

An overview of Qur'anic human rights:

a. Equal human dignity by birth (17:70, 95:4)

17:70 Surely, We have conferred dignity on the children of Adam (as a birth right, regardless of where the child is born), and provided them with transport on land and sea and given them decent things of life. And We have favored the humans far above a great many of Our creation.

95:4 Indeed, We have created the human being in the best design. (This thus refers to all humans, regarding gender or race)

b. Gender equity (4:32, 33:35)

4:32 Do not covet the bounties (and qualities) that God has bestowed more abundantly on some of you than on others. Men shall have a portion from what they earn, and women shall have a portion from what they earn. Therefore, seek out of God's bounty (to the best of your abilities). God is a Witness to everything. [4:34, 28:77]

33:35 Surely, for Muslim men and Muslim women, believing men and believing women, devoted men and devoted women, truthful men and truthful women, steadfast men and steadfast women, humble men and humble women, charitable men and charitable women, abstinent men and abstinent women (abstaining from all vices), chaste men and chaste women, men who remain mindful of God and women who remain mindful (of God), for them, God has readied forgiveness and an immense reward. [3:194, 4:124. *Maghfirah* = Forgiveness = Protection against detriment = Erasing the imprints of faults = Absolving imperfections]

c. Superiority by character only (49:13, 46:19)

49:13 O Mankind! We have created you male and female, and have made you nations and tribes so that you might (affectionately) come to know one another. Surely, the most honored among you, in the sight of God, is the one who is best in conduct. God is Knower, Aware.

46:19 And for all there will be ranks according to what they did so that He may recompense their actions. And none shall be wronged.

d. Rule of law, not of individuals (3:79) and must be equal and never exceed the crime but space must be given for compensation (5:45, 11:114, 5:39)

3:79 Never would a human being, whom God has blessed with the scripture, wisdom and prophethood, thereafter say to people, "Be servants of me instead of God." Rather, he would say, "Become true devotees of the Lord since you learn and teach the Book and study it as it should be studied."

5:45 For them (Jews), We had decreed in the Torah: Life for life, eye for eye, nose for nose, ear for ear, tooth for tooth, and equal injury for injury (Exodus 21:23). But If one shall forgo retaliation by way of charity, it shall absolve his or her imperfections. Whoever does not judge or rule according to what God has Revealed, such are the wrongdoers.”

42:40 But requiting evil may become an evil in itself! So, whoever pardons and makes peace, his reward rests with God. Surely, He does not love the violators of human rights.

11:114 Strive to establish and consolidate the Divine System, day and night. Actions that create balance in the society remove the ill effects of inequities. Good deeds remove bad deeds. This is a reminder for those who pay attention.

5:39 Whoever repents after the crime and makes amends, certainly, God grants him pardon. Surely, God is Forgiving, Merciful.

e. Full compensation of work (53:39, 53:41, 39:70, 37:39)

53:39-41 And that every human being shall be responsible for, and compensated for, his labor. And that his effort (and not the results) will be seen. And then he will be fully rewarded for it.

39:70 For, every human being will be repaid in full for whatever he has done. And He knows best whatever they do.

37:39 And you are requited only for what you have done.

f. Provision of basic needs (20:118-119)

**20:118-119 “Indeed, you are living the life of Paradise (on this very earth) where you are guaranteed never to go hungry, nor go unsheltered.”
“Neither do you go thirsty, nor are you exposed to the burning sun.” [Well-provided with food, clothing, shelter, the basic needs]**

g. Security of faith, life, mind, honor, and property (6:107-8, 6:152, 2:269, 17:36, 24:2, 22:40, 6:152, 5:90, 2:195, 5:32, 17:32, 17:35, 17:29, 83:1)

6:107-108 We could have created all people without free will and they would then not associate any partners with Him. (But guidance has been distinguished from straying 2:256.) And We have not appointed you as their guardian, nor are you responsible for them. (O Believers) Do not insult the idols they set up besides God. They might insult God in their ignorance and hurt themselves. To every community We have made their deeds seem fair. Then to their Lord is their return and He will explain to them exactly what they used to do.

