appointed
- If written on wall, keeps away household pests









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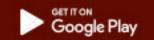


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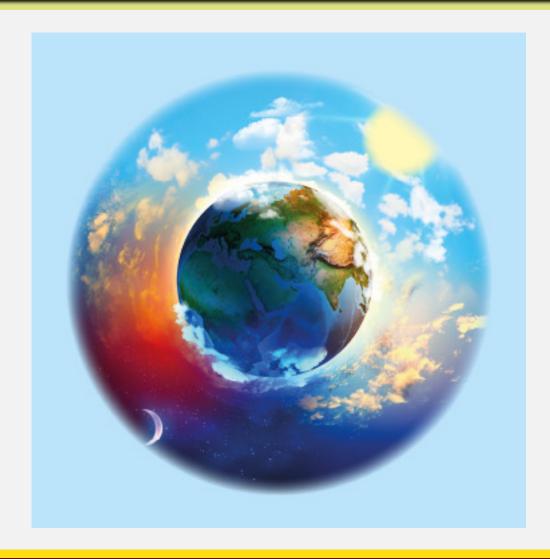








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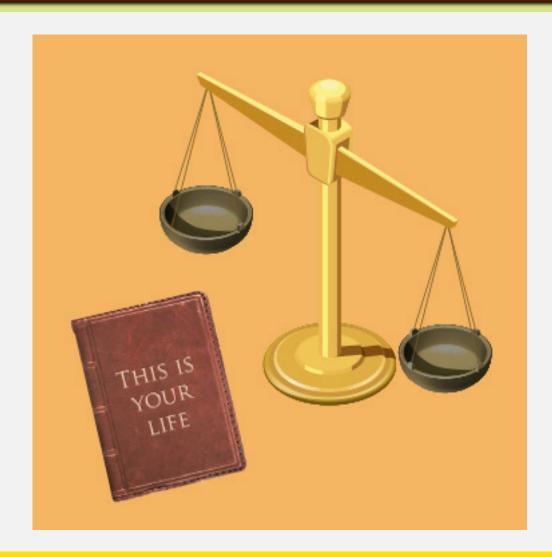








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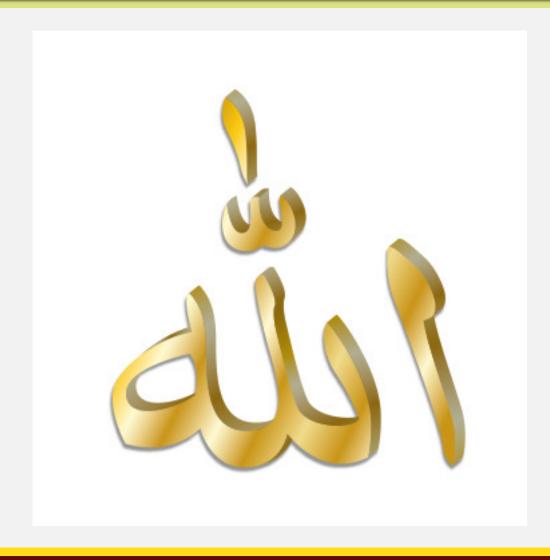
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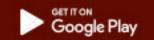


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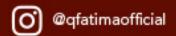




The Beneficent Allah.

Rahm - womb - I named it after My attribute Al Rahmaan - all encompassing care, compassion
Closest thing to human comprehension to extreme compassion













Taught the Quran.

Allama - over time Revelation is a blessing







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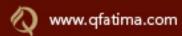


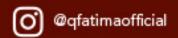




He created the human being.

Human beings were made to know revelation







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Taught him the mode of expression.

