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## FOREWORD

‘Qiraa’ah’, the recitation of the Holy Qur’aan, is meant to be an inspiring experience since it marks Allaah’s seminal communication with humanity. It is an important ritual of deep significance to Muslims by which Allaah’s wise purposes are rehearsed. The ritual recitation of the sacred text assumes its most celebrated form in the Taraawiih prayers performed through the sacred nights of the fasting month of Ramadaan.

The compilation of this Taraawiih summary is a modest endeavour in providing a synopsis of the Qur’aanic message for the benefit of English speakers who are unfamiliar with classical Arabic, the language in which the Holy Qur’aan was revealed and recited.

Procedures surrounding the performance of Taraawiih Salaah vary, with many Masjids opting to complete the full recitation of the Holy Qur’aan on the twenty-ninth night of Ramadaan. The current book is prepared keeping this arrangement in mind.

It is recommended for Muslims that the relevant section be :

- Read at home before going to the Masjid for Taraawiih Salaah,
- Read out by the Imaam in the Masjid just before the Taraawiih Salaah commences. This should take no more than five to ten minutes.
- Presented as a Da’wah tool to non-Muslims as a general induction into the themes, subject matter and style of the Qur’aan.

These summaries also make for convenient reading throughout the year as a means of refreshing hearts and minds with it’s sacred message.

In preparing this book, no worldly glory is aspired to. All that is sought is Allah’s Pleasure on a day when neither children, nor family, nor wealth, nor power, nor social privilege will guarantee any success.

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TARAAWIH

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First comes the beautiful Suurah (chapter), The Opening Chapter of seven verses, rightly called the Essence of the Book.

It teaches us the perfect prayer.

For if we can pray aright, it means that we have some knowledge of Allah and His attributes,

Of His relationship to us and His creation, which includes ourselves.

It means that we glimpse the source from which we come, and that final goal which is our spiritual destiny under Allah's true judgment.

Then only can we offer ourselves to Allah and discover His light.

Prayer is the heart of Religion and Faith.

But how shall we pray?

What words shall convey the yearnings of our miserable ignorant hearts to the Knower of all?

Is it worthy of Him, or of our spiritual nature, to ask for vanities, or even for such mundane needs as our daily bread? The Inspired One, Muhammad, taught us a prayer that sums up our faith, our hope, and our aspiration in things that matter.

In devotion and prayer, we contemplate Allah's names and His Nature.

We praise Him for His creation and His Cherishing care.

We call to mind the Realities, seen and unseen.

We offer Him worship and ask for His guidance.

And we know the straight from the crooked path by the light of His grace that illumines the righteous.

The Message of Allah is a guide only to those who seek His light.

But those who reject faith are blind, their hearts are sealed.

Destruction is to the hypocrites, self-deceived and deceiving others.

With mockery on their lips, and mischief in their hearts... and fear.

The clouds that bring nourishing rain to others, bring to them only deafening thunder and lightning flashes blinding their sight.

Yet how wonderful is the destiny of mankind, created to be Allah's vicegerent on earth.

Higher than angels, yet enticed by evil.

Set for a term on this earth to test his worth, with the promise of guidance and hope from the most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.

Will you then choose right and regain your spiritual home with Allah in paradise?



Amongst men what nation had higher chances in the realm of the spirit and attaining that paradise than the Children of Israel?

But again and again they failed in spirit. They rebelled against Muusaa (Moses) and grumbled in the wilderness.

They killed the Prophets and they rejected the Signs.

They falsified scripture and turned their backs on the righteous.

The people of Muusaa (Moses) and the people of 'Iisaa (Jesus) were blessed with revelations, but sadly, they played false with their own lights.

They cast aside the way of their Prophets and, in their selfishness, made narrow Allah's universal message.

To them it seemed incredible that His light should illuminate Arabia and, through her children, reform the world.

Little do they realize that Allah's ways are wondrous, and they are clear to those who have true Faith.





If the People of the Book rely upon Ibraahiim (Abraham),  
Let them study his history.  
His posterity included both Is'haaq (Isaac), the forefather of  
Israel, and Ismaa'il (Ishmael).  
Ibraahiim (Abraham) was a righteous prophet of Allah, a  
Muslim, and so were his children.  
Ibraahiim and Ismaa'il built the Ka'bah as the house of Allah.  
They purified it to be a centre of worship for all the world,  
For Allah is the God of all people.

But those amongst the Children of Israel who promised to  
uphold the Law of Allah have passed away,  
Their progeny having been found unworthy, their place was  
taken by a new people looking towards Makkah (Mecca),  
A new people, with a new Messenger, to bear witness to  
Allah's Law,  
To proclaim the truth, to maintain His Symbols, and to strive  
and fight for unity in Allah's Way.

The society, thus organized, must live under laws that would  
guide their every-day life,  
Based on eternal principles of righteousness and fair dealing,  
cleanliness and sobriety, and honesty and helpfulness, one to  
another,

Yet shaped into concrete forms, to suit times and circumstances, and the varying needs of average men and women.

The food to be clean and wholesome, blood-feuds to be abolished, and the rights and duties of heirs to be recognised after death.

This not in a spirit of formalism,  
But to help the weak and the needy, and check all selfish wrong-doing.

Self-denial to be learnt by fasting,  
The courage to fight in defence of right, to be defined,  
The Pilgrimage to be sanctified as a symbol of unity,  
Charity and help to the poor to be organized,  
Unseemly riot and drink and gambling to be banished,  
Orphans to be protected,  
Marriage, divorce, and widowhood to be regulated,  
And the rights of women, so often trampled under-foot,  
Now to be clearly affirmed.

Fighting in defence of truth and right is not to be undertaken light-heartedly,

Nor to be evaded as a duty.

Life and death are in the hands of Allah.

Not all can be chosen to fight for Allah. It requires constancy, firmness, and faith.

Given these, large armies can be routed by those who battle for Allah,

As shown by the courage of Daawuud (David), whose prowess, single-handed, disposed of the disbelieving Philistines.

The mission of some of the apostles, like 'Iisaa (Jesus), was different,

Less wide in scope than that of Muhammad , al Mustafaa, the chosen one.

Allah's plan is universal, and He carries it out as He wills.

Who can describe the nature of Allah ?

The Living,

The Eternal,

His Throne Extends over worlds and worlds that no  
imagination can encompass.

His truth is clear as daylight.

How Can compulsion advance religion ?

The keys of life and death, and the mysteries of everything  
around us, are in His hands.

Our duty then is to seek the path of goodness, kindness,  
upright conduct, and charity,

To not take advantage of a brother in need,

To stand by the word that is pledged,

To bear true witness,

And to remove all cause of misunderstandings in our dealings.

Out honesty and upright conduct are not mere matters of  
policy or convenience,

All our life in this world must be lived as if in the presence of  
Allah.

The finest example of submission and obedience, we have in  
the Prophet's life, full of faith,

Let us then render willing obedience to Allah's Will.

Our responsibility, though great, is not a burden greater than  
we can bear.

Let us then pray for Allah's assistance, and He will help.



The Quranic revelation has, step by step, confirmed the Law of Muusaa (Moses) and the Injiil (Evangel) of ‘Iisaa (Jesus). It is a guide from Allah, appealing to reason and understanding.

Let us then understand it rightly, in reverence and truth,  
unswayed by those who reject Faith,  
And let us ever seek the reward of the pleasure of Allah,  
Through firmness, patience, discipline, and charity,  
And offering others the light which we have ourselves  
received.

If the People who received earlier revelations confine  
themselves to partial truths,  
And in their pride shut their eyes to the whole of the Book Of  
Allah,  
Then their destruction is confirmed.  
Let the Muslims seek the society and friendship of their own,  
and trust in Allah, who knows all,  
And who holds every soul responsible for its own deeds.

Allah’s truth is continuous,  
And his Apostles, from Aadam (Adam), through Nuuh (Noah)  
and Ibraahiim (Abraham), down to the last of the Prophets,  
Muhammad, form one brotherhood.

Of the progeny of ‘Imraan, father of Muusaa (Moses) and Haaruun (Aaron), sprang a woman, who devoted her unborn offspring to Allah.

The child was Maryam (Mary) the mother of ‘Iisaa (Jesus). Her cousin was the wife of the priest Zakariyaa (Zecharia), who took charge of Maryam.

To Zakariyaa, in his old age, was born a son, Yahyaa (John), a prodigy.

Yahyaa was the herald of ‘Iisaa (Jesus), the son of Maryam (Mary), and was known as John the Baptist.

‘Iisaa (Jesus) was of virgin birth, and he performed many miracles, by the power of Allaah.

But those to whom he came as Prophet rejected him, and plotted for his death.

Their plots failed, for Allah’s plan is above man’s plots. So will it be with Islam, the truth from all eternity.

Islam does invite all people to the truth,

There is no cause for dissembling or disputing.

False are the people who corrupt Allah’s truth, or hinder men from coming to Allah.

Let the Muslims hold together in unity and discipline, Knowing that they have a mission of righteousness for humanity.

No spiritual harm can come to them.

Though there are good men and true in other Faiths, Muslims must be true to their own brotherhood.

They should seek help and friendship from their own, and stand firm In constancy and patient perseverance.

Allah’s help comes to those who strive with firmness, as it did at the battle of Badr.

Much can be learnt from the misfortunes at Uhud.

It is not for us to question Allah's plan, which is full of wisdom and mercy for all.  
Our duty is to stand firm and unswerving,  
To obey, and with steadfast courage, to persevere,  
To retrieve our mistakes, not in grief and despair, but in firm hope in Allah, and in scorn of pain and death.

The battle of Uhud showed how dangerous it was to lend ear to enemy suggestions,  
How dangerous it was to disobey orders, dispute, lose courage, or seek selfish ends.  
Some even followed the evil course of turning back.  
But great is Allah's mercy.  
Where He helps, no harm can come.  
So trust your righteous leader.  
The hypocrites, in withdrawing from battle, were really helping the unbelievers,  
But glorious were those who knew no fear.  
Those killed in the cause of Allah still live and thrive and do rejoice.  
And never can those who fight against faith hurt, in the least, the Cause of Allah.

So do not listen to the taunts of those who laugh at faith.  
Nor let their falsehood, nor their seeming prosperity, raise doubts in your minds.  
All who can read the Signs of Allah in nature know His wisdom, goodness, power, and justice.  
They know His promise is sure,  
And in humble prayer, wholly put their trust in Him.



All of humanity are one, and mutual rights must be respected.  
The sexes, male and female, must honour each other.  
Sacred are family relationships that arise through marriage,  
And sacred are women bearing children.  
Orphans need special loving care.  
All property must be held in trust, with duties well-defined .  
And after death, due distribution should be made in equitable  
shares to all family members whose affection, duty, and trust  
bring light and joy in our life on this earth.

What can be a holier and stronger cement to society than  
that men and women should be chaste and pure,  
And crimes against sex rooted out ?  
Let decency, kindness, and justice prevail in all intimate  
relationships.  
Let marriage be cherished and carefully guarded.  
Let women's rights be secured.  
Let family disputes be resolved amicably.  
And let all life be lived in faith, charity, and kindness,  
Being sincere to all our fellow-creatures.

Be clean and pure, and do not seek occasions for unnecessary  
dispute.  
Nor go after sorcery, magic, superstition or false gods.



Be faithful in your trusts, learn obedience, and settle your quarrels under the guidance of Allah's Apostle.

Always keep away from hypocrisy and every kind of falsehood.

Only then will you be admitted to a glorious companionship, In the presence of the highest and noblest in paradise.

Keep united in your noble brotherhood ,

Share its joys and sorrows.

Strive and fight the noble fight, and never fear.

For this life is short, and the Hereafter eternal.

Do not allow yourselves to be drawn into unbelief and cowardice.

Maintain righteousness and piety.

And protect yourselves against the hypocrites and deserters,

But do not pursue them unrelentingly. Rather be gracious.

The lives of those who believe are sacred.

If one is killed by mistake, full compensation should be made.

Nor should a stranger, even in time of war, be treated as an enemy, without the fullest investigation.

Do not live in places hostile to Islam if you are able to migrate.

And know that Allah's earth is spacious.

Devotion and Salah may be shortened in times of danger.

So take every precaution for safety.

But be bold and undaunted in battle.

Beware of treachery, that would use even the good and pious for its wicked ends.

And know that its plots will only recoil on its own head.

The righteous have no cause for secrecy, except in doing good.

It is evil that misleads, deceives, and even dares pervert fair nature, created by Allah.

Shun all evil, and be firm in virtue and faith in Allah.

Justice to women and orphans is part of religion.

So fear Allah.

Stand out firmly for justice to all, even against yourselves or your nearest of kin.

Remain firm in faith, and do not associate with the evil ones nor with the hypocrites.

Be true in speech, and do not harm others.

Nor discriminate between the teachers of truth, believing in some of the Prophets and rejecting others.

For Allah's truth is one, and should be believed and embraced in its entirety.



The People of the Book (Jews and Christians) went wrong:  
The Jews in breaking their Covenant, and slandering Maryam  
(Mary) and ‘Iisaa (Jesus) , and in their usury and injustice.  
And the Christians in raising Jesus (‘Iisaa) the Prophet to  
equality with the Divine, and abrogating the laws of Allah.  
Allah’s revelation is completed in the Qur’an,  
Which comes with manifest proof and a clear light to those  
who understand.

All obligations are sacred, human and divine.  
In the spiritual world we owe duties to Allah, which must be  
fulfilled.

But whilst we are in this temporal world, those duties are by  
no means separated from what we owe to ourselves and our  
fellow men.

We must respect the laws and customs of the Sacred Masjid  
and the Sacred Sanctuary.

In food our laws are simple - all things good and pure are  
lawful.

And we do not prohibit dignified relations between men and  
women, and respectful interaction with the People of the  
Book.

Allah wishes us to be clean and pure at prayer (Salaah) and at all other times.

But justice and right conduct, even in the face of spite and hatred, are nearest to Piety and the love of Allah.

And in Him alone do we put our trust.

The Jews who received revelations before were false to their trust,

They broke their agreements and twisted Allah's Message from its aim,

They rebelled against Truth and followed their vain desires, Allah's grace was withdrawn from them and they wandered aimlessly in the wilderness.

In this is a warning to the believers (Muslims), who now hold that sacred trust.

The jealousy of Qaabiil (Cain) against Haabiil (Abel), which led to the murder of innocent Haabiil, is the same type of jealousy between the People of the Book and their younger spiritual brethren in Islam.

Jealousy leads to envy, and envy to murder.

Such crimes against individuals are often crimes against whole peoples.

There are men who are ready to catch up every lie told against a just man.

The just man should not grieve, because that is their self deluded way.

