

ISLAM AND ...

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ISLAM AND CONCEPTION OF GOD



Islam and conception of God

The concept of God in Islam is a perfect concept. He has neither partner nor son, a unique, eternal, ever-living God, and to Him belong all the perfect and good attributes. He is neither an idol nor a trinity. He is an incomparable God.

God alone is the Almighty, Creator, Ruler, and Sustainer of everything in the entire universe. He manages all affairs. He doesn't need any of His creatures, and all of His creatures depend on Him for everything they need. He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, and the All-Knowing.

He is All-Wise in all His actions and decrees. If someone wants something from God, they can ask God directly without asking anyone to intercede with God for them.

Allah, the Almighty, says:

"When My slaves ask you concerning Me, I am indeed near. I respond to the call of the supplicant when he calls upon Me; so they should respond to Me and believe in Me, so that they may be guided." (Quran 2:186)

He is the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful, and the Most Beneficent.

Allah is the Arabic word for God. Islam holds that Allah is the Only True God worthy of worship and obedience, and that He is the Creator of the universe and all that exists within it.

God sent us prophets to show us the right path. All the prophets were continuations of each other and were sent with the same message:

that there is no deity worthy of worship but the One True God.

ISLAM AND MORALS



Islam and Morals

Islam is a comprehensive way of life, and morality is one of its cornerstones. Islam encourages and commands every good manner and prohibits and warns against every evil and lewd manner.

Islam guides individuals to act with politeness and respect, emphasizing good manners and behavior towards others.

It teaches us the nobility of forgiveness, to wish for others what we wish for ourselves, and to guard against deceit, falsehood, and uncharitable thoughts.

It affirms that the most honourable and noble people are those who have the most piety and righteousness, whose hearts are pure and cleansed of envy, hatred, and arrogance.

It encourages helping the weak, poor, needy, and disabled, and promotes generosity, charity, and cooperation.

It inspires us to engage in acts of service and volunteerism, teaching that the highest of humanity are those who selflessly contribute to the well-being of others.

It teaches gentleness towards animals and the environment and advocates for respecting and caring for parents, the elderly, and family members.

It promotes peace, security, and harmony, prohibits transgression, theft, and the killing of innocents, and condemns treason, deception, and broken agreements.

It forbids hatred, malice, backbiting, and the contempt of others, and commands truthfulness, justice, trustworthiness, generosity, and humility- qualities that reflect the noblest of character.

It directs us to nurture harmonious relationships with our Creator, with ourselves, and with those around us, embodying the essence of balance and peace.

ISLAM AND WOMEN



Islam and Women

In Islam, women are honored and respected as equal partners in the creation of humanity. The religion promotes the dignity, rights, and protection, affirming their essential role as individuals endowed with spiritual, social, and economic rights.

The Quran and Hadith encourage kindness, fairness, and respect towards women, urging men to treat them with the utmost honor and integrity.

Islam grants women the right to education, ownership, and participation in societal matters, while also emphasizing the vital roles of family, motherhood, and nurturing.

Contrary to widespread misconceptions, Islam unequivocally affirms the equality, dignity, and respect of women. It advocates for equal educational opportunities for both men and women, grants women legal rights in matters such as marriage, divorce, and inheritance.

Women's rights in Islam are firmly established in the teachings of the Quran and the noble traditions of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Women's contributions in all aspects of life—whether at home, in the workplace, or in the community—are deeply valued, and Islam stresses the importance of justice, equity, and respect for all genders.

ISLAM AND PARENTS



Islam and Parents

In Islam, parents are granted a position of immense honor and respect. The Quran repeatedly emphasizes the importance of showing kindness, gratitude, and obedience to them, particularly as they age and become more dependent.

Allah, the Almighty, says:

"Your Lord has ordained that you worship none but Him, and show kindness to parents. If one or both of them reach old age in your care, do not say to them a word of annoyance nor scold them, rather speak to them noble words" (Quran 17:23)

Care for parents is regarded as a great virtue, and striving to make their lives easier and more comfortable is highly praiseworthy.

Caring for parents is not only a moral responsibility but also a way to attain Allah's favor and reward.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ stated that kindness to parents is among the most virtuous of deeds.

Islam encourages children to serve their parents with patience, love, and humility, recognizing the sacrifices they made.

