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THE GLORIOUS QUR’AN

The Qur'an is a message from Allah (SWT) to humanity. It was relayed to us in a chain starting from the Almighty to angel Gabriel to Muhammad (pbuh). This message was given to the prophet in stages over a period spanning approximately 23 years (610 CE to 632 CE).

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(In an effort to make it, as easy as possible, for the reader to understand)

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SURA 1. Al - Fati'ha (the opening)

1. In the Name of Allah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful. 2. All praise is for Allah, the Lord of the Worlds. 3. The Compassionate, the Merciful. 4. Master of the Day of Judgment. 5. It is You we worship, and it is You we seek for help. 6. Guide us along the straight path. 7. The path of those whom You have blessed, not those You are displeased with, nor those who gone astray.

SURA 2. Al - Baq'rah (the Cow)

1. Alif, Lam, Meem. (only Allah knows their meaning) 2. This is the Book, of which there is no doubt and a guide for those conscious of Allah, 3. who believe in the unseen, and keep their prayers, and give from what I have given them. 4. And they believe in what has been revealed to you, O Muhammad, and what was revealed (Torah, Psalms, Gospel) before your time, and they have faith in the Hereafter. 5. It is them, who have been guided by their Lord and it is them, who will prosper. 6. Those who persist in disbelief, whether you warn them or not, these will never believe. 7. Allah has sealed their hearts and hears, and covered their eyes. They will suffer a terrible punishment. 8. Some say: "We believe in Allah and the last day," yet they are not believers. 9. They are trying to deceive God and those who believe, but they are deceiving none other but themselves. 10. They have hypocrisy of their hearts, which Allah allows to grow. They will suffer a painful punishment for their lies. 11. When it is said to them: "Stop

corrupting the land.” They reply: “We are reformers.” 12. Indeed, it is they who are the corruptors, but they fail to perceive it. 13. When it is said to them: “You should believe like others.” They say: “Why should we believe like those fools?” They are the fools but they just don’t know it. 14. When they meet believers, they say: “We believe.” When they are alone with their evil associates, they say: “We are with you, we were only joking with them.” 15. Allah mocks them and allows them to prolong their rebellion. 16. They trade guidance for misguidance, but this trade is profitless, and they are not guided. 17. Their example is that of the one who kindles a fire, but when the fire lights up Allah takes the light away, leaving him in darkness. 18. They are deaf, dumb and blind and they will never return to the right path. 19. Or like those, who are caught in a darkness of rainstorm with thunder and lightning, who press their fingers in their ears at the sound of every thunder-clap for fear of death; Allah surrounds the unbelievers with His might. 20. The lightning almost blinds them, when it shines - they walk in its light, and when it becomes dark - they stand still. If Allah had so wished, He would have taken their hearing and sight away, for Allah has power to do as He wishes. 21. O humanity, worship the One who created you and those before you, so you may become conscious of Him. 22. He is the One, who spread the earth out for you and He is the One, who built the sky above you, He is the One, who sends down water, with which He produces things for your sustenance. So do not contradict Him. 23. If you doubt the revelations I sent down to My servant, then produce a chapter like it, and call your witness other than Allah, if you can. 24. If you are unable to do this, then fear the Fire, whose fuel are humans and stones, for it has been prepared for disbelievers. 25. Give good news to the believers who do virtuous deeds, for they will reside in gardens with flowing rivers. Every time they are presented with its fruits, they will say: “This is similar to what we used to eat,” as they shall be receiving the same things as before. They will have pure spouses and shall live there forever. 26. Allah does not shy away from drawing

comparisons, even with something as small as a gnat or something greater. Believers know that it is the truth from their Lord, but the unbelievers say: "What does Allah mean by such a comparison?" And as He allows many go astray and leads many to the right path. He only allows rebels to go astray. 27. Those who break their pledge after it has been confirmed, sever the bonds that Allah has commanded to be joined, cause corruption on earth, those are the true losers. 28. How can you reject Allah? You were without life, He breathed life into you, but, when He causes you to die, will resurrect you so to Him you shall return. 29. He created everything on earth for you, He then turned towards the sky and made the seven heavens; He has knowledge of all things. 30. Remember when your Lord said to the angels: "I am going to place a successor on earth." They said: "Are You going to place someone who will corrupt the earth and cause bloodshed, while we celebrate Your praises and proclaim Your holiness?" Allah said: "I know what you do not." (before humans, the jinn race lived on earth, but they caused bloodshed and corruption, so Allah sent angels to fight them; Satan accompanied them) 31. Allah taught Adam the names of all things, and then presented them to the angels. Allah said: "Tell Me the names of these things, if what you say is true?" (Allah did this to show Adam's special qualities of learning and memory) 32. They replied: "Glory be to You. We only know what You taught us, for You are Knowledgeable, the Wise." 33. Allah said: "O Adam! Tell them their names." When Adam named them all. Allah said: "Did I not tell you that I know of the secrets of heavens and earth, and I know what you reveal and what you conceal?" 34. Remember when I said to the angels: "Bow down before Adam." They all did, except Iblis, he refused as was arrogant; he became an unbeliever. 35. I said: "O Adam, live with your wife in the garden and eat freely, but do not approach this tree, lest you both shall become wrongdoers." 36. Satan deceived them, and led them to fall from bliss, I said: "Descend from heaven to planet earth as enemies to each other (humans and Satan). You will find on earth residence and provisions

for your temporary stay.” 37. Adam received appropriate words from Allah, but then Allah forgave him. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 38. I said: “Descend all (Adam, Eve and Satan) of you, and when guidance comes to you from Me, as it will, there will be no fear for those who follow My guidance, nor will they grieve. 39. Those who reject My revelations and deny the truth, will become residents of Hell, where they shall live forever. 40. O Children of Israel, remember how I blessed you, fulfil your promise to Me, for I will do the same, and fear only Me. 41. Believe in My message, as it confirms what you already know, do not be the first to reject it, nor trade it for worldly gains, always be mindful of Me. 42. Never mix the truth with lies, nor hide the truth knowingly. 43. Keep up prayers and pay alms-tax and bow with those who bow in worship. 44. How can you tell people to do what is right and forget to practice it yourselves, even though you recite the Book? Have you no sense? 45. Seek Allah’s help with patience and prayer; this might be difficult for some, but not for those who are humble. 46. Those who are certain that they will meet their Lord, and to Him they will return. 47. O Children of Israel, remember the favours I granted to you, and how I honoured you above the others. 48. Guard yourselves against the day, when one soul will not help another, no intercession will be accepted, and no ransom will be taken, and no help will be given. 49. Remember how I saved you from the People of Pharaoh, who had inflicted terrible torments upon you, slaughtered your sons and spared your females. That was a severe test from Allah. 50. And I parted the sea for you, thus, saved you, and drowned the army of Pharaoh before your eyes. 51. Remember when I appointed forty nights for Moses, yet in his absence, you worshipped the calf, which was the wrong thing to do. 52. Even then, I forgave you, so you may be grateful. 53. Remember when I gave Moses the Torah along with means to distinguish between right and wrong, so you could be guided. 54. Moses said to his People: “O my People, you have wronged yourselves by worshipping the calf, repent to your Creator, and kill the guilty, for that will be

best for you in the eyes of your Creator.” Allah accepted your repentance. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful. 55. Remember when you said to Moses: “We will not believe in you until we see Allah with our own eyes.” Then, a thunderbolt struck you. 56. Then I brought you back to life, so you may be thankful. 57. And I made the clouds shade you, and I sent manna (**sweets**) and quails down for you, saying: “Eat from what I have provided for you.” (**they wandered in the Arabia desert for 40 years - punishment for their disobedience**) They did not harm Me, they harmed themselves. 58. Remember when I said: “Enter Jerusalem and eat whatever you want but enter the gates with humility and say: “Forgive our sins.” I will forgive your sins and double the reward of those who are righteous.” 59. But the evildoers changed the words they were commanded to say, so I sent down My punishment. 60. Remember when Moses prayed for water for his people. I said to him: “Strike the rock with your staff.” Twelve springs gushed forth and each group knew its drinking place. Allah said: “Eat and drink, but do not corrupt the land.” 61. And remember when you said: “O Moses! We cannot endure the same meal every day, so call upon your Lord on our behalf, ask Him to bring forth for us some of what the earth produces of herbs, cucumbers, garlic, lentils, and onions.” Moses scolded them, saying: “Do you want to exchange what is better for what is worse? You can go down to any village in Egypt and you will find what you have asked for.” They were struck with disgrace and misery as they invited the displeasure of Allah for rejecting His signs and unjustly killing His prophets. This is a fair reward for their disobedience and violations. 62. All believers, whether they be Jews, Christians, Sabians (**a monotheistic religious group intermediate between the Jews and the Christians**), all, who believe in Allah and the last day, will have their reward. They will have no fear, nor will they grieve. 63. Remember, when I took your pledge and raised a mountain above you, saying: “Hold firmly to your Book, observe its teachings so you may become conscious of Allah.” (**Mount Tur dislodged and hovered above them**) 64. Even after that you

turned away. Had it not been for My mercy on you, you would have been lost. 65. You already know of those who broke the Sabbath. I said to them: “Be disgraced, apes.” (apes live openly with no shame; today western Christians have adopted their lifestyle, i.e. semi clothed, sexual perversion, etc). 66. Their fate is an example for you and future generations and a lesson for those, who fear Allah. 67. When Moses said to his people: “Allah commands you to sacrifice a cow.” They said: “Are you joking?” Moses said: “God forbid I should be so foolish.” 68. They said: “Call on your Lord to show us what kind of cow should it be.” Moses said: “Allah says: “The cow should neither be too old, nor too young, but in between, so do what you are commanded.” 69. They said: “Call on your Lord to show us her colour.” Moses said: “Allah says it should be a bright yellow cow, pleasing to the eye.” 70. And again, they said: “Call on your Lord to show us which cow as they all look the same, and if it His will, we shall be guided to the right one.” 71. Moses replied: “Allah says: ‘It should have not been used to till the soil, nor water the fields; wholesome and without blemish.’” They said: “Now you have brought us the truth.” They performed the sacrifice, which they almost failed to do. 72. This is when a man was killed and you began to accuse each other, but Allah unravelled what you concealed. (during their plight they came across a body, no one knew who had killed him. However, it became known that the man was a wealthy individual called ‘Ayeem. Moses told them to bring a cow for sacrifice along with the body of the dead man. Moses told them to cut a piece of its meat and place it upon the dead body. Behold, the dead man came back to life and proclaimed his nephew had killed him) 73. I said: “Strike the body with a piece of the cow’s meat.” This is how easy it is for Allah to bring back the dead and give you signs so you may understand. 74. Even then your hearts became hard like a rock or even harder, for from some rocks, rivers gush and others split, spilling water, while others humble in awe of Allah. Indeed, Allah is always aware of what you do. 75. Do you believers still expect them to be true to you, even though some

of them heard the word of Allah, understood them but then deliberately corrupted them. 76. When they meet believers, they proclaim: "We believe." But when they are alone with each other, they say: "How could you disclose to those Muslims our (Jews and Christians) revelations? They will use them against us before Allah. Have you no sense?" 77. Do they know that He is aware of what they conceal and reveal? 78. Some of them are uneducated and know their Book only through hearsay, and by guessing. 79. Woe to those who distort My Books, and say: "This is from Allah," seeking to gain from it. Woe to them for what they have written and woe to them for what they have earned. 80. They say: "The Fire will touch us for a few days." Say: "Have you received a promise from God, though God never breaks His promise, or are you attributing things to Him without knowledge?" 81. Those who commit evil are engrossed in sin, will become residents of the Fire, where they shall live forever. 82. Those who believe and do good will be inhabitants of Paradise, where they shall live there forever. 83. Remember when I took a covenant from the Children of Israel stating: "Worship none but Allah; be kind to parents, relatives, orphans and the ones in need; speak kindly to people; keep up the prayer; and pay alms-tax." But a few of you have turned away and paid no attention. 84. I also took a pledge that you would shed no blood, nor expel people from their homeland. You agreed, and you have witnessed the agreement. 85. Yet here you are, killing one another and expelling people from their homes, helping one another in sin and aggression against each other, and when they come to you as captives, you ransom them, though you had no right to expel them in the first place. Do you only believe certain parts of your Books, and not the rest? The punishment for those who do this is humiliation in this world, and on the Day of Judgment they shall be condemned to a severe punishment. Remember Allah is aware of what you do. 86. These, who trade the Hereafter for the life of this world, will not have their punishment reduced, nor will they be helped. 87. To Moses I gave the Torah and

sent messengers after him in succession. I gave Jesus, the son of Mary, clear signs and strengthened him with the holy spirit (angel Gabriel). Why is it - every time a messenger' comes to you with something that does not suit you, you become arrogant, reject some messengers and kill others? 88. They say: "We have enough knowledge." But I have rejected them for their disbelief as they have little faith. 89. When the Qur'an was sent to them from Me, confirming what they already had, and when they had been praying for victory against the unbelievers, even though they knew the Qur'an was the truth, they rejected it. May Allah's curse be on the infidels. 90. Low was the price, for which they had sold their souls by denying this Qur'an, and for resenting Allah for bestowing His grace upon whom He wishes. They have incurred wrath upon wrath and humiliating torment awaits those, who deny the truth. 91. If they are told: "Believe in what Allah has revealed." They say: "We only believe in the Torah, which was revealed to us." They do not believe what came afterwards, though it is the truth confirming what they already knew. Tell us: "Why did you murder Allah's prophets, if you were believers?" 92. Moses brought you signs of the truth, but, while he was away, you worshipped the calf. You did wrong. 93. Remember when I took your pledge and raised a mountain above you, saying: "Hold on to what I have given you and obey My commands." They said: "We hear, but we disobey" in their refusal to acknowledge the truth; their hearts became full of love for the calf. Say: "How evil what your faith commands you to do, if you are, in fact, believers." 94. Say: "If the eternal home is exclusively for you, then wish for death, if what you say is true." (they disobeyed Allah's commands and killed some of His prophets, which included Zachariah and John, the Baptist, and they claimed to have killed Jesus, and they accused Mary of adultery and they dealt with usury. See surah 4 verses 153 - 158) 95. They will never wish for death because of what they have done. Allah knows the unjust. 96. You see them clinging to life more than idol worshipers, each wants to live for a thousand years, but it would not save them

from punishment. Allah sees what you do. 97. Say: "Whoever is an enemy of Gabriel should know that he revealed this Qur'an to your heart, O Muhammad, by My command. It confirms what came before it (the Torah and the Gospel). It is a guide, and it conveys good news to those who believe." 98. Those who show animosity towards Allah, and His messengers', and His angels, and Gabriel, and Michael should know that Allah is an enemy of those, who do not believe. 99. I have sent clear messages down to you and only evil unbelievers may reject them. 100. Whenever they make a pledge, some of them violate it, as most of them do not believe. 101. Now a messenger (Muhammad) from God has come to them to confirm what was with (Torah and Gospel) already, but a group of the People of the Book (Jews and Christians) choose to throw it away and reject him and their own Scriptures. 102. They are following magic, which was promoted by the devils against the power of Solomon. Never did Solomon disbelieve, rather the devils disbelieved and they taught people magic along with what had been revealed by My two angels - Harut and Marut, in Babylon. However, the angels never taught anyone without saying: "We are here to tempt, so do not abandon faith." Yet, people learned magic that caused rifts between a husband and wife, though magic could not harm anyone unless Allah had wished it. They learned what harmed them and not what benefited them, knowing that whoever acquired this knowledge would have no share in the Hereafter. Evil is the price, for which they sold their souls. If only they could understand this. 103. If they had believed and feared Me - their reward would have been far better for them, if only they knew. 104. O you, who believe! Do not say ambiguous words, but rather say words of respect, and listen. The unbelievers will suffer a painful punishment. 105. Neither those from the People of the Book who deny the truth, nor the idolaters would like Allah to bestow any blessings upon you, O Muhammad, but I bestow mercy upon whom I choose. Indeed, Allah's bounty is limitless. 106. I do not cancel verses, nor do I allow them to be forgotten, instead I bring something better or

something similar. Don't you know that Allah has power over all things? 107. Do you not know that Allah owns the Kingdom of the heavens and the earth? Besides Allah, you have no helper, nor protector? 108. Or, do you wish to question your Messenger as Moses was questioned? Those who traded belief for disbelief have strayed away from the right path. 109. Many People of the Book want to turn you believers back to disbelief because of envy, though the truth has been made clear to them. Forgive them and bear with them until Allah delivers His decision. Indeed, Allah is capable of achieving anything. 110. Establish prayers and pay alms-tax. Whatever good you keep for yourselves will certainly find its reward with Him, as He sees what you do. 111. The Jews and Christians say none will enter Paradise, except those of their faith. That is their thinking. Say: "Prove your claim, if what you say is true." 112. Whoever submits to Allah and is righteous in conduct will be rewarded. There will be no fear upon them, nor will they grieve. 113. The Jews say: "The Christians are without merit." While the Christians say: "The Jews are without merit." Yet both recite their Books. The ignorant say the same thing. I will judge them. 114. Who could be more evil than the one who prohibits Allah's name being mentioned in His houses of worship and strives to destroy them? Such people should not enter them without fear. There is disgrace for them in this world and a painful punishment awaits them in the Hereafter. (Muslims are under an obligation to honour and protect all places of worship; be they a Mosque, a Church or a Synagogue) 115. To Him, belongs the east and the west. Wherever you turn - you are facing Allah. He is Infinite, Knowledgeable. 116. They say: "Allah has children." Glory be to Him. Fact is: to Him belongs all in the heavens and the earth and all are obedient to Him. 117. He is the Originator of the heavens and the earth. When He decrees a matter, He says "Be", and it is. 118. Those who have no knowledge also say: "If only Allah would speak to us, or if only a sign would come to us." And some before them said the same thing. Their hearts are alike. I have made My signs clear enough for those who have faith. 119.

I sent you, O Muhammad, with the truth and good news and warnings, nor are you responsible for the residence of the blaze. 120. Never will the Jews, nor the Christians be pleased with you until you follow their faith. Say: "Allah's guidance is the only guidance." If you were to follow their desires, after having received knowledge, there will be none to protect you, nor help you against Me. 121. Those to whom I have given the Book, who recite it - have faith in it, but those, who reject it, are doomed. 122. O Children of Israel! Remember My favours. I honoured you above others. 123. Guard yourselves against the day when no soul will help another, no ransom is taken, and no intercession is accepted, and no help is given. 124. When Abraham was put to test with certain commandments from Me, he fulfilled them. Allah said: "I will honour you with leadership." Abraham said: "What about my offspring?" Allah said: "My pledge does not include those who are evil." 125. I made the Ka'abah a resort and sanctuary for humanity, and I made the place where Abraham once stood, a place of prayer. I directed Abraham and Ishmael to purify the Ka'abah for those who circle it and those who stay, kneel, and bow. 126. Then Abraham prayed: "O Lord, bless this city of Mecca with peace and security, and provide its citizens who believe in You and the Hereafter with every kind of fruit." After accepting his prayer, I said: "I will grant disbelievers enjoyment for a while, but then I will drag them to Hell- a miserable destination". 127. As Abraham and Ishmael were raising the foundation of the Ka'abah, they prayed, saying: "O Lord, accept this act of ours as we bear witness that You hear everything and know everything. 128. O Lord! Make us and our offspring a nation submissive to You, show us our rituals of worship, and accept our repentance, for You are the accepter of repentance, the Merciful. 129. O Lord! Raise from our descendants a messenger, who will recite Your revelations and teach Your Book with wisdom and purify them. Indeed, you are the Almighty, the Wise." 130. Who but a fool would reject the religion of Abraham? I certainly chose him in this life, and in the Hereafter, he will be among the righteous. 131.

When his Lord said to him: "Submit." Abraham said: "I submit to the Lord of the Worlds." 132. This was the advice Abraham as well as Jacob gave to their children, adding: "Allah has chosen this faith for you, so make sure you submit until you die." 133. Were you present, O Muhammad, when death approached Jacob, he asked his sons: "Who will you worship after I am gone?" They said: "We will worship your God and the God of our forefathers, Abraham, Ishmael and Isaac, the one true God. We are, of those, who submit to Allah." 134. Such was a nation that has died. What they earned belonged to them and to you is what you earn, and you will not be answerable for their deeds. 135. The Jews and the Christians say: "Follow our faith, if you want to be guided." Say: "No, we follow Abraham's faith, for he was upright, and not one of the polytheists." 136. Say, O believers: "We believe in Allah and what has been revealed to us and what was revealed to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob and his descendants, and what was given to Moses, Jesus and all the other prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them and to Allah we all submit." 137. If they believe as you believe, then they will be guided, however, if they turn away, then you will know that they oppose the truth. Allah will protect you from them. Allah hears every word spoken, and He is knowledgeable. 138. Say: "Belief in Allah and following His guidance is a means to purification. No one could better baptize than Allah. We worship none but Him." 139. Say: "Why do you argue about God. He is our Lord and your Lord? We are accountable for our deeds and you are accountable for your deeds. We are all devoted to Him. 140. Are you saying that Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob and his descendants were all Jews or Christians?" Ask: "Who is more knowledgeable: You or God?" Who could be eviler than those who hide the testimony they receive? Allah knows everything you do. 141. That nation has died. They will receive what they deserve, and you will receive what you deserve, nor are you accountable for their deeds. 142. Some foolish people ask: "Why have they abandoned their direction of prayer?" Say: "The east and the west, both

belong to Allah and He guides whoever He wishes onto the right path.” 143. And so, I have made you believers an upright nation, so you may be witnesses over humanity, and the messenger may be a witness over you. I assigned your former direction of prayer only to distinguish those who would stay faithful to My messenger from those who would lose faith. It was a difficult test, but not for those who I had guided. I will never allow your faith to be wasted. Indeed, Allah is Compassionate, Merciful. 144. I have seen you, O Muhammad, turning your face towards the heavens, but now I will make you turn towards a direction of prayer that will please you, so turn your face towards the sacred Mosque in Mecca. Wherever you are, turn your face in that direction. Those who were given the Book know this is the truth from their Lord and Allah is not unaware of what you do. 145. Even if you perform the most convincing miracles, the Jews and the Christians will never pray towards Mecca. You, naturally will not follow their direction either. As a matter of fact, they will not compromise, even among themselves. However, if you disobey this command, then you have chosen to join those who are in the wrong. 146. Those to whom I gave the Book recognize Muhammad as they recognize their own children, yet some of them hide the truth of his prophethood. 147. This is the truth from your Lord, so do not doubt it. 148. Everyone has their own direction of prayer, so compete with each other in doing good. Allah will gather you altogether for judgment, no matter where you are. Allah is capable of achieving everything. 149. Wherever you are, O Muhammad, turn your face towards the sacred Mosque. This is the truth from your Lord. Indeed, Allah is aware of your deeds. 150. Wherever you are, O believers, pray towards the sacred Mosque. There is no dispute about this command, except by those who are evildoers. Do not fear them, fear Me, so I may complete My favour upon you, and guide you unto the right path. 151. An example of My blessings is choosing a prophet from among you, who is reciting My revelations to you and purifying you and teaching you the Book and wisdom. He teaches you what you

did not know. 152. Remember Me, for I will remember you, and thank Me, and never be ungrateful to Me. 153. O, believers! Seek comfort through patience and prayer, for I am truly with those who are patient. 154. Never say - martyrs are dead. Fact is they are alive, but you do not perceive it. 155. I will certainly test you with fear and famine, and loss of property, and life and crops. Give good news to those who patiently endure these tests. 156. Those, who, when disaster strikes them, they say: "We belong to Allah, and to Him we shall return." 157. They will receive Allah's blessings and mercy, for they are guided. 158. Safah and Marwah are among the symbols of Allah. Whoever makes the pilgrimage to My House or to perform Umrah, there is no blame upon them, if they walk between the two hills. Those who do good willingly should know - I am Appreciative, Knowledgeable. (It is where Hagar's suffering began when Abraham abandoned her and Ishmael. Distraught with thirst and fearing for her child's life, she ran between the two mountains, while praying for help. Her reliance upon Allah was rewarded by the discovery of a spring, which exists to this day, known as the well of Zamzam) 159. Those who conceal evidence of the truth that We have revealed, after I made it clear for humanity in the Book, will be cursed by Allah, and all those who can curse. 160. As for those who repent and reform and let the truth be known, they are the ones to whom I will turn to with forgiveness, for I am the acceptor of repentance, the Merciful. 161. As for those who disbelieve, and die as disbelievers are condemned by Me and My angels and humanity. 162. They will be in Hell forever, nor will their punishment be lightened, nor will they receive respite. 163. Your God is only One: there is no god except Him, He is the Compassionate and Merciful. 164. In the creation of the heavens and the earth, and in the alternation of the day and the night, and in the ships that sail through the sea, for the benefit of humanity, and in the rain that he sends down from the sky, reviving the earth after its death, and in the scattered creatures throughout the earth, and in the shifting of the winds, and in the clouds drifting between the

heavens and the earth, there are signs for those who use reason. 165. Still some take others as My equal, they love them as they should love Me, but true believers love Me more. If only the evildoers could see the punishment that awaits them - they would certainly realize that all power belongs to Me, and that I am severe in punishment. 166. When earthly leaders see My punishment, the bond that united them with their followers will be severed, they will denounce their followers. 167. The misled followers will cry out, saying: "If only we could have a second chance, we would disown them, as they have disowned us." I will cause them to see their deeds with regret. They will never be able to leave the Fire. 168. O humanity! Eat pure, good things on earth, but do not follow Satan's footsteps, for he is your sworn enemy. 169. Satan orders you to commit evil and shocking deeds, and to say things about Me, of which you have no knowledge. 170. When unbelievers are told: "Follow what Allah has revealed." They say: "No, we follow our father's traditions." Would they do that, though they know their fathers had no understanding, nor guidance? 171. The unbelievers not comprehending the messenger's warning are like a flock not responding to the calls and cries of a shepherd: they are deaf, dumb, blind and they lack understanding. 172. O believers, enjoy pure good food, which I have provided for you, and be grateful, if you are true worshippers of Allah. 173. I have only forbidden you to eat dead animals, blood, swine and what is slaughtered in a name other than Mine, but if someone is compelled by necessity and not driven by desire exceeding his immediate need, he commits no sin, for I am indeed Forgiving, Merciful. 174. Those who hide My revelations, trading them for worldly gains, consume nothing, but fire in their bellies. I will not speak to them on Judgement Day, nor will I purify them and they will suffer a painful punishment. 175. They are the ones who trade guidance for misguidance, and forgiveness for punishment. How persistent are they in pursuit of the Fire? 176. I have revealed My Books, in which the truth is clearly shown. Those who differ about My Books are deeply divided. 177. Virtue

is not in turning your face towards the east or the west. Those are virtuous who believe in Me and the last day, and My angels, and My Books and My prophets, give charity to relatives, orphans, the poor, the needy travellers, the beggars, free captives, establish prayers, pay alms-tax, keep their pledges, and endure patiently when struck by hardship, calamities and during battles. They are true in faith and are aware of Me. 178. O believers! The law of retribution is set in cases of murder - a free man for a free man, a slave for a slave, and a female for a female, but if the offender is forgiven by the victim's guardian, then blood-money should be decided fairly, and payment should be made courteously. This is a concession and mercy from your Lord. Whoever transgresses this command - will suffer a painful punishment. 179. It is saving of in the law of retribution, O people of reason, so you may become conscious of Me. 180. I have prescribed that when death approaches you and you leave something valuable, a will should be made in favour of your parents and immediate family members. This is an obligation on those, who are conscious of Me. 181. Whoever changes a will after hearing it, the blame will be on them. Allah hears and knows everything. 182. Whoever suspects an error or an injustice in the will and brings about a fair settlement among the groups will not be sinful. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 183. O believers! Fasting is prescribed upon you, as was upon those before you, so you may learn self-restraint. 184. Fast the prescribed number of days, but whoever is ill or on a journey, then let them fast an equal number of days after Ramadan. However, those who can fast, but find it difficult should compensate by feeding a needy person for each missed day. Whoever volunteers to give more, it will be good for them, but fasting is far better for you, if only you knew. 185. Whoever gets evidence that the month of Ramadan has begun (**sighting of the moon**) should fast, this is obligatory. There is no fasting on regions without evidence, for they will have to wait one extra day. Ramadan is the month, in which the Qur'an was revealed as a guide for humanity, with proof and guidance, and the standard to

distinguish between right and wrong, so whoever is present during this month should fast, but whoever is ill, or on a journey, let them fast an equal number of days after Ramadan. I want ease for you, I do not want to burden you with hardship, so complete the prescribed period, and proclaim the greatness of Allah for guiding you, and be grateful to Him. 186. When My servants ask you, O Muhammad, about Me, tell them - I am close by, and I respond to one's prayer when they call on Me, so let them respond to Me and believe in Me, perhaps they will be guided. 187. You are now allowed to be intimate with your wives during the nights of Ramadan. Your spouses are your garment, as you are theirs. I know you were deceiving yourselves, so I accepted your repentance and have forgiven you, so now, you may be intimate, and seek what I have prescribed for you. You may eat and drink until you see the light of dawn breaking through the darkness of night, for then complete the fast until nightfall. Do not be intimate, while you are meditating in a Mosque. These are limits set by Me, so do not exceed them. Allah makes His revelations clear, so you may become conscious of Him. 188. Do not consume each other's wealth unjustly, nor deliberately bribe authorities, in order to devour a share of others' property, knowing that it is a sin. 189. They ask you, O Muhammad, about the phases of the moon. Say: "They are a means for people to determine time, and pilgrimage." Nor is it virtuous to enter homes from the back door, rather virtuous is to be conscious of Allah, so enter your homes through their proper doors, and remain conscious of Allah, so you may succeed. 190. Fight for His sake against those who wage war against you, but do not exceed His limits, for Allah does not like transgressors. 191. Kill them, wherever you find them. Drive them out of the places from where they drove you out. Oppression is far worse than killing, but do not fight them in the sacred Mosque, unless they attack you there first. If they fight you there, then kill them, for they deserve to die for their disbelief. 192. If they cease to fight, then surely Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 193. Fight them, so there is no more persecution, and until worship is

devoted to Him alone. If they cease, then let there be no hostility, except against the aggressors. 194. There will be retaliation in a sacred month for an offence, all violations will bring about retaliation, so, if anyone attacks you, retaliate in the same manner, but be mindful of Allah, and know that Allah is with those who are mindful of Him. 195. Spend for His cause and do not contribute to your own destruction, do good, for Allah certainly loves those who do good. 196. Complete the Hajj and Umrah for His sake, but if you are prevented from proceeding, then offer whatever sacrificial animal you can afford. Do not shave your head until the sacrificial animal reaches its final destination, but if any of you are ill, or has a scalp ailment, then compensate, either by fasting, or giving to charity or make a sacrificial offering. In times of peace you may combine both pilgrimages, and then make the sacrificial offering, such as you can afford. Whoever cannot afford an offering, then he should fast for three days during the pilgrim and seven days upon returning home - completing ten in total. This applies to those whose household is not near the sacred Mosque, so be conscious of Me, and be aware, for I am stern with punishment. 197. Hajj is in the prescribed months; for those who decide to perform the Hajj, there should be no vulgarity, or bad behaviour, or arguments during the Hajj. Allah knows the good deeds you do, so do lots of them and take provision for yourself. The best of all provision is being conscious of Allah, so be mindful of Me, O you who have insight. 198. There is no blame if you seek My bounty during your journey. When you return from 'Arafat, however, praise Allah near the sacred place, praise Him for having guided you, surely before this, you were astray. 199. Then go forth with the rest of the pilgrims and seek Allah's forgiveness. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 200. When you have fulfilled your sacred rituals, praise Allah as you praise your father, but with more passion. However, some say: "O Lord! Grant us bounties in this world," but they will have no share in the Hereafter. 201. And others who say: "O Lord! Grant us good in this world and the Hereafter, and protect us from the torment of the

Fire.” 202. It is they, who will receive a reward for their deeds. Indeed, Allah is swift in reckoning. 203. Remember Allah during these (11th - 13th Dhul Hijjah) appointed days. If anyone is in a hurry to leave after two days - there is no blame on them, nor is there blame upon those who stay on, so long as they are conscious of Allah. Be mindful Him and remember you will be gathered before Him. 204. There are some hypocrites who impress you with their world views and openly call Allah to witness what is in their heart, yet they are your worst opponents. 205. When they leave your presence, O Muhammad, they spread corruption and destroy crops and cattle. Allah does not like mischief. 206. When they are told: “Be conscious of Allah,” arrogance leads them to further sins. They are heading towards Hell – their evil destination. 207. Some people dedicate their lives for My pleasure. I am ever gracious to My servants. 208. O believers! Submit, wholeheartedly, and do not follow Satan’s footsteps, for he is your enemy. 209. If you slip after proof has come to you, then know that Allah is Noble, Wise. 210. Are they waiting for Me to come in a shadow of clouds, together with My angels? If I did this, the matter would have been settled as all matters return to Me. 211. Ask the Children of Israel how many signs did I send them. Anyone who disrespects My favours by altering My words will be severely punished. 212. Worldly life has attracted those who disbelieve: they ridicule those who believe; yet those who do their duty will be ahead of them on Judgement Day. Allah provides for anyone He wishes without limit. 213. Humanity was one community of believers before they lost faith, but then I sent prophets, and, with them, Books containing the truth, so they could resolve their disagreements. No one disputed My Books, except the very people to whom I sent them too, out of jealousy. I then guided those who believed regarding those disputes. Allah guides whoever He wishes unto the right path. 214. Do you think - you would enter Paradise without experiencing hardships as others had experienced them before you? They were so shaken, that their messengers’ and their followers cried, saying: “When will

Allah's help arrive?" My help is always close by. 215. They ask you in what way they should donate. Say: "My donations are for parents, your relatives, the orphans and the poor and travellers in need". Allah is aware of whatever good you do. 216. Fighting is ordained for you, even though it repulses you. You may hate something that may be good for you, or love something that maybe bad for you. Allah knows, you do not. 217. They ask you, O Muhammad, about fighting in the sacred months. Say: "Fighting during these months is a great sin, but hindering others from the path of Allah, and rejecting Him, and expelling worshippers from the sacred Mosque is an even greater sin in the sight of Allah, for persecution is far worse than killing, and they will not stop fighting you until they turn you away from your faith, if they can. Whoever among you renounces their own faith and dies a disbeliever, their deeds will become void in this life and in the Hereafter, they will become residents of the Fire, where they will be forever." 218. Those who believe, migrate, and struggle for His sake can hope for His mercy, for Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 219. And they ask you about intoxicants and gambling. Say: "There is great evil in both of them, as well as benefit, but the evil outweighs the benefit." They ask: "What should we donate." Say: "Whatever you can spare." Allah makes His revelations clear, so you may reflect, 220. upon this world, and the Hereafter. And they ask you about orphans. Say: "Improving their condition is best, but if you partner up with them - they are your brothers in faith. Allah knows those who intend to harm them, and those who intend to improve their condition. Had Allah so willed, He could have afflicted hardship upon you." Indeed, Allah is Almighty, Wise. 221. Do not marry polytheistic women until they believe; for a believing slave-woman is better than a free polytheist, even though she may look pleasant to you. Do not marry your women to polytheistic men until they believe, for a believing slave-man is better than a free polytheist, even though he may look pleasant to you. They invite you to the Fire, while Allah invites you to Paradise and forgiveness by His grace. He makes His revelations clear to the people, so perhaps

they may become mindful. 222. They ask about menstruation. Say: "Beware of its harm. Keep away, and do not have intercourse with your wives during their monthly cycles, until they have purified themselves. Once they purify themselves, you may approach them. Allah loves those who turn to Him in repentance and purify themselves." 223. Your wives are like farmland for you, so approach them consensually as you please, and send forth something good for yourselves, be mindful of Allah, and know that you will meet Him, and give good news to the believers. 224. Do not use Allah's name in your oaths as an excuse for not doing good, not guarding against evil, or not making peace between people. Indeed, Allah is all-Hearing, all-Knowing. 225. Allah will not hold you accountable for unintentional oaths, but you are accountable for your intention. Allah is Forgiving, Forbearing. 226. If a man swears by God that he will not sleep with his wife anymore, he has 4 months of separation (cooling off) to make a reconciliation. If he decides to take his wife back, Allah will not hold him responsible for swearing by Him. Indeed, He is Forgiving, Merciful. (if it is four months or less and the husband keeps his vow, he does not have to make up for breaking his vow (by feeding ten poor people or fast for three days), otherwise, he will have to make it up. If the vow is made for over four months, then the wife has the right to seek a divorce) 227. If the couple are determined to divorce, then know Allah hears and knows all. 228. Divorced women should wait three menstruation periods before re-marrying, nor are they allowed to hide what Allah has created in their wombs, if they believe in Allah and the last day. Their husbands are entitled to take them back, if they decide on a reconciliation, as long as they are in accordance with justice, for a wife's rights are equal to a husband's rights, though husbands have a degree over them. Allah is Almighty, Wise. 229. A man may divorce, and re-marry his wife only twice. A divorced woman has the right to live in the same house with honour, or be allowed to leave, if she wishes. It is against your Lord's law for a husband to take back any gifts, which we may have

given to his ex-wife, unless the woman wants to buy her freedom back by offering what her husband had offered her, for then the man loses the right to take her back, as she has bought back her freedom. These are Allah's laws, so do not take them lightly. The one who disregards Allah law is unjust. 230. If a man divorces his wife for the third time, he cannot re-marry her, but if his wife marries another man, and then gets divorce, they can re-marry, providing they can maintain Allah's limits. These are His limits. Allah explains His laws for those who use common sense. 231. When you divorce women, and they have almost reached the end of their waiting period, either retain them honourably, or let them go honourably, but do not retain them only to harm them, or to take advantage of them. Whoever does this will surely wrong his own soul. Do not take Allah's revelations lightly. Remember Allah's favours upon you as well as the Book and wisdom He has sent down for your guidance. Be mindful of Allah, and know that Allah has knowledge of all things. 232. When you have divorced women and they have reached the end of their waiting period, do not prevent them from re-marrying their ex-husbands, if they come to an honourable agreement. This is enjoined on those who have faith in Allah and the last day. This is pure, and more dignifying. Allah knows everything, you do not. 233. Divorced mothers will breastfeed their offspring for two whole years, for those who wish to complete the nursing of their child. The child's father will provide reasonable maintenance and clothing for the mother during that period. No one will be charged with more than they can bear. No mother or father should be made to suffer for their child. The father's heirs are under the same obligation, but if both sides decide, after mutual consultation and consent to wean a child, then there is no blame on them. If you decide to have your children nursed by a wet-nurse, it is permissible as long as you pay fairly. Be mindful of Allah, and know that Allah is sees what you do. 234. As for those who die and leave widows, let them observe a waiting period of four months and ten days. When this period expires, you are not accountable for

what they do. Allah is aware of what you all do. 235. There is no blame upon you for subtly showing an interest in a divorced, or widowed women, or for hiding the intention in your heart. Allah knows you are considering them for marriage, but do not make a secret commitment, only show an interest in an appropriate manner. Do not commit to the bond of marriage, until the waiting period expires, and remember Allah is aware of what is in your heart, so be aware of Him. Allah is Forgiving, Forbearing. 236. There is no blame if you divorce women before the marriage is consummated, or the dowry is settled, but give them a suitable compensation, the rich according to his means and the poor according to his. A reasonable compensation is an obligation on those who are kind. 237. And if you divorce them before consummating the marriage, but after deciding on the dowry, pay half of the dowry, unless the wife graciously waives it, or the husband graciously pays it in full. Graciousness is closer to righteousness, nor forget to be kind to each other. Indeed, Allah sees what you do. 238. Observe the five prayers, especially, the middle prayer (Asr), and stand with devotion. 239. If you are in danger, pray on foot or while riding, but when you are safe, take time to remember Allah for teaching you what you did not know. 240. Those of you who die leaving widows should bequeath for them a year's maintenance without forcing them out, but if they choose to leave, you are not responsible for what they do with themselves. Indeed, Allah is Almighty, Wise. (this ruling was later replaced by the ruling in verse 234) 241. Reasonable provisions must be made for divorced women, a duty upon those mindful of Allah. 242. Allah makes His revelations clear, so you may understand. 243. Have you, O Muhammad, not seen those who fled their homes in the thousands for fear of death? Allah said to them: "Die!" then Allah gave them life. Surely Allah is ever Bountiful to humanity, but most people are ungrateful. 244. So fight in the way of God, and know that God is all Hearing, all Knowing. 245. Who will lend Allah a loan (donations to charity), which He will multiply many times over? It is Allah who decreases and increases

wealth. To Him, you shall return. 246. Have you not seen those chiefs of the Children of Israel, after Moses? They said to one of their prophets **Samuel, who had become old and not capable of fighting**): “Appoint for us a king, for we will fight for Allah.” He said: “Are you not going to cower, if you receive the order?” They replied: “How could we refuse to fight when we were driven out of our homes and separated from our children (**by the Amalekites about 1 B.C**)?” Yet when they were ordered to fight, they fled, except for a few. Allah knows the evildoers. 247. Their prophet told them: “Allah has appointed Saul to be your king.” They protested, saying: “How can Saul be our king. Some of us are more deserving than him, nor has he any wealth?” He replied: “Allah has chosen him over you, and blessed him with knowledge and stature. Allah grants kingship to whoever He wills. Verily, Allah is Bountiful, Knowledgeable.” 248. Their prophet further said: “The sign of Saul’s kingship is the Ark, which will come to you, and within it, will be relics left behind by the family of Moses and Aaron and the Ark was carried by the angels.” There is a sign in this for those who believe. (**Imam Mehdi will be recognized with the Ark**) 249. When Saul marched forth with his army, he cautioned them, saying: “Allah will test you by the river. Whoever drinks from that river will cease to be of my army, unless you take a sip to quench your thirst.” All drank, except for a few. When Saul and his followers crossed the river, they said: “We are no match for Goliath and his warriors.” Those who knew they were to meet Allah began to reason with them, saying: “How many times has a small army destroyed a mighty army? Allah is with those, who are patient.” 250. When they advanced to face Goliath and his warriors they prayed, saying: “O Lord! Pour patience upon us, make us stand firm, and help us against these unbelievers.” 251. So they defeated them by Allah’s will, and David killed Goliath. And Allah blessed David with kingship and wisdom and taught him what He willed. Had Allah not repelled a group of people by the might of another, corruption would have dominated the earth, but Allah is gracious to all. 252. These are Allah’s

revelations, which We recite to you, O Muhammad, in truth. And you are truly one of the messengers. 253. I bless My prophets in different ways. One of them (Moses) I spoke to directly. Others I elevated in ranks in different ways. I endowed Jesus, the son of Mary, with undeniable miracles and supported him with the holy spirit (Jesus was touch continuously by Gabriel who helped him with his mission). If Allah had so willed, succeeding generations would not have fought amongst themselves after receiving proof, but they differed. Some do believe, and others disbelieve. Allah does whatever He wills. 254. O believers! Donate from what I have given you before the arrival of a day when there will be no bargaining, no friendship and no intercession. Those who disbelieve are truly evil. 255. Allah! There is no god except You - the ever-Living, the Sustainer. Neither drowsiness nor sleep overtakes Him. To Him, belongs all in the heavens and the earth. Who could possibly intercede with Him without His permission? He knows what is ahead of them, and He knows what is behind them. None can grasp His knowledge, except for what He reveals. His throne surrounds the heavens and the earth. Preserving both does not tire Him. He is Most High, the Greatest. 256. Let there be no compulsion in religion, for the truth stands out clearly from falsehood. So whoever renounces false gods and believes in Allah has certainly grasped the firmest, unfailing hand-hold. Indeed, Allah hears and knows all. 257. Allah is the guardian and protector of believers. He takes them out of darkness and into light. As for the unbelievers - their guardians are false gods who lead them out of light and into darkness. It is they who will be residents of the Fire. They will be in Hell forever. 258. Are you not aware of the one (King Nimrud) who argued with Abraham about his Lord, though Allah had granted him kingship? Remember when Abraham said: "My Lord has power to give life and cause death." Nimrud said: "I too have power to give life and cause death." Abraham challenged him, and said: "Allah causes the sun to rise from the east, can you make it rise from the west?" The unbeliever became dumbstruck. Allah does not guide the

evildoers. 259. Are you not aware of the one (Ezra was the only man to have memorised the whole Torah) who passed by a city, which was in ruins. He wondered, then said: "How could Allah bring this city back to life after its destruction?" So, Allah caused him to die for a hundred years, then brought him back to life. Allah asked: "How long have you remained in this state?" He replied: "Perhaps a day or part of a day." Allah said: "No! You were here for a hundred years. Just look at your food and drink - they have not spoiled, but now look at the remains of your donkey! And so, I have made you a sign for humanity. And look at the bones of the donkey, see how I bring them together, and then clothe them with flesh!" When this was shown to him, he declared: "Now I know that Allah is capable of everything." 260. Remember when Abraham said: "O my Lord! Show me how You give life to the dead." Allah said: "Do you not faith?" Abraham replied: "Yes I do, but I just want to reassure my heart." Allah said: "Bring four birds, train them to come to you, then cut them into pieces and scatter their remains on hilltops. Then call them, they will come flying back to you." Indeed, Allah is Noble, Wise. 261. The example of those who spend their wealth for Allah's sake is that of a grain, which sprouts into seven ears, each ear bearing one hundred grains. Allah multiplies the reward for whoever He wills. Indeed, Allah is Bountiful, Knowledgeable. 262. Those who spend their wealth for Allah's sake and do not follow it up with reminders of their generosity, or hurtful words, they shall be rewarded by their Lord, nor will they suffer with fear or grief. 263. Kind words and forgiveness is far better than charity, followed by injury. Allah is self-Sufficient, Forbearing. 264. O believers! Do not waste your charity with reminders of your generosity, nor of hurtful words, like those who donate to show off, and do not believe in Allah and the last day. Their example is that of a hard-barren rock covered with a thin layer of soil, which is hit by heavy rain, leaving it a bare. Such people are unable to preserve the reward of their charity. Allah does not guide unbelievers. 265. The example of those who donate seeking Allah's

pleasure and believing that His reward is certain is that of a garden on a fertile hill. When heavy rain falls, it yields up twice its normal produce. If no heavy rain falls, then a drizzle is sufficient. Allah sees what you all do. 266. Would any of you like to have a garden with palm trees, grapevines and various fruits and a flowing river, but as you grow old with dependent children, a fiery whirlwind hit your garden and completely destroys it? Allah makes His revelations clear, so you may reflect. 267. O believers! Donate from the best of what you have earned, and of what I have produced from the earth. Do not pick out worthless things for donation, which you yourselves would only accept with closed eyes. Indeed, Allah is self-Sufficient, Praiseworthy. 268. Devils threaten you with poverty, and bids you to do shameful deeds and to be greedy, while Allah promises you forgiveness and great bounties from Himself. Indeed, Allah is Bountiful, Knowledgeable. 269. Allah grants wisdom on whom He wills, and those who receive it are blessed with a great privilege, but none will be mindful of this except those of reason. 270. Whatever contributions you give or vows you make - Allah is aware of them. Verily, no one will save the unjust. 271. To give charity in public is good, but to give to the poor privately is better, for it atones sins., Allah is fully aware of what you do. 272. You are not responsible for people's guidance, O Muhammad, for it is Allah who guides whoever He wills. Whatever you believers spend in charity, it is for your own good, as long as you do it seeking Allah's pleasure. Whatever you donate will be paid back to you in full, and you will not be wronged. 273. Charity is for the needy who are too engaged in the cause of Allah to move about in the land to earn a living. Those unfamiliar with their situation will think they are not in need because they do not beg. You can recognize them by their appearance. They do not beg people persistently. Whatever you give in charity is certainly known to Allah. 274. Those who spend their wealth in charity day and night, secretly and openly - their reward is with their Lord, and there will be no fear for them, nor will they grieve. 275. Those who consume interest will stand on

