

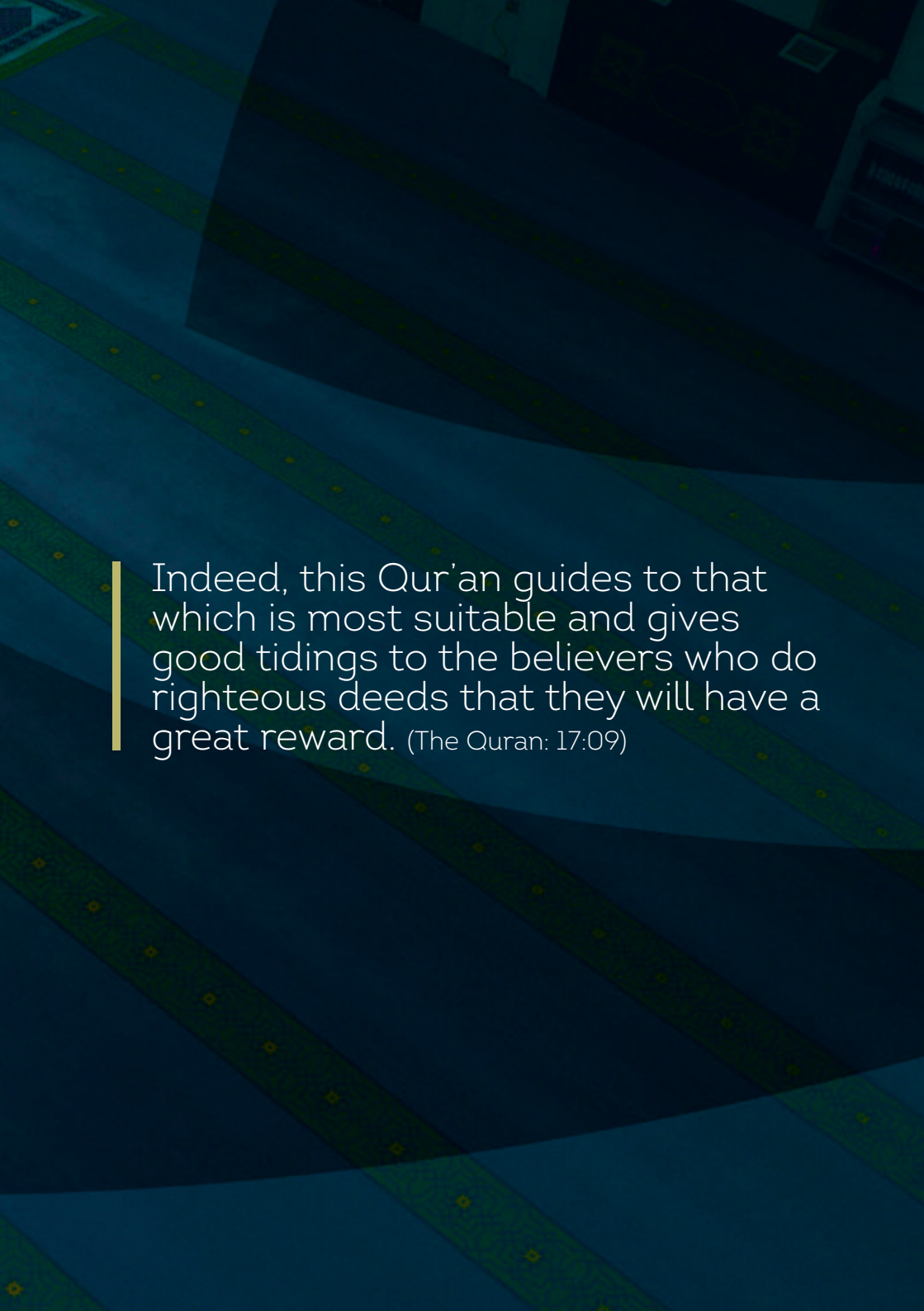


A BRIEF INFORMATION ABOUT  
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Indeed, this Qur'an guides to that which is most suitable and gives good tidings to the believers who do righteous deeds that they will have a great reward. (The Quran: 17:09)





History tells us that, whenever humanity has lost its direction and gone far away from the right path, Allah the Benevolent and Merciful has raised apostles and prophets to guide them back to the right path.

