

Self-Introductory Discourses
of
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1. I am the one with whom are the keys of the unseen, which none knows except me after Muḥammad, peace be upon him and his progeny. (Qurʾān 6:59)
2. I am the one who knows everything. (Qurʾān 57:3)
3. I am the one about whom the Messenger of Allah, blessings and peace be upon him and his progeny, said: “I am the city of knowledge and ʿAlī is its gate”.
4. I am Dhu'l-Qarnayn (Qurʾān 18:83-94), who is mentioned in the earlier Scriptures. (Qurʾān 20:133; 97:18)
5. I am the honoured rock from which twelve springs gush. (Qurʾān 2:60)
6. I am the one who has the seal ring of Solomon.
7. I am the one who undertakes the reckoning of the people. (Qurʾān 88:26)
8. I am the Guarded Tablet. (Qurʾān 85:22)
9. I am the one who turns the hearts and the eyes. Surely to us is their return, and then surely upon us is the taking of their account. (Qurʾān 6:11; 88:25-26)
10. I am the one about whom the Messenger of Allah, blessings and peace be upon him and his progeny, said: “O ʿAlī! The path is your path and the stand is your stand”.
11. I am the one with whom is the knowledge of the Book about what has happened and what will happen. (Qurʾān 13:43)
12. I am the first Adam. I am the first Nūh. I am Ibrāhīm al-Khalīl when he was thrown into the fire. I am the comforter of *mu'mins*.
13. I am the one who avails the means.
14. I am the producer of clouds. (Qurʾān 13:12)
15. I am the one who causes the trees to sprout.
16. I am the one who causes the rivers to flow in torrent.
17. I am the one who expands the earths, I am the one who raises the heavens. (Qurʾān 74:28)
18. With me is the decisive judgement (*faṣlu'l-khitāb*). I am the divider of Paradise and Hell.
19. I am the interpreter of the revelation of Allah. I am protected (from committing errors) by Allah.

20. I am the proof (*ḥujjat*) of Allah against those who are in the heavens and on the earth.
21. I am the treasurer of the knowledge of Allah. I am the upholder of equity.
22. I am the *dābbah* (beast) of the earth (Qur'ān 27:82).
23. I am the *rājifah* (violent convulsion), I am the *rādifah* (the following convulsion). (Qur'ān 79:6-7)
24. I am the cry (*ṣayḥah*) with the truth on the Day of Resurrection from which the creatures of the heavens and the earth are not concealed. (Qur'ān 50:42)
25. I am ʿAlī, the son of Abū Ṭālib, whose cry in the battle is like the sound of thunder. (Qur'ān 2:19)
26. I am the Hour, which if someone rejects, there is burning fire for him. (Qur'ān 25:11)
27. I am that Book in which there is no doubt. (Qur'ān 2:2)
28. I am the beautiful names by which Allah has commanded to call Him. (Qur'ān 7:180)
29. I am the fire from which Moses took a firebrand. (Qur'ān 20:10; 27:7)
30. I bring the *mu'mins* forth from the graves. (Qur'ān 22:7)
31. I am the one with whom there are a thousand books from the books of the Prophets.
32. I speak in every language of the world.
33. I am the companion of Nūh and his deliverer. I am the companion of the afflicted Ayyūb and his deliverer. I am the companion of Yunus and his deliverer. (Qur'ān 26:119; 21:84,88)
34. I erected the seven heavens with my light and perfect power.
35. I am the one through whom Ibrāhīm al-Khalīl submitted himself to the Lord of the worlds and confessed His grace. (Qur'ān 2:131)
36. I am the staff of Moses, by which I hold the forelock of all creatures. (Qur'ān 11:56)
37. I am the one who looked into the spiritual world and did not find other than myself and every other thing was absent.
38. I am the one who enumerates these creatures, even though they may be innumerable, until I bring them to Allah.
39. I am the one whose word does not change, nor am I unjust to the servants. (Qur'ān 50:29)