Judgment Day like those driven to madness by Satan's touch. That is because they say: "Trade is no different to interest." Though Allah has allowed trade, but forbidden interest. Whoever refrains, after having received this warning, may keep their previous gains, for their case is left to Allah. As for those who persist, it is they who will be the residents of the Fire. They will stay there forever. 276. Allah has made interest fruitless and charity fruitful. Allah does not love ungrateful wrongdoers. 277. Indeed, those who believe and do good, and establish prayers, and pay alms-tax will receive their reward from their Lord, there will be no fear upon them, nor will they grieve. 278. O believers! Fear Allah and give up any outstanding interest, if you are believers. 279. If you do not, then beware of war with Allah and His messenger, but if you repent, for then you may retain your principal and suffer no harm, nor harm any other. 280. If it is difficult for someone to repay a debt, postpone it until a time of ease, but if you waive it, as an act of charity, it will be better for you, if only you knew. 281. Be mindful of that day when you all return to Allah, for then every soul will be paid in full for what it earned, none will be wronged. 282. O believers! When you contract a loan for a fixed period of time, put it in writing. Let the scribe maintain justice between the parties. The scribe should not refuse to write, as Allah has taught them to write. They should write what the debtor dictates, bearing Allah in mind, and not defrauding any. If the debtor is incompetent, weak or unable to dictate, then let their guardian dictate with justice. Call two witness. If two men cannot be found, then one man and two women may witness, so if one of the women forgets, the other may remind her. Witnesses must not refuse when they are summoned. You must not be against writing contracts for fixed periods, whether the sum is small or great. This is more just in the sight of Allah and more convenient to establish evidence and remove doubts. If you conduct an immediate transaction amongst yourselves - you do not need to record it, but have witnesses when the deal is finalized. Let no harm come to the scribe or the witnesses. If you do, then you

would have exceeded your limits. Be mindful of Allah, for He is the One who teaches you. Allah is knowledgeable. 283. If you are in transit and cannot find a scribe, then hand over something as security, but if you trust each other, then let the one who is trusted fulfil his trust, but let him be conscious of Allah, his Lord. Do not conceal any evidence: those who do this have sinful hearts. Allah knows what you do. 284. To Allah belongs everything in the heavens and the earth. Whether you reveal or conceal what is in your heart, He will call you to account for it. He forgives whoever He wills and punishes whoever He wills. Allah is capable of everything. 285. The messenger believes in what has been revealed to him, as do believers. They all believe in Allah, His angels, His Books, His messengers, and they proclaim: "We make no distinction between any of His messengers." And they say: "We hear, and we obey. We seek Your forgiveness O Lord. And to You is our final return." 286. Allah never burdens any with difficulties beyond their capacity. You will be rewarded for what you earn, and you will be punished for your disobedience. Therefore pray: "O Lord, do not place a burden upon us as You placed upon those before us. O Lord, do not place upon us what we cannot bear. Pardon us, forgive us and have mercy on us, for You are our patron and grant victory over the unbeliever."

SURA 3. Al - Imran (family of Imran)

1. Alif, Lam, Meem. (only Allah knows their meaning) 2. Allah! There is no god except You - the ever Living, the Sustainer. 3. He sent this Book down with the truth to confirm what is available of previous revelations, and it was He who sent down the Torah and the Gospel, 4. previously, as a guide for people. He also revealed the standard to distinguish between right and wrong. Surely, those who reject Allah's revelations will be severely punishment. Allah is Almighty, capable of punishment. 5. Nothing on earth or in the heavens is hidden from Allah. 6. He

shapes you in your mother's wombs, as He wills. There is no god except Him - the Almighty, the Wise. 7. He is the One who has bestowed upon you, O Muhammad, from high above, this Book containing Ayat Muhkamat, i.e., verses that are clear, and these verses are the essence of the Book, as well as other verses known as Ayat Mutashabihat, which are ambiguous, and hence have to be interpreted in order to be understood. Those whose hearts are corrupted go after that part of the Book, which has been expressed in allegory, while seeking to misguide and to confuse. It is because of the crookedness in their hearts that they seek to set out the interpretation of the allegorical verses in an arbitrary manner. Since none but Allah knows their meaning, it follows, only Allah can confirm that an interpretation of such verses is correct. 8. They say: "O Lord! Do not let our hearts deviate, after You have guided us. Grant us mercy, for You are the granter of bounties. 9. O Lord! You will certainly gather humanity on that day about which there is no doubt." Verily, Allah does not break His promise. 10. Neither the unbelievers' wealth, nor their children will be of any benefit to them against Allah, for they are the fuel of the Fire. 11. Their fate will be the same as the People of Pharaoh and those before them, who had rejected My signs, so I seized them. Allah is severe in punishment. 12. O Muhammad, tell the unbelievers: "Soon you will be defeated and driven to Hell - an evil resting place. 13. There was a sign in the two armies that met during the battle of Badr: One was fighting for Allah, while the other resisted Allah. The believers saw their enemy, twice their number. Allah reinforces whoever He wills. This is the lesson for those with insight. 14. The enjoyment of worldly gifts - women, children, treasures of gold and silver, fine horses, cattle, and fertile land has been made appealing to humanity. These are the pleasures of this worldly life, but with Allah is the finest destination. 15. Say: "Would you like me to tell you of what is better than all of this? Those conscious of Allah will have gardens, under which rivers flow, where they shall live forever with pure spouses and with Allah's blessing." Allah is observing His servants, 16.

who pray and say: "O Lord! We believe, forgive our sins, and save us from the punishment of the Fire." 17. It is they who are patient, sincere, obedient and charitable, and who pray for forgiveness before dawn. 18. Allah 'Himself' is a witness that there is no god except Him, so are the angels and people of knowledge. He is the maintainer of justice. There is no god except Him, the Almighty, the Wise. 19. Certainly, Allah's only way is submission to Him. Those who were given previous Scripture did not dispute - out of mutual envy, until after knowledge had come to them. Those who deny Allah's signs should know that Allah is swift in retribution. 20. So if they argue with you, O Muhammad, say: "I have submitted to Allah, and so have my followers." And ask those who were given the Scripture and the illiterates: "Have you submitted to Allah?" If they submit, they will be guided, but if they turn away, then your duty is only to deliver My message. Allah is observing His servants. 21. Give news of an agonizing punishment to those who ignore Allah's revelations, and unjustifiably kill prophets, and those who command that justice is done. 22. Their deeds are wasted here and the Hereafter, nor will they receive any help. 23. Can you believe the behaviour of some of those who inherited a portion of the divine Book? Yet when you offer them the entire Book, so they could use for guidance in their lives, they turn away, challenging Allah's wisdom. 24. This because they say: "The Fire will touch us for a few days." All the lies they invented have led them astray in their own religion. 25. But how will it be when I gather them together on the day, about which, there is no doubt - when every soul will be paid in full for what it had done, none will be wronged. 26. Say: "O Allah! Master of the Kingdom! You give authority to whoever You please, and You remove it from whoever You please, you honour whoever You please and You disgrace whoever You please. All good is in Your Hands and You have the power over everything. 27. You cause the night to pass into the day, and You cause the day to pass into the night. You bring forth life from the dead, and You bring forth death for the living, and You provide

for whoever You will without limit.” 28. Believers should never take unbelievers as their guardians instead of other believers. Whoever does this will have nothing to hope for from Allah, unless it be a precaution against their tyranny. Allah warns you about Himself. Allah is the final return for you all. 29. Say: “Whether you conceal or reveal what is in your heart, He knows it. He knows all in the heavens and the earth and He has power over everything.” 30. On the day, when every human being will come face to face with all the good and evil, he had done, many will wish for evil to be far away and for good to be close. Allah reminds you to fear Him, yet Allah is compassionate towards His servants. 31. Say: “If you sincerely love Allah, then follow me, for Allah will love you, and forgive your sins. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving, Merciful.” 32. Say: “Obey Allah and His prophet, and be aware that Allah does not love those who choose to reject Him.” 33. Allah chose Adam and Noah, and the family of Abraham, and the family of Imran above all His creatures. 34. They are descendants of each other. Allah hears everything and is Knowledgeable. 35. Remember when the wife of Imran said: “O my Lord! I dedicate what is in my womb for Your service, accept it from me, for You are the One who hears and knows everything.” 36. When she delivered, she said: “O my Lord! I have given birth to a girl.” Though Allah knew. “I have named her Mary, and I seek Your protection for her and her offspring from Satan - the accursed one.” 37. Her Lord accepted her prayer graciously, and blessed her with a pleasant upbringing. He entrusted her into the care of Zachariah. Whenever Zachariah visited her in the sanctuary, he found her with food. One day he asked: “O Mary! Where does this food come from?” She replied: “It is from Allah. He provides for whoever He wills without limit.” 38. Then and there Zachariah prayed to his Lord, saying: “My Lord! Grant me - by your grace - a righteous child. You are certainly the Hearer of all prayers.” 39. As he stood praying in the chamber, an angel called out to him, saying: “Allah gives you the good news of John, who shall confirm the word of Allah, and shall be noble, and chaste, and a prophet among men.” (he is

known as John, the Baptist) 40. Zachariah exclaimed: "O my Lord! How can I have a son at my age, besides my wife is barren?" The angel said: "It shall be, for Allah does as He wills." 41. Zachariah said: "O my Lord! Grant me a sign." The angel said: "You should not speak to anyone for three days, use gestures, and remember your Lord as often as possible, and glorify Him every morning and evening." 42. Remember, when the angels said: "O Mary! Allah has favoured you, and purified you, and chosen you over all other women of the world. 43. O Mary! Be devout to your Lord, prostrate in your prayers, and bow with those who bow." 44. This is news of the unseen, which I am revealing to you, O Muhammad, nor were you with them when they had to decide who would be her guardian, nor were you there when they argued about it. 45. Remember, when the angels said: "O Mary! Allah gives you news of a word (Jesus was created by the word: be) from Himself, his name will be, the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary. He will be honoured in this world, and the Hereafter, he shall be among those close to Allah. 46. And he will speak to people in his cradle and as an adult - during his second coming and he will be one of the righteous." 47. Mary wondered, then said: "O my Lord! How can I have a child, when no man has touched me?" The angel said: "It shall be. Allah creates what He wills. When Allah decrees a matter, He simply tells it to be, and it is. 48. Allah will teach him the Qur'an and wisdom, and the Torah and the Gospel, 49. and make him a messenger for the Children of Israel. Jesus will say to them: "I have come to you with a sign from your Lord. I will make a bird from clay, and breathe into it, and it will become a living bird - by Allah's will; and I will heal the blind and the leper, and I shall raise the dead - by Allah's will; and I will tell you what you ate and what you store in your homes." There is a sign in this, if you truly believe. (Jesus had angel Gabriel attached to himself as a blessing from Allah to help him with his mission. All his miracles were performed by Gabriel, via Jesus) 50. Jesus further said: "And I will confirm the Torah, which was revealed before my time, and legalize some of what had been forbidden to

you. I have come with a sign from your Lord, so be mindful of Allah and obey me. 51. Allah is my Lord and your Lord, so worship Him. This is the right way.” 52. When Jesus sensed disbelief from them, he said: “Who will stand with me for Allah’s sake?” The disciples replied: “We will stand with you. We believe in Allah, and be our witness that we have submitted to Him.” 53. They prayed: O Lord! We believe in Your revelations and we will follow Your messenger, so count us among those who bear witness to the truth.” 54. The unbelievers schemed against Jesus, so Allah schemed as He is the best of all schemers. 55. Allah said: “O Jesus! I will raise you unto Myself. I will save you from those unbelievers (Western Christians) and elevate your followers (Orthodox Christians) above them until the Day of Judgment. Indeed, you shall all return to Me, for then I shall settle your disputes. (Orthodox Christians are spiritually stronger than Western Christians; and their dominance is evident) 56. As for those who disbelieve, I shall punish them in this life and the Hereafter, nor will they receive any help.” 57. As for those who believe and perform honourable deeds, I shall reward them. I do not like evildoers.” 58. These revelations are being recited to you as a reminder. 59. Indeed, the example of Jesus in the sight of Allah is like that of Adam. He created him from dust, then said to him, “Be!” And there he was. 60. This is the truth from your Lord, so don’t doubt it. (this verse was revealed in the year 10 H on the occasion of a dispute between the prophet and the deputation of the Christians of Najran who like other Christians maintained that Jesus was the son of God, and therefore, God incarnate) 61. Now, whoever argues with you, O Muhammad, about Jesus after knowledge has come to you, say: “Come! Let us gather our children and your children, and our women and your women, and ourselves, and let’s invoke Allah’s curse upon the liars.” 62. This is a true story, and there is no god except Allah. He is Almighty, Wise. 63. If they refuse to accept this proof, then know - Allah is aware of the troublemakers. 64. Say: “O People of the Book! Let us agree upon what is common between us; We shall worship none but Allah. We shall associate none

with Allah. We shall not take one another as lords instead of Allah.” If they turn away from this, then say: “Be our witness that we have submitted to Allah.” 65. Say: “O People of the Book! Why do you argue about Abraham, the Torah and the Gospel were not revealed until long after him? Why do you not understand? 66. Here you are - arguing over what little knowledge you possess. Why do you now argue about what you have no knowledge of? Allah knows, you do not. 67. Abraham was neither a Jew nor a Christian, but he had submitted to Allah, nor was he an idolater. 68. Those who have the best claim to Abraham are his followers and this prophet and the believers. Allah is the guardian of believers. 69. Some of the People of the Book wish to mislead you believers. They mislead none but themselves, yet they fail to perceive it. 70. Say: “O People of the Book, why do you deny Allah’s revelations, when you know they are true?” 71. O People of the Book! Why do you mix the truth with falsehood and hide the truth knowingly?” 72. Some among the People of the Book say to others: “Believe in what has been revealed to the Muslims in the morning, but reject them in the evening, so they may abandon their faith. 73. And only believe those who follow your religion.” Say: True guidance is Allah’s guidance.” 74. They also said: “Never believe that Muslims could receive knowledge similar to your Christian knowledge, lest they contend against you before your Lord.” Say: “Indeed, all bounty is in the Hands of Allah. He grants it to whoever He wills. Indeed, Allah is ever-Bountiful, all-Knowing.” 75. He chooses whoever He wills to receive His mercy. Indeed, Allah is the Lord of infinite bounty. 76. There are some among the People of the Book who, if entrusted with a stack of gold, will readily return it. Yet there are others who, if entrusted with a single coin, will not repay it unless you constantly demand it. This is because they say: “We are not accountable for exploiting the gentiles.” And so, they attribute lies to Allah knowingly. 77. Absolutely! Allah loves those who honour their trusts and shun evil. And He loves those who are conscious of Him. 78. Those who trade His covenant and their

oaths for material gains will have no share in the Hereafter. Allah will neither speak to them, nor look at them, nor purify them on Judgment Day. They will suffer a painful punishment. 78. And there are others among them, who distort His Book to make you think that the distortion is from the Book. They say: "It is from Allah." Though it is not they attribute lies to Allah deliberately. 79. It is not appropriate for someone like Jesus, who had been blessed with the Book and wisdom and prophethood, to say: "Worship me, instead of Allah." Rather he would say: "Devote your worship to Allah alone." This statement is in accordance with what My messengers' read in My Books, and it is what Allah taught them. 80. Nor would Jesus command you to take angels and prophets, as your lords. Would he ask you to disbelieve, after you had submitted? 81. Remember, Allah gathered all His prophets together and said: "I will give you wisdom and Scriptures, then I will send a prophet (Muhammad) of Mine (explained in Luke 22 - Matthew 24 - Malachi 1), who will confirm your Scriptures and complete your teachings. Do you affirm this agreement, and accept this commitment?" They said: "Yes, we do." Allah said: "Then bear witness, and I too am a witness." 82. Those who turn away from this agreement are disobedient." 83. Are they looking for faith in something other than Allah, while all in heavens and the earth submit to Him willingly or unwillingly? Unto Him, all must return. 84. Say: "We believe in Allah and what has been revealed to us and what was revealed to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob and his descendants; and what was given to Moses, Jesus, and other prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and to Him we fully submit." 85. Whoever looks for a way of life other than submission to Allah, it will never be accepted, for he will end up being a loser in the Hereafter. 86. Why would Allah guide those who deny the truth after belief, and after acknowledging that the messenger is true, and after they saw proof? Allah does not guide evildoers. 87. Their reward is that they will be condemned by Allah, the angels, and humanity. 88. They will be in Hell forever, neither will

their suffering be lightened, nor will they be granted respite. 89. As for those who repent and mend their conduct, for them, Allah will be Forgiving, Merciful. 90. As for those who reject faith after belief, then plunge deeper into disbelief, their repentance will not be accepted, for they have gone too far. 91. If an unbeliever dies as an unbeliever, and then offered a ransom of enough gold to fill the whole world, it would not be accepted. It is they who will suffer a painful punishment, nor will they receive any help. 92. You will never achieve righteous conduct until you donate some of what you cherish. What you give is certainly known to Allah. 93. All food was lawful for the Children of Israel, except for what Israel (Jacob) made unlawful for himself before the Torah was revealed. Say: "If what you say is true, then bring the Torah and read it to me." 94. Those who make up lies and attribute them to Allah are wrongdoers. 95. Say: "Allah has declared the truth, so follow the way of Abraham, for he was upright and not of the polytheists." 96. The first house of worship established for humanity is the one in Mecca: a blessed sanctuary, a guide for humanity. 97. In it are clear signs and the standing-place of Abraham. Whoever enters it should be safe. Pilgrimage to the Ka'abah is an obligation upon all who can afford the trip. The one who disobeys this command should know that Allah is self-sufficient and not in need of anyone's obedience, for disobedience reflects one's own loss. 98. Say: "O People of the Book! Why do you reject His revelations when He witnesses your conduct?" 99. Say: "O People of the Book! Why do you hinder believers from His path and why do you strive to make it appear crooked, while you are witness to its truth? Allah is aware of your conduct." 100. O you who believe, if you obey some of those who received My Book, they will turn you away from faith. 101. How could you disbelieve when Allah's revelations are recited to you, while His messenger is in your midst? Those who hold on to Allah are surely guided. 102. O you who believe, fear Allah, as He ought to be feared, and do not die except in a state of submission. 103. Hold on to the rope of Allah, nor divide yourselves into sects. And remember His favour

when you were enemies. He united your hearts and you became brothers. You were on the brink of the fire, but He saved you. This is how Allah makes His revelations clear, so you may be guided. 104. Let there be a group among you who invites people to do good, and enjoin what is right, and forbid evil, for they will indeed be successful. 105. And do not be like those who split into sects and differ, after receiving proof. It is they who will suffer a terrible punishment. 106. On Judgement Day some faces will be bright, while others gloomy. To the gloomy-faced people, it will be said: "Did you disbelieve after having believed? Now taste the punishment for your disbelief." 107. Those with radiant faces will be under Allah's mercy, where they shall remain forever. 108. These are Allah's revelations. I recite them with the truth. Allah wishes no injustice for His creatures. 109. To Allah belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. To Allah all matters returned for judgment. 110. O nation of Islam, you are the best nation ever raised for humanity, for you encourage good and you forbid evil, and you believe in Allah. Had the People of the Book believed, it would have been better for them. Some are faithful, but most of them are rebellious. 111. They will not harm you, apart from insulting you. However, if they did fight you, they would flee, nor will they be helped. 112. They will be stricken with disgrace wherever they go, unless they are protected by a covenant with Allah, or a treaty with the people. They have invited the displeasure of Allah and have been branded with misery for rejecting His revelations and for murdering Allah's prophets. This is a fair reward for their disobedience and violations. 113. Yet they are not all alike: there are some among the People of the Book who are upright, for they recite Allah's revelations throughout the night, and they prostrate in their prayer. 114. They believe in Allah and the last day, and they encourage good and forbid evil, and they rush to do good. They are truly among the righteous. 115. They will not be denied a reward. Allah knows those who are mindful of Him. 116. Wealth nor children will benefit those who do not believe in Allah, for they will be residents

of the Fire, where they shall be forever. 117. The good they do in this world is like the harvest of an evil man who is struck by a bitter wind, destroying it completely. Allah does not wrong people, people wrong themselves. 118. Believers do not be close friends to outsiders who spare no effort to ruin you and want to see you suffer. Their hatred is apparent in what they say, and what their hearts hide is even worse. We have made Our revelations clear for you, if you would only use your reason. 119. Here you are loving them, but they do not love you. You believe in the entire Book (the Psalms, the Torah, the Gospel and the Qur'an), and when they meet you, they say: "We believe." When they depart, they bite their fingers in rage against you. Say: "Perish in your rage, for Allah knows what is in your hearts." 120. When you, believers, are blessed with good fortune, it grieves them, but when you are afflicted with evil, they rejoice. If you are patient and mindful of Allah, their schemes will not harm you in the least. Allah is aware of what you do. 121. O Muhammad, remember when you left to position the believers in the battlefield, Allah was Alert, Aware. 122. Remember when two groups among you lost heart, then Allah reassured them. O believers put your trust in Allah. 123. Also, remember during the battle of Badr, when you were vastly outnumbered, Allah made you victorious. 124. And remember when you said to the believers: "Is it not enough that Allah will help us with three thousand angels?" 125. Most certainly, if you believers are firm and conscious of Him and the enemy launches a sudden attack upon you - Allah will reinforce you with five thousand angels - specially, designated for battle. 126. Allah ordained this reinforcement, as good news for you, also to reassure your hearts. Victory is from Allah, the Almighty, the Wise. 127. He did this to destroy the unbelievers and humble the rest, and cause them to withdraw in disappointment. 128. You have no say in the matter, O Muhammad, for it is up to Allah, whether to turn to them with His mercy, or punish them, for they are evil. 129. To Allah belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth. He forgives whomever He wills, and He punishes whomever He

wills. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 130. O believers! Do not consume interest, multiplying it many times over. Be mindful of Allah, so you may prosper. 131. And guard yourselves against the Fire, which has been prepared for those who do disbelieve. 132. Obey Allah and His messenger, so you may be shown mercy. 133. Rush to earn His forgiveness and for Paradise, which is as vast as the heavens and the earth, for it has been prepared for those conscious of Him. 134. Those who donate during prosperity and adversity, and who control anger and forgive. Verily, Allah loves those who are kind. 135. They are the ones, who upon committing an evil deed or wronging themselves, remember Allah and seek His forgiveness, nor do they persist in sin. Apart from Allah who else can forgive your sins. 136. Their reward is forgiveness and gardens under which rivers flow, and they shall be there forever. What an excellent reward for those who do good. 137. Historical events are guided by Allah's law, which happens throughout the ages, so travel and see the fate of those who denied the truth previously. 138. This is a lesson for humanity and a reminder for those who are righteous in conduct. 139. Do not lose heart nor despair, if you are believers, for you have the upper hand. 140. If you suffered injuries during the battle of Uhud, then know they too suffered during the battle of Badr. I alternate days of victory and defeat to distinguish those who are true in faith, and so, I could choose martyrs. Allah does not like evildoers. 141. And for Him to purify those who believe and eliminate the ungrateful. 142. Or, did you think - you would enter Paradise without Him knowing those who strive and are patient? 143. O companions of the prophet, you were hoping for martyrdom before encountering it. Now you have seen it. 144. Muhammad is no more than a messenger, and many messengers appeared and died before him. If he were to die, or to be killed, would you desert your faith? Those who revert from faith will not hurt Allah in the least. Allah rewards only those who are grateful. 145. No one dies without Allah's permission, for it is pre-determined and pre-written in His Book. Those who ask for rewards in this world

will get them, and those who ask for rewards for the Hereafter will be blessed with them, for I do reward those who are grateful. 146. How many devotees fought alongside their prophets; never faltering, despite suffering losses, nor did they weaken, or give up. Allah loves those who are patient. 147. All they said was: "O Lord! Forgive our sins and offences and make our steps firm and grant us victory over the unbelievers." 148. Allah rewarded them in this world and a great reward awaits them in the Hereafter. Allah loves those who do well. 149. O believers! If you yield to the unbelievers, they will drag you back to disbelief, for then you will become losers. 150. Allah is your protector and He is the best one to help. 151. Soon I shall cast terror in the hearts of those who reject the truth, and for elevating others to My level. I never commanded such behaviour. Their destiny is Hell. What a miserable home for the unjust. 152. And remember, Allah did fulfil His promise when you initially were about to destroy the enemy during the battle of Uhud, but then you lost courage and weakened and you disputed over the command, and behold, you disobeyed (they were commanded not leave their position) after Allah had brought victory within reach. Some of you were after worldly gains, while others desired a heavenly reward. Allah denied you victory, as a test, but He has forgiven you. Allah is ever gracious to those who believe. 153. Remember when you panicked and ran. You did not even look back, yet the messenger' was calling you, and as a consequence, Allah gave you one sorrow after another. Do not grieve over what you lost, nor over the injuries you suffered, for Allah is fully aware of your conduct. 154. Then, after distress, He sent down serenity in the form of drowsiness, overcoming some of you, while others were disturbed by evil thoughts about Allah - thoughts of pre-Islamic ignorance. They ask: "Do we have a say in the matter?" Say: "All matters are destined by Allah." They conceal in their hearts what they dare not reveal to you. They say to themselves: "If we had any say in the matter, none of us would have died here." Say: "Even if you remained in your homes, those among you who were destined

to be killed would have met their fate.” Through this, Allah tests what is within you and purifies your hearts. Indeed, Allah knows best what is hidden in the heart. 155. As for those of you who ran away on the day the two groups met - **during the battle of Uhud**, Satan caused them to deviate, because of their sins. However, Allah has forgiven them. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving, Lenient. 156. O believers! Do not be like the unfaithful who say about their brothers who travel throughout the land for Allah’s sake or are engaged in a battle: “If they had stayed with us, they would not have died or been killed.” Allah makes such thinking a regret. It is Allah who gives life and causes death. Indeed, Allah sees what you do. 157. Should you be martyred, or die for His sake, then His forgiveness and mercy are better than all the wealth you may amass and leave behind. 158. Whether you die, or are martyred - you all will be gathered before Him. 159. It is a blessing that you, O Muhammad, are a gentleman, for if you were a harsh, your followers would have abandoned you, so forgive their shortcomings and consult with them in state affairs. When you all come to a decision, stick with it, and put your trust in Allah, for Allah loves those who trust Him. 160. If Allah helps you, none can defeat you, but if He rejects you, who could help you? O believers, put your trust in Allah. 161. It is not appropriate for My prophet to withhold war booty. Whoever does this, it will be held against him on Judgment Day. Every soul shall receive its reward on Judgment Day. None will be wronged. 162. Are those who seek His pleasure like those who deserve His wrath? Hell is their home – their evil destination. 163. Both of them have varying degrees in Allah’s sight and Allah sees what they do. 164. Indeed, Allah has done the believers a great favour by raising a messenger from among them - reciting to them His revelations, and purifying them, and teaching them the Book and wisdom, for indeed they had previously been misguided. 165. Why when you suffered casualties during the battle of Uhud, though you had made your enemy suffer twice as much during the battle of Badr, you protested, saying: “How could this be?” Say: “This happened because of your disobedience.”

Verily, Allah is capable of everything. 166. What happened to you was by the will of Allah as a test for the believers. 167. And so He could expose the hypocrites. When it was said to them: "Come fight for Allah's sake, or at least, defend yourselves," they said: "If we had known there would be fighting, we would have definitely gone with you." They were close to disbelief for saying what was not in their hearts. He knew what they were hiding. 168. Those who sat at home, saying about their brothers: "Had they listened to us, they would not have been killed." Say: "Avert death from yourselves, if what you say is true." 169. Never think of those martyred in the cause of Allah as dead. In fact, they are alive with their Lord, well provided for. 170. They rejoice in His bounties and are excited for those, yet to join them. They have no fears, nor do they worry. 171. They rejoice in Allah's bounty and favour; Allah will never waste the reward of a believer. 172. As to those who responded to the call of Allah and His prophet and showed courage, in spite of their wounds, and continue to be righteous, and respect their Lord, there is a great reward for them in reserve. 173. Who, when men said to them: "The Meccans have gathered an army against you, so fear them." It increased their faith, and they said: "Allah is sufficient for us, for He is an excellent protector." 174. So, they returned with Allah's blessings, nor did they suffer any harm. They had followed Allah's pleasure. Indeed, Allah is the Lord of infinite bounty. 175. It is Satan who urges you to fear his followers; do not fear them, but fear Me, if you are true believers. 176. Do not let those who rush to unbelief grieve you, they cannot harm Allah. It is Allah's desire not to give them a share in the Hereafter, and a terrible punishment awaits them. 177. Those who trade belief for disbelief will never harm Allah. They will suffer a painful punishment. 178. Those who disbelieve should not think that living long is good for them. They are only given more time to increase in sin, and they will suffer a humiliating punishment. 179. Allah will not take you to a higher level until you go through tests and trials, and the pure are separated from the evildoers. Allah will not reveal the secrets of the

unseen world, except to messengers' He decides to give such knowledge. If you believe in Allah and His prophet, then do good deeds and avoid all evil, for then you shall receive a great reward. 180. And do not let those who withhold Allah's bounty think it is good for them, in fact, it is bad. They will be leashed by their neck on the Day of Judgment with the wealth they withheld. Allah is the sole inheritor of the heavens and the earth. And Allah is aware of what you do. 181. Allah heard those individuals among the Jews who said: "Allah is poor, we are rich." We have certainly recorded their slurs and their killing prophets. We will say: "Taste the torment of burning. 182. This is the reward for what you did." Allah is never unjust to His servants. 183. Those are the same people who said: "Allah has commanded us not to believe in any messenger' until he brings an offering that fire consumes." Say: "Other prophets came to you before me with proof, even that, which you demand of me. Why then did you kill them, if you were men of truth?" (Mosaic Law prescribes burnt offerings as an essential part of divine service though this aspect of the law had been suspended since the destruction of the second Temple in Jerusalem. The Jews of post-Talmudic times were convinced that the Messiah promise to them would restore the Mosaic rituals in their entirety, so they refused to accept as a prophet anyone who did not conform to their law) 184. O prophet, if they reject you, do not grieve, for messengers before your time were also rejected, even though they went with My signs, and the Psalms and the Torah and the Gospel. 185. Every soul will experience death, and you shall receive your rewards in full on the Day of Judgement. Whoever is spared from the Fire and admitted into Paradise will have surely triumphed. What is this life? It is nothing but a delusion of enjoyment. 186. You will be put to test with your wealth and lives and you will certainly hear many hurtful words from those (Jews and Christians) who were given previous Books, and from the idolaters, but if you endure with patience and remain conscious of Allah - it will prove the strength of your determination. 187. Remember, Allah

took a covenant from the followers of previous Scriptures (Jews and Christians) that they should not hide the truth and that they should spread its teachings (Deuteronomy 4:2 - 6:7-9). Unfortunately, they broke their promise (up to the point that years after Moses, they did not know there was a book known as the Torah - see II Kings, 22: 8 -13), and they traded their faith for materialistic gains. What a miserable exchange they made. 188. Do not let those who rejoice in their misdeeds and love to take credit for what they have not done think they will escape torment. They will suffer a painful punishment. 189. To Allah belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. Indeed, Allah is capable of anything. 190. In the creation of the heavens and the earth, and in the alternation of day and night, there are signs for those who use reason. 191. They are those who remember Allah while standing, or sitting, or lying on their sides, and ponder over His creation of the heavens and earth, saying: "O Lord, You have not created all this without a purpose. Exalted are You in your glory. Protect us from the punishment of Hell. 192. O Lord! Indeed, those You sentence to the Fire will be disgraced." The evildoers will receive no help. 193. O Lord, We have heard the one calling us to faith, proclaiming: "Believe in your Lord." And so, we believe. O Lord, forgive our offences and remove our evil deeds, and gather us upon death with those who are virtuous. 194. O Lord! Grant us what You promised us through Your messengers, and do not embarrass us on the Day of Judgment, for You never break Your promise." 195. Their Lord accepted their prayer, saying: "I will never deny any of you, be male or female, the reward of your deeds, both sexes are equal in reward. Those who migrated or were expelled, and were persecuted for My sake, and fought while, some were martyred. I will certainly forgive their sins and admit them into gardens, under which rivers flow. A reward from Me, for I possess the best gifts. 196. Do not be deceived by the prosperity of those who deny the truth, 197. for their enjoyment is brief. Indeed, Hell will be their home. What an evil resting place. 198. Those who are conscious of their Lord will be in

gardens, under which rivers flow, where they shall stay forever.” A gift from Allah. What Allah possesses is best for the virtuous. 199. There are some, among the People of the Book, who believe in Allah and what has been revealed to you, O Muhammad, and what was revealed to them. They humble before Allah - never trading Allah’s revelations for worldly gains. Their reward is with Allah, but Allah is swift in reckoning. 200. O believers! Patiently endure, persevere, stand on guard, and be mindful of Allah, so you may be successful.

