

And He said: **"There is nothing like unto Him, and He is the All-Hearer, the All-Seer"**. [42:11]

Allah Is One

Allah said: **"Say not: "Three (trinity)!" Cease! (it is) better for you. For Allah is (the only) One Ilah (God), Glory be to Him (Far Exalted is He) above having a son. To Him belongs all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth. And Allah is All-Sufficient as a Disposer of affairs"**. [4:171]

The Right of Allah is That We Worship Him Alone Without Associating Partners With Him

Mu`adh bin Jabal (may Allah be pleased with him) said: The Prophet *salla allahu alayhi wa salam* said: **"Do you know what is Allah's right on His slaves?" I replied, "Allah and His Apostle know better." He said, "Allah's right on his slaves is that they should worship Him and not worship anything besides Him..."**. [Bukhari no. 6500]

Where is Allah?

Allah said:

"The Most Beneficent (Allah) Istawa (rose over) the (Mighty) Throne (in a manner that suits His Majesty)". [20:5]

Mu'awiya bin al-Hakam (may Allah be pleased with him) said: **"...He (the Prophet *salla allahu alayhi wa salam*) said to her (the slave girl): Where is Allah? She said: He is above the heaven. He said: Who am I? She said: You are the Messenger of Allah. He said: Grant her freedom, she is a believing woman"**. [Muslim no. 537]

Knowing Allah

Imam Ibn Qayyim (751 H.), may Allah have mercy upon him, said: **"Our Lord, the Exalted called His servants in the Qur'an to know Him through two ways. One way is by examining His actions and the second is by reflecting upon His verses and pondering over them. So the first way is Allah's signs that are witnessed and the second one is His signs that are heard and are rational"**. [Fawaaid pg. 20]

He also said:

"Whoever knows Allah by His Names, Attributes, and actions will inevitably love Him". [Madaarij as-Saalikeen (3/17)]

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What Does the Name Allah Mean?

The word Allah linguistically means "The Deity". It is derived from the word *al* (the) and *ilaaah* (Deity).

Imam at-Tabari (310 H.), may Allah have mercy upon him, said: **"Like that, the origin of the name Allah is *ilaaah* (Deity). The *hamzah* (ء) at the beginning of the word is removed and the *Laam* (ل) in the middle of the word is joined with an additional *Laam* (ل) and an *Alif* (أ) which is silent. So both of these join the other *Laam* (ل) which is also in the middle of the word".** [Tafsir at-Tabari (1/125)]

Imam Qurtubi (671 H.), may Allah have mercy upon him, said: **"Allah, this is the greatest of His Names, the Exalted, and the most comprehensive, such that some of the Scholars have said: it is Allah's greatest Name. No one else is named with it. So like that, it cannot be made feminine nor plural. One of the interpretation's of the verse : Do you know of any who is similar to Him? [19:65] is: who is named with His Name Allah?"** [Tafsir al-Qurtubi (1/102)]

Imam Sa'adi (1376 H.), may Allah have mercy upon him, said: **"Allah is the one who is worshipped. The sole possessor of the right to be worshipped from His creation".** [Tafsir (5/298)]

His Description

Allah, the Exalted said in the Qur'an:

"Say (O Muhammad (Peace be upon him)): "He is Allah, (the) One. Allah-us-Samad (The Self-Sufficient Master, Whom all creatures need, He neither eats nor drinks). He begets not, nor was He begotten; And there is none co-equal or comparable unto Him." [112:1-4]

And He said:

"He is Allah Whom there is La ilaha illa Huwa (none has the right to be worshipped but He) the King, the Holy, the One Free from all defects, the Giver of security, the Watcher over His creatures, the All-Mighty, the Compeller, the Supreme. Glory be to Allah! (High is He) above all that they associate as partners with Him". [59:23]

And He said: **"And (all) the Most Beautiful Names belong to Allah, so call on Him by them".** [7:180]

And He said: **"Lord of the heavens and the earth, and all that is between them, so worship Him (Alone) and be constant and patient in His worship. Do you know of any who is similar to Him?"** [19:65]

Bismillah ar-Rahman ar-Raheem

All Praise is due to Allah and may Peace and Blessings be upon the Prophet, his Companions, and his followers until the Last Day.

As for what proceeds:

This is the first pamphlet in the *Introduction to Islam* series. These pamphlets are designed to introduce authentic Islam in a simple and clear manner. In this pamphlet, you will learn about Allah, our Lord, Creator, and sole Sustainer. I ask Allah, our Lord, to guide us to the straight path. Verily, He is capable of all things.