



Glorious Qur'an

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Abdullah Yusuf Ali, (1872 –1953) was an Islamic scholar who translated the Qur'an into English. His translation of the Qur'an is one of the most widely-known and used in the English-speaking world. In his childhood, Ali received a religious education and could recite the entire Qur'an from memory. He spoke both Arabic and English fluently. He studied English literature and studied at several European universities. Yusuf Ali's best-known work is his book

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

Surah Shams

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

1. By the Sun and his (glorious) splendor;
2. By the Moon as she follow him;
3. By the Day as it shows up (the Sun's) glory;
4. By the Night as it conceals it;
5. By the Firmament and its (wonderful) structure;
6. By the Earth and its (wide) expanse;
7. By the Soul, and the proportion and order Given to it;
8. And its enlightenment as to its wrong and its right; --
9. Truly he succeeds that purifies it,
10. And he fails that corrupts it!
11. The Thamud (people) rejected (their prophet) through their inordinate wrongdoing.
12. Behold, the most wicked Man among them was deputed (for impiety).

13. But the messenger of Allah said to them:
"It is a She-camel of Allah!
and (bar her not from) having her drink!"
14. Then they rejected him (as a false prophet), and they hamstrung her.
So their Lord, on account of their crime, obliterated their traces and made them equal (in destruction, High and low)!
15. And for Him is no fear of its consequences.



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