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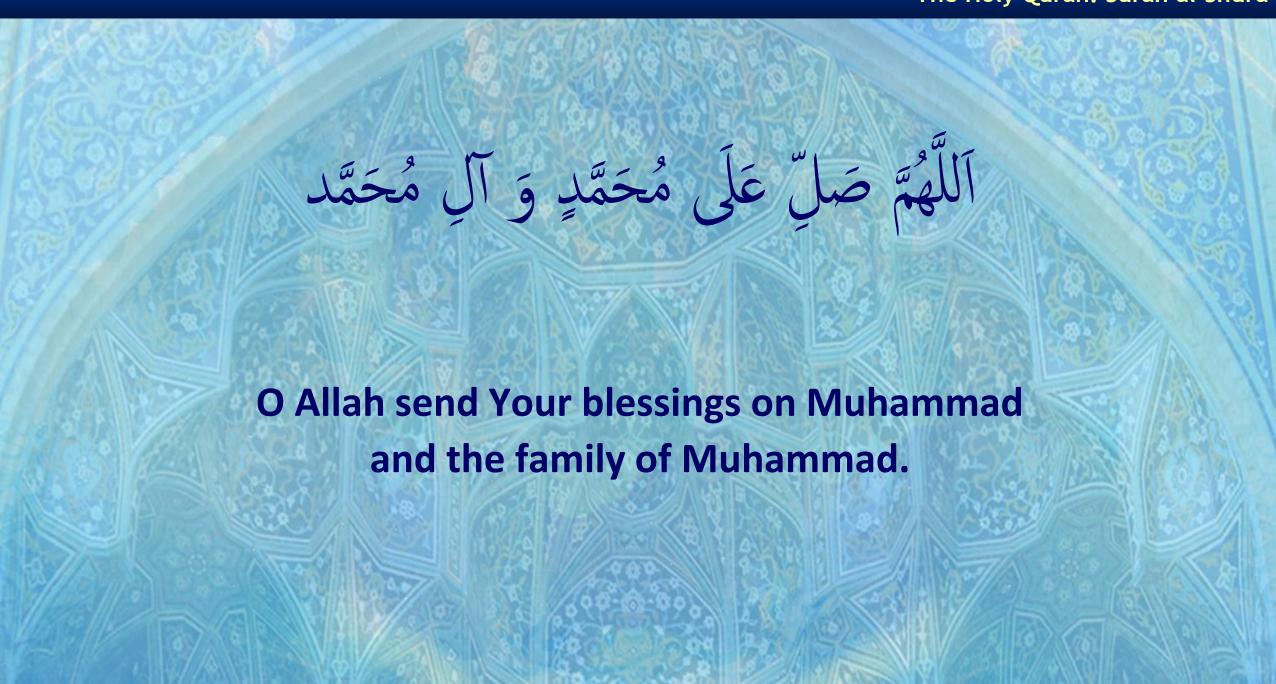
Súráh al-Shūrā (consultation) Súráh # 42 Verses # 53