SURA 4. An - Nisaa’ (woman)

1. O humanity! Be mindful of your Lord who created you from a single soul (Adam), and from that souls He created its mate (Eve), and through them, He spread countless men and women. Be conscious of Allah in whose name you appeal to one another; and honour family ties. Allah is ever observing His servants. (when Allah inserted a soul into Adam, he sneezed and said, Alhamdulillah’. As it travelled down to his hands, Adam tried to get up before it reached his feet. Allah said: “Man is so impatient.”) 2. Give orphans their wealth when they reach maturity and do not exchange your worthless possessions for their valuable’s ones, nor cheat by mixing their wealth with yours, for this would be a sin. 3. If you fear you may fail to give orphan women their due rights if you were to marry them, then marry other women of your choice - two, three, or four, but if you are afraid of maintaining justice, then content yourselves with one wife, or those bondwomen in your possession. This way you are less likely to commit injustice. (bondwomen are slaves that a man owned either through purchase or by taking them captive during wars. A common ancient practice. Islam diminished slavery by making it an act of charity to free slaves). 4. Give women you wed their due dowry, but if they waive some of it willingly, then enjoy it. 5. Do not entrust the incapable amongst your dependants with your wealth, which

Allah has made a means of support for you, but feed and clothe them from it, and speak kindly to them. 6. Test the orphans until they reach the age of marriage. If you find them to be of sound judgment, then release their property, nor rush to consume it, fearing they may grow up and demand it. If the guardian of the orphan is rich, then he should abstain from using it upon himself, but if the guardian is poor, he may have a just and reasonable amount. When you turn their assets over, make sure you have a witness during the transfer. Though Allah is enough to take account. 7. For men there is a share in what their parents and close relatives leave; and for women there is a share in what their parents and close relatives leave. These are obligatory shares. 8. If relatives, orphans or the poor, are present during the time of distribution, offer them a small provision from it, but do speak to them kindly. 9. Let the guardians be as concerned for the orphans, as they would be, if they were to die, and leave their own children behind. Pay attention to Allah and uphold justice. 10. Indeed, those who unjustly consume orphans' wealth, in fact, consume nothing, but fire in their bellies, and they will burn in a blazing Fire. 11. Allah commands you regarding children: the share of the male will be twice that of a female. If you leave two or more females, their share is two-thirds of the estate, but if there is only one female, her share will be one-half. Each parent is entitled to one-sixth, if you leave offspring, but if you are childless, and your parents are the only heirs, then your mother will receive one-third, but if you leave siblings, then your mother will receive one-sixth, after the fulfilment of bequests and debts. Be fair to your parents and children, as you do not know who may be more beneficial to you. This is an obligation from Allah. Verily, Allah is Knowledgeable, Wise. 12. You will inherit half, of what your wives leave, if they are childless, but if they have children, then your share is one-fourth of the estate, after the fulfilment of bequests and debts. Your wives will inherit one-fourth of what you leave, if you are childless, but if you have children, then your wives will receive one-eighth of your estate, after the

fulfilment of bequests and debts. If a man or a woman leaves, neither parents, nor children, but only a brother, or a sister from their mother's side, they will each inherit one-sixth, but if there are more than one, then they will all share one-third of the estate, after the fulfilment of bequests and debts. Do not harm the heirs. This is a command from Allah and Allah is Knowledgeable, Forbearing.¹³ These are His limits. Those who obey Allah and His messenger will be admitted into gardens, under which rivers flow. They shall live there forever. That is the ultimate triumph, ¹⁴. But those who disobey Allah and His messenger and transgress His limits - Allah will admit them to the Fire, where they shall live forever. They will suffer a humiliating punishment. ¹⁵. Should any of your women commit sexual offences, summon four witnesses. If they testify, confine the offenders to their homes until they die, or until Allah shows them another way out. ¹⁶. Discipline both who commit this sin, however, if they repent and mend their conduct, then relieve them, for Allah is the accepter of Repentance, the Compassionate. ¹⁷. Repentance is for those who commit sin out of ignorance and thereafter repent. They will be forgiven by Allah. Indeed, Allah is Knowledgeable, Wise. ¹⁸. However, repentance is not accepted from those who deliberately persist in sin until death arrives, and then they cry out, saying: "Now I repent." Nor those who die as unbelievers, for them I have prepared a painful punishment. ¹⁹. O believers! It is not permissible for you to inherit women against their will, nor mistreat them, in order to make them return some of the dowry as a ransom for a divorce, unless they are found guilty of adultery. Treat them kindly. If you happen to dislike them, then know - you may dislike something, which Allah may turn into a great blessing. ²⁰. And if you wish to replace your wife, and you had given your former wife a stack of gold in dowry, do not take it back, for then you would be taking it unjustly, and sinfully. ²¹. How could you take it back, after having enjoyed each other intimately, and she had taken a firm commitment from you? ²². Do not marry your father's former wives, except for what was done in the past. It was indeed a

shameful, despicable, evil practice. 23. Also forbidden to you for marriage are your mothers, your daughters, your sisters, your paternal and maternal aunts, your brother's daughters, your sister's daughters, your foster-mothers, your foster-sisters, your mother-in-law, your stepdaughter under your guardianship, if you had consummated your marriage with their mother, but if you did not, then you are free to marry her, nor the wives of your own sons, nor two sisters at the same time, except for what was done in the past. Indeed, Allah is ever Forgiving, ever Merciful. 24. Also forbidden are married women, except female captives in your possession. These are Allah's commands. Lawful for you, are all beyond these, as long as you seek them with your wealth, and in a legal marriage, not in fornication. Give those you have consummated marriage with their due dowries. It is permissible to be mutually gracious regarding dowry. Verily, Allah is Knowledgeable, Wise. 25. If you do not have the means to marry free believing women, then marry a believer from those whom your right hand held in a trust. Allah knows the state of your faith. You are part of the same human family. Marry them with their guardian's consent, and give them their bridal-gifts. Make them married women, not adulterous fornicators, nor lovers. If they commit adultery when they are married, their punishment should be half of that of a free woman. This is for those who fear falling into sin, but if you show patience, it will be better for you, for indeed, Allah is ever Forgiving, ever Merciful. 26. It is Allah's desire to make things clear and to guide you to the noble ways of those before you and turn to you with mercy. Verily, Allah is Knowledgeable, the Wise. 27. Allah wishes to turn to you, but those who follow lust want you to go astray. 28. Allah wants to lighten your burden, for mankind was created weak. 29. O believers, do not devour each other's wealth illegally, rather, trade with mutual consent, nor kill each other or yourselves. Surely, Allah is ever Merciful to you. 30. Whoever does this in enmity and injustice, I shall cause him to burn in a Fire. That is easy for Allah. 31. If you avoid major sins, I shall forgive your minor sins and admit you into

a place of honour. 32. And do not crave for what I have given some. Men will be rewarded according to their deeds and women will be rewarded according to their deeds. You should ask Allah for His bounty. Verily, Allah is Knowledgeable. 33. I have appointed heirs for everything parents and close relatives leave behind, including those to whom you had pledged your hand in marriage, so give them their share. Indeed, Allah witnesses everything. (this pledge was a common practice before Islam between friends and allies, they took oaths to inherit from each other. This practice came to an end with the revelation of surah 8 verse 75) 34. Men are caretakers of women, as men have been provisioned by Allah over women and tasked with supporting them financially. And righteous women are devoutly obedient and, when alone, protective of what Allah has entrusted them with. And if you sense ill-conduct from your women, advise them first, if they persist, do not share their bed, but if they still persist, then discipline them gently, but if they change their conduct, then do not be unjust to them. Indeed, Allah is Most High, the Greatest. 35. If you anticipate a split between them, appoint a mediator from his family, and another from hers. If they desire a reconciliation, Allah will restore harmony between them, for Allah is Knowledgeable, Aware. 36. Worship Allah and associate none with Him, and be kind to your parents, relatives, orphans, the poor, near and distant neighbours, close friends, travellers and those captives in your possession. Remember, Allah does not like arrogant, boastful people, 37. who are greedy and enjoin greed upon others, and they hide the wealth Allah had bestowed on them. I have prepared a humiliating punishment for those who reject the truth. 38. Likewise, Allah does not like those who spend their wealth to show off, neither believing in Allah, nor the last day, and who take Satan as their companion. What an evil companion. 39. What harm would have come to them - if they had believed in Allah and the last day and donated from what Allah had given them? Indeed, Allah is Knowledgeable. 40. Indeed, Allah never wrongs anyone - even by an atom's

weight. If it is a good deed, He multiplies it many times over, and He grants from Himself a great reward. 41. What will they do when I bring forward a witness from every nation and then I bring you, O Muhammad, as a witness against these people? 42. On that day those who disbelieved and defied the messenger will wish they were reduced to dust. They can never hide anything from Allah. 43. O believers, do not approach prayers when you are drunk, until you are aware of what you say, nor in a state of impurity until you bathed, but if you are ill or on a journey, or you have relieved yourselves, or have been intimate with your wives, and cannot find water, then you may perform Tayammum. Touch clean soil and wipe your face and hands with it. Surely, Allah understands. Indeed, your Lord is Forgiving and pardons your shortcomings. 44. Have you ever noticed how those who received a portion of their Lord's Book, but they traded it in for misguidance and they wish to see you deviate from His path. 45. Allah knows your enemy and He is sufficient as a guardian, and Allah is sufficient as your supporter. 46. Some Jews take words out of context and say: "We hear, but we will not obey." They play with words and discredit faith. Had they said: "We hear, and we will obey." It would have been better for them and more appropriate. Allah has condemned them for their disbelief, so they do not believe, except for a few. 47. O you, Jews and Christians, believe in what I have now revealed (*the Qur'an*). It confirms the Torah and the Gospel before I obliterate your face and turn it backward, or I may lay My curse upon you as I did to the sabbath-breakers (*Western Christians*). Allah always executes His commands. 48. Allah will never forgive those who associate others with Him, but He will forgive anything less, if it be His will. Those who associate others with Allah have committed the most horrendous of sins. 49. Have you seen those who elevate themselves? It is Allah who elevates whoever He wills. None will be wronged, not even by the width of a thread on a date stone. (*the Christians by their elevation of Jesus to the status of a manifestation of Allah in human form and their open worship of a hierarchy of saints; and the Jews*

by their attribution of law-giving powers to the Talmudic scholars whose legal verdicts are supposed to override any ordinance of the Scripture. It goes without saying that this condemnation also applies to Muslims who have fallen into the sin of worshipping saints) 50. See how they attribute lies to Allah. This alone is a blatant sin. 51. And have you seen those who were given a portion of the Book, yet they believed in idols, and they reassure the unbelievers, saying they were better guided than the believers. 52. They have been cursed by Allah. Those cursed by Allah will receive no help. 53. Or do they share His kingdom? If they did, they would not give even a speck to anyone. 54. Why are they so jealous that Allah has showered Muhammad and his followers with His blessings? Did Allah not bless the descendants of Abraham with Books, wisdom and a great kingdom (i.e. David and Solomon). 55. Some do believe, but others turn away. There will be enough flames in Hell for them all. 56. I will toss the unbelievers in Hell and when their skin is burnt completely, I shall replace it, so they constantly taste My punishment. Indeed, Allah is Mighty, Wise. 57. Those who believe and do good will be in gardens, under which rivers flow. They shall abide therein forever. And they shall have pure spouses and cool shades. 58. Allah commands you to return trusts to their rightful owners. And when you judge - judge with fairness. What a noble command. Indeed, Allah hears and sees all. 59. O you who have chosen to believe, obey Allah and His prophet and your righteous leaders. If there is any disagreement, turn to Allah (the Qur'an, a source of reference) and His prophet, for they are the best for those who believe in Allah and the last day. 60. Have you noticed how those hypocrites, who pretend they believe in what is revealed to you, O Muhammad, as well as what was previously revealed, yet they refer to other evil sources, such as man-made laws, to settle their disputes? They do this, in spite of being ordered to follow Allah's laws. Satan desires to mislead them. 61. And when it is said to them: "Return to Allah's laws, and to the messenger for his judgment." They turn away in disgust. 62. How will it be if a

disaster strikes them because of what their hands have done, then they come to you, O Muhammad, swearing by Allah, saying: "We intended nothing, but good and reconciliation." 63. Allah knows what is in their heart, so turn away from them, but warn them and give them advice that will shake their very souls. 64. I only sent messengers to be obeyed by Allah's will. If only those, hypocrites came to you, O Muhammad, after wronging themselves - seeking Allah's forgiveness and the messenger prayed for their forgiveness, they would have certainly found Allah ever Accepting of Repentance, Most Merciful. 65. By your Lord! They will never be true believers, until they accept you as their judge and find no resistance within themselves against your decision and they submit wholeheartedly. 66. If I had commanded them to sacrifice themselves or abandon their homes, none would have obeyed, except for a few. Had they done what they were asked, it would have been better for them, and more reassuring, 67. and I would have given them a great reward from Myself, 68. and guided them unto the right path. 69. Whoever obeys Allah and His messenger will be in the company of those blessed by Allah; the prophets, people of truth, the martyrs and the righteous. Excellent companions, indeed. 70. This is Allah's favour, and He knows who deserves it. 71. O believers, take precautions and go ahead, either in groups or together. 72. Some will lag in case you face danger, for then they will say: "Allah had blessed us for not being among them." 73. Yet if you return with bounty, they are sure to say, as if there had been no bond between you: "Wish we there to share some of the gains." 74. Let those who are happy to sacrifice this life for the Hereafter fight for His cause. Whoever fights for Allah, whether they achieve martyrdom or victory - I will honour them with a great reward. 75. How could you not fight for the cause of Allah, for those helpless old men, women and children, who say: Save us, Lord, from this city of oppressors, grant us a protector out of Your grace and grant us a supporter out of Your grace?" 76. Believers fight for Allah, while the unbelievers fight for Satan. So, fight his forces. Satan's schemes

are weak. 77. Remember, in the past you were not allowed to fight and were ordered just to worship Allah and engage in charitable deeds, but as soon as permission was granted to you to defend yourselves, some of you feared mankind more than Allah and complained, saying: "Why have You put this burden upon us? Could you not give us a break?" Say: "This world is short lived when compared to the Hereafter. Besides, Allah will never treat the righteous with the least injustice. 78. Know that wherever you are, even if you were in a fortified castle, you will die when your time expires. It is funny how the hypocrites thank Allah for good fortune, yet they blame His prophet for misfortune. They should know everything is from Allah. What is wrong with these people, why don't they understand? 79. O humanity, all blessings are from Him, but evil that befalls you is a result of your misconduct. I sent you, O Muhammad, as a messenger to humanity and I am sufficient as a witness. 80. Whoever obeys the prophet obeys Me, for he carries My orders. As for those who disobey you, O Muhammad, do not worry about them. You are not responsible for their deeds. 81. They say: "We obey," but when they leave your presence, some of them plot against you. Allah records their plots, so ignore them, and place your trust in Allah, for no one is worthy of trust as Allah. 82. Will they not, then, think, ponder and reflect over this Qur'an? Had it been from any other than Allah, they would have found many contradictions in it. 83. When they hear news of public safety or of fear, they publicize it. Had they referred it to the messenger or the proper authorities, it would have been validated. Was it not for the grace and mercy of Allah, all but a few of you would have fallen into the clutches of Satan? 84. Fight for His religion, O Muhammad. You are accountable for none but yourself. Encourage the believers to fight, perhaps Allah will restrain the unbelievers. Allah is superior in might, but severe in punishment. 85. Whoever intercedes for a good cause will receive a share in it, and whoever intercedes for an evil cause shall share its burden. And Allah controls everything. 86. When you receive a greeting, respond

with an even better greeting, or at least respond with the same greeting. Indeed, Allah keeps account of everything. 87. Allah! There is no god except Him. He will certainly gather all on the Day of Judgment. There is no doubt. Who could be more truthful to his word than Allah? 88. Why have you divided into two groups over the hypocrites? Allah has rejected them for their disbelief. You cannot guide those whom Allah has left to stray? If Allah allows anyone to stray, you can never find a way for him. 89. They want you to disbelieve as they do, so you become alike. Do not take them as your allies, unless they emigrate for His sake, but if they turn away, then seize them, and kill them wherever you find them, never take them as your allies, nor as helpers, 90. except those who are allies of a people with whom you are bound in a treaty, or those who wholeheartedly oppose fighting either you or their own people. If Allah had so willed, He could have empowered them to fight you. If they refrain from fighting and offer peace, then Allah does not permit you to harm them. 91. You will find others who want to gain your confidence, as well from their people, yet they cannot resist the temptation of disbelief, nor hostility. If they do not stay away from you, or offer you peace, or refrain from attacking you, then seize them and kill them wherever you find them. I give you full permission over such people. 92. It is not lawful for a believer to kill another believer, unless it is done by mistake. Whoever kills a believer unintentionally should free a believing slave and pay blood-money to the victim's family, unless they waive it as charity. If the victim is a believer from a hostile nation, then a believing slave must be freed. If the victim is from people bound to you in a treaty, then blood-money must be paid to the family along with freeing a believing slave. Those who are unable to do this should fast for two consecutive months as a means of repentance. Indeed, Allah is Knowledgeable, Wise. 93. Those who kill believers intentionally will be in Hell forever. Allah will be displeased with them and reject them, and will prepare for them a tremendous punishment. 94. O believers! When you struggle for Allah, be sure of who you

fight, nor say to those who offer you greetings of peace: "You are not a believer."
- seeking worldly gains. Allah has plenty gains. You were initially like them, but then Allah blessed you with submission, so be sure, and remember Allah is aware of what you do. 95. Those who remain home, except those with valid excuses are not equal to those who strive for His sake. Allah has elevated them above those who remained at home without a valid excuse. Allah has promised everyone a great reward, but those who strive will receive a far greater reward, than others. 96. High ranks conferred by Him, as well as forgiveness and mercy. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 97. When the angels seize the souls of those who wronged themselves, they scold them, saying: "What we're you doing?" The soul responds, saying: "We were oppressed." The angels say: "Was Allah's earth not spacious enough for you to migrate?" It is they who will abide in Hell - an evil destination. 98. Not those helpless men, women and children who cannot afford a way out, 99. and it is right for them to hope that Allah will pardon them, for Allah is Pardoning, Forgiving. 100. Those who migrate for Allah's sake will find many safe havens, and bountiful resources throughout the earth. Those who leave their home and die while migrating for Allah and His messenger, their reward becomes due immediately, for it has already been secured by Allah. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 101. When you travel it is permissible for you to shorten your prayers, especially, if you fear an attack by the unbelievers, for indeed, they are your sworn enemy. 102. When you, O Muhammad, are campaigning with them, and you lead the prayer, let one group of them pray with you, while armed. After they prostrate, let another group stand guard, behind them. Then the group that has not as yet prayed will join you in prayer, but make sure they are vigilant and armed. The unbelievers would love to see you neglect your weapons, so they could launch a sudden assault. There is no blame upon you, if you lay your weapons aside due to heavy rain, or an illness, but do take precautions. Allah has prepared a humiliating punishment for the unbelievers. 103. When your

congregational prayer is over, continue remembering your Lord all the time, whether you are standing, sitting, or lying down on your side. When the emergency situation is over, say your regular prayers on time, as they are an obligation.104. Do not falter in your pursuit of the enemy, for if you are suffering, then beware, they too are suffering, but you have hope of receiving Allah's mercy, whereas, they have no hope. Verily, Allah is Knowledgeable, Wise. 105. I have revealed this Qur'an to you, O Muhammad, and the Muslims, so you may use it as a source of reference in your judgment between humanity. Therefore, do not be like those previous (Jews and Christians) treacherous ones, who left the laws of their Lord and established their own convenient civil laws as dictated by Satan. 106. Seek Allah's forgiveness, for He is Forgiving, Merciful. 107. Do not plea on behalf of those who betray their souls. Allah does not like treacherous, sinful people. 108. They may try to hide their deception from people, but they cannot hide it from Allah, for He is in their midst when they plot during the night, which is displeasing to Him. Allah is aware of their deeds. 109. Yet, here you are, advocating for them, but who will dare advocate for them before Allah on the Day of Judgment? Or who will come to their defence? 110. Whoever commits evil, or wrongs themselves, and then seeks His forgiveness, they shall certainly find Allah to be Forgiving, Merciful. 111. Every sin is committed against one's soul. Indeed, Allah is Knowledgeable, Wise. 112. Whoever commits an offence or a sinful deed, and then blames it upon an innocent person will burden himself with slander and a manifest sin. 113. If Allah's grace and mercy were not upon you, O Muhammad, to save you from their mischief a group of them (tribe of Bani Dhafar) were determined to lead you astray. They led astray none but themselves. They can never harm you. Allah revealed the Book and wisdom to you, and He has taught you what you did not know. Indeed, His grace upon you has been immense. 114. There is no good in most of their secret conversations. As for those who encourage charity, kindness and reconciliation for His pleasure, I will grant them

a great reward. 115. Whoever defies the messenger, after guidance has become clear to them, and they follow a path other than the truth, I will let them pursue what they have chosen, and then I will burn them in Hell. What an evil end. 116. Allah does not forgive associating others with Him, but He will forgive anything else if He so wishes. Those who associate others with Allah have clearly gone astray. 117. Those who worship goddesses (lat, uzza, manat - pagan gods), are indeed worshipping Satan; the rebellious one who was cursed by Allah. 118. Satan said: "I will certainly take my due share of Your servants. 119. And I will mislead them and delude them with false hope. Also, I will order them to slit the ears of cattle (idolatrous sacrifices) and alter Your creation." Whoever takes Satan, instead of Allah, as their guardian will suffer a tremendous loss. 120. Satan makes promises and raises false hopes, but Satan's promises are nothing but delusions. 121. Hell will be their home, nor will they be able to escape from it. 122. Those who do good will be admitted into gardens, under which rivers flow. They will live there forever. This is a promise from Allah. Who could be more reliable in speech than Allah? 123. Divine grace is neither by your wish nor those of the People of the Book! Whoever commits evil will be rewarded accordingly, and they will find no protector, nor helper besides Allah. 124. But those who do good - whether male or female and have faith will enter Paradise, nor will they be wronged even as much as a speck on a date stone. 125. Who could be better in faith than those who submit to Allah and do good and follow the path of Abraham - the upright one? Allah chose Abraham, as His friend. 126. To Allah alone belongs everything in the heavens and the earth. Indeed, He is fully aware of everything. 127. They ask for a ruling about women. Say: "As is recited in the Book, you must be trustworthy when handling female (orphans) wealth. If you decide to marry them, do not cheat them out of their dowry, nor take advantage of them, rather, take the weak and oppressed children under your protection. You must be fair in dealing with male orphans too. Be kind to the orphans, and know that whatever

good you do - Allah is aware of it. (go to verse 2 - 11) 128. If a woman fears abuse or neglect from her husband, there is no blame if they seek a fair settlement, which is best. Humans are ever inclined to selfishness. If you act kindly, and do your duty as per Allah's commands, Allah will notice it, for He knows what you do. 129. You will never be able to maintain emotional justice between your wives, no matter how keen you may be, so do not totally incline towards one leaving the other in suspense. And if you do what is right and are mindful of Allah, then surely Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 130. If a husband and wife decide on separation. Allah will provide for each out of His bounty, for Allah is limitless in His Provisions and He is Wise. 131. To Allah alone belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. We commanded those given the Scripture before you, as well as you, to be mindful of Allah, but if you disobey, then know - to Allah belongs all in the heavens and earth. And Allah is self-sufficient, Praiseworthy. 132. Yes! Everything in the heavens and the earth belongs to Allah alone. He is sufficient for those who trust Him. 133. If it be His wish, He could remove you altogether, O humanity, and replace you with others, for He has the power to do so. 134. Whoever desires the reward of this world, let them know that with Allah are the rewards of this world and the Hereafter. And Allah hears all and sees all. 135. O believers! Stand firm for justice, as witnesses for Allah even if it is against yourselves, your parents, or close relatives. Be they rich or poor, Allah is best to ensure their interests, so do not let your desires cause you to deviate from justice. If you distort the testimony, or refuse to give it, then know - Allah is certainly aware of what you do. 136. O believers! Have faith in Allah, His messenger and the Book (Qur'an) He has revealed to His messenger, and the Scriptures (the Torah and Gospel) He revealed before. Indeed, whoever rejects Allah, His angels, His Books, His messengers, and the last day have clearly gone far astray. 137. Those who believe, then reject, then believe, then reject, then they increase in their rejection; Allah will neither forgive them nor guide them. 138. O

Muhammad, tell such hypocrites that an agonizing punishment awaits them. 139. Those who choose unbelievers as their allies instead of believers - are they seeking honour and power through their company? Surely all honour and power belong to Allah. 140. He has already revealed to you in the Book that when you hear Allah's revelations being denied or ridiculed, you are forbidden to sit in such company unless they engage in a different topic, or else you will become alike. Allah will gather the hypocrites and unbelievers altogether in Hell. 141. The hypocrites are those who wait to see what happens to you. So, if Allah grants you victory, they say: "Were we not by your side?" But if the unbelievers have victory, they say to them: "Did we not have advantage over you, yet we protected you from the believers?" Allah will judge between them on Judgement Day. Allah will not allow the unbelievers to harm the believers. 142. Surely the hypocrites seek to deceive Allah, but He outwits them. And when they stand up to pray, they do it half-heartedly only to be seen by people - hardly remembering Allah at all. 143. They are torn between belief and disbelief - belonging neither to the believers, nor to the unbelievers. If Allah allows someone to stray - you will not find a way out for them. (law of guidance, see Surah 4 verse 88) 144. O believers! Do not take the unbelievers as your allies, instead of the believers. Do you want to give Allah evidence of your guilt? 145. The hypocrites will be in the lowest depths of Hell, nor will you find help for them, 146. except those, who repent and make amends and hold on to Allah, and are sincere in devotion; they will be with the believers. And Allah will grant the believers a great reward. 147. Why would Allah punish you, if you are grateful and faithful? Indeed, Allah is Appreciative, Knowledgeable. 148. Nor does Allah like negative statements made public, unless one is wronged. Indeed, Allah hears all, and is Knowledgeable. (it is prohibited to publicly mention anyone's evil deeds, or sayings) 149. If you act virtuously in public, or in private, or pardon people's faults, then truly Allah is Forgiving, Powerful. 150. Those who reject Allah and His messengers and seek to make a

distinction between Allah and His messengers, and say: "We believe in some of His messengers, but reject the rest. They try to find a path between belief and disbelief. 151. It is they who are unbelievers. We have prepared a humiliating punishment for the unbelievers. 152. Those who believe in Allah and His messengers' will receive a reward. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 153. The People of the Book demand that you, O prophet, bring them a revelation in writing from heaven. They demanded even something greater than this from Moses, they said: "Make Allah visible to us!" So, a thunderbolt struck them for their wickedness, and they took the calf for worship after receiving clear evidence of the truth. Still, I forgave them after their repentance, and I gave more compelling proof to Moses. 154. We raised Mount Tur over them as a warning for breaking their agreement, saying: "Enter the gate of Jerusalem with humility." I warned them, saying: "Do not break the Sabbath." I took a firm pledge from them. 155. I cursed them for breaking their agreement and for rejecting My signs and for killing prophets, and for saying: "We have enough knowledge, we don't need anymore." I sealed their hearts for their disbelief, so they will not believe, except for maybe a few of them. 156. They continued in their unbelief to such an extent that they uttered a terrible accusation against Mary. 157. They boasted, saying: "We killed the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary." The messenger of Allah. They did not kill him, nor did they crucify him. I made it appear, as if they did. Those who differ or dispute the crucifixion are full of doubts due to lack of knowledge. They just follow speculation. They did not kill Jesus. 158. I raised Jesus unto Myself. Allah is Almighty, Wise. 159. People of the Book did not believe in Jesus before his so-called death. However, on the Day of Judgment Jesus will be a witness against them. (Jesus will descend in Damascus, Syria - his second coming) 160. I also forbade the Jews certain foods (flesh of camel, rabbit, hare, fat of oxen, sheep and goat) that had been lawful to them for their wickedness and for hindering people from Allah's path. 161. And for consuming interest despite its prohibition

and for stealing people's wealth. I have prepared for the unbelievers a painful punishment. 162. Those among them who are well-grounded in knowledge believe in what has been revealed to you, O Muhammad, and what was revealed to previous prophets, and they pray, and pay alms-tax, and they believe in Allah and the last day. I will reward them graciously. 163. Indeed, We inspired you, O Muhammad, as We inspired Noah and all Our other prophets after him. We also inspired Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob and his descendants as well as Jesus, Job, Jonah, Aaron and Solomon. I gave David the Psalms. (some exist today; however, they are not in their original form) 164. Some of their stories have been conveyed to you, others have not. To Moses I spoke directly. 165. All were messengers' delivering good news and warning humanity, so they will have no excuse before Me. Indeed, Allah is Almighty, Wise. 166. Allah bears witness to what He has sent down to you - He sent it down with His knowledge - the angels too bear witness, though Allah is sufficient as a witness. 167. Those who disbelieve and hinder others from His path have certainly strayed far away from the truth. 168. Those who disbelieve and wrong themselves will not be forgiven, nor will they be guided unto any path, 169. except to the path to Hell, where they shall live forever. That is easy for Allah. 170. O humanity, a messenger has now come to you with the truth from Allah, so believe in him, for that will be good for you, but if you decide not to, then know that you harm none but yourselves. Everything in the heavens and earth belongs to Allah. Indeed, Allah is Knowledgeable, Wise. 171. O People of the Book! Do not go to extremes regarding your faith; say nothing about Allah, except the truth. The Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, was no more than a messenger of Allah and the fulfilment of His Word (creation of Jesus) through Mary and a spirit (angel Gabriel) created him by a command from Allah, so believe in Allah and His messengers' and do not say: "Trinity." Stop! for your own good. Allah is only One God. Glory be to Him! He is far above having a son! To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and

whatever is on the earth. And Allah is sufficient as a trustee of all affairs. 172. Jesus, by no means, regarded it, as unworthy of him to be a servant of Allah, nor do the angels, who are close to Him. The one who is arrogant and resents worshipping their Lord should know that soon Allah will gather everyone to His courtroom. 173. Those who believe and do good - Allah will give them their due reward, and more out of generosity. To the arrogant ones and those who resent His worship, on the contrary, Allah will impose a painful punishment, nor will they find a protector. 174. O humanity! proof has come to you from your Lord. I have sent down, for your benefit a brilliant light - the Qur'an. 175. As for those who have faith in Allah and hold on to Him - He will admit them unto His mercy and guide them to Himself. 176. When they ask about the division of the inheritance of a childless person, say: "If the deceased is a man, his sister will get half of the inheritance. If the deceased is a woman, her brother will get all her inheritance. If the deceased man has two sisters, they will inherit two-thirds of the inheritance, and if there are more than two brothers and sisters, the share of each brother will be twice as much as the share of each sister." Allah makes His commands clear, so you do not doubt your duty. Allah has perfect knowledge, and so, He gives you the best advice.

SURA 5. Al - Ma'idah (food spread out)

1. O believers! Honour your obligations. All grazing livestock has been made lawful, except for what I will announce. You are not allowed to hunt while in a state of pilgrimage. Allah commands what He wills. 2. Believers, do not violate the laws pertaining to Allah's rituals, the sacred months, the offerings, nor prevent those who are going to the sacred House seeking My favours, pleasure and acceptance. Once your pilgrimage is over, you are free to hunt. Never let your hatred for those who barred you from the sacred Sanctuary lead you to break the law. Help each other to do what is right and be conscious of Allah, nor encourage

sin and hostility. Be conscious of Allah, for His punishment is severe. 3. You are forbidden to eat meat of any animal that dies by itself (**dead body**), blood, the flesh of swine (**pork**), and that upon which any name other than Allah has been invoked, and that which is strangled to death, and that which is killed by a violent blow, and that which is killed by a headlong fall, and those beaten or gored to death, and that which has been partially eaten by a wild animal, unless you are able to slaughter it before it dies, also that which is sacrificed on altars or by raffling arrows. All these are sinful acts. Today the unbelievers have given up hope of vanquishing your religion. Do not fear of them, but fear Me. Today I have perfected your religion for you, I have completed My favour upon you, and approved Al-Islam as your faith (**way of life**). However, if anyone is compelled by hunger to eat what is forbidden and not intending to commit a sin, then he will find his Lord Forgiving, Merciful. 4. They ask you what food is lawful for them to eat. Say: "All pure things are lawful as well as what you have taught your hunting birds and beasts to catch, trained by you with the knowledge given to you by Allah. Eat, what they catch, but pronounce the name of Allah over it and fear Allah, for He is swift in settling accounts. 5. Today all good things have been made lawful. The food of the People of the Book is lawful for you and your food is lawful to them. Pure believing women, as well as, pure believing women of the People of the Book are lawful for you, provided you give them dowry and marry them. Do not commit fornication, nor take them as mistresses, for then the deeds of any who rejects faith will come to nothing and in the hereafter, he will be among the losers. 6. O believers! When you wake up in the morning for prayer, wash your face and wash your hands as far as your elbows, then wipe your head with wet hands, then wash your feet up to your ankles, if required take a full bath. However, if you are sick or on a journey or you have used the toilet or you had intercourse with your wife and you find no water, then resort to Tayammum - find clean soil and rub your face and hands

with it. Allah does not want to burden you. He wishes to purify you and perfect His favours upon you, so you may become grateful. 7. Remember Allah's favours and the agreement He made with you when you said: "We hear, and we obey." Fear Allah, for He knows the secrets of your heart. 8. Believers, always be steadfast in your devotion to Allah and bear witness, nor let the enmity of others incite you to be unjust and be just, for that is close to piety. Fear Allah, for Allah is aware of your conduct. 9. Allah has promised those who believe and do good, His forgiveness and a reward. 10. As for those who reject faith and deny His revelations, they shall be companions of the Fire. 11. O believers, also remember Allah's favour, which He recently bestowed upon you when He restrained the hands of those who sought to harm you. (Jews planned to kill the prophet and his companions through an invitation to a dinner which Allah informed him not to attend) Fear Allah and let the believers put their trust in Him. 12. Allah made an agreement with the Children of Israel and appointed twelve leaders from among them. Allah then said: "I am truly with you. If you establish prayers and pay alms, and believe in My messengers', and support them, and you lend Allah a loan - give to charity, I will forgive your sins and admit you into gardens, under which rivers flow. Those who disbelieve after this are the ones who have strayed from the right path." 13. Unfortunately, after this agreement, they broke it, so I cursed them and hardened their hearts. They distorted My words and took them out of context and neglected My commands. Indeed, you will find most of them deceitful, except for a few of them. Forgive them and overlook their misdeeds, for Allah loves those who are kind to others. 14. Likewise, I also made an agreement with those who call themselves Christians, but they too neglected most of what they were commanded to uphold. As a result, I stirred enmity and hatred among them, which will last until the Day of Judgement, for then I will inform them what they had done. 15. O People of the Book, My messenger (Muhammad) has come

now to make clear much of what you hid of your Books, though you disregarded most of it. A light has now come to you from God and a Book (Qur'an) that makes things clear. 16. Through, which Allah guides those who seek His pleasure to the ways of peace, and brings them out of darkness and into light by His will, and guides them unto the right path. 17. Indeed, those who say: "Allah is the Messiah, son of Mary," have fallen into disbelief. Say: "Who could prevent Allah if He decides to destroy the Messiah, son of Mary, and his mother and everyone on planet earth?" To Allah belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth and everything between them. He creates whatever He wills. Indeed, Allah is capable of everything. 18. The Jews and the Christians say: "We are Allah's beloved children." Say: "If that is true, then why does He punish you for your sins?" You are humans from those whom He created. He forgives and punishes whomever He wills. The kingdom of the heavens and the earth and everything between them belong to none but Him. To Him all shall return. 19. O People of the Book! Now you have no excuse to say that no one came to warn you, or give heart-warming news about heaven, after a long interval after Jesus. Now My prophet (Muhammad) has come to warn you and give you good news. Allah has power over everything. 20. Ponder upon the incident when Moses said to his people: "O my people, remember Allah's favours. He raised prophets from amongst you and made you kings and gave you that which He had not given to any other in the world." (Allah parted the sea for them. Allah gave them water from a rock. Allah gave them manna and quails from heaven. Allah gave them shades of clouds in the desert) 21. Moses said: "O my People, enter Jerusalem, which Allah has assigned for you, but do not turn away from faith, for you will then be lost." 22. They said: "O Moses, giants live there. We shall not enter Jerusalem until they leave. When they leave, we shall enter." 23. Thereupon, two God-fearing men, who had been blessed by Allah, said: "Surprise them at the gate, if you do that you will prevail and put your trust in Allah, if you truly believe in Him."

24. Yet they said: "O Moses! Still we will never enter as long as they remain there. So, go, both you and your Lord and fight, for we are going to stay right here." 25. Hearing this, Moses pleaded to Allah, saying: "O Lord! I have no control over anyone except myself and my brother. Separate us from these rebellious people." 26. Allah replied: "This land is forbidden for them for forty years, they will wander throughout the land, so do not grieve over them." 27. Relate the story of Adam's two sons - how each one offered a sacrifice: Abel's offering was accepted, while Cain's was not, so Cain threatened his brother, saying: "I will kill you." Abel said: "Allah accepts offerings from sincere devotees only. 28. If you raise your hand to kill me, I shall not raise mine, for I fear Allah - the Lord of the worlds. 29. I would, rather you bear the burden of my sin, as well as your own, for then you will become an inmate of the Fire - the home of evildoers." 30. Cain murdered his brother and became of the doomed. 31. Then Allah sent a crow, who dug a grave in the ground for a dead crow, to show Cain how to bury his brother. Cain cried out, saying: "Alas! I have even failed to be like this crow, and bury my brother?" Cain became regretful. 32. That is why We ordained for the Children of Israel: Whoever takes a life, unless it be a punishment for murder or mischief - it will be, as if, they killed humanity and whoever saves a life, it will be, as if, they saved humanity. Our messengers came with proof, but many transgressed. 33. The punishment of those who declare war on Allah and His prophet and spread corruption on earth is death or crucifixion, or cutting off their hands and feet or deportation. This is meant to disgrace them in this world. As for the Hereafter, they will be subject to a much harsher punishment, 34. Except those, who repent before you apprehend them. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 35. O believers! Be conscious of Allah. Seek the means to get close to Him and struggle for His sake, so you may succeed. 36. As for the unbelievers, even if they were to possess everything in the world twice over, and offered it to ransom themselves from the punishment it would not be accepted. They will suffer a terrible punishment. 37.

They will be desperate to get out of the Fire, but will not be able to, for their punishment is everlasting. 38. As for male and female thieves, cut off their hands. An exemplary punishment from Allah. Indeed, Allah is Powerful, Wise. 39. Those, however, who repent and mend their conduct - Allah will turn to them with Forgiveness, for Allah is, indeed Forgiving, Merciful. 40. Do you not know that the kingdom of the heavens and the earth belongs to Allah? He punishes whomever He wills and forgives whomever He wishes. Indeed, Allah is capable of doing anything. 41. O messenger! Do not grieve for those who rush to disbelieve. Those who say: "We believe," with their tongue, but their hearts reject the truth, nor those among the Jews who eagerly listen to lies, attentive to those who are too arrogant to come to you. They distort their Book. They take rulings out of context, then say: "If this is the ruling you get from Muhammad, accept it. If not, then be aware." Whomever Allah allows to be deluded, you cannot help them, for it is Allah's wish not to purify them. They will be disgraced in this world and will suffer a tremendous punishment in the Hereafter. 42. They eagerly listen to lies and profit from evil. If they come to you, O Muhammad, for judgment, you can either judge them, or refuse, however, if you do refuse, then know that they cannot harm you, but if you do decide to judge them, then judge them fairly. Indeed, Allah loves those who are just. 43. But why do they come to you for judgment when they already have the Torah containing Allah's judgment, but then they turn away? They are not true believe. 44. We did reveal the Torah containing guidance and light, by which My prophets made fair judgments for the Jews, so did the rabbis and scholars, they all judged according to Allah's Book. They were made its guardians. Do not fear people, but fear Me, nor trade My revelations for a profit. Those who do not judge, by Allah's laws are disbelievers. 45. Allah ordained in the Torah, life for life, eye for an eye, nose for a nose, ear for an ear, tooth for a tooth, and a similar retribution for wounds. If anyone waives it as charity it will serve as atonement. Those who do not judge in accordance with His revelations are unjust.

46. Then in the footsteps of My prophets I sent Jesus, the son of Mary, confirming the Torah, which was revealed before his time, and I gave him the Gospel, which also contained guidance and light, it also confirmed what I revealed in the Torah. It was a guide for those who fear Me. 47. So, let the people of the Gospel judge by what Allah has revealed in it. Those who do not judge by what Allah has revealed are rebellious. 48. We reveal this Book to you, O Muhammad, with the truth, a confirmation of previous Scriptures with supreme authority over them. So, judge them with Allah's revelations, nor follow their desires over the truth. To each nation I have ordained a code of law and a way of life (Sharia). If Allah had willed, He could have made you one nation, but His will is to test you with what He has given you. So, compete with one another in doing good. To Allah you will all return, and then He will settle your differences. 49. Judge between them by what God has sent down to you, and do not be led by their desires. Beware of them, lest they turn you away from a part of that what God has revealed to you. If they reject your judgement, know that God intends to punish them for the sins. Indeed, most people are disobedient. 50. Is it the judgment according to the time of pagan ignorance they seek? Who could be a better judge than Allah for people of sure faith? 51. O you who believe, do not take such Jews, or such Christians (Christian, Jewish Zionist alliance), as your friends and allies, who themselves are friends and allies of each other. Whoever takes them as their friends and allies no longer belong to Us, for you now belong to them. Allah does not guide evildoers. 52. You will see the hypocrites rushing towards them for guardianship, saying in justification: "We fear a turn of fortune may strike us." Perhaps Allah will bring about victory or another favour by His command, for then they will regret what they hid in their hearts. 53. Only then, the believers will say to each other: "Are these the ones who swore solemn oaths by Allah that they were with you?" Their deeds have been in vain, so they will become losers. 54. O believers, if you turn away from faith, Allah will raise new Muslims whom He will love, and they too will

love Him. They will be kind to each other, and yet be tough on the unbelievers. They will fight for Allah, nor do they mind the blame of a critic. Such is Allah's blessing, and He bestows it upon whom He wills. Indeed, Allah is generous and wise. 55. Your real friends / allies are Allah, His prophet and the believers, who worship their Lord regularly, and engage in charity, and bow before Him. 56. Whoever allies with Allah and His messenger and believers will be victorious. 57. Believers, do not befriend people who mock your religion, whether they be from those who were given the Book before you, or those who disbelieve. And remain conscious of Allah, if you believe in Him. 58. When you make the call to pray (Azhan), they mock it because they do not use reason. 59. Say: "O People of the Book, do you resent us for believing in Allah, and in what has been sent down to us, and in what was sent down before us, while most of you are disobedient?" 60. Say: "Let me tell you of those who are in a worse position than these, in Allah's sight? It is those whom Allah has cursed and has wreaked His wrath upon them. Some were reduced to apes and pigs (Western Christians who are Godless. They live without shame and have no morals), and those who worship idols. They are all far worse in rank and far astray from the right path." 61. When they come to you, they say: "We believe." Allah knows what they are hiding in their hearts. Fact is, they appear before you as unbelievers, and they leave as unbelievers. 62. Most of them rush towards sin and transgression, and they consume what is forbidden. Those deeds are evil, indeed. 63. Why don't their Rabbis and Scholars forbid them from uttering sinful words - and from eating forbidden things? Their deeds are evil. 64. Some among the Jews said: "Allah is tight-fisted." May their fists be tied, and may they be condemned for what they say. Rather, He is open-handed, giving freely as He pleases. That, which has been revealed to you from your Lord will only cause many of them to increase in wickedness and disbelief. We have stirred among them hostility and hatred until the Day of Judgment. Whenever they kindle the fire of war, Allah puts it out. And they strive to spread corruption in the land.