40. I am the *wali* of Allah in the earth and the one to whom His work is entrusted and I judge between the servants. (Qur'ān 40:44; 38:26)
41. I am the one who invited the seven heavens and they responded to me and I commanded them to become established.
42. I am the one who sent the Prophets and Messengers.
43. I am the one who invited the sun and the moon and they responded to me.
44. I created the worlds.
45. I expand the earths and I know the climes. (Qur'ān 79:30)
46. I am Allah's command, the Spirit (about which He said): "Say! The Spirit is from the command of my Lord." (Qur'ān 17:85)
47. I am the one about whose enemies Allah said: "Cast you two into Hell every rebel ingrate". (Qur'ān 50:24)
48. I am the one who made the mountain firm and spread (levelled) the earths. I cause springs (to gush), seeds (to grow), trees (to rise) and I produce the fruits. (Qur'ān 79:32; 6:195; 71:19)
49. I am the one who apportions their nourishment, and causes rain to fall and the thunder and the lightning.
50. I make the sun shine, the dawn rise, create the stars and the ships on the oceans.
51. I am the one who resurrects the Hour. I am the one who if assassinated will not be assassinated and if killed, will not be killed.
52. I am the one who knows what is happening every moment and every hour. I am the one who knows the occurrences of the hearts and the twinkle of the eyes and what is hidden in the chests (hearts).
53. I am the *ṣalāt* of *mu'mins* and their *zakāt*, *ḥajj* and *jihād*.
54. I am the *nāqūr* (trumpet) about which Allah says: "When the trumpet is blown". (Qur'ān 74:8)
55. I am the master of the stars, I do away with the kingdoms, I am the master of the quake (*zalzāl*) and convulsion (*rājifah*) and I am the master of favours (afflictions) and clear judgement.
56. I am the owner of Iram, with lofty pillars, the like of which was not created in the lands. (Qur'ān 89:7-8)
57. I am the creator of the spiritual world (*malakūt*) and the physical world (*kawn*).
58. I am the maker, [and] the fashioner in the wombs.

59. I am the one who heals the blind and the leprous, and brings the dead to life, and I know that which is in the hearts and I inform you what you eat and what you store in your houses. (Qur'ān 3:49)
60. I am the gnat (*ba'uzah*) with which Allah has coined a similitude. (Qur'ān 2:26)
61. I am the one whom Allah established while the creatures were in darkness and invited them to obey me.
62. I am the one who clothed the bones with flesh.
63. I am the one who is the bearer of the Throne of Allah with the righteous of my children and am the bearer of knowledge. I am the one who knows the *ta'wil* of the Qur'ān and the previous Books and I have been made firm in knowledge. (Qur'ān 3:7)
64. I am the Face of Allah in the heavens and the earth, except for which everything else is perishable (Qur'ān 28:88). I am the master of the Jibt and the Ṭāghūt. (Qur'ān 4:51)
65. I am the gate of Allah about which He says: "Surely (as for) those who reject Our Signs and turn away from them haughtily, the doors of heaven shall not be opened for them, nor shall they enter Paradise until the camel passes through the eye of the needle; and thus do We requite the guilty" (Qur'ān 7:40).
66. I am the one who is served by Jibrā'il and Mikā'il. I am the one for whom the sun was made to return twice. I am the one for whose obedience Jibrā'il and Mikā'il are assigned.
67. I am the master of the mountain (Ṭūr), I am the master of the inscribed Book, I am the prosperous House of Allah (Qur'ān 52:1-2, 4); I am the master of the tilth and the stock (Qur'ān 2:205). I am the one whose obedience is made obligatory upon everyone who has a breathing soul from among the creatures of Allah.
68. I am the one who scatters the first ones and the last ones; I am the slayer of the criminals with Dhu'l-fiqar and the one who burns them in the fire.
69. I am the one whom Allah granted victory over religion. I am the one who avenges the wrongdoers. I am the one unto whom the communities are invited. I am the one who will drive the hypocrites away from the pond of the Messenger of Allah.
70. I am the gate that Allah has opened. He who enters it is safe. I am the one in whose hands are the keys of Paradise and the keys of Hell.

