



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 Alaq

(The Clot)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

1	اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ Proclaim! (or Read!) in the name of thy Lord and Cherisher, Who created --
2	خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ Created man, out of a (mere) clot of congealed blood:
3	اقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ Proclaim! And thy Lord is Most Bountiful --
4	الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ He Who taught (the use of) the Pen --
5	عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ Taught man that which he knew not.

6	<p>كَلَّا إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَيْطَغَى</p> <p>Nay, but man doth transgress all bounds,</p>
7	<p>أَنْ رَأَىٰ أَكْأَسْتَعْتَىٰ</p> <p>In that he looketh upon himself as self-sufficient.</p>
8	<p>إِنَّ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ الرُّجْعَىٰ</p> <p>Verily, to thy Lord is the return (of all).</p>
9	<p>أَرَأَيْتَ الَّذِي يَنْهَىٰ</p> <p>Seest thou one who forbids.</p>
10	<p>عَبْدًا إِذَا صَلَّىٰ</p> <p>A votary when he (turns) to pray?</p>
11	<p>أَرَأَيْتَ إِنْ كَانَ عَلَى الْهُدَىٰ</p> <p>Seest thou if He is on (the road of) Guidance? --</p>
12	<p>أَوْ أَمَرَ بِالتَّقْوَىٰ</p> <p>Or enjoins Righteousness?</p>
13	<p>أَرَأَيْتَ إِنْ كَذَّبَ وَتَوَلَّىٰ</p> <p>Seest thou if he denies (Truth) and turns away?</p>
.14	<p>أَلَمْ يَعْلَم بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ يَرَىٰ</p> <p>Knoweth he not that Allah doth see?</p>
15	<p>كَلَّا لَئِنْ لَمْ يَنْتَهِ لَنَسْفَعًا بِالنَّاصِيَةِ</p> <p>Let him beware! If he desist not, We will drag him by the forelock --</p>

16	<p style="text-align: center;">نَاصِيَةٍ كَاذِبَةٍ خَاطِئَةٍ</p> <p>A lying, sinful forelock!</p>
17	<p style="text-align: center;">فَلْيَدْعُ نَادِيَهُ</p> <p>Then, let him call (for help) to his council (of comrades):</p>
18	<p style="text-align: center;">سَنَدْعُ الزَّبَانِيَةَ</p> <p>We will call on the angels of punishment (to deal with him)!</p>
19	<p style="text-align: center;">كَلَّا لَا تُطِيعُهُ وَاسْجُدْ وَاقْتَرِبْ ۝</p> <p>Nay, heed him not: but bow down in adoration, and bring thyself the closer (to Allah)!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p>



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