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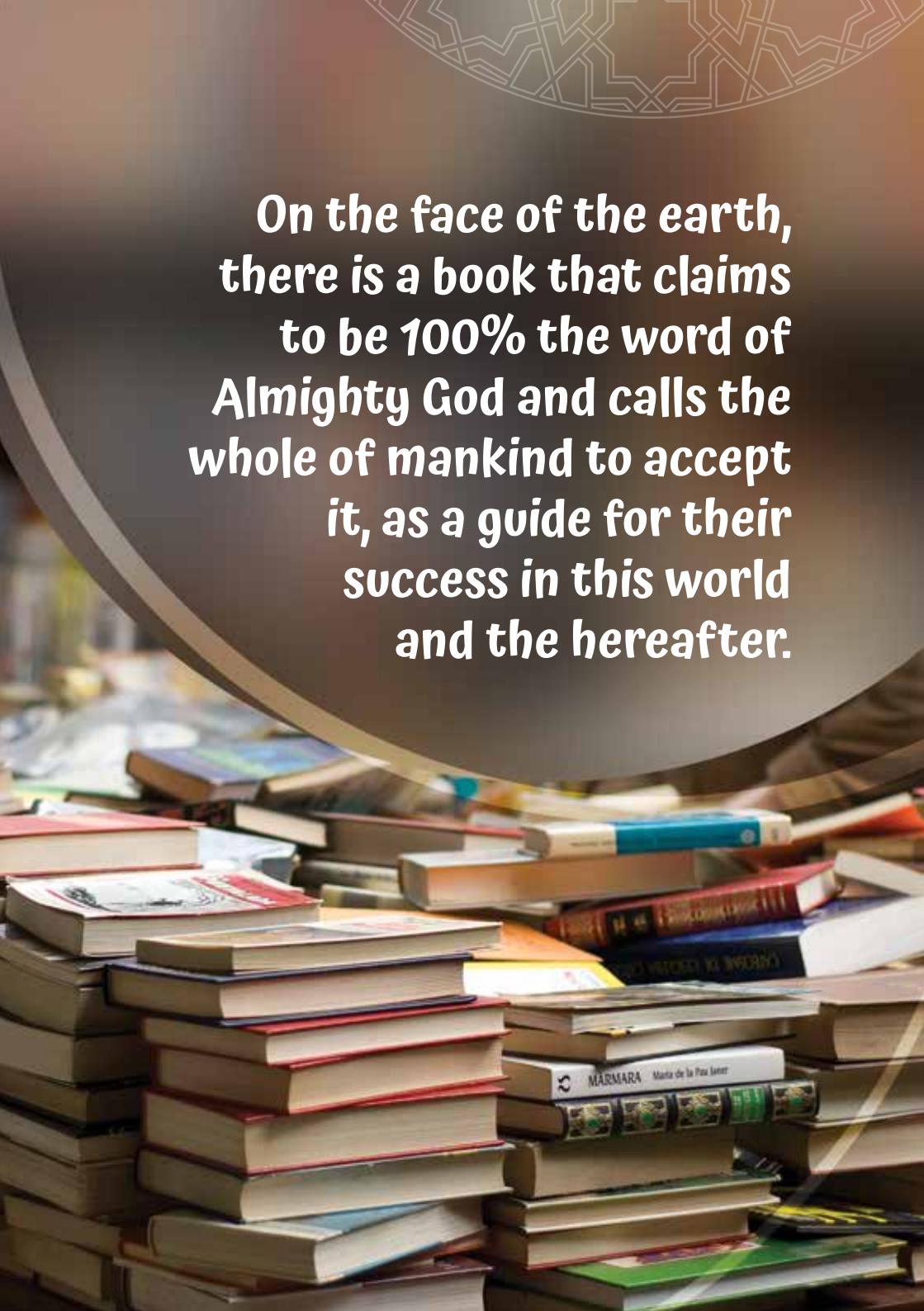


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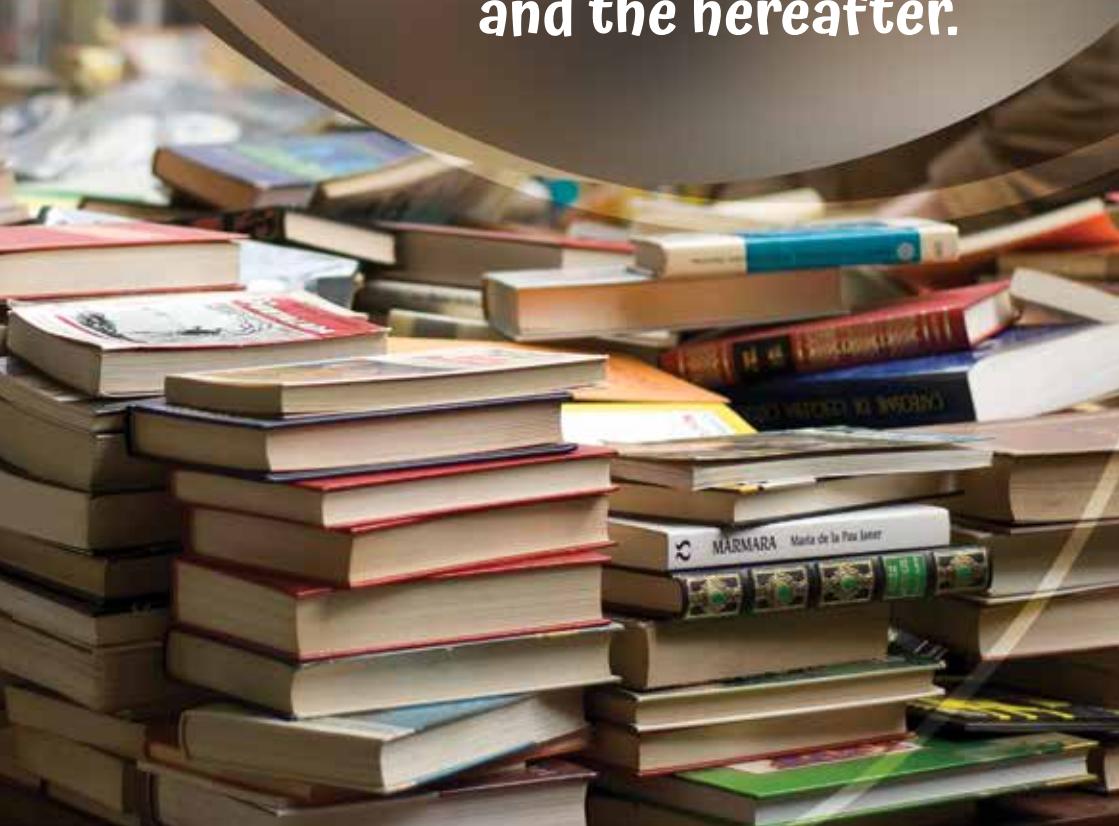
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**On the face of the earth,  
there is a book that claims  
to be 100% the word of  
Almighty God and calls the  
whole of mankind to accept  
it, as a guide for their  
success in this world  
and the hereafter.**



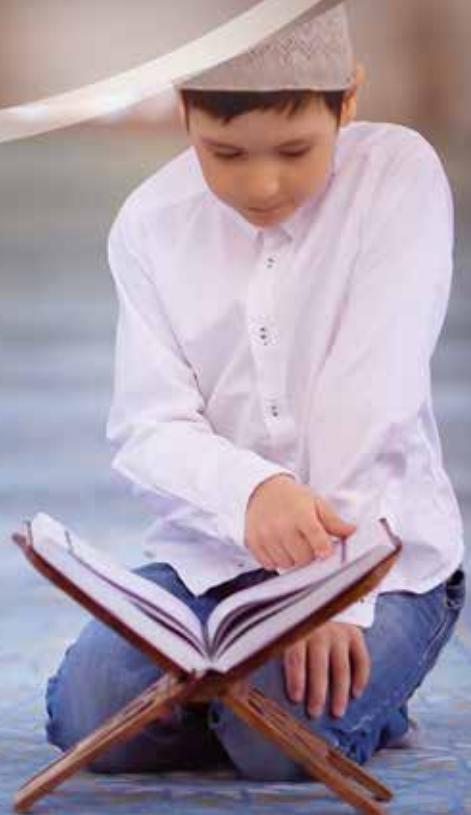
**Yes, you are right, it is the Qur'an, which says "Do they not reflect upon the Qur'an? If it had been from any other than Allah, they would have found within it much contradiction".** (The Qur'an: 04:82)



**Additionally, the Qur'an has challenged and invited mankind to try to produce a text like the Quran, or even a chapter, or even a single verse and you will be surprised to know that the challenge has not been met to this day!**



**Therefore, let us go through this small booklet which will enable us to know about the Qur'an, understand its message, and recognize its authenticity.**



The Qur'an  
(Al-Qur'an) is an  
Arabic word meaning  
'The Recitation'.



