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1. Introduction

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1. Introduction

1.2 Why choose Cambridge O Level Islamiyat?

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- an understanding of the importance of the major beliefs of Islam and of the early history of the Islamic community
- evaluation skills to understand how these beliefs impact on the daily lives and thoughts of Muslims around the world
- familiarity with the Qur'an and Hadith in Arabic.

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2. Assessment at a glance

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All candidates take **two** written papers and answer in English. Both papers must be taken for the candidate to be awarded a grade.

Paper 1 1½ hours

Paper 1 contains 5 questions of which candidates must answer Question 1, Question 2 and two others.

- 1. *Major themes of the Qur'an:* **Three** passages will be set from the list in Appendix 1, of which candidates may choose any **two**. [8 marks]
- 2. The history and importance of the Qur'an: This question is usually set in more than one part, and requires an essay length answer. [14 marks]
- 3. *The life and importance of the Prophet Muhammad:* **One or two questions** are set, usually in more than one part, requiring essay length answers. [14 marks]
- 4. *The first Islamic community:* **One or two questions** are set, usually in more than one part, requiring essay length answers. [14 marks]

Total mark = 50.

Paper 2 1½ hours

Paper 2 contains 5 questions of which candidates must answer Question 1, Question 2 and two others.

- 1. *Major teachings of the Hadiths of the Prophet:* **Four** passages are set from the list in Appendix 2, of which candidates may choose any **two.** [8 marks]
- 2. The history and importance of the Hadiths: This question is usually set in more than one part, and requires an essay length answer. [14 marks]
- 3. The period of rule of the Rightly Guided Caliphs and their importance as leaders; **One or two questions** are set, usually in more than one part, requiring essay length answers. [14 marks]
- 4. The Articles of Faith and the Pillars of Islam: **One or two questions** are set, usually in more than one part, requiring essay length answers. [14 marks]

Total mark = 50.

3. Syllabus aims and assessment

3.1 Aims

The aims of the syllabus are to enable candidates to:

- acquire a knowledge of the major sources of Islam, its main beliefs and its early history
- develop an enquiring approach to the study of Islam
- identify and explore the religious, historical and moral questions raised in the material they study.

3.2 Assessment objectives

Candidates should be able to demonstrate that they have closely studied the topics set. They should be able to:

AO1: Recall, select and present relevant facts from the main elements of the faith and history of Islam

AO2: Demonstrate understanding of their significance in the teachings of Islam and in the lives of Muslims.

The following two grids give descriptions of the expected levels of response in the examination, and the marks allocated in the parts of Questions 1 (8 marks) and Questions 2–5 (14 marks).

3. Syllabus aims and assessment

Levels of response

AO1: Knowledge - part (a) questions

Level	Mark	Level descriptor
4	Q 1: 4 Q 2–5: 8–10	Excellent: A thorough, well-developed and substantial response. Demonstrates extensive, relevant and highly accurate knowledge of the subject in considerable detail and with evident expertise. Likely to quote Qur'an verses and Hadiths to support and illustrate points made. Comprehensive and thoughtful.
3	Q 1: 3 Q 2–5: 5–7	Good: Addresses the question confidently and coherently. Demonstrates sound, detailed and generally relevant and accurate knowledge of the subject matter in great detail. May quote Qur'an verses and Hadiths to support points made.
2	Q 1: 2 Q 2–5: 3–4	Satisfactory: A fair, mainly relevant but generally undeveloped response. The candidate demonstrates some factual knowledge, which is fairly accurate and slightly wider than at basic level. Some of the main points are covered but lack substance.
1	Q 1: 1 Q 2–5: 1–2	Basic: An attempt to answer the question, but lacks potential and/or is unfinished. Very limited knowledge of the subject. Response includes only a small amount of relevant material, or mainly irrelevant points. Facts are reported in basic outline only, often inaccurately, though some credible points are made.
0	0	Irrelevant: No apparent attempt to answer the question set, or a wholly irrelevant response. Totally illegible.

