

سُورَةُ لُقْمَانَ

Surah Luqman

(LUQMAN)

This Sūrah was revealed at Makkah. It has thirty four Āyāt and four Sections.

Section 1

In the Name of Allah

The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful.

1. Alif. Lām. Mīm.
2. These are verses of the Wise Book.
3. A guidance and a mercy for the well-doers.
4. Those who establish Ṣalāt and pay Zakāt and are convinced of the Hereafter.
5. These are on guidance from their Rabb, and these! They are the blissful.
6. And of man is he who purchases an idle discourse that he may mislead from Allah's Way without knowledge, and takes it by way of mockery. These! For them shall be an ignominious chastisement.
7. And when Our Revelations are recited to him, he turns away in pride as though he did not hear that at all; as though there was a heaviness in his ears. Announce you to him an afflictive torment.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْعَمَّ

تِلْكَ آيَاتُ الْكِتَابِ الْحَكِيمِ ﴿١﴾

هُدًى وَرَحْمَةً لِّلْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٢﴾

الَّذِينَ يُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَهُمْ  
بِالْآخِرَةِ هُمْ يُوقِنُونَ ﴿٣﴾

أُولَٰئِكَ عَلَىٰ هُدًى مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ وَأُولَٰئِكَ  
هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٤﴾

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَشْتَرِي لَهْوَ الْحَدِيثِ  
لِيُضِلَّ عَن سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ وَتَخَذَهَا  
هُزُوًا أُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ مُّهِينٌ ﴿٥﴾

وَإِذَا تُتْلَىٰ عَلَيْهِ آيَاتُنَا وَلَّى مُسْتَكْبِرًا  
كَأَن لَّمْ يَسْمَعْهَا كَأَن فِي أُذُنِهِ قِرَافَةٌ  
يُعَذِّبُ آلِيمٌ ﴿٦﴾



8. Verily those who believe and work righteous deeds. Theirs shall be Gardens of Delight.
9. Abiders they will be therein; a true promise of Allah. And He is the Mighty, the Wise.
10. He has created the heavens that you see without pillars and has cast firm mountains in the earth lest it move away with you, and He has scattered thereon every kind of animals. And We send down water from the sky and We make all manner of goodly growth therein.
11. This is the creation of Allah. Show me what those beside Allah have created. Ayel! The ungodly are in manifest error.

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ  
لَهُمْ جَنَّاتُ النَّعِيمِ ﴿٨﴾

خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا وَعَدَّ اللَّهُ حَقًّا وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٩﴾

خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ بِغَيْرِ عَمَدٍ تَرَوْنَهَا وَالْأَرْضَ فِي الْأَرْضِ  
رَوَامِي أَنْ تَعْبُدَ بِكُمْ وَثَّ فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ دَابَّةٍ وَأَنْزَلْنَا  
مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَأَنْبَتْنَا فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ زَوْجٍ  
كَرِيمٍ ﴿١٠﴾

هَذَا خَلْقُ اللَّهِ فَأَرُونِي مَاذَا خَلَقَ الَّذِينَ  
مِنْ دُونِهِ. بَلِ الظَّالِمُونَ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُبِينٍ ﴿١١﴾

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## Secrets of Revelation

These are the Āyāt of a Book indeed worthy of being rated as such. It is laden with words of insight and wisdom. It contains the most sagacious answers to all the problems of life and the mysteries of death and the life beyond. Besides, this Book contains guidance and a model, a guidance so beautiful that it not only facilitates all worldly affairs but also qualifies its follower for Allah's Mercy. Its benefits are promised to those who believe in it with utmost sincerity and practise it with the deepest devotion. Those who zealously strive to worship Allah and pay Zakāt, and do not love money. Rather, they spend what they possess in accordance with His Commands. They have a staunch belief in the Ākhirah in that they discharge their temporal duties with an eye on the eternal results. These are on the right path as determined by their Sustainer. And they indeed are the triumphant both in this world and in the Ākhirah.

