

Qur'anic concepts Explanation of Qur'anic verses

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Qur'anic concepts are valid at all times and for all societies

The Qur'an came as a guidance to mankind

It explains our role as human beings in serving God and in working together

The Qur'an gives guidelines but not too many specific details in order that these guidelines and concepts be applicable at all times

Surat Al-Fatiha

“In the name of Allah, Most Gracious,
Most-merciful. Praise be to Allah the
Cherisher and Sustainer of the worlds.
Most-Gracious, Most-Merciful. Master
of the Day of Judgment. We do
worship You, and we do seek Your
help. Show us the straight way. The
way of those on whom You bestowed
Your Grace, not those You are angry
with or those who are misguided”

Al-Fatiha 1: 1-7

The Opening Chapter of the Qur'an

- 1-The Oneness of God: Tawheed
- 2-We are accountable to God
- 3-We turn to God seeking His help and guidance
- 4-We obey God and want to be guided to His way

The opening Chapter of the Qur'an

- Is recited in every Rak'a: 17 times every day or more
 - It is the best Sura' of the Qur'an
 - It must be recited in Arabic
 - It is seven short verses
 - “And We bestowed upon you the seven often repeated verses and the grand Qur'an”
- Al-Hijr 15: 87

Surat Al-Baqara (the Cow)

Chapter Two

- The name comes from the Cow that the Children of Israel were ordered to sacrifice
- Is the longest Sura' in the Qur'an 286 verses
- Revealed in Madina
- Has many stories: Adam & Satan; The Children of Israel; Prophet Ibrahim & Isma'il
- Rituals of worship are discussed: prayer, charity, fasting and Hajj (pilgrimage)
- Jihad
- The family
- Great Du'a (prayer to Allah)

Three groups of people

1-Al-Munenoun (the believers):

Believe in Allah and in being accountable to Him; Believe in Divine revelation; establish regular prayers and give charity

2-The Kuffar (those who reject faith)

3-The Munafeqeen (hypocrites)

Characteristics of the hypocrites

- 1-They lie
- 2-They think they can deceive Allah, but they only deceive themselves
- 3-They spread mischief and corruption
- 4-They collaborate with the unbelievers
- 5-They closed their eyes and ears and hearts to the truth despite being shown the way
- 6-They are unsure and undecided

Prophet Muhammad's description of the hypocrites

The Prophet (PBUH) said: (The signs of a hypocrite are three: When he talks, he lies; and when he promises, he does not keep his promise; and when he is entrusted, he betrays the trust)

Bokhari & Muslim

What is the meaning of Ebada?

“O mankind worship your Lord Who created you and those before you that you may become righteous”

Al-Baqara 2: 21

The benefit of worshipping Allah is that through our worship we evolve as human beings and learn to be righteous

This worship is exhibited in our character and behavior

No one can produce such a Qur'an

- The Qur'an is the literal words of God.
The divine nature of the Qur'an and its authenticity is in the Qur'an itself
- No one can produce such a Qur'an:
this challenge has existed for 1400 years

What is the evidence that the Qur'an is divinely inspired?

-Evidence from the Qur'an:

It addresses our hearts & minds in a clear logical way, and it gives guidance, mercy and cure

No contradiction in its verses

None of its verses ever proven wrong

No one has been able to produce such a Qur'an

-Evidence from Muhammad (PBUH)

The Prophet was illiterate: he could not read or

No original sin in Islam

Adam repented and God forgave him:
“Adam received from his Lord certain words, and his Lord turned to him, for He is Often-Forgiving, Most-Merciful”

Al-Baqara 2: 37

Every newborn is innocent free of sin.

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (Every new born is born innocent with pure innate nature)

Bokhari

Learn and do not repeat the mistakes of the Children of

Allah bestowed many favors on the Children of Israel, yet they were not true or faithful to their trust. We should learn from their mistakes and be faithful to our covenant with God

“O Children of Israel remember My blessings over you, and fulfill your covenant to Me, I shall fulfill My promise to you, and fear Me; and believe in what I revealed confirming the truth in your hand, and do not be foremost among those who reject the truth, do not barter away My signs for a trifling gain and be conscious of Me”

Al-Baqara 2: 40 & 41

The Children of Israel reject the Qur'an and reject

“When they are told: “Believe in what Allah has sent down”, they say: “We believe in what was sent to us” and they disregard what was revealed after their revelation though it is the truth confirming what they have”

Al-Baqara 2: 91

The Children of Israel changed their Book; the

“Then woe to those who write the Book with
their own hands, and then say: “This is from
God” to traffic with it for a miserable price!–
Woe to them for what their hands do write”

Al-Baqara 2: 79

“And We sent down the Book to you in truth
confirming the revelation that came before
it, and safeguarding it”

Al-Maeda 5: 48

Some believe in part of the Book and reject what they do

“Do you then believe in part of the Book and reject the other parts? “

Al-Baqara 2: 85

Some people take what they like, and reject that which they do not like giving all kinds of reason

