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DID YOU KNOW?



The sura is also known as Al Saakhkha (The piercing cry) or Al Safraah (The Scribes)

The sura reinforces the message of Sura Al Naaziat 79:45 “You are a warner only to the one who fears it (Accountability) “

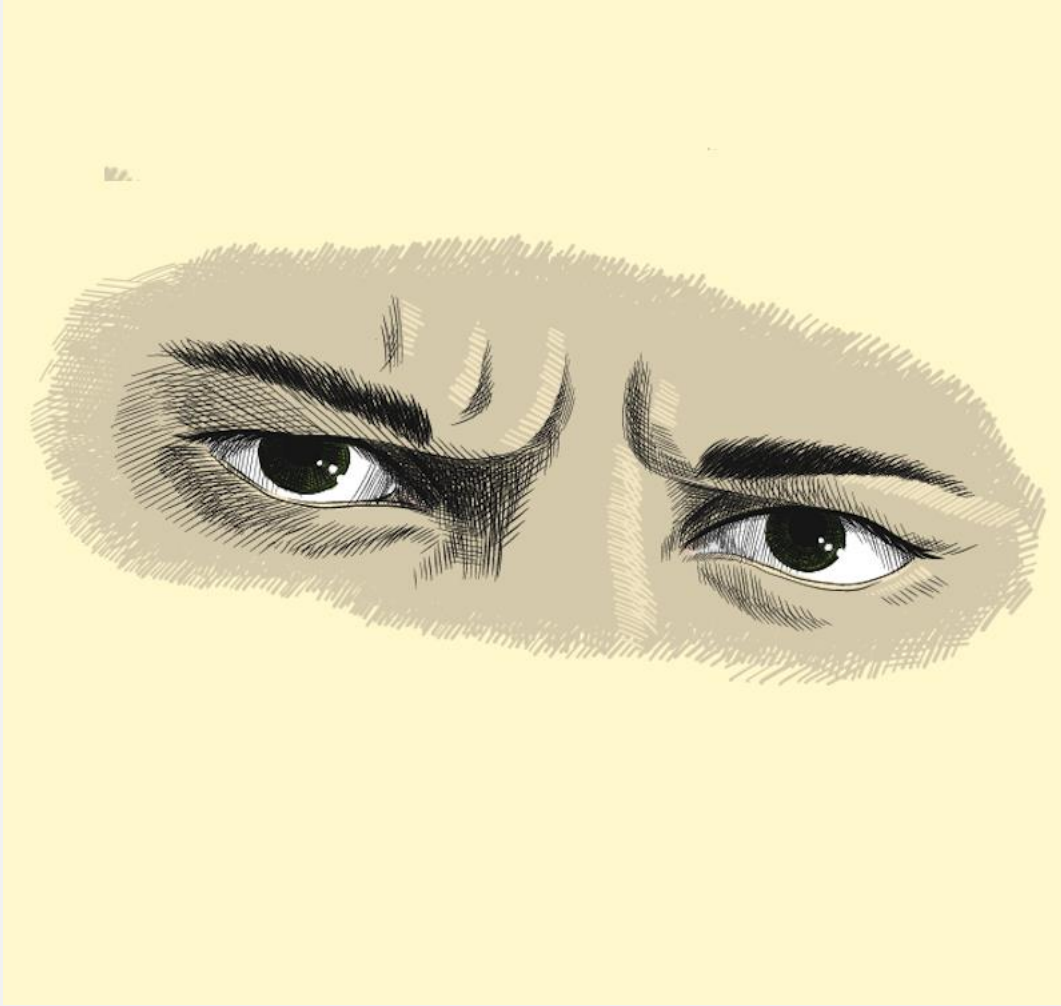
The Prophet wished the guidance to reach even the elite of the Quraysh who considered themselves independent of the Creator and the messenger and saw the Muslims as rebels who were threatening their way of life.

