# **Becoming A Brilliant Star** Islam

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#### General

We indeed created man; and We know what his soul whispers within him, and We are nearer to him than the jugular vein.

Qur'án 50: 16

Say: "Call upon Allah, or call upon Rahman: by whatever name ye call upon Him, (it is well): for to Him belong the Most Beautiful Names."

Qur'án 17: 110

A similar (favour have ye already received) in that We have sent among you a Messenger of your own, rehearing to you Our Signs, and sanctifying you, and instructing you in Scripture and Wisdom, and in new knowledge.

Qur'án 2: 151

And We have sent you to men as a Messenger; God suffices for a witness. Whosoever obeys the Messenger, thereby obeys God; and whosoever turns his back-We have not sent you to be a watcher over them

Qur'án 4: 79-80

Verily We have raised in every nation a Messenger, proclaiming, "Serve God and shun false gods."

Our'án 16: 36

We sent thee not, but as a Mercy for all creatures.

Qur'án 21: 107

Messenger of Allah, to Whom belongeth the dominion of the heavens and the earth: there is no god but He: it is He That giveth both life and death. So believe in Allah and His Messenger, the Unlettered Prophet, who believeth in Allah and His words: follow him that (so) ye may be guided."

Qur'án 7: 158

Let there be no compulsion in religion: Truth stands out clear from Error: whoever rejects evil and believes in Allah hath grasped the most trustworthy hand-hold, that never breaks. And Allah heareth and knoweth all things.

Qur'án 2: 256

No person knows what delights of the eye are kept hidden for them—as a reward for their good deeds.

Qur'án 32: 17

Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but he is the Messenger of ALLAH, and the seal of the Prophets and ALLAH has full knowledge of all things.

O ye who believe! remember ALLAH much; And glorify HIM morning and evening.

Qur'án 33: 41-43

And whoso maketh efforts for Us, in Our ways will we guide them.

Qur'án 29: 69

"O men! I am sent unto you all, as the

O Children of Israel! call to mind the special favour which I bestowed upon you, and that

I preferred you to all others (for My Message).

Then guard yourselves against a-Day when one soul shall not avail another, nor shall compensation be accepted from her nor shall intercession profit her nor shall anyone be helped (from outside).

And remember that Abraham was tried by his Lord with certain commands, which he fulfilled: He said: "I will make thee an Imam to the Nations." He pleaded: "And also (Imams) from my offspring!" He answered: "But My Promise is not within the reach of evil-doers."

Remember We made the House a place of assembly for men and a place of safety; and take ye the station of Abraham as a place of prayer; and We covenanted with Abraham and Isma'il, that they should sanctify My House for those who compass it round, or use it as a retreat, or bow, or prostrate themselves (therein in prayer).

And remember Abraham said: "My Lord, make this a City of Peace, and feed its people with fruits,-such of them as believe in Allah and the Last Day." He said: "(Yea), and such as reject Faith,-for a while will I grant them their pleasure, but will soon drive them to the torment of Fire,- an evil destination (indeed)!"

And remember Abraham and Isma'il raised the foundations of the House (With this prayer): "Our Lord! Accept (this service) from us: For Thou art the All-Hearing, the All-knowing.

"Our Lord! make of us Muslims, bowing to Thy (Will), and of our progeny a people Muslim, bowing to Thy (will); and show us our place for the celebration of (due) rites; and turn unto us (in Mercy); for Thou art the Oft-Returning, Most Merciful.

"Our Lord! send amongst them an

Messenger of their own, who shall rehearse Thy Signs to them and instruct them in scripture and wisdom, and sanctify them: For Thou art the Exalted in Might, the Wise."

Qur'án 2: 122-129

Say, "The truth is from your Lord": Let him who will believe, and let him who will, reject (it): for the wrong-doers We have prepared a Fire whose (smoke and flames), like the walls and roof of a tent, will hem them in: if they implore relief they will be granted water like melted brass, that will scald their faces, how dreadful the drink! How uncomfortable a couch to recline on!

Our'án 18: 29

For those who believe and work deeds of righteousness is a reward that will never fail.

Qur'án 41: 8

#### Character

Those who believe, and whose hearts find satisfaction in the remembrance of God: for without doubt, in the remembrance of God do hearts find satisfaction.

For those who believe and work righteousness, is blessedness, and a beautiful place of return.