The Qur'an is originally written in Arabic, but its meaning has been translated into many notable languages, making it accessible to a wide audience.



**The Qur'an has 114 chapters.  
Each chapter has a different  
number of verses. The First  
chapter of the Qur'an is  
called 'Al Fatiha' meaning:  
'The Opening' and the  
last chapter is 'An-Nas'  
meaning: 'Mankind'**

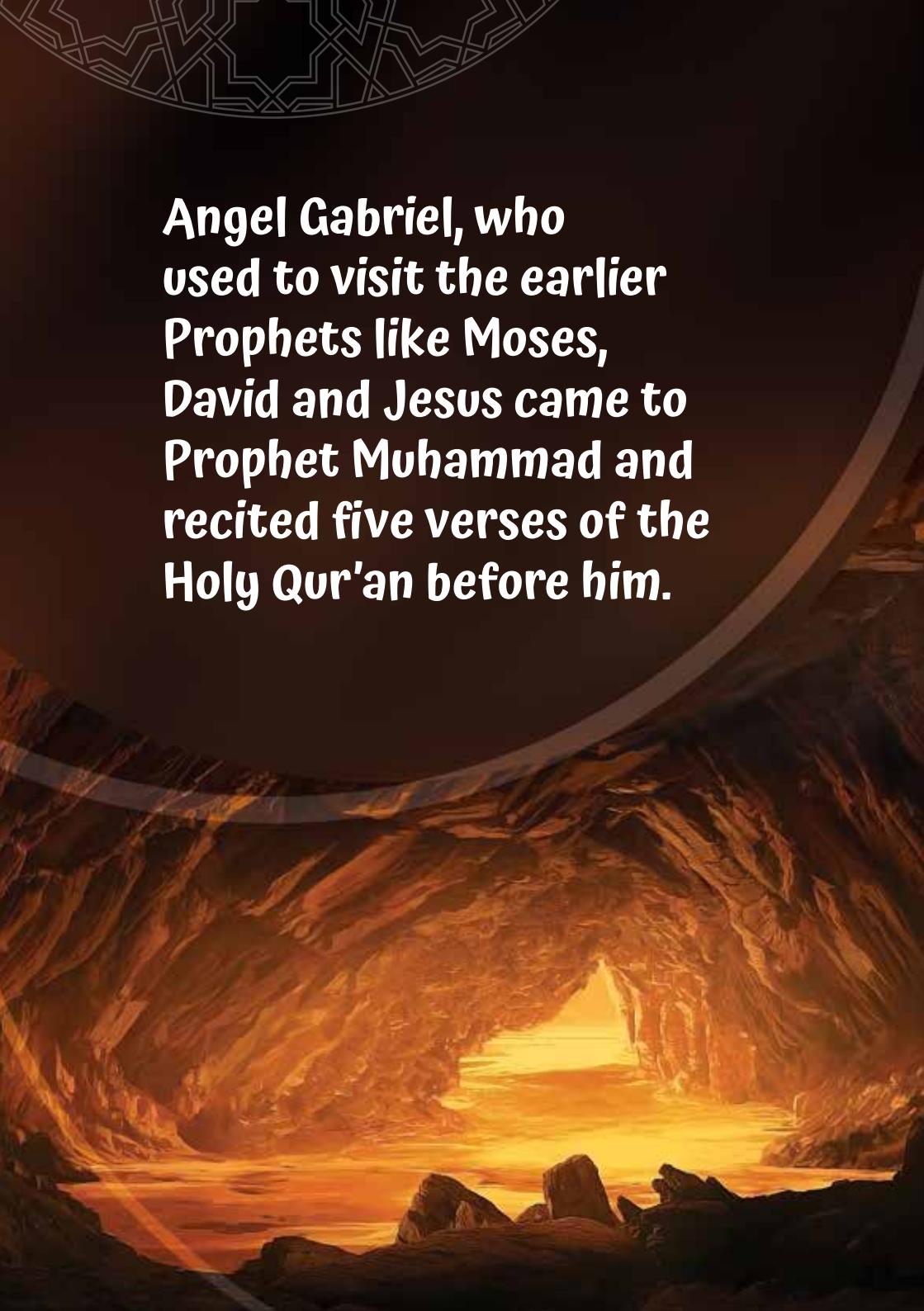
**As the Torah was revealed to  
Prophet Moses, the Psalms  
to Prophet David, and the  
Gospel to Prophet Jesus, the  
Quran was revealed to the  
last and final Messenger,  
Muhammad (peace be  
upon them all).**



**The first revelation of the  
Holy Quran took place while  
Prophet Muhammad (peace  
be upon him) was retreating  
and contemplating the  
mysteries of the world and  
its Creator in the cave  
called "Hira".**



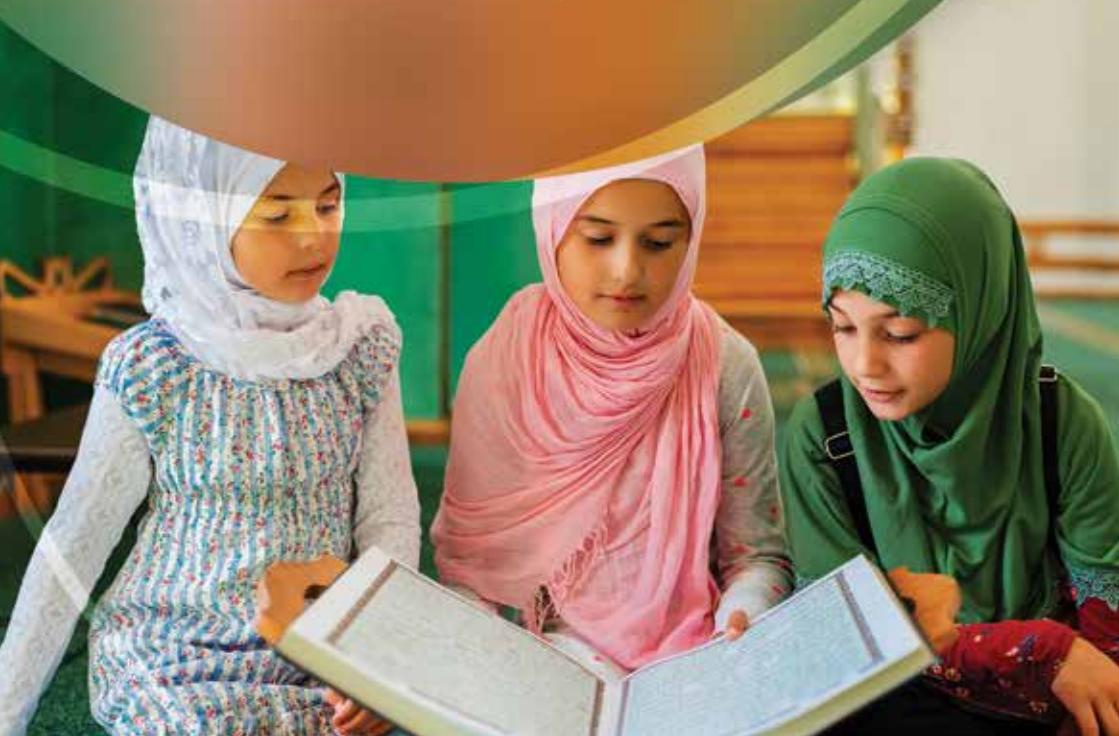
**Angel Gabriel, who  
used to visit the earlier  
Prophets like Moses,  
David and Jesus came to  
Prophet Muhammad and  
recited five verses of the  
Holy Qur'an before him.**



