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DISCOVERING SURAH IKHLAS.

STUDYING THE QURAN
- AS ORDINARY PEOPLE

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STUDYING THE QURAN - AS ORDINARY PEOPLE

STAGE 1 = FAMILIARISE

1. Set intention and engage the inner self.
2. Read the passage until the words soak in and you have a broad overview.
3. Note down major themes.
4. Note the central theme if there is one.
5. Divide the passage into chunks based on message.
6. Highlight key words or phrases linked to understanding.
7. Note down questions.



STAGE 2 = STUDY

1. What do the important words mean?
2. Meaning of phrases or statements.
3. Find links between them - think about the order.
4. Find meaning in the context of: passage, surah, Quran.
5. What are the key messages and lessons?
6. Why is this for me, now?
7. What does this mean for mankind as a whole?

STAGE 3 = CONSOLIDATE

Preserve the understanding you have arrived at - note it down!
Don't take any understanding as complete, as it may shift and change over time and learning.



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CONTEXT OF THE SURAH?

- An answer to the Qura'ysh (Makki)
- After Surah Lahab
- Towards end of Quran
- Equivalent to 1/3 of the Quran
- Beloved by the Prophet (PBUH).



**WHAT ARE
THE MAIN
THEMES OF
SURAH
IKHLAS?**

THE BIG PICTURE

- 
- Unity
 - Oneness
 - Balance

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ۱

Say, 'O Prophet,' "He is Allah—One 'and Indivisible';

اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ ۲

Allah—the Sustainer 'needed by all'.

لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ ۳

He has never had offspring, nor was He born.

وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ ۴

And there is none comparable to Him.

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**HOW WOULD YOU DIVIDE
SURAH IKHLAS?**

Analysing line by line...

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Oneness



Emphasis



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Oneness



WHAT ARE THE NAMES OF ALLAH USED IN THE SURAH?

THE NAMES OF ALLAH - WHAT DO THEY MEAN TO YOU?



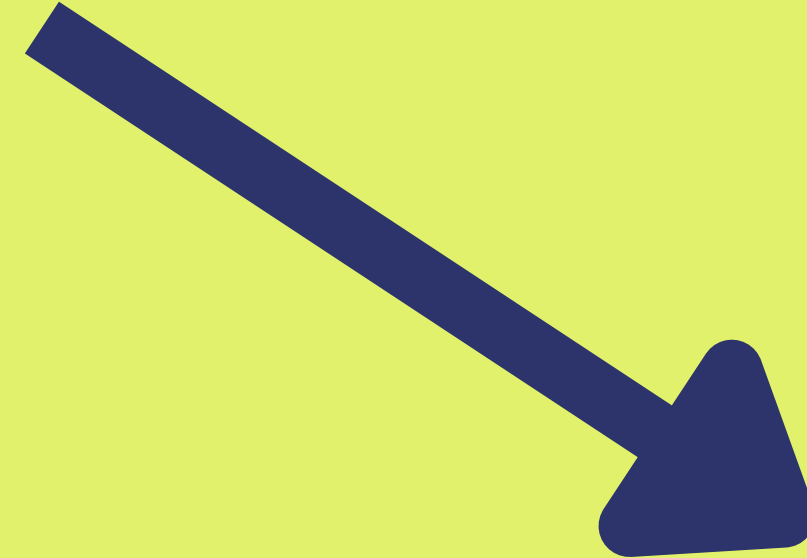
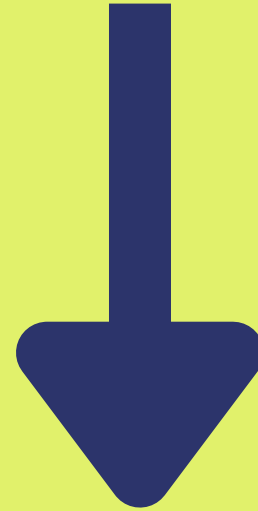
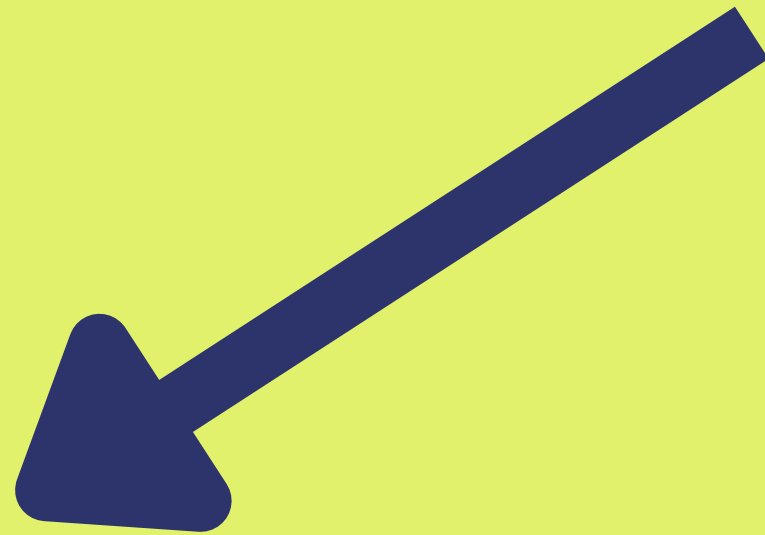
ALLAH ﷲ

