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ABUNDANCE (GREED) DISTRACTS THE HUMAN BEING FROM REACHING HIS FULL POTENTIAL
DEATH (VISITING THE GRAVES) IS A WAKEUP CALL

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QUESTIONING ABOUT BLESSINGS ON THE DAY OF QIYAMA

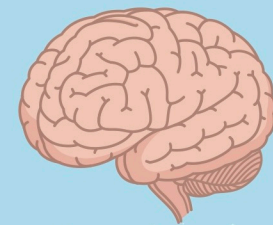


Aya 8

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THREE STAGES OF KNOWLEDGE

'ILM – information based on sciences which gives one a relative understanding of the world



'ILMAL YAQEEEN - A knowledge which contains no doubts



'AYNAL YAQEEEN – Knowledge verified with ones' own eyes



Ayaat 4-7

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ABUNDANCE DISTRACTS THE HUMAN BEING FROM REALITY

Takaathur (the acquisition of more) is a mindset
The only wakeup call is death



Ayaat 1-3

AL-TAKAATHUR - NEGATIVE ABUNDANCE

102. Al-Takaathur ~ Negative Abundance

8 Ayaat (Makki)

FOCUS

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DID YOU KNOW?

UNLIKE KAWTHAR WHICH DENOTES POSITIVE ABUNDANCE; TAKAATHUR IMPLIES NEGATIVE ABUNDANCE – THAT WHICH CAUSES ARROGANCE AND PERCEIVED INDEPENDENCE FROM THE CREATOR

THE CHAPTER WAS ALSO CALLED THE SURA OF THE GRAVE BY SOME COMPANIONS OF THE PROPHET

SELECTED AYAAT

- 102:1 Your rivalry for abundance and power distracts you.
- 102:2 Until you reach the graves.
- 102:8 Then surely on that day you will be questioned about your blessings.

NARRATIVE

THE CHAPTER TAKES ITS TITLE FROM THE FIRST VERSE WHICH BEGINS WITH THE DISTRACTION FROM REALITY THAT THE COMPETITION OF WANTING MORE WEALTH AND CHILDREN DOES.

HISTORICALLY IT REFERRED TO THE CLANS OF THE QURAYSH WHO COMPETING WITH EACH OTHER EVEN COUNTED THEIR DEAD TO PROVE THAT THEY WERE GREATER IN THE SIZE OF THEIR CLANS.

THE FIRST TWO VERSES SPEAK OF THE DELUSION OF HOARDING WEALTH WHILST THE REMAINING VERSES PROMISE THAT THOSE WHO PERSIST IN SUCH BEHAVIOUR WILL BEAR THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE FIRE WITH CERTAINTY.