

# Islam Question & Answer

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## 11186 - The meaning of Allaah's name al-Waasi'

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### the question

What is the meaning of Allaah's name al-Waasi' (the All-Sufficient for His creatures' needs; the All-Embracing)?

### Detailed answer

Praise be to Allaah.

Allaah encompasses all of His creation with His care, blessings, generosity and kindness. Allaah is the Self-Sufficient Whose provision is sufficient for all of His creatures. There is no one who does not eat from His provision; no one is able to eat from anything other than His provision. His Mercy encompasses all things and He fulfils every need. He is the One Who gives much; He has sufficient means to respond to the requests of all, and He encompasses all things as He says (interpretation of the meaning):

“all things He comprehends in His knowledge”

[Ta-Ha 20:98 – Yusuf ‘Ali’s translation of the meaning]

Al-Waasi' may include meanings that are not implied by the name al-Ghaniy. It is said (in Arabic), Waasi' al-Fadl and Waasi' al-Rahmah, meaning that His mercy encompasses all things and His knowledge encompasses all things. Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“ ‘Our Lord! You comprehend all things in mercy and knowledge’ ”

[Ghaafir 40:7]

This name implies that nothing is beyond Him, nothing is hidden from Him, His knowledge and

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power are vast, may He be glorified.

Allaah is the One Whose attributes are immense, as is all that is connected to them. No one can praise Him sufficiently; He is as He has praised Himself. His might, power and dominion are vast, and He is Great in bounty and goodness, and Most Generous.