True justice accords with Allah's Law.

So do not follow men's selfish desires, but follow Allah's will which was revealed to Muusaa (Moses) and 'Iisaa (Jesus), and now to Muhammad.

Do not take as friends and protectors those in whose hearts is a disease,

To whom religion is a mockery or a plaything, and who  
worship wickedness.

Proclaim the Truth of Allah, and do not be afraid.

Shun their iniquities which were denounced by Daawuud  
(David) and 'Iisaa (Jesus).

But recognise with justice, those who are sincere and humble  
if they bear witness to the Truth,

Even though they may not themselves be of your people.



In the physical pleasures of life the crime is excess.  
But there is no merit in abstention from things that are good  
and lawful.

So take no rash vows, but be faithful to solemn oaths.  
Shun as abominations drinking and gambling, and  
superstitions of all kinds.

But be reverent to what is sacred in rites and associations.  
Things good are not the same as things evil.

Learn to distinguish, but do not pry into questions beyond  
your comprehension.

Guard your own souls in truth and justice, and no harm can  
ever befall you.

‘Iisaa (Jesus) did indeed feed his disciples by a miracle,  
But he never claimed divinity.

He was a true servant of Allah, to whom belongs the  
dominion of the heavens and the earth.

Glory and Power are His, and His alone.

Allah did separate Light from Darkness.

He reigns not only in the heavens but also on earth.

Mercy is His Law, and to Him shall we all return at the end of  
all things.

How can we then depart from truth and forge lies against Him?

It is foolishness to say that there is nothing beyond this, our present life.

The life of this world is but empty.

What is momentous is the life hereafter.

The teacher of Allah's truth is not dissuaded by frivolous objections or insults or persecution.

No doubt, the wicked are the ones who will be cut off to the last remnant.

Allah's wisdom pervades the whole of His creation,

And in His hands are the keys of the unseen, and the secrets of all that we see.

Allah's loving care encompasses us throughout life,

And He delivers us from dangers by land and all seas.

He is the only true Protector, so how can we then forget Him.

Or run after things that are mere creatures of His, and shall themselves soon perish,

While He is the Eternal God, adored by Ibraahiim (Abraham) and all prophets?

The good, true men, who succeeded Ibraahiim, received the gifts of revelation and guidance,

And kept alive Allah's Message, which now is proclaimed in the Qur'aan,

In which are blessings and confirmation of all that went before.

In the daily pageants of nature, the dawn and the restful night,

The sun, the moon, and the stars that guide,

The mariner in distant seas and skies,

The rain-clouds pouring abundance,

And the fruits that delight the heart of man,



Can you not read the signs of Allah?

No vision can comprehend Him,  
Yet He knows and comprehends all.



Those in obstinate rebellion against Allah are themselves deceived, and deceive each other. Leave them be.

Put your trust in Allah and obey Him openly, and in the inmost recesses of your heart.

Be not distressed by the plots of the wicked, for they are but plots against their own souls.

Allah does not punish mere shortcomings, for there are degrees in good and evil deeds.

Allah is Merciful, but His plan is sure, and none can stand in its way.

So do not place your hopes in another, avoid all superstition and all excess, and humbly pray for His guidance.

Allah's commands are not irrational taboos, but firmly based on moral law and conformable to reason.

His way is the straight way, of justice and of truth.

In unity and faith must we dedicate all our life to His service, And to Him alone shall we return.

Revelation should ease the difficulties of heart and mind, For it tells the story of man's spiritual past, and teaches the end of good and evil.

shaytaan (satan) fell because of self-aggrandizement, jealousy and arrogance,

And Aadam (Adam) fell because he listened to shaytaan's deceit.

But Allah, in His Mercy, did grant gifts and guidance to men, Warning them against excess, and instructing them to moderation and justice.

Allah has forbidden the things that are evil, not those that are good,

For these were created for man's enjoyment. So let them give thanks.

The transgressors are those who reject Allah's signs.

They will have no share in the bliss of the Hereafter.

But the righteous will dwell in Peace,

And the Hope that was promised will be theirs.

Nuuh's (Noah) warning was rejected by his generation, and they were destroyed in the flood.

Huud's warning was defied by his own people, the 'Aad, and they were swept away by a violent wind.

Their successors, the Thamuud, were puffed up with pride and injustice.

But behold! A terrifying sound-blast buried them for their sins after Saalih had warned them from Allah.

The Cities of the Plain, Sodom and Gomorrah, were overwhelmed with a rain of brimstone and fire for their unparalleled lusts, against which Luut (Lot) did warn them too.

The people of Midian were given to mischief and fraud.

Shu'aib warned them, but they heeded not, and perished in an earthquake.

The lesson is clear. Allah's punishment for wickedness and sin is sure.

His warnings are true, and will come to pass.



While the story of the Prophets who preached in vain to their people,  
 Prefigures the struggles in the early careers of all apostles,  
 The story of Muusaa (Moses),  
 His struggles with an alien and arrogant people,  
 His final deliverance of his people from foreign domination,  
 And his leading them within sight of the Promised Land, in spite of the forces that resisted,  
 All prefigured the early struggles and eventual triumph of Muhammad, the Holy Apostle of Allah.

With the advent of Muhammad, son of Isma'iil (Ishmael),  
 The light and guidance which he brought for all mankind from Allah,  
 Superseded the earlier law for the Jews.  
 The good and the upright among them followed the new Light,  
 But the rest were scattered through the earth.

Mankind have the nature of good created within them,  
 Yet Allah, by His Signs, keeps up a constant reminder to men of His holy Names.  
 Those who err scarce realise how gradually they fall into sin.

Their respite has a term, destruction must come, and it may be with the very next moment.

So humbly draw near to Allah,  
Declare His glory, and rejoice in His service.

Fight the good fight, but dispute not about the prize,  
That is for Allah to give.

Men of faith act and obey.

It is nobler to fight for Truth than to seek worldly gain.  
To the pure in faith, Allah will give the wisdom and the resources to conquer.

They fight with no thought of ever turning back.

And victory is to be ascribed to Allah, not men.

Be ready to obey Allah's call, and to hold all else as nothing.

He will give you the light,

He will turn away all evil from you,

And He will forgive you your sins and shortcomings.

Always keep in remembrance His mercies and grace.

The godless may try to keep men from Allah, but they will not succeed.

They will be hurled together to destruction, in an all-consuming Hell-fire.

The battle of Badr brought to an issue the fight between Truth and Unbelief.

It was the Day of Differentiation.

It was not won for loot and plunder, nor by vast numbers,

But by trust, courage, planning, union of wills, and pooling of strength and resources,

Above all, it was won by the help of Allah,

Allah, whose help is forever all-sufficient.



No man of heart, spirit, or constancy can ever be intimidated by the odds stacked against him.

We fight not for spoils nor for captives, but for the glory of Allah, for truth and in faith.

We must be kind to all, but give special regard to the needs of our comrades, linked to us by ties of duty and affection.

Our highest reward will be forgiveness and grace from the Giver of all.

If the Kuffaar (Disbelievers) repeatedly break their treaties, then denounce the treaties,

But give them time either to repent or to prepare for the just punishment of their treachery.

Punish the chiefs of the treacherous, and destroy them.

But if one of them seeks asylum, give it to him.

Let him hear the Word of Allah, and then escort him to security.

Be true to the true, but fight those who are false to their word and taunt you for your Faith.

No one has the right to approach the Masjids (Mosques) of Allah unless He believes in Allah and follows Allah's Law, the law of righteousness and of piety.



The enemies of Islam would be ever willing to extinguish Allah's light, but Allah's light will shine more glorious than ever.

Wealth is for use and on trust for mankind.

Do not hoard, nor misuse it.

Fight a straight fight in the cause of Right.

Go forth bravely to strive and struggle, and prove yourselves worthy of Allah.

The Believers do their duty, and make no excuses,

Unlike the Hypocrites who are a burden, whether they join you or hold back.

No help should be accepted from them, as they are false and insincere, and have slanderous tongues.

Alms are for the poor and the needy,

Not for those who come in hypocrisy and mock at things sacred.

But the Hypocrites will be found out and receive due punishment,

While the righteous will be rewarded with bliss and the good pleasure of Allah.

The most concerted striving and fighting are needed to combat evil and hypocrisy,

For sin can reach a stage when the doors of forgiveness are closed.

The good must shun all evil as unclean,

And gladly welcome every chance of service and sacrifice,

Each bringing them closer, to the Presence and Mercy of Allah.

The forerunners in Faith think nothing of self-sacrifice.

Their reward is Allah's good pleasure.

Even those who do wrong but repent, will obtain His Mercy.  
Not so those who persist in disbelief, hypocrisy, and mischief.  
Allah's grace is free and abounding for the righteous.  
Even if they waver or fail, He will turn to them in Mercy,  
If only they repent, and come back to Him.

To be true in word and deed means to hold our selfish desires  
at bay, and to follow Allah's call.  
In this is our fullest satisfaction and reward.  
But our striving should include study and teaching, for the  
benefit of our brethren.  
Because Allah's Message increases faith,  
And leads us to His love and the fullest trust in Him,  
The Lord of the Throne of Supreme Glory.

The people may wonder that a man like them, should bring a  
Message from Allah,  
But Allah's Message shines forth, through all nature and  
creation.  
He guides the human spirit, if only the people will have faith  
and put their hope in Allah.  
Wonderful is Allah's relationship with mankind,  
Yet man is ungrateful and rushes to vain hopes and fanciful  
gods.



Glory to the One true God, Who made mankind as one,  
He alone holds the secrets of the unseen,  
In His Great and good Universal Plan.

The good, the beautiful, and the useful in man's life are all  
derived from Allah,  
Yet man is ungrateful.  
He runs after the transient things of this life,  
Yet they are no better than the greenery of the fields,  
Lasting for a season, ever destined to perish.  
Allah's call is to an eternal Home of Peace,  
Will you not answer the call?

Do you not know that it is He Who sustains and cherishes all  
being?  
He has no partner whatsoever.  
He speaks to His creatures and guides them,  
All through His wonderful Book, unmatched.

Men only wrong their own souls in shutting out the Truth of  
Allah.  
To Him will be their return.

They have been warned of this throughout time, among all peoples,  
By chosen Apostles of Allah, whom they have repeatedly flouted.  
The Day will come when they will see the Majesty, the Glory, the Goodness, and the Justice of Allah.  
But they persist in inventing fancies and falsehoods.  
So do not let their blasphemies and untruths grieve the men of Allah,  
For falsehoods and false ones, will never prosper.

Allah works in His world with mercy for His servants,  
And in just punishment for those who do wrong.  
So it was in Nuuh's (Noah) story, for he worked unselfishly for his people, though rejected by them.  
And so was it with Muusaa (Moses) too,  
He preached to Fir'awn (Pharaoh) and the Egyptians,  
But most of them preferred falsehood and pride to the Truth of Allah, and so perished.  
Fir'awn's (Pharaoh) acknowledgment of Allah, when the chastisement seized him, was too late,  
His life wasted,  
Squandered in luxury, pride, and oppression.

Allah's purpose of Mercy and Forgiveness was shown in the mission of Yuunus (Jonah),  
When Nineveh was pardoned on repentance, and given a new lease of life.  
We must be patient and strive with constancy and perseverance, Because all suffering and sorrow, as well as all bounties, proceed from Allah,  
Whose plan is righteous,  
And for the good of His creatures.

Allah's Revelation teaches the Truth.  
It warns against wrong and gives glad tidings to the righteous.  
But ungrateful man folds up his heart,  
And fails to see how all Nature points to Allah, and to the life  
Hereafter.  
He seeks only petty issues,  
Forgetting the Cause of all causes.

All the wisdom of man cannot produce anything like the  
Message which comes from Allah,  
A Light that leads, bringing a Mercy that forgives.  
Who then will humble himself before Allah,  
Seeking His light,  
And His noble countenance?



Nuuh (Noah) walked righteously and humbly, as in the presence of Allah.

And with unselfish love for his people, he warned them and taught them.

But they defied him, and rejected his Message with scorn and insults.

Allah directed him to build an ark against the impending flood,

Which was to purify the world from sin and the wickedness of men.

In it Nuuh (Noah) was saved and all those who believed.

And so salvation was promised to the righteous evermore, and Allah's Peace, and His Blessings.

Awful were the fates of the 'Aad and the Thamud,

Two mighty peoples of ancient Arabia.

They rejected Allah and His Message, unrelenting in their evil ways,

The 'Aad in their pagan tyranny and arrogance,

And the Thamud in their entrenched selfishness, denying to others the gifts of Allah's spacious earth.

How swiftly were they wiped out, as if they had never been.

Wickedness can never endure,

All a drunken delusion leading only to damnation.

When the angels, on a mission to Sodom and Gomorrah, the  
Cities of the Plain, passed by Ibraahiim (Abraham),  
He entertained them and received from them the good news, a  
line of Prophets to spring from his loins.  
He tried, in his goodness of heart, to intercede for the wicked  
cities,  
But they were steeped in sin, and past all hope of repentance.  
Luut (Lot) preached to them, but they defied him and were  
damned to their fate, as also did Midian.  
They were the people of Shu'aib who destroyed their  
commerce,  
By fraudulent dealings and love of brute force.  
Marvellous are Allah's Mercies,  
And strange are the ways of ungrateful man.

The arrogant Fir'awn (Pharaoh) misled his people in resisting  
Allah's Message through Muusaa (Moses).  
And so they ruined themselves.  
It was they who wronged themselves, for Allah is ever kind to  
humanity, and His punishments are just.  
All men will be brought to His Judgment-seat,  
The good rewarded with bliss, and the evil consigned to  
misery.

So take heed, and shun evil.  
Stand firm in righteousness.  
Do not be immersed in the lusts of this world.  
Learn from the stories of the past, and seek Allah's Mercy.  
Trust Him and serve,  
And forever praise Him alone.

Life and wisdom are explained in the Holy Qur'an,



By signs, symbols, parables, and moving stories,  
A beautiful story is that of Yuusuf (Joseph), the best-beloved  
son of Ya'quub (Jacob).

His future greatness was pre-figured in a vision, but his  
brothers were filled with envy and hate.

They plotted to rid themselves of him, and threw him down  
into a well.

Some merchants found him, bound for Egypt,  
And the brothers sold him into slavery for a few silver coins,  
Him the noblest man of his age,  
Marked out by Allah for a destiny of greatness, righteousness,  
and loving benevolence.

Yuusuf (Joseph) was purchased by a man of power and  
honour in Egypt,  
Delighted with his handsome prize, he asked his youthful  
bride, Zulaykhaa, to treat him with honour,  
This with a view to his adoption as a son.  
But she burnt with a passion of earthly love for him.

