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- Al-Qur'ān, 1: 5.
- Muhammad Ibn 'Umar Al Rāzī, *Mafātīḥ-ul-Ghayb*, (Beirūt: Mu'assasat Al Risālah, 3rd Edition, 1420 H), Vol. 4, p. 122.
- Abū 'Īsā Muhammad Ibn 'Īsā Al-Tirmazī, *Sunan Al-Tirmadhī*, Kitāb Al-Ahkām 'An Rasulillah ﷺ, Bāb Mā Ja'a Fī Ann al-Bayyinatu 'Alā Al-Mudda'ī Wa Al-Yamīno 'ala al-Mudda'ā 'Alayhe. Hadith No. 1261.
- H.A.R. Gibb, J. H. Karamers and others, *The Encyclopedia of Islam*, (Leiden: E. J. Brill & London: Luzac & Co., 1960), s.v. "Shahādah."
- Abdin Chande, "Symbolism and Allegory in the Qur'ān: Muhammad Asad's Modernist Translation", *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relation*, Vol. 15, (2004), pp. 79-80.

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