



The Creativity of the Divine Names

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Is it not time that the hearts of all who have attained to faith should feel humble in the remembrance of God and of all the truth that has been bestowed from on high, lest they become like those who were granted revelations before, and whose hearts have hardened with the passing of time, so that many of them are now corrupt? (57:16)

`alam ya`ni lilladhina `amanuu `an takhsa`a quluubuhum lidhikril-laaahi wa maa nazala minal-h.aqqi wa laa yakuunuu kalladhiina `utul-Kitaaba min-qablu fat.aala `alayhimul-`amadu fa-qasat quluubuhum; wa kathiirum minhum faasiqun.

Have they not traveled in the Earth, so that they have hearts with which they understand and ears with which they hear?! For it is not the eyes that are blind, but the hearts in the breasts which are blind! (22:46).

Another verse (29:19-20) guides us toward an awareness of the continual process of the manifestation of the divine Names: *Have they not seen how God begins the creation, and then He renews it? Surely that is easy for God. Say: "Travel through the Earth and regard how He began the creation; next God brings forth the plane of the other world (nash'at al-ākhira), and verily God is Capable of everything!"*

Eighteen Beloved Names

Ya Kerim (Generous, Noble), Ya Wadud (Loving), Ya Rahim (Merciful),
Ya Alim (Knowing), Ya Qadr (All-Powerful), Ya Ali (Most High),
Ya Hayy (Ever-Living), Ya Sabr (Patient), Ya Hakim (Wise),
Ya Salam (Peace, Soundness), Ya Halim (Forebearing),
Ya Quddus (Holy, Pure), Ya Wahhab (Bestowing),
Ya Rezaq (Sustainer), Ya Latif (Subtle in Giving),
Ya Fattah (Opener), Ya Hadi (Guide),
Ya Nur (Light).



The Most Beautiful Names

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The traditional compilations may or may not include the names Allah and Ahad. This list includes Ahad. An asterisk * indicates those names that are commonly used in Sufi practice.