When Yuusuf refused to yield to her seduction,  
There was resentment, and strife, and scandal,  
And so the innocent Yuusuf was imprisoned,  
To conceal her perfidy and misguidance.  
An injustice no doubt, but it was here that his greatness,  
kindness, and wisdom, was to be shown.

The King's cup-bearer came in disgrace to prison.  
Yuusuf (Joseph) instructed him and others in the eternal  
Gospel of Tawhiid (Unity).  
But when released and restored to favour,  
The cup-bearer forgot Yuusuf ... for a time,  
Until it pleased Allah to put into Yuusuf's hands  
The keys of the prosperity of Egypt and the world.

The king of Egypt saw a vision, which none of his grandees could explain.

But the cup-bearer remembered, and referred to Yuusuf (Joseph),

He was sent for by the king,

Yuusuf (Joseph), eternally a well-wisher to humanity, however first insisted,

That the voice of scandal which had all these years pointed to him, should be declared in public to be false.

So after Zulaykhaa had paid a splendid tribute to his truth and righteousness, he came to the king,

And was invested with supreme power.

In times of plenty Yuusuf (Joseph) wisely organised great reserves, to meet the needs of famine.

When wide-spread famine at last prevailed, his brothers came from Canaan in search of corn.

He treated them kindly, and got them to bring his youngest brother, beloved Binyaamiin (Benjamin),

All the while they did not know, that he was Yuusuf,

The noble, the generous,

But they would soon learn.



When the brothers of Yuusuf (Joseph) went back to Canaan  
without Binyaamiin (Benjamin), Ya'quub (Jacob) was  
overwhelmed with grief,  
But he bore his affliction with patience,  
And faith in Allah's wisdom.

He sent his sons back to Egypt, where, at last, Yuusuf  
(Joseph) revealed himself.  
He forgave them, lowering his wings of kindness over them,  
And sent his shirt with them to his father, Ya'quub (Jacob), a  
sign and a bearer of the good news, that Yuusuf (Joseph)  
lived,  
And he did great work in Egypt,  
And he sent for his family to come and rejoice and live,  
In the land of Egypt, a blessing to all.

Ya'quub (Jacob) was comforted with the news, and he  
rejoiced.  
The whole family journeyed to Egypt, where Joseph received  
them with honour.  
He pardoned his brothers, thanked and praised Allah, and  
lived and died a righteous man.

So the story teaches how the Plan of Allah, ever works  
without fail.  
It defeats the wiles of the wicked, turns evil to good,  
And always leads those who are true, to bounties undreamt of.  
So did it happen in Muhammad's life, the Chosen one.  
Will mankind then not learn to rely on Allah as the only  
Reality,  
Turning away from all that is fleeting and untrue?

Allah's Truth comes to mankind in revelation, and in nature.  
How noble are His works.  
How sublime His government of the world.  
They all declare His glory.  
Yet mankind strangely resists Faith,  
Asking to see the Signs of His power, rather than the Signs of  
His Mercy.

Does not Allah's knowledge pierce through the most  
concealed things?  
Are not Lightning and Thunder the Signs of His Might, as  
well as of His Mercy?  
He alone is worthy of praise,  
And His Truth alone will stand,  
When all vanities pass away, like scum on the torrent of Time.

The seeing and the blind are not alike, nor are those blessed  
with faith and those without.  
The former seek Allah,  
They attain peace and blessedness in their hearts, and a final  
home of rest.  
The latter are in a state of distress, accursed, and their end is  
terrifying beyond thought.  
If Allah, in His wisdom, postpones retribution, it is for a term.  
His promise never fails. It will come to pass in His own good

time.

All things are for Him only to command.

The mockery of Allah's apostles is an old game of the world.  
But Allah's Truth will come to its own, in good time.

The end of the righteous is their home of bliss,  
And they rejoice in the revelations they receive.

The Messengers of Allah take their due share in the life of the world.

They win through, by Allah's grace, against all the intrigues of the world.

Their witness is from Allah through His revelation, and His promise is always proved true.

Revelation leads mankind from the depths of darkness into light.

It comes to every age and nation, in its own language.

So was it before,

So it will always be.

The apostles were doubted, insulted, threatened, and persecuted,

But their trust in Allah was sure.

It is evil that will be wiped out, That too is sure.

Allah's Truth is like a goodly tree,

Firmly established on its roots,

Stretching its branches high and wide,

And bearing good fruit at all times.

The evil ones not only choose evil for themselves, but they mislead others, to their perdition.

The Godly should learn from the Signs of Allah all around them,

And be on their guard against all that is false.

So Ibraahiim ( Abraham) prayed not only for his posterity, but  
for all,  
Because he foresaw the universality of Allah's Message in  
Islam.  
That leads to the mystic doctrine of Oneness,  
Which will be seen in its fullness on the Great Day,  
When a new Earth and a new Heaven will proclaim the end of  
evil,  
An end to all falsehood, and the adjustment of all this life's  
accounts.



Allah's Truth makes all things clear, and He will guard it.  
 But His signs are not for those who mock,  
 Who fail to see the majesty, beauty, order, and harmony,  
 Blazoned in His Creation,  
 And His goodness to all His creatures, in the heavens  
 and on earth.

With Him are the sources of all things, and He does freely  
 give His gifts in due measure.  
 He holds the keys of Life and Death,  
 And He will remain when all else passes away.

Man's origin was from dust, lowly.  
 But his rank was raised above that of other creatures,  
 Because Allah breathed into him of His spirit.  
 Jealousy and arrogance caused the fall of iblis (the devil), the  
 agent of evil.  
 But evil has no power over those sincere souls who worship  
 Allah and seek His Way.  
 Many are the gates of evil,  
 But peace and dignified joy will be the goal of those whom  
 the Grace of Allah has made His own.

Allah's Grace and Mercy are always first,  
 But His Justice and Wrath will seize those who defy His Law.

Even when the unspeakable crimes of the Cities of the Plain  
made their destruction inevitable,  
Allah 's message of Mercy to mankind was sent to Ibraahiim  
(Abraham), and of safety to Luut (Lot).  
The last remnants of sin will be cut off, and the signs and  
tokens thereof are plain for all to see.  
The proud Companions of the Wood and the builders of  
Rocky Fortresses were all violently swept away,  
Their destiny sealed by their inveterate sinfulness.

But Allah's Creation bears witness to Allah's Design and  
Mercy.  
His Plan is sure.  
His gift of the glorious Qur'an is more than any worldly goods  
can be.  
So, while we denounce sin openly, let us be gentle and kind,  
And adore and serve our Lord all our lives.

Allah's command must inevitably come to pass.  
All His Creation proclaims His glory, and leads to His Truth.  
In all things has He furnished man with innumerable favours,  
To lead and guide him and bring him to Himself.  
Why then does man refuse the Truth, except for arrogance?  
Why does he run after false gods,  
Thus acting against his own lights,  
And misleading others less blest in knowledge?

In all ages, wicked men tried to plot against Allah's Way,  
But they never succeeded, and were covered with shame in  
ways unexpected.  
The righteous see good in Allah 's Word, and their goal is the  
Good.  
Great Teachers were sent to all nations, to warn against Evil  
and guide to the Right.



The penalty for evil comes in many unexpected ways, for evil is against Nature.

And all Nature proclaims Allah's Glory,  
And humbly serves Him, the Lord Supreme.

There is but One God,  
He Who showers His blessings upon humanity and all other creatures.

His greatest gift is that He reveals Himself,  
And in many tangible ways He cares for man and provides for his growth and sustenance.

In rain, in milk,

In fruits and honey,

And in nature and the life of man,

With his opportunities of social, moral, and spiritual growth,  
Are Signs for those who understand.

Why then does man show ingratitude by going after false gods, and forgetting Allah?

Allah's Prophets, if rejected, will be witnesses,  
Against those who reject His Truth.

All false gods will disappear.

A life of justice and righteousness is enjoined by Allah,  
Along with the strictest fidelity, in intent and action.

For Allah will judge us by our faith and deeds,

And no evil shall have power over those who believe, and put their trust in Allah, their Lord.

Allah's Truth comes in stages,

It gives strength, guidance, and glad tidings, and should be adhered to once received.

Do not be like those who get puffed up with pride in worldly goods, and scorn the Truth.

Enjoy the good things of life, but render thanks to Allah and obey His Law.

Be true in faith, and proclaim His Word with gentle, patient wisdom,

For Allah is with those who, in self-restraint, live a pure, good and righteous life.



It is the privilege of the men of Allah to see the sublimest  
mysteries of the spiritual world,  
Instructing men in righteousness, they warn and shield men  
against evil.

But nothing can lessen each soul's personal responsibility for  
its own deeds.

It carries its fate round its own neck.

Allah's gifts are for all, but not all receive the same gifts,  
Nor are all gifts of equal dignity or excellence.

To be worthy of the service of the One True God,  
We must love and serve His Creatures.

The parents who cherished us in childhood deserve our  
humble reverence and service.

Next come the rights of kinsmen, those in want,  
And wayfaring strangers.

To each according to his need, not in wasteful show.  
And gentleness is needed to those whom we cannot help.

Allah will provide.

He has made life sacred and pure.

Fulfill your trusts for orphans and deal with all in strictest  
probity.

Pry not, from curiosity, into evil,  
And shun insolence, for Allah hates evil,

He is the One, the Good,  
The Universal Lord of all being!

There is none like unto Allah.  
Exalted beyond measure is He.  
All creation declares His glory.  
His revelation is Truth, but is beyond comprehension to those  
who do not believe in the Hereafter.  
Those who serve Him should beware, for fear that unseemly  
words should escape them, whether to friend or foe.  
Avoid dissensions, and know that Allah's Wrath, when  
kindled, is a terrifying thing,  
But we as believers rejoice,  
That He forbears, and that He is All-Forgiving.

Arrogance, jealousy, spite, and hatred were the cause of the  
fall of ibliis (the devil).  
Man was given pre-eminence above much of Allah's  
Creation, and therefore owes higher responsibilities.  
He should give thanks for Allah's mercies, and remember the  
Day of Account.  
Not all the scheming of evil will deflect Allah's righteous plan  
to protect His chosen ones.  
They should pray without ceasing, and seek His true  
Guidance,  
For Truth will last, but falsehood will perish.

Who can define the spirit of inspiration?  
Its gift is the highest of Allah's Mercies to humanity.  
The Qur'an is divine, and no petty criticisms can affect its  
greatness,  
Nor the greatness of the Messenger, Muhammad, who brought  
it to men.

Those who reject it will be called to account on the Day of Judgment.

Let not pride and ignorance rush, like Fir'awn (Pharaoh) did, to the punishment of the Hereafter.

The Qur'an as revealed by stages teaches the Truth.

Learn it and chant it,

And praise the Beautiful Names of Allah forever!

The Book of Revelation gives straight directions to make our lives straight,

To warn us against evil and guide us to the everlasting Good.

Teach the Truth, but do not fret about men rejecting it.

The parable of the Companions of the Cave shows how Allah works wonders beyond our fathoming,

How Faith is a sure refuge in ways we do not know,

How Time itself works Allah's Plan before we know how it passes,

How He can give us rest, and raise us back to life against all odds,

And how futile it is to engage in controversies, about matters we know little of.

True knowledge is with Allah alone.

We are not to dispute on matters of conjecture, but to rely on the Truth that comes from Allah.

As in the Parable of the man who piles up wealth and is puffed up with this world's goods,

Despising those less endowed,

All he does will come to an evil end,

For his hopes were not built on Allah.

The life of this world is ephemeral, and its gains will not last.

Good deeds are the best of possessions in Allah's sight.

All will be leveled on the Day of Judgment,

And a new order created on the basis of Truth, according to the Book of Deeds.

Pride is the root of evil, rebellion, and wrongdoing.

Who will then choose evil ones in preference to Allah?

Let us accept Truth,

For though falsehood may flourish for a time, it must perish in the end.

Muusaa (Moses) was up against mysteries which he wanted to explore.

He searched out a man endued with knowledge derived from the divine springs from which flow the paradoxes of life.

He was shown three such paradoxes, and how human impatience is inconsistent with their true understanding.

The highest knowledge comes only by Divine gift,

And a constant, patient striving with Faith,

For in no other way can we apprehend, something of the purpose of the All-Wise, Allah.



Three episodes in the life of a great king, Zul-Qarnayn,  
illustrate how power and opportunities should be used in the  
service of Allah.

Zul-Qarnayn punished the guilty indeed,  
But was kind to the righteous.

He left primitive people their freedom of life,  
And he protected industrious people from rapacious  
neighbours.

But he ever relied upon Allah, and called people to remember  
the Day of Judgment,  
When all will see the Truth,  
And receive the Punishments and Rewards earned in their  
present life.

Men of Allah show their qualities in their private  
relationships, as much as in their public ministry.  
Zakariyya (Zachariah) was anxious, in a world of  
unrighteousness, to find a successor to continue his godly  
errand.

He was given a son, Yahyaa (John the Baptist),  
Who heralded 'Iisaa (Jesus), and lived a life of wisdom, gentle  
love, and purity.

Maryam (Mary) gave birth, as a virgin, to 'Iisaa (Jesus),

But her people slandered and abused her, castigating her as a disgrace to her lineage.  
Her miraculous son did defend her and was kind to her.  
He was a servant of Allah, a true Prophet, blessed in the gifts of prayer and charity,  
But no more than a man.  
To call him the son of God is to derogate from Allah's Majesty,  
For Allah is High above all His Creatures, the Supreme Judge of the Last Day.

Ibraahiim (Abraham) pleaded with loving earnestness with his father to accept the truth of Allah.  
He was turned out, but he retained his gentleness and was blessed.  
Muusaa (Moses) asked for the aid of his brother Haaruun (Aaron), and was true to his people.  
Ismaa'iil (Ishmael) was loyal to his blessed father and his Creator, and was a willing, accepted sacrifice to Allah.  
Idriis (Enoch), in his highest station, held fast to truth and integrity.  
Thus are the righteous shown true in their personal environment,  
And inherit the bliss in which the salutation is 'Peace', perfect peace, the reward of the Constant.

Why should humanity disbelieve in the Hereafter?  
We all must pass through the fire of temptation, but Allah, Most Gracious, will save us if we accept Him and do right.  
Sin may have its respite, but must run to its own destruction.  
We must not dishonour Allah by holding false and monstrous ideas of Him.  
Glory to Him, that He creates and cares for all His creatures.



Allah's revelation is not an occasion for man's distress.  
It is a Message to show that Allah, All-Knowing, sits on the  
throne of Mercy and guides all affairs.  
There is no god but He.  
To Him belong all the most beautiful Names.