Our'án 13: 28-29

It is not righteousness that you turn your faces towards East or West; but it is righteousness to believe in God and the Last Day and the Angels, and the Book, and the Messengers; to spend of your substance, out of love for Him, for your kin, for orphans for the needy, for the wayfarer, for those who ask; and for the freeing of captives; to be steadfast in prayers, and practice regular charity; to fulfill the contracts which you made; and to be firm and patient in pain (or suffering) and adversity and throughout all periods of panic. Such are the people of truth, the God-conscious.

Qur'án 2: 177

And vie with one another to attain to your Sustainer's forgiveness and to a Paradise as vast as the heavens and the earth, which awaits the God-conscious, who spend for charity in time of plenty and in time of hardship, and restrain their anger, and pardon their fellow men, for God loves those who do good.

Qur'án 3: 133-134

Say to the believing men that they should lower their gaze and guard their modesty: that will make for greater purity for them: And Allah is well acquainted with all that they do.

Qur'án 3: 30

And say to the believing women that they should lower their gaze and guard their modesty; that they should not display their beauty and ornaments except what (must ordinarily) appear thereof; that they should draw their veils over their bosoms and not display their beauty except to their husbands, their fathers, their husband's fathers, their sons, their husbands' sons, their brothers or their brothers' sons, or their sisters' sons, or their women, or the slaves whom their right hands possess, or male servants free of physical needs, or small children who have no sense of the shame of sex; and that they should not strike their feet in order to draw attention to their hidden ornaments. And O ve Believers! turn ve all together towards Allah, that ye may attain Bliss.

Qur'án 3: 31

Know ye (all), that the life of this world is but play and amusement, pomp and mutual boasting and multiplying, (in rivalry) among yourselves, riches and children. Here is a similitude: How rain and the growth which it brings forth, delight (the hearts of) the tillers; soon it withers; thou wilt see it grow yellow; then it becomes dry and crumbles away. But in the Hereafter is a Penalty severe (for the devotees of wrong). And Forgiveness from Allah and (His) Good Pleasure (for the devotees of Allah.. And what is the life of this world, but goods and chattels of deception?

Our'án 57: 20

Those that keep their plighted faith and act aright, verily Allah loves those who act aright.

Qur'án 3: 76

Nor take life - which Allah has made sacred - except for just cause. And if anyone is slain wrongfully, we have given his heir authority (to demand qisas or to forgive): but let him nor exceed bounds in the matter of taking life; for he is helped (by the Law).

## Qur'án 17: 33

Establish regular prayer, enjoin what is just, and forbid what is wrong; and bear patiently whatever may befall you; for this is true constancy. And do not swell your cheek (with pride) at men, nor walk in insolence on the earth, for God does not love any man proud and boastful. And be moderate in your pace and lower your voice; for the harshest of sounds, indeed, is the braying of the ass

Qur'án 31: 18-19

And WE have pointed out to him the two highways of good and evil.

But he attempted not the steep ascent; And what should make thee know what the steep ascent is?

It is the freeing of a slave, Or, feeding on a day of hunger An orphan near of kin, Or, a poor man lying in the dust.

Then he should have been of those who believe and exhort one another to perseverance and exhort one another to mercy.

These are the people of the right hand. But those who reject Our Signs, they are the people of the left hand.

On them will be Fire closed over. Our'án 90: 11-21

"And swell not thy cheek (for pride) at men, nor walk in insolence through the earth; for Allah loveth not any arrogant boaster.

"And be moderate in thy pace, and lower thy voice; for the harshest of sounds without doubt is the braying of the ass."

Qur'án 31: 18-19

Say: "Come, I will rehearse what Allah hath (really) prohibited you from": Join not

anything as equal with Him; be good to your parents; kill not your children on a plea of want; We provide sustenance for you and for them; come not nigh to shameful deeds. Whether open or secret; take not life, which Allah hath made sacred, except by way of justice and law: thus doth He command you, that ye may learn wisdom.

Qur'án 6: 151

Those who avoid the greater crimes and shameful deeds, and, when they are angry even then forgive.

Qur'án 42: 37

It is these who hasten in every good work, and these who are foremost in them.

On no soul do We place a burden greater than it can bear: before Us is a record which clearly shows the truth: they will never be wronged.

Qur'án 23: 61-62

In order that ye may not despair over matters that pass you by, nor exult over favours bestowed upon you. For Allah loveth not any vainglorious boaster.

Qur'án 57: 23

Conform yourselves to the character of God.

Hadith of Abu Nuaym

A man is a true Muslim when no other Muslim has to fear anything from either his tongue or his hand.

Hadith of Bukhari

## **Spirit**

God asks nothing of any soul save that which He has given it.