- 1 الرحمن*Ar-Rahmān The All Beneficent, The Most Merciful in Essence, The Compassionate, The Most Gracious. Beginning of every chapter except one, and in numerous other places.
- 2 الرحيم*Ar-Rahīm The Most Merciful, The Most Merciful in Actions. Beginning of every chapter except one, and in numerous other places.
- 3 الملك*Al-Malik The Sovereign, The True and Ultimate King 59:23, 20:114
- 4 القدوس*Al-Quddūs The Most Holy, The Most Pure, The Most Perfect 59:23, 62:1
- 5 السلام*As-Salām The Peace and Blessing, The Source of Peace and Safety, The Most Sound 59:23
- 6 المؤمن*Al-Mu'min The Giver of Faith, The Faithful, The Guarantor, The Granter of Security, The Affirmer of Truth 59:23
- 7 المهيمن*Al-Muhaymin The Guardian, The Preserver, The Overseeing Protector 59:23
- 8 العزيز*Al-'Azīz The Almighty, The Self Sufficient, The Most Honorable 3:6, 4:158, 9:40, 48:7, 59:23
- 9 الجبار*Al-Jabbār The Powerful, The Irresistible, The Compeller, The Most Lofty, The Restorer/Improver of Affairs 59:23
- 10 المتكبر*Al-Mutakabbir The Tremendous 59:23
- 11 الخالق*Al-Khāliq The Creator 6:102, 13:16, 39:62, 40:62, 59:24
- 12 البارئ*Al-Bārī The Fashioner, The Maker 59:24
- 13 المصور*Al-Muṣawwir The Fashioner, The Molder of Forms 59:24
- 14 الغفار*Al-Ghaffār The Ever Forgiving 20:82, 38:66, 39:5, 40:42, 71:10
- 15 القهار*Al-Qahhār The All Compelling Subduer 13:16, 14:48, 38:65, 39:4, 40:16
- 16 الوهاب*Al-Wahhāb The Bestower 3:8, 38:9, 38:35
- 17 الرزاق*Ar-Razzāq The Ever Provider 51:58
- 18 الفتاح*Al-Fattāh The Opener, The Victory Giver 34:26
- 19 العليم*Al-'Alīm The All Knowing, The Omniscient 2:158, 3:92, 4:35, 24:41, 33:40
- 20 القابض*Al-Qābiḍ The Constricter, The Tightener 2:245
- 21 الباسط*Al-Bāsiṭ The Expander, The Munificent 2:245
- 22 الخافض*Al-Khāfiḍ The Abaser 95:5
- 23 الرفع*Ar-Rāfi' The Exalter 58:11, 6:83
- 24 المعز*Al-Mu'izz The Giver of Honor 3:26
- 25 المنزل*Al-Mudhill The Giver of Dishonor 3:26
- 26 السميع*As-Samī' The All Hearing 2:127, 2:256, 8:17, 49:1
- 27 البصير*Al-Baṣīr The All Seeing 4:58, 17:1, 42:11, 42:27
- 28 الحكم*Al-Hakam The Judge, The Arbitrator 22:69
- 29 العدل*Al-'Adl The Utterly Just 6:115
- 30 اللطيف*Al-Laṭīf The Subtly Kind 6:103, 22:63, 31:16, 33:34
- 31 الخبير*Al-Khabīr The Aware 6:18, 17:30, 49:13, 59:18
- 32 الحليم*Al-Ḥalīm The Forbearing, The Indulgent 2:235, 17:44, 22:59, 35:41
- 33 العظيم*Al-'Aẓīm The Magnificent, The Infinite 2:255, 42:4, 56:96
- 34 الغفور*Al-Ghafūr The Forgiving 2:173, 8:69, 16:110, 41:32
- 35 الشكور*Ash-Shakūr The Grateful 35:30, 35:34, 42:23, 64:17
- 36 العلي*Al-'Alīy The Sublimely Exalted 4:34, 31:30, 42:4, 42:51
- 37 الكبير*Al-Kabīr The Great 13:9, 22:62, 31:30
- 38 الحفيظ*Al-Ḥafīẓ The Preserver 11:57, 34:21, 42:6
- 39 المقيت*Al-Muqīt The Nourisher 4:85
- 40 الحسيب*Al-Ḥasīb The Bringer of Judgment 4:6, 4:86, 33:39
- 41 الجليل*Al-Jalīl The Majestic 55:27, 39:14, 7:143
- 42 الكريم*Al-Karīm The Generous 27:40, 82:6
- 43 الرقيب*Ar-Raqīb The Watchful 4:1, 5:117
- 44 المجيب*Al-Mujīb The Responsive, The Answerer 11:61

