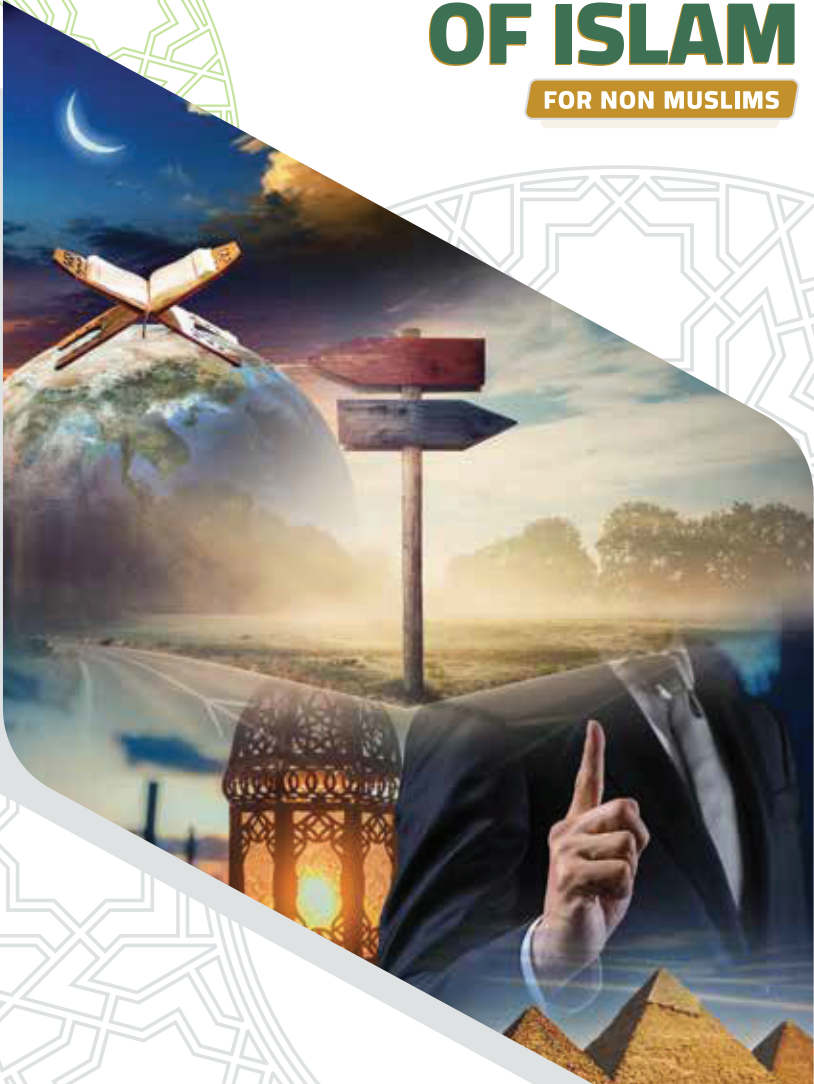


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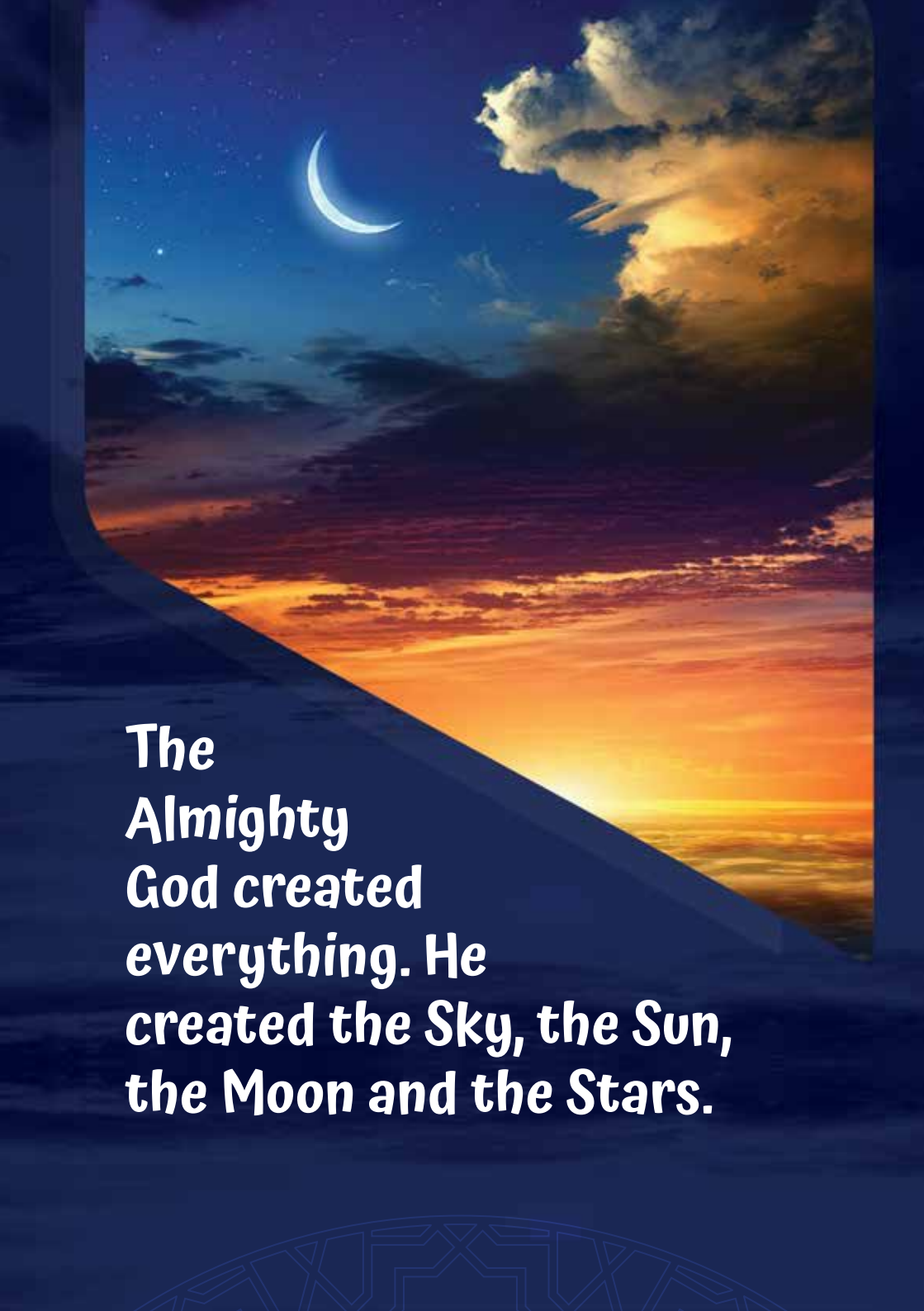


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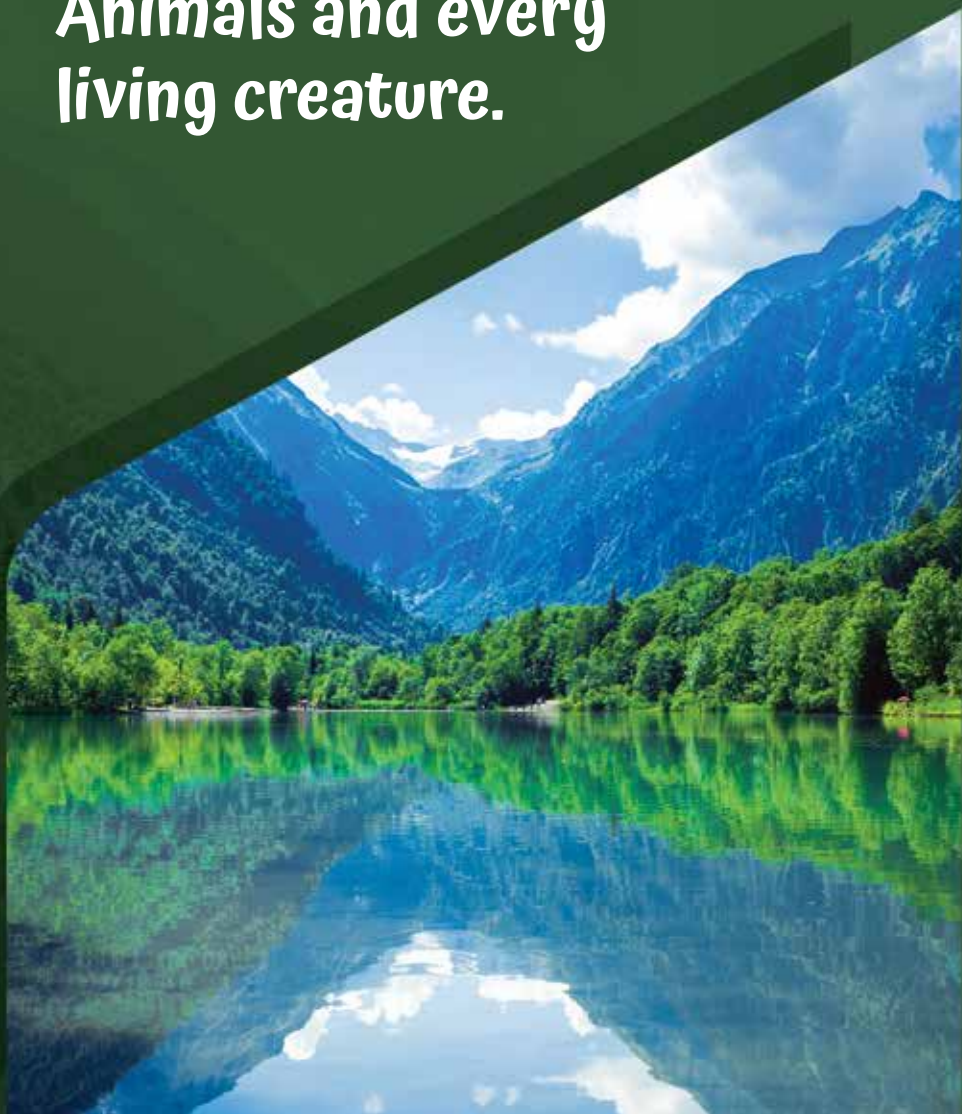
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**The  
Almighty  
God created  
everything. He  
created the Sky, the Sun,  
the Moon and the Stars.**

