Discussions on Equity and Justice Continued



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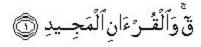
<u>Tasbeeh</u>

Surely all praise is due to Allah Lord of all created worlds. Glory be to Him and He is exalted above whatever they associate with Him. He is The One Who sent down the Quran to the heart of His messenger and destined it for the hearts of the believers. We do witness that there is no god except Allah and we do witness that Muhammad (saw) is His servant and messenger. May prayers and peace be on Muhammad (saw), the unlettered Prophet and on his family, his companions, his wives, his children and all his descendants.

About the Quran

"Qaf, By the glorious Quran." (translation of Quran Surah 50: 1)

Section 1

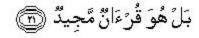


 Qāf.
 By the Glorious Qur-ān (Thou art God's Apostle).

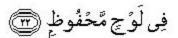
From the commentary of Yusuf Ali: The term *majeed* is one of the most beautiful appellations of the Quran. "(His) Its glory is like that of the rising sun: the more he rises on your mental and spiritual horizon, the more you are lost in admiration of his glory. His meanings are manifest and inexhaustible. The greater your experience, the more light is your spiritual eye able to bear."

The best tafsir of the Quran is the Quran. So, first look into the Quran for further explanation or clarification. If nothing is found, then go to resources containing Hadith and/ or Seerah.

"But no, he is a Glorious Reading; in a Protected Tablet." (translation of Quran Surah 85: 21 22)

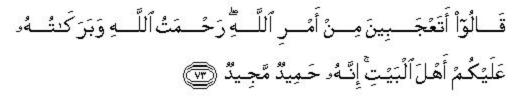


21. Nay, this is A Glorious Qur-ān,



22. (Inscribed) in A Tablet Preserved!

This attribute of Quran is also one of the attributes of Allah. "Surely He is Praised and Full of Glory." (Surah 11: 73)



73. They said: "Dost thou Wonder at God's decree? The grace of God And His blessings on you, O ye people of the house! For He is indeed Worthy of all praise, Full of all glory!"

Allah has endowed the Quran with many of His own exalted characteristics. Take a few moments to think on a few of these and what that means for you.

Insha Allah the experience you have with the Quran is that of the seeker with the One Whom is Sought (al Musta'aan). It is a direct relationship between you and Allah ta'alaa; a relationship like no other.

Assignment

Look for information on the characteristic of "al Majeed". Bring what you find to share with us.

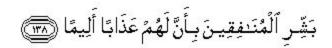
Al-Majeed

- The Most Glorious One, The Glorious, The One who is with perfect Power, High Status, Compassion, Generosity and Kindness.
- Extremely perfect in Glory and Honour. When honour combines with the goodness of the act, then it is called glory.

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Discussions of Equity and Justice

"Oh you who believe, be of those who stand firm for equity as witnesses for the sake of Allah, even if it is against your own selves, or your parents or your relatives. Whether the person be rich or poor matters not, for Allah is the Protector of both of them. Do not follow your desires lest you swerve and if you distort (facts) or turn away from justice, then Allah is certainly well aware of what you do." (translation of Quran Surah 4:138)

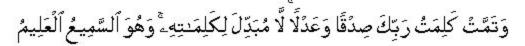


138. To the Hypocrites give The glad tidings that There is for them (But) a grievous Penalty;—

In Quran, the names or attributes of Al 'Adl and Al Muqsit do not appear in these particular forms. However what we see as a general pattern is that Allah, Who embodies all good, encourages the human creation to develop and exercise virtues that reflect His Goodness. The realm of Justice and Equality follow that pattern.

Ayaat for Discussion

6: 115 'Adl – Concerns the "words of Allah"





115. The Word of thy Lord Doth find its fulfilment In truth and in justice: None can change His Words: For He is the one Who Heareth and knoweth all.

