

In God We Trust

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* (P) -Peace be upon him and his progeny.

Preface

In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.

Understanding Qur'an is difficult without referring to several translations, and detailed interpretations by clergy. The degree of difficulty is exponential in the Western world, where Islam is not practiced openly and access to clergy is not readily available. God says in Qur'an in the following verse 12:2.

'We have sent it down as an Arabic Qur'an; so that you will understand.'

Unfortunately the majority of the population of this world does not communicate in Arabic language. I tried to teach my children Arabic language through an institute so that they can read Qur'an. I gave up after trying for two years on every Sunday. Even if they learned to read Arabic language, the understanding of the language is another huge battle. Therefore, I abandoned the plan to teach Arabic. As a result of that failure, I was inspired by my three children Jeffrey Hussain, Jennifer Zehra and Heather Zarina to compile a concise version of selected verses of Qur'an in English. The desire to teach my children basics of Islam led me to write this book, 'In God We Trust'. I read several English translations and interpretations of Qur'an then started to categorize each verse in one of the categories that effect daily life. Selected verses were further reviewed for the translation that is easiest to understand. In fact some of the easier words were selected from one translation and substituted in another translation of the same verse to make it further understandable. By using this process, I have attempted to compile verses easy to understand in English.

The purpose here is to simplify the translation to keep the reader interested in understanding Qur'an rather than just reading it for the benefit of reciting Qur'an. Because I believe that a Muslim who understands Qur'an is a better Muslim than the one who practices Islam without understanding Qur'an.

The title of this book was inspired by American currency. If you look at the American currency, whether it is a coin or bill (note), you shall read 'In God We Trust' pronounced on each denomination. This phrase also represents what is described in the following verse of Qur'an 7:89.

'In God we have put our trust'

Qur'an was revealed to Prophet Muhammad in 610 CE/AD. The United States was established in 1776 CE/AD. Both events are over a thousand years apart, yet it is the verse of Qur'an depicted on the United States currency. Qur'an is full of guidance that can be used in every day life to make your life better in this world and hereafter.

This book is useful for everyone, young and old, who wants to understand Qur'an. And apply what is revealed in Qur'an in day-to-day life to become a better person; and reap the rewards in this world and on the Judgment Day.

Remember, this book is a collection of selected verses, some verses that may qualify in a certain category, may have been left out due to oversight. Reading Qur'an over and over again, I have detected new categories and verses. Unfortunately, I had to bring this book to a conclusion; therefore, some verses and categories may have been left out.

I have extensively used Microsoft Windows products such as Microsoft Word and Microsoft Encarta for word processing and formatting of this book. I have also used VISIO software for the graphical presentations.

I am very grateful to Moulana Sayyid Muhammad Husain Jalali for his scholarly guidance and reviewing of the contents of this book. I want to thank my wife Sandy for her patience while I worked on this book and for showing sympathetic views about Islam. I also want to thank my administrative secretary Pat Brennan for helping me format and type portions of this book.

How to read this book?

There are twelve chapters in this book. A general overview of each chapter describes the topic followed by translated verses of Qur'an related to the topic. The reference number consisting of the chapter (*Surah*) and the verse (*Ayah*) number within the chapter, separated by a colon follows each verse. The reference number 12:14 indicates chapter (*Surah*) 12 and verse (*Ayah*) 14. When two verse numbers appear with a dash separating them, it means first verse number through the second verse number inclusive. The reference number 13:18-20 indicates chapter (*Surah*) 13 and verse (*Ayah*) 18 through 20 inclusive. Three dots (...) indicate an incomplete verse.

During the general overview of each chapter whenever possible, an Arabic equivalent expression of a word is placed in parenthesis and in Italics followed by the word. However, this is not the case in the translation of the verses of Qur'an. In the translation portion, the words in the parenthesis are there to further explain the word.

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1. Islam

Islam is one of the three major religions in the world along with Christianity and Judaism. Islam means submission to one and only one God (*Allah*). A person who believes in Islam is called Muslim. The holy book of Islam is called Qur'an. Islam is the only religion that acknowledges the truthfulness of the other scriptures such as original Old Testaments and original Torah, besides Qur'an. It also recognizes Jesus and Moses as the great messengers (prophets). This is a proof of the universality of Islam as the religion for all human races.

There are five major beliefs (fundamentals) in Islam.

Oneness of God	Unity of God. There is no God but Allah (God).
Justice of God	God is Just. Everyone will be rewarded according to his or her deeds.
Prophets	Believe in prophets. God sent several messengers to teach mankind what are good and bad; and code of life.
Vicegerency (successor) of the Prophet Muhammad	Prophet Muhammad is the last prophet. In order to carry out his teachings after his death, a holy successor (<i>Imam/Khalifa</i>) is assigned to carry on God's message.
Resurrection	The Judgment Day. This is the day when every soul will be told of activities in this life and rewarded according to deeds.

Islam is not for believing in the fundamentals only. It is compulsory upon each Muslim when their health allows practicing the following rituals. Please refer to chapter three for details of each ritual.

Prayers	Offer prayers to God five times a day.
Fasting	During the ninth month of the Islamic calendar year <i>Ramadan</i> , no eating, drinking or smoking is allowed from sunrise to sunset.
Pilgrimage to Mecca (<i>Hajj</i>)	Visit the house of God, built by Abraham and his son Ismael in Mecca, located in Saudi Arabia.
Taxes	There are two types of taxes imposed upon Muslims in order to distribute excess wealth among the needy people and continue the propagation of Islam.

Following are selected verses from Qur'an on the above subject:

Truly the religion with God is Islam (submission to God's will).

3:19

Abraham was neither a Jew, nor a Christian,
but he was a Muslim and one pure of faith;
he was never of the idolaters (polytheists),

3:67

Who so desires another religion than Islam,
it shall not be accepted of him; and
in the next world he shall be among the losers.

3:85

Surely those who disbelieve, and die disbelieving,
there shall not be accepted from any one of them
the whole earth full of gold,
if he would ransom himself thereby;
for them awaits a painful chastisement,
and they shall have no helpers.

3:91

O believers, fear God as He should be feared,
and see you do not die, but as Muslim.

3:102

And who is there that has a fairer religion than
he who submits himself entirely to God
being a good-doer (righteous),
and who follows the creed of Abraham, a man of pure faith?
And God took Abraham for a friend.

4:125

This day I have perfected your religion for you,
and I have completed My blessing upon you,
and I have approved Islam for your religion.

5:03

and struggle for God as is His due,
for He has chosen you,
and has laid on you no hardship in your religion,
being the creed of your father Abraham;
He named you Muslims aforetime and in this,

22:78

Those who disbelieve and hinder (bar) from the path of God,
God will send their deeds astray,
And those believe and do righteous deeds
and believe in what is sent down to Muhammad
and it is the truth from their Lord
He will acquit them of their evil deeds,
And dispose their minds aright (improve their state).

47:1-2

2. God (Allah)

Oneness of God	<p>Muslims believe in one and only one God (<i>Allah</i>). He is the creator of all worlds. Everything depends upon Him. He has knowledge of everything. Nothing moves without His knowledge. He knows what is in your heart. He has no partner neither He has any son or daughter. Jesus is one of God's prophets and not a son as believed in Christianity. The most repeated warnings in the Qur'an are against polytheism. Islam associates no one with Allah.</p> <p>God is ever present everywhere and He is watching over everything we do.</p> <p>The word Allah is a unique Arabic word. It has neither plural nor feminine derivative.</p>
Justice of God	<p>God is Just. Everyone will be rewarded according to his or her deeds.</p>
Creation	<p>He has created everything, Heavens, earth and everything in between. God created the universe in various stages and established Himself on the throne (<i>Arsh</i>). He created the Universe as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Two days to create Earth2. Four days to create Mountains and Food on earth3. Two days to create Seven Heavens

Following are selected verses from Qur'an on the above subject:

2. a. Oneness of God

God forgives not that
anything should be with Him associated;
less than that He forgives whomsoever He will,
Who so associates with God anything,
has indeed forged a mighty sin.

4:48

God forgives not that anything should be associated with Him;
less than that He forgives to whomsoever He will,
Who so associates with God anything,
has gone astray into far error.

4:116

Glory be to God!

... High be He exalted above that they associate!
28:68

And call not upon another god with God;
there is no god but He.

All things perish (die), except He,
His is the Judgement,
and unto Him you shall be returned.

28:88

He is One, God,
God, the needless (Whom all depends),
He begets not, nor is He begotten, and
There is none like Him.

112:1-4

2. b. Justice

2. b. i. Deeds

And those that believe, and do deeds of righteousness, them
We shall admit to gardens underneath which rivers flow,
therein dwelling forever and ever;
therein for them shall be spouses purified,
and We shall admit them to a shelter of plenty shade.

4:57

Who so brings a good deed shall have ten the like of it; and
who so brings an evil deed shall only be recompensed the like of it;

6:160

Those who do evil deeds,
then repent thereafter and believe, surely thereafter
thy Lord is All-forgiving, All-compassionate.

7:153

Those who love that indecency
should be spread abroad concerning them that believe-
there awaits them a painful chastisement
in the present world and the world to come;

24:19

But as for him
who repents, and
believes; and
works righteousness,
haply he shall be among the prosperous.

28:67

And those who believe, and do righteous deeds,
We shall surely acquit them of their evil deeds,

and shall recompense them the best of what they were doing.
29:07

— God has promised those who believe and do good deeds,
forgiveness and a great recompense.
48:29

— And whosoever believes in God, and does righteousness,
God will acquit him of his evil deeds,
And admit him into gardens underneath which rivers flow,
Therein to dwell for ever and ever;
That is the mighty triumph.
64:9

2. b. ii. Forgiveness

Whosoever does evil, or wrongs himself,
and then seeks God's forgiveness,
he shall find
God is All-forgiving, All-compassionate.
4:110

But who so repents, after his evil doing,
and makes amends, God will turn towards him;
God is All-forgiving, All-compassionate.
5:39

And ask forgiveness of your Lord,
then repent (regret, turn from sin) to Him;
surely my Lord is All-compassionate, All-loving.
11:90

Yet I am All-forgiving to him who
repents and
believes and
does righteousness, and
he continues to follow the right guidance.
20:82

Men and women who have surrendered,
believing men and believing women,
obedient men and obedient women,
truthful men and truthful women,
patient men and patient women,
humble men and humble women,
men and women who give in charity,
men who fast and women who fast,
men and women who guard their private parts,
men and women who remember God oft-
for them God has prepared forgiveness and
a mighty wage.
33:35

Know thou therefore that there is no god but Allah, and
ask for forgiveness for thy sin, and
for the believers, men and women,
God knows your going to and from, and the place of your final rest,
47:19

Those who do avoid the heinous sins and indecencies,
except accidentally, surely thy Lord is of vast forgiveness; ...
53:32

Believers, turn to God in sincere repentance;
It may be that your Lord will acquit you of your evil deeds,
And will admit you into gardens underneath which rivers flow.
66:8

2. c. Creation

2. c. i. Creation of Universe

God is the Creator of every thing;
He is Guardian over everything;
Unto Him belongs the keys of the heavens and the earth.
And those who disbelieve in the signs of God,
Those-they are the losers.

39:62-63

What, do you believe in Him
who created the earth in two days, and
do you set compeers (equal) to Him?
That is the Lord of all being.
And he set therein firm mountains over it,
and He blessed it,
and He planned therein its food,
in four days,
alike for the seekers (equal opportunity for all).
Then He applied Himself unto the heaven,
which was yet only a smoke,
so said He unto it and unto the earth:
'Come willingly or unwillingly'
said the two:
'We do come willingly'.
And He made them seven heavens in two days,
and revealed in every heaven His Will (commandment);
and We adorned the lower heavens with lights (stars) and
made it guarded;
That is the decree of the All-Mighty, the All-Knowing,
41:9-12

Surely, in the heavens and the earth are signs for the believers;
And in your creation,
And animals He scatters in the earth,
There are signs for a people sure in faith,
And alternation of the night and the day,
And the provision God sends down from heaven,
And giving life thereby in the earth after its death,
And the changing of the winds,
There are signs for a people who understand.

45:3-5

We created the heavens and the earth,
and what between them is, in six days (periods),
and no weariness touched Us.

50:38

He it is who created heavens and earth in six periods (days),
Then firmly established over the Throne (*Arsh*).

57:4

Who created the seven heavens one upon another:
Thou sees not in the creation of the Beneficent
Any defect or incongruity.

Then look thou again; Sees thou any gap?

67:3

2. c. ii. Creation of Life

We created man of an extraction of clay,
then We set him, a sperm drop, in a receptacle secure,
then We created of the sperm drop a clot
then We created of the clot a tissue
then We created of the tissue bones
then We garmented the bones in flesh;
thereafter We produced him as another creature.

23:12-14

He Who created all things in the best way
And He originated the creation of man out of clay,
then He fashioned his progeny (offspring) of an extraction of mean
(despised) water,
then He shaped him, and breathed His spirit in him.
And He appointed for you
Hearing (ear), and
Sight (eyes), and
hearts;

little thanks you show.

32:07-09

God created you of dust
then of a sperm-drop (life-germ),
then He made you pairs.

35:11

What! Sees not man that We created him from sperm?

36:77

Remember when thy Lord said unto the ~~angels~~ ~~rose~~ angels

"Verily I am about to create man from clay."

And when I have completed and have breathed into him of My spirit,

Then fall you prostrating in obeisance unto him.

38:71-72

God is the Creator of everything;
He is Guardian over everything;
Unto Him belongs the keys of the heavens and the earth.
And those who disbelieve in the signs of God,
Those-they are the losers.

39:62-63

He it is Who created you from dust,
then from a life-germ (sperm-drop),
then from a clot (blood-clot),
then He brings you forth as an infant,
then that you may reach your full strength,
then that you may be old,
though some of you there are who die early (before) it and
that you may reach a stated term; and
haply you may understand.
He it is Who gives life and makes to die, and
when He decrees an affair,
He only says unto it 'Be' and it is.

40:67-68

'What, do you believe in Him
who created the earth in two days, and
do you set compeers (equal) to Him?
That is the Lord of all being,
And he set therein firm mountains over it,
and He blessed it,
and He planned therein its food,
in four days,
alike for the seekers (equal opportunity for all).
Then He applied Himself unto the heaven,
which was yet only a smoke,
so said He unto it and unto the earth:
'Come willingly or unwillingly'
said the two:
'We do come willingly'.

And He made them seven heavens in two days,
and revealed in every heaven His Will (commandment);
and We adorned the lower heavens with lights (stars) and
made it guarded;

That is the decree of the All-Mighty, the All-Knowing.

41:9-12

We created the heavens and the earth,
and what between them is, in six days (periods),
and no weariness touched Us.

50:38

I have not created Jinn and mankind,
but that they may worship.

51:56

... Very well He knows you, when He produced you from the earth,
and when you are embryos in your mothers' wombs;
therefore hold not yourselves purified;

God knows very well him who is godfearing.

53:32

He created man from dry clay like that of the earthen vessels,
and He created the jinn of a flame of fire.

55:14-15

He it is who created heavens and earth in six periods (days),
Then firmly established over the Throne (*Arsh*);

57:4

Who created the seven heavens one upon another;
Thou sees not in the creation of the Beneficent
Any defect or incongruity.

Then look thou again; Sees thou any gap?

67:3

Was he not a sperm-drop spilled (emitted)?

Then he was a blood-clot, and

He created and formed, and

He made of him two kinds, male and female.

75:37-39

Did We not create you from a despicable fluid:

That We laid within a sure lodging

till a known term decreed?

