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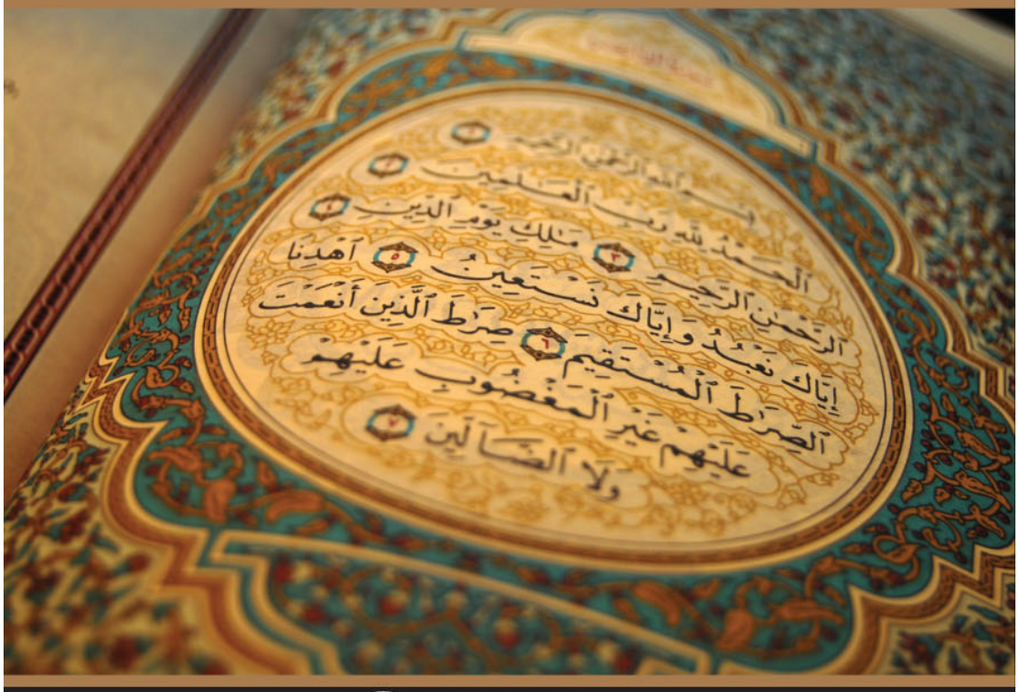

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HUMANITY

Blasphemy

Blasphemy

Blasphemy means behavior or language that shows disrespect for any prophet or any religion. Blasphemy not only hurts the religious sensibilities of others, but it also disturbs the peace and harmony of any society and even causes law and order problems. No doubt, the freedom of speech is necessary for the progress and development of a society. But this freedom must not be used to insult religions. That is why Islam forbids blasphemy but does not prescribe any worldly punishment for it. The Holy Qur'an tells us that there has been no Prophet in respect of whom derogatory words were not used.



"But there never came to them a Prophet but they mocked at him." (Ch.43 v.8)

"Then We sent Our Messengers one after another. Every time there came to a people their Messenger, they treated him as a liar ..." (Ch.23 v.45)

"Alas for *My* servants! There comes not a Messenger to them but they mock at him." (Ch.36 v.31)



The Holy Qur'an mentions many blasphemous utterances of the non-believers and hypocrites against the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) without mentioning any physical punishment for perpetrators. Allah advised the Holy Prophet (sa):

"We will, surely, suffice thee against those who mock" (Ch.15 v.96)

"And follow not the disbelievers and the hypocrites, and leave alone their annoyance, and put thy trust in Allah; for Allah is sufficient as a Guardian." (Ch.33 v.49)

"Bear patiently then what they say ..." (Ch.20 v.131)

Instead of killing the blasphemers, the believers were advised to leave the company of such men, until they change the topic of their talk.

"And He has already revealed to you in the Book that, when you hear the Signs of Allah being denied and mocked at, sit not with them until they engage in a talk other than that; for in that case you would be like them. Surely, Allah will assemble the hypocrites and the disbelievers in Hell, all together;" (Ch.4 v.141)



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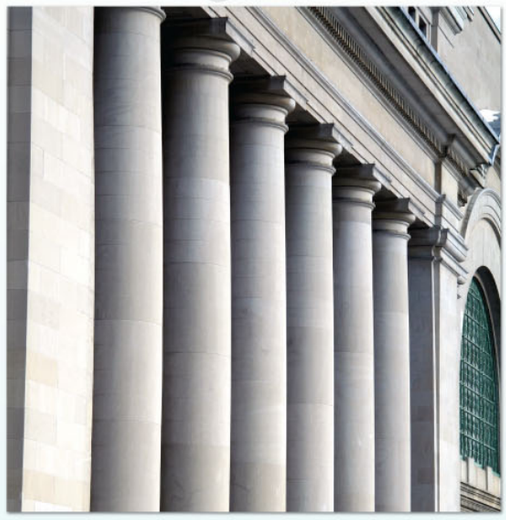
Justice

Justice

The Holy Qur'an presents a comprehensive direction about the administration of justice and fair play.



