

Ramadan Immersion

**Denial:
Tafsir of Surah Qaf**

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ق وَالْقُرْءَانِ الْمَجِيدِ ۱ بَلْ عَجِبُوا أَنْ جَاءَهُمْ مُنذِرٌ مِّنْهُمْ فَقَالَ
الْكَافِرُونَ هَذَا شَيْءٌ عَجِيبٌ ۲ أَيْدَا مِثْنَا وَكُنَّا تُرَابًا ۚ ذَٰلِكَ رَجْعٌ بَعِيدٌ ۳

Verse #1 - 3

Qāf. By the glorious Quran!(1) 'All will be resurrected,' yet the deniers are astonished that a warner has come to them from among themselves 'warning of resurrection'. So the disbelievers say, "This is an astonishing thing! (2) 'Will we be returned to life,' when we are dead and reduced to dust? Such a return is impossible." (3)

قَدْ عَلِمْنَا مَا تَنْقُصُ الْأَرْضُ مِنْهُمْ وَعِنْدَنَا كِتَابٌ حَفِيظٌ ۚ بَلْ كَذَّبُوا
بِالْحَقِّ لَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ فَهُمْ فِي أَمْرٍ مَّرِيحٍ ۝ أَفَلَمْ يَنْظُرُوا إِلَى السَّمَاءِ
فَوْقَهُمْ كَيْفَ بَنَيْنَاهَا وَزَيَّنَّاهَا وَمَا لَهَا مِنْ فُرُوجٍ ۖ

Verse #4 - 6

We certainly know what the earth consumes of them 'after their death', and with us is a well-preserved Record (4) In fact, they reject the truth when it has come to them, so they are in a confused state (5) Have they not then looked at the sky above them: how We built it and adorned it 'with stars', leaving it flawless? (6)

وَوَالْأَرْضَ مَدَدْنَاهَا وَأَلْقَيْنَا فِيهَا رَوَاسِيَ وَأَنْبَتْنَا فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ زَوْجٍ بَهِيجٍ
 ٧ تَبْصِرَةً وَذِكْرَى لِكُلِّ عَبْدٍ مُنِيبٍ ٨ وَنَزَّلْنَا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً مُبَارَكًا
 فَأَنْبَتْنَا بِهِ جَنَّاتٍ وَحَبَّ الْحَصِيدِ ٩

Verse #7 - 9

As for the earth, We spread it out and placed upon it firm mountains, and produced in it every type of pleasant plant (7) 'all as' an insight and a reminder to every servant who turns 'to Allah' (8) And We send down blessed rain from the sky, bringing forth gardens and grains for harvest, (9)

وَالنَّخْلَ بَاسِقَاتٍ لَهَا طَلْعٌ نَضِيدٌ ۝ ۱۰ رَزْقًا لِّلْعِبَادِ ۖ وَأَحْيَيْنَا بِهِ بَلْدَةً
مَّيْتًا ۚ كَذَٰلِكَ الْخُرُوجُ ۝ ۱۱ كَذَّبَتْ قَبْلَهُمْ قَوْمُ نُوحٍ وَأَصْحَابُ الرَّسِّ
وَتَمُودُ ۝ ۱۲

Verse #10 - 12

and towering palm trees 'loaded' with clustered fruit (10) 'as' a provision for 'Our' servants. And with this 'rain' We revive a lifeless land. Similar is the emergence 'from the graves' (11) Before them, the people of Noah denied 'the truth,' as did the people of the Water-pit, Thamûd (12)

Verse #13 - 15

وَعَادٌ وَفِرْعَوْنُ وَإِخْوَانُ لُوطٍ ۚ ۱۳ وَأَصْحَابُ الْأَيْكَةِ وَقَوْمُ تُبَّعٍ ۚ كُلٌّ
كَذَّبَ الرُّسُلَ فَحَقَّ وَعِيدِ ۚ ۱۴ أَفَعَيِينَا بِالْخَلْقِ الْأَوَّلِ ۚ بَلْ هُمْ فِي لَبْسٍ
مِّنْ خَلْقٍ جَدِيدٍ ۚ ۱۵

'Âd, Pharaoh, the kinfolk of Lot (13) the residents of the Forest, and the people of Tubba'. Each rejected 'their' messenger, so My warning was fulfilled (14) Were We incapable of creating 'them' the first time? In fact, they are in doubt about 'their' re-creation (15)