77:20-22

3. Rituals

Islam is not for believing in the fundamentals only. It is compulsory upon each Muslim when their health allows is to practice the following rituals:

Prayers	<p>Muslims are required to offer prayers (<i>Salat</i>) five times a day. These are compulsory prayers (<i>Salat</i>). Muslims must turn towards Mecca and offer prayers by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> offering praise to <i>Allah</i>> asking for guidance and forgiveness; declaring oneness of God and repenting for mistakes and sinful acts> reciting verses from Qur'an> bowing down and prostrating <p>Prayer (<i>Salat</i>) times are projected exactly to the minute depending upon the position of the Sun. The following are praying times in general:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Before sunrise (<i>Fajr</i>)2. Early afternoon (<i>Zohar</i>)3. Late afternoon (<i>Asr</i>)4. At sunset (<i>Maghrib</i>)5. Early in the night (<i>Isha</i>) <p>Friday is the holy day and the day of congregation for Muslims.</p>
Fasting	<p>The ninth month of the Islamic calendar year is called <i>Ramadan</i>. This is one of the holiest months in Islam, the month during which Qur'an was revealed to Prophet Muhammad. During this month from sunrise to sunset Muslims are not allowed to eat, drink, smoke or perform any sexual activities. Fasting allows self-control over the body and appetites; teaches you to be patient and do good deeds in the name of God. Muslims celebrate the end of the month of <i>Ramadan</i> with a big feast.</p>
Pilgrimage to Mecca (<i>Hajj</i>)	<p>Mecca is located in Saudi Arabia. Abraham and his son Ismael built the first mosque (<i>Ka'ba</i>) in Mecca. The ritual of Pilgrimage to Mecca is compulsory for every Muslim at least one time in their life, only if they can afford financially and it is safe to travel. There are two parts to a complete <i>Hajj</i>.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Umra</i> - going around the <i>Ka'ba</i> seven times2. <i>Hajj</i> - This ritual must be performed in the beginning of the second week of the last month <i>Zilhajj</i> of the Islamic calendar.

Islam decrees to distribute excess wealth in the name of God. There are two types of taxes every Muslim has to pay:

- > Poor-rate (*Zakat*)
- > One Fifth Net (*Khums*)

Following are selected verses from Qur'an on the above subject:

3. a. Prayer Times

And mention God much, and glorify Him in the evening and dawn.

3:41

Some of the People of the Book are upright, they recite God's signs all along the night, and prostrate themselves in adoration, believing in God and the Last Day, and enjoin goodness and forbid evil, and hasten to do good deeds:

those are of the righteous ones.

3:113-114

Those who remember God,

standing and sitting and on their sides, and think in the creation of the heavens and the earth; saying,

'Our Lord, Thou hast not created this for vanity.

Glory be to Thee! save us then from the torment of the Fire.

3:191

God shall turn only towards those who do evil in ignorance, then shortly repent;

4:17

O believers, draw not near to prayer

when you are intoxicated (drunken),

until you know what you are saying, nor

when you are polluted, unless you are combating a way,

until you have washed yourselves; ...

and you find not water then betake, yourself to clean earth and

wipe apart of your faces and your hands;

4:43

When you are traveling in the earth

there is no fault in that you shorten the payers,

if you fear that those who disbelieve

will cause you distress;

4:101

When you have finished the prayer,
remember God,
standing and
sitting and
on your sides...

prayer is a **timed Ordinance** (prescription) for the believers.
4:103

O believers, when you stand up to pray
wash your faces, and your hands up to the elbows, and
wipe a part of your heads, and a part of your feet up to the ankles.
5:06

And those who
hold fast by the Book,
and perform prayer-
surely We leave not to waste the recompense of those who amend.
7:170

Remember thy Lord in thy soul,
humbly and fearfully, not loud of voice,
at morning and evening.
7:205

And establish regular prayers at the **two ends of the day**
and at the **approaches of the night**;
surely the good deeds take away the evil deeds.
11:114

Perform the regular prayers
at the **sinking of the sun to the darkening of the night**
and the recital of dawn;
surely the recital of dawn is witnessed.
And as for the night,
forsake sleep for prayer, ...
may be that thy Lord will raise thee up to a position praised.
17:78-79

and glorify thy Lord by praising Him
before the rising of the sun, and
before its setting,

and glorify thy Lord by praising Him
in **some hours of the night, and**
during parts of the day;

that thou may achieve the pleasure.
20:130

O believers, let those your right hands own and
those of you who have not reached puberty
seek permission of you **three times-**
before the prayer of dawn, and
when you put off your garments for the heat (midday), and

after the evening prayer-
three times of privacy for you.

24:58

Recite what has been revealed to thee of the Book,
and perform the prayer;
prayer forbids (restrains) indecency and evil.
God's remembrance is the greatest;
and God knows the things you do.

29:45

So glory be to God

when you enter the evening and
when you enter the morning.

His is all praise in the heavens and the earth,
alike at the setting sun
and when you enter the noon.

30:17-18

O believers,

remember God by remembering frequently, and
give Him glory at the dawn and in the evening.

33:41-42

What he who is prayerful during the hours of the night,
Prostrating in obeisance and standing,
he being afraid of the world to come and
Hoping for the mercy of his Lord!

39:9

So be thou patient;

surely God's promise is true.

And seek protection for thy shortcoming (ask forgiveness for thy sin), and
proclaim the praise of thy Lord at evening and dawn.

40:55

That you may believe in God and His apostle
and may aid him and revere him;
And that you may celebrate His Glory,
at the dawn and in the evening.

48:9

So be thou patient under what they say, and

Proclaim thy Lord's praise

Before the rising of the sun,
and before its setting, and

Proclaim thy Lord's praise
in the night,

and after the prostration.

50:39-40

... And proclaim the praise of thy Lord
when thou risest,

and in the night too,
proclaim thou His Glory and
at the setting of the stars.

52:48-49

O believers,

when the call is made for prayer on Friday (Day of Congregation),
then hasten unto the remembrance of God
and leave off trading,
that is better for you, if you do know.

Then, when the prayer is finished,
scatter in the land
and seek God's bounty,
and remember God frequently;
so that you may be successful,

62:9-10

And remember the Name of thy Lord
at dawn and in the evening and
part of the night;
bow down before Him and
magnify Him
through the long night.

76:25-26

3. b. Fasting

O believers, Fasting has been ordained to you
as it was ordained to those before you
so that you guard yourself

For a fixed number of days,
but those among you who are
sick or
on a journey,

then a number of other days;

And for those who are hardly able to fast,
a redemption by feeding a poor man
and whoso of his own accord performs good deed,
it is better for him, and

that you fast is better for you if you know.

The month of Ramadan that in which was sent down the Qur'an
a guidance for mankind and
clear signs of the Guidance and the Salvation

So whosoever of you witnesses the month,

He shall fast therein; and

whosoever is ill or on a journey

the same number of other days;

God desires ease for you and
He desires not for you hardship
that you complete the number

2:183-185

3. c. Pilgrimage to Mecca (Hajj)

The first house established for the people was that at *Bekka* (Mecca),
a place holy, and a guidance to all beings.

Therein are clear signs, the station of Abraham,
and whosoever enters it is in security.

It is the duty of all men towards God to come
to the House a pilgrim,

if he is able to make his way (afford to journey) there.

3:96-97

4. Supplications (*Duas*)

In addition to compulsory prayers (*Salat*), Muslims can pray to God at anytime from anywhere in the world. Muslims communicate with God directly through thoughts, mind and prayers.

Following are selected verses from Qur'an on the above subject:

Our Lord, give to us in this world good, and
good in the world to come, and
guard us against the chastisement of the fire;
2:201

... Our Lord, grant us Thy forgiveness;
unto Thee is the homecoming ...
Our Lord, hold us not responsible
if we forget, or make a mistake.
Our Lord charge us not with a load
such as Thou did lay upon those before us.
Our Lord do Thou not burden us
beyond what we have the strength,
pardon us,
and forgive us,
and have mercy on us;
Thou are our Protector;
Grant us victory over the unbelievers.
2:285-286

Our Lord,
make not our hearts to swerve after Thou has guided us;
and give us mercy from thee; Thou are the Giver.

Our Lord,
it is Thou that shall gather mankind
for the day (the Judgment Day) whereon is no doubt;
verily God will not fail His promise (tryst).
3:08-09

Our Lord,
we believe,
forgive us our sins, and
save us from the torment of the Fire.
3:16

O God, Master of the Kingdom,
Thou givest the Kingdom to whom Thou will,
and seizest the Kingdom from whom Thou will,
Thou exaltest (glorify) whom Thou will,
and abasest (lower in dignity) whom Thou will,

in Thy hand is the good;
Thou are powerful over everything.
Thou makest the night to enter into the day and
Thou makest the day to enter into the night,
Thou bringest forth the living from the dead and
Thou bringest forth the dead from the living, and
Thou providest sustenance to whomsoever Thou likest,
without measure (reckoning) (computation).

3:26-27

To God belongs all that is in heavens and in the earth,
and unto Him all matters are returned.

3:109

Lord, forgive us our sins, and that we exceeded in our affair, and
make firm our feet,
and help us against the people of the unbelievers.

3:147

... Our Lord, Thou hast not created this (heaven and earth) for vanity.
Glory be to Thee! Guard us against the chastisement of the Fire.

3:191

Our Lord,
forgive us our sins and
acquit us of our evil deeds, and
cause us to die with the virtuous (pious) ones.

Our Lord, give us what Thou has promised us by Thy Messengers and
disgrace us not on the Day of Resurrection;
Thou will not fail the promise.

3:193-194

To God belongs
the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth, and all that is in them, and
He is powerful over everything.

5:120

My prayer, my ritual sacrifice, my living, my dying
all belongs to God, the Lord of all worlds.
No associate has He.

6:162-163

O my Lord!
Forgive me and my Brother and
admit us unto Thy mercy, and
Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

7:151

God is enough for me.
There is no god but He.
In Him I have put my trust.
He is the Lord of the Mighty Throne (*Arsh*).

9:129

- My succor (help) is only with God;
 in Him I have put my trust,
 and to Him I turn.
- 11:88
- He is my Lord-
 there is no god but He.
 In Him I have put my trust,
 and to Him is my return.
- 13:30
- O My Lord,
 make me performer of the prayer, and of my offspring.
 Our Lord,
 accept thou my prayer,
 Our Lord,
 forgive me and my parents and the believers,
 upon the day when the reckoning shall be established.
- 14:40-41
- My Lord,
 lead me to enter a goodly entrance, and
 lead me out with a goodly exit, and
 grant me authority from Thee, to assist.
- 17:80
- And say thou not thy prayer too loud,
 nor say it in too low a voice,
 but seek thou for a way between these a middle course. And say,
 Praise belongs to God,
 who has not taken to Him a son, and
 who has not any associate in the Kingdom,
 nor any protector out of humbleness.
- 17:110-111
- Our Lord, give us mercy from Thee,
 and provide us in our affairs a right course.
- 18:10
- O my Lord, increase me in knowledge.
- 20:114
- Praise belongs to God,
 who has delivered us from the unjust people.
 O my Lord, disembark me with a blessed landing,
 for Thou art the best of all who cause to land.
- 23:28-29
- My Lord, forgive and have mercy,
 for Thou art the best of the merciful.
- 23:118

Our Lord,

turn Thou away from us the chastisement of Hell;
surely its torment is the most terrible;
evil it is a lodging place and an abode (home);

25:65-66

... Lord of the worlds,

who created me, and
He it is who guides me, and
who gives me to eat and drink, and
whenever I am sick, heals me,
who makes me to die, then gives me life, and
who I hope shall forgive me my faults on the Day of Judgment.

O My Lord,

give me judgment and
unite me with the righteous, and
appoint me a tongue of truthfulness among the posterity (succeeding
generations).

And make me one of the inheritors of the Garden of Bliss (complete happiness).

26:77-85

Disgrace me not upon the day when they are raised up,

the day when neither wealth nor sons shall profit,
except for him who comes to God with heart submissive,
And shall be brought near, the garden for the pious ones.

26:87-90

... My Lord, arouse me to be thankful for Thy bounty
which Thou has bestowed on me and my parents, and
that I do righteousness well-pleasing to Thee; and
do Thou admit me, by Thy mercy,
amongst Thy righteous servants.

27:19

So glory be to Him, in whose hand is the dominion (kingdom)
of everything,

and unto Him you shall be returned.

36:83

The Forgiver of sin,

The Acceptor of repentance,

The Severe to chastise,

The Lord of bounty;

There is no god but He;

Unto Him is the ultimate end of the journey,

40:3

... Our Lord, Thou comprehendeth all things in mercy and knowledge,
therefore forgive Thou those who turn (repent) and follow Thy way, and
save them from the torment of the Hell.

Our Lord, and admit them into the ever-blissful gardens

which Thou has promised unto them and
those who do good (righteous)
of their fathers, and their wives, and their children,
surely Thou art the Almighty, the All-Wise.

40:7-8

... Glory be to Him, who has subjected this to us, and
we ourselves were not able to attain this;
Surely unto our Lord, we shall return.

43:13-14

So to God belongs praise,
The Lord of the heavens
and the Lord of the earth
Lord of the worlds (all being).

His is the greatness (domination) in the heavens and the earth,
and He is the All-mighty, the All-wise.

45:36-37

O my Lord, dispose me that I may be thankful for Thy bounties
which Thou has bestowed on me and my father and mother,
and that I may do righteousness well-pleasing to Thee;
and make me righteous also in my offspring (seed).

Behold, I repent to Thee, and am among those that surrender (Muslims).

46:15

He is God, There is no god but He;

The knower of the unseen and the visible;

He is the Beneficent (compassionate), the most Merciful.

He is God, there is no god but He;

the King,

the Holy,

the Peace loving,

the Conviction (faithful),

the Guardian (preserver),

the Ever Prevalent (mighty),

the Supreme (compeller),

the Great Absolute (sublime).

Glory be to God, above that they associate.

He is God the Creator, the Maker, the Shaper.

To Him belong the names most beautiful.

All that is in the heavens and the earth magnifies Him;

He is the All-mighty, the All-wise.

59:22-24

... Our Lord,

in Thee we trust;

to Thee we turn;

to Thee is the final return (homecoming).

Our Lord,

Make us not a temptation to those who disbelieve,
And forgive us, O Our Lord,
Thou art the All-mighty, the All-wise.

60:4-5

... We have indeed heard the Qur'an wonderful,
guiding to rectitude.

We believe in it,

And we will not associate with our Lord anyone.

He-exalted be our Lord's majesty!

has not taken to Himself either spouse or a son.

72:1-3

I only pray to my Lord, and

I do not associate with Him anyone.

72:20

Prosperous is he who has cleansed himself,

And mentions the Names of his Lord, and prays.

87:14-15

I take refuge with the Lord of people,

The King of people,

The God of people,

From the evil of the slinking whisperer

Who whispers in the breasts of people

From among the jinn and men.

114:1-6

5. Economics

Islam believes in honest business. If you are selling merchandize, provide the buyer with proper merchandize in weight and measurement. If you are signing contract have two people witness. Provide poor with percentage of profit you make in your endeavors. Charity is highly recommended because it provides means for those who are suffering with hardship.

God gives an example in Qur'an, of spending in the name of God as follows:

- One grain of corn given in the name of God is like
 - Planting a seed of corn that sprouts into a stem;
 - The stem then produces 7 ears of corn;
 - Each ear of corn has over 100 seeds.

The above interpretation is for verse 2:261; it produces the following result.

One seed given for God = 1 stem x 7 ears of corn x 100 seeds in each corn ear
 One seed given for God = 700 seeds; what a terrific investment

This concludes whatever you provide in the name of God, He will return to you several times what you provided.

Charity (Alms)	Any type of help provided, whether it is financial or volunteering personal time to help any individual or an organization is considered Charity. God refers to charity in Qur'an as a goodly loan and promises that you can reap its benefits several times the amount of contribution in this life and/or on the day of resurrection.
Taxes	There are two types of taxes in Islam. Every Muslim must pay these taxes.
Poor-Rate (<i>Zakat</i>)	Two and a half percent payment is required on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Profit from farming special crops such as wheat, barley, ralsin etc., and raising cattle > Gold and silver jewelry not being used on a yearly basis
One Fifth Net (<i>Khums</i>)	Twenty percent of net income after deducting all expenses.
Usury	Interest income and payment of interest on loans are forbidden; however there are exceptions and one should concur with a religious authority. Investments that provide dividends with the risk of profit and loss are encouraged.
Wages	God provides means for wages
Estate	Extensive rules are provided for inheritance. Do not deal unjustly with the property of orphans.

Following are selected verses from Qur'an on the above subject:

5. a. Charity (Alms)

The similitude of those who spend their wealth in the path of God is

The similitude of a grain of corn that
sprouts seven ears
in every ear a hundred grains;

So God multiplies unto whom He will,
And God is All-embracing, All-knowing.

2:261

... Those who treasure up gold and silver,
and do not expend them in the way of God-
give them the good tidings of a painful chastisement,
the day (Judgment day)
they shall be heated in the fire of Hell and therewith
their foreheads and their sides and their backs shall be branded;

'This is the thing you have treasured (hoarded) up for yourselves;
therefore taste you now what you were treasuring (hoarding)!

