

سورة القلم

The Pen

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The main theme of the surah is to call towards the best character, and to leave the worst traits.

The pen is a symbol of learning and writing, making the

knowledge fixed and indelible. The characters we need to adopt must not be merely a coating, it must be written on the heart, so that they are applied automatically, because it is within your system to behave in the best way, by recording and writing.

The pen has a very important role in our lives. The Surah nurtures to a very refined character, of a very high quality, so that they are recorded in your system automatically. This is the connection between the pen and the people, it refines them.

The goal of this Surah is to adopt the best manners in ourselves. For this we need knowledge and its application. But the faith is not the end, it is not a goal in itself. You need to ride higher, and want to adopt the best manners to reach Allah. You behave in the best manner for the sake of Allah, by worshipping Him, with love, hoping for His reward, fearing His punishment. This is the greatest goal, to fulfill the purpose of your creation. So you believe and do righteous good deeds.

On the journey of القلم, you will get [صراط الذين أنعمت عليهم]. You will also encounter a challenge - [غير المغضوب عليهم] and [ولا الضالين]. Surah Al-Fatihah draws the way for you to reach your lofty goal.

There are two role models mentioned in the Surah, the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم and Yunus عليه السلام. There are evil examples mentioned in the Surah also, that of the people of the garden, and also the polytheists.

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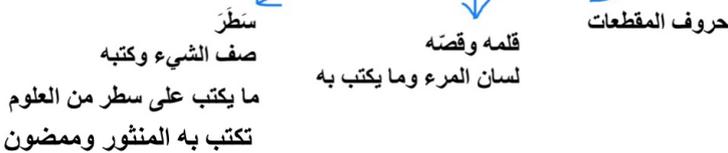
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لا إله إلا الله

آمنوا وعملوا الصالحات

ن والقلم وما يسطرون



The Surah begins with the letter ن, which is from the group of broken letters mentioned in the Qura'an, such as الم in the beginning of Surah Al-Baqarah. The significance and meaning of these broken letters is not shared with us by Allah.

نَّ وَالْقَلَمِ وَمَا يَسْطُرُونَ

Nun. By the pen and what they inscribe
68:1

Allah swears by the pen and what it writes. The word القلم means to cut, refine and sharpen. It also means the tongue of a person, and what is written by it. The word يسطرون is derived from the verb سَطَرَ, to organize, line up and arrange, and to write and record the knowledge.

The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said :
كَتَبَ اللَّهُ مَقَادِيرَ الْخَلَائِقِ قَبْلَ أَنْ يَخْلُقَ السَّمَوَاتِ
وَالْأَرْضَ بِخَمْسِينَ أَلْفَ سَنَةٍ - وَعَرْشُهُ عَلَى الْمَاءِ
Allah ordained the measures (of quality) of the creation fifty thousand years before He created the heavens and the earth, as His Throne was upon water.
صحيح مسلم ، حديث #2653

Allah swore by all types and means of writing and recording which we cannot encompass, as they are unlimited. The pen is a tool, the significance of which depends upon the intention of the person using it, and the purpose it is being used for. The pen is the first creation of Allah, and one of the greatest; it is also a sign of Allah. Allah spoke to the pen, and commanded it to write. The pen responded, asking Allah what to write, and it obeyed. Allah commanded the pen to write the decrees for all the creation.

This was 50,000 years before the creation of the heavens and the earth. The pen and the written word, are very powerful.

The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم was asked :
 يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ فِيمَا يَعْمَلُ الْعَامِلُونَ
 O Allah's Messenger, Why should a doer (people) try to do good deeds?
The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said
كُلُّ مَيْسَرٍ لِمَا خُلِقَ لَهُ
 Everybody will find easy to do such deeds as will lead him to his destined place for which he has been created.
 صحيح البخاري ، حديث #7551

Your decree has been written, but that doesn't mean you must not take any action. You must strive every day, because you don't know what is written for you. The path of what is written for you will be made way for you.

The means are just means. Any tool that Allah creates is

important according to the way it is used. Knowledge just be written and recorded, not only heard.

مَا أَنْتَ بِنِعْمَةٍ رَبِّكَ بِمَجْنُونٍ
 You are not, [O Muhammad], by the favor of your Lord, a madman
 68:2

Allah chose the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم because he is the best human being,

but the disbelievers accuse him of being a madman استغفر الله .

Allah swore by the pen to absolve the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم of the accusations of the disbelievers.

The word نعمة in the Arabic language means a good life, and wealth of different kinds. The blessings of Allah are the revelation and the prophethood, which were bestowed upon the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم. The disbelievers turned against him only after he was given the message; before that, they respected him. So Allah assures His Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم that he is innocent of their accusations. He spoke of things which were unseen, so the disbelievers assumed he was not of sound mind. The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم had a complete intellect, and the best opinions. His words were very precise and detailed, hitting the target.

Whatever the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said and did, is the best that a pen can write. This is the happiness of the dunya.

Ubadah ibn Samit said to his son :
 يَا بَنِيَّ لَنْ تَجِدَ حَقِيقَةَ الْإِيمَانِ حَتَّى تَعْلَمَ أَنَّ مَا أَصَابَكَ لَمْ يَكُنْ لِيَخْطُبَكَ وَمَا أَخْطَأَكَ لَمْ يَكُنْ لِيَصِيبَكَ
سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ :
إِنَّ أَوَّلَ مَا خَلَقَ اللَّهُ الْقَلَمَ فَقَالَ يَا رَبِّ مَاذَا أَكْتُبُ قَالَ أَكْتُبُ مَقَادِيرَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ حَتَّى تَقُومَ السَّاعَةُ يَا بَنِيَّ إِنِّي سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ مَنْ مَاتَ عَلَى غَيْرِ هَذَا فَلَيْسَ مِنِّي
 Oh my son! You will not get the taste of the reality of faith until you know that what has come to you could not miss you and that what has missed you could not come to you.
 I heard the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم say : The first thing Allah created was the pen. He said to it : Write! It asked : what should I write my Lord ? He said : Write what was decreed about everything till the Last Hour comes. Oh my Son I heard the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم say : He who dies on something other than this does not belong to me.
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