6:152 God commands you further: vi. Do not approach the wealth of the orphan except to improve it until they come of age with full maturity of

body and mind. vii. Give full weight and full measure in all your dealings. Uphold justice in all aspects of your life. Our commands are meant to widen your human potential. We do not assign any 'self' responsibility beyond its means. viii. And when you voice an opinion, be just, even if it is against a relative. ix. Fulfill your Covenant with God, the unwavering allegiance to the Divine System (1:4-5, 9:111). This He commands for you to bear in mind.

17:36 And you shall not follow blindly any information of which you have no direct knowledge. (Using your faculties of perception and conception) you must verify it for yourself. In the Court of your Lord, you will be held accountable for your hearing, sight, and the faculty of reasoning. [32:9, 45:23, 46:26. And so, the insane and the disabled will have their incapacities taken into account in a court of law]

22:40 Those who have been evicted from their homes unjustly, for no reason other than saying, "Our Lord is God!" For, if God had not enabled people to defend themselves against one another, monasteries, churches, synagogues, and masjids, where the Name of God is oft mentioned, would surely have been destroyed. And God will certainly help those who help Him. God is Mighty, Powerful.

2:195 (Defense of the Divine Order calls for sacrifice of wealth and person.) So, keep open your resources in the cause of God, and let not your own hands throw you into destruction. Be beneficent! Indeed, God loves the doers of good. [You might throw yourselves into destruction by withholding contributions to this noble cause]

5:32 On that account, We decreed to the Children of Israel (the Eternal Moral Ordinance for all humanity 2:178) that whoever kills a human being, unless it be for murder or bloody crimes on the earth, it would be as if he killed all mankind. And whoever saves one life it would be as if he saved the life of all mankind. And Our messengers came to them with evident truth, yet, even after this, many of them continue to commit excesses in the land.

17:32 Do not come close to adultery, for, it is an abomination and an evil way.

17:35 (Always be mindful of just dealings.) Give full measure when you measure, and weigh with even scale. This is the best way and it will prove to be best in the end. [81:1-3]

17:29 You should not keep your hand chained to your neck in stinginess, nor open it foolishly lest you sit down destitute and denuded.

83:1-3 Woe to the dealers in fraud! Those who demand full measure when receiving from people. But give less than due when giving them by measure or weight. (Or diminish the recompense of the laborer)

h. Choice of spouse (4:3, 4:19, 24:32-33)

4:19 O You who have chosen to be graced with belief! It is not lawful for you to force women into marrying or holding on to them in marriage against their will. Pressuring women to remain in wedlock by threatening to take away the marital gift is forbidden. A wife could forfeit the right to the marital gift only if she has indulged in clear lewdness. You shall treat your wives nicely. Even if you dislike them, it may happen that God has placed much good in what you have failed to realize.

24:32 And marry the singles among you, (whether they are widowed, divorced or bachelors). They may marry the righteous among your male and female servants. If they are poor, God will enrich them with His bounty. God is of Infinite means, and He knows all things.

24:33 Let those who cannot find a match keep chaste until God grants them sufficiency out of His bounty. If any of the male and female servants desires a deed of emancipation, write it for them ensuring good for them by way of rehabilitation. Give them from God's wealth that He has bestowed upon you. You shall not hinder, for worldly gains, your maidservants from guarding their chastity through marriage. If anyone forces them, then to them, after their being compelled, God will be Forgiving, Merciful. [Reflect on forgiveness and mercy as explained in Glossary and in 1:1. The Divine System will protect them and take full care of their mental and physical development. 4:5-6, 53:38]

i. Freedom and protection of religion (22:40, 6:108, 2:256)

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2:256 (Although this message has been sent down by the Almighty) there is absolutely no compulsion or coercion in Religion. Whoever rejects false gods (such as the clergy, human 'authorities') and attains conviction in God, has grasped the Unbreakable Support. God is Hearer, Knower.