Disrespecting or neglecting parents is considered a grave sin, while treating them with compassion is a source of reward in this life and the Hereafter.

ISLAM AND ELDERLY



Islam and ELDERLY

In Islam, the elderly are deeply respected and honored for their life experience and wisdom.

The religion calls for treating the elderly with kindness, honor, and compassion, stressing significance of caring for them especially when they reach old age.

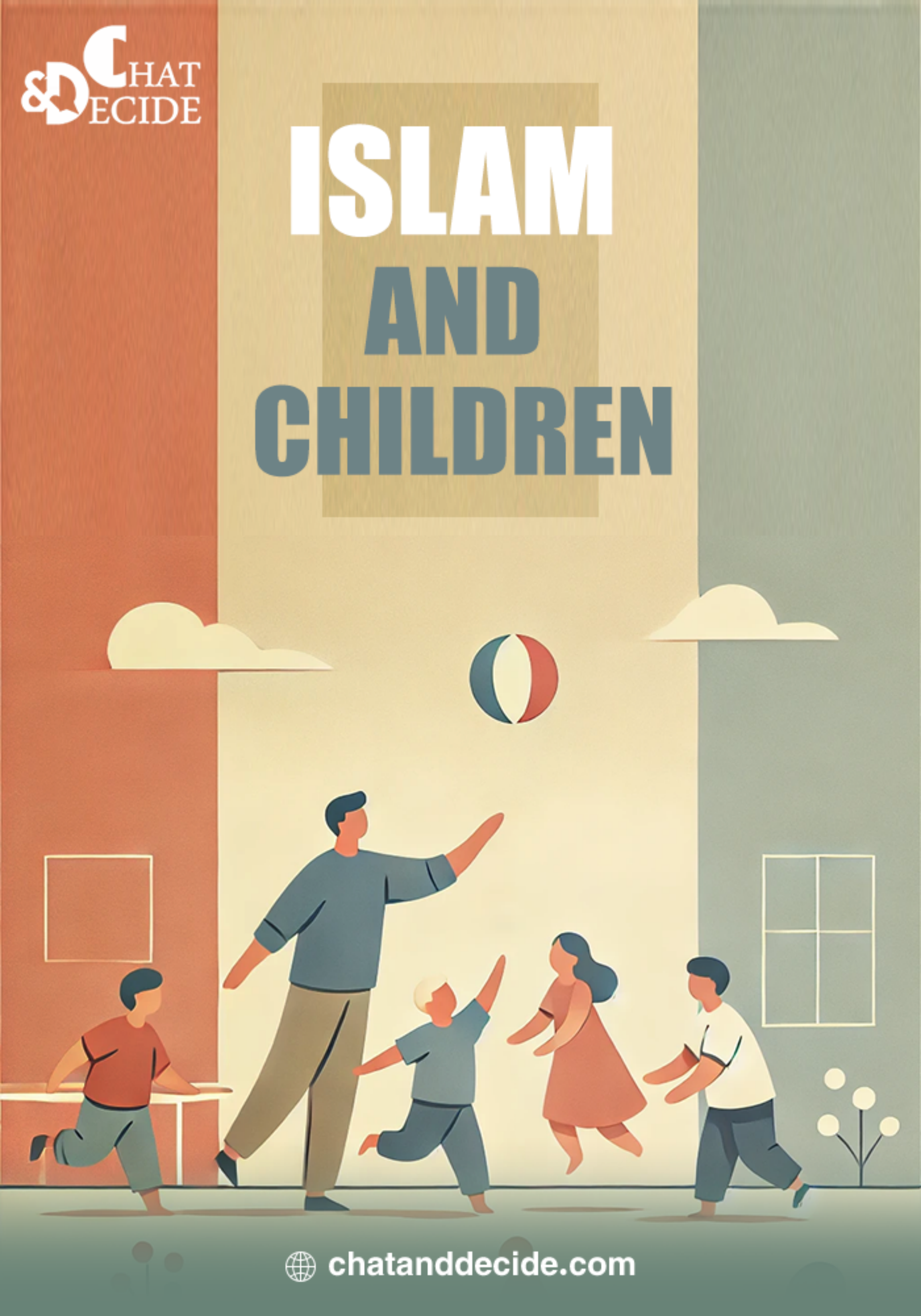
Islam teaches that caring for the elderly is not merely a moral obligation but a profound means of earning the pleasure of Allah.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said :

"He does not belong to us who does not show mercy to our young and honor our old."