AS believers we must accept what God wills for us and live our lives as He has commanded

Prophets Ibrahim & Isma'il build the Ka'ba as a place of

“As both Ibrahim and Isma'il raise the foundation of the house they pray:
“Our Lord accept this from us for You are the all hearing, all knowing. Our Lord make us both submit to You and from our progeny a nation that submit to You, show us our rites of worship and turn to us in mercy for You are the One who accepts repentance, most merciful”

Al-Baqara 2: 127 & 128

Turn to Allah

We learn from these verses:

- The Ka Ba is a place of worship. It was built by Prophets Ibrahim & Isma'il. Circling the Ka Ba is a form of worship in Hajj (pilgrimage)
- We should turn to Allah renewing our pledge to serve Him
- Allah accepts our repentance and is merciful

Allah responded to Ibrahim's prayer and sent Muhammad

“Our Lord, send to them a messenger
from among themselves, rehearsing to
them Your signs and teaching them
the Book, and the Wisdom, and
purifying them, for You are Mighty and
Wise”

Al-Baqara 2: 129

Patiently persevere and seek help in prayer

“O you who believe seek help in patience and prayer, for Allah is with those who are patient in adversity”

Al-Baqara 2: 153

-Our patience during difficult times confirms our faith

-Prayers gives us strength and comfort as God guides our hearts, for God is with those who patiently persevere with His mercy

The meaning of righteousness

Birr or righteousness is to confirm our faith in the way that we behave and in understanding our accountability to Allah

It is not just prayers or giving charity or saying I believe, but it is fulfilling our promises, being truthful and patiently persevering during adversity

Fasting Ramadan

“O you who believe fasting has been prescribed to you as it has been prescribed to those before you that you may attain Taqwa”

Al-Baqara 2: 183

Fasting has a purpose and rationale and has benefits for us. We learn patience and commitment, and to control our desires

“It is better for you to fast, if you only knew”

Allah wants to make it easy for you and not difficult

“Allah intends every facility for you and does not want to put you to difficulty”

Al-Baqara 2: 185

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (Make things easy and not difficult, give glad tidings, and do not make people run away from you)

Bokhari & Muslim

Allah is near and hears our prayers

“When My servants ask you concerning Me, I am indeed near. I respond to the prayer of every supplicant when he calls on Me. Let them therefore respond to Me and believe in Me that they may become righteous”

Al-Baqara 2: 186

“And your Lord said: “Call on Me and I will respond to you”

Ghafir 40: 60

Concepts regarding fighting in Islam

“And fight in the cause of Allah those who fight you, but commit no aggression, for Allah loves not the aggressors”

Al-Baqara 2: 190

- Fighting is only allowed in the cause of Allah, not for personal reasons
- Fighting is done to defend ourselves
- No aggression is allowed

Safeguard your prayers

“Safeguard your prayers and the middle prayer, and stand up to God with obedience and devotion”

Al-Baqara 2: 238

“The believers will succeed those who are humble and devoted in their prayers and those who safeguard their prayers”

Al-Mumenoun 23: 1 & 2

Ayat Al-Kursi (the verse of the throne)

“Allah, there is no god except Him, the Everlasting, Self-subsisting supporter of all. Neither slumber nor sleep overtakes Him. His are all things in heaven and on earth. Who is there who can intercede with Him except as He permits? He knows all that lies open before men and all that is hidden from them, but they cannot attain any of His knowledge except as He wills. His throne extends over the heavens and the earth, and upholding them wears Him not, and He alone is most High, Supreme in glory”

Al-Baqara 2: 255

Concepts in Ayat Al-Kursi

- 1-This verse describes Allah & ten of His attributes and praises Him
- 2-No one is worthy of worship but Allah
- 3-No one can intercede without His blessing
- 4-He sustains everything
- 5-What we know is minimal and with Allah's permission

No one is forced to believe against his will

“Let there be no compulsion in religion, truth
stands clear from error”

Al-Baqara 2: 256

“Let him who will believe and let him who will
reject faith”

Al-Kahf 18: 29

“If it had been the will of your Lord, they
would all have believed, all who are on
earth! Will you then compel mankind to
believe against their will?”

Yunus 10: 99

Thee is nothing wrong in asking questions if we want

“Behold Ibrahim said: “My Lord show me how You give life to the dead”. Allah said: “Do you not then believe?” He replied: “Yes I believe but to satisfy my own heart”

Al-Baqara 2: 260

Guidelines in giving charity

- 1-We give charity in the cause of Allah to help those who need our help
- 2-When we give charity we also help ourselves
- 3-Do not hurt the feelings of those receiving your charity
- 4-Give charity in secret
- 5-Give the best of what you have
- 6-Allah knows what we do and will

Guidelines regarding charity

“Who is it who will loan a goodly loan to Allah which He will amply reward several times”

Al-Baqara 2: 245

“If you loan a goodly loan to Allah He will double it to your credit and He will forgive you your sins, for Allah appreciates service and is forbearing”

At-Taghabun 64: 17

Guidelines regarding charity

“Whatever good you give benefits your own souls, and you should only do so seeking the pleasure of Allah.