9:34-35

Believe in God and His Apostle

and expend of that unto which He has made you successors.

And those of you who believe and expend shall have a mighty wage
(recompense).

57:7

Who is he that will lend to God a good loan,
And He will multiply (double) it for him,
And his shall be a generous wage?

57:11

Verily charitable men and charitable women
and those who offer a goodly loan unto God,
multiplied (doubled) shall it be unto them,
and for them shall be generous recompense.

57:18

Expend of what We have provided you

Before that death comes upon one of you

And he says, 'O my Lord,

if only Thou would defer me unto a near term,
so that I may make freewill offering (alms), and
so I may become one of the righteous.'

But God will never defer any soul when its term comes.

And God is aware of the things you do.

63:10-11

Verily your possessions (wealth)

and your children are only a trial;

and God it is with Whom is a great recompense.

So fear God as far as you are able,

And give ear (listen), and obey and expend,
It is better for your selves;
And whosoever is saved from the greed of his own soul
Those-they are the successful ones.
If you lend to God a good loan,
He will double (multiply) it unto you
And will forgive you;
And God is the most Appreciating, the most forbearing (clement),
The Knower of the unseen and the visible,
The All-mighty (Ever-Prevalent), the All-wise.

64:15-18

And perform the prayer, and
pay the alms (poor-rate), and
lend to God a good loan,
Whatever good you shall forward to your souls' account,
you shall find it with God as better,
and mightier a wage (recompense).
And ask God's forgiveness:
God is All-forgiving, All-compassionate.

73:20

5. b. Taxes

5. b. i. Poor-rate (*Zakat*)

Establish you the
prayer and
give you away poor-rate and
bow you down,

2:43

It is not righteousness
that you turn your faces towards the East and the West,
righteousness is rather one who
believes in God and
the Last Day and
the Angels and
the Book,
the apostles, and
gives his wealth out of love for Him to
the kindred and
the orphans and
the poor and
the wayfarer and
the needy and
for those in bondage; and

establish payer and
pay the poor-rate; and those
who fulfill their promise when they make a promise and
the patient ones in stress and affliction and in the time of war
these are they who are the Truthful and
these are they who are the pious.

2:177

5. b. ii. One Fifth Net (*Khums*)

Know that, whatever you acquire,
the fifth of it is
God's, and
the Messenger's, and
the near kinsman's, and
the orphans', and
for the needy, and
the traveler,

8:41

Surely God bids to
Justice and
Good-doing and
Giving to kinsmen,
And forbids
Indecency,
Dishonor, and
Insolence (arrogance)
Admonishing you, so that you may remember,

16:90

And give
To the near of kin his due and
To the needy and
To the wayfarer,
And squander not wastefully.

17:26

Give
The kinsman his due, and
To the needy, and
The traveler;
This is better for those
who desire the pleasure of God and
these are the prosperers.

30:38

Whatever has God bestowed on His Apostle
from the people of the towns, belongs to
God, and
His Apostle and
his (Apostle's) kindred, and
orphans, and
the needy, and
the travelers,
so that it may not circulate among the rich ones of you.
59:7

5. c. Usury

Those who swallow interest will not stand (in resurrection)
except as standeth one whom Satan has confounded with his touch;
because they say,
trade is only like earning interest,
whereas God has decreed trade lawful
and has forbidden interest.

2:275

O believers, devour (consume) not usury, doubled and redoubled,
and fear you God; haply so you will prosper.

3:130

And for the evildoing of Jews (Judaize),
We have forbidden them certain good things that were permitted to them,
and for their obstructing many from the path of God,
and for their taking interest (usury), that they were prohibited,
and consuming the wealth of the people wrongfully;

4:160-161

And what you give in interest (usury),
that it may increase upon the people's wealth,
increases not with God;
but what you give in charity (alms), desiring the pleasure of God,
those-they receive recompense manifold.

30:39

5. d. Wages

God outspreads (extends) and straitens (restricts)
His provision to whomsoever He will of His servants;
God has knowledge of everything

29:62

No soul knows
what it shall earn tomorrow, and
what land he shall die.

31:34

Do they not know that God enlarges and restricts
His provision to whomsoever He will?
Surely in that are the signs for a people who believe,
39:52

... He enlarges and restricts His provision to whom He wills;
Surely He has knowledge of everything,
42:12

It is He Who accepts repentance from His servants, and
forgives the sins, and He knows whatever you do,
And He answers those
who believe and
do righteous deeds,
And He gives them increase of His bounty.
42:25-26

5. e. Estate

God charges you concerning your children:
To the male the like of the portion of two female, and
if they be women more than two, then
for them two-thirds of what he leaves, but
if she be an only daughter then
to her a half; and
To his parents to each one of the two the sixth of what he leaves,
if he has children;
but if he has no children, and his heirs are his parents,
a third to his mother, or,
if he has brothers, to his mother a sixth,
After any bequest he may bequeath, or any debt,
4:11

And for you a half of what your wives leave,
if they have no children; but
if they have children, then
for you of what they leave a fourth,
after any bequest they may bequeath, or any debt.
And for them (wives) a fourth of what you leave,
if you have no children; but
if you have children, then
for them of what you leave an eighth,
after any bequest you may bequeath, or any debt.
If a man or a woman have no heir direct,
But have a brother or a sister,
To each of the two a sixth;
But if they are more numerous than that,
They share equally a third,
After any bequest he may bequeath, or any debt without loss:

This is an ordinance from God;

And verily, God is All-Knowing, the most Forbearing,

4:12

God giveth you a decision about 'Kalala' the indirect heir (side kindred):

If man perishes having no children,

But he has a sister,

She shall receive a half of what he leaves,

And he is her heir if she has no children,

if there be two sisters,

they shall receive two-thirds of what he leaves,

if there be brothers and sisters,

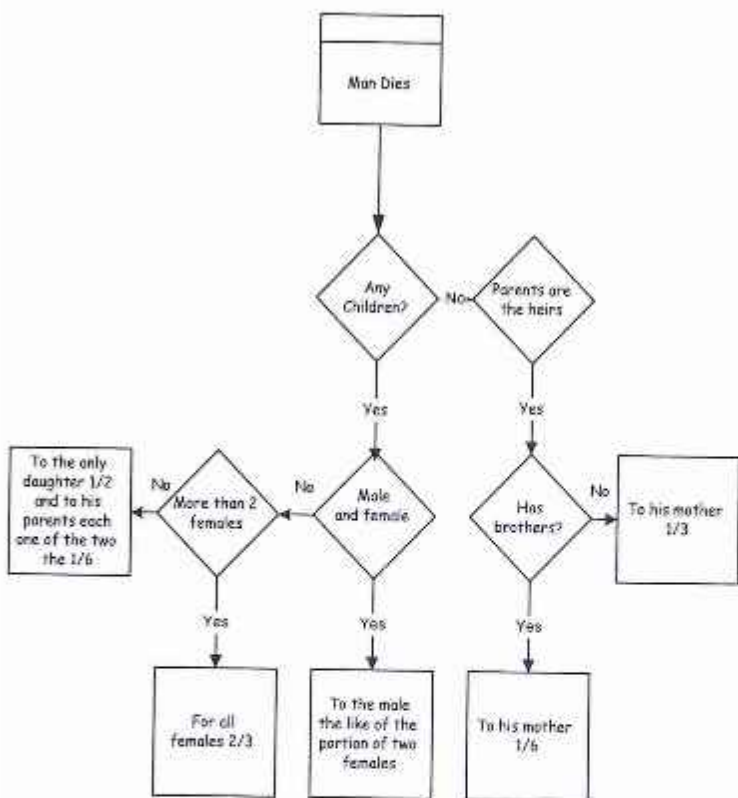
the male shall receive the portion of two females.

God makes it clear to you, lest you go astray;

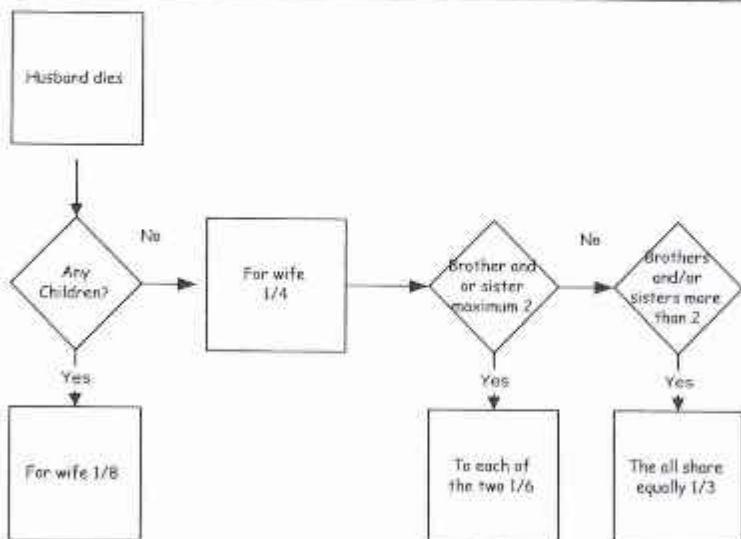
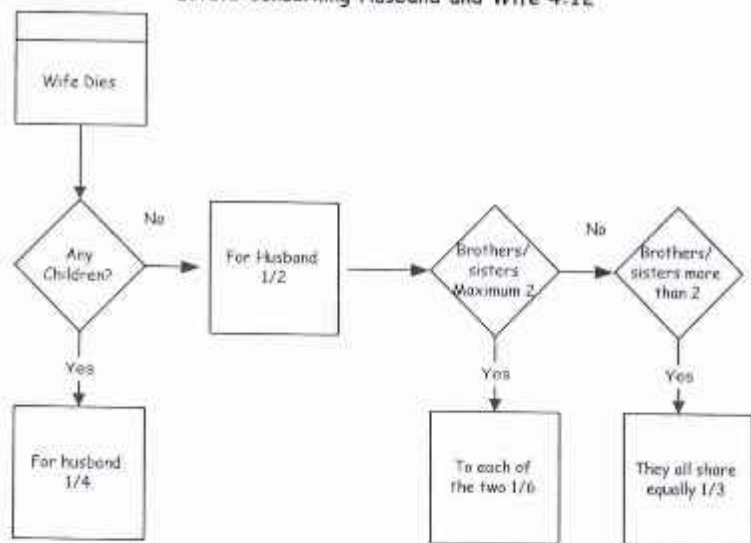
God has knowledge of everything,

4:176

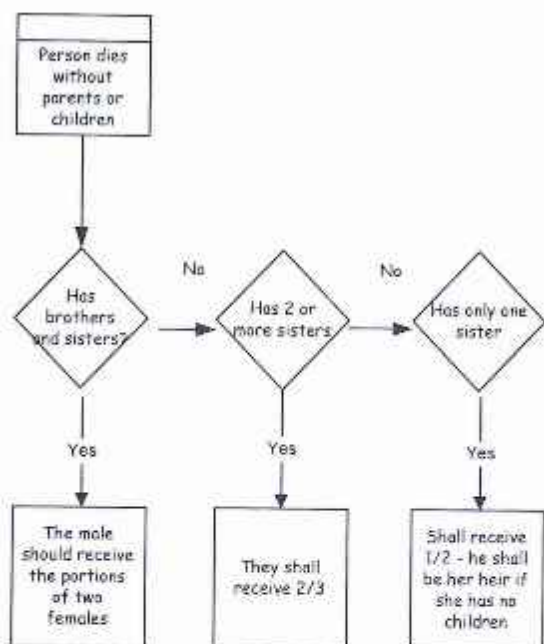
Estate Concerning Your Children 4:11



Estate Concerning Husband and Wife 4:12



Estate for the Indirect Heir - *Kalala* 4:177
(Person without parents or children)



6. Death and After Death

Muslims believe in the return of every person to God on the Judgment Day (*Qiyamat*). One of the principal fundamentals of Islam is the belief in the Judgment Day. On that day every person will be recompensed according to his/her faith in God and actions in the present life. With the sense of accountability to God for every action in this life, Muslims must refrain from committing any sin or crime.

The present life is only a season for cultivation and the life after death will be the period of harvest. This life is a respite for creating causes for the effects in the hereafter. The actions in this life can bring you rewards or punishment on the Day of Judgment. Those with good deeds and faith in only one God will be inhabitants of Heaven. Those with bad deeds and nonbelievers in God will be sent to Hell.

Following are selected verses from Qur'an on the above subject:

6. a. Death

Say: 'Death's angel,
who has been charged with you,
shall gather you,
then to your Lord you shall be returned.'

32:11

6. b. Judgment Day (*Qiyamat*)

... the day when some faces are blackened,
and some faces brightened. ...
... But as for those whose faces are brightened,
they shall be in God's mercy, therein dwelling forever.

3:106-107

God-there is no god but He.
He will surely gather you all on the Resurrection Day,
no doubt of it.
And who is truer in tidings than God?

4:87

And on the day
We shall set the mountains in motion, and
thou seest the earth a leveled plain, and
We muster them so that we leave not so much as one of them behind;

18:47

Upon that day
We shall leave some of them
surging (rise and fall like a wave) on one another, and
the Trumpet shall be blown, and we shall gather them together,
18:99

On the day the Trumpet is blown; and We will gather
the guilty ones, and
the blear-eyed (with terror) ones.
20:102

They will question thee concerning the mountains,
Say: 'My Lord will scatter them as dust;
then He will leave them a plain, smooth level,
wherein you will see no crookedness
neither any curving (unevenness).'
On that day they will follow the Summoner in whom is no crookedness;
...Upon that day the intercession will not profit,
save for him to whom the All-merciful gives permission,
and whose speech He approves.
20:105-109

but whosoever turns away from My warning,
his shall be a life of narrowness,
and on the Resurrection Day We shall raise him Blind.
20:124

on the day when
their tongues,
their hands and
their feet
shall testify against them touching that they were doing.
24:24

On the day the Trumpet is blown, and
terrified is whomsoever is in the heavens and earth,
excepting whom God wills, and
every one shall come to Him, all utterly abject (hopeless); and
you shall see the mountains,
that you supposed fixed, passing by like clouds.
27:87-88

Upon the day when the Hour is come,
the sinners shall be confounded;
there shall be no intercessors from among their associate gods,
and they shall be deniers of their associates.
Upon the day when the Hour is come,
that day they shall be divided;
as for those who believed, and did deeds of righteousness,
they shall walk with joy in a green meadow,

but as for those who disbelieved,
and cried lies to Our signs and the encounter of the Hereafter,
they shall be arraigned into the chastisement,

30:12-16

O people, fear your Lord, and dread (feel extra fear)
the day when no father shall give satisfaction for his child, and
no child shall give satisfaction for his father whatever,

31:33

Their greeting, on the day when they shall meet Him,
will be 'Peace!'

33:44

And the Trumpet shall be blown;
then behold, from the grave unto their lord they hasten,

36:51

So this day no soul shall be dealt with unjustly in the least,
nor shall you be recompensed but that you were doing

36:54

On that day We will set a seal upon their mouths,
and their hands shall speak to Us,
and their feet shall bear witness of what they were earning.

36:65

For the Trumpet shall be blown, and
whosoever is in the heavens and
whosoever is in the earth shall swoon (die),
save whom God wills,

Then it shall be blown again, and lo, they shall stand beholding.

And the earth shall shine with the light of its Lord, and
the Book shall be set in place, and
the Prophets and witnesses shall be brought, and
justly the issue be decided between them, and
they shall not be dealt with unjustly.

Every soul shall be paid in full for what it has wrought, and
He knows very well what they do.

Then the unbelievers shall be driven in flocks into Hell
till, when they have come towards, then its gates will be opened and
its keepers will say to them,

'Did not Messengers come to you from among yourselves,
reciting to you the signs of your Lord and
warning you against the encounter of this your day?'

They shall say, 'Yes indeed;

but the word of the chastisement has been realized
against the unbelievers.'

It shall be said, 'Enter the gates of Hell, to abide therein, and
wretched the abode of the arrogant.'

Then those that feared their Lord shall be driven in companies into Paradise
till, when they have come towards, then its gates are opened and,
its keepers will say to them,

'Peace be upon you! Well you have fared; enter in, to dwell forever.'

They shall say,

'All Praise belongs to God, who has been true in His promise to us,
and has bequeathed upon us the earth,
we may dwell in the Paradise wherever we please and
goodly is the recompense of the workers.'