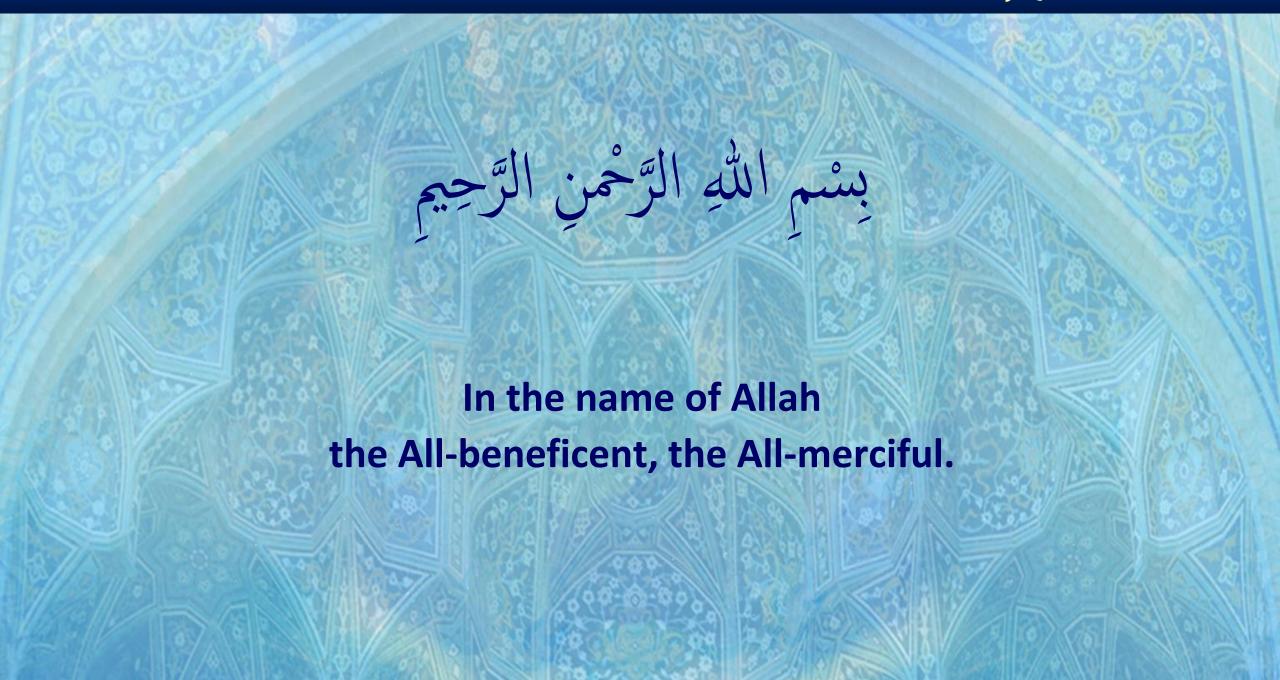
Chapter 42 - Súrah al-Shūrā

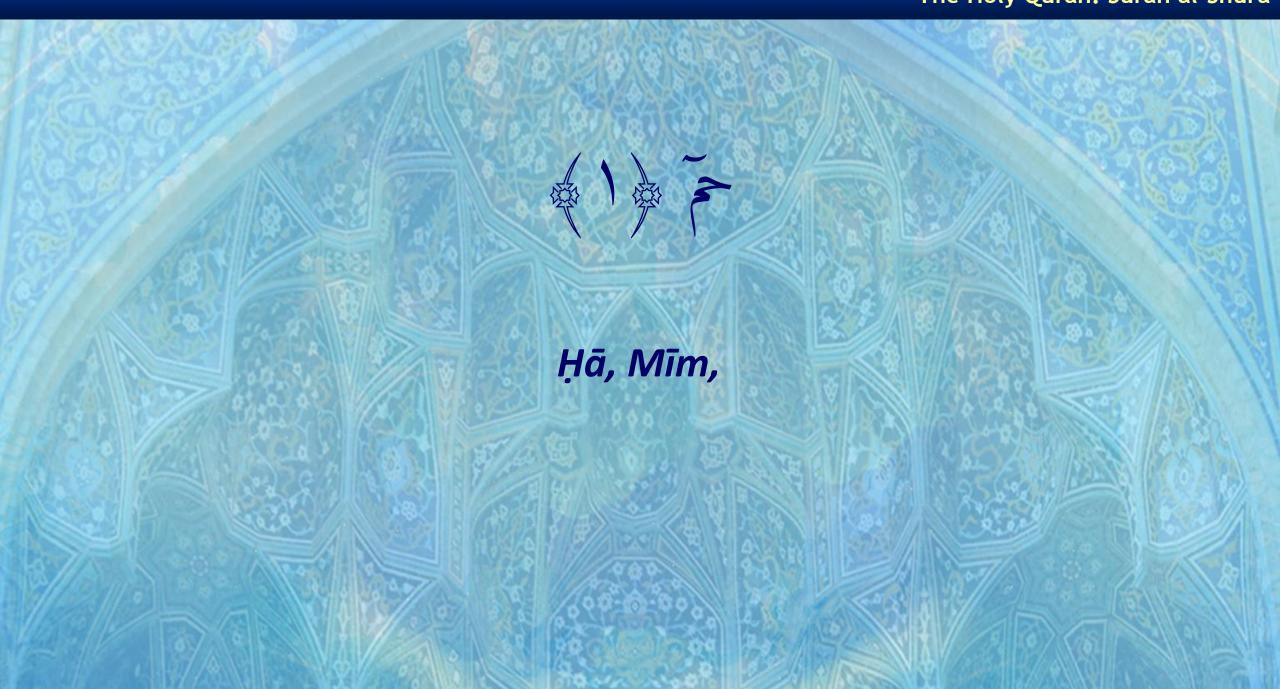
The surah that mentions mutual Consultation among the believers as the godly means by which to conduct their affairs and as a virtuous sign that they will gain the reward of God in the Hereafter. It takes its name from concerning "counsel" (shūrā). The surah discusses man's habit of creating division and disharmony in matters of religion, and God's all-prevailing power, wisdom, and final decision. The unity of religion is stressed as is the continuity of the prophets. The Prophet is reminded that he cannot compel people to believe, that they will be judged according to their deeds, and that he is only there to deliver the message. The nature of revelation is described in.