"Verily, Allah commands you to make over the trusts to those entitled to them, and that, when you judge between men, you judge with justice ..." (Ch.4 v.59)

"O ye who believe! be strict in observing justice, *and be* witnesses for Allah, even though it be against yourselves or *against* parents and kindred. Whether he be rich or poor, Allah is more regardful of them both *than you are*. Therefore follow not low desires so that you may *be able to* act equitably. And if you conceal *the truth* or evade *it*, then *remember that* Allah is well aware of what you do." (Ch.4 v.136)



"O ye who believe! be steadfast in the cause of Allah, bearing witness in equity; and let not a people's enmity incite you to act otherwise than with justice. Be *always* just, that is nearer to righteousness. And fear Allah. Surely, Allah is aware of what you do." (Ch.5 v.9)

"And fight in the cause of Allah against those who fight against you, but do not transgress. Surely, Allah loves not the transgressors." (Ch.2 v.191)

"And if they incline towards peace, incline thou also towards it ..." (Ch.8 v.62)

The Holy Qur'an teaches us that forgiveness is commended provided it is likely to result in an improvement and in the correction of the defaulter, that being the real objective. If not, then punishment is held to be necessary, but not exceeding the degree to which one is wronged.



"And the recompense of an injury is an injury the like thereof; but whoso forgives and *his act* brings about reformation, his reward is with Allah. Surely, He loves not the wrongdoers." (Ch.42 v.41)

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Women Rights

Rights

Before the advent of Islam women, as a class, enjoyed no statutory rights. Islam is the only religion which established a perfect body of percepts-giving full protection to the rights of women, making them equal of men, both in the spiritual and religious spheres of life, giving them an independent position, granting them proprietary rights, and making their responsibilities and rights a part of the divine law.



"Whoso acts righteously, whether male or female, and is a believer, We will surely grant him a pure life; and We will surely bestow on such their reward according to the best of their works." (Ch.16 v.98)

"But whoso does good works, whether male or female, and is a believer, such shall enter Heaven, and shall not be wronged even *as much as* the little hollow in the back of a date-stone." (Ch.4 v.125)



"Surely, men who submit themselves *to God* and women who submit themselves *to Him*, and believing men and believing women, and obedient men and obedient women and truthful men and truthful women, and men steadfast *in their faith* and steadfast women, and men who are humble and women who are humble, and men who give alms and women who give alms, and men who fast and women who fast, and men who guard their chastity and women who guard *their chastity*, and men who remember Allah much and women who remember *Him* — Allah has prepared for *all of* them forgiveness and a great reward."
(Ch.33 v.36)

In the divine scheme of regulation of the relationship between men and women, Islam has assigned a position of dignity and honour to woman. Such beneficent regulation is essential for peace, comfort, happiness, continuation of the species and progress. The Holy Qur'an emphasizes that God in His perfect wisdom has created all species in pairs, and so men and women have been created of the same species; as is said:

"O ye people! fear your Lord, Who created you from a single soul and created therefrom its mate, and from them twain spread many men and women ..." (Ch.4 v.2)

"... He has made for you pairs of your own selves ..." (Ch.42 v.12)



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INTERFAITH

Universality of Prophethood

The Holy Qur'an clearly states that God has sent prophets to all people in the world. The prophets not only bring a universal message of love of God but the prophethood itself is universal in nature. No nation can claim to be superior or the "chosen one" because a prophet was sent to them as this honour is a shared heritage of all mankind.



"Verily, We have sent thee with the truth, *as* a bearer of glad tidings and as a Warner; and there is no people to whom a Warner has not been sent." (Ch.35 v.25)

Revelations to all Prophets



Names of several prophets are mentioned in the Holy Qur'an thus validating their stature as the messengers of God and ensuring that their names and history is recorded forever.

"Surely, We have sent revelation to thee, as We sent revelation to Noah and the Prophets after him; and We sent revelation to Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and *his* children and *to* Jesus and Job and Jonah and Aaron and Solomon, and We gave David a Book." (Ch.4 v.164)

Prophets Across the Ages

In addition to the prophets named in the Holy Qur'an, Islam acknowledges all other prophets not named in the Holy Qur'an. As part of faith, a Muslim believes that, across the ages and in all places, God sent prophets for the ongoing guidance of humanity.