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Islam places great emphasis on ensuring that the elderly are treated with dignity, provided for, and not neglected and creating an environment where the elderly feel valued and cared for, fostering a culture of respect and gratitude for their role in the family and society.



ISLAM AND CHILDREN

Islam and Children

In Islam, children are regarded as a divine blessing and a precious gift from Allah, and their care and upbringing are seen as a sacred responsibility.

Islam places great emphasis on nurturing children with love, care, and guidance, providing them with a solid foundation in both faith and ethics to help them grow into responsible, kind, and morally upright individuals.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said :

"Every one of you is a guardian and responsible for his subjects. The leader in charge of the people is a guardian and is responsible for them; the man is a guardian over his household and is responsible for them; the woman is a guardian over her husband's house and his children and is responsible for them; the slave is a guardian over his master's property and is responsible for it. Verily, each of you is a guardian, and each of you is responsible for his subjects."

[Sahih Bukhari - 2554]

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Parents are encouraged to educate their children, teaching them respect, kindness, and good character. Islam stresses the importance of safeguarding children from harm, ensuring they receive their rights to education, care, and protection.

Through these teachings, children are seen as an integral part of a thriving and compassionate society.

ISLAM AND ANIMALS



Islam and Animals

In Islam, animals are regarded as creatures of Allah that deserve kindness, compassion, and respect.

The Quran and Hadith emphasize the duty to provide animals with proper food, water, and shelter, while forbidding any form of mistreatment.

The Quran and Hadith stress that humans should show mercy and compassion to animals, not abusing or neglecting them.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said :

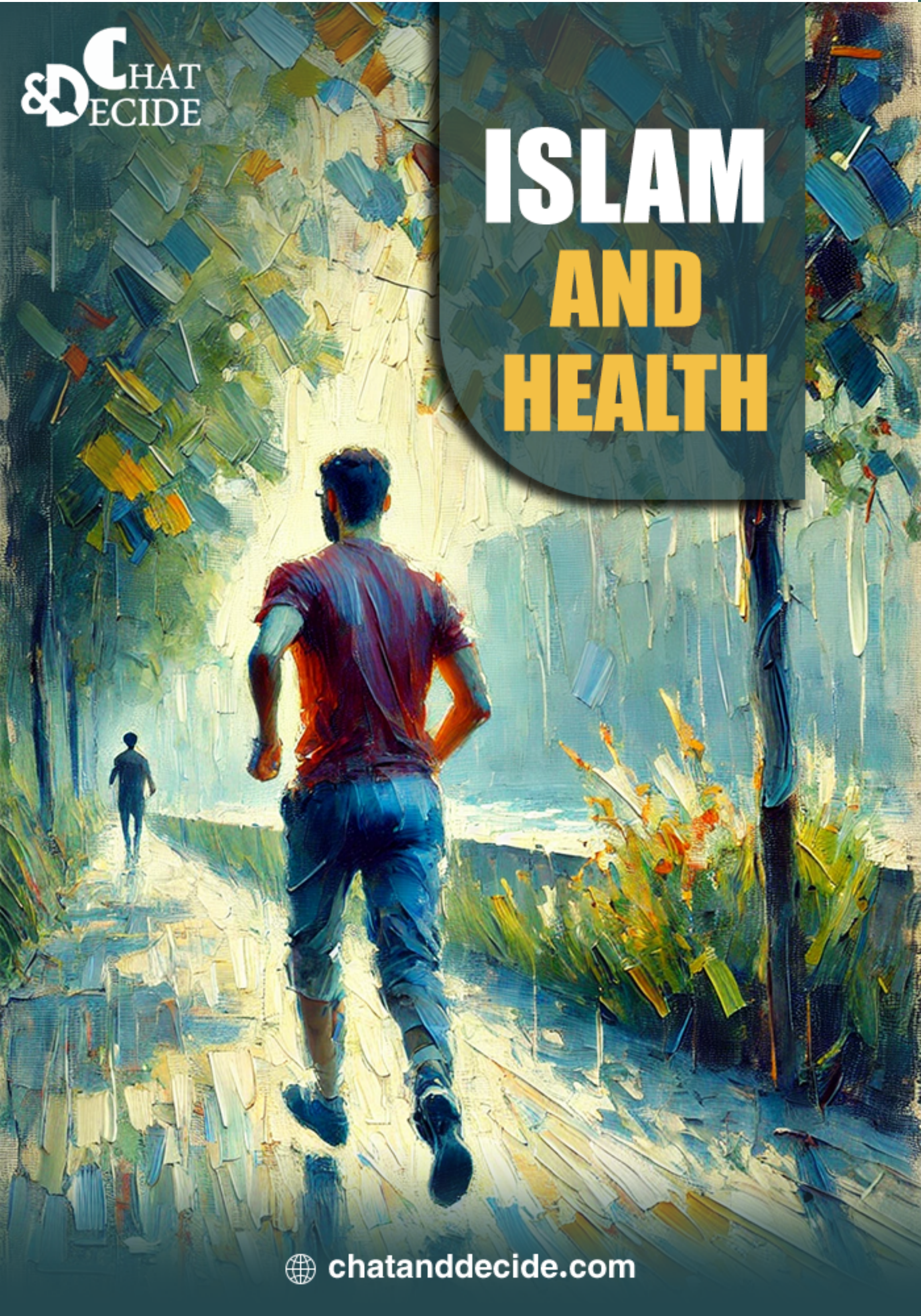
"A woman was tormented because of a cat which she had kept locked up until it died, and she was thrown into Hell for that. She neither gave it food or drink when she locked it up nor freed it so that it would eat from the vermin of the earth."

