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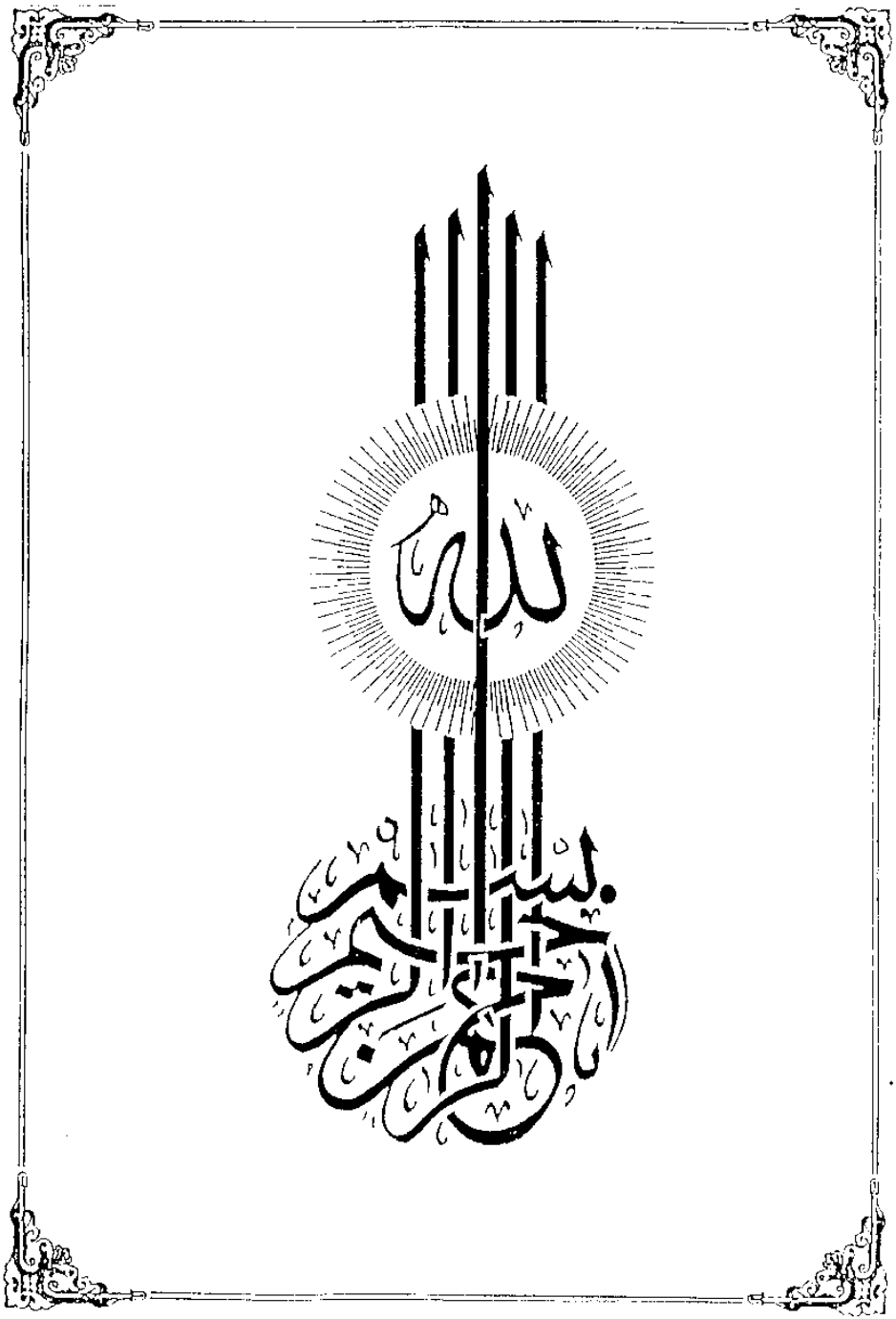

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To my father, the man

who showed love, care and chirish

who gave attention and help so much

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who waited to see this work as such

to him I say:

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The nurse should be knowledgeable about the psycho-pharmacoleological strategies available, but this information must be used as one part of a holistic approach to patient care. **Soloff**. 1989.

Nurses who work in hospitals consistently act to maintain patient safety but sometimes in their career they may make a mistake at work that may jeopardize the safety of a patient. Medication errors are unintentional mistakes associated with drugs that are made during prescription, transcription, dispensing, and administration phases of drug preparation and distribution. These occur when nurses administer drugs to patients, not withstanding the procedures, routines, policies, and rituals designed to elimiuate errors through specific safeguards : **Garduer** 1987".

The phenomenon of mistakes made at work is not unique to nurses. According to sociologist **Hughes (1987)**, people working in all occupations make these errors and suffer a great deal of anxiety as a result. Often they do not discuss the risks associated with work-related mistakes and exert themselves to keep their skills well developed in order to eliminate errors. Medication errors constitute a special type of mistake. Medications of psychotroic drugs are not administered or are administered in a manner other than prescribed. The workers who make these errors are frequently professionals working in