

SURATUTTAKWEER (81)

The *Suratuttakweer* continues the theme of warning the Makkan polytheists of the Doomsday, the Resurrection, and the Judgement. The Surah opens with a horrifying account of what will happen on the Doomsday from the first verse to the thirteenth verse. After the Resurrection, all the human beings shall know their actions performed by them in the world. The fourteenth verse draws everyone's attention to this fact — the accountability of every man's conduct and consequential judgement which is absolutely necessary for absolute justice to prevail.

The Surah, then, proceeds to contradict polytheists' repudiation of the *Quraan* allegedly to have been inspired or dictated by devils or jinn and swears by the stars, the night, and the morning to affirm that it has been brought by Gabriel, Allah's message bearer. The stars, the night, and the morning bear witness to the fact that they are the manifestations of their Creator's physical law prevailing in the cosmos. As they testify to the physical law, their existence testifies that there must be a moral law in the cosmos for man has moral sense, the ability to distinguish between right and wrong. The *Quraan* is the incarnation of the moral law, distinguishing between right and wrong, truth and falsehood and hence, it guides man for "moral processes are ingrained in human nature" as Carl Jung asserts.

In the thirty-eighth verse of the *Suratunnabaa*, Gabriel and angels have been mentioned standing in array to execute Allah's command on the Judgement Day. In the *Suratunnaazi'aat*, angels have been shown as His functionaries to testify to the Resurrection for accountability. As the angels are invisible, but they exist, similarly, the Resurrection and the Judgement, though invisible, shall come to pass. In the Surah *'Abasa*, the fifteenth and sixteenth verses, again, specify the role of angels as the keepers of the Book. In the *Suratuttakweer*, Gabriel has been specifically mentioned from the nineteenth verse to the twenty-first verse as the transmitter of the *Quraan* from Allah to the Messenger who has seen him at the clear horizon as specified in its twenty-third verse and the seventh verse of the *Suratunnajm*.

Up to the twenty-eighth verse, the Surah, addressing the Makkan polytheists or, for the matter, any disbeliever, affirms that the *Quraan* is not the utterance of any devil but Allah's Word — His manifested mind and message. Hence, they must seek guidance from it and submit themselves to its discipline.

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In the name of ALLAH, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

1. When the Sun is rolled (into extinction),
2. And when stars fall dissipated (separated into parts and scattered),
3. And when mountains are set in motion,
4. And when she camels with young (pregnant) of ten months are left unprotected,
5. And when wild beasts are gathered together,
6. And when oceans are swelled up (and fired),
7. And when bodies and souls are coupled (joined into life),
8. And when a daughter buried alive is asked
9. For what sin she was killed (put to death),
10. And when the records (of human actions in this world) are unfolded (opened to view),
11. And when the heaven (space) is skinned (stripped of gravitation).
12. And when the blazing fire (of the Hell) is kindled (further),
13. And when the Paradise is brought near,

سورة التكويد

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

- ١ إِذَا الشَّمْسُ كُوِّرَتْ
- ٢ وَإِذَا النُّجُومُ انْكَدَرَتْ
- ٣ وَإِذَا الْجِبَالُ سُيِّرَتْ
- ٤ وَإِذَا الْعِشَارُ عُطِّلَتْ
- ٥ وَإِذَا الْوُحُوشُ حُشِرَتْ
- ٦ وَإِذَا الْبِحَارُ سُجِّرَتْ
- ٧ وَإِذَا النُّفُوسُ زُوِّجَتْ
- ٨ وَإِذَا الْمَوْءِدَةُ سُئِلَتْ
- ٩ بِأَيِّ ذَنْبٍ قُتِلَتْ
- ١٠ وَإِذَا الصُّحُفُ نُشِرَتْ
- ١١ وَإِذَا السَّمَاءُ كُشِطَتْ
- ١٢ وَإِذَا الْجَحِيمُ سُعِّرَتْ
- ١٣ وَإِذَا الْجَنَّةُ أُزْلِفَتْ

14. Everybody shall know what (actions) one has brought along with oneself.
15. So no, (what you think is wrong). I swear by the stars (that) recede (from their forward positions),
16. (And) the stars (that) hide themselves),
17. And the night when it darkens,
18. And the morning when it shines.
19. It is, indeed, the word of (the message brought by) a noble messenger (Gabriel),
20. Endowed with great vigour, holding high position with the Possessor of the throne (Allah Who exercises exclusive sovereignty over the entire cosmos).
21. There (in the heaven), he is obeyed and held trustworthy.
22. And your friend is not insane.
23. And he has, undoubtedly, seen him (Gabriel) at the clear horizon.
24. And he is not close-fisted over (transmitting the knowledge of) the unseen.
25. And it (the *Quraan*) is not the word of any devil cursed.
26. Where do you, then, go?

عَلِمَتْ نَفْسٌ مَّا أَحْضَرَتْ ﴿١٤﴾

فَلَا أَقْسِمُ بِالْخُنُوسِ ﴿١٥﴾

الْجَوَارِ الْكُنُوسِ ﴿١٦﴾

وَالَيْلِ إِذَا عَسَسَ ﴿١٧﴾

وَالصُّبْحِ إِذَا تَنَفَّسَ ﴿١٨﴾

إِنَّهُ لَقَوْلُ رَسُولٍ كَرِيمٍ ﴿١٩﴾

ذِي قُوَّةٍ عِنْدَ ذِي الْعَرْشِ مَكِينٍ ﴿٢٠﴾

مُطَاعٍ ثَمَّ أَمِينٍ ﴿٢١﴾

وَمَا صَاحِبُكُمْ بِمَجْنُونٍ ﴿٢٢﴾

وَلَقَدْ رَآهُ بِالْأُفُقِ الْمُبِينِ ﴿٢٣﴾

وَمَا هُوَ عَلَى الْغَيْبِ بِضَنِينٍ ﴿٢٤﴾

وَمَا هُوَ بِقَوْلِ شَيْطَانٍ رَجِيمٍ ﴿٢٥﴾

فَاتِنَ تَذٰهُبُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾

27. It is nothing but a (profound) Book
(with a message) for all the
inhabitants of the world,

إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا ذِكْرٌ لِلْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٢٧﴾

28. For whoever, among you, wishes to
straighten out (become straight).

لِمَنْ شَاءَ مِنْكُمْ أَنْ يَسْتَقِيمَ ﴿٢٨﴾

29. And, all of you cannot will
(anything) unless Allah, the *Rabb* of
all the worlds in the cosmos, wills
(determines it so).

وَمَا تَشَاءُونَ إِلَّا أَنْ يَشَاءَ اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٢٩﴾