7: 29 About iklaas – sincerity

قُلُ أَمَرَ رَبِّى بِٱلُقِسُطِّ وَأَقِيمُواْ وُجُوهَكُمُ عِندَ كُلِّ مَسُجِدٍ وَٱدْعُوهُ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ ٱلدِّينَ ۚ كَمَا بَدَأَكُمُ تَعُودُونَ ۞

29. Say: "My Lord hath commanded Justice; and that ye set Your whole selves (to Him) At every time and place Of prayer, and call upon Him, Making your devotion sincere As in His sight: Such as He created you In the beginning, so Shall ye return."

10: 4 Equity of the final decisions

إِلَيْهِ مَرُجِعُكُمُ جَمِيعًا وَعُدَ ٱللَّهِ حَقَّا إِنَّهُ ويَبُدَؤُا ٱلْخَلُقَ ثُمَّ يُعِيدُهُ و لِيَجُرِىَ ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ وَعَمِلُواْ ٱلصَّلِحَدِتِ بِٱلْقِسُطِ ۚ وَٱلَّذِينَ كَفَرُواْ لَهُمُ شَرَابٌ مِّنْ حَمِيمٍ وَعَذَابٌ أَلِيمُ بِمَا كَانُواْ يَكُفُرُونَ ۞

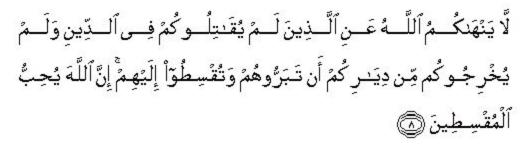
4. To Him will be your return—Of all of you. The promise
Of God is true and sure.
It is He who beginneth
The process of creation,
And repeateth it, that He
May reward with justice
Those who believe
And work righteousness;
But those who reject Him
Will have draughts
Of boiling fluids,
And a Penalty grievous,
Because they did reject Him.

10.47 " " " "

وَلِكُـلِّ أُمَّـةِرَّسُـولُّ فَـإِذَا جَـآءَ رَسُـولُهُمُ قُضِـىَ بَيُنَهُم بِٱلْقِسُطِ وَهُمُ لَا يُظُلَمُونَ ۞

47. To every people (was sent) An Apostle: when their Apostle Comes (before them), the matter Will be judged between them With justice, and they Will not be wronged.

60: 08 End of this ayah only: Love of Allah for those who are fair and equal in their dealings For us, insha Allah!!



8. God forbids you not,
With regard to those who
Fight you not for (your) Faith
Nor drive you out
Of your homes,
From dealing kindly and justly
With them: For God loveth
Those who are just.

Other words translated as "just and equitable"

In translation the words "haqq" and "ma'roof" often appear as justice and fairness Haqq - 39: 69;

69. And the Earth will shine
With the glory of its Lord:
The Record (of Deeds)
Will be placed (open);
The prophets and the witnesses
Will be brought forward;
And a just decision
Pronounced between them;
And they will not
Be wronged (in the least).
40.78

وَلَقَـدُ أَرُسَـلُنَا رُسُـلًا مِّـن قَبُلِـكَ مِنْهُـم مَّـن قَصَصُنَا عَلَيْكَ وَمِنْهُـم مَّـن لَّـمُ نَقُصُصُ عَلَيْكَ وَمَا كَانَ لِرَسُولٍ أَن يَأْتِىَ بِـَايَةٍ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ ٱللَّهِ فَإِذَا جَآءَ أَمُرُ ٱللَّـهِ قُضِـىَ بِـٱلْحَقِّ وَخَسِرَ هُنَالِكَ ٱلْمُبُطِلُونَ ۞

78. We did aforetime send Apostles before thee: of them There are some whose story We have related to thee, And some whose story We have not related To thee. It was not (Possible) for any apostle To bring a Sign except By the leave of God: But when the Command Of God issued. The matter was decided In truth and justice, And there perished, There and then, those Who stood on Falsehoods.

ma'roof – 2: 128, 229;

رَجَّنَا وَٱجُعَلُنَا مُسُلِمَيُنِ لَكَ وَمِن ذُرِّيَّتِنَآ أُمَّةً مُسُلِمَةً لِّكَ وَأَرِنَا مَنَاسِكَنَا وَتُبُ عَلَيْنَآ إِنَّكَ أَنتَ ٱلتَّوَّابُ ٱلرَّحِيمُ ﴿

128. "Our Lord! make of us Muslims, bowing to Thy (Will), And of our progeny a people Muslim, bowing to Thy (Will); And show us our places for The celebration of (due) rites; And turn unto us (in Mercy); For Thou art the Oft-Returning, Most Merciful.

