

The Holy Quran

Revealed to the Prophet Muhammad
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Surah 1 — The Opening

1. In the name of God, the Tender-of-the-womb in essence, the Tender-of-the-womb in act.
2. Praise belongs to God, the Breeder-who-makes-the-worlds-grow,
3. the Tender-of-the-womb in essence, the Tender-of-the-womb in act,
4. Holder of the day on which every debt is paid.
5. You alone we serve as servants, and from you alone we ask for help.
6. Lead us on the straight path,
7. the path of those upon whom you have poured out the sweetness of grace, not of those upon whom wrath weighs, nor of those who wander lost.

Surah 2 — The Heifer

1. Alif — Lām — Mīm.
2. That is the writing — no worry in it — a guide for those-who-make-themselves-shields,
3. who give confidence to the absent-hidden, keep the prayer-bow upright, and bring forth as a gift what we have provided them with,
4. and who trust in what has been sent down to you and in what has been sent down from before you, and they are certain of the Last.
5. Those are on a lead from their Breeder, and those are the prosperous-harvest ones.
6. In truth, those who cover up - it is the same for them whether you warn them or not - do not inspire trust.
7. God has set a seal on their hearts and on their hearing; and a veil over their vision; and upon them is immense torment.
8. And among the people are those who say, "We have put our trust in Allah and in the Last Day." But they are not trustful.
9. They seek to deceive God and those who have trusted Him, but they deceive only their own selves - and they do not realize it.
10. In their hearts there was a sickness - and God increased their sickness - and for them a painful torment because of what they were lying about.
11. And when it is said to them, "Do not destroy the earth," they say, "We are only healers."
12. Well, they are the ones who are the spoilers, but they don't realize it.
13. And when it is said to them, "Give trust as the people have given trust," they say, "Should we give trust like the light-minded?" Well, they are indeed the light-minded, but they do not know.
14. And when they meet those who have given them their trust, they say, "We have given them our trust." And when they retreat to their opponents-instigators, they say, "We are with you; we are only mocking."
15. God mocks them, and prolongs them in their overflowing, where they grope.

16. These are they who bought confusion at the price of guidance: their trade did not yield any profit, and they were not guided.
17. Their likeness is like that of someone who lights a fire: when it has illuminated the surroundings, God goes away with their light and leaves them in layers of darkness - they do not see.
18. Deaf, mute, blind: therefore they do not return.
19. Or like a shower falling from the sky, with darkness and thunder and lightning within it: they put their fingers in their ears against the lightning, to guard against death. And God surrounds the covering ones.
20. The lightning almost snatches away their sight: whenever it is light for them, they walk along, and when it grows dark over them, they stop. If God wanted, he would go away with their hearing and their sight: truly, God is mighty in measure over all things.
21. O you people: serve as servants your Breeder, who has fashioned you and those before you — that you may shield yourselves —
22. He who made the earth your bed and the sky your structure, and sent water down from the sky and brought forth fruit with it as a supply for you. Therefore do not set up rivals for God, while you know.
23. And if you are in disquiet about that which We have revealed to Our servant, then produce a surah like it, and call your witnesses on this side of Allah - if you are truthful.
24. And if you do not—and you will not—shield yourselves from the Fire whose fuel is people and stones: it has been prepared for the covering.
25. And he brings the face-clearing news to those who have trusted and done what is right: for them, these are hidden gardens beneath which rivers flow. Whenever they are provided with a fruit therefrom, they say, "This is what we were provided with before"—and something similar is brought to them. And for them, there are pure companions there; and they are there permanent.
26. Indeed, God does not shy away from coining a simile—a mosquito, or whatever is on it. Those who have placed their trust in it know that it is the real-firm from their Breeder; and those who conceal it say: "What did God intend by this simile?" He leads many astray with it, and He guides many with it—and He leads astray only those who have slipped out of bounds with it.

27. those who unravel the covenant of God after it is bound, and cut off what God has commanded to be joined, and spoil it in the land: they are the losers.
28. How do you cover up yourselves with respect to God, when you were dead and he brought you to life? Then he puts you to death, then he brings you to life, then you are brought back to him.
29. It is he who fashioned for you all things on earth, and leveled them toward the heavens, making them equal in the seven heavens. And he is knowledgeable of all things.
30. And when your Raiser said to the messengers: "I am about to place in the land a successor," they said: "Will you place in it one who will corrupt it and shed blood, while we flow glorifying in your praise and proclaim your purity?" He said: "I know what you do not know."
31. And he taught Adam their names, all of them; and he told them to the messengers, and said, "Tell me the names of these, if you are truthful."
32. They said: "Flow beyond You! We have no knowledge except what You have taught us. Verily, You, You are the Knower, the All-Wise."
33. He said, "O Adam, tell them their names." And when he told them their names, he said, "Did I not tell you that I know the hidden and absent of the heavens and the earth, and I know what you reveal and what you conceal?"
34. And when We said to the messengers, "Prostrate yourselves to Adam," they prostrated themselves, except Iblis; he refused and exalted himself, and was one of the covert ones.
35. And We said: 'O Adam, take rest—you and your partner—in the hidden garden, and eat from it in breadth where you will; but do not approach this tree, lest you be wrong-doers who put it out of place.'
36. But the Adversary caused the two of them to slip away from it and to come out of what they were in. And We said, "Go down, you enemies to each other; for in the land you will find a place of abode and a place of enjoyment for a time."
37. Then Adam took from his Breeder words, and he returned to him: verily he is the Much-turning, the Womb-Tender.
38. We said, "Go down from it, all of you. And if guidance comes to you from Me—whoever follows My guidance—there is no fear for them, nor will they grieve."

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