

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 Tariq



By the Sky and the Night-Visitant (therein)
And what will explain to thee what the Night-Visitant is?
(It is) the Star of piercing brightness
There is no soul but has a protector over it.
Now let man but think from what he is created!
He is created from a drop emitted
Proceeding from between the backbone and the ribs:
Surely (Allah) is able to bring him back (to life)!
The Day that (all) things secret will be tested.
(Man) will have no power, and no helper.
By the Firmament which returns (in its round)
And by the Earth which opens out (for the gushing of springs or the sprouting of vegetation)
Behold this is the Word that distinguishes (Good from Evil):

14.	It is not a thing for amusement.
15.	As for them, they are but plotting a scheme,
16.	And I am planning a scheme,
17.	Therefore grant a delay to the unbelievers:
	Give respite to them gently (for a while).



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