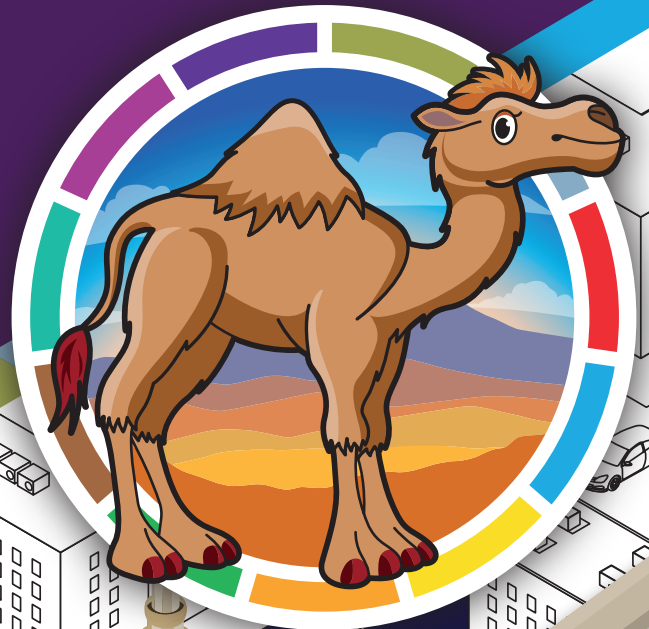


# Qur'an City



## Sura Al 'Asr Workbook

103 Qasam Place  
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8-12  
years



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SUCCESS AS DEFINED BY DIVINITY  
SUCCESSFUL TIME MANAGEMENT

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# AL 'ASR - THE TIME

SUCCESS AS DEFINED BY DIVINITY  
SUCCESSFUL TIME MANAGEMENT

THE OBJECT OF THE OATH IS TIME WHICH WITH EVERY BREATH IS MOVING THE HUMAN BEING FROM THE WORLD TO THE HEREAFTER.

HUMANITY IS ALWAYS IN A STATE OF LOSS EXCEPT THOSE WHO:

1. HAVE FAITH
2. MANIFEST THEIR FAITH IN GOOD DEEDS
3. COUNSEL EACH OTHER TO STAND FOR THE TRUTH AND DO THE RIGHT THING
4. COUNSEL EACH OTHER TO PERSEVERE AND HAVE PATIENCE IN STANDING FOR THE FAITH

Ayaat 1-3



# 103 AL-'ASR - THE TIME

3 AYAAT (MAKKI)

## FOCUS

SUCCESS AS DEFINED BY DIVINITY

SUCCESSFUL TIME MANAGEMENT

## DID YOU KNOW?

IN ANCIENT TIMES PEOPLE STOPPED WORK AT 'ASR TIME (LATE AFTERNOON) AND HEADED HOME BEFORE DARKNESS SET IN. IN THIS CONTEXT 'ASR MAY MEAN THE 'END OF A PRODUCTIVE DAY' "EVERY BREATH A HUMAN BEING TAKES IS A STEP TOWARDS THE END OF HIS LIFE." IMAM ALI (PBUH)

## SELECTED AYAAT

وَالْعَصْرِ

I swear by the time,

إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ

Most surely man is in loss,

إِلَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ

Except those who believe and do good, and enjoin on each other truth, and enjoin on each other patience.

## NARRATIVE

TIME IS THE GREATEST EVIDENCE OF LOSS AND THE WITNESS OF ONE'S LIFE WORKS. THE SURAH ENCAPSULATES SUCCESS IN THREE VERSES.

WHEN THE COMPANIONS OF THE PROPHET (PBUH) USED TO MEET ONE ANOTHER, THEY ONLY DEPARTED UNTIL ONE OF THEM RECITED SURATUL 'ASR TO THE OTHER AND THEY BID PEACE UPON ONE ANOTHER. THEY DID NOT WANT TO FORGET OR BECOME HEEDLESS OF THE ESSENTIAL MESSAGE OF SUCCESS.

TIME IS THE OBJECT OF THE OATH SUCCESSFUL TIME MANAGEMENT IS DESCRIBED AS:

- HAVING FAITH IN DIVINITY
- MANIFESTING THE FAITH AS GOOD DEEDS (SERVING HUMANITY)
- COUNSELLING ONE ANOTHER TO THE TRUTH (THE RIGHT THING TO DO)
- COUNSELLING ONE ANOTHER TO PERSEVERE AND PATIENCE (IN STANDING FOR THE TRUTH)

THE WORD WA (WHICH MEANS 'AND') BETWEEN EACH OF THE 4 CONDITIONS DENOTES THAT ALL FOUR ARE NECESSARY FOR SUCCESS.







## SUGGESTED SCHEMES OF WORK

NO.	TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES
1	INTRO TO QUR'AN CITY AND INTRO TO SURA AL 'ASR	19 suburbs around a city centre. 114 buildings Difference between Makki & Madani Suwer Sura Asr is Makki 3 verses Part of Qasam Place Benefits of recitation.	Identify Qasam Place on the blank Qur'an City map. Identify and colour Sura Al 'Asr
2	FOCUS OF SURA AL 'ASR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Success as defined by Divinity</li> <li>Successful time management</li> </ul>	Recite the sura with rules. Ask the class what they view success as (suited/ booted). Look at a few "successful" people in history/ world today.
3	AYA 1	<b>'ASR</b> Allah swears by Time. Understand the importance of Allah taking an oath. Meaning of time in the context of the sura.	The Key Word Asr – show the class orange juice "easir" is juice in Arabic, squeeze a wet cloth, show the sand timer how the sand squeezes from the top capsule of the timer to the bottom capsule.
4	AYA 2	<b>NATURE OF THE HUMAN BEING</b> Discussion on how the human being can be at a loss if there is no focus in life.	Discuss how to use time most efficiently.
4	AYA 3	<b>THE 4 SUCCESSFUL TRAITS</b> Discussion on habits of successful people as described by Divinity	Discussion on what is eimaan by going over the 5 Usool and how it is manifested by going over 'Amr bil Ma'ruf and Nahyi anil Munka.



## WHAT IS QUR'AN CITY?

When we first embarked upon the journey of Quran City, we were challenging the norms...

**The inspirational verse was 66:11**

رَبِّ ابْنِ لِي عِنْدَكَ بَيْتًا فِي الْجَنَّةِ

where Allah quotes the dua of Sayyida Aasiya when she said: "Rabb! Build for me a house with You in Janna"

To us this meant investing in real estate in Janna and so began the building of a city. We found that it created a new found curiosity and interest across the board (from infants to adults) into learning the Divine text.

For most Muslims, the first step is to learn how to recite the Qur'an. The recitation of is heard throughout one's life (irrespective of whether one understands it or not) from birth, in every daily prayer (salaah) through all the rites of passages of life until one's death. This book intends to start this journey by

familiarizing oneself with each chapter (sura) looking at its aim, focus and a narrative which conceptualizes its message.

Qur'an CITY is a depiction of the groupings of the suwar of Qur'an into a city (made out of building bricks) to instil a sense of curiosity in children so they want to learn about the Qur'an (by exploring the city).

Even though the Qur'an is most read books of all time; this awesome communication from Divinity has not been appreciated. Each one of us is responsible in making an effort to understand this awesome book.

Recitation and memorisation are essential for they are tools of preservation and ensure the continuity of the original text.

However, the Qur'an was sent as essential guidance for a human being to reach his full potential. To engage with the Qur'an after having learnt to recite it means to start with familiarising oneself with its suwar, ayaat and layout...

## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the Qur'an is the most reproduced printed and used book in the world. The first printed Qur'an was produced in Venice in 1537 for sale in the Ottoman empire, where all movable type printing using Arabic characters had been forbidden for fear of making mistakes in the text.

## TILAAWAA (TILAAWAT)

الَّذِينَ آتَيْنَاهُمُ الْكِتَابَ يَتْلُونَهُ حَقَّ تِلَاوَةٍ

Those to whom We have given the Book read it as it ought to be read. 2:121  
Its original meaning is following (as in Q 91:2), referring to the Moon when it follows the Sun. It also means following the message of the verses and taking them as leaders and guides. Those to whom We have given the Book follow it as it ought to be followed.

**Imam Al-Sadiq (pbuh) states the rights of tilaawaa:**

1. Recitation of its verses
2. Understanding its depths
3. Acting on its rules
4. Having hope in its promises
5. Fearing its warnings
6. Taking lessons from its stories
7. Following its commands
8. Staying away from its prohibitions

## TAFSEER & TADABBUR

Tafseer - to uncover, to explain, to clarify

Dubr - is the back or end of something. Looking at the first go into and the last of it and then looking at it over and over again.







Each sura is represented by a building in the city. The height of the building is in proportion to the length of the sura. Each layer of LEGO bricks (made by four single bricks or 2 dual clear bricks make a layer) represent 10 ayaat or part thereof. Therefore, Suratul Baqara with 286 ayaat (the longest sura) will have 29 layers.

The tops of each building are either green or yellow representing where they were revealed.

YELLOW-MAKKI

GREEN-MADANI

## QUR'AN CITY LEARNING MODULES

The learning (exploring) of Qur'an City is through a modular study programme

1. Learning to recite the Qur'an (QRead 1 & 2)
2. Learning the name of the chapters of the Quran.
3. Looking at the Qur'an as a whole (the whole city) and at the groupings of the chapters (Each suburb and city centre has chapters that are linked to each other eg. Haamidaat all start with the hamd (praise and gratitude of Allah), Musabbihaat all start with declaring His perfection)
4. Learning the names and general features of the chapters (identifying the buildings in Qur'an City. E.g. Each building is built to scale according to the number of ayaat in it and is identified by yellow – revealed in Makka and Green – revealed in Madina)
5. Looking at the major themes identifying the key concepts of each chapter which are reflected in the building floors.
6. Reflecting on the key verses of each section.