Prominent among these well guided personages were prophets like Noah, Abraham, Moses and Jesus (peace be upon them all).

To some of them Allah sent down revelations in the form of Books that taught man as to how he should conduct his affairs in order to attain success in this world and prosperity in the next.





One such book is the Torah given to the prophet Moses which remained a source of guidance for the Jews for great many years. The Psalms, another divine book, was revealed to Prophet David for the guidance of the Jews whose book of guidance, the Torah, had been corrupted and tampered with by successive generations.

After this, Prophet Jesus was commissioned by Allah and was given the holy book known as the Gospel to deliver his people from the shackles of the man-made laws of the Jewish priests and clergy. Succeeding generations, however, even in this case, failed to preserve the purity of the text and openly flouted its teachings.



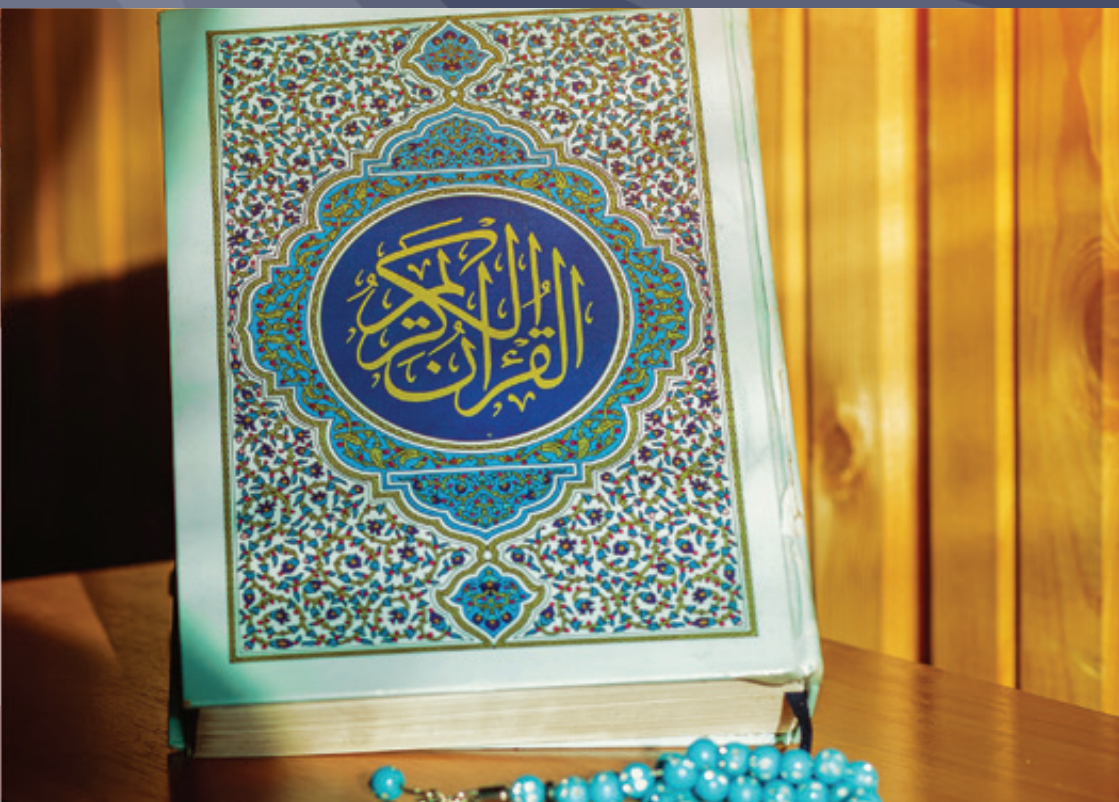




It may be noted that all the three books mentioned above were meant for a particular community of people and for a certain period of time and, in the course of time, all these books were corrupted by the hand of man and, consequently, the essential teachings of Allah were mutilated and lost.