The story of how Muusaa (Moses) was chosen and told of his  
mission, has a high mystic meaning.  
He was true to his family and concerned for their welfare.  
Encamped in the desert, he saw a fire far off.  
Approaching, he found it was holy ground.  
Allah did reveal His glory to him, so that he saw life in things  
lifeless,  
And light in his magnificent hand, that shone white with  
divine light.  
Armed with these signs he was told to go forth on his mission.  
But he thought of his brother Haaruun (Aaron), and prayed  
that Allah might join him in his mission,  
And his prayer was granted.

From his birth was Muusaa (Moses) prepared for his task.  
His mother received guidance, so that Allah's purpose might  
be fulfilled.  
Muusaa was brought up in Fir'awn's (Pharaoh) palace, and  
trained in all the learning of Egypt.  
Yet he drank the love of his people in his mother's milk.  
Adventures and trials he had, including his stay with the  
Midianites,  
Until he was called to his double mission - to preach to  
Fir'awn and the Egyptians, and to free His own people.  
So he and Haaruun (Aaron) went to Fir'awn, who rejected  
Allah and His Signs,  
But appointed a trial of strength between his magicians and  
Muusaa .

Muusaa won, and the Truth of Allah was accepted by some  
amongst the Egyptians,  
But not by Fir'awn.

The people of Israel were rescued from bondage and led on  
their way to the Promised Land.

Allah's grace gave them light and guidance, but they rebelled  
under the leadership of one called the Saamirii.

He melted the gold of their jewels and made an idol, a calf  
for their worship, a thing without life or power.

Muusaa (Moses) destroyed the idol,  
And cursed the man who led the people astray.

Such is the lure of evil.

But all things high and low will be levelled on the Day  
of Judgement, before the Eternal, the Gracious, the King, the  
Truth,

Who sends the Qur'an to teach and to warn.

Will man remember how Aadam's (Adam) arch-enemy,  
shaytaan (satan) caused his fall,

And will he yet be blind to the Signs of Allah?

Do not let evil make you impatient.

The prize of the Hereafter is better than anything of the glitter  
of this life.

Wait in Faith,

And the end will show the triumph of truth, goodness, and  
righteousness.



Men may lightly treat Allah's Signs as jests, but the  
Judgment must come inevitably.  
His Message is true,  
Delivered by Allah's Apostle, Muhammad, as from Man  
to men.

Truth must triumph,  
And all false gods and false worship must come to  
nothing.  
For Allah is One,  
And His Truth has been one throughout the ages.

Look at Allah 's creation.  
Contemplate its unity of design and benevolence  
of purpose.  
Death must no doubt come to all,  
But life and faith are not objects of ridicule.  
Truth will outlast all mockery.  
It is Allah Who calls, because He cares for you,  
And on His Judgment Seat will weigh each act, each  
thought, each motive, great or small, with perfect justice.  
So come, all of you,  
And do not reject His blessed Message.

The great exemplars of virtue conquered evil, each according to his circumstances.

Ibraahiim, (Abraham) stood staunch in the fire Of persecution, unhurt.

Loot (Lut) was bold in condemning abominations.

Nuuh (Noah) survived the flood by his faith, in a world of unbelief.

Daawuud (David) established justice, and sang Allah's praises.

Sulaymaan (Solomon), by wisdom, subdued the unruly.

Ayyub (Job) was patient in suffering.

Ismaa'iil (Ishmael), Idriis (Enoch), and Zul-Kifl (Ezekiel) were true in constancy amid temptation.

Yuunus (Jonah) turned to Allah after a brief error of judgement.

Zakariyyaa (Zechariah) and his family were exemplars of devoutness,

And Maryam (Mary) of chastity.

All men and women of Allah,

All one united brotherhood.

No good deed is fruitless.

Work while there is yet time, for with Judgment the door will be closed to repentance.

No false gods of fancy can help.

The righteous will have no fear.

For them the angelic greetings will truly open a new world, which they will inherit.

This was Allah's Message of old, and the same is Allah's Message renewed.

For Allah is one,

And so is His Message, proclaimed for all, freely and in loving Truth.

Will mankind not take warning from the dreadful  
consequences of evil clearly proclaimed to them?  
Will they dispute about Allah and the life after death?  
They have only to look around, and within them,  
And they will see vestiges of the plan and purpose of  
Allah.

Let them not halt between good and evil.

Allah's message, as well as His Messenger, must win  
against all obstacles.

Only the evil will be brought to shame and agony.

The good, whose speech is pure and conduct worthy of  
applaud,

Will be rightly praised and honoured for his refinement,  
beauty, and heavenly eminence.

For our spiritual growth, are provided symbols and means  
of expression in our ordinary lives.

Such is the Hajj (Pilgrimage), meant to gather men and  
women from far and near,

To share in sacrifice, and prayer and praise,

In an age-old centre of worship.

The sacrifices too are symbols of piety of heart,

A longing to share with fellow-men in the bounties of  
Allah.

In the fight for Truth, is tested our purity of motive,  
unselfishness of aim, and devotion to right at the cost of  
self.

Fearless must we fight,

For truth has indeed often been flouted, but must finally  
win.

The power of evil is in insidious suggestions.

They are only a trial to those whose hearts are inclined to  
evil,

But truth does shine nobler for the Believers, by the grace  
and guidance of Allah.

Martyrs who give their all in the cause of Allah will find a  
provision ample and eternal.

The finest and subtlest mysteries are but proofs of the  
goodness of Allah.

Do not dispute about rites and ceremonies.

Follow the straight way.

Seek for worship the Only True God,

And strive in His service, that you may be witnesses  
among men to Allah's Truth,

As the Apostle, Muhammad, is a witness for you.



Faith leads to humility, avoidance of vanity in word and deed,  
charity, self restraint, faithful observance of trusts and  
covenants, and devout approach to Allah,  
These are the surest steps to bliss.

Man carries in himself proofs of Allah's Providence.  
The same story is told if he looks at nature around him,  
And the long line of Teachers sent by Allah shows Allah's  
special care of humanity.  
Even though they were rejected and scorned, maligned and  
persecuted, Allah's Truth won through, as it always will.

The Brotherhood of Truth is one in all ages.  
It is narrow men who create sects.  
Let them not think that the goods of this world can shield  
them from evil or its consequences.  
Allah's Truth and His Messenger can be known to all,  
For He in His Mercy has given us faculties and judgment, if  
we would but use them.  
The Message is not new. All Creation proclaims it.  
High above all is Allah, The Lord of Glory Supreme !

Let us shun evil, but not pay back evil in its own coin,  
however great the temptation.

No chance will there be to retrieve our conduct once death cuts us off.  
Then we shall only have to wait for Judgment.  
None can pass that Barrier.  
Our deeds will be weighed, and happy are those whose good weighs more in the scale than sin.  
Only faith and goodness will prevail in the end.  
So glory to the Lord of the Throne exalted,  
The Throne of Mercy and Honour.

Chastity is a virtue, for men and women, whether joined in marriage, or single, or widowed.  
The punishment for public offences in such matters should be public, and private indiscretions expiated by a remorseful private penance.  
No less grave is the launching of false charges or rumours against the fair reputation of women, or the spreading of such slanders, or the facile belief in them.  
Evil is ever spreading its net.  
Good men and women should ever be on their guard, and pray for Allah's grace and mercy.

Privacy in the home is a nurse of virtue.  
Respect it with dignity and decorum.  
Guard your eyes and thoughts with rules of modesty in dress and manners.  
And learn from these to keep your spiritual gaze from straying to any but Allah.  
True marriage should teach us chastity and purity,  
And such are the virtues which lead us to the Light Sublime which illuminates the world.

Allah is the Light of the heavens and the earth.  
High above our petty evanescent lives,



He illuminates our souls with means that reach our inmost being.

Universal is His light, so pure and so powerful that grosser beings need a veil to take His rays.

His elect are forever absorbed in prayer, and praise, and deeds of love,

Unlike the children of darkness, struggling in profound depths of false vanities.

All nature sings to the glory of Allah,

And the men of fraud and hypocrisy are but rebels in the Kingdom of Allah.

For a self-respecting life on earth, respect for the privacy of others is most essential, in the home and abroad,

Baseless suspicions are not appropriate in relations amongst kin or true friends.

In public council never fail to observe the most conscientious form and order.

Your self-respect demands that ye should give your leader sincere respect and all obedience.

You may not know, but Allah does indeed know the inwardness of things, both great and small.

Among the highest and greatest of the gifts of Allah is His Revelation,

Which is the Criterion by which we may judge between right and wrong,

Between false and true worship,

Between the message that comes from Allah and the forgeries of men,

And between the real in our eternal future and the fancies by which we are misled.

Thus the apostles of Allah come as men,

To live amongst men and to guide them.



Destruction to the misbelievers who arrogantly demand to see  
Allah, yet reject His Signs!

The Judgment will come,

And then they will see, too late, how evil casts nothing but  
treacherous snares for man.

Slowly does Allah's Revelation come, in ways most  
conducive to man's enlightenment.

Men in their folly reject the most obvious Signs of Allah.

Let them mock!

Soon will they know!

Alas! Men ruled by self-impulse are worse than brute beasts  
to guide or control!

But the Signs of Allah are everywhere in creation.

The sun and the shadow,

The day and the night,

The wind and the rain,

All things in nature are symbols, and point to the Law Divine,

And the destiny, good or ill, of mankind.

Will he not learn and put his trust in Him, the Merciful?

His true servants ever adore him,

In humility and fear of wrong,

In faith and just moderation in life,

In respect for duties owed to Allah, and men, and self,

In avoidance of all that is false or futile,  
In strict and grateful attention to Allah's Message,  
And in the wish to put themselves and their families  
in the vanguard of those who love and honour Allah.

Allah's Plan works unceasingly.  
His Light shines none the less brightly, because some reject it  
or mock at it.  
Muusaa (Moses) was freed from all fear when Allah gave him  
His Signs and sent him to Fir'awn (Pharaoh).  
He boldly proclaimed the Message, and won the wise ones of  
Egypt.  
The rejecters, with Fir'awn, perished,  
And their heritage passed to worthier hands.

Ibraahiim (Abraham) patiently argued with his people about  
Allah's Truth.  
He prayed for wisdom and righteousness, for himself, his  
father, and future generation,  
And he taught only Truth about the Hereafter.  
Nuuh (Noah) preached to a world of unfaith, and would not  
reject the humble and lowly.  
His arrogant rejecters were brought low.  
In him and his following were vindicated Allah's righteous  
Purpose,  
And His Mercy.

The people of 'Aad were addicted to arrogance.  
They exulted in material strength and possessions, and had no  
faith but in force.  
They were brought low, as were the Thamuud, who gave way  
to extravagance, and were guilty of sacrilege in destroying a  
symbol of justice and fair-dealing.  
Their repentance was too late.

They were blotted out of the earth,  
A fitting end for the mischief they had made.

The task of Luut (Lot) was an arduous one.  
His mission was to a people addicted to abominable crimes.  
His reasoning with them was in vain. It only provoked their wrath.

They threatened to cast him out, but were themselves  
overwhelmed in disaster.

Shu‘ayb (Jethro) had to rebuke fraud and commercial dishonesty.

He met only ridicule,

But the just and fair dealing he preached was vindicated in the end.

Thus the truth of Allah must win against folly and falsehood.  
The Spirit of inspiration and faith, Jibraa’iil (Gabriel), brought  
down the Qur’an to the heart of the holy Prophet,  
That he might teach in noble Arabic speech,  
And through it teach the world.

If obstinate rebels do resist the Message, their day is brief.  
With humble, gentle kindness it must make its way to all,  
nearest and farthest.

It is not like the vain words of false poets, wandering without  
a goal.

It is Truth,

That fills the heart which trusts in Allah.

Revelation shows us a glimpse of the spiritual world,  
It guides us in this life, and gives us the hope of eternal bliss  
in the Hereafter.

It works a complete transformation in us,

As it did with Muusaa (Moses) when he saw the mystic fire and was given the signs with which to reclaim a people lost in superstition and sin, and proud of sin.

No less were Daawuud (David) and Sulaymaan (Solomon) versed in knowledge and mystic wisdom.

Even Sulaymaan could appreciate the wisdom of the humble ant.

He used all his power and resources in extending the Kingdom of Allah.

In wonderful ways did he lead the Queen of Sheba to the Light of the faith of unity, and confirmed her in pure worship, The worship of Allah, the Lord of the Worlds.

In Saalih's pure preaching, the evil Thamuud found omens of ill to themselves.

In secret they plotted to take his life,

And like cowards they made a league to cover their crime with lies.

Behold, the plot recoiled on themselves and they perished in utter ruin.

The men admonished by Luut (Lot) were false to themselves.

They insulted the nature given them by Allah, and mocked the message of purity.

Behold, they too were damned,

Buried in a shower of brimstone!



Allah's goodness and mercy are manifest through all nature,  
and in the heart and conscience of man.

He alone knows all. Our knowledge can, at best, be partial.  
Yet we can travel through space and time and see how evil  
never prospered.

Allah teaches us good,  
But how can we see if we make ourselves blind?  
At the end of all things shall we know how small is our state,  
but for Allah's Grace.

Let us bow to His Will and accept His true guidance.  
Let us praise Him and trust Him,  
Now and forever!

Allah's Apostles are men, who win through good life by  
Allah's Grace and their Faith.

So Muusaa (Moses) was saved from the tyrant's wrath in  
infancy,

And reared in the tyrant's own den, but gently in a mother's  
love.

In youth was he endowed with wisdom and knowledge,  
strength and the will to do right.

In sorrow and misfortune he trusted in Allah and opened his  
heart to Him.

In self-imposed exile he won love by his chivalry and confidence by truth.

In his mission he triumphed over arrogant wrong by his humility, patience, and faith.

So good follows good, and evil must fall,  
Cursed, loathed, disgraced, and despised.

As with Muusaa (Moses), so with the Messenger Muhammad, Revelation was given to him, by which he knew and understood, and led men and was kind.

He was a mercy to humanity, sent by Allah, to warn those in sin,

And, by precept and example, to bring the light to their very doers.

Those who had spiritual eyes rejoiced,  
And walked in Allah's ancient way, now reopened,  
Valuing the things of the spirit as Allah's own gifts,  
To be their possession forever !

Material good is nothing compared to the spiritual.

In the Hereafter no plea 'that others misled' will avail.

Each soul must answer for itself,

Whether it honoured Allah alone or worshipped another,  
And whether it received or rejected the Teachers sent by Allah.

The wisdom and plan of Allah are beyond all praise.

All mercy and truth proceed from Him,

And there is no other, none, besides Him.

Men puffed up with wealth, like Qaaruun (Korah) are not pleasing to Allah,

For wealth is for service, not for hoarding or show.