Allah does not like corruptors. 65. Had the People of the Book only been faithful and conscious of Allah - Allah would have removed their sins and admitted them into gardens of bliss. 66. Had they respected the Torah and the Gospel and the Qur'an, which was sent to them by their Lord, Allah would have bestowed on them blessings from above and beneath the earth (see [Leviticus & Deuteronomy 28](#)). Some are righteous, but most of them are evil. 67. O prophet, convey what has been revealed to you from your Lord. If you do not do this, you have not accomplished your mission. Allah will protect you. Allah will not guide those who choose to disbelieve. 68. Say: "O People of the Book, your only way to success is to follow the original Torah, and the Gospel and the other Book (Qur'an), which Allah has sent to you." However, the revelations of this Qur'an will instead increase their rebellion and disbelief. Do not grieve for those who suppress the truth. 69. All those who believe, be they from the nations of the Jews, the Sabians and the Christians, in fact anyone who believes in Allah and the last day and performs honourable deeds will have nothing to fear nor regret. 70. We took a pledge from the Children of Israel and sent messengers unto them, but whenever a messenger' brought them something, which did not suit them, they rejected some and murdered others. 71. They became so deaf and blind that they did not think about the consequence of their wickedness. I forgave them for their wickedness, but most of them went back to their old routines and became deaf and blind again. Allah is watching their conduct. 72. Those who say: "Allah is the Messiah, the son of Mary," have certainly fallen into disbelief. The Messiah, himself said: "O Children of Israel, worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord." Indeed, Paradise has been forbidden to those who associate others with Allah. Their home is Hell. This is no help for the evildoers. 73. Those who believe in the trinity, say: "God is one of the three", have indeed committed blasphemy. Indeed, there is no deity other than God ([Mark 12-32](#)). If these people do not stop saying such nonsense, they will be subject to an awful punishment. 74. Why don't they repent

and seek His forgiveness, after all, Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 75. The Messiah, the son of Mary, was no more than a messenger. Many messengers had come and gone before him, and His mother was a woman of truth. They both ate food. See how I make My signs clear, yet many people ignore the truth. 76. Say: "How can you worship things that can, neither harm you, nor benefit you? Allah hears everything and He knows everything." 77. Say: "O People of the Book! do not overstep the boundaries of truth in your religion, nor follow the vain desires of those who went astray before you, for they mislead many and strayed far from the right path." 78. The unbelievers among the Children of Israel were cursed by David and Jesus, the son of Mary, for their disobedience and violations. 79. They did not forbid one another from evil. Indeed, what they did was evil. 80. Most of them take unbelievers, as their allies. Truly evil are their deeds, which have earned them Allah's wrath. They will be in an everlasting torment. 81. Had they believed in Allah, His prophet and what has been revealed to him - they would have never taken those pagans as their allies, but most of them are rebellious. 82. In time to come, you will see the most hostile people towards those who believe will be the Jews and those (Zionists) who associate others with Allah, but at the same time you will find the most affectionate towards those who believe will be those who say: "We are Christians (Orthodox Christians)." This because there are priests and monks among them, nor are they arrogant. 83. When they (Orthodox monks and priests) listen to what has been revealed to the Muhammad, you see tears flowing because they recognize the truth. They say: "O Lord! We believe, count us amongst the witnesses. 84. Why should we not believe in Allah and the truth that has now come to us? We long for our Lord to include us in the company of the righteous." 85. For this statement - Allah has granted them gardens with flowing streams, where they shall live forever. That is the reward for those who do good. 86. Those who disbelieve and reject My signs shall become residents of Hell. 87. O you who believe, do not forbid good things which Allah has made lawful

for you, nor exceed His limits, for Allah does not like aggressors. 88. Eat what He has provided for you, good and lawful; and be aware of God in whom you believe. 89. You are not accountable for thoughtless oaths, but He will hold you accountable for deliberate oaths, and the punishment for a broken oath is to feed ten poor people from what you would normally feed your own family, or to clothe them, or to free a bondsperson, but if none of this is affordable, then you must fast for three consecutive days. This is the punishment for breaking an oath, so be mindful of your oaths. Allah makes things clear, so you may become grateful. 90. O believers! Intoxicants, gambling, idols and drawing lots for decisions are all evil, for they are Satan's handiwork, shun them, so you may be successful. 91. Satan wants to create animosity amongst you through drinking and gambling. He wants to prevent you from the remembrance of God and praying. Will you not, then, avoid these things? 92. Obey Allah and His prophet. If you chose disobedience, then know - My prophets' duty is to deliver My message to you. (the choice is yours - Heaven or Hell) 93. Those who believe and do honourable deeds will not be held responsible for unlawful food that they had eaten in the past, provided they refrain from those things going forward - and persist in belief and do honourable deeds - and continue to refrain from what is forbidden - and submit to divine commands - and persevere patiently in doing good and fearing Allah. Indeed, Allah loves those who do good. 94. O believers! Allah will test you, by bringing animals within your reach and spears, to distinguish those who fear Him in secret. Any who exceed the limits after this warning will be punished. 95. O believers! Do not kill animals, while on pilgrimage. Whoever kills any animal intentionally should compensate by offering its equivalence, which should be judged by two just men, to be offered at the sacred House, or by feeding the needy, or by fasting, so you may taste the consequence of your violation. Allah has forgiven what had been done in the past, but those who persist will be punished. Allah is Almighty and capable of punishment. 96. It is lawful for you to

hunt and eat seafood as it is a provision for you and the traveller, but hunting on land is forbidden to you, while you are on the pilgrim. Be conscious of Allah to whom you will be gathered. 97. Allah has made the Ka'abah and the sacred House a sanctuary for mankind, as well as the sacred months, and the sacrificial animals, and their collars (garland). All this, so you know that Allah has knowledge of what is in the heavens and the earth. Indeed, Allah knows everything. 98. And know He is severe in punishment, and yet Forgiving, Merciful. 99. A messengers' sole duty is to convey My message clearly. Allah knows what you reveal and what you conceal. 100. Say: "Good and evil are not equal, though evil may dazzle you, so pay attention to Allah, O people of reason, so you may be successful." 101. O believers! Do not ask about any matter, which if made clear may disturb you, but if you inquire about something in the Quran, it will be made clear to you. Allah has forgiven what was done in the past. Allah is ever Forgiving, ever Merciful. 102. Some people before you asked such questions and consequently lost faith. 103. Allah never ordained the so-called superstitions, like Bahira (a she-camel whose milk was spared for idols and nobody was allowed to milk it), or Saibah (a she-camel let loose for grazing for idols, and nothing was allowed to be carried on it), or a Wasilah (a she-camel set free for idols because it gave birth to a she-camel at its first delivery, and then again at its second delivery) or Ham (a stallion camel freed from work for idols after it had finished a number of copulations assigned to it). The unbelievers just fabricated lies and attributed them to Allah. Most people lack understanding. 104. When it is said to them: "Come to Allah's revelations, and to the Messenger," they reply: "What we found our forefathers practicing is good enough for us." Would they still do so, even if their forefathers had no knowledge, or guidance? 105. Believers, you are responsible for your own souls; those who go astray cannot harm you, if you are on the right path. To Allah you will all return, and He will inform you of what you used to do. 106. O believers! When death approaches any of you, call two just Muslim men to witness, as you

make a bequest, otherwise, two non-Muslims if you are afflicted with death while on a journey. If you doubt their testimony, keep them after prayer and make them take an oath, saying: "By Allah! We would never sell our testimony for any price, even in favour of a close relative, nor would we withhold the testimony of Allah, for we would become a sinful." 107. If they are found guilty of false testimony, let the deceased's two closest heirs affected by the bequest replace the witnesses and testify under oath, saying: "By Allah! Our testimony is truer than theirs. We have not transgressed. Otherwise, we would be wrongdoers." 108. In this way, it is more likely that witnesses will give a true testimony, or else, fear that their oaths could be refuted by those of the heirs. Be mindful of Allah and obey, for Allah does not guide rebellious people. 109. Consider the day when Allah gathers all messengers' and asks them: "What response did you get for My message?" They will reply: "We have no knowledge, for You are the Knower of the unseen." 110. Allah will say: "Jesus, the son of Mary, remember the blessings I bestowed on you and your mother? And how I strengthened you with the holy spirit (Gabriel), so you could speak from your cradle, and as a grown man (Jesus will speak during his second arrival)? And how I taught you the Qur'an and wisdom, as well as the Torah and the Gospel? With My permission, you shaped a bird out of clay, and breathed into it, and it became a living bird? And with My permission, you healed the blind and the lepers, and with My permission you brought back the dead? Also, how I prevented the Children of Israel from harming you when you appeared before them with proof and the unbelievers among them said: "This is nothing but magic." 111. And how I inspired the disciples, saying: "Believe in Me and My messenger." They declared: "We believe, and bear witness that we have submitted to Allah." 112. The disciples said: "O Jesus, son of Mary, can your Lord send down for us a feast from heaven." Jesus said: "Beware of Allah, if you truly believe." 113. They said: "We only wish to eat and satisfy our hearts, and know that you have told us the truth, and that we may be witnesses to the

miracle.”114. Then, Jesus, the son of Mary, prayed: “O Lord send us from heaven a table spread with food, as a feast; for the first of us and the last of us, so we could celebrate it as a sign from You. O Lord grant us our daily needs, for You are the best provider.” 115. Allah said: “I am sending it down, but whoever amongst you denies afterwards will be subject to a punishment that I have not inflicted on any of My creation.” 116. On Judgment Day Allah will say: “O Jesus, son of Mary! Did you tell people to worship you and your mother?” Jesus will say: “Glory be to You. How could I ever say what I have no right to say? If I had said such a thing, You would know, for You know what is hidden within me, but I do not know what is within You. You alone know the unseen. 117. I said nothing apart from what You ordered me: ‘Worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord.’ I was a witness over them whilst among them, but when You took me unto Yourself - You became their witness. You witness everything. 118. If You punish them, they belong to You after all, but if You forgive them, You are surely the Almighty, the all-Wise.” 119. Allah will declare: “Today the faithful will benefit from their faith. They shall inherit gardens under which rivers flow, where they shall live forever.” Allah being pleased with them and they with Him. That is the ultimate triumph. 120. The kingdom of the heavens and earth and all in them belong to Allah. He has power over everything.

SURA 6. Al - An ‘am (cattle)

1. All praise is for Allah who created the heavens and the earth and made darkness and light. Yet the disbelievers set up partners with their Lord. 2. He is the One who created you from clay, then appointed a term for your death, and another known only to Him for your resurrection, yet you continue to doubt. 3. He is the only true God in the heavens and the earth. He knows what you conceal and reveal, and He knows what you do. 4. Yet, when a sign comes to them from their Lord, they ignore it. 5. They rejected the truth (Qur’an and Muhammad)

when it came to them, so they will soon face the consequence of their ridicule.

6. Have they not seen how many disbelieving people I destroyed before them? Though I had granted them dominance over the land, much more than what I have given you, and I had sent abundant rain unto them and I made rivers flow beneath them, but then I destroyed them for their sins, and after them I established a new generation.

7. Even if I had sent down to you, O Muhammad, a revelation in writing and they touched it with their own hands, the disbelievers would still say: "This is nothing but magic."

8. They say: "Why has no angel been sent down to support Muhammad?" If I had sent down an angel, the matter would have been decided, there and then, but then no respite would have been granted to them.

9. And if I had sent an angel, I would have certainly made it assume human form, which would have left them in, even more confusion.

10. Indeed, messengers were mocked before you, O Muhammad, but those who mocked them were surrounded by the very thing they mocked. (*mockers of Jesus; where were they when Titus destroyed Jerusalem? and the mockers who drove Muhammad out of Mecca, what was their plight when he triumphed and returned to Mecca*)

11. Say: "Travel through the land and see the fate of previous deniers."

12. Ask them: "To whom belongs everything in the heavens and the earth?" Then say: "To Allah." Allah has decreed Mercy upon Himself. And most certainly I will gather you all on the Day of Resurrection. There is no doubt about it. Lost souls will never believe.

13. To Him, belongs everything that exists in the day and night. He hears and knows everything.

14. Say: "Why should I take a guardian other than Allah, the Originator of the heavens and the earth, who provides for all and is not in need of provision?" Say: "I have been commanded to be the first to submit to Allah, and not be one of the polytheists."

15. Say: "I fear the punishment of a mighty day, if I were to disobey my Lord."

16. Whoever is spared from punishment on that day will have certainly received His mercy, and that will be victory.

17. If Allah touches you with harm, none can

undo it except Him. And if He touches you with a blessing, then beware, for He is capable of anything. 18. He reigns supreme over His creation and He is the Wise and Aware. 19. Ask them: "Who is the best witness?" Say: "Allah is! He is a witness between us, and this Qur'an has been revealed to me, so with it, I may warn you and all those who it reaches. Do you pagans testify that there are others, besides Allah?" Say: "I will never testify to this." Say: "There is only One God and I reject those idols you associate with Him." 20. Those to whom We gave the Book (Jews and Christians) recognize Muhammad, as they recognize their own children. Those who have lost their souls will never believe. 21. Who could be eviler than the one who fabricates a lie, and then attributes it to Allah, or who deny His signs? Indeed, the evildoers will never succeed. 22. On the day, I gather them, I shall say to those who ascribed partners to Me: "Where are My so-called partners?" 23. They will say in utter confusion: "O Lord, we were not idolaters." 24. See how they lie to themselves. Their idols will desert them. 25. Some of them pretend to listen to your recitation of the Qur'an, but I have put a veil over their hearts, leaving them unable to comprehend it, and I have put deafness in their ears, even if they were to see all My signs, they would still refuse to believe. And they argue with you, saying: "These are tales of the ancients." 26. And they command others not to listen to the Qur'an, while they distance themselves. They ruin none, except themselves, though they fail to realize it. 27. If you could only see when they will be made to stand before the Fire. They will say: "If only we could be sent back, we would not reject the revelations of our Lord, but be among those who believe." 28. But no! They only say this because the truth they used to hide will become all too clear to them. Even if they were to return, they would revert to what they were forbidden. Indeed, they are liars. 29. They insisted, saying: "There is nothing beyond this life, nor will we be resurrected." 30. If only you could see when they will be detained before their Lord! He will ask them; "Is this Hereafter not the truth?"

They will cry, and say: "Absolutely, our Lord!" He will say: "Now taste the punishment for your disbelief." 31. Losers indeed are those who deny the meeting with Allah until the Hour takes them by surprise, then they will cry, saying: "Woe to us for having ignored this!" They will bear the burden of their sins on their backs. Evil indeed is their burden. 32. This worldly life is no more than play and amusement, but far better is the eternal home in the Hereafter, reserved for those who are conscious of Allah. Will you not then understand? 33. We know their statement grieves you, O Muhammad. It is not your honesty they question; it is Allah's revelations they deny. 34. Other messengers before your time were also rejected, but they endured patiently all the false accusations and persecutions until I gave them victory. None can alter My words. You have already received accounts of these messengers. 35. If you find their denial unbearable, O Muhammad, then build a tunnel through the earth's crust, or a staircase to the sky to bring them compelling signs. Had I willed, I could have guided all humanity, so don't be among the ignorant. 36. Only those who listen will respond to you. As for the dead - I will resurrect them, and then to Me, they shall all return. 37. They ask: "Why has no sign been sent down to him from his Lord?" Say: "Allah certainly has the power to send a sign." Though most people do not know. 38. All living beings roaming the earth and winged birds soaring in the sky are communities like yourselves. I left nothing out of My Book. All shall be gathered together before their Lord. 39. Those who reject My verses are deaf and dumb, living in darkness. Whoever Allah wills He leaves astray and whoever He wills He guides to the right path. 40. Ask them: "Imagine, if you were overwhelmed by Allah's punishment or the Hour, would you call other than Allah for help? Answer me, if what you say is true. 41. No! He is the only One you would call and if it be His will, He would remove the affliction. You would forget what you associated with Him." 42. I sent messengers before you, O Muhammad, to nations upon which I bestowed hardships and sufferings for

their denial, in case they humbled themselves. 43. Why did they not submit when I made them suffer? Instead their hearts hardened, and Satan made their misdeeds seem appealing. 44. When they became oblivious to My warnings, I bestowed upon them everything they desired, but just as they began to enjoy themselves, I seized them by surprise, then they instantly fell into despair. 45. The evildoers were wiped out. Praise be to Allah. The Lord of the Worlds. 46. Ask them: "Imagine, if Allah were to take your hearing or sight away, or seal your hearts, who else, other than Allah could restore it?" See how I vary My signs, yet they still turn away. 47. Say: "Imagine, if Allah's punishment overwhelmed you with or without warning, who would be destroyed other than the evildoers?" 48. I sent messengers to convey good news and to warn people. Believers who do good will have no fear nor will they have any regrets. 49. Those who deny My signs will be afflicted with a punishment. 50. Say: "I do not say I possess Allah's treasures, nor do I know the unseen, nor do I claim to be an angel. I only follow what is revealed to me." Say: "Can you compare those who see to those who are blind to the truth? Will you not then reflect?" 51. Warn with this Qur'an those who fear the prospect of being gathered before their Lord, for they will have no protector, nor intercessor besides Him, so perhaps they may become conscious of Him. 52. O Muhammad! Do not dismiss those poor believers (Bilal, Ammar and Shuaib) who invoke their Lord morning and evening, seeking His pleasure. You are not accountable for them, nor are they accountable for you, so do not dismiss them or else, you will become one of the evildoers. (the Quraish leaders thought it was beneath their dignity to listen to Muhammad's teachings in the company of the low cast disciples) 53. In this way, I test people with others, and give unbelievers an opportunity to say: "Are they the ones whom Allah has favoured above us?" Allah is aware of those who are grateful. 54. When believers come to you, say: "Peace be upon you." Your Lord has taken upon Himself to be Merciful. Whoever commits evil ignorantly or recklessly, and

thereafter, repents and mends their conduct, Allah will turn to them with His forgiveness. 55. This is how, I make My signs clear, so the guilty may be exposed. 56. Say: "I have been forbidden to worship those you invoke besides Allah." Say: "I will not follow your desires, for I then would certainly be astray and not one of those rightly guided." 57. Say: "Indeed, I stand on a clear proof from my Lord, yet you deny it. That torment, which you want me to rush is not in my power. Allah will decide its time, for He declares the truth and He is the best to judge." 58. Say: "If Allah's punishment were in my power, the matter between us would have already been settled, but Allah knows best who is evil." 59. With Allah are the keys of the unseen. No one knows them except Him. He knows what is in the land and what is in the sea. Not even a leaf falls without His knowledge, nor a grain in the darkness of the earth, nor anything green or dry, everything is pre-recorded. (five keys of the unseen are mentioned in Surah 31 verse 34) 60. He is the One who takes your soul during the night (while you sleep). He knows what you do during the day, then He revives (wakes you up) you daily to complete your appointed term. To Him is your ultimate return, for then He will inform you of what you used to do. 61. Allah reigns supreme over His creation, and He has appointed recording-angels to watch over you. Upon death My angels take your soul. They never neglect this duty. 62. Souls are then returned to Me, their true Master. Judgment is His alone and He is the swiftest reckoner. 63. Say: "Who saves you during dark times on land and the sea? He you call upon with humility - openly and secretly - saying: "If You save us from this, we will be ever grateful." 64. Say: "Only Allah rescues you from this and any other distress, yet you associate others with Him." 65. Say: "It is He who has the power to afflict you with hardship from above and below, or divide you into factions and let you taste fear from each other." I explain My verses in various ways, so you may understand. 66. You people have rejected this Qur'an. Though it is the truth. Say: "I am not your guardian." 67. Every destined matter has a time set to

transpire. Soon you will know the truth. 68. When you come across people who ridicule My revelations, refrain from sitting with them unless they engage in a different topic. Should Satan make you forget this command, then once you remember it, refrain from sitting with those evildoers. 69. Those conscious of Me will not be accountable for those who ridicule My revelations. Their duty is to advise them, so they may fear Me. 70. So, leave those who take this faith of Islam, as mere play, and amusement, and are deluded by this worldly life, but remind them with this Qur'an. No one should be ruined for their misdeeds. They will have no protector, nor intercessor other than Me. If they were to offer every possible ransom, it will not be accepted, for they will be ruined for their misdeeds. They will have boiling fluid to drink, as well as a painful punishment for their disbelief. 71. Ask them: "Should we invoke, other than Allah, those idols, which cannot benefit nor harm us, and turn back to disbelief, after Allah has guided us? If we do this, we will become like those disoriented by the devils in the wilderness, while their companions call them to guidance, saying: 'Come to us!' Say: "Allah's guidance is true guidance and we are commanded to submit to the Lord of all Worlds, 72. and to establish prayers, and to be conscious of Him, and to Him we shall be gathered together." 73. It is He who created the heavens and the earth in truth. On the day when Allah says be, it shall be the Day of Resurrection. His word is the truth. Sovereignty will be His when the trumpet is blown. He knows the visible and invisible. He is Wise, Aware. 74. Remember, when Abraham said to his father, Azar: "Instead of Allah - why do you worship idols? You and your people are misguided." 75. I showed Abraham the kingdom of the heavens and the earth, and he became a firm believer. (Abraham lived among the Chaldeans tribe who had great knowledge of the stars and planets, but he went beyond the physical world and saw the spiritual world. Allah showed him the spiritual glories behind the magnificent powers and laws of the physical universe) 76. When night drew its shadow over Abraham, he saw

a star and said: "This is my Lord," but when it set; he said: "I do not like things that fade away." 77. Later on, he saw the moon shining, and said: "This is my Lord," but when it set, he cried, saying: "If my Lord does not guide me, I shall become of those astray." 78. Then, he saw the sun shining, he said: "This must be my Lord, it is the greatest." But again, when it set, he said: "O my people! I reject what you associate with Allah. 79. For I turn my face to the One who originated the heavens and the earth, and I am not of the polytheists." 80. And his people argued with him. He responded: "Are you arguing with me about Allah, while He has guided me? I am not afraid of your idols, none can harm me, unless my Lord so wills. My Lord encompasses everything with His knowledge. How can you not notice? 81. Why should I fear those things you worship? While you are not afraid of associating partners with Him. He never authorized this practice. Which of us deserves to be secure, tell me, if you know." 82. Only those who are faithful and do not tarnish their faith with lies are guaranteed security and are rightly guided. 83. This was the reasoning I gave Abraham to use against his people. I elevate whoever I please. Indeed, Allah is Wise, Knowledgeable. 84. I blessed Abraham with Isaac and Jacob. I guided them, as I had previously guided Noah and those among his descendants: David, Solomon, Job, Joseph, Moses and Aaron. Indeed, I reward those who are kind. 85. Others included Zachariah, John, Jesus and Elias - all were righteous. 86. As well as Ishmael, Elisha, Jonah and Lot. I favoured them over other beings. 87. I favoured some of their forefathers and their descendants too, and their brothers. I chose them and guided them. 88. Such is Allah's guidance with which He guides whoever He wills of His servants. Had they associated others with Me, their deeds would have been wasted. 89. They are the ones to whom I gave the Book, wisdom and prophethood. If these pagans do not believe in them now, then know - I have entrusted them to a people (nation of Islam) who will not disbelieve in them. 90. All prophets are guided by Me, so follow their guidance. Say: "I am not asking

you to reward me for this Qur'an. No! It is a reminder for the whole world." 91. Nor have they shown Allah His proper reverence, when they said: "Allah revealed nothing to any human being." Say: "Who then revealed the Book brought forth by Moses as a light and guidance for people, which you split into separate sheets - revealing some of its contents and hiding the rest? You have been taught through this Qur'an what neither you nor your forefathers knew." Say: "Allah revealed it!" Then leave them to amuse themselves with their lies.

92. This Qur'an is another Book that I revealed, it is blessed, affirming My previous revelations - **Torah and Gospel**, so you may warn the people of Mecca and those towns around it. Those who believe in the Hereafter will believe in it, and be observant of their prayers and moral obligations. 93. Who does more wrong than the one who fabricates lies against Allah or claims: "I have received revelations." Though nothing was revealed to them, or the one who says: "I can reveal the like of Allah's revelations." If you could only see the evildoers in the throes of death while the angels are stretching out their hands, saying: "Give up your souls! Today you shall be rewarded with the torment of disgrace for telling lies about Allah and for being arrogant towards His revelations." 94. **Allah adds to the angel's statement**: "Today you have returned to Me alone, just as I first created you, and you have left behind all that We had given you. We don't see those intercessors that you claimed were My partners. All the bonds between you are now severed, and what you had been claiming has merely led you astray." 95. Indeed, Allah is the One who causes seeds and fruit stones to sprout. He brings the living out of the dead and He brings the dead out of the living. Such is Allah, so why are you deluded? 96. He causes dawn to break. He made the night for you to rest. He made the sun and moon run precise courses, so you may determine time. That is the design of Allah, the Knowledgeable One. 97. He made the stars, so they may guide you when you travel on land and sea. I have made My signs clear for those who have knowledge. 98. I created you from a

single person (Adam), so there is a time-limit for your temporary stay on earth. It is also a place of departure (death). I detail My signs for those who understand.

99. I send water down from the sky and with it I sustain all living growth, and I bring forth greenery and from that I produce grain - one riding on the other in close-packed rows. From the palm trees I create dates in thick clusters - and there are gardens of vines, olive trees and pomegranates, all similar yet, so different. Watch their fruits, while they ripen. In all this are signs for the believers.

100. Yet they associate the jins (beings created out of smokeless fire) with Me, though I created them, and they attribute sons and daughters to Me - out of ignorance. Glory be to Him. Exalted is He, far above what they ascribe to Him.

101. He is the Originator of the heavens and earth. He created them out of nothing (the big bang). How could Allah have children without a mate? He created everything and has knowledge of everything.

102. That is Allah - your Lord. There is no god except Him. He is the Creator of all things, so worship Him. He is the maintainer of everything.

103. No vision can surround Him. Yet, He surrounds all vision, for He is Subtle, Aware.

104. Clear insight (the Qur'an) has now come to you from your Lord. Whoever, therefore, chooses to see, does so for their own good and whoever chooses to remain blind, does so to their own loss. Say: "I am not your guardian."

105. I have explained My signs to such an extent that the unbelievers will now say: "You (Muhammad) studied previous books and brought this Qur'an into being." I made this Qur'an clear for those who know.

106. O Muhammad! Follow what is revealed to you. There is no god except Him. Turn away from the idolaters.

107. Had I willed, they would not have been idolaters, nor did I appoint you to be their guardian, nor are you responsible for them.

108. O believers! Do not insult what they invoke, for they may insult Allah out of ignorance. I made every nations deed appealing to them, but then they shall all return to Me, and then I shall inform that of what they used to do.

109. They swear that, if a sign were to come to them, they would

believe in it. Say: "Signs are with Allah." What will make you believers understand that even if I sent them a sign they would not believe? 110. I have turned their hearts and eyes away from the truth, because they refused to believe in the first place. They are now left alone to wander blindly in their defiance. 111. Even if I had sent them angels, and made the dead speak to them, and assembled before their very eyes every sign, they would not believe unless it be My will, yet most people are ignorant to this. 112. And so, I have made for every prophet enemies - evil humans and evil jins - whispering to one another with elegant words of deception. Had it been your Lord's will, they would not have done such a thing. So, leave them and their deceit. 113. Let the hearts of those who don't believe in the Hereafter incline to such deceptions. Let them be pleased with it. Let them commit sins and evil deeds. 114. Say: "Should I seek a judge other than Allah, knowing that He revealed this Qur'an with perfect explanations?" Those who were given the Book know that this is the truth from your Lord, so don't be of those who doubt. 115. Your Lord's word has been perfected with truth and justice. None can change His words. And He hears everything and know everything. 116. O Muhammad, if you were to obey most of those on earth, they would lead you away from Allah's path. They follow nothing but assume, and they do nothing but lie. 117. Your Lord knows who has strayed from His path and who is guided. 118. Eat meat upon which His name has been mentioned, if you indeed believe in His revelations. 119. Why not eat that over which His name has been pronounced, knowing He has already explained what is forbidden to eat. Though you are allowed to eat what is forbidden only if you are compelled to do so? Many mislead others through their appetites, though they do not know. Allah is aware of those who transgress. 120. Shun all sin - open and secret. Indeed, sinners will be punished. 121. Do not eat what is not slaughtered in His name, for that would be an act of disobedience. The devils whisper to their human associates to argue with you. If you were to

obey them, then you too would become one of the polytheists. 122. Is a dead (ignorant) person whom We brought back to life and given enlightenment, so he may see his way among mankind, comparable to the one who is lost in darkness from which he cannot emerge? This is how it is. The evil deeds of the unbelievers are made enticing to them. 123. I have placed in every society evildoers to conspire. Yet they plot against themselves. However, they fail to perceive it. 124. Whenever a sign comes to them, they say: "We will never believe until we receive what Allah's messengers received (direct revelations)." Allah knows best where to place His message. The evildoers will soon be overwhelmed by humiliation from Allah and a severe punishment for their evil plots. 125. Whoever Allah wills to guide, He opens their heart to Islam. But whoever He wills to leave astray, He makes their chest tight and constricted as if they were climbing up into the sky. This is how Allah dooms those who disbelieve. 126. That is your Lord's path - perfectly straight. We have already made Our signs clear to those who are mindful. 127. They will have a home of peace with their Lord. He will be their guardian because of past deeds. 128. Consider the day Allah will gather them all and say: "O assembly of jins! You misled humans in a great number." Their human associates will say: "O Lord! We benefited from each other's company, but now we have reached the term which You appointed for us." Then Allah will say: "The Fire is your home, where you shall stay forever, except those whom He wishes to spare." Surely, your Lord is Wise, Knowledgeable. 129. This is how I make the evildoers destructive allies of each other. 130. Allah will then say: "Did I not send prophets to you, O Jins and humans, to recite My revelations and warn you about this meeting?" They will have no choice, but to confess that they fell prey to the vanities of this world, and thus chose disbelief, and thus testify against themselves. 131. Allah does not destroy nations while its people are unaware of the truth. 132. Everyone will be assigned in ranks according to their deeds. Your Lord is aware of what you

do. 133. Your Lord is self-sufficient and merciful. If He wills, He could replace you, O humanity, just as He produced you from the offspring of others. 134. Indeed, what you have been promised will certainly come to pass. And you will have no escape. 135. Say: "O my people! Persist in your ways, for I too will persist in mine. You will soon know who will fare best in the end. The evildoers will never succeed." 136. They assign a share of their crops and cattle to Allah which He created, and they say: "This is for Allah," so they presume, "and this, for our idols." Their idols share does not reach Allah, while Allah's share reaches their idols. How evil is their judgment. 137. Likewise, the pagans' evil associates have made it appealing to them to kill their own children - leading to their destruction as well as confusion in their faith. Had it been Allah's will, they would not have done such a thing. So, leave them and their lies. 138. They say: "These cattle and crops are reserved. Only those we allow may eat them," so they claim! And there are some animals exempt from labour, and some over which they do not pronounce Allah's name during slaughter, and they falsely attribute these regulations to Allah. He will repay them for these lies. 139. They say: "What is in the womb of such and such cattle is reserved for our men and forbidden to our women, but if the offspring is stillborn, all may have a share." Allah will punish them for all the lies they have attributed to Him. Indeed, Allah is Wise, Knowledgeable. 140. Lost, indeed are those who murder their children foolishly out of ignorance, and forbid what Allah has provided them, falsely attributing lies to Allah. They have certainly strayed and are not guided. 141. He is the One who produces gardens, both cultivated and wild, and palm trees and crops with different flavours, and olives and pomegranates, similar in shape, yet dissimilar in taste, so eat fruit, and pay your dues during their harvest, but do not waste, for Allah does not like those who waste. 142. Some cattle are fit for labour; others are for slaughter, so eat Allah's provisions, nor follow in Satan's footsteps, for he is your enemy. 143. Another strained point upon which the whole

unreasoning turns is their superstitious belief of dedicating what they consider sacred for their males and denying or condemning their females. Allah gave you eight animals in pairs: a pair of sheep and a pair of goats. Ask them: "Is it the two males, or the two females that Allah has forbidden, or is it what both females carry in their wombs. Tell me, who gave you this authority? Tell me on the basis of knowledge, if what you say is true." 144. And a pair of camels and a pair of oxen. Ask them: "Has Allah forbidden you the two males, or the two females, or what is in the wombs of the two females? Or, were you present when Allah gave these commands?" Who could be eviler than those who fabricate lies, and then attributes them to Allah to mislead others? Allah does not guide wicked people. 145. Say: "I do not find in what has been revealed to me anything forbidden to eat, except dead meat, running blood, swine, which is impure, or a sinful offering in the name of any other than Allah, but if someone is compelled by necessity, neither driven by desire nor exceeding immediate need, then indeed your Lord is Forgiving, Merciful." 146. I forbade the Jews every animal with undivided hoofs and the fat of oxen and sheep, except for what is attached to their backs, or intestines, or mixed on a bone. This has been imposed because of their disobedience. Verily, We are true to Our word. 147. But if they reject you, O Muhammad, say: "Allah is infinite with His mercy, but His punishment will not be averted from the evildoers." 148. The polytheists will argue, saying: "Had Allah so willed neither we nor our forefathers would have associated others with Him, or made anything unlawful." Likewise, those before them rejected the truth, but then they had a taste of My punishment. Ask them: "Do you have any evidence? You follow nothing but false assumptions and you lie." 149. Say: "Allah has the most conclusive argument. Had it been His will, He would have easily imposed guidance upon all of you." 150. Say: "Bring those who claim Allah has prohibited such and such." However, if they go that far with those willing to falsely testify, do not join them, for you should never follow the vain desires of

those who reject My revelations, and come up with their own falsified commands, which they then attribute to Allah, and who do not believe in Hereafter and raise others (such as Jesus) to the level of Allah. 151. Say: "Come! Let me recite to you what your Lord has forbidden to you: do not associate others with Him. Honour your parents. Do not kill your children, fearing poverty. We provide for you and them. Do not approach indecencies, openly or secretly. Do not take human life, which is sacred to Allah, except with legal right. This is what He has commanded you, so perhaps you may understand. 152. Do not approach orphan's estate before they become of age, unless you aim to improve it, and give measure and weight in full. Allah does not assign on any person more than they can cope with. And be just when you speak even to close relatives. And keep any promises you make in Allah's name. This is what Allah commands you to do. So, pay attention. 153. This is your Lord's path. Follow this path and do not follow other paths, for they will divert you from His path." These are My commands, so be mindful. 154. Additionally, I gave Moses a Book, completing My favour upon those who do good, detailing everything and as a guide and mercy, so they may believe in the meeting with their Lord. 155. This Qur'an is a blessed Book, so follow it, and be conscious of Allah, so you may be shown His mercy. 156. Now you pagans have received this Qur'an, you can no longer come up with any excuses, and say: "Allah's Books were only sent to two nations (Jews and Christians), nor were we aware of their teachings." 157. You can no longer say: "Had a book be sent to us, we would have been better guided than those nations." Now your Lord has blessed you with a clear beacon (the Qur'an)." Who could be more unjust than the one who denies My revelations and turns away from them? I shall subject those who show such ingratitude to the severest punishment. 158. Are they waiting the coming of the angels, or your Lord Himself, or some of your Lord's major signs? On the day, when your Lord's signs appear, belief will not benefit those who did not believe before, or those who

did no good through their faith. Say: "Keep waiting, for we too are waiting." 159. As for those who broke the unity of faith and divided themselves into different sects, you, O Muhammad, should have nothing to do with them, for their case rests with Me, and in time I will make them understand what they were doing wrong. 160. Whoever appears before Me with one good deed I shall reward that deed, ten times over, and whoever appears with one bad deed I shall punish him once. None will be wronged. 161. Say: "My Lord has guided me to a straight path, the upright religion, the faith of Abraham, a man of pure faith. He was not a polytheist." 162. Say: "Surely, my prayer, my worship, my life, and my death are all for Allah - Lord of the Worlds. 163. He has no partner, so I am commanded, and so, I am the first to submit." 164. Say: "Should I seek a lord other than Allah, while He is the Lord of all?" Every soul earns for itself. No burdened soul will bear another's heavy load. Again, to your Lord will you return, for then He will inform you of your differences. 165. He made you inheritors of the earth and He is the One who has raised some of you above others so He may test you with what He has given you. However, Allah is swift in punishment, and yet Forgiving, Merciful."

SURA 7. Al - A'raf (heights)

1. Alif, Lam, Meem, Sad (only Allah knows their meaning). 2. This Qur'an is revealed to you, O Muhammad, in order to re-enforce your belief, let there be no hesitation in your heart about it, so you may warn the unbelievers and remind the believers. 3. Follow what has been sent down to you from your Lord, and refrain from following others. How seldom to you pay attention. 4. How many towns have I destroyed. My punishment came upon them during the night, or while they took their afternoon nap. 5. Then they cried, saying: "We were indeed evildoers." 6. Most certainly, I will question those to whom Our messengers were sent, and I will question My messengers. 7. Then, I will relate to them with knowledge, for I

was never absent. 8. Weighing on Judgement Day will just. Those with a heavy scale will succeed. 9. Those with a light scale will be doomed, for rejecting My signs. 10. I established you on earth and provided you with the means for your livelihood, yet you seldom show any gratitude. 11. I created you and shaped you, then I said to the angels: "Prostrate before Adam." They all did, except Satan. He refused to prostrate. 12. Allah said: "What prevented you from prostrating?" Satan said: "I am better than him. You created me from fire and him from clay." 13. Allah said: "Get down from Paradise, for it is not for you to be arrogant here. Get out, for you are truly one of the disgraced." 14. Satan appealed, saying: "Delay my end until their resurrection." 15. Allah said: "Your wish is granted." 16. Satan said: "Since You allowed me to stray, I will lie in wait, I will ambush them from Your path. 17. I will approach them from the front, back, right and left. And you will find most of them ungrateful to You." 18. Allah said: "Get out of here. You are disgraced and rejected. I will certainly fill up Hell with you and your followers - altogether." 19. Allah said: "O Adam! Live with your wife in Paradise and eat whatever you desire, but do not approach this tree, lest you become lost." 20. Satan tempted them in order to expose what was hidden of their nakedness. He said: "Your Lord has forbidden this tree to prevent you from becoming angels, or immortals." 21. Satan swore he was giving them good advice. 22. So he brought about their fall from grace through deception, and when they ate of the tree their nakedness became apparent, prompting them to cover themselves with the leaves of Paradise. Allah called out to them, saying: "Did I not forbid that tree. Did I not tell you that Satan was an enemy?" 23. They said: "O Lord, we have wronged ourselves, if You do not forgive us and have mercy on us, we shall become losers." 24. Allah said: "Descend as enemies to each other. You will find residence and provisions for your temporary stay upon earth." 25. He added: "There, you will live and there you shall die and from it you shall be resurrected." 26. O Children of Adam! I have provided you clothing to cover your nakedness, and as an

adornment. However, the best clothing is righteous conduct. This is one of My bounties, so be mindful. 27. O Children of Adam! Do not let Satan deceive you as he tempted your parents out of Paradise and caused their cover (innocence) to be removed. Satan and his forces observe you from a distance. I have made the devils allies only to those who disbelieve. 28. When they commit shameful deeds, they say: "We found our forefathers doing it, and Allah has commanded us to do it." Say: "Allah does not command disgraceful deeds. How could you attribute something to Allah without knowledge?" 29. Say: "My Lord commands justice and dedication to Him alone in worship, calling on Him with sincere devotion. Just as He first brought you into being the first-time round, you will be brought back." 30. Some He has guided, while some deserve misguidance because they have taken devils as their allies, instead of Allah, yet thinking they are guided. 31. O Children of Adam! Dress properly when you present yourselves for worship. Eat and drink, but do not waste, for Allah does like those who waste. 32. Ask them: "Who has forbidden you to dress beautifully for worship and to eat good and pure things that the Allah has provided for His servants?" Say: "Such provisions are for those who believe in Him. They will be exclusively theirs in the Hereafter." Thus, I explain My verses for those who understand. 33. Say: "My Lord has only forbidden open and secret indecencies, sinfulness, unjust aggression, associating others with Him, a practice He never authorized, and attributing to Allah what you do not know." 34. A term has been fixed for every nation and when they reach the end of that term, none can neither delay it, nor rush it. 35. O Children of Adam, when messengers come to you from among yourselves, reciting My revelations, those who respect them and reform themselves will have no fear, 36. but those who reject My revelations and disrespect them, they shall be destined for the fire, where they will remain. 37. Who does more wrong than those who fabricate lies against Allah or deny His revelations? However, they will receive what is destined for them, until My messengers' (angels) arrive to take their souls

at death. They will ask: "Where are those false gods of yours?" They will cry, and say: "They have abandoned us," They will, then confess that they were unbelievers. 38. Allah will say: "Enter the Fire along with those evil jins and evil humans who preceded you." And when a group enters Hell - Hell will curse the preceding ones until all are gathered inside it, then the followers will say to their Lord about their leaders: "O Lord! They are the ones who misled us - double their punishment." Allah will say: "It has already been doubled for you all - you just don't know." 39. Then the leaders will say to their followers: "You were no better than us. Now taste the torment for what you used to do." 40. The gates of heaven will not open for those who rejected My revelations. Their admission into Paradise will be as impossible as the passing of a camel through the eye of a needle. This is how I reward the evildoers. 41. Hell will be their bed, and its flames will be their covering. This is the reward of the evildoers. 42. Believers who do good are destined for Paradise. They shall abide there forever. I do not burden a soul with more than it can bear. 43. And I will remove any bitterness that may lurk within their hearts against each other. Rivers will flow under their feet and they will say: "Praise be to Allah for guiding us to this. We would have never been guided, if Allah did not guide us. His messengers certainly came with the truth." It will be announced to them: "This is Paradise awarded to you for what you used to do." 44. The residents of Paradise will call out to the residents of the Fire, saying: "We have found our Lord's promise to be true. Have you found your Lord's promise to be true?" They will reply: "Yes, we have." Then a caller will announce to both of them: "May Allah's curse be upon the evildoers, 45. who hindered others from His path and tried to make it appear crooked, for they did not believe in the Hereafter." 46. There will be a barrier between Paradise and Hell and on the heights of that barrier will be some people, who will recognize the residents of both by their appearance. They will call out to the residents of Paradise, saying: "Peace be upon you." These are men who have not, as yet, entered Paradise, but

they have hope. (they are such who are not on the side of merit nor of sin, but evenly balanced. They are waiting for Allah's decision) 47. When their sight shifts towards Hell, they will say: "O Lord, do not place us with those evildoers?" 48. Men of the height will call some of the tyrants in the Fire, for they will recognize them (famous personalities), saying: "Your wealth and arrogance are of no use to you today." 49. Then, pointing to the inmates of Paradise, they will say: "Aren't these the ones whom you swore Allah would not bestow His mercy." Finally, those on the heights will be told: "Go enter Paradise, where you shall never feel fear or sadness." 50. The residents of the Fire will then cry out to the residents of Paradise, saying: "Aid us with some water or provisions Allah has bestowed upon you." They will reply: "Allah has forbidden both to the disbelievers, 51. who took faith as mere amusement and play and were deluded by their worldly life." Allah will say: "Today, We shall ignore you as you ignored the coming of this day and for rejecting My revelations." 52. I sent the Qur'an to all humanity, explaining everything in detail, a guide and mercy for those who believe. 53. Are they waiting its warnings to be fulfilled? On the day they are fulfilled those who ignored them, will say: "His messengers did come with the truth. Now is there anyone who could plea on our behalf? Or is there any way we could be sent back, so we could make up our shortcomings?" They will, thus, find themselves in a great loss, and then they will realize that what they invented had abandoned them. 54. Indeed your Lord is Allah, who created the heavens and the earth in six periods, then established Himself upon the Throne of Authority. He makes the day and night overlap in rapid succession. He created the sun, the moon, and the stars - all subservient to His command. The creation and the command belong to Him alone. Blessed is Allah - Lord of the Worlds. 55. Call upon your Lord humbly and in private. He does not like those who transgress His bounds. 56. Do not spread corruption in the land, after He set it up in order, and call Him with hope and fear, for His mercy is close to those who are kind. 57. He

is the One who sends down winds ushering His mercy. When they bear heavy clouds, He drives them to lifeless land, and then He causes rain to fall, producing every type of fruit. Similarly, He will bring the dead back to life, so pay attention.

58. Fertile land produces abundantly by the will of its Lord, whereas infertile land hardly produces anything at all. I explain My signs in different ways, for those who are grateful.

59. I sent Noah to his People. Noah said: "O my People! Worship Allah. You have no god except Him, for I fear for you the punishment of a terrible day."

60. The chiefs of his people said: "You are clearly misguided."

61. Noah replied: "O my People! I am not misguided! I am a messenger from the Lord of the Worlds.

62. I am conveying His message, so pay attention to my advice. I know through revelations what you do not.

63. Do you find it amazing that a reminder should come to you through one of your own brother's. Warning you, so you may become aware and perhaps be shown mercy?"

64. They rejected him, so I saved Noah and his followers in the Ark and drowned the rest. They were indeed blind people.

65. To the nation of 'Ad I sent their brother, Hud. Hud said: "O my People! Worship Allah. You have no god except Him. Why don't you fear Him?"

66. The elders who disbelieved, said: "You are a fool and a liar."

67. Hud replied: "O my People! I am no fool! I am a messenger from the Lord of Worlds.

68. I am conveying His message; my advice is good.

69. Why are you surprised that Allah has sent a reminder and a warning through one of your own brother's? Remember how He made you heirs of Noah's people and increased your stature. You should always remember His favours, so you may succeed."

70. They said: "Have you come to demand that we worship Allah alone, and abandon our father's idols? If you are truthful, then subject us to that punishment."

71. Hud said: "You will be subject to your Lord's punishment. Now stop arguing over mere names, which you and your fathers made up for your idols - a practice Allah did not approve. Then wait, for I will wait with you."

72. I saved Hud and his followers and wiped out those who denied My signs and did not believe.

73. And to the

People of Thamud, I sent their brother Salih. He said: "O my People! Worship Allah. You have no god except Him. Clear proof has come to you from your Lord. This is Allah's camel as a sign for you, so let her graze freely on Allah's land and do not harm her, or else you will be overcome by a painful punishment. 74. You should know that Allah made you successors after the 'Ad nation. He settled you in their land. You build huge palaces on its plains, and you carve your homes inside its mountains, so remember Allah's favours, nor corrupt the land." 75. The arrogant chiefs asked the believers: "Are you sure, Salih has been sent by your Lord?" They said: "We believe his message." 76. The arrogant leaders said: "We reject what you believe in." 77. They killed Allah's camel, defying their Lord's command and they challenged Salih, saying: "Bring what you threaten us with, if you are one of His messengers." 78. Then an overwhelming earthquake struck them, and they fell to their death in their homes. 79. Salih turned away, saying: "O my People! I conveyed His message, I gave you good advice, but you did not care for it." 80. Remember when Lot told the men off in his town, saying: "Why do you commit such a shameful deed. No man ever did this in history. (homosexuality) 81. You lust for men instead of women. You are transgressors." 82. They said to their people: "Expel Lot and his followers out of your towns (Sodom and Gomorrah), for they are a people who wish to remain pure." 83. I saved Lot and his family, except his wife, for she was one of those who were to be destroyed. 84. I showered them with a treacherous rain consisting of baked stones. How severe was the fate of those evildoers? 85. To the People of Midian, I sent their brother Shu'aib. He said: "O my People! Worship Allah. You have no god except Him. Proof has come to you from your Lord, so give measure and weight with justice, and do not defraud people, nor spread corruption after it has been set in order. This is for your own good if you believe. 86. And stop sitting by road paths, threatening, and hindering believers from His path, and stop striving to make it appear crooked. Remember, when you were few in numbers. Allah

increased your numbers. Also remember the fate of those corruptors before you.

