

## The Qur'an's Commandments

*Directions: Below is a list of nine translations from the Qur'an. For each, rewrite the quote as a commandment for Muslims to follow that begins with, "A Muslim must..." or "A Muslim must not..."*  
*Note: The numbers in parentheses refer to the chapter and verse cited from the Qur'an.*

Example:

"Thy Lord hath decreed that ye worship none but Him" (17:23)  
A Muslim must not worship anything but God.

1. "And the Lord hath decreed that ye be kind to your parents...and say 'My Lord bestow on them Thy mercy even as they cherished me in childhood.'" (17:23-24)

2. "Take not life – which God has made sacred – except for just cause." (17:33)

3. "Nor come nigh to adultery: for it is a shameful deed." [adultery = cheating on your husband/wife]" (17:32)

4. "And dispute ye not with the People of the Book (Christians and Jews) ... unless it be with those of them who inflict wrong (and injury): but say "We believe in the Revelation which has come down to us and in that which came down to you; Our God and your God is one; and it is to Him we bow." (29:46)

5. "Those who slander chaste women are cursed in this life and in the Hereafter." [slander = lie about; chaste = virgin] (24:23-24)

6. "If any do turn his back to them [an attacker] on such a day [of battle] unless it be in a strategy of war, or to retreat a troop [of his own], he draws on himself the wrath of God." (8:16)

7. "Do you see what happens to one who denies God? He shares the same fate as one who refuses the orphan and does not help to feed the indigent [the poor]." (107:1-3)

8. "Satan's plan is to excite enmity and hatred between humans, with intoxicants and gambling, and hurt your remembrance of God and prayer. Will you not then abstain [not do those things]?" (5:91).

9. "Make peace between them with justice, and be fair." (99:9)

**When you finish...**

A. Did any of these commandments for Muslims surprise you? Why or why not?

B. How will these rules impact the way people live their lives?