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j. Freedom of expression (2:42, 3:71, 25:63, 4:140,)

2:42 Do not confound the truth with falsehood, nor conceal the truth while you are well aware of it.

3:71 O People of the Book! Why do you cloak the truth with falsehood, and conceal the truth that you are so well aware of?

25:63 The true servants of the Beneficent are those who walk upon the earth humbly, and when the ignorant ones address them, they say, "Peace!"

4:140 He has already revealed to you in the Book that, when you hear the revelations of God rejected and ridiculed, sit not with them unless they engage in some other conversation (4:63, 6:68)...

6:116 (People will confront you with what the majority is doing.) Now if you pay heed to, or get intimidated by majority of those who live on earth, they will lead you astray from God's way. Most of the people follow nothing but conjecture and they only live by guesswork.

31:6 But among people, there are those who invest their time in Hadith which is unfounded, so as to lead those without knowledge away from the path of God, making mockery of it (the Qur'an). For such there is a humiliating punishment in store.

k. Redress of grievances (4:148)

4:148 God does not like any evil to be mentioned openly, unless it be by him who has been wronged. God is certainly all Hearer, all Knower.

l. Privacy (33:53, 24:27)

33:53 O You who have chosen to be graced with belief! Do not enter the prophet's homes unless permission is given to you. When invited to dine, do not arrive too early waiting for preparation of the meal. When you are invited, come at the appointed time, and when you have taken your meal, disperse, without engaging him in lengthy conversation. This used to hurt the prophet, and he was shy to tell you. But God does not shy away from the truth. If you have to ask his wives for something, ask them from behind the curtain. This is purer for your hearts and for theirs. It is not for you to hurt the messenger of God. You shall not marry his wives after him. For, this would be a great offense in the sight of God. [They are mothers of the believers. 33:6]

24:27-28 O You who have chosen to be graced with belief! Do not enter the houses other than your own until you have obtained permission and greeted their people with peace. That is best for you if you would bear it in mind. And if you find no one in the home, do not enter it until permission has been given to you. And if you are asked to go back, then, go back.

This will be most befitting for your own 'self'. God is Knower of your actions (that strengthen or enfeeble the 'self').

m. Care of the handicapped (4:36, 70:24-25)

4:36 Obey God and associate no partner with Him!

Treat kindly your parents, relatives,

- The orphans,

And those who have been left alone in the society.

- Take care of the needy,

- The disabled,

70:24-25 Those in whose wealth and possessions is a known right. For him who asks for help, and for him who is deprived.

n. Presumption of innocence (49:6)

49:6 O You who have chosen to be graced with belief! If an indiscreet person comes to you with any news, verify it lest you hurt some people in ignorance and then regret in embarrassment what you have done.

o. Sanctity of name and lineage (49:11, 33:4-5)

49:11 O You who have chosen to be graced with belief! No people shall make mockery of other people, for they may be better than they are. Nor shall any women ridicule other women, for they may be better than they are. And neither shall you defame nor be sarcastic to one another. And do not call each other by (offensive) nicknames. After attaining faith, evil is (calling by) names that are far from decency. Those who do not return to the right way are the wrongdoers. [*Taubah* = Returning to the right path = Repentance]

33:4 God did not give any man two hearts in his chest. (One cannot be a believer and a disbeliever at the same time.) And He never regards your wives as your mothers because of your senseless utterances, such as your declaring them as your mothers. Nor does He regard your adopted sons as your biological sons. These are mere words that you utter with your mouths, but God declares the truth and shows the way. [2:226, 58:2-4]

33:5 Name your adopted children after their fathers; that is more just in the sight of God. And if you do not know who their fathers were, then they are your brothers, sisters and friends in faith. You shall treat them as family members. There is no blame on you for an unintentional mistake. What counts is the intention of your hearts, for God is Forgiving, Merciful.

p. Right to residence (4:100, 2:85, 39:20)

4:100 Anyone who emigrates in the cause of God, will find that God has

placed refuge and abundance on earth. Whoever forsakes his home, as 'an immigrant to God and His messenger', and death overtakes him, his reward is then incumbent upon God. God is ever Forgiving, Merciful (the Protector and Provider of guidance).