"And *We sent some* Messengers whom We have already mentioned to thee and *some* Messengers whom We have not mentioned to thee ..." (Ch.4 v.165)

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INTERFAITH

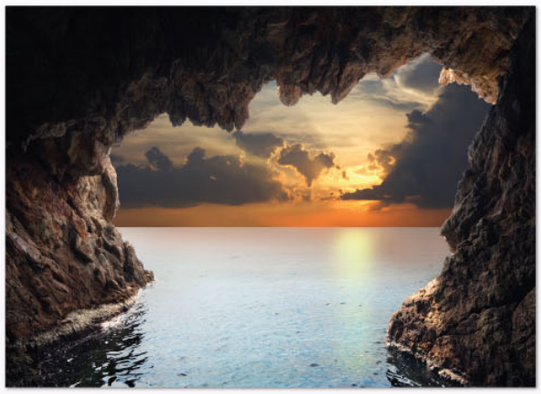
Belief in All Prophets and Scriptures

The Holy Qur'an states that Muslims are required to believe in all prophets and all books and should not make any distinction between the prophets as far as the belief in prophets in concerned. This message creates a universal brotherhood of all faiths and lays the foundation of interfaith harmony and peace.



"This Messenger *of Ours* believes in that which has been revealed to him from his Lord, and *so do* the believers: all *of them* believe in Allah, and in His angels, and in His Books, and in His Messengers, *saying*, 'We make no distinction between any of His Messengers ..." (Ch.2 v.286)

No Monopoly on Salvation



The Holy Qur'an categorically states that Christians, Jews and others can also enter heaven and that Muslims do not have a monopoly on salvation. The doors of salvation are open to all who believe in the God and do good deeds. It is up to God and God alone to decide who is the recipient of His blessings and for whom His wrath awaits.

"Surely, the Believers, and the Jews, and the Christians and the Sabians — whichever party *from among these truly* believes in Allah and the Last Day and does good deeds — shall have their reward with their Lord, and no fear *shall come* upon them, nor shall they grieve." (Ch.2 v.63)

No Compulsion in Religion

The Holy Qur'an depicts religion as a matter between a person and God, verse after verse repeats the fact that only God knows what's in the mind and heart of a person and it is only He who has the final decree. Every human is free to belief in what he or she thinks is right and no licence is given to anyone to force ones beliefs on others.



"There should be no compulsion in religion ..." (Ch.2 v.257)

"Admonish, therefore, for thou art but an admonisher; Thou hast no authority to *compel* them." (Ch.88 v.22-23)

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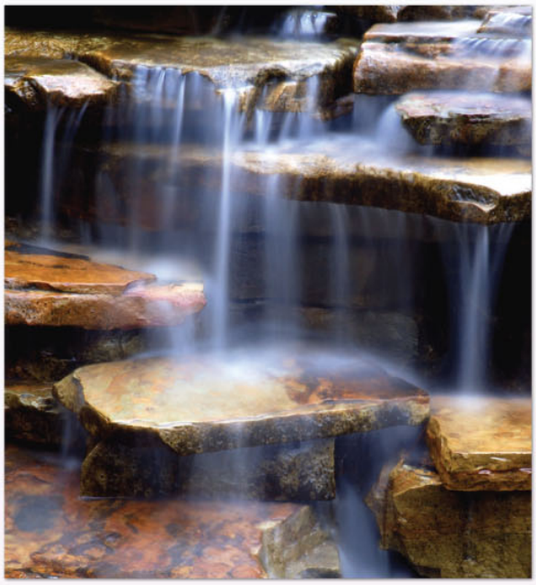
Harmony and Mutual Respect

It is declared in unambiguous terms in the Holy Qur'an that Muslims are not the only ones who stand firmly by the truth and admonish and dispense justice righteously. Amongst the followers of other faiths, there are also people who do the same. Religious peace cannot be achieved without cultivating such broadminded, magnanimous and humanely understanding attitudes towards the people of other faiths. Referring to all religions of the world, in general, the Holy Qur'an declares:



"Of those We have created, there are a people that guide *men* with truth and do justice therewith." (Ch.7 v.182)

Inter-Religious Cooperation



The Holy Qur'an does not permit Muslims to treat with injustice even such enemies as had committed aggression against them due to religious enmity.

"... And let not the enmity of a people that they hindered you from access to the Sacred Mosque, incite you to treat them with inequity. Instead help each other in good things of life and in all such things as are based on the fear of Allah. Do not, however, help one another in the sinful things and transgression ..." (Ch.5 v.3)

Referring to those non-believers who were not known to have taken any active part in hostilities against Muslims, the Holy Qur'an says:

"Allah forbids you not, respecting those who have not fought against you on account of *your* religion; and who have not driven you out of your homes, that you be kind to them and deal equitably with them; surely, Allah loves those who are equitable" (Ch.60 v.9)

Muslims are also taught to invite the People of the Book and to cooperate with them in spreading the Message of the Unity of God—a belief shared with them.

"Say, 'O People of the Book! Come to a word equal between us and you—that we worship none but Allah, and that we associate no partner with Him, and that some of us take not others for Lords besides Allah' But if they turn away, then say, 'Bear witness that we have submitted *to God*" (Ch.3 v.65)



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The Holy Qur'an is a compilation of the verbal revelations given to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) over a period of about twenty three years. The Holy Qur'an is the Holy Book or the Scripture of the Muslims. It lays down for them the law and commandments, codes for their social and moral behaviour, and contains a comprehensive religious philosophy. The language of the Holy Qur'an is Arabic.



