

# **Al-Takathur** [Acquisitiveness]

## **Makkan Period**

*In the name of Allah, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate*

[1] The craving for ever-greater worldly gains and to excel others in that regard keeps you occupied

[2] until you reach your graves.

[3] Nay, you will soon come to know;<sup>1</sup>

[4] nay, again, you shall soon come to know.

[5] Nay, would that you knew with certainty of knowledge (what your attitude will lead to, you would never have acted the way you do).

[6] You will surely end up seeing Hell;

[7] again, you shall most certainly end up seeing it with absolute certainty.

[8] Then, on that Day, you will be called to account for all the bounties you enjoyed.

*1. The word "soon" here refers to the Hereafter as well as death. This because everyone learns no sooner than he dies whether the occupations in which he engaged himself throughout life were a means of happiness and success or of misfortune and failure.*