Whatever good you do shall be rendered back to you and you shall not be treated unjustly”

Al-Baqara 2: 272

“O you who believe cancel not your charity with reminders of your generosity or by injury”

Al-Baqara 2: 264

Guidelines regarding charity

“O you who believe give of the good things which you have honorably earned.. Do not give anything that is bad in order that you may give away something, when yourselves would not accept it except with closed eyes”

Al-Baqara 2: 267

“If you disclose acts of charity, even so it is well, but if you conceal them and make them reach those really in need, that is best for you. It will remove from you some of your evil and Allah is well acquainted with what you do”

Al-Baqara 2: 271

Muslims believe in all of God's prophets

“The Messenger believes in what was revealed to him from his Lord, as do the believers. Each one of them believes in Allah, His Angels, His Books, and His messengers. They say: “We make no distinction between one and another of His Messengers” and they say: “We hear and we obey, we seek Your forgiveness our Lord and to You is the end of all journeys”

Al-Baqara 2: 285

Allah does not place on a burden on a soul greater than

“Allah places no burden on a soul greater than it can bear. It gets every good that it earns, and it suffers every ill that it earns”

Al-Baqara 2: 286

“On no soul do We place a burden greater than it can bear: before Us is a record which clearly speaks the truth. They will never be wronged”

Al-Mumenoun 23: 62

Beautiful Du'a at the end of Surat Al-Baqara

“Our Lord condemn us not if we forget or fall into error. Our Lord lay not on us a burden like that which You did lay on those before us. Our Lord lay not on us a burden greater than we have strength to bear. Blot our sins and grant us forgiveness, have mercy on us. You are our protector, grant us victory over the unbelievers”

Al-Baqara 2: 286

Surat Al-Imran (the family of Imran)

Concepts discussed in this Sura'

- 1-The Oneness of God; Jesus Christ is a Messenger of God and not divine
- 2-Religion to Allah is Islam (willful submission). God sent down the Qur'an to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) confirming the Torah & Gospel
- 3-Lessons from the battle of Ohod
- 4-The characteristics of the believers
- 5-Consider the many signs of Allah in the universe

The Qur'an is a divine revelation from Allah to

“It is He who sent down the Book in truth, confirming what went before it; He sent down the Torah (of Moses) and the Gospel (of Jesus) before this as a guide to mankind and He sent down the criterion (to judge right from wrong)”

Al-Imran 3: 3 & 4

Some verses of the Qur'an are basic and clear, other verses

The verses that require interpretation must be understood in the context of the basic and clear verses confirming the basic principles outlined in the Qur'an like the Oneness of God and that everyone is a servant of God and accountable to Him. Jesus Christ (PBUH) is a human being and not divine

There are many worldly temptations but Allah's

“Fair in the eyes of men is the love of things they covet: Women and sons, heaped up hordes of gold and silver, horses branded, wealth of cattle and well-tilled land. Such are the possessions of this world’s life: but with Allah is the best of goals”

Al-Imran 3: 14

Allah's reward is better for the righteous

“Say: “Shall I tell you what is better than those? For the righteous are gardens in nearness to their Lord with rivers flowing beneath; therein is their eternal home, with spouses purified and the good pleasure of Allah. For in Allah’s sight are all His servants”

Al-Imran 3: 15

Who are those who will enter Allah's paradise?

“Those who say: “Our Lord we have indeed believed, forgive us our sins and save us from the agony of the fire. Those who show patience and self-control, who are true (in word and deed), who worship devoutly, who spend (in the cause of Allah) and who pray for forgiveness in the early hours of the morning”

Al-Imran 3: 16 & 17

Who are those who will enter God's paradise?

“And hasten to forgiveness from your Lord and for a garden whose width is that of the heavens and of the earth, prepared for the righteous. Those who spend whether in prosperity or in adversity; who restrain their anger and pardon people, for Allah loves those who do good; and those who having done an indecent act or wronged their own souls remember Allah and ask for forgiveness for their sins, and who can forgive sins except Allah? And they are never obstinate in persisting knowingly in the wrong that they have done”

There is only One God, and religion to God is Islam

“There is no god but Him; that is the witness of Allah,
His Angels and those endowed with knowledge,
standing firm on justice. There is no god but Him,
the Exalted in Power, the Wise”

Al-Imran 3: 18

“The religion before God is Islam”

Al-Imran 3: 16

“If anyone desires a religion other than Islam
(submission to Allah) never will it be accepted of
him, and in the Hereafter he will be in the ranks of
those who have lost”