### TERMINOLOGY

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SURA/ SUWER	114
AYA/ AYAAT	6236
JUZ / AJZAA	30
MANZIL/ MANAZIL	7
RUKU/ RUKUAAT	540/558
WORDS	77,807





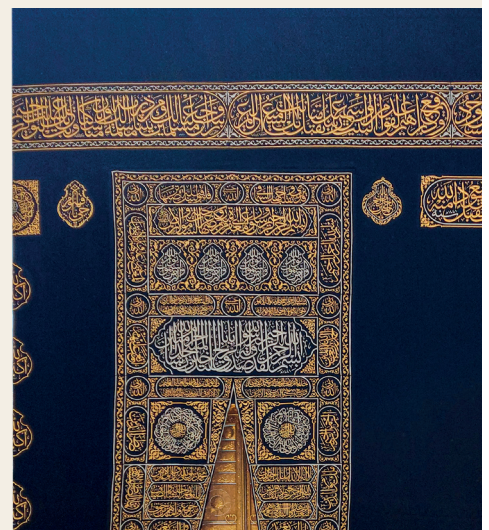
## DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MAKKI AND MADANI SUWER

The chapters (suwer) revealed in Makka are known as Makki and the chapters revealed in Madina known as Madani. There are 86 Makkan Suwer and 28 Madani suwer. The distinction between them can be described as the journey from the why? (the nature of

belief) to the how? (the manifestation of belief into a way of life which leads towards one's personal best). The presence of Makkan ayaat (verses) in Madani suwer and vice versa shows that why and how are interwoven throughout the journey of life.

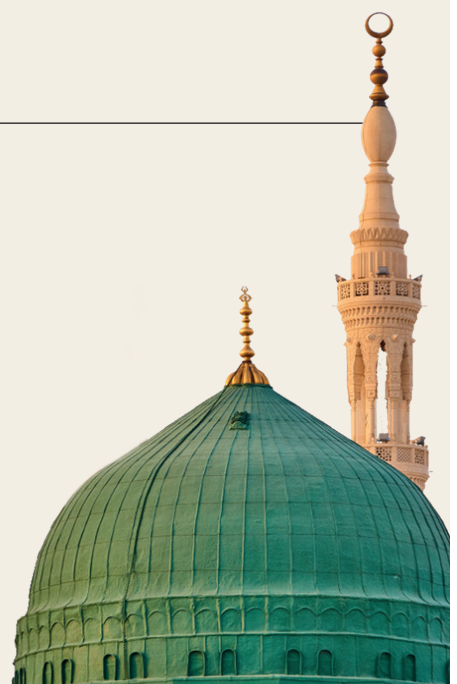
### MAKKAN CHAPTERS (WHY OF RELIGION?)

- The verses (ayaat) are brief and short.
- Invitation to submit to Divinity and follow Divine Guidance.
- Accountability emphasised on the day of Judgement and consequences of actions
- Janna & Jahannam
- Prophet Adam and Shaytan mentioned
- All the obligatory sajadaat in Makkan chapters
- Verses addressing humanity (O humankind) in Makkan chapters
- Kallaa (never ever) used only in Makkan chapters.
- Of the 29 chapters beginning with Huruful Muqatta'at 26 are Makkan (exceptions being 2,3 and 13)



### MADANI CHAPTERS (HOW OF RELIGION?)

- The verses (ayaat) are longer and formal.
- Focus on social responsibilities and law
- Hypocrisy mentioned
- Address to 'O you who believe' in Madani chapters (except for Suratul Hijr)
- Address to people of the book in Madani chapters
- Verses about warfare as permission to defend given







54  
Al Qamar  
The Moon

**QAMAR**  
The Moon

# Qur'an

## EXILED CORNER

Negative traits

63 Al Munafiqun The Hypocrites	80 'Abasaa He Frowned	83 Al Mutaaffifeen The Cheaters	
102 Al Takaathur The Negative Abundance	104 Al Humazaa The Backbiters	107 Al Maa'un Small Act of Kindness	111 Al Lahab The Flame

## TAWBA TURN



8 Al Anfaal The Spoils of War	9 Al Tawba The Repentance
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Ability to make a U turn towards righteousness

## QIYAMA CLOSE

56 Al Wa'qia The Event	69 Al Haqqa The Truth	70 Al Ma'aarij The Stairway	78 Al Nabaa The News	81 Al Takweer The Folding Up
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## KAMIL CLOSE

Last revelation 5:3 Perfection and completion of religion

5 Al Maaida The Table of Food
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## CITY C

Chapters directed to the City

25 Al Furqaan The Separator
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Who?

97 Al Qadr The Measure/Decree
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When?

## QASAM PLACE

Chapters beginning with an oath

37 Al Saffaat Troops of Angels in Rows	51 Al Dhaariyaat The Scatterers	52 Al Tur The Mountain		
53 Al Najm The Star	75 Al Qiyaama The Day of Judgement	77 Al Mursalaat Those Which Are Sent		79 Al Naaziat Those Who Pull Out With Force
85 Al Burooj The Forts of Stars	86 Al Taariq The Brilliant Star	89 Al Fajr The Dawn		90 Al Balad The City
91 Al Shams The Sun	92 Al Layl The Night	95 Al Teen The Fig		100 Al Aadiyaat The Chargers
				103 Al 'Asr The Time

93 Al Dhuhaa The Soothing Morning Light
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## COMFORT ZONE

Console and comfort

94 Al Inshiraah Expansion, Relief
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## ENERGY ZONE

The light of Divine Energy

24 Al Nur The Light
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## AHLULBAYT CIRCLE

A focus on Fatima

76 Al Dahr/Insaan The Human Being	108 Al Kawthar The Positive Abundance
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## HAAMIDAAT CRESCENT

<div>34</div> <div>Sabaa</div> <div>Sabaa</div>	<div>35</div> <div>Al Faatir</div> <div>The Creative Originator</div>		
<div>6</div> <div>Al An'aam</div> <div>The Cattle</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Al Kahf</div> <div>The Cave</div>		<div>1</div> <div>Al Faatiha</div> <div>The Opening</div>

Chapters beginning with the praise of Divinity

## DIVINE C

In His hands and everyone's Most M



55 Al Rahman The All Compassionate
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## KA'BA CORNER

Chapters pertaining to the Ka'ba

22 Al Hajj The Pilgrimage	105 Al Feel The Elephant	106 Al Quraysh The Quraysh
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## HEALTHY ZONE

A chapter than mentions Milk, fruits and honey

16 Al Nahl The Bee
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1. Wudhoo
2. Recite in Arabic
3. Seek protection from shaytan
4. Enter in his name
5. Pronounce the ultimate declaration of independence
6. Recite the dua of the Prophet





A vivid picture of the day of judgement

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| 82<br>Al Infitaar<br>The Tearing | 84<br>Al Inshiqaaq<br>The Tearing Apart | 88<br>Al Ghaashiya<br>The Overwhelming Event | 99<br>Al Zilzaal<br>The Earthquake | 101<br>Al Qaariaah<br>The Calamity |
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## HURUFUL MUQATTA'AAT AREA

29 chapters beginning with a unique letter combination

## WOMEN'S CORNER

Femininity

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| 19<br>Maryam<br>Mary | 4<br>Al Nisaa<br>The Women | 58<br>Al Mujadilah<br>The Pleading One | 60<br>Al Mumtahana<br>The Examined Woman |
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## ENTRE

ctly related to  
ur'an

- 96  
Al 'Alaq  
The Clot Which Clings  
How?

- 98  
Al Bayyina  
The Undisputable Clear Evidence  
What?

## VICTORY CIRCLE

110

Al Nasr  
Divine Help

## MEEMAAT PLACE

Beginning with Alif Laam Meem



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| 2<br>Al Baqara<br>The Cow | 3<br>Aali Imraan<br>The Family of Imraan | 7<br>Al A'raaf<br>The Heights | 29<br>Al 'Ankabut<br>The Spider | 30<br>Al Rum<br>The Romans | 31<br>Luqmaan<br>Luqmaan | 32<br>Al Sajda<br>The Prostration |
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## HAWAMEEM PLACE

Beginning with  
Haa Meem



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| 74<br>Al Muddathir<br>The Covered One | 20<br>Taahaa<br>Taahaa | 40<br>Al Ghaafir<br>The Forgiver | 41<br>Al Fussilat<br>The Explanation | 42<br>Al Shuraa<br>The Counsel    | 43<br>Al Zukhruf<br>The Decoration of Gold |
| 73<br>Al Muzzammil<br>The Wrapped One | 36<br>Yaseen<br>Yaseen | 44<br>Al Dukhan<br>The Smoke     | 45<br>Al Jaathiyaa<br>The Kneeling   | 46<br>Al Ahqaaf<br>The Sand Dunes |  |

## SINGLES



Beginning with  
a single letter

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|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 38<br>Saad<br>Saad | 50<br>Qaaf<br>Qaaf | 68<br>Al Qalam<br>The Pen |
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## AD SQUARE

the Prophet

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| 47<br>Muhammad<br>Muhammad | 48<br>Al Fath<br>The Victory | 49<br>Al Hujurat<br>The Private Rooms |
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## CENTRE

is everything  
and He is the  
Merciful

- 67  
Al Mulk  
The Kingdom

## MUSABBIHAAT CRESCENT

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| 17<br>Al Israa<br>The Night Journey | 57<br>Al Hadeed<br>The Iron                           | 59<br>Al Hashr<br>The Gathering              |
| 61<br>Al Saff<br>The Rows/Ranks     | 62<br>Al Jumua'<br>Friday                             | 64<br>Al Taghaabun<br>Ultimate Loss and Gain |
| 87<br>Al A'laa<br>The Most High     | Chapters beginning with declaration of His perfection |  |

## TAWASEEN PLACE

Beginning with Taa Seen

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| 26<br>Al Shu'araa<br>The Poets | 27<br>Al Naml<br>The Ant | 28<br>Al Qasas<br>The Story |
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## RA'AAT PLACE

Beginning with Alif Laam Raa

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 10<br>Yunus<br>Jonah         | 11<br>Hud<br>Hud          | 12<br>Yusuf<br>Joseph     |
| 13<br>Al Ra'd<br>The Thunder | 14<br>Ibraheem<br>Abraham | 15<br>Al Hijr<br>The Rock |

## QUL CORNER

5 Chapters beginning with the order of "SAY"



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| 72<br>Al Jinn<br>The Jinn       | 109<br>Al Kaafirun<br>Those Who Defiantly Cover Up the Truth | 112<br>Al Ikhlaaas<br>The Purity of Belief |
| 113<br>Al Falaq<br>The Daybreak | 114<br>Al Naas<br>The Human Being                            |  |

## VIEWPOINT TERRACE

Aspiration of every Muslim - to be a believer (23) and a companion of Janna (39)

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| 23<br>Al Mu'minin<br>The Believers | 39<br>Al Zumar<br>The Companions |
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## AMBIYA ANNEXE

2 chapters on Prophet hood annexed to Ra'aat place

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| 21<br>Al Ambiyaa<br>The Prophets | 71<br>Nuh<br>Noah |
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## THE PLACEMENT OF THE 114 BUILDINGS

### SURA AL QAMAR (54)

(54) SURA AL QAMAR overlooks the City for Divinity emphasises 4 times in the chapter that the Qur'an is easy to internalise for anyone willing to put in a little bit of effort.