There are others who indulge in foolish pursuits and idle tales. They indeed are the ignorant lot who try to allure people away from Allah's Path with



absurdities and make fun of Dīn. For them awaits a doom of humiliation, as they will not only be punished but also abased in this world and the Ākhirah.

### **Lahv-ul-Ḥadīth**

This Āyah was revealed with reference to a particular incident. It so happened that Nadhr bin Ḥarith, a polytheist, went to Persia and bought chronicles containing stories of Chosroes, his family and his generals. He also brought a bondswoman with him who was a skilled singer. He told the Makkans that the Qurān comprised mere tales while he had far more interesting accounts together with songs and music to enjoy. The scholars conclude that:

- a. All novels and stories which spread immorality, and are produced with the intention of deviating people from Islam will fall under infidelity. And if the motive is merely to make money or acquire fame, it is forbidden.
- b. Same is the case with singing and music. Specially when participated in by women, it is totally forbidden. And there is no doubt over the prohibition of musical instruments. This prohibition is conditional to the fact that these musical instruments are not aimed at driving people away from Islam. Otherwise it is downright infidelity. However, for an adult male or female, in a congregation of the same gender, reading out constructive and positive couplets and poems in a melodious tone without music is permissible. And recounting historical events which are educative and carry a message of reformation for the society is also allowed.
- c. All sports aimed at physical fitness or for acquiring combat skills are essentially a religious duty. Details may be seen in various Commentaries of the Qurān.

Those who resort to tactics like Nadhr bin Ḥarith are indeed impudent. As a punishment for this crime so much arrogance is generated in their hearts that when Allah's Commandments are read out to them they simply turn their backs as if they were deaf, totally deprived of listening. Betide these people of Allah's punishment, for this attitude is leading them straight to.

### **Pakistani Press and Electronic Media**

It would certainly not be out of place to make a mention of the national press and television. Some of the newspapers simply publish rubbish and saucy gossip to enhance their sales which is forbidden. And where it derides Islam it is downright infidelity. The majority of televised programmes are nothing but Lahv-ul-Ḥadīth while the educative and constructive are indeed few. Those



responsible for wasting away national resources and time to perverse the minds of younger generations must fear Allah's chastisement.

Of course, those who accept the true faith and reform themselves will be rewarded, irrespective of their past, with Jannah abounding with Allah's bounties. They shall abide therein as this is the Promise of the Almighty. Who is Wise and it is His Wisdom that works behind every scene. He created the heavens like a roof without any supporting column or wall to rest on. He installed gigantic mountains on the earth floor with such perfection as to preclude any hazard for His creation, and spread myriad of animal species. He made water pour down from the skies to quicken the soil and yield a colourful range of plantations and fruits. He designed a system of reproduction in the botanical world by creating everything in pairs; male as well as female. All this creation along with incessantly functioning universal system belong to Him. Can anyone except Him boast of any such creativity? Or have those ascribed as His partners by the polytheists created anything? If so, let it be brought forth. And they certainly cannot do so; rather they are the transgressor wandering in their waywardness.

## Section 2

12. And assuredly We vouchsafed wisdom to Luqmān saying: Give thanks to Allah, and whoever gives thanks, gives thanks for his soul; and whoever is unthankful – then verily Allah is Self-Sufficient, Praise-worthy.

وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا لُقْمَانَ الْحِكْمَةَ أَنِ اشْكُرْ لِلَّهِ  
وَمَن يَشْكُرْ فَإِنَّمَا يَشْكُرُ لِنَفْسِهِ  
وَمَن كَفَرَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَنِيٌّ حَمِيدٌ ﴿١٢﴾

13. And re-call when Luqmān said to his son, while he was exhorting him: O my son! Associate not anything with Allah; verily this associating is a tremendous wrong.