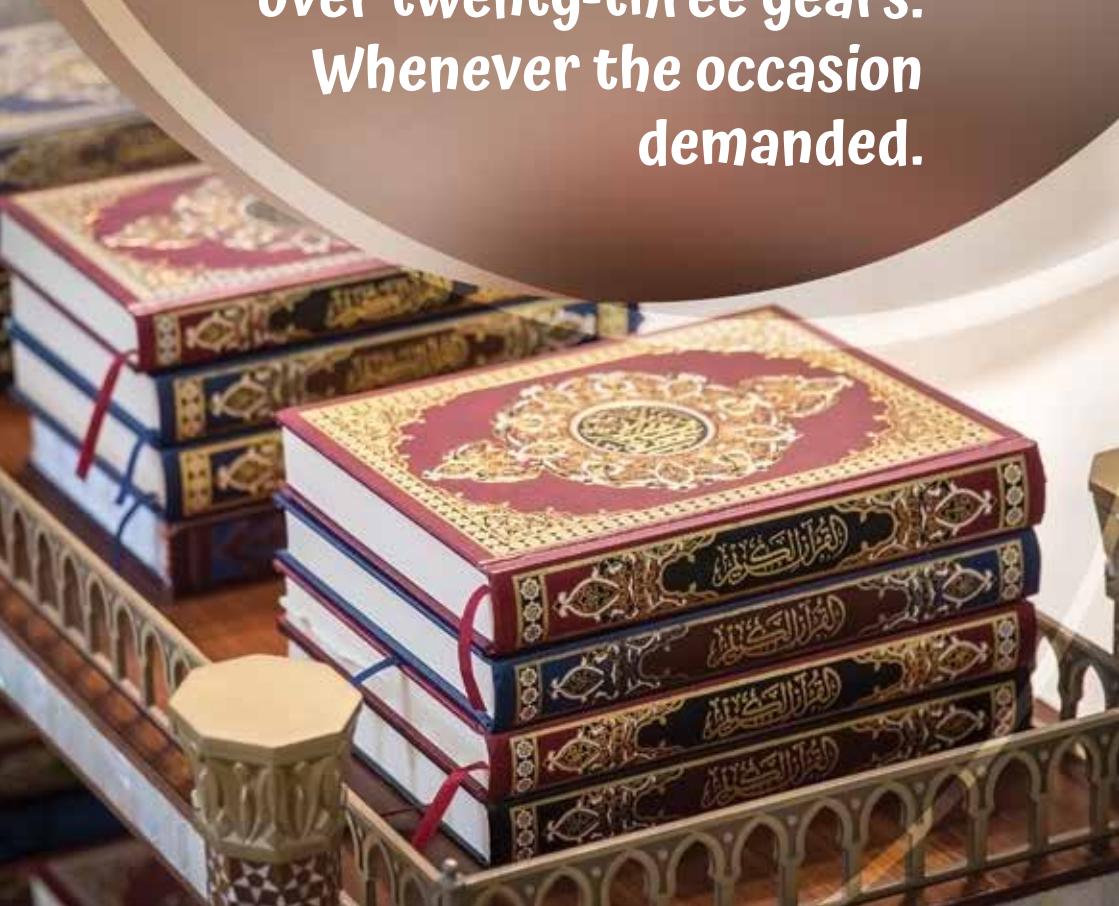
The first few verses revealed to the Prophet were from chapter 96 of the Quran, which says: 'Recite in the name of your Lord who created - Created man from a clinging substance. Recite, and your Lord is the Most Generous - Who taught by the pen - Taught man that which he knew not.'

(The Qur'an: 96:1-5)

**The Holy Qur'an differs from all previous holy scriptures as they were meant for a particular community of people and for a certain period, whereas the Quran was revealed to the whole of mankind, and it represents the last and final word of Allah to humanity.**



**Additionally, the Quran was not revealed as an entire book handed down to the Prophet all together at once; rather, it was sent down in bits and parts over twenty-three years. Whenever the occasion demanded.**





**The Qur'an has 114 chapters. Some of the chapters were revealed in Makkah, and the rest in Madinah.**



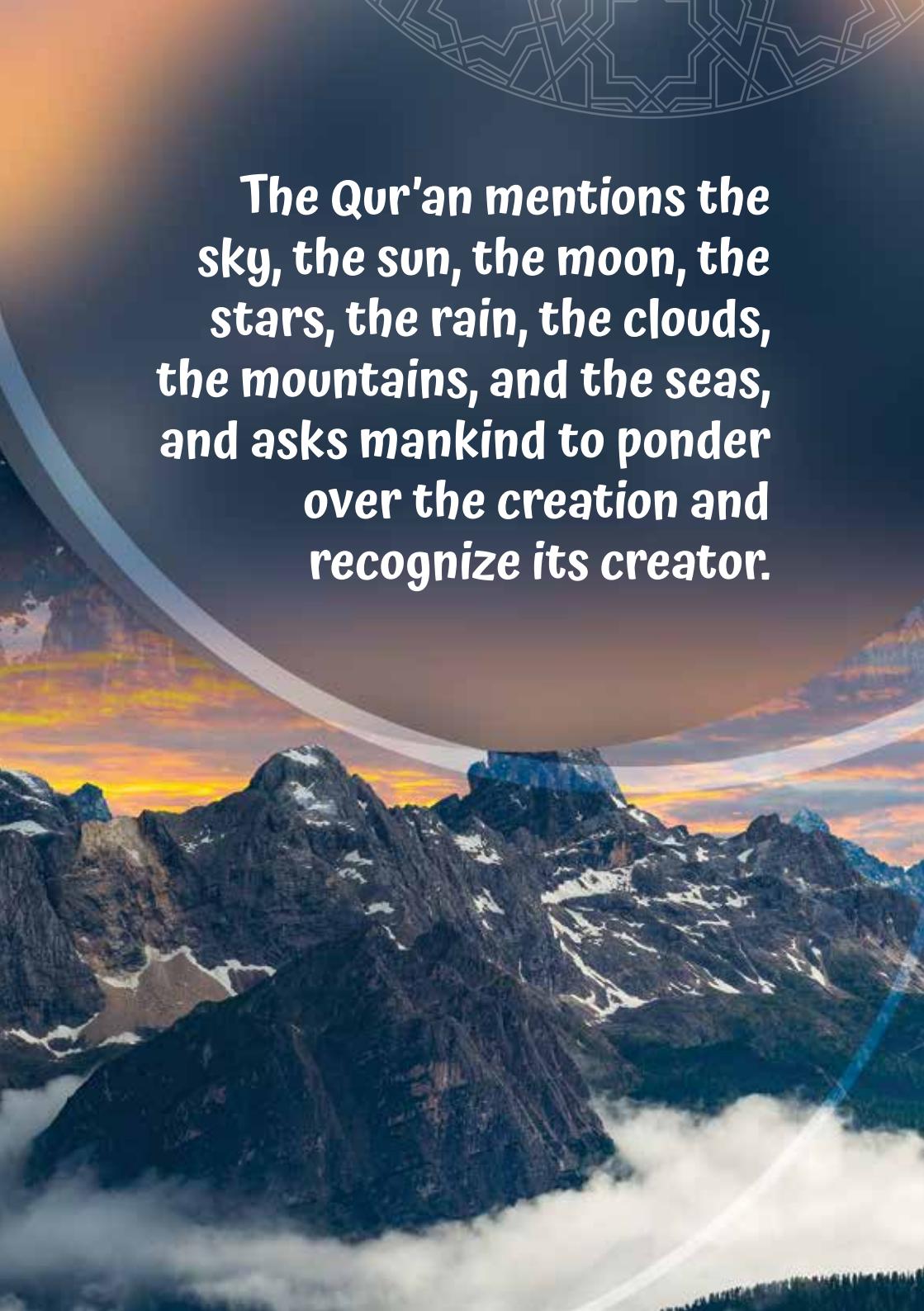
A verse from chapter 2  
of the Qur'an talks about  
worshiping the One God:  
**"O mankind! Worship your  
Lord, Who created you and  
those who were before  
you so that you may  
become pious.**

(The Qur'an: 02:21)



**Associating others with Allah in worship is another major topic frequently discussed in the Qur'an. 'Kufr'-rejecting God or 'Shirk'-associating others with Him are considered major sins and a 'great injustice' in the Qur'an.**

**The Qur'an mentions the sky, the sun, the moon, the stars, the rain, the clouds, the mountains, and the seas, and asks mankind to ponder over the creation and recognize its creator.**



A verse in chapter 3 of the Qur'an calls mankind to ponder over the creation saying: "Verily! In the creation of the heavens and the earth, and in the alternation of night and day, there are indeed signs for men of understanding."