Finally, in the year 570 CE Allah sent down Prophet Muhammad as His last Messenger and revealed to him His final book known as the Qur'an. The Holy Qur'an was sent down through the agency of the archangel Gabriel. The Qur'an differs from all previous revelations in the sense that it was not revealed as an entire book handed down to the Prophet in one go, but it was sent down in bits and parts over a period of twenty three years as and when the occasion demanded.





The language of the Qur'an is Arabic. It has 114 chapters. Some of the chapters were revealed in Makkah, and the rest in Madinah. The Book is neither meant for a particular community or race nor is its message limited to a specific period of time. In other words, it addresses the whole of mankind and it represents the last and final word of Allah to humanity.

The main purpose of the Qur'an is to invite man to the worship of one God and urge him to lead his life in accordance with the commandments of Allah. This concept runs through the entire Book from beginning to end.







A unique feature of the Qur'an is that it contains a graphic description of the signs of Allah's divinity spread all over the universe. It also contains a clear description of the right mode of living for man, of his life after death and of the certainty of reward and punishment for each person according to his deeds in the next world. The Qur'an offers guidance on all the important aspects of life such as man's social, economic, political and other fields of life.

The Holy Qur'an is unquestionably the only religious Book on the face of the earth that has retained its textual purity in the sense that not a single dot has been added to or subtracted from it since its inception more than 14 centuries ago, nor can there be any change in it until the Last Day. The reason being that Allah Himself has taken the responsibility of guarding it against corruption. As a further source of its pristine purity is the fact that the text of the Qur'an has been preserved in the hearts of countless Muslims in every age of history.





The Qur'an is a living miracle, like no other book on the face of the earth. Allah has Himself held out the challenge to the entire community of Arabs and non-Arabs to produce a book like it in these words:

***“And if you are in doubt about what We have sent down upon Our Servant [Muhammad], then produce a chapter the like thereof and call upon your witnesses other than Allah, if you should be truthful.”*** (The Qur'an:2:23)



The Qur'an states numerous scientific facts that modern science confirms. It contains considerable information about astronomy, embryology, geology and hydrology, to name just a few. It has also stated facts that have amazed even the greatest of scientists.





The Qur'an is truly the most authentic book of reference for anyone who seeks to gain knowledge about Islam. The Book can also tell us in clear terms the purpose of our creation on earth and spell out the surest way to attain closeness for Allah.

The Book has brought about revolution in the life of countless of people. Umar Bin khattab, once a sworn enemy of the Prophet and ready to kill him with his sword, just succumbed to the power and charm of the Qur'an and turned into a firm supporter of the Prophet.







Negus the ruler of Ethiopia, a Christian by birth who used to deify the Prophet Jesus and his venerable mother before Islam, on hearing the verses of the Qur'an, accepted the description of the Qur'an about Jesus being a prophet and messenger of Allah, and embraced Islam.


Even today, this great Book is illuminating the life of millions of men and women. It is bringing them out of the darkness of ignorance and connecting them to their Almighty Creator. Cat Stevens (Muslim name Yousuf Islam), a pop singer by profession, is a case in point. He, just by going through a copy of the Qur'an in Jerusalem, straightaway converted himself to a believer in Islam.



