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STRUGGLE OF THE HUMAN BEING TO REACH HIS FULL POTENTIAL AND CHOICE TO BE SELFISH OR SELFLESS

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INSTRUCTIONS TO BE A COMPANION OF THE RIGHT (SUCCESS) HAND AND THE CONTRAST TO THE COMPANIONS OF THE LEFT (FAILURE) HAND

Road to success likened to a steep mountain path
Freeing a slave
Feeding at times of a famine,
Taking care of orphans and the destitute
The companions of the right hand advise one another to patience, perseverance, compassion & forgiveness whilst the companions of the left hand cover up the truth



Ayaat 12-20

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FAILURE TO PUT FACULTIES AND WEALTH TO PROPER USE

Human beings will be held accountable for how they spent their wealth and the use of their eyes, tongues and lips

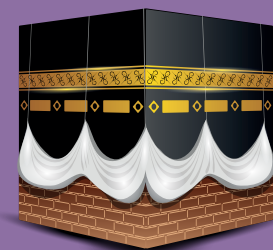


Ayaat 5-11

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THREE OATHS LEADING TO HUMAN BEING CREATED TO STRUGGLE

City (Land) of Makka
The Prophet as its resident
Parent/child – Ibraheem-Ismaeel-Muhammad or every human being that is created
Leading to the human being created for struggle.



Ayaat 1-4



AL-BALAD - THE CITY



090. Al-Balad ~ The City (The Land)

20 Ayaat (Makki)

FOCUS

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DID YOU KNOW?

LAA UQSIMU WITH WHICH THIS SURAH BEGINS, IS REPEATED EIGHT TIMES IN THE QUR'AN AND EVERY TIME IT INVOKES AN AWESOME SUBJECT HELD IN HIGH REGARD.
HERE THE OATH IS MAKKA, THE FOCAL POINT TOWARDS WHICH EVERYONE TURNS.

SELECTED AYAAT

- 90:1 Al Balad (The city)
- 90:18 People of the right hand
- 90:19 People of the left hand

NARRATIVE

THE CHAPTER TAKES ITS TITLE FROM 'THIS LAND' - WITH REFERENCE TO THE CITY OF MAKKA - THE FOCAL POINT TOWARDS WHICH ALL MUSLIMS TURN TO (ALTHOUGH IT COULD REFER TO THE EARTH IN TOTALITY). THEN THE BEST OF CITIES IS FOLLOWED BY AN OATH OF THE BEST OF HUMAN BEINGS - THE PROPHET AS ITS RESIDENT.

THEN EVERY PARENT AND CHILD LEADS INTO THE ANSWER TO THE OATH THAT EVERY HUMAN BEING IS CREATED IN A STATE OF STRUGGLE AND HARDSHIP.

IT THEN REPROACHES THE HUMAN BEING FOR FAILING TO PUT HIS FACULTIES AND WEALTH TO PROPER USE BY THINKING THAT HE IS NOT ACCOUNTABLE. HE WASTES HIS WEALTH AND BOASTS ABOUT IT. DIVINITY REMINDS HIM THAT HE IS WATCHED.

THIS IS FOLLOWED BY INSTRUCTIONS AS TO HOW ONE SHOULD ACT DESCRIBING THE PATH AS A STEEP DIFFICULT ROAD ENTAILING SOME OF THE CHALLENGES - TO FREE ONE WHO IS SHACKLED, FEEDING ON DAYS OF HUNGER, ASSISTING ORPHANS AND THE DESTITUTE.

THE CHAPTER ENDS WITH A CONTRAST BETWEEN THE COMPANIONS OF THE RIGHT HAND WHO ADVISE TO PATIENCE, PERSEVERANCE, COMPASSION AND FORGIVENESS AND THE COMPANIONS OF THE LEFT WHO COVER UP THIS TRUTH.