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THE 99 MOST BEAUTIFUL NAMES OF ALLAH

Al-Asmā' al-Ḥusnā — Arabic, Transliteration and Meaning, with Sources



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Scriptural Foundation and Virtue

The Qur'ān commands believers to call upon Allah by His Most Beautiful Names:

وَلِلَّهِ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ فَادْعُوهُ بِهَا

"Allah has the Most Beautiful Names. So call upon Him by them..." (Surah Al-A'rāf, 7:180) [1]

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ emphasized the great reward of learning and enumerating them:

"Allah has ninety-nine names, i.e. one-hundred minus one, and whoever knows them [enumerates them / acts upon them] will go to Paradise." (Sahih al-Bukhari 2736) (and Sahih Muslim 2677b) [2] [3]

The 99 Names (Tirmidhi's Listing)

The standard and most famous list, used widely across Islamic manuscripts, books and digital apps, is narrated in Jami' at-Tirmidhi (3507). In this listing the Name Allah is counted first, followed by Ar-Raḥmān through Aṣ-Ṣabūr, making ninety-nine. That Allah has ninety-nine Names is authentic (Bukhari and Muslim); the chain of this particular list is graded weak, although scholars cite it widely. [4]

1	اَللّٰهُ	Allāh The Proper Name of God; the One alone worthy of worship
2	الرَّحْمٰنُ	Ar-Raḥmān The Most Gracious / All-Compassionate
3	الرَّحِيْمُ	Ar-Raḥīm The Most Merciful
4	الْمَلِكُ	Al-Malik The King / Sovereign
5	الْقُدُّوسُ	Al-Quddūs The Most Holy / Free of Deficiencies
6	السَّلَامُ	As-Salām The Granter of Safety / Perfection
7	الْمُؤْمِنُ	Al-Mu'min The Granter of Security / Faith
8	الْمُهَيِّمِ	Al-Muhaymin The Guardian / Overseer
9	الْعَزِيْزُ	Al-'Azīz The Almighty / All-Mighty

10	الْجَبَّارُ	Al-Jabbār The Compeller / Restorer
11	الْمُتَكَبِّرُ	Al-Mutakabbir The Supreme / Majestic
12	الْخَالِقُ	Al-Khāliq The Creator
13	الْبَارِئُ	Al-Bārī' The Maker of Order / Originator
14	الْمُصَوِّرُ	Al-Muṣawwir The Fashioner / Shaper
15	الْغَفَّارُ	Al-Ghaffār The Continual Forgiver
16	الْقَهَّارُ	Al-Qahhār The Subduer / Overwhelming
17	الْوَهَّابُ	Al-Wahhāb The Bestower / Liberal Giver
18	الرَّزَّاقُ	Ar-Razzāq The Provider
19	الْفَتَّاحُ	Al-Fattāḥ The Opener / Supreme Judge
20	الْعَلِيمُ	Al-‘Alīm The All-Knowing
21	الْقَابِضُ	Al-Qābiḍ The Restrainer / Withholder
22	الْبَاسِطُ	Al-Bāsiṭ The Expander / Enlarger
23	الْخَافِضُ	Al-Khāfiḍ The Abaser / Humbler
24	الرَّافِعُ	Ar-Rāfi' The Exalter
25	الْمُعِزُّ	Al-Mu‘izz The Giver of Honor
26	الْمُذِلُّ	Al-Mudhill The Dishonorer / Humiliator
27	السَّمِيعُ	As-Samī' The All-Hearing
28	الْبَصِيرُ	Al-Baṣīr The All-Seeing

29	الْحَكَمُ	Al-Ḥakam The Judge / Arbitrator
30	الْعَدْلُ	Al-‘Adl The Utterly Just
31	اللطيفُ	Al-Laṭīf The Subtle One / Most Kind
32	الخبيرُ	Al-Khabīr The All-Aware
33	الْحَلِيمُ	Al-Ḥalīm The Forbearing
34	الْعَظِيمُ	Al-‘Aẓīm The Magnificent / Infinite
35	الْغَفُورُ	Al-Ghafūr The All-Forgiving
36	الشَّكُورُ	Ash-Shakūr The Most Appreciative
37	الْعَلِيُّ	Al-‘Aliyy The Most High
38	الْكَبِيرُ	Al-Kabīr The Greatest
39	الْحَفِيزُ	Al-Ḥafīz The Preserver / Guardian
40	الْبُقِيتُ	Al-Muqīt The Sustainer / Nourisher
41	الْحَسِيبُ	Al-Ḥasīb The Reckoner
42	الْجَلِيلُ	Al-Jalīl The Sublime One
43	الْكَرِيمُ	Al-Karīm The Most Generous
44	الرَّقِيبُ	Ar-Raqīb The Watchful
45	الْمُجِيبُ	Al-Mujīb The Responsive
46	الْوَاسِعُ	Al-Wāsi‘ The Vast / All-Encompassing
47	الْحَكِيمُ	Al-Ḥakīm The All-Wise

