



# AL-'ALAQ - THE CLOT



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

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## SUBMISSION TO THE CREATOR A CURE FOR IGNORANCE

The chapter begins with the order to recite Qur'an and ends with an order to prostrate (be in total submission to Divinity) in the last verse. Just like every rakaa' of salaah (Verse 19 is a wajib sajda of tilaawat)



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Ayaat 19

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## HISTORICAL EXAMPLE OF ONE WHO WAS REBELLIOUS

'Amr bin Hisham who was known as Abul Hakam, (father of wisdom)  
Rejected the message of Tawheed  
Persecuted the Prophet and the Muslims  
The Prophet called him Abu Jahl (father of ignorance)

Ayaat 9-18

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## REBELLIOUSNESS TOWARDS DIVINITY

The human being rebels because he sees himself self-sufficient forgetting that everything is from the Rabb including the knowledge that he possesses

Ayaat 6-8

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## AWAKENING THE INTELLIGENCE

The act of reading, learning and writing (literacy) forms the basis of civilised life and culture

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Ayaat 1-5

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19 Ayaat (Makki)

### FOCUS

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### 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.

### 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

### 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.

A HISTORICAL EXAMPLE OF ONE WHO PERCEIVED HIMSELF TO BE INDEPENDENT OF DIVINITY FOLLOWS WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF HIS ACTIONS.

FINALLY, THE SURAH ENDS WITH THE ORDER TO PROSTRATE IN TOTAL SUBMISSION. THIS IS AN OBLIGATORY SAJDA OF RECITATION (VERSE 19)