

# THE TONGUE

**WITH THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.**

Listen carefully to Sura al-Humaza (ch. 104): verse 1:-

“Woe to every (kind of) scandal-monger and backbiter.”

We have been given tongues to praise Allah (S.W.T.); instead we praise ourselves and also cause mischief thereby.

Talking is the easiest thing in life --- keeping quiet is very difficult.

However, the time is drawing near when speech will seem to be such a grave matter that we will wish that we had rather remained silent.

We will wish that our tongues had been frozen in perpetual silence.

Is there a greater source of temptation than the tongue?

We use our tongues to deny truth and utter evil. (56: 80–82 & 2: 204–205)

We are quite pleased with way we explain ourselves in this world, failing to realise that eventually we are not going to have to answer to any human being but to the creator of the universe.(24: 24–25)

We would do better to own up our worldly disgrace than to be embarrassed on the day of rising.

We place self-interest before all and by our dazzling speech deceive many into thinking that we are selflessly serving the good and noble cause of truth.

We hide ourselves behind seductive words but in the wake of death we will be seen for what we truly are.

When the day of truth suddenly arrives, we will be struck dumb.

We will want to walk but our feet will not carry us.

We will search for family and friends but we will find none. (6: 94) & 69 : 35 – 37)

## Worksheet

1) Quote a verse from Al-Quraan that tells us to avoid vain talk?

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2) Offer three reasons why our Rabb had given us tongues?

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3) Is it possible for a human being to bring about harmony in society with his / her tongue? How?

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4) Some children and adults are in the habit of making insulting telephone calls to others. Does Allah (S.W.T.) approve of such behaviour? Why?

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