87. If you believe in my message, though some will not, then wait patiently until Allah judges us, for He is the best to judge.” 88. The arrogant chiefs said: “O Shu’aib! We will expel you and your followers from our land unless you return to our faith.” He said: “What! Even if we hate it. 89. If we were to return to your faith, after Allah had saved us from it, then we would be guilty of blasphemy. It is inconceivable for us to return to your faith unless it be Allah’s will. Allah surrounds everything with His knowledge and we have put our trust in Him.” Shu’aib prayed: “O Lord, expose the truth and judge between us, for You are the best to judge.”

90. The chiefs threatened his people, saying “If you follow Shu’aib, you will certainly be lost.” 91. An earthquake erupted and they fell to their death in their homes. 92. Those who rejected Shu’aib were wiped out. And it appeared as if, they had never lived there. Those who rejected Shu’aib became the losers. 93. Shu’aib left, saying: “I conveyed His message and I gave you good advice. Why should I feel sorry for a nation who refuses to believe?” 94. When I send a prophet to a nation, I afflicted its disbelievers with hardship and calamities to see if they humble themselves. 95. Then I revert calamities to prosperity until they flourish and argue, saying: “Our fathers suffered hardship too, but then prosperity.” Then I seized them when they least expect it. 96. Had the people of those nations been faithful and conscious of Me I would have overwhelmed them with blessings from the heavens and the earth, but they disbelieved, so I seized them. 97. Can any community ever feel secure that My punishment will not come upon them during the night, while they sleep? 98. Or, can any community ever feel secure that My punishment will not come upon them during the day, as the amuse themselves? 99. Can any nation really feel secure from My plan? Only those lost feels secure from My plans. 100. Is it not clear to those who take over land after the destruction of its former residents that We could punish them too for their sins and seal their hearts, so they would not be able to hear the truth? 101. These

were the earlier habitations whose accounts We relate to you, O Muhammad. Messengers came with evidence of the truth, but people were not in the mood to believe in something that they had already rejected, so I sealed the hearts of the unbelievers. 102. I found most of them not honouring their agreements and I found most of them rebellious. 103. Later, I sent Moses with My message to Pharaoh and his inner circle, but they too rejected them. What happened to those corruptors? 104. Moses said: "O Pharaoh, I am a messenger from the Lord of the Worlds. 105. I am obliged to say nothing but the truth about Allah. I appear before you with proof from your Lord, so allow the Children of Israel to leave with me." 106. Pharaoh said: "If what you say is true and you have a sign, then present it to us." 107. Moses threw his staff down, and it became a real snake. 108. He drew his hand out of his pocket and it appeared white, radiant. 109. The chiefs said: "He is indeed a skilled magician 110. who wants to drive you out of your land?" Pharaoh said to his chiefs: "What do you propose we do?" 111. They said: "Keep both brothers in suspense for a while, and send our messengers to the cities, 112. to gather our magician." 113. The sorcerers came and said: "Will there be a reward, if we win." 114. Pharaoh replied: "Yes! Of course, you will be amongst those close to me." 115. The magicians said: "O Moses, do you want to go first, or should we?" 116. Moses said: "No, you go first." When they displayed their magic, they deceived the eyes of the spectators, they stunned them. They did display great magic. 117. I inspired Moses, saying: "Throw your staff, for it will swallow their deceptions." 118. Truth prevailed and their illusions failed. 119. Pharaoh and his people were defeated and put to shame. 120. The magicians fell, prostrating. 121. Then they said: "We believe in the Lord of the Worlds. 122. The Lord of Moses and Aaron." 123. Pharaoh threatened them, saying "How dare you believe in him before I permit you? This must be a conspiracy you all devised in the city to drive my people out of their land, soon you will see. 124. I will certainly cut off your hands and feet on opposite sides, and then crucify you." 125. The

magicians proclaimed: "Indeed, to our Lord we shall return. 126. Are you going to punish us for believing in Allah's signs. O Lord bestow patience upon us and cause us to die in a state of submission." 127. The chiefs said to Pharaoh: "Are you going to allow Moses and his followers to spread corruption and forsake you and your gods?" Pharaoh replied: "We shall kill their males and spare their females, for we have complete power over them." 128. Moses reassured his people, saying: "Seek Allah's help and be patient, for the earth belongs to Allah. Allah grants it, as inheritance to whoever He wills. The future belongs to those who are conscious of Him." 129. The Children of Israel complained, saying: "We were being persecuted before you came to us, Moses, and we are still being persecuted." Moses said: "Your Lord may destroy your enemy and make you inherit their land, for then He will test you, to see how you conduct yourselves." 130. I afflicted Pharaoh's nation with drought and shortage of crops, so they may return to their sense. 131. When in prosperity, they said: "We deserve this," but during afflictions they blamed Moses and his followers. Everything is destined by Allah, yet people do not understand this fact. 132. And they said to Moses: "No matter what sign you bring to deceive us; we shall not believe you." 133. So, I plagued them with floods, locusts, lice, frogs, and blood. All these signs, but they persisted in arrogance. They were evildoers. 134. When tormented, they pleaded, saying: "O Moses! Pray to your Lord on our behalf, by virtue of the agreement He made with you. If you help remove this torment from us, we shall believe in you and allow the Children of Israel to go with you." 135. But when I removed the plague and gave them time to fulfil their promise, they broke their promise. 136. I took vengeance and drowned them for denying My signs and for not paying attention to them. 137. I made the Children of Israel successors of the eastern and western lands, which I had blessed. Your Lord's promise to the Children of Israel was fulfilled for their patience. I destroyed everything Pharaoh and his people established and constructed. 138. And I brought the Children of Israel across the

sea (Moses parted the sea). When they came upon some people devoted to idols. They said: "O Moses! Make a god like their god for us." Moses said: "You are ignorant. 139. They will be destroyed for their deeds. 140. How could I seek a god other than Allah, especially, since He favoured you over all others." 141. Remember when I saved you from Pharaoh's nation, for they had afflicted terrible punishments upon you. They killed your sons and allowed your females to live. That was a mighty test. 142. I appointed thirty nights for Moses, and then added ten more. The term set by his Lord was fulfilled in forty nights. Moses said to his brother Aaron: "Take my place. Rule my people and set a good example and do not follow the corruptors." 143. And when Moses came to Our appointed place and his Lord spoke to him, Moses said: "My Lord, show Yourself to me, so I may look at You." Allah replied: "You cannot see Me, but look at that mountain; if it remains in its place, only then will you be able to see Me." When his Lord manifested Himself upon the mountain, he crumbled to dust and Moses fell - unconscious. When Moses recovered, he said: "Glory be to You, for I turn to You, and I am the first to believe." 144. Allah said: "O Moses! I have elevated you above others to convey My message and by virtue of My speaking to you, so hold on to this (Tablet) and be grateful." 145. I wrote for him on the Tablets the fundamentals of everything, commands, and explanations of all things. I said: "Hold on to this and ask your people to take the best of it. I will soon show you the home of the evildoers. (this could either mean the ruins of destroyed nations or hell) 146. I will turn away from My signs all those who are unjust and arrogant, even if they were to see every sign, they would still not believe in them, and if they saw the right path, they would not take it, but if they saw a crooked path, they would follow it. This, because they reject My signs and pay no attention to them. 147. The deeds of those who reject My signs and the meeting with Me in the Hereafter will be in vain. Why should I not pay them for what they have done?" 148. And they made a calf out of their ornaments while Moses was on

mount Sinai. It gave a lowing sound. Could they not see that it could neither speak to them nor guide them? They worshipped it and became evil. 149. Later on, when they felt remorseful and realized they had wronged themselves, they cried out, saying: "If our Lord does not have mercy upon us or forgive us, we will become losers." 150. Upon Moses' return, totally furious and grieved, he said: "What an evil thing you have done in my absence. Do you want to rush your Lord's punishment?" He threw the tablets down and grabbed his brother by his beard. Aaron pleaded, saying: "O son of my mother! The people overpowered me and were about to kill me. Do not humiliate me and make my enemy rejoice, nor count me among the evildoers." 151. Moses prayed: "O my Lord! Forgive me and my brother. Admit us to Your mercy, for You are merciful to those who show mercy." 152. Moses said to Aaron: "Those who worshipped the calf will experience their Lord's anger and be disgraced in this world." This is how I repay those who cause trouble. 153. As for those who commit evil, and then repent afterwards and believe; your Lord after that will be Forgiving, Merciful. 154. When Moses' anger subsided, he took the Tablets in whose text contained guidance and mercy for those who stand in awe of their Lord. 155. Moses chose seventy men for Our appointment. When they were seized by a violent quake, he prayed: "O my Lord! If it had been Your will, You could have destroyed us long ago. Would You destroy us for the deeds of some fools amongst us? This is no more than a test by which You cause whom You will to stray, and lead whom You will to the right path. You are our Protector. Forgive us and have mercy on us, for You are the best of those who forgive. (Moses left his companions at the base of the mountain. He was surrounded by light, which blocked his companions view. However, they heard the voice of God as He was communicating with Moses. When Moses came down, they argued and demanded to see Allah with their own eyes. Suddenly a volcano erupted and shook the mountain violently and they fell to their death. Allah then raised them. They questioned each other as to what had happened, or if any had

seen anything during their death, they all said: we can't remember a thing) 156. Ordain for us what is good in this world and the next, for indeed, we turn to You in repentance." Allah replied: "I will inflict My punishment upon whoever I will, but My mercy surrounds everything. I will ordain mercy upon those who shun evil and pay alms-tax and believe in My revelations, 157. for they follow My messenger, the uneducated prophet whose description they will find in their Torah and their Gospel. He commands them to do good and forbids evil, he permits what is lawful and forbids what is impure, and he relieves them from their burdens and shackles that have bound them. Only those who believe him, honour him, and support him and follow the light, which I sent down to him will be successful." 158. Say: "O humanity! I am Allah's messenger. To Allah belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. There is no god except Him. He gives life and He causes death." So, believe in Allah and His messenger, the uneducated prophet, who believes in Allah and His revelations. Follow him, so you may be guided. 159. There are some among the people of Moses who guide others with the truth, and they establish justice. 160. I divided them into twelve tribes. When his people asked Moses for water, I inspired Moses, saying: "Strike the rock with your staff." And twelve springs gushed forth, each group knew its drinking place. I also provided shades of clouds over them and sent Manna (sweet dish) and Salva (quail's meat), saying: "Eat wholesome things, which I have sent for you." They rebelled. They did no harm Us, they wronged themselves. 161 Remember when they were told: "Enter Jerusalem and eat whatever you desire and say: "Forgive our sins." But enter the gates of Jerusalem with humility. I will forgive you, and give even more to those who are virtuous, 162. but the evildoers among them changed the words they were commanded to say, so I let loose a plague from heaven. 163. Ask them about the town which was located on the seashore (Constantinople, Turkey). What happened to them, when they transgressed in the matter of the Sabbath. On the day of Sabbath, fish appeared before them,

but not on other days. I tempted them because of their transgression. (People of Aylah were forbidden to fish during the Sabbath. Fish appeared on Saturday, but not on weekdays. To get around the prohibition some decided to lay their nets on Friday and collect on Sunday. The Orthodox Christians opposed this practice and tried to convince the offenders (Western Christians) to honour the Sabbath but gave up. This split between them was called the Great Schism. It split the religion into two factions - Roman Catholics and Orthodox Christians)

164. Righteous ones among them questioned their fellow Sabbath-keepers, saying: "Why do you bother to warn those (Sabbath-breakers - western Christians) who will, either be destroyed or punished?" They replied: "Just to be free from blame and perhaps they may abstain." 165. When they ignored the warning they were given, I saved those who used to warn against evil and overwhelmed the evildoers with a dreadful punishment for their rebelliousness.

166. When they persisted in doing what I had forbidden, I cursed them, saying: "Be disgraced apes." (Western Christians have no moral values, they live in a loathed and despised manner, without spiritual values, so they have become alike)

167. Remember when your Lord declared that He would send against them others (Orthodox Christians) who would make them suffer terribly until Judgement Day. Your Lord is swift in punishment, yet He is Forgiving, Merciful.

168. I dispersed the Jews all over the earth in groups. Some were righteous others were less so. I put them to test with prosperity and hardship, in case they returned to the right path.

169. They were succeeded by an evil generation (european Jews) who inherited the Book, but they took worldly gains, saying: "We shall be forgiven." If evil pleasures came their way, they would seize them. Was a pledge not taken from them in their Book, saying: "Say nothing but the truth about God?" They have studied its contents well. Indeed, the Hereafter is better for those who are mindful. Will you not then understand?

170. As for those who firmly abide by My Book and establish prayers, I shall not deny them their reward. 171.

Remember, when I raised a mountain over them, for it appeared as if it were a cloud hovering over them - they thought it would fall on them. I said: "Hold on to My Book and observe its teachings, so you may become conscious of Allah." 172. Remember, when Allah brought forth from the loins of Adam his descendants. Allah made them testify themselves. Allah asked them: "Am I not your Lord?" They all replied: "Yes. You are." Allah cautioned them, saying: "I remind you of this, so on the Day of Judgement no one will have an excuse to say: "We were unaware of this." (50,000 years before the creation of the universe; Allah took an agreement from every created soul) 173. Nor say: "It was our forefathers who associated others with Allah and we, being their descendants are following in their footsteps. Will You destroy us for their invention?" 174. This is how I make My signs clear, so they may return unto the right path. 175. Tell them the story of the man to whom I had given signs, but he rejected them, so Satan took hold of him and he became misguided. (the kind of person spoken of here is one who understands the divine message yet refuses to submit to it) 176. If it had been My will, I would have elevated him with My signs, but he clung to this life - following his evil desires. His example is that of a dog: if you chase it, it pants and if you leave it, it still pants. This is the example of those who deny My signs, so narrate to them stories of the past, for they may reflect. 177. What an evil example of those who reject My signs. They wrong their own souls. 178. Whoever Allah guides is truly guided. Whoever Allah leaves to stray, they become losers. 179. I have destined many jins and humans for Hell. They have hearts yet do not understand, they have eyes, yet they do not see, they have ears, yet they do not hear. They are like cattle. In fact, they are, even less guided. Such people pay no attention. 180. I have the most beautiful names, so call upon Me by them, and stay away from those who abuse My names, for they will be punished for what they do. 181. Among those I created is a group that guides others with the truth and establish justice accordingly. 182. I will punish those who deny My revelations

slowly, in a way, that they will not know.183. I only delay their end for a while, but My plan is effective. 184. Why do the pagan Arabs not understand that their companion (Muhammad) is not mad, he is but a warner. 185. Have they ever pondered upon the wonders of the heavens and the earth and everything Allah has created, and that perhaps their end is near? So what message after this Qur'an would they believe in? 186. Whoever Allah allows to stray, none can guide, for He leaves them to wander blindly in their defiance. 187. They ask you about the Hour. Say: "Only Allah knows its time. He will disclose it. It is too heavy for the universe. It will happen suddenly." They approach you, presuming you have knowledge of this subject. Say: "Only Allah knows of it, yet most people do not realize this." 188. Say: "I have no power to benefit or harm any. Everything is by the will of Allah. If I had knowledge of what is hidden, I would have had many good things, nor would evil have ever touched me. I am a warner and deliverer of good news for those who believe." 189. He is the One who created you from a single soul - Adam, and then from it, He created its spouse - Eve, so he may find comfort in her. And after they had united, she carried a light burden (conceived a child) that developed gradually. When it grew heavy, they both prayed to Allah, their Lord, saying: "If you grant us good offspring, we shall certainly be grateful." 190. Yet, as soon as I granted them descendants, they began to give credit to associates alongside Me, giving them (idols) a share in what I had granted them. Allah is High above what they ascribe to Him. 191. They ascribe to Allah things that create nothing but are themselves created things. 192. They cannot help them or even themselves? 193. If you idolaters call them for guidance, they cannot respond. It is all the same whether you call them or remain silent. 194. Those whom you call upon besides Allah are servants like you. Call them and see if they answer, if what you say is true. 195. Do they have feet to walk with? Or hands to hold with? Or eyes to see with? Or ears to hear with? Say: "Call your idols and conspire against me without delay, 196. for my protector is Allah who

revealed this Book to me. He is the protector of the righteous. 197. Those idols you call upon can neither help you, nor even themselves. 198. If you pray to them for guidance, they do not hear you, and you may imagine that they see you, but they don't. 199. Be gracious and enjoin what is right. Turn away from those who are arrogant. 200. If you are tempted by Satan, then seek refuge with Me, for I hear and know everything. 201. When Satan whispers to those who are conscious of Allah, they remember their Lord, and behold, they begin to see things clearly. 202. Devils persistently plunge their human associates deep into wickedness, sparing no effort. 203. If you, O Muhammad, do not bring them a sign, they say: "Why don't you invent one?" Say: "I only follow what is revealed to me, from my Lord. This Qur'an is an insight, from your Lord - a guide and a mercy for those who believe." 204. When the Quran is recited, listen to it attentively, and be silent, so you may be shown mercy. 205. Remember your Lord within yourself, humbly and fearfully and quietly in the morning and the evening, and do not be neglectful. 206. The angels who live in My presence are not too proud to worship Me, they glorify Me and bow.

SURA 8. Al - Anfal (spoils of war)

1. They ask you, O Muhammad, about the spoils of war. Say: "Their distribution is decided by Allah and His messenger, so be mindful of Allah, and settle your affairs, and obey Allah and His messenger, if you are true believers." 2. True believers are those whose hearts tremble during the remembrance of Allah and their faith increases when His revelations are recited to them, and they put their trust in their Lord, 3. and they establish regular prayers, and they spend out of what I have given them. 4. It is they who are true to faith. They will have elevated ranks and forgiveness and honourable provisions from their Lord. 5. Similarly, when your Lord brought you, O Muhammad, out of your home a group of believers were totally against it. 6. They disputed the truth after it had been made clear. It

was as if they were being driven to death with their eyes wide open. 7. Remember, O believers, when Allah promised to give you the upper hand over either target, but you wished to capture the unarmed group, but Allah's plan was to establish the truth with His words and uproot the unbelievers. (after many years of persecution in Mecca, the prophet and his followers decided to migrate secretly to Medina, leaving their homes and valuables, which were taken over by the pagans. To avenge this financial loss, he decided to capture an unarmed Meccan trade caravan which was headed by Abu Sufyan. The caravan escaped, but the Meccans mobilized an army of over 1000 well-armed soldiers. More than three times the size of the Muslim force. Many Muslims were hoping to capture the caravan without having to meet the Meccan army in battle. Muslims were outnumbered and lightly armed, but they won the battle) 8. And firmly establish the truth and wipe out the lies to the dismay of the evildoers. 9. Remember, when you cried out for help. Allah said: "I am going to send one thousand angels in succession to aid you." 10. Allah gave this victory to reassure you. Victory comes from Allah. Indeed, Allah is the Almighty, the Wise. 11. Remember when I caused drowsiness to overwhelm some of you before the battle of Badr - giving you serenity; and I sent rain down to purify you - freeing you from Satan's whispers, and I strengthen your hearts and made your steps firm. 12. Remember, O Muhammad, when your Lord said to the angels: "I am with you, so keep the believers' spirit high. I will cast terror in the hearts of the unbelievers, so strike them above their necks and strike off their fingertips." 13. This because they defied Allah and His messenger. Whoever defies Allah and His messenger should know that He is severe in punishment. 14. Thus, it will be said: "This is your punishment, so taste it." Unbelievers will have further punishment in the Fire. 15. Believers, when you encounter unbelievers during battles, do not flee. 16. Whoever turns his back, unless it is a battle tactic, or an attempt to join another group will earn the wrath of Allah and his home will become Hell. A

terrible destination. 17. You did not kill them, Allah killed them, nor was it you, O Muhammad, who threw a handful of dust at the unbelievers, it was Allah. He did a great favour for the believers. Indeed, Allah is Alert, Wise. 18. By doing this, He frustrates the unbeliever's evil plans. 19. O unbelievers! You wanted a decision, here it is, the decision is in the shape of the believer's victory, which has come to you. Now! If you abstain from persecuting the believers, it will be better for you, but if you repeat your act of war, then I shall repeat the act of providing believers assistance, and your forces, no matter how large will avail you nothing, for I am with those who believe. 20. O you who believe, obey Allah and His prophet, and do not turn away when you hear him speak. 21. Nor be of those who say: "We hear but will not listen." 22. The worst of beasts in the sight of Allah are the deaf and dumb who do not use common sense. 23. Had I perceived any virtue in them, I would have endowed them with hearing, but had I made them hear, they would have refused to listen and turn away. 24. O you who believe, respond to Allah and His messenger when he invites you to a cause, which will lead you to an eternal and pleasant life, either through the manifestation of bravery or the ultimate achievement of martyrdom. Allah hovers between a man and his heart and to Him you shall all be gathered. 25. Fear fitnah (**affliction and trials**) and guard yourselves against temptations. The evil ones are not the only those who will be tempted and know that Allah is strict in retribution. 26. Remember, when you had been vastly outnumbered and oppressed, constantly fearing an attack, I sheltered you and strengthened you with My help and I provided you with good things, so you may become grateful. 27. O believers! Do not betray Allah and His messenger, nor betray the trust of each other. 28. And know that your wealth and children are only a test, for with Allah lies a great reward. 29. O believers, if you remain conscious of Me, I will grant you the standard to distinguish between right and wrong, and forgive your sins, for I am the Lord of infinite bounty. 30. Remember, O Muhammad, when the unbelievers

conspired to capture and kill you, or exile you. They planned, but I also planned. I am the best to plan. 31. When My revelations are recited to them, they challenge you, saying: "We have already heard this. However, we could compose sayings like these. This Qur'an is nothing, but tales of the ancients." 32. Remember, when they prayed, saying: "O Allah! If this is, indeed, the truth from You, then shower us with stones from the sky, or overwhelm us with a painful punishment." 33. Allah would never punish them while you, O Muhammad, were in their midst, nor if they could pray for forgiveness. 34. There is no reason why Allah should not punish them now, for they are hindering people from Masjid-al-Haram, they are not its guardian. Its guardian are those who fear Me, but most people do not understand this. 35. Their prayers at the sacred House is nothing, but whistling and clapping, they must taste punishment for their disbelief. 36. Unbelievers spend their wealth trying to hinder people from My path, and they will continue to spend to the point of regret, but then they will be defeated and be driven to Hell. 37. so Allah may separate evil from good. He will pile up the evil ones altogether, and then throw them into Hell. Indeed, they are true losers. 38. Tell the unbelievers: "If they refrain from unbelief, their past sins will be forgiven, but if they persist, then let them reflect upon the fate of their forefathers." 39. Fight them until there is no more persecution and all worship is devoted to Allah alone. If they stop, then know I am observing their conduct. 40. However, if they refuse, then know I am your protector, and I am the best to protect and help. 41. One fifth of whatever spoils of war you acquire belongs to Allah and His messenger to be distributed among relatives, the orphans, the needy and the travellers in distress. You must obey this decision if you believe in Allah and what I sent to My servant on the Day of Decision. The day when the two armies in the battle of Badr clashed. Indeed, Allah has power over everything. 42. Remember, when you were on the near side of the valley and your enemy on the far side and the caravan was below you. If the two armies had an appointment to

meet they would have missed each other, this was done so I could settle what I had pre-destined: **that those who were to perish and those who were to survive might do so after the truth had been made clear to them.** Allah hears everything, and He is Knowledgeable. 43. O Muhammad, do you remember when I showed them in your dream, as few. Had I shown them as many, you would have lost heart and disagreed with each other as to what to do, but I spared you, for I know what is hidden in the hearts. 44. Then when your armies met, I made them appear as few in your eyes, and made you appear as few in theirs, so Allah may establish what He had pre-destined. All matters return to Allah for judgment. 45. O believers, when you face an enemy, stand firm, and remember Allah, as often as possible, so you may triumph. 46. And obey Allah and His messenger and do not argue with each other, lest you lose courage and weaken your strength, and be patient, for I am with those who show patience. 47. Do not be like those pagans who left their homes arrogantly, only to be seen by others and to hinder others from His path. Allah is aware of what you do. 48. Remember, when Satan made their evil deeds appealing, he said: "No one can overwhelm you today, for I am by your side." But when the two forces faced off, he cowered and said: "I have nothing to do with you, for I see what you cannot see, and I fear Allah and Allah is severe in punishment." 49. When the hypocrites and those with diseased hearts, said: "These Muslims are deluded by their religion." Fact is, those who depend on their lord, have chosen, the Highest, the Wisest. 50. If only you could see when the angels take the souls of the unbelievers. They beat their face and backs, saying: "Taste the torment of burning. 51. This is the reward for your deeds. Allah is not unjust to His servants." 52. Their fate is that of the People of Pharaoh and those before them, for they all disbelieved in My signs, so I seized them. Indeed, Allah is powerful and severe in punishment. 53. Allah will never discontinue His favours unto people until they discontinue faith. And, Allah hears everything, and He is Knowledgeable. 54. That was the case with Pharaoh's

people and those before them, for they all had rejected My signs, so I destroyed them and drowned Pharaoh's army. They were all evildoers. 55. Indeed, the worst of all beings in the sight of Allah are those who persist in disbelief and do not want to believe, 56. namely those with whom you, O Muhammad, have entered into a treaty, yet they violate their treaties every time, without fear of a consequence. 57. If you ever encounter them in battle, make a fearsome example of them, so perhaps those who would follow them may be deterred. 58. And if you, O Muhammad, see signs of betrayal, respond by openly terminating your treaty with them, for Allah does not like those who betray. 59. Nor let the unbelievers think that they are not within reach. They will have no escape. 60. You must organize an army to defend yourselves, and to frighten His enemy and yours, and others who are unknown to you, but known to Allah. Whatever you spend for His cause is not lost, for you will be paid back in full. 61. If they incline towards peace, then you should do the same, and rely on Allah, for He is Alert, Aware. 62. If their intention is to deceive you, then Allah is certainly sufficient for you. He has supported you with His help and the believers. 63. Allah united their hearts. Had you spent the earth's wealth - you could not have united them. Allah is Almighty, Wise. 64. Allah is sufficient for you, O Muhammad, and the believers. 65. Urge the believers to fight, if there are twenty patient ones among you, they will overwhelm two hundred, and if there are one hundred of you, they will overwhelm one thousand, for the unbelievers have no understanding. 66. Now Allah has lightened your burden, for He knows, there is weakness in you, so if there are a hundred steadfast amongst you, they will overcome two hundred. And if there be one thousand, they will overcome two thousand, by Allah's will. Indeed, Allah is with the steadfast. 67. It is not right for a prophet to take captives until he has thoroughly subdued the land. You believers settled with the gains of this world, while Allah's desires for you the Hereafter. Indeed, Allah is Almighty, Wise. 68. Had it not been for a prior decree you would have been disciplined with

a terrible punishment for the ransom you took. (reference to the captives taken by the Muslims during the battle of Badr and the discussion among the prophet's followers as to what should be done with them. Umar Khattab believed they should be killed, revenge for their past misdeeds, in particular for their persecution of the Muslims. Abu Bakr on the other hand, pleaded for forgiveness and their release) 69. Enjoy what you took, for it is now lawful for you, but remain conscious of Allah. Verily, Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 70. O Muhammad, tell the captives that if Allah finds goodness in your hearts, He will give you better than what was taken from you and forgive you, for Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 71. If they betray you, then remember that they had betrayed Allah before. He has now given you power over them. Indeed, Allah is Knowledgeable, Wise. 72. Those who believed, emigrated, and strived with their wealth and lives for His cause, as well as those who gave them shelter and help - they are truly guardians of each other. As for those who believed, but did not emigrate, you have no obligation upon them until they emigrate, but if they seek your help against persecution in faith, then you are obliged to help them, except against those bound to you in a treaty. Allah is observing your conduct. 73. Unbelievers support each other. Unless you do likewise there will be oppression and corruption on earth. 74. Those who believe and become refugees and struggle, as well as those who help them are true believers. They will be forgiven and receive a generous reward. 75. Those who later believed, migrated, and struggled with you, they are also with you, but only blood relatives are now entitled to inherit from each other. Indeed, Allah is Knowledgeable.

SURA 9. At - Tauba (repentance)

1. A declaration of immunity is hereby announced to those with whom you made a treaty. (during the battle of Tabuk 631) 2. You, O polytheists, may travel for four months, but you will not escape from Allah. Allah will disgrace those who do not believe. 3. This is a public announcement from Allah and His messenger to the people on the day of the great Hajj (Pilgrimage). Allah and His messenger hereby dissolve treaty obligations with the idolaters. However, if you repent, it will be good for you, but if you turn away, then know you will have no escape. O Muhammad proclaim a painful punishment to those who do not believe. 4. Those polytheists who honoured their treaty and did not aid your enemy - honour their treaty until the end of its term. Allah loves those who are mindful of Him. 5. When the forbidden months (10,11,12 & 1 of the Islamic calendar) are over - kill those who violated their treaties. Wherever you find them capture them and besiege them and lie in wait for them on every pathway, but if they repent, and perform prayers, and pay alms-tax, then set them free, for indeed, Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 6. If one of the pagans asks you for asylum, give it to him, so he may hear the word of Allah, and then escort him to where he may be safe. This, because they are without knowledge. 7. How can such polytheists have a treaty with Allah and His messenger unless it be those with whom you made an agreement in the sacred Mosque. If they are true to you, then you must be true to them. Allah loves those who are conscious of Him. (this is known as the treaty of Hudaibiyah which was signed by the prophet and the pagans in 628, diffusing tension between them and affirming a 10-year peace truce, but they violated this treaty in 630) 8. What sort of a treaty is this, if they gain the upper hand, they will not respect any agreement or obligation to protect you. They are trying to please you with words, while their hearts reject you. Indeed, most of them are disobedient. 9. They sold Allah's signs for worldly gains and they block people

from His path. They commit evil deeds. 10. They do not respect relationships, nor treaties with the believers. They are transgressors. 11. If they repent and establish regular prayers, and give regular charity, then they are your brothers, in faith. I explain My signs in detail for those who understand. 12. If they violate their oaths, after having made a treaty with you and condemn your faith, then fight the leaders of these unbelievers, who have no respect for oaths. Who knows they may stop their aggression? 13. Will you not fight against those who broke their oaths and conspired to expel the messenger? They attacked you first. Do you fear them? If you are true believers, you should fear none, but Me, for I deserve your fear. 14. Fight them, for I will punish them with your hands. I will put them to shame. I might grant you victory and soothe your hearts, 15. and I will remove their fury. Allah turns with forgiveness to whoever He wills. Indeed, Allah is Wise, Knowledgeable. 16. Did you think that you would be left without trials, while I have not as yet demonstrated which of you struggles for My sake, and do not take as your friends and protectors any, except Allah, His messenger and the believers. Indeed, Allah is aware of what you do. 17. The polytheists are not responsible for the maintenance of the Mosques, for they openly profess disbelief. Their deeds are void and they live in the Fire forever. 18. Mosques are to be maintained by those who believe in Allah, and the last day. Those who establish prayers, and give regular charity, and fear none, but Allah. It is they who I expect to follow true guidance. 19. Do you pagans consider providing pilgrims with water and maintaining the sacred Mosque as equal to believing in Allah and the last day, and struggling in the cause of Allah? They are not equal in Allah's sight. Allah does not guide evildoers. 20. Those who believe and emigrate and strive for My sake with their wealth and lives are far greater in rank in My sight. It is they who will triumph. 21. Their Lord conveys to them good news of His mercy, pleasure, and gardens with everlasting bliss, 22. where they shall live forever. Allah possesses the greatest of rewards. 23. O believers, do not take your

parents and siblings as your allies if disbelief is dearer to them than faith. Those who do this are unjust. 24. Say: "If your parents, and children, and siblings, and spouses, and extended family, and the wealth you have acquired, and the trade you fear will decline and the homes you cherish - if all these things are more beloved to you than Allah and His messenger, or more beloved than struggling for His sake, then wait until Allah brings about His decree. Allah does not guide rebellious people." 25. Allah has given you victory on many battlefields. In the battle of Hunain you took pride in your great numbers, but they proved to be of no use to you. The earth, despite its vastness, seemed to close in on you, then you turned in retreat. (after the Muslims victory in Mecca in 630, almost all Arab tribes pledged an allegiance to the prophet, except for some tribes, such as Hawazin and Thaqif. Both decided to attack the Muslims, so the prophet led an army of 12.000 soldiers. Some Muslims expressed that such an army could not be defeated. On their way to the battlefield they were ambushed and most of the soldiers fled, except for the prophet and a few loyalists) 26. Then Allah sent reassurance on His messenger and the believers and sent down forces which no one could see, and He punished those who do not believe. Such was the reward of the unbelievers. 27. Then, after that, Allah accepted the repentance of whoever He willed. Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 28. O believers! The polytheists are impure, so they should not approach the sacred Mosque after this year. If you fear poverty, Allah will enrich you out of His bounty, if He wills. Indeed, Allah is Knowledgeable, Wise. 29. Fight those among the People of the Book, who do not believe in Allah and the last day, nor comply with what Allah and His messenger have forbidden, nor embrace the religion of truth, until they pay the tax willingly and agree to submit. (This verse came at a time when the pagans of Arabia and their allies repeatedly violated treaties they had signed with the prophet. Muslims had to fight for the survival of their newly established state in Medina. If the Jews and the Christians chose not to accept Islam, they were obligated

to pay Jizya - tax system that has existed since ancient times. There are several references in the old Testament e.g. Ezra 4:20. In the new Testament Jesus allowed taxes to Caesar (Luke 20:25). Under Islamic rules all individuals have a financial obligation. Muslims must pay zakat 2.5% of their savings, while non-Muslims were required to pay jizya (tax for protection). The jizya was an average of one dinar (4.25 g of gold) annually) 30. The Jews say: "Uzair (proof of this claim was confirmed in 1950 after the discovery of the dead sea scrolls) is the son of Allah." The Christians say: "Messiah (Christ) is the son of Allah." That is what they say. Imitating the sayings of previous unbelievers. May Allah destroy them for this statement. They are so deluded. 31. And the Jews and the Christians have taken their rabbis and priests as well as the Messiah (Jesus) as their lord, though they were commanded in the Torah and the Gospel to worship none, but the one God besides whom there is none worthy of worship. Exalted is He above those whom they associate with Him. 32. They want to extinguish Allah's light (religion of truth), but Allah will never allow that to happen, for Allah perfects His light to the dismay of the unbelievers. 33. He sent His prophet with guidance and true faith to make it prevail over all other faiths, though the polytheists despise it. 34. Indeed, many rabbis and monks consume people's wealth sinfully and they hinder people from His path. Give good news to those who hoard gold and silver without spending it for His cause, they will suffer a painful punishment. 35. A day will come upon them when their treasure will be heated up in the Fire of Hell and their foreheads, sides and backs will be branded with it. They will be told: "This is the treasure which you hoarded. Now taste what you were hoarding." 36. Indeed, the number of months ordained by Allah is twelve in His record since the day He created the heavens and the earth, of which four are sacred Dhul-Qa'da, Dhul-Hijjah, Muharram and Rajab - Islamic year is fixed as a lunar year - roughly 354 days). That is the right way, so do not wrong one another during these months. And together fight the polytheists as

they fight against you together. Allah is with those are mindful of Him. 37. Exchanging a prohibited month is only an addition to unbelief, thereby the unbelievers are misguided. They make a certain month lawful one year and, in another year, they make the same month a forbidden month, they make up the months, which Allah has sanctified, thus making lawful what Allah has forbidden. Their evil deeds seem pleasing to them. Allah does not guide unbelievers. 38. O you who believe, when you are asked to march forth for Allah's sake, why do you cling to the earth? Do you prefer this life to the life of the Hereafter? If that is the case, then beware the comforts of this life are short lived when compared to the Hereafter. 39. If you do not march forth, I will punish you and replace you with others. You cannot harm Allah, for Allah has power over everything. 40. If you do not help the prophet, it does not matter. I helped him when the unbelievers drove him out of Mecca and when they were in the cave and the enemy came to the opening of that cave. Muhammad said to his companion (Abu Bakr): "Don't worry, Allah is with us." I sent down peace on him and strengthened him with forces, which none could see. Thus, Allah defeated the cause of the unbelievers and made His cause stand supreme. Allah is Majestic, Wise. 41. O believers! March forth, whether it be easy or difficult and strive for Allah. That is best for you, if only you knew. 42. Had the gain been within reach and the journey shorter, they would have followed you, but the distance seemed too long for them. They will swear, saying: "Had we been able, we would have certainly joined you." They are ruining themselves. And Allah knows - they are liars. (a strenuous march of about 14 days was needed to reach Tabuk. The uncertainty of its outcome as well as the hardship involved gave rise to all kinds of excuses on the part of the half-hearted believers as well as the hypocrites. As the next verse shows the prophet accepted these excuses and allowed some of them to remain in Medina) 43. Allah has forgiven you, O Muhammad, but why did you allow them to remain? It would have become

clear which of them spoke the truth and which of them fabricated an excuse.

44. Those who believe in Allah and the last day would never ask for exemption. Indeed, Allah knows the righteous. 45. Only those ask who do not believe in Allah and the last day, as well as those whose hearts are filled with doubts. They tremble with doubts. 46. If they had intended to accompany you, they would have prepared themselves, but Allah was against their accompanying you, so He made them lag behind. They were told: "Stay with those who remain." 47. However, if they had been with you, they would not have created nothing but trouble for you. They would have created confusion and disputes and there would have been some among you who would have listened to them. Allah knows who is unjust to their soul. 48. They tried to cause conflicts before, and they hatched plots against you, until the truth prevailed, and the command of God became evident - much to their dismay. (Abdullah Salul, a chief hypocrite marched with the prophet during the battle of Uhud, but then he decided not to join the fight, so he returned to Medina with his followers). 49. Some said: "Grant us exemption, and do not expose us to temptation (roman women)." Have they not fallen into temptation already? Hell will surely engulf these unbelievers. 50. If you are blessed, it grieves them, but if you are hit with misfortune, they say: "We took precautions in advance," and turn away rejoicing. 51. Say: "Nothing happens except for what Allah has pre-destined. Verily, Allah is our protector." O believers put your trust in Allah. 52. Say: "You should expect one of two things for us: victory or martyrdom, but we are waiting for Allah to punish you, either from Himself or by our hands, so keep waiting, for we too are waiting." 53. Say: "Whether you donate willingly or reluctantly, it will not be accepted, for you are evildoers." 54. The only thing that prevents their donations from being accepted is they defy Allah and His messenger, and they come to the pray half-heartedly and offer contributions unwillingly. 55. Do not let their wealth nor their children impress you, for Allah intends to punish them with these. And they die as unbelievers. 56.

And they swear by Allah that they are with you, but they are not. They only say this out of fear. 57. If they could find a place of refuge or a cave or any other hiding-place, they would run to it. 58. Some of them criticize your charitable distributions, but if they receive something, they approve, but if they don't, they become angry. 59. If only they had been content with what Allah and His messenger had given them and said: "Allah is sufficient for us! Allah will grant us out of His bounty, and so will His messenger. To Allah alone we turn with hope." 60. Charity is for the poor, the needy and those employed to administer charitable donations, and those whose hearts are to be won over to faith, and for freeing slaves, and for those in debt, and for Allah's cause, and for the needy traveller. This is an obligation from Allah. Indeed, Allah is Knowledgeable, Wise. 61. There are others who insult the messenger, saying: "He will listen to anything." Say: "He listens for your own good and he believes in Allah and trusts the believers and is a mercy upon those who believe." Those who abuse the messenger will be punished. 62. They swear, to please you, while it is the pleasure of Allah and His messenger that they should seek if they are believers. 63. Do not they understand that whoever opposes Allah and His messenger will abide in Hell forever. Now that is terrible humiliation. 64. The hypocrites are afraid that a verse might be sent down about them, revealing their hearts intention. Say: "Joke all you want, for Allah will bring to light all your fears." 65. If you question them about their conduct they will certainly say: "We were only gossiping and joking around." Say: "Were you making fun of Allah, and His revelations, and His messenger? 66. Do not apologize, for you have rejected faith, after belief." If Allah forgives one group of you, He will punish others, for they are evil. 67. Hypocrites, both men and women are alike: they encourage evil and forbid good and they withhold. They neglect Allah, so Allah has neglected them. The hypocrites are rebellious. 68. Allah has promised the hypocrites, both men and women, and the disbelievers an everlasting stay in the Fire of Hell. It is sufficient for them. Allah has cursed them,

and they will suffer a never-ending torment. 69. You hypocrites are behaving like your predecessors, though they were mightier than you and had more wealth and more children. They enjoyed their worldly life for a while. Like them, you also will enjoy your life for a while. And you engage in idle talk, like them. They lost their deeds in this world and the Hereafter and are doomed. 70. Have they not heard stories of those who came before them? Such as Noah's nation, the 'Ad and Thamud nation and Abraham's nation and the Midian's inhabitants and Lot's nation. Their messengers came to them with evidence of the truth. Allah was not unfair to them; they were unfair to themselves. 71. The believers, both men and women are guardians of each other. They encourage good and forbid evil and prayers and pay alms-tax and obey Allah and His messenger. It is they who will be shown Allah's mercy. Indeed, Allah is Almighty, Wise. 72. Allah has promised believers, both men and women, gardens under which rivers flow, where they shall stay forever, and beautiful homes in the gardens of Eternity, and above all that His pleasure. That is truly the ultimate triumph. 73. Strive against the unbelievers and hypocrites and be firm with them, for Hell will be their home. What an evil destination. 74. They swear that they never said anything blasphemous, while they did utter blasphemy, they lost faith after submitting to Allah. They rebelled although Allah and His messenger did shower them with the Lord's grace and material provisions. If they repent even now, there is still hope for them. If they do not come to their senses and do not repent, then Allah will punish them in this world and in the Hereafter. None will help them. 75. Some among them made an agreement with Allah, saying: "If You bestow bounty upon us, we shall spend it in charity and become righteous." 76. When Allah gave them from His bounty, they withheld it, and turned away. 77. So He caused hypocrisy to plague their hearts for breaking their promise. It will remain with them until the day they meet Him. 78. Don't they know that He knows every secret thought and every secret conversation? Allah is aware of the unseen. 79.