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

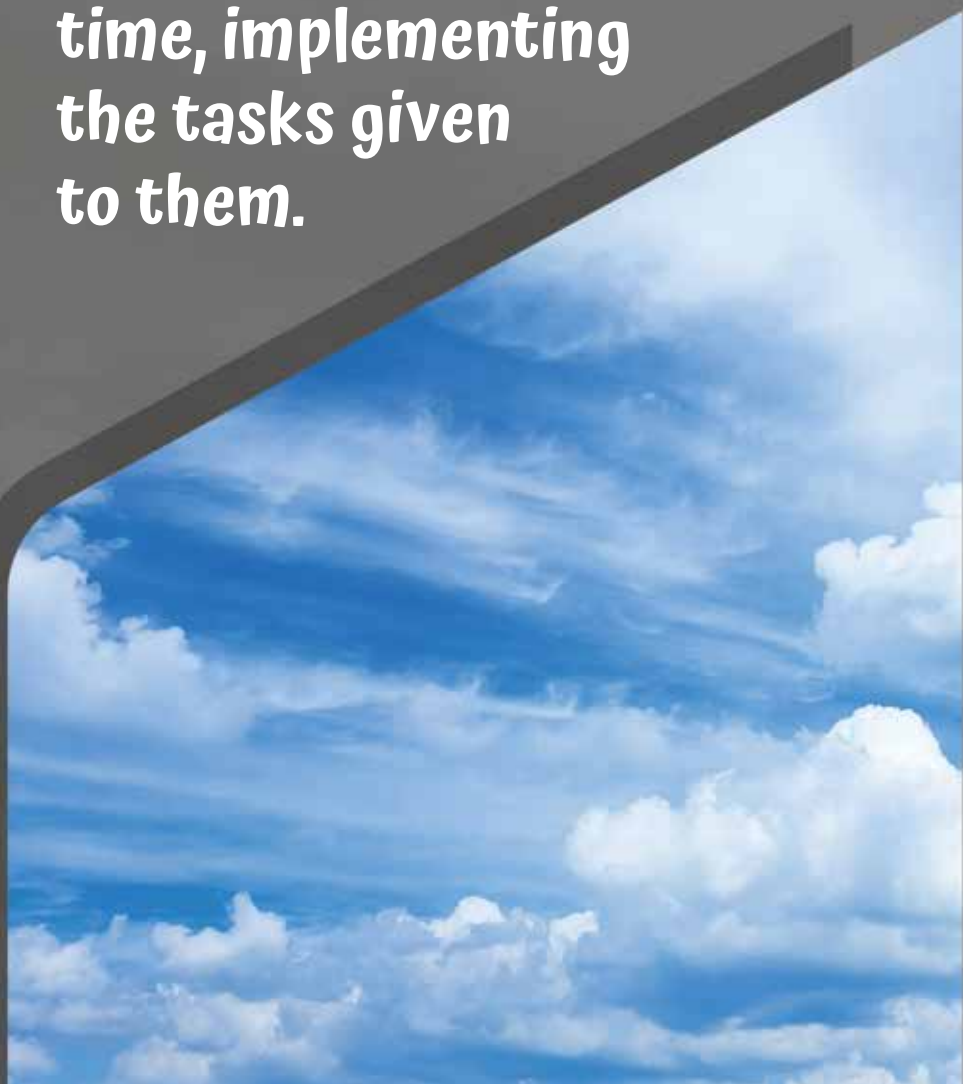


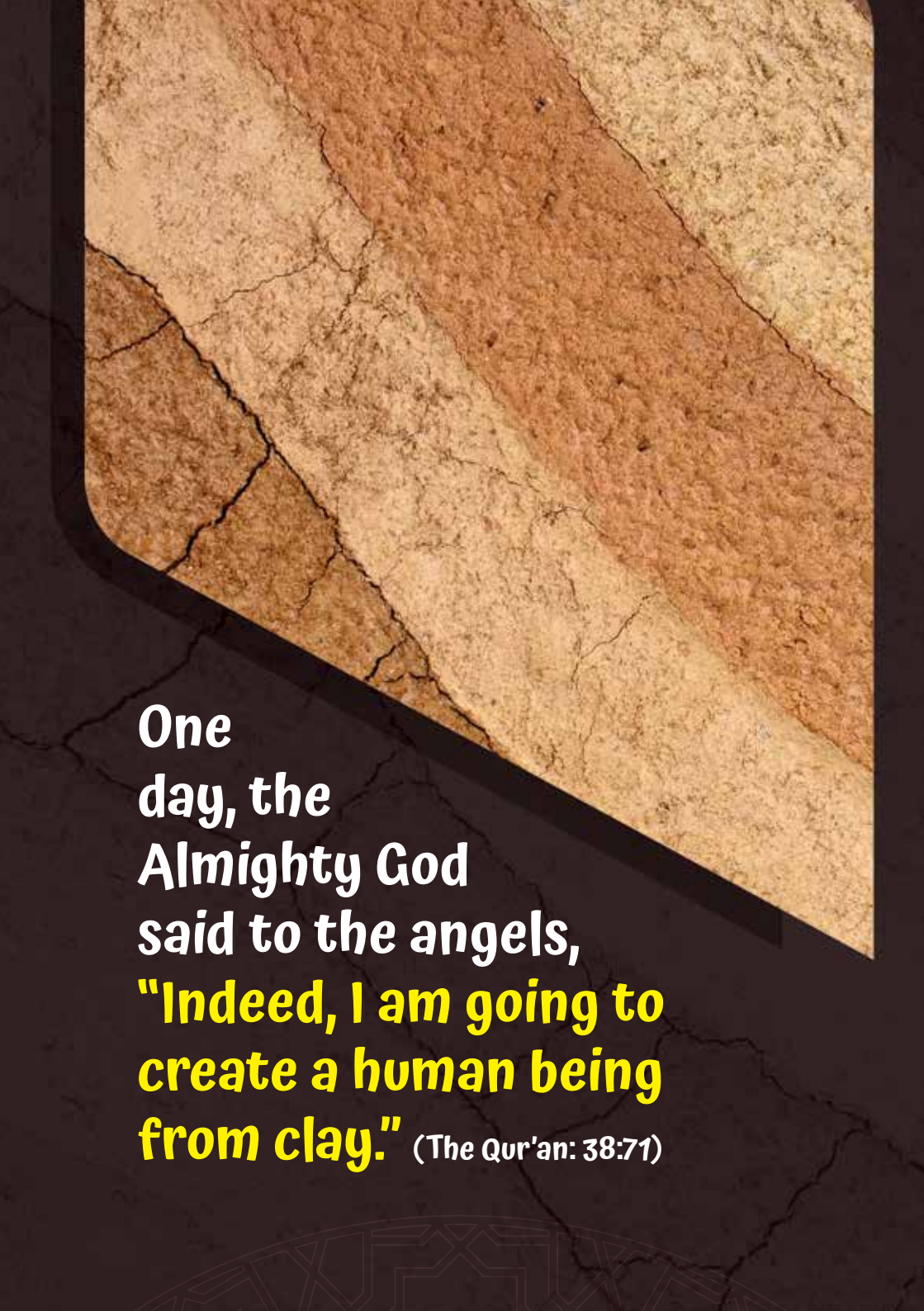




**God  
created  
everything  
in six days. Then,  
everything started  
following God's command and  
performing the duties given  
to them.**

**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.**

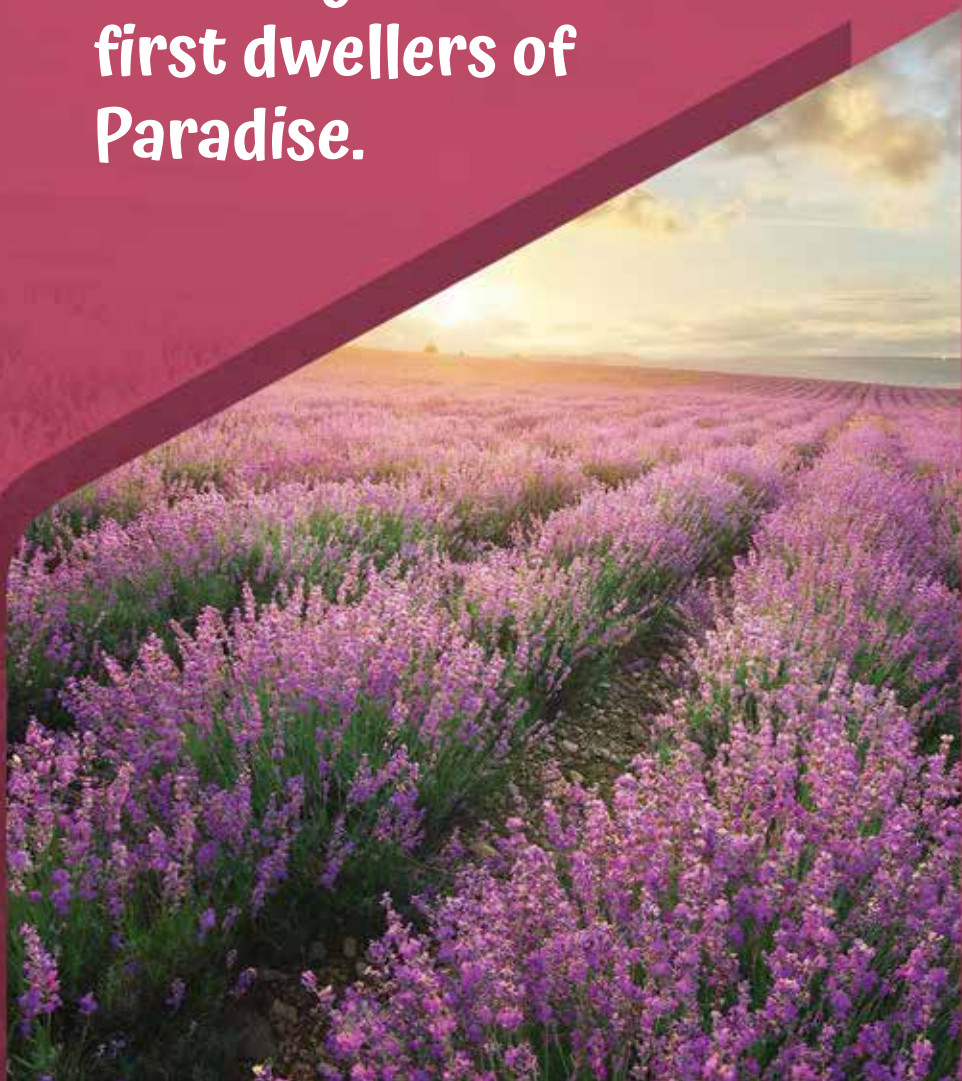





**One  
day, the  
Almighty God  
said to the angels,  
"Indeed, I am going to  
create a human being  
from clay." (The Qur'an: 38:71)**