AO2: Understanding - part (b) questions

Level	Mark	Level descriptor
4	4	Excellent: Demonstrates a wide and thorough understanding of what the question asks. Recognises fully and can explain the significance of material used in answer. Can reason, evaluate and discuss in a thoughtful, mature manner.
3	3	Good: Understands the significance of the question. Seeks to move clearly beyond a purely descriptive approach, demonstrating touches of maturity and a willingness to engage with and discuss the material.
2	2	Satisfactory: Response is descriptive but makes some effort to offer evaluation. The candidate attempts, though with limited success, to move beyond a purely factual approach, with some limited discussion of the material.
1	1	Basic: Limited understanding of the subject. The candidate's response is descriptive and immature, with no attempt to discuss or evaluate the material.
0	0	Irrelevant: No response submitted, or clearly lacks any understanding of the subject matter.

Candidates should study the whole of the syllabus.

4.1 Paper 1

Major themes of the Qur'an

Three groups of passages are set for close study. These relate to the themes of:

God in himself God's relationship with the created world God's Messengers.

Candidates should explore:

- the major theme or themes of the Qur'an that appear in each passage, and
- the way each passage presents its theme(s) in its own particular way.

Candidates should study the passages in a recognised English translation, but with reference to the original Arabic text. In the examination passages will be set in both Arabic and English. Candidates should demonstrate knowledge of the original as well as the translation.

Appendix 1 lists the passages for examination in 2011. These are reviewed each year and may change.

2. The history and importance of the Qur'an

Candidates should study:

- the revelation of the Qur'an to the Prophet between the years 610 and 632
- the account of the compilation of the Qur'an under the Rightly Guided Caliphs
- the major themes of the Qur'an as contained both in the passages set for special study and in other similar passages
- the use of the Qur'an in legal thinking, and its relationship with the Hadiths, consensus (*ijma'*) and analogy (*qiyas*)
- its significance as the basis of all thought and action in Islam.

3. The life and importance of the Prophet Muhammad

Candidates should study:

- the main events of the Prophet's life from his birth to his call to prophethood
- the main events of his activities in Makka and his experiences with his opponents
- the main events of his activities in Madina, his leadership of the community there and his conflicts with the Makkans and others
- his actions and character
- the importance of his actions as examples for Muslim individuals in their personal conduct and relations with others including women and non-Muslims
- the importance of his actions as examples for Muslim communities in their relations with other states
- his significance as Seal of the Prophets and last Messenger of God.

Candidates should be able to give accounts of the main events of the Prophet's life, and his significance in Muslim beliefs. They should also be able to explain the importance of his actions and experiences in the history and beliefs of Islam, particularly in the way they provide examples for present day Muslim individuals and communities.

In the examination, there will be **either one or two questions** on this topic.

4. The first Islamic community

Candidates should study:

- the Prophet's wives
- his descendants, including his children, grandchildren and the direct line recognised among Shi'a Muslims as Imams
- his leading Companions, including the Ten Blessed Companions, his Scribes, the major characters who surrounded him in his ministry, the Emigrants and Helpers, and the four Rightly-Guided Caliphs during his lifetime. (Note that the period of the Rightly-Guided Caliphs' rules after the time of the Prophet is included in the Syllabus under Paper 2.)

Candidates should know the names of the main characters who lived with and near the Prophet, and the significant facts of their lives. They should also be able to explain the importance of their actions and experiences in the history and beliefs of Islam.

In the examination, there will be either one or two questions on this topic.

4.2 Paper 2

1. Major teachings in the Hadiths of the Prophet

Two groups of passages are set for close study. These relate to:

- individual conduct
- life in the community.

Candidates should study the teachings contained in each passage about what Muslims should believe and how they should act.

Candidates should study the passages with reference to the original Arabic text as well as the English translation. In the examination, passages will be set in both Arabic and English.

Appendix 2 contains the passages for examination in 2011. These are reviewed each year and may change.

2. The history and importance of the Hadiths

Candidates should study:

- the history of the compilation of the Hadiths
- the earliest collections
- the main musnad and musannaf collections
- the main compilers and their activities
- The methods based on examination of the chain of transmitters (*isnad*) and the text (*matn*) of a Hadith to test the reliability of the Hadith
- The main features of the six collections of Sunni Hadiths and the four collections of Shi'a Hadiths
- The major themes of the Hadiths as these are contained both in the passages set for special study and in other similar passages
- their use in legal thinking, and their relationship with the Qur'an, consensus (ijma') and analogy (qiyas)
- their significance in thought and action in Islam.