Al-Imran 3: 85

Obedience to the Prophet (PBUH) is a sign of belief

“Say: “If you do love Allah follow me; Allah will love you and forgive you your sins, for Allah is often-forgiving, most-merciful.”. Say: “Obey Allah and His messenger, but if they turn back, Allah does not love those who reject faith”

Al-Imran 3: 31 & 32

Jesus (PBUH) is not divine but God's Prophet & Messenger

“And a messenger to the Children of Israel
that I have come to you with a sign from
your Lord”

Al-Imran 3: 49

“Allah is my Lord and your Lord, then worship
Him: this is a straight way”

Al-Imran 3: 51

“The example of Jesus before Allah is that of
Adam, He created him from dust, then said
to him: “Be” and he was”

Al-Imran 3: 59

Jesus (PBUH) is not divine

“Those who say that Allah is Jesus , the son of Mary, have rejected faith. And Christ said: “O Children of Israel worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord”. Anyone who associates other deities with Allah paradise has been forbidden to him by Allah and his abode will be Hellfire and an evil refuge it is”

Al-Maeda 5: 72

“Those who say that God is one in a Trinity have rejected faith. There is no god except the One and Only God (Allah)”

Al-Maeda 5: 73

All Prophets were Muslims: they submitted to Allah

Prophet Ibrahim:

“Abraham was not a Jew or a Christian, he was upright and bowed his will to Allah in Islam, and he did not join gods with Allah”

Al-Imran 3: 68

Prophet Moses:

“Moses said: “O my people if you do believe in Allah then put your trust in Him if you submit to Him in Islam”

Yunus 10: 84

Prophet Noah:

“Noah said: “If you turn back no reward have I asked of you: my reward only comes from Allah, and I have been commanded to be of those who submit to Allah in Islam”

Giving charity indicates faith and piety

“You shall not attain righteousness unless you give freely of that which you love. Whatever you give Allah knows it well”

Al-Imran 3: 92

The Ka Ba is a safe haven; pilgrimage to it is a duty

“The first house of worship appointed
for mankind was that at Bakka
(Mecca), full of blessings and guidance
for all the worlds.”

Al-Imran 3: 96

“Whoever enters it attains security”

Al-Imran 3: 97

“Pilgrimage to the house is a duty
mankind owes to Allah for those who
can afford the journey”

Hold together to what Allah has revealed and do not

“And hold fast all together by the rope which Allah has stretched for you and be not divided among yourselves”

Al-Imran 3: 103

“And obey Allah and His messenger and fall not into disputes lest you lose heart and your power depart, and be patient and persevering for Allah is with those who patiently persevere”

Al-Anfal 8: 46

There are some among the people of the Book who are

“Not all of them are alike, of the people of the Book are a portion that stand for the right; they rehearse the signs of Allah all night long, and they prostrate themselves in adoration. They believe in Allah and the Last Day; they enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong; they hasten in all good works, and they are in the ranks of the righteous. Of the good that they do nothing will be rejected from them, for Allah knows well those who do right”

Al-Imran 3: 113-115

The Muslims were tested and tried in Ohod, we too must

“So lose not heart, nor fall into despair; for you must gain mastery if you are true in faith. If a wound has touched you be sure similar wound has touched others. Such days of varying fortunes We give to men by turns that Allah may know those who believe and that He may take to Himself martyrs from your ranks, Allah loves not those who do wrong. Allah wants to purge those that are true in faith and to deprive of blessings those who reject faith. Did you think that you would enter heaven without Allah testing those of you who fought hard and remained steadfast?”

Al-Imran 3: 139-142

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was kind and gentle and

"It is part of the mercy of Allah that you are gentle with them. Were you severe or harsh-hearted they would have broken away from you. So pass over their faults and ask for Allah's forgiveness for them, and consult them in mutual affairs. Then when you have taken a decision put your trust in Allah, for Allah loves those who put their trust in Him"

Al-Imran 3: 159

The believers will be tested and tried

“You shall certainly be tested and tried in your possessions and in yourself; and you shall hear much that will grieve you from those who received the Book before you and from those who worship partners besides Allah. But if you persevere patiently and guard against evil, that indeed requires great resolve”

Al-Imran 3: 186

- Patience & perseverance
- Do not react in a wrong way
- have resolve & commitment

Consider the signs of Allah

“In the creation of the heavens and earth, and the alternation of night and day there are indeed signs for people with understanding, who remember Allah standing, sitting and lying on their sides. They contemplate the wonders of creation in the heavens and the earth, saying: “Our Lord You have not created all this for nothing! Glory to You, give us salvation from the suffering in Hellfire”

Al-Imran 3: 190 & 191

Beautiful Du'a (prayer to Allah)

“Our Lord forgive us our sins, blot out from us our inequities, and take to Yourself our souls in the company of the righteous. Our Lord grant us what You did promise to us through Your Messengers, and save us from the shame of the Day of Judgment, for You never break Your promise”