And thou shall see the angles encircling about
the *Arsh* (Throne) proclaiming the praise of their Lord;
and justly the issue shall be decided between them;
and it shall be said,

'All Praise belongs to God, the Lord of all Being'

39:68-75

And warn them, then, of the approaching Day,
When hearts shall rise up to their throats choking;
For the unjust there shall not be any sincere friend nor an intercessor
who shall prevail.

40:18

God gives you life, then makes you die,
then He shall gather you to the Day of Reckoning,
wherein is no doubt,

but most people do not know'

To God belongs the Kingdom of the heavens and the earth,
And on the day when the Hour is come,
upon that Day the falsehood believers (vain-doers) shall lose.

And thou shall see every people (nation) kneeling down;
Every people shall be called unto its Book;
Today you shall be recompensed for what all you used to do.

This is Our Book that speaks against you with justice;
surely, We used to record whatever you used to do.

And as for those who have believed
and done deeds of righteousness,
Their Lord will admit them into His mercy,
that is the manifest achievement

45:26-30

... 'This day We neglect you,
even as you neglected the meeting of this your day (Day of Reckoning);
and your refuge is the fire and you shall have no helpers.

This is for that you took God's signs in mockery,
and the present life deluded you.'

45:34-35

When the earth shall be shaken with a shaking.
And the mountains shall be crumbled and become scattered dust.

And you shall be three bands.

People of the Right hand; O Companion of the Right hand.

People of the Left hand; O Companion of the Left hand.

And the Foremost ones shall be the Foremost ones,

These are who shall be brought nigh.

In the gardens of bliss.

Numerous from among the first ones,

a few from among the later ones

on wrought couches

reclining upon them set face to face

youths of unchanging bloom

going around about them

with goblets, and ewers and a cup of pure drink

neither brows ache, nor faileth the sense

and fruits, any that they choose,

and the flesh of fowls, any that they like,

and the *Hurries* (maiden pure) with wide eyes

as the likeness of hidden pearls,

a recompense for what they used to do.

56:4:24

The people of Right hand O Companion of the Right hand

Amid thornless lote-trees,

and banana trees piled one above another

spreading shade and outpoured waters,

and fruits abundant, unailing, unforbidden

and thrones exalted.

Surely, We have created as a creation.

And We have made them virgins pure, lovable, equal in age

for the Companions of the Right hand.

56:27-38

And the people of the Left hand, O Companion of the Left hand

Among burning (scorching) winds and boiling water,

And in the shadow of a black smoke,

Neither cool, nor graceful;

And before that they lived at ease (extravagant),

And persisted in the Great Sin,

56:41-46

So, when the trumpet is blown with a single blast

and the earth and the mountains are lifted up

and crushed with a single blow,

then that day,

the Great Event (Terror) (Reckoning) shall come to pass,

and heaven shall be split,

for upon that day it shall be frail,

and the angles shall be on the side of it:

and upon that day

eight shall carry above them the Throne (*Arsb*) of thy Lord,

On that day you shall be exposed,
not one secret of yours concealed.

Then as for him who is given his book in his right hand,
he shall say,

'Here, take and read my book!

Certainly I thought that I should encounter my reckoning.'

So he shall be in a pleasing life

in a lofty garden,

its fruit being low and near at hand.

'Eat and drink for health and pleasure
for what goodness you sent before,
in the days gone by.'

But as for him who is given his book in his left hand,
he shall say,

'Would that I had not been given my book
and not known my account!

Would it had been the end!

My wealth has not availed me,
my authority is gone from me.'

'Take him, and fetter him, and then roast him in Hell,
then in a chain of seventy cubits' length tie him!

Behold, he never believed in God the All-mighty,
and he never urged the feeding of the needy;
therefore he today has not here one loyal friend,
neither any food except the refuse of the wash of wounds (pus),
which shall eat none but the sinners.'

69:13-37

Upon the day

when heaven shall be as molten brass (copper)

and the mountains shall be as wool-tufts,
no loyal friend shall question loyal friend,
as they are given sight of each other;

The sinner will wish

that he might ransom himself from the chastisement of that day
even by his sons,

his wife,

his brother,

his kin who sheltered him,

and whosoever is in the earth, all together,

so that then it might deliver him.

70:8-14

When is the Day of Resurrection?

When the sight is dazed (shocked) and
the moon is eclipsed (darkened), and
the sun and the moon are brought together,
upon that day man shall say,

'Where is place to flee?'

No indeed; not a place of any refuge!

The place of rest shall be upon thy Lord.

Upon that day

Man shall be told his former deeds and latter;

no, man shall be a clear proof against himself,

Even though he offer his excuses.

75:6-15

Surely, the Day of Decision is an appointed time,

The day the trumpet is blown,

And you shall come forth in groups,

And heaven is opened, and become gates (portals),

And the mountains are set in motion, And become a vapor.

Behold, Hell has become an ambush,

for the transgressors (insolent) the destination,

therein to tarry for ages,

tasting therein neither coolness nor any drink

except boiling water and pus

for suitable recompense.

78:17-26

And when the deafening Trumpet shall blast,

Upon the day when a man shall flee from

his brother,

his mother,

his father,

his wife,

his children,

every man that day shall have business to suffice him.

Some faces on that day shall shine (radiant)

laughing, joyous;

Some faces on that day shall be dusty

covered with darkness

those - they are the unbelievers, the wicked.

80:33-42

When the sun shall be folded (darkened),

when the stars shall be darkened,

when the mountains shall be set moving,

when the 'Ishaar' (pregnant camel) shall be neglected,

when the wild (savage) beasts shall be mustered,

when the oceans (seas) shall be set boiling.

when the souls shall be reunited (with their bodies),
when the buried infant shall be asked
for what sin she was slain,
when the scrolls (books) shall be unrolled,
when heaven shall be removed,
when Hell shall be set blazing,
when Paradise shall be brought nigh,
then shall a soul know what it has produced.

81:1-14

The day that people shall be like scattered moths,
and the mountains shall be like plucked wool-tufts.
Then he whose deeds weigh heavy in the Balance
shall inherit a pleasing life,
But he whose deeds weigh light in the Balance
His home shall be the 'Haviath' (burning pit).
And what shall teach thee what is the 'Haviath' (burning pit)?
It is blazing Fire!

101:4-11

6. c. Heaven

But the godfearing shall be amidst gardens and fountains;
'Enter you them, in peace and security!'
We shall strip away all rancor (hatred) that is in their breasts;
and brothers they shall be upon couches set face to face;
no fatigue there shall smite them,
neither shall they ever be driven forth from there.

15:45-48

Excellent is the abode (residence) of the pious (godfearing)-
Gardens of eternity (Eden) they shall enter,
underneath which rivers flow,
wherein they shall have all they desire.

16:30-31

The seven heavens and the earth, and whomsoever in them,
glorify (praise highly) Him;
nothing is, that does not proclaim His praise,
but you do not understand their glorification.

17:44

Surely those who believe, and do deeds of righteousness-
surely We leave not to waste the wage of him who does good deeds:

Those-theirs shall be

Gardens of eternity (Eden), underneath which rivers flow;
therein they shall be adorned with bracelets of gold, and
they shall be robed in green garments of silk, and
brocade woven with gold,
therein reclining upon couches-

O, how excellent a reward! And O, how fair a resting-place!
18:30-31

God shall surely admit those who believe and do righteous deeds
into gardens underneath which rivers flow;
therein they shall be adorned with bracelets of gold and with pearls,
and their apparel there shall be of silk,
And they shall be guided unto goodly speech,
and they shall be guided unto the path of the Praised One (All-laudable).
22:23-24

Prosperous are the believers,
who in their prayers are humble, and
from idle talk turn away, and
those who act for purification (active in almsgiving), and
who guard their private parts, ...
who preserve their trusts and their promises and
who observes prayers.

These are the heirs, who shall inherit Paradise,
therein dwelling for ever.

23:01-11

And those who believe, and
do righteous deeds,

We shall surely lodge them in lofty chambers of paradise,
underneath which rivers flow,
therein dwelling for ever;

an excellent is the recompense (wage) of those who act (aright),
such men are steadfast (patient), and put their trust in their Lord.

29:58-59

God is He that created the heavens and the earth,
and what is between them, in six days,
then seated Himself upon the Throne.

32:04

Gardens of eternity they shall enter into,
they shall be given to wear therein
bracelets of gold and pearls, and
their raiment (apparel) therein be silk.

35:33

We have adorned the heaven nearest to this world
with an adornment, the stars.

37:6

For them awaits a known provision,
fruits, and they shall be highly honored,
in the gardens beautiful,
upon couches facing each other,
a cup from a spring being passed round to them,
limpid white, a delight to the drinkers, wherein no

sickness is, neither intoxication;
and with them wide-eyed maidens restraining their glances
as they were hidden pearls.

37:41-49

This is a reminder; and for the godfearing there is an excellent resort,
Gardens of eternal bliss, whereof the gates are open to them,
Reclining therein, calling therein for fruits and drinks.
And with them shall be maidens restraining their glances of equal age.
This is what you are promised for the day of the day of Reckoning.
This is Our provision, unto which there is no end.

38:49-54

Those who believed in Our signs and
were Muslims (those submitting themselves to God)
Enter Paradise, you and your wives, walking with joy.
There shall be passed around them gold dishes and cups,
Therein shall be whatever their souls desire,
and the eyes delight in.
And therein you shall dwell forever.

This is the paradise that you have been given
for an inheritance for what you have been doing.
Therein you have abundant fruits, of which you shall eat.

43:69-73

Surely, the pious (Godfearing) ones shall be in a secure place,
In gardens and fountains,
Attired in fine silk and in rich brocade set face to face:
And We will unite them
with fair ones (*Huries*), with wide, lovely eyes.
They shall call therein for every fruit, secure.
They shall taste not taste death therein, save the first
And He will save them from the chastisement of the hell.
A grace from thy Lord, this is the great achievement.

44:51-57

Surely, those who say, 'Our Lord is God' and
are firm aright (go straight),
then no fear shall be on them nor shall they grieve.
Those are the inhabitants of Paradise,
Therein dwelling forever,
as a recompense for what they have been doing.

46:13-14

This is the similitude of Paradise
which the pious have been promised:
therein are rivers of water incorruptible (unstaling),
rivers of milk unchanging in flavor, and
rivers of wine a delight to the drinkers,
rivers of honey pure and clear; and

therein for them is every fruit, and forgiveness from their Lord,
47:15

He may admit the believers (faithful) men and women
Into gardens underneath which rivers flow,
Therein to dwell forever,
And acquit them of their evil deeds;
That is with God a great achievement.

48:5

... And whosoever obeys God and His Messenger (Apostle),
He will admit him into gardens underneath which rivers flow;
But whosoever turns his back,
him He will chastise with a painful chastisement.

48:17

What, have they not beheld heaven above them,
how We have built it,
and decked it out fair,
and it has no cracks?

50:6

Whosoever fears the All-merciful in secret
and comes with a penitent heart;
'Enter it in peace! This is the Day of Eternity.'
Therein they shall have whatever they desire;
and with Us there is yet more.

50:33-35

Surely the godfearing (pious) shall be in gardens
amidst the bounties,
rejoicing in that their Lord has given them;
and saved them their Lord from the chastisement of Hell,
'Eat and drink, in health and delight for what you used to do.'
Reclining upon thrones (couches) ranges;
and We will unite (espouse) them with wide eyed maidens pure (*Hurries*).
And those who believed and their offspring followed them in faith,
We will unite offspring with them, and
We shall not lessen them of aught of their deeds;
Every man shall be pledged for what he earned.

52:17-21

And for him who fears the time of standing before his Lord
Are two gardens-
O which of your Lord's bounties will you and you deny?
(this statement is repeated numerous times and indicated by ...)
with over branching trees- ...
therein two fountains of running water- ...

therein every fruit of two kinds- ...
 reclining upon beds,
 the inner coverings of which are of silk brocade;
 the fruits of the gardens shall be nigh (within reach)- ...
 therein maidens (damsels) restraining their glances,
 untouched before them by any man or jinn- ...
 lovely as rubies, beautiful as coral (pearls)- ...
 Shall the recompense of goodness be other than goodness? ...
 And besides these are two other gardens- ...
 green, green in color- ...
 therein two fountains of gushing water- ...
 therein fruits, and palm-trees, and pomegranates- ...
 therein virtuous women beautiful ones- ...
 Fair ones (*huries*), cloistered in cool pavilions- ...
 untouched before them by any man or jinn- ...
 reclining upon green cushions and lovely carpets (*druggets*) ...
 Blessed be the Name of thy Lord, majestic, splendid.

55:46-78

When the earth shall be shaken with a shaking,
 And the mountains shall be crumbled and become scattered dust.
 And you shall be three bands
 People of the Right hand; O Companion of the Right hand,
 People of the Left hand; O Companion of the Left hand,
 And the Foremost ones shall be the Foremost ones,
 These are who shall be brought nigh,
 In the gardens of bliss.
 Numerous from among the first ones,
 a few from among the later ones
 on wrought couches
 reclining upon them set face to face
 youths of unchanging bloom
 going around about them
 with goblets, and ewers and a cup of pure drink
 neither brows ache, nor faileth the sense
 and fruits, any that they choose,
 and the flesh of fowls, any that they like,
 and the maiden pure (*Huries*) with wide eyes
 as the likeness of hidden pearls,
 a recompense for what they used to do.

56:4:24

The people of Right hand O Companion of the Right hand
 Amid thorn-less lote-trees,
 and banana trees piled one above another
 spreading shade and outpoured waters,

and fruits abundant, unfailing, unforbidden
and thrones exalted.

Surely, We have created as a creation.
And We have made them virgins pure, lovable, equal in age
for the Companions of the Right hand.

56:27-38

So God has guarded them from the evil of that day, and
has procured them freshness and pleasure, and
recompensed them for their patience
with a Garden and silk;
therein they shall recline upon couches,
therein they shall find neither in the sun nor cold;
near them shall be its shades, and its clustered fruits hung meekly down,
and there shall be passed around them
vessels of silver, and goblets of crystal,
bright as glass, made of silver, measured very exactly.
And therein they shall be given to drink a cup whose mixture
is *Zanjabeel* (ginger),
therein a fountain whose name is called *Salsabeel* (soft flowing).
Immortal youths shall go about them:
when thou seest them,
thou wilt deem them scattered pearls,
when thou seest there,
thou seest bliss and a great kingdom.
Upon them shall be green garments of silk and brocade;
They are adorned with bracelets of silver, and
Their Lord shall give them to drink a pure.
'Behold, this is a recompense for you,
and your striving is accepted.'

76:11-22

Truly the godfearing shall dwell
amid shades and fountains,
and whatever fruits they may desire:
'Eat and drink, with health and delight,
for that you were working.'
Surely, We do recompense the good-doers.

77:41-44

Surely the righteous (pious) shall be in bliss,
Upon couches gazing;
Thou knowest in their faces the radiancy of bliss
As they are given to drink of a wine sealed
whose seal is musk
so after that let the strivers strive.

mixed therewith shall be the water of *Tasnim*,
a spring from which drink the Near Ones.

83:22-28

Faces on that day shall be cheerful,
with their striving well-pleased,
In a grand garden,
they shall hear not therein any vain talk,
therein a fountain flowing,
therein uplifted couches,
and goblets set forth,
and cushions arrayed
and carpets outspread.

88:8-16

'O soul at peace, return unto thy Lord,
well-pleased, well-pleasing!
Enter thou among My servants!
Enter thou my paradise!

89:27-30

Surely, those who believe and do good deeds,
those are the best of creatures;
their recompense is with their Lord-
gardens of Eden, underneath which rivers flow,
therein dwelling for ever.

God is well pleased with them,
And they are well-pleased with Him;
that is for him who fears his Lord.

98:7-8

6. d. Hell (*Jehennam*)

Surely those who disbelieve in Our signs-
We shall certainly roast them at a Fire;
as often as their skins are wholly burned,
We shall give them in exchange other skins,
that they may taste the chastisement.

Surely God is Al-mighty, All-wise.

4:56

Whoso slays a believer willfully,
his recompense is Hell,
there in dwelling forever, and
God will be wrath with him and will curse him,
and prepare for him, a mighty chastisement.

4:93

Beyond him is Hell, and
he is given to drink of festering water (oozing pus).

he shall drink it little by little
and shall not be able to swallow it, and
death comes upon him from every side,
yet he cannot die; and
still beyond him is a harsh chastisement.