3. The period of rule of the Rightly Guided Caliphs and their importance as leaders

Candidates should study:

- the main events of the rules of the four Caliphs
- their policies in maintaining and expanding the state
- their approaches to leading the community
- their main achievements
- the main difficulties they encountered
- their significance as examples of leadership
- the importance of their rules as models for government today
- their importance as examples for Muslim communities in their relations with other states.
 (Note that the lives and activities of the Caliphs during the Prophet's lifetime are included in the Syllabus in Paper 1.)

Candidates should know the main events of the rules of the four Caliphs, and should explore the significance of these events for the early and later history of Islam. They should also understand the importance of their rules as examples for later times.

In the examination, there will be **either one or two questions** on this topic.

The Articles of Faith and the Pillars of Islam

Candidates should study:

- the Six Articles of Faith:
 - God, including what Muslims believe about him
 - angels, their nature and duties
 - books, their contents and purpose
 - prophets, their character and function
 - God's predestination and decree, its meaning and significance
 - Resurrection and the last day, the main events and its significance.
- Jihad in its range of meanings, physical, mental and spiritual.
- the Five Pillars of Islam:
 - the declaration of faith, shahada, including the significance of what it contains
 - prayer, *salat*, including preparations, its performance and importance, congregational prayers on Fridays and festivals, times of prayer, the place of prayer, private prayer, delayed prayer

- alms-giving, zakat, how it is performed and its significance in the community
- fasting, sawm, including the way it is observed, its significance and those exempted
- pilgrimage, hajj, including the main observances involved and their significance.

Candidates should know about each of these beliefs and observances, and should also understand their significance in the faith and action of individual Muslims and of Muslim communities.

In the examination, there will be **either one or two questions** on this topic.

Allah in himself

1. Sura 2.255

اللهُ لا إله َ إلاَّ هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ لاَ تَأْخُذُهُ سِنَةٌ وَلا نَوْمٌ لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الأَرْض مَن ذَا الَّذِي يَشْفَعُ عِنْدَهُ إلاَّ بِإِدْنِهِ يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ وَلا يُحِيطُونَ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنْ عِلْمِهِ إلاَّ بِمَا شَاء وَسِعَ كُرْسِيُّهُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالأَرْضَ وَلا يَؤُودُهُ حِقْظُهُمَا وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ

Allah. There is no god but He, the living, the self-subsisting, eternal. No slumber can seize Him nor sleep. His are all things in the heavens and on earth. Who is there can intercede in His presence except as He permits? He knows what is before or after or behind them. Nor shall they compass any of His knowledge except as He wills. His Throne extends over the heavens and the earth, and He feels no fatigue in guarding and preserving them for He is the Most High, the Supreme.

2. Sura 6.101-103

101. To Him is due the primal origin of the heavens and the earth: how can He have a son when He has no consort? He created all things, and He has full knowledge of all things. 102. That is Allah, your Lord! there is no god but He, the Creator of all things: then worship Him: and He has power to dispose of all affairs. 103. No vision can grasp Him, but His grasp is over all vision: He is above all comprehension, yet is acquainted with all things.

3. Sura 41.37

37. Among His signs are the night and the day, and the sun and the moon. Adore not the sun and the moon, but adore Allah, who created them, if it is Him you wish to serve.

4. Sura 42.4-5

4. To Him belongs all that is in the heavens and on earth: and He is most high, most great. 5. The heavens are almost rent asunder from above them, and the angels celebrate the praises of their Lord, and pray for forgiveness for beings on earth: Behold! Verily Allah is He, the oft-forgiving, the most merciful.

5. Sura 112

قُلْ هُو َ اللَّهُ أَحَدُ

اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ

لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدُ

وَلَمْ يَكُن لَّهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدُ

- 1. Say: He is Allah, the one and only; 2. Allah, the eternal, absolute; 3. He does not beget, nor is He begotten;
- 4. And there is none like Him.