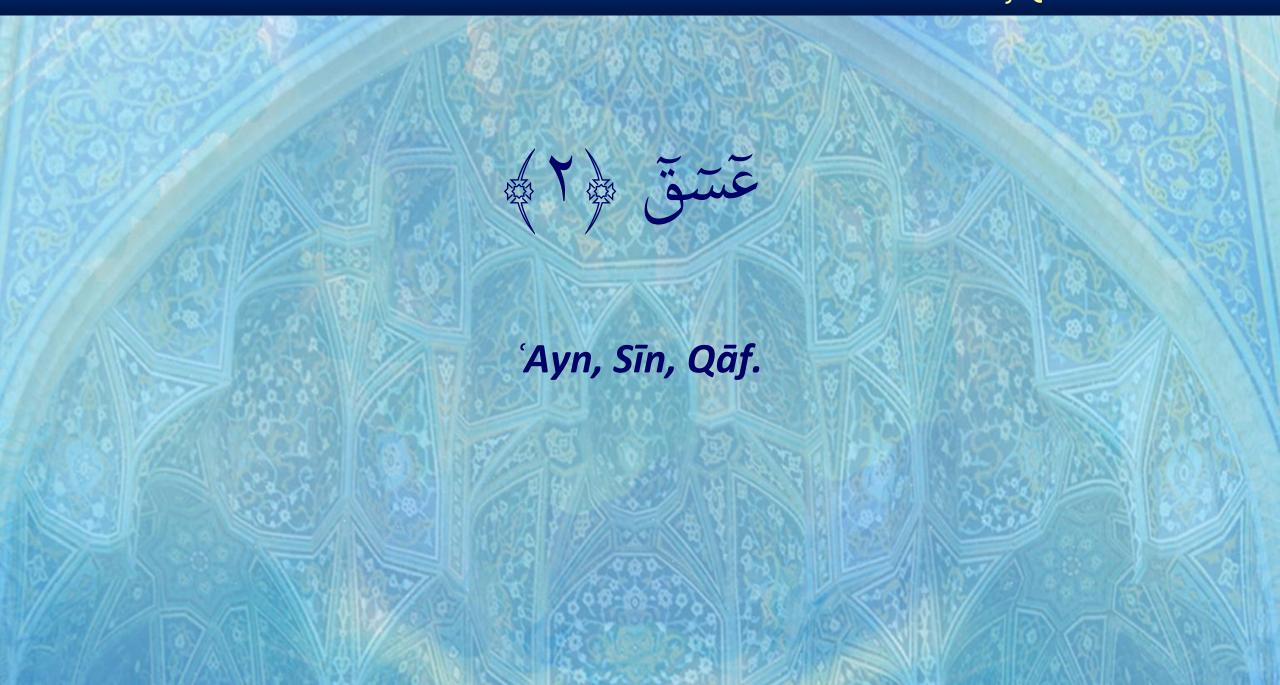
The surah is also known as: The Counsel.

This surah was revealed in Makkah. The Holy Prophet (S) said that the one who recites this surah will be from among those people on whom the angels send salutations and pray for their forgiveness. It is narrated from Imam Ja'far as-Sadiq (A) that whoever recites this surah will be raised on the Day of Reckoning with a face as bright as the full moon and he will be told: 'You are from those who used to recite al-Shūrā. If you knew the reward for this, you would never have felt tired of reciting it. The angels will then be ordered to take him to Jannah where he will find a palace made of red rubies. There will be two houries and a thousand slaves in that palace. If this surah is written and kept as a talisman, it becomes a means of protection and drinking water in which this surah has been dissolved is especially good for those intending to travel as it provides for a journey without unforeseen problems.











Thus does He reveal to you and to those who were before you, Allah, the All-mighty, the All-wise:



to Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth,

and He is the All-exalted, the All-supreme.



The heavens are about to be rent apart from above them, while the angels celebrate the praise of their Lord and plead for forgiveness for those on the earth. Look! Allah is indeed the All-forgiving, the All-merciful!



As for those who have taken guardians besides Him, Allah is watchful over them, and it is not your duty to watch over them.