BENEFITS OF RECITATION



- Recite Sura Al Takweer to be under the shade of the Prophet (pbuh) in Janna
- Success in all endeavours
- Safe journey

SECTION 1 AYAAT 1 - 10



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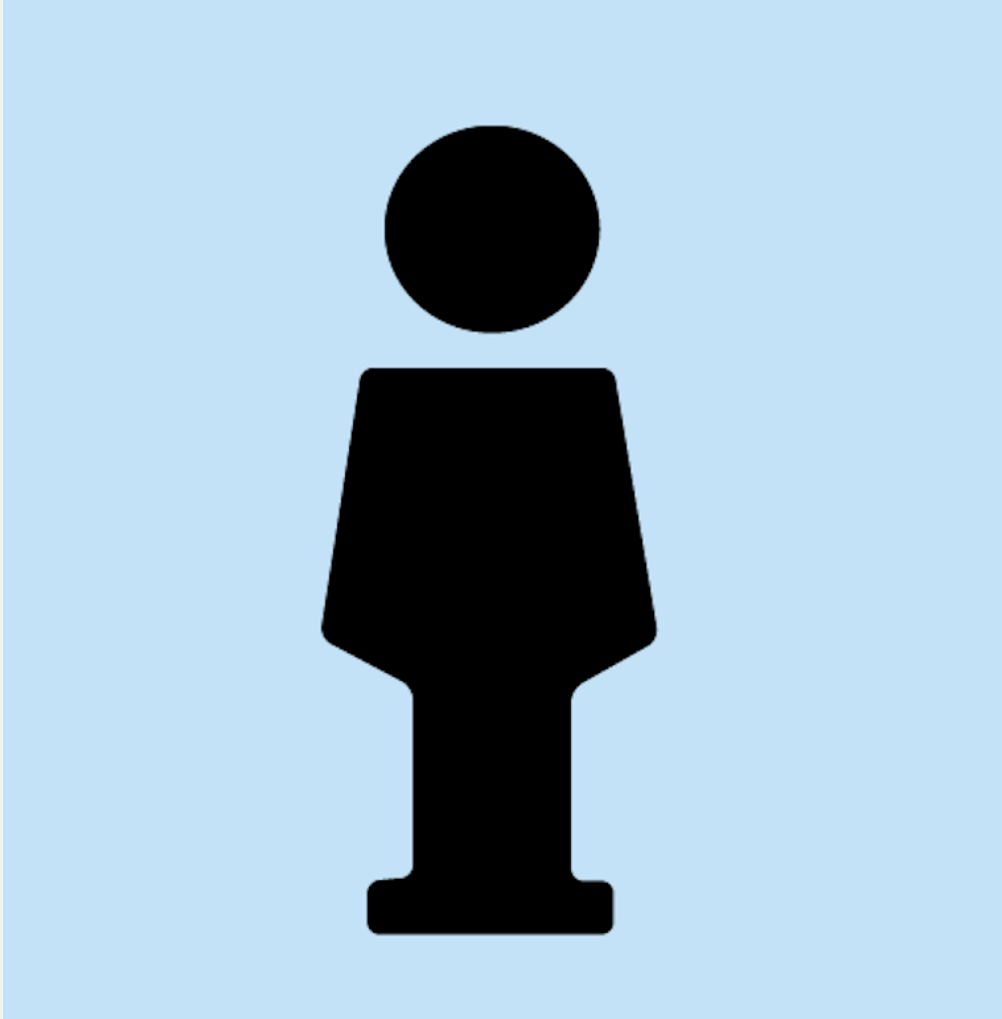
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SECTION 4 AYAAT 24 - 32