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



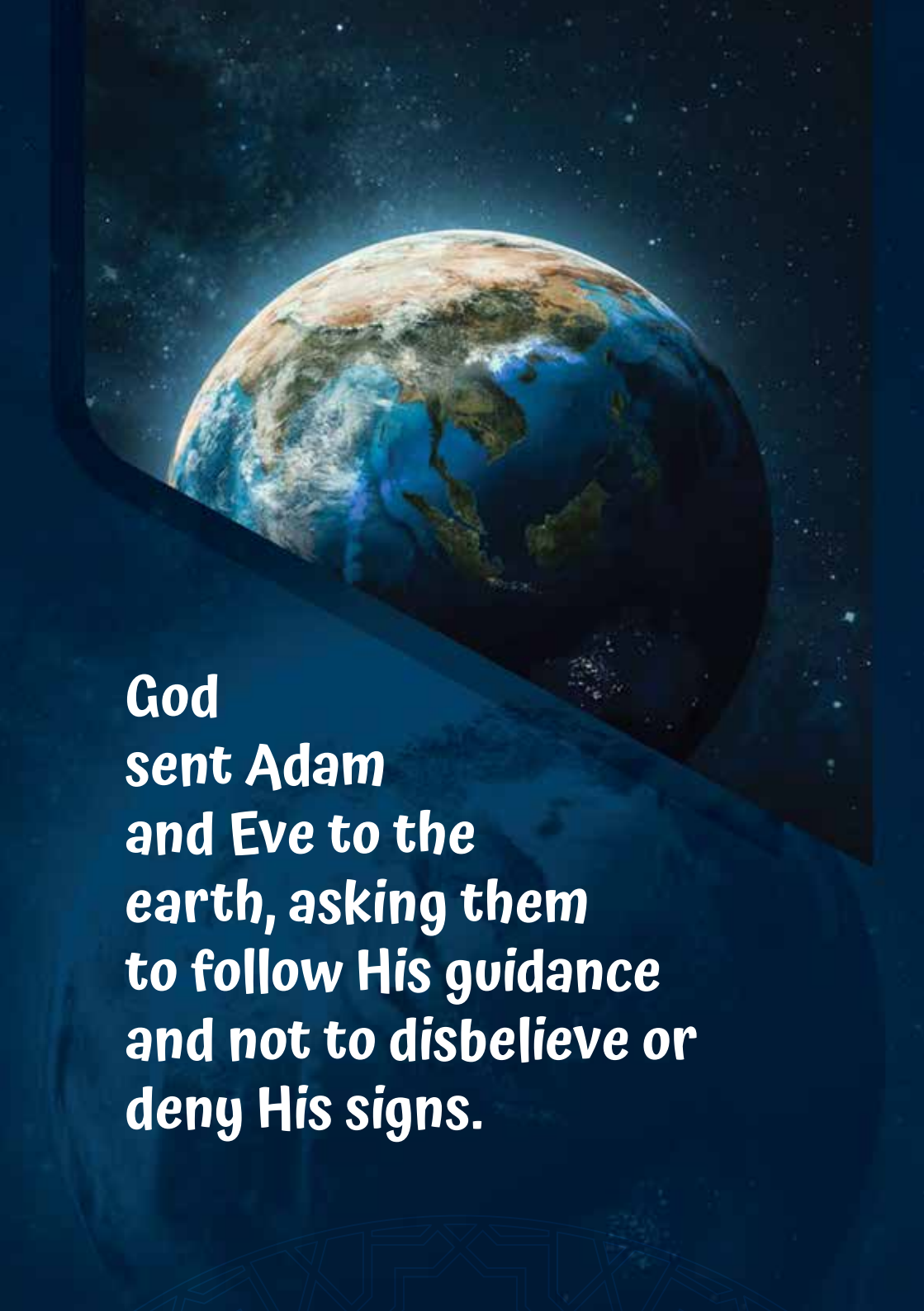


**The  
Devil, who  
once rejected  
the command of God  
and had vowed that he  
would misguide mankind, made  
Adam and Eve go against the  
instruction of God in Paradise.**



**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.**



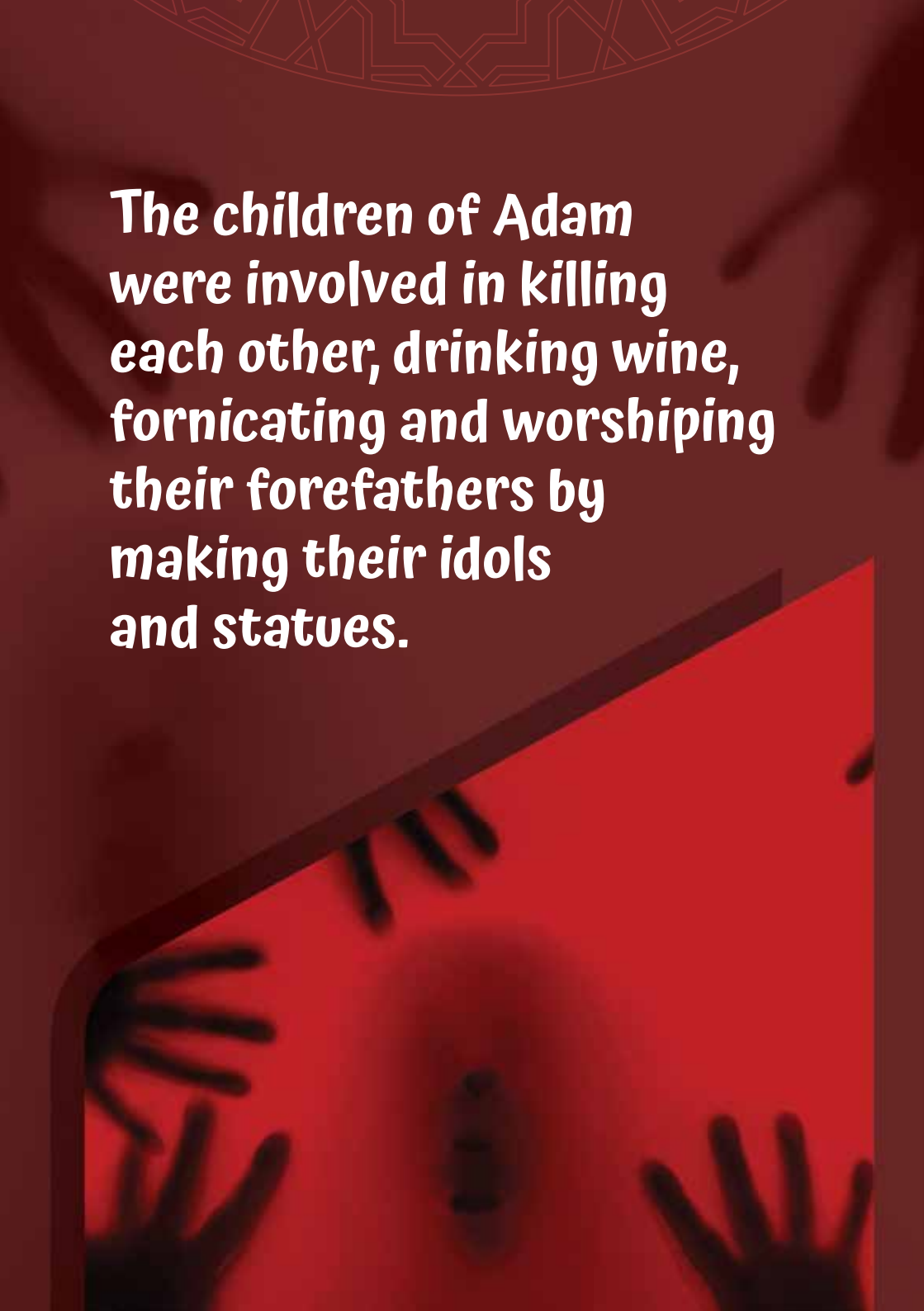
**Therefore, the first  
guidance given to Adam and  
Eve and to their children  
was the guidance of 'TOTAL  
SUBMISSION TO GOD'  
-in other words:  
'Islam'.**



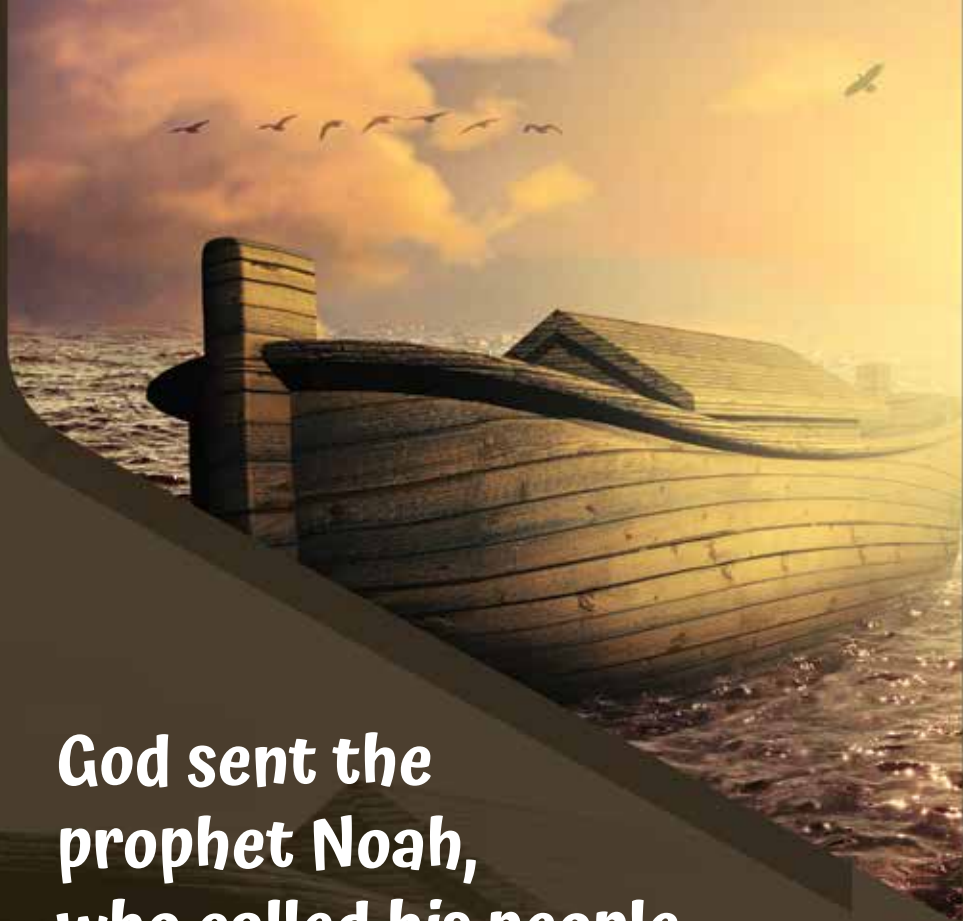


A wooden signpost with two directional arrows. The top arrow is red and points to the left. The bottom arrow is blue and points to the right. The signpost is made of a single vertical wooden pole. The background is a cloudy sky with a hint of green foliage at the bottom right. A dark, curved shape, possibly a shadow or a decorative element, is visible on the left side of the image.

