



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 Munafiqun

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

1. When the Hypocrites come to thee, they say,
"We bear witness that thou art indeed the Messenger of Allah."
Yea, Allah knoweth that thou art indeed His Messenger, and Allah beareth witness that the Hypocrites are indeed liars.
2. They have made their oaths a screen (for their misdeeds): thus they obstruct (men) from the Path of Allah: truly evil are their deeds.
3. That is because they believed, then they rejected Faith: so a seal was set on their hearts: therefore they understand not.
4. When thou lookest at them, their exteriors please thee;
and when they speak, thou listenest to their words.
They are as (worthless as hollow) pieces of timber propped up, (unable to stand on their own).
They think that every cry is against them.
They are the enemies; so beware of them.
The curse of Allah be on them!
How are they deluded (away from the Truth)!
5. And when it is said to them,
"Come, the Messenger of Allah will pray for your forgiveness,"
they turn aside their heads, and thou wouldst see them turning away their faces in arrogance.

6. It is equal to them whether thou pray for their forgiveness or not. Allah will not forgive them.
Truly Allah guides not rebellious transgressors.
7. They are the ones who say,
"Spend nothing on those who are with Allah's Messenger, to the end that they may disperse (and quit Madinah)."
But to Allah belong the treasures of the heavens and the earth; but the Hypocrites understand not.
8. They say,
"If we return to Madinah, surely the more honorable (element) will expel there from the meaner."
But honor belongs to Allah and His Messenger, and to the Believers; but the Hypocrites know not.
9. O ye who believe!
let not your riches or your children divert you from the remembrance of Allah.
If any act thus, the loss is their own.
10. And spend something (in charity) out of the substance which We have bestowed on you, before death should come to any of you and he should say,
"O my Lord!
why didst thou not give me respite for a little while?
I should then have given (largely) in charity, and I should have been one of the doers of good."
11. But to no soul will Allah grant respite when the time appointed (for it) has come:
and Allah is well-acquainted with (all) that ye do.



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