

## *Sūrah at-Takweer*<sup>1736</sup>

### *Bismillāhir-Rahmānir-Raḥeem*

1. When the sun is wrapped up [in darkness]
2. And when the stars fall, dispersing,
3. And when the mountains are removed
4. And when full-term she-camels<sup>1737</sup> are neglected
5. And when the wild beasts are gathered
6. And when the seas are filled with flame<sup>1738</sup>
7. And when the souls are paired<sup>1739</sup>
8. And when the girl [who was] buried alive is asked
9. For what sin she was killed
10. And when the pages<sup>1740</sup> are spread [i.e., made public]
11. And when the sky is stripped away
12. And when Hellfire is set ablaze
13. And when Paradise is brought near,
14. A soul will [then] know what it has brought [with it].<sup>1741</sup>
15. So I swear by the retreating stars –
16. Those that run [their courses] and disappear [i.e., set] –
17. And by the night as it closes in<sup>1742</sup>
18. And by the dawn when it breathes [i.e., stirs]

<sup>1736</sup>*At-Takweer*: The Wrapping.

<sup>1737</sup>Those ten months pregnant and nearing delivery. This verse alludes to distraction from the most valued of possessions.

<sup>1738</sup>Or "when the seas have overflowed [into each other]."

<sup>1739</sup>With another like soul. It can also mean "joined" (with their groups or sects).

<sup>1740</sup>On which are recorded the deeds of all people.

<sup>1741</sup>i.e., all of one's deeds from worldly life, which have accompanied the soul to the Hereafter.

<sup>1742</sup>An alternative meaning is "as it departs."

19. [That] indeed, it [i.e., the Qur'ān] is a word [conveyed by] a noble messenger [i.e., Gabriel]
20. [Who is] possessed of power and with the Owner of the Throne, secure [in position],
21. Obeyed there [in the heavens] and trustworthy.
22. And your companion [i.e., Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ)] is not [at all] mad.<sup>1743</sup>
23. And he has already seen him [i.e., Gabriel] in the clear horizon.<sup>1744</sup>
24. And he [i.e., Muḥammad (ﷺ)] is not a withholder of [knowledge of] the unseen.<sup>1745</sup>
25. And it [i.e., the Qur'ān] is not the word of a devil, expelled [from the heavens].
26. So where are you going?<sup>1746</sup>
27. It is not except a reminder to the worlds
28. For whoever wills among you to take a right course.
29. And you do not will except that Allāh wills – Lord of the worlds.

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<sup>1743</sup> Literally, "possessed by *jinn*."

<sup>1744</sup> i.e., the eastern horizon, where the sun rises. See footnote to 53:6.

<sup>1745</sup> Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ) did not withhold that knowledge of the unseen which Allāh had revealed to him in the Qur'ān.

<sup>1746</sup> In your denial of the Qur'ān and in your accusations against the Prophet (ﷺ). The meaning is essentially "Surely, you have strayed far from Allāh's path."