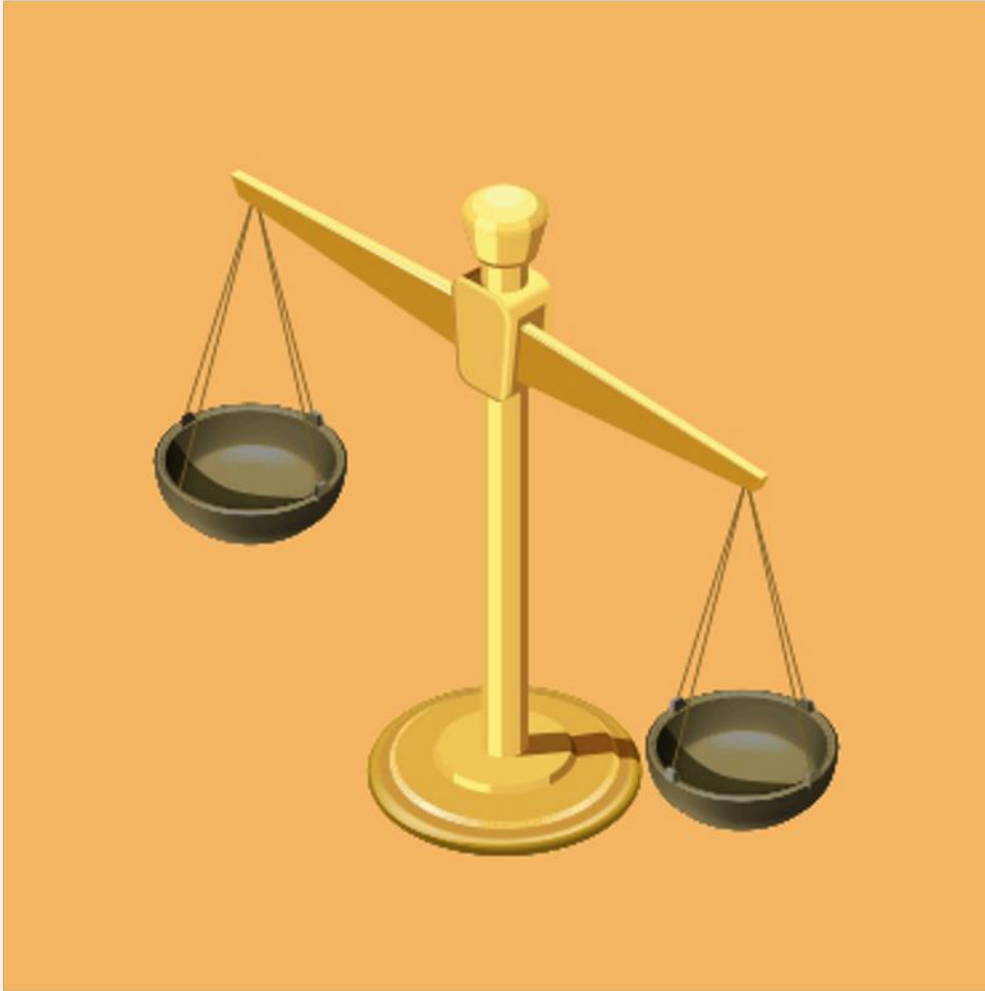


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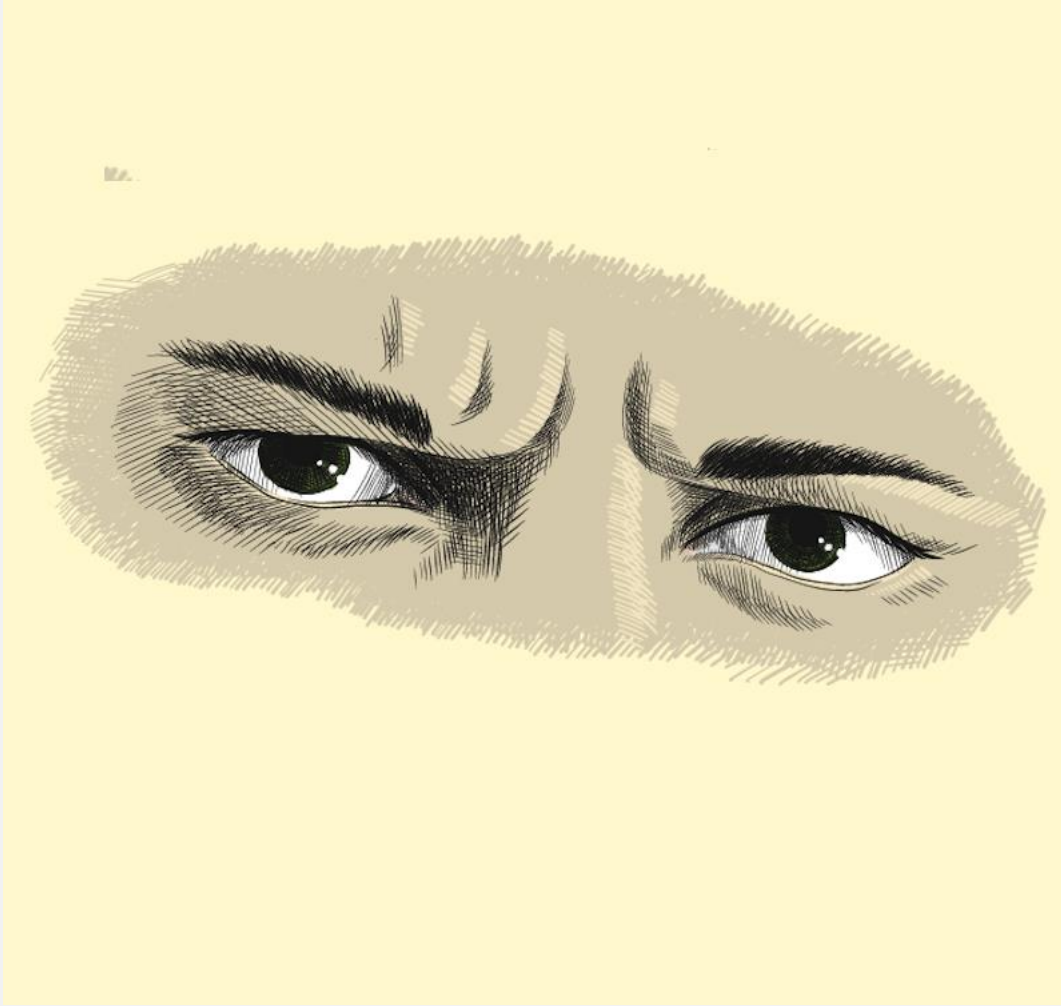


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SECTION 1

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate.



SECTION 1 AYA 1

عَبَسَ وَتَوَلَّى

He frowned and turned (his) back,

SECTION 1 AYA 2

أَنْ جَاءَهُ الْأَعْمَى

Because there came to him the blind man.

SECTION 1 AYA 3

وَمَا يُدْرِيكَ لَعَلَّهُ يَزَّكَّى

And what would make you know that he would purify himself,

SECTION 1 AYA 4

أَوْ يَذَّكَّرُ فَتَنْفَعَهُ الذِّكْرُ

] Or become reminded so that the reminder should profit him?

SECTION 1 AYA 5

أَمَّا مَنْ اسْتَعْنَىٰ

As for him who considers himself free from need (of you),

SECTION 1 AYA 6

فَأَنْتَ لَهُ تَصَدَّى

To him do you address yourself.

SECTION 1 AYA 7

وَمَا عَلَيْكَ إِلَّا يَزِّي

And no blame is on you if he would not purify himself

SECTION 1 AYA 8

وَأَمَّا مَنْ جَاءَكَ يَسْعَى

And as to him who comes to you striving hard,

SECTION 1 AYA 9

وَهُوَ يَخْشَى

And he fears,

SECTION 1 AYA 10

فَأَنْتَ عَنْهُ تَلَهَّى

From him will you divert yourself.

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SECTION 2 AYA 11

كَلَّا إِنَّهَا تَذْكِرَةٌ

Nay! surely it is an admonishment.

SECTION 2 AYA 12

فَمَنْ شَاءَ ذَكَرْهُ

So let him who pleases mind it.