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

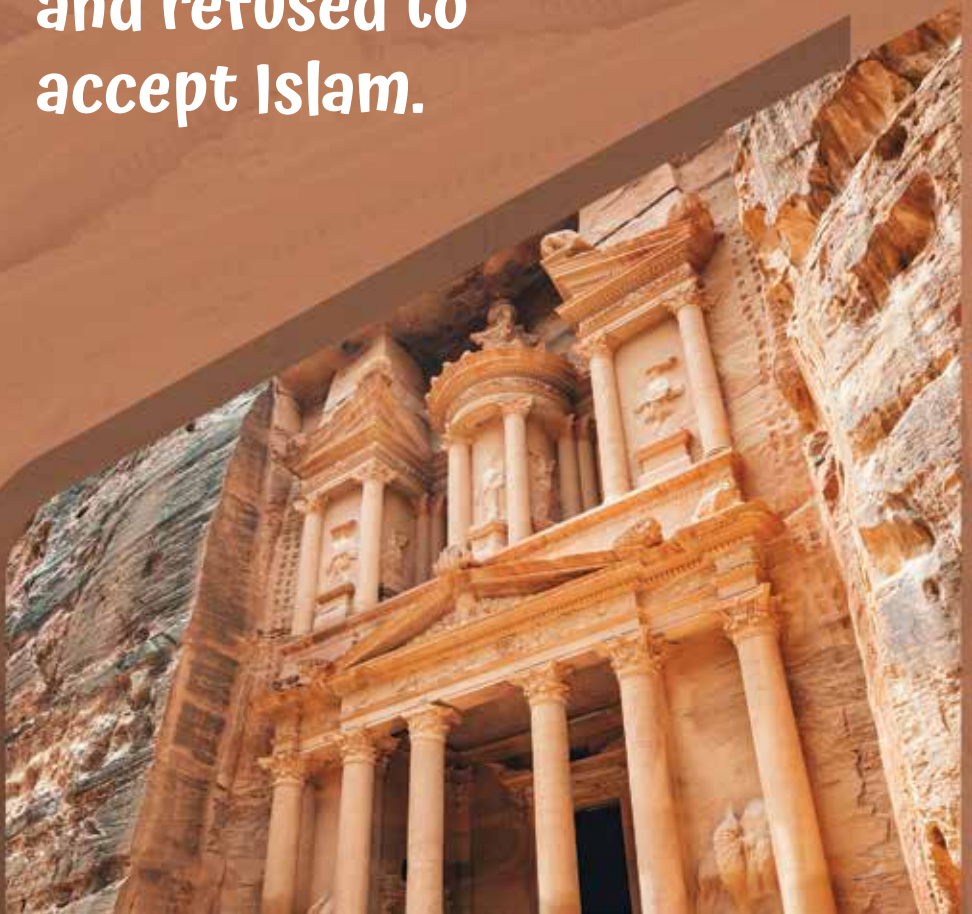
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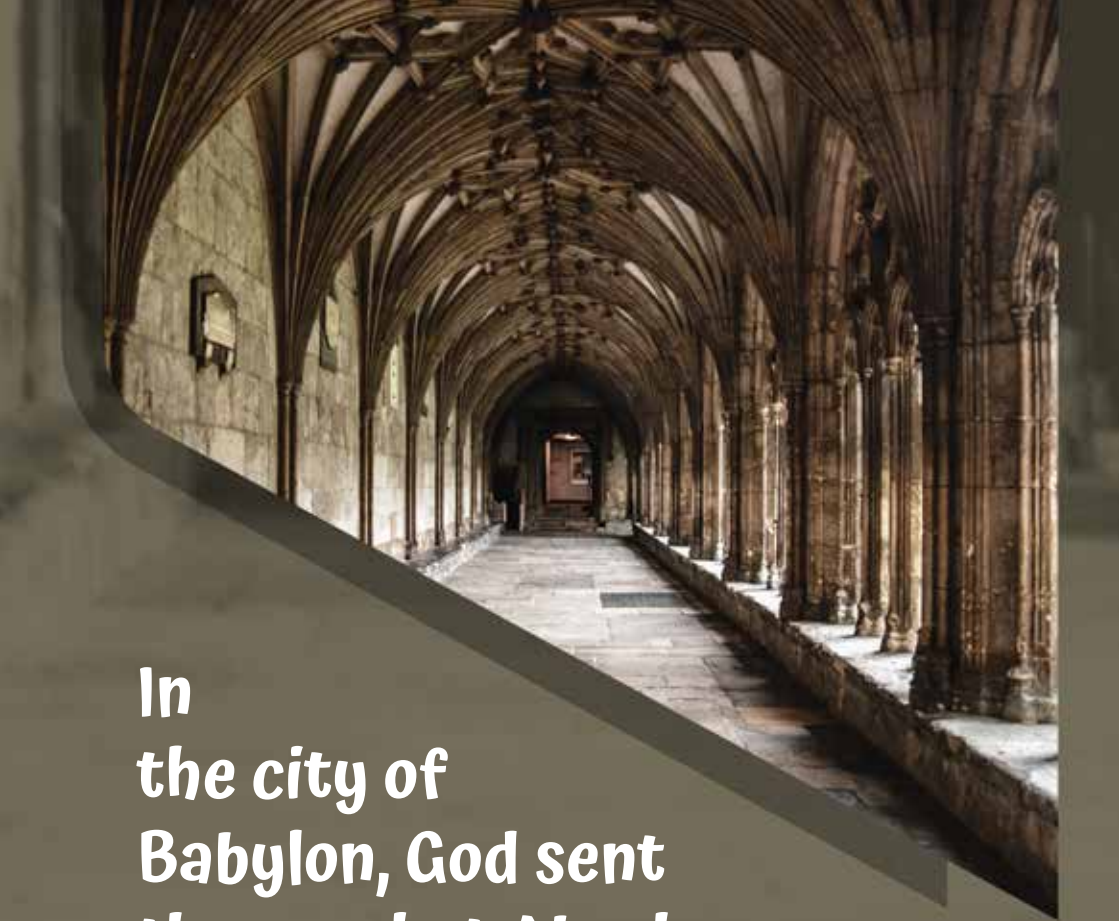
**The children of Adam  
were involved in killing  
each other, drinking wine,  
fornicating and worshiping  
their forefathers by  
making their idols  
and statues.**




**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.**



A photograph of a long, arched stone corridor, likely a crypt or a historical hallway. The ceiling is a complex vaulted structure with many small, dark, cross-shaped supports. The walls are made of large, light-colored stone blocks. On the right side, there are tall, narrow stone pillars. A person is visible in the distance at the end of the corridor. The image is partially obscured by a dark, curved shape on the left side.

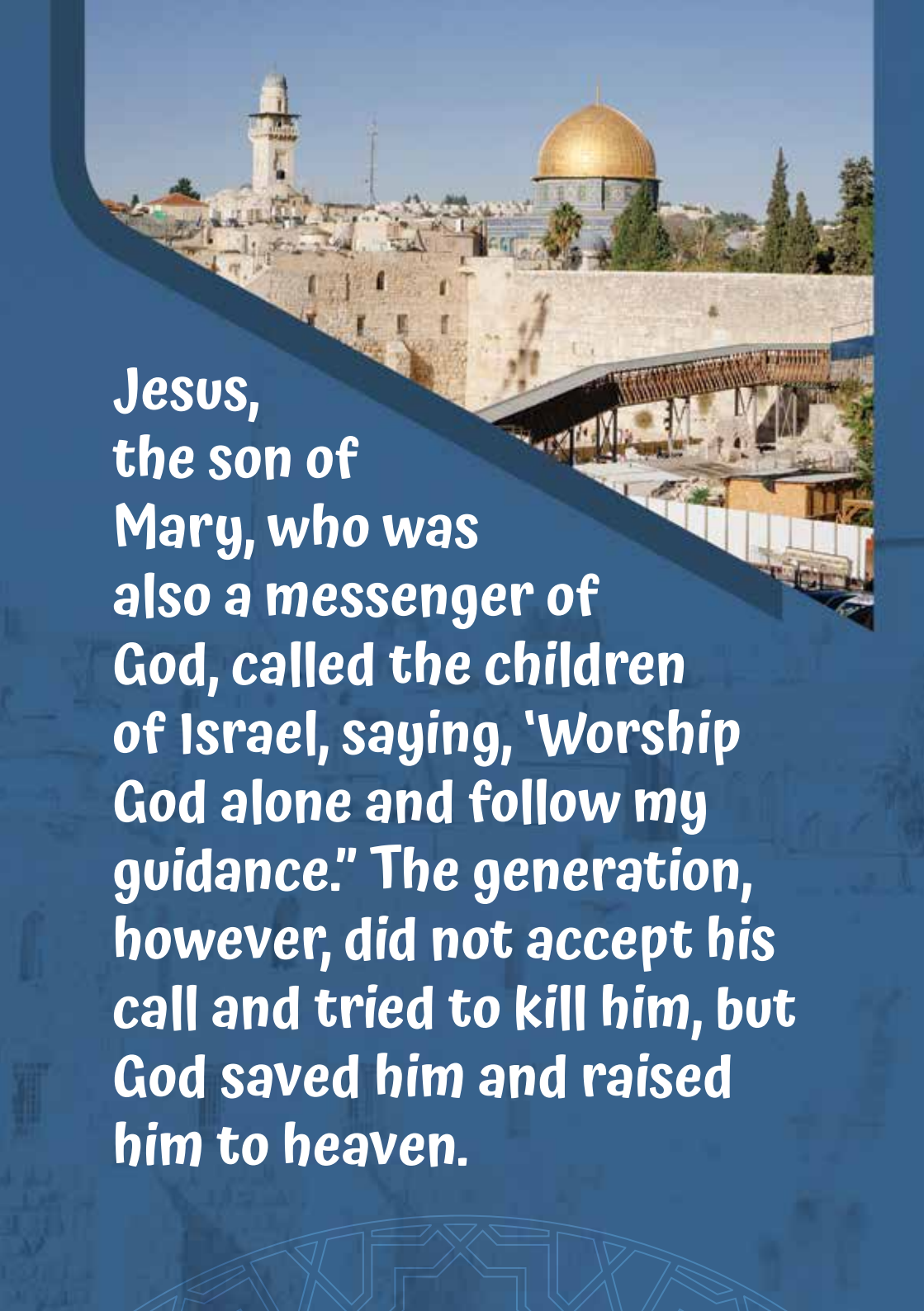
**In  
the city of  
Babylon, God sent  
the prophet Abraham  
to call his disbelieving father  
and his nation to worship the  
one and only God. However,  
they rejected him and forced  
him to leave the city.**

