

سورة التكوير

Sūrah at Takwīr

(THE WINDING ROUND)

Revealed at Makkah, it has one Section and twenty nine Āyāt.

In the Name of Allah

The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful.

1. When the sun shall be wound round.
2. And the stars shall dart down.
3. And when the mountains shall be made to pass away.
4. And when the she-camels big with young shall be abandoned.
5. And when the wild beasts shall be gathered together.
6. And when the seas shall be filled.
7. And when the souls shall be paired.
8. And when the girl buried alive shall be questioned.
9. For what sin she was slain.
10. And when the Writs shall be laid open.
11. And when the sky shall be stripped off.
12. And when the Scorch shall be set ablaze.
13. And when the Garden shall be brought near.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِذَا الشَّمْسُ كُوِّرَتْ ﴿١﴾

وَإِذَا النُّجُومُ انْكَدَرَتْ ﴿٢﴾

وَإِذَا الْجِبَالُ سُيِّرَتْ ﴿٣﴾

وَإِذَا الْعِشَارُ عُطِّلَتْ ﴿٤﴾

وَإِذَا الْوُحُوشُ حُشِرَتْ ﴿٥﴾

وَإِذَا الْيَحَارُ سُجِّرَتْ ﴿٦﴾

وَإِذَا النُّفُوسُ زُوِّجَتْ ﴿٧﴾

وَإِذَا الْمَوْتَةُ دَدُ سُئِلَتْ ﴿٨﴾

بِأَيِّ دَنْبٍ قُتِلَتْ ﴿٩﴾

وَإِذَا الصُّحُفُ نُشِرَتْ ﴿١٠﴾

وَإِذَا السَّمَاءُ كُشِطَتْ ﴿١١﴾

وَإِذَا الْجَحِيمُ سُعِّرَتْ ﴿١٢﴾

وَإِذَا الْجَنَّةُ أُزْلِفَتْ ﴿١٣﴾

14. Then every soul shall know what it has presented.
15. I swear by the receding stars.
16. Moving swiftly and hiding themselves.
17. And by the night when it departs.
18. And by the morning when it shines forth.
19. Verily it is Word brought by an honoured Messenger.
20. Owner of strength, and of established dignity with the Rabb of the Throne.
21. Obeyed one there, as also trusty.
22. Nor is your Companion distracted.
23. Assuredly he has seen him in open horizon.
24. And he is not a tenacious concealer of the Unseen.
25. Nor is it the word of the accursed Satan.
26. Whither then are you going?
27. This is not but an Admonition to the worlds.
28. To whomsoever of you who wills to walk straight.
29. And you cannot will unless it be that Allah, the Rabb of the worlds, wills

عَلِمَتْ نَفْسٌ مَّا أَحْضَرَتْ ﴿١٤﴾

فَلَا أَقِيمُ بِالْحَسَنِ ﴿١٥﴾

لِجَوَارِ الْكُنُوسِ ﴿١٦﴾

وَالَيْلِ إِذَا عَمَّسَ ﴿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 بِالْأَفْقِ الْمُبِينِ ﴿٢٣﴾

وَمَا هُوَ عَلَى الْغَيْبِ بِضَنِينٍ ﴿٢٤﴾

وَمَا هُوَ بِقَوْلِ شَيْطَانٍ رَجِيمٍ ﴿٢٥﴾

فَاتَيْنَ تَذَهُبُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾

إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا ذِكْرٌ لِلْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٢٧﴾

لِمَنْ شَاءَ مِنْكُمْ أَنْ يَسْتَقِيمَ ﴿٢٨﴾

وَمَا تَشَاءُونَ إِلَّا أَنْ يَشَاءَ اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٢٩﴾