Allah's relationship with the created world

6. Sura 1

يسم الله الرَّحْمَن الرَّحِيم الحَمْدُ لله رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ الرَّحْمن الرَّحِيم مَالِكِ يَوْم الدِّين إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وإيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ اهدِنَا الصِّراط المُستَقِيمَ

صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنعَمتَ عَليهمْ غَيرِ المَغضُوبِ عَليهمْ وَلا الضَّالِّينَ

1. In the name of Allah, most gracious, most merciful. 2. Praise be to Allah, the cherisher and sustainer of the worlds; 3. Most gracious, most merciful; 4. Master of the day of judgment. 5. You we worship, and your aid we seek. 6. Show us the straight way, 7. The way of those to whom You have given your grace, not those who earn your anger, nor those who go astray.

7. Sura 2.21-22

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اعْبُدُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الأَرْضَ فِرَاشًا وَالسَّمَاء بِنَاء وَأَنزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاء مَاء فَأَخْرَجَ بِهِ مِنَ الثَّمَرَاتِ رِزْقًا لَكُمْ فَلاَ تَجْعَلُواْ لِلهِ أندَاداً وَأَنثُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ

21. O people! Adore your Guardian-Lord, who created you and those who came before you, so that you may have the chance to learn righteousness; 22. Who has made the earth your couch, and the heavens your canopy; and sent down rain from the heavens; and by it brought forth fruits for your sustenance; then do not set up rivals to Allah, when you know.

8. Sura 96.1-5

اقرراً باسم ربِّك الذي خلق خلق خلق الإنسان من علق الوانسان من علق اقراً وربِّك المُكْرمُ الذي علم بالقلم علم الإنسان ما لم يعلم

1. Read! in the name of your Lord, who created, 2. Created man out of a clot of congealed blood: 3. Proclaim! And your Lord is most bountiful, 4. He who taught by the pen, 5. Taught man what he did not know.

9. Sura 99

إِذَا زُلُزِلْتِ النَّرْضُ زِلْزَالَهَا
وَأَخْرَجَتِ النَّرْضُ أَثْقَالَهَا
وَقَالَ الْإِنسَانُ مَا لَهَا
يَوْمَئِذٍ تُحَدِّتُ أَخْبَارَهَا
بِأْنَّ رَبَّكَ أُوْحَى لَهَا
يَوْمَئِذٍ يَصِدُرُ النَّاسُ أَشْتَاتًا لِيُرووْا أَعْمَالَهُمْ
فَمَن يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ دَرَّةٍ خَيْرًا يَرَهُ
وَمَن يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ دَرَّةٍ شَرِّا يَرَهُ

1. When the earth is shaken to her utmost convulsion, 2. And the earth throws up her burdens, 3. And man cries out: 'What is the matter with her?', 4. On that day will she declare her tidings: 5. For that your Lord will have given her inspiration. 6. On that day will men proceed in companies sorted out, to be shown their deeds. 7. Then shall anyone who has done an atom's weight of good see it! 8. And anyone who has done an atom's weight of evil shall see it.

10. Sura 114

قُلْ أُعُودُ بِرَبِّ النَّاسِ، مَلِكِ النَّاسِ، اللهِ النَّاسِ،

مِن شَرِّ الْوَسُواسِ الْخَنَّاسِ

الَّذِي يُوسَوسُ فِي صندُورِ النَّاسِ

مِنَ الْجِنَّةِ وَ النَّاسِ

1. Say: I seek refuge with the Lord of mankind, 2. The King of mankind, 3. The God of Mankind, 4. From the mischief of the whisperer who withdraws, 5. Who whispers into the hearts of mankind, 6. Among jinns and among mankind.