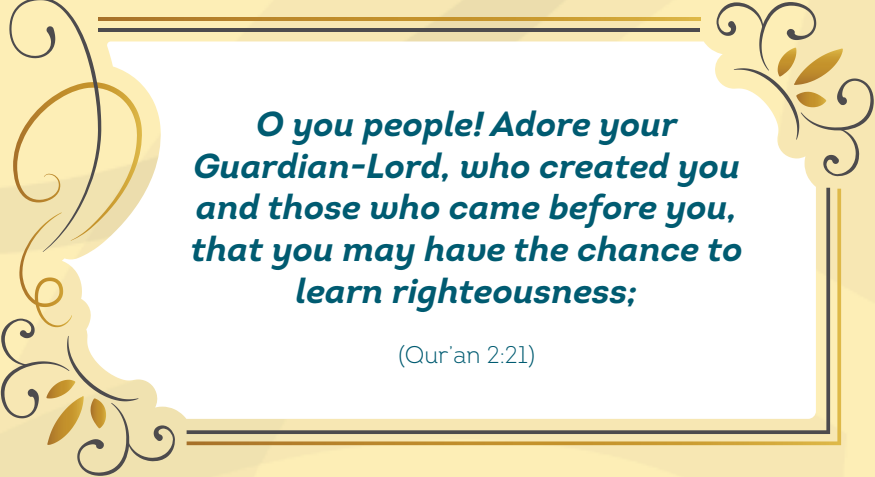


The language of the Qur'an is Arabic but in the translations it is available in almost all the notable languages of the world. A mere reading of this Divine Book could be enough to set a person thinking and discover the ways of success in this life and of prosperity in the Hereafter.



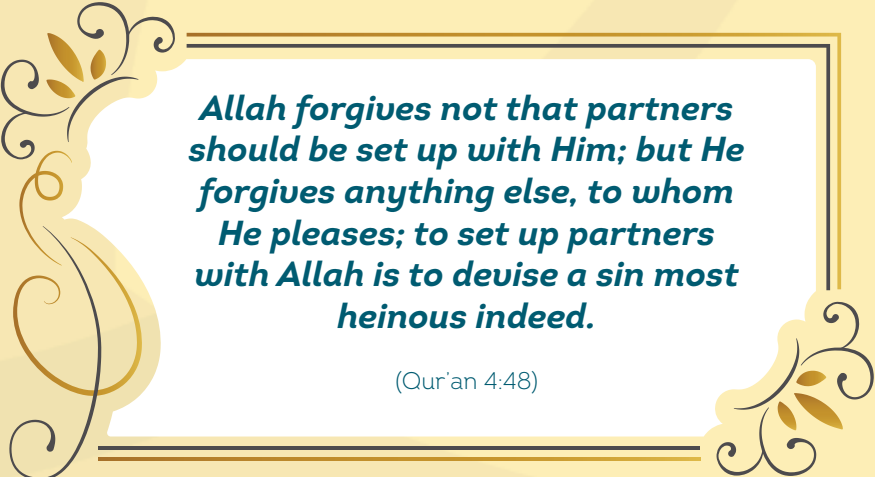


***Selected Verses from the  
Holy Qur'an***



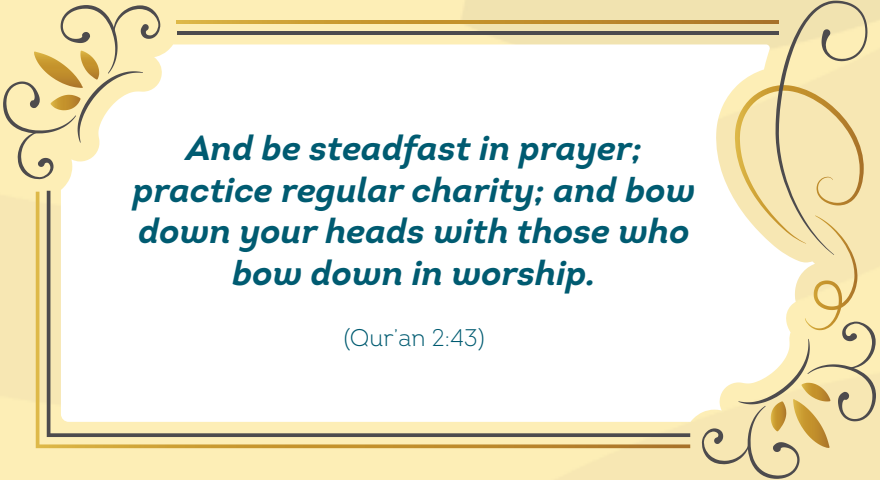
***O you people! Adore your  
Guardian-Lord, who created you  
and those who came before you,  
that you may have the chance to  
learn righteousness;***

