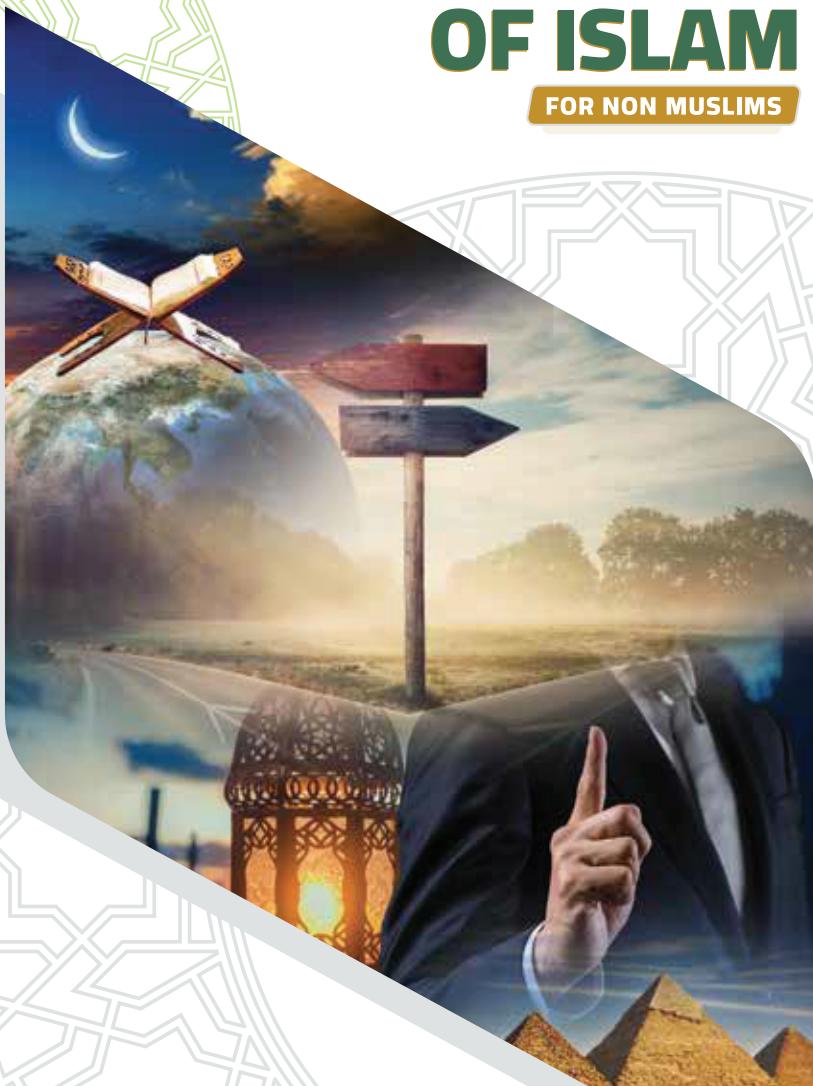


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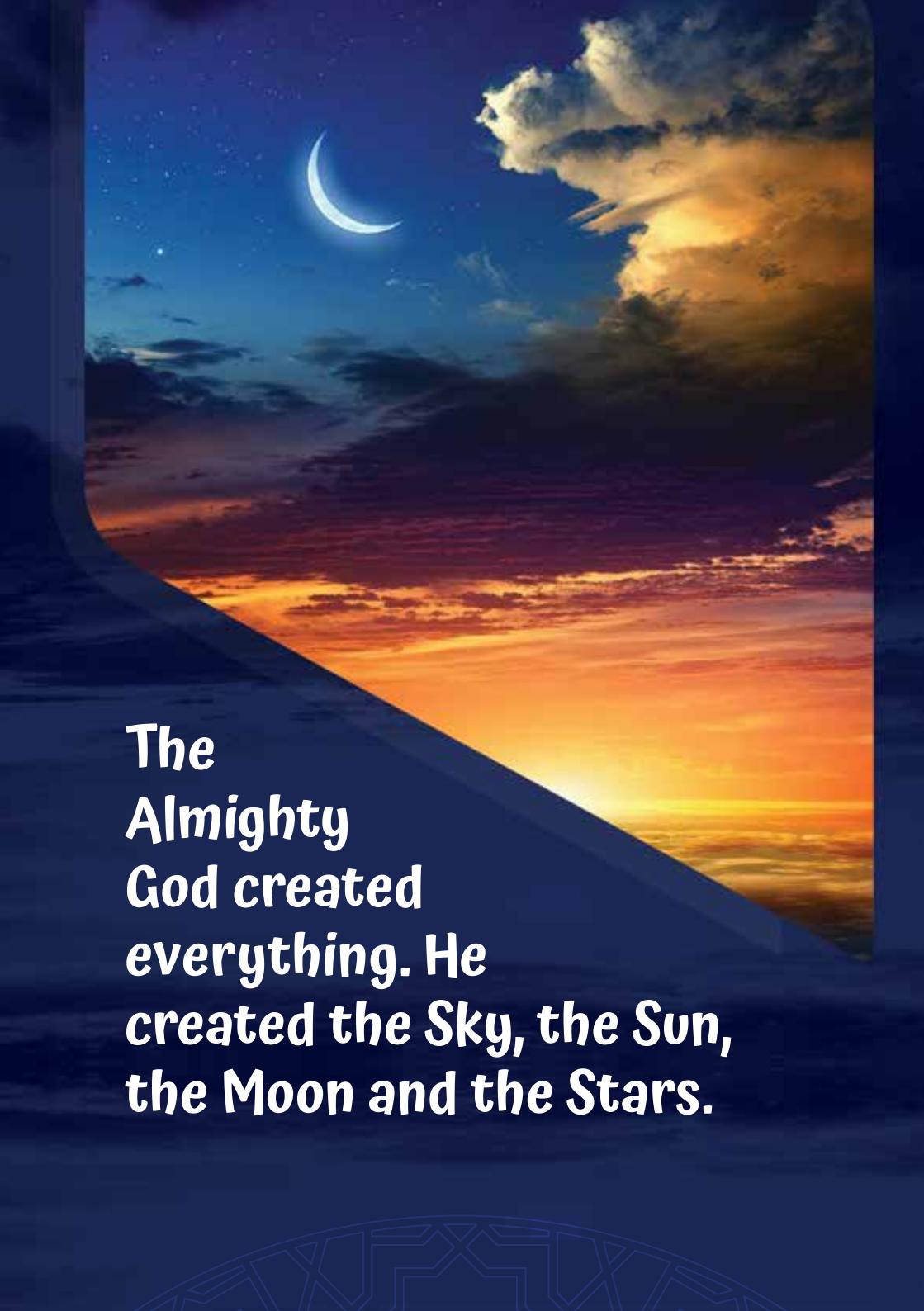
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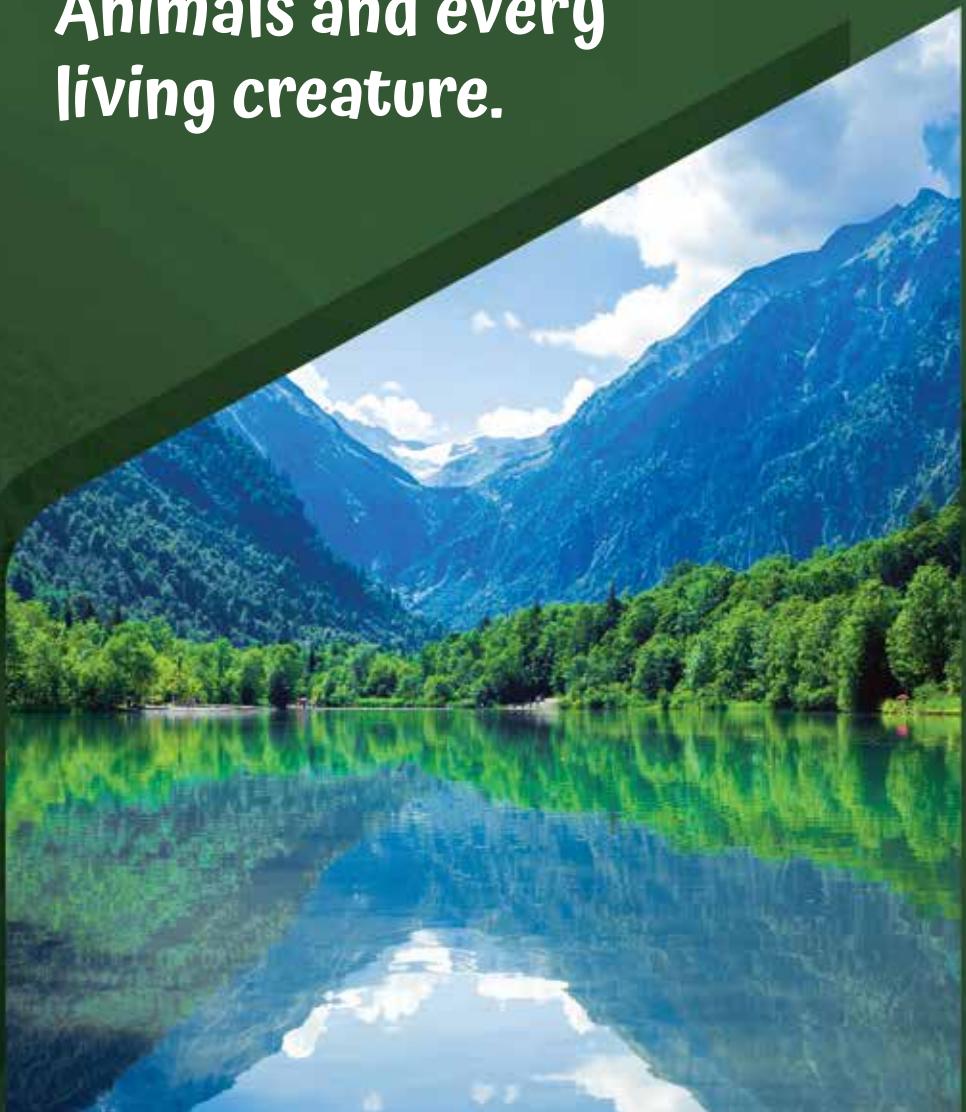
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The Almighty God created everything. He created the Sky, the Sun, the Moon and the Stars.

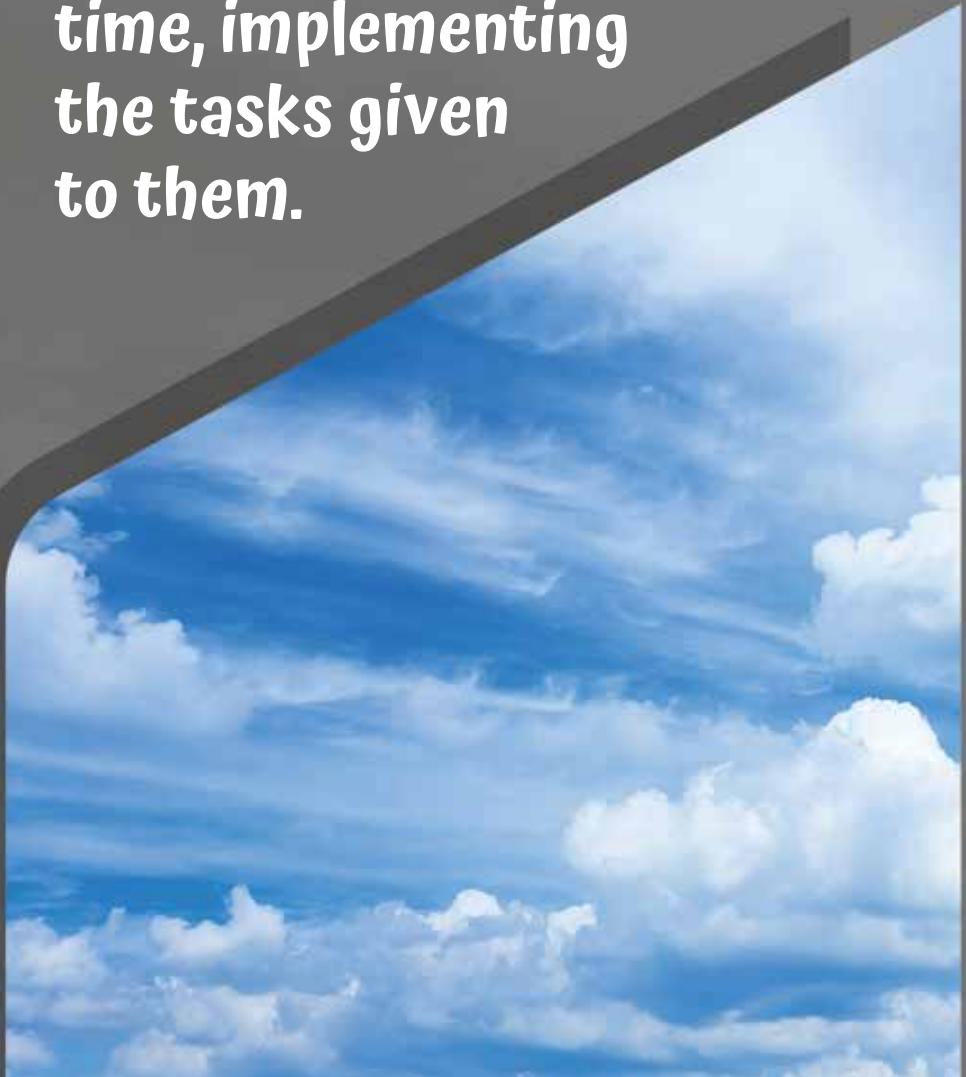
**God created the Earth,
the Sea, the Rivers, the
Mountains, the Trees, the
Animals and every
living creature.**

