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## Sūrah 102: at-Takāthur

### Period of Revelation

Abu Hayyan and Shawkani say that this Sūrah, according to all commentators, is Makki, and this same is the well known view according to Iman Suyuti.

### Theme and Subject Matter

In it the people have been warned of the evil consequences of world worship because of which they spend their lives in acquiring more and more of worldly wealth, material benefits and pleasures, and position and power, till death, and in vying with one another and bragging and boasting about their acquisitions. This one pursuit has so occupied them that they are left with no time or opportunity for pursuing the higher things in life. After warning the people of its evil end they have been told as if to say: "These blessings which you are amassing and enjoying thoughtlessly, are not mere blessings but are also a means of your trial. For each one of these blessings and comforts you will surely be called to account in the Hereafter."

### Sūrah 102: at-Takāthur<sup>1847</sup>

In the Name of God, the Most Compassionate,  
the Most Merciful

1. Competition in [worldly] increase diverts you
2. Until you visit the graveyards.<sup>1848</sup>
3. No! You are going to know.
4. Then, no! You are going to know.
5. No! If you only knew with knowledge of certainty...<sup>1849</sup>
6. You will surely see the Hellfire.
7. Then you will surely see it with the eye of certainty.<sup>1850</sup>
8. Then you will surely be asked that Day about pleasure.<sup>1851</sup>

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<sup>1847</sup> *At-Takathur*: Competition in Increase.

<sup>1848</sup> i.e., remain in them temporarily, meaning until the Day of Resurrection.

<sup>1849</sup> The conclusion of this verse is estimated to be "...you would not have been distracted from preparing for the Hereafter."

<sup>1850</sup> i.e., with actual eyesight.

<sup>1851</sup> i.e., the comforts of worldly life and whether you were grateful to God for His blessings.