Qur'án 65: 7

I have breathed into man of My spirit. Qur'án 15: 29

God is the Light of the heavens and the earth,

The parable of His Light is as if there were a Niche, and within it a Lamp; the Lamp enclosed in Glass:

The Glass as it were a brilliant star:

Lit from a blessed Tree, an olive neither of the East nor of the West.

whose oil is well-nigh luminous, through fire scarce touched it.

Light upon Light!

God guides whom he will to his Light; God sets forth parables for men, and God knows all things.

Our'án 2: 35

It was We Who created man, and We know what dark suggestions his soul makes to him: for We are nearer to him than (his) jugular vein.

Qur'án 50: 16

No vision can grasp Him, but His grasp is over all vision; He is above all comprehension, yet is acquainted with all things.

Qur'án 6: 103

Say, O my Servants who have transgressed against their souls! Despair not of the mercy of God: for God forgives all sins: for His is Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful.

Qur'án 39: 53

Have you considered the soil you till?

Do you yourselves sow it, or are We the Sowers?

Did We will, We would make it broken orts, and you will remain bitterly jesting--

"We are debt-loaded: nay, we have been robbed.

Have you considered the water you drink?

Did you send it down from the clouds, or did We send it?

Did We will, We would make it bitter; so why are you not thankful?

Have you considered the fire you kindle?

Did you make it timber to grow, or did We make it?

We Ourselves made it for a reminder, and a bood to the desert-dwellers.

Qur'án 56: 63-73

The true believers are those whose hearts are filled with awe at the mention of God, and whose faith grows stronger as they listen to His revelations. They put their trust in their Lord, pray steadfastly, and give in alms of that which We have given them. Such are the true believers. They shall be exalted and forgiven by their Lord, and a generous provision shall be made for them.

Qur'án 8: 2-4

Say: If you love God, follow me, and God will love you, and forgive you all your sins; God is All-forgiving, All-compassionate.

Qur'án 3: 31

O man! Verily you are ever toiling on toward your Lord -- painfully toiling -- but you shall meet Him ... You shall surely travel from stage to stage.

Qur'án 84: 6, 19

The most honorable among you in the sight of God is the one who is most

God-conscious.

Our'án 49: 13

O ye who believe! bow you down and prostrate yourselves in Prayer, and worship your Lord, and do good deeds that you may prosper.

And strive in the cause of ALLAH as it behoves you to strive for it. HE has chosen you and has laid no hardship upon you in the matter of religion; so follow the faith of your father Abraham; HE has named you Muslims both before and in this Book, so that the Messenger may be a witness over you, and you may be witnesses over mankind. Therefore observe Prayer and pay the Zakaat, and hold fast to ALLAH. HE is your Protector and an Excellent Protector and an Excellent Helper!

Qur'án 22: 78-79

Nay, those who seek gain in evil, and are girt round by their sins,- they are companions of the Fire: Therein shall they abide (For ever).

But those who have faith and work righteousness, they are companions of the Garden: Therein shall they abide (For ever).

Qur'án 2: 81-82

And your Lord says: "Call on Me; I will answer your (Prayer): but those who are too arrogant to serve Me will surely find themselves in Hell - in humiliation!"

Our'án 40: 60

When My servants ask thee concerning Me, I am indeed close (to them): I listen to the prayer of every suppliant when he calleth on Me: Let them also, with a will, Listen to My call, and believe in Me: That they may walk in the right way.

Our'án 2: 186

And put thy trust in Him Who lives and dies not; and celebrate his praise; and enough is He to be acquainted with the faults of His servants;

He Who created the heavens and the earth and all that is between, in six days, and is firmly established on the Throne (of Authority): Allah Most Gracious: ask thou, then, about Him of any acquainted (with such things).

Our'án 25: 58-59

Say: I seek refuge with the Lord and Cherisher of Mankind,

The King (or Ruler) of Mankind,
The Allah (for judge) of Mankind,
From the mischief of the Whisperer (of
Evil), who withdraws (after his whisper),

(The same) who whispers into the hearts of Mankind,

Among Jinns and among men. Our'án 114: 1-6

When some trouble toucheth man, he crieth unto his Lord, turning to Him in repentance: but when He bestoweth a favour upon him as from Himself, (man) doth forget what he cried and prayed for before, and he doth set up rivals unto Allah, thus misleading others from Allah's Path. Say, "Enjoy thy blasphemy for a little while: verily thou art (one) of the Companions of the Fire!"

Qur'án 39: 8

Now, when trouble touches man, he cries to Us: But when We bestow a favour upon him as from Ourselves, he says, "This has been given to me because of a certain knowledge (I have)!" Nay, but this is but a trial, but most of them understand not!