A person lies under his tongue Manifestation of understanding divine guidance through speech with compassion Bayyaan - the ability to analyse - vs kalaam - speech





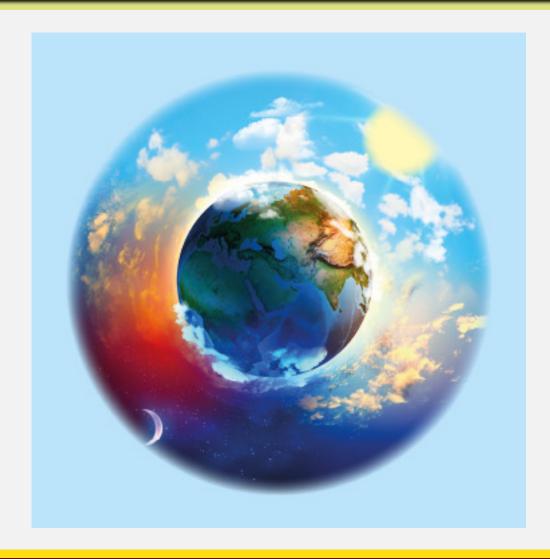


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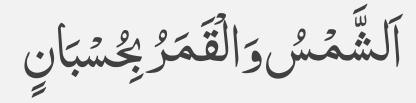






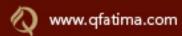






The sun and the moon follow a reckoning.

Follow a known and established







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And the stars and the trees do prostrate (to Him).

Stars - guidance - beauty -night Trees - sustenance - beauty – day

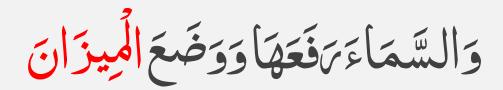






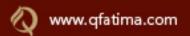


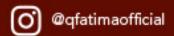




And the heaven, He raised it high, and He made the balance

Sky raised - perfectly - balance









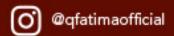




That you may not be inordinate in respect of the measure.

No transgression in the balance

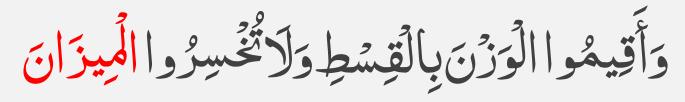










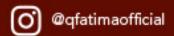


And keep up the balance with equity and do not make the measure deficient.

Maintain balance - justice - don't short change

"The heavens and the Earth are founded upon justice" - Prophet









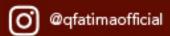




And the earth, He has set it for living creatures;

Earth a home to all creatures











فِيهَافًا كِهَةً وَالنَّخُلُ ذَاكُ الْأَكْمَامِ

Therein is fruit and palms having sheathed clusters,

Faakihaa - tafakkaha - to get delight (fruits that bring joy)

Nakhl - dates - the best of fruits for arabs Zhatul akmaam - wrapped packaged (gifts given wrapped)









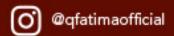




And the grain with (its) husk and fragrance.

Husk - stems
Fragrant - leaves
Fields with the scent of the herbs













Which then of the bounties of your Lord will you deny?

Which awesome things will you deny?
"Why do I see you silent?" Prophet to companions
even jinn responded
Are you still not grateful for all that you have?









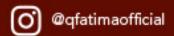




He created man from dry clay like broken pots

3:59, 15:26, 37:11 Salsaal - dried baked clay













And He created the jinn from smokeless fire

Maarij - Invisible flame







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Lord of the East and Lord of the West.

2 places from which the sun rises and 2 places from which the sun sets

Over the course of the seasons - 6 months rises and sets elsewhere Furthest points of each rising and setting - Rabb of as far as you can see

Winter and summer solstices



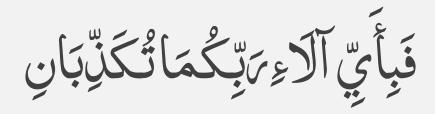






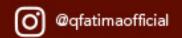






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He has made the two seas to flow freely (so that) they meet together:

25:53 - Meet but don't intermingle













Between them is a barrier which they cannot pass.

Water normally mingles - but here doesn't
World and hereafter - barrier of his decree



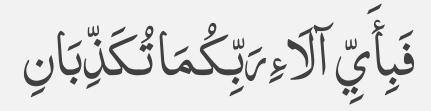




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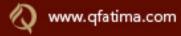






There come forth from them pearls and coral

Ornaments from the water

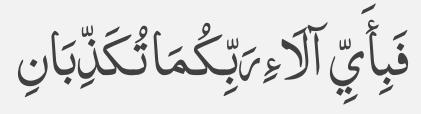












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And His are the ships that float in the sea like flags.