Guidance for the Righteous

"This is a perfect Book; there is no doubt in it; it is a guidance for the righteous." (Ch.2 v.3)



The First Revelation

"Convey thou in the name of thy Lord Who created, Created man from a clot of blood. Convey! And thy Lord is Most Generous, Who taught man by the pen, Taught man what he knew not." (Ch.96 v.2-6)

Preserved Forever

"Verily, We Ourself have sent down this Exhortation, and most surely We will be its Guardian." (Ch.15 v.10)

The text of the Holy Qur'an has remained unchanged over the past 1400 years. Millions of copies of the Holy Qur'an circulating in the world today are all identical down to a single letter. And this is not strange since God says in the Holy Qur'an that He Himself will guard this book. The Holy Qur'an has been preserved by memorization and inscription. Millions of Muslims have memorized the Holy Qur'an in its entirety. All Muslims endeavour to read the entire text in Arabic at least once in their life, many complete the recitation at least once a year. Parts of the text are also read in the 5 daily prayers by Muslims throughout the world. Unlike other scriptures the original text (in Arabic) is revered and protected.

Chapters and Verses

The Holy Qur'an is divided into 114 Surahs or Chapters and each Chapter consists of individual Ayaat or verses. There are in total 6,348 verses in the Holy Qur'an. The Surahs are of varying lengths, some consisting of a few lines while others run for many pages. Surah al Baqarah (Ch.2) is the longest Chapter comprising 287 verses while Surah al Kauthar(Ch. 108) is the shortest with only four verses.



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Noble Qur'an

"This is a perfect Book; there is no doubt in it; *it is* a guidance for the righteous." (Ch.2 v.3)

"That this is indeed a noble Qur'an, In a well-preserved Book," (Ch.56 v.78-79)

"*It is* a revelation from the Lord of the worlds. Is it this *Divine* discourse that you would reject?" (Ch.56 v.81-82)

"Therein are lasting commandments." (Ch.98 v.4)

"Allah has sent down the best Message *in the form of* a Book, *whose verses are* mutually supporting *and* repeated *in diverse forms*..." (Ch.39 v.24)

Trust

"Verily, We offered the Trust to the heavens and the earth and the mountains, but they refused to bear it and were afraid of it. But man bore it. Indeed, he is *capable of being* unjust *to, and* neglectful *of, himself*." (Ch.33 v.73)

Challenge

"Say, 'If mankind and the Jinn gathered together to produce the like of this Qur'an, they could not produce the like thereof, even though they should help one another.' And surely, We have set forth for mankind in various ways all kinds of similitudes in this Qur'an, but most men would reject everything but disbelief." (Ch.17 v.89-90)

Blessing and Mercy

"And this is a Book which We have sent down; *it is* full of blessings. So follow it, and guard against *sin* that you may be shown mercy;" (Ch.6 v.156)

"And this is a Book which We have revealed, full of blessings, to fulfil that which preceded it ..." (Ch.6 v.93)



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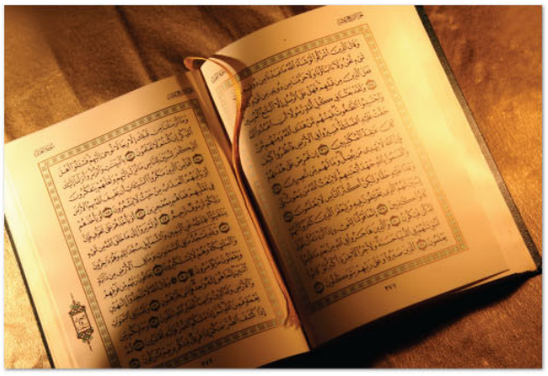
Translations of the Holy Qur'an

The Holy Qur'an is the revered scripture of over 1 billion Muslims around the world. The Holy Qur'an was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (sa) in Arabic language. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, a relatively new movement in Islam is honoured to present a compilation of selected verses of the Holy Qur'an, the word of God, into 114 languages. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community endeavours to translate the entire Holy Qur'an into many languages. The following is a list of just 50 languages in which complete translation of the Holy Qur'an is available.



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PEACE

Individual Peace

"Those who believe, and whose hearts find comfort in the remembrance of Allah. Aye! it is in the remembrance of Allah that hearts can find comfort;" (Ch.13 v.29)

"... and remembrance of Allah indeed is the greatest *virtue* ..." (Ch.29 v.46)

"And every one has a goal which dominates him; vie, then, with one another in good works. Wherever you be, Allah will bring you all together. Surely, Allah has the power to do all that He wills." (Ch.2 v.149)

Individual



Without God, there can be no Peace - Man cannot live at peace with himself nor can peace be vouchsafed for society without this formula; no other formula can work. It is only the love of God which can bring about true respect for His creation. The higher the order of creation, the nearer it becomes to the Creator and the stronger the bond between the created and the Creator grows.