14:16-17

Said He, 'This is for Me a straight path;
over My servants thou (Satan) shall have no authority,
except those that follow thee (Satan), being perverse (corrupt);
Hell shall be their promised land all together.
Seven gates it has,
and unto each gate a set portion of them belongs.'

15:41-44

... Surely We have prepared for the evildoers a fire,
whose pavilion encompasses them; if they call for succor (help),
they will be succored with water like molten brass (copper),
that shall scald (burn) their faces-
how evil a potion (medicine), and how evil a resting-place!

18:29

Whosoever comes unto his Lord a sinner,
for him awaits Hell
wherein he shall neither die or live.

20:74

As for the unbelievers, for them
garment of fire shall be cut, and
there shall be poured over their heads boiling water
whereby whatsoever is in their bellies and their skins shall be melted;
for them await hooked iron rods;
as often as they desire in their anguish to come forth from it,
they shall be restored into it, and:
'Taste the chastisement of the burning!'

22:19-22

But for the ungodly, their refuge shall be the Fire,
as often as they desire to come forth from it,
they shall be restored into it,

32:20

And those who disbelieve, for them
shall be the fire of Hell,
they shall neither be done with and die,
nor shall its chastisement be lightened for them.

Thus We retribute every ungrateful one.
And they shall cry aloud therein for help:

'O our Lord! Take us out,
we will do good deeds other than what we used to do.'

35:36-37

... for the wicked (insolent) ones there is a wretched (ill) resort,
Hell, they shall enter it, and so evil is the place,
All this, so let them taste it-boiling water and gore (pus),
And other torments of the like kind coupled together.
38:55-58

Those who cry lies to the Book and
what We sent Our Apostles (messengers) with,
soon they will know,
When the fetters and chains are on their necks, and
they will be dragged into the boiling water,
then in the fire shall they be burned.

40:70-72

Verily the tree of *Zaqqum* (*Ez-Zakkoum*) shall be the food of the sinful,
like the molten brass, bubbling in the bellies as boiling water bubbles.
'Take him, and drag (thrust) him into the midst of Hell,
then pour over his head the chastisement of boiling water.'
'Taste! Thou art the mighty, the noble.
This is that concerning which you were doubting.'

44:43-50

And the people of the Left hand, O Companion of the Left hand
Among burning (scorching) winds and boiling water,
And in the shadow of a black smoke,
Neither cool, nor graceful;
And before that they lived at ease,
And persisted in the Great Sin,

56:41-46

... And who so disobeys God and His Messenger,
For him there awaits the fire of Hell;
Therein they shall dwell forever.

72:23

I shall surely roast him in hell fire (*Sakar*),
And what will teach thee what is hell fire (*Sakar*)?
It spares not, neither leaves alone scorching the flesh;
74:26-29

In the Gardens they will question concerning the sinners,
'What has brought you into hell fire (*Sakar*)?'
They shall say,
'We were not of those who offered regular prayers, and
we fed not the needy, and
we used to talk vanities with the vain talkers, and
we cried lies to the Day of Judgment,
till the Certainty (death) came to us.'

Then the intercession of the intercessors shall not profit them.
74:40-48

Faces on that day shall be downcast,
toiling,
weary,
roasting at a scorching fire,
made to drink at a boiling fountain,
no food for them but of the bitter -thorny fruit (*Zaree*) (cactus),
which will neither fatten nor give any relief from hunger.
88:2-7

Surely, those who disbelieve from among the people of the Book and
The idolaters (polytheists) shall be in the fire of hell,
Therein dwelling forever:
Those are the worst of creatures.

98:6

7. Social Issues

Qur'an teaches complete code of life, it teaches the benefits of good deeds and warns about the punishment for bad deeds. Qur'an teaches about all aspects of life. For example the following are few aspects discussed:

(a) Advice	Provides advice on how to live your life in this world with good deeds. Teaches faith in One God, Judgment Day, Angels and the Holy Book so that you may reap their benefits in this world and/or Heaven.
(b) Manners	Teaches good manners like giving respect to parents and greetings for everyone you meet. Teaches patience.
(c) Present Life	Present life is temporary; the life hereafter is forever. What you do in this life will provide you good or bad results accordingly in this life and/or the life hereafter.
(d) Diet (Food and Liquor)	Prohibits drinking alcohol and intoxication. It also prohibits eating swine, carrion, and blood, what has been sacrificed to other than God.
(e) Sins	Associating any one with God is a major sin. Allah is the only one God. Human being is regarded as very important creation of God and whosoever kills an innocent person is considered like killing the whole humanity.
(f) Travel and Locations	Encourages travelling to visit places where you can learn about what has happened to humanity when they disbelieved Allah's command. It is also interesting to know where some of the events took place. Like when Moses saw the fire and went near it to hear God speak to him. This mountain is in fact Mt. Sinai.
(g) Trust	In God let the believers put their trust. Believing in God is to trust Him to guide you along all aspects of life.
(h) Veil	Islam teaches in dressing moderately.
(i) Adultery	Adultery is a major crime in Islam. It strongly recommends marriage and abstinence.
(j) Records	Everything you do in this world is recorded in a book. On the Judgment Day this book will reveal what you did in this life. You will be rewarded according to recorded deeds.

(k) Sacred Months	<p>Ramadan: The ninth month of Islamic calendar year is called Ramadan. This is one of the holiest months in Islam.</p> <p>The Qur'an was revealed in the month of Ramadan. This is the month for reciting Qur'an, praying and fasting.</p> <p><i>ZilHajj</i>: The Pilgrimage to Mecca (<i>Hajj</i>) is performed in the twelfth and the last month <i>ZilHajj</i> of the Islamic calendar. This is one of the holiest rituals a Muslim performs. No fighting is allowed in this month.</p> <p>There are three other sacred months in the Islamic Calendar:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Rajab, Zilqad, Moharram</i></p>
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Following are selected verses from Qur'an on the above subject:

7. a. Advice

O believers,

be patient, and vie {maintain} you in patience;

be steadfast (faithful, determined);

fear God;

haply (perhaps) so you will prosper.

3:200

Those who devour (consume) the property of orphans unjustly,

devour fire in their bellies,

and shall assuredly roast in the blazing Hell-fire.

4:10

God shall turn only towards those who do evil in ignorance,

then shortly repent,

4:17

If you avoid the heinous (horrible) sins that are forbidden you,

We will acquit you of your smaller misdeeds,

and admit you by the gate of honor.

4:31

Worship God and associate not anyone with Him,

Be kind to parents, and the near kinsman,

and to orphans, and to the needy,

and to the neighbor who is of kin,

and to the neighbor who is a stranger,

and to the companion at your side,
and to the traveler,

4:36

Surely, God shall not wrong so much as the weight of an ant (atom),
and if it be a good deed He will multiply it,
and give from Himself a mighty reward.

4:40

O believers, draw not near to prayer
when you are drunken (intoxicated),
until you know what you are saying,

4:43

God forgives not that anything should be with Him associated;
less than that He forgives to whomsoever He will.

Who so associates with God anything,
has indeed forged a mighty sin.

4:48

The enjoyment (provision) of this world is little;
the world to come (hereafter) is better for him who fears God;
you shall not be wronged a single date-thread (husk of a date-stone).

4:77

Whosoever obeys the Messenger (Apostle), thereby obeys God;

4:80

And when you are greeted with a greeting
greet with a better than it, or return it;
surely, God keeps a watchful count over everything.

4:86

And when you are journeying in the land
there is no fault in that you shorten the payer,

4:101

prayer is a timed prescription for the believers.

4:103

Whosoever does evil, or wrongs himself,
and then seeks God's forgiveness,
he shall find
God is All-forgiving, All-compassionate.

4:110

Who so disbelieves in
God and
His Angels and
His Books and
His Messengers and
the Last Day (Resurrection),
has surely gone astray into far error.

4:136

But who so repents, after his evil doing,
and makes amends, God will turn towards him;
God is All-forgiving, All-compassionate.

5:39

Surely We sent down the Torah, wherein is guidance and light; ...
... And therein We prescribed for them;
'A life for a life, an eye for an eye,
a nose for a nose, an ear for an ear,
a tooth for a tooth,
and for wounds retaliation';
but whosoever forgoes it as a freewill offering,
that shall be for him an expiation (make amends).

5:47-48

In God we have put our trust.

7:89

Say, 'O mankind, I am the Messenger of God to you all,
of Him to Whom belongs the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth.
There is no god but He.
He gives life, and makes to die.
Believe then in God and in His Messenger,
the prophet of the *Ummi* (common folk),
who believes in God and His words,
and follow him; haply so you will be guided aright.'

7:158

O believers, if you fear God,
He will assign you a salvation, and
acquit you of your evil deeds, and
forgive you; and
God is the Lord of Mighty grace.

8:29

... Are you so content with this present life,
rather than the world to come?
Yet the enjoyment (provision) of this present life,
compared with the world to come, is a little thing.

9:38

Do they not know that
whosoever opposes God and His Messenger-
for him awaits the fire of Hell,
therein to dwell forever?

9:63

This Qur'an could not have been forged apart from God;
but it is a confirmation of what is before it,
and a distinguishing of the Book, wherein is no doubt,
from the Lord of all Being.

10:37

And follow thou what is revealed to thee;
and be thou patient until God shall judge;
and He is the best of judges.

10:109

And ask forgiveness of your Lord,
then repent (regret, turn from sin) to Him;
surely my Lord is All-compassionate, All-loving.

11:90

Alif Lam Ra

Those are the signs of the Manifest Book.
We have sent it down as an Arabic Qur'an;
that you may understand.

12:1-2

... Only men possessed of minds remember;
who fulfil God's covenant, and break not the pledge (compact),
who join what God has commanded shall be joined, and
fear their Lord, and dread the evil reckoning,
patient men, desirous of the countenance (pleasure) of their Lord,
who perform (establish) the prayer,
expend of that We have provided them, secretly and in public, and
who avert evil with good
theirs shall be the Ultimate Abode,
Gardens of Eden (perpetual bliss) which they shall enter; and
those who were righteous of their fathers,
and their wives
and their seed (offspring),
shall enter them,
and the angels shall enter unto them from every gate (portal):
'Peace be upon you, for that you were patient.'
How excellent is the sequel of the eternal Abode.

13:19-24

... this present life,
beside the world to come,
is naught (nothing) but passing enjoyment.

13:26

Say to My servants who believe, that
they perform (establish) the prayer, and
expend of that We have provided them, secretly and in public
before a day comes wherein shall be neither bargaining nor befriending.

14:31

Proclaim thou Lord's praise,
and be of those that bow (prostrate),
and serve (worship) thy Lord,
until the Certain (death) comes to thee.

15:98-99

And those that emigrated in God's cause
after they were wronged (oppressed)-
We shall surely lodge them in this world in a goodly lodging,
and the wage of the world to come is greater,
if they only know:

16:41

God says:

'Take not to you two gods.
He is only One God;
so have awe (respectful fear) of Me.'

16:51

If God had to take to task the people for their iniquity,
He would not leave on it (earth) a single moving being
but He respiteth them until an appointed time
and when their term (doom) is come
they shall not put it back by a single hour
nor put it forward.

16:61

And it is God who brought you forth
from your mothers' wombs,
you knew not anything,
and He appointed for you
hearing, and sight, and hearts,
that haply so you will be thankful.

16:78

Surely God bids to
justice and
good-doing and
giving to kinsmen (kindred); and
He forbids
Indecency (lewdness),
dishonor, and
insolence (arrogance),
admonishing (warning) you,
so that haply (perhaps) you will remember.

16:90

What is with you comes to an end,
but what is with God is everlasting,
and surely We shall recompense those who were patient
their wage, according to the best of what they were doing.

16:96

We gave Moses the Book (Torah)
and made it a guidance for the children of Israel, that

'Take not unto yourselves any guardian
apart from Me (*Allah*).'

17:02

See how We have bestowed more on some than on others;
surely the world to come is
greater in ranks,
greater in preferment.

17:21

Thy Lord has decreed
you shall not serve any but Him, and
to be good to parents,
whether one or both of them attains old age with thee;
say not to them a word of contempt (*Fie*)
neither chide (scold, criticize severely) them,
but speak unto them words respectful,
and lower to them the wing of humbleness out of mercy
and say
'My Lord, have mercy upon them,
as they raised me up when I was little.'

17:23-24

for He is All-forgiving to
those who are penitent (expressing sorrow for sin).
And give kinsman his right,
and the needy, and the traveler;
and never squander (waste);
the squanderers are brothers of Satan,
and Satan is unthankful to his Lord.

17:25-27

... set not up with God another god,
or thou will be cast into Hell,
reproached (disgraced) and rejected.

17:39

And do not say, regarding anything,
'I am going to do that tomorrow,'
but only, 'If God will': (*Insha-Allah*)

18:23-24

... surely a day with thy Lord is as a thousand years
of your counting.

22:47

Luqman: 'O my son,
perform the prayer, and
bid unto honor (good), and forbid dishonor (evil). And
bear patiently whatever may befall (happens) thee,
that is true constancy surely (steadfastness).

Turn not thy cheek away from men in scorn (anger), and
walk not in the earth exultantly (triumphant);
God loves not any man proud and boastful.
Be modest in thy walk, and
lower thy voice; the most hideous of voices is the ass's braying'.
31:17-19

7. b. Manners

You shall not worship but God, and
be good to
 parents and to
 orphans and the
 needy and
speak kindly to all men and
establish the prayer and
pay poor-rate (Zakat):

2:83

Whoso keeps his promise and guards himself,
Surely God loves those who guard themselves.

3:75

Do not enter houses other than your houses
until you first ask permission and
solute the people thereof; ...
And if you find not anyone therein,
enter it not until permission is given to you.
And if you are told, 'Return,' return;
that is purer for you;

24:27-28

Say to the believing men, that,
they cast down their eyes and
guard their private parts; ...
And say to the believing women, that
they cast down their eyes and
guard their private parts, and
reveal not their adornment except what is apparent; and
draw their veils over their bosoms, ...
let them not stamp their feet,
so that hidden ornament gets apparent.

24:30-31

... when you enter houses,
greet one another with a greeting from God,

24:61

We have charged man, that he be kind to his parents;
his mother bore him painfully, and
painfully she gave birth to him;

his bearing and his weaning are thirty months.
Until, he is fully grown, and reaches forty years,

46:15

O believers, eschew (avoid) much suspicion;
some suspicion is a sin,
And do not spy, neither backbite one another;
Would any of you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother?
you would abominate it.
And fear you God; assuredly God turns,
and He is All-compassionate.

49:12

7. c. Present Life

The enjoyment (provision) of this world is little;
the world to come (hereafter) is better for him who fears God;
you shall not be wronged a single date-thread (husk of a date-stone).

4:77

— This present life,
beside the world to come,
is naught (nothing) but passing enjoyment.

13:26

See how We have bestowed more on some than on others:
surely the world to come is
greater in ranks,
greater in preferment.

17:21

O my people, the life of this world is only enjoyment,
Surely, the hereafter is the abode to last.

40:39

— 'This day We neglect you,
even as you neglected the meeting of this your day (Day of Reckoning);
and your refuge is the fire and you shall have no helpers.

This is for that you took God's signs in mockery,
and the present life deluded you.'

45:34-35

And We shall assuredly try you
until We know those of you
who struggle and
are steadfast (patient), and
make your affairs known.

47:31

The life of this world is only an idle sport and a play, and
If you believe and are godfearing,
He will give your recompense (wages), and
will not ask of you your possessions.

47:36

Know that the present life is but a sport and a diversion,
And adornment and a cause for boasting among you,
and a rivalry in wealth and children.
It is as a rain whose vegetation pleases the unbelievers;
then it withers, and thou seest it turning yellow,
then it becomes broken arts.
And the world to come (hereafter) there is a terrible chastisement,
and forgiveness from God and good pleasure;
and present life is but the joy of delusion.

57:20

Nay, but you prefer the present life;
And the world to come (hereafter) is better, and more enduring.

87:16-17

7. d. Diet (Food and Liquor)

O believers, eat of the good things wherewith We have provided you,
and give thanks to God, if it be Him that you serve.

These things only has He forbidden you:

carion (dieth of itself),

blood,

the flesh of swine,

what has been hallowed (sacrificed) to other than God.

Yet who so is constrained (forced), not desiring nor transgressing,
no sin shall be on him; God is All-forgiving, All-compassionate.