48	الْوَدُودُ	Al-Wadūd The Loving One
49	الْمَجِيدُ	Al-Majīd The Most Glorious
50	الْبَاعِثُ	Al-Bā'ith The Resurrector / Raiser
51	الشَّهِيدُ	Ash-Shahīd The Witness
52	الْحَقُّ	Al-Ḥaqq The Truth / Reality
53	الْوَكِيلُ	Al-Wakīl The Trustee / Dependable
54	الْقَوِيُّ	Al-Qawiyy The Strong
55	الْمَبِيتُ	Al-Matīn The Firm / Steadfast
56	الْوَلِيُّ	Al-Waliyy The Protecting Friend
57	الْحَمِيدُ	Al-Ḥamīd The Praiseworthy
58	الْمُحْصِي	Al-Muḥṣī The Counter / Accounter of all
59	الْمُبْدِي	Al-Mubdi' The Originator / Initiator
60	الْمُعِيدُ	Al-Mu'īd The Restorer
61	الْمُحْيِي	Al-Muḥyi The Giver of Life
62	الْمُبِيتُ	Al-Mumīt The Bringer of Death
63	الْحَيُّ	Al-Ḥayy The Ever-Living
64	الْقَيُّومُ	Al-Qayyūm The Self-Sustaining
65	الْوَاجِدُ	Al-Wājid The Finder / Perceiver
66	الْمَبْجِدُ	Al-Mājid The Illustrious

67	الْوَاحِدُ	Al-Wāḥid The Unique / One
68	الصَّمَدُ	Aṣ-Ṣamad The Self-Sufficient / Eternal Master
69	الْقَادِرُ	Al-Qādir The Capable / Omnipotent
70	الْمُقْتَدِرُ	Al-Muqtadir The Dominant / Determiner
71	الْمُقَدِّمُ	Al-Muqaddim The Expediter
72	الْمُؤَخِّرُ	Al-Mu'akhkhir The Delayer
73	الْأَوَّلُ	Al-Awwal The First (without beginning)
74	الْآخِرُ	Al-Ākhir The Last (without end)
75	الظَّاهِرُ	Aḏ-Ḍāhir The Manifest
76	الْبَاطِنُ	Al-Bāṭin The Hidden
77	الْوَالِي	Al-Wālī The Sole Governor
78	الْمُتَعَالَى	Al-Muta'ālī The Supreme / Self-Exalted
79	الْبَرُّ	Al-Barr The Source of All Goodness
80	التَّوَّابُ	At-Tawwāb The Acceptor of Repentance
81	الْمُنْتَقِمُ	Al-Muntaqim The Retaliator / Just Avenger
82	الْعَفُوُّ	Al-'Afuww The Supreme Pardoner
83	الرَّءُوفُ	Ar-Ra'ūf The Most Kind / Compassionate
84	مَالِكُ الْمُلْكِ	Mālik-ul-Mulk Master of the Kingdom
85	ذُو الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ	Dhul-Jalāli wal-Ikrām Lord of Majesty and Generosity

86	الْمُقْسِطُ	Al-Muqsit The Equitable
87	الْجَامِعُ	Al-Jāmi‘ The Gatherer
88	الْغَنِيُّ	Al-Ghaniyy The Self-Sufficient / Rich
89	الْمُغْنِي	Al-Mughnī The Enricher
90	الْمَانِعُ	Al-Māni‘ The Withholder / Shielder
91	الضَّارُّ	Aḍ-Ḍarr The Distressor / Bringer of Harm
92	النَّافِعُ	An-Nāfi‘ The Benefactor / Giver of Good
93	النُّورُ	An-Nūr The Light
94	الْهَادِي	Al-Hādī The Guide
95	الْبَدِيعُ	Al-Badī‘ The Incomparable Originator
96	الْبَاقِي	Al-Bāqī The Everlasting
97	الْوَارِثُ	Al-Wārith The Ultimate Inheritor
98	الرَّشِيدُ	Ar-Rashīd The Guide to the Right Path
99	الصَّبُورُ	Aṣ-Ṣabūr The Patient / Forbearing

Meaning of “Enumerating” (Iḥṣā’)

Classical scholars (such as Imam al-Nawawi and Ibn Hajar al-Asqalani) explained that enumerating the names (iḥṣā’) includes:

- Memorizing and learning them.
- Understanding their meanings and belief in what they signify.
- Calling upon Allah by them in supplication (Du‘ā’) and reflecting their noble qualities (e.g., mercy, generosity) in one’s character.

Citations (Qur'ān and Hadith)

[1] Qur'ān 7:180

وَلِلَّهِ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ فَادْعُوهُ بِهَا ۖ وَذَرُوا الَّذِينَ يُلْحِدُونَ فِي أَسْمَائِهِ سَيُجْزَوْنَ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ

Allah has the Most Beautiful Names. So call upon Him by them, and keep away from those who abuse His Names. They will be punished for what they used to do.

[2] Sahih al-Bukhari 2736 — Grade: Sahih (Authentic)

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Narrated Abu Huraira: Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "Allah has ninety-nine names, i.e. one-hundred minus one, and whoever knows them will go to Paradise."

[3] Sahih Muslim 2677b — Grade: Sahih (Authentic)

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Abu Huraira reported Allah's Apostle (ﷺ) as saying: Verily, there are ninety-nine names for Allah, i. e. hundred excepting one. He who enumerates them would get into Paradise...

[4] Jami' at-Tirmidhi 3507 — Grade: Da'if (Darussalam) - weak chain for the list; widely cited

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Abu Hurairah narrated that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: "Indeed, Allah has ninety-nine Names, one hundred less one, whoever counts them shall enter Paradise..."

Hadith references gathered with the help of Ansari AI; readers are encouraged to confirm with a qualified scholar.