(Qur'an 2:21)



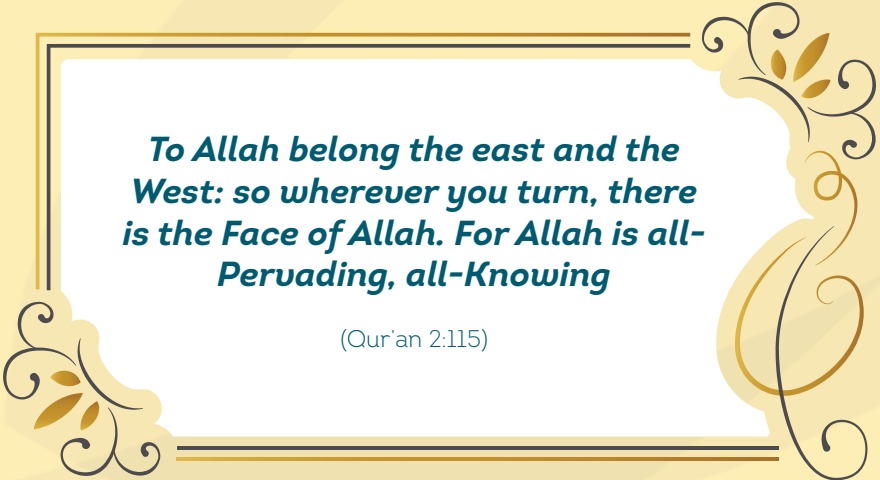
***Allah forgives not that partners  
should be set up with Him; but He  
forgives anything else, to whom  
He pleases; to set up partners  
with Allah is to devise a sin most  
heinous indeed.***

(Qur'an 4:48)



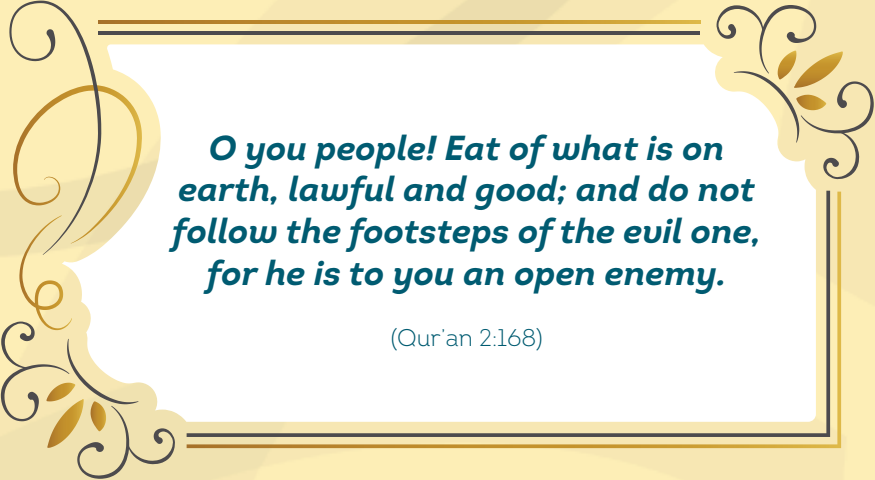
***And be steadfast in prayer;  
practice regular charity; and bow  
down your heads with those who  
bow down in worship.***

(Qur'an 2:43)