World Peace

"O ye who believe! be steadfast in the cause of Allah, bearing witness in equity; and let not a people's enmity incite you to act otherwise than with justice. Be *always* just, that is nearer to righteousness. And fear Allah. Surely, Allah is aware of what you do." (Ch.5 v.9)

"O mankind, We have created you from a male and a female; and We have made you into tribes and sub-tribes that you may recognize one another. Verily, the most honourable among you, in the sight of Allah, is he who is the most righteous among you. Surely, Allah is All-knowing, All-Aware." (Ch.49 v.14)

World



Allah the Almighty says about justice that it cannot be achieved without truthfulness, that your enmity towards enemy nations should not hinder you from dispensing justice. Nations that unjustly harm and hurt and cause bloodshed, chase and murder women and children, and do not desist from waging wars, how difficult it is to deal with such people. But the Holy Qur'an has not taken away the rights of even such mortal enemies and has enjoined justice and truthfulness.

Social Peace

"Verily, Allah enjoins justice, and the doing of good to others; and giving like kindred; and forbids indecency, and manifest evil, and wrongful transgression. He admonished you that you may take heed." (Ch.16 v.91)

"To Allah belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth; and whether you disclose what is in your minds or keep it hidden, Allah will call you to account for it; then will He forgive whomsoever He pleases and punish whomsoever He pleases; and Allah has the power to do all that He wills." (Ch.2 v.285)

Social



Islam encourages Social Justice and Peace. Social justice in Islam extends to even to those who are not related; such as the neighbours, orphans and the needy. Diversity in social parameters serves a divine purpose. It is a Sign of God, and a driver of creation of knowledge, cultural advance, and progress of civilization. Merely being a member of a particular tribe or nation, in and of itself, is not a source of privilege, or honor. The true source of honor—in God's sight—is one's lifelong righteous conduct.

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Jihad

Jihad

Jihad means exerting one's utmost power contending with an object of disapprobation, and this is of three kinds, namely, (1) with a visible enemy, (2) with Satan, and (3) with one's self.



The Holy Qur'an teaches that when war breaks out, it should be waged in such a way as to cause the least possible amount of damage to life and property; and that hostilities should be brought to a close as quickly as possible.

"Permission *to fight* is given to those against whom war is made, because they have been wronged - and Allah indeed has power to help them -" (Ch.22 v.40)



"Those who have been driven out from their homes unjustly only because they said, 'Our Lord is Allah' - And if Allah did not repel some men by means of others, there would surely have been pulled down cloisters and churches and synagogues and mosques, wherein the name of Allah is oft commemorated. And Allah will surely help one who helps Him. Allah is indeed Powerful, Mighty - " (Ch.22 v.41)

"And *as for* those who strive in Our path - We will surely guide them in Our ways. And verily Allah is with those who do good." (Ch.29 v.70)

"Those who believe and emigrate *from their homes for the sake of God* and strive in the cause of Allah with their property and their persons have the highest rank in the sight of Allah. And it is they who shall triumph." (Ch.9 v.20)

"Surely, Allah has purchased of the believers their persons and their property in return for the Garden they shall have; they fight in the cause of Allah, and they slay and are slain - a promise *that He has made* incumbent on Himself in the Torah, and the Gospel, and the Qur'an. And who is more faithful to his promise than Allah? Rejoice, then, in your bargain which you have made with Him; and that it is which is the supreme triumph." (Ch.9 v.111)



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Socio Economic Peace

Peace

"Those who spend in prosperity and adversity, and those who suppress anger and pardon men; and Allah loves those who do good;" (Ch.3 v.135)



"And in their wealth was a share for one who asked for help and *for* one who could not." (Ch.51 v.20)

"And they feed, for love of Him, the poor, the orphan, and the prisoner, *Saying*, 'We feed you for Allah's pleasure *only*. We desire no reward nor thanks from you." (Ch.76 v.9-10)



"O ye who believe! spend of the good things that you have earned, and of what We produce for you from the earth; and seek not what is bad to spend out of it when you would not take it yourselves except that you connive at it. And know that Allah is Self-Sufficient, Praiseworthy."
(Ch.2 v.268)

"And whatsoever you spend or whatsoever vow you vow, Allah surely knows it; and for the wrongdoers there shall be no helpers. If you give alms openly, it is well *and good*; but if you conceal them and give them to the poor, it is better for you; and He will remove from you *many* of your sins. And Allah is aware of what you do."
(Ch.2 v.271-272)

"Who believe in the unseen and observe Prayer, and spend out of what We have provided for them;" (Ch.2 v.4)

"You are the best people raised for the good of mankind; you enjoin what is good and forbid evil and believe in Allah ..."
(Ch.3 v.111)



"And the case of those who spend their wealth to seek the pleasure of Allah and to strengthen their souls is like the case of a garden on elevated ground. Heavy rain falls on it so that it brings forth its fruit twofold. And if heavy rain does not fall on it, then light rain suffices. And Allah sees what you do." (Ch.2 v.266)