Al-Imran 3: 193 & 194

Surat An-Nesa'a (Women)

Chapter four

- Revealed in Madina
- It contains many injunctions relating to women
- The origin of mankind is one
- Women have their rights and have obligations
- Allah wants to guide us and forgive us
- Obey the Prophet (PBUH)
- Relationship between Muslims and others
- The hypocrites
- Fallacy of the Trinity

Fear Allah and watch your behavior

“O mankind fear your Guardian Lord who created you from a single person, and created out of it his mate, and from them scattered countless men and women. Fear Allah through which you demand your mutual rights, and be heedful of the wombs that bore you, for Allah ever watches over you”

An-Nesa'a 4: 1

Allah accepts our repentance and forgives our sins

“Allah accepts the repentance of those who do evil in ignorance and repent soon afterwards; to them Allah will turn in mercy, for Allah is full of knowledge and wisdom. Of no effect is the repentance of those who continue to do evil, until death faces one of them and he says: “Now I have repented indeed”, nor of those who die rejecting faith, for them We have prepared a most grievous chastisement”

An-Nesa'a 4: 17 & 18

Treat women well

“Live with them with kindness and equity. If you take a dislike to them it may be that you dislike something and through it Allah brings about a great deal of good”

An-Nesa'a 4: 19

Men are not superior to women

“Men are the protectors and maintainers of women because Allah has given the one more than the other, and because they support them from their means. Therefore, the righteous women are devoutly obedient and guard in their husband’s absence what Allah would have them guard”

An-Nesa'a 4: 34

men and women are equal in human dignity, accountability

“Whoever does righteous deeds, be it male or female, and have faith they will enter heaven and not the least injustice will be done to them”

An-Nesa'a 4: 124

“Whoever does righteous deeds, man or woman and has faith, to him indeed We will give a life that is good and pure, and We will bestow on such their reward according to the best of their actions”

An-Nahl 16: 97

Allah wants to guide us, forgive us and make things

“Allah does wish to make clear to you and to guide you in the ways of those before you and He does wish to turn to you in mercy, for Allah is all-knowing, all wise. Allah does wish to turn to you, but the wish of those who follow their lusts is that you should turn away from Allah far away. Allah does wish to lighten your burdens, for man was created weak”

An-Nesa'a 4: 26-28

Allah wish to forgive us our sins

“If you avoid the major sins that you are forbidden to do We shall remit your evil deeds, and admit you to a gate of great honor”

An-Nesa'a 4: 31

“If anyone does evil or wrongs his own soul but afterwards seeks Allah's forgiveness, he will find Allah often-forgiving, most-merciful”

An-Nesa'a 4: 110

All sins are forgiven except shirk (worshipping others)

“Allah forgives not that partners are set up with Him, but He forgives anything else to whom He pleases. To set up partners with Allah is to devise a most serious sin”

An-Nesa'a 4: 48

“Allah forgives not the sin of joining other gods with Him, but He forgives other sins to whom He pleases. The one joining other gods with Allah has strayed far, far away”

An-Nesa'a 4: 116

Obey Allah and obey the Messenger

“O you who believe obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those charged with authority amongst you. If you differ in anything among yourselves refer it to Allah and His messenger”

An-Nesa'a 4: 59

“But no by your Lord they can have no real faith until they make you the judge in all disputes between them, and find in their souls no resistance against your decisions but accept them with the fullest convictions”

An-Nesa'a 4: 65

Murder is prohibited in Islam

“If a man kills a believer intentionally,
his recompense is Hell, therein to
abide forever, and the wrath and curse
of Allah are upon him, and a dreadful
chastisement is prepared for him”

An-Nesa'a 4: 93

“Never should a believer kill a believer
except by mistake”

An-Nesa'a 4: 92

Muslims must be active and participate

“Not equal are those believers who sit at home, except those who are disabled, and those who strive in the cause of Allah with their goods and their persons. Allah has granted a higher grade to those who strive with their goods and persons than to those who sit”

An-Nesa'a 4: 95

If you cannot practice your Islam in one place then

“When the Angels take the souls of those who die wronging their own souls, thy say: “In what plight were you?” They reply: “We were weak and oppressed on earth”. They say: “Was not the earth of Allah spacious enough for you to move yourselves away?”. Such will find their abode in Hell, what an evil refuge!”

