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## Summary of Holy Quran for Children –Juzz/Paara 8

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Preamble: All praise is for Allah Taala, my Creator and Sustainer – whose favors are endless – who is incomparable - who is the only one who deserves worship. All salutations on dear Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and on his Sahaba رضى الله عنهم

This document presents a bullet-point summary of the primary contents of Paara 8 of the Holy Quran. The content has been derived and adapted from the book “Khulaasat-ul-Quran” by Hazrat Molana Muhammad Aslam Shaikhupoori شہید علیہ رحمۃ. The motivation and content of this work have been verified by respected teachers (علماء).

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## Summary of Juzz (Paara) 8

- 8<sup>th</sup> Paara contains Surah Al-Anaam (111-165) and Surah Al-A'araaf (1-87).
- **Infidels (مشركين) of Makkah are lying:** The end of 7<sup>th</sup> Juzz mentioned a demand of the infidels for a real-life miracle so that they can accept Islam
  - The Quran informs that the infidels are lying
  - Even if people come out of graves and start talking to them, they will still not accept Islam.



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- **Reassurance for Muhammad ﷺ:**
  - Quran comforts Prophet ﷺ that he should not worry about this demand of miracles
  - Because infidel (كافر) humans and jinns were enemies of every Prophet عليه السلام.
- **Quran is the biggest miracle:**
  - Quran informs that the Quran is the biggest miracle of Prophet ﷺ.
  - So, if the infidels are rejecting Quran, then there is no need to worry about them.
- **The majority humans are disbelievers:**
  - Most humans refuse religion and adopt sinning and infidelity.
  - The Quran says: *“(O Prophet ﷺ!) If you obey the majority of those on earth, they will make you lose the way of Allah.”*
  - The Western world believes that the opinion of the majority matters
  - But Quran informs that majority is not willing to follow religion.
  - Muslims should not focus on what majority humans do
  - Otherwise, they will lose Paradise (may Allah ﷻ save us all from Hell).
- **Example of Believer (مومن) and Infidel (كافر):**
  - A believer is like a living person – he is given light of guidance
  - An infidel is like a dead person – he is trapped in layers of darkness (rejecting Islam is darkness).
- **Control of Allah ﷻ:**
  - Faith (إيمان) and hidayah (guidance) are in Allah’s control only
  - He gives them only to those who want Paradise
  - And He will recompense everyone completely in Qiyaamah.



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- **So, it is best for Muslims to follow Islam more and more.**
- **It is best for Non-Muslims to keep a wish in their heart to follow Islam – they will get hidayah inshaAllah.**
  
- **The grave mistakes of the Infidels of Makkah:**
  - They kept separate shares of their sacrifices for Allah ﷻ and idols
  - They never reduced share of idols
  - They easily reduced Allah's ﷻ share to give to someone else (نستغفر الله)
  - They dedicated sacrifices for fortune tellers or for their false gods.
  - They thought some animals are sacred and didn't use them.
  - They thought newborn of an animal as halaal (to eat) for males and haraam for females
  - But a dead newborn was considered halaal for both males and females
  - They killed their daughters because they feared daughters would disgrace them and make them poor (نستغفر الله)
  
- **The favor (احسان) of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ on women:**
  - Prophet ﷺ explained and demonstrated that daughters are blessings
  - Daughters don't disgrace anyone – rather, they bring grace, modesty and respect to the household
  - They do not make anyone poor – rather, they bring blessings.
  
- **Who Decides Halaal or Haraam?**
  - Allah ﷻ is the only One who creates and sustains everybody and everything. So, only He has the right to decide what is halaal and what is haraam.



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- **Ten points of Quranic guidance for the Infidels:**
  - Worship only Allah ﷻ and associate no partners with Him
  - Demonstrate best behavior with parents - don't cause them any pain
  - Don't kill your children out of fear of poverty or disgrace
  - Save yourselves from all types of sins (visible or hidden)
  - It is a big sin to kill an innocent person.
  - Don't illegally spend from the property or wealth of orphans
  - Be honest in all types of trade
  - Do justice with everyone, whether you need to go against your friends, relatives, or loved ones.
  - Fulfill your oaths that you made with Allah ﷻ , i.e., follow Islam.
  - Follow Muhammad ﷺ and leave all other life styles.
- **The Claim of Muhammad ﷺ:**
  - Allah ﷻ commands the Prophet ﷺ to claim that: *“I have been given the guidance of the religion of Ibrahim عليه السلام and that my prayers, worship, and all types of actions are only for Allah alone.”*
- **The Purpose of this World:**
  - **Surah Al-Inaam terminates with the message that the world has been created to test humanity so that the distinction between Muslims and non-Muslims becomes clear.**
- Surah Al-A'araaf is named after **A'araaf (الاعراف) which is a location between Paradise and Hell** and is mentioned in this Surah.



