



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 Iqra

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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| 1. | Proclaim! (or Read!) in the name of thy Lord and Cherisher, Who created -- |
| 2. | Created man, out of a (mere) clot of congealed blood: |
| 3. | Proclaim!
And thy Lord is Most Bountiful -- |
| 4. | He Who taught (the use of) the Pen -- |
| 5. | Taught man that which he knew not. |
| 6. | Nay,
but man doth transgress all bounds, |
| 7. | In that he looketh upon himself as self-sufficient. |
| 8. | Verily, to thy Lord is the return (of all). |
| 9. | Seest thou one who forbids. |
| 10. | A votary when he (turns) to pray? |
| 11. | Seest thou if He is on (the road of) Guidance? -- |
| 12. | Or enjoins Righteousness? |

13. Seest thou if he denies (Truth) and turns away?
14. Knoweth he not that Allah doth see?
15. Let him beware!
If he desist not, We will drag him by the forelock --
16. A lying, sinful forelock!
17. Then, let him call (for help) to his council (of comrades):
18. We will call on the angels of punishment (to deal with him)!
19. Nay, heed him not: but bow down in adoration, and bring thyself the closer (to Allah)! 🕌



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