Qur'án 39: 49

The Unbelievers say: "Why is not a sign sent down to him from his Lord?" Say: "Truly Allah leaveth, to stray, whom He will; But He guideth to Himself those who

turn to Him in penitence,

"Those who believe, and whose hearts find satisfaction in the remembrance of Allah. for without doubt in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find satisfaction.

Qur'án 13: 27-28

"Our Lord! Thy Reach is over all things, in Mercy and Knowledge. Forgive, then, those who turn in Repentance, and follow Thy Path; and preserve them from the Penalty of the Blazing Fire!

Qur'án 40: 7

And He giveth you of all that ye ask for. But if ye count the favours of Allah, never will ye be able to number them. Verily, man is given up to injustice and ingratitude.

Qur'án 14: 34

But verily thy Lord is full of grace to mankind: Yet most of them are ungrateful.

Qur'án 27: 73

And their Lord hath accepted of them, and answered them: "Never will I suffer to be lost the work of any of you, be he male or female: Ye are members, one of another: Those who have left their homes, or been driven out therefrom, or suffered harm in My Cause, or fought or been slain, verily, I will blot out from them their iniquities, and admit them into Gardens with rivers flowing beneath; A reward from the presence of Allah, and from His presence is the best of rewards."

Qur'án 3: 195

Every man's fate We have fastened on his own neck: On the Day of Judgment We shall bring out for him a scroll, which he will see spread open.

Qur'án 17: 13

Heaven and earth contain Me not, but the heart of My faithful servant contains Me.

Hadith of Suhrawardi

Alláh the Almighty has said, "O son of Adam, so long as you call upon Me and ask of Me, I shall forgive you for what you have done, and I shall not mind. O son of Adam, were your sins to reach the clouds of the sky and were you to then ask forgiveness of Me, I would forgive you. O son of Adam, were you to come to Me with sins nearly as great as the earth and were you to then face Me, ascribing no partner to Me, I would bring you forgiveness nearly as great as the earth."

Forty Hadith of an-Nawawi 42

Beware that this world is not made for you to live forever, you will have to change it for the hereafter. God, glory be to Him, has not created you without a purpose and has not left you without duties, obligations, and responsibilities.

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# **Physical**

Blessed be He in Whose hands is Dominion; and He over all things hath Power;-

He Who created Death and Life, that He may try which of you is best in deed: and He is the Exalted in Might, Oft-Forgiving;-

He Who created the seven heavens one above another: No want of proportion wilt thou see in the Creation of ((Allah)) Most Gracious. So turn thy vision again: seest thou any flaw?

Qur'án 67: 1-3

The life of this world is made to appear attractive to those who disbelieve; and they scoff at those who believe. But those who fear God shall be above them on the day of Resurrection; and ALLAH bestows HIS gifts on whomsoever HE pleases without reckoning.

Qur'án 2: 213

For Allah loves those who turn to Him constantly and He loves those who keep themselves pure and clean.

Qur'án 2: 222

Do they not look at the sky above them?-How We have made it and adorned it, and there are no flaws in it?

And the earth- We have spread it out, and set thereon mountains standing firm, and produced therein every kind of beautiful growth (in pairs)-

To be observed and commemorated by every devotee turning (to Allah.

And We send down from the sky rain charted with blessing, and We produce therewith gardens and Grain for harvests;

And tall (and stately) palm-trees, with shoots of fruit-stalks, piled one over another;-

As sustenance for ((Allah)'s) Servants; - and

We give (new) life therewith to land that is dead: Thus will be the Resurrection.

Qur'án 50: 6-11

And it is He who spread out the earth, and set thereon mountains standing firm and (flowing) rivers: and fruit of every kind He made in pairs, two and two: He draweth the night as a veil o'er the Day. Behold, verily in these things there are signs for those who consider!

And in the earth are tracts (diverse though) neighbouring, and gardens of vines and fields sown with corn, and palm trees - growing out of single roots or otherwise: watered with the same water, yet some of them We make more excellent than others to eat. Behold, verily in these things there are signs for those who understand!

Qur'án 13: 3-4

Behold! in the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the alternation of night and day,- there are indeed Signs for men of understanding.

Men who celebrate the praises of Allah, standing, sitting, and lying down on their sides, and contemplate the (wonders of) creation in the heavens and the earth, (With the thought): "Our Lord! not for naught Hast Thou created (all) this! Glory to Thee! Give us salvation from the penalty of the Fire.