54:17,22, 32,& 40 وَلَقَدْ يَسَّرْنَا الْقُرْآنَ لِلذِّكْرِ فَهَلْ مِنْ مُدَكِّرٍ

And certainly We have made the Quran easy for remembrance, but is there anyone who will mind?



### QUR'AN CITY CENTRE

The 4 chapters in the City Centre all relate directly to the Qur'an.

#### (25) SURA AL FURQAAN

The qualities of one **WHO** rejects the Qur'an and one **WHO** accepts it?

#### (96) SURA AL ALAQ

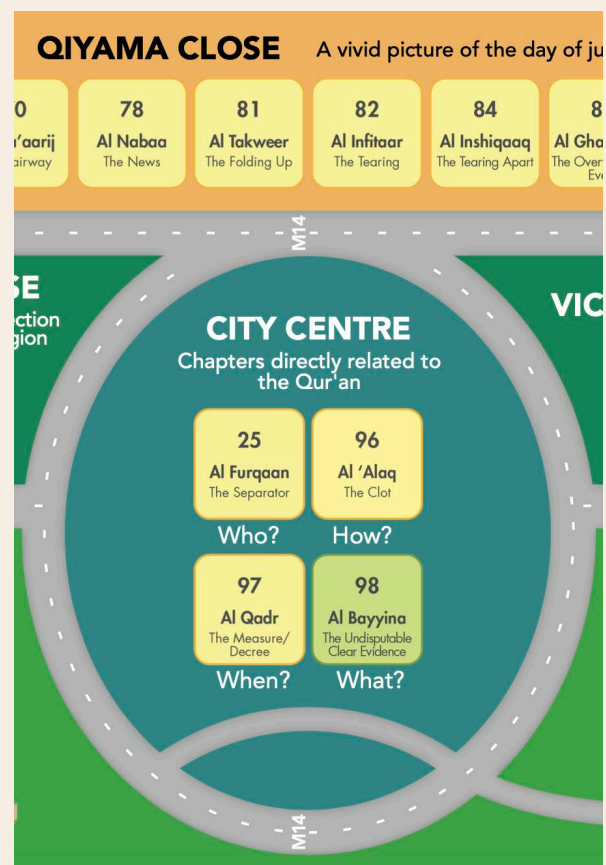
**HOW** the revelation began (in the cave of Hira)?

#### (97) SURA AL QADR

**WHEN** the Qur'an was revealed?

#### (98) SURA AL BAYYINA

Clarification of **WHAT** the Qur'an is – that which is a crystal-clear message from Divinity revealed to an awesome Prophet.



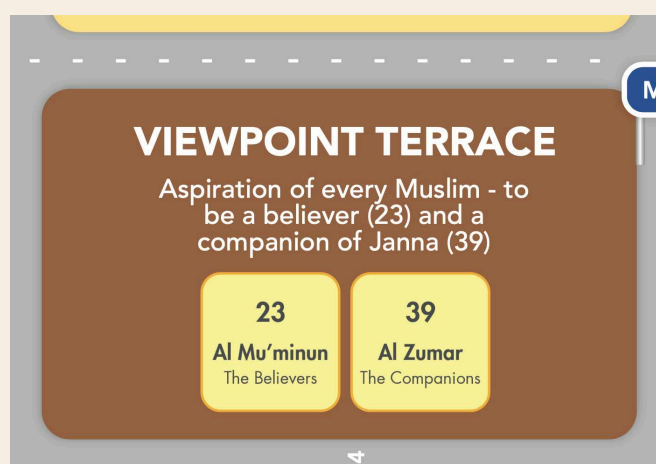
## THE PLACEMENT OF THE 114 BUILDINGS

### THE 19 SUBURBS WHICH SURROUND QUR'AN CITY CENTRE ARE

1. Viewpoint Terrace
2. Divine Centre
3. Musabbahaat Crescent
4. Haamidaat Crescent
5. Muhammad Square which contains Ahlulbayt Circle and Nidaa Street
6. Victory Circle
7. Kamil Close
8. Energy Zone
9. Healthy Zone
10. Comfort Zone
11. Qiyama Close
13. Women's Corner
14. Qul Corner
15. Exiled Corner
16. Tawba Turn
17. Huruful Muqatta'aat Area which is subdivided into:
  - a. Singles Close
  - b. Meemat Place
  - c. Tawaseen Place
  - d. Hawaameem Place
  - e. Raa'aat Place
18. Ambiya Annexe
19. Qasam Place

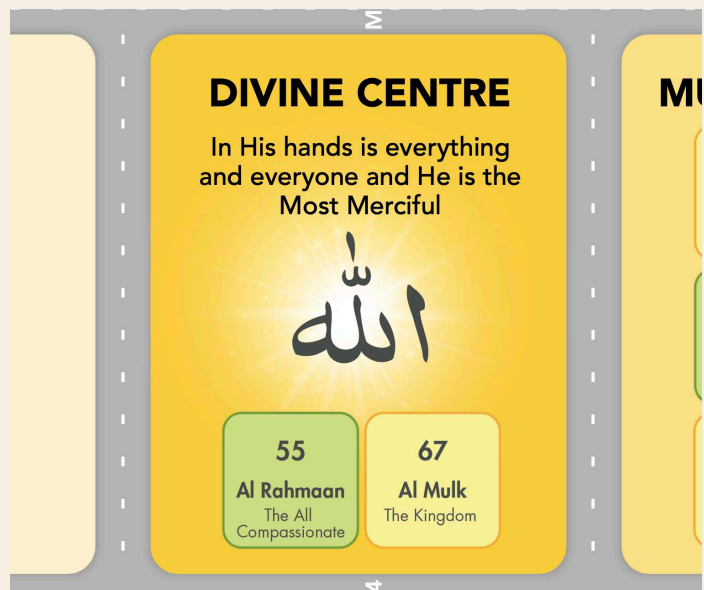
### VIEWPOINT TERRACE

The aspiration of every Muslim is to be a believer (23) **SURA AL MU'MINUN** and a companion of Janna (39) **SURA AL ZUMAR**



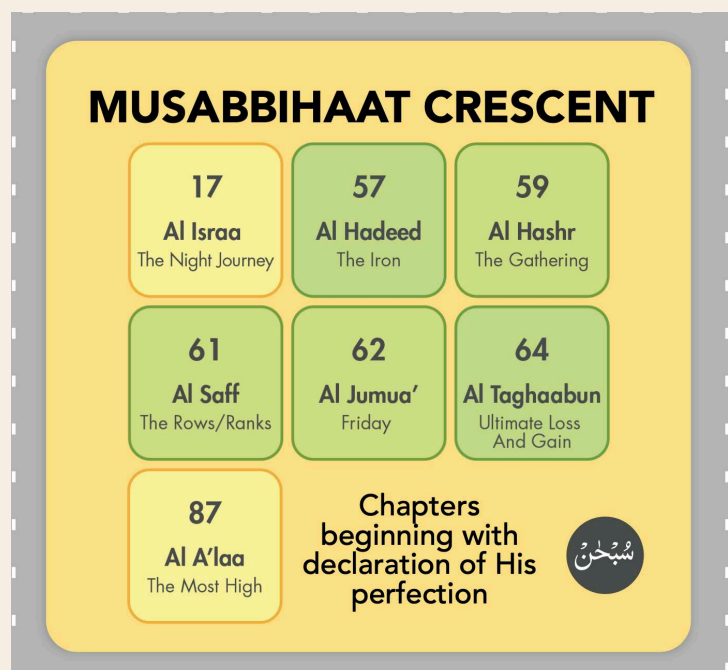
## DIVINE CENTRE

These 2 chapters sum up Divinity as the One Who has total Control (67) **AL MULK** and He Who is Extremely Merciful (55) **SURA AL RAHMAAN**



## MUSABBIHAAT CRESCENT

7 chapters beginning with the declaration of His perfection. The Prophet (pbuh) made it a habit to recite these chapters before he slept at night.  
(17) **AL MU'MINUN**  
(57) **AL HADEED**  
(59) **AL HASHR**  
(61) **AL SAFF**  
(62) **AL JUMUA'**  
(64) **AL TAGHAABUN**  
(87) **AL A'LAA**





## HAAMIDAAT CRESCENT

5 chapters beginning with Hamd (the praise and gratitude of Divinity) in all circumstances and at all times. Hamd is when one uses what has been granted as it ought to be used. To be what He wants one to be.

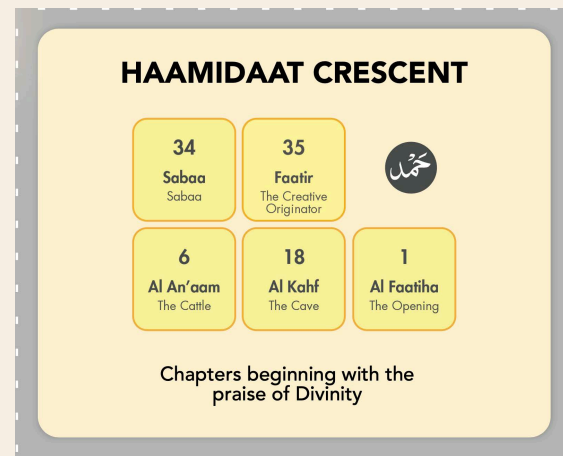
**(01) AL FAATIHA**

**(06) AL AN'AAM**

**(18) AL KAHF**

**(34) AL SABAA**

**(35) AL FAATIR**



## MUHAMMAD SQUARE

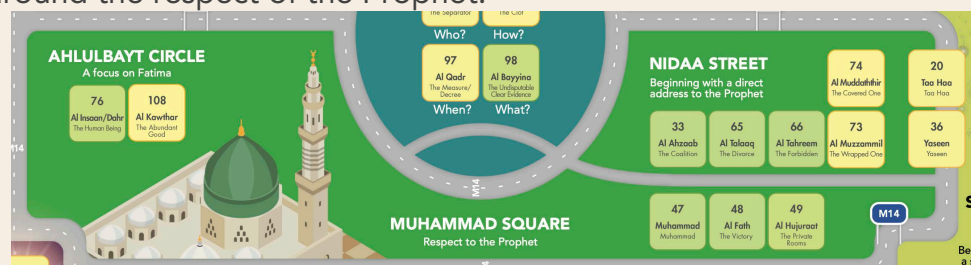
A focus on the most awesome man who walked the earth. When planning Madina, the Prophet (pbuh) had the mosque (Masjidun Nabi) as the focal point of religious, intellectual, and socio-political life.

