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# ALLAH'S ATTRIBUTES ANALYZED AND EXAMINED

“And the thunder proclaimeth His perfection, with His praise; the angels likewise fear Him. And He sendeth the thunderbolts and striketh with them whom He pleaseth whilst they dispute concerning God; for He is mighty in power.”—*The Koran* (Surah 13: 13).

“There is none of all that are in the heavens and the earth but he shall come unto the Compassionate as a slave.”—*The Koran* (Surah 19: 94).

**T**HESE verses from the Koran are a fit introduction to the study of Allah's attributes; they express the effect those attributes are intended to have and do have on His worshippers and explain in a measure the reason for the usual Moslem classification of God's ninety-nine names. Through fear of death and terror of Allah's mighty power the pious Moslem is all his life subject to bondage.

By some the attributes are divided into three classes (as their rosary is into three sections), *i.e.*, the attributes of wisdom, of power and of goodness.