2:85 Yet it is you who subdue and slay your own people, and evict a weak faction among you from their homes. And you support one another in hurting the community and sowing the seeds of discord. And when these homeless people get enslaved by others and are brought to you, you ransom them, whereas it was unlawful for you to evict them in the first place. What! Do you wish to accept one part of the scripture and reject the other? Think then, what the reward of such wrongdoing must be - nothing but disgrace in the life of this world, and on the Day of Resurrection the most grievous chastisement. God is not unaware of what you do.

39:20 But those who are mindful of their Lord, for them are lofty and honorable mansions built for them with rivers flowing beneath. This is God's promise. Never does God fail His promise.

q. Aesthetic choice (18:31, 76:13-15)

18:31 Theirs shall be the Gardens of Eden with rivers flowing beneath. They will be adorned with bracelets of gold, and wear green robes of finest silk, brocade and velvet, reclining upon thrones of honor. What a wonderful reward, and how goodly a place to rest!

76:13 Relaxing therein on beautiful furnishings, they neither find a hot sun nor chill.

r. Protection of chastity (17:32, 24:2)

17:32 Do not come close to adultery, for, it is an abomination and an evil way.

24:2 The adulteress and the adulterer, flog each one of them with a hundred stripes. And let not compassion sway you in their case from carrying out God's law, if you believe in God and the Last Day. And let a group of believers witness the penalty. [*Jaldah* (from skin) implies that the lashes must be superficial on the skin. And the presence of a group of believers clearly indicates the punishment as a means of deterrence and not torture. Nowhere does the Qur'an ordain the barbaric punishment of stoning to death anyone for any crime. Lewdness: 4:15, 25. Punishment as a deterrent: 5:38. Capital punishment for rape: 33:60:61]

s. Rule by democracy (42:38)

42:38 They respond to their Lord by establishing *Salaat*, and conduct

their affairs by mutual consultation, and they keep open for the welfare of others what We have given them. [Establishing *Salaat* = Establishing the System where following of the Divine Commands is facilitated. *Nafaq* = Open-ended tunnel = No hoarding]

t. Race, color, gender, lineage, wealth are no criteria of superiority. Degrees of people according to their deeds (2:212, 3:163, 6:132)

2:212 Alluring is the life of this world to those who reject the truth, and they mock those who believe (in Permanent Moral Values.) But those who live upright will be above them in ranks on the Day of Resurrection. Nevertheless, God grants sustenance without stint according to His laws. [He is the Sustainer of all mankind 114:1]

3:163 They have different ranks in the sight of God, for, God is Seer of what they do. [Conduct is the sole determining factor for ranks with God. 6:132, 49:13, 84:19]

6:132 The ranks of all individuals and nations are determined solely by their deeds, and your Lord is not unaware of what they do. [Calling yourselves 'believers' will not help. 2:8]

u. Man must explore the workings of nature to progress and this must be part of Muslim education system (17:36, 3:191-2, 45:3-5, 16:12-18)

17:36 And you shall not follow blindly any information of which you have no direct knowledge. (Using your faculties of perception and conception) you must verify it for yourself. In the Court of your Lord, you will be held accountable for your hearing, sight, and the faculty of reasoning. [32:9, 45:23, 46:26. And so, the insane and the disabled will have their incapacities taken into account in a court of law]

3:191 (Such men and women of understanding keep reflecting upon how God's laws operate in the Universe.) Standing, sitting, and reclining, they reflect upon the wonders of creation in the skies and earth, saying, "Our Lord! You have not created all this without purpose. glory to You! Save us, then, from (being negligent in attaining knowledge and thus from) the doom of the fire."

