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7. *El-Muhaimin*—The Protector. (Surah 59:23.)

8. *El-Aziz*—The Mighty One. Very frequently used; e.g., Surahs 42:2, 3, 18; 46:1, etc. It is one of the dozen or more names that express Allah's power.

9. *El-Jabbār*—The All-Compelling. (Surah 59:23.) The word is also translated, The Giant or the Absolute ruler. What Moslems think the word means is evident from the teachings of the sect, which denies all free agency to man, and who call themselves after this name, *Jabariyah*. (See Hughes' *Dict. of Islam* in loco.)

10. *El-Mutakabbir*—The Proud. This word when used of a human being always implies haughtiness, and Zamakhshari defines it (Surah 59:23), "Supreme in pride and greatness or the One who is haughty above the wickedness of His slaves."

11. *El-Khālik*—The Creator.

12. *El-Bari*—The Maker.

13. *El-Musawwir*—The Fashioner. These three are used in succession for Allah as creator in Surah 59:23. The commentators take pains to explain away any nearness of the Creator to the creature in the last term used.

14. *El-Ghāfer*—The Forgiver, sometimes given as *Al Ghaffār*. Both have the same significance, but the latter, as well as *Al Ghafūr*, are intensive. (Surah 2:225.) All are frequently used.