2:172-173

Forbidden to you are

carion (dieth of itself),

blood,

the flesh of swine,

what has been hallowed (sacrificed) to other than *Allah*, and

the strangled, and

the beaten to death, and

the killed by a fall, and

the gored to death by a horn, and

that which the wild beast ate

excepting what you slaughter

and things sacrificed to idols,

and partition by the divining arrows;

All these is abomination (ungodliness).

5:3

Eat of that over which God's Name has been mentioned,
if you believe in His signs.

How is it with you,
that you do not eat of that over which God's Name has been mentioned,
seeing that He has distinguished for you that He has forbidden to you,
unless you are constrained to it?

6:118-119

And eat not of that over which God's Name has not been mentioned;
it is ungodliness.

6:121

'I do not find, in what is revealed to me,
anything forbidden to him who eats thereof except it be
carrion (dieth of itself), or
blood outpoured, or
the flesh of swine for verily that is unclean or transgression,
that has been hallowed (sacrificed) to other than *Allah* (God);
yet who so is constrained, not desiring nor transgressing,
surely thy Lord is All-forgiving, All-compassionate.'

6:145

So eat what God has provided you lawful and good;
and be you thankful for the blessing of God,
if it be Him that you serve.
These things only He has forbidden you:
carrion (dieth of itself), and
blood, and
the flesh of swine, and
what has been hallowed to other than God,
Yet who so is constrained, not desiring nor transgressing,
God is All-forgiving, All-compassionate.

16:115

7. e. Sins

God forgives not that
anything should be with Him associated;
less than that He forgives whomsoever He will.
Who so associates with God anything,
has indeed forged a mighty sin,

4:48

And whosoever earns a sin, earns it against himself only;
and God is ever All-knowing, All-wise.
And whosoever earns a fault or a sin
and then casts it upon the innocent,
thereby has laid upon himself calumny and manifest sin.

4:111-112

God forgives not that anything should be associated with Him ;
less than that He forgives to whomsoever He will,
Whoso associates with God anything,
has gone astray into far error.

4:116

Whoso disbelieves in
God and
His angels and
His books and
His Messengers and
the Last Day,
has surely gone astray into far error.

4:136

If thou associate other gods with God,
Thy work shall surely fail and
Thou will be among the losers.

39:65

7. f. Travel and Locations

Indeed, there have already been before you examples,
travel in the earth, and see how was the end of those that cried lies.
3:137

When you are traveling in the earth
there is no fault in that you shorten the payers,
if you fear that those who disbelieve
will cause you distress;

4:101

— travel in the land,
and see how was the end of them that cried lies.

16:36

Zachariah when he called upon his Lord secretly saying,
And now I fear my kinsfolk after I am gone; and my wife is barren.
So give me, from thee, a kinsman
who shall be my inheritor and
the inheritor of the House of Jacob;

19:05-06

'Moses, I am thy Lord; put off thy shoes;
thou art in the holy valley, Tuwa (*Това*).

20:11-12

Also We revealed unto Moses,
'Go with My servants by night;
strike for them a dry path in the sea,

20:77

Children of Israel, We delivered you from your enemy;
and We made covenant with you upon the right side of the 'Tur' (Mount Sinai),
20:80

Then We produced for you therewith gardens
of palms and grapes wherein are many fruits for you,
and of them you eat,
and a tree issuing from the Mount Sinai that bears oil
and seasoning for all to eat.

23:19-20

And when he (Moses) turned his face towards Madyan (Sainai Peninsula)
he said, 'It may be that my Lord will guide me
on the right way.'

28:22

Have they not journeyed in the land and
beheld (seen) how the end of those before them?
They were mightier in strength than these and their traces in the earth;
Yet God seized them for their sins; and
There was not for them any shelter against God.

40:21

7. g. Trust

We offered the trust to
the heavens and the earth and the mountains,
but they refused to bear it and were afraid of it;
and man carried it.
Surely he was unjust, ignorant.

33:72

God there is no god but He;
And in God let the believers put their trust.

64:13

7. h. Veil (Hijab)

Say to the believing men, that,
they cast down their eyes and
guard their private parts; ...
And say to the believing women, that
they cast down their eyes and
guard their private parts, and
reveal not their adornment except what is apparent; and
draw their veils over their bosoms, ...
let them not stamp their feet,
so that hidden ornament gets apparent.

24:30-31

O prophet, say to thy
wives and daughters and believing women,
that they let down upon them their cover garments;
so it is likelier they will be known, and not troubled.
33:59

7. i. Adultery

The fornicatress and the fornicator -
scourge (whip) each one of them a hundred stripes,
24:02

And let those who find not the means to marry
be abstinent (continence) till God enriches them of His bounty.
24:33

7. j. Records

Surely it is We who bring the dead to life, and
We write down what they have forwarded and
What they have left behind;
Everything We have numbered in a clear register.
36:12

And thou shall see every people (nation) kneeling down;
Every people shall be called unto its Book (record);
Today you shall be recompensed for what all you used to do.
This is Our Book that speaks against you with justice;
surely, We have been registering all that you were doing.
45:28-29

We know what the earth diminishes of them;
with Us is a book recording secured.
50:4

We indeed created man; and
We know what his soul whispers within him, and
We are nearer to him than his life (jugular) vein.
When the two angels meet together,
sitting one on the right, and one on the left,
not a word he utters, but by him is an observer ready,
50:16-18

And everything they have done is in the books,
And everything, small and big, is recorded in writing.
54:52-53

... He is with you wherever you are;
and God sees the things you do,
57:4

Over every soul there is a watcher.
86:4

7. k. Sacred Months

The number of the months, with God,
is twelve in the Book of God,
the day that He created the heavens and the earth;
four of them are sacred.

9:36

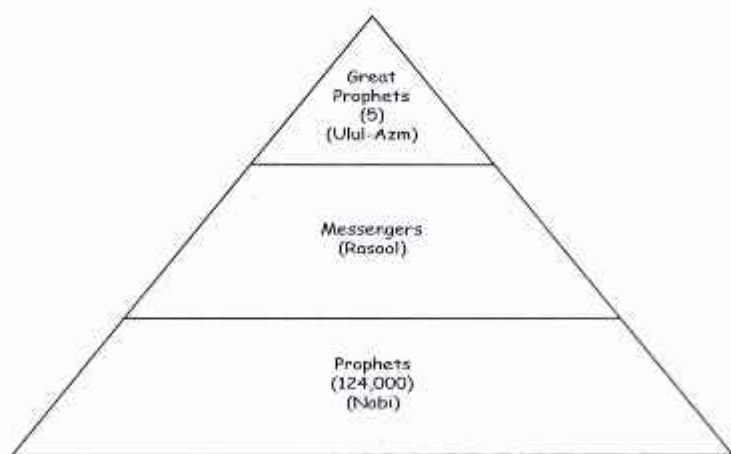
The Night of 'Qadr' (Power) is better than thousand months!
In it angles and the Spirit descend,
by the leave of their lord, upon every command.
Peace it is, till the breaking (rising) of dawn.

97:3-5

8. Prophets - Messengers

It is believed that God sent as many as 124,000 messengers from time to time to provide guidance, good tidings and warn the people about good and bad in this world. The first messenger from God is Adam and the last prophet is Muhammad. There are three levels of Prophethood:

1. Prophet (<i>Nabi</i>)	One, who receives revelations from God, adopts them and spreads them among his tribe and region. The common belief is that there are 124,000 in this category.
2. Messenger (<i>Rasool</i>)	One, who has all the qualifications of a prophet and additionally responsible of spreading revelation across regions.
3. Great Prophet (<i>Ulul-Azm</i>)	One, who has all the qualifications of a Messenger and additionally responsible of spreading revelation across the world. There are only five Great Prophets.



Among all messengers there are five of them regarded as great prophets (*Ulul-Azm*).

Noah (<i>Nuh</i>)	Lived to 950 years old.
Abraham (<i>Ibrahim</i>)	Proceeded to sacrifice his son Ismael.
Moses (<i>Musa</i>)	Talked to God on Mount Sinai.
Jesus (<i>Isa</i>)	Son of Holy Virgin Mary
Muhammad	He is the last prophet in Islam.

Following are selected verses from Qur'an on the above subject:

8. a. Noah (*Nuh*)

We sent Noah to his people and he said
'O my people, serve God,
you have no God other than He;
truly, I fear for you the chastisement of
a dreadful day'

7:59

And when We took a covenant
from the prophets, and
from thee (Muhammad) and
from Noah and
Abraham and
Moses and
Jesus, Son of Mary

33:7

He has prescribed for you the
religion what he ordained
Noah with, and that We have revealed to
thee (Muhammad), and that We ordained with
Abraham, Moses and Jesus

42:13

8. b. Abraham (*Ibrahim*)

Remember when Abraham raised the foundation of the House with Ishmael
'Our Lord! Accept from us;
verily Thou and Thou are the All-Hearing and All-Knowing'

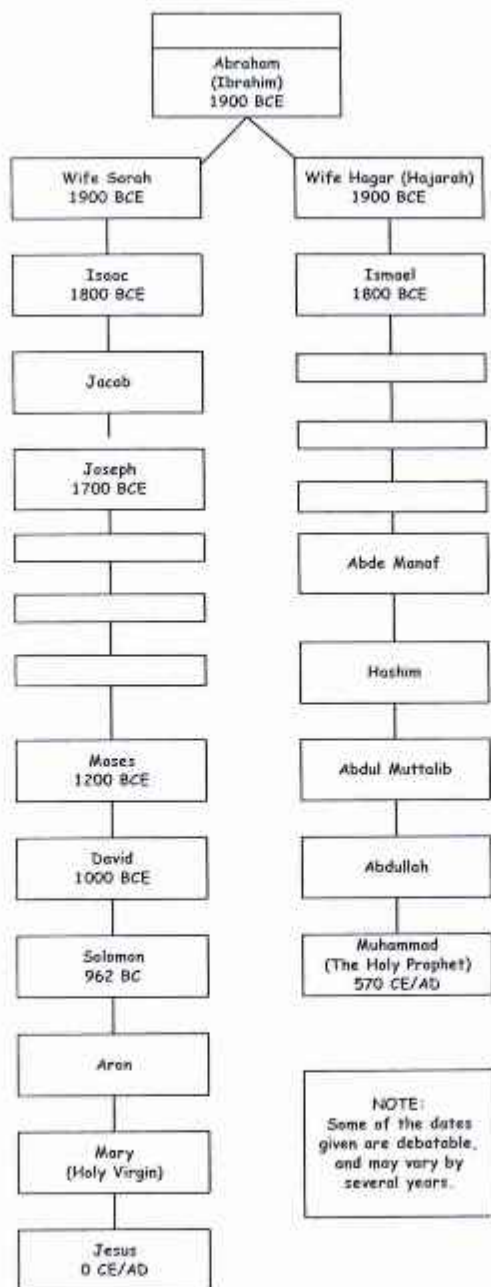
2:127

Abraham was neither a Jew, nor a Christian;
but he was a Muslim and one pure of faith;
he was never of the idolaters (polytheists).

3:67

And who is there that has a fairer religion than
he who submits himself entirely to God
being a good-doer (righteous),
and who follows the creed of Abraham, a man of pure faith?
And God took Abraham for a friend,

4:125



8. c. *Moses (Musa)*

Then raised We, after them Moses with Our signs unto Pharaoh and his chiefs,
but they were aggressive with it,
see then what was the end of the mischief-makers.

And said Moses: O Pharaoh,
verily I am an apostle from the Lord of the Worlds,
It is incumbent that I say not anything about God except the truth;
Indeed I have brought unto you with clear signs from your Lord,
So send thou with me the children of Israel.

He said, if thou has come with a sign, then bring it,
if thou are of the truthful ones

So he (Moses) threw his staff and behold,
it was a serpent manifest.

And he drew forth his hand and lo,
It was white (shinning bright) to beholders.

Said the chiefs of the people of Pharaoh:
'Verily this indeed is a sorcerer.

7:103-109

Moses said to his people:

'Seek you help from God and be patient:

Verily the earth is God's and

He bequeaths it to whom He will among His servants.

And the end is (best) for those who guard against evil.

7:128

When Moses came at Our appointment and
spoke unto him his Lord, said: he

O' My Lord, show unto me, that I may behold Thee.

He said:

Never shall thou see me,

but look towards the mountain,

if it remains firm in its place,

then soon thou see me,

but when his Lord did manifest His glory unto the mountain,

He made it crumble, and fell Moses down senseless:

And when he recovered said he:

'Glory be to Thee, I turn unto Thee, I am the first of the believers.'

7:143

8. d. *Jesus (Isa)*

And He will teach him

the Book,

the Wisdom,

the Torah,
the Gospel ,

And a Messenger to the Children of Israel saying,
'I have come to you with a sign from your Lord.
I will create for you out of the clay as likeness of a bird;
then I will breathe into it, and
it will be a flying bird, by the leave of God.
I will also heal the blind and leper,
and bring to life the dead, by the leave of God. ...
I have come to you with a sign from your Lord;
so fear you God, and obey you me.
Surely, God is my Lord and your Lord;
so serve Him. This is a straight path".'
3:34-50

When God said,

'Jesus, I will take thee to Me and will raise thee to Me,
and I will purify thee of those who believe not,
I will set thy followers above the unbelievers till the Resurrection Day.
3:54

When God took the pledge (compact) with the Prophets:

'That I have given you of Book and Wisdom;
then there shall come to you a Messenger confirming what is with you-
you shall believe in him and
you shall help him; do you agree?' He said.
'And do you take My load on you on that condition?'
They said, 'We do agree.'

He said:

'Bear you then the witness and I am a witness with you.'
3:80

And for their (Jews) unbelief,
and their uttering against Mary a mighty calumny,
and for their saying,

'We slew the Messiah, Jesus son of Mary,
the Messenger of God' -
But they did not slay him, neither crucified him,
only a likeness of that was shown to them.

Those who are at variance concerning him
surely are in doubt regarding him;
they have no knowledge of him,
except the following of surmise(guess);
and they slew him not of a certainty-
no indeed; God raised him up to Him;
God is All-mighty, All-wise.

4:156-158

The Messiah, Jesus son of Mary,
was only the Messenger of God,
and His Word that He committed to Mary,
and a Spirit from Him.

So believe in God and His Messengers,
and say not, 'Three.'

Refrain; better it is for you.

God is only one God.

Far be it from His purity-that he should have a son!
To Him belongs all that is in the heavens and in the earth;
God suffices for a guardian.

4:171

They are unbelievers who say,
'God is the Messiah, Mary's son.'

Say: 'Who then shall overrule God in any way if He desires to destroy
the Messiah, Mary's son,
and his mother,
and all those who are on earth?'

5:17

They are unbelievers who say,
'God is the Messiah, Mary's son.'

For the Messiah said,

'Children of Israel,
serve God, my Lord and your Lord.
Verily whoso associates with God anything,
God shall prohibit him entrance to Paradise,
and his refuge shall be the Fire;
and wrongdoers shall have no helpers.'

They are unbelievers who say,
'God is the Third of Three.'

No god is there but One God.

5:72-73

When God said, 'Jesus Son of Mary,
remember My blessing upon thee and upon thy mother,
when I confirmed thee with the Holy Spirit,
to speak to men in the cradle, and of age;
and when I taught thee Book, the Wisdom, the Torah, the Gospel;
and when thou createst out of clay, by My leave,
as the likeness of a bird, and thou breathest into it,
and it is a bird, by My leave;
and thou healest the blind and the leper by My leave,
and thou bringest the dead forth by My leave: ...

5:110

And when the Disciples said,

'O Jesus son of Mary,

is thy Lord able to send down on us

a Table furnished with food out of Heaven?'

He said, 'Fear you God, if you are believers.'

They said, 'We desire that we should eat of it and our hearts be at rest;

and that we may know that thou hast spoken true to us,

and that we may be among its witness.'

Said Jesus son of Mary,

'O God, our Lord, send down upon us a Table out of heaven,

that shall be for us a festival, the first and last of us,

and a sign from Thee.

5:112-114

The Jews say, 'Ezra (Uzair) is the Son of God'; and

the Christians say, 'The Messiah is the Son of God.'

These are the words of their mouths,

They imitate the saying of those who disbelieved before.

9:30

They say, 'God has taken to Him a son.'

Glory be to Him!

He is All-sufficient;

to Him belongs all that is in the heavens and in the earth;

you have no authority for this.

What, do you say concerning God that you know not?

10:68

And warn those who say,

'God has taken to Himself a son';

they have no knowledge of it, they nor their fathers;

a monstrous word it is, issuing out of their mouths;

they say nothing but a lie.

