



Tafseer ul-Quran Course

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Surah Al-Asr – Part 2

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Ayah - 2

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Further Explanation of Ayah 2

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2. Verily, man is in loss

- ❑ إِنَّ - No doubt, Verily, Indeed, Definitely – **with emphasis!**
- ❑ إِنَّ - **Not only makes it certain, but telling the** people who are in doubt - (إِزَالَةُ الشَّكِّ) removing any doubt.
- ❑ There is 7 times emphasis in this Surah.
- ❑ إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ – Certainly, **man is in loss!**
It is referring to all humans, each and every single human – is in loss.
- ❑ **The** Oath is a manifestation of Allah's intense Anger **that man is in loss.**

Further Explanation of Ayah 2

- ❑ **الْإِنْسَانُ** categorises ALL human beings, with no exception. It is also used in the singular form – a Human.
- ❑ The word **إِنْسَانٌ** is from the word **نَسِيَانٌ** meaning forgetful.
- ❑ If you talk to people in general, they assume that someone else is to be blamed - diffusion of responsibility takes place.
- ❑ If you talk specifically to one person - they are more in fear because all the blame and responsibility is upon them.
- ❑ **النَّاسُ**: an-Naas - is Mankind.
الْإِنْسَانُ - Each and every individual - all human beings with no exception; every forgetful human being - YOU, you are in loss [in potential trouble].

Further Explanation of Ayah 2

- ❑ When the human hears this Ayah – then he thinks about himself and forgets everybody, he fears for his own safety.
- ❑ On Judgment Day, every human cares only for himself, except for Allah's Messenger (sas).
- ❑ The same people you loved and did haram (forbidden) things to please / helped them - they will be running away from you on Judgment Day.
- ❑ Allah is telling us the reality in Surah al Ma'arij [70:11-14]. 'They will be shown each other. The Day when the criminal will desire to ransom himself with his children, his wife and brother, and the relatives who sheltered him, and all who is on the Earth altogether - so that it might save him'

Further Explanation of Ayah 2

- ❑ So, Allah (swt) is telling us to care about ourselves specifically in this life by doing good, because on that Day you will only care about yourselves.
- ❑ Your good deeds in this life can only be a source of benefit for you by Allah's Mercy on that Day.
- ❑ We are in a state of Emergency already; the day is ending; we need to gain as much good (deeds) profit, before our ice (time) melts.
- ❑ Allah (swt) is reminding us of the great impending loss if we do not hurry up in making the best use of time.
- ❑ إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ - No doubt, the forgetful human is in loss.

Further Explanation of Ayah 2

Note: A statement or a sentence can be empowered in Arabic language for eloquence (Balagha) by various ways or tools.

1. A noun-based sentence is used in comparison to verb based. If a Noun based (الْجُمْلَةُ الاسْمِيَّةُ) is used - then it has most emphasis, because nouns imply permanency.
2. (حَرْفُ تَوْكِيدٍ) إِنَّ is used - for four time emphasis.
3. الْإِنْسَانُ (the human) – Use of 'Al' (the) - is another emphasis which implies every single human being is in loss..
4. (لَامُ التَّوَكُّيدِ) لَ فِي - another Emphasis (Surely). It is used to swear on top of another Oath - to empower additionally.

Please Note: There is 7 times emphasis in this Surah

Further Explanation of Ayah 2

5. **فِي** (in) - immersed in - The one being in loss is like he is immersed in the Loss, like he is drowning in it and is not coming out of it.
6. **خُسْرٍ** (in Loss) - another emphasis. **خُسْرٍ** with tanween - **خُسْرٍ** is a Noun form. So, it is permanent and powerful in usage as a noun in comparison to it being in verb form.
 - Tafseer al Mazhari - the tanween at the end of **خُسْرٍ** makes it an incredible / great / a lot of loss.

Further Explanation of Ayah 2

There are 3 Types of losses mentioned in the Quran;

- Khusraan (خُسْرَان), Khasaran (خَسَارًا), Khusrun (خُسْر)

1. خُسْرَان - **Khusraan** - the ultimate or worst kind of loss.

خَسِرَ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةَ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ هُوَ الْخُسْرَانُ الْمُبِينُ

- ‘And among mankind is he who worships Allah as it were, upon the edge (i.e. in doubt); if good befalls him, he is content therewith; but if a trial befalls him, he turns back on his face (i.e. reverts back to disbelief after embracing Islam). He loses both this world and the Hereafter. That is the evident loss - هُوَ الْخُسْرَانُ الْمُبِينُ’.
[al Hajj, 22:11]

Further Explanation of Ayah 2

2. **خَسَارًا** - when you are in trouble, and you add to your trouble.