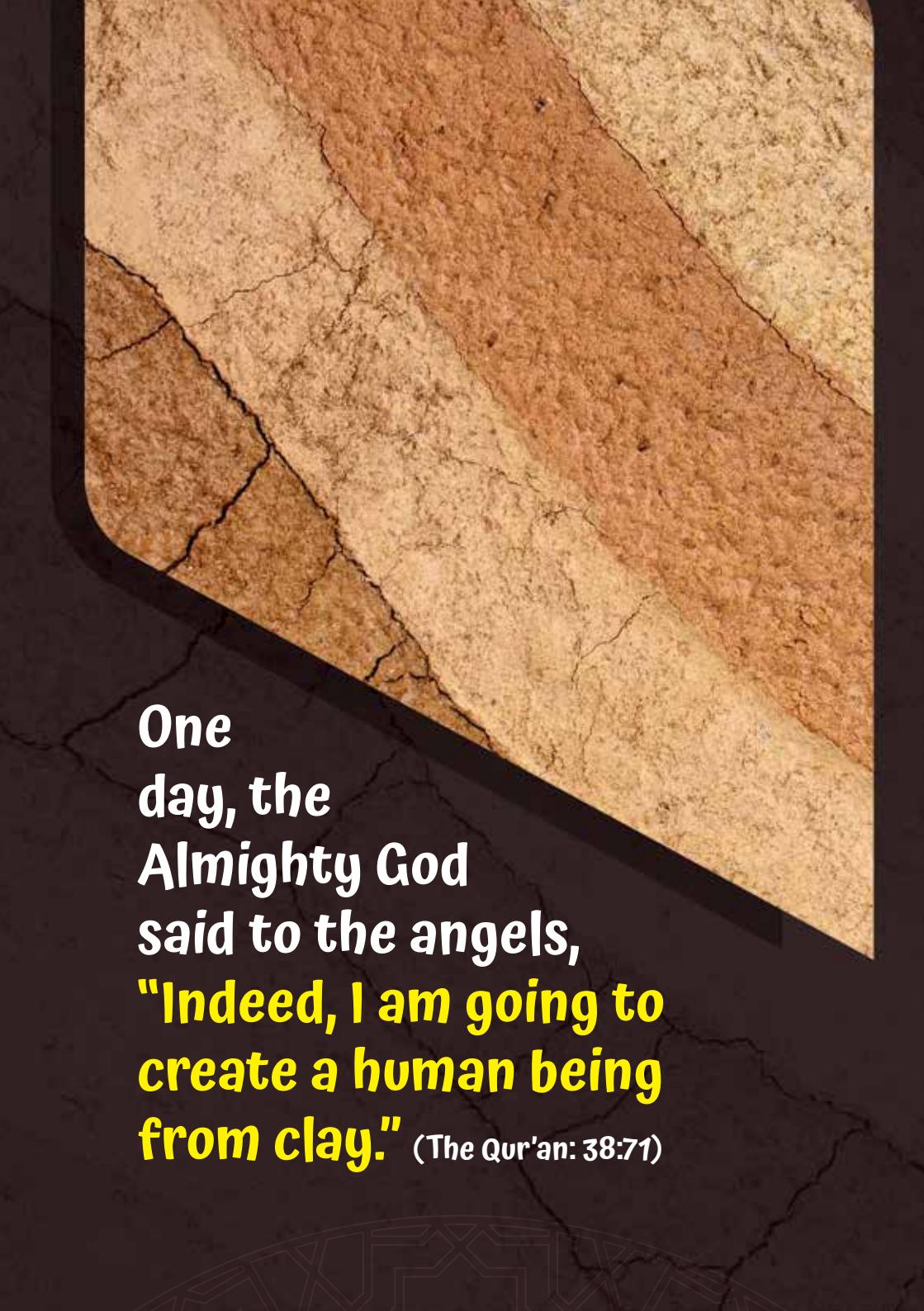




God
created
everything
in six days. Then,
everything started
following God's command and
performing the duties given
to them.

There were angels whom God had created from light, and they were worshipping the almighty God all the time, implementing the tasks given to them.





One
day, the
Almighty God
said to the angels,
**“Indeed, I am going to
create a human being
from clay.”** (The Qur'an: 38:71)

**And God created
Adam, the first man
and Eve, the first woman,
and they were both the
first dwellers of
Paradise.**

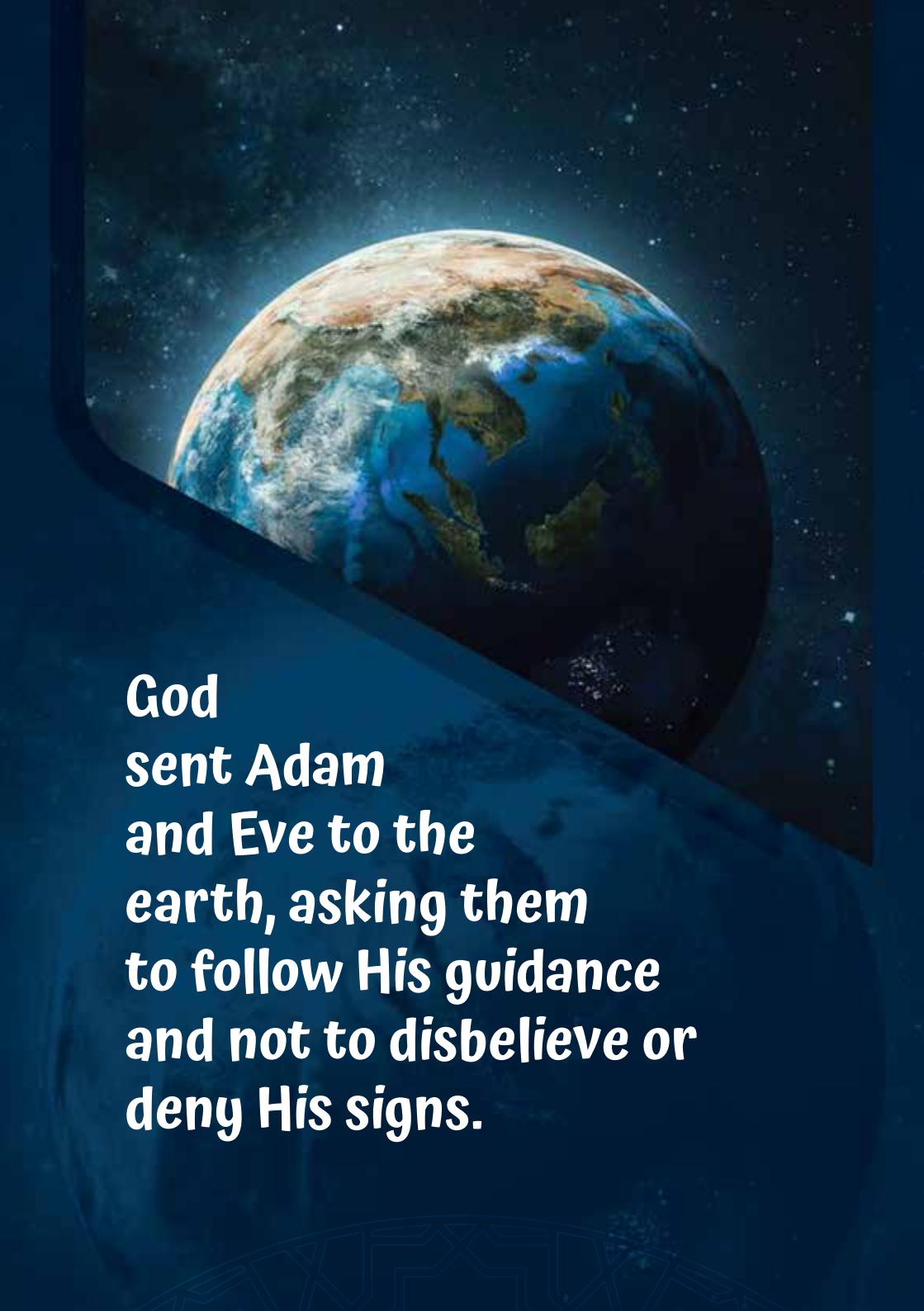




**The
Devil, who
once rejected
the command of God
and had vowed that he
would misguide mankind, made
Adam and Eve go against the
instruction of God in Paradise.**

**Adam and Eve realized
their mistake and asked
God for forgiveness.
Both of them were
instantly forgiven.**





**God
sent Adam
and Eve to the
earth, asking them
to follow His guidance
and not to disbelieve or
deny His signs.**

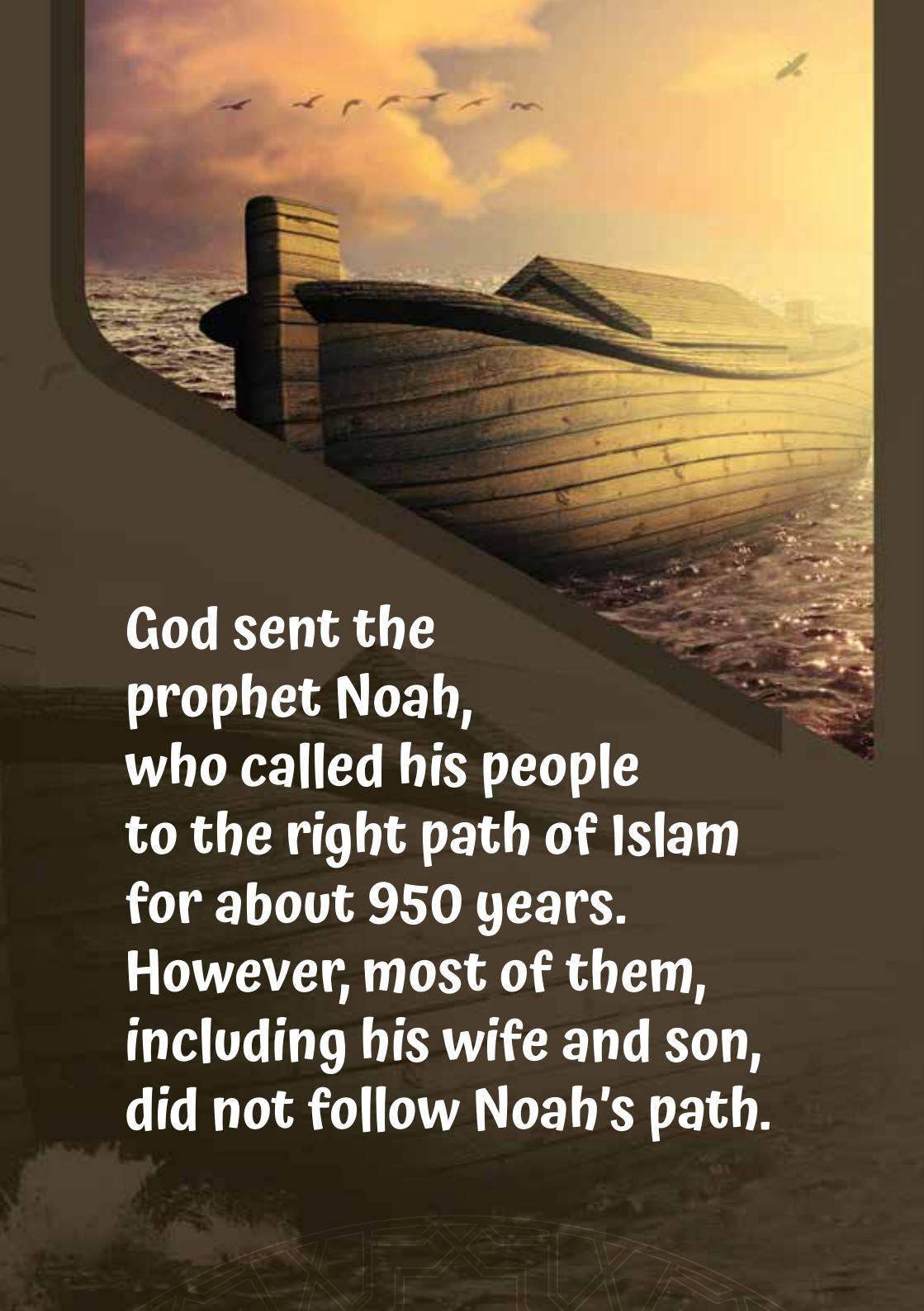
**Therefore, the first
guidance given to Adam and
Eve and to their children
was the guidance of 'TOTAL
SUBMISSION TO GOD'
-in other words:
'Islam'.**





