



SURA AL 'ALAQ

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CLOSENESS TO CREATOR THROUGH AWAKENING OF INTELLIGENCE AND SUBMISSION FIRST FIVE VERSES OF THE QUR'AN TO BE REVEALED WITH AN EXHORTATION TO READ

FOCUS



- Closeness to Creator through awakening of intelligence and submission
- First five verses of the Qur'an to be revealed with an exhortation to read

DID YOU KNOW?



The first order to humanity was IQRA' (Read). Through this one word, the Qur'an became the most read, printed and reproduced book.

The first verse orders the reading of the Qur'an in the name of Allah and thus every recitation begins with the Basmallah.

BENEFITS OF RECITATION



- Thawaab of shaheed
- Safety from accidents
- Safeguarding treasures

SECTION 1 AYAAT 1 - 5



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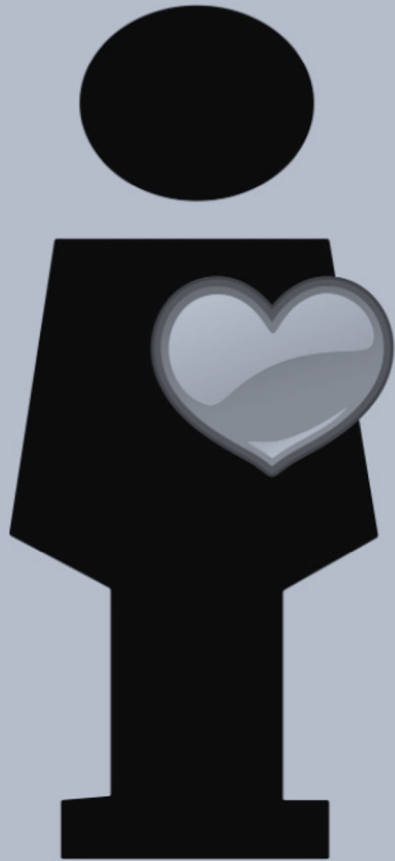


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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

SECTION 1 AYA 1

إِقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ

Read in the name of your Lord Who created.

UMMI - Not formally taught

UMM - Mother or source

Knowledge from 'The Source'

Knew Alla - but Rabb was difficult - Master



SECTION 1 AYA 2

خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ

He created man from a clot.

Aliqa - to hang to adhere to attach
Needs something to rely on

SECTION 1 AYA 3

اقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ

Read and your Lord is Most Honorable,

2nd commandment too recite
Akram - used twice in Qur'an
No greater nobility than him
Inna akaramakum indallahi atqaakum

SECTION 1 AYA 4

الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ

Who taught (to write) with the pen

Qalama - to cut
Pen because reed is severed
Leave a mark to be recorded

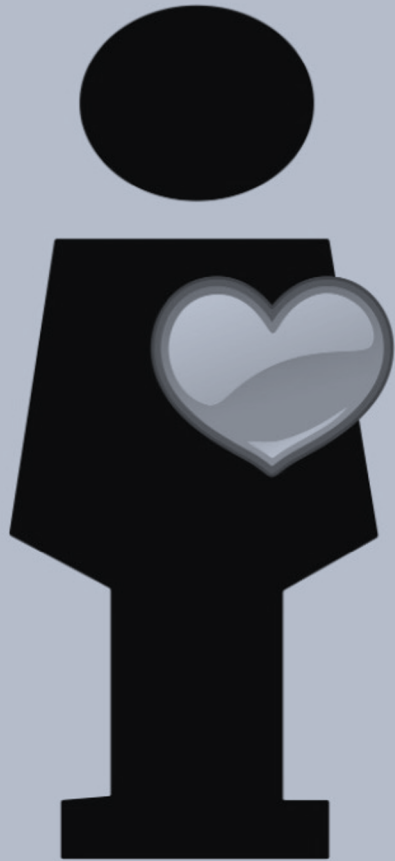
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عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ

Taught man what he knew not.

