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The Arabic words used to denote oneness in the following verses of the Qur'an are:

- 'ahad, which means "one" or "alone"
- al-wahid, which means "the one"

'AHAD

وَاللَّهُمَّ إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿١٦٣﴾

And your god is **One** God. There is none who has the right to be worshipped but He, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.¹

قُلْ إِنَّمَا يُوحَىٰ إِلَيَّ أَنَّمَا إِلَهُكُمُ إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ فَهَلْ أَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٦٤﴾

Say [O Muhammad], "It is revealed to me that your god is only **One** God. Will you then submit to His Will?"²

إِنَّ إِلَهَكُمْ لَوَاحِدٌ ﴿١٦٥﴾

Verily, your God is indeed **One**.³

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ﴿١٦٦﴾

Say [O Muhammad], "He is Allah, [the] **One**."⁴

AL-WAHID

يَصْنَعِي السِّجْنَ ءَارَبَابُ مُتَفَرِّقُونَ خَيْرٌ أَمْ اللَّهُ الْوَاحِدُ الْقَهَّارُ ﴿١٦٧﴾

"O two companions of the prison! Are many different lords better or Allah, **the One**, the Irresistible?"⁵

¹ Surah Al-Baqarah Chapter 2 Verse 163

² Surah Al-Anbiya' Chapter 21 Verse 108

³ Surah As-Saffat Chapter 37 Verse 4

⁴ Surah Al-Ikhlās Chapter 112 Verse 1

⁵ Surah Yusuf Chapter 12 Verse 39

قُلْ مَنْ رَبُّ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ قُلِ اللَّهُ قُلْ أَفَاتَّخَذْتُمْ مِنْ دُونِهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ لَا يَمْلِكُونَ لِأَنْفُسِهِمْ
نَفْعًا وَلَا ضَرًّا قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الْأَعْمَى وَالْبَصِيرُ أَمْ هَلْ تَسْتَوِي الظُّلُمَاتُ وَالنُّورُ أَمْ جَعَلُوا لِلَّهِ
شُرَكَاءَ خَلَقُوا كَخَلْقِهِ فَتَشَبَّهُ الْخَلْقُ عَلَيْهِمْ قُلِ اللَّهُ خَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ وَهُوَ الْوَاحِدُ الْقَهَّارُ ﴿١٦﴾

Say [O Muhammad], "Who is the Lord of the heavens and the earth?" Say, "Allah." Say, "Have you then taken protectors other than Him such as have no power either for benefit or for harm to themselves?" Say, "Is the blind equal to the one who sees? Or darkness equal to light? Or do they assign to Allah partners who created the like of His creation so that the creation [which they made and His creation] seemed alike to them?" Say, "Allah is the Creator of all things; and He is **the One**, the Irresistible."⁶

يَوْمَ تُبَدَّلُ الْأَرْضُ غَيْرَ الْأَرْضِ وَالسَّمَوَاتُ وَبَرَزُوا لِلَّهِ الْوَاحِدِ الْقَهَّارِ ﴿٤٨﴾

On the Day when the earth will be changed to another earth and so will be the heavens and they [all creatures] will appear before Allah, **the One**, the Irresistible.⁷

لَوْ أَرَادَ اللَّهُ أَنْ يَتَّخِذَ وَلَدًا لَأَصْطَفَىٰ مِمَّا خَلَقَ مَا يَشَاءُ ۚ سُبْحَنَهُ ۚ هُوَ اللَّهُ الْوَاحِدُ الْقَهَّارُ ﴿٤٩﴾

Had Allah willed to take a son He could have chosen whom He willed out of those whom He created. But glory is to Him! He is Allah, **the One**, the Irresistible.⁸

يَوْمَ هُمْ بَارِزُونَ لَا يَخْفَىٰ عَلَى اللَّهِ مِنْهُمْ شَيْءٌ ۚ لِمَنِ الْمُلْكُ الْيَوْمَ لِلَّهِ الْوَاحِدِ الْقَهَّارِ ﴿٥٠﴾

The Day when they will [all] come out nothing of them will be hidden from Allah. Whose is the kingdom this Day? It is Allah's, **the One**, the Prevailing.⁹

The Qur'an confirms the rationally derived attribute of God - oneness.

⁶ Surah Ar-Ra'd Chapter 13 Verse 16

⁷ Surah Ibrahim Chapter 14 Verse 48

⁸ Surah Az-Zumar Chapter 39 Verse 4

⁹ Surah Ghafir Chapter 40 Verse 16