They criticize believers who voluntarily contribute and ridicule the ones who have nothing to give except their efforts. Allah ridicules them and a painful punishment awaits them. 80. It makes no difference whether you ask forgiveness for them or not. Allah will never forgive them, even if you asked seventy times, because they reject Allah and His messenger. Allah does not guide those who rebel against Him. 81. Those who remained behind rejoiced for doing so in defiance of the messenger. They hated the idea of striving with their lives and wealth for Allah. And they said to each other: "Do not march forth in this heat." Say: "The Fire of Hell is far more intense than this." If only they could understand. 82. Let them laugh, for later, they will weep for their deeds. 83. So, If Allah brings you face to face with them again, and they ask you for permission to go to war with you, say: "You will never come with me, nor will you fight an enemy with me. You were happy to stay at home the first time, so, stay at home now with those who remain behind." 84. Nor attend funerals for their dead, nor stand by their graves, for they rejected Allah and His messenger, and they died as evil unbelievers. 85. Do not let their wealth and children impress you, for Allah intends to punish them with them in this world, and for their souls to depart in anguish while they still deny the truth. 86. Whenever a chapter is revealed stating: "Believe in Allah and struggle with His messenger," the rich among them ask for exemption, saying: "Leave us with those who stay behind." 87. They preferred to stay with the helpless, so their hearts have been sealed, and so they do not understand. 88. The prophet and those who share his faith strive hard for Allah with their possessions and lives. Great things await such people in the Hereafter. They will prosper. 89. Allah has prepared gardens with flowing rivers for them. They will stay there eternally. This is victory. 90. Some of the Bedouin Arabs too came to the messenger with excuses. Those who lied to Allah and His messenger remained at home. A painful punishment will fall on those who reject faith. 91. No blame will be placed on the weak or the sick or those who have no means to equip themselves, provided they are sincere

towards Allah and His messenger. In no way the righteous should be blamed. Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 92. Nor is there blame on those who ask for mounts and you respond: "I have no mounts." And they turn away in tears because they could not contribute anything. 93. Blame is only on those who seek exemption though they have the means. They preferred to stay behind with the helpless, so Allah sealed their hearts, nor do they understand the consequence. 94. They will make excuses to you upon your return. Say: "Make no excuses, for we will not believe you. Allah has already informed us about your true¹ state of faith. Your future deeds will be observed by Allah and His messenger. You will return to the Knower of the visible and invisible, then He will inform you of what you used to do." 95. Upon your return they will swear, so you would leave them alone. They are truly evil. Hell will be their home. A befitting reward for their deeds. 96. They will swear to you, in order to make you accept them. Allah will never accept those who are defiantly disobedient. 97. The Bedouin Arabs around Medina are far worse in disbelief and hypocrisy and are less likely to know the laws revealed by Allah to His messenger. Verily, Allah is Knowledgeable, Wise. 98. And among the Bedouin Arabs there are some who consider what they donate to be a loss and await your misfortune. May ill-fortune befall upon them. Indeed, Allah hears and knows everything. 99. However, among the Bedouin Arabs are those who believe in Allah and the last day, and consider what they donate as a means of getting closer to Allah and being in His prophet's prayer. It will certainly bring them closer. Allah will admit them to His mercy. Indeed, Allah is ever Forgiving, ever Merciful. 100. As for the first pioneers who accepted Islam from the Muhajir (**immigrants**) and the Ansar (**supporters in Medina**) and those who followed them in good deeds, Allah is very pleased with them and they are pleased with Him. He has prepared for them gardens, beneath which rivers flow, wherein they shall live forever. Now that is a mighty achievement. 101. Some of the Bedouin Arabs around you believers are hypocrites as are some of the people of Medina. They have

mastered hypocrisy. They are not known to you, but are certainly known to Me. I will punish them twice in this world, then they shall return to Me for a tremendous punishment. 102. There are some other sinners who have come to their senses and asked for My forgiveness. They have a mixture of good and evil deeds. Allah may forgive them, for He is ever Forgiving, ever Merciful. 103. Accept charity from their wealth, O Muhammad, to purify and bless them, and pray for them, surely your prayer is a source of comfort for them. Indeed, Allah hears and knows all. 104. Are they not aware that I accept the repentance of My servants and I receive their charity. I am the acceptor of repentance. Verily, Allah is Merciful. 105. Say: "Feel free to do as you please, for Allah will be observing your behaviour, so will His messenger and the believers. Soon you will return to the One who knows the visible and the invisible, for He will re-run your life for you. 106. There are others whose deeds have not yet been decided upon by Allah. He may either punish them or extend His Mercy upon them. Rest assured; Allah is Knowledgeable, Wise. (this verse refers to Ka'b Malik, Mararah Rabi and Hilal Umayyah, these three companions stayed in Medina with no excuse, but were honest. They were boycotted for fifty days, until verses 118 and 119 were revealed declaring: 'Allah had accepted their repentance') 107. Some hypocrites built a mosque to promote disbelief and harm and divide the believers and as a base for those who had previously fought against Allah and His messenger. They will definitely swear to you saying: "Our intentions are good." While Allah testifies - they are liars. (Masjid al-Dirar was built by Abu Amir, a monk from Medina) 108. You should never enter that mosque. A Mosque founded from the first day on piety is the best place for prayer. In such a Mosque there are men who love to cleanse their souls. Allah loves those who engage in self-purification. 109. Which is better: those who laid the foundation of their building on the fear and pleasure of Allah, or those who did so on the edge of a crumbling cliff that tumbled down with them straight into Hell? Allah does not guide unjust people. 110. The building which

they erected will not cease to fuel hypocrisy until their hearts are torn apart. Allah is Knowledgeable, Wise. 111. Allah purchased from the believers their lives and wealth in exchange for Paradise. They fight for Allah and they kill or are killed. This is a true promise binding on Allah in the Torah and the Gospel and the Qur'an. Who could be more faithful to his promise than Allah? So be happy with the bargain you made. That is a supreme triumph. 112. Believers are those who repent to Allah, worship Him, praise Him, travel for His sake, bow in prayer, prostrate in prayer, enjoin good and forbid evil and observe the limits set by Allah. O Muhammad give good news the believers. 113. It is not for the prophet and the believers to seek forgiveness for the polytheists, even if they were close relatives after it has become clear that they are bound for the Fire. 114. As for Abraham's prayer for his father's forgiveness, it was only to fulfil a promise he had made to him, but when it became evident to Abraham that his father was Allah's enemy, Abraham broke all ties with him. Abraham was a tender-hearted and forbearing man. 115. Allah would never consider a nation misguided after He had guided them, until He makes clear to them what they must avoid. Indeed, Allah is aware of everything. 116. Control of the heavens and earth belongs to Allah alone. Allah gives life and He causes death. You have no ally, nor helper other than Him. 117. Allah has certainly turned in mercy to the prophet as well as the emigrants and the helpers who stood by him during hard times, after the hearts of a group of them had almost faltered. He then accepted their repentance. Allah is ever Gracious, ever Merciful. 118. Allah also turned in mercy to the three (ka'b Malik, Mararah rabbi' and Hilal Umayyah, all were from the Ansar tribe. They repented and showed it clearly in their conduct) who remained behind (during the expedition to Tabuk). Their guilt stressed them so much so that they felt the earth, despite its vastness, seemed to close in on them. They knew for certain that there was no escaping Allah, but Allah turned to them with His mercy, so they could repent. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 119. O believers! Be mindful

of Allah and be with the truthful. 120. It was not right for the people of Medina and the Bedouin Arabs around them to avoid marching with the messenger of Allah, or to prefer their own lives above his. That is because whenever they suffer from thirst, fatigue or hunger in for Allah's sake, or tread on a territory unnerving the unbelievers, or inflict a loss on an enemy, it is written to their credit, as a good deed. Allah never loses track of the reward due to those who are kind. 121. Whatever they donate, and any step they may take to pass a valley (during battles), it will be credited to their account, so their Lord may generously reward them. 122. However, it is not necessary for believers to march forth all at once. Only a group from each town should march forth, leaving the rest to gain religious knowledge, who will enlighten them upon their return, so they too may become aware of evil. 123. O believers, fight the unbelievers around you, and let them find firmness in you. And know that Allah is with those mindful of Him. 124. When a chapter is revealed, some of them ask, mockingly: "Has anyone's faith been increased?" As for the believers, it increases their faith and they rejoice in it. 125. As for those with sickness in their hearts, it increases their wickedness, and they die as disbelievers. 126. Do they not realize that I test them once or twice a year? Yet, they do not repent, nor do they remember. 127. When a new chapter is revealed, they look at each other, saying: "Is anyone watching us?" Then, they leave. Allah has turned their hearts away from the truth, so they do not understand. 128. There certainly has come to you a messenger and he is concerned about your suffering and anxious for your well-being. And he is gracious and merciful to those who believe. 129. However, if they turn away, then say: "Allah is sufficient for me. There is no god except Him. And in Him, I put my trust. Indeed, He is the Lord of the Mighty Throne."

SURA 10. Yunus - Jonah

1. Alif, Lam, Ra (only Allah knows their meaning). These are verses of the Book, rich in wisdom. 2. Does it seem strange to people that I inspired a man from among themselves, saying: "Warn humanity and give good news to those who believe that they will have an honourable reward from their Lord." Yet, the unbelievers say: "This man is clearly a magician." 3. Surely, your Lord is Allah who created the heavens and the earth in six periods, and then established Himself upon the Throne of Authority, from where He regulates and governs all things. No one can intercede without His approval. That is Allah - your Lord, so worship Him. Will you not reflect? 4. To Him is your return - altogether. Allah's promise is true. Indeed, He originates creation, and then resurrects it so He may reward those who believe and do good. Those who disbelieve will have boiling fluid to drink, as well as a painful punishment for their disbelief. 5. He made the sun a radiant light and the moon a reflected light, with ordained phases, so you may know the number of years and calculate time. Allah did not create all this without a purpose. He explains His signs to those who understand. 6. Surely, in the alternation of the day and the night, and in everything He created in the heavens and the earth there are signs for those are mindful of Him. 7. Those who do not expect to meet Me - being pleased and content with this life and who pay no attention to My signs, 8. they will have the Fire as their home. 9. Allah will guide believers who do go to Paradise through their faith. Rivers will flow under them in gardens of bliss, 10. in which their prayer will be: "Glory be to You, O Allah!" and their greeting will be: "Peace!" Their closing prayer will be: "All praise is for Allah - Lord of the Worlds!" 11. If Allah were to rush punishment upon people as they wish to rush good, they would have been doomed by now, but He allows those who do not expect to meet Him to wander blindly in their defiance. 12. When someone is touched by hardship, he cries out to Me, when lying on his side,

or by sitting, or by standing, but when I relieve his hardship, he returns to his old ways, as if, he never cried to Me before. This is how the misdeeds of the transgressors have been made appealing to them. 13. I surely destroyed many nations before you when they did wrong, messengers came to them with proof, but they all refused to believe. This is how I reward the evildoers. 14. Then I made you successors on their land, to see how you would conduct yourselves. 15. When My revelations are recited, those who do not expect to meet Me say to My prophet: "Bring us a different Qur'an or make some changes in this one." Say: "It is not for me to change it. I only follow what is revealed to me. I fear, if I were to disobey my Lord, the punishment of that dreadful day." 16. Say: "Had Allah willed, I would not have recited it to you, nor would Allah have made it known to you. I lived my whole life amongst you before this revelation appeared to me. Why do you not understand?" 17. Who could be more unjust than the one who fabricates a lie, and then attributes it to Allah or denies His revelations? Indeed, the evildoers will never succeed. 18. They worship besides Allah others who can neither harm them, nor benefit them, and they say: "These are our intercessors." Ask them: "Are you informing Allah about something unknown to exist in the heavens and the earth? Glory be to Him. He is above the partners you ascribe to Him." 19. Humanity was a single community of believers, but then they differed. Had it not been for a prior decree from your Lord, their differences would have been settled. 20. And they say: "Why has no sign been sent to him (Muhammad)?" Tell them: "Allah alone has knowledge of the unseen, so wait, for I will wait with you." 21. When I give people a taste of mercy after hardship, they devise plots against My revelations. Say: "Allah's plans are faster." My angels are tracking and recording their plans." 22. Allah is the One who enables you to travel throughout the land and sea. It just so happens - you are on ship sailing with a favourable wind to the passengers' delight. Suddenly, the ship is hit by a gale wind and those on board are overwhelmed by waves from every side, they assume they are doomed. They

cry to Allah with sincerity, saying “If You save us from this, we will certainly be grateful.” 23. But as soon as He saves them, they transgress in the land unjustly. O humanity! Your transgression is only against your own souls. There is only brief enjoyment in this life, for then to Us is your return, and then I will inform you of what you did. 24. The instability of life in this world can be exemplified by the following story: Once upon a time, I sent rain from the sky, which caused crops, which sustains humans and animals equally - cover the earth. Then, at the height of the abundance - **when the landowners were happy, presuming they are going to be blessed with an unusual profit** - I sent a catastrophe that suddenly destroyed their land, leaving it, as if, nothing had existed there before. See how clearly, I make My point for those who contemplate. 25. I invite everyone to a home of peace. I guide whom I choose to the right path. 26. Those who do good will have the best and more from Me. Neither dust nor gloom will darken their face, for they are companions of the garden, where they shall remain. 27. As for those who do evil sins, their punishment will be proportionate to the evil committed (**it will not be multiplied**), shame will overshadow them, nor will they receive any help. Their face will appear dark, as if, it was covered by the night’s darkness. They are destined for the Fire, where they shall remain. 28. Consider the day I gather them altogether and say to those who associated others to Me: “Stay where you are, you and your idols.” I will separate them from each other, and their associate-gods will say: “It was not us you worshipped. 29. Allah is our witness, nor are we aware of your service.” 30. On that day, every soul will taste its earnings. Everyone will be brought before their Lord, and all idols will abandon their inventors. 31. Ask: “Who provides you sustenance from the heavens and the earth? Who owns your hearing and sight? Who can give life to the dead, and who causes the living to die? And who conducts all affairs?” They will say: “Allah.” Say: “So why do you not fear Him then?” 32. Such is Allah - your true Lord. What is there after truth, nothing but misguidance. Why then do you turn away from the truth? 33. And so,

Allah's word about those who defy the truth has been proven. They will not believe. 34. Ask them: "Can your idols initiate creation, and then repeat it?" Say: "Allah initiates creation, and He repeats it. What lies are you preaching?" 35. Again, ask them: "Can your idols guide you to the truth?" If they do not answer, say: "Allah guides to the truth. Who, then, is more worthy to be followed: Allah who guides to the truth, or that which cannot, and is, itself in need of guidance? What is the matter with you, what kind of judgement do you make?" 36. Most people base their lives on assumptions, but assumptions cannot guide. Indeed, Allah is aware of what you do. 37. This Qur'an could not have been produced by any except Allah. In fact, it confirms prior revelations (*Psalms, Torah, and Gospel*). It explains all His Books. There is no doubt that this Qur'an has been revealed by the Lord of the Worlds. 38. Or, do they say: "Muhammad invented it." Say: "Produce a chapter of similar merit and call upon any to help you, other than Allah, if what you say is true." 39. In fact, they rush headlong to reject the Book without even comprehending it and before the fulfilment of its warnings. Some before them were also in denial, so reflect upon their fate. 40. Eventually, some will believe but others will not. And your Lord is aware of those who cause corruption. 41. If they reject you, O Muhammad, say: "My deeds are mine and your deeds are yours. You are free from what I do, and I am free from what you do." 42. Some of them do listen. Can you make the deaf hear, though they do not use reason? 43. Some of them look at you, but can you guide the blind, though they cannot see? 44. Allah does not wrong people - people wrong themselves. 45. The day humanity is raised back to life - they will feel as if they had lived on earth for only a few hours and were just getting acquainted with each other. Unbelievers will be ruined for denying the meeting with Allah, and for not being guided. 46. Whether We show you, O prophet, some of what We threaten them with, or cause you to die before that, in any case, to Us is their return, and Allah is a witness over their deeds. 47. For every nation there was a messenger.

After their messenger had come, judgment was passed on them with fairness, nor will they be wronged. 48. They ask: "When will Resurrection and Judgement take place, tell us, if what you say is true?" 49. Say: "I have no power over what harm or benefit may come upon me. What Allah wills happens. An appointed time has already been set up for every nation, and when they reach the end of their term, they can neither delay it, nor can they rush it." 50. Tell them: "Imagine, if Allah's punishment overwhelmed them by night or day - do the evildoers realize what they are asking Him to rush? 51. Will you believe after it overwhelms you?" Now do you believe (this was said during an event in which His punishment surrounded them)? You always asked for it to be rushed. 52. When the evildoers are subject to their punishment, they will be told: "Now taste this everlasting torture. What else did you expect to earn for your evil deeds?" 53. They ask: "Is the punishment really true?" Say: "Yes, it is true, and you will not escape it." 54. If every wrongdoer were to possess everything in the world, they would surely ransom themselves with it. They will hide their remorse when they see My punishment, but they will be judged fairly. No one will be wronged. 55. No doubt, every being in the heavens and the earth belongs to Allah and His promise always comes true, though most people do not know. 56. He gives life and causes death and to Him you shall return. 57. O humanity, a reminder has now come to you and healing for your hearts (Dhikr), for those who believe. It is a guide, and it is a mercy. 58. Say: "In Allah's grace and mercy let them rejoice, for that is far better than all the wealth they amass." 59. Say: "What about the provisions He sends down - some you made lawful and some unlawful." Say: "Allah did not give you permission to do this. Why are you attributing lies to Allah?" 60. What do those who fabricate lies against Allah expect on Judgment Day? Indeed, Allah is ever bountiful to humanity, but most of them are so ungrateful. 61. There is no activity that you may be engaged in, or a portion of the Qur'an that you may be reciting, nor any deed that you may be doing, I witness all, while you do it. Not even an atom's

weight is hidden from your Lord on earth nor in the heavens, nor anything smaller or larger than that, for all has been pre-written in Our pre-destined Book. 62. There will certainly be no fear on those close to Allah, nor will they grieve. 63. They are those who believe and have done their duty. 64. There is good news in this world for them, as well as in the life to come. There is no altering Allah's words. That is a supreme achievement. 65. Do not let their speech grieve you. All might belong to Allah and He hears everything, and He is Knowledge. 66. Know that all creatures in the heavens and the earth belong to Allah. Those who worship others follow nothing but fantasies. They only speculate and guess. 67. He is the One who made the night for you to rest in and the day bright. In this are signs for people who hear. 68. The Jews and the Christians say: "Allah has children." Glory be to Him, for He is self-sufficient. To Him belongs all in the heavens and the earth. Can you prove this statement or are you attributing something to Allah without knowledge? 69. Say: "Those who lie about Allah will never succeed." 70. Such people will enjoy this world for a while, and then return to Me. I will then subject them to the most severe punishment. 71. Relate to them the story of Noah when he said to his people: "O my People! If my presence and reminders of Allah's signs are unbearable for you, then beware I have put my trust in Allah, so plan with your idols against me, and then carry out that plan without delay. 72. But if you cannot do this, then remember, I have not asked you to reward me for this advice, for my reward is with Allah, and I have been ordered to submit to Him." 73. They rejected him, so I saved him and his followers in the Ark, and made them successors on earth, and drowned those who rejected My signs. See what happened to those who were forewarned? 74. After him I sent other messengers to their nations with proof, but people still refused to believe, so I sealed the hearts of the transgressors. 75. And, after them, I sent Moses and Aaron to Pharaoh and his chiefs with My signs, but they too behaved arrogantly. They were evildoers. 76. When the truth came to them from Us, they said: "This is pure

magic.” 77. Moses said: “Is this the way you deal with the truth when it is presented to you? Is this magic? Magician never succeeds.” 78. They argued, saying: “Have you come to turn us away from our fathers’ faith, so you brothers become leaders in our land? We will never believe you.” 79. Pharaoh said: “Bring me every skilled magician.” 80. When the magicians arrived - Moses said to them: “Throw what you wish to throw.” 81. After their performance, Moses said: “What you have produced is mere magic, Allah will make it useless, for Allah certainly does not support corruptors. 82. Allah establishes the truth with His words, even to the dismay of the wicked.” 83. Only a handful of Moses' people declared faith in him, while others held back for fear of Pharaoh’s persecute, for Pharaoh was mighty on earth and prone to excesses. 84. Moses said: “O my People! If you believe in Allah and have submitted, then put your trust in Him.” 85. They replied: “We trust Allah. O Lord! Do not subject us to the persecution of these wicked people. 86. Save us with Your mercy from these unbelievers.” 87. I inspired Moses and his brother, saying: “Find residence for your people in Egypt, and turn their homes into places of worship and establish regular prayers. Go now and give this good news to the believers.” 88. Moses prayed: “O my Lord, You have given Pharaoh and his chiefs wealth and splendour, but they are leading people away from Your path. Lord, confiscate their wealth and harden their hearts so they may not attain faith until they see Your punishment.” 89. Allah said: “Yours prayer has been accepted. Continue patiently upon the right path and do not follow the path of those who have no knowledge.” 90. I took the Children of Israel across the sea. Pharaoh and his troops pursued them in arrogance, but as he was drowning, he cried out, saying: “I believe there is no God except the One the Children of Israel believe in. I submit to Him.” 91. Allah replied: “Now you believe, but you always disobeyed and were a corruptor. 92. Today I will preserve your body, so you become an example for those to come after you.” Yet most people pay no attention to My examples. (Pharaoh’s body was discovered in 1897 at the same

time the Zionist movement came into being) 93. I settled the Children of Israel in blessed land Jerusalem and I granted them good, lawful provisions. They did not differ until after knowledge had come unto them. Allah will judge their differences on Judgement Day. 94. If you, O Muhammad, doubt these stories, then go and ask those who read their Scriptures (the Torah and the Gospel) before you. The truth has certainly come to you from your Lord, so do not be of those who doubt, 95. and do not be of those who deny Allah's message, lest you become one of the doomed. 96. Those cursed by Allah will never believe, 97. even if every sign were to come to them until they see the punishment. 98. If only there had been a nation, which believed before seeing My punishment, and had benefited from its belief, like the people of Jonah. When they believed I retracted My punishment and allowed them to enjoy themselves. (Jonah's people had rejected his message and when Jonah was told that they would be punished after three days, he left the city without Allah's permission. Jonah's people were convinced they were on the brink of being destroyed, and when they saw the signs of the imminent punishment, they felt remorseful and cried out for forgiveness. Allah accepted their repentance) 99. Had your Lord so willed, O Muhammad, all people on earth would have certainly believed, every single one of them! Would you then force people to become believers? 100. No soul can ever believe without Allah's permission, however, Allah disgraces those who do not use common sense. 101. Say: "Consider all that is in the heavens and the earth." Yet neither signs nor warnings are of any benefit to those who refuse to believe. 102. What are they waiting for other than His punishment, which came upon those before them? Say: "Wait then, for I will wait with you." 103. I saved My messengers and their followers. It is My duty to save believers. 104. Say: "People, if you doubt my faith, then know I do not worship those you worship, for I worship Allah to whom I will return, and I am commanded to be among the believers. 105. And I am commanded to dedicate myself to this faith, like an

upright man and not be of those who worship others. 106. And not invoke besides Allah things that can, neither benefit me nor harm me, for if I did, then I would be, indeed of the evil.” 107. If Allah harms you, none can undo it except Him. If He blesses you, none can withhold it, for He grants it upon whom He wills. Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 108. Say: “O humanity! The truth has now arrived. Whoever chooses to be guided, does so to their benefit. Whoever chooses to be misguided, does so to their own loss. I am not responsible for your conduct. 109. And follow what is revealed, and be patient until He passes judgment, for He is the best to judge.

SURA 11. Hud - prophet Hud

1. Alif, Lam, Ra. (only Allah knows their meaning) In its verses, Allah, the Wise, the Knowledgeable, Himself, explains His message in detail. 2. Say: “I have been sent to you to warn you and give you good news. 3. Ask for your Lord’s forgiveness and turn to Him in repentance. He will provide provisions for you temporary stay, and shower His blessings upon those who deserve it, but if you turn away, then I dread the punishment, which you shall be sentenced to on the Day of Judgment. 4. To Allah is your return and He is capable of everything.” 5. See how the unbelievers wrap themselves to hide their feelings from Him, even then, He knows what they conceal and reveal. He knows the innermost secrets of the heart. 6. There is no moving creature upon the earth whose provision is not guaranteed by Allah, for He knows where it lives and where it is lays down to rest. All is pre-written in a His record. 7. He is the One who created the heavens and the earth in six days, and His Throne resides on water, to test, which of you is best in conduct. And if you, O Muhammad, say to them: “You will be raised after death,” the unbelievers will say: “That is nothing, but magic.” (Allah created all life out of water and during modern times this has been confirmed by biological research) 8. And if We delay their punishment until an appointed time, they will definitely say: “What

is holding it back?" However, on the day it overtakes them, it will not be averted from them and they will be overwhelmed by what they ridiculed. 9. If I give man a taste of mercy, but then remove it, he becomes utterly desperate and ungrateful, 10. but if I give him a taste of prosperity, after hardship, he says: "Alas, evil has gone," but then he becomes arrogant. 11. Not those who patiently endure and do honourable deeds. They will have His forgiveness alongside a great reward. 12. Perhaps you, O Muhammad, may wish to give up some of what has been revealed to you, or you may be stressed by their statement. They said: "If only treasure were sent down to him, or an angel came with him, for then we would believe." O Muhammad, you are a warner, Verily, Allah is the guardian of all things. 13. Or, do they say: "He fabricated the Qur'an." Say: "Produce ten similar chapters, and seek help from whoever you can, other than Allah, if what you say is true, 14. but if your helpers fail you, then know, it was revealed with His knowledge, and there is no god except Him. Will you not then submit to Allah?" 15. Whoever desires luxuries of this life, We shall grant them, nothing will be left out, 16. but they will have nothing but the Fire in the Hereafter, for their deeds will be nullified and whatever they do will be worthless. 17. Can these people be compared to those who stand on proof from their Lord, backed by the Qur'an as a witness from Him, and preceded by the Book of Moses, which was revealed as a guide, a mercy? It is they who have faith. Unbelievers are destined for Hell. So do not doubt, for it is the truth, though most people do not believe. 18. Who could be more unjust than those who attribute lies to Allah? They will be brought before their Lord and witnesses will say: "These are the ones who lied about You." Allah's curse is upon the evildoers, 19. who hinder others from His path - striving to make it appear crooked and disbelieve in the Hereafter. 20. They will never escape Allah on earth, and they will have no protector besides Allah. Their punishment will multiply because they failed to hear or see the truth. 21. It is they who have ruined themselves, and their idols will fail them. 22. Without a

doubt, they will be the losers in the Hereafter. 23. Those who do good and humble themselves before Allah will be residents of Paradise where they shall live forever. 24. The example of these two is like the blind and deaf and the seeing and hearing. Are they equal, when compared? Will you not remember? 25. I sent Noah to his people. Noah said: "I have come to you with a warning. 26. You should worship none but Allah. I fear you will suffer on that fateful day." 27. The unbelieving chiefs said: "We see you as a mere human like ourselves and we see no one follows you except our weak ones, who do so without thinking, nor do we see anything special in you, but we do believe - you are lying to us." 28. He said: "I base my knowledge on evidence from my Lord and I have been blessed by Him, which you are unable to recognize. I cannot force you to accept the truth against your will." 29. O my People! I am not asking you to compensate me for this message. My reward is with Allah, nor do I mistreat the believers as you do. After all, they will meet their Lord and complain about being mistreated, but I see you are an arrogant nation. 30. O my People! Who would save me from Allah, if I were to dismiss them? Why do you not pay attention? 31. I do not say that I possess Allah's treasures, or that I know the unseen, nor do I claim to be an angel, nor do I say of those who are despicable in your eyes that Allah will not give them any good. Allah knows best what is in their hearts. It would be wrong of me to say something nasty about them to satisfy your ego." 32. They protested, saying: "O Noah! You have argued with us for too long, bring upon us what you threaten us with, if what you say is true." 33. Noah said: "It is Allah who will bring it upon you, if it be His will, but then you will have no escape. 34. My advice will not benefit you, if Allah wills for you to stray. Allah is your Lord. To Him you shall return." 35. Or do they say: "He invented this Qur'an." Say: "If I did, then I bear the burden of that sin, but I am free from your sinful accusations." 36. It was said to Noah: "None of your people will believe you, except those who already believe, so do not stress by what they do. 37. Build an Ark under Our watchful eyes and direction, and do not plead with

Me for those who have done wrong, for they will surely be drowned.” 38. Noah began to build the Ark. Every time the chiefs of his town passed by him, they laughed. Noah said: “Laugh, for soon we will be laughing at you. 39. You will soon come to know who will receive a humiliating punishment and upon whom an everlasting punishment will descend.” 40. When My command came to pass and earths water gushed forth, I said to Noah: “Take in the Ark a pair from every species and your family, but not those against whom the decree to drown has been passed, but take those who chose to believe.” There were only a few of them.” 41. Noah said: “Come aboard; in the name of Allah, in whose hands is its sail and anchor. Indeed my Lord is Forgiving.” 42. And so, the Ark sailed through high waves. Noah called out to his son who stood apart, saying: “Son! Board with us, do not stay with the unbelievers.” 43. He replied: “I will take refuge on the top of a mountain.” Noah cried out, saying: “No one is safe from Allah’s decree today, unless He shows mercy.” Then, a huge wave suddenly came between them. His son became of the drowned. 44. Later on, it was said: “O earth, swallow your water. O sky, withhold your rain.” The floodwater receded and My decree was fulfilled. The Ark came to a rest on mount Judi (a peak near the Syrian, Turkish border), and it was said: “Away with those evildoers.” 45. Noah prayed: “O my Lord, my son is of my family and Your promise is true. Would you save my son? I beg you, for You are the most just of judges.” 46. Allah replied: “O Noah, he is not of your family, for he did not possess righteous conduct, so do not ask of Me what you have knowledge of. I warn you not to be foolish.” 47. Noah said: “O my Lord, I seek refuge in You from asking You about what I have no knowledge. Unless You forgive me and have mercy on me, I shall become one of the losers.” 48. Allah said: “O Noah, disembark with peace and blessings, and peace and blessing be upon some of your descendants. As for the others, I will permit them to enjoy themselves for a while, but then they will suffer a painful punishment.” 49. These are some of the historical facts of the unseen which I reveal to you. No one knew

about them before this. Be patient, for the final victory belongs to those who respect their Lord. 50. To the nation 'Ad, I sent their brother, Hud. Hud said: "O my People! Worship Allah! You have no god other than Him. Why are you making up lies about Allah. 51. O my People! I am not asking you to compensate me for this message. My reward is with the One who created me. Why don't you understand? 52. O my People! Seek your Lord's forgiveness and turn to Him in repentance, for He will shower you with rain in abundance, and He will add strength to your strength, don't turn away as sinners." 53. They argued: "O Hud! You have not given us proof, nor will we abandon our gods upon your word, nor will we believe in you. 54. All we can say is that some of our gods have possessed you with evil." He said: "I call Allah to bear witness and you too bear witness that I totally reject what you associate, 55. with Him. So, plot against me, all of you, and give me no respite. 56. I have put my trust in Allah - my Lord and your Lord. There is no living creature that is not under His control. Surely my Lord's way is the right way. 57. I have conveyed His message, now the choice is yours. If you do not obey Him, He will replace you with others, nor can you harm Him, for my Lord is in complete control." 58. When My command came, I saved Hud and his followers through My mercy, and I saved them from the punishment in the Hereafter. 59. And that was the end of the 'Ad nation. They had rejected the signs of their Lord and disobeyed My messengers and followed the command of every stubborn tyrant. 60. They were followed by a curse in this world, as they will be on the Day of Judgment. The 'Ad nation rejected their Lord, so away with the 'Ad nation and the nation of Hud. 61. To the Thamud nation, I sent their brother, Salih. He said: "O my People, worship Allah. You have no god other than Him. It was He who brought you into being from the earth and made you inhabit it, so ask forgiveness from Him, turn back to Him: my Lord is near, and ready to answer." 62. They argued: "O Salih! We truly had high hopes in you before all this. How dare you forbid us to worship what our fathers worshipped? We doubt that

to which you invite us.” 63. Salih said: O my People, tell me, if I have evidence from my Lord and He has granted me mercy, who then will protect me from Him, if I were to disobey Him? You would only make my loss greater. 64. O my People! This camel of Allah is a sign for you, so allow her to graze freely on His earth, nor harm her, or else, a swift punishment will overwhelm you.” 65. They slaughtered her. Salih said: “You have three days to enjoy life in your homes, but then you will be destroyed.” 66. When My decree came, I saved Salih and his followers with My mercy. I spared them from the disgrace of that day. Indeed, your Lord is Powerful, Almighty. 67. A mighty blast overwhelmed them. They fell to their death in the own homes. 68. It seemed as if they had never lived there. The Thamud nation had rejected their Lord, so away with them too. 69. And My messengers came to Abraham with good news. They said: “Peace.” Abraham replied: “Peace be upon you too.” Then Abraham brought before them a roast calf. 70. But when Abraham realized they were not eating, he found it strange and became suspicious and fearful of them. They reassured him, saying: “Do not be afraid, O Abraham. We are Allah’s messengers’ and we have been sent to deal with Lot’s nation.” 71. Abraham’s wife was standing by, she laughed when she was given news of the birth of Isaac, and after him, Jacob. 72. She wondered and said: “Oh my! How can I have a child at my age and my husband is an old man? However, it would be amazing.” 73. They said: “Are you amazed at Allah’s decree? Allah’s blessings are upon this household and He is Praiseworthy, Glorious.” 74. After Abraham’s fear subsided, he began to plead with them for Lot’s people. 75. Abraham was a compassionate and kind man. 76. The angels said: “O Abraham! Plead no more, for your Lord’s decree has already been issued. They will be punished, nor can it be averted.” 77. When My messengers appeared before Lot, he felt bad and was disappointed that he had no power to protect his people. He said: “This is a terrible day.” 78. The men of his nation came running. Lot said: “O my People! Here are my daughters for marriage, for they are pure for you. Fear Allah. Please

do not humiliate me. Is there not a single right-minded man amongst you?" 79. They said: "You know we have no interest in your daughters - you know what we want." 80. He said: "If only I had the strength to stop you or had some support." 81. The angels said: "O Lot! We are messengers of your Lord. They will never reach you. So, travel with your family tonight, but do not look back, but leave your wife behind, for she will suffer the same fate as the others. Their appointed time is early morning. Is morning not near?" 82. When My decree arrived, I turned their cities (**Sodom and Gomorrah**) upside down and sent upon them showers of baked clay stones. 83. Marked by your Lord. These stones are not far off from those who conduct themselves in an evil manner. 84. And to the nation of Midian I sent their brother, Shu'aib. He said: "O my People! Worship Allah. You have no god other than Him. Stop giving short measure and weight. I do see you in prosperity now, but I do fear for you the torment of an overwhelming day. 85. O my People! Give full measure and weigh, with justice. Do not defraud people of their property, nor go about corrupting the land. 86. By Allah, a small profit rightfully earned is far better than a large profit obtained by cheating. The choice is yours, nor am I your guardian." 87. They replied: "Tell us Shu'aib, does your prayer command we abandon our fathers' religion, or that we cannot do with our wealth what we please? You sound like a tolerant, right-minded man." 88. Shu'aib said: "For the sake of argument, imagine that Allah has revealed the truth to me. In addition, He has showered His blessings upon me. How can I, then join you in your evil practices? No way, I will never do what I forbid you to do. My only desire is to reform you and I will do my best to achieve this goal. My success in this depends on Allah, in whom I have put my trust, and to whom I have submitted full heartedly. 89. O my People, do not let your hatred towards me lead you to sin, for then you will suffer the same fate as the People of Noah, and the People of Hud, and the People of Salih, and the nation of Lot is not far from here. 90. Seek forgiveness from your Lord, and then repent to Him, for my Lord is Merciful,

Loving.” 91. They threatened him, saying: “O Shu’aib! We do not comprehend much of what you say, and you are weak. Were it not for your family, we would have stoned you by now, nor do you have any power over us.” 92. Shu’aib said: “O my People! Do you fear my family more than Allah? Rest assured, Allah surrounds everything you do. 93. O my People, do what is within your power, for I will do the same, but soon you will come to know who will receive a disgraceful punishment, and who the liar is. Watch out, so will I.” 94. When My decree arrived, I saved Shu’aib and his followers, and then a blast overwhelmed the evildoers and they fell to their death in their own homes. 95. It seemed as if they had never lived there. Away with the Midian nation, as the Thamud nation. 96. I sent Moses with My signs and proof, 97. to Pharaoh and his chiefs, but they followed Pharaoh's orders, though his orders were misleading. 98. Pharaoh will come before his people on the Day of Judgment and lead them to Hell. What an evil place to be led to. 99. The curse that they earned in this world will last till the Hereafter. what a thing to earn. 100. These are accounts of previously destroyed cities, which I relate to you. Some are still standing barren, while others have been mowed down. 101. I did not wrong them, they wronged themselves. Their gods were of no help to them when My decree came to pass, they only contributed to their ruin. 102. Such is the crushing grip of your Lord when He seizes a nation entrenched in wickedness. Indeed, His grip is painful and severe. 103. There is a sign in this for those who fear the torment of the Hereafter, for that is the day upon which humanity will be gathered, and a day that will be witnessed by all. 104. I am only delaying it for a specified period. 105. When that day arrives no one will dare speak unless I allow it. Some people will be miserable, others will be happy. 106. The evildoers will be in the Fire, sighing and groaning, 107. where they will remain if the heavens and the earth endure (time without count) unless your Lord wills otherwise. Your Lord carries out whatever He wills. (the punishment referred to here is not eternal because the heavens and the earth as

we see them are not eternal, therefore, the punishment of our worldly deeds will end. They will not be such as never end, but Muslim theologians reject this view. They say the heavens and the earth referred to here are not what we see, rather, others and they will be eternal) 108. As for those destined to eternal happiness, they shall be in Paradise, where they shall live as long as the heavens and the earth will endure, unless your Lord wills otherwise. A generous gift - without end. (the current universe will be dismantled for a new universe, see surah 5 verse 44 - surah 14 verse 48 - surah 21 verse 104 - surah 25 verse 22 - surah 39 verse 37 - surah 69 verse 16 - surah 70 verse 9) 109. So, don't be in doubt as to what these people worship. They worship nothing but what their fathers used to worship. I will repay them their share without decrease. 110. I blessed Moses with the Book, but it was disputed. Was it not for a prior word from your Lord, the matter would have been resolved a long time ago? Thus, they still doubt it (the authenticity of the Torah). 111. Indeed, Allah will reward everyone for their deeds, for He is certainly aware of what you all do. 112. Be patient, as you are commanded, along with those who turn in submission, nor transgress, for He is observing your conduct. O believers. 113. Do not lean towards those who are disobedient, for then the Fire will touch you. In that case you will find none to protect you against your Lord and you will end up becoming a loser. 114. And perform the daily prayers at the two ends of the day (daybreak, Fajr - zenith, Dhur), and during the early evening (Maghrib). Truly, good deeds remove evil deeds. This is a reminder for those who are conscious of Me. 115. Show patience during hard times. Allah does not fail to reward those who do good. 116. If only there had been among previous destroyed nations virtuous individuals who forbade corruption, apart from the few I saved. As for those who are clearly evil, they were absorbed with materialistic pre-occupations and ended up becoming criminals. 117. Your Lord is not such as to unjustly destroy a nation while their citizens are righteous. 118. If Allah had wished, He could have made humanity one nation of believers, but the

wisdom of Allah necessitates that people should try different alternatives and eventually arrive to the conclusion that only their Lord's way is conducive to salvation. 119. Only those who have earned and received His mercy will be saved. They are the ones who were created to be examples for freedom of choice and to fulfil the promise of the Lord, when He said: "I will fill Hell with humans and Jins altogether." 120. I relate stories of My messengers to reassure your heart, O Muhammad. In this chapter the truth has come to you, as well as a warning for those who disbelieve and a reminder for those who believe. 121. Tell the unbelievers: "Do as you wish, for I will do as I believe. 122. And wait, for we are waiting too." 123. To Allah belongs the secrets of the heavens and the earth. Indeed, everything is in His control. Therefore, obey Him and put your trust in Him. Rest assured; your Lord is aware of your deeds.