18:04-05

Zachariah when he called upon his Lord secretly saying,

And now I fear my kinsfolk after I am gone; and my wife is barren.

So give me, from thee, a kinsman

who shall be my inheritor and

the inheritor of the House of Jacob;

and make him, my Lord, well-pleasing.

O Zachariah, We give thee good tidings of a boy,

whose name is John (*Yahya*).

19:05-07

And mention in the Book Mary

when she withdrew from her people

to an eastern place,

and she took a veil apart from them;

then We sent unto her Our Spirit
that presented himself to her
a man without fault,

19:16-17

Jesus said, 'Lo, I am God's servant;
God has given me the Book, and
made me a Prophet.

Blessed He has made me, wherever I may be; and
He has enjoined me to pray, and
to give the alms, so long as I live, and likewise
to cherish my mother;

19:30-32

And they say,

'The All-merciful has taken unto Himself a son.'

You have indeed advanced something hideous!

The heavens are wellnigh (almost) rent (tear apart) of it and
the earth split asunder (separated), and
the mountains wellnigh fall down crashing

for that they have attributed to the All-merciful a son; and
it behooves (be necessary) not the All-merciful to take a son.

19:88-92

And when came Jesus with clear proofs (miracles),
he said:

Indeed I have come to you with wisdom
and I may make clear for you
some of those things of which you differ in;
so guard yourselves and obey me.
Verily God is my Lord and your Lord;
So you serve Him: This is the right path.'

43:63-64

And when Jesus son of Mary said,
'Children of Israel,

I am indeed the Messenger of God to you,
Confirming the Torah that is before me,
And giving good tidings of a Messenger
who shall come after me,
whose name shall be Ahmed (Muhammad).'

61:6

8. e. Muhammad

If you do love God then follow me (Muhammad),
God will love you and forgive you your sins.
Verily, God is Forgiving, Merciful.

3:31

When God took the pledge (compact) with the Prophets:
'That I have given you of Book and Wisdom,
then there shall come to you a Messenger confirming what is with you-
you shall believe in him and
you shall help him; do you agree?' He said.
'And do you take My load on you on that condition?'
They said, 'We do agree.'
He said:

'Bear you then the witness and I am a witness with you.'

3:81

And We sent not down upon his people, after him,
any host out of heaven;
neither would We send any down.

36:28

... Say: 'I (Muhammad) do not ask of you any recompense for it (apostleship),
except the love of relatives (*Ahlul-Bait*).'

42:23

Those who disbelieve and hinder (bar) from the path of God,
God will send their deeds astray.
And those believe and do righteous deeds
and believe in what is sent down to Muhammad
and it is the truth from their Lord
He will acquit them of their evil deeds,
And dispose their minds aright (improve their state).

47:1-2

9. Mary (Maryam)

Mary, the Holy Virgin has acquired the highest level of praise in Qur'an. A complete chapter (*Surah*) is dedicated to her and this is a great honor. She is the mother of Jesus. Her father's name is Imran and her mother's name is Hanna.

Following are selected verses from Qur'an on the above subject:

When the wife of Imran (*Hanna*) said,

'Lord, I have vowed to Thee, in dedication, what is within my womb.

Receive Thou this from me; Thou hearest, and knowest' ...

'And I have named her Mary,

and commend her to Thy with her seed (offspring),

to protect them from the accursed Satan.'

Her Lord received the child with gracious favor,

and by His goodness she grew up graceful (comely),

Zachariah taking charge of her.

Whenever *Zachariah* went in to her in the Sanctuary,

he found her provisioned. ...

Then *Zachariah* prayed to his Lord saying,

'Lord, give me of thy goodness a goodly offspring.

Yea, Thou hearest prayer.'

'Lo, God gives thee good tidings of John (*Yahya*),

who shall confirm a Word of God,

the honorable, and

chaste,

a Prophet, righteous.'

'Lord,' said *Zachariah*,

'how shall I have a son, seeing I am an old man and my wife is barren?'

'Even so,' God said,

'God does what He will.'

Lord,' said *Zachariah*,

'appoint to me a sign.'

'Thy sign,' God said,

'is that thou shalt not speak, save by tokens, to men for three days.

And mention thy Lord oft, and give glory at evening and dawn.'

And when the angels said,

'Mary, God has

chosen thee, and

purified thee;

He has chosen thee above all women of the world.

Mary, be obedient to thy Lord,

prostrating and bowing before Him.' ...

When the angels said,

'Mary, God gives thee good tidings of a Word from Him
whose name is Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary;
high honored shall he be in this world and the hereafter,
near stationed to God.
He shall speak to men in the cradle, and of age,
and righteous he shall be.'

'Lord,' said Mary,
'how shall I have a son seeing no mortal has touched me?'

'Even so,' God said,
'God creates what He will,
When He decrees a thing He does but say to it "Be," and it is.'

3:35-47

10. Miscellaneous

10. a. Holy Books

There were several holy books revealed to mankind from time to time. The following are the four important holy books:

Torah	revealed to prophet Moses (<i>Musa</i>)
Psalms (<i>Zabur</i>)	revealed to prophet David (<i>Dawood</i>)
Bible (<i>Injeel</i>)	revealed to prophet Jesus (<i>Isa</i>)
Qur'an	revealed to prophet Muhammad

10. b. Qur'an

The holy book of Islam is Qur'an was revealed to Muhammad through the angel Gabriel. The Qur'an has ~~114~~ 114 chapters (*Surah*). Each chapter consists of as few as three verses to as many as a few hundred verses (*Ayah*). These chapters are divided among 30 parts (*Juz'*) (*Siparah*).

Qur'an was revealed a portion at a time starting in 610 CE. It was completed in the month of Ramadan 633 CE, the year prophet Muhammad died. Therefore, it took approximately twenty-three years of revelations to complete the Holy Book Qur'an. Each year, during the month of Ramadan, Gabriel recited the revealed portion with Prophet Muhammad. Each time, Gabriel brought new revelations to Muhammad; they were recorded to preserve authenticity.

10. c. Qur'an's Chapters (*Surah*)

Chapter (<i>Surah</i>)	English	Arabic
1	<i>The Opening</i>	AL-FATEHA
2	<i>The Cow</i>	AL-BAQARAH
3	<i>The House of Imran</i>	AL-IMRAN
4	<i>Women</i>	AN-NISA
5	<i>The Table/Dinner</i>	AL-MAIDAH
6	<i>Cattle</i>	AL-AN'AM
7	<i>The Battlements</i>	AL-A'RAF
8	<i>The Spoils/Accessions</i>	AL-ANFAL
9	<i>Repentance/Immunity</i>	AL-BARAT/AT-TAUBA
10	<i>Jonah</i>	YUNUS
11	<i>Hud/Hood</i>	HUD
12	<i>Joseph</i>	YUSUF
13	<i>Thunder</i>	AR-RA'D
14	<i>Abraham</i>	IBRAHIM
15	<i>Rock</i>	AL-HIJR
16	<i>The Bee</i>	AN-NAHL
17	<i>The Night Journey/Children of Israel</i>	AL-ISRA/BANI ISRAEL
18	<i>The Cave</i>	AL-KAHF
19	<i>Mary</i>	MARYAM
20	<i>Ta Ha</i>	TA HA
21	<i>The Prophets</i>	AL-ANBIYA
22	<i>The Pilgrimage</i>	AL-HAJJ
23	<i>The Believers</i>	AL-MU'MINUN
24	<i>Light</i>	AN-NUR
25	<i>Salvation /Distinction</i>	AL-FURQAN
26	<i>The Poets</i>	ASH-SHU'ARA
27	<i>The Ant</i>	AN-NAML
28	<i>The Story/The Narratives</i>	AL-QASAS
29	<i>The Spider</i>	AL-ANKABUT
30	<i>The Greeks/The Romans</i>	AR-RUM (ROMANS)
31	<i>Lokman/Luqman</i>	LUQMAN
32	<i>Prostration/Adoration</i>	AS-SAJDA
33	<i>The Confederates/Clans</i>	AL-AHZAB
34	<i>Sheba/Saba</i>	SABA
35	<i>The Angels/Originator</i>	AL-FATIR
36	<i>Ya Sin</i>	YA-SIN
37	<i>The Rangers</i>	AS-SAFFAT

Chapter
(Surah)

English

Arabic

38	<i>Sad</i>	<i>SAD</i>
39	<i>The Companies/Companions</i>	<i>AZ-ZUMAR</i>
40	<i>The Believers</i>	<i>AL-MU'MIN/GAFIR</i>
41	<i>Distinguished/Ha Mim</i>	<i>FUSSILAT</i>
42	<i>Counsel</i>	<i>ASH-SHU'RA</i>
43	<i>Ornaments</i>	<i>AZ-ZUKHRUF</i>
44	<i>Smoke</i>	<i>AD-DUKHAN</i>
45	<i>Hobbling/Kneeling</i>	<i>AL-FASIYAH/AL-JAHIYA</i>
46	<i>The Sand-Dunes</i>	<i>AL-AHQAF</i>
47	<i>Muhammad</i>	<i>MUHAMMAD</i>
48	<i>Victory</i>	<i>AL-FATAH</i>
49	<i>Apartments/Chambers</i>	<i>AL-HUJURAT</i>
50	<i>Qaf</i>	<i>QAF</i>
51	<i>The Scatterers</i>	<i>AZ-ZARIYAT</i>
52	<i>The Mount/Mountain</i>	<i>AT-TUR</i>
53	<i>The Star</i>	<i>AN-NAJM</i>
54	<i>The Moon</i>	<i>AL-QAMAR</i>
55	<i>The All-Merciful/Beneficent</i>	<i>AR-RAHMAN</i>
56	<i>The Terror/Event</i>	<i>AL-WAQIA</i>
57	<i>Iron</i>	<i>AL-HADID</i>
58	<i>The Disputer/She Who Pleaded</i>	<i>AL-MUJADILA</i>
59	<i>The Mustering/Banishment</i>	<i>AL-HASHR</i>
60	<i>The Woman Tested</i>	<i>AL-MUMTAHANA</i>
61	<i>The Ranks</i>	<i>AS-SAFF</i>
62	<i>Congregation</i>	<i>AL-JUMUA</i>
63	<i>The Hypocrites</i>	<i>AL-MUNAFIQUN</i>
64	<i>Mutual Deceit</i>	<i>AT-TAGHABUN</i>
65	<i>Divorce</i>	<i>AT-TALAQ</i>
66	<i>The Forbidding/Prohibition</i>	<i>AT-TAHRIM</i>
67	<i>The Kingdom</i>	<i>AL-MULK</i>
68	<i>The Pen</i>	<i>AL-QALAM</i>
69	<i>The Indubitable/Inevitable</i>	<i>AL-HAQQA</i>
70	<i>The Stairways/Ways of Ascent</i>	<i>AL-MA'ARIJ</i>
71	<i>Noah</i>	<i>NUH</i>
72	<i>The Jinn</i>	<i>AL-JINN</i>
73	<i>Enwrapped/Wrapped up</i>	<i>AL-MUZZAMMIL</i>
74	<i>Shrouded/Covered One</i>	<i>AL-MUDDASSIR</i>
75	<i>The Resurrection</i>	<i>AL-QIYAMAT</i>
76	<i>Man/Time</i>	<i>AD-DAHR/AL-INSAN</i>
77	<i>The Loosed Ones/Sent Forth</i>	<i>AL-MURASALAT</i>

Chapter

*(Surah)**English**Arabic*

78	<i>The Tiding/The Great News</i>	AN-NABA
79	<i>The Pluckers/The Draggers</i>	AN-NAZIAAT
80	<i>He Frowned</i>	ABASA
81	<i>The Darkening/The folded up</i>	AT-TAKWIR
82	<i>The Splitting/The Cleaving</i>	AL-INFITAR
83	<i>The Stinters/Deceivers in Measuring</i>	AL-TATFIF/AL-MUTAFFIFIN
84	<i>The Rending</i>	AL-INSHIQAQ
85	<i>The Constellations/Celestial Stations</i>	AL-BURUJ
86	<i>The Night-Star</i>	AT-TARIQ
87	<i>The Most High</i>	AL-ALA
88	<i>Enveloper/The Overwhelming Event</i>	AL-GHASHIYA
89	<i>The Dawn/Daybreak</i>	AL-FAJR
90	<i>The Land/The City</i>	AL-BALAD
91	<i>The Sun</i>	ASH-SHAMS
92	<i>The Night</i>	AL-LAIL
93	<i>The Forenoon/Brightness</i>	AD-DUHA
94	<i>The Expanding</i>	AL-INSHIRAH/AL-SHARH
95	<i>The Fig</i>	AT-TIN
96	<i>The Blood-Clot</i>	AL-ALAQ
97	<i>Power/Grandeur</i>	AL-QADR
98	<i>The Clear Sign</i>	AL-BAYINA
99	<i>The Earthquake</i>	AZ-ZILZIL/AL-ZALZALA
100	<i>The Chargers</i>	AL-ADIYAT
101	<i>The Clatterer/Calamity</i>	AL-QARIA
102	<i>Rivalry/Being in Exuberance</i>	AT-TAKASUR
103	<i>Afternoon</i>	AL-ASAR
104	<i>The Backbiter/Slanderer</i>	AL-HUMAZA
105	<i>The Elephant</i>	AL-FIL
106	<i>Koraish/Qoreish</i>	QUREISH
107	<i>Charity/Alms</i>	AL-MA'UN
108	<i>Abundance</i>	AL-KAUSAR
109	<i>The Unbelievers</i>	AL-KAFIRUN
110	<i>Help</i>	AN-NASR
111	<i>Parish/Flame</i>	AL-LAHAB/AL-MASAD
112	<i>Sincere Religion/Unity</i>	AL-IKHLAS
113	<i>Daybreak/Dawn</i>	AL-FALAQ
114	<i>Men/People</i>	AN-NAS

10. d. Genealogy of Prophet Muhammad

570 CE	The year 570 CE, Mohammed was born to Amina, wife of Abdullah. Abdullah was the son of Abdul-Muttalib a successful and influential businessman in Saudi Arabia
610 CE	Declaration of Islam. The year Qur'an was revealed to Muhammad.
622 CE	Migrated to Medina (Saudi Arabia). This is the year known as the year of <i>Hijra</i> . This is the year Muslim calendar started with year one. Unlike Christian calendar which started with the birth of Jesus. Therefore year 622 CE is equivalent to 1H for Muslims.
633 CE	Death of Muhammad in Medina

No.	Name	Born	Martyr Age	Designation	Year of Martyrdom
1	Muhammad al-Mustafa	570 CE	63	The Last Apostle of God	632 CE 11 H
2	Fatema az-Zahra	615 CE	18	Apostle's Daughter	632 CE 11 H
3	Ali al-Murtaza	600 CE	63	1 st Imam/Son of Abu Talib	661 CE 40 H
4	Hasan al-Mujtaba	625 CE 3H	47	2 nd Imam/Son of Fatima and Ali	670 CE 50 H
5	Husain Syyedush-Shuhada	626 CE 4 H	57	3 rd Imam/Son of Fatima and Ali	680 CE 61 H
6	Ali az Zainul Abideen	659 CE 38 H	58	4 th Imam/Son of 3 rd Imam	713 CE 95 H
7	Muhammad al-Baqir	676 CE 57 H	57	5 th Imam/Son of 4 th Imam	733 CE 114 H
8	Jafar as-Sadiq	702 CE 83 H	65	6 th Imam/Son of 5 th Imam	765 CE 148 H
9	Musa al-Kazim	746 CE 129 H	55	7 th Imam/Son of 6 th Imam	799 CE 183 H
10	Ali ar-Riza	765 CE 148 H	55	8 th Imam/Son of 7 th Imam	818 CE 203 H
11	Muhammad at-Taqi	811 CE 195 H	25	9 th Imam/Son of 8 th Imam	835 CE 220 H
12	Ali an-Naqi	827 CE 212 H	42	10 th Imam/Son of 9 th Imam	868 CE 254 H
13	Hasan al-Askari	846 CE 232 H	28	11 th Imam/Son of 10 th Imam	874 CE 260 H
14	Muhammad al-Mahdi	869 CE 255 H	*	12 th and last Imam/Son of 11 th Imam	*

* Muhammad Al-Mahdi disappeared in the cave in Samara. He is to reappear Before the Resurrection Day.