[When humans harness the forces in Nature and use them for the common good of all, they move away from Hell, rightfully hoping to achieve Paradise in both lives. 13:17, 45:13-14]

3:192 (Reflecting on the Universe and upon their own role on the Planet, such people work for the betterment of humanity 13:17. They say), "Our Lord! Any individuals and nations whom You admit into the fire, You have brought them low (for failing to harness the forces in Nature)." There are no helpers for those who displace knowledge with conjecture and thus wrong themselves. [*Zaalimeen* translated according to the context]

45:3-5 In the heavens and earth are signs for all who are willing to attain conviction. And in your own creative design, and in all the animals which He

has spread widely, there are signs for those who explore and attain certainty. And in the alternation of the night and the day, and in the means of sustenance which God sends down from the height, reviving the earth which had been lifeless, and in the change of winds and seasons - in all this are signs for people who use their reason.

v. Economy is free of interest (2:275-80, 3:130, 30:39)

2:275 On the other hand those who eat *Riba* (usury), in greed of money, run around like someone who has been bitten by a snake. They claim that trade is like usury. But God has permitted trade and forbidden usury. One to whom the clear Admonition has come from his Sustainer, must abstain from taking usury forthwith. What he has taken in the past, he may keep and his judgment rests with God. As for him who returns to usury, such are the companions of the fire wherein they shall abide. [Ash-shayitānu-min-al-muss = Satan by his touch = Snake by its bite. Satan has been described as serpent in many texts. One who has taken usury in the past, it is better for him to return the interest he has earned, but the law shall not force him to do so. Trade is the return on labor that is permissible, while usury is the return on money and therefore, forbidden. 53:39]

2:276 God blights usury and blesses charitable deeds with prosperity. God does not love those who defy His laws and drag down the potential of the human society. [Mankind will eventually realize that the interest based economic system will have to be replaced with an equitable System. God's laws of Economics will erase usury and nurture welfare]

2:279 And if you do not, then know that you are at war with God and His messenger. But, if you mend your ways, simply take back your capital without interest. Inflict not injustice and you will not incur injustice. **2:280** If a debtor is in difficult circumstances, let there be postponement to a time of ease. And if you give up the loan entirely as charity, it is better for you if you only knew.

3:130 (The battle was about repelling aggression. The prime duty is to maintain a benevolent, equitable society to which usury is a big detriment. Usury is the return on money while trade is the return on labor. Usury or interest appears ever-increasing, but God blights usury and nourishes the acts of caring 2:275-279). O You who have chosen to be graced with belief! Devour not other people's money by way of usury which is compounded over and over again. Live upright as ordained by God in order to attain true prosperity of the society.

30:39 And the wealth you give in usury in order that it may increase on other people's money has no increase with God. But that you give in charity, seeking God's Approval, these are the ones who will have their return multiplied. [2:275-276, 3:129, 74:6]

w. Social welfare system is there to provide the weak, sick and the poor (2:177, 51:19, 76:8-9,

89:17-18)

2:177 (One consequence of this schism is their pre-occupation with rituals, with each sect leaving the revelation aside and taking delight in its own set of dogmas they call religion. 30:320.)

Righteousness and exponential development of the ‘self’ depends not on whether you turn your faces to East or West. But righteousness is that:

**One has conviction in God,
And the Last Day,
And the Angels,
And the Book,
And the prophets.**

**And that he gives of his cherished wealth to:
Family and relatives,
Orphans,**

Widows,

**Those left helpless in the society,
And those whose hard-earned income fails to meet their**

basic needs,

**Those whose running businesses have stalled,
The ones who have lost their jobs,
Whose life has stalled for any reason,
The disabled,**

The needy wayfarer, son of the street, the homeless, the one who travels to you for assistance,

Those who ask for help, and

Those whose necks are burdened with any kind of bondage, oppression, crushing debts and extreme hardship of labor.

(And righteous are) those who strive to establish the institution of *Salaat*, (2:3. 2:53)

And help set up the Economic System of *Zakaat*.