Allah's Messengers

11. 2.30-37

وَإِدْ قَالَ رَبُّكَ لِلْمَلائِكَةِ إِنِّي جَاعِلٌ فِي الأرْض خَلِيفَةٌ قَالُواْ أَتَجْعَلُ فِيهَا مَن يُفْسِدُ فِيهَا وَيَسْفِكُ الدِّمَاء وَنَحْنُ نُسَبِّحُ بِحَمْدِكَ وَنُقَدِّسُ لَكَ قَالَ إِنِّي أَعْلَمُ مَا لا تَعْلَمُونَ

وَعَلَّمَ الْدَمَ الأسْمَاء كُلِّهَا ثُمَّ عَرَضَهُمْ عَلَى الْمَلائِكَةِ فَقَالَ أَنبِنُونِي بِأَسْمَاء هَوُلاء إن كُنثُمْ صَادِقِينَ

قَالُواْ سُبْحَانَكَ لا عِلْمَ لنَا إلاَّ مَا عَلَّمْتَنَا إِنَّكَ أَنتَ الْعَلِيمُ الْحَكِيمُ

قَالَ يَا آدَمُ أَنبِنْهُم بِأَسْمَآئِهِمْ فَلَمَّا أَنبَأَهُمْ بِأَسْمَآئِهِمْ قَالَ أَلَمْ أَقُل لَّكُمْ إِنِّي أَعْلَمُ غَيْبَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالأَرْضِ وَأَعْلَمُ مَا تُبْدُونَ وَمَا كُنتُمُ تَكْتُمُونَ

وَإِدْ قُلْنَا لِلْمَلائِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لآدَمَ فَسَجَدُوا إِلاَّ إِبْلِيسَ أَبِّي وَاسْتَكْبَرَ وَكَانَ مِنَ الكَافِرينَ

وَقُلْنَا يَا آدَمُ اسْكُنْ أَنتَ وَزَوْجُكَ الْجَنَّةُ وَكُلا مِنْهَا رَعَداً حَيْثُ شِنْتُمَا وَلا تَقْرَبَا هَذِهِ الشَّجَرَةَ فَتَكُونَا مِنَ الْظَّالِمِينَ فَأْزَلَهُمَا الشَّيْطَانُ عَنْهَا فَأَخْرَجَهُمَا مِمَّا كَانَا فِيهِ وَقُلْنَا اهْبِطُوا بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضِ عَدُوٌّ وَلَكُمْ فِي الأرْض مُسْتَقرٌ وَمَتَاعُ الى حين

فْتَلْقَى آدَمُ مِن رَّبِّهِ كَلِمَاتٍ فْتَابَ عَلَيْهِ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الثُّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ

30. Behold, your Lord said to the angels: 'I will create a vicegerent on earth.' They said: 'Will You place there one who will make mischief there and shed blood?- whilst we celebrate your praises and glorify your holy (name)?' He said: 'I know what you do not know.' 31. And He taught Adam the names of all things; then He placed them before the angels, and said: 'Tell me the names of these if you are right.' 32. They said: 'Glory to You, of knowledge we have none, save what You have taught us: In truth it is You who are perfect in knowledge and wisdom.' 33. He said: 'Adam! Tell them their names.' When he had told them, Allah said: 'Did I not tell you that I know the secrets of heaven and earth, and I know what you reveal and what you conceal?' 34. And behold, We said to the angels: 'Bow down to Adam'. And they bowed down. Not so Iblis: he refused and was haughty: he was of those who reject faith. 35. We said: 'Adam! You and your wife dwell in the Garden; and eat of the bountiful things in it as You wish. But do not approach this tree, or you will run into harm and transgression.' 36. Then Satan made them slip from there, and got them out of what they had been in. We said: 'Go down, with enmity between yourselves. On earth will be your dwelling-place and your means of livelihood, for a time.' 37. Then Adam learnt from his Lord words of inspiration, and his Lord turned towards him; for He is often-returning, most merciful.

