



# The Holy Qur'an

## Calls Humanity to Righteous Action

**Honor each other:** "O mankind! We created you from a male and a female and made you into nations and tribes that you may know and honor each other (not that you should despise one another). Indeed the most honorable of you in the sight of God is the most righteous." 49:13

**Good and evil:** "Whoever recommends and helps a good cause becomes a partner therein, and whoever recommends and helps an evil cause shares in its burden." 4:85

**Reaction to evil:** "Repel (evil) with what is better. Then will he, between whom and thee was hatred, become as it were thy friend and intimate. And no one will be granted such goodness except those who exercise patience and self-restraint." 41:34 and 35

**Do good:** "Be quick in the race for forgiveness from your Lord, and for a Garden (paradise) whose width is that of the heavens and of the earth, prepared for the righteous - Those who spend (freely), whether in prosperity or in adversity, who restrain (their) anger and pardon (all) men - for God loves those who do good." 3:133-134

**Righteousness has its own reward:** "Whoever works righteousness, man or woman, and has faith, verily, to them will We give a new Life, a life that is good and pure, and We will bestow on such their reward according to the best of their actions." 16:97

**The just are close to righteousness:** "O' You who believe! Be consistent in your devotion to God, bearing witness to the truth in all equity, and never let hatred of others lead you to deviate from justice. Be just for this is closest to righteousness, and remain conscious of God: verily, God is well aware of all you do..." 5:8

**Be just under all circumstances:** "O' You who believe! Stand out firmly for Justice as witnesses to God, even against yourselves, your children, and against your parents, or against people who are rich or poor - because God is the best of all protectors. Follow not your inclinations or desires, lest you should deviate from Justice." 4:135

**Forgiveness and justice:** "Show forgiveness, speak for justice and avoid the ignorant." 7:199

**Love and mercy:** "And among His signs is this that He created for you mates from among yourselves, that ye may dwell in tranquility with them, and He has put love and mercy between your (hearts); verily in that are signs for those who reflect." 30:21

**Acts of compassion:** "And what will explain to you what the steep path is? It is the freeing of a (slave) from bondage; or the giving of food in a day of famine to an orphan relative, or to a needy in distress. Then will he be of those who believe, enjoin fortitude and encourage kindness and compassion." 90:12-17

**Revelation:** "Say ye: 'We believe in God and the revelation given to us and to Abraham, Ismail, Isaac, Jacob, and the Tribes, and that given to Moses and Jesus, and that given to (all) Prophets from their Lord. We make no difference between one and another of them, and we bow to God.'" 2:136

**All who believe and work righteousness will be saved:** "Those who believe (in the Qur'an), and those who follow Jewish (scriptures), and the Christians and the Sabians, any who believe in God and the Last Day, and work righteousness, shall have their reward with their Lord: on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve." 5:69



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## Offers Hope for Humanity

There is one God and one Humanity but there are many messengers. (41:43; 2:135.136; 42:13; 6:84-87; 4:162-164)

Human beings were created for a noble purpose. (2:30-31; 6:165) Respect all human life. (5:32)

Human beings are essentially good. Discovering and expressing this goodness brings enduring happiness. (30:30; 3:104)

Follow the religion of Abraham, who was not a Jew, nor a Christian, (or a 'Muslim' as conventionally defined). He had a sound heart, was true and firm in his faith, and turned directly to God for guidance. (2:135-6; 16:120-123; 4:125, 3:95)

Seek to understand the purpose of life and the way to peace of mind and heart. Look for this knowledge in scripture, in oneself, and through reflection upon nature and history. (41:53; 20:114; 10:13)

In the sight of God, success is measured by righteous actions and virtuous qualities. (49:13; 31:22)

Work for social justice and equality. (5:8)

Each person is responsible for their own soul. (6:164)

The natural world is a mercy given to all humanity. Respect the natural order. It reflects the presence and attributes of God. (10:5; 30:24-26; 45:3-5; 56:68-73) Those who do not respect nature are clearly misguided. (4:119)



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