3 chapters revolve around the respect of the Prophet.

**(47) MUHAMMAD**

**(48) AL FATH**

**(49) AL HAJURAAT**

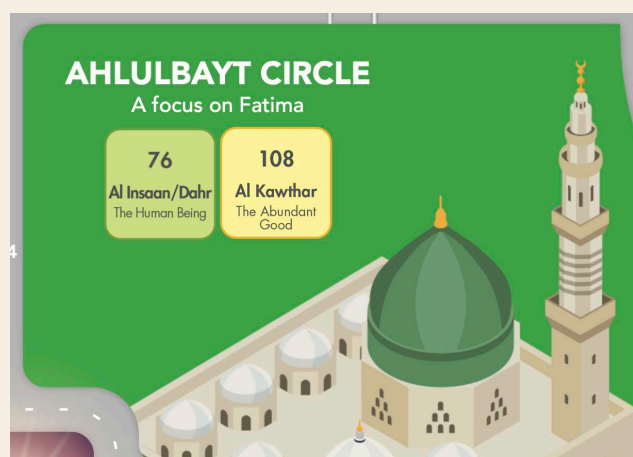


## AHLULBAYT CIRCLE

The Ahlulbayt are those mentioned in 33:33. The Prophet, his daughter, her husband Ali and their two sons Hasan and Husayn. (Also include the Imams after them).

**(76) AL INSAAN** focuses on the charity of the house of Fatima & Ali.

**(108) AL KAWTHAR** was revealed in reference to Sayyida Fatima (pbuh) and her progeny when the Quraysh called the Prophet 'abtar' (one without progeny) when his son died.





## NIDAA STREET

The 5 chapters here all begin with a direct address to the Prophet (pbuh). Nidaa means to call out.

(33) AL AHZAAB

(65) AL TALAAQ

(66) AL TAHREEM

(73) AL MUZZAMIL

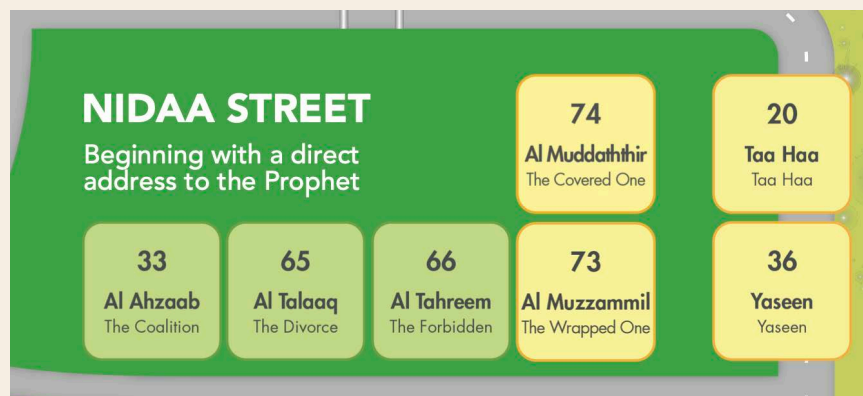
(74) AL MUDDATHIR

The Prophet is titled:

(20) TAAHAA

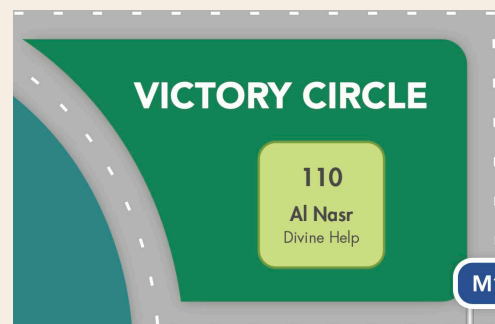
(36) YASEEN

2 chapters are placed in between Muhammad Square and Huruful Muqatta'at Area as they belong in both suburbs.



## VICTORY CIRCLE

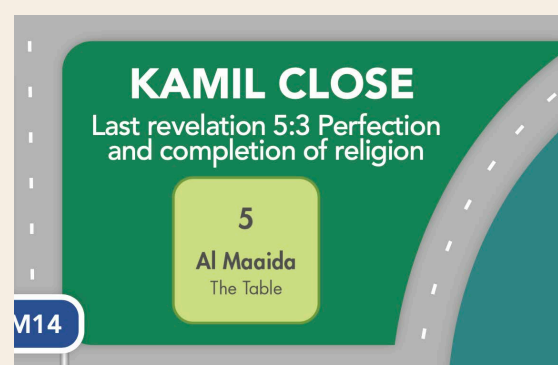
(110) AL NASR denotes victory as purification of the Ka'ba (outer house) and the heart (inner house).



## KAAMIL CLOSE

(05) AL MAA'IDA (verse3) represents the last of the revelations of the Qur'an. It was revealed in Ghadeer Khum after the appointment of Imam Ali (pbuh) as his successor:

"This day I have perfected for you your religion and completed My favour upon you and have approved for you Islam as your religion." 5:3



## QIYAMA CLOSE

These are some of the chapters that depict a vivid picture of the Day of Qiyama.

(56) AL WAAQIA

(69) AL HAAQQAA

(70) AL MA'AARIJ

(78) AL NABAA

(81) AL TAKWEER

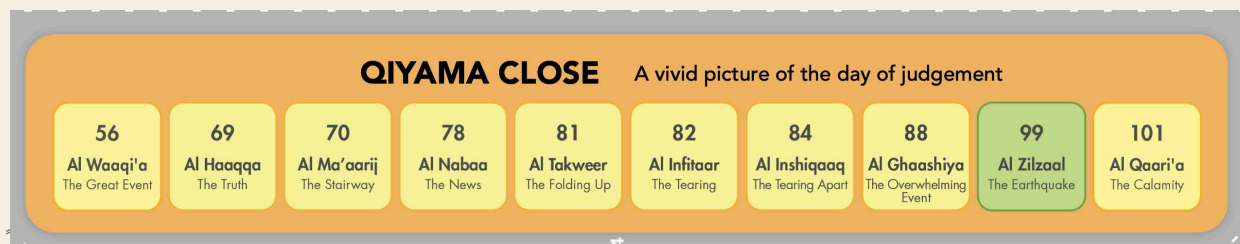
(82) AL INFITAAR

(84) AL INSHIQAAQ

(88) AL GHAASHIYA

(99) AL ZILZAAL

(101) AL QAARIAAH



## ENERGY ZONE

Every city needs its source of energy – here it is the light of Divine energy.

(24) AL NUR



## HEALTHY ZONE

The Qur'an continually encourages healthy eating. This chapter speaks of honey, milk, and fruits.

(16) AL NAHL

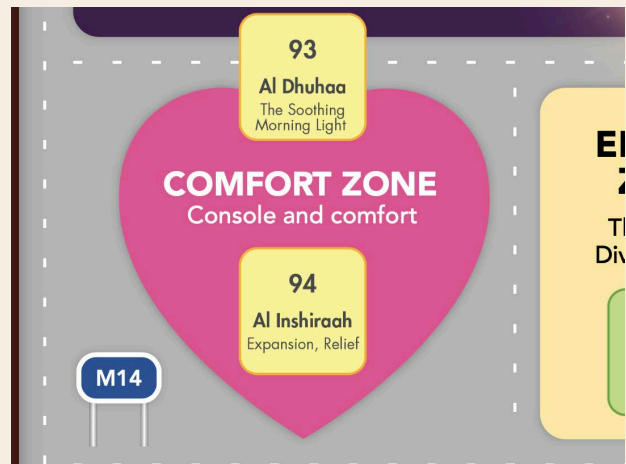


## COMFORT ZONE

2 chapters which console and comfort the Prophet, giving him the motivation to continue his mission. Sura Al Dhuhaa is placed between Comfort Zone and Qasam Place as it begins with an oath.

**(93) AL DHUHAA**

**(94) AL INSHIRAAH**



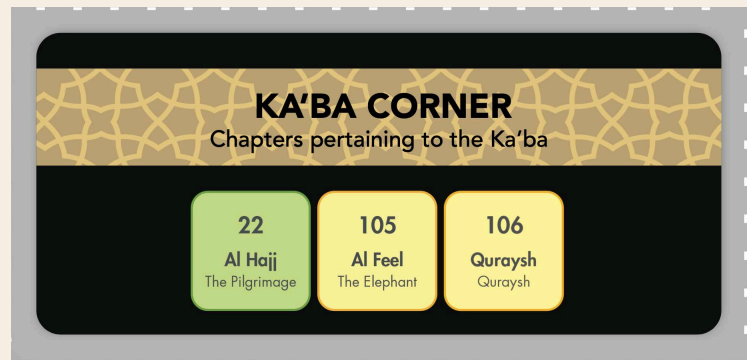
## KA'BA CORNER

The 3 chapters here pertain to the Ka'ba.

**(22) AL HAJJ**

**(105) AL FEEL**

**(106) AL QURAYSH**

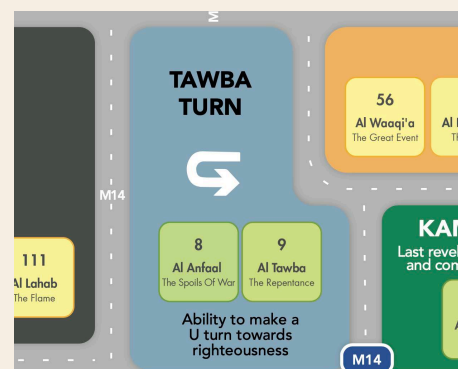


## TAWBA TURN

Tawba is to make a U turn towards righteousness. These two chapters are also paired in that Sura Al Tawbaa is an extension of Sura Al Anfaal.

