

The Holy Qur'an

Guidance for Mankind

INTERFAITH

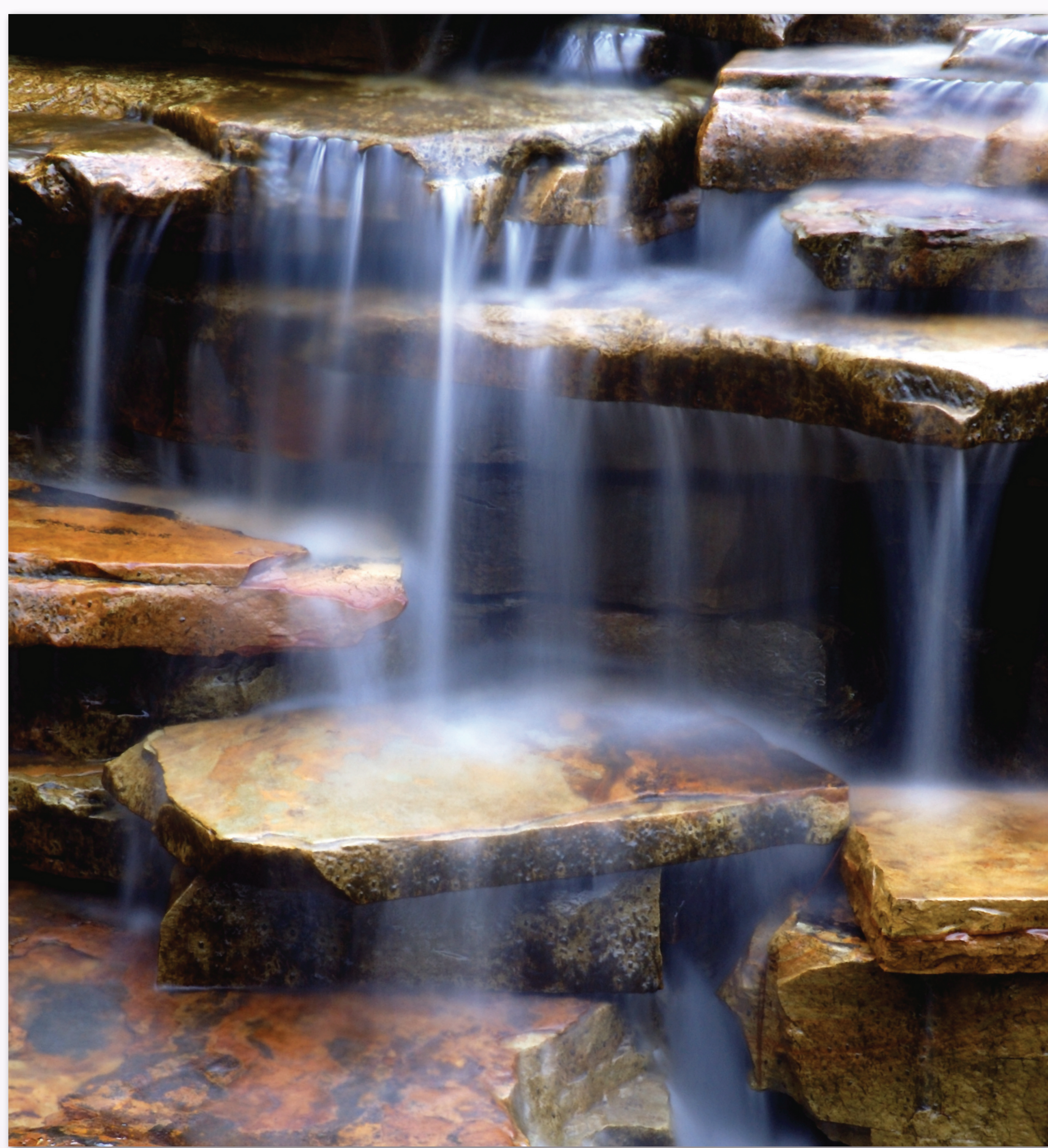
Harmony and Mutual Respect

It is declared in unambiguous terms in the Holy Qur'an that Muslims are not the only ones who stand firmly by the truth and admonish and dispense justice righteously. Amongst the followers of other faiths, there are also people who do the same. Religious peace cannot be achieved without cultivating such broadminded, magnanimous and humanely understanding attitudes towards the people of other faiths. Referring to all religions of the world, in general, the Holy Qur'an declares:

“Of those We have created, there are a people that guide *men* with truth and do justice therewith.” (Ch.7 v.182)



Inter-Religious Cooperation



The Holy Qur'an does not permit Muslims to treat with injustice even such enemies as had committed aggression against them due to religious enmity.

“... And let not the enmity of a people that they hindered you from access to the Sacred Mosque, incite you to treat them with inequity. Instead help each other in good things of life and in all such things as are based on the fear of Allah. Do not, however, help one another in the sinful things and transgression ...” (Ch.5 v.3)

Referring to those non-believers who were not known to have taken any active part in hostilities against Muslims, the Holy Qur'an says:

“Allah forbids you not, respecting those who have not fought against you on account of *your* religion; and who have not driven you out of your homes, that you be kind to them and deal equitably with them; surely, Allah loves those who are equitable” (Ch.60 v.9)

Muslims are also taught to invite the People of the Book and to cooperate with them in spreading the Message of the Unity of God—a belief shared with them.

“Say, ‘O People of the Book! Come to a word equal between us and you—that we worship none but Allah, and that we associate no partner with Him, and that some of us take not others for Lords besides Allah’ But if they turn away, then say, ‘Bear witness that we have submitted *to God*’” (Ch.3 v.65)

