



## Glorious Qur'an

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**The Holy Qur'an: Text, Translation and Commentary,**

### Surah Shura

(Consultation)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

1	حم Ha Mim,
2	عسق 'Ain Sin Qaf.
3	كَذَلِكَ يُوحِي إِلَيْكَ وَإِلَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ اللَّهُ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ Thus doth (He) send Inspiration to thee as (He did) to those before thee -- Allah, Exalted in Power, full of Wisdom.
4	لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ To Him belongs all that is in the heavens and on earth: وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ and He is Most High, Most Great.

5

تَكَادُ السَّمَاوَاتُ يَتَفَطَّرْنَ مِنْ فَوْقِهِنَّ<sup>ج</sup>

The heavens are almost rent asunder from above them (by His Glory):

وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ يُسَبِّحُونَ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّهِمْ وَيَسْتَغْفِرُونَ لِمَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ<sup>ط</sup>

and the angels celebrate the Praises of their Lord, and pray for forgiveness for (all) beings on earth:

أَلَا إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْعَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

Behold! Verily Allah is He, the Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

6

وَالَّذِينَ اتَّخَذُوا مِنْ دُونِهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ اللَّهُ حَفِيظٌ عَلَيْهِمْ

And those who take as protectors others besides Him, Allah doth watch over them;

وَمَا أَنْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ بِوَكِيلٍ

and thou art not the disposer of their affairs.

7

وَكَذَلِكَ أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ قُرْآنًا عَرَبِيًّا لِتُنذِرَ أُمَّ الْقُرَى وَمَنْ حَوْلَهَا

Thus have We sent by inspiration to thee an Arabic Qur'an: that thou mayest warn the Mother of Cities and all around her --

وَتُنذِرَ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعِ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ<sup>ج</sup>

and warn (them) of the Day of Assembly, of which there is no doubt:

فَرِيقٌ فِي الْجَنَّةِ وَفَرِيقٌ فِي السَّعِيرِ

(when) some will be in the Garden, and some in the Blazing Fire.

8

وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَجَعَلَهُمْ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَلَكِنْ يُدْخِلُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ فِي رَحْمَتِهِ<sup>ج</sup>

If Allah had so willed, He could have made them a single people; but He admits whom He will to His Mercy;

وَالظَّالِمُونَ مَا لَهُمْ مِنْ وَلِيٍّ وَلَا نَصِيرٍ

and the wrongdoers will have no protector nor helper.

9

أَمْ اتَّخَذُوا مِنْ دُونِهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ<sup>ط</sup>

What! Have they taken (for worship) protectors besides Him?

فَاللَّهُ هُوَ الْوَلِيُّ

But it is Allah,

- He is the Protector,

وَهُوَ يُحْيِي الْمَوْتَى وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

- and it is He Who gives life to the dead:

- it is He Who has power over all things.

10

وَمَا اخْتَلَفْتُمْ فِيهِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَحُكْمُهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ<sup>ج</sup>

Whatever it be wherein ye differ, the decision thereof is with Allah:

ذِكْرُ اللَّهِ رَبِّيَ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَإِلَيْهِ أُنِيبُ

Such is Allah my Lord: in Him I trust, and to Him I turn.

11

فَاِطْرُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ<sup>ج</sup>

(He is) the Creator of the heavens and the earth:

جَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا وَمِنَ الْأَنْعَامِ أَزْوَاجًا<sup>ط</sup>

He has made for you pairs from among yourselves, and pairs among cattle:

يَذُرُّكُمْ فِيهِ<sup>ج</sup>

by this means does He multiply you:

لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ<sup>ط</sup> وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ

there is nothing whatever like unto Him, and He is the One that hears and sees (all things).

12

لَهُ مَقَالِيدُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ<sup>ط</sup>

To Him belong the keys of the heavens and the earth:

يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ لِمَن يَشَاءُ وَيَقْدِرُ<sup>ج</sup>

He enlarges and restricts the Sustenance to whom He will:

إِنَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ

for He knows full well all things.