(The Qur'an: 03:190)

**Animals, birds, reptiles, and insects are also mentioned in the holy Qur'an. A verse in chapter 06 is worth-mentioning in this context.**

**"And there is no creature on the earth or bird that flies with its wings except that they are communities like you. (The Quran: 06:38)**



One of the purposes of mentioning these animals is to ponder upon them and to accept the greatness of almighty God as mentioned in this verse: "Do they not see the birds held flying in the midst of the sky? None holds them but Allah. Verily, in this are clear proofs and signs for people who believe." (The Qur'an:16:79)





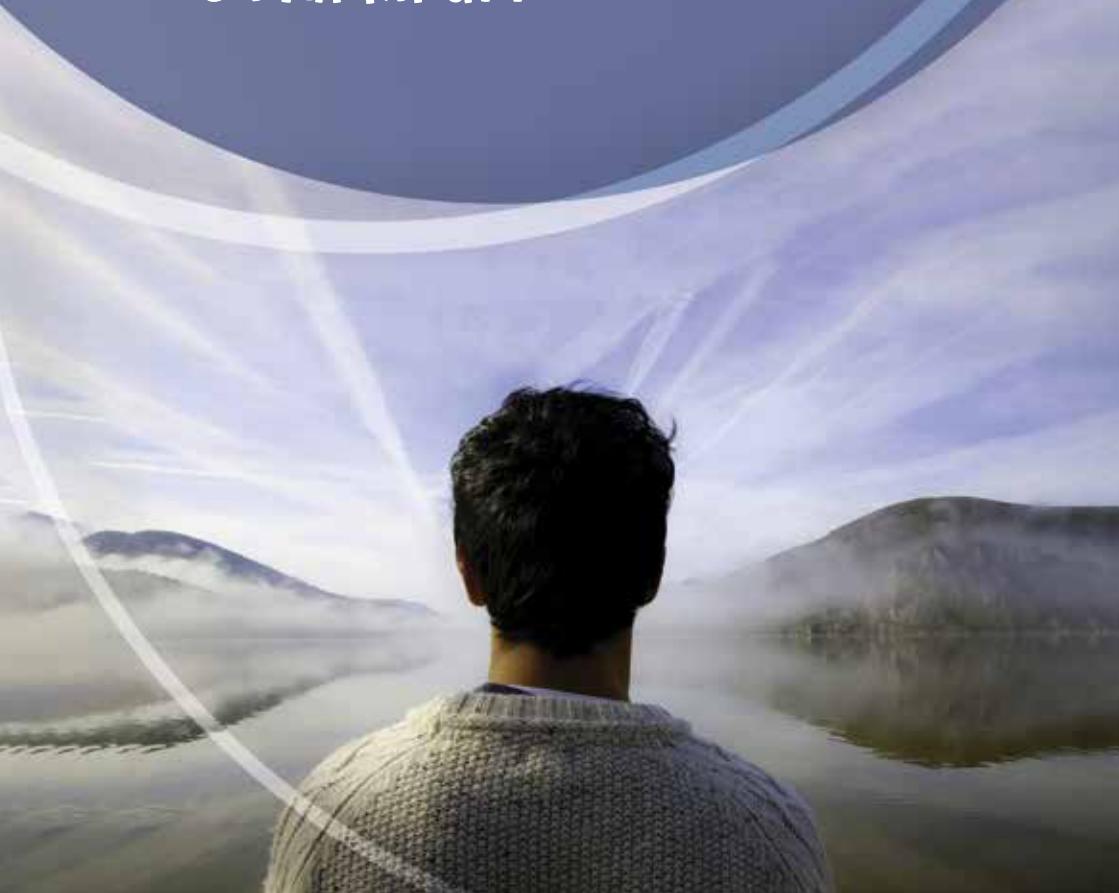
**Grains, vegetables and fruits  
are also mentioned in the  
Qur'an as a blessing and mercy  
from God. The Quran mentions:**

**"Allah causes to grow for you  
the crops, the olives, the date  
palms, the grapes, and every  
kind of fruit. Verily! In this is  
indeed an evident proof and  
a manifest sign for people  
who give thought."**

**(The Quran: 16:11)**

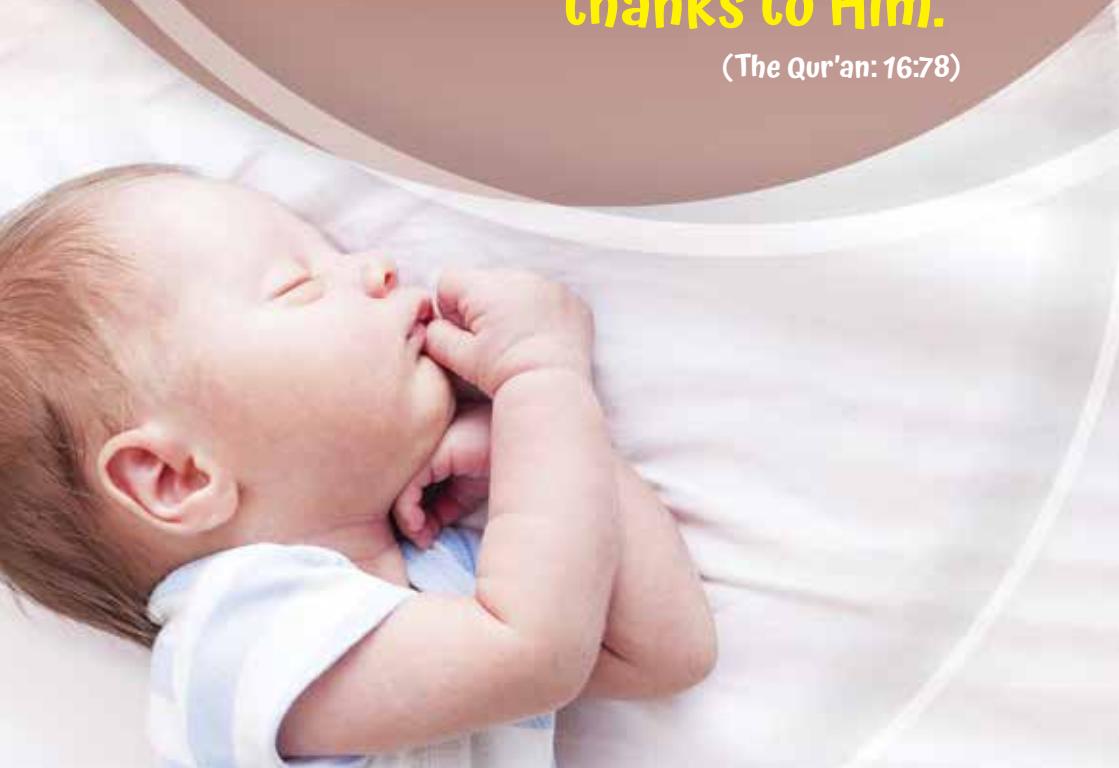


**The main theme of the Holy Quran is humankind, and the entire book is directed to every human being, and hundreds of verses begin with the statement saying: "O mankind!".**



A verse in chapter 16 of the Quran talks about the creation of man: "Allah has brought you out from the wombs of your mothers while you knew nothing. And He gave you hearing, sight, and hearts that you might give thanks to Him."

(The Qur'an: 16:78)



**Another verse concerning  
the creation of man says:  
“O man! What has made you  
careless concerning your  
Lord, the Most Generous?  
Who created you, fashioned  
you perfectly, and gave you  
due proportion; In whatever  
form He willed, He put you  
together.”** (The Qur'an: 82:6-8)



Concerning our parents,  
the Qur'an commands us  
to honor them, obey them,  
and be kind to them as it  
says: **"Worship Allah and  
join none with Him in  
worship and do good to  
parents."** (The Qur'an: 04:36)



In relation to the family life, the Qur'an says: "And among His signs is this, that He created for you wives from among yourselves, that you may find repose in them, and He has put between you affection and mercy. Verily, in that are indeed signs for a people who reflect."