Ability to navigate and travel the seas Munsha'aat - heavy ships Air ships

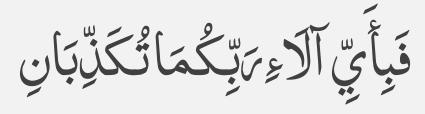












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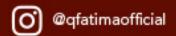




Everyone on it must pass away.

All creation was designed to pass away (to die)









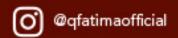


وَيَبْقَى وَجُهُ رَبِّكُ ذُو الْجُلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

And there will endure for ever the person of your Lord, the Lord of glory and honour.

All that will remain is the essence of your Rabb Jalaal - His Majesty Ikraam - nobility Even after all have passed away - His Majesty and nobility will remain

























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His work is inexhaustible 24/7









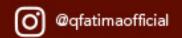




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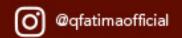






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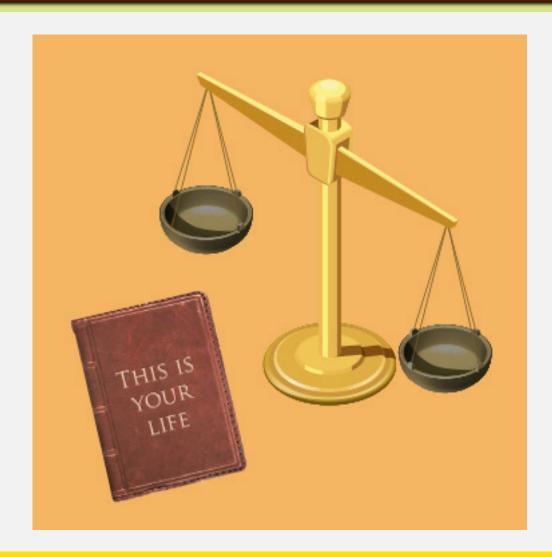








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Soon will We apply Ourselves to you, O you two armies.

We will free ourselves for you - you two weighty ones (bearing weight of sins)

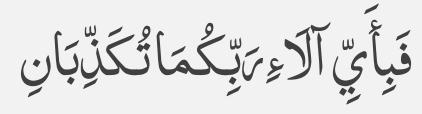






















يَامَعُشَرَ الْجِنِّ وَالْإِنْسِ إِنِ اسْتَطَعِتُمْ أَنْ تَنْفُنُ وامِنَ أَقُطَامِ السَّمَا وَاتِ يَامَعُشَرَ الْجِنِّ وَالْإِنْسِ إِنِ اسْتَطَعِتُمْ أَنْ فَانُوا لِاتَنْفُنُ وَالِّالِسُلَطَانِ وَالْأَبْسُ فَانْفُنُ وَالْاتِنْفُنُ وَلَا إِلَّا بِسُلَطَانٍ

O assembly of the jinn and the men! If you are able to pass through the boundaries of the heavens and the earth, then pass through; you cannot pass through but with authority.

Ma'shar - gathering ('ashar - ten, 'ashira - family)

You can only go places with Divine authority





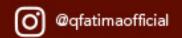
















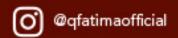


يُرْسَلُ عَلَيْكُمَا شُوَاظُمِنَ نَامٍ وَنُعَاسُ فَلَا تَنْتَصِرَانِ

The flames of fire and smoke will be sent on you two, then you will not be able to defend yourselves.

You will be struck down with meteors - you will have no defence

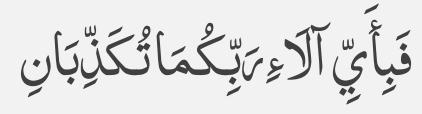




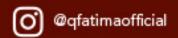


















فَإِذَا انْشَقّْتِ السَّمَاءُ فَكَانَتُ وَثُرَدَةً كَاللِّهَانِ

And when the heaven is rent asunder, and then becomes red like red hide.