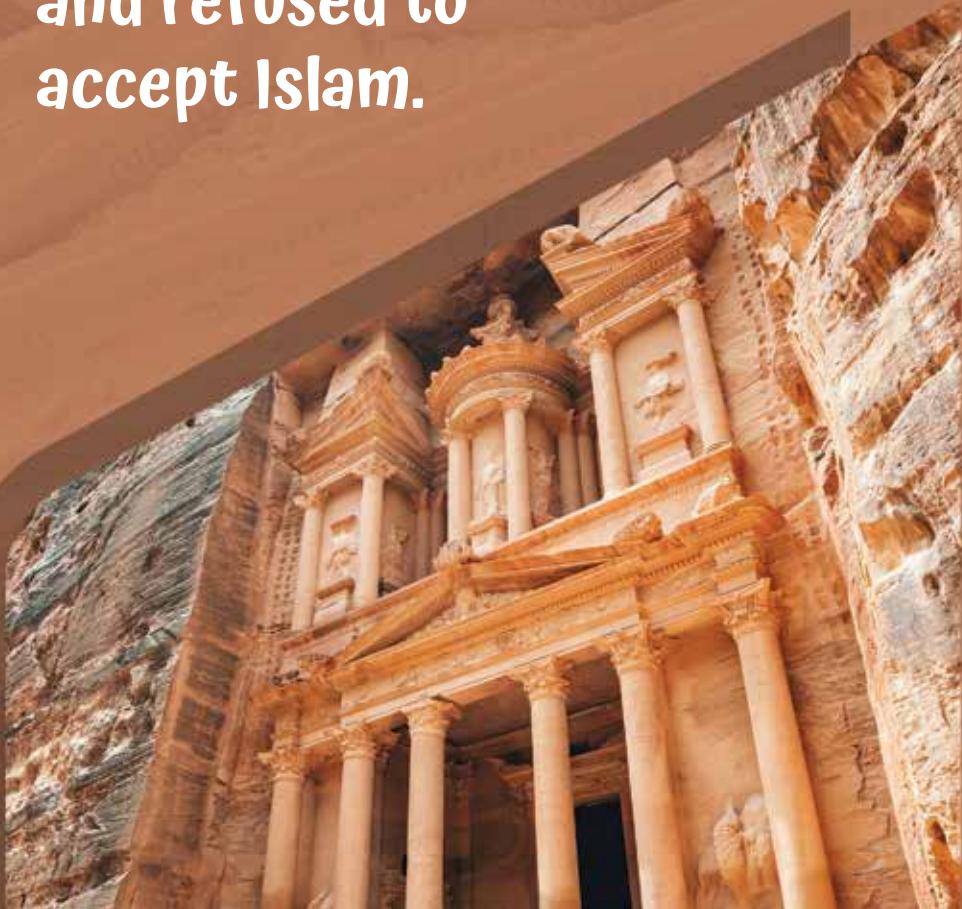
**Some years
later after the
death of Adam, the
next generation started
disobeying God's commands
and gradually following
the footsteps of the devil.**

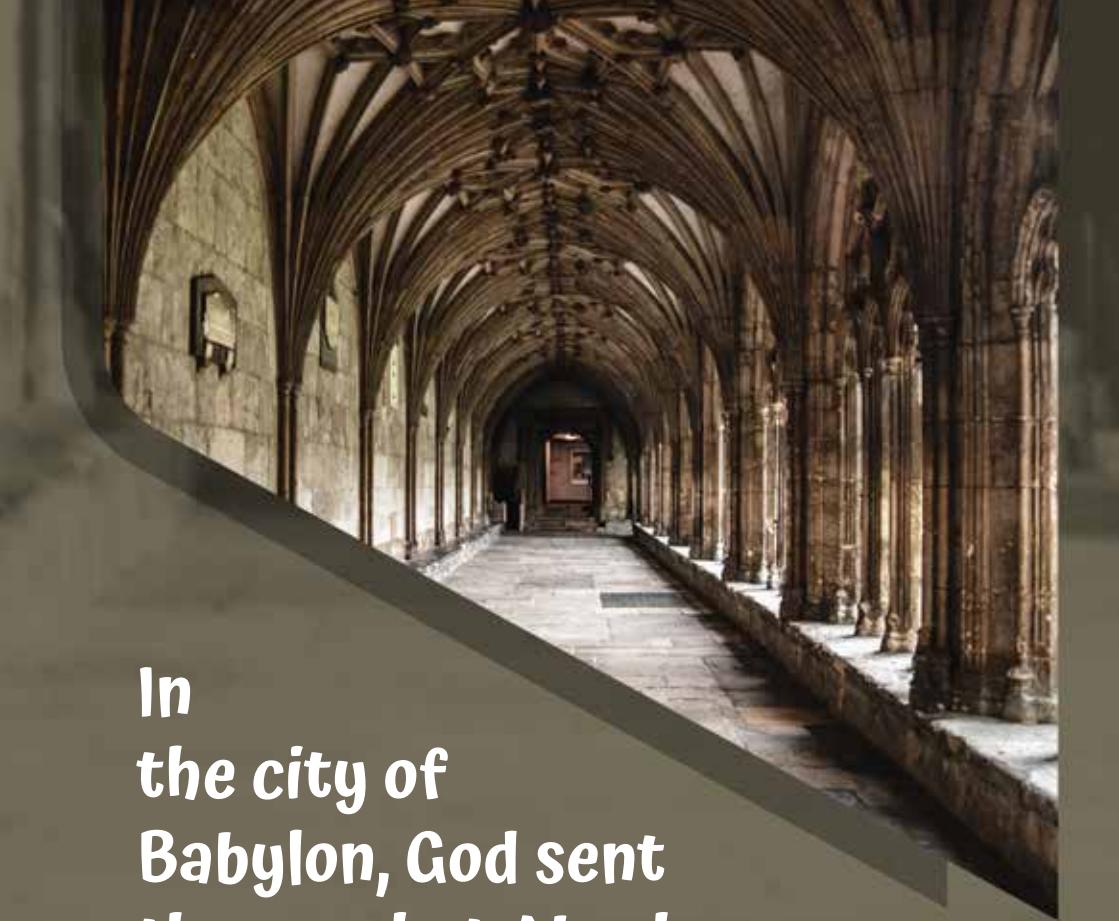
**The children of Adam
were involved in killing
each other, drinking wine,
fornicating and worshiping
their forefathers by
making their idols
and statues.**



God sent the prophet Noah, who called his people to the right path of Islam for about 950 years. However, most of them, including his wife and son, did not follow Noah's path.

**The tribes of Aad, to whom
God had sent the prophet Hud,
and Thamud, to whom God
had sent prophet Salih, both
rejected their prophets
and refused to
accept Islam.**



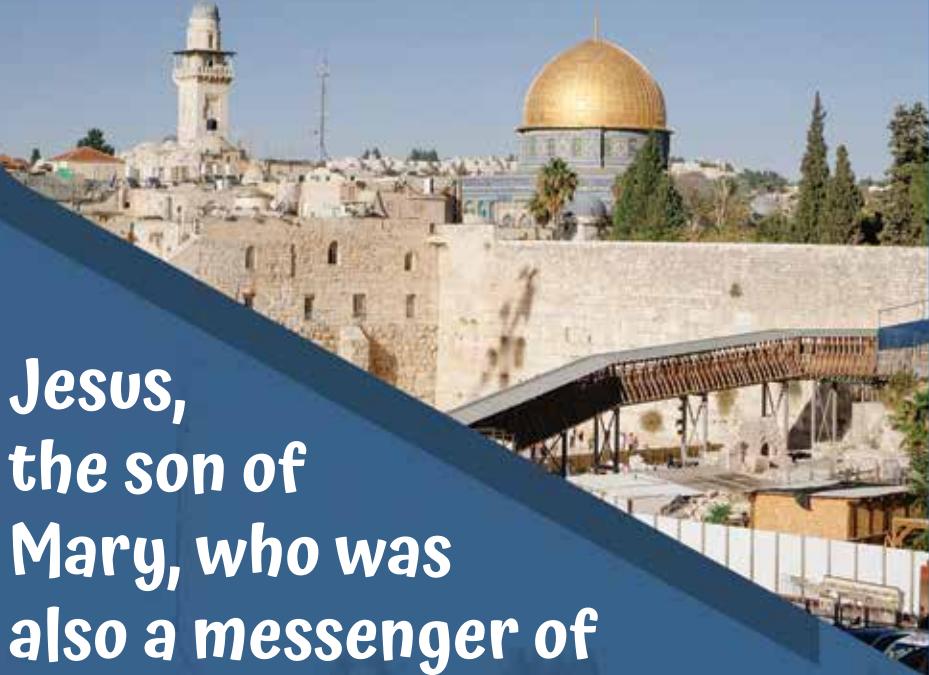


**In
the city of
Babylon, God sent
the prophet Abraham
to call his disbelieving father
and his nation to worship the
one and only God. However,
they rejected him and forced
him to leave the city.**

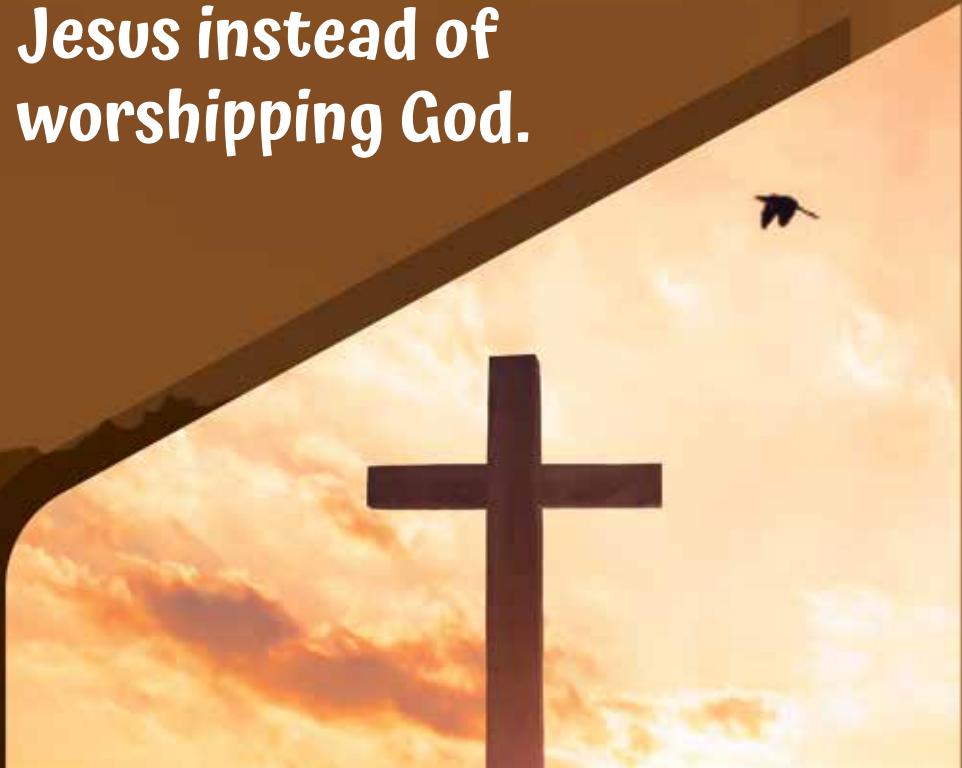
In Egypt, where Pharaoh had considered himself the god of Coptics and had made the children of Israel his slaves, God almighty sent the prophet Moses to call Pharoah and his people to Islam and to save the children of Israel from slavery.

