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Surat AT-TEEN (The Fig (95)), سورة التين

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The message of this Surat is:

With faith, man attains his upright nature. But when man deviates from his upright nature ^{ie} and from his straight path of faith, he sinks down into the lowest of ranks.

✓ (1-2-3)
Allah swears to the validity of this rule by

- 1- The fig Al teen
- 2- The olive "Zaitoon"
- 3- The Mountain of Sinai "Toor Sineen"
- 4- The secure city of Makka al balad al-ameen.

The Toor of Sinai is the mountain on which Moses received the Divine message.

The secure city of Makka is Allah's Holy House. Both have a clear relation with the faith.

Suggestions related to the significance of the

Figs and olives are numerous :

The fig refers to the fig tree in Heaven with the leaves which Adam and Hawa tried to cover their private parts. or to the place where the fig tree appeared on the mountain where Noah's ship embarked.

As for the olive, it is either a reference to the Mountain in Jerusalem or Jerusalem itself or the olive branch brought back by the pigeon which Noah released from the ship to examine the state of floods.

Olive and fig are just symbols of growth out of land.

V 5-6-7

Allah has perfected all His creation but man has enjoyed extra care. The superiority of man's creation is apparent in the spiritual qualities.

He is made in a way, which enables him to attain a standard, superior to that of the highest ranking angels. As prophet Mohamed was elevated to the highest level more than angel Jibril during the journey of (Isra and Miraj).

But, also man is given the ability to sink down to a level lower than animals who praise their Lord and fulfill their function on earth as they are guided to do. But man who has been given the fairest form and abilities denies his Lord and sinks right down.

V. 4 = This is a reference to man's nature and ability

V. 5 = That, when man forces his nature away from the line Allah defined for him.

V. 6 = These are men who stick to the upright nature, consolidate it with faith and righteous deeds, elevate it towards

its level of perfection until they finally attain a life of perfection in the world of perfection.

V.7 : The importance of faith in human life becomes clear. Faith is the elevating path through which the upright nature ascends to its ultimate perfection. It is the rope stretched between man and his maker. It is the light showing him where to put his feet. When the rope is cut, and light is put out, the result is the fall down the steep path into the lowest of the low. The clay element in man's make up separates from the spiritual element, and man, along with stones, becomes fuel for the hell fire.

V.8 = What makes you man, belie this religion after you have known this fact, after having realized the importance of faith in life of humanity and after being aware of the destiny awaiting for the disbelievers who refused to follow the Rt path.

V.9, = Is not Allah the Most Just when He gives this ruling concerning the destiny of creation?

Is not Allah's wisdom clearest and most ^{reassuring} ^{reassuring} as He rules life. Hence we are taught in the tradition (Hadith) ^{narrated} related by Abu-Hararah that when one reads this surah, one should answer the question: Is not Allah just of judges? by saying: "Indeed, and I am a witness to that."

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