



*The Quran in English: with cautionary points to consider.*

*It is impossible to express the same wealth of ideas with a limited number of words in the English language. Comparing any translation with the original Arabic is like comparing a thumbnail sketch with the natural view of a splendid landscape rich in color, light and shade, and sonorous in melody. Scanty knowledge of classical Arabic would deprive anyone from appreciating the different shades of meaning rendered by the occasionally slightly different declensions of Arabic words.*

# *The Blessed Month of* **Ramadan**

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## Divination

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

*O you who have believed,  
indeed, intoxicants,  
gambling, [sacrificing on]  
stone alters [to other than  
Allah], and divining  
arrows are but defilement  
from the work of Satan,  
so avoid it that you may be  
successful.*

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنَّمَا  
الْحَمْرُ وَالْمَيْسِرُ  
وَالْأَنْصَابُ وَالْأَزْلَامُ  
رِجْسٌ مِّنْ عَمَلِ  
الشَّيْطَانِ فَاجْتَنِبُوهُ  
لَعَلَّكُمْ تَفْلِحُونَ (5:90)