Wardatan - red rose Boiling oil

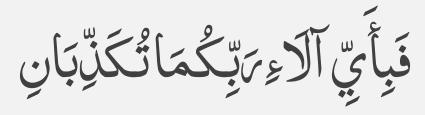






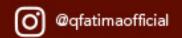






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So on that day neither man nor jinn shall be asked about his sin.

Everything evident - no need for asking - apparent - deeds recorded

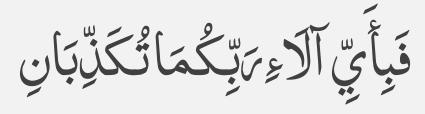






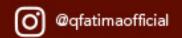






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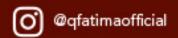




The guilty shall be recognized by their marks, so they shall be seized by the forelocks and the feet.

Apparent by their foreheads - taken by forehead and feet - heads bound to feet

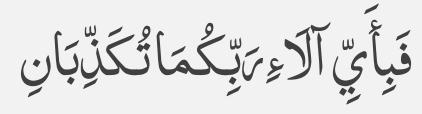




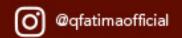
















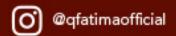




This is the hell which the guilty called a lie.

This is the Jahannam - the one that the guilty denied













Round about shall they go between it and hot, boiling water.

Tawaf - to circle - end where you started – can't get away

Hameem - bubbling hot water

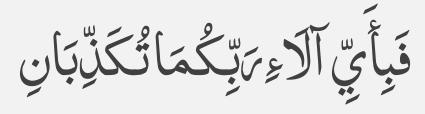




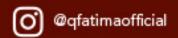










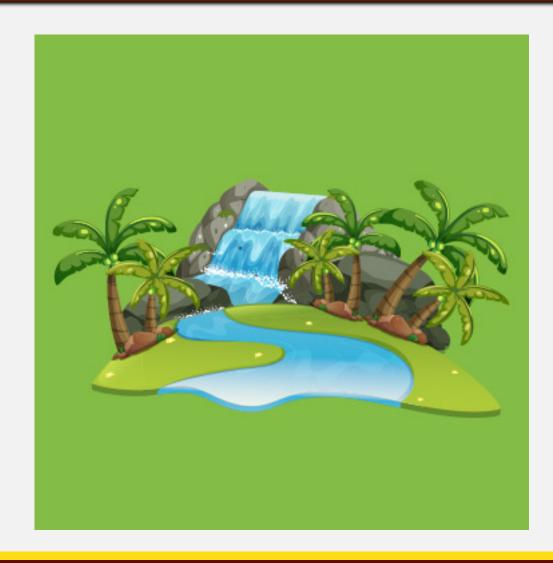






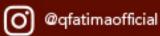


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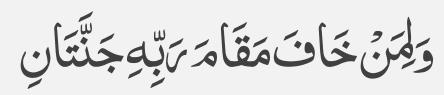
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And for him who fears to stand before his Lord are two gardens.

One for human beings one for Jinn One for business, one for first class - Suratul Waaqia - companions of right and foremost

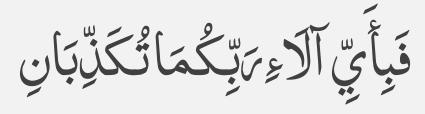












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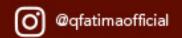




Having in them various kinds.

Fanaan - fresh branch Green branches that bear fruit and leaves - shade and nourishment

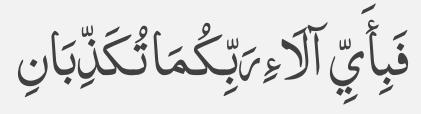




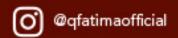
















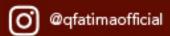




In both of them are two fountains flowing.

2 fountains/waterfalls in both Movement dynamism

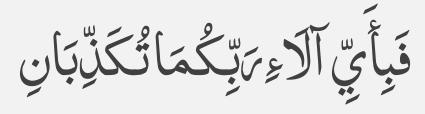


















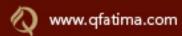


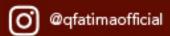




In both of them are two pairs of every fruit.