[Narrated by Bukhari & Muslim]

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Islam allows the use of animals for purposes such as food, work, and transportation, but it stresses that they should be treated humanely and not be subjected to unnecessary harm or suffering.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ highlighted the virtue of showing mercy to animals, saying that kindness to all living beings is rewarded by Allah.



ISLAM AND HEALTH

Islam and Health

Islam places great emphasis on health and well-being, considering it a blessing from Allah and a trust to be preserved. The Quran and Hadith encourage maintaining a balanced lifestyle, which includes proper nutrition, physical activity, and mental well-being.

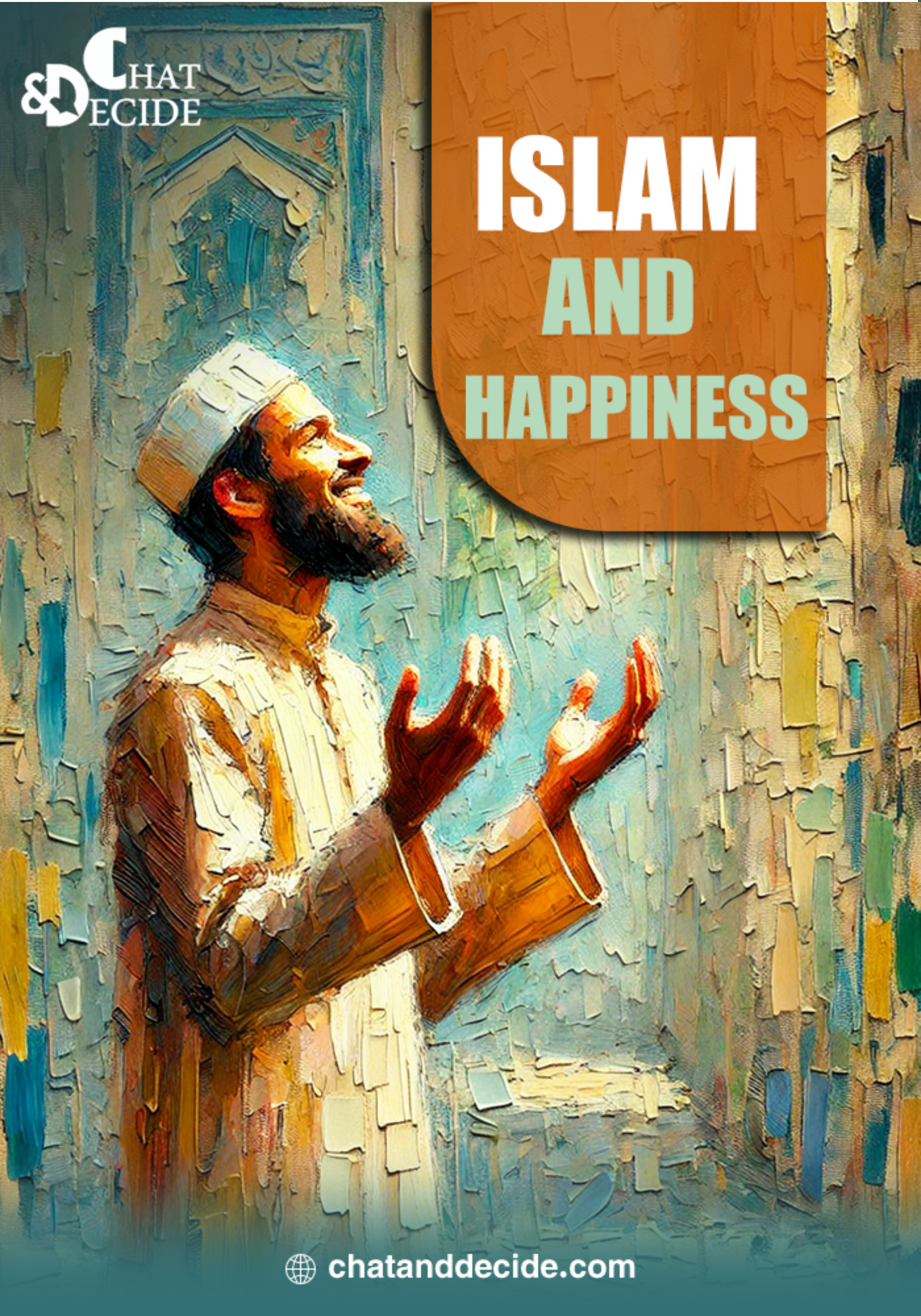
Cleanliness is integral to Islamic practice, with daily rituals like ablution (wudu) reinforcing hygiene. Additionally, moderation in eating and avoiding harmful substances are emphasized to prevent health issues.

