

## سُورَةُ الْمُنَافِقِينَ

### Sūrah Al-Munāfiqūn

### (THE HYPOCRITES)

Revealed at Madinah it has two Sections and eleven Āyāt.

#### Section 1

In the Name of Allah

The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful.

1. When the hypocrites come to you, they say: We bear witness that you are Allah's Messenger. Allah well knows that you are His Messenger, but Allah also bears witness that the hypocrites are liars indeed.
2. They have made their oaths a shield; and they turn away men from the path of Allah. Vile is indeed what they have been working.
3. This, because they first believed and then disbelieved, their hearts are therefore sealed, so that they do not understand.
4. And when you look at them, their persons please you, and if they speak, you listen to their discourse; they look as though they are blocks of wood prop up. They imagine every shout to be at them. They are the foe; so beware

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِذَا جَاءَكَ الْمُنَافِقُونَ قَالُوا إِنَّمَا نَشْهَدُ بِأَنَّكَ لِرَسُولِ اللَّهِ  
وَأَلَّهُ بِعَلْمِ إِيَّاكَ لَرَسُولُهُ، وَاللَّهُ يَشْهَدُ إِنَّ الْمُنَافِقِينَ  
لَكَاذِبُونَ ﴿١﴾

أَتَّخَذُوا أَيْمَانَهُمْ جُنَّةً فَصَدُّوا عَن سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ  
إِنَّهُمْ سَاءَ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٢﴾

ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ ءَامَنُوا ثُمَّ كَفَرُوا فَطَمَعَ عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ  
فَهُمْ لَا يَفْقَهُونَ ﴿٣﴾

وَإِذَا رَأَيْتَهُمْ تُعْجِبُكَ أَجْسَامُهُمْ وَإِنْ يَقُولُوا  
تَسْمَعُ لِقَوْلِهِمْ كَأَنَّهمْ خَشَبٌ مُّسْتَدَدٌ يَخْسَبُونَ كُلَّ  
صَيْحَةٍ عَلَيْهِمْ هُمُ الْعَدُوٌّ فَاحْذَرْهُمْ وَذَلَّلَهُمُ اللَّهُ  
أَن يَتُوقَكُونَ ﴿٤﴾

of them. Perish them Allah!  
Whither are they deviating?

5. And when it is said to them: come! So that the Messenger of Allah may ask forgiveness for you, they twist their heads, and you see them retire. While they are stiff-necked.
6. It is alike to them whether you ask forgiveness for them or not; Allah shall not forgive them. Allah does not guide a transgressing people.
7. They are the ones who say: Spend not on those who are with Allah's Messenger, so that they may desert him, whereas Allah's are the treasures of the heavens and the earth. Yet the hypocrites do not understand.
8. They say: Surely if we return to Madinah, the mightier shall drive out the meaner thence; whereas the might belongs to Allah, and His Messenger and the faithful. Yet the hypocrites do not know.

وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ تَعَالَوْا اسْتَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ لَوَّوْا  
رُءُوسَهُمْ وَرَأَيْنَهُمْ يَصُدُّونَ وَهُمْ مُسْتَكْبِرُونَ ﴿٥﴾

مَسْأَلُهُمْ عَلَيْهِمْ أَسْتَغْفِرْتَ لَهُمْ إِنْ لَمْ تَسْتَغْفِرْ  
لَهُمْ لَنْ يَغْفِرَ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ  
الْفَاسِقِينَ ﴿٦﴾

هُمُ الَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ لَا تُنْفِقُوا عَلَى مَنْ عِنْدَ  
رَسُولِ اللَّهِ حَتَّىٰ يَنْفَضُوا وَلِلَّهِ خَزَائِنُ السَّمَاوَاتِ  
وَالْأَرْضِ وَلَكِنَّ الْمُنَافِقِينَ لَا يَفْقَهُونَ ﴿٧﴾

يَقُولُونَ لَئِنْ رَجَعْنَا إِلَى الْمَدِينَةِ لَيُخْرِجَنَّ  
أَعَزُّ مِنَّا الْأَذَلَّ وَلِلَّهِ الْعِزَّةُ وَلِرَسُولِهِ  
وَاللْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَلَكِنَّ الْمُنَافِقِينَ  
لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٨﴾

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### Secrets of Revelation

This Sūrah concerns those so called Muslims who conspire against Islam. They have been termed as Munafiqūn (the hypocrites). It was revealed in 5<sup>th</sup> on 6<sup>th</sup> A.H on the eve of the Battle of Bani al-Mustalique, when a military action had to be undertaken due to their mischief. The Holy Prophet <sup>SAW</sup> himself commanded the troops. The action took place near the springs of the said tribe, who suffered heavy casualties, due to the arrows shot by the Muslims. They were defeated and a large number of their people were taken prisoners including Ḥadhrat Jaweriah <sup>RAU</sup>, the

daughter of their chieftain. She was later married to the Holy Prophet<sup>SAW</sup> and as a result about a hundred women prisoners were released and her tribe embraced Islam. The hypocrites, who had joined the Muslim army with a selfish motive of having a share in the booty, were fully exposed during this campaign. They exploited a minor quarrel between two Companions to set Anṣār and Muhājirīn against one another. Ibn-e-Ubbi, their leader, tried to incite Anṣār to expel Muhājirīn from Madinah, and to stop aiding them. He had aspired to become the chief of Madinah before the arrival of the Holy Prophet<sup>SAW</sup>. His ambition was, however, frustrated once the old system of governance was replaced by the Islamic system led by the Holy Prophet<sup>SAW</sup>, who was to be succeeded by the caliphs. Ibn-e-Ubbi saw no chance to come to power now and he plotted, in vain, to undermine the Islamic State. Allah says that when the hypocrites appear before the Holy Prophet<sup>SAW</sup>, they claim that they are witness to his being the Messenger of Allah. Of course, Allah knows it too.