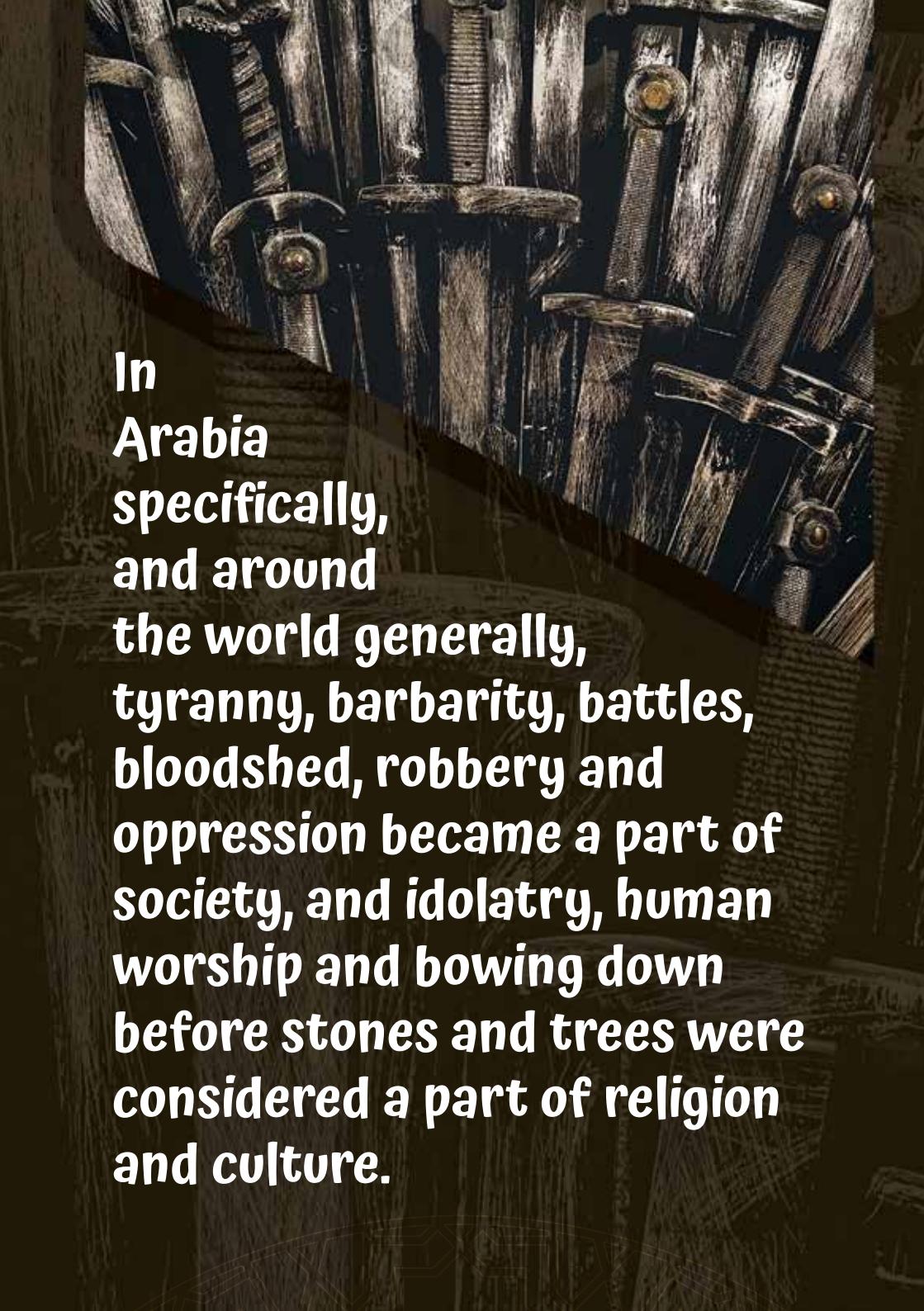


**Jesus,
the son of
Mary, who was
also a messenger of
God, called the children
of Israel, saying, 'Worship
God alone and follow my
guidance.' The generation,
however, did not accept his
call and tried to kill him, but
God saved him and raised
him to heaven.**



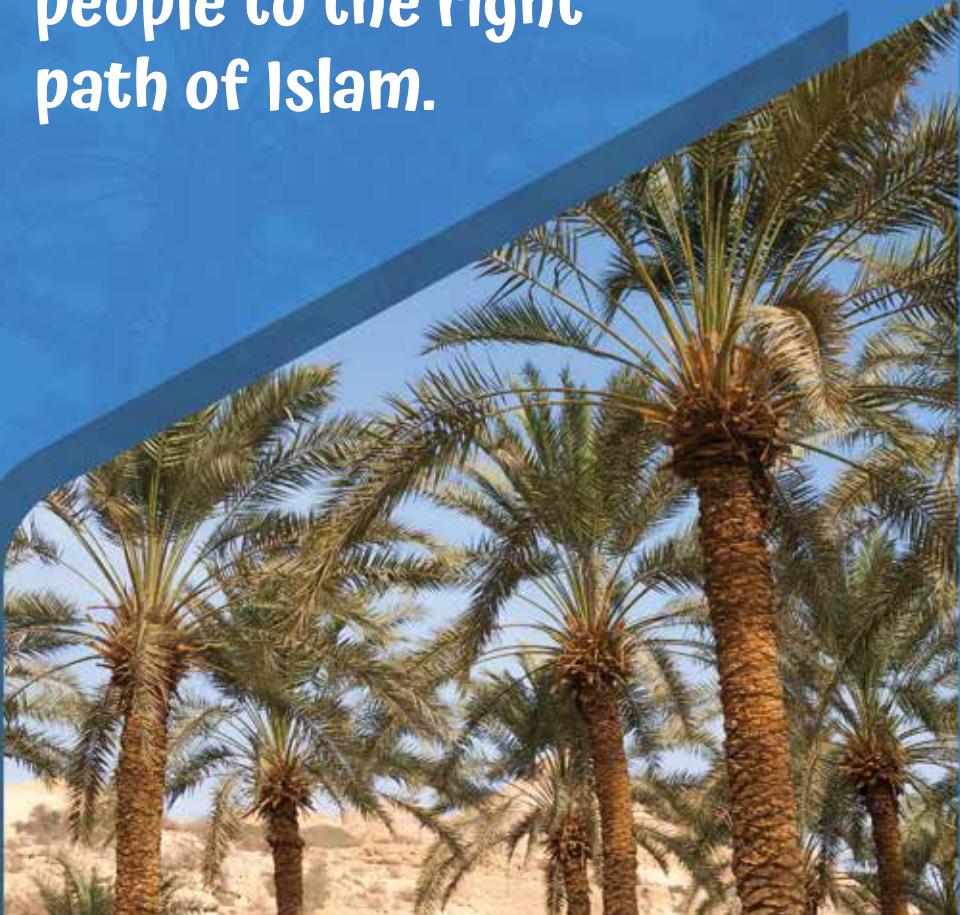
Once Jesus was raised to Heaven, no messenger or prophet was sent to guide mankind for about 600 years. During this time, people were being misguided, and a large number of the followers of Jesus started worshipping Jesus instead of worshipping God.



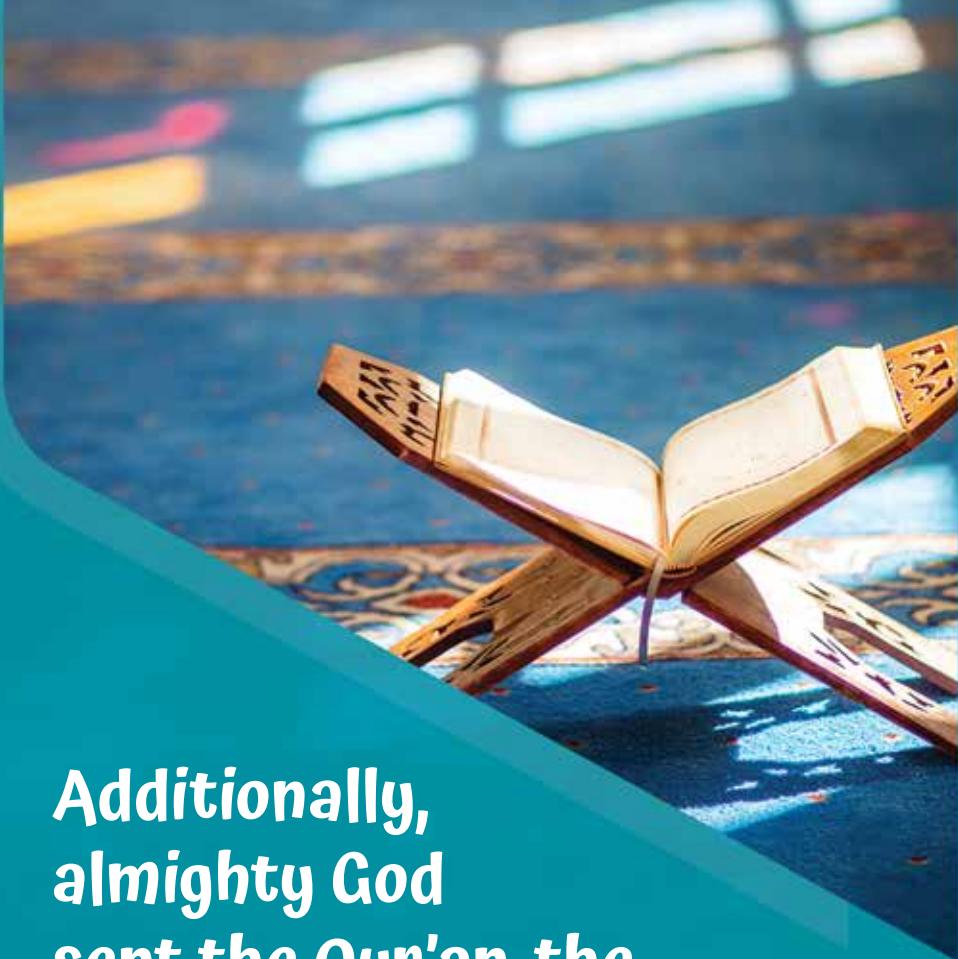


**In
Arabia
specifically,
and around
the world generally,
tyranny, barbarity, battles,
bloodshed, robbery and
oppression became a part of
society, and idolatry, human
worship and bowing down
before stones and trees were
considered a part of religion
and culture.**

This was the scenario when God almighty sent the prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) as the last and final messenger, to call people to the right path of Islam.

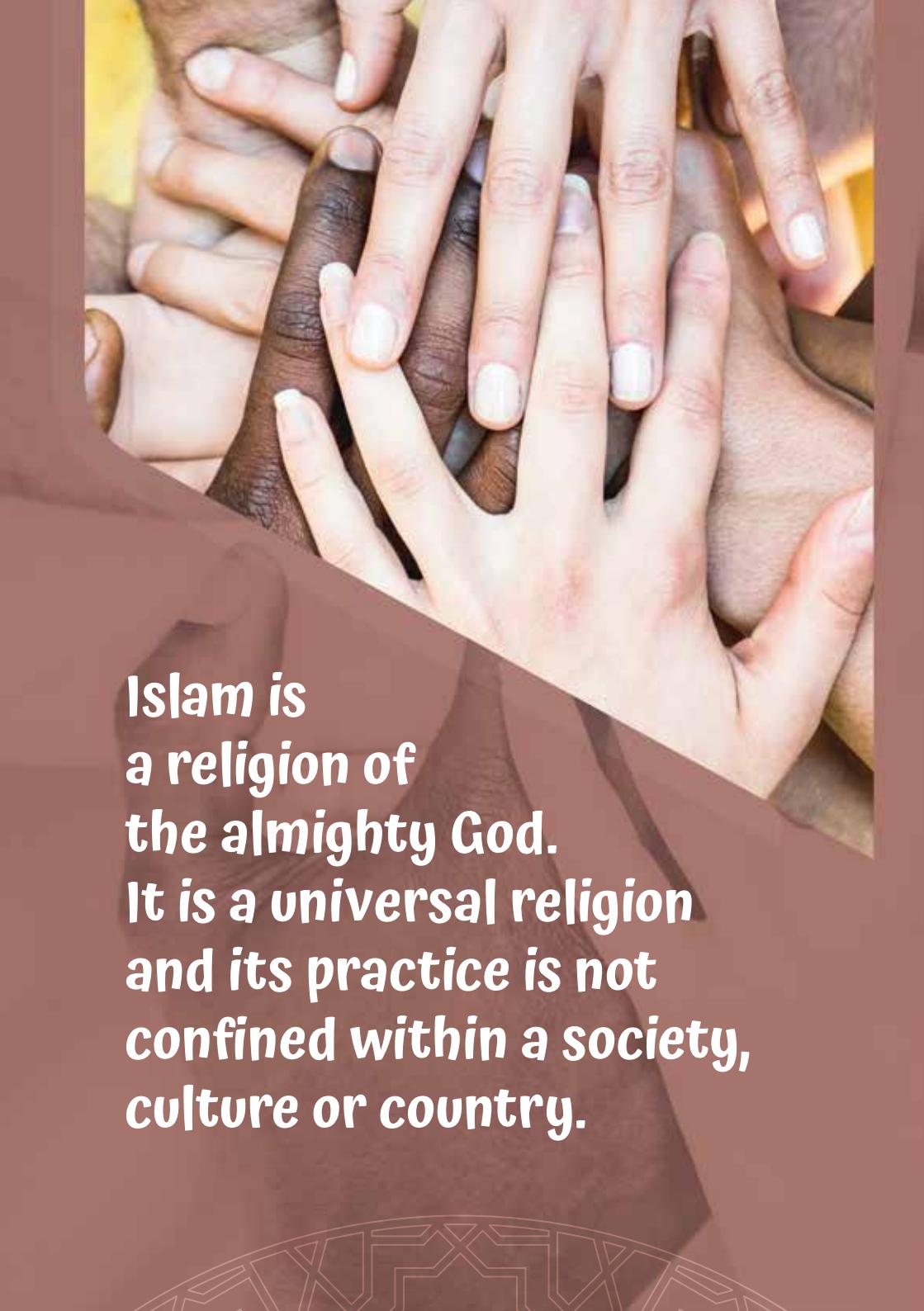


**Additionally,
almighty God
sent the Qur'an-the
last and final message of
God to prophet Muhammad
(peace be upon him) as a
guide for humanity,
for all time.**



The religion brought by prophet Muhammad was not a new religion, rather a continuation of the way of life advocated by all previous prophets and messengers.