Islamic teachings also highlight the importance of mental and emotional health, promoting practices like mindfulness through prayer, gratitude, and reliance on Allah. Islam views health as a vital component of living a productive, spiritual life, where the body and soul are aligned in harmony with the teachings of Allah.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said : *"The strong believer is better and dearer to Allah than the weak believer, and there is good in both. Adhere to what-ever brings you benefit, seek the help of Allah, and do not feel helpless. If something befalls you, do not say: 'Had I done such-and-such, it would have been such-and-such;' rather, say: 'Allah has decreed, and whatever He wills, He does.' Indeed, 'if' opens the way before the devil to act."*

[Sahih Muslim - 2664]

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ISLAM AND HAPPINESS

Islam and Happiness

In Islam true happiness is understood as a state of inner peace and contentment that arises from a strong connection with Allah, fulfilling one's obligations, and adhering to a righteous way of life.

True happiness is not found in material wealth or fleeting pleasures, but in the pursuit of spiritual growth, maintaining strong relationships, and contributing positively to society.

Islam teaches that gratitude and patience are key to navigating life's challenges, while acts of kindness, charity, and helping others enhance one's sense of fulfillment.

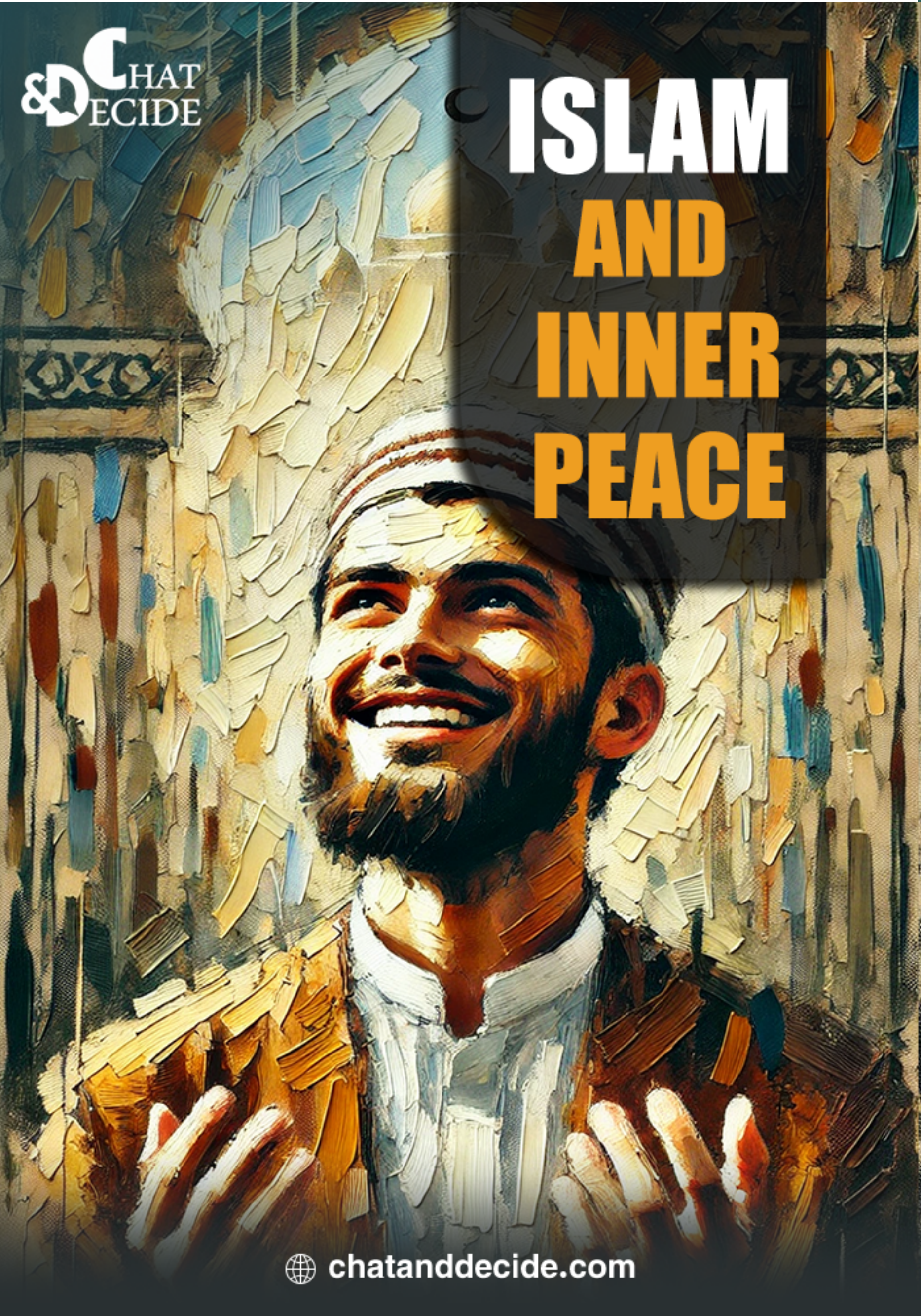
By living in accordance with Islamic principles, individuals can experience a deep, enduring happiness that connects them to Allah's mercy and the promise of eternal happiness in the Hereafter.

Allah, the Almighty, says :