(The Qur'an: 30:21)



The Qur'an considers all humanity as one family as it declares: "O mankind! We have created you from a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, so that you may know one another"

(The Qur'an: 49:13)



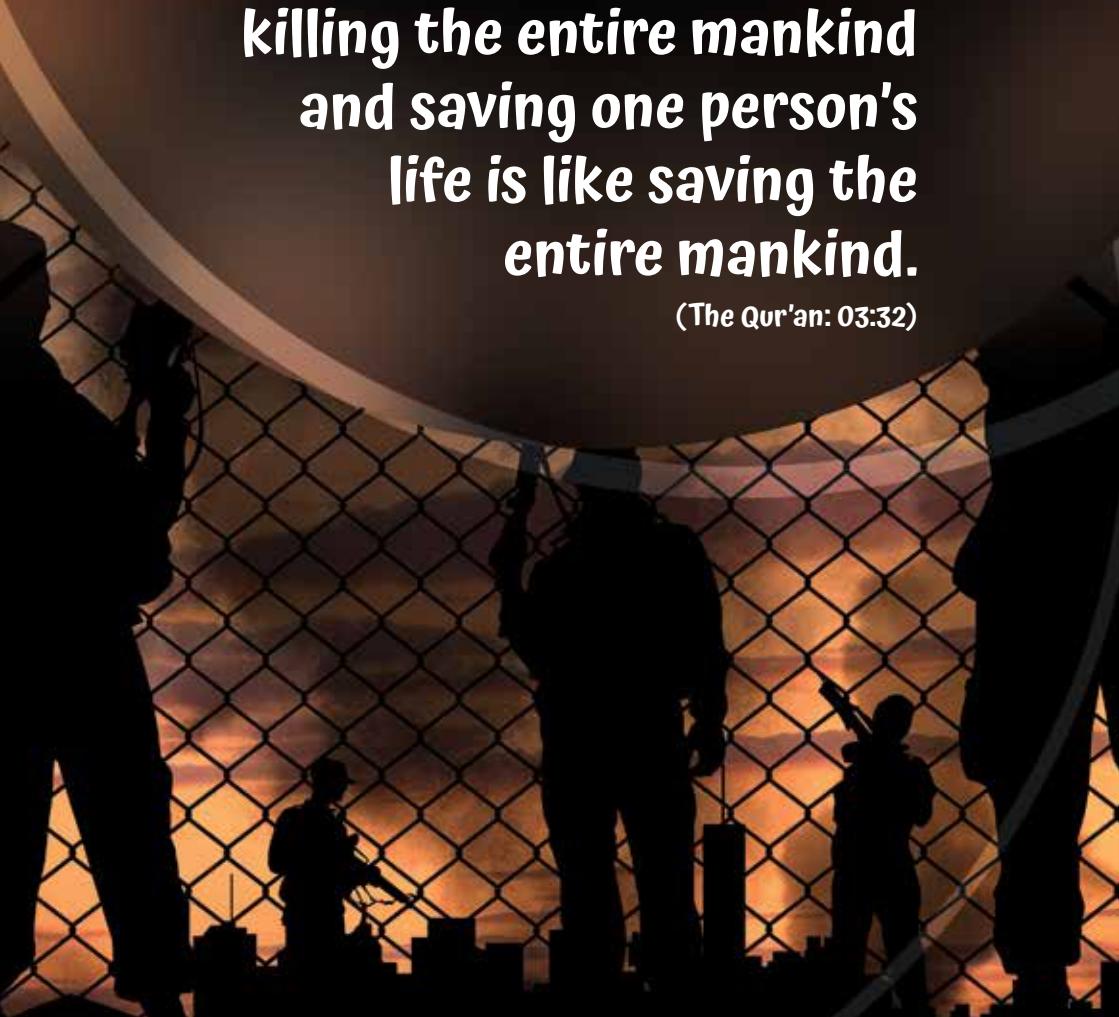
The Qur'an promotes peace, harmony, patience and safety as it states: "**Verily, whosoever shows patience and forgives that would truly be from the things recommended by God.**"

(The Qur'an: 42:43)



**The Qur'an denounces  
all acts of extremism,  
terrorism, and bloodshed  
and declares that killing  
an innocent person is like  
killing the entire mankind  
and saving one person's  
life is like saving the  
entire mankind.**

**(The Qur'an: 03:32)**



**Justice is one of the most important topics of the Holy Qur'an. The Qur'an says: "Let not the enmity and hatred of others make you avoid justice. Be just: that is nearer to piety."**

**The Qur'an: (05:08)**



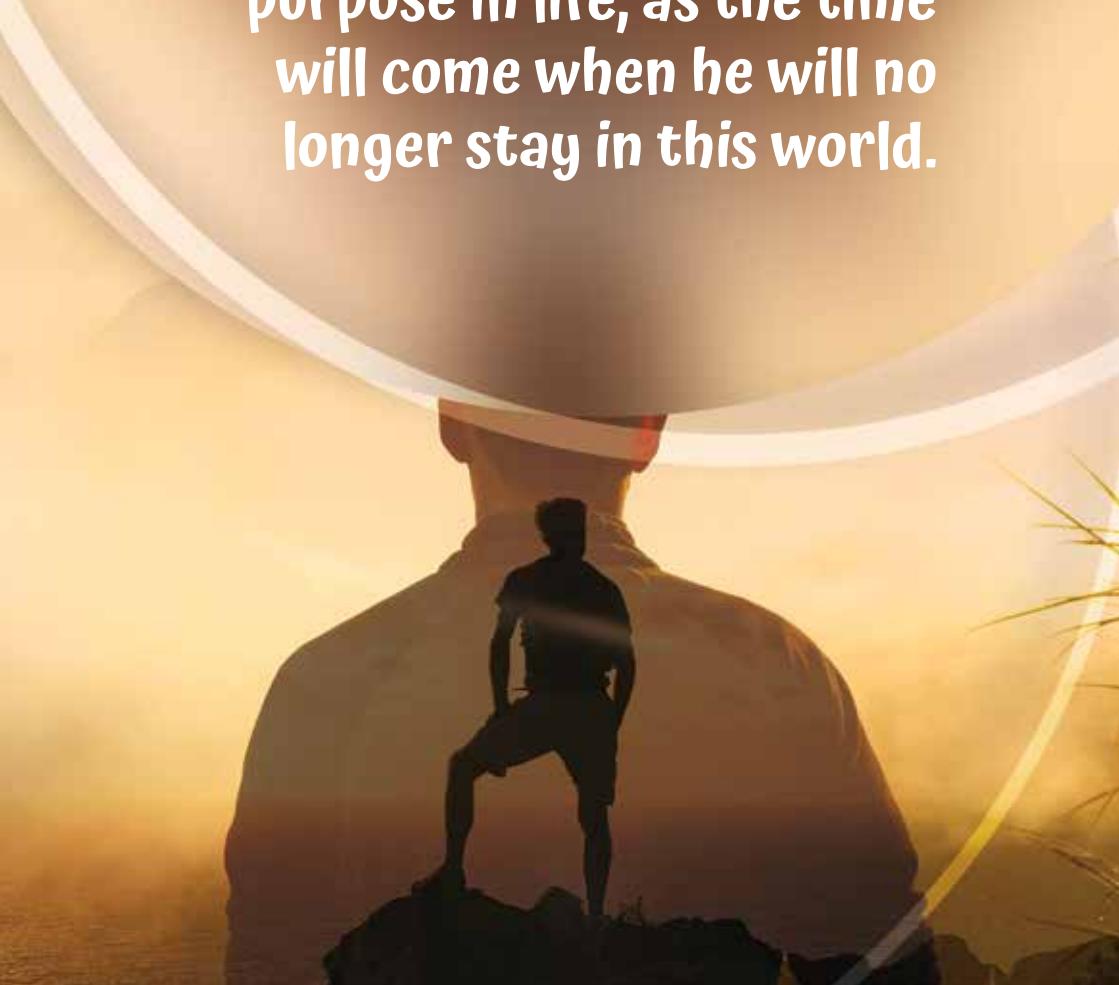
**Everything good for us and others is endorsed by the Qur'an. Helping, guiding, caring, sharing, respecting, kindness, cheerfulness, telling the truth and fulfilling promises are some of the good acts promoted by the Holy Quran.**



**Everything harmful to us and others is prohibited by the Qur'an. Fighting, lying, mocking, insulting, suspecting, backbiting, hating and stealing are among the bad acts prohibited by the Qur'an.**



**The Qur'an considers the life of this world as nothing but a test. Every individual in this world has been given a short duration to discover his true purpose in life, as the time will come when he will no longer stay in this world.**



The Qur'an confirms death as 'an unavoidable fact' and says:

**"Wheresoever you may be, death will overtake you even if you are in fortresses built up strong and high!"**

(The Qur'an: 04:78)

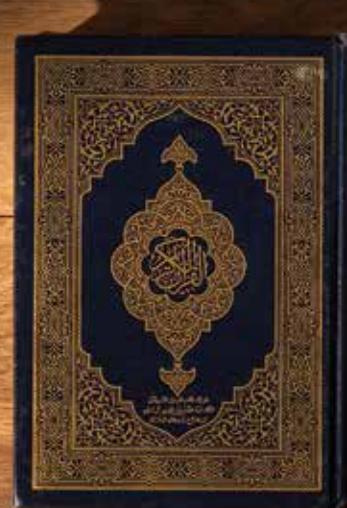


Additionally, the Quran brings the fact that death is not the end of our lives, rather there is a life after death. Verse 183 of Chapter 3 says: **"Every soul will taste death, and you will only be given your full compensation on the Day of Resurrection."**

