Lateef - Design

Lateef provides a "simplified" rendering of Arabic script, using basic connecting glyphs but not including a wide variety of additional ligatures or contextual alternates (only the required lam-alef ligatures). This simplified style is often preferred for clarity, especially in non-Arabic languages.

Seven weights for this typeface family are included:

- Lateef ExtraLight
- Lateef Light
- Lateef Regular
- Lateef Medium
- Lateef SemiBold
- Lateef Bold
- Lateef ExtraBold

Type Samples

Type samples showing some of the inventory of glyphs can be found here: Lateef Type Sample.

Examples of some text is shown below.

Lateef Sample - Seven weights

﴾انقسامُ العالَمِ﴿

وَلَمْ يَكُنْ فِي الأَرْضِ إلَّا لُغَةٌ واحِدَةٌ لَها مُفْرَداتٌ مَحْدُودَةٌ. ﴿١﴾ وَمَعَ ارتِحالِ النّاسِ مِنَ الشَّرْقِ، وَجَدُوا سَهلاً فِي أَرْضِ شِنْعارَ. فَاسْتَقَرُّوا هُناكَ. ﴿٢﴾ فاتَّفَقُوا وَقالُوا: ﴿لِنَصْنَعْ لِبْناً وَنَشْوِيهِ جَيِّداً حَتَّى نُقَسِّيهِ.﴾ فَاسْتَخدَمُوا بَدَلَ الحِجارَةِ لِبْناً، وَبَدَلَ الطِّينِ قلراً. ﴿٣﴾ ثُمَّ قالُوا: ﴿لِنَبْنِ لَنا مَدِينَةً، وَبُرْجاً تَصِلُ قِمَّتُهُ إِلَى السَّماءِ. وَهَكَذا نَكْتَسِبُ شُهْرَةً. وَ إِلّا ، فَإِنَّنا سَنَتَشَتَّتُ عَلَى وَجْهِ الأَرْضِ.﴾ ﴿٤﴾ وَنَزَلَ اللهُ لِيَرَى المَدِينَةَ وَالبُرْجَ اللَّذينِ بَناهُما النّاسُ. ﴿٥﴾ وَقالَ اللهُ: ﴿ها إِنَّهُمْ شَعْبٌ واحِدْ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ لُغَةً واحِدَةً. وَما هَذِهِ إِلّا البِدايَةُ. لا يَصْعُبُ عَلَيهِمْ شَيءٌ يَنْوُونَ عَمَلَهُ.﴾ ﴿٦﴾ فَهَيا نَنْزِلْ

Character Set

For a complete list of characters included in Lateef, see Character Set Support.

Rendering the Allah ligature

In certain types of literature, the name *Allah* and words related to this name are given unique rendering. For a list of the rendering rules, see Rendering the Allah ligature.

Font Features

Alternate glyphs that are available through features are demonstrated in the Features document.

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