SURA 12. Yusuf - Joseph

1. Alif, Lam, Ra (only Allah knows their meaning). These are verses of a Book that makes things clear. 2. I sent it an Arabic Qur'an, so you may understand. 3. I relate to you the best stories through My revelations, though before this you were totally unaware of them. 4. Remember when Joseph said to his father: "O father! I dreamt of eleven stars and the sun and the moon prostrating before me." 5. Jacob said: "Son! Do not relate this vision to your brothers, for they may devise a scheme against you, for Satan is an enemy of humanity. 6. Your Lord has chosen you, O Joseph. He will teach you the interpretation of dreams and visions and perfect His favour upon you and the descendants of Jacob, just as He perfected them upon your forefathers, Abraham, and Isaac. Indeed, your Lord is Knowledgeable, Wise." 7. In the story of Joseph and his brothers, there is a lesson for all those who seek the truth. 8. Remember, when Joseph's brother said to one another: "Joseph and his brother, Benjamin are more beloved to our father than

we, though we are a large group. Our father is clearly misguided. 9. Let's kill Joseph or leave him at some distant land, so our father's attention turns towards us, after that we shall repent and become righteous." 10. One of them said: "Don't kill Joseph. If you must do something, throw him down a well, so he may be picked up by travellers." 11. They all agreed to this scheme, and then spoke to Jacob, saying: "Why do you not trust us with Joseph? We wish him well. 12. Let him come with us tomorrow, so he may play and enjoy himself. We will protect him." 13. Jacob said: "It would sadden me, for if you neglect him, I fear a wolf may devour him." 14. They said: "We would be good for nothing, if a wolf were to attack him while he is among us." 15. So, when they took him, they agreed to put him down a well. I inspired Joseph, saying: "One day, you will remind them of this event, but they will not recognize you." 16. That night, they returned to their fathers at nightfall weeping. 17. They said: "Father, we left Joseph alone with our belongings to race with each other; then a wolf devoured him. You will never believe us, in spite of the fact that we are telling you the truth." 18. They even came up with a fake blood-stained shirt. Jacob said: "No! Your souls have tempted you to evil, but I must be patient. Allah will help me bear my loss." 19. On the other side, a caravan came, they sent someone to draw water, as he drew his bucket, he saw Joseph, he cried out, saying: "Oh, what a great find! There is a boy here." So, they took him secretly to be sold. Allah was aware of deed. 20. Later, they sold him for a small price, just a few silver coins - only wanting to get rid of him. 21. The man from Egypt who bought him said to his wife: "Take good care of him, for he may become useful, or we may adopt him as our son." This is how I established Joseph, so I could teach him the interpretation of dreams and visions. Indeed, Allah's plan always prevails, but most people do not know. 22. When Joseph reached maturity, I gave him wisdom and knowledge. This is how I reward those who do good. 23. The lady of the house, however, tried to seduce him. She locked the doors and said to him: "Come to me." Joseph replied: "Allah is my

refuge. It is not right for me to betray my master who has taken good care of me. Evildoers would not succeed.” 24. She was about to act on her desire as was he, had he not seen proof from his Lord. I had removed evil and sexual misconduct from him, for he was one of My sincere servants. 25. They raced for the door and she tore his shirt from the back, only to find her husband at the door. She cried: “What is the punishment for someone who tried to violate your wife, except imprisonment or a painful punishment?” 26. Joseph said: “It was she who tried to seduce me.” A witness from her own family testified, saying: “If Joseph’s shirt is torn from the front, then she is truthful, and he is a liar, 27. but if it is torn from the back, then she is lying, and he is truthful.” 28. When her husband saw that Joseph’s shirt was torn from his back, he said to his wife: “This is a women’s trick. Indeed, your trick is seriously shrewd. 29. O Joseph! Forget about this. And you, O wife! Seek forgiveness for your sin.” 30. Some women in the city began to gossip about this incident, saying: “The chief minister’s wife tried to seduce her slave-boy. Love for him has plagued her heart. She is clearly going astray.” 31. When she heard about their gossip, she invited them and set up a banquet. She gave each one of them a knife for their fruit, and then she said aloud: “O Joseph, present yourself before them.” When they saw him, they were so stunned by his beauty that they cut their hands, saying: “Good God! This cannot be human; he must be an angel.” 32. She said: “This is the one for whose love you criticized me. I did try to seduce him, but he sternly refused. Now, if he does not do what I order him, he will be imprisoned and disgraced.” 33. Joseph prayed: “O my Lord! I would rather be in jail than do what they ask of me. If You do not turn their cunning away from me, I might yield to them and fall into ignorance.” 34. His Lord warded them away from him. Allah is the Alert, Aware. 35. And so, it occurred to those in charge, despite seeing all the proof of his innocence that he should be imprisoned for a while. 36. Two other servants went to jail with Joseph. One of them said to Joseph: “I dreamt I was pressing wine.” The other said: “I dreamt I was carrying

bread on my head, while birds were eating off of it.” Then, they both said: “Tell us their interpretation, for we see you are a knowledgeable man.” 37. Joseph replied: “I can even tell you what meal you shall be served. This knowledge has been taught to me by my Lord, and I have shunned the faith of those who do not believe in Allah and the Hereafter. 38. I follow the faith of my fathers: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. It is not right for us to associate anything with Allah. This is Allah’s grace upon us and humanity, but most people are ungrateful. 39. O my fellow-prisoners, which is better: many different lords or the One Allah - the One, the Supreme? 40. Those idols you worship are mere names which you and your forefathers made up. A practice Allah never approved. Allah who decides and He has commanded us to worship none but Him. That is true faith, but most do not know. 41. O my fellow-prisoners, the first of you will serve wine to his master, the other will be crucified and birds will eat from his head. Judgement has been decreed upon your dreams.” 42. Then, Joseph said to the one he knew would be released: “Mention me to your master.” Satan made him forget, so Joseph remained in prison for several additional years. 43. The king said: “I dreamed of seven fat cows being eaten by seven lean cows. And seven green ears of corn and seven withered ones. Counsellors, can you interpret these dreams.” 44. They said: “These are confused visions. We do not know the interpretation of such dreams.” 45. Finally, the surviving ex-prisoner remembered Joseph, he exclaimed: “I will tell you it’s interpretation, but you need to send me to Joseph.” 46. He said: “O truthful Joseph, tell us the meaning of seven fat cows devouring seven lean cows and seven green ears of corn and seven withered ones. 47. Joseph replied: “You will plant grain for seven consecutive years but let all the grain remain untouched in its spikes, except for a little that you may need. 48. You will then be hit with a drought for seven years, which will consume what you saved, except for what you stored away.” 49. After that period rain will pour in abundant and people will press olives and grapes.” 50. As soon as Joseph's interpretation was conveyed to

the King, he said: "Bring Joseph before me." When the messenger came to fetch Joseph, he said: "Go back to your master and ask him to find out the truth from those women who cut their hands. My Lord is aware of their trick." 51. The king asked the ladies: "What did you get when you tried to seduce Joseph?" They replied: "Allah forbid! We know nothing indecent about him." Then, the chief Minister's wife said: "Now the truth is out. It was I who tried to seduce him. He is innocent." 52. Joseph said: "The reason I asked for this enquiry is to prove to my ex-master that I never took advantage of his trust; and Allah does not guide those who betray trusts." 53. I do not claim to innocent, for man's soul is ever inclined towards evil, except those upon whom He bestows blessings. My Lord is Forgiving, Merciful." 54. The King said: "Bring him to me. I will employ him exclusively in my service." And when Joseph spoke to him, the King said: "Today you are highly esteemed and fully trusted by us." 55. Joseph said: "Put me in charge of the store-houses, for I am reliable and knowledgeable." (Joseph built grain reserves for the coming years of drought) 56. This is how I established Joseph in the land to settle where he pleased. I shower mercy on whoever I choose, nor do I waste the reward of those who do good. 57. The reward of the Hereafter is better for believers. 58. After some years Joseph's brothers came and entered his presence. Joseph recognized them, but they did not recognize him. 59. When Joseph provided them with supplies, he said: "Bring your brother from your father's side next time you come. You see I give full measure and I am a good host? 60. However, if you do not bring him, you will receive no grain, nor will you come near me." 61. They said: "We will try. We will do our best." 62. Joseph ordered his servants to put his brothers' money back into their bags, so they may return. 63. They pleaded with Jacob, saying: "Father, we have been denied further supplies. Send our brother, so we may receive our measure. We will keep an eye on him." 64. Jacob said: "How can I trust you, for I once trusted you with Joseph. Only Allah is our protector and Allah is Merciful." 65. They opened their bags and discovered

their money. They said: "Father, what more could we ask for? Our money has been returned. We can now buy additional food for the family. We will watch over Benjamin and obtain an extra camel-load of grain. That load can be easily secured now." 66. Jacob said: "I will not send him with you, until you give me a solemn oath that you will bring him back, unless of course you are totally overpowered." After their oath, Jacob said: "Allah a witness to our agreement." 67. Jacob, then said: "Sons, do not enter the city through one gate, rather go through separate gates, for I cannot help you against what Allah has pre-destined, for He decides, and in Him I put my trust. All who believe should put their trust in Him." 68. When they entered the city as per their father's instruction, it did not help them against Allah's will. It was just a desire in Jacob's heart, which he satisfied. Jacob was truly blessed with knowledge because of what I had taught him, but most people have no knowledge. 69. When they entered Joseph's presence, Joseph called his brother Benjamin aside, and said: "I am your brother, Joseph, so do not stress with what they have been doing." 70. When Joseph had provided them with supplies, he slipped a royal cup in his brother's bag. A royal servant cried out, saying "O People of the caravan, you must be thieves." 71. They turned around and said: "What have you lost?" 72. The royal servant said: "We have lost the King's measuring cup; whoever finds it will be rewarded with a camel-load of grain. I guarantee it." 73. Joseph's brothers replied: "By Allah! You know very well we did not come here to cause any trouble, nor are we thieves." 74. Joseph's men asked: "What should be the punishment for theft?" 75. Joseph's brothers responded: "It should be enslavement of the one in whose bag the cup is found. That is how we would punish thieves." 76. Joseph began searching their bags before his own brother's bag, and then removed it from Benjamin's bag. This is how I inspired Joseph to plan. He could not have taken his brother under the King's law, unless Allah had willed it. I exalt whoever I choose, but above all those who have knowledge, there is One who knows everything. 77. To distance

themselves, Joseph's brothers argued, then said: "If he stole it, it is no surprise, for his brother had stolen once before." Joseph suppressed his outrage, revealing nothing to them, and said to himself: "You are in a bad position and Allah is a witness to your statement." 78. The brothers said: "Your highness, he has a very old father. You are a kind man, take one of us instead of him." 79. Joseph responded: "Allah forbid we take other than the one, from whom we found our property, for then we would be evil." 80. Disappointed, they went to a corner to talk. The elder one said: "Our father took a pledge from us in the presence of Allah. You also know what we did to Joseph was wrong. I am not going to leave this place without my father's permission, or until my Lord's judgment is in my favour, for Allah is the best to judge us." 81. Joseph said: "Go back to your father and explain how his son was caught stealing. Tell him that you guarded him against what you could see and that you could not protect him against Satan's temptation. How could you guard against the unknown." 82. The brothers said to Jacob: "Ask the people of the land where we were, and the caravan in which we travelled. We are telling you the truth." 83. Jacob said: "No, your souls have been tempted you evil, but patience during hard times is most godly, for Allah may return all of my sons. Allah is Knowledgeable, Wise." 84. Jacob then turned away saying: "Now let me mourn for my Joseph." His eyes turned white from grief, so much so, he fell into depression. 85. Jacob's sons said: "By Allah, if you keep on mourning for Joseph, you will become sick and may even die of grief." 86. Jacob replied: "I complain only to Allah and I know the great tests of Allah which you do not know. 87. Go and look for Joseph and Benjamin and do not give up on Allah's grace. Only unbelievers give up on Allah's mercy." 88. When they returned to Joseph, they said: "Your highness, we and our family are going through a lot of hardship now. We have brought some merchandise of less value to barter for food. Please be charitable and give us enough food. You know that Allah rewards the charitable." 89. Joseph said: "Do you recall what you did to Joseph and his

brother during the climax of your ignorance?” 90. This statement took surprised them and in shock they said: “You must be Joseph.” He said: “Yes; I am Joseph, and this is my brother. Allah has been gracious to us. He never fails to reward those who lead a righteous life, and He rewards those who are patient.” 91. They admitted their guilt and said: “By Allah! We were evil and Allah has truly preferred you over us.” 92. Joseph replied: “Do not blame yourself. May Allah forgive you. Of all those the merciful, He is the most merciful. 93. Take this shirt and cast it over our fathers’ eyes, it will restore his vision, and then come back with the whole family.” 94. While the caravan was on route from Egypt, Jacob said to those around him: “You may think I am senile, but I sense the smell of Joseph.” 95. They replied: “By Allah! You are definitely delusional.” 96. When his sons arrived, they cast Joseph’s shirt over his face and behold, he regained his sight. Jacob exclaimed: “Did I not tell you that I know from Allah what you do not?” 97. They begged Jacob, saying: “O father! Pray for our forgiveness, for we had sinned.” 98. Jacob said: “I will pray to Allah for your forgiveness, for He is Forgiving, Merciful.” 99. When they entered Joseph’s presence, he received his parents graciously, and said: “Enter Egypt, Allah willing, in security.” 100. Joseph placed his parents upon thrones. They fell and prostrated before him. Joseph said: “Father, do you remember my dream. My Lord has made it come true. Allah has been good to me. He took me out of prison and brought you all to me from the heart of the desert and made Satan’s plan to create animosity between me and my siblings a failure. Indeed, my Lord is kind to whoever He wills. He knows everything and He is Wise.” 101. Joseph prayed: “O my Lord! You have given me a kingdom and You have taught me the interpretation of dreams. Originator of the heavens and the earth! I bear witness that you are my Lord in this world, as well as in the Hereafter. When my time arrives, let me die in submission and join me with Your righteous servants.” 102. You, O Muhammad, are being informed of this story, which took place in the past and its detailed were unknown to mankind. Besides, you were

not present when they conspired against Joseph. 103. Most people, no matter what you do will not believe, 104. even though you do not ask them to reward you for this Qur'an, it is but a reminder for the whole world. 105. How many signs in the heaven and the earth do they pass by without paying any attention to them? 106. Most will not believe without associating partners to Allah. 107. Do they feel secure that an overwhelming torment from Allah will not overtake them, or that the Hour will not take them by surprise when they least expect it? 108. Say: "This is my way and I and my followers invite you to Allah. Glory be to Him and I do not associate partners to Him." 109. I sent before you, O Muhammad, men whom I inspired, to every nation. Have the unbelievers not travelled and seen the fate of those who I destroyed? The Hereafter is better for those who lead a righteous life. Why don't they use reason? 110. And when the messengers' despaired and their people thought that their messengers had been rejected, My help came to them. I then saved whoever I willed, but My punishment will not be averted from the evildoers. 111. In their stories there are lessons for people of reason. This message cannot be a fabrication, rather it is a confirmation of previous revelations, a detailed explanation of all things, a guide, and a mercy for people of faith.

SURA 13. Ar - Ra'd (Thunder)

1. Alif, Lam, Meem, Ra (only Allah knows their meaning). These are verses of the Book. What has been revealed from your Lord is the truth, but most people do not believe. 2. Allah raised the heaven without pillars, as you can see, then Allah established Himself upon the Throne of Authority. He made the sun and the moon subservient to His law - each one will orbit for an appointed term. He governs everything that exists. He clearly explains these messages, so you can be sure that you are destined to meet Him. 3. He spread the earth out, and placed firm mountains and rivers on it, and created fruits of every kind in pairs. He covers day

with night. There are signs in this for those who contemplate. 4. And on the earth there are different neighbouring tracts, gardens of grapevines, various crops, palm trees - some stemming from the same root, others standing alone. They are all irrigated with the same water, yet We have made some taste better than others. In this there are signs for those who understand. 5. Now, if anything should amaze you, O Muhammad, it should be their question: "What! When we become dust and bones shall we be resurrected into a new creation?" These are the ones who deny their Lord. It is they who will have shackles around their necks. It is they who will be the residence of the Fire, where they shall abide forever. 6. They ask you to bring the punishment, rather than the promised rewards, though there have been many examples before them. Your Lord is full of forgiveness for people, despite their wrongdoings, but at the same time He is truly severe in punishment. 7. The unbelievers say: "Why has no sign been sent down to him?" You, O Muhammad, are only there to warn humanity. Every nation had a guide. 8. Allah knows what every female bears, and what increases and decreases (miscarriage or overdue) in the wombs. And with Him everything is determined with precision. 9. Allah knows the visible and the invisible. Allah is the Greatest, the Highest. 10. It is the same to Allah, whether you speak secretly or openly, or whether one hides in the darkness of the night or goes about in broad daylight. 11. There are successive angels before and behind every soul, protecting them by His command. Allah does not change people's condition until people change their own condition. If Allah wills to punish someone, none can avert it, nor will they find a protector other than Him. 12. He is the One who shows you lightning - inspiring you with hope and fear, and He is the One who produces heavy clouds. 13. The thunder glorifies His praise, as do the angels. All fear Him. And He is the One who sends thunderbolts, striking whomever He wills. Yet, they argue about Allah. Indeed, Allah is tremendous in might. 14. Calling upon Him is the truth, but those idols they invoke besides Him can never respond to them. It is just like

someone who stretches out his hands to water, asking it to reach their mouth, it can never do so. Indeed, the unbelievers' calls are in vain.¹⁵ All those in the heavens and the earth bow in submission - willingly or unwillingly, as do your shadows, every morning and evening. 16. Ask them: "Who is the Lord of the heavens and the earth?" They will say: "Allah." Then ask them: "Why have you then, taken lords who cannot benefit you, nor protect themselves?" Say: "Can you compare a blind man to the one who can see?" Say: "Is darkness the same as light?" Have your idols created anything alike His creation that it has become difficult for you to judge who is Allah and who is not? Say: "Allah is the Creator of everything. He is One, and He is Almighty." 17. I send down rain from the sky and cause valleys to flow, each according to its capacity. The currents then carry rising foam, alike the slag produced by metal, which people melt in a fire for ornaments and tools. This is how I compare the truth to lies. Worthless residue is then thrown away, but what benefits people remains on earth. And so, Allah sets forth an example. 18. Those who respond to the call of their Lord will have a fine reward. As for those who do not respond, even if they were to possess everything in the world twice over, they would certainly offer it to ransom themselves. They will face strict judgment and Hell will become their home. What an evil place to rest. 19. The one who knows that your Lord's revelations are true, can he be compared to him, who is blind? None will be mindful of this, except people of reason. 20. They are those who honour Allah's agreement and do not break pledges, 21. and who maintain human relations which Allah has ordered to be maintained, and stand in awe of Allah, and fear His strict judgment. 22. And they endure patiently, seeking their Lord's pleasure, and establish prayers, and donate from what He had given them - secretly and openly, and respond to evil with good. They who will have the ultimate home. 23. In gardens of Eternity which they will enter with their righteous parents, spouses, and descendants. Angels will greet them at the gate, saying: 24. "Peace be on you for your patience." What an excellent home.

25. And those who violate Allah's covenant after it had been affirmed, and break human relations, which Allah has ordered to be maintained, and spread corruption in the land - it is they who will be condemned and will have the worst abode. 26. Allah gives abundant or limited provisions to whomever He wills. The unbelievers become prideful with their worldly pleasures, but the life of this world, when compared to the Hereafter is nothing but temporary enjoyment. 27. Unbelievers say: "If only a sign could have been sent to him." Say: "Allah leaves to stray whomever He wills, and He guides unto Himself those who turn to Him. 28. Those who believe and whose hearts find comfort in His remembrance, surely know that in His remembrance hearts do find comfort. 29. Those who believe and do good, for them there will be bliss and an honourable destination. 30. And so, I have sent you, O Muhammad, to a nation, like I sent messengers to earlier nations, so you may recite to them what I have revealed to you. Yet, they still deny the Compassionate. Say: "He is my Lord. There is no god except Him, and in Him I have put my trust, and to Him I turn in repentance." 31. If there were a recitation that could move mountains, or split the earth, or make the dead speak, it would be this Qur'an. Indeed, all matters are ordained by Allah's will. Do the believers not know that had Allah so willed, He could have guided all human beings? As for those who do not believe, calamities will not cease to strike them for their evil deeds, nor cease to descend near their homes until the promise of Allah is fulfilled. Allah does not fail to keep His promise. 32. Other messengers had been ridiculed before you, O Muhammad. I did give the unbelievers time, but then I did seize them. How terrible was My punishment? 33. Can He who keeps an eye on all deeds of every soul be compared to their idols? Yet people still associate others with Allah. Say: "Name them, or are you informing God about something that exists on earth without Him knowing? Or are they displaying empty words?" Indeed, their idols seem fair to the unbelievers, so they are misled from His path. None can guide those whom Allah leaves to stray. 34. There is punishment for

them in this world, but the punishment in the Hereafter will be much harsher. None will be able to defend them from Allah. 35. The description of the Paradise promised to the righteous is that under it rivers flow; eternal is its fruit, as well as its shade. That is the ultimate outcome for the righteous, but the outcome for the unbelievers is the Fire. 36. Those (Jews and Christians) to whom I sent My Books (Torah and Gospel) rejoice in what has been revealed (Qur'an) to you, O Muhammad, but some of them do deny part of it. Say: "I am commanded to worship Allah and not join anything with Him, and to Him I invite people, and to Him I shall return." 37. And so, I have revealed this Qur'an as an authority in Arabic. However, if you were to follow their desires after all the knowledge that has been bestowed upon you, then there would be none to protect you or shield you from Me. 38. I certainly sent messengers before you, O Muhammad, and I had blessed them with wives and children. No messenger could bring a sign without My permission. Every destined matter has a pre-set time. 39. Allah eliminates and confirms as He wills, and with Him is the Master Record. 40. Whether I show you, O Muhammad, some of what I threaten them with, or cause you to die before that, your duty is only to deliver My message. Judgment is for Me. 41. Do you not see that I gradually reduce their land from its borders? I decide, and none can reverse My decision, and I am swift in reckoning. (after the hijra there was a hard struggle between Mecca and Medina. Finally, the bloodless conquest of Mecca in 8 A.H made the pagan structures collapse) 42. The unbelievers before them secretly planned, but Allah has the ultimate plan. He knows what every soul commits. The unbelievers will soon know who will have the ultimate outcome. 43. The unbelievers say: "You are not a messenger." Say: "Allah is a witness, as are those with knowledge of the Book."

SURA 14. Ibrahim - Abraham

1. Alif, Lam, Ra (*only Allah knows their meaning*). This Book was revealed by Allah to his servant, Muhammad, in order for him to lead humanity out of darkness into light. The path of the Almighty, the Praiseworthy. 2. Allah! To whom belong's everything in the heavens and the earth. How terrible will be the torment of those who ignore Him. 3. They are the ones who favour the life of this world over the Hereafter and hinder others from the His path, for they strive to make it appear crooked. They who have gone too far. 4. All messengers used their native tongue, so people may understand the truth. Allah leaves whomever He wills to stray and guides whomever He wills. He is Almighty, Wise. 5. I sent Moses with My signs saying: "Take your people out of darkness (*of ignorance*) and lead them to the light and remind them of the days of Allah." (*history during which they received His special favours*) There is a message here for those who are grateful. 6. Moses said to his people: "Remember Allah's favour when He saved you from Pharaoh's nation who had afflicted upon you terrible torments, for they slaughtered your sons and kept your females alive. That was a severe test from your Lord. 7. And remember when your Lord proclaimed: "If you are grateful to Me, then I will give you more, but if you are ungrateful, then know My punishment is severe." 8. Moses added: "If you along with everyone on earth were to be ungrateful, then beware, for Allah is rich beyond any needs and He is worthy of praise." 9. Have you heard about those who lived before you; like the People of Noah, the People of 'Ad, the People of Thamud, and those who came after them - known only to Allah? Their messengers came with evidence of the truth, but they covered their mouths, saying: "We do not believe you. We doubt that to which you invite us." 10. Their messengers said: "Do you doubt the One who created the heavens and the earth? What is wrong with Him wanting to forgive your sins and give you a second chance, so you may prove you deserve His generosity?" The unbelievers

said: "Who are you? You are no more than a human like us. You simply want to change our way of life and deprive us from what our fathers worshipped. If you are truthful, then show us a miracle to support of your claim." 11. Their messengers said: "We are indeed only humans like you, but Allah favours whomever He wills of His servants, nor is it for us to present miracles without His permission. 12. Why should we not put our trust in Allah? When He has guided us to the right path? We will patiently endure any harm you may cause us. In Allah let the faithful put their trust." 13. The unbelievers threatened him, saying: "We will expel you if you do not return to our faith." Allah inspired them, saying: "I will destroy the evildoers, 14. and make you inheritors of their land. This is for those who fear My warning and the prospect of standing before Me." 15. They prayed for victory and the unbelievers were doomed. 16. Waiting for them is Hell, and they shall have oozing pus to drink, 17. which they will sip with difficulty. Death will overwhelm them from all sides, but they will not die. Awaiting them still is harsher torments. 18. The example of the deeds of those who disbelieve in their Lord is that of ashes fiercely blown around by a furious wind on a stormy day. They will gain nothing from their earnings. That is truly the farthest one can stray. 19. Do you not understand that Allah created the heavens and the earth for a reason? If it be His will, He could eliminate you and produce a new creation. 20. That is not difficult for Him. 21. Everyone will appear before Allah. The weak followers will appeal to their arrogant leaders, saying: "We were your dedicated followers, so protect us from Allah's punishment?" They would say: "If Allah had guided us, we would have guided you. It makes no difference now whether we rage or endure with patience: there is no escape." 22. Satan will say to his followers after judgment: "Allah made a promise to you, so did I, but I failed you. I had no authority over you. I only called you and you responded, so do not blame me; blame yourselves. I cannot save you, nor can you save me, but I do denounce your association of me with Allah." The evildoers will suffer a painful punishment.

(Satan while endeavouring to lead mankind astray, never claimed to be Allah's equal) 23. Believers who do good will enter My gardens graced with flowing streams. They shall remain there with their Lord's permission and be greeted with 'Peace.' 24. A good word is like a tree whose roots are firmly fixed and branches stretched out high towards the sky, 25. always producing fruit during its season by the will its Lord. This is how Allah cites examples for people, so they may pay attention. 26. An evil word is like a rotten tree uprooted, with no stability. 27. Allah strengthens believers with firm words in this world as well as in the Hereafter. As for the evildoers, Allah allows them to stray into darkness. Allah does as He wills. 28. Have you not seen those who respond to His blessings with ingratitude and they lead their people to damnation. 29. In Hell they will burn. What an evil place to settle. 30. And they claim, there are powers that could rival God, and so, they stray from His path. Say: "Enjoy yourselves, for your final destination is the Fire." 31. Tell My believing servants to establish prayers and donate from what I have given them - openly and secretly before the arrival of a day in which there will be no ransom nor friendly connections. 32. It is Allah who created the heavens and the earth and sends down rain from the sky, causing fruits to grow as a provision for you. He has subjected the ships for your service, sailing through the sea by His command, and has subjected rivers for you. 33. He also made the sun and the moon beneficial for you, both constantly orbiting each other and made day and night for your benefit. 34. He has granted you all that you asked for. If you try to count His blessing, you would never be able to give them a number, but humanity is truly unfair, totally ungrateful. 35. Remember, when Abraham prayed, saying: "O Lord! Make this city (of Mecca) secure and keep me and my children away from idol worship. 36. O Lord! Idol worshipping has led many people to darkness. My followers belong to me. I leave those to You who disobey me, for You are Forgiving, Merciful." 37. O Lord! I have settled some of my offspring in a barren valley near Your sacred House, so they may establish

regular prayers. Make the hearts of other believers around them incline towards them, and provide them with fruit, so they may be grateful. 38. O Lord! You certainly know what we conceal and what we reveal. Nothing on earth nor in heavens is hidden from You. 39. All praise is for Allah who has blessed me with Ishmael and Isaac in old age. My Lord is, indeed the One who hears everyone's prayer. 40. O Lord! Make me and my descendants maintain our prayers. O Lord! Accept my prayer. 41. O Lord! Forgive me and my parents, and the believers on the Day of Judgement." 42. Do not ever think that Allah is unaware of what the evildoers do. He only gives them respite until the Day of Judgement, for then their eyes will stare in horror. 43. They will be running around in a confused state, with their heads raised, never blinking, and with empty hearts. 44. And warn people of the day when the punishment will overtake the evil ones among them, and the wrongdoers will cry, saying: "O Lord! Delay us for a while. We will respond to Your call and follow the messengers." It will be said: "Are you not the same people who swore there is no such thing as punishment?" 45. Though you live in the same land that previous wicked souls lived, and you were aware of how I punished them. Learn from this example. 46. They plotted many plans, but their plans were known to Allah, though their plans were such that could move mountains. 47. Do not think for a moment that I will break My promise to My messengers. Indeed, Allah is Almighty, Revengeful. 48. Watch out for the day when earth and the heavens are transformed. All will appear before Allah - the One, the Supreme. 49. On that day the evildoers will be chained together, 50. in garments of tar, and their faces will be covered with flames. 51. And Allah will reward every soul. Indeed, Allah is swift in reckoning. 52. This Qur'an is a universal message for all humanity. Tell them, Allah is the One and Only God. May people of intelligence pay attention.

SURA 15. Al - Hijr (the rock)

1. Alif, Lam, Ra (only Allah knows their meaning). These are the verses of the Book. A clear Quran. 2. a day will come when the disbelievers will certainly wish they had submitted to Allah. 3. So let them eat and enjoy themselves and be diverted by false hope, for they will soon know. 4. Every town which I destroyed was given a prescribed time. 5. No nation can advance their doom, nor can they delay it. 6. They say: "O you (Muhammad), to whom this Qur'an has been revealed. You must be insane. 7. Why do you not present angels before us if what you say is true?" 8. I do not send My angels down without a reason, nor will they be held back. 9. Indeed, it was I who sent down this Qur'an and I will preserve it. 10. I sent before you, O Muhammad, messengers to earlier nations, 11. but no messenger ever came to people without being mocked. 12. This is how I allow disbelief to slip into the hearts of the evildoers. 13. They would not believe in this Qur'an despite the many examples of those destroyed before. 14. And even if We opened for them a gate to heaven, through which they continued to ascend, 15. still they would have said: "Our eyes have truly been dazzled. In fact, we must have been bewitched." 16. I have placed constellations in the first heaven and decorated it. 17. And I protect it from those cursed devils, 18. except the one who manages to eavesdrop, for then he is pursued by a flaming meteorite. 19. As for the earth, We spread it out and placed upon it firm mountains and caused everything to grow in perfect balance. 20. And We made in it means of sustenance for you and others who you do not provide for. 21. There is not a single thing whose sustenance is not with Me. I send everything down according to a well-defined measure. 22. I send fertilizing winds, and rain for you to drink. You do not hold its reserves. 23. I give life and I cause death and I am the inheritor of everything. 24. We know those who have gone before you and those who will come after you. 25. I will gather everyone. Indeed, Allah is Wise, Knowledgeable. 26. I created human beings out

of earth-mud - soft wet earth. 27. As for the jinn, I created them earlier from smokeless fire. 28. Remember, when your Lord said to the angels: "I am going to create a human from sounding clay - moulded from mud. 29. When I have formed him and breathed into him of My spirit, prostrate before him." 30. The angels prostrated altogether, 31. except Iblis, for he refused to prostrate with the others. 32. Allah said: "O Iblis! What is the matter with you, why did you not join the others during the prostration?" 33. Iblis said: "It is not for me to prostrate before a human who was created from mud." 34. Allah said: "Get out of Paradise, for you are now cursed, 35. and the curse will remain upon you until the Day of Judgment." 36. Iblis appealed, saying: "O Lord! Then delay my end until their resurrection." 37. Allah said: "Your request has been granted, 38. until the appointed day." 39. Satan said: "O Lord! Since you allowed me to stray, I will tempt them and mislead them. 40. Not those who are truly devoted to You." 41. Allah said: "True devotion leads to Me. (Satan will tempt mankind but will have no power to seduce those who are conscious of Allah. Despite his rebellion he fulfils a definite function in Allah's plan, for he is the tempter who enables humans to exercise Allah's given gift of freedom of choice) 42. You will certainly have no authority over My servants, except the deviant ones who follow you. 43. Then Hell will become their destined place, altogether. 44. Hell has seven gates, to each gate a group of them shall be designated." 45. The righteous shall be amid gardens and springs. 46. And it will be said to them: "Enter Paradise in peace and security." 47. We will remove any bitterness that may lurk in their hearts. In a friendly manner, they will be on thrones, facing one another. 48. No fatigue will touch them there, nor will they be asked to leave. 49. Inform My servants that I am truly all-Forgiving, most Merciful, 50. but My punishment is painful. 51. Inform them about Abraham's guests. 52. When they entered his presence and said: "Peace!" Abraham replied: "We are afraid of you." 53. They said: "Do not be afraid, for we have been assigned to convey good news of a son to you." 54. He

wondered, then said: "How is that possible. I am old. This is strange news?" 55. They said: "This is true news, so do not despair." 56. Abraham said: "Who would despair of Allah's mercy, except the misguided?" 57. Then, Abraham said: "On what business have you come?" 58. They said: "We are here to punish the nation of Lot. 59. Not his whole family, for we shall save them, 60. except his wife, for she is of the doomed." 61. When they appeared before Lot, 62. he said: "I do not recognize you." 63. They said: "We have come with that punishment, which your people doubted. 64. This news is true, and your nation will be destroyed. 65. So travel with your family during the early hours of the morning, but do not look back, proceed directly to the place you were commanded." 66. I revealed this decree to Lot: "The sinners will be uprooted by morning light." 67. The men of the city rejoiced at the arrival of the young men. 68. Lot said: "These are my guests, do not embarrass me. 69. Fear Allah, nor humiliate me." 70. They said: "Have we not forbidden you from protecting others?" 71. Lot said: "People! Here are my daughters, marry them if you wish." 72. By your life, O Muhammad, they certainly wandered blindly, intoxicated by lust. 73. A blast overwhelmed them during sunrise. 74. I turned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah - in Palestine, upside down and showered on them stones of baked clay. 75. There is a sign in this for those who contemplate. 76. Their ruins still lie on a very known route. (from northern Hijaz to Syria. Confirmation through aerial photographs recently published show the ancient road as a dark streak - parallel to the eastern shores of the dead sea) 77. Surely in this is a sign for those who believe. 78. And the people of Shuaib were evil. 79. So We inflicted punishment upon them. The ruins of both (Lot and Shuaib) still lie on a well-known road. 80. The people of Thamud rejected their messengers', 81. even though, I had sent to them revelations, but they turned away. 82. They lived in security and built their homes inside mountains. 83. Yet by morning light they were overwhelmed by a mighty blast. 84. None of their achievements benefited them, nor were they helped. 85.

I did not create the heavens and the earth and everything between them without a purpose. And the Hour is sure to come, so forgive them graciously. 86. Your Lord is the Master Creator, the Knowledgeable. 87. I have certainly granted you seven often-repeated verses (*Surah al Fatiha*) and a great Qur'an. 88. Nor allow your eyes to crave the pleasures, which I have bestowed upon those unbelievers, nor grieve for them, but do be gracious to those who believe. 89. Say: "I am a warner. 90. Similar to the warner's who came before me to those (*Jews and Christians*) who divided their Books. 91. The ones who split the Quran, believing only parts of it. 92. By your Lord! I will question them, 93. about what they have done. 94. Proclaim what you have been commanded to proclaim and turn away from the polytheists. 95. I am sufficient for you against those who mock My revelations. 96. Those who associate idols to Me will soon know. 97. I know your heart is stressed by their statement. 98. Glorify the praise of your Lord and pray. 99. Worship Allah until death arrives.

SURA 16. Al - Nahl (the bee)

1. The command of Allah is at hand, so do not hasten it. Glorified and Exalted is He above what they associate with Him. (*this was the answer to the taunt of the pagans who said: 'If there is a god as you say, then why does He not punish the evildoers immediately*) 2. He sends His angels with His revelations to whomever He wills of His servants, saying: "Warn humanity that there is no god except Allah. So pay attention to Allah." 3. He created the heavens and the earth with the truth. Far above is He from having any partners. 4. He created humans from a sperm-drop, but then, they challenge Him. 5. He created cattle as a source of warmth and food, as well as many other benefits for you. 6. They are pleasing to you when you bring them home and when you take them out to graze. 7. They carry your loads from land to land, which you could not otherwise reach without great

hardship. Your Lord is ever Gracious, ever Merciful. 8. He created horses, mules and donkeys for you to ride and as a means of beauty. And He has created things unknown to you. 9. It rests with Him alone to show you the right path. However, many will deviate from His path. Had He willed; He could have guided all humanity. 10. He is the One who sends down rain from the sky, and from it, you drink, and from it, many plants grow for your cattle to graze. 11. And from it, He causes crops to grow, and olive trees, and date-palms, and grapes, and many more different types of fruit. In this there is a message for those who think. 12. He regulates night and daylight for you. The sun and the moon and the stars are subservient to His command. In this, too, there are signs for those who use common sense. 13. He has also made beneficial for you many colourful things, which He has multiplied on the earth. There is a sign in this for those want to learn. 14. He has made the sea subservient for your benefit, so you may eat tender seafood and extract ornaments to wear. You see ships ploughing through its waves, so seek His bounty and render your appreciation unto Him. 15. He has placed into the earth firm mountains, so it does not shake with you, as well as rivers, and pathways so you may find your way. 16. By landmarks and stars people do find their way. 17. Can the One who creates be compared to those who cannot? Will you, not, then, be mindful? 18. If you try to count His blessings, you could never give them a number. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 19. Allah knows what you conceal and reveal. 20. Their idols cannot create anything, for they are created beings by man. 21. They are dead, not alive, nor do they know when their followers are going to be resurrected. 22. Your God is only One God. As for those, who do not believe in the Hereafter, their hearts are in denial, and they are proud. 23. Without a doubt, Allah knows what they conceal and reveal. He certainly does not like those who are proud. 24. And when it is said to them: "What has your Lord revealed?" They say: "Ancient tales." 25. Let them bear their burdens in full on the Day of Judgment as well as some of the burdens of those

they mislead without knowledge. Evil is what they will bear. 26. Others like them tried to plan evil things in the past. Allah responded by destroying the foundations of their buildings, causing their roofs to cave in on them. They had no idea how they were struck. 27. Then on the Day of Judgment Allah will humiliate them and say: "Where are those idols for whose sake you opposed the believers?" Those gifted with knowledge will say: "Today shame and misery will catch up with the unbelievers." 28. Those whose souls My angels seize while wronging themselves will then, offer full submission and say: "We did nothing wrong." The angels will say: "Allah knows what you used to do." 29. They will be told: "Enter Hell, where you shall live." What a miserable place for the arrogant. 30. And, when it is said to those mindful of Allah: "What has your Lord revealed?" They say: "All the best." Those who do good in this world, there is goodness, but far better is the eternal Home of the Hereafter. An excellent home for the righteous. 31. Allah will reward the righteous with gardens of Eden, under which rivers flow, and He will allow their wishes to come true. 32. Those whose souls the angels take while being virtuous, say to them: "Peace be upon you! Enter Paradise for what you used to do." 33. What are these unbelievers waiting for, the angels of death, or your Lord's punishment? That is exactly what the unbelievers did before them. Allah did not wrong them, they wronged themselves. 34. Then, the evil consequence of their deeds overwhelmed them and the very punishment they mocked surrounded them. 35. The idolaters argue and said: "Had Allah willed, neither we nor our fathers would have worshipped anything other than Him, nor prohibited anything without His command." This is what some of those who lived before them said. The messengers are required to do no more than convey My message. 36. I sent a messenger to every nation saying: "Worship Allah and shun false gods." Some people were guided, while others were destined to stray. Go and travel around, see the fate of the rejecters. 37. Though you, O Muhammad, are keen to guide them, but Allah will not guide those whom He allows to stray, nor

will they receive any help. 38. They swear their most solemn oaths that Allah will never raise the dead. Yes! He will. It is a promise binding upon Him, but most people do not understand. 39. He will do this to make clear to all what they disagreed upon, and for the unbelievers to realize that they were indeed nothing but liars. 40. When I decide upon something to exist, I say be to it be, and behold, there it is. 41. As for those who emigrated for My sake after being persecuted, I will surely bless them with a good home in this world, but the reward in the Hereafter is far better, if only they knew. 42. They endure hardship with patience and rely on Allah. 43. Before your time, O Muhammad, I sent men whom I inspired. If you, O idolaters, do not know this, then go and ask those who have knowledge of their Books. 44. I sent them with proof, and divine Books. Now I am sending down to you, O Muhammad, this Qur'an, so you may explain to people what has been revealed. Perhaps, they may reflect. 45. Do those who devise evil plots feel secure that Allah will not cause the earth to swallow them? Or that My punishment will not come to them from where they least expect it? 46. Or that I will not seize them while they wander about in their daily life. They will have no escape. 47. Or that I will not destroy them gradually? Indeed, Allah is Gracious, Merciful. 48. Have they not wondered how the shadows of every object I created inclines towards the right, and the left as the sun moves, totally submitting to Me in humility? 49. Everything in the heavens and the earth prostrate before Me, including the angels. None are arrogant, 50. for they fear their Lord who is above them and they do what they are commanded. 51. Allah has commanded: "You should not worship two God's, for there exists only One God and I am the One whom you should fear." 52. To Him belongs everything in the heavens and the earth, and to Him is duty only due. Will you then fear other than Him? 53. All blessings you enjoy are from your Lord. Yet, when you encounter hardship, you cry to Him for help. 54. Then, when He removes that hardship, some of you attribute partners to Him. 55. Returning My favours with ingratitude, so enjoy

yourselves for a while, but soon you will come to know its consequence. 56. They go so far as to thank their idols for what Allah has blessed them with. By your Lord, you will be questioned about your false inventions. 57. And they attribute 'angels as' daughters to Allah - glory be to Him, it is the opposite to what they desire for themselves, **sons**. 58. When one of them is given news of a baby girl, his face grows gloomy as he suppresses his rage. 59. He hides from people because of the bad news. Thinking whether to keep her in disgrace, or bury her alive in the sand? Their judgement is evil. 60. Those who do not believe in the Hereafter set an evil example, whereas Allah sets high examples. He is Powerful, Wise. 61. If Allah were to punish humanity immediately for their evil deeds, He would not leave a single being on the earth, but in His wisdom, Allah gives humanity respite for an appointed term, but when that term expires, no one can delay it, nor rush it. 62. They attribute to Allah what they consider to be a disgrace for themselves, and they attribute all kinds of lies to Allah, and they portray themselves as righteous. Without a doubt, they have earned Hell, in which they will be abandoned. 63. By Allah! I did send My messengers to every nation, but Satan made their misdeeds appear appealing to them. Satan became their lord. And on the Day of Judgement, they will have nothing but My punishment to look forward to. 64. I revealed this Qur'an to you to clarify for the Jews and Christians what they differed about, and as a guide and mercy for those who believe. 65. Allah sends down rain, giving life to dead land. There is a sign in this for those who think. 66. There is a lesson for you in cattle too, for I give you to drink from what is in their bellies, between their digested food and blood - pure milk, pleasant to drink. 67. From fruits of palm trees and the grapes you make wine and wholesome food. There is a sign in this too for those who use common sense. 68. Your Lord inspired the bees, saying: "Make your homes in the mountains, and the trees, and in what people construct. 69. Feed from any flower and fruit and follow your Lord's path. From their bellies comes forth liquid of varying colours (**honey**), in

which there is healing for humanity. There is a sign in this for those who reflect.

70. Allah created you and will cause you to die. Some of you will reach old age, in which you may know nothing after having known so much. Allah is Knowledgeable, Powerful.

71. Allah has given some more provisions than others. Those who have been given more are unwilling to share their wealth with their slaves, so they do not become their equal. How can they, then, refuse to acknowledge His blessings?

72. Allah has made for you spouses of your own kind and given you through your spouse's children and grandchildren. He has granted you good and pure provisions. Will you then still continue to believe in lies, and reject His blessings?

73. Yet, they worship idols who do not control any provisions for them, neither from the heavens, nor from the earth, nor do they have any power.

74. So do not invent examples for Allah. Allah knows everything, you do not.

75. Allah gives you another example of two men: one is a slave, unable to do anything. The other is a free man to whom I have given ample wealth, so he may spend as he wills, secretly and openly. Can these two men be considered equal? All praise is due to Allah, but most people do not know.

76. Allah gives you another example of two men: One dumb, unable to do anything, a burden to his caretaker. Whatever task he is directed to, he accomplishes nothing beneficial. Can such a man be considered equal to the one who commands justice and is on the right path?

77. Allah alone has knowledge of the unseen. The coming of the Hour of Judgement is like the blink of the eye, or even quicker. Allah has power over everything.

78. Allah brought you out of the wombs of your mothers while you knew nothing, and gave you hearing, sight and intellect, so perhaps, you may be grateful.

79. Have they not seen the birds gliding in the sky? None holds them up, except Allah. There is a sign in this for those who believe.