(The Qur'an:03:185)



**The Quran gives glad  
tidings to those who shape  
their lives according to  
its guidance and promises  
them eternal Paradise  
and the mercy of the  
Almighty God.**

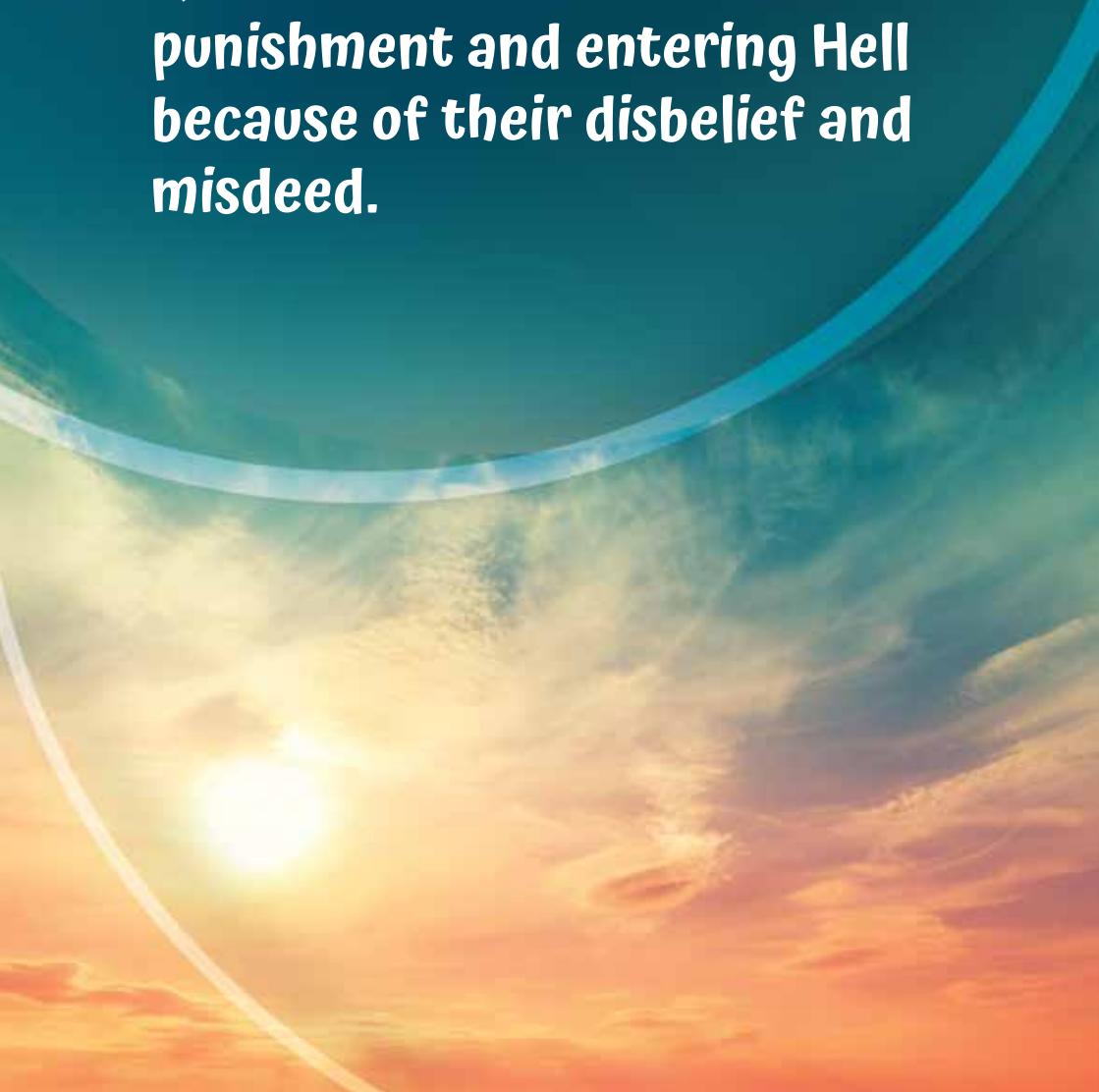


**Describing Paradise, the Qur'an states: ".their reward with their Lord is Gardens of Paradise, underneath which rivers flow, they will abide therein forever, Allah is well-Pleased with them, and they with Him. That is for him who fears his Lord."**

**(The Qur'an:98:08)**



**For those who spend their lives without a purpose, the Quran warns them of severe punishment and entering Hell because of their disbelief and misdeed.**

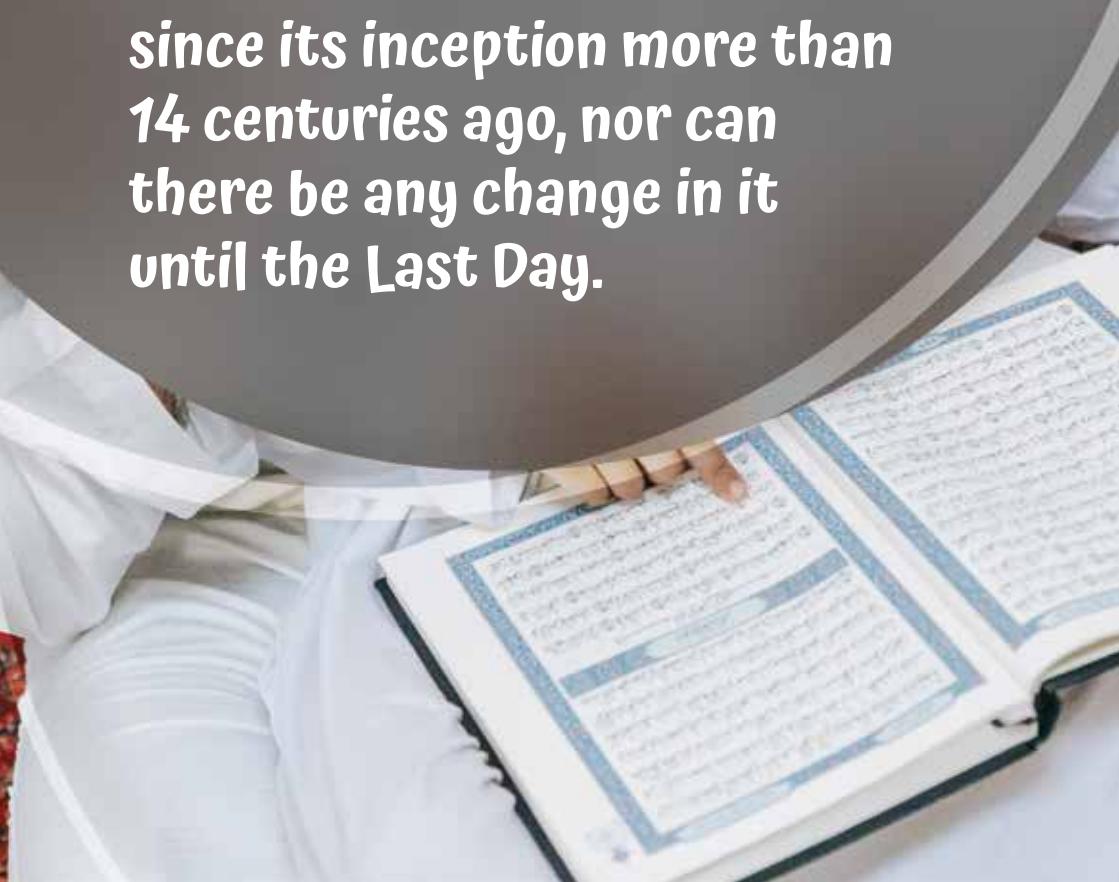


The Qur'an provides comprehensive guidance on various aspects of life including social, economic, political and other fields. The Quran says: "Indeed, this Qur'an guides to that which is most suitable and gives good tidings to the believers who do righteous deeds that they will have a great reward."