All kinds of fruit (brings delight) Zawjaan - variety, pairs - 2 variations

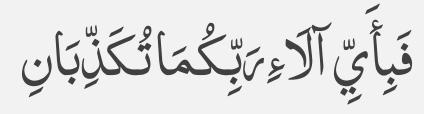




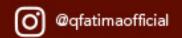








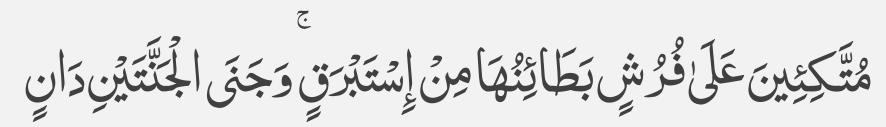












Reclining on beds, the inner coverings of which are of silk brocade; and the fruits of the two gardens shall be within reach.

Recline

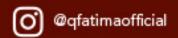
Furush - rugs

Inner and outer silk - inner and outer in dunya was

beautiful

Fruits near at hand







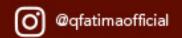






Which then of the bounties of your Lord will you deny?











فِيهِنَّ قَاصِرَ اكَ الطَّرُ فِ لَمْ يَظُمِثُهُنَّ إِنْسُ قَبُلَهُمْ وَلا جَانُّ

In them shall be those who restrained their eyes; before them neither man nor jinn shall have touched them.

Tarf - eyelids - totally focused - yet shy

All yours - no betrayal

Women - compensation on him - leave to the imagination - eg. - Janna under

her feet

Fussilat - you will have whatever you desire

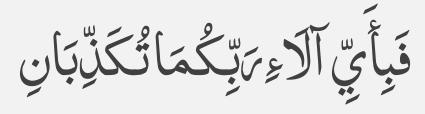
























As though they were rubies and pearls.

Timeless relationship - dive, dig deep to find them

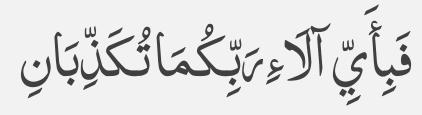




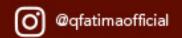




















Is the reward of goodness aught but goodness?

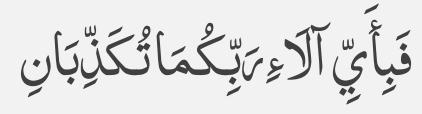




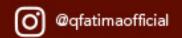




















And besides these two are two (other) gardens:

Two other gardens

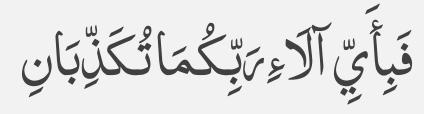
























Both inclining to blackness

Deepest green - thick vegetation - no light - black - more intense

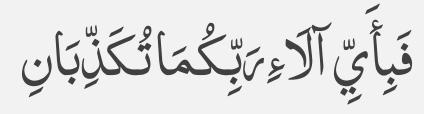
























In both of them are two springs gushing forth.

Nadhaakhataan - bubbling springs - like a waterfall

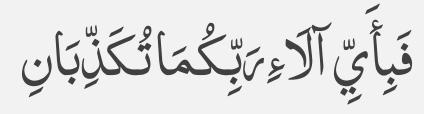




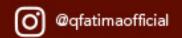




















In both are fruits and palms and pomegranates

Specific fruit - date palms and pomegranates (favourites of the arabs).

