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'**A**bd means, 'a worshipper'. It describes man's proper role as a servant or worshipper of Allah, his Creator and Sustainer. Thus the term '*abd*' conveys a clear idea of the relation between man and his Creator.



Ablution

Ablution, or *wudu*, is the ritual washing of some parts of one's body. Ablution is obligatory for offering prayer, or *salah*. The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said, "No prayer can be accepted without ablution."



Abode

Abode is one's dwelling place. The Quran clearly points out that the present world is only a place to live in for a short time for human beings, while their real and eternal abode is the Hereafter.



Abraha

Abraha was the ruler of ancient Yemen. He organized an attack on the Kabah, the house of Allah, before the birth of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ but Allah destroyed him along with his army and saved His house. This story has been mentioned in the Quran in *Surah al-Fil* (The Quran, Chapter 105).



Surah al-Fatihah (the Opening) is called *al-Sab' al-Mathani* or the seven oft-repeated verses.

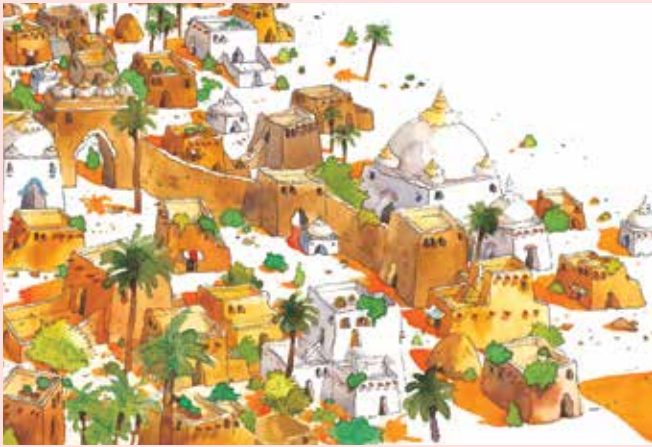
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The Quran was revealed in the month of Ramadan.

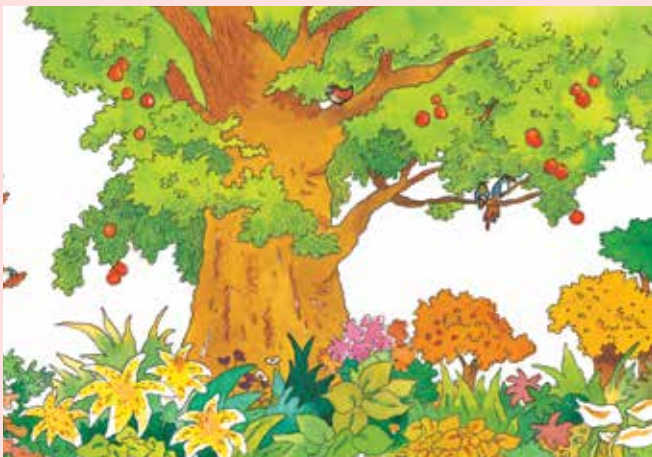
Abu Lahab

His real name was Abdul Uzza. He was one of the uncles of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. He did not believe in the Prophet and became one of his dire enemies. *Surah 111* of the Quran named *Al-Masad*, by which Allah cursed him and his wife, was revealed with regard to him.



Adam عليه السلام

Adam عليه السلام was the first man and the first prophet of Allah. Allah first placed him and his wife Eve or Hawwa in heaven but Satan tempted them and they disobeyed Allah. Then Allah put them to the earth.



Adhan

Adhan is the call for prayer, or *salah*. It is made five times a day to the believers by a *muadhdhin*. When we hear the *adhan* we leave all our work aside and go to the mosque to say our prayers.



Admonition

Admonition, or warning the people through stories of the Prophets and their people, is one of the main themes of the Quran. The Quran, on different occasions warns people by telling of the evil end of wicked men like Pharaoh and Nimrod, etc.



Allah

Allah is the personal name of the Creator of the Universe. He is one and has no partners. No one is equal to Him. He has 99 names. We should worship only and only Him.



Angel

Angels are special creatures of Allah. They are created from light. They praise and glorify Allah and never disobey Him. They perform different types of work assigned to them by Allah.