Qur'án 3: 190-191

It is He Who sendeth down rain from the skies: with it We produce vegetation of all kinds: from some We produce green (crops), out of which We produce grain, heaped up (at harvest); out of the date-palm and its sheaths (or spathes) (come) clusters of dates hanging low and near: and (then there are) gardens of grapes, and olives, and pomegranates, each similar (in kind) yet different (in variety): when they begin to bear fruit, feast your eyes with the fruit and the ripeness thereof. Behold! in these things there are signs for people who believe.

Qur'án 6: 99

It is He Who made the sun to be a shining glory and the moon to be a light (of beauty), and measured out stages for her; that ye might know the number of years and the count (of time). Nowise did Allah create this but in truth and righteousness. (Thus) doth He explain His Signs in detail, for those who understand.

Verily, in the alternation of the night and the day, and in all that Allah hath created, in the heavens and the earth, are signs for those who fear Him.

Qur'án 10: 5-6

## Cognition

So fear Allah. For it is Good that teaches you. And Allah is well acquainted with all things.

Qur'án 2: 282

Soon will We show them our Signs in the (furthest) regions (of the earth), and in their own souls, until it becomes manifest to them that this is the Truth. Is it not enough that thy Lord doth witness all things?

Qur'án 41: 53

Call unto the way of thy Lord with wisdom and goodly exhortation and argue with them in a way that is best. Surely, thy Lord knows best who has strayed from HIS way; and HE also knows those who are rightly guided.

Qur'án 16: 126

And pursue not that of which thou hast no knowledge; for every act of hearing, or of seeing or of (feeling in) the heart will be enquired into (on the Day of Reckoning).

Qur'án 17: 36

Say: "Travel through the earth and see how Allah did originate creation; so will Allah produce a later creation: for Allah has power over all things.

Qur'án 29: 20

Do you enjoined others to do what is good and forget your ownselves, while you read the book? Will you not then understand?

And seek help with patience and prayer, and this indeed is hard except for the humble in spirit,

Who know for certain that they will meet their Lord, and to HIM will they return.

Qur'án 2: 45-47

You shall surely be tried in your possessions and your persons and you shall surely hear many hurtful things from those who were given the Book before you and from those who set up equals to ALLAH. But if you show patience and fortitude and act righteously, that indeed is a matter of high resolve.

Qur'án 3:187

So have patience. Surely, the promise of ALLAH is true. And ask forgiveness for them for the wrongs they have done thee and glorify thy Lord with HIS praise in the evening and the in morning.

Qur'án 40: 56

"O my sons! go ye and enquire about Joseph and his brother, and never give up hope of Allah.s Soothing Mercy: truly no one despairs of Allah.s Soothing Mercy, except those who have no faith."

Qur'án 12: 87

And if ye do catch them out, catch them out no worse than they catch you out: But if ye show patience, that is indeed the best (course) for those who are patient.

Our'án 16: 126

#### Conation

And God loves those who are firm and steadfast.

Qur'án 3: 146

We showed him the Way: whether he be grateful or ungrateful (rests on his will).

Qur'án 76: 3

How many of the prophets fought (in Allah.s way), and with them (fought) Large bands of godly men? but they never lost heart if they met with disaster in Allah.s way, nor did they weaken (in will) nor give in. And Allah Loves those who are firm and steadfast.

Qur'án 3: 146

Verily We shall give life to the dead, and We record that which they send before and that which they leave behind, and of all things have We taken account in a clear Book (of evidence).

Qur'án 36: 12

And the Book (of Deeds) will be placed (before you); and thou wilt see the sinful in great terror because of what is (recorded) therein; they will say, "Ah! woe to us! what a Book is this! It leaves out nothing small or great, but takes account thereof!" They will find all that they did, placed before them: And not one will thy Lord treat with injustice.

Qur'án 18: 49

And when they hear vain talk, they turn away therefrom and say: "To us our deeds, and to you yours; peace be to you: we seek not the ignorant."

Qur'án 28: 55

We have indeed created man in the best of

moulds, Then do We abase him (to be) the lowest of the low, Except such as believe and do righteous deeds: For they shall have a reward unfailing.

Qur'án 95: 4-6

Therefore, by the Lord, We will, of a surety, call them to account, For all their deeds.

Qur'án 15: 92-93

Say: the things that my Lord hath indeed forbidden are: shameful deeds, whether open or secret; sins and trespasses against truth or reason; assigning of partners to Allah, for which He hath given no authority; and saying things about Allah of which ye have no knowledge.

