

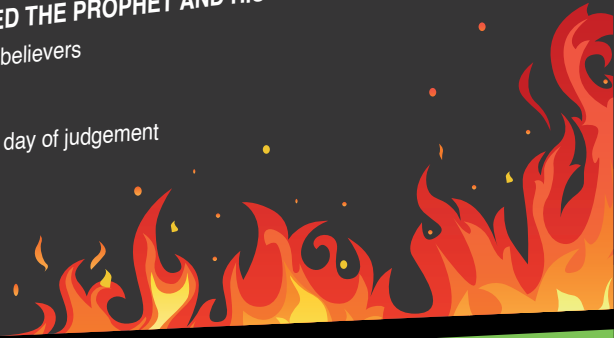
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THE ORIGIN OF CHEATING IS THE DISBELIEF IN ACCOUNTABILITY

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THE FATE OF THOSE WHO MOCKED THE PROPHET AND HIS FOLLOWERS

Made gestures with their eyes to mock believers
Regarded the believers as misguided
Recompensed for their mockery on the day of judgement



Ayaat 29-36

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THE RIGHTEOUS AND THEIR RECOMPENSE – A TOUR OF JANNA

Records kept in 'illiyyeen' - lofty and exalted positions
Blissful relaxation
Radiant faces



Ayaat 18-28

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ORIGIN OF CHEATING AND LOSS IS DISBELIEF IN ACCOUNTABILITY

Records of the rebellious kept in sijjeen - a constricting prison
They deny the day of recompense
They mock the Divine signs calling them myths

Ayaat 7-17

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ATTRIBUTES OF THOSE WHO CHEAT

Mutaffif - one who is deliberately unjust by taking more and giving less
Does not think he will be resurrected for accountability

Ayaat 1-6



AL-MUTAFFIFEEN - THE CHEATERS



083. Al-Mutaffifeen ~ The Cheaters

36 Ayaat (Makki)

FOCUS

THE ORIGIN OF CHEATING IS THE DISBELIEF IN ACCOUNTABILITY

DID YOU KNOW?

THE CHAPTER STARTS WITH DESTRUCTION FOR THOSE WHO CHEAT ON BUSINESS BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO PROFIT. ENDS WITH A RHETORICAL QUESTION - "HAVE NOT THOSE WHO COVERED UP THE TRUTH NOW BEEN GIVEN WHAT THEY DESERVE?"

THE PROFIT GAINED BY CHEATING IN THE WORLD RESULTS IN DESTRUCTIVE LOSS IN THE HEREAFTER.

SELECTED AYAAT

- 83:4 Do not these think that they shall be raised again
- 83:5 For a mighty day
- 83:6 The day on which men shall stand before the Lord of the worlds?
- 83:11 Those who deny the Day of Judgement....
- 83:25 They will be given a sealed pure wine to drink.

NARRATIVE

THE CHAPTER TAKES ITS NAME FROM THE FIRST VERSE WHICH REFERS TO THOSE WHO CHEAT. A MUTAFFIF IS ONE WHO SNEAKILY SHORT CHANGES OTHERS. MORE GENERALLY, IT REFERS TO THOSE WHO DEMAND THAT THEIR RIGHTS BE OBSERVED BUT ARE NOT WILLING TO RECOGNISE THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS OR THOSE WHO SEE FAULTS IN OTHERS BUT NOT IN THEMSELVES.

BEGINNING WITH THE CONDEMNATION OF THOSE WHO CHEAT BECAUSE THEY REJECT ACCOUNTABILITY AND MOCK DIVINE SIGNS, THE CHAPTER THEN PROVIDES A CONTRAST OF THE FATE OF THE REBELLIOUS AND THE REWARDS OF THE GOD CONSCIOUS.

IT CONCLUDES WITH A DISCUSSION ON THE FATE OF THOSE WHO MOCKED THE PROPHET AND HIS FOLLOWERS.