71. I am the Light of Allah and His *hujjat* (Proof). The tyrants tried to extinguish His Light and to refute His Proof, but Allah does not allow except that His Light and *walayah* be perfected. Allah granted His Prophet the Kawthar and granted me the stream of life. I am with the Prophet in the earth. Thus, the one whom Allah wanted, He granted him my recognition and the one whom He wanted kept away from me, remained far.
72. I am in greenness where the souls move and there is none except I who breathes.
73. I am the silent *‘alim* (learned) and Muḥammad is the speaking *‘alim*.
74. I am the master of the former age (*qarn*). I talked to Mūsā al-Kalīm. I drowned the Pharaoh. I am the torment of the day of shadowing. (Qur’an 26:189)
75. I am the Signs of Allah, I am the trustworthy of Allah, I give life and I cause to die, I create and I give sustenance. I am hearer, I am knower, I am seer, and I am the one who travels through the seven heavens and the seven earths in the twinkle of an eye. I am the first, I am the second.
76. I am the Dhu’l-Qarnayn of this *ummah*.
77. I am the one who sounds the *nāqūr* (trumpet) on the day, which is difficult, not easy, for the unbelievers. (Qur’an 74:9)
78. I am the Supreme Name (*al-ismu’l-‘zam*), which is “*kāf-hā’-yā’-‘ayn-ṣād*” (Qur’an 19:1).
79. I am the speaker of the language of the childhood of Jesus, I am Joseph, the truthful. I am the one to whom Allah turned. I am the one behind whom Jesus will perform prayers in the last time. I am the one who returns in (different) forms.
80. I am the next world and this world. I originate and repeat. I am a branch from among the branches of the olive and a lamp from among the lamps of Prophethood.
81. I manifest the things as I will.
82. I am the one who sees the deeds of the servants. Nothing lies concealed from me either in the earth or in the heavens. (Qur’an 10:61; 34:3)
83. I am the lamp of guidance, I am the niche in which is the light of Muṣṭafā, i.e. the Prophet. I am the one without whose recognition a person’s deed is null.
84. I am the treasurer of the heavens and the earth. I establish equity. I know the change of time and its adversities. I am the one who knows the number of ants

- and their weight and the quantity of mountains and their weight and the number of drops of rain.
85. I am the great *āyāt* (miracles, signs) of Allah, which He showed to Pharaoh who disobeyed.
86. I am the one who faced the two *qiblahs* and I was brought to life twice and I manifest things as I will.
87. I am the one who threw a handful of dust at the face of the infidels and they retreated and perished. I am the one whose *walāyah* was rejected by a thousand communities and they were deformed.
88. I am the one who is before the time and is going to come and manifest in the end of time.
89. I am going to crush the Pharaohs who have passed and am going to bring them out and punish those who are going to come. I am going to punish the Jibt and Ṭāghūt and bring them out and punish Yaghūth, Ya^cūq and Nasr, who have led many astray.
90. I speak in seventy languages and I give *fatwā* about everything in seventy ways. I am the one who knows what is happening in the night and in the day, a matter (decree) after a decree and a thing after a thing till the Day of Resurrection.
91. I am the one who sees the actions of the creatures in the easts of the earth and (in) its wests and nothing (of them) is hidden from me.
92. I am the one with whom there are seventy-two names from among the Supreme Names.
93. I am the sacred Ka^cbah, the sacred House and the ancient House. I am the one whom Allah will make the owner of the east of the earth and its west in the twinkle of an eye.
94. I am Muḥammad al-Muṣṭafā, I am ^cAlī al-Murtazā, for as the Prophet has said: “^cAlī manifested himself from me”. I have been praised with the Holy Spirit (*al-rūḥu 'l-qudūs*). I am the percipient and no sin and doubt occur to me.