13

شَرَعَ لَكُم مِّنَ الدِّينِ مَا وَصَّى بِهِ نُوحًا

The same religion has He established for you as that which He enjoined on Noah-

وَالَّذِي أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ

the which We have sent by inspiration to thee-

وَمَا وَصَّيْنَا بِهِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَمُوسَى وَعِيسَى<sup>ط</sup>

and that which We enjoined on Abraham, Moses, and Jesus:

أَنْ أَقِيمُوا الدِّينَ وَلَا تَتَفَرَّقُوا فِيهِ<sup>ج</sup>

Namely, that ye should remain steadfast in Religion, and make no divisions therein:

كَبُرَ عَلَى الْمُشْرِكِينَ مَا تَدْعُوهُمْ إِلَيْهِ<sup>ج</sup>

to those who worship other things than Allah, hard is the (way) to which thou callest them.

اللَّهُ يَجْتَبِي إِلَيْهِ مَن يَشَاءُ وَيَهْدِي إِلَيْهِ مَن يُنِيبُ

Allah chooses to Himself those whom He pleases, and guides to Himself those who turn (to Him).

14

وَمَا تَفَرَّقُوا إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَهُمُ الْعِلْمُ بَغْيًا بَيْنَهُمْ<sup>ج</sup>

And they became divided only after knowledge reached them -- through selfish envy as between themselves.

وَلَوْلَا كَلِمَةٌ سَبَقَتْ مِنْ رَبِّكَ إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى لَفُضِّي بَيْنَهُمْ<sup>ج</sup>

Had it not been for a Word that went forth before from thy Lord, (tending) to a Term appointed, the matter would have been settled between them:

وَإِنَّ الَّذِينَ أُورِثُوا الْكِتَابَ مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ لَفِي شَكٍّ مِنْهُ مُرِيبٍ

but truly those who have inherited the Book after them are in suspicious (disquieting) doubt concerning it.

15

فَلِذَلِكَ فَادْعُ<sup>ط</sup>

Now then, for that (reason), call (them to the Faith),

وَاسْتَقِمْ كَمَا أُمِرْتَ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ<sup>ط</sup>

and stand steadfast as thou art commanded, nor follow thou their vain desires;

وَقُلْ آمَنْتُ بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ مِنْ كِتَابٍ<sup>ط</sup>

but say:

"I believe in the Book which Allah has sent down;

وَأُمِرْتُ لِأَعْدِلَ بَيْنَكُمْ<sup>ط</sup>

and I am commanded to judge justly between you.

اللَّهُ رَبُّنَا وَرَبُّكُمْ<sup>ط</sup>

Allah is Our Lord and your Lord.

لَنَا أَعْمَالُنَا وَلَكُمْ أَعْمَالُكُمْ<sup>ط</sup>

For us (is the responsibility for) Our deeds, and for you for your deeds.

لَا حُجَّةَ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ<sup>ط</sup>

There is no contention between us and you.

اللَّهُ يَجْمَعُ بَيْنَنَا وَإِلَيْهِ الْمَصِيرُ<sup>ط</sup>

Allah will bring us together, and to Him is (Our) final goal.

16

وَالَّذِينَ يُجَادُونَ فِي اللَّهِ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا اسْتُجِيبَ لَهُ حُجَّتُهُمْ دَاحِضَةٌ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ

But those who dispute concerning Allah after He has been accepted, futile is their dispute in the sight of their Lord:

وَعَلَيْهِمْ غَضَبٌ وَهُمْ عَذَابٌ شَدِيدٌ

on them is Wrath, and for them will be a Penalty Terrible.

17

اللَّهُ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ وَالْمِيزَانَ<sup>ط</sup>

It is Allah Who has sent down the Book in truth, and the Balance (by which to weigh conduct).

