

## **Texts from Islam on Work and Workers<sup>1</sup>**

### **Quran 2:254**

Believers, bestow in alms a part of what We have given you before that day arrives when commerce and friendship and intercession shall be no more.

### **Quran 9:34-35**

Believers, many are the clerics and the monks who defraud men of their possessions and debar them from the path of God. To those that hoard up gold and silver and do not spend it in God's cause, proclaim a woeful punishment. The day will surely come when their treasures shall be heated in the fire of Hell, and their foreheads, sides, and backs be told: 'These are the riches which you hoarded. Taste then what you were hoarding.'

### **Quran 14:32-33**

It was God who created the heavens and the earth. He has sent down water from the sky with which He brings forth fruits for you sustenance. He has subdued the ships which by His leave sail the ocean in your service. He has subdued the rivers for your benefit, and subdued for you the sun and the moon, which steadfastly pursue their courses. And He has subdued for you the night and the day.

### **Quran 16:5-6**

He created the beasts which give you warmth and food and other benefits. How pleasant they look when you bring them home to rest, and when you lead them out to pasture!

### **Quran 16:14**

It is He who has subdued the ocean, so that you may eat of its fresh fish and bring up from its depths ornaments to wear. Behold the ships ploughing their course through it. All this, that you may seek His bounty and render thanks.

### **Quran 17:29-30**

Be neither miserly nor prodigal, for then you should either earn reproach or be reduced to penury. Your Lord gives abundantly to whom He will and sparingly to whom He pleases He knows and observes His servants.

### **Quran 45:13**

He has subjected to you what the heavens and the earth contain; all is from Him. Surely there are signs in this for thinking men.

### **Quran 99**

When Earth is rocked in her last convulsions; when Earth shakes off her burdens and man asks, 'What may this mean?' — on that day she will proclaim her tidings, for your Lord will have inspired her. On that day mankind will come in broken bands to be shown their labours. Whoever does an atom's weight

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<sup>1</sup> Translations taken from *The Koran: With Parallel Arabic Text*, trans. N. J. Dawood, rev. ed. (New York: Penguin, 2000).