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- Following are some of the huge blessings of Allah ﷻ on humanity:
  - **The Holy Quran:** a miracle of Muhammad ﷺ that will last forever
  - **All humans are brothers:** All human beings are the children of Prophet Adam عليه السلام. So, they are essentially brothers and must support and assist each other.
  - **Humans have been made respectable:** Allah created Adam عليه السلام from His hands (power), then blew His spirit (روح) in him, and commanded angels to prostrate (for showing respect) to him
- **Save yourself from the deceit and attacks of Iblees:**
  - Iblees is one of the worst enemies of Muslims
  - He is always looking to derail Muslims from Sirat-e-Mustaqeem
  - He keeps on trying different methods to derail Muslims
  - His attacks are full of deceit: He presents the Good as Evil and the Evil as Good.
  - He is like a clever fox: He presents the Truth (حق) as Falsehood (باطل) and Falsehood as Truth
  - He tries his best to ensure that non-Muslims do not accept Islam
- **The effect of Iblees on Adam عليه السلام:**
  - Iblees convinced Adam عليه السلام to eat the forbidden fruit so that he can become immortal
  - Eating the fruit was not a sin – because **Prophets عليهم السلام do not sin** – they are معصوم
  - **Eating the fruit can be labeled as an error of judgement (اجتهادى خطأ)** which carries no sin
  - **Wisdom:** This incident taught humanity how to repent for their mistakes and to hate sinning.



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- **Important:** One outcome of eating the fruit was that both Adam and Hawwa عليهم السلام **lost their clothing of Paradise.**
- **Important:** So, this is a major attack of Iblees on humanity – **Iblees wants humans to do indecent and obscene acts and reduce their clothing** (نستغفر الله)
- **Important:** Muslims should ensure that they **protect their modesty** as a nation (ummah) and refrain from any attempts to increase obscenity in our culture
- **Remember:** Indecency is considered a very big sin and invites the wrath of Allah (نستغفر الله)
- **Al-A'araaf addresses humanity through “O children of Adam” (يا بني آدم) 4 times:**
  - **Clothes:** *O children of Adam, We have sent down to you the dress that covers your shame and provides adornment*
  - **Iblees:** *O children of Adam, Do not let Satan put you in trouble the way he had your parents expelled from Paradise*
  - **Wear respectable clothing:** *O children of Adam, take on your adornment at every mosque.*
  - **Follow Islam:** *O children of Adam, if messengers from among you come to you conveying My verses to you, then, those who fear Allah and correct themselves will have no fear, nor shall they grieve*
- **Islam is a balanced religion:**
  - The infidels of Makkah used to do tawaaf of the Kaaba naked.
  - They said their clothes are dirty due to their sins.
  - They also claimed it was Allah's order (العياذ بالله).
  - Quran rejects this claim



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- Islam gives orders according to human nature – it does not teach or order obscene acts.
- Islam also teaches us **not to avoid halaal things**, e.g., monasticism or رهبانيت in which people withdraw from worldly life and live in seclusion.
- Islam is balanced – it orders you not to adopt extremes of obscenity and monostacism
- **Abudarda رضى الله عنه and Balanced life:**
  - Abudarda used to fast in the day and worship at night (قيام الليل) daily.
  - Salman Faarsi رضى الله عنه told him to balance his worship so that he could fulfill all other responsibilities
  - Prophet ﷺ agreed with Salman Faarsi.
- **The story of two groups of people in the Hereafter:**
  - **Infidels:** Who rejected religion. Their home is Hell (may Allah save us)
  - **Believers:** Who followed religion. Their home is Paradise (may Allah give us)
  - Believers will query infidels from Paradise: “Do you now believe in the promises of Allah?”
  - Infidels will respond: “Yes, we found them all fulfilled.”
  - Infidels will demand food and water from believers.
  - But believers will not be able to help them.
- **A’araaf:**
  - A’araaf is the name given to a place between Paradise and Hell
  - Here, a 3<sup>rd</sup> group will be assembled
  - This will contain people whose good and bad deeds will be equal.



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- So, they will have to wait in A'araaf. They will also talk with infidels.
- Eventually, A'araaf group will enter Paradise (ما شاء الله)
- **Three proofs of the Oneness of Allah ﷻ (Touheed):**
  - **First proof:** Seven layers of huge skies exist without any pillars
  - **Second proof:**
    - The whole universe and skies cannot encompass the Chair (كرسى) of Allah ﷻ
    - The Chair as compared to the Throne (عرش) of Allah is like a small thing lying in a huge field.
    - We believe in Chair and Throne - but we are not sure of their true interpretation.
  - **Third proof:** The creation and movement of the stars, moons and planets which are unimaginably huge celestial bodies.
- **The stories of 6 Prophets عليهم السلام:**
  - Quran then tells the stories of 6 Prophets: Hazrat Nuh, Hazrat Hud, Hazrat Saleh, Hazrat Lut, Hazrat Shoaib and Hazrat Musa عليهم السلام
- The purpose of these stories:
  - To comfort and reassure Muhammad ﷺ
  - To inform the sinners of punishment and believers of reward
  - To inform that transgressors will be punished eventually
  - To prove Muhammad's ﷺ prophethood since he recounted historical facts with 100% precision - no one else in the world could inform them.
  - To give a warning to humanity to obey Allah ﷻ

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