## What Islam Is

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With the name Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful. All praises be to Allah Guardian Evolver and Substainer of All the Worlds. Peace be upon Muhammad and all the righteous servants.

AS—SALAAM—ALAIKUM

He is God, the Creator The Evolver The Bestower of Forms (or Colours) To Him belong The Most Beautiful Names: Whatever is in The heavens and on earth; Doth declare His praises and Glory, And He is the Exalted In Might, the Wise.

Holy Quran Yusuf Ali Translation. Sura LIX Verse 24 To Him belong the Most Beautiful Names. What a beautiful passage. To God belongs the most beautiful names in creation. Our mere existence should be to please Him and our names should honor Him and His Benevolence.

In the movie presentation "Roots" Kunte Kinte suffered and fought to hold on to a name that had meaning and purpose to him. He rejected with all his might a name that would pay tribute to man instead of to God. Today we also offer a equally deligent fight for names. But our fight is for names that were forced upon us at the point of a whip. Names that are as meaningless as they are degrading. Names that honor a long dead oppresive slavemaster.

Doubtless, names are of vital importance in one's life. Names as it were, are commonly regarded as symbols but there are various meanings connected with them. A name has a reality that goes beyond ink, paper or mere sound. If names were sheer means of identification, people could have used numbers instead to call their children, as we see in some movies and novels of the science fiction genre, which ominously forsee future man as a souless, mechanized and dehumanized being. Names generate a certain energy, an aura, so to speak, that surrounds and gives us a sense of direction. Unfortunately, should a name be inappropriate, it would be likely to impart an unfavorable influence to its bearer, and a negative vibration to the people in his or her circle. A man with a woman's name for instance, may unconsciouly lack the aggressively masculine traits associated with a man's name. Equally funny or meaningless names may adversely affect its bearer, as he or she may lose the sense of direction and purpose that emanate from appropriate and meaningful names. The so-called names that many of us have are not completely bad. But some are meaningless and degrading.

Some represent a long gone oppresive era that should have long been put to rest. These are the ones we should get rid of for ourselves and reframe from passing them on to our children. Society has made their chances of being successful slim enough without us burdening them with names that offer them no selfassertiveness. The following are a list of self assertive names that honor God and not man.

MALE FIRST NAMES

Ahmad Most praseworthy Abuwi Fatherly Ameer Prince, ruler Abdullah Servant; Man of Allah Greater; Bigger, more imporetant Akbar Trustworthy; Dependable Amin Brown-skinned (Beautiful) Spear Asmar First minister of Prohphet Muhammad Bilal Ethiopian Slave Bahir

Fatih

Farah

Hamid

Hasan Hassan

Husnee

Ibrahim

Ismail Jabir

Jamal

Brilliant; Splendid Conqueror, Victor Intelligent, Learned Faheem Joy, happiness One who praises Hamzah Historically significant personage Handsome, agreeable The one who improves, beautifies, or makes better

My beauty Historical personage, Abraham God heard Kind, sympathetic Beauty

Jameel Handsome Karam Generosity, nobility Muhammad Praiseworthy, much praised Mikal Angel Musa Moses Mustafa Appointed, chosen or selected Osman Historical Omar Surviving, Long living Qasim Divider, distributor, judge Qaadir One who is patient and steadfast One who maintains a peaceful state; Saleem not easily upset Wazir Secretary, minister (political sense) Yusuf Joseph

Zakariyya

Zakee

Aaliyah

Ayesha

Arifah

Aneesah

pure, intelligent, charitable **FEMALE FIRST NAMES** From the word Ali; Lofty sublime, High, excellence

Alive, prosperous, not dying Knowing; Aware of Friendly, delightful

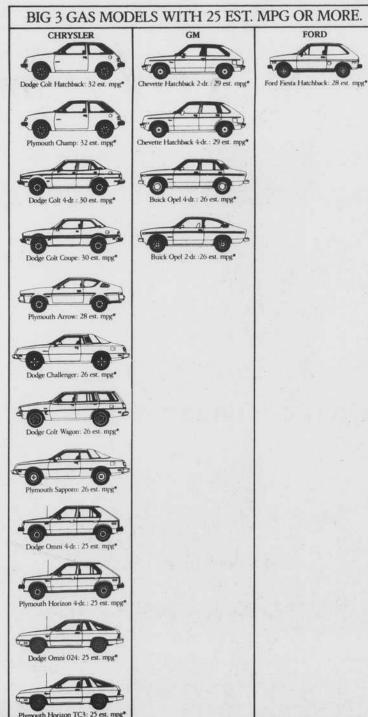
The Prophet Zacharias

Afrah Joys Anjail Angela Bekkah Same as Mecca Basmah A Smile Our dwelling (foundation) Daarina Fareedah Unique; Precious gem Fadeelah Pleasant companion in conversation Sameerah Safe, sound, faultless Saleemah Taheerah Pure, chaste Tarajee Tarajee Hopes, supplications Yasmeen Jasmine Zarifa Elegant; witty Of God Zarina Flower Zahrah

These are only a few of the wonderful names of God. A complete book can be obtained by writing this paper. Let's use these names and give our "HEAD START". children real children a real "HEAD START".

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