- 45 الواسع Al-Wāsi' The Vast, The All Encompassing 2:268, 3:73, 5:54
- 46 الحكيم Al-Hakīm The Wise 31:27, 46:2, 57:1, 66:2
- 47 الودود Al-Wadūd The Loving 11:90, 85:14
- 48 المجيد Al-Majīd The All Glorious 11:73
- 49 الباعث Al-Bā'ith The Raiser of The Dead 22:7
- 50 الشهيد Ash-Shahīd The Witness 4:166, 22:17, 41:53, 48:28
- 51 الحق Al-Ḥaqq The Truth, The Real 6:62, 22:6, 23:116, 24:25
- 52 الوكيل Al-Wakīl The Trustee, The Dependable 3:173, 4:171, 28:28, 73:9
- 53 القوى Al-Qawwiyy The Strong 22:40, 22:74, 42:19, 57:25
- 54 المتين Al-Matīn The Firm, The Steadfast 51:58
- 55 الولى Al-Waliyy The Protecting Friend, Patron and Helper 4:45, 7:196, 42:28, 45:19
- 56 الحميد Al-Hamid The Praiseworthy 14:8, 31:12, 31:26, 41:42
- 57 المحصى Al-Muḥṣi The Accounter, The Numberer of All 72:28, 78:29, 82:10-12
- 58 المبدئ Al-Mubdi' The Producer, Originator, and Initiator of All 10:34, 27:64, 29:19, 85:13
- 59 المعيد Al-Mu'īd The Restorer, The Reinstater Who Brings Back All 10:34, 27:64, 29:19, 85:13
- 60 المحيي Al-Muḥyi The Giver of Life 7:158, 15:23, 30:50, 57:2
- 61 المميت Al-Mumīt The Bringer of Death, The Destroyer 3:156, 7:158, 15:23, 57:2
- 62 الحي Al-Ḥayy The Ever Living 2:255, 3:2, 25:58, 40:65
- 63 القيوم Al-Qayyūm The Self Subsisting Sustainer of All 2:255, 3:2, 20:111
- 64 الواجد Al-Wājid The Perceiver, The Finder, The Unfailing 38:44
- 65 الماجد Al-Mājid The Illustrious, The Magnificent 85:15, 11:73,
- 66 الواحد Al-Wāḥid The One, The Unique, Manifestation of Unity 2:163, 5:73, 9:31, 18:110
- 67 الاحد Al-'Aḥad The One, the All Inclusive, The Indivisible 112:1
- 68 الصمد Aṣ-Ṣamad The Self Sufficient, The Impregnable, The Eternally Besought of All, The Everlasting 112:2
- 69 القادر Al-Qādir The Powerful, The Forceful 6:65, 36:81, 46:33, 75:40
- 70 المقدر Al-Muqtadir The All Determiner, The Dominant 18:45, 54:42, 54:55
- 71 المقدم Al-Muqaddim The Expediter, He Who Brings Forward 16:61, 17:34,
- 72 المؤخر Al-Mu'akhkhir The Delayer, He Who Puts Far Away 71:4
- 73 الأول Al-'Awwal The First(Alpha) 57:3
- 74 الآخر Al-'Akhir The Last(Omega) 57:3
- 75 الظاهر Az-zāhir The Manifest, The Outer 57:3
- 76 الباطن Al-Bāṭin The Hidden, The All Encompassing 57:3
- 77 الوالى Al-Wāli The Patron 13:11, 22:7
- 78 المتعالى Al-Mutā'ali The Self Exalted 13:9
- 79 البر Al-Barr The Most Kind and Righteous 52:28
- 80 التواب At-Tawwāb The Ever Returning, Ever Relenting 2:128, 4:64, 49:12, 110:3
- 81 المنتقم Al-Muntaqim The Avenger 32:22, 43:41, 44:16
- 82 العفو Al-'Afuww The Pardoner, The Effacer of Sins 4:99, 4:149, 22:60
- 83 الرؤوف Ar-Ra'ūf The Compassionate, The Kind 3:30, 9:117, 57:9, 59:10
- 84 مالك الملك Mālik-ul-Mulk The Owner of All Sovereignty 3:26
- 85 ذو الجلال والإكرام Dhū-l-Jalāli wa-l-'ikrām The Lord of Majesty and Generosity 55:27, 55:78
- 86 المقسط Al-Muqsiṭ The Equitable, The Requirer 7:29, 3:18
- 87 الجامع Al-Jāmi' The Gatherer, The Unifier 3:9
- 88 الغني Al-Ghaniyy The All Rich, The Independent 3:97, 39:7, 47:38, 57:24
- 89 المغني Al-Mughni The Enricher, The Emancipator 9:28
- 90 المانع Al-Māni' The Withholder, The Shielder, the Defender 67:21
- 91 الضار Aḍ-Ḍārr The Distressor, The Harmer, The Afflictor. This attribute can only be found in hadith Derived from 48:11, 6:17
- 92 النافع An-Nāfi' The Propitious, The Benefactor 30:37
- 93 النور An-Nūr The Light 24:35
- 94 الهادي Al-Hādi The Guide 25:31
- 95 البديع Al-Badī' The Incomparable, The Originator 2:117, 6:101
- 96 الباقي Al-Bāqi The Ever Enduring and Immutable 20:73
- 97 الوارث Al-Wārith The Heir, The Inheritor of All 15:23
- 98 الرشيد Ar-Rashīd The Guide, Infallible Teacher and Knower 2:256
- 99 الصبور Aṣ-Ṣabūr The Patient, The Timeless.