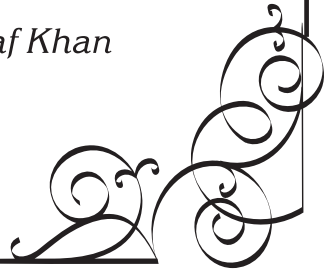
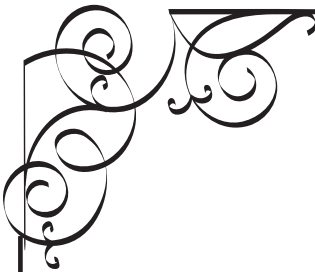


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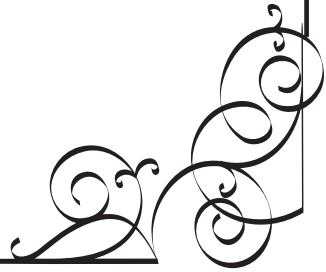
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PREFACE

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH THE MOST GRACIOUS THE
DISPENSER OF GRACE

اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ ۝ خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ ۝ اقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ ۝
الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ ۝ عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ ۝

“ (1)Read in the name of your Sustainer, who has created-(2)created man out of germ cell! (3)Read-for your Sustainer is the most bountiful one (4) who has taught man the use of the pen- (5)taught man what he did not know.”

With these opening ayat(verses) of the ninety sixth surah – with an allusion to man’s humble biological origin as well as to his consciousness and the intellect – began, early in the seventh century

Of the Christian era, the revelation of the Qur’an to the Prophet Muhammad , destined to continue during the twenty three years of his ministry and to end , shortly before his death, with ayat(verse) 281 of the 2nd surah:

“AND BE CONSCIOUS OF THE DAY ON WHICH YOU SHALL BE BROUGHT BACK UNTO ALLAH, WHEREUPON EVERY HUMAN BEING SHALL BE REPAID IN FULL FOR WHAT HE HAS



EARNED, AND NONE SHALL BE WRONGED. “

Between these first and last revelation of Qur'anic ayat (Verses) unfolds a book which, more than anything other single divine phenomenon known to man, has fundamentally affected the religious, social and political history of the world. No other sacred scripture has ever had similarly immediate impact upon the lives of the people the entire course of civilization. It shook Arabia, and made a nation out of its perennially warring tribes; within a few decades, it spread its world- view far beyond the confines of the Arabia and produced the first ideological society known to man; through its insistence on curiosity and independent inquiry, ultimately resulting in that splendid era of learning and scientific research which distinguished the world of Islam at the height of its cultural vigor ; and the culture thus fostered by the Qur'an penetrated in countless ways and by-ways into the mind of medieval Europe and gave rise to that revival of Western culture which we call the renaissance, and thus became in the course of time largely responsible for the birth of what is described as the “an age of science “: the age in which we are now living.

All this was, in the final analysis, brought about by the message of the Qur'an: and it was brought about by the medium of the people whom it inspired and to whom it supplied a basis for all their ethical valuations and direction for all the worldly endeavors : for, never has any book – not exceeding the Bible been read by so many with a comparable intensity and veneration, and never has any other book supplied to so many; and over so long span of time, a



similarly comprehensive answer to the question. “How shall I behave in order to achieve the good life in this world and happiness in the life to come ?” However individual Muslims may have misread this answer, and however far many of them may have departed from the spirit of its message, the fact remains that to all who believed and believe in it, the Qur’an represents the ultimate manifestation of Allah’s grace to man, the ultimate wisdom, and the ultimate beauty of expression: in short, the true Word of Allah.