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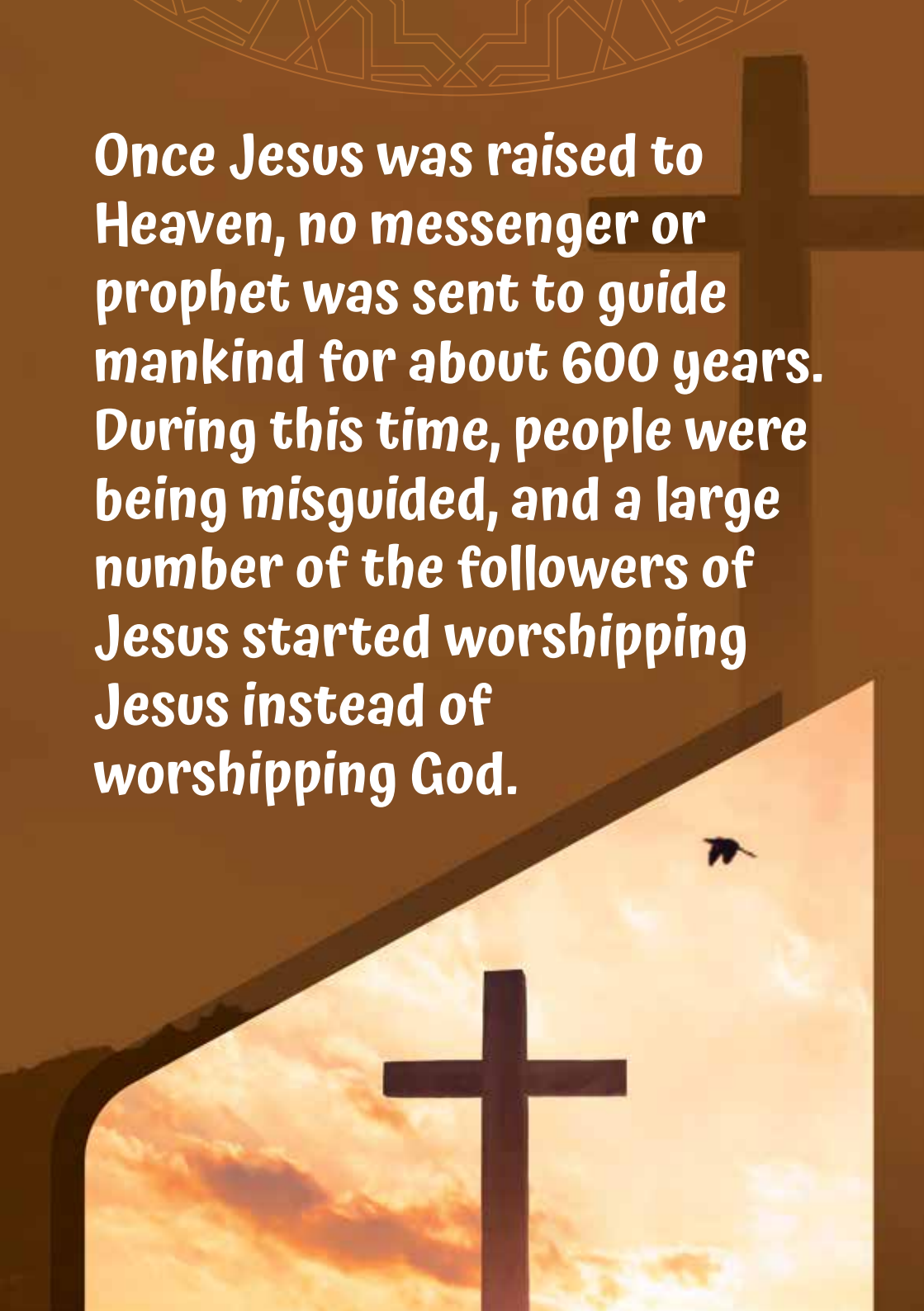


**In Egypt, where Pharaoh had considered himself the god of Coptics and had made the children of Israel his slaves, God almighty sent the prophet Moses to call Pharaoh and his people to Islam and to save the children of Israel from slavery.**

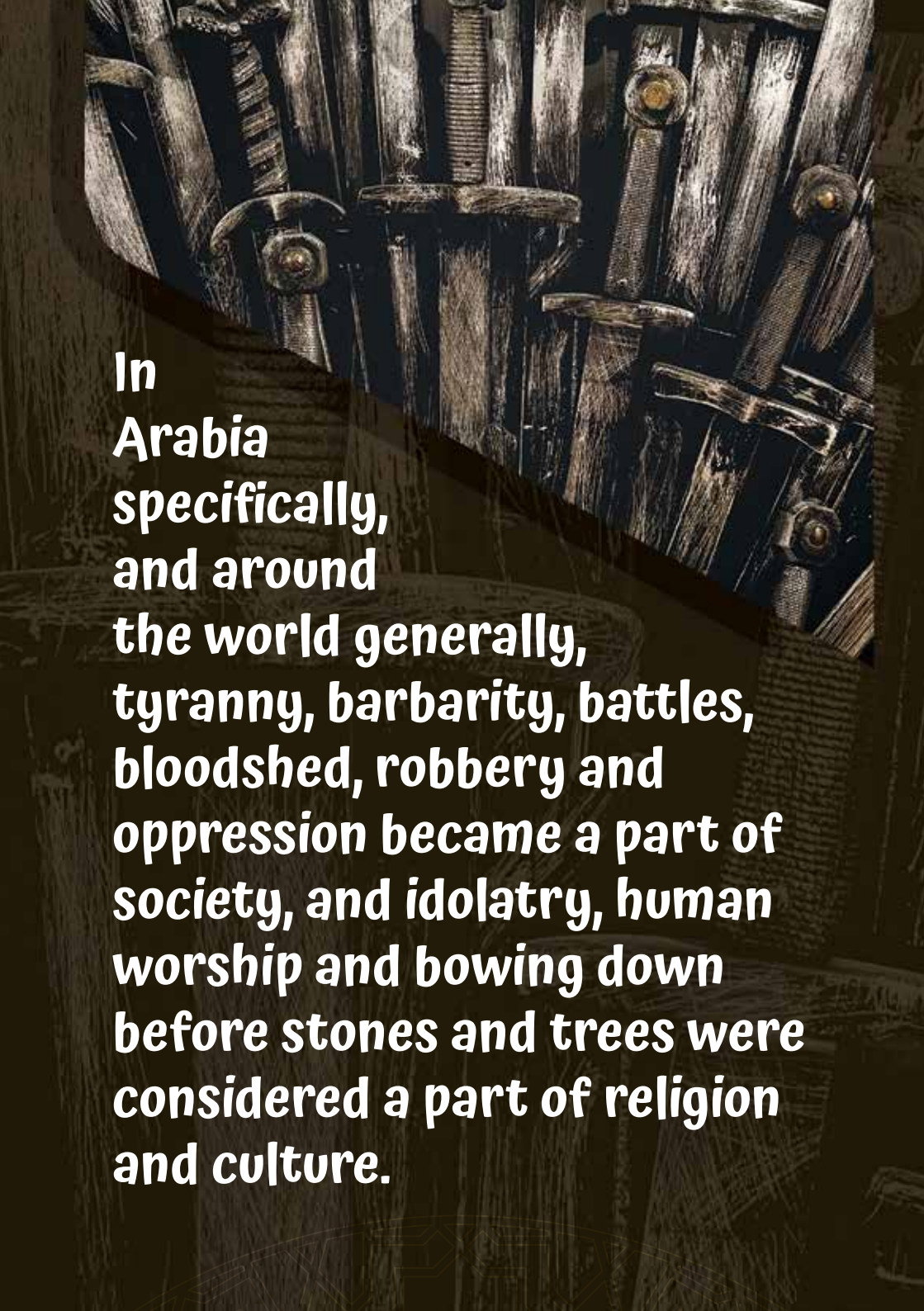




**Jesus,  
the son of  
Mary, who was  
also a messenger of  
God, called the children  
of Israel, saying, 'Worship  
God alone and follow my  
guidance.' The generation,  
however, did not accept his  
call and tried to kill him, but  
God saved him and raised  
him to heaven.**

The background of the image is a warm, orange-toned scene. At the top, there is a decorative geometric pattern. A large, dark cross is visible in the upper right. Below it, the silhouette of a church roof is shown. The main part of the background is a bright, orange-hued sky with clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. A small, dark bird is flying in the sky. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