وَلَذِكْرُ لَقْمَانَ لِأَنَّهُ، وَهُوَ بَعِظُهُ، يَبْنِي لَا تُشْرِكْ  
بِاللَّهِ إِنَّ الشِّرْكَ لَظُلْمٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿١٣﴾

14. And We have enjoined upon man concerning his parents – his mother bears him, in hardship upon hardship, and his weaning is in two years, give thanks to

وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ حَمَلَتْهُ أُمُّهُ  
وَهُنَّ عَلَى وَهْنٍ وَفَصَّصَتْهُ فِي عَامَيْنِ  
أَنِ اشْكُرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيْكَ إِلَى الْمَصِيرِ ﴿١٤﴾



## **Parents have no Right to Impede Allah's Obedience**

It is clear that parents do not have the right to stop their children from Allah's obedience. They cannot forbid them from His Zikr or association with the Aulia'. But even if they do, they will still be entitled to due respect. Non compliance of such instructions will, however, not amount to disobedience, as they do not have the right to impede their children from the path of piety.

## **The Atom**

And Luqmān said: O' son! Nothing is concealed from Allah, not even the minutest particle inside a rock (that is the atom, now discovered by science) nor any thing that lies within the heavens. Everything will be gathered in His Exalted Court and He is well Aware of the minutest of things.

## **Importance of Worships**

O' my beloved son! Do put in your best to worship Allah. And carefully observe the timings, rites and tenets of all worships. To a commoner these may appear a waste of time but the fact is that in a believer's life worships are like the air he breathes. Just as we do not cease to breathe in the air no matter what our engagements are, similarly the obligatory worships offered on time and constant Zikr Allah are like oxygen in the Islamic way of life.

## **Jihād Forever**

And enjoin virtue, that is, exert all efforts in the promotion of Islam, which is the fountainhead of all virtue and piety. And constantly strive to impede the spread of infidelity, polytheism and evil. Its because a believer is always in a state of Jihād-verbally, through writing, practically and inwardly. Hardships and challenges are natural in this path of truth. So O son! Whatever the hardships, be patient and steadfast, as firmness on this Path itself is a great achievement.

## **Be Firm towards Infidelity but not Arrogant**

And if Allah grants you the capacity to standfast on Dīn and live with honour and courage, do not ever become conceited. It is not proper to turn away from people in arrogance. And do not walk on Allah's land stiffnecked lest the firmness against infidelity develop into arrogance, for Allah does not like those who are vane about themselves. Maintain a gracious balance in your gait, and be solemn and serious in speech, for raising voice to impose one's opinion on others and being rowdy is not the appropriate way of conversation. Even a donkey can make a noise, yet its braying is most repugnant.



20. Do you not see that Allah has subjected for you whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth, and has completed His favours on you outwardly and inwardly. And yet of mankind is one who disputes concerning Allah without knowledge and with neither guidance nor a luminous Book.

الزُّرُّورَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ سَخَّرَ لَكُمْ مَّا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ  
وَأَنْبَغَ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعَمَهُ ظَهَّرَهُ وَبَاطِنَهُ وَمِنَ النَّاسِ  
مَنْ يُجَادِلُ فِي اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ وَلَا هُدًى  
وَلَا كِتَابٍ مُنِيرٍ ﴿٢٠﴾

21. And when it is said to them: Follow what Allah has sent down, they say: Nay! We shall follow what we found our fathers upon. What! Even though Satan had been calling on them to the torment of the Blaze.

وَلِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ اتَّبِعُوا مَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ قَالُوا بَلْ نَتَّبِعُ  
مَا وَجَدْنَا عَلَيْهِ مِآبَاءَ نَا أَوْلَوْكَانَ  
الشَّيْطَانُ يَدْعُوهُمْ إِلَى عَذَابِ السَّعِيرِ ﴿٢١﴾

22. And whoever submits his face to Allah and he is a well-doer, he has of a surety lain hold of a firm cord. Unto Allah is the end of all affairs.