Angel of Death

The Angel of Death, or the Death Angel, is the one who takes away our souls at the time of our death. Allah says: "The Angel of Death, put in charge of you, will (duly) take your souls: then shall you be brought back to your Lord." (*Luqman* 31:11)

Quran Facts

The Quran was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ in 610 A.D., when he was 40 years old.



Prayers from the Quran

رَبَّنَا أَصْرِفْ عَنَّا عَذَابَ جَهَنَّمَ
إِنَّ عَذَابَهَا كَانَ غَرَامًا ﴿٦٥﴾
إِنَّهَا سَاءَتْ مُسْتَقَرًّا وَمُقَامًا ﴿٦٦﴾

Our Lord, guard us from the punishment of Hell, for its punishment is most painful to suffer. Indeed, it is an evil abode and evil dwelling-place. (*Al-Furqan* 25:65-66)

Anger

It is a negative quality. The Quran urges its adherents not to react out of anger. One of the qualities of the true believers is their ability to forgive others when they are angry. "Do not be angry" is one of the main pieces of advice given by the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Controlling one's anger is a good quality. The Quran approves of those, "who restrain anger and pardon the people..." (*Al 'Imran* 3:134)



Blessing

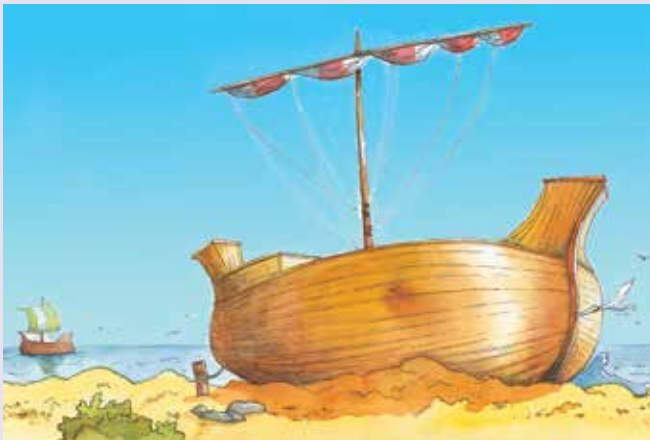
It is *ni'mah* in Arabic. The Quran emphasizes that every single thing man receives in this life is Allah's blessing, and that man is, therefore, required to give thanks for all the blessings of Allah.

Blind

A blind person is someone whose eyes do not work. If one is blind one cannot see. The Prophet Isa or Jesus عليه السلام was granted the power by Allah's leave to heal those born blind. One of the well-known companions of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, Ibn Umm Maktum, was a blind man.

Boat

Boat is a vehicle that travels on water. Allah says in the Quran about the disbelievers that when they embark on a boat, they call one Allah, making their devotion sincerely to Him, but when He brings them safe home they begin to associate partners to Him. (Al-Ankabut 29:65)



Body

One's body is every part of one. Allah made our body in the best of mould. (Al-Tin 95:4) Allah saved Pharaoh's body so that it might serve as a sign to those who come after him.



Book

A set of prescribed standards or rules on which decisions are based. Some prophets were given divine books. The Quran is the final book revealed by Allah to the last Prophet, Muhammad ﷺ. Other divine books are Zabur or Psalms, the Tawrat or Torah, and the Injil or Gospel.



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Calf

The calf is a young cow. In the absence of the Prophet Musa عليه السلام, his people made the image of a calf out of their ornaments (for worship). (Al-A'raf 7:148)

Camel

The camel is an animal that lives in the desert. Camels have one or two humps on their backs. It is one of Allah's great works. He says in the Quran, "Do they never reflect on the camels and how they were created?" (Al-Ghashiyah, 88:17). In the time of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, people travelled on camels. The Prophet's she-camel's name was Qaswa.



Cave

A cave is a hollow place in the side of a hill or mountain. The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ used to go to the cave outside Makkah and ponder over the creation of the universe.



Cave of Hira

This cave is located at a distance of two km from the city of Makkah. Before his prophethood, the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ used to go to this cave and contemplate the universe. It was in that cave that the Angel Jibril came to the Prophet with Allah's first revelation.