Thus have We revealed to you an Arabic Qur'ān that you may warn [the people of] the Mother of the Towns and those around it, and warn [them] of the Day of Gathering, in which there is no doubt, [whereupon] a part [of mankind] will be in paradise and a part will be in the Blaze.



Had Allah wished, He would have surely made them one community; but He admits whomever He wishes into His mercy, and the wrongdoers do not have any guardian or helper.



Have they taken guardians besides Him? [Say,] 'It is Allah who is the Guardian, and He revives the dead, and He has power over all things.



Whatever thing you may differ about, its judgement is with Allah.

That is Allah, my Lord. In Him I have put my trust, and to Him I turn penitently.



The originator of the heavens and the earth, He made for you mates from your own selves, and mates of the cattle, by which means He multiplies you. Nothing is like Him, and He is the All-hearing, the All-seeing.



To Him belong the keys of the heavens and the earth: He expands the provision for whomever He wishes, and tightens it [for whomever He wishes]. Indeed He has knowledge of all things.'



He has prescribed for you the religion which He had enjoined upon Noah and which We have [also] revealed to you, and which We had enjoined upon Abraham, Moses and Jesus, declaring, 'Maintain the religion, and do not be divided in it.'



Hard on the polytheists is that to which you summon them. Allah chooses for it whomever He wishes and He guides to it whomever returns penitently.



They did not divide [into sects] except after the knowledge had come to them, out of envy among themselves;



and were it not for a prior decree of your Lord [granting them reprieve] until a specified time, decision would have been made between them. Indeed those who were made heirs to the Book after them are surely in grave doubt concerning it.



So summon to this [unity of religion], and be steadfast, just as you have been commanded, and do not follow their desires, and say, 'I believe in whatever Book Allah has sent down. I have been commanded to do justice among you.



Allah is our Lord and your Lord. Our deeds belong to us and your deeds belong to you. There is no argument between us and you. Allah will bring us together and toward Him is the destination.'



Those who argue concerning Allah, after His call has been answered, their argument stands refuted with their Lord, and upon them shall be [His] wrath, and there is a severe punishment for them.



It is Allah who has sent down the Book with the truth and [He has sent down] the Balance. What do you know
—maybe the Hour is near!



Those who do not believe in it ask [you] to hasten it, but those who have faith are apprehensive of it, and know that it is true.

Look! Indeed those who are in doubt about the Hour are surely in extreme error!



Allah is all-attentive to His servants. He provides for whomever He wishes, and He is the All-strong, the All-mighty.



Whoever desires the tillage of the Hereafter, We will enhance for him his tillage, and whoever desires the tillage of the world, We will give it to him, but he will have no share in the Hereafter.



Do they have partners [besides Allah] who have ordained for them a religion which has not been permitted by Allah? Had it not been for the conclusive word, decision would have been made between them. For the wrongdoers there is indeed a painful punishment.

ترى الظّالِمِينَ مُشْفِقِينَ مِمَّا كَسَبُواْ وَهُوَ وَاقِعٌ بِهِمْ وَالَّذِينَ عَامَنُواْ وَعَمِلُواْ الصَّلِحَاتِ فِي رَوْضَاتِ الْجَنَّاتِ لَهُم مَّا يَشَآءُونَ عِندَ رَبِّمْ قَالِكَ هُوَ الْفَضْلُ الْكَبِيرُ ﴿٢٢﴾

You will see the wrongdoers apprehensive because of what they have earned, while it is about to befall them; but those who have faith and do righteous deeds will be in the gardens of paradise: they will have whatever they wish near their Lord. That is the greatest grace.

ذَالِكَ ٱلَّذِي يُبَشِّرُ ٱللَّهُ عِبَادَهُ ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ وَعَمِلُواْ ٱلصَّالِحَاتِ اللَّهُ وَمَن يَقْتَرِفُ قُل لاَّ أَنْ عَلَيْهِ أَجْرًا إِلَّا ٱلْمَوَدَّةَ فِي ٱلْقُرْبَىٰ وَمَن يَقْتَرِفُ قُل لاَّ أَنْ عَلَيْهِ أَجْرًا إِلَّا ٱلْمَوَدَّةَ فِي ٱلْقُرْبَىٰ وَمَن يَقْتَرِفُ حَسَنَةً نَرِدْ لَهُ وَيَهَا حُسْنًا ۚ إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ غَفُورٌ شَكُورٌ ﴿٢٣﴾ حَسَنَةً نَرِدْ لَهُ وَيهَا حُسْنًا ۚ إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ غَفُورٌ شَكُورٌ ﴿٢٣﴾

That is the good news Allah gives to His servants who have faith and do righteous deeds! Say, 'I do not ask you any reward for it except love of [my] relatives.' Whoever performs a good deed, We shall enhance for him its goodness. Indeed Allah is all-forgiving, allappreciative.