Qur'án 7: 33

# **Family**

Your Sustainer has decreed that you worship none but Him, and that you be kind to parents. Whether one or both of them attain old age in your lifetime, do not say to them a word of contempt nor repel them, but address them in terms of honor.

And, out of kindness, lower to them the wing of humility and say: My Sustainer!
Bestow on them Your mercy, even as they cherished me in childhood.

Qur'án 17: 23-24

And render to the relatives their due rights, as (also) to those in need, and to the traveler; and do not squander your wealth in the manner of a spendthrift.

Qur'án 17: 26

And We have enjoined on man (to be good) to his parents: in travail upon travail did his mother bear him, and in years twain was his weaning: (hear the command), "Show gratitude to Me and to thy parents: to Me is (thy final) Goal.

Qur'án 31: 14

It does not behove the Prophet and those who believe that they should ask of ALLAH forgiveness for the idolaters, even though they may be their kinsmen, after it has become plain to them that they are the companions of Hell.

And Abraham asking forgiveness for his father was only because of a promise he has made to him, but when it became clear to him that he was an enemy of ALLAH, he dissociated himself from him. Surely, Abraham was most tender-hearted and forbearing.

Qur'án 9: 113-114

My Lord, bestow wisdom on me and join

me with the righteous;

And grant me true and lasting reputation among posterity;

And make me one of the heirs of the Garden of Bliss;

And forgive my father, for he is of the erring ones;

And disgrace me not on the day when they will be raised up,

The day when wealth and sons shall not avail:

Save him who comes to ALLAH with a sound heart.

Qur'án 26: 84-90

And those who accept Faith subsequently, and adopt exile, and fight for the Faith in your company, they are of you. But kindred by blood have prior rights against each other in the Book of Allah. Verily Allah is well-acquainted with all things.

Qur'án 8: 75

It is He Who has created man from water: then has He established relationships of lineage and marriage: for thy Lord has power (over all things).

Qur'án 25: 54

Marry those among you who are single, or the virtuous ones among yourselves, male or female: if they are in poverty, Allah will give them means out of His grace: for Allah encompasseth all, and he knoweth all things.

Qur'án 3: 32

Permitted to you, on the night of the fasts, is the approach to your wives. They are your garments and ye are their garments. Allah knoweth what ye used to do secretly among yourselves; but He turned to you and forgave you; so now associate with them, and seek what Allah Hath ordained for you, and eat and drink, until the white thread of dawn appear to you distinct from its black thread; then complete your fast Till the night appears; but do not associate with your wives while ye are in retreat in the mosques. Those are Limits (set by) Allah. Approach not nigh thereto. Thus doth Allah make clear His Signs to men: that they may learn self-restraint.

Qur'án 2: 187

Let those who find not the wherewithal for marriage keep themselves chaste, until Allah gives them means out of His grace. And if any of your slaves ask for a deed in writing (to enable them to earn their freedom for a certain sum), give them such a deed if ye know any good in them: yea, give them something yourselves out of the means which Allah has given to you. But force not your maids to prostitution when they desire chastity, in order that ye may make a gain in the goods of this life. But if anyone compels them, yet, after such compulsion, is Allah, Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful (to them).

Qur'án 3: 33

And (have We not) created you in pairs, And made your sleep for rest, And made the night as a covering, And made the day as a means of subsistence?

Qur'án 78: 8-9

may know each other (not that ye may despise (each other). Verily the most honoured of you in the sight of Allah is (he who is) the most righteous of you. And Allah has full knowledge and is well acquainted (with all things).

The desert Arabs say, "We believe." Say, "Ye have no faith; but ye (only)say, 'We have submitted our wills to Allah,' For not yet has Faith entered your hearts. But if ye obey Allah and His Messenger, He will not belittle aught of your deeds: for Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful."

Qur'án 49: 13-14

We have enjoined on man kindness to his parents: In pain did his mother bear him, and in pain did she give him birth. The carrying of the (child) to his weaning is (a period of) thirty months. At length, when he reaches the age of full strength and attains forty years, he says, "O my Lord! Grant me that I may be grateful for Thy favour which Thou has bestowed upon me, and upon both my parents, and that I may work righteousness such as Thou mayest approve; and be gracious to me in my issue. Truly have I turned to Thee and truly do I bow (to Thee) in Islam."

Qur'án 46: 15

O mankind! We created you from a single (pair) of a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, that ye

# Friendship

Dispute not with each other in My Presence: I had already in advance sent you Warning.

The Word changes not before Me, and I do not the least injustice to My Servants.