Secrets of Revelation

When the sun will lose its light, the stars will collapse fragmented and the mountains will be uprooted and blown away, people will forget all about their property and wealth. Considered to be one of the most prized possessions in the Arab world was a ten-month gravid she-camel, which was always escorted and never left untended, for amidst the wilderness of the desert, her milk was no less than a heavenly bounty. On that Day even she will be wandering around deserted, implying that no one will pay any attention to his possessions. With the first Trumpet, the wild animals and beasts will rush into human settlements in utter chaos and the rivers and the seas will intermingle after the earth is rent asunder. Into this water will fall the heavenly bodies turning it into steam, which shall get ignited. Then the Trumpet will be blown once again. According to the Holy Prophet ^{SAW} people will be grouped into separate nations, which will not be based on kinship but on beliefs and practices. And the Reckoning shall commence. Each and every action will be accounted for including the newborn girls buried alive, though they will neither have a plaintiff nor a witness. The most hidden crimes will also be exposed.

The Baby Girl Buried Alive

Moral degeneration and wickedness had crossed all limits in the pre-Islamic Arabia. The society could not even tolerate the birth of a daughter and her father would bury her alive to be spared the shame. Islam not only revoked this ghastly conduct but also gave daughters a perfect and honourable environment to live in, and protected their honour and chastity. It enjoined Pardah and at the same time commanded men to lower their gazes.

And when all the Registers of Conduct are laid open, the curtains will be lifted and the celestial world will be in view. Hell will be brought near in the form of a raging inferno and Jannah, all bedecked, shall also be brought around. Everyone will know his or her deeds.

By the stars which retreat, then move straight ahead and sometimes lie low, known as "the Marvellous Five", the Saturn, Jupiter, Mercury, Mars and Venus! From their movements people guess the future events. Strangely enough, the future of every person inevitably indicates death. In other words, these planets also testify Qayamah, and endorse the realities expounded by the Qurān, revealed through the mighty and honourable Angel Jibrīl ^{AS}. No one can dare snatch it away from him, nor interpolate its text. He enjoys a singular nearness to Allah, the Owner of 'Arsh and the Sustainer of the worlds. He is also the leader of all angels and a unique

trustee, free of any error. And this Scripture was revealed to Allah's Messenger^{SAW} whose exalted personage is very well known. An intellectual par excellence, who dispenses wisdom to the entire world. He saw Angel Jibril^{AS} with his open eyes on the horizon of a clear sky, so there is no room for any mistake. And he conceals no such information of the Unseen that may concern people's future. Rather he expounds facts about death, life beyond life, the Gathering, the Being and His Attributes, the Angels, the 'Arsh, Jannah and the Hell. The words leading to the path of guidance and Truth can never be Satanic, so no one must think that whatever the Holy Prophet^{SAW} beholds is after all Kashf, open to Satan's interference. If it were so, the message of the Holy Prophet^{SAW} would have been a source of misguidance, whereas it is just the opposite.

Kashf, Dream and Satanic Word

A Wali's Kashf is a reflection of his Prophet's^{AS} excellence. He is blessed with it due to his conformity. However, since a Wali is basically not innocent like a Prophet, he may at times err in seeing or interpreting his vision. The criterion therefore, is Shari'ah. If what is observed is contrary to it, it is Satanic. The same principle applies to dreams. So O' people! Why are you heading towards destruction by denying the Holy Prophet^{SAW}, whose entire message is pure guidance for the entire creation? However, it will only be accepted by the sincere seekers failing which the disease of denial becomes incurable.

The Contraception

Just as killing children or burying them alive is a heinous atrocity, getting an abortion after 120 days of pregnancy is also murder, for by then the foetus is animated. And if a pregnant woman is pushed into a fall and aborts, the offender will have to pay blood wit, which is to free a slave or the price thereof. However, if the baby is born alive but dies later due to the said fall the blood wit would be the same as of killing of an adult. Managing an abortion before 120 days is also forbidden without a genuine legal pretext, though not as grave a crime as the former. Any measures taken under the cover of family planning whereby the male or the female is rendered sterile or infertile are condemned by Hadith as a covert way of burying babies alive. Temporary measures such as withdrawal to avoid the sperm entering the womb are, however, governed by the laws of necessity. (Mazhari)