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Pharaoh's Body



"And We brought the children of Israel across the sea; and Pharaoh and his hosts pursued them wrongfully and aggressively, till, when *the calamity of* drowning overtook him, he said, 'I believe that there is no God but He in Whom the children of Israel believe, and I am of those who submit *to Him*.' (Ch.10 v.91)

"What! Now! while thou wast disobedient before *this* and wast of those who create disorder." (Ch.10 v.92)

"So this day We will save thee in thy body *alone* that thou mayest be a Sign to those *who come* after thee. And surely, many of mankind are heedless of Our Signs." (Ch.10 v.93)

The Holy Qur'an clearly states that Allah will save the body of the Pharaoh and "preserve" it as a sign for future generations. This claim of the Holy Qur'an is not found in the Bible or Torah. At the time of the revelation of the Holy Qur'an, the Egyptian art of mummifying was unknown to the world. The Pharaoh's body was found in the 19th century and is displayed in a museum in Egypt. "…A Sign to those who come after thee…"

Creation of Israel



"And after him We said to the children of Israel, 'Dwell ye in the land; and when *the time of* the promise of the latter days comes, We shall bring you together *out of various peoples*." (Ch.17 v.105)

The creation of the State of Israel in 1948 and the gathering of Jews from various parts of the world is well depicted in the Holy Qur'an

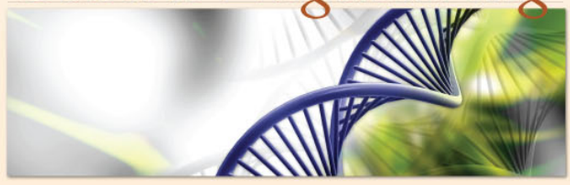
Contact with E.T.



"And among His Signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and *of* whatever living creatures He has spread forth in both. And He has the power to gather them together when He pleases." (Ch.42 v.30)

The Holy Qur'an not only categorically acknowledges the existing of Extraterrestrial Life but also prophesizes about our contact with it. The time of such a contact is not shared with us and is left to Allah's will "…when He pleases".

Genetic Engineering



"…they will alter Allah's creation…" (Ch.4 v.120)

Genetic engineering, cloning and similar scientific endeavours have been prophesied in the Holy Qur'an.

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Relativity



"Allah it is Who created the heavens and the earth, and that which is between them, in six periods; then He settled on the Throne. You have no helper or intercessor beside Him. Will you not then reflect?" (Ch.32 v.5)

"He will plan the *Divine* Ordinance from the heaven unto the earth, then shall it go up to Him in a day the duration of which is a thousand years according to what you reckon." (Ch.32 v.6)

"The angels and the Spirit ascend to Him in a day the measure of which is fifty thousand years." (Ch.70 v.5)

The Holy Qur'an not only talks about the creation of the universe in six periods or days, but it also sheds light on a fact that was only discovered thousands of years later. Time was always considered to be a constant equally applicable across the universe and forever. The Holy Qur'an says that the interpretation of time or a "day" can be different in different points of references. In these verses the Holy Qur'an states that a "day" as mentioned by Allah can be equal to a thousand or fifty thousand "days" as the humans know it.

Air Traffic



"And by the heaven *full* of tracks," (Ch.51 v.8)

Thousands of aircraft are in the air at any given time. Collision avoidance systems and ground and air controls are used to make sure the aircraft do not collide and arrive at the destination by following their designated paths in the sky; making our sky literally a "heaven full of tracks".

Biometrics



"...their ears and their eyes and their skins will bear witness against them as to what they had been doing." (Ch.41 v.21)

The Holy Qur'an hints at the advent of finger prints and retinal scans for investigative purposes.

Pollution



"Corruption has appeared on land and sea because of what men's hands have wrought, that He may make them taste *the fruit* of some of their doings, so that they may turn back *from evil*." (Ch.30 v.42)

One of the interpretations of this verse is the spread of environmental pollution over land and sea which is caused by the actions of man himself. The verse also talks about the negative impact of pollution and to the fact that man will eventually have to turn back from this state of affairs.