Qur'án 50: 28-29

And hold fast, all together, by the rope which Allah (stretches out for you), and be not divided among yourselves; and remember with gratitude Allah.s favour on you; for ye were enemies and He joined your hearts in love, so that by His Grace, ye became brethren; and ye were on the brink of the pit of Fire, and He saved you from it. Thus doth Allah make His Signs clear to you: That ye may be guided.

Qur'án 3: 103

## Career/Work

And in no wise covet those things in which Allah Hath bestowed His gifts More freely on some of you than on others: To men is allotted what they earn, and to women what they earn: But ask Allah of His bounty. For Allah hath full knowledge of all things.

Qur'án 4: 32

"Give just measure, and cause no loss (to others by fraud). And weigh with scales true and upright."

Qur'án 26: 181-182

Woe to those that deal in fraud, Those who, when they have to receive by measure from men, exact full measure, But when they have to give by measure or weight to men, give less than due.

Qur'án 83: 1-3

WE have, surely, created man to toil and struggle.

Does he think that no one has power over him?

Qur'án 90: 5-6

## Finances/Wealth

Let the man of means spend according to his means: and the man whose resources are restricted, let him spend according to what Allah has given him. Allah puts no burden on any person beyond what He has given him. After a difficulty, Allah will soon grant relief.

Qur'án 65: 7

Let him who has abundance of means spend out of his abundance. And let him whose means of subsistence are straitened spend out of what ALLAH has given him. ALLAH burdens not any soul beyond that which HE has bestowed upon it. ALLAH will soon bring about ease after hardship.

Qur'án 65: 8

Those who establish regular prayers and give in regular charity, and also have (full) assurance of the hereafter.

Qur'án 27: 3

Allah has bestowed His gifts of sustenance more freely on some of you than on others: those more favoured are not going to throw back their gifts to those whom their right hands possess, so as to be equal in that respect. Will they then deny the favours of Allah.

Qur'án 16: 71

Fair in the eyes of men is the love of things they covet: Women and sons; Heaped-up hoards of gold and silver; horses branded (for blood and excellence); and (wealth of) cattle and well-tilled land. Such are the possessions of this world's life; but in nearness to Allah is the best of the goals (To return to).

Our'án 3: 14

The mutual rivalry for piling up (the good

things of this world) diverts you (from the more serious things).

Qur'án 102: 1

Woe to every (kind of) scandal-monger andbackbiter, Who pileth up wealth and layeth it by, Thinking that his wealth would make him last for ever!

Qur'án 104: 1-3

Let not their wealth nor their (following in) sons dazzle thee: in reality Allah.s plan is to punish them with these things in this life, and that their souls may perish in their (very) denial of Allah.

Qur'án 9: 55

And in their wealth and possessions (was remembered) the right of the (needy,) him who asked, and him who (for some reason) was prevented (from asking).

On the earth are signs for those of assured Faith.

Qur'án 51: 19-20

Wealth and sons are allurements of the life of this world: But the things that endure, good deeds, are best in the sight of thy Lord, as rewards, and best as (the foundation for) hopes.

Qur'án 18: 46

O ye who believe! Let not your riches or your children divert you from the remembrance of Allah. If any act thus, the loss is their own.

And spend something (in charity) out of the substance which We have bestowed on you, before Death should come to any of you and he should say, "O my Lord! why didst Thou not give me respite for a little while? I should then have given (largely) in charity, and I should have been one of the doers of good."

Qur'án 63: 9-10

That which ye lay out for increase through the property of (other) people, will have no increase with Allah. But that which ye lay out for charity, seeking the Countenance of Allah, (will increase): it is these who will get a recompense multiplied.

Qur'án 30: 38-39

### Social

Pay homage to God... and be good to your parents and relatives, the orphans and the needy and the neighbors who are your relatives, and the neighbors who are strangers, and the friend by your side, the traveller and your servants and subordinates.

Qur'án 4: 36

The recompense for an injury is an injury equal thereto (in degree): but if a person forgives and makes reconciliation, his reward is due from Allah. for ((Allah)) loveth not those who do wrong.

Qur'án 42: 40

Whatever is in the heavens and on earth, doth declare the Praises and Glory of God, the Sovereign, the Holy One, the Exalted in Might, the Wise.

It is He Who has sent amongst the Unlettered an apostle from among themselves, to rehearse to them His Signs, to sanctify them, and to instruct them in Scripture and Wisdom, although they had been, before, in manifest error;

As well as (to confer all these benefits upon) others of them, who have not already joined them: And He is exalted in Might, Wise.

Such is the Bounty of God, which He bestows on whom He will: and God is the Lord of the highest bounty.