(the Qur'an:17:09)



**The Holy Qur'an is unquestionably the only religious book on the face of the earth that has retained its textual purity, in the sense that, not a single letter has been added to or subtracted from it since its inception more than 14 centuries ago, nor can there be any change in it until the Last Day.**



The reason is that Allah Himself has taken up the responsibility for guarding it against corruption, as mentioned in the Qur'an: "Indeed, it is We who sent down the Qur'an and indeed, We will be its guardian." (The Qur'an:15:09)

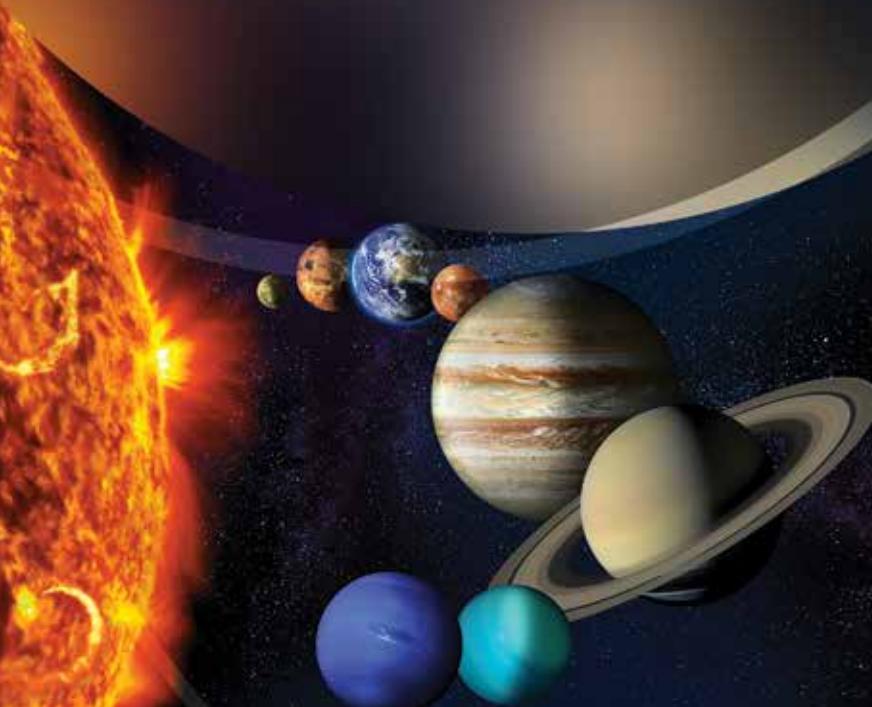


**A further source of the Qur'an's pristine purity, is the fact that the text of the Qur'an has been preserved in the hearts of countless Muslims (especially children) throughout history.**

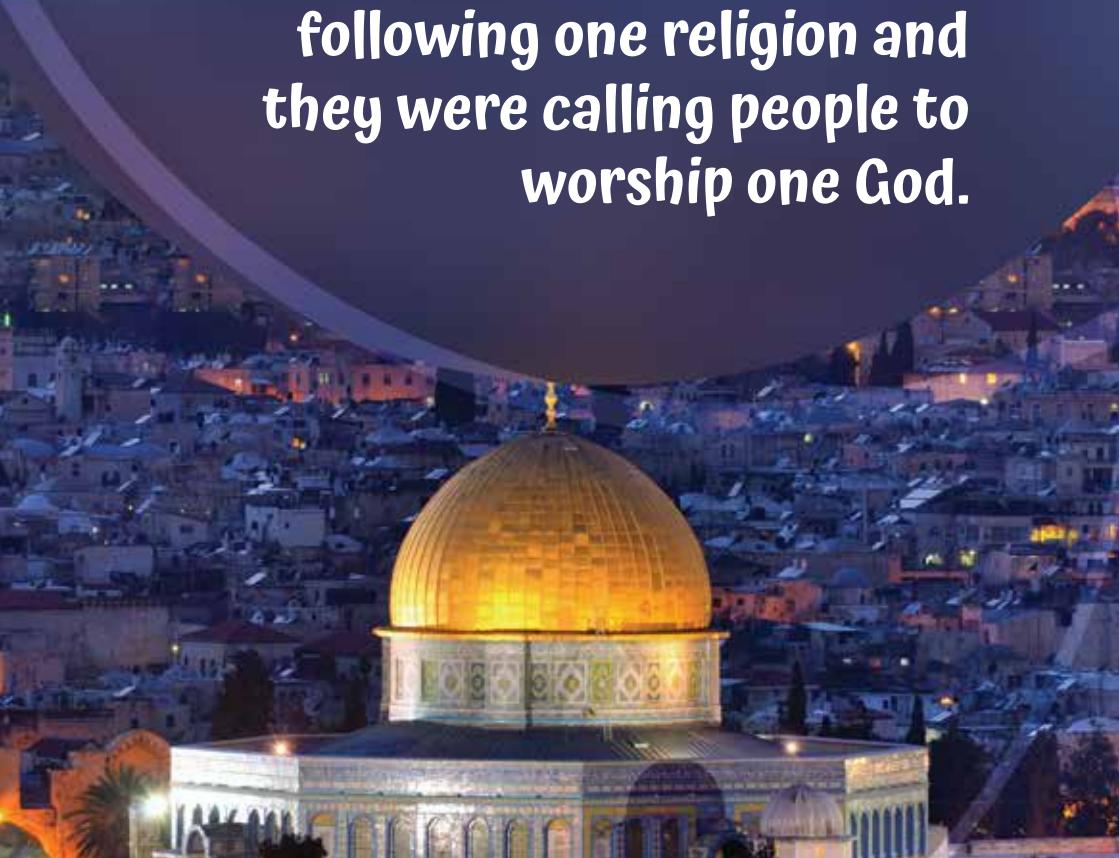


**The Qur'an states numerous scientific facts that modern science confirms. It contains considerable information about astronomy, embryology, geology and hydrology, to name just a few.**

**The Qur'an has also stated facts that have amazed even the greatest of scientists. The big bang and the creation of the universe, the rotation of the earth, the expansion of the universe and the creation of humankind in different stages are some examples.**



**The Qur'an calls every individual to follow the path of the prophets such as Noah, Abraham, David, Solomon, Joseph, John and Jesus (peace be upon them all) and mentions that all these prophets were following one religion and they were calling people to worship one God.**



The Qur'an additionally calls everyone to believe in the last and final Messenger of God- Muhammad (peace be upon him) and follow him and declares that "If you obey him, you shall be on the right guidance."

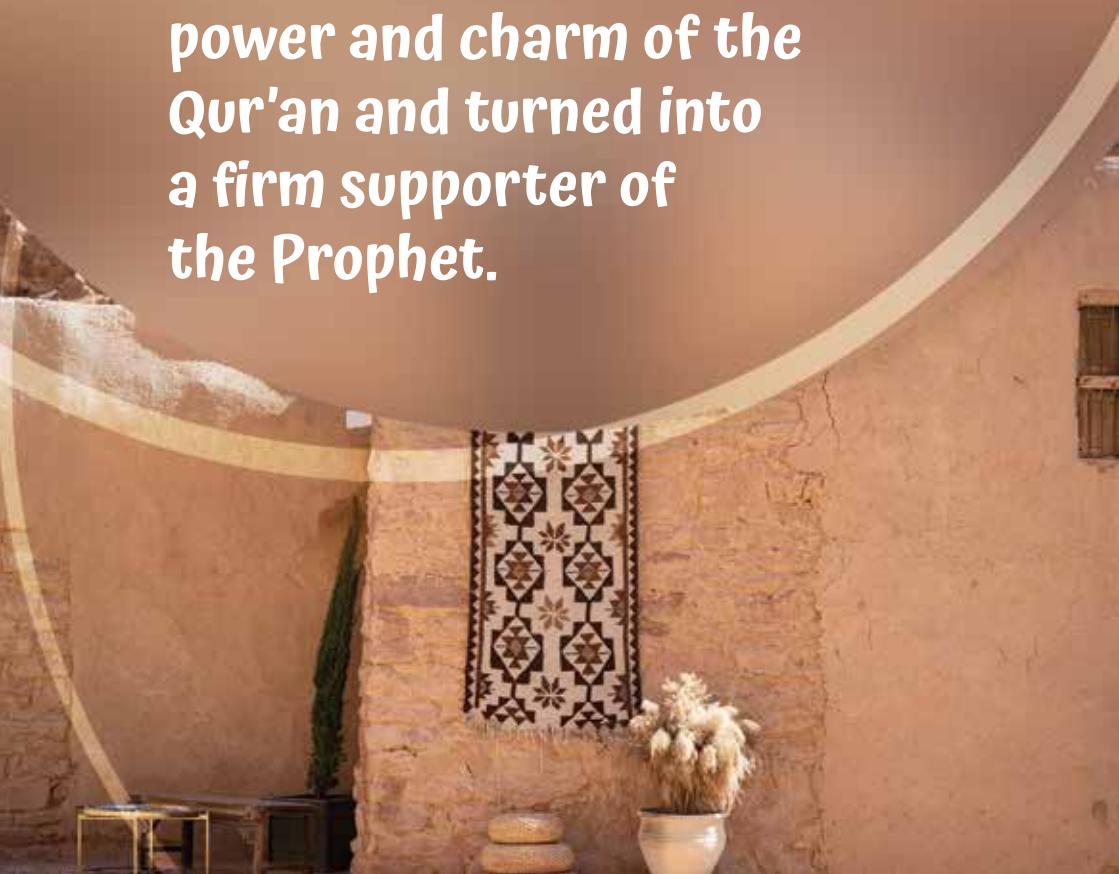
(The Qur'an:24:54)



