



The purpose of the Quran Study Circle is to develop a deeper relationship with the Quran. The following are a selection of verses that relate to this month's topic, "Racial plurality." We hope these selected verses with their English approximations will stimulate your own efforts to plumb the depths of the Quran's meaning.

Plurality

49:13 يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَنْتُمْ إِنْ اللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ

O People! Truly We have created you from a male and a female, and We made you peoples and tribes that you may know each other; truly the most noble of you with Allah is the one with the most taqwa; truly Allah is Knowing, Aware.

30:22 وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ خَلْقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافِ أَلْسِنَتِكُمْ وَالْوَنُكُمُ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِلْعَالِمِينَ

And from among His signs is the creation of the samawaat and the ardh and the diversity of your tongues and colors; surely in this there are signs for those who know.

Our origin from a single soul

6:98 وَهُوَ الَّذِي أَنْشَأَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ فَمُسْتَقَرٌّ وَمُسْتَوْدَعٌ قَدْ فَصَّلْنَا آيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يَفْقَهُونَ

And He is the one Who brought you into being from a single soul, then a resting-place and a repository; indeed We have made plain the signs for a people who understand.

31:28 مَا خَلَقَكُمْ وَلَا بَعَثَكُمْ إِلَّا كَنَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ بَصِيرٌ

Neither your creation nor your dispatching is but as a single soul; surely Allah is Hearing, Seeing.

The first instance of racism

7:11 وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَاكُمْ ثُمَّ صَوَّرْنَاكُمْ ثُمَّ قُلْنَا لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ لَمْ يَكُن مِّنَ السَّاجِدِينَ
7:12 قَالَ مَا مَنَعَكَ أَلَّا تَسْجُدَ إِذْ أَمَرْتُكَ قَالَ أَنَا خَيْرٌ مِّنْهُ خَلَقْتَنِي مِن نَّارٍ وَخَلَقْتَهُ مِن طِينٍ
7:13 قَالَ فَأَهْبِطْ مِنْهَا فَمَا يَكُونُ لَكَ أَنْ تَتَّكِبَ فِيهَا فَاخْرُجْ إِنَّكَ مِنَ الصَّاغِرِينَ

Indeed We created you, then We formed you, then We said to the malaika: “Prostrate to Adam;” so they prostrated except Iblis; he was not of those who prostrated.

He (Allah) said: “What prevented you from prostrating when I commanded you?” He said: “I am better than he; You created me from fire, while You created him from clay.”

He (Allah) said: “Then get down from it, for it is not for you to be arrogant in it. So leave, surely you are from among the lowly.”

Allah knows best who is guided

68:7 إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ ضَلَّ عَنْ سَبِيلِهِ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِالْمُهْتَدِينَ

Surely your Sustainer, He knows best who strays from His way, and He knows best those who are guided.