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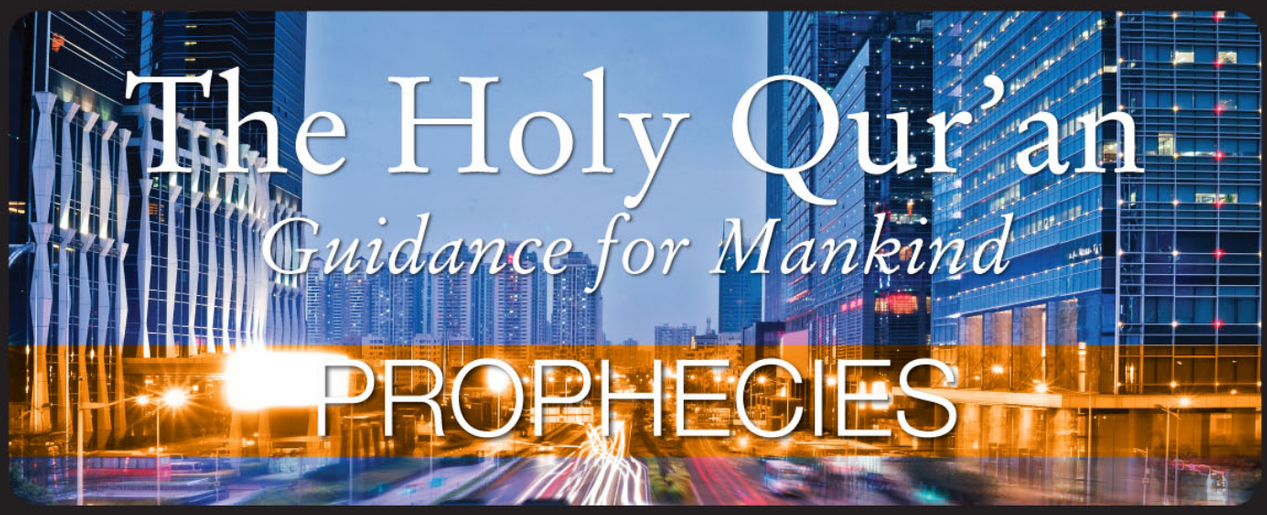

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PROPHECIES

How Many Prophecies can you find?

The Holy Qur'an contains many prophecies spread over its 114 chapters. Some have already come true some have not, yet. See how many prophecies you can find in the first 12 verses of the Chapter 81 Al-Takwir, as shown below; answers are at the bottom of banner.

"In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful." (Ch.81 v.1)

"When the sun is wrapped up, And when the stars are obscured," (Ch.81 v.2-3)

"And when the mountains are made to move," (Ch.81 v.4)

"And when the she-camels, tenmonth pregnant, are abandoned," (Ch.81 v.5)

"And when the beasts are gathered together," (Ch.81 v.6)

"And when the seas are made to flow forth *one into the other,*" (Ch.81 v.7)

"And when people are brought together," (Ch.81 v.8)

"And when the girl-child buried alive is questioned about, For what crime was she killed?" (Ch.81 v.9-10)

"And when books are spread abroad." (Ch.81 v.11)

"And when the heaven is laid bare, from one stage to another." (Ch.81 v.12)



Photo Hints



Answers

The collapse of the solar system
The invention of dynamite and other means to create passages through mountains
New mode of transportation reducing the importance of the prevailing means (animals)
Creation of Zoos and National Parks
Linking of Oceans through canals like Panama and Suez
Creation of Mega Cities and Urban Centers
The women's rights movements
The printing press and the spreading of books
Developments in Cosmology and Astronomy revealing the secrets of the skies

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Origin of Life

"And, surely, We created man from dry ringing clay, from black mud wrought into shape." (Ch.15 v.27)

"And the Jinn We had created before from the fire of hot wind." (Ch.15 v.28)

"He created man from dry ringing clay *which is* like baked pottery." (Ch.55 v.15)

"... And We made from water every living thing..." (Ch.21 v.31)



Clay subjected to cycles of wetting and drying can link molecules of the amino acid known as glycine. The cycling transfers energy from the environment to the organic molecule. Direct heat from fire played a vital role in the creation and maintenance of pre-biotic organisms; their decay and fermentation created the primordial soup. The Holy Qur'an clearly states that the material used for the making of pottery-like plates was decayed organic matter—stagnant blackish mud.

Evolution

"That you shall assuredly pass on from one stage to another." (Ch.84 v.20)

"What is the matter with you that you expect not wisdom and staidness from Allah? 'And He has created you in *different* forms and *different* conditions." (Ch.71 v.14-15)

"O man, what has emboldened thee against thy Gracious Lord, Who created thee, then perfected thee, then proportioned thee aright? In whatever form He pleased, He fashioned thee." (Ch.82 v.7-9)



The Holy Qur'an speaks of creation only in step by step progressive stages which are well provided for, categorically rejecting the concept of spontaneous generation. Several verses suggest an evolution controlled and directed by the hand of the Creator.

Embryology

"... We have indeed created you from dust, then from a spermdrop, then from clotted blood, then from a lump of flesh, partly formed and partly unformed, in order that We may make *Our power* manifest to you. And We cause what We will to remain in the wombs for an appointed term; then We bring you forth as babes; then *We rear you* that you may attain to your *age of* full strength ..." (Ch.22 v.6)

"... He creates you in the wombs of your mothers, creation after creation, in threefold darkness ..." (Ch.39 v.7)



Verses in the Holy Qur'an describe the different stages of fetal development. Various references are made to the different shapes and forms of the fetus, to the fact that not all fertilized embryos complete the full fetal cycle and to the existence of the abdominal wall, uterine wall and the embryonic sacs (the "threefold darkness").