Verse #16 - 18

وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ وَنَعْلَمُ مَا تُوَسْوِسُ بِهِ نَفْسُهُ وَنَحْنُ أَقْرَبُ إِلَيْهِ
 مِنْ حَبْلِ الْوَرِيدِ ۖ ۱۶ إِذْ يَتَلَقَّى الْمُتَلَقِّيَانِ عَنِ الْيَمِينِ وَعَنِ الشِّمَالِ
 قَعِيدٌ ۗ ۱۷ مَا يَلْفِظُ مِنْ قَوْلٍ إِلَّا لَدَيْهِ رَقِيبٌ عَتِيدٌ ۗ ۱۸

Indeed, 'it is' We 'Who' created humankind and 'fully' know what their souls whisper to them, and We are closer to them than 'their' jugular vein (16) As the two recording-angels— 'one' sitting to the right, and 'the other to' the left—note 'everything' (17) not a word does a person utter without having a 'vigilant' observer ready 'to write it down'. (18)

وَجَاءَتْ سَكْرَةُ الْمَوْتِ بِالْحَقِّ ۗ ذَٰلِكَ مَا كُنْتَ مِنْهُ تَحِيدُ ۙ ۱۹ وَنُفِخَ فِي
الصُّورِ ۗ ذَٰلِكَ يَوْمُ الْوَعِيدِ ۙ ۲۰ وَجَاءَتْ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَّعَهَا سَائِقٌ وَشَهِيدٌ

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Verse #19 - 21

‘Ultimately,’ with the throes of death will come the truth.¹ This is what you were trying to escape! (19) And the Trumpet will be blown.¹ This is the Day ‘you were’ warned of (20) Each soul will come forth with an angel to drive it and another to testify

(21)

لَقَدْ كُنْتَ فِي غَفْلَةٍ مِّنْ هَذَا فَكَشَفْنَا عَنْكَ غِطَاءَكَ فَبَصَرُكَ الْيَوْمَ
 حَدِيدٌ ۚ ۲۲ وَقَالَ قَرِينُهُ هَذَا مَا لَدَىٰ عَتِيدٍ ۚ ۲۳ أَلْقِيَا فِي جَهَنَّمَ كُلَّ
 كَفَّارٍ عَنِيدٍ ۚ ۲۴

Verse #22 - 24

‘It will be said to the denier,’ “You were totally heedless of this. Now We have lifted this veil of yours, so Today your sight is sharp!” (22) And one’s accompanying-angel will say, “Here is the record ready with me.” (23) ‘It will be said to both angels,’ “Throw into Hell every stubborn disbeliever (24)

Verse #25 - 27

مَنَّاعٌ لِلْخَيْرِ مُعْتَدٍ مُّرِيبٌ ۚ ۲۵ الَّذِي جَعَلَ مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَهًا آخَرَ فَأَلْقِيَاهُ
 فِي الْعَذَابِ الشَّدِيدِ ۚ ۲۶ قَالَ قَرِينُهُ رَبَّنَا مَا أَطْغَيْتُهُ وَلَكِنْ كَانَ فِي
 ضَلَالٍ بَعِيدٍ ۚ ۲۷

withholder of good, transgressor, and doubter (25) who set up another god with Allah. So cast them into the severe punishment.” (26) One’s ‘devilish’ associate will say, “Our Lord! I did not make them transgress. Rather, they were far astray ‘on their own’.” (27)

Verse #28 - 30

قَالَ لَا تَخْتَصِمُوا لَدَيَّ وَقَدْ قَدَّمْتُ إِلَيْكُمْ بِالْوَعِيدِ ۚ مَا يُبَدَّلُ
الْقَوْلُ لَدَيَّ وَمَا أَنَا بِظَلَّامٍ لِلْعَبِيدِ ۚ ۲۹ يَوْمَ نَقُولُ لِجَهَنَّمَ هَلِ امْتَلَأْتِ
وَتَقُولُ هَلْ مِنْ مَزِيدٍ ۚ ۳۰

Allah will respond, “Do not dispute in My presence, since I had already given you a warning (28) My Word cannot be changed, nor am I unjust to ‘My’ creation.” (29) ‘Beware of’ the Day We will ask Hell, “Are you full ‘yet’?” And it will respond, “Are there any more?” (30)