قَالَ نُوحٌ رَبِّ إِنَّهُمْ عَصَوْنِي وَاتَّبَعُوا مَنْ لَّمْ يَزِدْهُ مَالُهُ وَوَلَدُهُ إِلَّا خَسَارًا

- Nooh (as) said: "My Lord! They have disobeyed me, and followed one whose wealth and children give him no increase but loss. [إِلَّا خَسَارًا]'. [Nuh 71:21]. (They were already in trouble, and it added to their trouble)

3. **خُسْرًا** - Khusrun - is the base form - generally - all humans are in a state of tremendous loss.

- **خَسِيرَةً** - also implies; suffering, i.e. in business, investment, losing ALL your money...
- Also used to mean - you were conned or deceived leading you to a total loss.

Further Explanation of Ayah 2

- ❑ az-Zamakhshari said - people are in tremendous loss because of that which they buy and sell in life (good and bad), except for the Saliheen (righteous).
- ❑ Because the Saliheen buy for the next life instead of for the pleasures of this life. And then they were profitable and happy on Judgment Day. As for whoever was bullying them – they will be in loss and despair.
- ❑ ash-Shawkani says: Every human is in a state of buying and selling. But a Pious exhausts his age (youth, middle age, old age) in trading for Allah's pleasure, rushing in gathering Allah's reward.

Further Explanation of Ayah 2

- ❑ There are two main things to be done for a person to be successful as mentioned in the Quran in many places – **الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ** – The one who to believe (in Islam) and do good deeds (act upon it).
This is the only path to success and salvation.
- ❑ Ibn Taymiya said (as quoted by Mufti Muhammad Shafi in his Tafseer 'Marif al Quran'): 'Humanity is kept from accepting Eman and Good deeds by 2 obstacles';
 1. **شُبُهَات** (Doubts) - It is an intellectual problem - people feel answers by callers to Islam are not satisfactory.
 2. **شَهَوَات** - (Temptations) - It is a psychological problem - people want to follow forbidden desires.
- ❑ Either one of these or both lead a people to go astray.

Further Explanation of Ayah 2

- In the third Ayah it has been said - **وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ** i.e. and advised each other to the truth and advised each other to [the] patience.
- When we advice each other (with love) to truth the first obstacle 'doubts' can be removed.
- When we advice each other (with love) to patience, the second obstacle 'temptations' can be avoided.
- Thus, preventing others going into utter loss.
- In Ayaat 2 and 3, Allah has depicted that humans are highly preoccupied by their personal problems / struggles / business (**كِبَدٌ** - toil or labour).

Further Explanation of Ayah 2

- ❑ **When humans** completely immerse themselves in their own problems – **they fail to see that they are part of a larger picture.**
- ❑ **They fail to see that** the hardship they have in this life is nothing compared to the ones which will come in the next life.
- ❑ **When you forget the next life**, you exaggerate in your worry about the problems of this life, which puts you in loss - in not preparing for the next life.

Further Explanation of Ayah 2

- ❑ When humans are preoccupied with their own lives, **they lose out on 3 things;**
 1. They forget the lessons and signs in the creations of Allah (swt): **to remember your Creator, what you owe Him and how you should prepare; what are the real problems you face and how to avoid them?**
 - **These responsibilities should become more important to you than the temporary worldly issues.** You should think long term for the next life and its reality.
 2. Lessons from History: **How many people came in previous generations and have gone. This is why Allah mentions all the nations of the past by saying وَالْعَصْرِ - before you are given a painful punishment.**

Further Explanation of Ayah 2

3. Lessons from the Revelation - You forget to follow and aspire to the guidance; by thinking about how to develop yourself and your family and society (by referring to the Quran and Sunnah) since you will realise that is the best guidance.
- ❑ Hameed-ad-Deen Farahi said: One of the lessons of this Surah is that a lot of people visit historical sites, which are a sign of destroyed nations.
 - ❑ When we see the legacies; the Pyramids, the mountain homes of Thamood, and the great buildings and nations of power who have perished - we realise that Allah destroyed these powerful nations through time.
This is a reminder of: إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ -surely man is in loss.

Further Explanation of Ayah 2

- ❑ The Quran presents history of past nations as evidence of the truth of its message and tells humankind to learn lesson from their ruins (7:84, 7:103, 27:51, 27:69, 30:42, 37:73). It says that any nation which establishes and follows a wrong way of life will suffer similar consequences (30:10, 47:10).
- ❑ Allah replies to such people; 'Were you not of those who would swear before, that your time of downfall will not come?' (Surah Ibrahim, 14:44).
- ❑ All humans are in loss: Humans have many sufferings, sometimes even more than animals; physical and also psychological sufferings.

Further Explanation of Ayah 2

- ❑ You feel sad when your extended family members are ill; birds, animals do not have this.
- ❑ Allah (swt) says – يَا أَيُّهَا الْإِنْسَانُ إِنَّكَ كَادِحٌ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ كَدًّا فَمُلَاقِيهِ
O' (forgetful) human, no doubt you are struggling to meet your Lord, a struggle, and you will meet Him.'
[Inshiqaq, 84:6].
- ❑ Through this Surah, Allah (swt) has given the remedy for the pains of the world and for the success in hereafter.