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Signs for the People

"Verily, in the creation of the heavens and the earth and in the alternation of night and day, and in the ships which sail in the sea with that which profits men, and in the water which Allah sends down from the sky and quickens therewith the earth after its death and scatters therein all kinds of beasts, and in the change of the winds, and the clouds pressed into service between the heaven and the earth — are indeed Signs for the people who understand." (Ch.2 v.165)



Those who remember Allah while standing, sitting, and lying on their sides, and ponder over the creation of the heavens and the earth: 'Our Lord, Thou hast not created this in vain; nay, Holy art Thou; save us, then, from the punishment of the Fire.' (Ch.3 v.192)

Moving Mountains

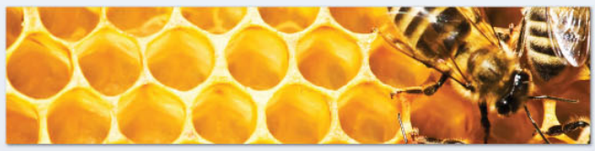
"And thou seest the mountains which thou thinkest to be firmly fixed, but they shall pass away like the passing of the clouds — the work of Allah Who has made everything perfect. Verily, He knows full well what you do." (Ch.27 v.89)



Contrary to the common belief at that time and for the many centuries to come the Holy Qur'an clearly stated that the mountains are not stationary and are rather floating like the clouds, the only logical inference to be drawn from this would be that the earth is also rotating along with them. The Holy Qur'an is thus highlighting the motion of the earth along its orbit around the sun, centuries before it became common knowledge.

The Inspired Bee

"And thy Lord has inspired the bee, *saying*, 'Make thou houses in the hills and in the trees and in the trellises which they build. 'Then eat of every *kind of* fruit, and follow the ways of thy Lord *that have been* made easy *for thee*.' There comes forth from their bellies a drink of varying hues. Therein is cure for men. Surely, in that is a Sign for a people who reflect." (Ch.16 v.69-70)



The word "wahi" used to indicate "inspiration" is also used for God's revelation to his prophets. The Honey Bee is the recipient of the divine revelation or inspiration that in this context means the natural instincts with which God has endowed this species.

Sky – The Roof

"Who made the earth a bed for you, and the heaven a roof, and caused water to come down from the clouds and therewith brought forth fruits for your sustenance. Set not up, therefore, equals to Allah, while you know." (Ch.2 v.23)



"And We have made the heaven a roof, well protected; yet they turn away from its Signs." (Ch.21 v.33)

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Cosmology

"Do not the unbelievers see that the heavens and the earth were *a* closed-up *mass*, then We opened them out ..." (Ch.21 v.31)

"And the heaven We built with Our own powers and indeed We go on expanding it." (Ch.51 v.48)

"*Remember* the day when We shall roll up the heavens like the rolling up of written scrolls by a scribe. As We began the first creation, so shall We repeat it — a promise *binding* upon Us; We shall certainly perform it." (Ch.21 v.105)

Cosmology



The Holy Qur'an depicts many aspects of cosmology and astronomy including the beginning of the universe and the big bang, the expanding nature of the universe, the celestial orbits, path of the sun and the moon, the different nature of light coming from the sun and the moon, the collapse and ending of the universe as we know it, the recreation of the universe, the existence of Extraterrestrial Life and our contact with it.

Astronomy

"He it is Who made the sun *radiate* a brilliant light and the moon *reflect* a lustre ..." (Ch.10 v.6)

"And He it is Who created the night and the day, and the sun and the moon, each gliding along in *its* orbit." (Ch.21 v.34)

"And the sun is moving on the course *prescribed* for it. That is the decree of the Almighty, the All-Knowing *God*. And for the moon We have appointed stages, till it becomes again like an old dry branch of a palm-tree. It is not for the sun to overtake the moon, nor can the night outstrip the day. All of them float in an orbit." (Ch.36 v.39-41)

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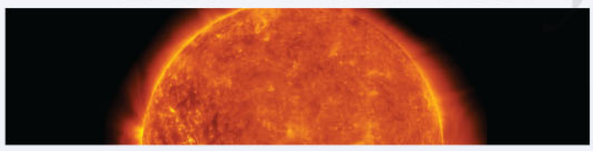

Contrary to the common belief at that time, the Holy Qur'an clearly distinguishes between the light coming from the sun and the moon and uses words that describe sun as a source of light and the moon as a reflector. The Holy Qur'an also clearly states that the sun and the moon move in well defined orbit and that the sun itself is also moving towards a prescribed course, clearly indicating the celestial orbits and the movement of the entire solar system within the milky way.

Extraterrestrial Life

"And among His Signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and *of* whatever living creatures He has spread forth in both. And He has the power to gather them together when He pleases." (Ch.42 v.30)

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The word used to depict living creatures in this verse is "Da'bbah", it covers all animals which creep or move along the surface. It does not apply to animals which fly or swim. It is certainly not applicable to any form of spiritual life. This verse speaks not only of the possibility of extraterrestrial life, but it categorically declares that it does exist. The last part of the verse states that He (Allah) will bring together the life in the heavenly bodies and the life on earth when He so pleases.

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