12. Sura 6.75-79

وَكَذَلِكَ نُرِي إِبْرَاهِيمَ مَلَكُوتَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالأَرْض وَلِيَكُونَ مِنَ الْمُوقِنِينَ فَلَمَّا جَنَّ عَلَيْهِ اللَّيْلُ رَأَى كَوْكَبًا قَالَ هَذَا رَبِّي فَلَمَّا أَفْلَ قَالَ لا أُحِبُّ الآفِلِينَ فَلَمَّا رَأَى الْقُوْمِ الطَّالِينَ فَلَمَّا رَأَى الْقُوْمِ الطَّالِينَ فَلَمَّا رَأَى الْقُوْمِ الطَّالِينَ فَلَمَّا رَأَى الشَّمْسَ بَازِغَة قَالَ هَذَا رَبِّي هَذَا أَكْبَرُ فَلَمَّا أَفْلَتُ قَالَ يَا قُوْمِ إِنِّي بَرِيءٌ مِّمَّا تُشْرِكُونَ فَلَمَّا رَأَى الشَّمْسَ بَازِغَة قَالَ هَذَا رَبِّي هَذَا أَكْبَرُ فَلَمَّا أَفْلَتُ قَالَ يَا قُوْمِ إِنِّي بَرِيءٌ مِّمَّا تُشْرِكُونَ إِنِّي وَجَهِي لِلَّذِي فَطْرَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالأَرْضَ حَنِيقًا وَمَا أَنَا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ

75. So also did We show Abraham the power and the laws of the heavens and the earth, so that he might have certainty. 76. When the night covered him over, he saw a star: He said: 'This is my Lord.' But when it set, he said: 'I do not love things that set.' 77. When he saw the moon rising in splendour, he said: 'This is my Lord.' But when the moon set, he said: 'Unless my Lord guides me, I will surely be among those who go astray.' 78. When he saw the sun rising in splendour, he said: 'This is my Lord; this is the greatest.' But when the sun set, he said: 'O my people! I am indeed free from your giving partners to Allah.' 79. 'For me, I have set my face firmly and truly towards Him who created the heavens and the earth, and never shall I give partners to Allah.'

13. Sura 5.110

إِدْ قَالَ اللّهُ يَا عِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ ادْكُرْ نِعْمَتِي عَلَيْكَ وَعَلَى وَالِدَتِكَ إِدْ أَيَّدَتُكَ برُوحٍ الْقُدُس ثُكَلِّمُ النَّاسَ فِي الْمَهْدِ وَكَهْلاً وَإِدْ عَلَمْ وَإِدْ تَخْلُقُ مِنَ الطِّيْنِ كَهَيْئَةِ الطَّيْرِ بِإِدْنِي فَتَنفُحُ فِيهَا فَتَكُونُ طَيْرًا بِإِدْنِي وَأَدْ تَخْرِجُ الْمَوتَى بِإِدْنِي وَإِدْ كَفَقْتُ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ عَنكَ إِدْ جِئْتَهُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ فَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُواْ مِنْهُمْ إِنْ هَذَا إِلاَّ سِحْرٌ مُّبِينٌ

Then will Allah say: 'Jesus son of Mary! Recount my favour to you and to your mother. Behold! I strengthened you with the holy spirit, so that you spoke to the people in childhood and in maturity. Behold! I taught you the Book and Wisdom, the Law and the Gospel. And behold! You make out of clay, as it were, the figure of a bird, by my leave, and you breathe into it and it becomes a bird by my leave, and you heal those born blind, and the lepers, by my leave. And behold! You bring forth the dead by my leave. And behold! I restrained the Children of Israel from you when you showed them the clear signs, and the unbelievers among them said: 'This is nothing but evident magic.'

14. Sura 93

وَالطَّيْل إِذَا سَجَى
وَاللَّيْل إِذَا سَجَى
مَا وَدَّعَكَ رَبُّكَ وَمَا قُلَى
مَا وَدَّعَكَ رَبُّكَ وَمَا قُلَى
وَللَّآخِرَةُ خَيْرٌ لَكَ مِنَ الْأُولَى
وَلسَوْفَ يُعْطِيكَ رَبُّكَ فَتَرْضَى
اللَّمْ يَجِدْكَ يَتِيمًا فَآوَى
وَوَجَدَكَ ضَالًا فَهَدَى
فَأُمَّا الْيَتِيمَ قُلَا تَقْهَرْ
وَأُمَّا الْسَّائِلَ قُلَا تَقْهَرْ
وَأُمَّا السَّائِلَ قُلَا تَنْهَرْ

1. By the glorious morning light, 2. And by the night when it is still, 3. Your Lord has not forsaken you, nor is he displeased. 4. And truly the Hereafter will be better for you than the present. 5. And soon your Lord will give you so that you will be pleased. 6. Did He not find you an orphan and give you shelter? 7. And He found you wandering, and He gave you guidance. 8. And He found you in need, and made you independent. 9. Therefore, do not treat the orphan with harshness, 10. Nor drive the beggar away; 11. But tell about the bounty of your Lord!