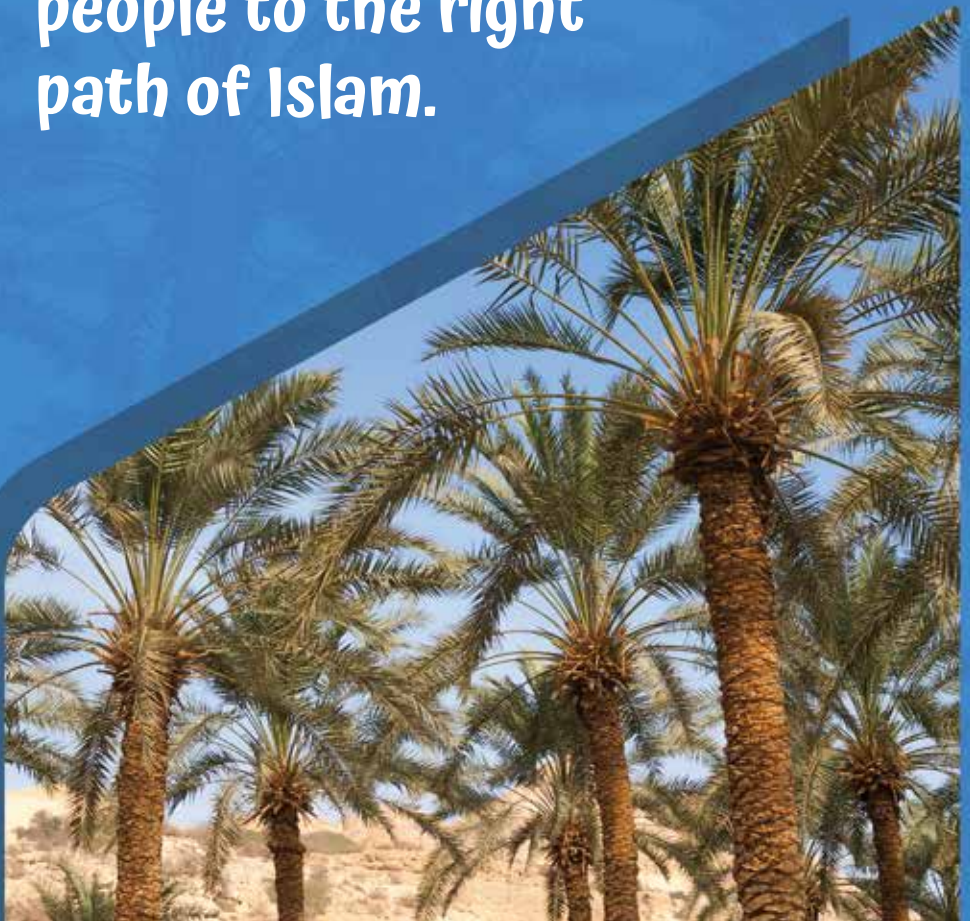
**Once Jesus was raised to Heaven, no messenger or prophet was sent to guide mankind for about 600 years. During this time, people were being misguided, and a large number of the followers of Jesus started worshipping Jesus instead of worshipping God.**



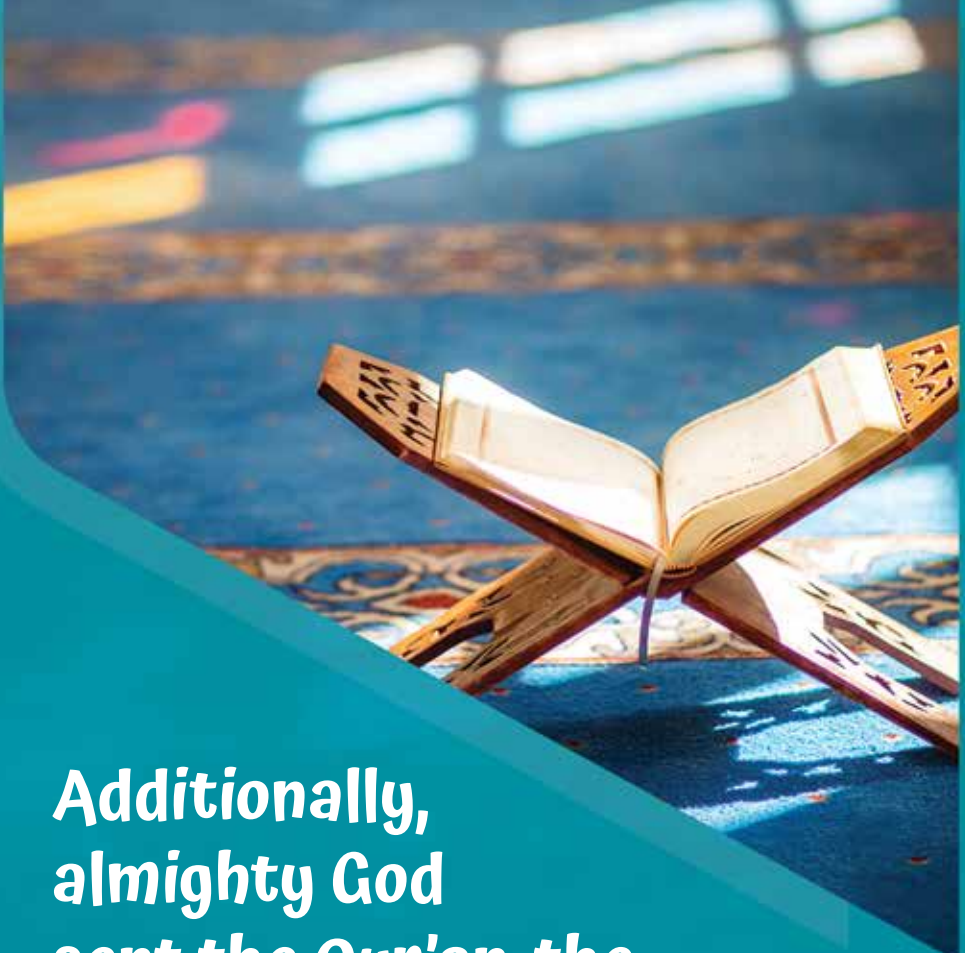
**In  
Arabia  
specifically,  
and around  
the world generally,  
tyranny, barbarity, battles,  
bloodshed, robbery and  
oppression became a part of  
society, and idolatry, human  
worship and bowing down  
before stones and trees were  
considered a part of religion  
and culture.**




**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.**





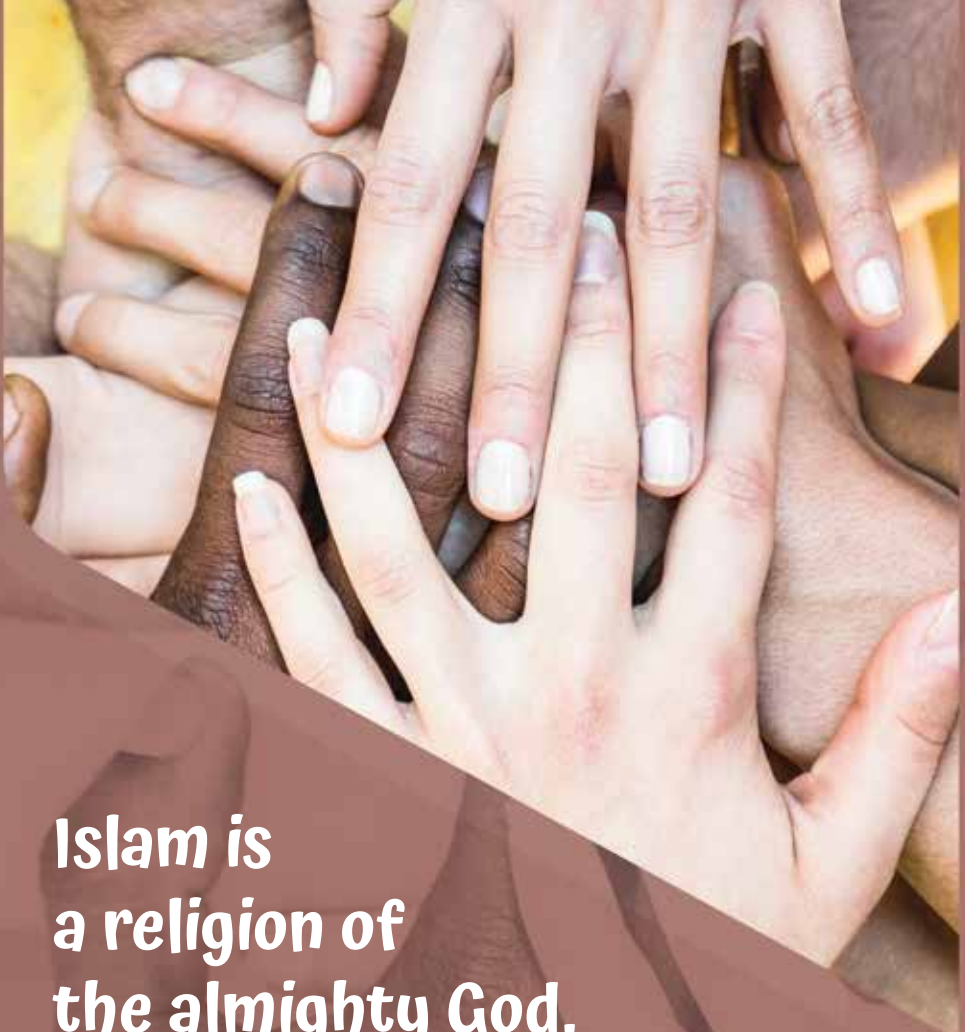


**Additionally,  
almighty God  
sent the Qur'an-the  
last and final message of  
God to prophet Muhammad  
(peace be upon him) as a  
guide for humanity,  
for all time.**




