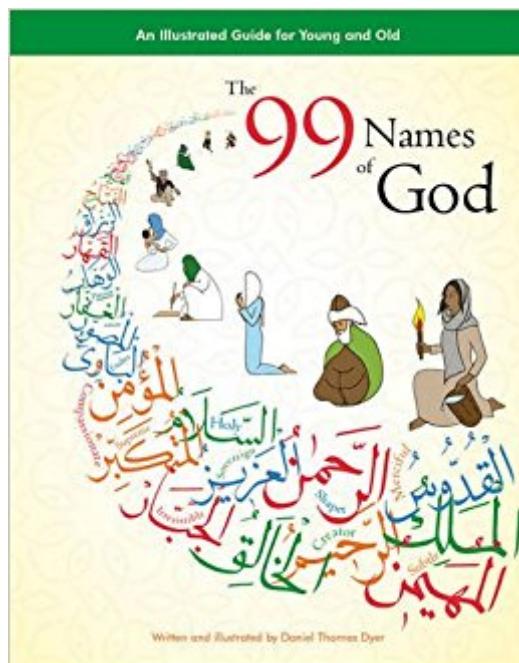


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# The 99 Names Of God: An Illustrated Guide For Young And Old



## **Synopsis**

The Compassionate (ar-Rahman), the Holy (al-Quddus), the Source of Peace (as-Salam), the Supreme (al-Mutakabbir)...these are just a few of the 99 Names of God to be found in Islam. It has been said that knowledge of Allah's Beautiful Names is the greatest knowledge a human being can possess.;This illustrated guide to the Names is designed to be an engaging educational resource for all the family. For children it is a rich treasury of wonder that will reveal greater depths as they grow and mature, whilst for parents and teachers it will offer much to inspire, inform, and remind. Richly illustrated and accompanied by engaging reflections and activities, this book is offered as a guide to help us witness the Divine Majesty and Beauty.

## **Book Information**

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"This project fills such an obvious need, and does it so beautifully, one wonders why it hadn't happened until now. Probably so that exactly these people would be the ones to do it. It provides an entry point into a spiritual Islam that every parent would like to give to their children, and illuminating their own understanding in the process. Inshallah, it will be recognized as a classic." Shaikh Kabir Helminski; Co-Director, The Threshold Society & Baraka Institute. "The book introduces the reader in a simple yet profound way to the attributes of God. The activities encourage the reader to reflect on many things including: their own being, their surroundings, what these demonstrate to them about the Divine Reality, and what type of behaviour this might inspire in them. How much faith-inspired literature out there for young hearts encourages young people to look to themselves 'then reflect!' in the very spirit of the Quran? The book also introduces the reader to a whole host of Muslim spiritual personalities who demonstrate a universal loving wisdom and open up a new world

of perspective for the reader. This book invites a recognition of what is shared by all faiths and an openness of heart toward all human beings. Exactly what is needed in our world." Fatimah Ashrif; Project Lead, Coexist House. "This is a wonderful book that has used a very innovative approach to teaching God's attributes and I would certainly use it as a teaching resource." Shaykh Ibrahim Mogra; Khazinat al-'Ilm, Madaris of Arabic and Muslim Life Studies, Leicester. "We cannot do enough for our precious children in the direction this wonderful work from Chickpea Press takes them... and us!" Gray Henry; Director, Fons Vitae Publishing & Distribution. "This book is a fantastic learning tool for children. It uses plain language, appropriate illustrations, and traditional wisdom." Dr Musharraf Hussain, OBE, DL; CEO of Karimia Institute, former Chair of Christian Muslim Forum. "I was very moved by the resource you are developing on the 99 Names. It is very special - simple yet really profound in its content. Above all, it is saturated in a most beautifully gentle and nurturing quality of love and mercy." Dr Jeremy Henzell-Thomas; Visiting Fellow, Centre of Islamic Studies, University of Cambridge.

