The Ninety-Nine Names of God

Islam insists that there is only one God. But God can be called on by many names, as the Qur’an says: “God has the Most Excellent Names. Call on Him by His Names” (7:180; quoted in N. J. Dawood, translator, *The Koran*, fifth revised edition [London: Penguin Classics, 1990], page 124; copyright © 1956, 1959, 1966, 1968, 1974, 1990 by N. J. Dawood. Used with permission of Penguin Books, Ltd.).

Traditionally there are ninety-nine names for God, most of which are given in the Qur’an. The names are important in Muslim piety; each name is sometimes repeated dozens of times in prayer, and each of the ninety-nine beads on the Muslim rosary stands for one of the names. After reading the following list of the ninety-nine names of God, complete these tasks:

**1.**  Check off any names whose meanings you do not know. Using a dictionary, look up the meanings of those names and write them below the names.

**2.** Circle all the names you have not previously thought of as applying to God.

**3.** From the names you just circled, star the four that you would be most likely to use for God.

\_\_\_\_ 1. The Beneficent

\_\_\_\_ 2. The Compassionate

\_\_\_\_ 3. The King

\_\_\_\_ 4. The Holy

\_\_\_\_ 5. The Giver of Peace

\_\_\_\_ 6. The Guardian

\_\_\_\_ 7. The Powerful

\_\_\_\_ 8. The Almighty

\_\_\_\_ 9. The Compeller

\_\_\_\_ 10. The Greatest

\_\_\_\_ 11. The Creator

\_\_\_\_ 12. The Evolver

\_\_\_\_ 13. The Fashioner

\_\_\_\_ 14. The Forgiver

\_\_\_\_ 15. The Vanquisher

\_\_\_\_ 16. The Bestower

\_\_\_\_ 17. The Sustainer

\_\_\_\_ 18. The Revealer

\_\_\_\_ 19. The Omniscient

\_\_\_\_ 20. The Restrainer

\_\_\_\_ 21. The Munificent

\_\_\_\_ 22. The Degrading

\_\_\_\_ 23. The Enhancer

\_\_\_\_ 24. The Exalting

\_\_\_\_ 25. The Abasing

\_\_\_\_ 26. The All-Hearing

\_\_\_\_ 27. The All-Seeing

\_\_\_\_ 28. The Judge

\_\_\_\_ 29. The Equitable

\_\_\_\_ 30. The Subtle

\_\_\_\_ 31. The All-Aware

\_\_\_\_ 32. The Forbearing

\_\_\_\_ 33. The Magnificent

\_\_\_\_ 34. The Remitter

\_\_\_\_ 35. The Prodigal

\_\_\_\_ 36. The Sublime

\_\_\_\_ 37. The Most Great

\_\_\_\_ 38. The Preserver

\_\_\_\_ 39. The Sustainer

\_\_\_\_ 40. The Sufficer

\_\_\_\_ 41. The Majestic

\_\_\_\_ 42. The Bountiful

\_\_\_\_ 43. The Vigilant

\_\_\_\_ 44. The Responder

\_\_\_\_ 45. The All-Embracing

\_\_\_\_ 46. The All-Wise

\_\_\_\_ 47. The Kind One

\_\_\_\_ 48. The All-Glorious

\_\_\_\_ 49. The Resurrector

\_\_\_\_ 50. The Witness

\_\_\_\_ 51. The Truth

\_\_\_\_ 52. The Champion

\_\_\_\_ 53. The All-Powerful

\_\_\_\_ 54. The Firm One

\_\_\_\_ 55. The Protector

\_\_\_\_ 56. The Laudable

\_\_\_\_ 57. The Appraiser

\_\_\_\_ 58. The Originator

\_\_\_\_ 59. The Restorer

\_\_\_\_ 60. The Life-Giver

\_\_\_\_ 61. The Life-Taker

\_\_\_\_ 62. The Ever-Living

\_\_\_\_ 63. The Dominating

\_\_\_\_ 64. The Entire

\_\_\_\_ 65. The Illustrious

\_\_\_\_ 66. The One

\_\_\_\_ 67. The Sanctuary

\_\_\_\_ 68. The Potent

\_\_\_\_ 69. The Omnipotent

\_\_\_\_ 70. The Advancer

\_\_\_\_ 71. The Delayer

\_\_\_\_ 72. The First

\_\_\_\_ 73. The Last

\_\_\_\_ 74. The Evident

\_\_\_\_ 75. The Hidden

\_\_\_\_ 76. The Lord

\_\_\_\_ 77. The Transcendent

\_\_\_\_ 78. The Benign

\_\_\_\_ 79. The Accepter of Repentance

\_\_\_\_ 80. The Avenger

\_\_\_\_ 81. The Pardoner

\_\_\_\_ 82. The Most Kind

\_\_\_\_ 83. The Owner of Sovereignty

\_\_\_\_ 84. The Lord of All Majesty

\_\_\_\_ 85. The Equitable

\_\_\_\_ 86. The Gatherer

\_\_\_\_ 87. The Absolute

\_\_\_\_ 88. The Endower

\_\_\_\_ 89. The Averter

\_\_\_\_ 90. The Distressor

\_\_\_\_ 91. The Harmer

\_\_\_\_ 92. The Enricher

\_\_\_\_ 93. The Splendid

\_\_\_\_ 94. The Guide

\_\_\_\_ 95. The Superb

\_\_\_\_ 96. The Everlasting

\_\_\_\_ 97. The Heir

\_\_\_\_ 98. The All-Knowing

\_\_\_\_ 99. The Patient One