**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.**





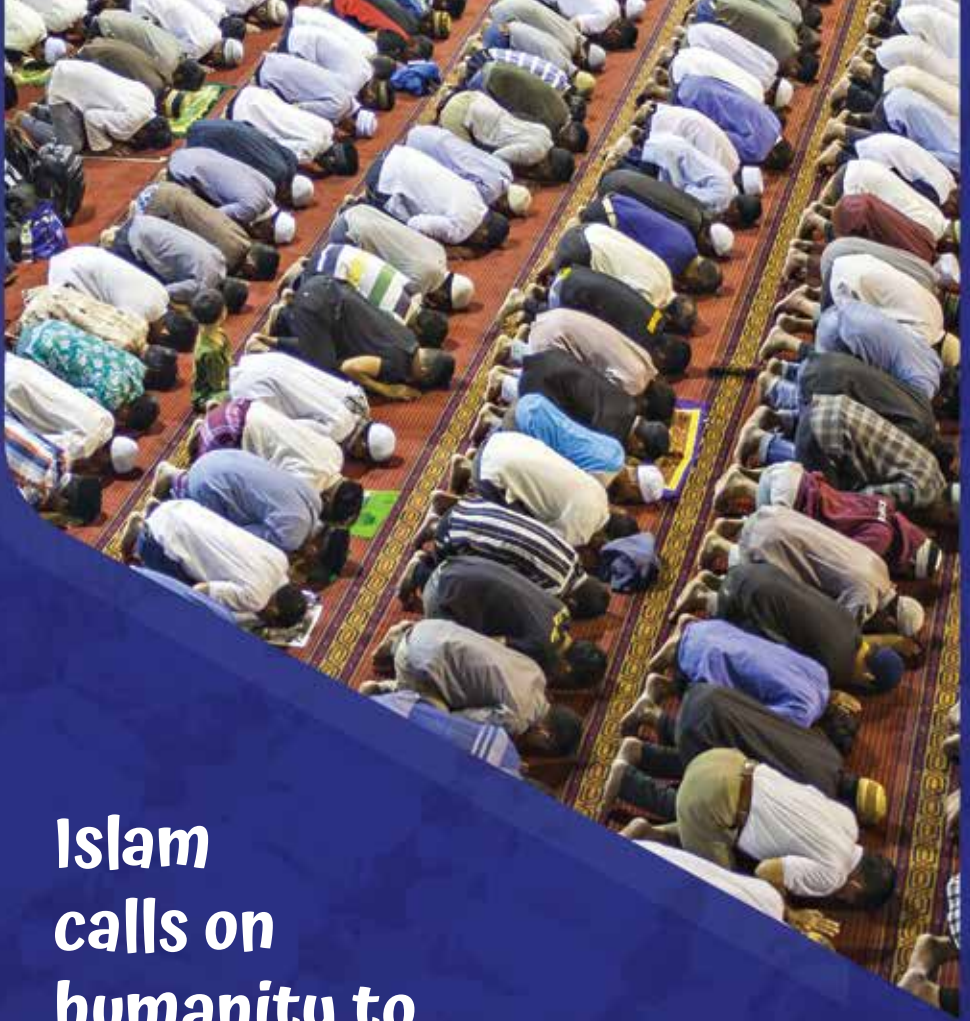
**Islam is  
a religion of  
the almighty God.  
It is a universal religion  
and its practice is not  
confined within a society,  
culture or country.**





**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.'**



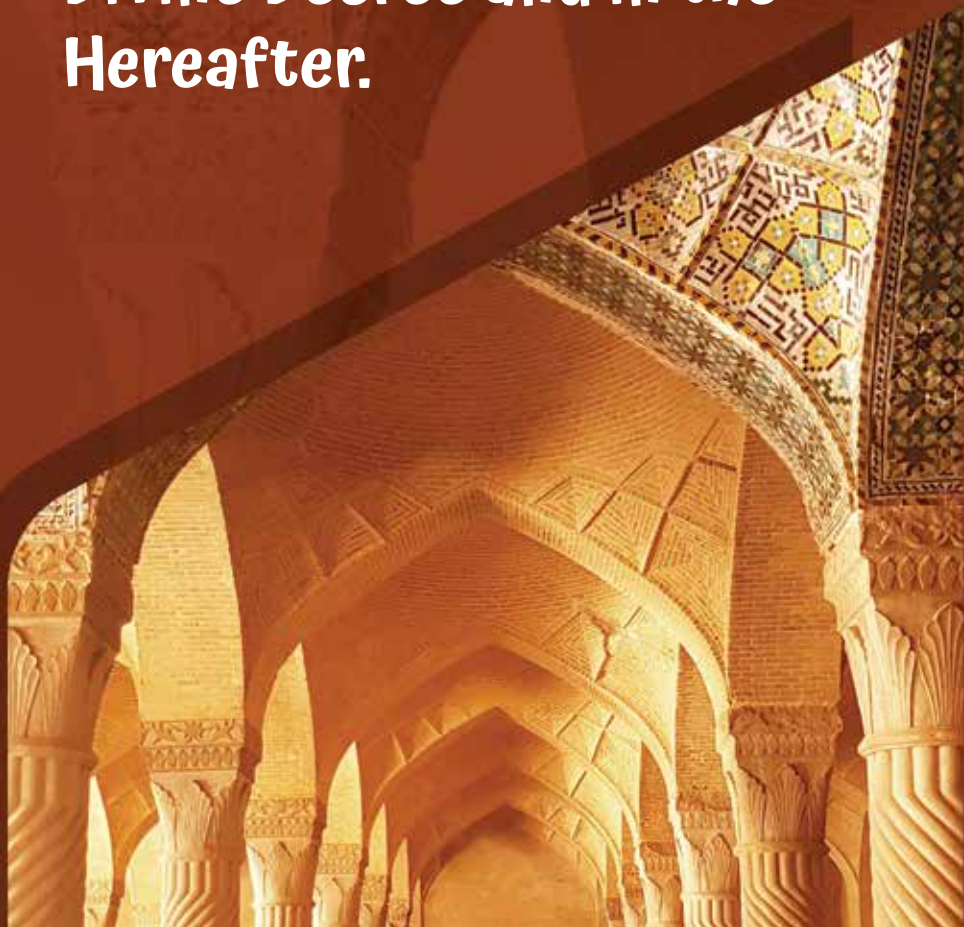


YES

NO

**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.**





# **FIVE PILLARS OF**

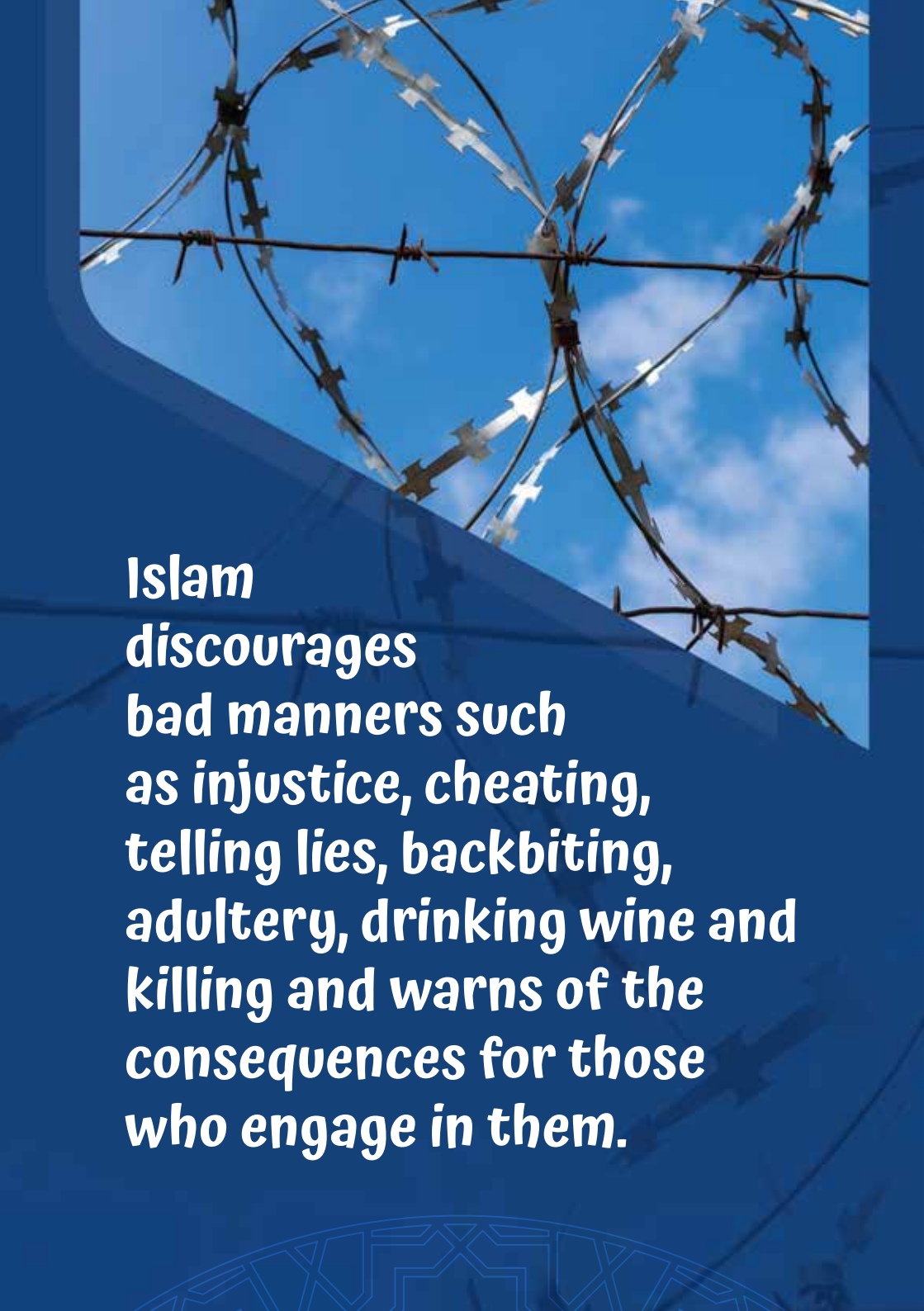
**In  
relation to  
the pillars of Islam,  
they are five:**

