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## **Publisher's Foreword**

All praise be to Allah, The One God, The Creator, The Lord of the worlds. We praise Him, we glorify Him and we sanctify Him. We proclaim His complete oneness and we declare His complete freedom from having partners of any kind. He is but One God and there is no god but Him. We exalt His mention and we affirm His complete perfection. Glorified is He, free and far removed is He from all imperfections. He is The All Praiseworthy, The All Glorious.

All praise be to Him in whose Name this book has been published. This is a most beautiful book entitled, 'The Beautiful Names of Allah- Knowing God by His Names.' It is with great pleasure that we publish this beautiful book which discusses the most exalted of all knowledge. We ask Allah, the Mighty and Majestic, to accept this publication from us and to include us amongst those who strive in raising His Word. Truly He is The Most Appreciative, The All Knowing.

### **About the author**

Sister Kamillah is an American Muslim whose ancestors came to the United States onboard the Abigail in the year 1635. She was born and raised in Michigan in a Christian household where she was kept close to the religious teachings and the church. But she could not accept the trinity nor could she accept that God had a son. She believed in The One God. Thus she embarked on a spiritual journey in search for the truth, embracing Islam in the late 1970s after recognizing it to be the religion of pure monotheism. She recalls how many Americans were embracing Islam during that time due to its call to the worship of The One God. The media influence was less negative about Islam during that time and the extremism in the Muslim world was less rampant, making it easier for the Americans to understand the original teachings of the religion. She has spent her years practicing Islam and studying its teachings as found in the Quran and the Sunna (prophetic teachings). She is a devout practicing Muslim and a student of knowledge who calls to Monotheism and the original teachings of the religion. She is a sociologist who has traveled the

Allah, the Exalted, has described Himself by His Names and Attributes. There is none who can describe Him except how He has described Himself. There is none who can encompass anything of His knowledge except for what He wills. He chose to reveal some of His Names that we may know Him by His Names. These Names describe His Oneness, His Existence and His Perfection. Through knowing His Names we are able to know Him and draw closer to Him. Indeed that is the great attainment and the best of all knowledge that we may draw closer to our Lord.

### **The Names of Allah describe His Oneness**

**Allah, there is no god but Him. To Him belong The Most Perfect Names. (Quran 20:8)**

The Names of Allah describe His Oneness. He is The One God, there is no god but Him, to Him belong the Most Perfect Names. All of His Names are descriptions of Him. They are the Names of The One God. Whether we call Him Allah or we call Him God or we call Him The Creator, it is all the same, to Him belong the Most Perfect Names.

**And (Noah) said, 'Seek forgiveness of your Lord. Indeed He is ever Oft Forgiving.' (Quran 71:10)**

Allah, the Mighty and Majestic, sent prophets as messengers to call the people back to His sole worship. His messengers called to the oneness of God and they described Him by His Names and Attributes so that the people could know their Lord. From Noah to Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon them all, the messengers of Allah described the Names of their Lord. That is because Allah is The One God and there is no god but Him and to Him belong the Most Perfect Names.

### **The Names of Allah describe His Existence**

**He is Allah, The Creator, The Maker, The Fashioner. To Him belong the Most Perfect Names. (Quran 59:24)**

The Names of Allah describe His Existence. They describe various attributes of His Self, His Life and His Existence. Each Name of Allah describes some aspect of Him. His Name Al Waahid (The One) describes His complete oneness. His Name As Samad (The Eternal) describes His eternal existence without beginning or end. His Name Al Hayy (The Living) describes how He is living with perfect



Husnaa and they have been revealed with Husnaa. The Names of Allah have been revealed majestically with beauty, grandeur and excellence. When we read the verses from the Quran and the narrations from the Sunna we begin to appreciate the beauty and splendor by which the Names of Allah have been majestically revealed.

When we consider these three descriptions we find many grammatical patterns which serve to emphasize the Names of Allah in the Quran and the Sunna.

### Pattern 1

The first pattern is the obvious pattern which does not require much discussion. The Names of Allah at times appear linguistically in the form of proper nouns such that Allah, the Exalted, is mentioned by one of His Names as the subject or object of the sentence or phrase.

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: وَالرَّبُّ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, 'And The Lord is Allah, High and Exalted.' (Sunan Abu Dawud no. 4975)

In the above narration the Name Ar Rabb (The Lord) appears linguistically as the subject of the sentence indicating how this is indeed a Name of Allah. There are several Names of Allah which appear in the subjective form including the following mentioned below.

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Allah                            | Quran 2:255          |
| 2. Al Jabbaar (The Compeller)       | Sahih Muslim 6984    |
| 3. Ar Rahman (The All Merciful)     | Quran 55:1           |
| 4. Ar Rabb (The Lord)               | Sunan Abu Dawud 4975 |
| 5. As Subbooh (The All Pure)        | Sunan Abu Dawud 872  |
| 6. Al Quddoos (The All Holy)        | Sunan Abu Dawud 872  |
| 7. Al Hayy (The Living)             | Sunan Tirmidi 3524   |
| 8. Al Qayyoom (The Self Sustaining) | Sunan Tirmidi 3524   |
| 9. As Sayyid (The Master)           | Sunan Abu Dawud 4806 |

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: سُبْحَانَ الْمَلِكِ الْقُدُّوسِ

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, 'Glory be to The King, The All Holy.' (Sunan Abu Dawud no. 1430)

In the above narration the Names Al Malik (The King) and Al Quddoos (The All Holy) appear linguistically as the object of the sentence indicating how these are indeed Names of Allah. There are several Names of Allah which appear in the objective form in the texts of the Quran and the Sunna including the following mentioned below.

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Allah                             | Quran 2:98           |
| 2. Al Malik (The King)               | Sunan Abu Dawud 1430 |
| 3. Al Quddoos (The All Holy)         | Sunan Abu Dawud 1430 |
| 4. Ar Rabb (The Lord)                | Quran 2:21           |
| 5. Al Azeez (The All Mighty)         | Quran 38:9           |
| 6. Al Wahhaab (The Bestower)         | Quran 38:9           |
| 7. Al Aleem (The All Knowing)        | Quran 36:38          |
| 8. Ar Raheem (The Most Merciful)     | Quran 26:217         |
| 9. Al Hakeem (The All Wise)          | Quran 39:1           |
| 10. Al Haqq (The Truth)              | Quran 18:44          |
| 11. Ar Rahman (The All Merciful)     | Quran 25:26          |
| 12. Al Hayy (The Living)             | Quran 25:58          |
| 13. Al Waahid (The One)              | Quran 14:48          |
| 14. Al Qahhaar (The Invincible)      | Quran 14:48          |
| 15. Al Hameed (The All Praiseworthy) | Quran 14:1           |
| 16. Al Alee (The Most High)          | Quran 40:12          |
| 17. Al Kabeer (The Most Great)       | Quran 40:12          |
| 18. Al Ghaffaar (The Oft Forgiving)  | Quran 40:42          |
| 19. Al Ilaah (God)                   | Quran 2:163          |
| 20. Al Mawlaa (The Protector)        | Quran 2:286          |
| 21. Al Walee (The Ally)              | Quran 6:127          |











