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quently elsewhere.) "God misleadeth whom He pleaseth," is a common phrase in the Koran.

26. *Es Samia*—The Hearer. (Surah 40:21, etc.)

27. *El-Basir*—The Seer. (Surah 40:21 and frequently elsewhere.) According to Surah 31, Allah has present vision of five secret things: the day of judgment, and the times of rain, the child hid in the womb, what happens to-morrow, and where every mortal dies.

28. *El Hakîm*—The Wise, the Only Wise. Very often used, as in Surah 2:123, *e.g.*, "Thou art the mighty and the wise." It is used in every-day Arabic for a philosopher or a physician.

29. *El 'Adl*—The Just. It is remarkable and very significant that this title does not occur in the Koran, but is put in the list by Tradition. The word *'Adl*, Justice, occurs twelve times only, and is never used of the righteous *acts* of God and only once (Surah 5:115) of His words. In every other case it refers to human equity or faithfulness (as in 4:128) toward one's wives in their marriage rights, etc.

30. *El-Latif*—The Subtle. (Surah 6:103.) Edwin Arnold translates this word "Gracious One" and hangs to this invention a verse or two of Christian thought on God's grace to sinners. Zamakhshari gives the Moslem idea of this word when he says: "He is too subtle (too ethereal) for eyes to see Him." (El Kishaf in loco.)