Human beings unaware of their personal full potential
Unaware of his potential for knowledge

SECTION 2 AYAAT 6 - 8



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SECTION 2 AYA 6

كَلَّا إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لِرَبِّهِ لَكَنُفٍ

Nay! man is most surely inordinate,

Yatgha - Tughyaan - to cross the limits knowingly
Problem

SECTION 2 AYA 7

أَنْ يَرَاهُ اسْتَعْنَى

Because he sees himself free from want.

Thinks he can get away with it
Root of problem

SECTION 2 AYA 8

إِنِّى إِلَىٰ رَبِّىكَ الرَّجُوعِى

Surely to your Lord is the return.

Rabbs camera always on
Solution

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SECTION 3 AYA 9

أَرَأَيْتَ الَّذِي يَنْهَى

Have you seen him who forbids

Amr Bin Hishaam

Abu Jahl targeted Prophet praying near the Ka'ba

SECTION 3 AYA 10

عَبْدًا إِذَا صَلَّى

A servant when he prays?

I will step on his neck

Went to do it – couldn't - saw a monster - ditch of fire as well

SECTION 3 AYA 11

أَرَأَيْتَ إِنْ كَانَ عَلَى الْهُدَىٰ

Have you considered if he were on the right way,

SECTION 3 AYA 12

أَوْ أَمَرَ بِالتَّقْوَى

Or enjoined guarding (against evil)?

Well respected - Father of wisdom
Intelligent but arrogant
Could have been.....

SECTION 3 AYA 13

أَرَأَيْتَ إِنْ كَذَّبَ وَتَوَلَّى

Have you considered if he gives the lie to the truth and turns (his) back?

Have you seen if he denies and turns away
What if he stays on the path on convincing others that the
Prophet and the Qur'an is a lie - therefore turns away

SECTION 3 AYA 14

أَلَمْ يَعْلَم بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ يَرَى

Does he not know that Allah does see?

Major problem - does not see that Allah is watching

SECTION 3 AYA 15

كَلَّا لَئِن لَّمْ يَنْتَهِ لَنَسْفَعًا بِالنَّاصِيَةِ

Nay! if he desist not, We would certainly smite his forehead,

If he doesn't stop - then we will grasp him by his forelock (front of his head)
Naasiya - where one does sajda -
Pride dignity mind knowledge

SECTION 3 AYA 16

نَاصِيَةٌ كَاذِبَةٌ خَاطِئَةٌ

A lying, sinful forehead.

Lying
Sinning

SECTION 3 AYA 17

فَلْيَدْعُ نَارِيَهُ

Then let him summon his council,

His gang

SECTION 3 AYA 18

سَدُّ عُرِّ الزَّبَانِيَةِ

We too would summon the braves of the army.

We will summon those who will throw in Jahannam
Guards of Jahannam



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كَلَّا لَا تُطِيعُهُ وَاسْجُدْ وَاقْتَرِبْ

Nay! obey him not, and make obeisance and draw nigh (to Allah).

Do not obey him
Do sajda and draw near Allah

NARRATIVE



The chapter begins with the first five verses revealed to the Prophet through the angel Jibraail in the cave of Hira on the mountain of light where he used to go to meditate. This began the journey of the revelation of the Qur'an.

The chapter starts with an exhortation of reading, learning and writing for closeness to Allah is only achieved through knowledge and understanding. It continues with the cause of rebelliousness which is arrogance and a lack of intellectual humility when approaching Divine words.

NARRATIVE



A historical example of one who perceived himself to be independent of Divinity follows with the consequences of his actions.

Finally the sura ends with the order to prostrate in total submission. This is an obligatory sajda of recitation (verse 19)

SELECTED AYAAT



- 96:1** Read! In the name of your Lord who created
- 96:5** Taught the human being that which he did not know
- 96:6** Nay! For sure, the human being rebels
- 96:7** Because he sees himself self-sufficient
- 96:19** No! Do not obey him. But prostrate and draw near to Allah

