

Glorious Qur'an

English Translation by Abdullah Yusuf Ali

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 Layl

بسمرالله الرَّحْمَن الرَّ

By the Night as it conceals (the light);

By the Day as it appears in glory;
By (the mystery of) the creation of male and female
Verily, (the ends) ye strive for are diverse.
So he who gives (in charity) and fears (Allah),
And (in all sincerity) testifies to the Best
We will indeed make smooth for him the path to Bliss.
But he who is a greedy miser and thinks himself self-sufficient.
And gives the lie to the Best
We will indeed make smooth for him the Path to Misery;
Nor will his wealth profit him when he falls headlong (into the Pit).
Verily We take upon Ourselves to guide.
And verily unto Us (belong) the End and the Beginning.

	Therefore do I warn you of a Fire blazing fiercely;
	None shall reach it but those most unfortunate ones
	Who give the lie to Truth and turn their backs.
	But those most devoted to Allah shall be removed far from it
	Those who spend their wealth for increase in self-purification,
	And have in their minds no favor from anyone for which a reward is expected in return,
20.	But only the desire to seek for the countenance of their Lord Most High.
	And soon will they attain (complete) satisfaction.



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