**(8) AL TAWBAA**

**(9) AL ANFAAL**



## QUL CORNER

These 5 chapters begin with the command (AMR) of SAY! (QUL)

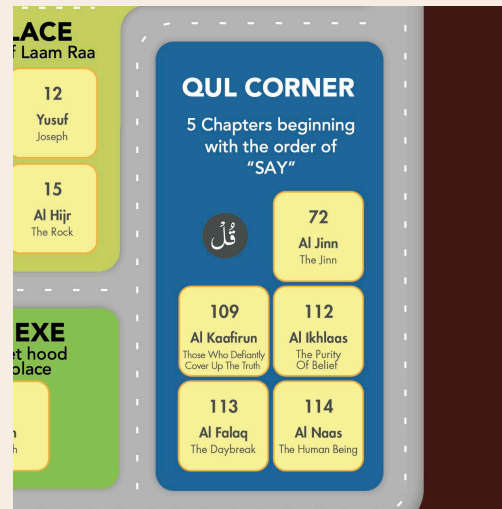
(72) AL JINN

(109) AL KAAFIRUN

(112) AL IKHLAAS

(113) AL FALAQ

(114) AL NAAS



## EXILED CORNER

The names of the 7 chapters in this suburb signify negative traits.

(63) AL MUNAFIQUN

(80) AL 'ABASA

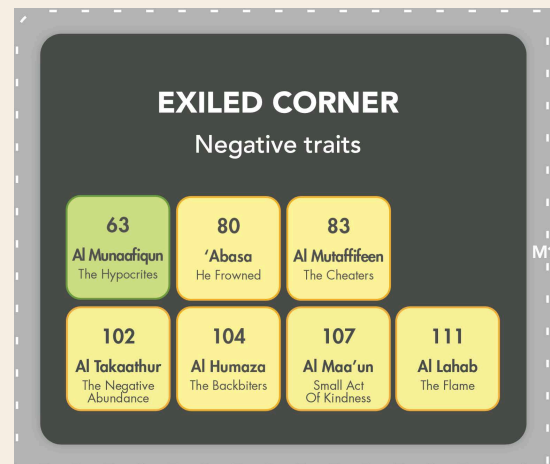
(83) AL MUTAFFIFEEN

(102) AL TAKAATHUR

(104) AL HUMAZAA

(107) AL MAA'UN

(111) AL LAHAB



## WOMEN'S CORNER

The 4 chapters whose name reflect femininity are grouped here.

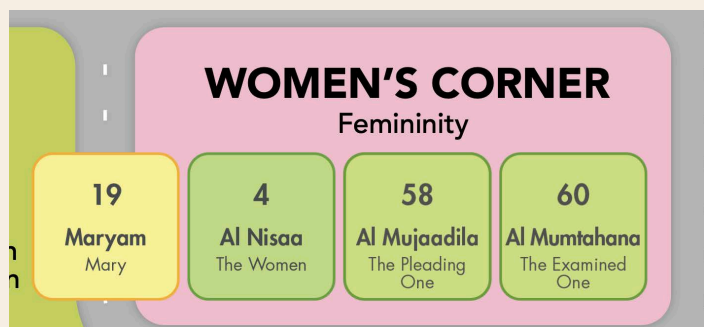
(04) AL NISAA

(19) MARYAM\*

(58) AL MUJAADILA

(60) AL MUMTAHANA

\*SURA MARYAM is placed between Women's Corner and Huruful Muqatta'aat Area as it belongs in both



## QASAM CLOSE

17 chapters beginning with an oath. The object of an oath becomes a prelude to the subject discussed. Sura Al Dhuhaa (93) is placed between Qasam Place and Comfort Zone.



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|--------------------|--------------------|
| (37) AL SAFFAAT    | (89) AL FAJR       |
| (51) AL DHAARIYAAT | (90) AL BALAD      |
| (52) AL TUR        | (91) AL SHAMS      |
| (53) AL NAJM       | (92) AL LAYL       |
| (75) AL QIYAMA     | (93) AL DHUHAA     |
| (77) AL MURSALAAT  | (94) AL INSHIRAAH  |
| (79) AL NAAZIAAT   | (95) AL TEEN       |
| (85) AL BUROOJ     | (100) AL 'AADIYAAT |
| (86) AL TAARIQ     | (103) AL 'ASR      |

## HURUFUL MUQATTA'AAT AREA

Muqatta'aat are unique letter combinations that appear in the beginning of 29 chapters of the Qur'an. The word Muqatta'aat is derived from the opening ayaat of their respective chapters.

Fourteen letters (exactly half of the 28 letters of the Arabic alphabet) are found in 14 different combinations occurring singly or in combinations of 2, 3, 4 or 5. 2 of the chapters are in Muhammad Square:

(20) TAAHAA

(36) YASEEN

And 1 in Women's Corner

(19) MARYAM

The rest are as follows:



## SINGLES CLOSE

These 3 chapters begin with a single letter.

(38) SAAD

(50) QAAF

(68) AL QALAM

**SINGLES**

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Beginning with a single letter

<b>38</b> Saad Saad	<b>50</b> Qaaf Qaaf	<b>68</b> Al Qalam The Pen
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## HAWAMEEM PLACE

Known as the crown and most decorative chapters of the Qur'an, these 7 were revealed in sequence. The chronological and arranged order is the same. The emphasis is on monotheism and each ends with forgiveness.

(40) AL MU'MIN (GHAAFIR)

(41) AL FUSSILAT (HAA MEEM SAJDA)

(42) AL SHURA

(43) AL ZUKHRUF

(44) AL DUKHAN

(45) AL JAATHIYAA

(46) AL AHQAAF

**HAWAMEEM PLACE**

Beginning with Haa Meem

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<b>40</b> Ghaafir The Forgiver	<b>41</b> Fussilat The Explanation	<b>42</b> Al Shuraa The Counsel	<b>43</b> Al Zukhruf The Decoration Of Gold
<b>44</b> Al Dukhaan The Smoke	<b>45</b> Al Jaathiya The Kneeling	<b>46</b> Al Ahqaaf The Sand Dunes	

## MEEMAAT PLACE

These 7 chapters begin with Alif Laam Meem.

(07) AL A'RAAF begins with Alif Laam Meem Saad

They focus on the doubtlessness of the Qur'an.

**MEEMAAT PLACE**

Beginning with Alif Laam Meem

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<b>2</b> Al Baqara The Cow	<b>3</b> Aal 'Imraan The Family Of 'Imraan	<b>7</b> Al A'raaf The Heights	<b>29</b> Al 'Ankabut The Spider	<b>30</b> Al Rum The Romans	<b>31</b> Luqmaan Luqmaan	<b>32</b> Al Sajda The Prostration
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(02) AL BAQARA

(03) AALI IMRAAN

(07) AL A'RAAF

(29) AL 'ANKABUT

(30) AL RUM

(31) LUQMAAN

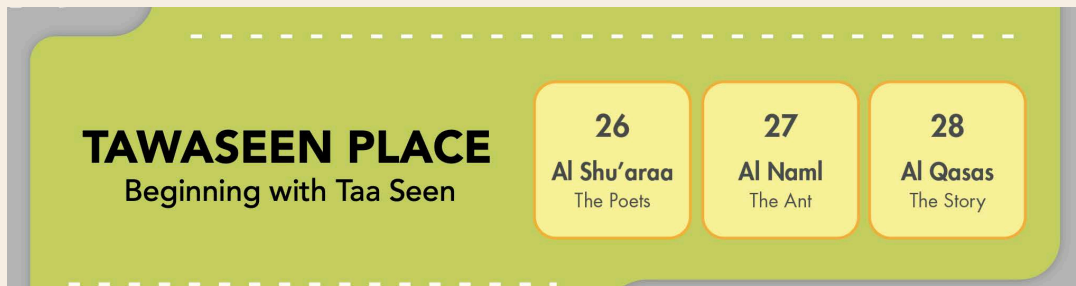
(32) AL SAJDA



## TAWASEEN PLACE

The 3 chapters here begin with the letters Taa Seen (27) and Taa Seen Meem (26 & 28). The main theme is Divine Guidance through prophethood with a focus on Prophets Musa and Sulayman.

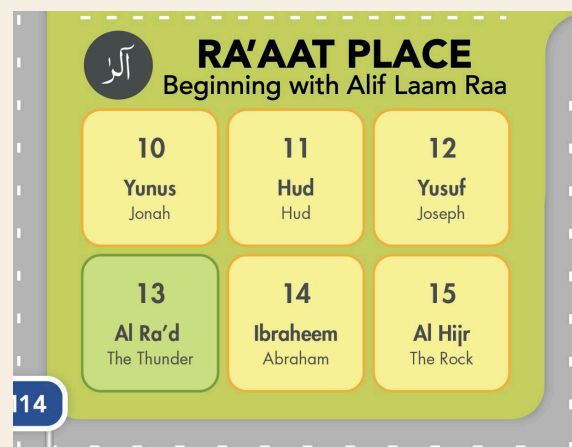
(26) AL SHU'ARA  
(27) AL NAML  
(28) AL QASAS



## RA'AAT PLACE

These 6 chapters contain the opening letters Alif Laam Raa, (13) Al Ra'd begins with Alif Laam Meem Raa. They focus on the clarity of the Qur'an. 4 of the chapters here are names of Prophets.

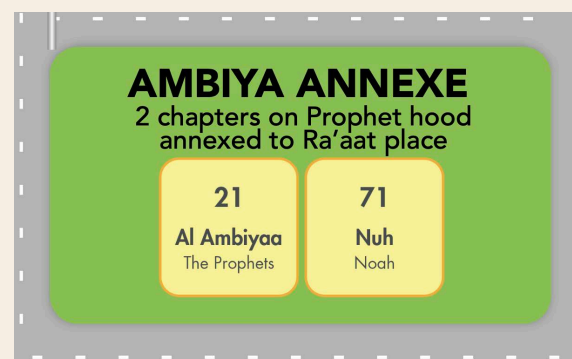
(10) YUNUS  
(11) HUD  
(12) YUSUF  
(13) AL RA'D  
(14) IBRAHEEM  
(15) AL HIJR



## AMBIYA ANNEXE

These 2 chapters are related to the Prophets names in Ra'aat Place. Aptly Sura Al Ambiya (21) begins with 'Iqtaraba' which means to approach or go near.