In the midst of his pride was Qaaruun swallowed up in the earth, and the earth knew him no more!

It is the righteous that attain a happy end.  
Let nothing keep your eyes back from that end.  
Then, and only then, shall you reach the only Reality,  
The glorious Reality, which is Allah,  
Who endures forever!

Faith must be tested in the conflicts of practical life, but Good  
can never be submerged.  
On the contrary Allah will wash off all stains from those who  
strive,  
And admit them to the fellowship of the righteous.  
Not so are the hypocrites and those who reject Faith.  
Their hearts are diseased, and they will not accept the right  
though a Nuuh (Noah) preached to them for a thousand years,  
or an Abraham reasoned with them on Allah's most wonderful  
Providence.  
But the true will ever search out the Truth,  
And Truth will always prevail.

Worldly power cannot, through sin, defy the right, as was  
proved in the ministry of Luut (Lot),  
Nor can intelligence misused stand in the place of Allah's  
Light,  
Nor can boastful insolence do anything but dig its own grave.  
The strength and skill, the beauty and power, of this world's  
life are no more than a spider's web,  
Flimsy before the force of the eternal verities that flow from  
Allah, the Supreme.





Proclaim the Message of Allah, and pray to Him for purity and guidance.

Allah's Revelation carries its own proofs and is recognised by men of wisdom.

Its rejecters but lose their own chances of profiting by the truth,

And attaining the paths that lead to Allah's own gracious presence!

Great empires rise and fall, conquer and are conquered, as happened to Rome and Persia.

But the true decision is with Allah, Who will make the righteous rejoice.

Men may see but the outward crust of things, but in truth the end of things is in His hands.

In His own good time He will separate good from evil.

Praise and glory to Him forever !

Allah's Signs are many, and so are His mysteries,  
Yet each does point to His Unity, Goodness, Power, and Mercy.

There is none like unto Him.

His teaching is one, and men that split up His normative Religion are but following their own lusts.

Ungrateful are they to give part-worship to others,  
When all worship and praise and glory are due to Him and  
Him alone,  
In Whom we have our life and being.

The result of evil is evil, so mischief spreads,  
But Allah will restore the balance in the end.  
He created all things pure, and will purge and purify,  
As He does the physical world with cleansing winds.  
Destruction awaits those that break His Harmony and Law,  
It will come when least Expected.  
Let the righteous wait and endure with constancy, for evil is  
shaky,  
With no faith in itself and no roots,  
Evil is doomed to perish utterly.

What is the Book of Wisdom?  
It is a Guide and a Mercy to men, and it teaches them how to  
attain Bliss.  
Allah's Mercies are infinite. How can men deny them?  
Luqmaan the wise taught grateful worship of the One True  
God,  
And the service of men, beginning with Parents.  
Every good deed is known to Allah and is brought to account.  
So walk in the golden mean, and serve Him with constancy  
and firmness of purpose.

True wisdom sees Allah's boundless bounties to man, and  
how all nature is made to serve man's ends.  
It is due from us to know our place, discern the limits of our  
knowledge, and see how far above us is Allah's Wisdom, and  
His Law.  
Let us not deceive ourselves.  
The end of all things will come,

But the when and the how are known to Allah alone, to Whom  
be all Praise !

How can unbelievers realise the mystery of Revelation?  
They do not even see the marvel and mystery of time and  
Allah 's Creation, and how they were themselves created!  
If they could but see how the end will shape itself, how the  
good will be sorted out from evil!  
The two are not equal in goal.  
Clear are the signs and the revelation of Allah in nature,  
history and the Message of His living Prophets.  
If they learn not now, then alas, it will be too late,  
When time's wings are forever furled.

The issue of all things depends on Allah alone.  
We must put our trust on Him as the Guardian of all affairs.  
He loves truth in all things, both great and small.  
So call things by their right names.  
If false relationships by custom or superstition do harm to  
men or women, shun them.  
The spiritual Guide, Muhammad, is more than Father.  
The ladies of his household are Mothers to the Believers, in  
rank, dignity, and duty.  
He will have to give an account, in the Hereafter,  
Of how the Truth was received, which he was charged to  
proclaim to men.

When the formidable forces of a whole confederacy bent on  
destroying Islam burst upon Madiinah (Medina), it was  
Allah's grace that saved the Muslims.  
The enemies and the hypocrites did their best to defeat the  
purpose of Allah,  
But they were foiled.

In the Apostle, Muhammad, was found the ideal leader for the men of Allah,  
Who became heirs to the heritage misused by enemies to faith and the Laws of Allah.

The Prophet's household is not for worldly ends.  
His consorts have a place and dignity beyond ordinary women.

They must recite and proclaim the Signs of Allah,  
For women have spiritual virtues and duties like unto men.  
Allah decrees no unhappy wedlock. So fear not to dissolve such, and provide what is right and fitting for the service of Allah.

Lofty is the Prophet's position,  
And he must order his household as best befits his work and duties.  
For Allah does watch all things.



Believers should cultivate refined respect in social and spiritual life.

As the Mothers of the Faithful have to uphold their dignity, so should all women protect their honour and uphold their dignity.

The Hour will come when all evil will be punished.

So fear Allah, and always speak the word that leads to right.

Arduous is the quest of Mankind's high and noble destiny, beyond the reach of other creatures.

Let man but strive in faith and fulfil Allah 's Trust, by the grace and mercy of Allah

Allah 's Mercy and Power endure forever.

Man should understand and not resist Allah's Revelation.

Human wisdom and power, as given to Daawuud (David), were only for establishing righteousness.

Human glory, like Sulaymaan's (Solomon), rested on slender foundations.

Saba' (Sheba) only enjoyed her fair and prosperous state as long as she obeyed the Law of Allah, but perished for unrighteousness.

Learn, then, that the Mercy and Power, Wisdom and Justice, of Allah are beyond all comparison.

So do right and prepare for the Final Day.

Unfaith has no stable foundations to rest on.

Misleaders and misled will all be responsible for their deeds.

True values are not to be judged by the seeming good of this life.

True good will come to its own in the end, however derided and scorned in the period of trial.

Revelation and the mission of the men of Allah will stand every test.

Allah's Truth will endure, while falsehood will perish,  
And the men of falsehood will find the door of repentance firmly shut in the end.

Allah is the source of all things.

All Power, Wisdom, Beauty, and Truth flow from Him.

It is evil that deceives and plots in the dark.

All knowledge is with Allah.

The things that are good and pure and true are not as the things that are evil, deceitful, and false.

Allah is free of all needs. It is we that need Him.

So let us seek His love and live.

His Message will save us from wrong, while dark is the fate of those who reject Him.

Praise and glory to Him, the Cherisher of all!

Man can see by his own experience, what infinite shades and grades of colour there are in nature.

So are there grades in the spiritual world.

The good and the true understand Allah, Who knows and watches over all His creatures.

The good will reach eternal bliss, while the evil will find no helper.

Arrogance and plotting will be the undoing of evil.  
Its doom is sure, if it fails to profit by the respite granted  
by the All-Merciful, Allah.

The wisdom of Revelation, the Qur'an received through  
the holy Prophet, is a guide to the straight path,  
And a warning against the terrible state in which the  
yokes of sin enslave us.

The righteous receive it with joy, for they believe in the  
hereafter.

Behold, there was once a city, to which came two  
righteous men with the Gospel of Truth,

But they were rejected and persecuted.

They were joined by a third, but the city refused to  
believe or to turn from iniquity.

Only one man was found in its outskirts, to bear witness  
to truth, faith, and righteousness,

And he did suffer martyrdom.

He attained peace, but mourned for his people, in that they  
shut the gates of salvation, and Allah's Mercy, on  
themselves.

Alas for man's short-sighted folly, in defying the very  
Grace that would shield and deliver him.



Are there not signs enough around you to bear witness to Allah, and His saving Grace?

The earth dies and revives.

There are mysteries of life and sex, of light and the stars and planets in heaven, that follow their orbits by law and in harmony!

There are the ships and the modes of transport by which man can conquer the forces around him with God-given gifts!

Learn the law of goodness from them and believe in the hereafter.

It will come when least expected.

Be prepared for Allah!

When The Day comes, men will be taken aback.

The judgment-seat will be established.

Blessed will be those who attain salvation.

Their joy, satisfaction, and peace will be crowned with nearness to their Lord!

Alas for the sinful, who deliberately followed evil.

Their own nature and actions will speak against them.

They will face the realities of punishment!

Both revelation and nature are eloquent in instructing man for his own good in the hereafter, which will come as a certainty.

Praise and Glory be to Allah!



Allah is One, the Source and Centre of all affairs.  
We must work in discipline, harmony, and unity to put down evil.  
The hereafter is sure, when personal responsibility will be enforced.  
For the true and sincere servants of Allah, there will be the highest bliss, unmixed and everlasting.  
For those who defy Allah's Law, there will be the deepest enduring misery.  
Which will men choose?

The Prophets of Allah formed a series that worked in Allah's service, to instruct their fellow-men.  
In states of distress Allah helped and delivered them.  
Men did flout and persecute them, but they carried out their mission with constancy,  
And Allah's purpose always won, to the destruction of evil.  
So was it in the story of Nuuh (Noah) and the flood,  
Of Ibraahiim (Abraham), the true,  
Of Ismaa'il (Ishmael) ready for self-sacrifice,  
Of Is'haaq (Isaac) the righteous,  
Of Muusaa (Moses) and Haaruun (Aaron),  
Of Ilyaas (Elias) and Luut (Lot),  
All men of faith, who receive the blessings of posterity,  
And peace and salutation from Allah, Most Gracious.

So was it also with Yuunus (Jonah),  
He had his trials, but Allah had mercy on him,  
And his mission was successful.  
How can men ascribe to Allah qualities and relations derogatory to His nature?  
High is He above all creatures.

The ranks of angels and apostles stand firm in His service.  
Evil is sure to be overcome.  
So praise and glory to Allah, the Lord of Honour and Power,  
And Peace to His apostles!

Self-glory and separatism, these are among the roots of evil,  
Also Envy and suspicion.  
Not all the combinations of evil can, for a moment, reverse  
Allah's Purpose or His Justice.  
Daawuud (David), endowed with worldly power and the  
virtues,  
Had yet to purge himself of the thought of self-glory, which  
he did,  
And thus he became one of those nearest to Allah.

For just ends was the world created.  
Sulaymaan (Solomon), in the midst of his worldly power and  
glory, never forgot Allah,  
Nor Ayyuub (Job), in the midst of afflictions,  
Nor other men of power And vision, whose patience and  
constancy brought them nearer to Allah.  
So should all the righteous strive to win the final bliss,  
For truly grievous are the torments of evil in the final account.

The Revelation of Unity is the true cure for evil, for it gives  
the good news of Allah's Power, Supreme,  
And His Mercy and Forgiveness, again and again.  
It warns us to avoid evil, for evil arose from selfish pride and  
rebellion.  
No power does evil have over Allah's servants, sincere and  
true.  
While Revelation comes as a gift,  
Free to all Allah's creation.

To Allah is due sincere devotion, and to Him alone.  
There is none like unto Him.  
All nature obeys His laws, and our own growth and life  
proclaim Him Lord and Cherisher.  
How can we blaspheme?  
We must serve Him, the One, the True, with sincere devotion,  
And follow His Law in its highest meaning.  
Or else, the loss is our own.  
All nature proclaims aloud His Grace,  
All nature proclaims His Loving Kindness.

What distance separates the man whose heart is melted by the  
Message of Allah, and enlightened by His Light, and him who  
rejects Revelation!  
Allah teaches men by Parables.  
Straight is His Word, and clear.  
And any doubts in the minds of men will be resolved after  
death.  
Even now, Allah's Signs are enough.  
No other can guide.  
Death and his twin-brother, sleep, are in the hands of Allah.  
To Him is our Goal.  
He will judge in the End.  
His Will is all-in-all.  
And no other thing can be of any account before His Law.



No soul need be in despair because of its sin.  
Allah's Forgiveness and Mercy are unbounded.  
Turn to Allah in repentance now, for at Judgment it will be too late.  
Unity in worship and life is commanded by Allah.  
Go not astray.  
When Judgment comes, it will be a new world.  
In perfect justice will the followers of evil be sorted out from the good.  
And the righteous will rejoice, singing praises to Allah with the angels on high.

Believe in Allah, for He is Perfect in knowledge and power.  
He forgives sin and accepts repentance, and justly enforces His Law.  
Those who reject Him are but in deceit.  
His glory is sung by the highest and purest.  
Give all devotion to Him alone.  
The Day of Requit is ever drawing near, when falsehood will vanish, and Allah's truth and justice will be established for all eternity.

Travel in space and time, and you will see that evil came to nothing but evil.

Mighty men of old, in arrogance, plotted against Allah's truth,  
but were brought low.

A humble believer in Fir'awn's (Pharaoh) court stood up for  
truth,

And counselled his people to obey the right.

In earnest humility did he address them.

They heard him not, but he was saved,

And they were engulfed in the Wrath of Allah.

Allah's grace and help are ever ready for His servants who  
patiently persevere.

Let not arrogance blind the souls of men.

The Hour of Judgment is bound to come.

The keys of life and death are in the hands of Allah.

Dispute not the Signs of Allah, but learn from history and the  
world around you.

Science and skill do not avail you if the soul is dead.

Revelation explains, and makes things clear.

It gives the message of hope and mercy,

And it warns men against the snares of evil.

Do not deny Allah, the Lord of the Worlds,

Whose glory and power are shown in creation, and His Mercy  
in Revelation.

Learn from the fate of the peoples of old!

Learn from the warnings of your own nature.

Your very limbs and faculties, if misused, bear witness against  
you.

Repent before it be too late.

The best of men is the man of Faith, who calls all men to  
share his Faith,

Whose life is pure, and whose law of life is the Will of Allah.

Abstain from all evil, and adore Allah, and Him alone.

His signs are everywhere, and His message is the same  
through all the ages, a guide and a healing to those who  
believe.

Dispute not, but live righteousness.

Knowledge belongs to Allah,

But falsehood deprives man of hope, humility, and clear sight,  
and drives him to hypocrisy.

So turn to Truth, and live.



Inspiration is part of the glory and goodness of Allah.  
 His Unity is shown in His creation, yet man will turn to false  
 gods, and dispute about religion.  
 Faith has been one at all times,  
 But sects and divisions rose through selfish contumacy.  
 Let all contention cease, and conduct weighed by the just  
 balance of Allah's Word.  
 The just and the unjust will all be brought before Allah,  
 Whose Mercy and Bounty are writ large in the signs in His  
 marvellous creation, one, yet diverse!