An-Nesa'a 4: 97

Muslims are ordered to be just

“O you who believe stand up firmly for justice as witnesses to Allah, even against yourselves, your parents, or your kin, and whether it be against rich or the poor, for Allah can best protect both. Follow not the lusts of your hearts lest you swerve; and if you distort justice or decline to do justice, indeed Allah is well acquainted with all that you do”

An-Nesa'a 4: 135

The harmful effects of the hypocrites

“Give the hypocrites glad tidings that there is a grievous punishment for them. Those who take for friends unbelievers rather than believers. Is it honor they seek among them? No! All honor belongs to Allah”

An-Nesa'a 4: 138

Jesus was not crucified, nor was he killed

“That they say: “We killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah” but they did not kill him, nor crucify him, only a likeness of that was shown to them. And those who differ therein are full of doubts with no certain knowledge, but only conjecture to follow, for surely they did not kill him. No, Allah raised him up unto Himself, and Allah is Exalted in power, Wise”

An-Nesa'a 4: 157 & 158

Surat Al-Maeda (The Table) Chapter five

- One of the last Sura's revealed in Madina
- It has many Ahkams (injunctions)
- Prohibition of gambling and alcohol
- The Qur'an corrects mistakes humans introduced into divine revelation
- Jesus is not divine, there is no Trinity: only One God
- Help one another in virtue and piety
- Stories relating to Moses, Jesus and the children of Adam

Islam is the religion that Allah has chosen for mankind

“This day I have perfected your religion for you, completed My favors upon you and have chosen for you Islam as your religion”

Al-Maeda 5: 3

-Islam is valid and applicable in all societies

Work together and cooperate in doing good

“Help one another in all that is good and in righteousness, but not in sin or transgression. Fear Allah for He is strict in punishment”

Al-Maeda 5: 2

The Children of Israel broke their covenant with Allah

“Because they broke their covenant We cursed them and made their hearts grow hard. They change the words from their right places and forget a good part of the message that was sent to them. Nor will you cease to find them, barring a few, ever bent on deceit. But forgive them and overlook their mistakes, for Allah loves those who are kind”

Al-Maeda 5: 13

Stand up for justice even regarding those who hate you

“O you who believe stand up firmly for Allah, as witnesses to fair dealings, and let not the hatred of others make you swerve to wrong and depart from justice. Be just, that is next to piety, and fear Allah, for Allah is well acquainted with all that you do”

Al-Maeda 5: 8

There is only One God Jesus is not divine; there is no

“They disbelieved indeed those who say
that Allah is Christ the son of Mary”

Al-Maeda 5: 72

“They disbelieve those who say, Allah is
one of three in a trinity, for there is no
god except One God”

Al-Maeda 5: 73

Human life is sacred: safeguard human life, do not

“That if anyone kills a person, unless it be for murder or for spreading mischief in the land, it would be as if he killed all of humanity; and if anyone saves a life, it would be as if he saved the life of all the people”

Al-Maeda 5: 32

Enjoy the good and lawful things in life

“O you who believe make not unlawful the good things which Allah has made lawful for you, and commit no excesses, for Allah does not love those given to excess. Eat of the things that Allah has provided for you, lawful and good, but fear Allah in whom you believe”

Al-Maeda 5: 87 & 88

Atone for your oath

“Allah will not call you to account for what is void in your oaths, but He will call you to account for your deliberate oaths. For expiation feed ten indigent persons, of the average food of your families, or clothe them, or give a slave his freedom”

Al-Maeda 5: 89

Absolute prohibition of alcohol

“ O you who believe alcohol, intoxicants and gambling sacrificing to stones and divination by arrows are an abomination, of Satan’s handiwork, avoid such that you may prosper. Satan’s plan is to excite enmity and hatred between you, with intoxicants and gambling and hinder you from the remembrance of Allah and from prayer. Will you not then abstain?”

Al-Maeda 5: 90 & 91

Surat Al-An'am (Cattle)

Chapter six

- Revealed in Macca, all at one time
- Evidence of God's creation, power and wisdom
- Resurrection and accountability
- Good deeds wipe out bad deeds
- What Allah has made forbidden and must be avoided
- Allah is the source of all legislation
- Allah gives us time and a chance after chance to correct our wrong behavior
- Learn from the mistakes of previous

Allah controls our destiny

“IF Allah touches you with affliction none can remove it but Him. If he touches you with a blessing, He has power over all things”

Al-An'am 6: 17

“If Allah touches you with affliction there is none can remove it but Him. If He does design some benefit for you, there is none who can keep back His favor. He causes it to reach whomsoever of His servants He pleases. And He is often-forgiving, most-merciful”

Yunus 10: 107

Regrets will not be accepted on the Day of Judgment

“If you could but see when they shall be made to stand by the Fire, they will say: “Would that we were sent back! Then would we not reject the signs of our Lord, but would be amongst those who believe”

Al-An'am 6: 27

“If you could but see when they shall be made to stand before their Lord, He will say: ‘Is not this the truth?’. They will say: “Yes by our Lord”. He will say: “taste the punishment because you rejected faith”

Al-An'am 6: 30

Allah's Messengers were rejected, but they patiently

"We know indeed the grief which their words do cause you. It is not you they reject, it is the signs of Allah which the wicked deny. The messengers before you were rejected. They bore their rejection and their persecution with patience and constancy until Our aid did reach them; there is none that can alter the words and decrees of Allah"