(23) AL AMBIYAA  
(71) NUH



## THE CITY GATES

The City Gates are inscribed with the word 'IQRA' which means to READ and RECITE. (Reading is from a parchment or book, whilst reciting is from the heart).

This is the first word and order to humanity revealed from Divinity.

This one word changed the world.  
In response to this one command, the

Qur'an became the most printed, used and reproduced book in the world giving birth to entire libraries. IQRA' in the context of Qur'an City extends to 5 things:

1. Read
2. Memorise
3. Understand
4. Apply
5. Teach

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR QUR'AN CITY



There are certain entry requirements before one can enter Qur'an City. One cannot enter without intellectual humility.

### 1. Wudhoo

2. One should be able to recite the Qur'an in Arabic or be in the process of learning how to recite for the awesomeness of Qur'an City can only be experienced through the recitation of the book.

3. Seek protection from Shaytan by reciting:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ.

(I seek protection of Allah from the guilty Shaytan).

4. Enter in His name:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

(I begin in the name of Allah, the Kind, the Merciful)

5. Pronounce the ultimate declaration of independence:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

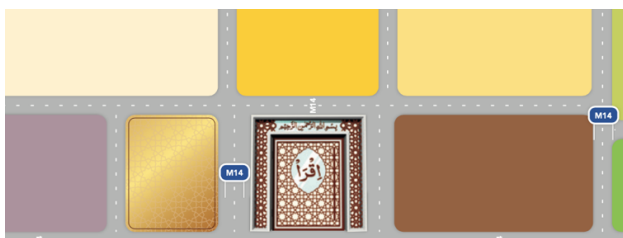
(There is no God but Allah)

6. Ask Divinity as taught by the Prophet:

وَالزَّمْ قَلْبِي حِفْظَ كِتَابِكَ كَمَا عَلَّمْتَنِي

(Make me commit to my heart your book as You have taught me)

## ROAD NETWORK



The road network that links all the suburbs with each other is called M14, representing Prophet Muhammad, his daughter Fatima and the 12 Imams who are the necessary guides to navigate Qur'an City.





**QAMAR**  
The Moon

# Qur'an

## EXILED CORNER

Negative traits


## TAWBA TURN



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Ability to make a U turn towards righteousness

## QIYAMA CLOSE

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## KAMIL CLOSE

Last revelation 5:3 Perfection and completion of religion

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## CITY C

Chapters directed to the City

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Who?

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When?

## QASAM PLACE

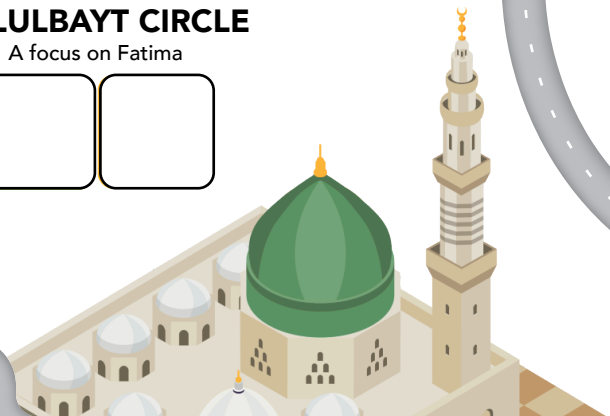
Chapters beginning with an oath




## AHLULBAYT CIRCLE

A focus on Fatima

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## MUHAMMAD C

Respect to the Prophet

## COMFORT ZONE

Console and comfort

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## ENERGY ZONE

The light of Divine Energy

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## HAAMIDAAT CRESCENT




Chapters beginning with the praise of Divinity

## DIVINE C

In His hands and everyone's Most Merciful



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## KA'BA CORNER

Chapters pertaining to the Ka'ba

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## HEALTHY ZONE

A chapter that mentions Milk, fruits and honey

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1. Wudhoo
2. Recite in Arabic
3. Seek protection from shaytan
4. Enter in his name
5. Pronounce the ultimate declaration of independence
6. Recite the dua of the Prophet





A vivid picture of the day of judgement

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## HURUFUL MUQATTA'AAT AREA

29 chapters beginning with a unique letter combination

## WOMEN'S CORNER

Femininity

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## ENTRE

ctly related to Qur'an

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How?

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What?

## VICTORY CIRCLE

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M14

## MEEMAAT PLACE

Beginning with Alif Laam Meem



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## HAWAMEEM PLACE

Beginning with Haa Meem




## AD SQUARE

the Prophet

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M14

## SINGLES



Beginning with a single letter

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## CENTRE

is everything and He is the Merciful



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## MUSABBIHAAT CRESCENT


Chapters beginning with declaration of His perfection



## TAWASEEN PLACE

Beginning with Taa Seen

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## RA'AAT PLACE

Beginning with Alif Laam Ra


## QUL CORNER

5 Chapters beginning with the order of "SAY"




## VIEWPOINT TERRACE

Aspiration of every Muslim - to be a believer (23) and a companion of Janna (39)

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## AMBIYA ANNEXE

2 chapters on Prophet hood annexed to Ra'aat place

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### INTRODUCTION AND FOCUS

With 3 ayaat, Sura Al 'Asr is a Makkan sura.

'Asr' literally means to squeeze. Here it is used to describe the concept of time – in the sense of it meaning the squeezing of the past unfolding as the future. The sura points out that human beings are at loss unless they:

1. Believe
2. Do good deeds
3. Advise each other to truth
4. Advise each other to patience

The sura begins with time and ends with sabr (Patience). Sabr is the shrinking of time e.g. if we want to eat a fruit which is not yet ripe, we know we have to wait for it to ripen and we agree to do so. What we are doing is shrinking the time into 'zero time'.

*When the companions of the Prophet (pbuh) used to meet one another, they only departed until one of them recited Sura Al 'Asr to the other and they bid peace upon one another. They did not want to forget or become heedless of the essential message of success.*

### BENEFITS OF RECITATION

1. Recite 10x for stomach ailments
2. Recite to reduce fever
3. Increase in eiman and 'nur' on Qiyama
4. Recite in Eisha salaa for safety from tyranny



### SUCCESS AS DEFINED BY DIVINITY SUCCESSFUL TIME MANAGEMENT

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

وَالْعَصْرِ

I swear by Time!

إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ

Most certainly the human being is in a state of loss;

إِلَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ

Except those who believe, and do good deeds, and advise each other to truth, and advise each other to patience.

Time is the object of the oath. It is the greatest evidence of loss and the witness of one's life works.

'Asr' literally means squeezing. It has been used for Time- in the sense of it's meaning the squeezing of the past unfolding as future.

It may refer to the era of the Prophet (pbuh) or the time of Asr on Ashura; or as per a hadith of our 6th Imam -the era of Imam Al-Mahdi (pbuh) Time is the most valuable commodity which man has...

If you look at the lives of great people - there is one thing in common that we all have with them and that is - 24 hrs in a day. The way they use their time has made the difference.

The subject of the oath is that humanity is at loss if they waste time.

The sura encapsulates success in three verses.

Successful time management is described as:

1. Having faith in Divinity.
2. Manifesting the faith as good deeds (serving humanity).
3. Counselling one another to the truth (the right thing to do).
4. Counselling one another to persevere and patience (in standing for the truth)





### HABITS OF SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE AS DEFINED BY DIVINITY

#### BELIEF IN DIVINITY

Believing that success in life is reaching one's full potential only by following the instructions of the Creator and knowing that you can't predict the outcome but can only do your best and then hand it over to Him.

**Taking care of oneself comes first.**

#### 2. MANIFESTED IN SERVING HIS CREATION (AMILUS SAALIHAAT)

'Amal is a conscious action. 'Salaa' is to mend. The correct good action is the one whose consequences are good too.

Therefore, Amilus Saalihaat are those deeds that makes one 'good' (to mend what is broken, to heal) and to leave the world a better place than the one which we were born into.

**Many small moments of positive interaction with others.**

#### COUNSELLING OTHERS TO TRUTH AND PATIENCE

Tawaasi is to counsel someone to do something good

The truth is often not comfortable but it is the ability to lovingly counsel someone to do the right thing in order to assist them to reach their full potential

Sabr besides patience is the commitment to persevere and hang on.

To maintain a consistency in ease and difficulty.

To assist others in difficulty

**The Nigerian proverb "It takes a village to raise a child" is appropriate here.**



## HOW DOES ISLAM LOOK AT SUCCESS?



103. Al 'Asr

The Time

..... Faith

..... Good deeds

..... Stand for the truth. Do the right thing

..... Persevere and patience

Success in Islam stands on the above 4 pillars as shown in Suratul 'Asr (103) The Time.

Allah says in the Holy Qur'an about the Prophet *"Say, (O Muhammad) If you love Allah, then follow me, Allah will love you and will forgive your sins; Indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful."* 3:31

Encyclopaedia Britannica calls Muhammed (pbuh) *"The most successful of all religious personalities of the world"*.

Look into the Life of Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) and categorise his actions according to the "pillars of success" in the table below:

Faith

Good deeds

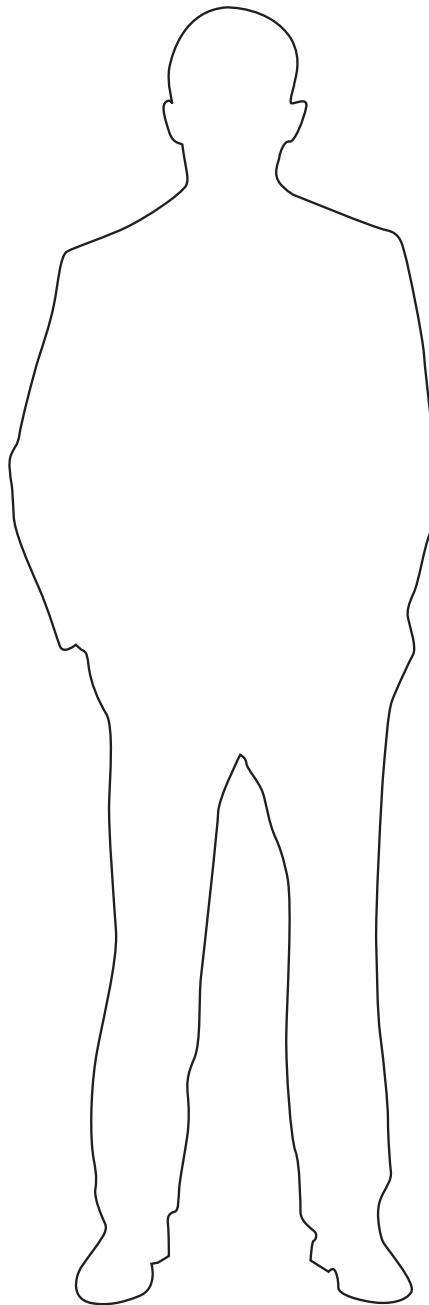
Stand for the truth  
Do the right thing

Persevere and  
patience



## THE LOOK OF SUCCESS

1. Dress the model below what you think a successful person looks like.



2. Spend 5 minutes - Write down names of those people who might not be famous but are successful.

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3. Below is a list of famous/successful people. Write next to each personality what are they famous for:

FAMOUS/ SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE	THEIR WORKS
Martin Luther King	
JK Rowling	
Sir Ranulph Fiennes	
Wilma Rudolph	
Maryam Mirzakhani	
Rosa Parks	
Malala Yousafzai	
Junko Tabei	
Bill Gates	
Thomas Edison	

4. Answer the following questions about yourself:

A. How would you like to be remembered?

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B. Will you be remembered with love and respect?

