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- A summary of the main teachings of the Koran, including what it says about Jesus and the crucifixion
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- What the Koran teaches about Jihad and holy war
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