- 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.**



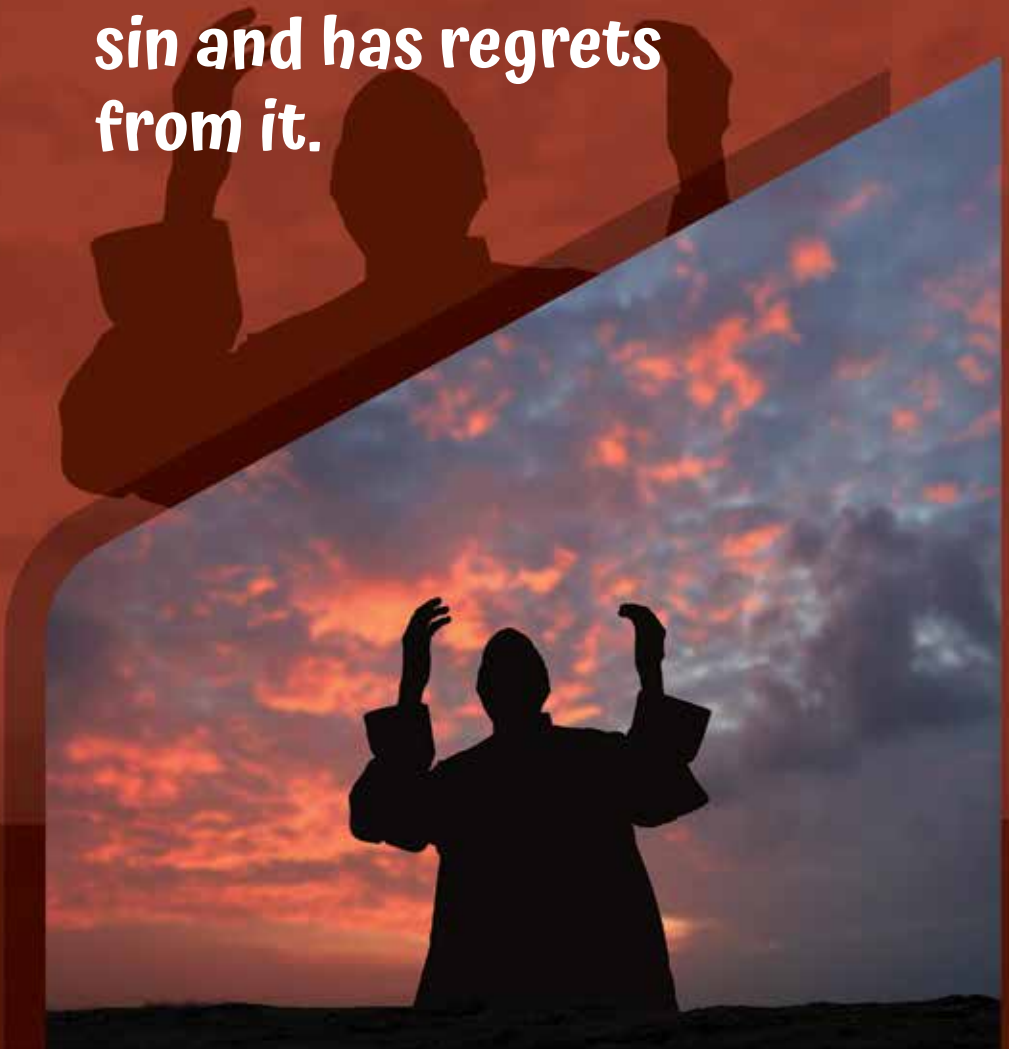
**Islam promotes good manners such as justice, modesty, generosity, brotherhood, equality, kindness, patience and tolerance and assures rewards for those who practice them.**

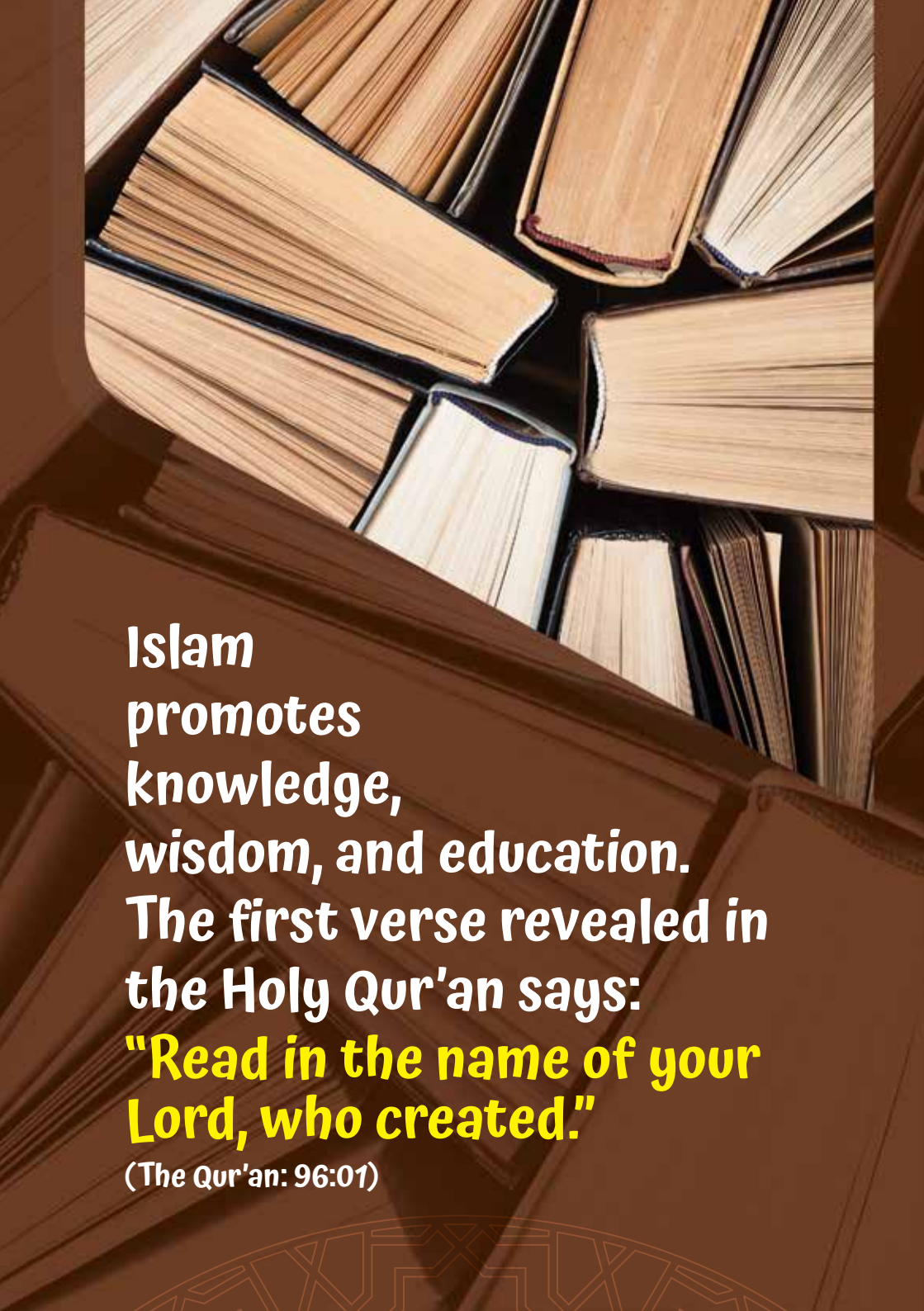




**Islam  
discourages  
bad manners such  
as injustice, cheating,  
telling lies, backbiting,  
adultery, drinking wine and  
killing and warns of the  
consequences for those  
who engage in them.**

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



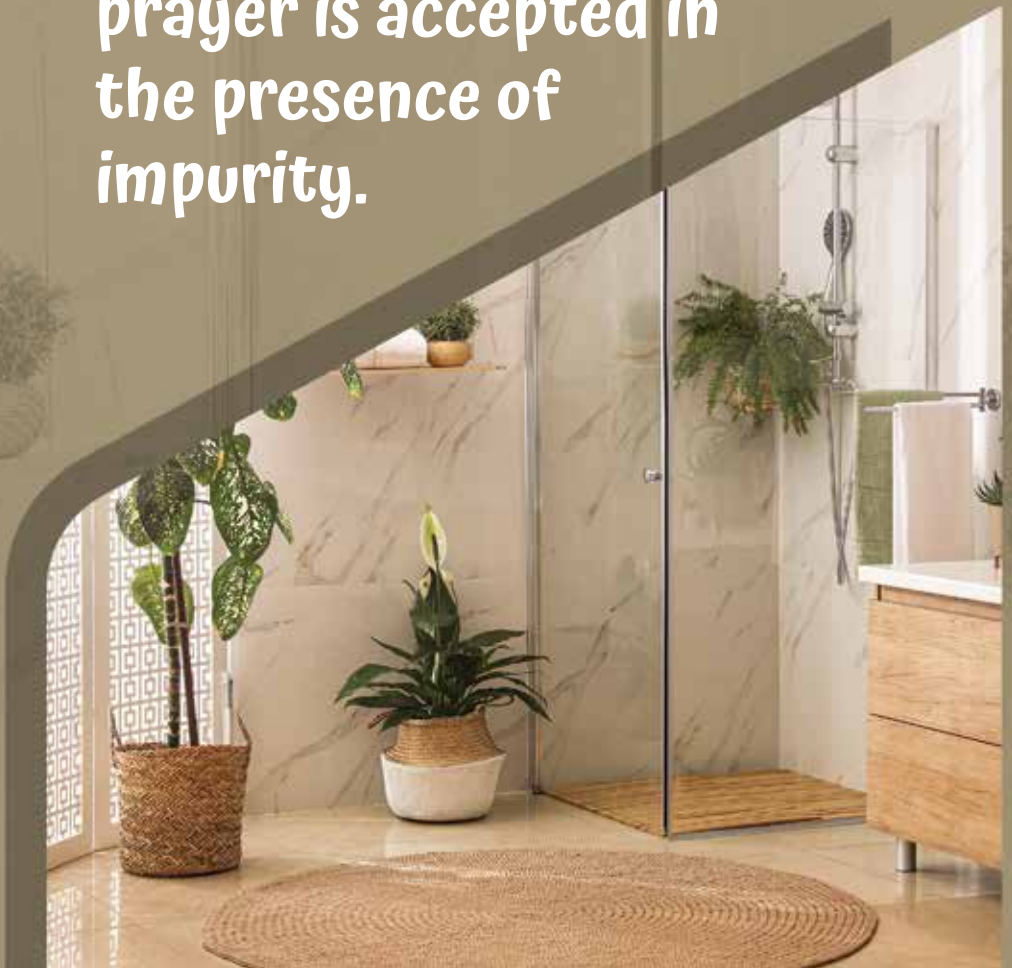


**Islam  
promotes  
knowledge,  
wisdom, and education.  
The first verse revealed in  
the Holy Qur'an says:  
"Read in the name of your  
Lord, who created."**

**(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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