They are true to their pledge whenever they make one.

And they remain steadfast in physical or emotional distress and in times of peril.

It is those who have proven themselves to be true, and it is those who are living upright.

[2:4, 3:91-92 *Yateem, Miskeen, Ibn-is-Sabeel, Fir-Riqaab*, carry all the meanings rendered above. Please also note that the Qur’an has named above the well-known five “Articles of faith.” But belief in *Taqdeer* = Predetermined destiny, has been interjected in the fabricated *Ajami* accounts as the sixth article of faith by ‘Imams’, making Muslims fatalistic in their thought and behavior. The Qur’an nowhere mentions *Taqdeer* or the predestined fates of individuals. *Qadar* or *Taqdeer* always denote the law, the due measure of all things appointed by God. And man determines his own destiny by following or defying those laws]

51:19 And in their wealth was the Divinely ordained right of those who ask and those who are deprived.

76:8 And they feed, for the love of nobility, the indigent, the orphan and the captive. (They do all this selflessly) saying, "We provide for you for the sake of God alone.

We want no return from you, not even a word of thanks.

89:17-18 Nay, nay, you do not honor the orphan. And you fail to encourage one another to feed the needy (and establish a benevolent society). [The term used for 'feeding' is highly inclusive. Here it indicates failing to establish the ideal society that takes care of all individuals. *Miskeen* = Poor = Needy = Whose life is stranded for any reason = Whose business has stalled = Who has lost his job = Whose life has been hampered by circumstances. *Ta'aam* = Feeding = Food = Provision = Basic needs of life. A benevolent society takes care of the basic needs of life. None would sleep hungry therein]

x. No clergy or elite ruling the people, can only work on an advisory level (7:30&66, 2:49, 27:87-89, 34:34-35, 43:23, 5:63, 9:31&34, 6:112-113, 3:7)

7:30 But there will be two parties among people. Some of them will live upright according to the Divine laws of guidance while others will ally with Satans as their friends. They take their religious leadership as their masters instead of God, and think that they are rightly guided.

7:66 The elite among his people who were disbelieving said, "Ah! We see that you are in folly, and we think that you are a liar."

2:49 Also remember when We saved you from Pharaoh's people. They persecuted you by assigning hard tasks and with a dreadful torment. They slaughtered your sons and let your women live for slavery and shameful acts. That was a great tribulation, a test from your Lord Supreme.

27:87-89 And on the Day when the Trumpet is sounded, everyone of the elite and of the humbled will be horrified, except such as God wills to exempt. All will present themselves to Him in humility. And the powerful elite that you deem firm as mountains, will float around like weightless clouds. Such is the Design of God Who disposes off all things in perfect order. Surely, He is fully Aware of what you do. In those times people that do good to humanity and make way for peace and security, will be best rewarded.

34:34-35 Whenever We sent a warner to any community its rich elite declared, "We reject the message you are sent with." They further said, "We are more abundant in wealth and children and we cannot be overpowered."

43:23 Likewise, whenever We sent before you a warner to any township, its wealthy ones said, "Behold! We have found our forefathers following a certain religion, and we will follow in their footsteps."

5:63 Why do not the rabbis and the priests forbid them from their downgrading assertions and illicit earnings? Indeed condemnable is what they manufacture. (A great many religious leaders, rabbis, priests, monks, Mullahs, yogis, and mystics devour the wealth of people deceptively, and hinder them from the way of God 9:34)

9:31 They take their rabbis, priests and monks to be their Lords* besides

God. And they take as their Lord, the Messiah son of Mary. Yet they were commanded to worship but One God. There is no god but He. praise and glory to Him, He is far too Glorious for what they ascribe to Him.