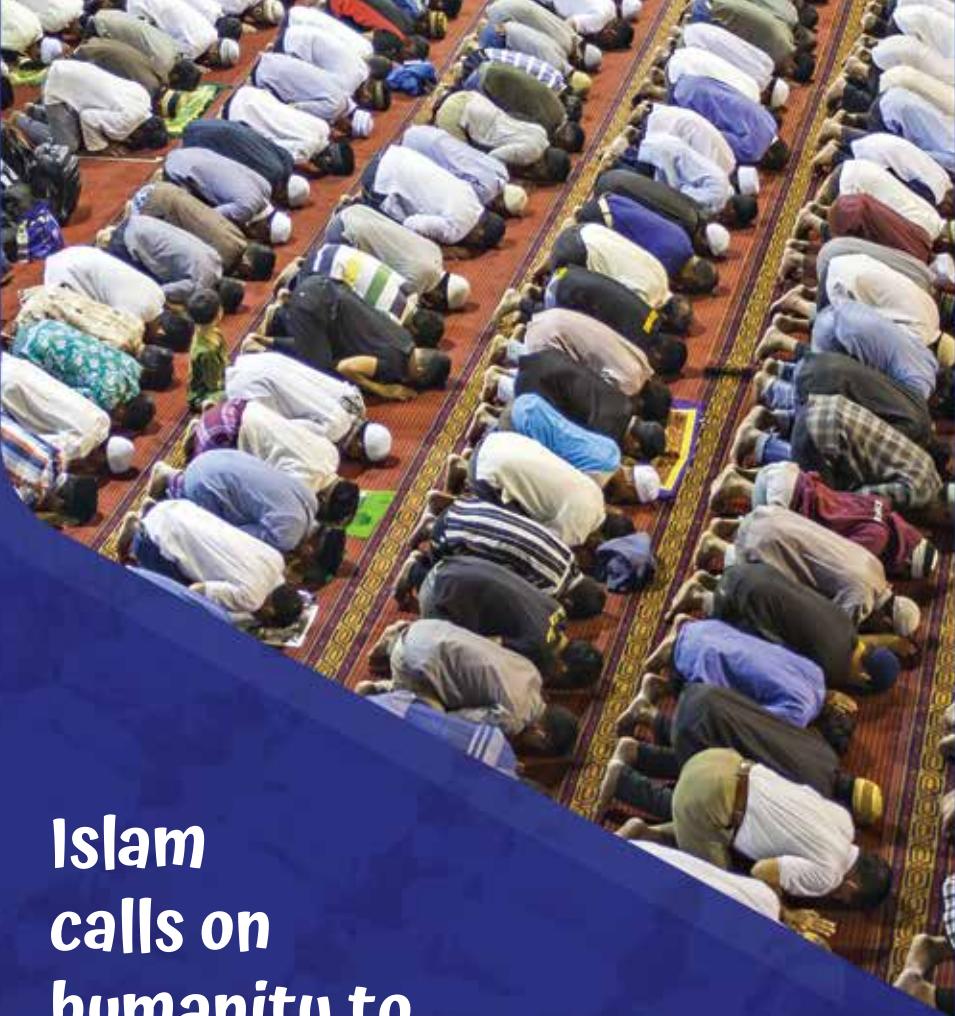


**Islam is
a religion of
the almighty God.
It is a universal religion
and its practice is not
confined within a society,
culture or country.**

The unique feature of Islam is that it refers to all mankind as "one family" and asks them to worship the one true God, submitting to Him and following His commands.



**Islam
calls on
humanity to
acknowledge its creator,
sustainer, and master of
the universe and to accept
Him as the one true God.**



The first and foremost instruction of Islam is that 'There is no god worthy of worship except Allah (the one true God), and Muhammad (peace be upon him) is God's messenger'

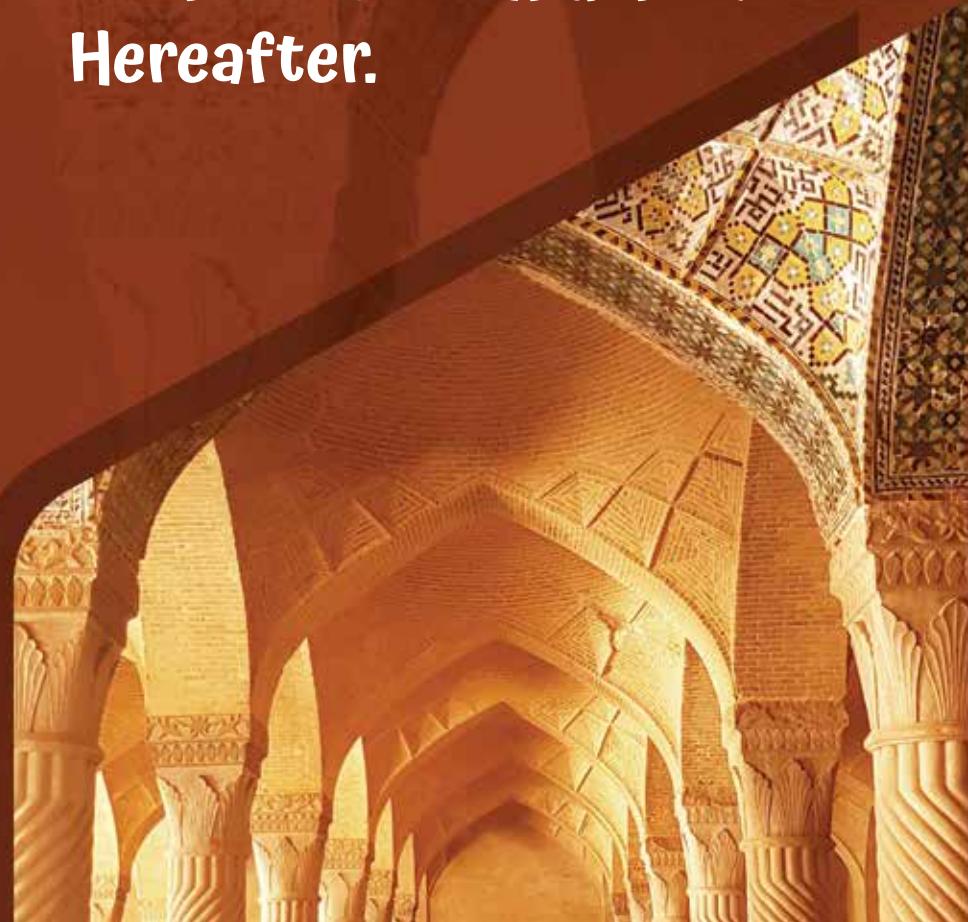


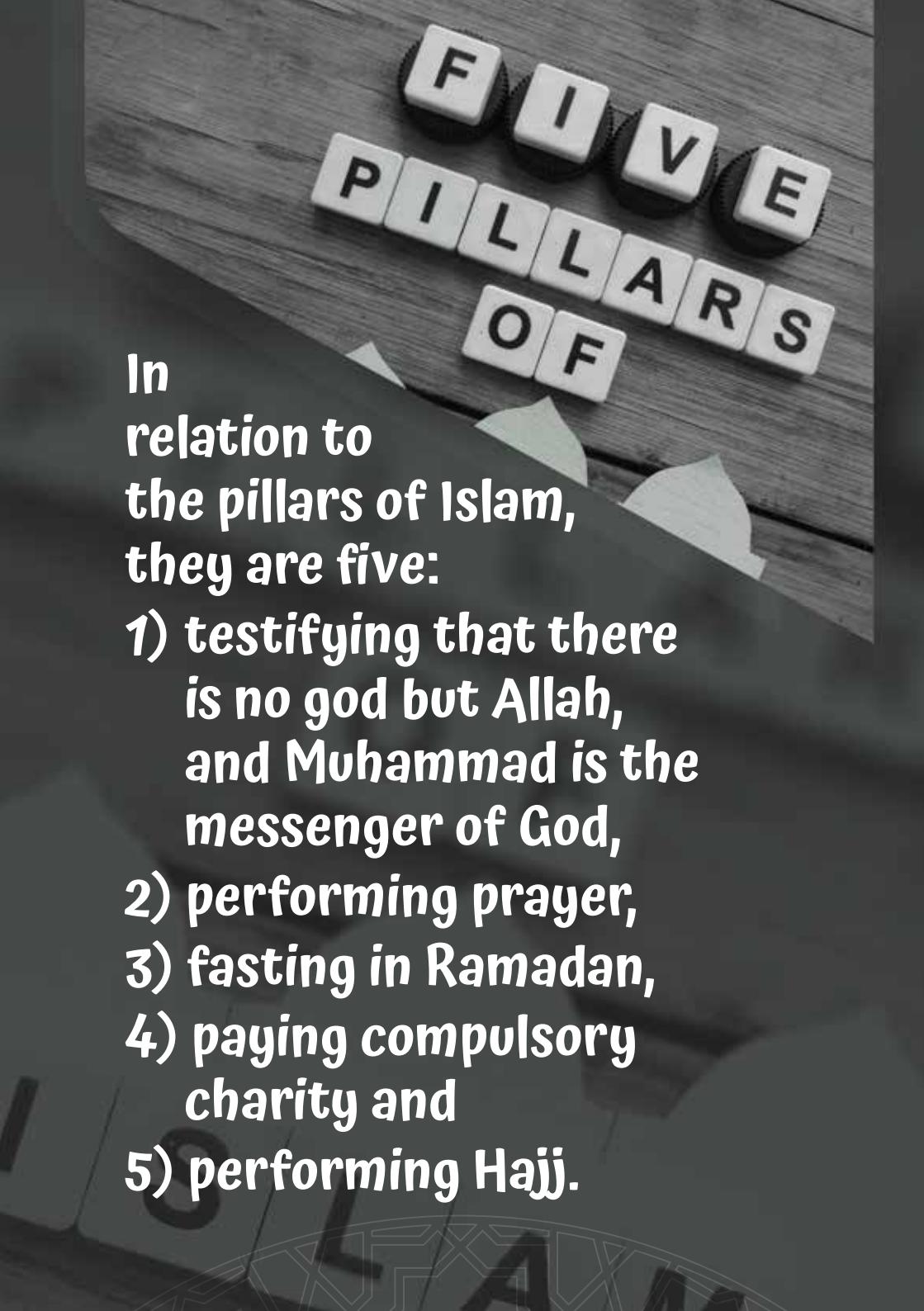


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The basic concept in Islam is that everything beneficial to mankind is appreciated and allowed, whereas every harmful thing is prohibited.

In relation to the articles of belief, there are six, which include belief in Allah, His angels, His books, His prophets, Divine Decree and in the Hereafter.