What we call the ills of life is due to our own ill-deeds, and  
 many of them are forgiven by Allah.  
 His plan can never be frustrated.  
 This Life is but a stage of convenience.  
 Live true and resist all wrong, but learn the best way to do so.  
 On Allah rely, or else no protector will you find.  
 Allah's revelation comes as a guide and mercy.  
 It shows the straight way, the way of Allah, All-Wise.

Revelation makes ever-lasting truths clear.  
 Those who mock merely undo themselves.

Consider the signs of Allah's gracious kindness around you,  
and glorify Him.

Attribute not unworthy qualities nor any companions to the  
One True God.

Seek truth in worship more than mere ancestral ways,  
And do not shut out revelation's light.

If the Arabs hark back to ancestry, why not accept the faith of  
Ibraahiim (Abraham), the True?

He joined not gods with Allah.

Spiritual worth is measured by other things than gold or silver  
or the adornments of this world.

These are but things of the moment.

The lasting gifts are those of the hereafter.

Let the Children of Israel look back to Muusaa (Moses), how  
he was mocked by Fir'awn (Pharaoh) in his pride of power.

Yet Fir'awn and his deluded people perished.

So ends the pomp and power and vanity of this world!

Let the Christians look back to 'Iisaa (Jesus), he was but a  
man and a servant of Allah.

He came to still the jarring sects, not to create a new one.

He preached belief in the One True God, his Lord.

So give up disputing, and join in devotion to Allah.

That is the way to the Garden of Bliss,

But the opposite leads to the Fire. Beware!

The Truth has come, and Allah knows how you receive it.

He is the Lord of Power and Mercy.

The Truth must prevail. Resist it not!

Blest is the night in which Allah's Message comes down, as a  
Mercy to men, to warn them against evil.

How petulant of men to ignore or suppress such warnings?



Proud Fir'awn (Pharaoh) and his chiefs did resist Allah's  
authority,  
But their sins recoiled on themselves.  
They were swallowed up by the sea,  
And their cultivated lands, their gardens, their splendid  
temples and buildings,  
And all the advantages of which they boasted, passed to other  
hands.  
Not a tear was shed over them in heaven or earth.  
Thus ends the tale of power misused.

So with the Children of Israel,  
Granted gifts and favours, they became arrogant and fell.  
Can the Quraish escape the doom for sin?  
We created the world for just ends.  
The Day will come when good and evil will be sorted out,  
Each will meet the fruits of its own deeds.  
Give good heed to the Message revealed,  
And wait and watch.

The Signs of Allah are everywhere.  
His power, wisdom, and goodness are shown through all  
creation and in revelation.  
How can humanity be so ungrateful as to reject true guidance,  
reaping thus the fruits of evil?  
But men of faith have patience and forgive their weaker  
brethren, and trust in the final justice of Allah.  
Form no sects, as was done aforetime,  
Nor make your lusts your gods.  
The future is sure, and in the hands of Allah, to Whom all will  
bend the knee,  
When Truth will shine in all its glory,  
So praise and glory to Allah, the Lord and Cherisher of all the  
worlds!



Creation is for just ends, and falsehood is but straying from the Path.

Say what people may, Truth carries its own vindication.  
Follow it firmly.

Let age think of youth, and youth not turn rebellious.

There are fine gradations in the kingdom of Allah,  
Then strive for the best.

Let not pride and arrogance undo you, the humble are often  
the best recipients of truth.

All will come right in good time, so persevere with patient  
firmness of purpose.

Justice that seems to tarry, comes really on swiftest foot,  
Be sure.

No plots against truth or faith will succeed,  
But those who follow both will be strengthened.

Be firm in the fight, and Allah will guide.

Rebellion against Allah is destruction.

Fidelity will cool the mind and feed the heart.

It will warm the affections and sweeten life.

And Hypocrisy,

She carries her own doom.

Those eager for service, want the call for service.

But the hypocrites shrink back at such a call.  
If it were not obeyed, and evil should get the upper hand, will  
it not stalk arrogant over the land,  
And trample under foot all claims of right and kinship?  
Fight it,  
And fail not in the test of your mettle.  
Be bold and establish the flag of righteousness in the highest  
places.  
Thus comes Peace,  
For which due sacrifice must be made.

Victory and help go with calmness of mind,  
Faith, fidelity, zeal, and earnestness,  
Not with greed, half-heartedness, or timidity.  
Discipline and obedience are essential for service.  
The rewards for service are not to be measured by immediate  
results,  
But accrue in countless hidden ways for patience and restraint.  
Be strong against evil, but kind and gentle amongst  
yourselves.  
The seed will then grow and become strong, to your wonder  
and delight.

Respectful behaviour to the leader, in manner, voice, and  
demeanour,  
Are the bonds and cement of an organised community.  
The whispers of rumour should be tested, and selfish  
impatience should be curbed to discipline.  
All quarrels should be composed, if necessary by the force of  
the community,  
But with perfect fairness and justice.  
Ridicule, taunts, and biting words, should be avoided,  
In presence or in absence.

Suspicion and spying are unworthy of men who believe.  
All men are descended from one pair.  
Their honour depends, not on race, but on righteousness.  
Faith is not a matter of words, but of accepting Allah's Will  
and striving in His Cause.  
The coming into Islam confers no favour on others,  
But is itself a favour and a privilege,  
A guidance for those who are true and sincere.

Muhammad is the Apostle of Allah,  
His credentials are the Revelation he brings.  
Let them not wonder at the Message or at the news of the  
Hereafter.  
They have but to look at the starry heavens and at nature  
around them to see Allah's goodness,  
And His power to bring life out of the dead, and to punish all  
wrong.  
Every deed, word, and thought are in the Eternal Record.  
Death will open your eyes and make you see realities.  
Then will every action bear its due fruit,  
And no soul can shift its responsibility on to another.

As Goodness has possibilities unlimited, so has evil, in the  
opposite direction.  
To those who bring a heart untarnished and devoted to Allah,  
Will be peace, security, and eternal life, the rays from Allah's  
own Presence.  
So adore Allah, and pay no heed to whispers of doubt and  
evil.  
These must vanish at Judgment, when truth and justice reign  
supreme.

Various are the ways of working we see in Allah's world,  
strong and gentle, scattering and uniting.

Through it all runs a purpose true and stable,  
Which we shall see fulfilled on the Day of Judgment and  
Justice, which must inevitably come to pass.  
Give up false doctrines, which agree not among themselves  
nor with facts.  
For evil must end in evil, and good in joy and felicity.  
The good worship Allah, and serve Allah's creatures,  
Those needing help are ever in their thoughts.  
They see signs of Allah in all things in heaven and earth,  
And in their own hearts and minds.

Even Ibraahiim (Abraham), the True, had need to be told  
before he could realise the purpose of Allah.  
Clear signs were sent for warning, as, of old, to Fir'awn  
(Pharaoh), the 'Aad, the Thamuud, and to the people of Nuuh  
(Noah),  
And the warning inevitably came to pass.  
Our signs are for your instruction, so heed them and learn by  
them.  
Those who believe find profit in their lives.  
Those who reject or deny, alas they learn not from the past.  
Destruction to them!  
The loss is their own!



By the sacred Symbols - of the Mount Sublime, the Eternal Record on an open scroll, the House of Worship thronged with men, the Canopy blue of unfathomed heights, and the boundless Ocean with its resistless tidal swell - all acts of men must have their inevitable fruits.

New worlds will be born with the Day of Doom,  
New values established by Allah's Decree.  
Consumed will be evil in the fire of reality,  
And good will come to its own in personal and social bliss,  
But most in the full realisation that Allah is good,  
The Beneficent, the Merciful.

Proclaim, then, the praises of the Lord,  
And do not heed the slanders of ignorance or spite,  
For the Lord Who created will cherish,  
His plan will overthrow the puny plots of men.  
Hold firm with patience in faith in the hereafter,  
And sing His praises even in the busy markets of this world,  
But above all, in the stillness of the night, and the holy hour of dawn as the stars retreat,  
Singing glory to the Maker of their own most glorious sun.

True revelation is not a process either of error or deception,  
Nor does the Prophet speak from himself as he desires.  
It is Allah's inspiration, true, without doubt.  
It is reality, the inner reality of heaven as far as knowledge  
can reach,  
Not the false ideas and idols that men construct for  
themselves, names without truth behind them.  
The goal of all things is Allah,  
As He is the One from Whom commences reality.  
No other can ever intercede except as He wills.  
He made us, and knows all that we are.  
It is not for us to justify ourselves,  
But to offer ourselves as we are.

When once in Allah's way, turn not away,  
Nor restrain your generous impulse to give your all to Allah.  
The spiritual world unseen is above all worldly bargains.  
Each soul must bear its own responsibility.  
It must strive its utmost and attain its end.  
The-final Goal of all is Allah.  
In His hands are laughter and tears, life and death, the mystery  
of birth and creation, and the hereafter.  
He controls our bliss and inner satisfaction.  
He is Lord of the highest and noblest in nature.  
His hand traces the course of history.  
Learn!  
Oh learn from His Revelation,  
And adore the Lord of your inmost Soul!

With every breath of our life, comes nearer and nearer the  
Hour of Judgment.  
The proud will be brought low.  
The lovers of ease will find themselves in hardship.

Come!

Is there any that will truly receive admonition?

So said Nuuh (Noah), but his people rejected the warning and perished.

We have made Our Revelation easy to understand and follow.

Is there any that will truly receive admonition?

So said the prophets of 'Aad and Thamuud,

So said the prophets deputed to the people of Luut (Lot) and of Fir'awn (Pharaoh),

But the wicked continued in sin and defiance and perished.

Will the present generation learn wisdom by warning?

Alas!

Is there any that will truly receive admonition?

The righteous will dwell in their gardens of bliss,

In the joyful assembly of realised truth,

In the presence of their Sovereign, Allah, Most High!

Allah's creatures! Which favours of Allah will you deny?

Most Gracious is Allah, Who reveals Himself in the Qur'an, in man's intelligence, and in the nature around man.

Balance and justice, goodness and care, are the Laws of His worlds.

Created from clay, man can yet comprehend the Lord of the easts and the wests,

Him Who sustains all His creatures,

Him Who bestows the jewels of life and faith,

Him Who abides when all else perishes,

Him Whose Eternity is the hope of man's future,

The Lord Everlasting, of Justice and Glory and Bounty and Honour!

Which, then, of the favours of your Lord will you deny?

Let not evil think that it will escape justice.



Its tell tale mark is on those who follow it, and it must meet its requital in the final adjustment.

But the good, the righteous, must reach their fulfilment in the gardens of bliss, where every delight will be theirs in beauty and dignity.

How can such delights be pictured in words?

In symbols subjective let each take his choice.

For good can there never be any reward other than good?

Beautiful sights and sounds, delicious fruits to nourish the soul, and companionship where grace is mingled with love, may figure forth our bliss.

Blessed be Allah, full of Majesty and Bounty.

God's creatures! What favours of Allah will you deny?

The inevitable event is the Day of Judgment.

The world as we know it will be shaken to its depths, and its place will be taken by a world made new,

Where good will be sorted out from evil.

In dignity and bliss will the good find fulfilment.

Both those nearest to the throne of Allah, and those who earned, by faith and good life, the title, Companions of the Right Hand.

Who can tell of the misery in which the Companions of the Left Hand will live?

They will be as it were in a fierce blast of fire,

Their drink but boiling water;

Their shade that of black smoke that chokes their lungs,

Ever burning with hunger and thirst,

And never satisfied.

Fit emblems of the life in death to which evil leads.

Learn you then to witness the truth in your lives,

Your own creation and growth,

The seeds that you sow in the ground,

The circuit of water through streams, rivers, and seas, to  
vapour, clouds, and rain that feeds the streams,  
The fire that stands as an emblem of life and light,  
All point to your Lord, Supreme.  
His revelation conveys the same message to the pure in heart.  
Will you receive it and live, assured of the truth of the  
hereafter?  
Glory and Praise to Allah, the Beneficent,  
Supreme in Justice, Mercy, and Truth!

Allah is all-in-all.  
Follow His Law and Light,  
And obey His Apostle, Muhammad, who invites you to deeds  
of goodness and charity.  
Strive and spend your resources and yourselves in the cause of  
Allah.  
He will grant you a light to go before you, and guide you to  
your eternal goal, where no evil can enter.  
When success crowns your efforts, even then is the time to  
humble yourselves before Allah, in sincere witness to His  
Love.  
The pleasures here below are deceptive.  
Be foremost in seeking Allah and His good pleasure.  
Trust Him.  
Be not like those who mistook mere renunciation of the world  
for Allah's service.  
Allah's Grace is for all,  
So be your love and your service for all.



Let not false pretences or superstitions degrade the position of woman.

Shun secret plottings and secret counsels.

Observe order and decorum in public assemblies,

And do not seek, in selfish pride, to engage your leader's private attention.

It is wrong to turn to the enemies of Allah for friendship.

They make their oaths a cloak for wrong-doing,

And keep back men from the right.

But none can resist the Power or the Judgment of Allah.

The righteous seek only His Good Pleasure,

And rejoice therein as their highest achievement.

Allah's wisdom foils the treachery of men,

And makes the path smooth for believers who strive, even against odds.

All resistance is vain against Allah's decrees.

In property taken from the enemy, let those in need have a share, and those who sacrifice their all for the cause.

But those who lend a helping hand in the hour of need do it for love, and crave no reward, nor feel the least envy or jealousy.

They all rejoice that the brotherhood of the faithful should thrive.

Not so the hypocrites. They are false even among themselves.  
Perdition is the end of all evil.  
But the good and faithful will achieve felicity.  
Such is the power of truth and Allah's revelation.  
Allah! There is no god but He !  
The Good, the Glorious, the Irresistible!  
All creation sings His praise,  
The Exalted in Might, the Wise!

What social relations should you hold with men whose hearts  
are filled with rancour,  
Who hate both Allah and men of Allah?  
Surely you cannot offer love and friendship to such as seek to  
destroy your faith, and you.  
Seek protection for you, and yours, from Allah, and not from  
Allah's sworn enemies.  
But deal kindly and justly with all.  
It may be that those who hate you now may love you,  
For Allah can order all things.  
But look not for protection to those who are bent on driving  
you out.  
Let not believing women be handed over to unbelievers.  
No marriage tie is lawful between them.  
When women new to faith wish to join your society, take their  
assurance so that they do not yield to sin or unseemly conduct.  
Take every care to keep your society free and pure, and self-  
contained.

Allah's glory shines through all the universe.  
What deeds of unity and discipline, of love and righteousness,  
have you to show in conduct?  
Or do you only mock and insult the apostles, as they did of  
old?  
No! Trust in Allah, and strive your utmost in His cause.

