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Greetings of Peace;

On behalf of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), please accept this gift of the Quran, Islam's revealed text, as an educational resource. In 2009, after President Obama's inspiring speech in Cairo promised a "new beginning" in America's relations with Muslims worldwide, CAIR launched the second phase of the *Explore the Quran* project, *Share the Quran*. Thus far, we have distributed over 60,000 copies to policymakers, media professionals, educators, as well as to public institutions and American citizens nationwide.

The wide media coverage and public support are a testament to the success of the project. The thank you letters and feedback we have received have let us know that the project has indeed been helpful in shedding light on the many misunderstandings about Islam that are prevalent today. We are now building on our past success and expanding this initiative to reach those in other segments of our society who share our commitment to mutual understanding.

The translator of this Quran, Leopold Weiss (1900-1992), who later adopted the name, Muhammad Asad, was an Austrian-Polish convert to Islam who had profound knowledge of the Judeo-Christian tradition. Asad ranks highly among the select group of well-known 20th century converts to Islam who subsequently took up scholarship. His translation and commentary is widely considered to be among the best in the English language. Moreover, his translation is complete with the original Arabic, English translation, commentary, historical notes and stunning examples of traditional Arabic calligraphy artwork. We have also included a bookmark that highlights some relevant issues of the day and verses from the Quran that address these issues.

Just a few helpful facts about the Quran:

- ❖ The Quran was revealed over 1400 years ago.
- ❖ Its revelation spanned the 23 year length of the Prophethood of Muhammad (peace be upon him) and addressed pertinent issues of the day which remain relevant even today.
- ❖ The Quran consists of 114 "surahs," typically translated as chapters."
- ❖ The Quran has been preserved word for word for centuries in its original Arabic language, is recited in the five daily prayers and millions of Muslims today have memorized it in its entirety.
- ❖ The Quran is believed by Muslims to be the final revealed scripture from God for the guidance of mankind. Other scriptures mentioned in the Quran that Muslims believe in include: the Psalms of David, the Torah of Moses, and the revelation sent to Jesus (peace be upon them).

We hope you will receive this in the spirit of interfaith cooperation and understanding in which it was intended and make it part of your reference library.

O men! Behold, We have created you all out of a male and a female, and have made you into nations and tribes, so that you might come to know one another. Verily, the noblest of you in the sight of God is the one who is most deeply conscious of Him. Behold, God is all-knowing, all-aware. Quran 49:13

Sincerely,

Nihad Awad
CAIR Executive Director

P.S. We truly value your input and therefore ask that you please take a moment to fill out and mail in the enclosed survey. Thank you!

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We value your opinion and welcome your **feedback!**

Please help us better understand the people and communities we serve by completing the following brief survey and mailing it back to us. Your input will help us to further our mission and improve our educational programs. Even if you wish to remain anonymous, we would appreciate your comments. Thank you!

Please fill out, fold, seal and mail in this brief questionnaire. Thank you.

Which if any, faith tradition do you identify with?

- ☐ Christianity
- ☐ Judaism
- ☐ Islam
- ☐ Other (specify) _____
- ☐ I do not identify with a faith tradition

Do you currently interact with Muslims?

- ☐ On a daily basis
- ☐ Occasionally
- ☐ Rarely
- ☐ Never
- ☐ Not sure

How would you rate your knowledge of Islam?

- ☐ I know a lot about Islam
- ☐ I know some information about Islam
- ☐ I don't know anything about Islam

What is your opinion of Islam and Muslims in general?

- ☐ Positive
- ☐ Negative
- ☐ Indifferent

What has been your main source of information about Islam and Muslims?

- ☐ Independent Study/Research
- ☐ Family, Friends, Co-workers
- ☐ Media
- ☐ Muslim Friends or Colleagues
- ☐ Other (specify) _____

What form of media do you access most often for information about Islam and Muslims?

- ☐ TV News
- ☐ Newspapers
- ☐ Radio Talk Shows
- ☐ Internet/Social Media
- ☐ Other (specify) _____

Do you believe educational programs like this one are beneficial to prevent misunderstanding and conflict?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

In order to plan for future programs and initiatives, what areas of information about Islam and Muslims interest you?

- ☐ Islamic Theology
- ☐ Women's Issues
- ☐ Islamic History
- ☐ Shariah (Revealed Way of Life)
- ☐ Family Values
- ☐ Social Justice
- ☐ Interfaith Initiatives
- ☐ Other (Specify) _____
- ☐ None of the above

Would you like to subscribe to CAIR's email list?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Email _____

Suggestions for Improvements / Additional Comments

About You

Name _____

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Age ☐ 18-24 ☐ 24-35 ☐ 36-49
☐ 50-64 ☐ 50-64 ☐ 65+

Gender ☐ M ☐ F

Zip code _____

Thank you for your participation!