

# 10 Descriptions of the Disbelievers Hearts in the Quran

**الْمَرَضُ** – Sickness/Illness

فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَرَضٌ فَزَادَهُمُ اللَّهُ مَرَضًا وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ بِمَا كَانُوا  
يَكْذِبُونَ

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In their hearts is disease, so Allah has increased their disease; and for them is a painful punishment because they [habitually] used to lie.

**[Surah Al Baqarah Ayah 10]**

**الْخَتْمُ** – A seal that isn't completely closed for good and has a possibility of coming off because from some of these types of people is some that will think and ponder and return to their Master in repentance.

خَتَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ وَعَلَى سَمْعِهِمْ وَعَلَى أَبْصَارِهِمْ غِشَاوَةً وَلَهُمْ  
عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿٧﴾

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Allah has set a seal upon their hearts and upon their hearing, and over their vision is a veil. And for them is a great punishment.

*[Surah Al Baqarah Ayah 7]*

**الطَّبَعُ** – A seal that is completely closed off

ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ ءَامَنُوا ثُمَّ كَفَرُوا فَطُبِعَ عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ فَهُمْ لَا يَفْقَهُونَ ﴿٣﴾

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That is because they believed, and then they disbelieved; so their hearts were sealed over, and they do not understand.

*[Surah Al Munaafiqoon Ayah 3]*

**الضيق** – Tightness/Narrowness/Constriction

Whoever Allah misguides their chest becomes tight and he feels restricted as though he was climbing a mountain. As you go higher up the air is thinner so it is difficult to breathe and it becomes increasingly uncomfortable. This is used to depict how the unbeliever feels a feeling of great discomfort when religion is mentioned.

فَمَنْ يُرِدِ اللَّهُ أَنْ يَهْدِيَهُ، يَشْرَحْ صَدْرَهُ، لِلْإِسْلَامِ، وَمَنْ يُرِدْ أَنْ  
يُضِلَّهُ، يَجْعَلْ صَدْرَهُ، ضَيِّقًا حَرَجًا، كَأَنَّمَا يَصْعَدُ فِي السَّمَاءِ

كَذَلِكَ يَجْعَلُ اللَّهُ الرِّجْسَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ

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So whoever Allah wants to guide - He expands his breast to [contain] Islam; and whoever He wants to misguide - He makes his breast tight and constricted as though he were climbing into the sky. Thus does Allah place defilement upon those who do not believe.

*[Surah Al An'aam Ayah 125]*

**الْحَمِيَّةُ** – A sense of self-worth/prejudice – the gang-mentality of ignorance [racism, nationalism etc.].

Something you are very protective over and take great pride in. Like an elite restaurant can't possibly allow entrance to someone dressed like a beggar.

إِذْ جَعَلَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فِي قُلُوبِهِمُ الْحَمِيَّةَ حَمِيَّةَ الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ فَأَنْزَلَ  
اللَّهُ سَكِينَتَهُ عَلَى رَسُولِهِ وَعَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالزَّمَهُمْ كَلِمَةَ  
النَّقْوَى وَكَانُوا أَحَقَّ بِهَا وَأَهْلَهَا وَكَانَ اللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمًا

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When those who disbelieved had put into their hearts chauvinism - the chauvinism of the time of ignorance. But Allah sent down His tranquillity upon His Messenger and upon the believers and imposed upon them the word of righteousness, and they were more deserving of it and worthy of it. And ever is Allah , of all things, Knowing.

**[Surah Al Fath Ayah 26]**

## الْمُنْكَرَةُ - Denial

إِلَهُكُمْ إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ فَالَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْآخِرَةِ قُلُوبُهُمْ مُنْكَرَةٌ وَهُمْ مُسْتَكْبِرُونَ ﴿٢٢﴾

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Your god is one God. But those who do not believe in the Hereafter - their hearts are disapproving, and they are arrogant.

*[Surah An-Nahl Ayah 22]*

## الْأَنْصِرَافُ - Leaving and turning away.

Their hearts turned away from the deen/truth.

وَإِذَا مَا أَنْزَلَتْ سُورَةٌ نَّظَرَ بَعْضُهُمْ إِلَى بَعْضٍ هَلْ يَرِيكُمْ مِنْ أَحَدٍ ثُمَّ أَنْصَرَفُوا صَرَفَ اللَّهِ قُلُوبَهُمْ بِأَنَّهُمْ قَوْمٌ لَا يَفْقَهُونَ ﴿١٢٧﴾

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And whenever a surah is revealed, they look at each other, [saying], "Does anyone see you?" and then they dismiss themselves. Allah has dismissed their hearts because they are a people who do not understand.

*[Surah At-Tawbah Ayah 128]*

## الْقَسْوَةُ – Hardness

أَفَمَنْ شَرَحَ اللَّهُ صَدْرَهُ لِلْإِسْلَامِ فَهُوَ عَلَى نُورٍ مِّن رَّبِّهِ ۗ فَوَيْلٌ  
لِّلْقَاسِيَةِ قُلُوبِهِمْ مِّن ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ ﴿٢٢﴾

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So is one whose breast Allah has expanded to [accept] Islam and he is upon a light from his Lord [like one whose heart rejects it]? Then woe to those whose hearts are hardened against the remembrance of Allah .

Those are in manifest error.

*[Surah Az-Zumar Ayah 22]*

## الْمَوْتُ – Dead/No life

أَوْ مَن كَانَ مَيِّتًا فَأَحْيَيْنَاهُ وَجَعَلْنَا لَهُ نُورًا يَمْشِي بِهِ فِي النَّاسِ  
كَمَن مَّثَلُهُ فِي الظُّلُمَاتِ لَيْسَ بِخَارِجٍ مِّنْهَا ۚ كَذَٰلِكَ زُيِّنَ لِلْكَافِرِينَ  
مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٢٢﴾

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And is one who was dead and We gave him life and made for him light by which to walk among the people like one who is in darkness, never to emerge therefrom? Thus it has been made pleasing to the disbelievers that which they were doing.

*[Surah Al-An'aam Ayah 122]*

**الرَّيْنُ** – In the Arabic Language it means rust on top of something. It is used to describe a blackened heart due to sins that forms a covering.

كَلَّابٌ رَانَ عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ مَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿١٤﴾

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No! Rather, the stain has covered their hearts of that which they were earning.

*[Surah Al-Mutaffifeena Ayah 14]*

**Tafseer Al Qurtubi**

**Abu Ezra**

أَبُو عَزْرٍ