15. Sura 108

إِنَّا أَعْطَيْنَاكَ الْكُو ْثَرَ

فصل لربيك والمحر

إِنَّ شَانِئَكَ هُو َ الْأَبْتَرُ

1. To you have We granted abundance. 2. So pray to your Lord and sacrifice. 3. For he who hates you, he will be cut off.

6. Appendix 2: Hadiths for special study

These Hadiths are all recorded by al-Bukhari or by Muslim in their Sahih collections, many of them by both.

'Religion is sincerity.' We said: 'To whom?' The Prophet said: 'To Allah, his Book, his Messenger, the leaders of the Muslims and to their common people.'

None of you believes until he wants for his brother what he wants for himself

Let him who believes in Allah and the Last Day either speak good or keep silent, and let him who believes in Allah and the Last Day be generous to his neighbour, and let him who believes in Allah and the Last Day be generous to his guest.

A man asked the Messenger of Allah (may Allah bless him and give him peace): Do you think that if I perform the obligatory prayers, fast in Ramadan, treat as lawful that which is lawful and treat as forbidden that which is forbidden, and do nothing further, I shall enter paradise? He said: Yes.

Every person's every joint must perform a charity every day the sun comes up: to act justly between two people is a charity; to help a man with his mount, lifting him onto it or hoisting up his belongings onto it is a charity; a good word is a charity; every step you take to prayers is a charity; and removing a harmful thing from the road is a charity.

Whosoever of you sees an evil action, let him change it with his hand, and if he is not able to do so then with his tongue, and if he is not able to do so then with his heart, and that is the weakest of faith.

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It was said: O Messenger of Allah, who is the most excellent of men? The Messenger of Allah (may Allah bless him and give him peace) said: 'The believer who strives hard in the way of Allah with his person and his property.'

The Messenger of Allah (may Allah bless him and give him peace) said: 'Whom do you count to be a martyr among you?' They said: O Messenger of Allah, whoever is killed in the way of Allah is a martyr. He said: 'In that case the martyrs of my community will be very few! He who is killed in the way of Allah is a martyr, he who dies a natural death in the way of Allah is a martyr, he who dies of cholera in the way of Allah is a martyr.'

No one eats better food than that which he eats out of the work of his hand.

One who manages the affairs of the widow and the poor man is like the one who exerts himself in the way of Allah, or the one who stands for prayer in the night or fasts in the day.

'I and the man who brings up an orphan will be in paradise like this.' And he pointed with his two fingers, the index finger and the middle finger.

The Messenger of Allah (may Allah bless him and give him peace) sent Abu Musa and Mu'adh ibn Jabal to Yaman, and he sent each of them to govern a part. Then he said: 'Be gentle and do not be hard, and cause rejoicing and do not alienate.'

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He who studies the Qur'an is like the owner of tethered camels. If he attends to them he will keep hold of them, but if he lets them loose they will go away.

May God show mercy to a man who is kindly when he sells, when he buys, and when he demands his money back.

God will not show mercy to him who does not show mercy to others.

The believers are like a single man; if his eye is affected he is affected, and if his head is affected he is all affected.

17 الحَيَاءُ لا يُأتِي إلاَّ بِخَيرٍ.

Modesty produces nothing but good.

He who has in his heart as much faith as a grain of mustard seed will not enter hell, and he who has in his heart as much pride as a grain of mustard seed will not enter paradise.

.19 الدُنْيَا سِجْنُ المُؤْمِنِ وَجَنَّهُ الكَافِرِ.

The world is the believer's prison and the unbeliever's paradise.

God does not look at your forms and your possessions, but he looks at your hearts and your deeds.

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