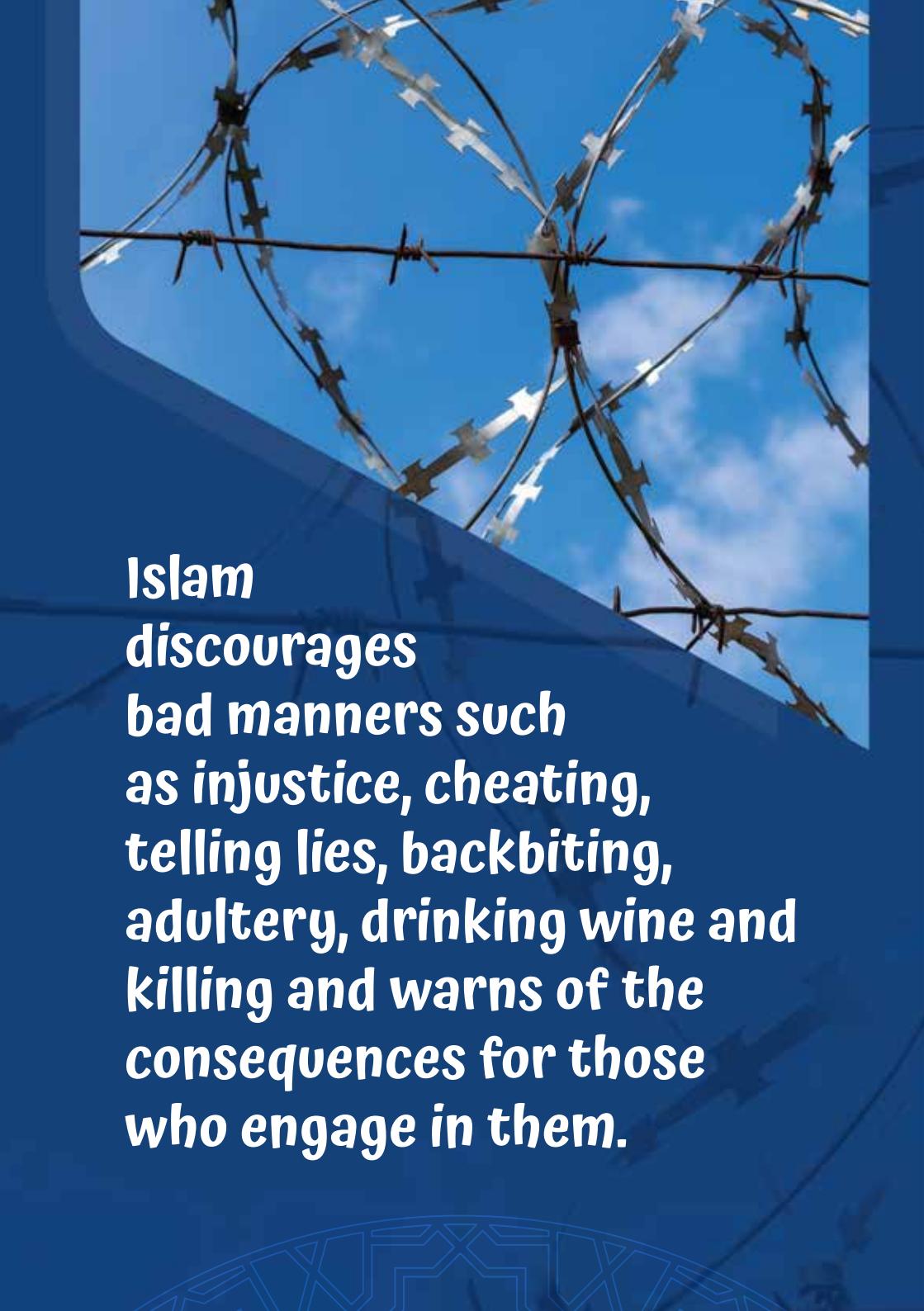
THE FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM

In
relation to
the pillars of Islam,
they are five:

- 1) testifying that there is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is the messenger of God,
- 2) performing prayer,
- 3) fasting in Ramadan,
- 4) paying compulsory charity and
- 5) performing Hajj.

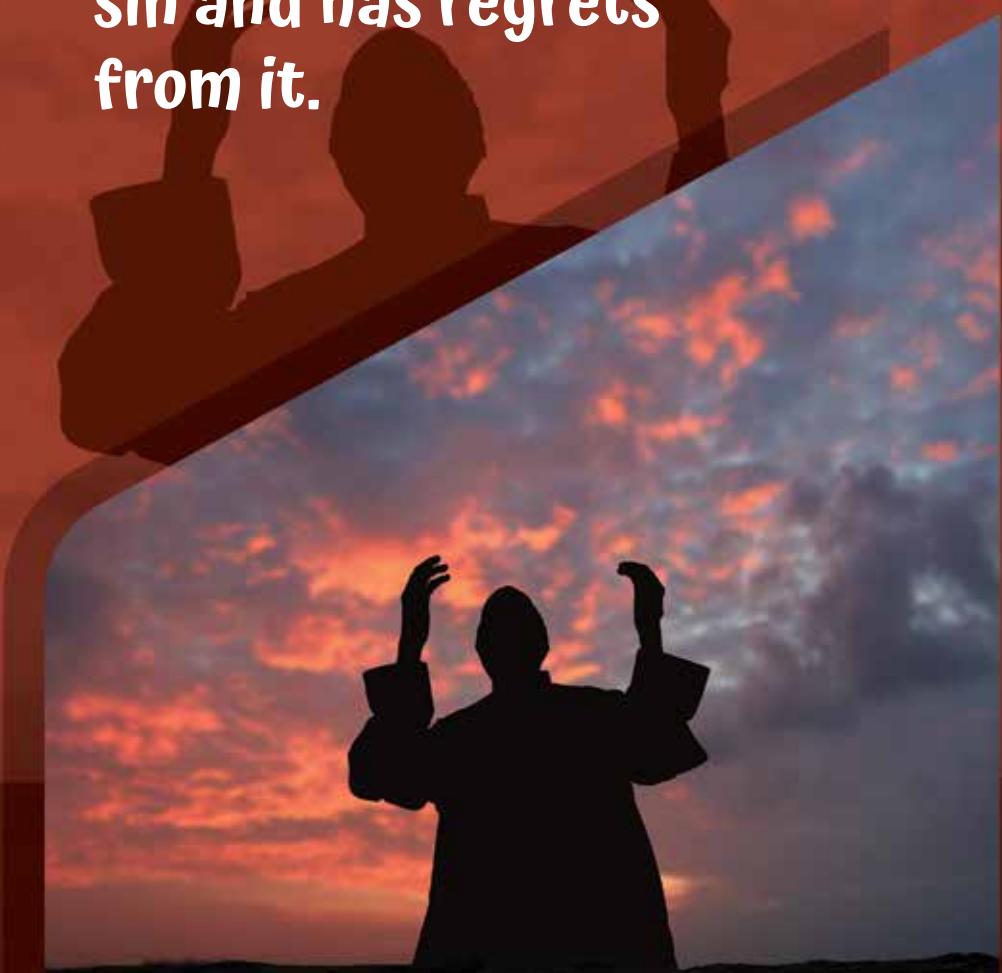
Islam promotes good manners such as justice, modesty, generosity, brotherhood, equality, kindness, patience and tolerance and assures rewards for those who practice them.

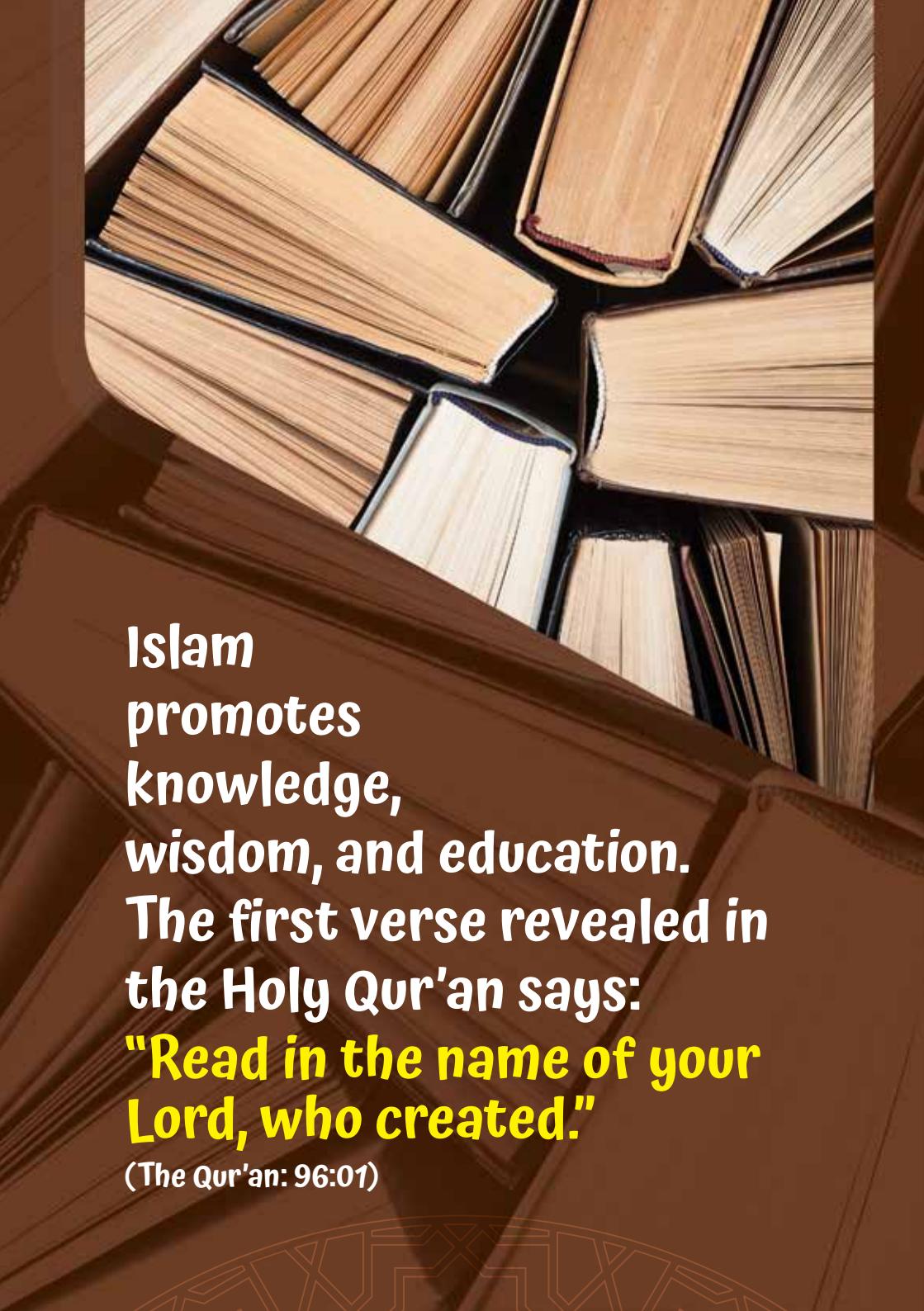




**Islam
discourages
bad manners such
as injustice, cheating,
telling lies, backbiting,
adultery, drinking wine and
killing and warns of the
consequences for those
who engage in them.**

Islam asks every individual to seek forgiveness from the God Almighty if he or she has committed any sin and has regrets from it.

