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A reproduction of a fine piece of Arabic calligraphy of the words whose translation reads "God, glorified by His name!" from a placard in the Shah Jehan Mosque, Woking, England.



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The picture on the cover is that of a scene in a Turkish film, "The Conquest of Istanbul," now being shown in Turkey. The film is produced by Atlas Films, Yeshilsam Sokak Perem Apartimani 34/3, Beyoglu, Istanbul, Turkey. Our picture shows Sultan Muhammad II on his white horse giving the signal for the final attack by the Muslim soldiers amidst *tabirs* and *tablils* on the city walls of the ancient Constantinople. On the banner of Sultan Muhammad the words of the Qur'an *Inna fatahna laka Fathan mubina* (verily, We have given you a manifest victory) are visible.

The scene in the film depicting the charge of Muhammad II on the gap in the city walls on his white horse is so moving that it will fill the heart of any Muslim with gratitude and reverence for the glorious heritage of Muslims.

Constantinople fell on May 22, 1453 C.E.

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The cover depicts the national flags of some of the Muslim countries of the world. The flags surrounding the Ka'ba, looking at the page clockwise, are those of Pakistan, Trenagganu, Syria, Afghanistan, Kelantan, Johore, Morocco, Indonesia, the Yemen, Tunisia, Turkey, Jordan, Irak, Egypt, Zanzibar-Muscat-Kuwait, Iran and Sa'udi Arabia.

The flags are joined in unity by the significant and well-known verse of the Holy Qur'an which, in its English translation, reads: "Hold fast, all of you Muslims, to the rope of God, and do not disperse".

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The picture on the cover is that of the interior of the *Badshahi Masjid* (The Imperial Mosque) at Lahore, Pakistan. This Mosque was built by the greatest Mughul Emperor, Aurangzeb (1658-1707 C.E.).

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Muhammad 'Ali, M.A., LL.B., one of the very few Muslims whose writings have contributed to the regeneration of the Muslims all over the world, is the translator of the Holy Qur'an into English and its life-long student. He is now in his 79th year. It is hoped that the revised edition of his English Translation of the Qur'an will see the light of day some time during this year.

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The picture on the cover, taken in Karachi, Pakistan, on Friday, the 6th of July, 1951, depicts an interesting aspect of Muslim festivals. Pakistani boys are displaying large placards which exhort the devotees who had come to take part in 'Id al-Fitr congregational prayers to give their *Sadaqat al-Fitr* (the charity on the 'Id Day) to the Fund for the Needy organized by Karachi Administration (*Karachi Nizzaamat*). The uses to which the money thus raised will be put is displayed on another placard which carries the words and accompanying illustrations: "houses, shops, food, clothing, utensils, orphans, the needy, widows".

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The picture on the cover is that of the façade of the small but world-renowned mosque, The Shah Jehan Mosque at Woking, England, built in 1889 C.E. Her late Highness the Ruler of Bhopal, India, gave the money for the building of this mosque to the late Dr. Henry Leitner, an Orientalist, who was sometime registrar of the University of the Punjab, India. It was named The Shah Jehan Mosque after the name of the grandmother of the present Ruler of Bhopal by the late al-Hajj Khwaja Kamal-ud-Din, who for the first time after its erection opened it to the public for worship. The building, in Bath stone, is executed in the Indo-saracenic style.

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Starting in the top left-hand corner and looking from left to right, the flags are of the following countries: Kedah, Libya, Morocco, Afghanistan, Kelantan, Syria, the Lebanon, Johore, Perak, Tunisia, Iran, Indonesia, Pakistan, Selangor, Iraq, Turkey, Sa'udi Arabia, Jordan, Zanzibar-Muscat-Kuwait, Egypt, the Yemen, Trenagganu.

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The picture itself is taken from a water-colour by a young English artist, Mr. Philip Compton, as seen by him from one of the first floor windows in the eastern wall of St. Sophia, Istanbul.

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