The similitude of those who were charged with the (obligations of the) Mosaic Law, but who subsequently failed in those (obligations), is that of a donkey which carries huge tomes (but understands them not). Evil is the similitude of people who falsify the Signs of God: and God guides not people who do wrong.

Qur'án 62: 1-5 And spend of your substance in the cause of Allah, and make not your own hands contribute to (your) destruction; but do good; for Allah loveth those who do good.

Qur'án 2: 195

Those who spend (freely), whether in prosperity, or in adversity; who restrain anger, and pardon (all) men; for Allah loves those who do good.

Qur'án 3: 134

It is not righteousness that ye turn your faces Towards east or West; but it is righteousness to believe in Allah and the Last Day, and the Angels, and the Book, and the Messengers; to spend of your substance, out of love for Him, for your kin, for orphans, for the needy, for the wayfarer, for those who ask, and for the ransom of slaves; to be steadfast in prayer, and practice regular charity; to fulfil the contracts which ye have made; and to be firm and patient, in pain (or suffering) and adversity, and throughout all periods of panic. Such are the people of truth, the Allah.fearing.

Qur'án 2: 177

Those who avoid great sins and shameful deeds, only (falling into) small faults, verily thy Lord is ample in forgiveness. He knows you well when He brings you out of the earth, And when ye are hidden in your mothers' wombs. Therefore justify not yourselves: He knows best who it is that guards against evil.

Qur'án 53: 32

O ye who believe! stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allah, even as

against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin, and whether it be (against) rich or poor: for Allah can best protect both. Follow not the lusts (of your hearts), lest ye swerve, and if ye distort (justice) or decline to do justice, verily Allah is well- acquainted with all that ye do.

Our'án 4: 135

O ye who believe! stand out firmly for Allah, as witnesses to fair dealing, and let not the hatred of others to you make you swerve to wrong and depart from justice. Be just: that is next to piety: and fear Allah. For Allah is well-acquainted with all that ye do.

Our'án 5: 8

In order that ye may not transgress (due) balance.

So establish weight with justice and fall not short in the balance.

Qur'án 55: 8-9

And among His Signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the variations in your languages and your colours: verily in that are Signs for those who know.

Qur'án 30: 22

And remember We took a covenant from the Children of Israel (to this effect): Worship none but Allah. treat with kindness your parents and kindred, and orphans and those in need; speak fair to the people; be steadfast in prayer; and practise regular charity. Then did ye turn back, except a few among you, and ye backslide (even now).

Qur'án 2: 83

witness over yourselves; and We appointed the Qibla to which thou wast used, only to test those who followed the Messenger from those who would turn on their heels (From the Faith). Indeed it was (A change) momentous, except to those guided by Allah. And never would Allah Make your faith of no effect. For Allah is to all people Most surely full of kindness, Most Merciful.

Qur'án 2: 143

Verily, this brotherhood of yours is a single brotherhood, and I am your Lord and Cherisher: therefore serve Me (and no other).

Our'án 21: 92

And come not nigh to the orphan's property, except to improve it, until he attain the age of full strength; give measure and weight with (full) justice; no burden do We place on any soul, but that which it can bear; whenever ye speak, speak justly, even if a near relative is concerned; and fulfil the covenant of Allah. thus doth He command you, that ye may remember.

Our'án 6: 152

Thus, have We made of you an Ummat justly balanced, that ye might be witnesses over the nations, and the Messenger a

So give what is due to kindred, the needy, and the wayfarer. That is best for those who seek the Countenance, of Allah, and it is they who will prosper.

Seest thou not that Allah sends down rain from the sky? With it We then bring out produce of various colours. And in the mountains are tracts white and red, of various shades of colour, and black intense in hue

And so amongst men and crawling creatures and cattle, are they of various colours. Those truly fear Allah, among His Servants, who have knowledge: for Allah is Exalted in Might, Oft-Forgiving.

Qur'án 35: 27-28

It is no fault in the blind nor in one born lame, nor in one afflicted with illness, nor in yourselves, that ye should eat in your own houses, or those of your fathers, or your mothers, or your brothers, or your sisters, or your father's brothers or your father's sisters, or your mother's brothers, or your mother's sisters, or in houses of which the keys are in your possession, or in the house of a sincere friend of yours: there is no blame on you, whether ye eat in company or separately. But if ye enter houses, salute each other - a greeting of blessing and purity as from Allah. Thus does Allah make clear the signs to you: that ye may understand.

Our'án 24: 61

The best of men are those who are useful to others.

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