Little have you to give, but glorious is the reward that Allah  
will give you,  
Now and in the eternal life to come!

Allah 's care for His creatures is universal.  
His Revelation is for all ignorant and lowly, as well as learned  
and high-placed,  
Now and forever, none can arrogantly claim exclusive  
possession of Allah's gifts, like the Children of Israel.  
If they do, search their hearts within, and you will find them  
afraid of death and judgment.

O men of faith! On Friday, the day of assembly, when you  
hear the call, hasten earnestly to answer it.  
Leave off business and join in common worship and devotion.  
Then you may disperse about your ordinary business,  
But remember the Praises of Allah always.  
It is He alone that can provide for your every need,  
And His gifts are best.

The oaths of hypocrites are a screen for their misdeeds.  
They think they deceive with their fair exteriors and plausible  
talk,  
But their minds are impervious to the real truth.  
They may plot to withhold from men of Allah such things of  
this world as they may command,  
They may plot to expel and persecute the righteous,  
They may call them ill names and slight them,  
But to Allah belong the treasures of the heavens and the earth,  
And He will bestow, according to His wise and universal  
Plan.  
Let not the world s foolish craze divert the believers from the  
service of Allah, from good deeds and charity.  
Now is the time.

For when the shadow of death cuts off your last chance of repentance, all your pleas and your regrets will be in vain.

The self same Allah created all men.

If some do good and others evil, and you wonder how the good do suffer and the evil thrive, remember the final goal, when true adjustments will be made.

The gainers here will be the losers there,

And the losers, gainers.

Some of this exchange you will see even here, in this life, for unbelievers who deny the hereafter.

But in the hereafter, full account and true adjustment of good and ill will follow before the Judgment-Seat.

No! Good will get more than its full reward,

For Allah is Bounteous, Merciful, Mighty, and Wise.

Guard well your truth and pure integrity in sexual relations.

Keep the tie of marriage sacred.

But where it must be dissolved, use all precautions to ensure justice to the weaker party,

And protect the interests of unborn or new-born lives, as well as social decency,

And do not close, to the last, the door of reconciliation.

Allah's Laws must be obeyed.

It is man's own loss if he is deaf to the voice which teaches him,

Or blind to the light which guides him.

Allah's universe of beauty and wonder stands strong in wisdom.

Let man but turn himself to it.

The relations between the sexes are embittered by misunderstandings and conflicts, that produce unhappiness and misery, personal and social.

Harmony and confidence are due between the sexes, not disgust or isolation, which may please some but cause injustice to others.

Respect each other's confidence, and if you fail, repent and make amends.

The good man seeks virtue for himself and his family.

If evil is yoked to good, it must take the fruit of its own deeds.

The worldly tie will profit no one in the hereafter.

Good should firmly make a stand.

It will be saved,

For Allah does care for all His true devoted servants.



Lordship, in right and in fact, belongs to Allah, Most Gracious,  
Whose Goodness and Glory and Power are writ large on all His creation.

The beauty and order of the heavens above us proclaim Him.  
Then who can reject His call but those in pitiful delusion?  
And who, that truly knows himself and the mighty reality behind him, can fail to accept?

The earth and the good things thereof are prepared for man by his Gracious Lord,  
Who guards him from the dangers in every moment.  
Who sustains the wonderful flight of the birds in mid air?  
Above, and below, and suspended, in mid-air, can we see His boundless signs.

We know that His promise of the hereafter is true.  
The spring and source of the goodness of things is in Him,  
And will appear triumphant when the Hour is established.

The Pen is the symbol of the permanent Record,  
The written Decree, the perfect Order in the government of the world.

And by that token, the Apostle of Allah comes with a plan,  
And Guidance that must win against all detraction.



Truth is high above slander.  
But men must be tried against selfishness and overweening  
confidence in themselves,  
Such as would lead them to forget Allah and His providence,  
Like the brothers who cherished hopes and were confident  
about their verdant garden,  
And found it desolate in one night's storm.  
But repentance brought them forgiveness,  
Thus works the Wrath and the Mercy of Allah.

To evil and good there can never be the same end,  
No authority can the unjust produce for their false imaginings.  
In shame will they realise this on the Day when all illusions  
will vanish,  
And they find that the time for repentance is past.  
The good man should wait and should never lose patience,  
Even though things go dead against him.  
Yuunus (Jonah) suffered in agony, but his sincere repentance  
brought him the grace of his Lord,  
And he joined the company of the righteous,  
For truth is firm and unshaken,  
It is calm and works good, through all Allah's creation.

In this fleeting world few things are what they seem.  
What then is sure reality?  
Nations and men in the past assumed arrogance, and perished  
because they were unjust,  
But that destruction was but a foretaste, of the doom to come  
in the hereafter,  
When all creation will be on a new plane, and true values will  
be fully established.  
To the righteous will be bliss,

And to evil, punishment.  
The word of revelation is not a poet's imagination, nor a  
soothsayer's groping into the future.  
It is Allah's own message of mercy to the righteous,  
And a warning to those who reject the truth.  
Praise and glory to the name of Allah, Most High!

Man can ascend to the presence of Allah, only by gradual  
ways and in process of time.  
But what is time?  
A day is as fifty thousand years, on two different planes.  
What seems near is far, and what seems far is near.  
So will be judgment, when things as we know them will be  
transformed completely in a world all new.  
Evil will come to its own,  
Whatever its masks be in this transitory world,  
And good will surely reach its goal.

The good life is one of patience,  
In prayer and well-doing,  
In faith and the earnest search for the good pleasure of Allah,  
And in purity and probity.  
These are the paths to the heights and the gardens of bliss.  
No evil can enter there.  
For the evil, are other ways,  
Leading by steep descent to dark ignominy!

The Prophet Muhammad's message, as that of Nuuh (Noah),  
was a warning against sin,  
And the good news of mercy, through the door of repentance.  
For Allah is loving, and patient,  
And His signs are within us and around us.

But the sinners are obstinate.  
They plot against righteousness, and place their trust in futile falsehoods.  
They will be swept away, and the earth will be purged of evil.  
Let us pray for mercy and grace for ourselves,  
For those nearest and dearest to us,  
And for all who turn in faith to Allah,  
In all ages and all countries,  
And amongst all Peoples.

Spiritual truth finds its lodgement in all sorts of unexpected places,  
And in all sorts of unexpected ways.  
The man of Allah, when most depressed by the assaults of a world steeped in selfishness, sees a glorious vision.  
Hidden spiritual forces work for him,  
Making known the truth in marvellous ways,  
And proclaiming the Goodness and Judgment of Allah.  
They righteous reject all error,  
And lead others to purify their wills and come to Allah.  
Behold!  
Every place and time, every gift is fitting for the service of Allah, the One, The True,  
Whose Word the righteous one proclaims, and must proclaim at all cost.

Man's duty is plain,  
But in the Kingdom of Allah, through Allah's chosen ones,  
We rise to higher and higher mysteries, as may be expedient for us,  
Yet where or how our end may be, is not given to man to know.  
Let him but take the treasures well-guarded that come to him,

And praise Allah, the Lord of all Knowledge and Wisdom!

Devote yourself to the service of Allah in the stillness of the night, but not all night.

In the world's persecution rely on Allah, who will deal with His enemies fittingly.

Let not Allah's service be a matter of difficulty to you.

Do all your duties in whole-hearted remembrance of Allah,  
And ever seek His bountiful Grace.

The Seer, by devotion and contemplation, prepares himself for the duties of guide and leader to mankind.

But when there comes the clear call, he must stand forth and proclaim the message, in purity, unselfish devotion, and long-suffering patience,

To save men from the distress of the final Day.

For there are many who exult in a life of ease and plenty, arrogant splendour, and the applause of men,

Who scorn Allah's Truth and reject the divine.

How will they fare when the Judgment comes, and its grievous penalty?

Every fact in life's grand pageant is but a portent for the future.

Every soul is in pledge, and must redeem itself by faith and prayer,

And by charity and earnest care for the realities of life.

Bring but the will, and Allah will guide,

Allah, the Lord of Righteousness,

The Lord of Mercy and Forgiveness.

Shun all Evil, for man was not created without purpose or without responsibility.

The Day of account will come,

And his own conscience bears witness that he must walk  
straight, for he must face that Day's realities.  
With patience await the unfolding of Allah's wise purpose.  
Keep the hereafter ever in view.  
The faces of the blessed will beam with brightness and beauty.  
For the others, death will be a terror, for duties neglected and  
sins committed.  
Damnation to man that he thinks not now of Allah's purpose,  
And the noble destiny for which Allah gave him life and its  
gifts.

Man was evolved out of nothing, and through low beginnings,  
But he was given insight and understanding.  
Allah showed him the way,  
And if man does wilfully reject the right, he but chooses  
chains, and yokes, and a blazing fire within his own soul.  
Not so the devotees of right,  
They attain the Mystic Fountain of Kaafuur (Camphor).  
For, purely out of love for Allah, they do good to Allah's  
creatures, and serve them.  
The light of beauty and joy will be on them.  
In full felicity and honour will they live in the garden of  
delights,  
And share in the banquet, the Presence and Glory Divine!  
Thus the righteous are patient in constant devotion.  
Allah's way is open to all,  
Whosoever has the will, may attain to the perfect goal.

The winds in the world of nature are wondrous forms of  
Allah's Bounty and Power.  
They gently bring the beneficent rain,  
And when roused to wrath, they cleanse the world and wipe  
out contagion.  
So works Allah's revelation, in sunshine and storm.

It will root out evil,  
And restore true values at Judgment.  
Truly terrible will be that Day for the evil ones.  
It will be a Day of sorting out.  
Ah, destruction, that Day, to the rejecters of truth!  
Will man not learn from his own little story,  
Or from nature around him?  
The blazing fire will be indeed an enveloping punishment.  
How dreadful the contrast with the bliss of the righteous!  
Learn, you, therefore, humility,  
And approach Allah's Throne in repentance and earnest  
endeavour.



The great news for man, in his spiritual destiny, is the  
Judgment to come, the Day of sorting out.  
Do not the Power, the Goodness, and the Justice of Allah  
reveal themselves in all nature?  
The panorama around us, the voice in our souls, and the  
harmony between heaven and earth?  
That Day is sure to arrive at its time appointed, when behold,  
the present order will pass away.  
Then will the fruits of evil appear,  
And the fruits of righteousness.

Allah's blessings will be more than the merits of men.  
But who can argue with the Fountain of Grace?  
And who can prevent the course of justice ?  
Let us then, before it becomes too late, betake ourselves to our  
Lord, Most Gracious!

Never can evil escape Allah's order and law.  
His angels are ever present to bring the wicked to their  
bearings,  
And they ever strive and press forward to bring comfort,  
succour, and Allah's Mercy to those who seek it.  
Then will come the Day when the proud shall be humbled,  
though they deny the coming judgment.

What happened to Fir'awn (Pharaoh)?  
He flouted Allah's message specially sent to him, and  
arrogantly proclaimed, "I am your lord, most high!"  
He perished in this life,  
And will answer for his deeds in the next.

But can you not see, O men, the mighty Works of Allah in the  
heavens and on earth?  
The darksome splendour of the night with its stars,  
And the daylight splendour of the Sun?  
How the earth, with its spacious expanse and its mountains,  
yields moisture and pasture,  
And feeds and sustains men and cattle, through Allah's wise  
Providence?  
Ah! Transgress not all bounds, and earn not the fire of  
punishment,  
But fear Allah and His Judgment,  
And prepare for the garden of perpetual bliss.

Many are the men not blessed with the good things of this life  
who earnestly seek truth and purity,  
They deserve your attention more-so than those who seem to  
wield some fleeting influence,  
Who, in their pride, perceive themselves self-sufficient.  
Allah's Message is universal. All have a right to hear it.  
Held high in honour, kept pure and holy, it should be written  
by none but the good and honourable.

Allah's Grace is showered on man not less for his inner  
growth than in his outward life.  
There must be a final reckoning,  
When each soul must stand on its own past record.  
The faces, then, of the blessed will beam with joy and light,



While the wrongdoers will hide in dust, and shame, and darkness.

How can the soul's self-conviction be aptly expressed, except  
by types of tremendous cataclysms in nature,  
And still more by tremendous searchings in the heart of man?  
These want deep pondering.

When once the spiritual dawn has "breathed away" the  
darkness of the night,

The vision, glorious, clears all doubts,  
And brings us face to face with truth.

The highest archangel in heaven is sent by Allah to bring  
these truths to men through their Apostle.

Allah's grace flows freely.

We have but to tune our will to His,  
The Ever-Loving, Just, Allah.

How fixed is the order holding together this material universe  
above and below us?

Yet it must give way before the vast unfathomed truth,  
In which man will see his past and his future in true  
perspective.

To Allah he owes his life and all its blessings.

Will he not see that the future depends on right and justice?

Righteousness must come to its own,

And so must discord and rebellion.

The Day must come when discord must finally cease,

And the peace of Allah, and His Command, are all-in-all.

Shun fraud in all things,

In little things of daily life,

But especially in those subtler forms of higher life,

Which will be exposed to view at Judgment, however hidden  
they may be in this life.

Give every one his due, for the record of ill deeds and good is  
fully kept,  
And the stains of sin corrupt the soul.  
Reject not the real now, nor mock,  
For the time will come when that will come to its own,  
And then the mighty arrogant will be abased!

All mysteries, fair or shrouded in gloom, will vanish when the  
full reality stands revealed.  
If this life is but painful toil, there is the hope of the meeting  
with the Lord!  
That will be bliss indeed for the righteous,  
But destruction to the arrogant dealers in sin!  
Like the sunset glow or the shades of night,  
Or the moon's ever-changing light,  
Man's life never rests here below, but travels ever onwards,  
stage by stage.  
Grasp then Allah's message and reach the heights,  
To reap a reward that will never fail, through all eternity.

Destruction to those who persecute truth!  
They are being watched by mighty Eyes.  
They will have to answer when the judgment comes,  
And a clear record will witness against them.  
Are they cruel to men because of their faith?  
The fire they use will be turned against them.  
For Allah is strong, and will subdue the mightiest foes.  
Be warned, and learn from His gracious message, preserved  
through all time!

Through the darkest night comes the penetrating light of a  
glorious star.  
Such is the power of revelation.  
It protects and guides the erring.

For what is man, but a creature of flesh and bones.  
But Allah, by His Power, does raise man's state to a life  
beyond, when behold, all things hidden will be made plain.  
Man's help will then be only the Word of Allah, which none  
can impede.  
So wait with gentle patience for His Decision.