10. e. The Lunar Calendar

The Muslim calendar year is based on the moon (Lunar). Muslims like Jews use the Lunar calendar for religious observances. A Lunar calendar year is about eleven days shorter than a typical Gregorian year. The Lunar month is only 29 or 30 days long. The Gregorian year has months with 30 and 31 days; except for February, which has 28 or 29 days, depending upon linear year. As a result, dates of events in the lunar calendar move forward eleven days every Gregorian year. For example, in 1997 Ramadan began on December 30, and in 1998, it began on December 19, exactly eleven days prior to the day it started in 1997.

Whether a given month is 29 or 30 days depends upon the appearance of the moon. Each month in the Lunar Calendar begins with the appearance of the moon.

10. f. Islamic Calendar Months

1	Moharram
2	Safar
3	Rabi-ul-Awwal
4	Rabi-ul-Akhar
5	Jamadi-ul-Awwal
6	Jamadi-ul-Akhar
7	Rajab
8	Shaban
9	Ramadan
10	Shawwal
11	Zilqad
12	Zilhajj

10. g. Abbreviations

BC/BCE	Before Christ / Before Common Era
AD/CE	Anno Domini (After Christ) / Common Era
AH/H	After Hijra or Hijra. Muslim calendar started with the year Muhammad migrated from Mecca to Medina. This is the year 622 CE. Therefore the year 622 CE is equivalent to year 1 H.

11. Glossary

Word	Meaning
A	
abase	disgrace; lower in dignity
abate	lessen; decrease
abide	remain; endure
abject	hopeless; low in spirit; low in hope
abode	residence
abomination	hate
abounding	plentiful
abrogate	abolish
abstinent	refrain from doing something
accursed	under a curse; damnable
admonish	reprimand; advising; giving warning
admonition	warning; expression of strong disapproval; rebuke
adoration	worship
adornment	decoration
afoot	on foot
<i>Ahlul-bait</i>	Prophet Muhammad's relatives
alight	fall; dismount
<i>Allah</i>	God
alms	charitable gifts (money/food) for needy; poor-rate
altercation	dispute; quarrel
amassing	gathering
amiss	in the wrong way
anguish	extreme pain
apostatize	relapse; fall from grace; desertion from religion; apostatise
apostle	Messenger
apprise	inform
apter	more inclined; 9:97
Ar-Rass	25:38
ardently	passionately; warmth of feeling
Arim	34:16 (flood of Arim)
<i>Arsh</i>	The glorious Throne of Mighty Power
asunder	into separate pieces
asylum	refuge
athirst	thirsty
ought	nothing; zero; any degree
augur	prophet; one who predicts events

Word	Meaning
avarice	greed
averse	reluctance; feeling dislike
aversion	dislike; reluctance
awe	respectful fear or wonder; feeling of admiration
<i>Ayah</i>	verse

B

badeask; bid	
baptism	spiritual cleansing
barred	prohibit; stop; omit
battlements	protecting rampart of a fort
bedeviled	harassed
Bedouins	rustic Arabs of the desert
befall	happens
befriending	act as friend to
beheld	see; observe
behooves	necessary for
Bekka	Mecca
belied	misrepresent
bemused	confused
bendying	exchange in rapid succession
berth	to bring; come
betake	cause one self to go
bewitched	affected by witchcraft
billow	great wave
birthpangs	throes of childbirth; 19:23
bliss	complete happiness
bloodwit	blood-money; fine for killing; 4:92
booty	something taken from another by force or craft
borne	carry
burrowing	warm comfortable position
burthen	bearer of burden; 6:143

C

calumny	false charge; defamation; accusation
caprices	ideas; wishes; work of art
carion	dead and decaying meat
certain	something that must happen e.g. death
chapter	<i>Surah</i>
chastisement	punishment; torment

Word	Meaning
cherish	to hold dear
circumambulate	to go around; 2:158
clan	group of related families
clave	split
cleave	adhere; cling; attach; faithful; penetrate
cleft	partially divided
clement	merciful; mild
commotion	disturbance
communed	discussed
communion	act of sharing
compact	agreement
compeers	companion; equal; peer; colleague
confederates	ally
confound	confuse
conjecture	speculation; guess
consort	spouse
constancy	steadfast; faithful
constellations	group of stars
constricted	squeeze together
contrived	devised; worked out a plan
convulsed	shaken; agitated
countenance	appearance
counterpoise	counterbalance
covenant	agreement; convention; contract
covert	secret
cradling	baby's bed
creed	belief; statement of essential beliefs; religion
cunning	clever; crafty; appealing
curse	calling down of evil or harm upon one; affliction

D

date-thread	single shred; 17:71
dearth	state of being absent or missing
debar	stop; prevent; exclude
deceit	dishonesty; deception
deceive	mislead
declension	sinking
decrees	orders
defile	corrupt; profane; dishonor
defilement	corruption

Word	Meaning
deliverance	set free
delude	mislead
delusion	false belief
denuded	bare or stripped
deride	make object of laughter; taunt
despair	lose all hope
dispatched	finished; send
despise	feel contempt for
detest	hate
devour	swallow; consume hungrily
Dhool Qarnain	Zulqarnain; 18:83
dilatory	not prompt
diminution	decrease
disdain	proud; feeling of contempt
disputatious	argumentative
disquieting	anxiety; restless
diverse	several
dominion	supreme authority
dating	senile; mental weakness
E	
edifice	beautiful place
effaced	eliminated
efreet	audacious; fearless; courageous; 27:39
emancipation	set free
endure	last; suffer patiently; tolerate
enrages	angers
enslaved	make a slave of
<i>Er-Rakeem</i>	18:05; fellows of the inscription
<i>Er-Rass</i>	25:40
Ere	before
erring	be or do wrong
erstwhile	in the past
eschew	shun; circumvent; get away
Evangel	Gospel
eventide	evening
evilly	wickedly
exalt	glorify; elevate
exemplary	guiltless; exempt from punishment; blameless
expend	spend; use up
expiation	make amends for
exposition	public exhibition

Word	Meaning
expounder	explainer
extirpate	remove
extols	praise
exult	exceedingly rejoice; jubilant; triumphant
<i>Ezra</i>	Jews son of God; 9:30

F

faggot	bundle of sticks
fardels	burden; bundle
feeble	ineffective
festering	pus-filled sore
<i>Fie</i>	17:23; 21:67
fierce	intense
finery	ornaments
<i>Fiqh</i>	Protection Tax; Khums
fissure	crack; gap
<i>Fizya</i>	Tributary Tax; 9:29
flagrant	very bad
flay	criticize harshly
foe	enemy
folly	foolishness
forelock	front lock of hair
fornicate	illicit sexual intercourse
forsake	abandon
forswear	renounce under oath, perjure, divorce
frailest	delicate; weak
froward	hard to manage; refusing to concur
fructify	bear fruit

G

gloat	self-satisfaction
glower	stare angrily
gnat	small insect
God	<i>Allah</i>
godfearing	pious; who guard against evil
Gog	18:94
Gospel	Evangelic
grievous	imposing hardship
groan	moan
guile	craftiness; cunning; deception; trickery

Word

Meaning

H

Hallowed	devote to solemn purpose; consecrate; sacrificed
Haman	28:5
hamstrung	cripple by cutting the leg tendons
handmaidens	female attendants
Hanna	Wife of Imran; Mother of Mary
haply	perhaps
heathen	godless person; unbeliever
heed	pay attention
heedless	careless; inadvertent; lacking in care and attention
heinous	flagrantly horrible; atrocious
Hell	Gehenna
herding	group of animals
hew	make
hewing	carving; cut or shape with; conform strictly
hideous	horrible
<i>Hijra</i>	beginning of Islamic Calendar Year One. This is the year prophet Muhammad immigrated from Mecca to Medinah
hither	to this place
hitherto	up to this time; until now
hoariness	Grey or white with age
hallow	sunken area
homing	residence
hoopoe	kind of a bird
hotchpotch	variety
hours	fair ones with wide lovely eyes
House of David	34:10
Hues	attributes of colors

I

<i>Imam</i>	qualification to carry on the teaching of Islam
impediment	hindrance; hardship
impetuously	hastily; impulsively
importunately	persistently; urgently
imposter	one who assumes an identity to deceive
impute	credit
Imran	Father of Moses; Father of Mary
incites	arouse to action
ingots	block of metal
ingrate	ungrateful person
insolence	arrogance; rude
insolent	rude; disrespect

Word	Meaning
intercede	act to reconcile; interfere
Isma	give attention; hearken; 4:46
<i>Israel</i>	Jacob (second son of Abraham)
J	
Jehennam	Hell
K	
<i>Kalala</i>	side kindred
<i>Khalifa</i>	name of the office held by Imam
kindred	relationship by birth; cousin
kine	cows
kinsfolk	cousin
kinsman	relative; heir
<i>Korah</i>	was of the people of Moses; In the time of Pharaoh; 29:35
L	
laden	load; loaded
laggards	slow
lame	weak
laudable	praise
Law	Torah
lest	for fear that
lo	used to call attention; see; look
loins	abdominal part; body
lowed	moo; sound of a calf
M	
<i>Magians</i>	Zoroastrians
<i>Magog</i>	18:94
malice	desire to inflict injury
manifest	obvious; evident
manifest	clear to the sense or to the mind
manna	something valuable that comes unexpectedly
Messenger	Apostle
Midian	28:22
mocked	mimic
<i>momin</i>	true believer
morn	morning
morrow	morning
Mosque	an Islamic place to offer prayers
Muslim	one who submits to God according to his guidance

Word	Meaning
muster	assemble
mustered	joined
musterer	gatherer; trooper
muttering	grumbling
N	
<i>Nabi</i>	Prophet
naught	nothing; zero
nethermost	situated below
niggardly	stingy; reluctant to give
nigh	nearby; close
O	
obliterate	destroy; completely remove
oblivion	forgotten
oft	often
omen	sign for the future
omnipotent	infinite in power (Almighty)
oppressed	harassed such way to injure
outspreads	extends
outwit	defeat
P	
pagan	godless person; irreligious
pagandom	5:50
pages	messengers
paltry	cheap; inferior; trivial
parchment	animal skin prepared to write on
parsimonious	frugal
part	<i>Siparah</i>
parting	separate; difference
partisan	adheres; follower
paternal	fatherly
penitent	feeling sorrow for sins; repentant
Pentateuch	Torah; Law
perceived	realized
peril	danger
perish	die; spoil
perplexity	confusion
pervert	corrupt; distort
piety	religious duty
pious	affectedly religious

Word	Meaning
plenteous	plenty
polytheists	associate other with God in authority
pomp	ostentation; brilliant display
porringer	one handled bowl
precinct	district of a city
premeditate	plan beforehand
prevail	successful
privily	privately; secretly
prodigal	wasteful; wastefully extravagant
proffer	offer; extend
prominence	important

Q

Qur'an	Islamic holy Book
quail	game bird
quivers	shakes; trembles

R

rabble	mob
raiment	garment; apparel 22:23
Raina	4:46
rampart	embankment of a fortification
rancor	hatred
rancour	hatred
Rasool	Messenger; Apostle
rebut	refute; prove to be false
reckoner	to settle with
recompense	reward; compensation; wage
rectitude	moral integrity; rightness
refuge	protection from danger
remission	act of forgiving
remorseful	regretful; distress from sense of guilt
rend	tear apart forcibly
rent	tear apart forcibly
repast	meal
repel	drive away
repent	regret; turn away from sin; ask for forgiveness
repentant	penitent
repose	rest; sleep
reproach	disgrace
rectitude	moral integrity
requital	return for; reward

Word	Meaning
respite	temporary relief or delay
retribution	retaliation; punishment
<i>Riba</i>	interest; usury
right hands posses	28:06; slave
righteous	good-doers
rites	rituals; ceremonies
rivulet	small stream

S

<i>Sa'ah</i>	A traveler in search of something
Sabbath	holy day observed for congregational worship
Sabeans	22:15
sacrosanct	sacred
sally	rushing attack; witty remarks
salvation	saving of a person from sin or danger
Samaritan	20:85
save	except
scald	burn
scarcity	shortage
schism	split; division
scorn	anger
scourge	whip; lash
scrolls	documents
scum	filthy film on liquid
sect	religious group
sedition	revolution
seest	observe
sever	cut off
sewn	stitched together
Sheba	queen of the queen; queen found prostrating to sun
Shechina	2:45; 8:25
shun ignore; avoid	
<i>Sijdah Sunnat</i>	prostration; 7:206; 16:50; 17:109; 22:18; 22:77; 27:26
<i>Sijdah Wajib</i>	prostration compulsory; 32:15; 41:37; 53:62; 96:19
similitude	likeness; resemblance
<i>Siparah</i>	one of the 30 parts of Qur'an
slay	kill
slink	crawl
slumbering	sleep
smite	strike; hit; smack; afflict
sojourn	reside temporarily

Word	Meaning
solitary	alone; secluded
sorcery	witchcraft
sow	plant
spates	cluster of flowers
Spirit	presence of God -- capitalized in this sense
spurned	rejected
squall	sudden violent brief storm
squander	waste
station	standing place
steadfast	firm in belief
stealth	secret
strain	distress
strait	difficult; narrow channel connecting two bodies of water
straiten	restrict; make difficult; hem in
stray	wander
strayed	wander from a course
stubble	short growth left after cutting
sublime	elevated
subtle	clever
subverted	overthrow; ruin
succor	help; strength; support
succour	help; strength; support
suckle	nourish; draw milk from breast
sundered	break apart
supererogation	17:80
superfluity	more than necessary
suppliant	one who prays to God
supplicate	pray to God
Surah	Chapter
surety	guarantee
surmise	guess
surreptitiously	acting in a secret way
swerve	deviating; turning; move aside from course
swine	short legged hoofed mammal with snout; pig
swoon	faint

T

<i>Taghoot</i>	4:60; Satan
tamarisk	flowing desert bushes
tarry	live; slow; stay
Tasnim	a spring from which near ones drink

Word	Meaning
tawdry	cheap; gaudy
tempestuous	violent storm
testament	Will
thereat	at that place
thrust	shove forward
thunderbolt	discharge of lighting with thunder
tidings	news; information
toiled	worked hard and long
Torah	Jewish Holy Book; Law; Pentateuch
torrent	outburst; rushing stream
trading	lowering reputation
traitor	betrayor
trample	step on so as to crush
transgress	sin
traversing	resisting; combating
treacherous	disloyal; dangerous
treachery	betrayal of trust
tread	walk
trellises	structure of crossed strips
tremble	shake in fear
triumph	achievement
triumphant	victory; great success
trod	walk
troth	pledged faithfulness; promise to marry
troughs	narrow container for animal feed or water
tryst	meeting day; appointed time
Tur	Mount Sinai; 2:93; 20:80
tyrant	harsh ruler having absolute power

U

<i>Ummi</i>	Prophet Muhammad; Prophet of the common folk
unceasing	unstopping
unchaste	not having engaged in unlawful sex
uncircumcised	not divided
unheeding	not attentive
<i>Unzurra</i>	look at us; 4:46
utterly	completely

V

vanity	undue pride; excessive pride
vanquished	defeated

Word	Meaning
vengeance	punishment in retaliation
vengeful	filled with a desire for revenge
verily	truly
verse	Aayat
vex	trouble; annoy
vie	contend; maintain; claim; compete
vied	strive to gain mastery
vigilant	watchful to detect danger
vilest	thoroughly bad; unpleasant
volition	free will

W	
wadis	dry bed or valley of a stream
waxed	become
waxed proud	acted arrogantly
wayfarer	traveler
waymarks	2:150
wean	free from dependence
weaning	cause to stop the need to suckle
weaning	free from dependence
wellnigh	almost; nearly
wert	17:75
wilt	will
withered	shrivel; lose energy
wittingly	knowingly
woe	trouble; suffering
wont	accustomed; practice
wrangle	quarrel
wrath	anger; punishment
wrest	pull by a forcible twisting movement
wretched	deeply afflicted
wrought	formed into shape; worked out

Y	
Yathrib	Madinah; a city
yearn	feel tenderness; compassion
<i>Yajooj and Majooj</i>	<i>Gog and Magog</i> , 18:94

Z	
<i>Zaqqum</i>	<i>Ez-Zakkoum</i> , 44:43
<i>Zulqarnain</i>	<i>Dhool Karnain</i> , 18:83
<i>Zakat</i>	poor-rate; alms; charity

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&
Zehra Merchant
and other deceased family members
of Mushtaq Hussain Merchant.
Thank you.

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