



BESMELLĀH

BESMELLĀH, Islamic formula meaning “in the name of God,” more fully *Besmillāh al-raḥmān al-raḥīm* “in the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful,” that stands at the head of every *sūra* of the Qur’ān (except *sūra* 9). The formula is also known as *basmala* or *tasmīa*.

i. Origin of the formula

ii. In exegesis, jurisprudence, and cultural life

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