SECTION 2 AYA 13

فِي صُحُفٍ مُّكَرَّمَةٍ

In honoured books,

SECTION 2 AYA 14

مَرْفُوعَةٍ مُطَهَّرَةٍ

Exalted, purified,

SECTION 2 AYA 15

بِأَيْدِي سَفَرَةٍ

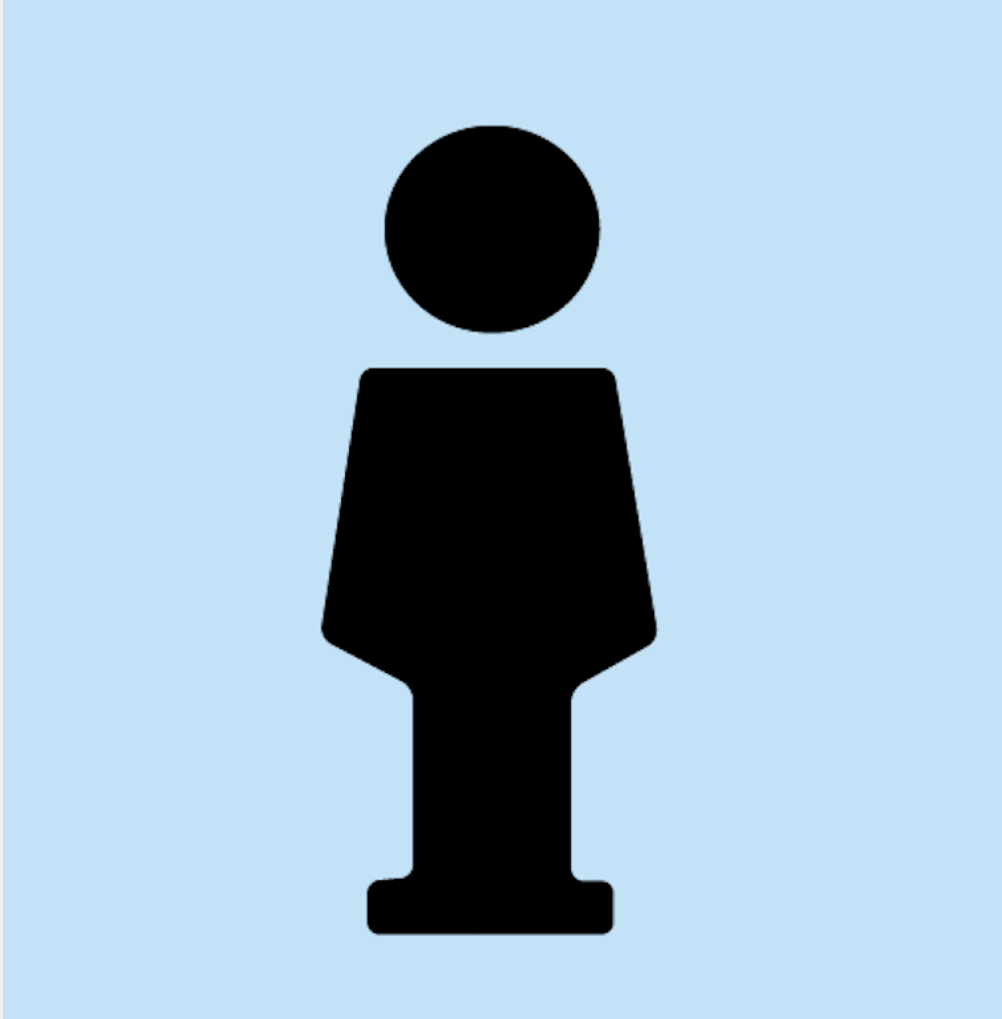
In the hands of scribes

SECTION 2 AYA 16

كِرَامٍ بَرَرَةٍ

Noble, virtuous.

SECTION 3 AYAAT 17 - 23



REFLECTION ON THE CREATION OF THE HUMAN BEING

An admonition to those who cover up the truth and are unjust and ungrateful to reflect on the origin of the human being, his death and resurrection.



SECTION 3 AYA 17

قُتِلَ الْإِنْسَانُ مَا أَكْفَرَهُ

Cursed be man! how ungrateful is he!

SECTION 3 AYA 18

مِنْ أَيِّ شَيْءٍ خَلَقَهُ

Of what thing did He create him?

SECTION 3 AYA 19

مِنْ نُطْفَةٍ خَلَقَهُ فَقَدَّرَهُ

] Of a small seed; He created him, then He made him according to a measure,

SECTION 3 AYA 20

ثُمَّ السَّبِيلَ يَسَّرَهُ

Then (as for) the way-- He has made it easy (for him)



SECTION 3 AYA 21

ثُمَّ أَمَاتَهُ فَأَقْبَرَهُ

Then He causes him to die, then assigns to him a grave,

SECTION 3 AYA 22

ثُمَّ إِذَا شَاءَ أَنْشُرْهُ

Then when He pleases, He will raise him to life again.