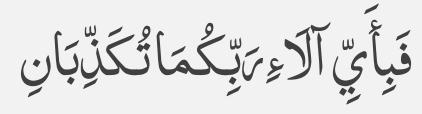




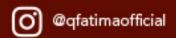




















In them are goodly things, beautiful ones

Khayraat - just to your liking - what you want

Hisaan - goodness

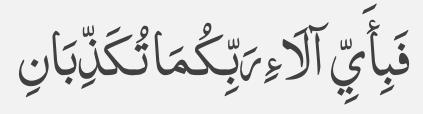




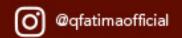
















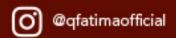




Pure ones confined to the pavilions

Hur - mesmerising
Maqsur - secluded
Khiyaam - pavilions tents

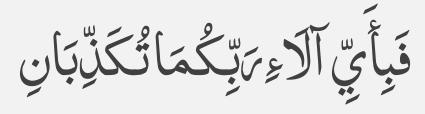




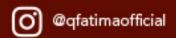














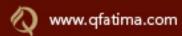






Man has not touched them before them nor jinn

Exclusivity

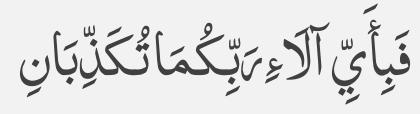












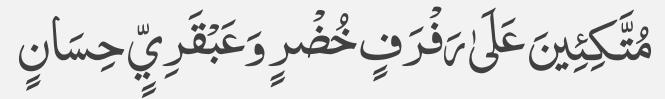












Reclining on green cushions and beautiful carpets

Rafraf - cushions

Green-

Abqar - land of the jinn (exotic rare items, out of this world)

Hisaan - goodness - beyond human understanding

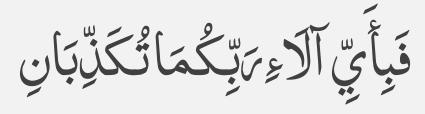




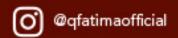








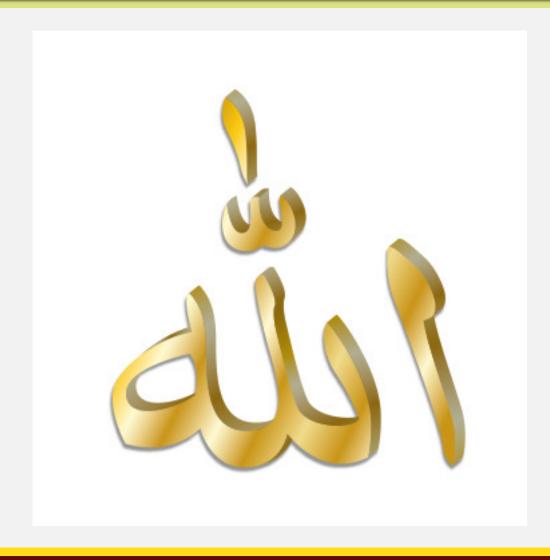












THE ATTRIBUTE OF AL RAHMAAN EMPOWERS BARAKA (INCREASE BEYOND EXPECTATION)







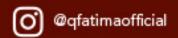




Blessed be the name of your Lord, the Lord of Glory and Honour!

The name - Al- Rahmaan begins and ends with the name Tabaarak - more than you expect - supercedes expectation











NARRATIVE



This is the only chapter that begins with a Divine Name and addresses both human beings

and the jinn. The chapter is early Madani and/or late Makki and the audience is therefore a combination of the stubborn Makkans who required continuous repetition and the hypocrites who only accepted Islam as lip service.

The first section discusses the nature of the The All Compassionate as the Teacher, Creator and the One who assists to articulate speech.





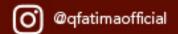


NARRATIVE



It then transitions into reflection of Divine blessings in the world which is followed by a graphic description of the day of Qiyama and the fate of the deniers of truth.

The chapter than looks at the two levels of Janna for those who are God conscious and grateful and ends with the concept that the attribute of Al Rahmaan empowers an increase beyond expectation









SELECTED AYAAT



55:1	Al Rahmaan (The Merciful
55:9	Equity in balance
55:14	The human being created from baked clay
55:33	Traversing the regions of the heavens and earth
55:41	Guilty recognised by their marks
55:60	"Is the reward for good anything but good?"









INTERESTING FACT



The next sura – Suratul Waaqia (56) mirrors the sections above in reverse order. It starts with describing the highest ranking people of Janna and the people of the right hand (the others in Janna), the people of the left hand (the inmates of Jahannam), reflection on the creation of Allah and ends with the greatness of the Qur'an.