- Root word - "Ilah"
- The one worthy of worship
- The essence of perfection

أَحَدٌ

AHAD - AYAH 1

wa-ha-da



Wahid

One in being



Ahad

One and unique
in attributes.



Tawheed

Internalising the
understanding that
Allah is one



SAMAD اَلصَّمَدُ

- Not made of something we can touch
- Doesn't eat/drink
- Eternal, absolute
- Sustainer

-Being to whom our hearts turn to-



SAMAD

What makes Allah
unique?

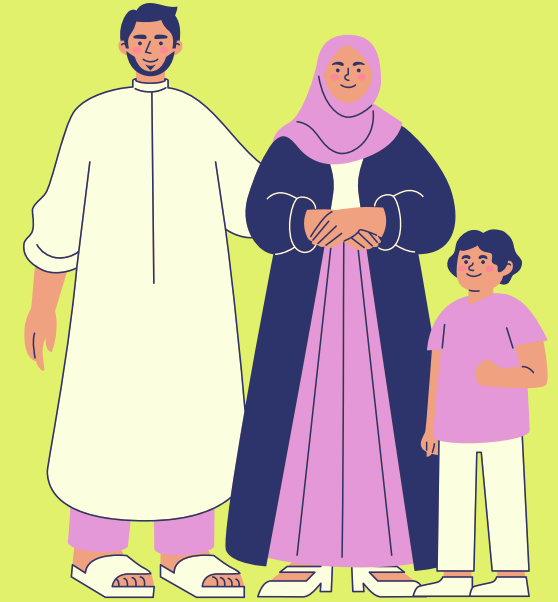


PAIRS!

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AHAD - AYAH 4

وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ

There is no one equivalent to him (The One)

- The grammar emphasises Ahad - subject at the end
- Emphasis.

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ۝



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WHAT DOES THIS SURAH MEAN FOR US NOW?



Knowledge

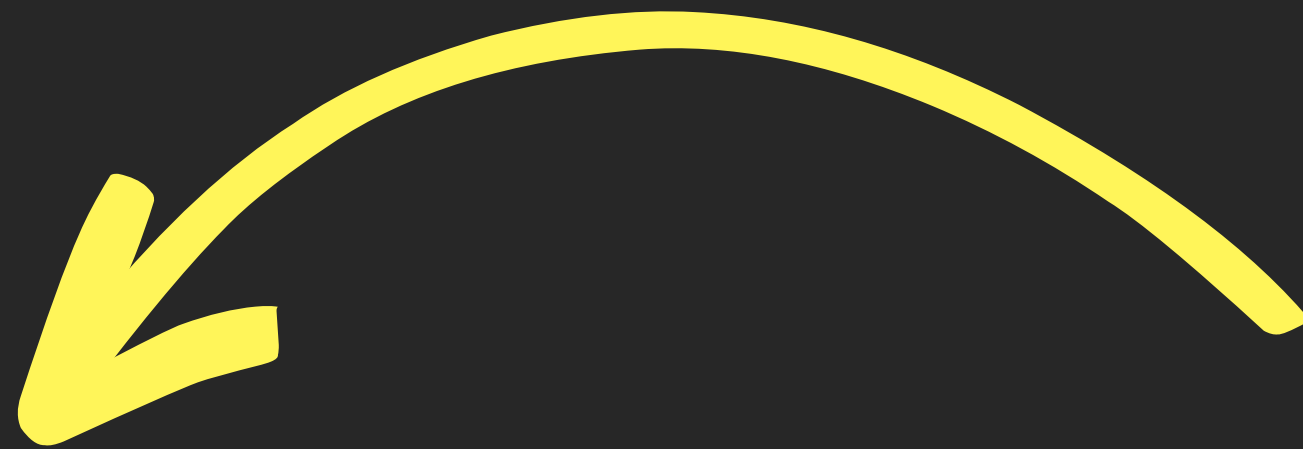
- Who is Allah?
- Why do I need Allah?



Worship



Love for
Allah



WHAT DOES THIS SURAH MEAN FOR US NOW?

- Tawheed
- Modern day shirk?
- Who do we worship and why do we worship him?
- Islam is beautiful in its simplicity.
- Islam is a religion of reason.
- A people who submit.