

## The Human Soul

*O ye who believe! Guard your own souls: If you follow guidance, no hurt can come to you from those who stray. The return of all things to God: it is He that will show you the truth of all that ye do.*

*Quran 5:105*

*Each soul earneth only on its own account; and no bearer of burden shall bear the burden of another. Then unto your Lord is your return and He will tell you that where in you differed.*

*It is He Who has made you viceroys, inheritors of the earth: He has raised you in ranks, some above others: that He may try you in the gifts He has given you: for thy Lord is quick in punishment: yet He is indeed Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful.*

*Quran 6:164 -165*

*And certainly We created man, and We know what dark suggestions his soul make to him: for We are nearer to him than (his) jugular vein.*

*Quran 50:16*

*And the soul and Him Whom made it perfect, And enlighthened it to understand what is right and wrong for it; Truly he succeeds who purifies it, And he is indeed a failure who corrupts it.*

*Quran 91:7*



Islam teaches all humans are equal before God, regardless of race, class or nationality. The daily prayer demonstrates this concept as Muslims from all walks of life pray shoulder to shoulder, such as here in the streets of New York City.



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# What does the Quran say about Humanity?

## Humanity and Responsibility

Islam teaches that human beings are born in a state of purity, as well as with a natural moral sense that enables one to differentiate between what is good and what is not. Prophets of God were sent to humanity to perfect good conduct in order to bring to fruition the seeds of virtue that reside in the original human nature. As we grow, we are able to make decisions which foster these seeds or shun them.

Although the instinct of morality exists in humanity, worldly realities often make choosing right over wrong difficult. The Quran praises those who choose to sharpen their moral sense; and it condemns those in whom it has become so dull that the ugliness of sin becomes beauty in their eyes. Each individual is accountable to God for the path he or she chooses.

## The Two Paths

### From Chapter 90: The City

Verily, We \*have created mankind to toil and struggle. Thinketh he, that none hath power over him? Hemay say [boastfully]: 'Ihavewastedmuchwealth.' Doeshethinkthatnooneseeshim? HaveWenotgivenhimtwoeyes, Andatongueandtwolips, Andshownhimthetwohighways? Buthehasmadenohasteonthepaththatissteep. Andwhatwillexplainittoethepaththatissteep? [Itis: ]freeingthe slave; Andthegivingoffoodinadayofhunger Toanorphannearofkin, Ortothepoormanlyinginthedust. Thenwillhebeofthosewhobelieve, andenjoinpatience, andenjoindeedsofkindnessandcompassion. Quran90:4 -17

\*We' the plural, is used to denote royalty and dignity, not the plural in number. In English, this is referred to as the 'royal we', and is often used by monarchs.

## Patience

### From Chapter 70: The Ascending Stairways

Trulymanwascreatedveryimpatient; - Beinggreatlygrievedwhenevilafflictshim And,whengoodbefallshim,greedy; NotsothosedevotedtoPrayer; - Thoseshowremainsteadfasttotheirprayer; Andthoseinwhosewealththisisrecognisedright Forthebeggarandthedesitute; AndthosewhoholdtothetruthoftheDayofJudgment; AndthosewhofearthedispleasureoftheirLord, - FortheirLord'sdispleasureistheoppositeofPeaceandTranquillity. Quran70:19 -28

## Past Generations

### From Chapter 30: The Romans

Dotheynotreflectintheirownminds?Notbutforjustdistantfortermappointed, didGodcreate the heavens and the earth, and all between them: yet are there truly many among men who deny the meetingwiththeirLord! Do they not travel through the earth, and see what was the end of thosebeforethem?Theyweresuperiortotheminstrength;theytilled the soil and populated it in greater numbers than these have done: therecametothemtheirmessengerswithclearproofs.ItwasnotGod Whowrongedthem, buttheywrongedthemselves. Quran30:8 -9

## The Return

### From Chapter 96: Read

Read!InthenameofyourLordWhocreated. Createdman, outofaclotofcongealedblood: Read!AndthyLordisMostBountiful,- Whotaughtbythepen,



The annual pilgrimages to this holy mosque, the Kaaba in Makkah, Arabia, demonstrates the brother and sisterhood in Islam, as Muslims from all over the planet converge on the one place all Muslims faced daily to pray.

Taughtmanthatwhichheknewnot. Nay, but verily man is rebellious. In that he sees himself as self-sufficient. Surely to your Lord is the return. Quran96:1 -8

## Wealth

### From Chapter 100: The Chargers

Trulymanis, tohisLord, ungrateful; Andmostsurelyheisawitnessuntothat; Andviolentisheinhisloveofwealth. Doeshenotknow -whenthatwhichisinthe graves is raised Andthesecretsofthebreastsaremadeknown, ThattheirLordhadbeenWell-acquaintedwiththem thatDay? Quran100:6 -11

### From Chapter 102: Competition

Themutualrivalryinworldlyincreaseddivertsyou Untilyouvisitthegraves. Butmay,youwillcometoknow! Quran102:1 -3

## Together

### From Chapter 103: The Time

BytheTime Verilymanisinloss, Exceptthosewhobelieveanddogood, andenjoinoneachothertruth, andenjoinoneachotherpatience. Quran103:1 -3

### From Chapter 49: The Inner Apartments

O mankind! We created you from a single [pair] of a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, that you may know each other. Verily the most honoured of you in the sight of God is the most righteous of you. Surely God is Knowing, Aware. Quran49:13

### From Chapter 9: Repentance

And the believers, men and women, are protecting friends one of another: they observe regular prayers, practise regular charity, and they obey God and His messenger. As for these, God will have mercy on them. Surely God is Mighty, Wise. Quran9:71

Whoever brings good, he shall have better than it, and whoever brings evil, the doer of evil will be requited only for what he did. Quran28:84