وَأُزْلِفَتِ الْجَنَّةُ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ غَيْرَ بَعِيدٍ ۚ هَذَا مَا تُوعَدُونَ لِكُلِّ أَوَّابٍ
حَفِيظٍ ۚ مَّنْ خَشِيَ الرَّحْمَنَ بِالْغَيْبِ وَجَاءَ بِقَلْبٍ مُّنِيبٍ ۚ

Verse #31 - 33

And Paradise will be brought near to the righteous, not far off

(31) 'And it will be said to them,' "This is what you were promised, for whoever 'constantly' turned 'to Allah' and kept up 'His commandments' (32) who were in awe of the Most Compassionate without seeing 'Him',¹ and have come with a heart turning 'only to Him' (33)

Verse #34 - 36

أَدْخُلُوهَا بِسَلَامٍ ۗ ذَٰلِكَ يَوْمُ الْخُلُودِ ۚ لَهُمْ مَا يَشَاءُونَ فِيهَا وَلَدَيْنَا مَزِيدٌ ۝ ٣٥ وَكَمْ أَهْلَكْنَا قَبْلَهُم مِّن قَرْنٍ هُمْ أَشَدُّ مِنْهُمْ بَطْشًا فَنَقَّبُوا فِي الْبِلَادِ هَلْ مِن مَّحِيصٍ ۝ ٣٦

Enter it in peace. This is the Day of eternal life!” (34) There they will have whatever they desire, and with Us is ‘even’ more. (35) ‘Imagine’ how many peoples We destroyed before them, who were far mightier than them. Then ‘when the torment came,’ they ‘desperately’ sought refuge in the land. ‘But’ was there any escape? (36)

Verse #37 - 39

إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَذِكْرٍ لِّمَن كَانَ لَهُ وَقْلُبٌ أَوْ أَلْقَى السَّمْعَ وَهُوَ شَهِيدٌ
 ٣٧ وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ وَمَا
 مَسَّنَا مِن لُّغُوبٍ ٣٨ فَأَصْبِرْ عَلَىٰ مَا يَقُولُونَ وَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ قَبْلَ
 طُلُوعِ الشَّمْسِ وَقَبْلَ الْغُرُوبِ ٣٩

Surely in this is a reminder for whoever has a 'mindful' heart and lends an attentive ear (37) Indeed, We created the heavens and the earth and everything in between in six Days, and We were not 'even' touched with fatigue. (38) So be patient 'O Prophet' with what they say. And glorify the praises of your Lord before sunrise and before sunset. (39)

وَمِنَ اللَّيْلِ فَسَبِّحْهُ وَأَدْبَرَ السُّجُودِ ٤٠ وَأَسْتَمِعْ يَوْمَ يُنَادِ الْمُنَادِ مِنْ
مَّكَانٍ قَرِيبٍ ٤١ يَوْمَ يَسْمَعُونَ الصَّيْحَةَ بِالْحَقِّ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ يَوْمُ الْخُرُوجِ

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Verse #40 - 42

And glorify Him during part of the night and after the prayers
(40) And listen! On the Day the caller will call out from a near
place (41) the Day all will hear the 'mighty' Blast in 'all' truth,¹
that will be the Day of emergence 'from the graves' (42)

Verse #43 - 45

إِنَّا نَحْنُ نُحْيِيهِ وَنُمِيتُهُ وَإِلَيْنَا الْمَصِيرُ ٤٣ يَوْمَ تَشَقَّقُ الْأَرْضُ عَنْهُمْ سِرَاعًا ذَٰلِكَ حَشْرٌ عَلَيْنَا يَسِيرٌ ٤٤ نَحْنُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا يَقُولُونَ وَمَا أَنْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ بِجَبَّارٍ فَذَكِّرْ بِالْقُرْآنِ مَن يَخَافُ وَعِيدِ ٤٥

It is certainly We Who give life and cause death. And to Us is the final return (43) 'Beware of' the Day the earth will split open, letting them rush forth. That will be an easy gathering for Us (44) We know best what they say. And you 'O Prophet' are not 'there' to compel them 'to believe'. So remind with the Quran 'only' those who fear My warning (45)