وَمَا يُدْرِيكَ لَعَلَّ السَّاعَةَ قَرِيبٌ

And what will make thee realize that perhaps the Hour is close at hand?

18

يَسْتَعْجَلُ بِهَا الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِهَا<sup>ط</sup>

Only those wish to hasten it who believe not in it:

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَشْفُوقُونَ مِنْهَا وَيَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّهَا الْحَقُّ<sup>ط</sup>

those who believe hold it in awe, and know that it is the Truth.

أَلَا إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُمَارُونَ فِي السَّاعَةِ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ بَعِيدٍ

Behold, verily those that dispute concerning the Hour are far astray.

19

اللَّهُ لَطِيفٌ بِعِبَادِهِ يَرْزُقُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ<sup>ط</sup>

Gracious is Allah to His servants: He gives Sustenance to whom He pleases:

وَهُوَ الْقَوِيُّ الْعَزِيزُ

and He has Power and can carry out His Will.

20

مَنْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ حَرْثَ الْآخِرَةِ نَزِدْ لَهُ فِي حَرْثِهِ <sup>ط</sup>

To any that desires the tilth of the Hereafter, We give increase in his tilth;

وَمَنْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ حَرْثَ الدُّنْيَا نُؤْتِهِ مِنْهَا وَمَا لَهُ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنْ نَصِيبٍ

and to any that desires the tilth of this world, We grant somewhat thereof, but he has no share or lot in the Hereafter.

21

أَمْ لَهُمْ شُرَكَاءُ شَرَعُوا لَهُمْ مِنَ الدِّينِ مَا لَمْ يَأْذَنْ بِهِ اللَّهُ <sup>ج</sup>

What! have they partners (in godhead), who have established for them some religion without the permission of Allah?

وَلَوْلَا كَلِمَةُ الْفَصْلِ لَفُضِّبَ بَيْنَهُمْ <sup>ط</sup>

Had it not been for the Decree of Judgement, the matter would have been decided between them (at once):

وَإِنَّ الظَّالِمِينَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ

but verily the wrongdoers will have a grievous Penalty.

22

تَرَى الظَّالِمِينَ مُشْفِقِينَ مِمَّا كَسَبُوا وَهُوَ وَاقِعٌ بِهِمْ <sup>ط</sup>

Thou wilt see the wrongdoers in fear on account of what they have earned, and (the burden of) that must (necessarily) fall on them.

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ فِي رَوْضَاتِ الْجَنَّاتِ <sup>ط</sup>

But those who believe and work righteous deeds will be in the luxuriant meads of the Gardens:

لَهُمْ مَا يَشَاءُونَ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ <sup>ج</sup>

they shall have before their Lord, all that they wish for:

ذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَضْلُ الْكَبِيرُ

that will indeed be the magnificent Bounty (of Allah).

23

ذَلِكَ الَّذِي يُبَشِّرُ اللَّهُ عِبَادَهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ

That is (the Bounty) whereof Allah gives Glad Tidings to His Servants who believe and do righteous deeds.

قُلْ لَا أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ أَجْرًا إِلَّا الْمَوَدَّةَ فِي الْقُرْبَىٰ

Say: "No reward do I ask of you for this except the love of those near of kin."

وَمَنْ يَقْتِرِفْ حَسَنَةً نَّزِدْ لَهُ فِيهَا حَسَنًا

And if anyone earns any good, We shall give Him an increase of good in respect thereof:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ شَكُورٌ

for Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Ready to appreciate (service).

24

أَمْ يَقُولُونَ افْتَرَسَىٰ عَلَى اللَّهِ كَذِبًا

What! do they say, "He has forged a falsehood against Allah"?

فَإِنْ يَشَاءِ اللَّهُ يُخَيِّمُ عَلَىٰ قَلْبِكَ

But if Allah willed, He could seal up thy heart.

وَيَمْحُ اللَّهُ الْبَاطِلَ وَيُخَيِّطُ الْحَقَّ بِكَلِمَاتِهِ

And Allah blots out Vanity, and proves the Truth by His Words.

إِنَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ

For He knows well the secrets of all hearts.

25

وَهُوَ الَّذِي يَقْبَلُ التَّوْبَةَ عَنْ عِبَادِهِ وَيَعْفُو عَنِ السَّيِّئَاتِ

He is the One that accepts repentance from His Servants and forgives sins:

وَيَعْلَمُ مَا تَفْعَلُونَ

and He knows all that ye do.

26

وَيَسْتَجِيبُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَيَزِيدُهُمْ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ

And He listens to those who believe and do deeds of righteousness, and gives them increase of His Bounty:

وَالْكَافِرُونَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ شَدِيدٌ

but for the Unbelievers there is a terrible Penalty.

27

وَلَوْ بَسَطَ اللَّهُ الرِّزْقَ لِعِبَادِهِ لَبَغَوْا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَكِنْ يُنَزِّلُ بِقَدَرٍ مِمَّا يَشَاءُ

If Allah were to enlarge the provision for His Servants, they would indeed transgress beyond all bounds through the earth; but He sends (it) down in due measure as He pleases:

إِنَّهُ بِعِبَادِهِ خَبِيرٌ بَصِيرٌ

for He is with His Servants well-acquainted, Watchful.

28

وَهُوَ الَّذِي يُنَزِّلُ الْغَيْثَ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا قَنَطُوا وَيَنْشُرُ رَحْمَتَهُ

He is the One that sends down rain (even) after (men) have given up all hope, and scatters His Mercy (far and wide).

وَهُوَ الْوَلِيُّ الْحَمِيدُ

And He is the Protector, Worthy Of all Praise.

29

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ خَلْقُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا بَثَّ فِيهِمَا مِنْ دَابَّةٍ

And among His Signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the living creatures that He has scattered through them:

وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ جَمْعِهِمْ إِذْ يَشَاءُ قَدِيرٌ

and He has power to gather them together when He wills.

30

وَمَا أَصَابَكُمْ مِنْ مُصِيبَةٍ فَبِمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِيكُمْ

Whatever misfortune happens to you, is because of the things your hands have wrought,

وَيَعْفُو عَنْ كَثِيرٍ

and for many (of them) He grants forgiveness.

31

وَمَا أَنْتُمْ بِمُعْجِزِينَ فِي الْأَرْضِ<sup>ط</sup>

Nor can ye frustrate (aught), (fleeing) through the earth;

وَمَا لَكُمْ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مِنْ وَلِيٍّ وَلَا نَصِيرٍ

nor have ye, besides Allah, anyone to protect or to help.

32

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ الْجَوَارِ فِي الْبَحْرِ كَالْأَعْلَامِ

And among His Signs are the ships, smooth-running through the ocean, (tall) as mountains.

33

إِنْ يَشَأْ يُسْكِنِ الرِّيحَ فَيَظْلَلْنَ رَوَاكِدَ عَلَى ظَهْرِهِ<sup>ج</sup>

If it be His Will, He can still the Wind: then would they become motionless on the back of the (ocean).

إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لآيَاتٍ لِكُلِّ صَبَّارٍ شَكُورٍ

Verily in this are Signs for everyone who patiently perseveres and is grateful.

34

أَوْ يُوقَهُنَّ بِمَا كَسَبْنَ أَوْ يَغْفُفَ عَنْ كَثِيرٍ

Or He can cause them to perish because of the (evil) which (the men) have earned: but much doth He forgive.

35

وَيَعْلَمَ الَّذِينَ يُجَادِلُونَ فِي آيَاتِنَا مَا لَهُمْ مِنْ مَخِيصٍ

But let those know, who dispute about Our Signs, that there is for them no way of escape.

