

أَلِهَاتِمُ النَّكَاتُرُ حَتَّى زُرْتُمُ الْمَقَابِرَ

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Al Takathur

(Emulous Desire)

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

أَلِهَاتِمُ النَّكَاتُرُ (١)

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حَتَّى زُرْتُمُ الْمَقَابِرَ (٢)

2. Until ye visit the graves.

كَلَّا سَوْفَ تَعْلَمُونَ (٣)

3. But nay, ye soon shall know (the reality).

ثُمَّ كَلَّا سَوْفَ تَعْلَمُونَ (٤)

4. Again, ye soon shall know!

كَلَّا لَوْ تَعْلَمُونَ عِلْمَ الْيَقِينِ (٥)

5. Nay, were ye to know with certainty of mind, (Ye would beware!)

لَتَرَوُنَّ الْجَحِيمَ (٦)

6. Ye shall certainly see Hellfire!

ثُمَّ لَتَرَوُنَّهَا عَيْنَ الْيَقِينِ (٧)

7. Again, ye shall see it with certainty of sight!

ثُمَّ لَتُسْأَلُنَّ يَوْمَئِذٍ عَنِ النَّعِيمِ (٨)

8. Then, shall ye be Questioned that Day about the joy (ye indulged in)!