Do they say, 'He has fabricated a lie against Allah'? If so, should Allah wish He would set a seal on your heart, and Allah will efface the falsehood and confirm the truth with His words. Indeed He knows well what is in the breasts.



It is He who accepts the repentance of His servants, and excuses their misdeeds and knows what you do.



And He answers those who have faith and do righteous deeds and enhances them out of His grace. But as for the faithless, there is a severe punishment for them.



Were Allah to expand the provision for His servants, they would surely create havoc on the earth. But He sends down in a [precise] measure whatever He wishes.

Indeed He is all-aware, all-seeing about His servants.



It is He who sends down the rain after they have been despondent, and unfolds His mercy, and He is the Guardian, the All-laudable.



Among His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth and whatever creatures He has scattered in them, and He is able to gather them whenever He wishes.



Whatever affliction that may visit you is because of what your hands have earned, and He excuses many [an offense].



You cannot thwart [Allah] on the earth, and you do not have besides Allah any guardian or helper.



Among His signs are the ships [that run] on the sea [appearing] like landmarks.



If He wishes He stills the wind, whereat they remain standstill on its surface. There are indeed signs in that for every patient and grateful [servant].



Or He wrecks them because of what they have earned, and He excuses many [an offense].





Whatever you have been given are the wares of the life of this world, but what is with Allah is better and more lasting for those who have faith and who put their trust in their Lord.



—Those who avoid major sins and indecencies, and forgive when angered;



those who answer their Lord, maintain the prayer, and their affairs are by counsel among themselves, and they spend out of what We have provided them with;





The requital of evil is an evil like it. So whoever excuses and conciliates, his reward lies with Allah.

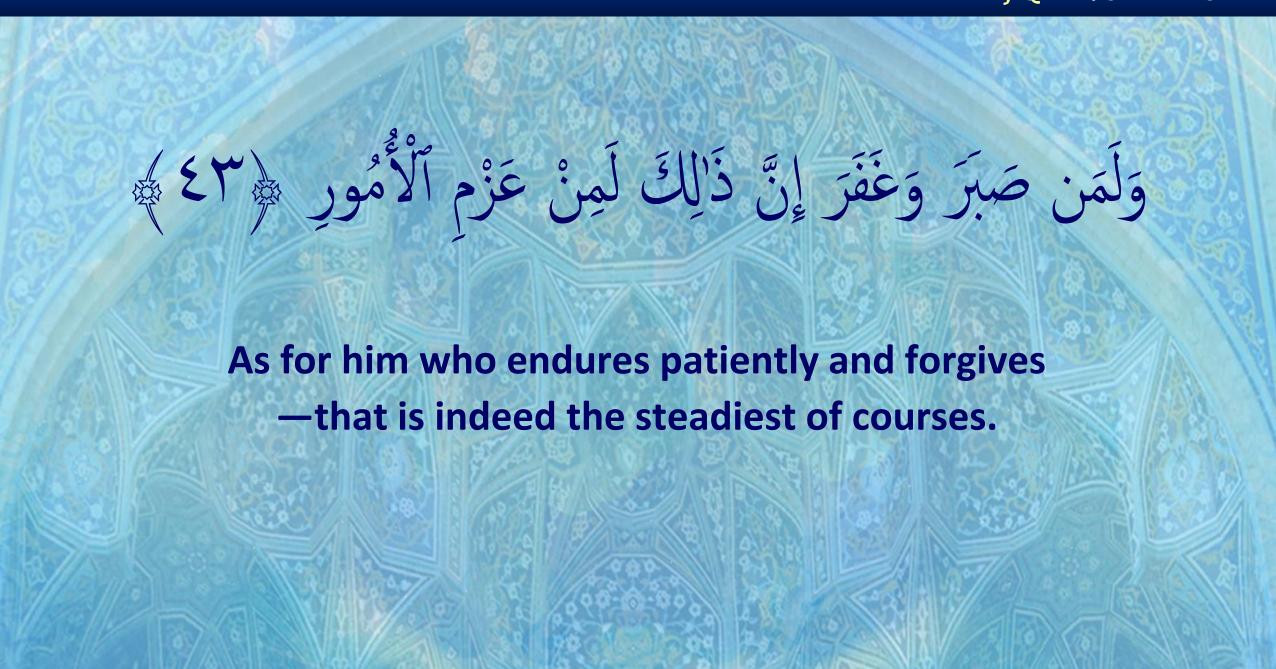
Indeed He does not like the wrongdoers.