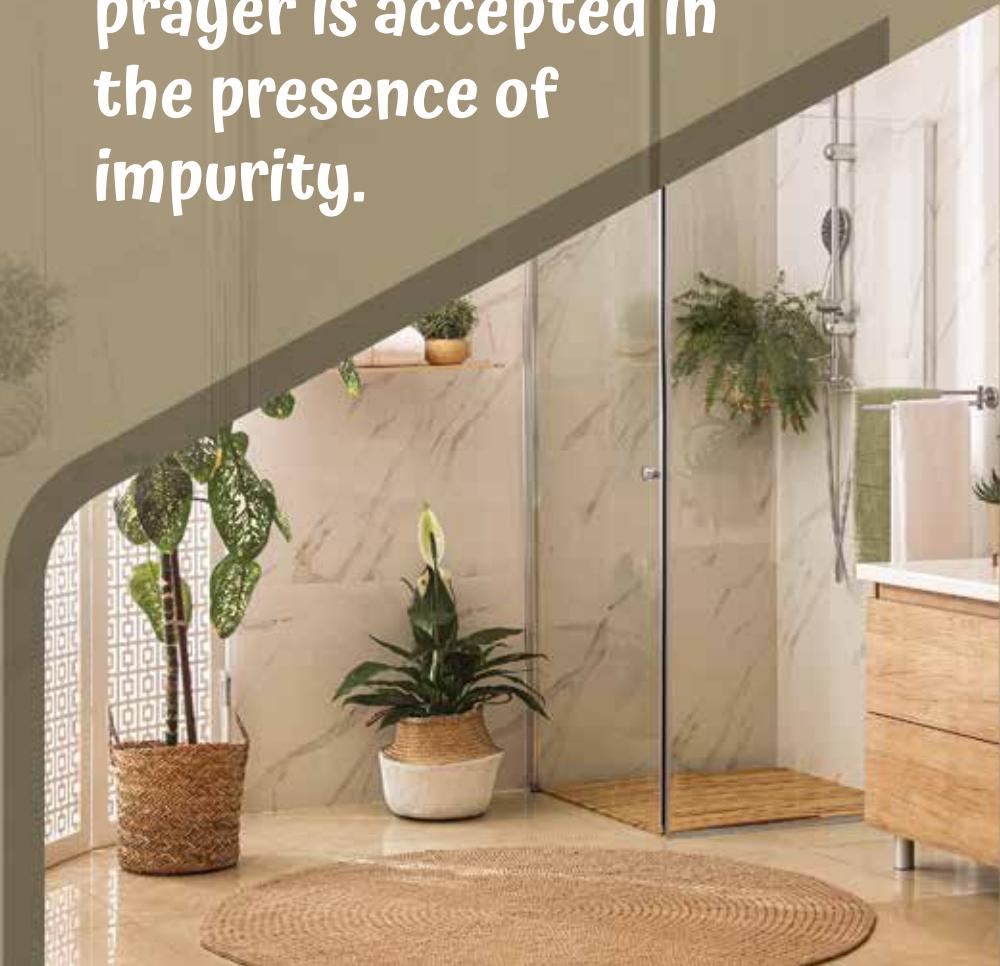




Islam
promotes
knowledge,
wisdom, and education.
The first verse revealed in
the Holy Qur'an says:
**"Read in the name of your
Lord, who created."**

(The Qur'an: 96:01)

Cleanliness is half of faith in Islam. One should keep his or her body, clothes and surroundings clean all the time. No prayer is accepted in the presence of impurity.

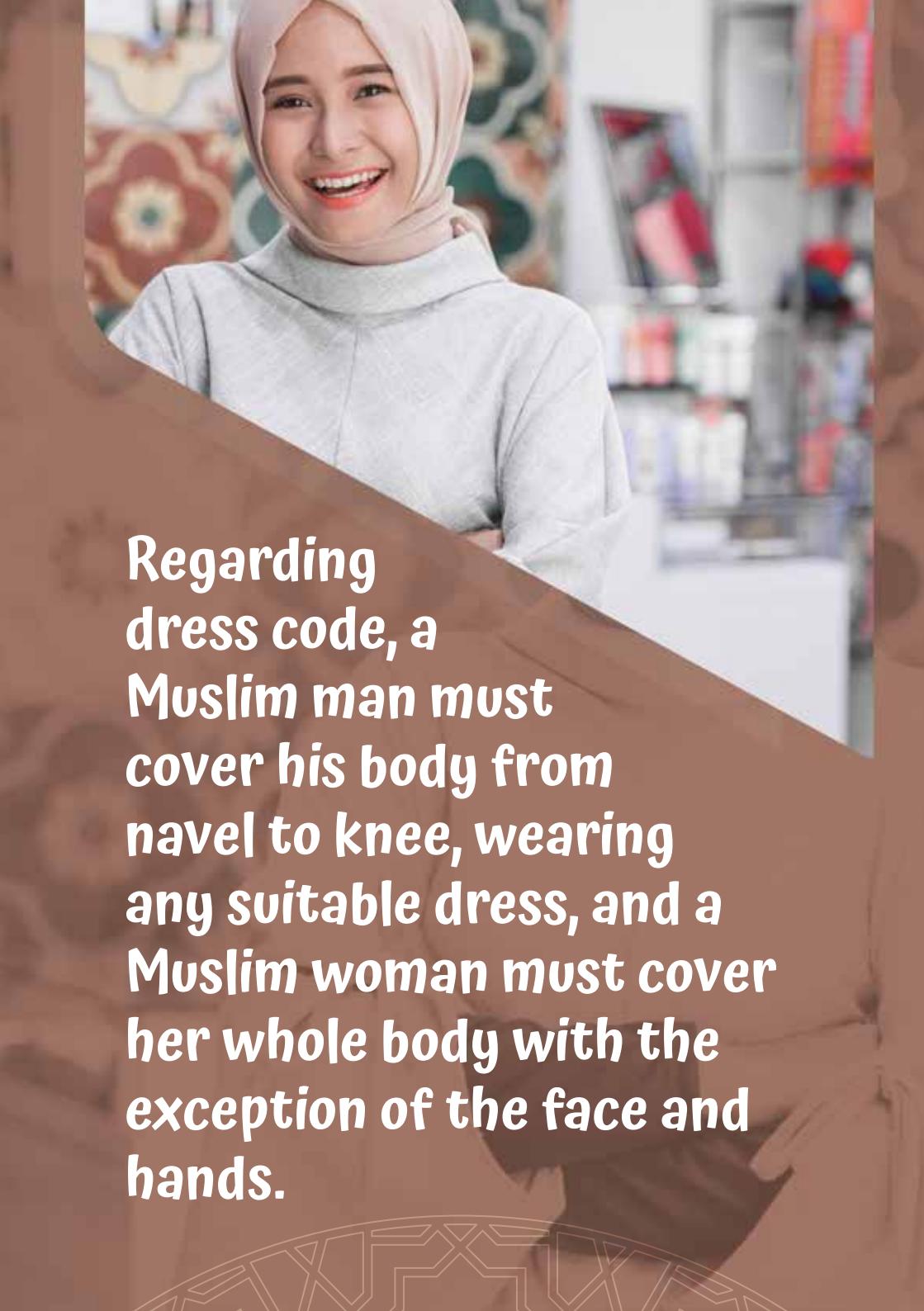




**Smiling,
greeting, and
shaking hands are
rewardable acts in Islam.
The Prophet Muhammad
(peace be upon him) said:
“Indeed, among the good
deed is to meet your
brother with a smiling
face.” (At-Tirmidhi: 1956)**

There are some etiquettes of eating to be followed in Islam, which include to start eating by mentioning 'the name of God', eating with the right hand, eating Halal (permissible) food, eating together and thanking God after eating.

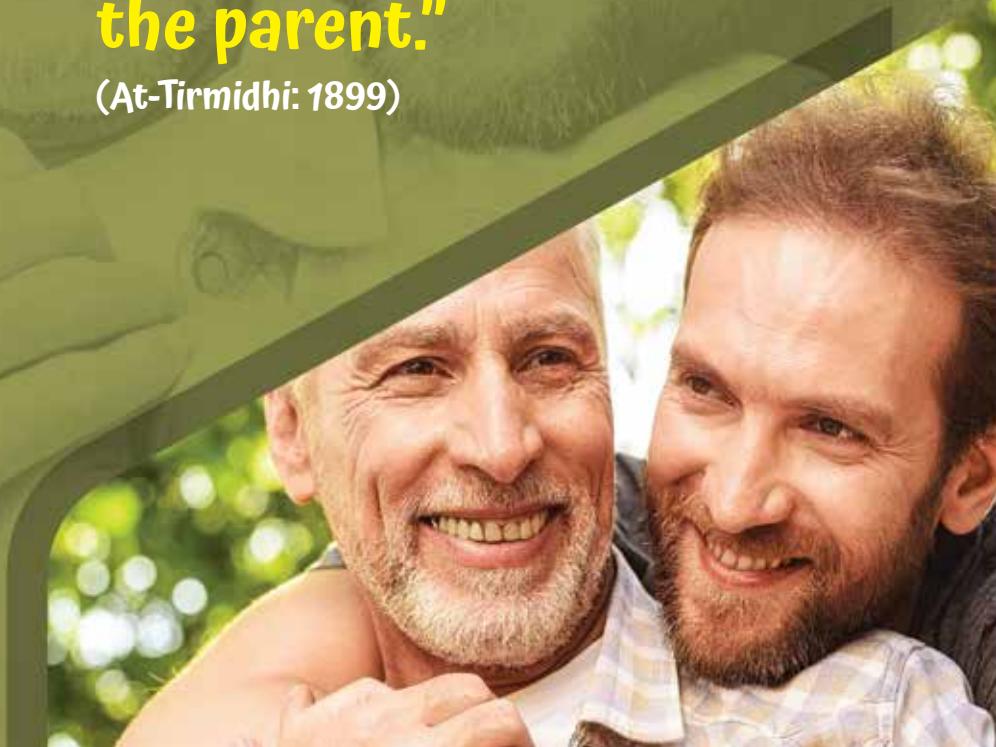




**Regarding
dress code, a
Muslim man must
cover his body from
navel to knee, wearing
any suitable dress, and a
Muslim woman must cover
her whole body with the
exception of the face and
hands.**

Obeying our parents and being kind to them are some of the duties obliged in Islam, as the prophet (peace be upon him) said: **"The pleasure of the Lord lies in the pleasure of the parent. The anger of the Lord lies in the anger of the parent."**

(At-Tirmidhi: 1899)





All
Muslims
are considered
as 'one nation'. They
are brothers and sisters
in faith. They perform
prayers together,
celebrate festivals
together and help each
other in times of need.

Non-Muslims are considered brothers and sisters in humanity and are part of one family. They have all the rights and should be treated with respect. The Quran orders Muslims to be righteous towards them and act justly while relating with them.





**Islam
encourages
peace and asks its
followers not to wish for
battle, however in the event
of an attack by enemies
it allows reasonable
self-defense under the
governing authority.**

Islam denounces extremism, terrorism, and any act that leads to killing innocent souls or destroying civilian properties and imposes severe punishment for criminals.





**No
one has the
right to take life
because life is sacred in
Islam. Suicide or killing an
innocent soul is considered
as killing the whole of
mankind as mentioned in
the Holy Qur'an.**

Family life is very important in Islam. Taking care of one's spouse and children is a duty, a responsibility and a rewardable act. Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: "The best of you is he who is best to his family."

(Ibn Majah:1977)





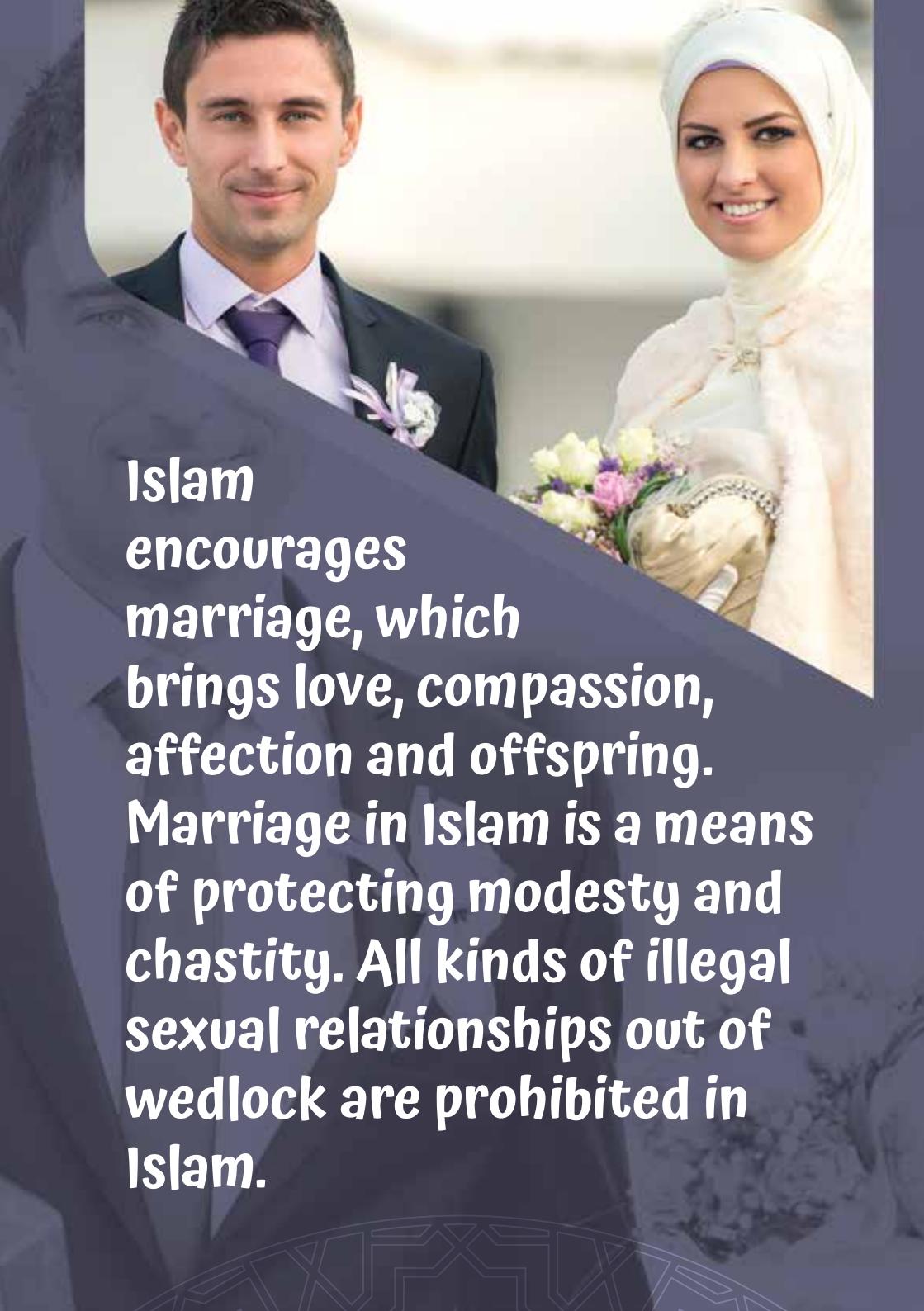
**In
Islam,
girls are
considered a
blessing and pride.
Taking good care of
daughters leads to Paradise.
While destroying the female
fetus will invite God's wrath
and severe punishment on
the Day of Judgment.**

Women are "the partners of men." They have their rights and deserve respect.

