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## Arabic Alphabet (ظ-ط)

«إِنَّ الْقُرْآنَ ظَاهِرُهُ أُنِيقٌ وَبَاطِنُهُ عَمِيقٌ ... وَ لَا تُكْشَفُ الظُّلُمَاتُ إِلَّا بِهِ»

Imam Ali (PBUH):

“The appearance of the Qur’an is beautiful and its inside is deep ... and the darkness will not go away except by the Qur’an”

ط	طاء	Dtaa'	It does not have an equivalent sound in English. The nearest sound is the combination of “D” and “T”. This letter is articulated the same way as “T” in English with the difference that more of the front area of the tongue is used, the tongue is curved and the sound is pronounced heavily.
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طاء + فتحه : طَ ← طَبَعَ (he sealed)

← طَرِيقَ (path)

طاء + كسره : طِ ← طِفْلاً (a baby)

← لا تُطِيعَ (do not obey)

طاء + ضمّه : طُ ← طُبِعَ (it's been sealed)

← طُلُوعَ (Sunrise)

ظ	ظاء	<u>Dthaa'</u>	It does not have an equivalent sound in English. The nearest sound is the combination of "D" and "T" and "H". This letter is articulated the same way as "T" in English as in "the" with the difference that the beginning of the tongue move toward the top, the tongue is curved and the sound is pronounced heavily.
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← ظَلَّ (it became)

ظاء + فتحه : ظَ

← ظَلَّمَ (he oppressed)

← ظِلَّ (shade)

ظاء + كسره : ظِ

← ظَهَرَ (put behind)

← ظَلِمَ (he's been oppressed)

ظاء + ضمّه : ظُ

← ظُلَّلَ (canopies)