9:34 O You who have chosen to be graced with belief! A great many religious leaders, rabbis, priests, monks, Mullahs, yogis, and mystics devour the wealth of people in falsehood, and bar them from the path of God. All those who hoard up gold and silver and do not spend it in the cause of God, to them give tidings (O Prophet!) of a painful doom. [Ahbaar = Clergy of any religion. Ruhbaan = Monks and Sufis]

6:112-113 Remember, We have appointed to every prophet enemies. The rebellious among the urban and the rural populations rose in opposition, (since the message struck at their personal interests.) They plotted and inspired each other with fancy words. If your Lord willed, they would not do that. Disregard them and whatever they fabricate. Those who love quick gains and neglect the long-term benefits and the Hereafter, are parties to such fabrications. Let them delight in it and let them earn from it what they may.

3:7 (The Book He has sent down, bears an important Principle.) He is the One Who has revealed to you (O Prophet!) the scripture. In it some verses are literal, while some verses are allegorical. The verses that pertain to Permanent Values have been presented literally. These verses, *Muhkamat*, are the essence of the Divine law. On the other hand, abstract phenomena, some historical events, and the World of the Unseen are described in similes, metaphors and allegories (*Mutashaabihaat*) for your understanding. But those who are given to crookedness in their hearts pursue the allegories and try to give them literal meanings, thus creating dissension of thought. None encompasses their final meaning (of such as the Essence of God, His Throne, His Hand, His Book of Decrees, the exact mode of revelation on the heart of the messengers, the Eternity) but God. Those who are well founded in knowledge understand why the allegories have been used and they keep learning from them. They proclaim the belief that the entire Book is from their Lord. As the human knowledge evolves, more and more allegories will unfold their literal meaning. But only the men and women of understanding will bear this fact in mind. [Every verse of the Qur'an is *Muhkam*, absolute truth. The context enables us to understand which ones are to be taken literally and which ones are to be taken allegorically. Each verse in the Book complements another. 11:1, 39:23, 41:53, 47:20, 74:31]

y. Every person having the right for running water and sewage system (7:43, 39:20)

7:43 [In earthly life, human beings conceal many negative feelings they might have toward others even though, apparently their mutual relations are cordial] We will remove all negative emotions from their hearts. There will be no such feelings amongst the dwellers of earthly and heavenly Paradise wherein streams will flow. (The blessings of such a Social Order will be everlasting!) They will say, "All praise is due to God

Who has guided us to such a beautiful destination. Without God's guidance we would never have reached this state of felicity. God's messengers brought to us this truth." It will be proclaimed, "This is the Paradise you have inherited" (as a result of your own effort; therefore, you will not be expelled from it.)

39:20 But those who are mindful of their Lord, for them are lofty and honorable mansions built for them with rivers flowing beneath. This is God's promise. Never does God fail His promise.

z. Fight against oppression and liberate the oppressed (4:75, 2:190-3, 42:39)

4:75 What has happened to you that you do not fight in the cause of God? Defenseless men, women, and children are being oppressed and crying, "Our Lord! Rescue us from this town whose people are oppressors, and raise for us protectors and helpers." [God does not fight in person, nor does He send His armies or angels in physical form. 22:39]

2:190 (All mankind should agree upon and mark their calendars for four months of peacetime. However, following of the Divine System of Life will meet with harsh opposition.) So, fight in the cause of God those who wage war against you, but do not commit aggression. Indeed, God does not love aggressors.

2:191 Subdue them regardless of their tribal affiliations, and drive them out of where they drove you out. For, persecution, (terror, torture, oppression) is a crime more grievous than killing. Do not fight against them near the *Masjid* of Security (a haven of amnesty) unless they attack you therein. But if they attack you there, then you shall fight against them. Such is the recompense for those who reject (the Standard of Peace).

2:192 And if they desist, then, remember that God is Forgiving, Eternal Source of mercy.

2:193 So, fight them only until there is no more harassment, and Deen may be adopted for the sake of God alone. And if they desist, then let there be no hostility except against those who replace peace with aggression.

42:39 And whenever gross injustice is inflicted upon them, they defend themselves and stand up for their rights. [In the Divine System, the oppressed is helped and the oppressor is requited. *Yastansiroon* carries the meanings of defending and standing up for rights]

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