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## **Foreword**

## In the Name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate

Praise be to God, who revealed to His servant [Muhammad (S)] the Book, and has not placed therein any crookedness. [But He has made it] straight to give warning of stem punishment from Him, and to bring to the believers who do good works the news that theirs will be a fair reward.

Wherein they will abide forever [Qur'an 18: 1-3].

This is a Book the revelations whereof are perfected and then expounded.

[It comes] from One Wise, Informed [Qur'an 11:1].

Falsehood cannot come at it from before it or behind it.

[It is] a revelation from the Wise, the Owner of Praise [Qur'an 41:42].

This is the Book whereof there is no doubt,

guidance to those who ward off evil [Qur'an 2:2].

The Holy Spirit has revealed it from your Lord with truth, that it may confirm [the faith of] those who believe, and as guidance and good tidings for those who have surrendered [to God] [Qur'an 16: 102]. It is no invented story but a confirmation of everything, and guidance and a mercy for folk who believe [Qur'an 12:111].

And lo! It is in truth a Reminder for you and for your folk; and you will be questioned [Qur'an 42:44].

God's mercy and His peace be on the Prophet whom,

He sent with the guidance, the religion of truth, that He may cause it to prevail over all religions, however much the unbelievers may be averse [Qur'an 9:33].

The unlettered Prophet whom they will find described in the Torah and the Gospel [which are] with them: He will enjoin on them that which is right and forbid them that which is wrong [Qur'an 7:157].

And God's mercy be on his family, the excellent and the selected ones,

Who believe in him [Muhammad (S)] and honor him and help him, and follow the light [the Qur'an] that was revealed with him [Qur'an 7:157].

They are the truthful ones and the witnesses [to the revelation] with their Lord; they have their reward and their light [Qur'an 57:19].

God is well pleased with them, and they are well pleased with Him. They are the Party of God. Lo! is it not the Party of God that is prosperous? [Qur'an 58:22].

And God's eternal curse be upon their enemies,

Who have exchanged guidance for error. Thus, their bargain did not profit them, and neither are they guided [Qur'an 2: 16].

The day when they come forth from their graves in haste, as racing to a goal, with eyes aghast, abasement stupefying them: Such is the Day which they are promised [Qur'an 70:43-44];

the day when their excuse avails not the evildoers, and theirs is the curse, and theirs the ill abode [Qur'an 40:52].

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