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part. So fear Allah, for it is Allah Who teaches you. And Allah has full knowledge of all things.

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This is the verse of debt, which is the longest verse in the Qur'an. It contains important rulings which are of great benefit and value. These rulings are as follows:

- 1- All types of dealings that are based on credit or otherwise are permissible, because Allah tells us about dealings based on credit that the believers engaged in, in a manner that is indicative of approval and lays out guidelines concerning them. This indicates that they are permissible.
- 2- In the case of credit, there must be a deadline for delivery.
- 3- It is essential that the deadline be specified and known; it cannot be specified that delivery will be immediate or that the deal is open-ended.
- 4- It is enjoined to put in writing all types of dealings that are based on credit. Doing so is either obligatory or recommended, and writing it down is essential because without putting it in writing, there is a great risk of problems such as mistakes, forgetting, disputes and quarrels.
- 5- The scribe should be instructed to write.
- 6- He should be a person of good character for his writing to be reliable, because what is said or written by an evildoer is not reliable.
- 7- He should write it down faithfully between them, and not be biased in favour of one of them because of ties of kinship or friendship and the like.
- 8- The scribe should know how to write documents and all that is required of each party in a particular case. He should also know how to make the document binding, because there is no other way to be fair and just. This is understood from the words: «Let a scribe write it down faithfully between you».