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C. Will people be inspired by your life?

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D. Will you be missed?

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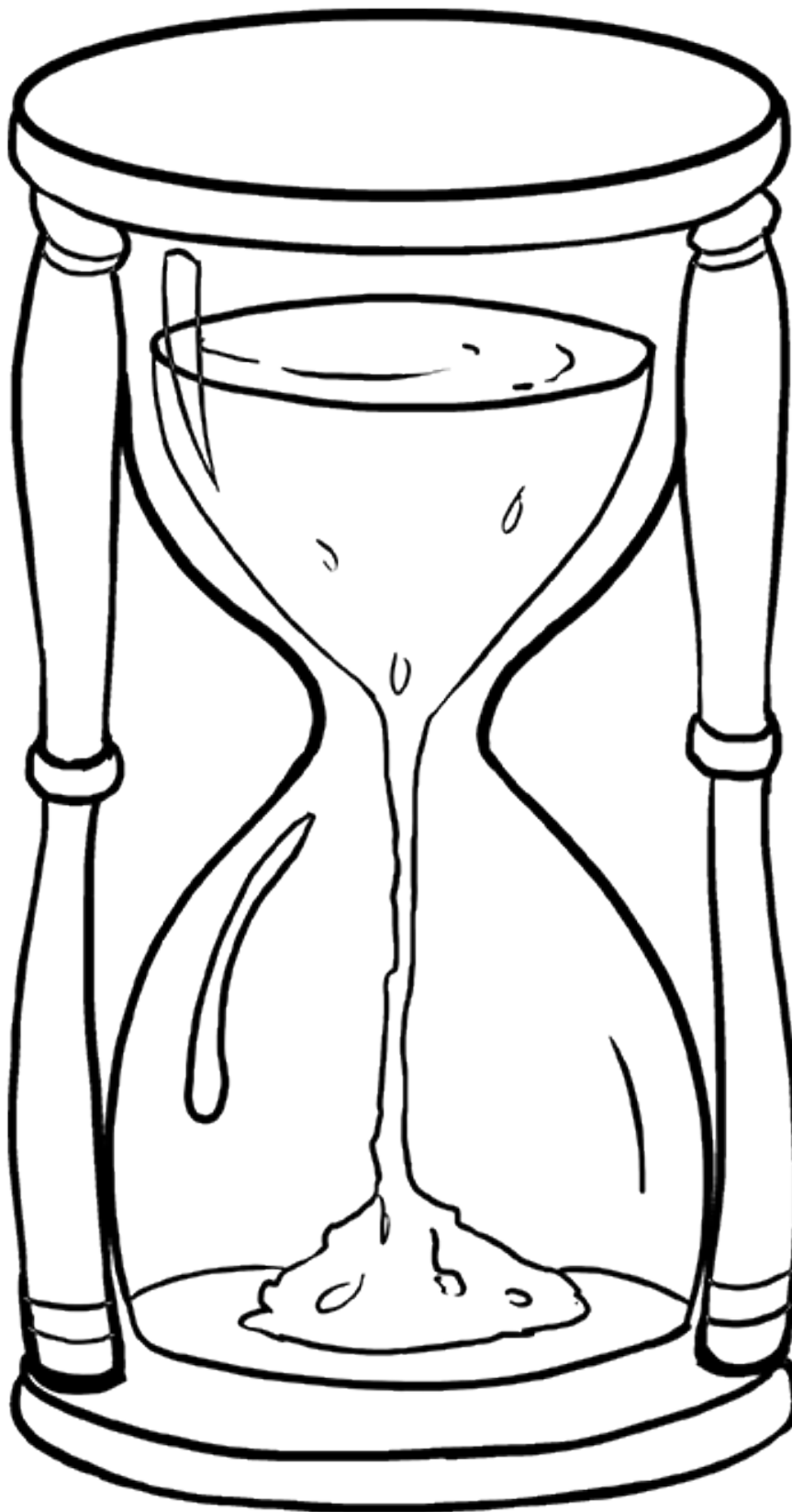


## I SWEAR BY TIME

'Asr is the time of the day when the day is squeezed' into the night.

'Asr means time.

Colour the picture below.





## TIME MANAGEMENT

A dictionary defines time as "the point or period at which things occur." Put simply, time is when stuff happens.

Our life must revolve around Salaa, we must make it our pivot and slot our other activities around it. Whatever we do during the day has to either be before SALAA or after SALAA.

4 Steps Plan for perfect Time Management.

### STEP 1:

Find out the salaa times for the week.

DAY	FAJR	ZHUHR	ASR	MAGHRIB	EISHA
MONDAY					
TUESDAY					
WEDNESDAY					
THURSDAY					
FRIDAY					
SATURDAY					
SUNDAY					

### STEP 2:

Make a list of everything that you have to do during the week.

DAY	
MONDAY	
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	
SATURDAY	
SUNDAY	



### STEP 3:

Priorities - from your list you need to get your priorities right. Decide whether each activity is urgent, important, both or neither. Slot them in the correct boxes below **KEEPING SALAA TIMES AS YOUR PIVOT**, remember before SALAA or after SALAA.

Urgent and Important  
**TO DO NOW**

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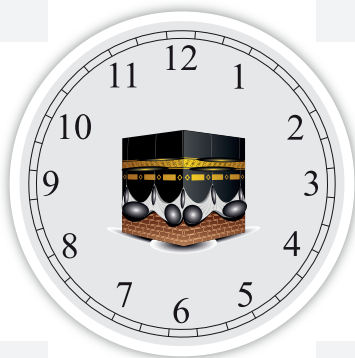
Not urgent but important  
**DO NEXT**

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Urgent but not Important  
**MANAGE**

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Not urgent or important  
**WAIT**

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### STEP 4:

From the above prepare your To Do list for the week and tick off as you complete your tasks.