وَمَنْ يُسْلِمْ وَجْهَهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَهُوَ مُحْسِنٌ  
 فَقَدْ اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ الْوُثْقَىٰ  
وَالِىَ اللَّهُ عَقِبَهُ الْأُمُورِ ﴿٢٢﴾

23. And whoever disbelieves, let not his infidelity grieve you. To Us is their return, and We shall declare to them what they have worked. Verily Allah is the Knower of what is in their breasts.

وَمَنْ كَفَرَ فَلَا يَحْزُنكَ كُفْرُهُ إِلَيْنَا مَرْجِعُهُمْ  
فَنُنَبِّئُهُمْ بِمَا عَمِلُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ ﴿٢٣﴾

24. We let them enjoy for a while, and then We shall drive them to a rough torment.

نُعَمِّعُهُمْ قَلِيلًا ثُمَّ نَضْطَرُّهُمْ  
إِلَىٰ عَذَابٍ غَلِيظٍ ﴿٢٤﴾

25. And were you to ask them: Who has created the heavens and the earth, they will surely say: Allah. Say you: All Praise to

وَلَيْن سَأَلْتَهُمْ مَنْ خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ لَيَقُولُنَّ  
اللَّهُ قُلِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ بَلْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٥﴾



Allah! But most of them know not.

26. Allah's is whatever is in the heavens and the earth. Verily Allah! He is the Self-sufficient, the Laudable.

لِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْغَنِيُّ الْحَمِيدُ ﴿٢٦﴾

27. And if whatever trees are on the earth were pens, and sea were ink, with seven more seas to help, the words of Allah could not be exhausted; verily Allah is Mighty, Wise.

وَلَوْ أَنَّ مَا فِي الْأَرْضِ مِنْ شَجَرَةٍ أَقْلَمٌ وَالْبَحْرِ يَمُدُّ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ مَسْبَعَةً أَتَجَمَّرُ مَا نَفِذْتَ كَلِمَتُ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٢٧﴾

28. And the creation of you all and the upraising of you all are as though of one soul, verily Allah is Hearing, Beholding.

مَا خَلَقَكُمْ وَلَا يَبْعَثُكُمْ إِلَّا كَنَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ بَصِيرٌ ﴿٢٨﴾

29. Do you not see that Allah plunges the day into the night and the night into the day and has subjected the sun and the moon, each running to an appointed term, and that Allah is Aware of what you do?

أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يُولِجُ اللَّيْلَ فِي النَّهَارِ وَيُولِجُ النَّهَارَ فِي اللَّيْلِ وَسَخَّرَ الشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ كُلٌّ يَجْرِي إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ ﴿٢٩﴾

30. That is because Allah! He is the Truth, because whatever they call upon beside Allah is falsehood, and because He is the Exalted, the Great.

ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ وَأَنَّ مَا يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ الْبَاطِلُ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْكَبِيرُ ﴿٣٠﴾

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## Secrets of Revelation

Are you oblivious of the fact that Allah has placed all that is in the heavens and the earth at your service? The scientific research also proves that earth is the focal point of all the stars or planets so far discovered. Their movement, their light and their heat generates varying effects on earth. The light and movement of the sun and the moon are obliged to sustain life on earth, which indeed are serving mankind. Similarly the angels in the celestial world are also assigned



certain duties with regard to human life. At the same time they are required to pray for all those engaged in Allah's worships.

### Hidden and Manifest Favours

Moreover He has blessed man with all kinds of favours, some of which are manifest while others hidden. The former category pertains to all the disciplines and sciences within the access of human intellect, to the highest level of perception and understanding. The hidden favours concern the Prophethood and the Messengership, the only source of acquiring Allah's Cognition. Every human being can benefit from both alike. Yet there are many people who despite so many favours, are not only reluctant to accept the Supreme Being but also resort to squabbling and disbelief. They argue in favour of infidelity without any genuine evidence, logic or Divine Book, whereas there is logical, factual and recorded evidence available over Truth. When called upon to accept the Truth in the form of Divine Revelations and to practise His Injunctions, their response is negative. They rather prefer to follow the rituals of their forefathers. In fact, Satan is driving them to Hell.