36

فَمَا أُوتِيتُمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَمَتَاعُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا<sup>ط</sup>

Whatever ye are given (here) is (but) a convenience of this Life:

وَمَا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ خَيْرٌ وَأَبْقَى

but that which is with Allah is better and more lasting:

لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ يَتَوَكَّلُونَ

(it is) for those

- who believe and put their trust in their Lord;

37

وَالَّذِينَ يَجْتَنِبُونَ كَبَائِرَ الْإِثْمِ وَالْفَوَاحِشَ

- Those who avoid the greater crimes and shameful deeds,

وَإِذَا مَا غَضِبُوا هُمْ يَغْفِرُونَ

- and, when they are angry even then forgive;

38

وَالَّذِينَ اسْتَجَابُوا لِرَبِّهِمْ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ

- Those who hearken to their Lord,

- and establish regular prayer;

وَأَمْرُهُمْ شُورَىٰ بَيْنَهُمْ

- who (conduct) their affairs by mutual Consultation;

وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ

- who spend out of what We bestow on them for Sustenance;

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وَالَّذِينَ إِذَا أَصَابَهُمُ الْبَغْيُ هُمْ يَنْتَصِرُونَ

And those who, when an oppressive wrong is inflicted on them, (are not cowed but) help and defend themselves.

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وَجَزَاءُ سَيِّئَةٍ سَيِّئَةٌ مِثْلُهَا<sup>ط</sup>

The recompense for an injury is an injury equal thereto (in degree):

فَمَنْ عَفَا وَأَصْلَحَ فَأَجْرُهُ عَلَى اللَّهِ<sup>ج</sup>

but if a person forgives and makes reconciliation, His reward is due from Allah:

إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الظَّالِمِينَ

for (Allah) loveth not those who do wrong.

41

وَلَمَنْ انْتَصَرَ بَعْدَ ظُلْمِهِ فَأُولَئِكَ مَا عَلَيْهِمْ مِنْ سَبِيلٍ

But indeed if any do help and defend themselves after a wrong (done) to them, against such there is no cause of blame.

42

إِنَّمَا السَّبِيلُ عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَظْلِمُونَ النَّاسَ وَيَبْغُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ بِغَيْرِ الْحَقِّ<sup>ج</sup>

The blame is only against those who oppress men with wrongdoing and insolently transgress beyond bounds through the land, defying right and justice:

أُولَئِكَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ

for such there will be a Penalty grievous.

43

وَلَمَنْ صَبَرَ وَغَفَرَ إِنَّ ذَلِكَ لَمِنْ عَزْمِ الْأُمُورِ

But indeed if any show patience and forgive, that would truly be an exercise of courageous will and resolution in the conduct of affairs.

44

وَمَنْ يُضِلِلِ اللَّهُ فَمَا لَهُ مِنْ وَبِيلٍ

For any whom Allah leaves astray, there is no protector thereafter,

وَتَرَى الظَّالِمِينَ لَمَّا رَأَوْا الْعَذَابَ يَقُولُونَ هَلْ إِلَى مَرَدٍّ مِنْ سَبِيلٍ

and thou wilt see the wrongdoers, when in sight of the Penalty, Say:

"Is there any way (to effect) a return?"

45

وَتَرَاهُمْ يُعْرَضُونَ عَلَيْهَا خَائِعِينَ مِنَ الذُّلِّ يَنْظُرُونَ مِنْ طَرْفٍ خَفِيٍّ

And thou wilt see them brought forward to the (Penalty), in a humble frame of mind because of (their) disgrace, (and) looking with a stealthy glance.

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنَّ الْخَاسِرِينَ الَّذِينَ خَسِرُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَأَهْلِيهِمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

And the Believers will say:

"Those are indeed in loss, who have given the perdition their own selves and those belonging to them on the Day of Judgement.

أَلَا إِنَّ الظَّالِمِينَ فِي عَذَابٍ مُقِيمٍ

Behold! truly the wrongdoers are in a lasting Penalty!"

