

QUR'AN, THE DOXOLOGIES IN THE

As my teaching/discussion sessions open with prayer, it occurred to me just before a session on Islam three days ago to begin the prayer with a doxology from the Qur'an, whose 1st sura (chapter) is a doxology (after "In the Name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate") & many of whose suras conclude\* with a doxology. Now it occurs to me to make of them a posy, a daisy chain, a catena for what help this may be in our own praising. My numerals are of the suras. (My wording follows Arberry's fairly closely.) \* Or begin

1 Praise belongs to God, the Lord of all being, the All-merciful, the All-compassionate, the Master of the Day of Doom. ¶You alone we serve; to you alone we pray for help. Guide us in the straight path, the path of those whom You have blessed, not of those against whom You are wrathful, nor of those who are astray.

2 Our Lord, take us not to task if we forget or make mistake. Our Lord, charge us not with a load such as You laid on those before us. Our Lord, do not burden us beyond what we have the strength to bear. And pardon us, & forgive us, & have mercy on us; You are our Protector. And help us against the people of the unbelievers.

3 God, there is no god but He, the Living, the Everlasting.

4 Humanity, fear-&-love your Lord, who created you from a single soul, & from it created its mate; & fear-&-love God, by whom you make demands one from another, & the wombs; surely God always watches over you.

5 To God belongs the kingdom of the heavens & of the earth, & all that is in them, & He is powerful over everything.

6 Praise belongs to God who created the heavens & the earth & appointed the shadows & light....It is He who created you of clay & determined the length of your life....He is God in the heavens & the earth; He knows your secrets, & what you publish, & He knows what you are earning.

7 Remember your Lord in your soul, humbly & fearfully, not loud of voice, at morn & eventide. Be not among the heedless. Surely those who are with your Lord are not too proud to serve Him; they chant His praise, & to Him they bow.

8 Surely God has knowledge of everything.

9 God is enough for me. There is no god but He. In Him I have put my trust. He is the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

10 Follow what is revealed to you, & be patient until God judges: He is the best of judges.

11 To God belongs the unseen in the heavens & the earth. To Him the whole matter shall be returned; so serve Him, & put your trust in Him. Your Lord is not heedless of the things you do.

12 The sacred stories are a guidance & a mercy to a people who believe.

13 God suffices as a witness between me & you, & whoever possesses knowledge of the Book.

14 This is a message to be delivered to all humanity, that they may be warned by it, & that they may know that He is One God, & that all possessed of minds may remember.

15 Proclaim you Lord's praise, & be of those who bow, & serve your Lord until the Certain comes to you.

16 Glory be to Him! High be He exalted....He created the heavens & the earth in truth....He created man of a sperm-drop....And the cattle [for food, beauty, & work]....Surely your Lord is All-clement, All-compassionate....and He creates what you know not....If He willed, He would have guided you all together.

17 Glory be to Him....He is the All-hearing, the All-seeing. / ....magnify Him with repeated magnificats.

18 Praise belongs to God, who has sent the Book down upon His servant.

19.37 Glory be to Him! When He decrees a thing, he merely says to it "Be," & it is. Surely God is my Lord, & your Lord; so serve Him. This is a straight path.

20 To Him belongs all that is in the heavens & the earth & all that is between them & all that is beneath the soil. To Him belong the Names Most Beautiful.

21 My Lord, judge with truth! Our Lord is the All-merciful; his help is always to be sought....

22 O people, fear- $\epsilon$ -love your Lord! I created you of dust, then of a sperm-drop, then of a blood clot, then of a lump of flesh. And I establish in the wombs what I will....God shall raise up whoever is within the tombs. /....Perform the prayer & pay the alms & hold fast to God; He is your Protector--an excellent Protector, an excellent Helper.

23 High exalted be God, the King, the True! There is no god but He, the Lord of the noble Throne....My Lord, forgive & have mercy, for You are the best of the merciful.

24 To God belongs whatever is in the heavens & on the earth. He always knows what condition you are in....God knows everything.

25 Blessed be He who has sent down the Salvation....He created everything, then He ordained it very exactly.

26 Put your trust in the All-mighty, the All-compassionate, who sees you always. Surely He is the All-hearing, the All-knowing.

27 Praise belongs to God. He shall show you His signs & you will recognize them.

28 All things perish except His Face. His is the judgment, & you will return to Him.

29 God is with the good-doers.

30 Surely God's promise is true.... 31: Surely God is All-knowing, All-aware. 32: O Prophet, fear- $\epsilon$ -love God, & follow what is revealed to you from your Lord. 34: Praise belongs to God, praise also in the Hereafter. 35: Praise belongs to God, the Originator of the heavens & earth. Remember God's blessing upon you. 36: Glory be to Him in whose hands is the dominion of everything, & to whom we shall return. 37: Praise belongs to God, the Lord of all being. 39: Praise belongs to God, the Lord of all being. 40: We believe in God alone. 42: The heavens wellnigh are rent above them when the angels proclaim the praise of their Lord & ask forgiveness for those on earth..../ Surely unto God all things come home. 45: Surely in the heavens & earth there are signs for the believers..../ So to God belongs praise. 48: God has promised those who believe & do deeds of righteousness forgiveness & a mighty wage. 49: God knows the unseen & sees what you do. 50: Remind by the Qur'an those who fear God's threat. 52: Proclaim the praise of your Lord when you arise & in the night & in the declining of the stars. 53: Bow yourselves before God, & serve Him! 54: Surely the godfearing shall dwell amid gardens & a river in a sure abode, in the presence of a King Omnipotent. 55: Blessed be the name of your Lord, majestic, splendid. 51: Magnify the name of your Lord, the All-mighty. 52: All that is in the heavens & on earth magnifies God. He is the First & the Last, the Outward & the Inward..../ God is of bounty abounding. 59: He is God, knower of the unseen & the visible. He is God, the King, the All-holy, the All-peaceable, the All-faithful, the All-preserver, the All-mighty, the All-compeller, the All-sublime. Glory be to God! He is God, the Creator, the Maker, the Shaper. 67: Blessed be he in whose hand is the Kingdom, who created death & life. 69: Magnify the name of your Lord, the All-mighty. 87: Magnify the name of your Lord, the Most High, who created & shaped, who determined & guided. 110: When comes the help of God, & victory, & you see people entering God's religion in throngs, then proclaim the praise of your Lord, & seek His forgiveness; for He turns again unto people. 112: He is God, One, God, the Everlasting Refuge, & equal to Him is not anyone.

Though I skipped some repetitions, I missed no praise sentences (& included some not directly doxological). Many praises include what I've not included here, viz. exclusions of polytheism, including the Christian God, who does not qualify (in Islam's view) as monotheism.