"Whoever does righteous deeds, male or female, while being a believer, We will surely grant him a good life[61], and We will surely reward them according to the best of their deeds[62]." (Quran 16:97)

[61] By the sweetness of faith, comfort in the heart, and satisfaction with the provision given by Allah.

[62] In the Hereafter.



ISLAM AND INNER PEACE

Islam and Inner Peace

In Islam, inner peace is deeply connected to faith, submission to Allah, and maintaining a balanced life.

The faith teaches that true peace is not dependent on external circumstances but on the serenity of the heart, which comes from trusting Allah's wisdom and being content with His decrees.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said :

"Verily, in the body, there is a piece of flesh; if it is sound, the entire body will be sound, and if it is corrupt, the entire body will be corrupt; verily, that is the heart." [Sahih Muslim - 1599]

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Acts of worship such as prayer (Salah), remembrance of Allah (Dhikr), and reflection on the Quran soothe the heart and instill tranquility in the mind.

Allah, the Almighty, says:

"those who believe and whose hearts find tranquility in the remembrance of Allah, for indeed in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find tranquility.

“(Quran 13:28)

Islam teaches that, even in times of hardship, peace can be found through patience and gratitude, as believers are reminded that every trial is a means of spiritual growth.

The path to inner peace is also paved with kindness, charity, and efforts to seek harmony with others, fostering an environment of mutual respect and understanding.

Islam guides its followers to a state of peaceful submission to Allah’s will, which brings serenity to the soul.