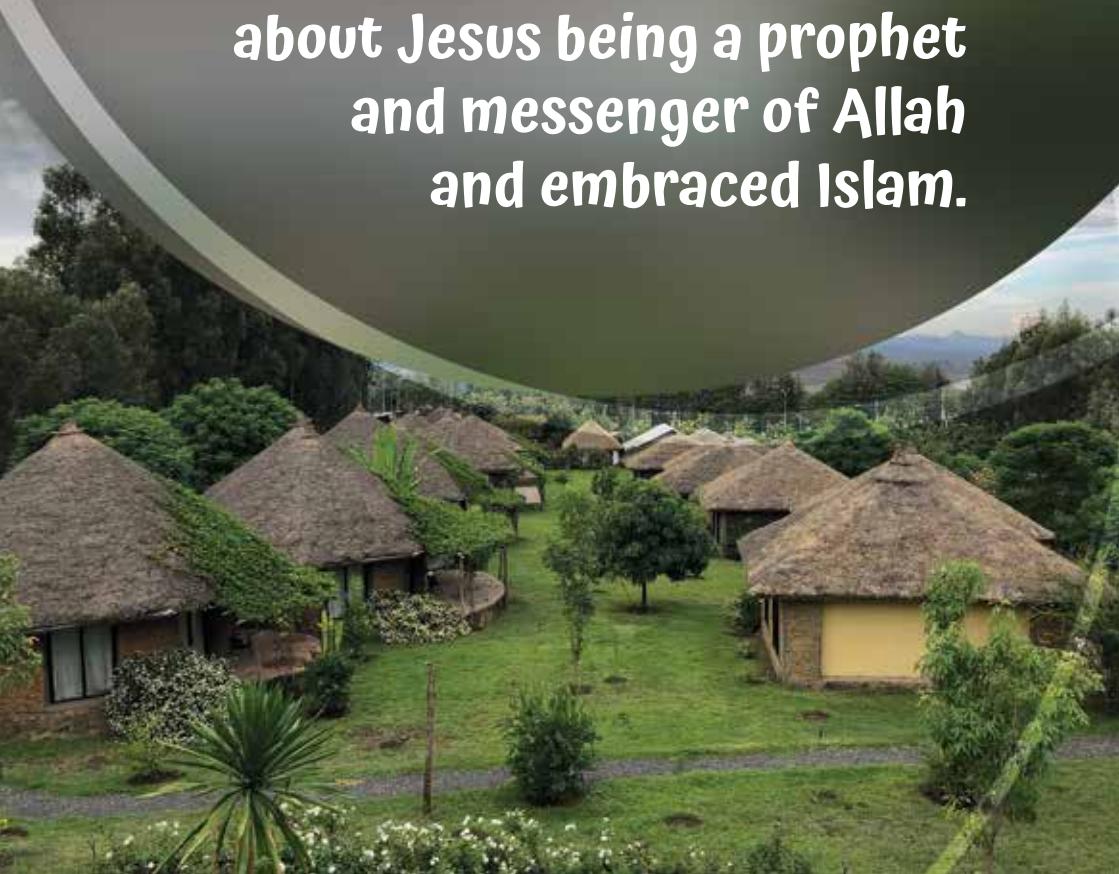
**Islam is the religion chosen by  
the Qur'an for the guidance  
of mankind, as God almighty  
says in the Qur'an: "This day,  
I have perfected your religion  
for you, completed My Favour  
upon you, and have chosen  
for you Islam as your  
religion."** (The Qur'an:05:03)



**The Qur'an has brought about a reformation in the lives of countless people. Umar Bin Khattab, once a sworn enemy of the Prophet, who was ready to kill him with his sword, succumbed to the power and charm of the Qur'an and turned into a firm supporter of the Prophet.**



**On hearing the verses of the Qur'an, the ruler of Ethiopia, a Christian by birth who used to deify Prophet Jesus and his venerable mother before reverting to Islam, accepted the description of the Qur'an about Jesus being a prophet and messenger of Allah and embraced Islam.**

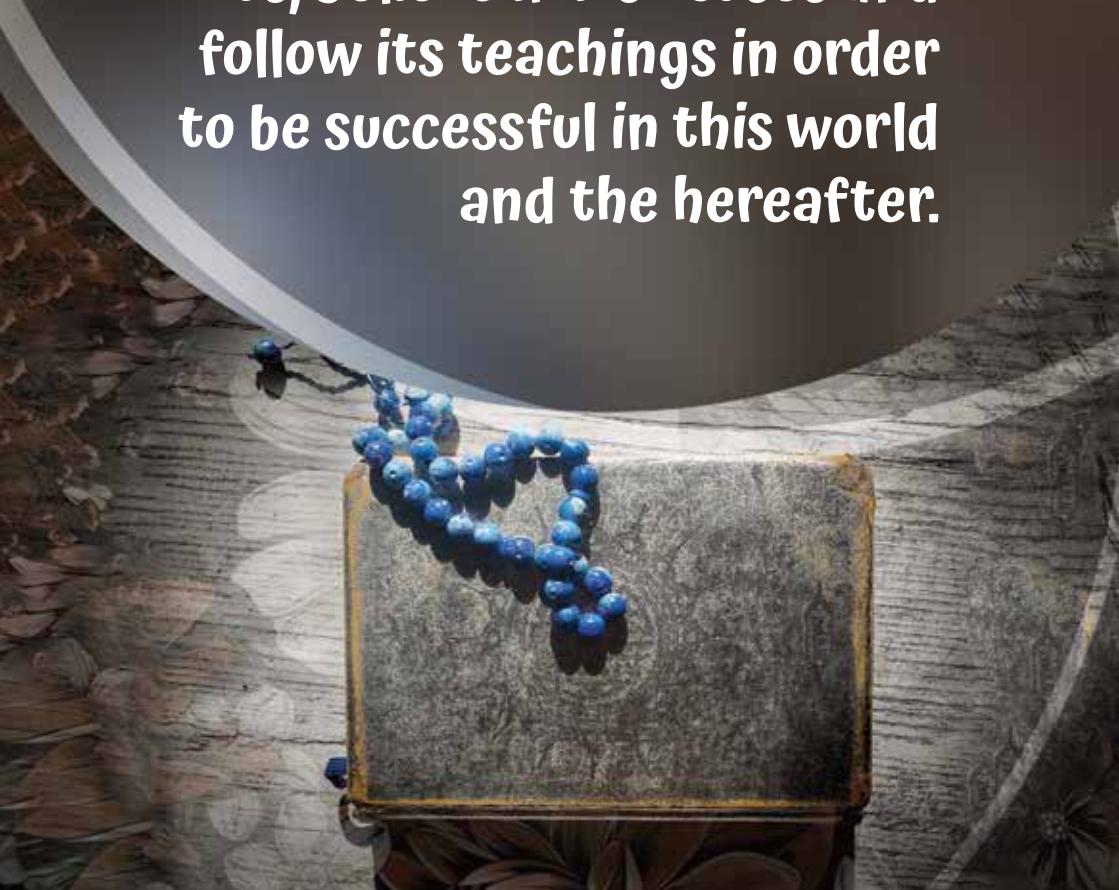


Maurice Bucaille who is known for his book 'The Bible, The Qur'an and Science' accepted Islam following his study of the mummy of the Egyptian Pharaoh Ramesses II about whom the Quran says: **"This day We shall deliver your dead body (out from the sea) that you may be a sign to those who come after you!"**

(The Qur'an:10:92)



**This Qur'an is not meant for  
Muslims only, rather, it is  
"A GUIDE FOR MANKIND." So  
let us all turn to this book,  
investigate it, explore what  
almighty Allah has stored for  
us, believe in its verses and  
follow its teachings in order  
to be successful in this world  
and the hereafter.**





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