***Insha'Allah***

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***In šāʾ Allāh*** ([Arabic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabic_language): إن شاء الله‎, [[in ʃæʔ ʔɑlˤˈlˤɑːh]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA_for_Arabic)), often [romanized](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Romanization) as ***Insha'Allah*** or ***Inshallah***, is [Arabic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabic_language) for "God willing" or "if Allah wills". The term is used in the [Islamic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islamic) world, but it is also common in [Christian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity) groups in the Middle East, in parts of [Africa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Africa) and by some Portuguese and Spanish-speaking people.

**Religious explanation**

*In sha'Allah* is said when speaking about plans and events expected to occur in the future. The phrase also acknowledges submission to God, with the speaker putting him or herself into God's hands. Muslims believe that everything is *maktub* [lit.: written] and so whatever it is one wishes to do, will only occur if it is within God's plan. One's use of *insha'Allah* indicates not one's desire to succeed in an endeavor, but rather that the endeavor one embarks on will be within God's will, which might be interpreted as that which is best for humanity, the Earth, and all of Allah's creation. It indicates one's desire for being in tune with God's plan for the cosmos. For example, if one's submission to God's will might be accomplished with great difficulty, one invokes God's blessing, and even more the fact it is in tune with God's will as the primary focus before one attempts to achieve it, otherwise one wishes one's endeavor to fail.

In the [Qur'an](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quran), Muslims are told that they should never say they will do a particular thing in the future without adding *insha'Allah* to the statement. This usage of insha'Allāh is from Islamic scripture, [Surat Al Kahf](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al-Kahf) (18):23-24: "And never say of anything, 'I shall do such and such thing tomorrow. Except (with the saying): 'If God wills!' And remember your Lord when you forget...'" [Muslim](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muslim) scholar [Ibn Abbas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ibn_Abbas) stated that it is in fact obligatory for a Muslim to say *insha'Allah* when referring to something he or she intends to do in the future.

**In Andalusia, Spain (Al-Andalus)**

Due to the [Muslim rule](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al-Andalus) in the Iberian Peninsula from the 8th to 15th century, a similar derivation from Arabic occurred: the adverbs *ojalá* in [Spanish](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish_language) and *oxalá* in [Portuguese](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portuguese_language).

**Concept in Christianity**

A similar concept appears in [Christianity](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity), although its practice is not as culturally pervasive in the [Christian world](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christendom). The [Epistle of James](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epistle_of_James) in the [New Testament](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Testament) of the Christian [Bible](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bible) tells followers of [Jesus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jesus): "Now listen, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.’ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, ‘If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that’" (James 4:13-15 [NIV](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_International_Version)).

In Christian writing, particularly letters of the twentieth century, this was frequently abbreviated as D.V., referring to the Latin "Deo volente".

In [Welsh](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Welsh_language) the words are still used in everyday speech: "os mynn Duw". When the BBC started to announce the weather on radio in Welsh in the 1950s there were many complaints that the condition wasn't used, and that statements such as "Tomorrow will be a sunny day" were blasphemous.

**See also**

* [Alláh-u-Abhá](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All%C3%A1h-u-Abh%C3%A1)
* [Allahu Akbar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allahu_Akbar)
* [Alhamdulillah](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alhamdulillah)
* [Besiyata Dishmaya](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Besiyata_Dishmaya)
* [Deus vult](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deus_vult)
* [Deo volente](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Latin_phrases_(D))
* [Kismet](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kismet)
* [Masha'Allah](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Masha%27Allah)
* [Predestination in Islam](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Predestination_in_Islam)
* [Subhan'Allah](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Subhan%27Allah)

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