As for those who have accepted the invitation towards Allah, they have not favoured anyone. Whoever submits sincerely to Allah's Will and practically adheres to His obedience with utmost devotion has indeed grasped a very strong cord. He is protected against all losses, as all the Prophets<sup>AS</sup> and the Messengers<sup>AS</sup>, the Companions<sup>RAU</sup> and the Mujāhidīn, the Aulia' and the Righteous are holding the same cord, which is the triumphant group. The outcome of everything being with Allah, no power in the world can harm this group. And whoever opts for the path of denial, the Holy Prophet<sup>SAW</sup> need not be saddened for him, as every individual enjoys the right to make this decision, for which he is answerable to Allah. He will not be able to conceal anything from Allah, Who is well Aware of the secrets of the heart.

People have a very limited time of respite, in which they are availing His bounties. They will be ultimately caught and dragged to the most awful doom. The Holy Prophet<sup>SAW</sup> may ask them as to who do they think is the Creator of the heavens, the earth and the universal system? They will be compelled to confess that it is Allah as there is no other answer to this question. It is Allah Alone to Whom all Praise and Excellence can be attributed while majority of people are unaware and ignorant. Of course, all excellence within the heavens and the earth originates from Allah. He endows it and runs the entire show. He is Independent and Absolute, Worthy of all Praise. Everything is dependant on Him. If the trees of the entire world became pens and the oceans increased seven times and became ink, and one kept on writing until all stocks were exhausted, His Knowledge, His Excellence and His Attributes will not end.



Undoubtedly Allah is the Most Exalted and Wise. It is as easy for Him to bring mankind to life, award death and then resurrect it, as it is for Him to give life to a single soul. And not a single soul or its affairs are obscured from His Sight as He is all Knowing, Hearing and Seeing.

O' Reader! Don't you see how Allah transforms the night and its hours into a day, and how He drives the day into the night? He has subdued the sun and the moon to travel along the predetermined orbits at a programmed pace and time. In case of slight variation in their pace, direction or timings the entire universal system would fall apart. But everything is running smoothly. So the Rabb of the entire universe Who is so well Aware of the intricacies of such a vast system is certainly Aware of the actions of people. All these evidences prove that undoubtedly He is the Rabb, while anyone considered parallel to Him is surely false. He is far too Exalted and Magnificent for such comparisons.

#### Section 4

31. Do you not see that the ship sails into the sea by the favour of Allah, that He might show you of His Signs? Verily therein are Signs for every persevering, grateful heart.

الْزُرْنَ الْفُلَّكَ تَجْرِي فِي الْبَحْرِ بِنِعْمَتِ اللَّهِ  
لِيُرِيَكُمْ مِنْ آيَاتِهِ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ  
لِكُلِّ صَبَّارٍ شَكُورٍ ﴿٣١﴾

32. And when a wave covers them like awnings, they call upon Allah making their faith pure for Him. Then when He delivers them on the land, only some of them keep to the middle course. And none denies Our Signs save each perfidious, ingrate one.

وَإِذَا غَشِيَهُمْ مَوَاجٌ كَالظُّلُلِ دَعَوْا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ  
لَهُ الدِّينَ فَلَمَّا نَجَّاهُمْ إِلَى الْبَرِّ فَمِنْهُمْ مُقْنَصِدٌ  
وَمَا يَجْحَدُ بِآيَاتِنَا إِلَّا كُلُّ خَتَّارٍ كَفُورٍ ﴿٣٢﴾

33. O mankind! Fear your Rabb and dread the Day whereon no father will atone for his son and no son will atone for his father at all. Verily the Promise of Allah is true. Let not the life of this world beguile you, and let not the great beguiler beguile you in regard to Allah.