The Prophet (peace be upon him) in his last sermon said:

"Act kindly towards women" (Al Bukhari: 5185)





**Islam
encourages
marriage, which
brings love, compassion,
affection and offspring.
Marriage in Islam is a means
of protecting modesty and
chastity. All kinds of illegal
sexual relationships out of
wedlock are prohibited in
Islam.**

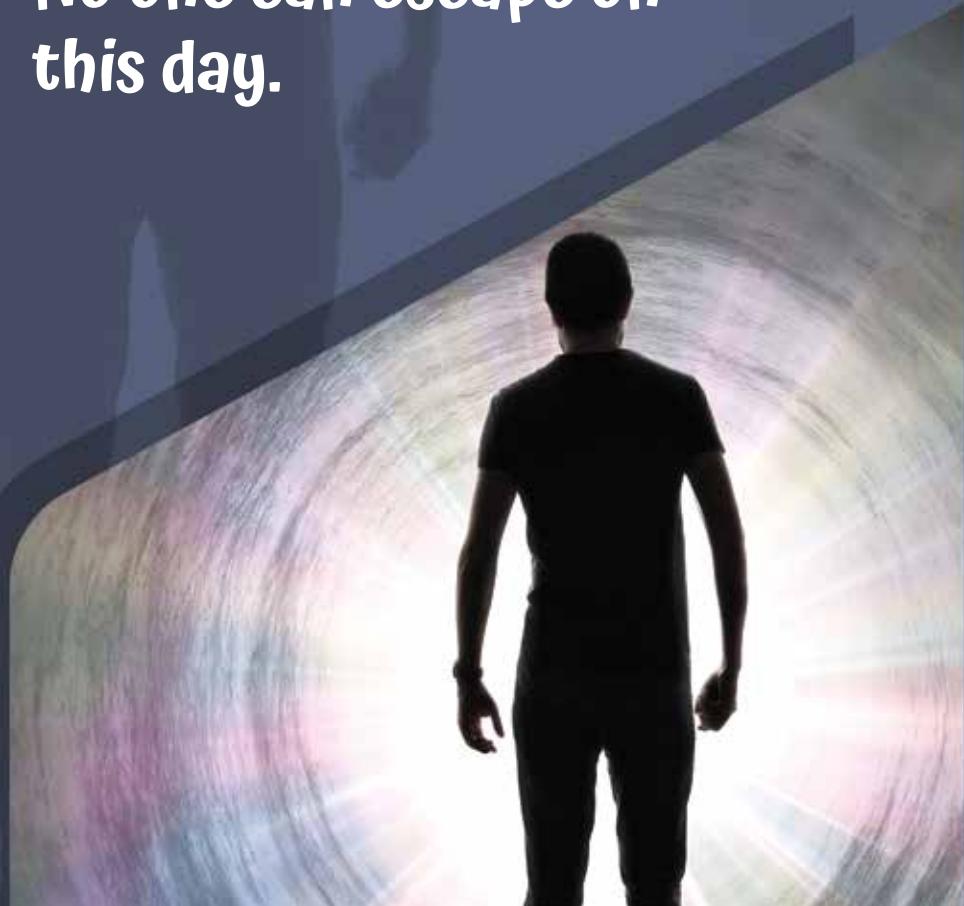
Business, trade, commerce, and wealth have rules and regulations in Islam. Honesty, truthfulness, lawful earning, giving accurate measures and weighing accurately and giving superior merchandise should be part of the trade.

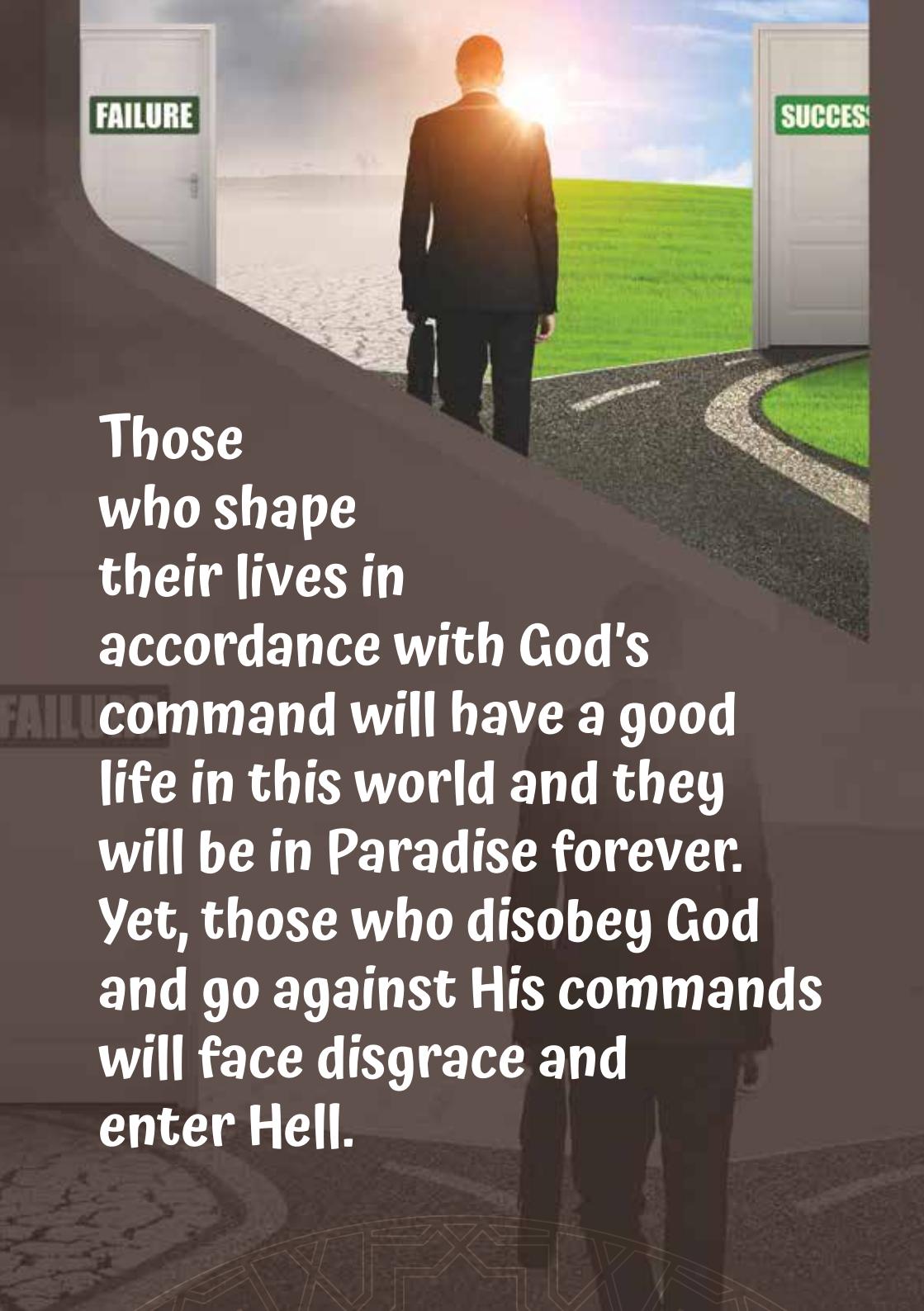




**This
world
is a place
of trial in Islam.
Every soul will taste
death. A day will come when
this world and everything
therein will be destroyed.
That will be the end of
this life.**

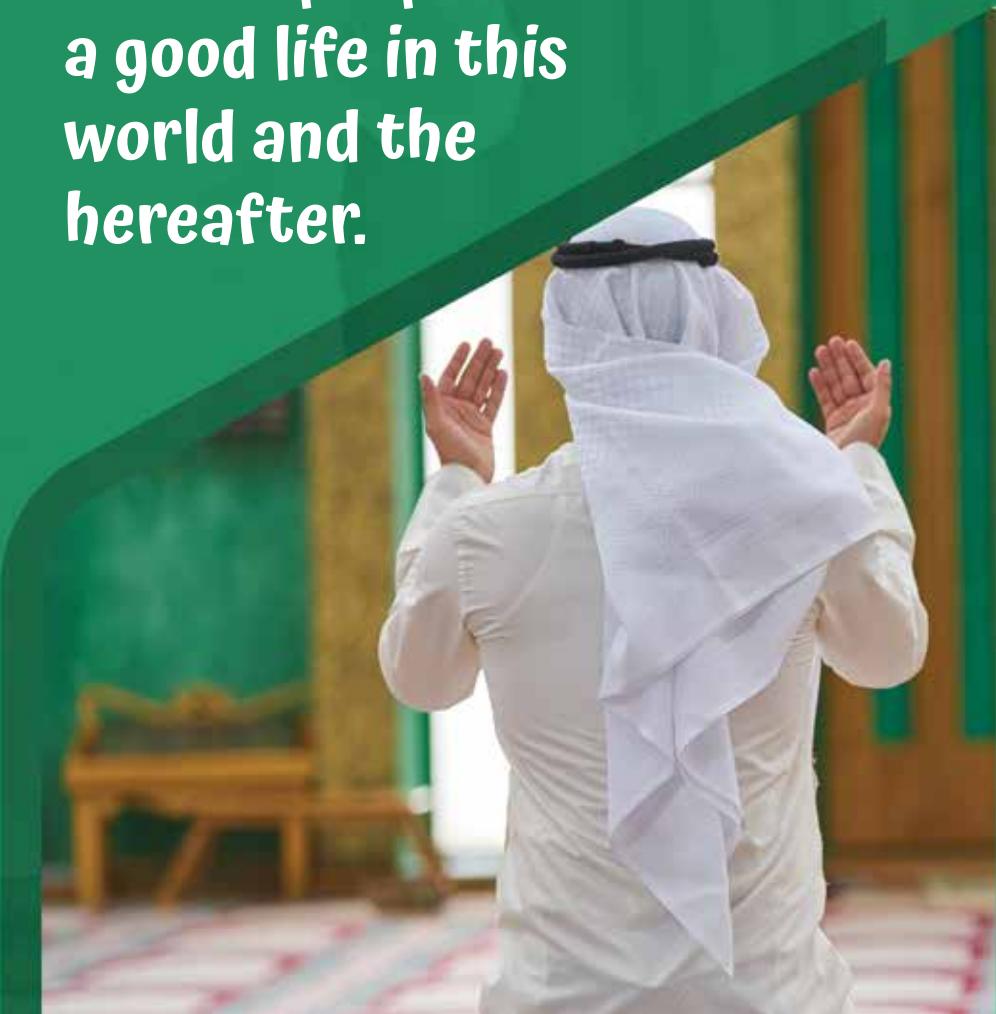
**Islam calls people to prepare
for the next world. Whatever
we do in this life will be
judged in the Hereafter- that
is- the Day of Judgment.
No one can escape on
this day.**





**Those
who shape
their lives in
accordance with God's
command will have a good
life in this world and they
will be in Paradise forever.
Yet, those who disobey God
and go against His commands
will face disgrace and
enter Hell.**

So, let us turn to God with sincerity and accept Him as our Lord. Let us practice Islam - the religion of God and His prophets - to have a good life in this world and the hereafter.



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