46

وَمَا كَانَ لَهُمْ مِنْ أَوْلِيَاءٍ يَنْصُرُوهُمْ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ

And no protectors have they to help them, other than Allah:

وَمَنْ يُضِلِلِ اللَّهُ فَمَا لَهُ مِنْ سَبِيلٍ

and for any whom Allah leaves to stray, there is no way (to the Goal).

47

اَسْتَجِيبُوا لِلرَّبِّ كُمْ مِنْ قَبْلِ اَنْ يَأْتِي يَوْمٌ لَا مَرَدَّ لَهُ مِنَ اللّٰهِ

Hearken ye to your Lord, before there come a Day which there will be no putting back, because of (the ordainment of) Allah!

مَا لَكُمْ مِنْ مَلْجَاٍ يَوْمَئِذٍ وَمَا لَكُمْ مِنْ نَكِيرٍ

That Day there will be for you no place of refuge nor will there be for you any room for denial (of your sins)!

48

فَاِنْ اَعْرَضُوا فَمَا اَرْسَلْنَاكَ عَلَيْهِمْ حَفِيظًا

If then they turn away, We have not sent thee as a guard over them.

اِنَّ عَلَيْكَ اِلَّا الْبَلَاغُ

Thy duty is but to convey (the Message).

وَإِنَّا إِذَا آدَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ مِنَّا رَحْمَةً فَرِحَ بِهَا

And truly, when We give man a taste of Mercy from Ourselves,

وَإِنْ تُصِيبُهُمْ سَيِّئَةٌ مِمَّا قَدَّمَتْ أَيْدِيهِمْ

He doth exult thereat, but when some ill happens to him, on account of the deeds which His hands have sent forth,

فَإِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ كَفُورٌ

truly then is man ungrateful!

49

لِلّٰهِ مُلْكُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْاَرْضِ

To Allah belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth.

يَخْلُقُ مَا يَشَاءُ

He creates what He wills (and plans).

يَهَبُ لِمَن يَشَاءُ إِنَاثًا وَيَهَبُ لِمَن يَشَاءُ الذُّكُورَ

He bestows (children) male or female according to His Will (and Plan).

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أَوْ يُزَوِّجُهُمْ ذُكْرَانًا وَإِنَاثًا وَيَجْعَلُ مَن يَشَاءُ عَقِيمًا

Or He bestows both males and females, and He leaves barren whom He will:

إِنَّهُ عَلِيمٌ قَدِيرٌ

for He is Full of knowledge and power.

51

وَمَا كَانَ لِبَشَرٍ أَنْ يُكَلِّمَهُ اللَّهُ إِلَّا وَحْيًا أَوْ مِنْ وَرَاءِ حِجَابٍ

It is not fitting for a man that Allah should speak to him except by inspiration, or from behind a veil,

أَوْ يُرْسِلَ رَسُولًا فَيُوحِيَ بَأْذَنِهِ مَا يَشَاءُ

or by the sending of a Messenger to reveal, with Allah's permission, what Allah wills:

إِنَّهُ عَلِيُّ حَكِيمٌ

for He is Most High, Most Wise.

52

وَكَذَلِكَ أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ رُوحًا مِنْ أَمْرِنَا

And thus have We, by Our command, sent inspiration to thee:

مَا كُنْتَ تَدْرِي مَا الْكِتَابُ وَلَا الْإِيمَانُ

thou knowest not (before) what was Revelation, and what was Faith;

وَلَكِنْ جَعَلْنَاهُ نُورًا نَهْدِي بِهِ مَنْ نَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِنَا

but We have made the (Qur'án) a Light, wherewith We guide such of Our servants as We will;

وَإِنَّكَ لَتَهْدِي إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ

and verily thou dost guide (men) to the Straight Way --

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صِرَاطِ اللَّهِ الَّذِي لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ

The Way of Allah, to whom belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on earth:

أَلَا إِلَى اللَّهِ تَصِيرُ الْأُمُورُ

Behold (how) all affairs tend towards Allah!

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