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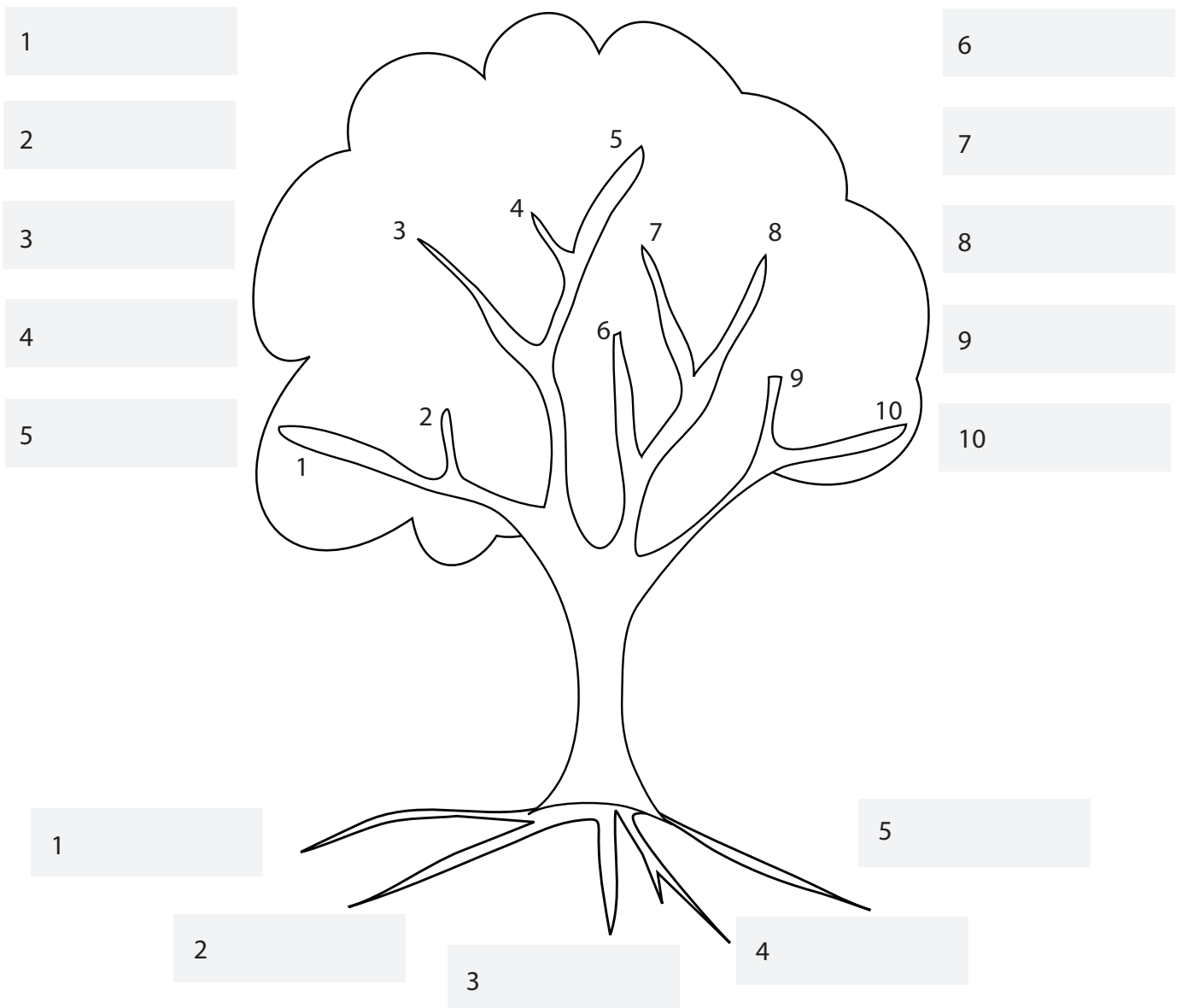
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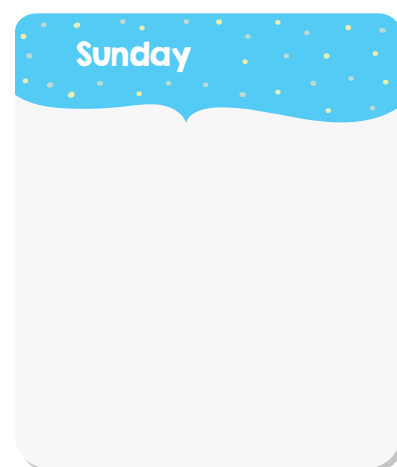
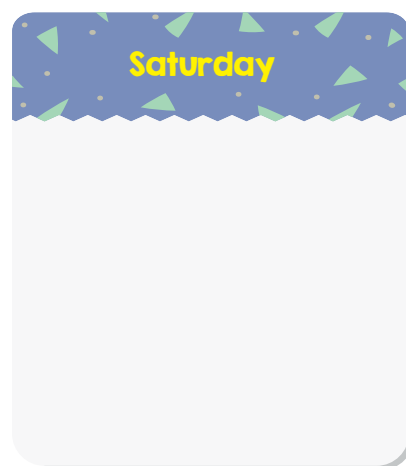
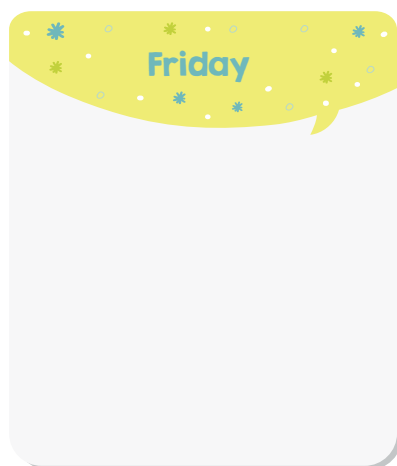
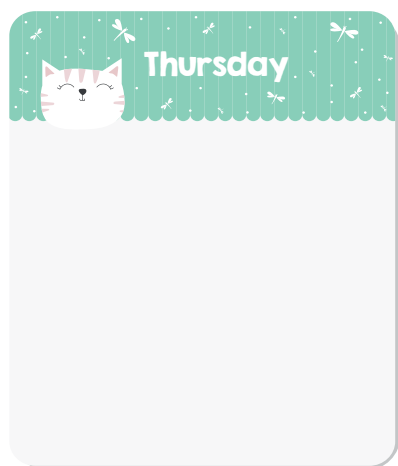
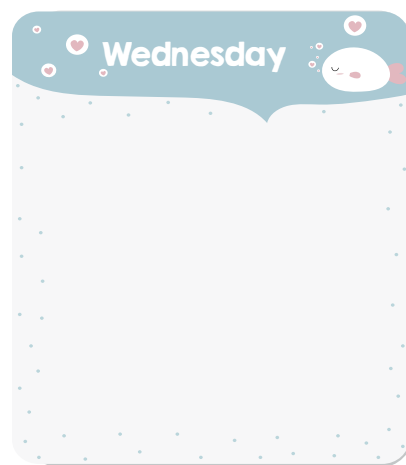
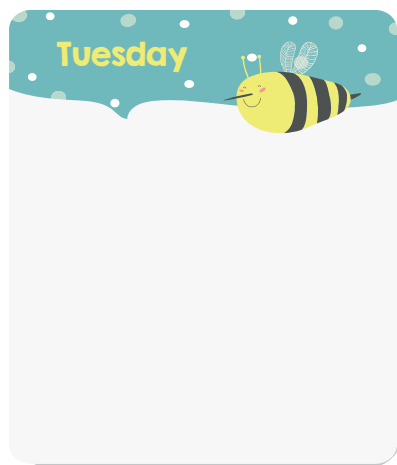
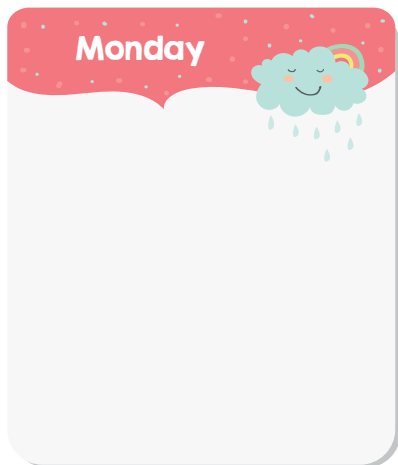
## USOOL AND FURU

Label the 5 roots and 10 branches of religion.



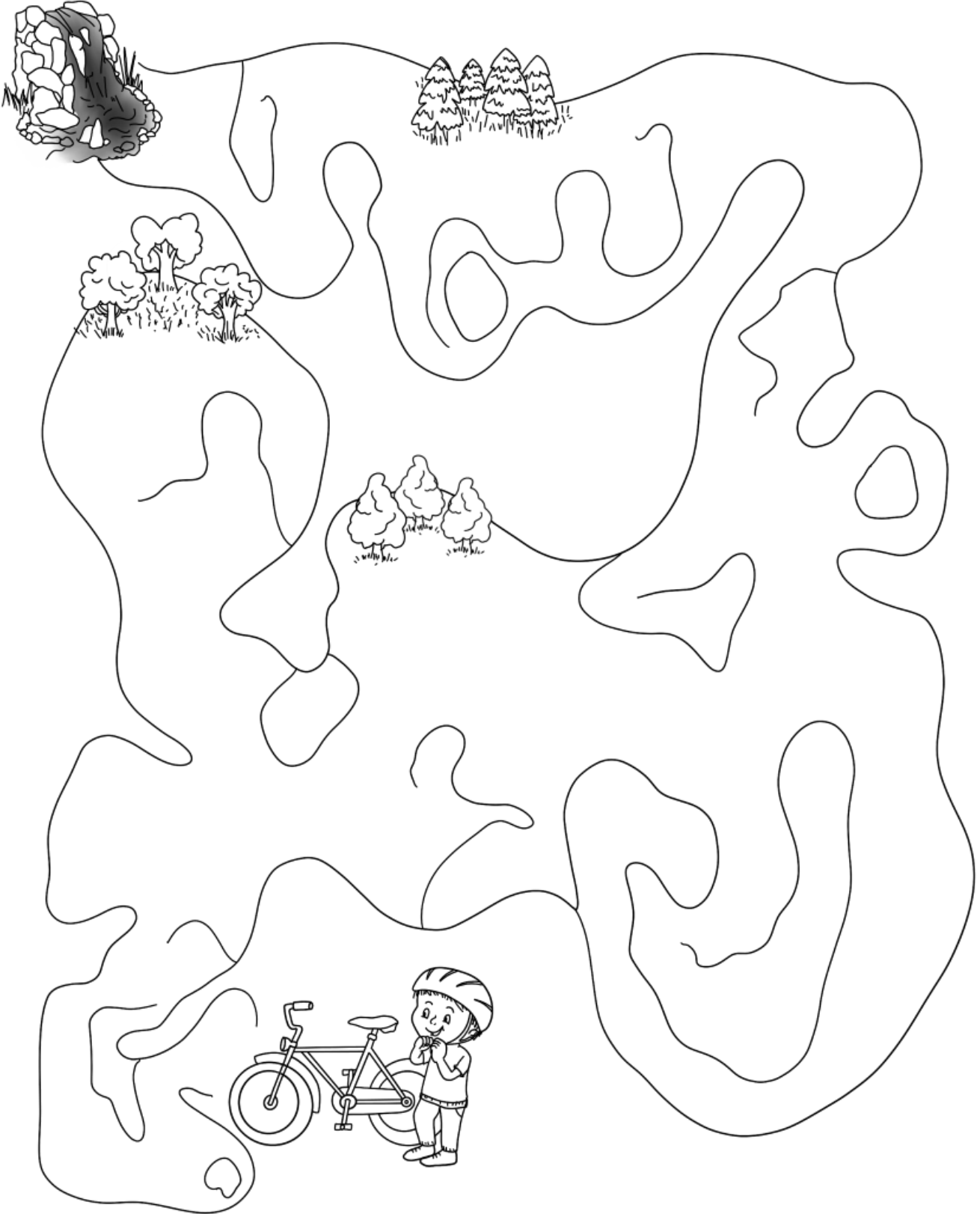
## ONE GOOD DEED A DAY

Write down or draw below a good deed that you would do each day.



## DOING YOUR BEST AND HAVING FAITH IN ALLAH

Ali knows it will be hard work to get up the winding hill. But he really wants to try it and believes that Allah will help him if he does his best.  
Help him see what's at the top by taking Ali through the maze.





## WORDSEARCH

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P	J	L	D	I	R	Y	I	T	R	L	I	Q	A	J
M	M	Q	G	R	T	Q	J	U	S	P	E	B	Y	H
I	C	R	A	R	V	A	T	N	L	L	N	O	E	G
L	W	H	Z	C	S	H	P	O	V	V	W	J	V	S

ASR

BELIEVE

DEEDS

EIMAAAN

HAQQ

INSAAN

NUR

PATIENCE

SABR

SAFETY

TIME

TRUTH



## QUIZ TIME

Circle the correct answers below:

1. Where was Sura Al 'Asr revealed?

- a. Makka    b. Madina

2. What Sura no is Sura Al 'Asr?

- a. 100    b. 108.    c. 104.    D. 103

3. Give 2 benefits of recitation of Sura Al 'Asr

a. ....

b. ....

4. 'Asr means to squeeze'. In this sura Allah is talking about the squeezing of what?

a. Fruit

b. Time

5. 'Most certainly the human being is in a state of loss'.

Give 2 examples of what Allah is talking about in this aya.

a. ....

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b. ....

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6. 'Except those who believe and do good deeds and advise each other to truth and advise each other to patience'.

a. List 3 good deeds

a. ....

b. ....

c. ....

b. Give 2 examples of what type of patience the sura is talking about.

a.

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b.

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