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**SACRED RITES AND  
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## Sacred Rites and Salient Symbols

The salient symbols and sacred rites in Islam are known as the Sha'a'ir of Allah (the salient symbols of Allah). These visible manifestations of faith, in the form of rites, worship, places, sites, etc. are considered sacred, and honouring them is a direct expression of piety.

*“Whoever honours the sacred things of Allah, then that is better for him with his Lord.”* (Surah AlHajj 18 – Verse 30)

Whoever refrains from disobeying Allah, does not transgress that which is sacred and regards committing sin as a serious matter, will attain a great reward.

*(ibn Kathir)*

### Rites and Symbols of Worship

Among the salient symbols of Islam that are revered is the Ka'bah, Masjid, Azan, Iqamah and religious texts. Some key symbols and rites in Islam mentioned or established by the Qur'an,

The Five Salah - Mandatory and fundamental Ibadah (worship) performed facing the Ka'bah.

Hajj - The blessed pilgrimage, compulsory once in a lifetime for one who has the means and ability.

Mount Safa and Marwa - Mentioned in the Qur'an (2:158) as 'among the Symbols of Allah,' the rite of walking between these two hills, known as Saee, is an essential part of Hajj and Umrah. The sites of Mina, Arafah, Muzdalifa are sacred places of Hajj.

Sacrificial Animals (Udhiyah/Qurbani): Slaughtering animals for Allah during Hajj is a symbol of obedience, in reverence of the sacrifice of Ibrahim عليه السلام.

*"And the big animals of sacrifice (like camels) are made by Us among the symbols of Allah for you."*  
*(Surah Hajj 22 – Verse 36)*

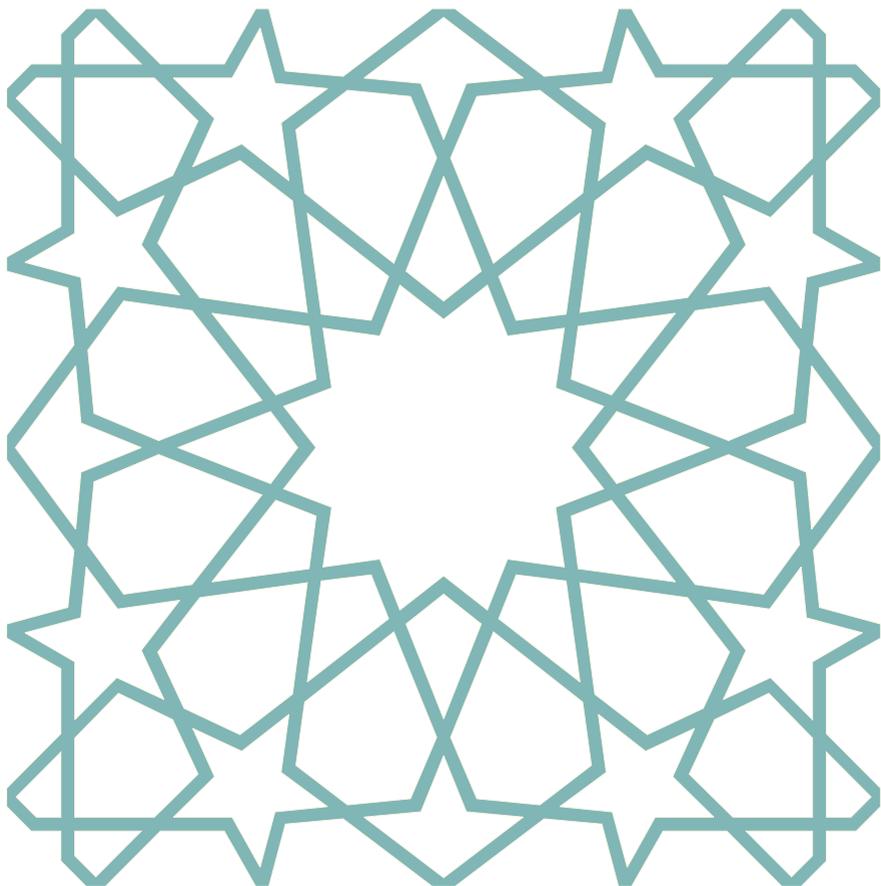
- ♦ Ramadan & Fasting: The fast during the month of Ramadan is a major act of self-discipline and purification.
- ♦ Zakah: The mandatory discharge of a portion of one's wealth to those in need.

## **An Act of Piety**

*"...And whoever honours the symbols of Allah, it is certainly out of the piety of the heart."*  
*(Surah AlHajj 22 – Verse 32)*

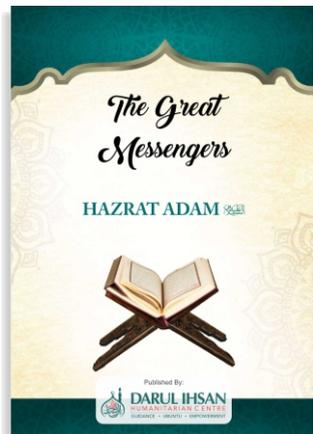
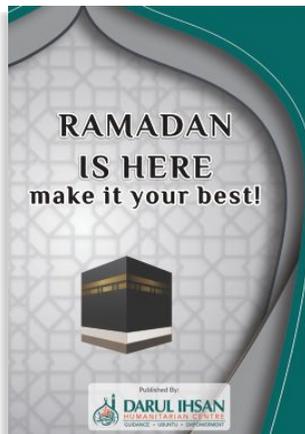
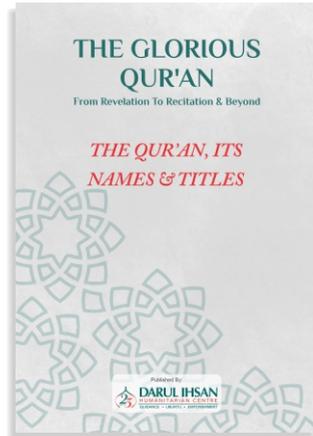
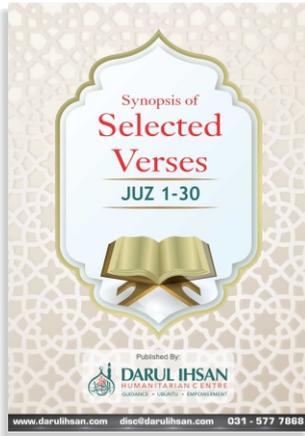
The symbols of Islam refer to the distinctive symbols which are considered as the specific emblems of certain groups of people or certain faiths. These distinctive features are those special laws which are generally taken to be the identifying features of a Muslim. Most of the rules of Hajj fall in this category.

Respect for the symbols of Islam is an evidence of the piety of heart, which indicates that the symbols of Allah are respected by the one who has Taqwa (fear of Allah) in his heart and that Taqwa rests in one's heart. When the heart is imbued with this quality, it is reflected in all his actions. *(Ma'ariful Qur'an)*



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