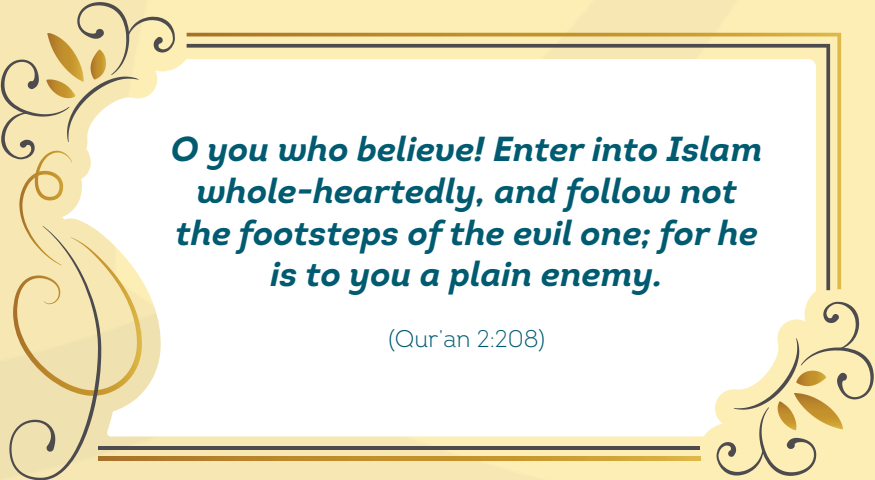
***To Allah belong the east and the  
West: so wherever you turn, there  
is the Face of Allah. For Allah is all-  
Pervading, all-Knowing***

(Qur'an 2:115)



***O you people! Eat of what is on earth, lawful and good; and do not follow the footsteps of the evil one, for he is to you an open enemy.***

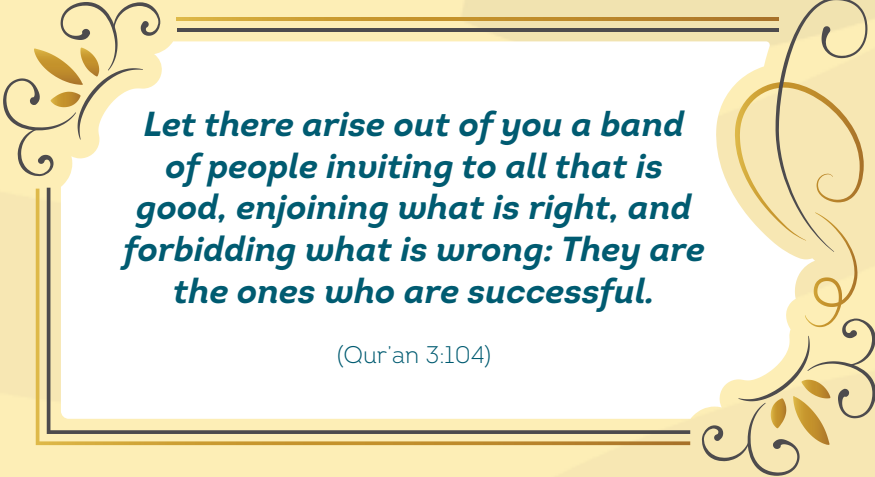
(Qur'an 2:168)



***O you who believe! Enter into Islam whole-heartedly, and follow not the footsteps of the evil one; for he is to you a plain enemy.***

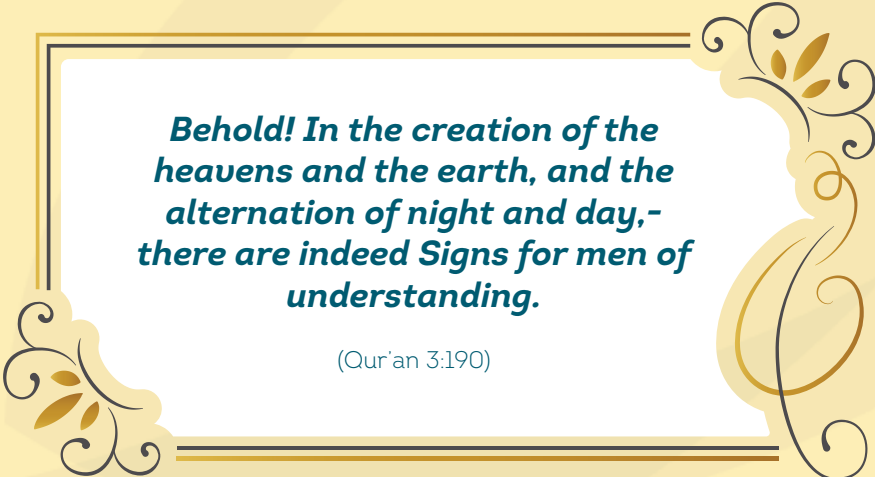
(Qur'an 2:208)