Wonderful are the ways of Allah in creation,  
And the love with which He guides His creatures' destinies.  
He gives them the means by which to strive for maturity by  
ordered steps, and reach the end most fitted for their natures.  
His Law is just and easy, and His Grace is ever ready to help.  
Let us look to the eternal goal, with hearts and souls of purity,  
and glorify His Name,  
For in this changing, fleeting world,  
His Word is always true,  
And will remain so, through all the ages,  
Ever the same.

Have you heard of that tremendous Day, when the good from  
the evil will be separated?  
There will be souls that day which will burn and grovel in the  
blazing fire of wrath!  
No food can fill their hunger,  
No drink, alas, can slake their fierce thirst!  
There will be souls that day will call out with joy to the glory  
of their Lord!  
Their past endeavour will now be achievement.  
Raised high on thrones of dignity, they will be guests at the  
sumptuous feast of bliss.  
Let man but look at his dominion over the beasts of the field,  
Or his glorious canopy of stars,  
Or the eternal hills that feed his streams,  
Or the wide expanse of mother earth that nurtures him,

And he will see the ordered path of Allah.  
To Him must mankind return and give account!  
Let him, then, learn his lesson and live!

Humanity is apt to forget the contrasts in nature and life, and  
all that they mean in his spiritual growth.  
Regrettably his mind is so absorbed in what he sees, that he  
doubts the vast realities he does not see.  
The present makes him blind to the past, and to the future.  
Fooled by glory, he fears not a fall,  
And baulked in disaster, he gives up hope, and faith.  
Let him study nature and history, and restore his faith,  
Realising the sure event, the hereafter,  
Let him find his fullest fulfilment in the service and the good  
pleasure of Allah.

The Prophet's own city persecuted him.  
Despite being honoured by his nativity, it sought to slay him,  
Yet he loved it, and purged it of all that was wrong.  
What toil and struggle did it not involve?  
Man is made for toil and struggle,  
Let him not boast of ease and wealth.  
He will be called to account for all his doings.  
Let him use his God-given faculties, and tread the steep path  
that leads to heaven's heights,  
The steps thereto are love, unselfish love,  
Given freely to Allah's creatures, all those in need,  
And faith in Allah,  
And patience joined with self-restraint,  
And kindness.  
Thus only can we reach,  
The ranks of the blessed companions of the Right Hand.

All nature around us, and her pageants, and the soul of man  
within, proclaim the goodness of Allah.  
Allah gave the soul the power of choice and the sense of right  
and wrong.  
Let man keep it pure and attain salvation.  
Soil it with sin, and reach perdition.  
So take heed from the people of Thamuud,  
Inordinate wrong-doing ruined them.  
They defied Allah's sacred Law and His prophet,  
And went only to destruction for their crime.

When we consider Allah's wonderful creation, we see many  
mysteries, many opposites, and many differences,  
The succession of nights and days, the creation of male and  
female,  
Can we then wonder at the differences in the nature and  
objectives of man?  
He is endowed with will, and he must strive for the right  
through all his diverse paths.  
For the righteous, the way is made the smoother for bliss,  
For the arrogant crooked will, the way is the smoother for  
misery.  
But Allah's guidance is always near, if man will choose it.  
And what is the goal for those who choose aright?  
The sight of the Face of Allah, Most High,  
For that indeed is happiness, supreme.

What an example we have in the Prophet's life!  
When moments of inspiration were still, his soul yet felt the  
power of that stillness,  
Like one who prays by night and waits for the dawn,  
Knowing how the light grows brighter every hour till noon,  
And well content that night, and morning, and the hours  
succeeding, are but steps to the full splendour of noon.

Muhammad was content and consoled in the thought that  
Allah had bestowed His loving care on him in the past,  
And so the future was sure.  
He followed the Light Divine, to help the helpless,  
To attend with patience to the call of those in need,  
And to rehearse and proclaim and share the boundless  
bounties of Allah!

The Prophet's mind and heart had indeed been expanded and  
purified,  
The burden which pressed on his soul had been removed,  
And his name exalted in this world and the next.  
For the righteous man there is no trouble but is linked with  
ease and joy,  
He must strive at every stage,  
And look to Allah alone as the goal of all his hopes.

Nature, and history, and the light of Revelation through the  
ages,  
Show that man, created by Allah in the best of moulds, can  
yet fall to the lowest depths,  
Unless he lives a life of faith and righteousness.  
Then only will he reach his goal.  
If not, he must stand his Judgment, none can doubt,  
Before the Wisest and Most Just of all Judges.

Noble is the mission of the Prophet, selected to proclaim the  
Message of Allah, the Lord and Cherisher of all His Creation,  
Whose immeasurable bounties include the instruction of man  
in new and ever expanding knowledge.  
But alas for man! He fancies himself self-sufficient,  
He turns away from the path, and misleads others.  
But nothing is hidden from Allah.

He will bring all untruth and sin and rebellion to judgment,  
And subdue all evil.  
But the righteous bow in adoration to Allah,  
And draw ever closer to Him.

Blessed indeed is the Night of Power,  
When the Mercy of Allah's Revelation breaks through the  
darkness of the human soul.  
All the powers, of the world divine, speed on their mystic  
message of mercy, by Allah's command,  
And bless every nook and corner of earth and the heart!  
All calamities are stilled in the supreme reign of Peace,  
Until this mortal night gives place to the glorious day of an  
immortal world.

But those who reject the light of truth are obstinate.  
Why should they persist in evil ways, when the clear evidence  
has come before them?  
The straight Religion is simple,  
To adore with a pure heart the God of Truth,  
To draw close to Him in sincere prayer,  
And to serve our fellow creatures in charity and love.  
To do anything else is to fall from grace.  
But faith and good life lead straight to the goal,  
The beauteous gardens of eternal bliss,  
And the mutual good pleasure of the soul in her Lord.

The hour of Judgment will be heralded by a mighty  
convulsion,  
The earth will give up her secrets, and tell her tale of all  
mankinds's doings,  
Men will march in companies, and clearly see the reality of all  
their deeds,

Not an atom of good or evil done, but will be shown in the final account of men, now convinced.

There are those that fight, with eager charge,  
The hosts of evil, and storm its citadel.  
But unregenerate man shows less than gratitude for Allah's most gracious bounties,  
His life bears witness to his treason and his greed.  
Allah's knowledge is all-embracing,  
Undoubtedly, all things hidden will be laid bare at Judgment.

How will the senses of man stand the noise and clamour of the great Day of account,  
Whereon this life's old landmarks will vanish,  
And men will be helpless, like scattered moths?  
No, but a balance of justice will weigh and appraise all deeds,  
And those whose good will show substance and weight, will achieve a life of good pleasure and satisfaction,  
While those whose good will be light, will find themselves, regrettably, in a blazing pit of punishment.

Be not engrossed in things ephemeral, to the neglect of higher things in life.  
Life is but short, and death will soon claim you.  
If only mankind would learn, before it is too late, the serious issues of the higher life!  
They will taste the consequences of their neglect.  
For every good enjoyed they must, in the hereafter, give a strict account.

Waste not, nor misuse, your life.  
Time, through the ages, bears witness that nothing remains,  
Except faith, and good deeds, and the teaching of truth,



And the teaching of patience and constancy.  
But for these, mankind, against time, is in loss.

Destruction to the man and woman who deals in scandal,  
In word, or act, or by insults, or suggestions.  
Destruction to the backbiter, even if his tale is true, for the  
taint is in his motive.  
Destruction to the miser who blocks up the channels of use  
and service, and dams up his wealth,  
As if he could remain in possession for all time!  
The fire of Wrath will envelop them, and wither up their  
hearts and minds,  
And consume that largeness of life which is the portion of  
mankind.

Let not man be intoxicated with power or material resources,  
They cannot defeat the purpose of Allah.  
So did Abraha, lord of the elephants, find to his cost.  
His sacrilegious attack on the holy Shrine of Allah brought  
about his own undoing.  
What seemed but frail,  
Destroyed his mighty hosts in a day.

Who gave the Quraish their talents for the arts of peace,  
For trade and commerce,  
And for journeys south and north at proper seasons,  
And made their home inviolable in Makkah (Mecca)?  
Surely they, if any, should adore their Lord,  
And listen to His Message of unity and truth.

What remains if you deny all faith and personal  
responsibility?  
Why then help the helpless or teach others deeds of charity?  
Futile is worship without heart and soul.

What can you think of men who make a great show of piety,  
But fail to meet the simple needs of daily life?

To the man of Allah, rich in divine blessings, is granted a  
fountain unfailing,  
That will quench the spiritual thirst of millions.  
Turn, then, in devotion and sacrifice to Allah,  
And do not heed the venom of hatred, which destroys its own  
hopes, of the present and the future.

The man of faith holds fast to his faith, because he knows it is  
true.

The man of the world, rejecting faith, clings hard to worldly  
interests.

Let him mind his worldly interests,  
But let him not force his interests on men sincere and true,  
By favour, force, or fraud.

For that which is right, the help of Allah is ever near, and  
victory!

When the spirit of men is stirred, they come to the flag of  
faith, in troops and battalions.

They are to be welcomed, but praise and glory belong to  
Allah.

To Him we humbly turn and pray for grace,  
For He is ever returning in Grace and Mercy.

Muhammad, the Chosen One of Allah, in his earnest desire to  
proclaim the Message, gathered his kin together,

To hear and judge, with open minds, between error and truth.  
Behold, the fiery father of flame, blazed up with foul abuse  
and curses,

And said to the holy one, “Perish You!”

With his hands he took stones and cast them at the holy one's head.

Proud of his wealth, he headed relentless persecution.

His wife laid snares, tying thorns with twisted ropes of prickly palm-leaf fibre,

And strewed them in the holy one's path on darkest nights, for cruel sport.

But, behold, the curses, insults, and spite, harmed not the innocent,

But recoiled on the wrong-doers themselves, branding them with eternal infamy,

And torment!

Keep Faith all pure and undefiled.

There is only Allah, the One.

Eternal, Absolute, Free of all needs, on Whom all depend, and to Whom go back all things.

He has no son, nor father, nor partner.

There is none like unto Him.

It is Allah Who brings forth light from darkness, life and activity from death, and spiritual enlightenment from ignorance and superstition.

So banish fear, and trust His Providence.

No danger, then, from the outer world,

No secret plottings from perverted wills,

No disturbance of your happiness or good,

Can affect the fortress of your faith, and inmost soul.

Insidious evil lies in wait for man,

It loves to whisper and withdraw, thus testing his will.

But man can make Allah his sure shield,

For Allah does care for him, and He cherishes him.

Allah is the heavenly King who gives man laws,  
And Allah is the goal to which man will return, and be judged.  
Let man but place himself in Allah's hands,  
And never will evil touch him,  
In his essential, inner life.



## CONCLUSION



Thus spoke, inspired, our holy Prophet, Muhammad, on  
whom we invoke Allah's blessings, for ever and ever,  
We, who are heirs to his teaching,  
His exemplary life,  
And the golden thread which he wove into the web of human  
history.

In pious retreats he prayed,  
Much thought he gave to life's most obstinate tangles,  
Against odds he strove with might and main,  
Wisely he led,  
Gently he counselled,  
And firmly he subdued evil.

Mantle-clad, he solved the most baffling mysteries.  
His soul would scale the heights of heaven,  
Yet showered its love on the weak and lowly of this earth.  
Like a cloud that catches the glory of the sun,  
He threw his protecting shade on all.  
The widow's cry, and the orphan's, found an answer in his  
heart,  
As did the cry of poverty, and need.

He searched out those who felt no need,

Being by pride or ignorance blinded,  
And he fulfilled their real wants.  
His last great charge summed up the rule of spiritual life,  
In linking faith with one universal brotherhood.

Ah! never shall we see such life again.

But his clarion voice still speaks his message.  
His love and wisdom still pour forth, without stint, the  
inexhaustible treasures of Allah,  
For whosoever will bring a purified heart to receive them.  
And never did the world, impoverished by its own wayward  
lusts and greed,  
Need those treasures more than now!

There's still with us much sorrow and sin, injustice,  
oppression, wrong, and hate.  
Still does arrogance deaden conscience,  
Rob struggling souls of even the crumbs of pity,  
And make, of loathsome flesh and crumbling dust, fair-  
seeming idols for worship.  
Still does ignorance blow a mighty horn and try to shame true  
wisdom.  
Still do men drive slaves, protesting smoothly the end of  
slavery.  
Still does greed devour the substance of helpless ones within  
her power.  
The fine individual voice is smothered in the raucous din of  
groups and crowds that madly shout what they call slogans  
new,  
No! They are but old falsehoods long discredited.

What can we do to make Allah's Light shine forth through the darkness around us?

We must first let it shine in our own true selves,  
For with that Light in the niche of our inmost hearts, we can  
walk with steps both firm and sure,  
We can humbly visit the comfortless and guide their steps.  
Not we, but the Light will guide!  
But oh! The joy of being found worthy to bear the torch,  
And to say to our brethren, “ I too was in darkness,  
comfortless,  
And behold, I have found comfort and joy in the Grace  
Divine!”

Thus should we pay the dues of brotherhood,  
By walking humbly, side by side, in the Ways of Allah,  
With mutual aid and comfort,  
And heartfelt prayer, backed by action,  
That Allah’s good purpose may be accomplished,  
In us all, together.



# THE ASCENSIONS



‘Qiraa’ah’, the recitation of the Holy Qur’aan, is meant to be an inspiring experience since it marks Allaah’s seminal communication with humanity. It is an important ritual of deep significance to Muslims by which Allaah’s wise purposes are rehearsed. The ritual recitation of the sacred text assumes its most celebrated form in the Taraawiih prayers performed through the sacred nights of the fasting month of Ramadaan.

The compilation of this Taraawiih summary is a modest endeavour in providing a synopsis of the Qur’aanic message for the benefit of English speakers who are unfamiliar with classical Arabic, the language in which the Holy Qur’aan was revealed and recited.

Procedures surrounding the performance of Taraawiih Salaah vary, with many Masjids opting to complete the full recitation of the Holy Qur’aan on the twenty-ninth night of Ramadaan. The current book is prepared keeping this arrangement in mind.

It is recommended for Muslims that the relevant section be :

- Read at home before going to the Masjid for Taraawiih Salaah,
- Read out by the Imaam in the Masjid just before the Taraawiih Salaah commences. This should take no more than five to ten minutes.
- Presented as a Da’wah tool to non-Muslims as a general induction into the themes, subject matter and style of the Qur’aan.

These summaries also make for convenient reading throughout the year as a means of refreshing hearts and minds with it’s sacred message.

In preparing this book, no worldly glory is aspired to. All that is sought is Allah’s Pleasure on a day when neither children, nor family, nor wealth, nor power, nor social privilege will guarantee any success.

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