### Hypocrisy

But He is also Witness that these hypocrites are liars. They do not inwardly accept the system given by him, because it fails their ambitions to gain authority, influence or privilege. This means that a person, who claims to be a Muslim, offers Ṣalāt and fasts, but does not favour the Islamic system, because it would not bring him to power, would be a hypocrite. May Allah protect us from such behaviour!

These hypocrites use their pretentious faith as shield while actually they impede people from Allah's Way. They conform to Ṣalāt and fasting in pretence but practically oppose the Islamic System by raising objections against it. Their behaviour is obnoxious, for they once blessed with faith preferred disbelief. They coveted the old profane system for worldly gains and in the process offended Allah, Who sealed their hearts against comprehending the truth.

They appear stout and youthful, but are hollow inside. Their conduct is devoid of faith, morality and courage. They are like the wooden logs that appear standing straight but are actually resting against a wall. Fear rides their senses all the time as if every calamity is going to befall them. They are treacherous enemies, of whom the Holy Prophet<sup>SAW</sup> must beware. May Allah destroy them, for their heinous conduct! Even when they are advised to repent so that the Holy Prophet<sup>SAW</sup> may pray for their forgiveness, they disdainfully walk away. Captivated by the vanity of power, they are always engaged in impeding Islam. The Holy Prophet

<sup>SAW</sup> may forgive them due to his benevolent nature, and may pray for them but Allah will not forgive these sinners in any case.

### A Moment of Reflection for the so Called Muslim Rulers

Muslims rulers, who profess virtue, but practically oppose the Islamic System, must beware that they are in fact opposing the Messenger<sup>SAW</sup> of Islam. It is such an outrageous sin that Allah forbids him to pray for such wrongdoers. May Allah guide them out of the ordeal!

### The Western Policy

The heartless infidels assert that if the Muslims and their System are not financially supported, they would disintegrate themselves. In today's world, the West is exploiting the imprudent Muslim rulers lust for power to snatch away economic resources from them so that the Muslims may not even think of the Islamic System.

But these fools do not realize that the treasures of the universe are with Allah. He would not let His bondmen fall prey to their conspiracies. The hypocrites think that they being stronger, would expel the weaker, that is, the immigrants once they are back in Madinah. The fact is that dominance and honour belong to Allah, His Prophet<sup>SAW</sup> and to those who sincerely conform to his teachings though the hypocrites fail to perceive it.

These Āyāt though revealed on the eve of particular situations, yet are applicable for all times to come. These are very much relevant for today's so called Muslims engaged in conspiring against Islam.

### Section 2

9. O you who believe: Let not your riches or your children divert you from Allah's Zikr. And whoso does that, verily they are the losers.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تُلْهِكُمْ أَمْوَالُكُمْ  
وَلَا أَوْلَادُكُمْ عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ  
ذَلِكَ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿٩﴾

10. And spend of that with which We have provided you before death comes to one of you and he says: Rabb: Would You not respite me for a short time, so that I would

وَأَنْفِقُوا مِنْ مَا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ أَحَدَكُمُ  
الْمَوْتُ فَيَقُولَ رَبِّ لَوْلَا أَخَّرْتَنِي إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ قَرِيبٍ  
فَأَصَدِّقْ وَأَكُن مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿١٠﴾

spend in charity and become of the righteous.

11. And Allah does not respite a soul when its term has arrived, and Allah is Aware of what you do.

وَلَنْ يُؤَخِّرَ اللَّهُ نَفْسًا إِذَا جَاءَ أَجْلُهَا  
وَاللَّهُ خَيْرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١١﴾

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## Secrets of Revelation

O believers! Your lawful worldly pursuits for earning livelihood and the raising of children and genuine concern for their betterment, should not preoccupy you to the extent that you neglect Allah's Zikr.

### Zikr Allah

All worships and the ways of life specified by Shari'ah are included in practical Zikr. Recitation of the Qurān and hymning His Praises are Zikr-e-Lisāni. The benefits of Zikr are expected to be achieved to the fullest extent only when Allah blesses someone with Zikr-e-Qalbi and his Qalb is initiated. Zikr-e-Qalbi facilitates deep devotion to Shari'ah and Jihād. A person who neglects Zikr because of his worldly pursuits suffers an exorbitant loss. In addition to the irredeemable setback in the Ākhirah, Allah also revokes Barakah from his temporal life. So spend what Allah has given you in the form of energy, affluence, influence and authority, to spread and practically enforce Islam. Do it before the moment of death which shall reveal to you the other world, whence you would regretfully plead for little more time, so that you could sacrifice your energy and money in His Way to please Him.

### Longing of the last Moment

The Angels are also visible during the very last moments of life. Qurān recounts the conversation between the angels and the dying person. Ākhirah also unveils to drive home the imprudence in compromising with oppression and infidelity to save ones life and wealth. In those very moments one ruefully pleads with Allah for a second chance and a little more time, so that he may spend all his resources to serve His Dīn, and be among His bondmen. But when the destined moment comes, there is no extension as it is Allah's predetermined system, which does not change. In any case whatever has been done by the people is before Him.