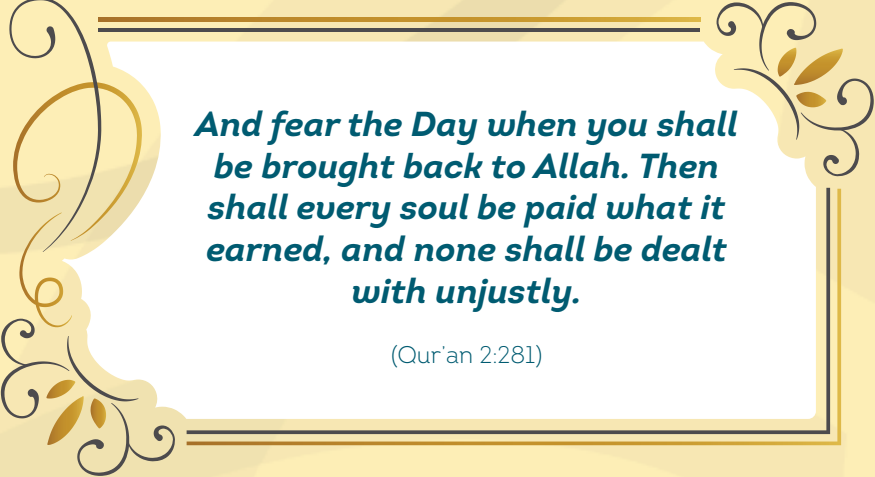
***Let there arise out of you a band  
of people inviting to all that is  
good, enjoining what is right, and  
forbidding what is wrong: They are  
the ones who are successful.***

(Qur'an 3:104)



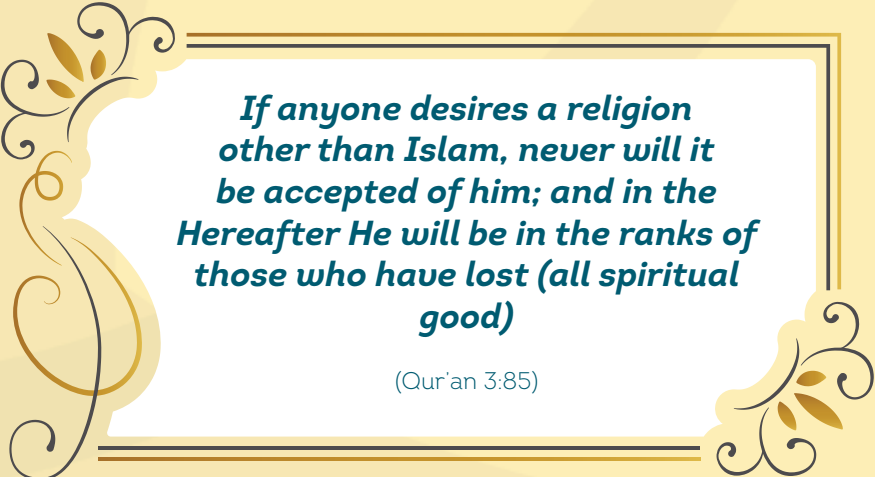
***Behold! In the creation of the  
heavens and the earth, and the  
alternation of night and day,-  
there are indeed Signs for men of  
understanding.***

(Qur'an 3:190)



***And fear the Day when you shall be brought back to Allah. Then shall every soul be paid what it earned, and none shall be dealt with unjustly.***

(Qur'an 2:281)



***If anyone desires a religion other than Islam, never will it be accepted of him; and in the Hereafter He will be in the ranks of those who have lost (all spiritual good)***

(Qur'an 3:85)





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