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Truly a beautiful book for all ages

Although this book is intended for Muslim children, it's really a treasure for all ages and faiths. In fact, it could be used as a basic primer on spirituality, and would be a fine addition to any religious library. In a time when there is so much misinformation (and hostility) about Islam in the Western world, this book goes a long way toward opening a window on what true Islam is really like. The first Name in the book is Allah, which the author explains is simply the Arabic word for God. In Arabic-speaking countries, the author explains, non-Muslims also call God "Allah." This is an important point, since many Christians in America assume that Allah is a separate deity from the Creator in Genesis. I have more than once been told that Muslims worship Allah, not God, which is as absurd as saying that Germans worship Gott and the French worship Dieu as separate deities. ("Allah" is, in fact, derived from the same Semitic root as "Elohim," the Name of God in Genesis 1. Many of the other Arabic Names are similar to Hebrew names used in Jewish liturgy, and mean the

same things.) Now on to the other 98 Names. Most non-Muslims (including me -- I'm Jewish) would be hard put to name that many attributes of God -- which is what the Names really are. God is the Compassionate, The Merciful, the Sovereign, The Holy, the Source of Peace... and so many more. I defy anyone to read this book and not come away with a deeper appreciation of God's presence in the universe. I myself have gained a lot of new insights from contemplating the lessons that author Daniel Dyer sees in these Holy Names. I found myself thinking that feminists and others who object to calling God "Lord" or "King" might increase their liturgical vocabularies with "Giver of Life, Responder to Prayer, "The Most Forgiving, "The Doer of Good" and so many other Names of God explored here. Each lesson has one or two Names (depending on context) in Arabic calligraphy, transliteration, and English translation, and a quote from the Quran using the Name. This is followed by a simple but meaningful explanation of how that aspect of God is manifested in the world around us. Also included are teachings and stories from the Prophets and various Muslim sages, both male and female, and positive references to other religions. I especially like the way the lessons connect the Names with nature, encouraging the reader to look for God's ways in all things. Each lesson has a "Signs of (Name)" section, with many examples taken from nature. The cat, for example, is Watchful, pairs of geese are Faithful, a sunrise is Glorious. The focus is on harmonizing science and religion, encouraging exploration and questioning, not only in science, but in life itself. ("The Evolver" is one of the Names of God.) Each lesson also has "Reflections and activities" that children and parents can discuss/do together. All in all, this is a fine book and highly recommended.

A beautifully illustrated book filled with teachings from such a vast array of teachers. Was taken by surprise at the extent of knowledge in this book - taking the complex subject of 99 names and opening them up to something relatable and grounded. Imaginative for children, the exercise's are simply wonderful. Highly recommended.

A beautiful interactive book... one for the whole family. I've found it v useful in explaining the names to my toddler and helping her implement and apply them to her life. Without it I would have struggled to explain the names in a way that she could understand. It makes the complex seem beautifully easy to understand. Would recommend it to any parent. Furthermore it's helping me to have a greater understanding and appreciations of the names and implementing those qualities.

This book is beautiful and I highly recommend it. My experience so far is that the gift held within these names seem more naturally understood and known by children, and that perhaps as we grow

older we need reminders of these qualities through works like this. Each name is a true gift, if we spend the time, and that's what this book helps you to do in the most amazing way. I think this is an important work and a true classic God willing, may it be a friend to many many souls.

A beautiful book! For children it is a rich treasury of wonder that will reveal greater depths as they grow and mature, whilst for parents and teachers it will offer much to inspire, inform, and remind. I am particularly impressed by the engaging reflections and activities.

I have just received my copies!! and currently reading..truly amazing book that I cannot put down! This is the best book ever.. it's like magic.. as I read each page.. I feel good.. ^ ^ ^ I am sure that it will have the same effect on all readers. It's a real delight! Each name has been explained so beautifully ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ I am in love May you be too Ashfia x

This book exceeded my expectations and addressed my hopes and dreams for such a resource. It is a work of great depth and breadth and height and created with extraordinary care and detail. Inshallah, this loving work will reach far and wide!

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