Al-An'am 6: 33 & 34

Allah is forgiving

“When those who believe in Our signs come to you say: ‘Peace be upon you, your Lord has inscribed for Himself the rule of mercy. Indeed if any of you do evil in ignorance and thereafter repents, amending his conduct, He is often-forgiving, most-merciful”

Al-Ana'm 6: 54

We turn to Allah during difficult times, then turn away

“Say: Who is it that delivers you from the dark recesses of land and sea, when you call on Him in humility and secret:
“If only He delivers us from these dangers we shall truly show our gratitude!” Say: “It is Allah that delivers you from these and other distresses, and yet you worship false gods”

Al-An'am 6: 63 & 64

Avoid those who ridicule Islam

“When you see those engaged in vain discourse about Our signs, turn away from them unless they turn to a different theme”

Al-An’am 6: 68

“Leave alone those who take their religion to be mere play and amusement, and are deceived by the life of this world”

Al-An’am 6: 70

Ibrahim's search for Allah

When he saw the stars, the moon and the sun set and disappear he turned to Allah who created the heavens and the earth:

“For me I have set my face firmly and truly toward Him who created the heavens and the earth, never shall I give partners to Allah”

Al-An'am 6: 79

Think of Allah's creation, not His innate nature

“No vision can grasp Him, but His grasp
is over all vision. He is subtle, well-
aware”

Al-An'am 6: 103

“The most beautiful names (attributes of
perfection) belong to Allah, so call on
Him by His names, but shun those
who distort His name”

Al-Araf 7: 180

Those guided by Allah can see their way clearly

“Can he who was dead to whom WE gave life and a light whereby he can walk amongst mankind be like him who is in the depths of darkness from which he can never come out? Thus to those without faith their own deeds seem pleasing”

Al-An'am 6: 122

“Those whom Allah wills to guide, He opens their hearts to Islam; those whom He wills to leave astray, HE makes their chest closed and constricted as if they had to climb up to the skies”

Al-An'am 6: 125

What is prohibited in Islam

“Say: Come I will rehearse what Allah has forbidden you from: join not anything with Him; be good to your parents; kill not your children on a plea of want. We provide for you and for them; do not approach or commit indecent acts whether open or secret. Take not life which Allah has made sacred, except by way of justice and law; thus does He command you that you may learn wisdom”

Al-An'am 6: 151

What is forbidden in Islam

“Do not come near the orphan’s inheritance except to improve it until they reach maturity; give measure and weight with justice; no burden do We place on a soul but that which it can bear. Whenever you speak, speak justly even if a near relative is concerned; and fulfill the covenant of Allah; thus does He command you that you may remember”

Al-An’am 6: 152

What is forbidden in Islam

“Indeed this is My way leading straight,
follow it, follow not other paths, they
will scatter you about from His path;
thus does He command you that you
may be righteous”

Al-An'am 6: 153

The reward of a good deed is multiplied

“He that does a good deed shall have ten times as much to his credit; he that does a bad deed shall be only recompensed according to his evil. They will not be wronged”

Al-An'am 6: 160

“For those things that are good remove those that are evil; that is a reminder for the mindful”

Hud 11: 114

Be sincere and devoted in worshipping Allah

“Say: “truly my prayer and my sacrifice,
and my life and my death are all for
Allah, the Lord of the worlds. He has
no partners; This I am commanded
and I am the first of those who submit
to His will in Islam”

Al-An'am 6: 162 & 163

Surat Al-Araf (The Heights)

Chapter Seven

- Worship Allah alone and obey Him
- The Qur'an is Allah's divine revelation to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), who was sent to all mankind
- Adam & Iblis (The Devil)
- The concept of resurrection, reward and punishment
- Many Prophets are mentioned to illustrate how they were rejected by their people and how their people were punished for disobeying Allah

Allah's justice is perfect, and no one is wronged

"The balance of justice on that Day will be true and perfect. Those whose scale of good will be heavy will prosper. Those whose scale will be light will find their souls in perdition because they wrongfully treated Our signs"

Al-Araf 7: 8 & 9

"We shall set up scales of justice for the Day of Judgment, so that no soul will be dealt with unjustly in the least. If there be no more than the weight of a mustard seed We will bring it to account, and enough are We to take account"

Al-Anbia'a 21: 47

Satan's arrogance: He disobeyed Allah's order

“Allah said: “What prevented you from prostrating when I commanded you?” He said: “I am better than he, You created me from fire, and created him from clay”

Al-Araf 7: 12

“Satan said: “Do you see this one whom You have honored above me? If you will but respite me to the Day of Judgment, I will surely bring his descendants under my sway, all but a few”

Al-Isra'a 17: 62

Be careful of Satan and his plots to deceive you

“O Children of Adam let not Satan seduce you, in the same manner as he got your parents out of the Garden, stripping them out of their raiment, to expose their shame; for he and his tribe can see you from a position where you cannot see them”