As for those who retaliate after being wronged, there is no blame upon them.



The blame lies only upon those who wrong the people and commit aggression in the land unduly. For such there is a painful punishment.





Whomever Allah leads astray has no guardian apart from Him. You will see the wrongdoers, when they sight the punishment, saying, 'Is there any way for a retreat?'

وَتَرَبُّمْ يُعْرَضُونَ عَلَيْهَا خَشِعِينَ مِنَ ٱلذَّلِّ يَنظُرُونَ مِن طَرْفٍ خَفِي ﴿ وَقَالَ ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ إِنَّ ٱلْخَسِرِينَ ٱلَّذِينَ خَسِرُواْ أَنفُسَهُمْ خَفِي ﴿ وَقَالَ ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ إِنَّ ٱلْخَسِرِينَ ٱلَّذِينَ خَسِرُواْ أَنفُسَهُمْ وَأَهْلِيمُ يَوْمَ ٱلْقِيَامَةِ ۗ أَلَا إِنَّ ٱلظَّلِمِينَ فِي عَذَابٍ مُّقِيمٍ ﴿ 2 ﴾ وَأَهْلِيمِمْ يَوْمَ ٱلْقِيَامَةِ ۗ أَلَا إِنَّ ٱلظَّلِمِينَ فِي عَذَابٍ مُّقِيمٍ ﴿ 2 ﴾

You will see them being exposed to it, humbled by abasement, looking askance secretly. And the faithful will say, 'Indeed the losers are those who have ruined themselves and their families on the Day of Resurrection. Look! The wrongdoers are indeed in lasting punishment.



They have no guardians to help them besides Allah. Whomever Allah leads astray has no way out.'



Answer your Lord before there comes a day for which there is no revoking from Allah. On that day you will have no refuge, neither will you have [any chance for] denial.



But if they disregard [your warnings], We have not sent you as a keeper over them. Your duty is only to communicate. Indeed when We let man taste Our mercy, he exults in it; but should an ill visit them because of what their hands have sent ahead, then man is indeed very ungrateful.



To Allah belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. He creates whatever He wishes; He gives females to whomever He wishes, and gives males to whomever He wishes,



or He combines them males and females, and makes sterile whomever He wishes.

Indeed He is all-knowing, all-powerful.



It is not [possible] for any human that Allah should speak to him except through revelation or from behind a curtain, or send a messenger who reveals by His permission whatever He wishes.

Indeed He is all-exalted, all-wise.

وَكَذَالِكَ أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ رُوحًا مِّنْ أَمْرِنَا مَا كُنتَ تَدْرِى مَا الْكِتَابُ وَلَا الْإِيمَانُ وَلَكِن جَعَلْنَهُ نُورًا نَهْدِى بِهِ مَن نَشَاءُ مِنْ الْكِتَابُ وَلَا الْإِيمَانُ وَلَكِن جَعَلْنَهُ نُورًا نَهْدِى بِهِ مَن نَشَاءُ مِنْ عَلَيْهُ مِنْ عَبِيهِ مَن نَشَاءُ مِنْ عَبِيهِ مِنْ عَبِيهِ مِنْ مَنْ اللّهُ مِنْ اللّهُ مِنْ اللّهُ عَبِيهِ مِنْ اللّهُ اللّهُ مِنْ اللّهُ مُنْ اللّهُ مِنْ اللّهُ مِنْ اللّهُ مِنْ اللّهُ مِنْ اللّهُ مُنْ اللّهُ مِنْ اللّهُ مُنْ اللّهُ مُنْ اللّهُ مِنْ اللللّهُ مِنْ اللّهُ مِنْ اللّهُ مِنْ الللّهُ مِنْ الللّهُ مِنْ اللّهُ مِنْ اللّهُ مِنْ الللل

Thus have We revealed to you the Spirit of Our dispensation. You did not know what the Book is, nor what is faith; but We made it a light that We may guide by its means whomever We wish of Our servants.

And indeed you guide to a straight path,



the path of Allah, to whom belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth.

Look! To Allah do all matters return!



Please recite Surat al-Fatihah for ALL MARHUMEEN