



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

(The Sun)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

1	وَالشَّمْسِ وَضُحَاهَا	By the Sun and his (glorious) splendor;
2	وَالقَمَرِ إِذَا تَلَاهَا	By the Moon as she follow him;
3	وَالنَّهَارِ إِذَا جَلَّاهَا	By the Day as it shows up (the Sun's) glory;
4	وَاللَّيْلِ إِذَا يَغْشَاهَا	By the Night as it conceals it;
5	وَالسَّمَاءَ وَمَا بَنَاهَا	By the Firmament and its (wonderful) structure;

6	وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا طَحَّاها	
	By the Earth and its (wide) expanse;	
7	وَنُفُسٍ وَمَا سَوَّاها	
	By the Soul, and the proportion and order Given to it;	
8	فَأَهْمَّهَا فِجُورَهَا وَتَقْوَاهَا	
	And its enlightenment as to its wrong and its right; --	
9	قَدْ أَفْلَحَ مَنْ زَكَّاهَا	
	Truly he succeeds that purifies it,	
10	وَقَدْ خَابَ مَنْ دَسَّاهَا	
	And he fails that corrupts it!	
11	كَذَّبُوا شَمْوُذٍ بَطَغُوا هَا	
	The Thamud (people) rejected (their prophet) through their inordinate wrongdoing.	
12	إِذَا نَبَغَثْ أَشْقَاهَا	
	Behold, the most wicked Man among them was deputed (for impiety).	
13	فَقَالَ لَهُمْ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ نَاقَةَ اللَّهِ وَسُقْيَاها	
	But the messenger of Allah said to them:	
	"It is a She-camel of Allah! and (bar her not from) having her drink!"	

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فَكَذَّبُوهُ فَعَقَرُوهَا فَلَمْ يَأْتِهِمْ رَبُّهُمْ بِذَنْبِهِمْ فَسَوَّا هَـٰهَا

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)!

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وَلَا يَخَافُ عَقْبَاهَا

And for Him is no fear of its consequences.



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