Al-Araf 7: 27

Protect yourselves from the evil influence of Satan

“Those who are conscious of Allah when a thought of evil from Satan assaults them remember Allah, when lo! They see clearly”

Al-Araf 7: 201

“As for My servants you (Satan) have no authority over them. Enough is your Lord as a disposer of affairs”

Al-Isra'a 17: 65

Moderation in the way we live

“O Children of Adam wear your beautiful apparel at every time and place of prayer, eat and drink; but do not waste by excess, for Allah loves not the waster”

Al-Araf 7: 31

“And those when they spend are not extravagant, nor niggardly, but follow a moderate course in-between”

Al-Furqan 25: 67

Guidance comes from Allah

“And they shall say: “Praise be to Allah Who has guided us to this; never could we have found guidance had it not been for the guidance of Allah”

Al-Araf 7: 43

“You will not be able to guide everyone whom you love, but Allah guides those whom He will, and He knows best those who receive guidance”

Al-Qasas 28: 56

Call on Allah in humility seeking His mercy, and do

“Call on your Lord with humility and in private, for Allah loves not those who transgress beyond bounds> Do not do mischief on the earth after it has been set in order, but call on Him with fear and longing in your hearts, for the mercy of Allah is always near to those who do good”

Al-Araf 7: 55 & 56

Allah's messengers were patient and invited their

“Noah said: “O my people I am not misguided; on the contrary, I am a Messenger from the Lord of the worlds. I but convey to you the message of my Lord, and my advice to you is sincere, and I know from Allah something that you do not know”

Al-Araf 7: 61 & 62

Allah's messengers faced rejection and ridicule

"The leaders of the unbelievers among his (Hud) people said: 'We see you are in folly and we think you are a liar'"

Al-Araf 7: 66

"Never did We send a Warner to a population but the wealthy ones among them said: "We do not believe in the message with which you have been sent". They said: "We have more in wealth and in sons, and we cannot be chastised"

SA Ba 34: 34 & 35

Moses and Pharaoh

“Moses said: “O Pharaoh I am a messenger from the Lord of the worlds. I cannot say but the truth about Allah. I have come to you with a clear sign from your Lord so let the Children of Israel depart with me”

Al-Araf 7: 104 & 105

- Allah sends messengers to guide mankind
- Allah's messengers bring clear signs
- Allah's messengers tell the truth
- Allah helps His servants

Moses and Pharaoh

“Pharaoh said: “You believed in him before I gave you permission? Surely this is a trick which you have planned in the city to drive out its people, but soon you shall know the consequences. Be sure, I will cut off your hands and your feet on opposite sides, and I will crucify you all”

Al-Araf 7: 123 & 124

- Pharaoh like other leaders was arrogant
- When faced with the truth he did not accept it, but threatened others with his power and punishment

The magicians knew the truth and submitted to Allah

“They said: “For us we are but returning to our Lord. You but seek vengeance on us simply because we believed in the signs of our Lord when they reached us. Our Lord pour on us patience and constancy, and take our souls to You”

Al-Araf 7: 125 & 126

- We should accept and submit to the truth
- We should turn to Allah asking Him to provide with patience and the ability to tolerate our difficulty

Seek help in patience, and submit to Allah: He has

“Moses said to his people: “Pray for help from Allah and wait in patience and constancy. The earth belongs to Allah, He gives it as heritage to such of His servants as He pleases, and the end is best for the righteous”

Al-Araf 7: 128

Arrogance is a cause of being misguided

“Those who behave arrogantly on the earth in defiance of the right, them I will turn away from My signs. Even if they see all the signs they will not believe in them, and if they see the way of right conduct they will not adopt it as the way, but if they see the way of error that is the way they will adopt. For they have rejected Our signs and failed to take warning from them”

Allah's mercy is for those who believe and are righteous

“My mercy extends to all things. I shall ordain MY mercy for those who do right, and give charity, and those who believe in Our signs”

Al-Araf 7: 156

This special mercy of Allah is for those who believe, do right and are conscious of Allah, and who follow Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is a universal messenger to all

“Say: “O people I am the messenger of
Allah to you all “

Al-Araf 7: 158

“We have sent you but as a messenger
to all mankind, giving them glad
tidings and warning, but most people
know not”

Sa Ba 34: 28

“We sent you but as a mercy for all
creatures”

If we follow our desires we become an easy prey to Satan

“Relate to them the story of the person to whom We sent Our signs, but he passed them by, so Satan followed him and he went astray. If it had been Our will, We should have elevated him with Our signs, but he inclined to the earth and followed his vain desires”

Al-Araf 7: 175

**Be kind, make it easy and
overlook their mistakes and**

And avoid those who are ignorant:
“Hold to forgiveness, command what is
right, but turn away from the ignorant”
Al-Araf 7: 199

When the Qur'an is being recited listen to it attentively

“When the Qur'an is read, listen to it
with attention and hold your peace,
that you may receive Allah's mercy”

Al-Araf 7: 204