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ وَأَخْشَوْا يَوْمًا لَا يَجْزِي  
وَالِدٌ عَنْ وَلَدِهِ وَلَا مَوْلُودٌ هُوَ جَارٍ عَنْ وَالِدِهِ شَيْئًا  
إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ فَلَا تَغُرَّنَّكُمُ الْحَيَاةُ  
الدُّنْيَا وَلَا يَغُرَّنَّكُم بِاللَّهِ الْغُرُورُ ﴿٣٣﴾



34. Verily Allah! With Him Alone is the knowledge of the Hour, and He it is Who sends down the rain, and knows what is in the wombs. And no person knows what he will earn to-morrow; and no person knows in what land he will die Verily Allah is Knowing, Aware.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ عِنْدَهُ عِلْمُ السَّاعَةِ وَيُنَزِّلُ الْغَيْثَ  
وَيَعْلَمُ مَا فِي الْأَرْحَامِ وَمَا تَدْرِي نَفْسٌ  
مَّاذَا تَكْسِبُ غَدًا وَمَا تَدْرِي نَفْسٌ بِأَيِّ أَرْضٍ  
تَمُوتُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ ﴿٣١﴾

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## Secrets of Revelation

Do you not observe how huge vessels sail through the deep oceans, carrying shipments of Allah's bounties and means of living for mankind? Allah has given you intelligence to take cognizance of His Magnificence. He has given the water and the wood their peculiarities, and has given you the understanding. Yet only those having a spirit of gratitude can appreciate these Signs. When people are trapped in a turbulent sea and the waves appear as if it is a cloud continuously rising towards them, everyone of them calls out to Allah with full devotion. In this moment of turmoil they cannot think of anyone save Him. And when Allah rescues them to the shore, some persevere on the Unity of Allah, while most of them revert to polytheism. They deliberately refute the Signs of Allah being habitual liars and wander far away from the truth.

### Father and Son will be of no Avail to one Another

O' People! Abstain from Allah's disobedience and fear the Day when neither a father will be able to help his son, nor will a son avail his father. In other words, mere lineage will be of no value. If a father is a believer and his son dies a non believer, the former will be unable to help the latter. The eternal bonds are based on faith while the ties of kinship are merely for procreation purposes and will no longer be necessary. However, if both the father and the son transit to the Ākhirah as believers, they will be tied by faith as well as kinship, which shall deepen the love and affection amongst them. They shall then be able to intercede for one another (for details refer to the relevant Ahādīth and Commentaries of the Qurān). All these matters are predestined. When Allah declares that something will happen, it surely will, for Allah's Promise is ever forthright. People must not ignore these realities in the pursuit of mundane wealth, power or authority. This temporary power or wealth is merely an



illusion, so let not Satan divert you away from His way. Satan indeed is a great deceiver.

### Allah's Knowledge

And also be aware that the beginning as well as the end of affairs, is only known to Allah. Only He Knows when the Doomsday will be established, and this world shall come to an end. The rain pours down by His Command and only He knows what lies inside a womb. No one knows what will befall him the next day and where and when will he die. Undoubtedly Allah knows and is Aware of everything. Here the question arises that some information has been passed down by the Prophets<sup>AS</sup> while the prophecies and spiritual visions of some Aulia' and the conjectures of astrologers also prove to be true at times. And today science is able to tell whether the unborn baby is a male or a female. This question has been dealt with at length by the scholars. It suffices here to mention that these sources do not disclose the details which are in Allah's Knowledge. Partial knowledge or conjectures cannot be termed as knowledge. For instance, a person referring to weather can forecast rain but does not know the volume of water that will pour down. Nor does he know what quantity would absorb where and to what effects. Or the science cannot predict whether an unborn baby will grow up to be pious or wicked, will he be a scholar or an illiterate, rich or poor. It cannot assess how tall or fair the baby will be, or what would be his or her facial expressions. Allah knows far more, and every drop of water and each feature of the infant is in His Knowledge. The same limitations attend death and no one knows as to where and when life would bid farewell!