

The Easy *Quran*

A Translation in Simple English

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Notes to the Reader

The Quran is the Final Divine Testament and the Word of Allah. It cannot be translated nor conclusively interpreted. Here, what we have attempted is to interpret the meanings of the Quran into easy, readable English.

The Quran has no errors or mistakes. Anything in this interpretation that is incorrect is due to our own human failings.

Allah is referred to as God in English.

Names of Prophets have been retained according to their pronunciation in the Quran - in Arabic - and their Biblical equivalents in English have been placed in brackets at the first instance of their mention.

Surah is a Chapter. It can be as short as 3 verses (Surah 108) to as long as 286 verses (Surah 2).

In this version, the translation of the Quran's main text is in bold. Non-bold text has been used to include additional words to help understand the meanings of the main text. The use of brackets has been limited and diacritics have been avoided.

At the beginning of each verse is the sequential number of the chapter – prior to the decimal point, and of the verse – after the decimal point. These have been placed in superscript for ease of flow.

The Quran ought not be treated, handled, conceived of, read, studied, investigated, or analysed as a book authored by humans; it is Allah's Book (3.23) of Guidance (2.2) to us, free of flaws, and full of directions. May He guide us on the Straight Path, assist us in following the truth, and help us in achieving ultimate success.

Ameen

SURAH 2



Cow (*al-Baqarah*)

Allah's name I begin with, the Most Compassionate, the Ever-Merciful

[JUZ' 1]

^{2.1}**Alif Laam Meem.**

^{2.2}**This is the Book in which there is no doubt. It is guidance for those who are mindful of Allah, ^{2.3}who believe in the unseen secrets, establish the ritual prayers, and donate from what We've given them; ^{2.4}and who believe in what is revealed to you, O Prophet Muhammad, and in what was revealed before you, and they strongly believe in the Hereafter. ^{2.5}It is they who are on guidance from their Lord and it is really they who will be successful.**

^{2.6}**Those who have accepted disbelief, it makes no difference to them if you warn them or not, they still won't believe; ^{2.7}Allah has sealed up their hearts and their hearing, and there's a blindfold over their eyes. They will suffer a terrible punishment.**

^{2.8}**There are some people who claim: "We believe in Allah and the Last Day," but they aren't really believers. ^{2.9}They think they can trick Allah and the believers. They aren't even aware that they end up tricking only themselves. ^{2.10}In their hearts is a sickness and Allah allows it to increase in them. They will suffer a painful punishment because of**

the lies they used to tell. ^{2.11}When they are told: “Don’t make trouble in the world,” they reply: “We are only peacemakers!” ^{2.12}The truth is, they aren’t even aware that they themselves are the troublemakers.

^{2.13}When they are told: “Believe like other people do,” they say: “Shall we believe like fools do?” The truth is, they themselves are the fools but they don’t realise.

^{2.14}When they meet the believers, they claim: “We also believe,” but when they are alone with their evil ones, they declare: “We are with you. We are only mocking the believers.”

^{2.15}Allah punishes the disbelievers because of their mockery and leaves them confused to wander blindly in their rebellion. ^{2.16}They’re the ones who buy misguidance at the cost of guidance, but their buying and selling doesn’t gain any profit as they haven’t been following guidance.

^{2.17}Their example is of someone who lights a fire that when it brightens everything around him, Allah takes away their light and leaves them in the depths of darkness, unable to see. ^{2.18}They are choosing to be deaf, dumb, blind! – and that is why they won’t come back to the right way.

^{2.19}Or another example is that of a rainstorm coming from the sky, in which there are many layers of darkness, thunder, and lightning. They thrust their fingers into their ears from the thunderbolts for fear of death. Allah completely surrounds the disbelievers! ^{2.20}The lightning almost snatches away their eyesight. Each time it flashes for them, they walk in its light, but when it goes dark on them, they stand still. If Allah had wanted, He could have easily taken away their hearing and sight. Allah is Most Capable of anything.

^{2.21}People! Worship your Lord Who created you and those before you so you can become mindful of Him ^{2.22}– Who made the earth a