ٱلطَّلَىٰ مَرَّ تَانِّ فَإِمُسَاكُ بِمَعُرُوفٍ أَوْ تَسُرِيخُ بِإِحُسَنِ ۗ وَلَا يَجِلُّ لَكُمْ أَن تَأْخُذُواْ مِمَّا ءَاتَيُتُمُوهُنَّ شَيئًا إِلَّا أَن يَخَافَا أَلَّا يُقِيمَا حُدُودَ ٱللَّهِ فَإِنْ خِمْتُمُ أَلَّا يُقِيمَا حُدُودَ ٱللَّهِ فَلَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْهِمَا فِيمَا ٱفْتَدَتُ بِهِ ۚ تِلُكَ حُدُودُ ٱللَّهِ فَلَا تَعُتَدُوهَا وَمَن يَتَعَدَّ حُدُودَ ٱللَّهِ فَلَا شَعْتَدُوهَا وَمَن يَتَعَدَّ حُدُودَ ٱللَّهِ فَالَّوْلَا يُعَالَىٰ هُمُ ٱلظَّلِمُونَ



229. A divorce is only Permissible twice: after that, The parties should either hold Together on equitable terms, Or separate with kindness. It is not lawful for you, (Men), to take back Any of your gifts (from your wives) Except when both parties Fear that they would be Unable to keep the limits Ordained by God. If ye (judges) do indeed Fear that they would be Unable to keep the limits Ordained by God, There is no blame on either

Of them if she give
Something for her freedom.
These are the limits
Ordained by God;
So do not transgress them
If any do transgress
The limits ordained by God,
Such persons wrong
(Themselves as well as others).

4: 19

يَثَأَيُّهُ اللَّهِ فِي أَن وَامَنُ وَا لَا يَحِلُّ لَكُ مُ أَن تَرِثُ وَا ٱلنِّسَاءَ كَرُهَا وَلَا تَعُصُلُ وهُنَّ لِتَذْهَبُ وا بِبَعُ ضِ مَا ءَاتَيُتُمُ وهُنَّ إِلَّا أَن يَاتُينَ كَرُهَا وَلَا تَعُصُلُ وهُنَّ لِتَذْهَبُ وا بِبَعُ ضِ مَا ءَاتَيُتُمُ وهُنَّ إِلَّا أَن يَاتُينَ بِفَرو فَي اللَّهُ عُرُوفِ فَا إِن كَرِهُتُمُ وهُنَّ فَعَسَى بِفَرِحِشَةٍ مُّبَيِّنَةٍ وَعَاشِرُ وهُنَّ بِٱلْمَعُرُ وفِ فَاإِن كَرِهُتُمُ وهُنَّ فَعَسَى إِلَا تَكُرَهُ وَا شَيئًا وَيَجُ عَلَ ٱللَّهُ فِيهِ خَدِيرًا كَثِيرًا لَا اللَّهُ فِيهِ فَا اللَّهُ فَالْمُ اللَّهُ فَا اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الْمُنْ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ فَا اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الْلِلْمُ اللَّهُ الْمُنْ الْمُنْ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الْمُنْ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الْمُنْ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الْمُنْ الْمُنْ اللَّهُ الْمُنْ الْمُنْ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الْمُنْ ال



19. O ye who believe!
Ye are forbidden to inherit
Women against their will.
Nor should ye treat them
With harshness, that ye may
Take away part of the dower
Ye have given them,—except
Where they have been guilty
Of open lewdness;
On the contrary live with them
On a footing of kindness and equity.
If ye take a dislike to them
It may be that ye dislike
A thing, and God brings about
Through it a great deal of good.