SECTION 3 AYA 23

كَلَّا لَمَّا يَقْضِ مَا أَمَرَهُ

Nay; but he has not done what He bade him.

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SECTION 4 AYA 24

فَلْيَنْظُرِ الْإِنْسَانُ إِلَى طَعَامِهِ

Then let man look to his food,

SECTION 4 AYA 25

أَنَا صَبَبْنَا الْمَاءَ صَبًّا

That We pour down the water, pouring (it) down in abundance,

SECTION 4 AYA 26

ثُمَّ شَقَقْنَا الْأَرْضَ شَقًّا

Then We cleave the earth, cleaving (it) asunder,

SECTION 4 AYA 27

فَأَنْبَتْنَا فِيهَا حَبًّا

Then We cause to grow therein the grain,

SECTION 4 AYA 28

وَعِنَبًا وَقَضْبًا

And grapes and clover,

SECTION 4 AYA 29

وَزَيْتُونًا وَنَخْلًا

And the olive and the palm,

SECTION 4 AYA 30

وَحَدَّ آيِقَ غُلْبًا

And thick gardens,

SECTION 4 AYA 31

وَفَاكِهَةً وَأَبًّا

And fruits and herbage

SECTION 4 AYA 32

مَتَاعًا لَكُمْ وَلِأَنْعَامِكُمْ

A provision for you and for your cattle.

SECTION 5 AYAAT 33 - 42



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SECTION 5 AYA 33

فَإِذَا جَاءَتِ الصَّاخَّةُ

But when the deafening cry comes,

SECTION 5 AYA 34

يَوْمَ يَقْرَأُ الْمُرءُ مِنْ أَخِيهِ

The day on which a man shall fly from his brother,

SECTION 5 AYA 35

وَأُمِّهِ وَأَبِيهِ

And his mother and his father,

SECTION 5 AYA 36

وَصَاحِبَتِهِ وَبَنِيهِ

And his spouse and his son--

SECTION 5 AYA 37

لِكُلِّ امْرِئٍ مِنْهُمْ يَوْمَئِذٍ شَأْنٌ يُغْنِيهِ

Every man of them shall on that day have an affair which will occupy him.

SECTION 5 AYA 38

وَجُوهٌ يَوْمَئِذٍ مُّسْفِرَةٌ

(Many) faces on that day shall be bright,

SECTION 5 AYA 39

ضَاحِكَةٌ مُسْتَبْشِرَةٌ

Laughing, joyous.

SECTION 5 AYA 40

وَوُجُوهُ يُومِئِدٍ عَلَيْهَا غَبْرَةٌ

And (many) faces on that day, on them shall be dust,

SECTION 5 AYA 41

تَرْهَقُهُمْ ظُلُمٌ

Darkness shall cover them.

SECTION 5 AYA 42

أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْكٰفِرَةُ الْفٰجِرَةُ

These are they who are unbelievers, the wicked.

NARRATIVE



The first ten verses refer to an incident regarding a blind man called Abdullah ibn Umm Maktum who was one of the first Muslims. He taught the Qur'an to many people and was a Muadhdhin. The Prophet trying to protect the Muslims from harassment from the Quraysh elite, had a meeting with them to convince them to submit to Divinity. The blind man interrupted the meeting and the elite expressed their discomfort. Allah admonishes them.

NARRATIVE



The chapter continues to the book of records written by the angels and the Qur'an as a powerful reminder. It then transitions into reflection on the bounties provided by Divinity concluding with a reminder of the contrasting fate of those who believe versus those who defiantly rebel against Allah.



SELECTED AYAAT



- 80:1** He frowned and turned away
- 80:5** The one who perceives himself independent (needless)
- 80:11** Indeed it is a powerful reminder
- 80:17** How ungrateful is he? (the human being)
- 80:37** Every human being on that day be occupied with his own affairs