80. It is Allah who has given you a home, so you may enjoy its peaceful environment. It is He who gave you enough intelligence so you could create tents out of animals skin, which you find light to carry when you travel. As for the wool and hair of animals, Allah

has taught you how to make cloths and other useful things for your life. 81. Allah created shades for you out of shadows for your benefit and has given you shelter in mountains. Allah has also provided for you clothes, protecting you from heat and cold as well as armour, shielding you during war. This is how I perfect My favours, so you may submit. 82. If they turn away from you, O Muhammad, then know, your duty is to convey My message. 83. They are aware of His favours, but they have chosen to reject them. Most of them are truly ungrateful. 84. Consider, the day when I call a witness from every nation. Then the unbelievers will neither be allowed to plead, nor appease their Lord. 85. When the unbelievers come face to face with their punishment, their begging for a lighter sentence, or a second chance will be denied. 86. And when the idolaters see their idols, they will say: "O Allah, these are our associates, we used to invoke them." Their idols will say: "You are liars." 87. The idolaters will offer submission to Allah and their idols will abandon them. 88. I will add more punishments upon those who hindered others from My path and caused corruption around the world. 89. Consider, the day I call against every nation a witness of their own, and then I call you to be a witness against your people. I revealed this Book to explain all things, it is a guide and mercy, and it conveys good news to those who submit. 90. Allah commands you to be just and charitable and treat your relatives with kindness. Allah forbids indecencies and evil deeds and violating people's rights. Thus, He instructs you, so you remember. 91. Honour all promises you make with Allah, and do not break oaths on which you took Allah as a witness, for Allah is aware of what you do. 92. Do not be like the woman who foolishly unravels her yarn, after it had been firmly spun, by taking your oaths as a means of deceiving each other in favour of a stronger group. Allah is testing you through all this, and on the Day of Judgement - He will make clear to you those things about which you disagreed. 93. Had Allah willed, He could have easily made you one community of believers, but He allows to stray whomever He wills and guides whomever He wills. And you will certainly

be questioned about what you used to do. 94. And do not take your oaths, as a means of deceiving one another, for your feet will slip, after they had been firm, for then you will taste the evil consequence of hindering others from His path, and you will suffer a tremendous punishment. 95. Nor trade Allah's agreements for worldly gains. What Allah possesses is better for you, if only you knew. 96. What you possess is temporary, but what Allah has is everlasting. And I will certainly reward the steadfast according to the best of their deeds. 97. Any righteous man or woman who believes will be granted a peaceful life and, in the Hereafter, they will be rewarded for the best of their deeds. 98. So, when you recite the Qur'an, you should seek refuge with Allah from Satan, the outcast. 99. Satan certainly has no authority over those who believe and put their trust in Allah. 100. Satan's authority is over those who follow him, and those who associate partner to Allah. 101. When We replace a verse with another - and Allah knows best what He reveals - they say: "You, O Muhammad, are a fabricator." Though most of them do not understand. 102. Say: "Gabriel brought this Qur'an down to strengthen the believers' faith. It is a guide, and it conveys good news to those who submit." 103. And We surely know that they say: "No one is teaching him, except a human." But the man they refer to speaks a foreign language, whereas this Qur'an is in eloquent Arabic. 104. Those who reject Allah's revelations will never be guided. They will suffer a terrible punishment. 105. Unbelievers fabricate lies. They are liars. 106. There is no blame on those who have no choice, but to reject faith due to persecution, as long as they harbour it in their hearts, but those who renounce faith after having believed will face the anger of Allah and suffer a severe punishment. 107. They preferred this life over the Hereafter. Allah does not guide those who choose to disbelieve. 108. Allah has sealed their hearts, hearing, and sight, so they pay no attention. 109. They will be doomed in the Hereafter. 110. As for those who emigrate after being compelled to renounce Islam, and then struggle for His sake, your Lord will turn

to them with forgiveness and mercy. 111. Consider the day, when every soul shall plead for itself. Every soul shall be paid in full for what it did. None will be wronged. 112. Allah sets forth an example of a nation which was safe and at ease, receiving its provisions in abundance from all directions, but its people met Allah's favours with ingratitude, so Allah made them taste hunger and fear. 113. A messenger did come to them, but they rejected him, so punishment overwhelmed them during the climax of their wickedness. 114. So learn a lesson from the above-mentioned example. Enjoy lawful food and be grateful to Allah and worship none but Him. 115. He has only forbidden you from eating dead meat, blood, swine and that which is slaughtered under a name other than Allah, but if someone is compelled by necessity, neither driven by desire, nor exceeding immediate need, then He will turn to them, for Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 116. Do not falsely declare: "This is halal (lawful) and this is haram (unlawful)." Those who fabricate lies, and then attributes them to Allah will never succeed. 117. They will enjoy themselves for a while, but then they will suffer a terrible punishment. 118. To the Jews I forbade what I have already explained. I did not wrong them, they wronged themselves. (go to surah 6 verse 146) 119. As for those who commit evil ignorantly or recklessly, and thereafter, they repent and mend their conduct, Allah will turn to them with His Forgiveness, for He is Merciful. 120. Abraham was a model of excellence: devoted to Allah, obedient to Allah, nor was he of the idolaters. 121. Abraham was grateful for Allah's blessings, and Allah chose him as His friend and guided him unto the right path. 122. I blessed Abraham, and he will be among the righteous in the Hereafter. 123. Then, I inspired you, O Muhammad, saying: "Follow the creed of Abraham, a monotheist, nor was he an idolater." 124. Honouring the Sabbath was ordained upon those who argued over Abraham. Your Lord will judge them on Judgement Day. 125. Invite humanity to the path of Allah with wisdom and good advice, however, if you have to argue, argue in a courteous manner, for your Lord knows best who has strayed from His

path and who is rightly guided. 126. If you retaliate, then let it be equivalent to what you suffered, but if you endure patiently, it would be better for you. 127. So be patient, for patience is a gift from Allah, and do not grieve for the unbelievers, nor be troubled over their plans, 128. for Allah is with those who are mindful and virtuous.

SURA 17. Al - Israa' (children of Israel - Israelites)

1. Glory be to the One Who took His servant, Muhammad by night from the sacred Mosque (Mecca) to the farthest Mosque (Al-Aqsa in Jerusalem) whose surroundings I have blessed, so I may show him some of My signs. Indeed, He hears and sees everything. 2. And We gave Moses the Torah and made it a guide for the Children of Israel, saying: "Do not take besides Me any other Trustee of Affairs." 3. O, you descendants of those whom We carried with Noah in the Ark. Noah was indeed a grateful servant. 4. And I warned the Children of Israel in the Book, saying: "You will certainly cause corruption in the land twice and you will become extremely arrogant, and both times you shall be punished. 5. When the time of the first warning came to pass, I sent My servants (Babylonian army) of great might. They ravaged their homes. And so, My warning was fulfilled. 6. Then, after your repentance I gave you the upper hand and helped you with wealth and offspring, causing you to outnumber them. 7. And I said: "If your conduct is right, it will benefit you, but if you do wrong, it will be to your own loss." When the second warning came to pass, their enemy (the Roman army) left them totally disgraced, they entered the Temple of Solomon in Jerusalem just as the Babylonian army had done and utterly destroyed whatever fell into their hands. 8. And I said: "Perhaps your Lord will have mercy on you, if you repent, but if you return to sin, then I will return with My punishment. I have made Hell a permanent confinement for those who disbelieve." 9. This Qur'an gives guidance to the righteous, and it contains good news for those who believe, for they will

have a magnificent reward. 10. It also warns those who do not believe in the Hereafter that a painful punishment has been prepared for those who do not believe. 11. Yet man prays passionately for evil as he ought to pray for good. Man is ever hasty i.e. *if he is angry, he invokes Allah saying: 'O Allah curse him.'* Do not do this, instead, show a little patience. 12. We made the day and night as two signs. So We made the sign of the night devoid of light, and We made the sign of the day bright, so you may seek the bounty of your Lord, and for you to know the number of years and the calculation of time. We explain everything in detail. 13. I have fastened every man's fate to his own neck. On Judgement Day, I shall bring out his scroll, which he shall see clearly spread out before him. 14. It will be said: "Here is your record of deeds; read it, for today you are sufficient to take your own account." 15. The one who seeks guidance shall be guided to his advantage, but he who goes astray, does so, to his own loss. No bearer shall bear the burden of another on the Day of Judgement. During your life I do not inflict punishment until I had sent a messenger to make the truth distinct from lies. 16. And when I decide to destroy a nation, I convey a final warning to those who lost themselves in their pursuit of pleasures, but if they continue to act sinfully, then the sentence of doom takes effect, and I destroy the whole nation. 17. How many nations did I destroy after Noah? Indeed, your Lord is aware of everything. He sees the sins of His servants. 18. He who desires the temporary pleasures of this life shall receive them, but then I will condemn him to Hell, where he shall burn disgraced and rejected. 19. Those who desire the Hereafter and strive for it and have faith; their striving will be accepted by Allah. 20. I bestow on all. Allah's giving is not confined (*Allah favours everyone, the just, the unjust, the deserving and the undeserving*). 21. See how I exalt some over others. However, the Hereafter is more exalted and greater in excellence. 22. Never associate anything with Allah, lest you find yourself sitting in disgrace and destitution. 23. Your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him. And honour your parents,

if one, or both reach old age in your care. Never say words of contempt to them, nor yell at them. Rather, address them with respect. 24. Treat them with humility and tenderness and pray, saying: "O Lord! Be merciful to them, for they raised me." 25. Your Lord knows best what is in your hearts. If you are good, then know - He is forgiving to those who are obedient to Him. 26. Give dues to relatives and the needy and the travellers, but do not waste your wealth. 27. Surely those who waste are brothers of the devils and the devils are ungrateful to their Lord. 28. However, if you must turn them down due to a lack of means, while hoping to receive your Lord's bounty, then at least, speak to them in a kind manner. 29. Do not be stingy, nor over generous, lest you become empty handed and bankrupt. 30. Your Lord gives abundant, or limited provisions to whomever He wills. He is certainly aware, and He sees all His servants. 31. Do not kill your children for fear of poverty, for I provide for them and you. Killing is a heinous sin. 32. Do not commit adultery, for it is shocking, disgusting and a shameful deed. 33. Do not take a human life, for it has been made sacred by Me, except with a legal right. If anyone is killed unjustly, I have given their heirs the authority to claim justice, but do not let them exceed limits in retaliation, for they are already supported by the law. 34. Do not approach orphan's wealth unless you intend to enhance it, until they attain maturity. Honour your pledges, for you will be accountable for them. 35. Give measure and weigh with an even balance, for that is fair. 36. Do not follow what you have no sure knowledge of, for indeed, all will be called to account for their hearing, sight and intellect. 37. Nor walk arrogantly on the earth; you can neither penetrate the earth nor can you attain the height of a mountain. 38. Violations of any of these commands is detestable to Allah. 39. This is part of the wisdom, which your Lord has revealed to you, O Muhammad, nor set up rivals with Allah, O humanity, for then I will throw you into Hell, blameworthy and rejected. 40. Has your Lord favoured you, O pagans, with sons and taken angels as His own daughters? Your claim is outrageous. 41. I have varied My signs in this

Qur'an, so perhaps, they may be pay attention to them, but it only drives them farther away. 42. Say: "Had there been gods besides Allah, as the pagans claim, they would have certainly tried to find a way to challenge the Lord of the Throne." 43. Glorified and exalted is He far above what they claim. 44. The seven heavens, and the earth, and all those in them, glorify Allah. There is not a single thing that does not glorify His praises, though, you humans cannot understand their hymns (*expressions of gratitude*). Indeed, He is Forbearing, Forgiving. 45. And when you recite the Qur'an, I have put a hidden barrier between you and those who do not believe in the Hereafter. Hence you remain protected from their attacks. 46. I have veiled their hearts, so they are unable to comprehend it and deafness in their ears. When you mention your Lord is One in the Qur'an, they turn in disgust. 47. We know best how they listen to your recitation and what they say privately. The evildoers say: "If you follow him, you will be following a bewitched man." 48. See how they refer to you? They are lost, nor can they ever find the right path. 49. And they say: "What! When we become dust and bones are, we going to be resurrected?" 50. Say: "Yes, even if you become stones, or iron. 51. Or whatever you think is harder to bring back to life!" Then they will ask: "Who will bring resurrect us?" Say: "He who created you." Then, they will shake their heads, and say: "When will that be?" Say: "Perhaps it is close by. 52. It will be the day, when I call you and you respond by praising Me, thinking you were on earth for a short period." 53. Tell My servants to say only what is right and best. Satan seeks to sow discord amongst them, for he is their sworn enemy. 54. Your Lord knows you best. He may have mercy on you, or He may punish you, if He wills. You, O Muhammad, are not their guardian. 55. Your Lord knows all in the heavens and earth. I did favour some prophets over others, and I gave David the Psalms. 56. Say: "Invoke those you claim to be divine besides Him - they have no power to undo harm from you, nor to transfer it to someone else." 57. Even the angels close to Allah are seeking a way to get closer to Him, for they too are hoping for His mercy, and they

fear His punishment. Your Lord's punishment is fearsome. 58. I will destroy all deserving towns and cities (Malhama - nuclear war) before the Day of Resurrection, and I will punish those who survive the war with a terrible punishment, i.e. no food and water. This is inscribed in My Book. 59. Nothing can stop Me from sending those miracles they demand, but previous generations rejected them as false, and so, were destroyed. I gave the Thamud nation a camel as a sign, but they wronged her. I send signs only to warn people and to make them aware of possible destruction. 60. Remember, O Muhammad, when I told you: "Your Lord surrounds humanity." I granted you that vision during your night journey as a test for humanity. You also saw the Zaqqum tree (of Hell), which is cursed. I keep warning them, but it only increases their defiance. 61. Remember when I said to the angels: "Prostrate before Adam," they all did, except Iblis, he protested, saying: "Why should I prostrate to the one You created from mud. 62. Do you see this one You honoured above me? If you delay my end until the Day of their Resurrection, I shall bring all but a few of his offspring under my control." 63. Allah responded: "Be gone! All those who follow you will be rewarded with Hell, an ample reward for those who are evil. 64. Entice them with your voice (songs, music, and other calls of disobedience). Gather your forces (devils) against them and share their wealth and children and make false promises to them." Satan's promises are nothing but delusions. 65. Allah continues: "But you will have no power over My true devotees, for I am their protector." 66. It is your Lord who steers the ships for you through the sea, so you may seek His bounty. Surely, He is ever Merciful to you. 67. And when you get into trouble at sea, you completely forget your idols, but as soon as Allah brings you safely back to shore, you turn away. Man is so ungrateful. 68. Are you confident - He will not cause the earth to cave in and swallow you, or that He would not send a violent storm against you? You will find no one to protect you. 69. Or do you feel secure that He will not send you back to sea once again, and send upon you a violent storm, drowning you for

your denial? Then you will find none to avenge you against Us. 70. Indeed, I honoured the Children of Adam. I carried them on land and the sea and gave them good and pure provisions. I privileged them above many of My creatures. 71. Beware of the day, when I summon every nation with their leaders. Those who receive their record in their right hand will read their book and not be harmed. 72. Those who were blind to the truth will be blind in the Hereafter and further away from the right path. 73. O Muhammad, the unbelievers almost succeeded in tempting you to stray from the truth, for they were hoping that you would attribute something in My name, for then they would have certainly taken you as their friend. 74. Had I not strengthened you, you probably would have inclined to them, maybe a little. 75. In that case, I would have doubled your punishment in this life as well as after your death, nor would you have found any to help you against Me. 76. The Quraish were about to intimidate you to drive you out of Mecca, but they would not have survived after you, except for maybe a little while. (this prophecy was fulfilled two years later in 2 H when the Quraish leaders were killed during the battle of Badr) 77. This is how I dealt with messengers' before you, O Muhammad, nor will you find any change in My way of dealing. 78. Pray from mid-day till darkness (Zuhr, Asr, Maghrib and Isha) and recite the Qur'an during dawn (after Fajr), for its recitation is witnessed by My angels. 79. Wake up during the last quarter of the night for the voluntary prayer (Tahajjud), for Allah may elevate you to a praiseworthy status. 80. Say: "O Lord! Grant me an honourable entrance into Medina and an honourable exit from Mecca. Ordain for me from Yourself, support and help." 81. Say: "Truth has arrived, and falsehood has perished. Falsehood is bound to perish." 82. I sent the Qur'an as a mercy and healing for those who believe, but it increases the loss of the evildoers. 83. Man is a strange creature, for when he is blessed, he turns away in arrogance; yet when he encounters a calamity, behold, he despairs. 84. Say: "Everyone acts according to his own character. Only Allah knows for sure who is

on the right path.” 85. And they ask about the spirit. Say: “Its nature is known only to my Lord and you, O humanity, have been given limited knowledge of it.” (humans were not created for extinction, but for eternal existence. You will be transferred from one home to another. The soul is a stranger on earth and imprisoned in a human body. After a soul separates from its body, it survives. Some souls are happy while others are in torment) 86. If it be My will, I could take the knowledge back from you, O Muhammad, for then you would find no one to retrieve it from Me for you. 87. Your Lord has blessed you with knowledge. He has certainly bestowed great favours on you. 88. Say: “If humanity and the jins got together to produce the like of this Qur’an, they would never be able to produce one, no matter how much assistance they may lend each other.” 89. I have given every kind of example to benefit people in this Qur’an, yet most of them persist in their disbelief. 90. They challenge My prophet, saying: “We will never believe until you cause a spring to gush forth, 91. or until you have a garden of palm trees and vineyards and cause rivers to flow, 92. or make the sky fall upon us as you claim will happen, or bring God and the angels in front of us, 93. or until you have a house of gold, or you ascend into the heavens, even then we will not believe in your ascension (go to verse 1) until you bring down to us a book that we can read.” Say: “Glory be to my Lord. Am I but a human, made of flesh and blood.” 94. The only thing that kept these people from believing upon receiving guidance was their saying: “How could God send a human as a messenger?” 95. Say: “Had angels been living on earth, I would have sent down an angel as a messenger.” 96. Say: “Sufficient is Allah as a witness between us, for He is Knowledgeable, Observant of His servants.” 97. Whoever Allah guides is truly guided and whoever He leaves to stray, you will find no guardian for them besides Him. I will drag them by their face on the Day of Judgment, deaf, dumb and blind. Indeed, Hell will be their home. When its flames subside, I will flare it up. 98. This will be their reward for having rejected My signs and for having said: “After we

become dust and bones are really going to be re-created as a new creation?" 99. Have they not realized that Allah who created the heavens and the earth can easily re-create them? Allah has already determined its time, there is no doubt about it, but the evildoers persist in denial. 100. Say: "If you did control my Lords mercy, you would hold it back, for fear of spending it. Man is so greedy." 101. I gave Moses nine signs. Ask the Children of Israel about them. When Moses appeared before them and Pharaoh with My signs, Pharaoh said: "I think you are out of your mind, O Moses." 102. Moses replied: "You know that none has sent these signs, except the Lord of the heavens and the earth. I really think that you, O Pharaoh are doomed." 103. Pharaoh's intention was to scare the Israelites out of Egypt, but instead I drowned him and his army. 104. Then I said to the Children of Israel: "Settle in the land, but when My promise comes to pass - I will summon you back together to land that was forbidden to you." ([greater Israel project](#)) 105. I sent down this Qur'an with the truth, and I sent you, O Muhammad, to convey good news to the believers, and warn the unbelievers. 106. It is a Qur'an that was sent down in stages to suit occasions, so you may recite it over time. 107. Say: "Believe in it or don't: Those ([Jews and Christians](#)) who were given knowledge before it appeared, prostrate in adoration when it is recited to them. 108. They say: "Glory be to Allah. The promise of our Lord has been fulfilled." ([arrival of Muhammad](#)) 109. They fall and prostrate and weep, for the Qur'an increases their humility. 110. Say: "Call Him Allah or the Compassionate. Whichever you wish. Allah has the most beautiful names and when you worship Allah do not raise your voice, nor lower it down, use a moderate tone." 111. Say: "He has no son and has no partner in His Kingdom, nor is He weak to need any help. Glorify Him for His Greatness and Majesty."

SURA 18. Al - Kahf (the cave)

1. All praise is for Allah who revealed this Book to His servant, allowing no distortion in it. 2. It is straightforward to warn of a severe punishment from Him. Also it conveys good news to believers who do good that they will receive a fine reward. 3. Paradise, in which they will abide forever. 4. Warn those who say: "Allah has a son." 5. They have no knowledge of this nor did their forefathers. What a terrible claim. They are liars. 6. You may harm yourself with grief, if they refuse to believe this message. 7. I have adorned the earth with beautiful things, so I may test to see who in righteous in conduct, 8. but then I shall reduce it to barren dust. 9. Did you, O Muhammad, think the men in the cave and Ar-Raqim (this may refer to the name of their dog or the tablet upon which their names are inscribed) were strange signs? 10. When those youths took refuge in the cave, they prayed: "O Lord! Grant us mercy from Yourself and guide us through this ordeal." 11. I caused them to sleep for many years, 12. then I woke them up to see which of the two was best at calculating the term of their stay. 13. I now relate to you their story. They were young men who believed in Me, so I gave them extra guidance. 14. I strengthened their hearts. They awoke and said: "Our Lord is the Lord of the heavens and the earth. Never shall we call on any deity other than Him, for that would be outrageous. 15. Our people have taken gods other than Allah. Why can't they produce any evidence of their belief? Who could be more evil than he who attributes lies to Allah?" 16. They said to each other: "Now that we have withdrawn from them and their idols it would be better for us if we seek refuge in a cave. Allah may bestow His mercy upon us and accommodate us in our ordeal." 17. While they slept, you would not have seen them in the cave as the sun declined to the right during sunrise and to the left during sunset. This was a miracle of your Lord, which was meant to assist them during their hide out. This is mentioned, so you know whoever your Lord guides is truly guided. Those

deprived of His guidance shall never find a guide. 18. And you would have thought they were awake, though they were asleep. I turned them over towards the right and the left, while their dog stretched his forelegs at the entrance. Had you seen them; you would have fled in horror. 19. And so, I woke them, so they could question each other. One of them said: "How long were we asleep?" His colleague replied: "Perhaps a day, or maybe part of the day." Then they said: "Allah knows best. One of them went to the city with silver coins to find food. 20. If they were discovered they would have been stoned, or forced to return to their nations' creed, but then they would not have been successful. (upon arrival in the city his old-fashioned dress appearance and old currency drew attention) 21. That is how I caused them to be discovered, so people may know that Allah's promise of resurrection is true, and that there is no doubt about the Hour. Then, those who had embraced Christianity, while they were sleeping started to dispute about what to do with their bodies when they died shortly afterwards. Some true believers said: "Let us construct a building over them and leave them in peace since this is our Lord's business. Others who succeeded in imposing their opinion said: "Let us build a place of worship over them." 22. Some people will say: "There were three in the cave, the dog was the fourth," while others will say: "There were five, the dog was the sixth." All just guessing, blindly. While others will say: "There were seven, the dog was the eighth." Say: "My Lord knows best their exact number." Only a few know, so do not argue about them, unless you have knowledge, nor consult with those who debate this incident. 23. And never say about anything: I will definitely do such and such tomorrow, 24. without adding, 'if Allah so will.' but if you forget, then remember your Lord, and say: "I trust my Lord will guide me to what is right." 25. They, in fact remained in the cave for three hundred years, plus nine further years. 26. Say: "Only Allah knows exactly how many years they were in that cave. He knows every secret of the unseen in the heavens and the earth. How clearly, He sees and how well He hears. There is

no guardian for the unbelievers besides Him, nor does He share His command.”

27. Recite what has been revealed to you from your Lord's Book. No one can change His words, and you will never find any refuge, except with Him. 28. And patiently stay with those who call on their Lord morning and evening, seeking His approval. And do not let your eyes turn away from them, desiring worldly attractions. Do not obey any whose hearts I have made oblivious to My remembrance, those who follow their own desires, for they are in a state of loss.

29. Say: “Truth has been revealed to you by your Lord; let those who believe in Him follow it and those who disbelieve disregard it. The unbelievers will be surrounded by the Fire, which Allah has prepared for them. If these unjust people beg for relief, they will receive nothing, but boiling oil, which will be thrown on their face. What a terrible thing to drink. What a terrible place.” 30. I do not waste the reward of believers who good. 31. They shall dwell in the gardens of Eternity, beneath which streams flow. They will be given bracelets of gold and the garments made of thick fine silk. They will recline on comfortable furniture. What a wonderful reward and what a wonderful place to live. 32. Give them an example of two men: to one I gave two gardens of grape vines, and I surrounded them with date palms and put corn fields in between them. 33. Each garden yielded its produce, never falling short, and I caused a river to flow between them. 34. He had other resources as well, but he boasted to his poor companion during a conversation, saying: “I am greater than you in wealth and superior in manpower.” 35. Then he entered his property while wronging his soul, saying: “This will never perish, 36. nor do I think the Hour will ever come, but if I am to return to my Lord, then I am confident that I will receive better than this.” 37. His companion replied: “Do you not believe in the One who created you from dust, and then developed you from a sperm-drop, and then formed you into a man? 38. I believe He is Allah - my Lord, nor do I consider anything equal to Him. 39. You should have said upon entering your property: ‘This is what Allah has willed

for me, and there is no power except His. However, if you see me less than yourself, 40. then it may well be that my Lord will grant me something better than your garden. He may send a thunderbolt and destroy your garden, 41. or cause your water to sink into the earth, for then you will not be able to get it back.” 42. Behold! His fruit gardens were destroyed. All the vines had fallen down from its trellises. There was he, wringing his hands in grief over what he had spent. He cried out, saying: “Alas! I wish I had never associated anything with my Lord.” 43. He had none to help him other than Allah, nor could he help himself. 44. Such is His authority and He is best to reward and best to punish. 45. Cite an example of this world, for it is like the water I send down from the sky, which is absorbed by plants, but in time, it becomes dry chaff, scattered by the wind. It is Allah who has absolute power over all things. 46. Wealth and children are adornments of this life, but enduring good deeds produce a greater reward from your Lord, and are better for hope. 47. One day I will remove the mountains and you will see the earth as a level plain, then I will gather humans altogether. 48. They will be presented before your Lord in rows. Allah will say “You have returned to Us alone, just as We created you the first-time round, though you claimed that We would never appoint a time for your return.” 49. Their book of deeds will be laid open. You will see the unbelievers filled with dread at what is in theirs. They will say: “Alas! What record is this. It leaves nothing out.” They will see their every deed before their very eyes. Your Lord will not be unjust to anyone. 50. Remember when I told the angels to prostrate before Adam. They all obeyed, except Satan, who was a Jinn, disregarded his Lord’s command. So why do you take him and his offspring as your lords rather than Me, knowing that they are your enemy? How unjust are you to yourselves? 51. I never called them to witness the creation of the heavens and the earth, nor even to witness their own creation, nor would I take those who misguide others as helpers. 52. On Judgement Day I will ask the unbelievers to call those whom they assumed to be My partners. They will do so,

but receive no response. They will find a thick barrier separating them from each other. 53. The evildoers will see the Fire, and then realize that they are to fall into it, nor will they find a way to avoid it. 54. I have mentioned in this Qur'an all kinds of examples for the benefit of humanity, but more than anything else, man is argumentative. 55. And nothing prevents people from believing when guidance comes to them and from seeking their Lord's forgiveness, except their demand to meet the same fate as that of the earlier deniers, or that the punishment would confront them face to face. 56. I sent messengers to warn and convey good news to those who believe, yet the unbelievers seek to refute the truth with false arguments, and they ridicule My signs and warnings. 57. Who could be more unjust than the one who is reminded of his Lord's message, but turns away, forgetting what he had done? I have sealed their hearts, so they cannot understand, and I have put deafness in their ears. Invite them if you will to the right path, but they will never be guided. 58. Though, your Lord is ever Forgiving, ever Merciful. If He seized them for their deeds, He would send His punishment immediately, but He allows them to complete their pre-destined life span, and then subjects them to their inescapable punishment. 59. Thus, I destroyed many towns after having given ample time to its unjust people. Tell them the story of Khidr to whom Allah had given direct knowledge. Moses was asked to go and learn from him. When Moses set out to meet Khidr, he said to his servant (Joshua - son of Noah): "I will not give up until I reach the junction between the two oceans (internal and external knowledge), even if I have to travel for a long time." 61. When they reached the junction, they realized that they had forgotten their fish. Miraculously, it made its way back in the sea. 62. Moses said to his assistant: "Bring our meal. Today's journey has exhausted us." 63. Joshua replied: "Remember, when we were resting by that rock? I left the fish there. Satan made me forget to mention it to you." 64. Moses said: "That's the place we were looking for." So they retraced their steps. 65. Upon arrival there, they saw My servant,

Khidr, sitting on a rock. I had blessed him with knowledge. 66. Moses said: "May I follow you, so I may learn from the wisdom that Allah has blessed on you?" 67. Khidr said: "You will not be able to have patience with me. 68. How could you be patient in matters beyond your reach?" 69. Moses said: "God willing, you will find me patient. I will not disobey you." 70. Khidr said: "If you follow me, do not ask me any questions until I relate them." 71. So, they set out, but after they had boarded a ship, Khidr made a hole in it. Moses said: "Do you want to drown its passengers? This is terrible." 72. Khidr said: "Did I not say you will not have patience with me." 73. Moses said: "Excuse me for forgetting, don't be hard on me." 74. So, they proceeded until they came across a young boy, Khidr killed him. Moses said: "You killed an innocent soul? This is horrible." 75. Khidr said: "Did I not say that you will not have patience with me." 76. Moses said: "If I question you about anything after this, then do not keep me in your company, for by then I would have given you enough excuses." 77. They continued until they reached a town, they asked the towns folks for food, but were refused. Then they saw a wall, which was about to collapse, so Khidr restored it. Moses said: "You could have asked for a wage for fixing the wall." 78. Khidr said: "This is where we part company but let me first explain the interpretation of those events. 79. As for the ship, it belonged to poor locals, I deliberately damaged it because there is a tyrant king ahead of them, who seizes all serviceable ships by force. 80. As for the youth, his parents are true believers and we fear he would pressure them into defiance and disbelief. 81. We were hoping Allah would replace him with another, who would be more virtuous and compassionate. 82. As for the wall, it belonged to two orphans whose father was a righteous man, and underneath the wall, there is treasure belonging to them. Your Lord willed that they should attain maturity and retrieve their treasure as a mercy from Him. I did not do anything of my own accord. This is the explanation, which you could not bear." 83. They ask about Zul-Qarnain. Say: "I will relate some of his story." (he is also mention in the Gospel of

Danial) 84. I established him in the land and gave him the means to achieve his objectives. 85. He pursued a route towards the west, 86. until he reached the setting of the sun, he found it setting upon a spring of murky water (black sea), and near it, he saw some people. I said: O Zul-Qarnain! You could either punish them or treat them with kindness.” 87. He said: “Those who are evil shall be punished, for then they shall return to their Lord who will also punish them. 88. As for those who believe and do good, they shall have the best reward and we shall assign for them easy commands.” 89. Then, he travelled towards the east, 90. until he reached the rising of the sun, he found it rising on a people for whom I had not provided any shelter. (primitive way) 91. And so, he left them as they were. I had full knowledge of him. 92. Again, he pursued another route, 93. until he reached a pass (Caucasus, near Russia) between two mountains, he found in front the pass some people who could not understand his language. (Georgian language which is unique to the black sea region) 94. They pleaded with him, saying: “O Zul-Qarnain! Gog and Magog (Christian, Jewish Zionist alliance) are corrupting the land. Can we pay you to build a barrier between us and them?” 95. He said: “What my Lord has given me is far better, but assist me with resources, and I will build the barrier. 96. Bring me blocks of iron.” When he filled the gap between the mountains, he said: “Blow.” When the iron became red hot, he said: “Bring me molten copper to pour over it.” 97. And so, the enemy could neither scale it, nor dig through it. 98. He said: “This is a mercy from Allah, but when His promise comes to pass, Allah will level this barrier and Allah’s promise always comes true.” 99. When the barrier is demolished, I will allow them to surge over each other, like waves. Upon the blow of the trumpet I shall gather humanity, altogether. 100. And on Judgment Day I will display Hell before the unbelievers. 101. Those who turned a blind eye to My reminder and could not stand listening to it. 102. Do the unbelievers think - they could simply take My servants as lords instead of Me? I have prepared Hell for their home. 103. Say: “Do you want me

to tell you who will lose the most? 104. Those whose efforts are wasted, while they think they were doing good.” 105. It is they who reject My signs and their meeting with Me, rendering their deeds void, so I will not give their deeds any weight on Judgment Day. 106. Their reward is Hell for their disbelief and mockery of My signs and messengers. 107. Believers who do good shall be in the gardens, 108. where they shall live forever, never wishing to leave. 109. Say: “If the ocean were ink for writing the words of my Lord, it would run dry before the words were exhausted, even if Allah were to add another ocean to it.” 110. Say: “I am human like you, but it has been revealed to me that your God is One God. So, whoever hopes to meet their Lord, let them do good and associate none with Him.”

SURA 19. Maryam - Mary

1. Kaf, Ha, Ya, Ayn, Sad (only Allah knows their meaning). 2. This is a reminder of Allah’s mercy to His servant Zachariah. 3. He cried to his Lord. 4. Zachariah said: “O Lord, my bones are frail, and my hair is white. I have never been disappointed in my prayer to You, O Lord. 5. I am concerned about the faith of my relatives after me since my wife is barren. Grant me, by Your grace, an heir, 6. who will receive my inheritance and be an heir to the family of Jacob and make him, my Lord, pleasing to You.” 7. The angel said: “O Zachariah! We give you good news of the birth of a son whose name will be John (the Baptist), a name We have not given to anyone before.” 8. He wondered, and then said: “O my Lord! How can I have a son when my wife is barren, and I have become old?” 9. The angel replied: “It shall be! Your Lord says: ‘It is easy for Me, just as I created you before, out of nothing.’” 10. Zachariah said: “O my Lord! Grant me a sign.” Allah said: “You will not speak to anyone for three nights consecutively.” 11. So he came out of the sanctuary to his people and using sign language he told them to glorify Allah every morning and every evening. 12. It was later said: “O John! Hold on to the

Scripture.” We had granted him wisdom while he was still a child, (John was to prepare the way for Jesus, who was coming to renew and re-interpret the Gospel and Torah) 13. as well as purity and compassion from Me. And he was God-fearing, (John, the Baptist did not live long. He was imprisoned by Herod, a ruler under the Roman empire who he had criticized for his sins. John was beheaded at the instigation of a woman to whom Herod was infatuated. His head is buried under a white Mosque in Damascus. Hence, Jesus second coming being in Damascus) 14. and kind to his parents. He was neither arrogant nor disobedient. 15. Peace was upon him the day he was born, and peace will be upon him on the day he dies, and peace will be upon him on the day he is raised. 16. Mentioned in the Qur’an is the story of Mary, how she withdrew from her family to a place in the east. 17. She chose to seclude herself. I sent her My spirit (angel Gabriel) who presented himself as a human. 18. She appealed to him, saying: “I seek refuge in the Most Compassionate from you. Leave me alone, if you fear Allah.” 19. Gabriel said: “I am a messenger from your Lord who says that He will grant you a son endowed with purity.” 20. She said: “How can I have a son when no man has touched me. I am a virgin.” 21. Gabriel said: “It shall be. Your Lord says: ‘This is easy for Me. I will make him a sign for people.’ The matter has already been decreed.” 22. She conceived him and withdrew for his birth to Bethlehem, about 4-6 miles from Jerusalem. 23. The pain of childbirth drove her to the trunk of a palm tree. She cried out, saying: “Oh, I wish I was dead and forgotten before this.” 24. A voice reassured her, saying: “Do not grieve! Your Lord has provided a stream for you under your feet., 25. Shake the trunk of this palm tree towards you, it will drop fresh, ripe dates for you. 26. So eat and drink and put your heart at ease, but if you see anyone, say: “I have vowed silence for the Most Compassionate, so I will not be talking to anyone.” 27. Later, she returned to her people carrying her son. They said in shock: “O Mary! What have you done? 28. O sister of Aaron! Your father was not an indecent man, nor was your mother impure.” 29. She just

pointed towards the baby. Her people said: "How can we talk to an infant in a cradle?" 30. Thereupon, Jesus spoke from his cradle, he said: "I am truly a servant of Allah. He has destined me to be given His Book, and to be a prophet. 31. He has made me a blessing wherever I go and has commanded me to establish prayers and give alms-tax for as long as I live, 32. and to be kind to my mother. He has not made me arrogant nor defiant. 33. Peace was upon me the day I was born, and peace will be upon me the day I die, and peace will be on me the day I am raised again." 34. That is Jesus, the son of Mary. This is the truth about, which they still dispute. 35. It is not for Allah to have a son. Glory be to Him. When He decrees a matter, He simply tells it to be, and it is. 36. Jesus continued: "God is my Lord and your Lord, so serve Him, for this is the right thing to do." 37. Yet, the sects differed among themselves about Jesus, so woe be to those unbelievers when they face that tremendous day. 38. How clearly will they hear and see when they appear before Me, though today the evildoers are misguided. 39. Warn them of the day of regret when all matters will be decided, yet they pay no attention and still do not believe. 40. I will inherit the earth and whatever is in and on it and to Me they shall all return. 41. And mention Abraham of the Book, for he was a man of truth and a prophet. 42. Remember, when he said to his father: "O father! Why do you worship something that can, neither hear you nor see you, nor even benefit you? 43. O father! I have received some knowledge, which you have not received, so follow me and I will guide you unto the right path. 44. O father! Do not worship Satan, for he is ever rebellious against the Most Compassionate. 45. O father! I fear Allah's punishment may fall upon you, for then you will become Satan's companion in Hell." 46. He threatened, saying: "How dare you reject my idols, O Abraham! If you do not stop this, I will stone you to death. Leave me alone." 47. Abraham said: "Peace be upon you, O father. I will ask my Lord to forgive you, for He is always gracious to me. 48. I will leave you and those you call upon, and I will pray to my Lord, for I trust my prayer will not be in vain." 49. So,

after he left them and what they worshipped, I bestowed upon him Isaac and Jacob, and I made each of them a prophet. 50. I endowed them with mercy and honour. 51. Also remember Moses in the Book. Verily, he was a loyal devotee, and a messenger, and a prophet. 52. I called him from the right side of Mount Tur, then I drew him close for a private conversation. 53. And I appointed his brother, Aaron, as a prophet. 54. And mention in the Book, O Muhammad, the story of Ishmael (**Abraham's first born with Hagar**). He was truly a man of his word, and he was a messenger, and a prophet. 55. Ishmael used to urge his people to pray and give alms-tax. His Lord was well pleased with him. 56. Also mention in the Book, O Muhammad, the story of Enoch. He was a man of truth and a prophet. 57. I elevated him to an honourable status. 58. Those were some of the prophets, whom I had blessed from among the descendants of Adam; and of those whom I carried with Noah in the Ark; and of the descendants of Abraham and Israel (**Jacob's second name**); and of those I guided and chose. Whenever His revelations were recited to them, they fell down, prostrating and weeping. 59. Unfortunately, the generations (**20th century**) who succeeded them abandoned the prayer, and followed lust, but soon they will face the consequence of their destruction, 60. except for those who repent, believe and perform good deeds, for they will be admitted into Paradise, nor will they be wronged. 61. They will enter gardens of everlasting bliss, promised by the Lord of Mercy to His servants, it is, not, as yet seen, but truly His promise will be fulfilled. 62. And, in Paradise they will never hear idle talk, only greetings of peace, and they shall receive provisions, every morning and every evening. 63. That is Paradise, which I shall grant to those who are devout among My servants. 64. Angel Gabriel said: "We descend by the command of the Lord. To Him belongs whatever is before us and whatever is behind us, and everything between, and your Lord is never forgetful. 65. He is the Lord of the heavens and the earth and everything between them, so worship Him alone and worship Him with patience. Do you know anything like

Him?" 66. Yet, some ask, mockingly: "After we die shall we really be raised back to life?" 67. Do such people not remember that I created them from nothing? 68. By Allah! I will gather them along with the devils and seat them around Hell, on their knees. 69. Then, I shall drag from every group, those who opposed Allah - the Almighty. 70. I know who deserves to be burnt. 71. Every single one of you will pass over Hell. This decree must be fulfilled. 72. I will save those who were devout and leave the evildoers on their knees. 73. And when My revelations are recited, the unbelievers ask the believers, mockingly: "Which of us has more authority and prosperity?" 74. How many generations who had more wealth and influence did I destroy before? 75. Say: "Whoever is entrenched in misguidance, the Most Compassionate will give them plenty of time, until they face His punishment or the Hour. Only then, will they realize who is worse in position and inferior in manpower." 76. Allah gives more guidance unto those who are guided, for good deeds are everlasting in merit and more rewarding in your Lord's sight." 77. Have you seen the one who rejects My revelations, yet boasts, saying: "I will definitely be granted plenty of wealth and children, if there is an afterlife." 78. Can he foresee the future, or has he taken a pledge from the Most Compassionate? 79. No! I record all their statements and I will increase their punishment significantly. 80. I shall inherit all what they claim (wealth and children). They will come to Me all alone. 81. They have taken others instead of Allah, seeking strength and protection through them. 82. Those gods will deny their worship and turn against them. 83. I have sent the devils to the infidels to push them to sin? 84. Do not rush action against them, for I am counting down their days. 85. A day will come when We shall gather the righteous as honoured guests before the Most Compassionate, 86. and drive the evil ones like thirsty cattle to Hell. 87. None will have the right to intercede, except those who have taken an agreement from the Most Compassionate. 88. They say: "The Most Compassionate has children." 89. This is certainly a monstrous lie. 90. For such a

statement the heavens are ready to burst - and the earth is ready to split apart - and the mountains are ready to crumble, 91. in protest of attributing children to the Most Compassionate. 92. It is not suitable for the Most Compassionate to have children. 93. All beings in the heavens and the earth will return to the Most Compassionate, as a servant. 94. He has numbered them and counted them precisely. 95. All will appear before Allah on Judgement Day alone. 96. Those who believe and do good, the Almighty will bestow love upon them. 97. I made this Qur'an easy in your own language, so you may give good news to the believers and warn the stubborn. 98. I destroyed many generations before them. Do you see any traces of them? Or do you hear a whisper from them?

SURA 20. Ta Ha

1. Ta, Ha (only Allah knows their meaning). 2. I did not reveal this Qur'an to you, O Muhammad, to cause you any distress. 3. It is a reminder for those who fear Allah. 4. It is a revelation from Allah who created the earth and the high heavens. 5. The Almighty, who is established on the Throne of Authority. 6. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth and whatever is in between them and whatever is underground. 7. Whether you speak out loud, or in a low voice, He hears all, for He knows all secrets and what is hidden. 8. Allah! There is no god except Him. He has the most beautiful names. 9. Have you heard the story of Moses? 10. When he saw a fire, he said to his family: "Wait here, I see a fire. Perhaps I can bring you a torch or find guidance from someone near the fire." 11. But when he approached the fire, he heard a voice, it said: "O Moses, 12. I am your Lord! Take off your shoes, for you are in the sacred valley (of Tuwa). 13. I have chosen you, so listen to what is revealed to you. 14. It is truly I, for I am Allah. There is no god except Me, so worship Me and establish regular prayers for My remembrance. 15. The Hour is sure to come. It is My will to keep it hidden, so

every soul may be rewarded according to their efforts. 16. So do not let those who do not believe in it, and who follow their desires distract you from it, for they you will be of the doomed. 17. What is that in your right hand, O Moses?" 18. He replied: "It is my staff. I lean on it, and with it, I beat down branches for my sheep. I have other uses for it too." 19. Allah said: "Throw it down, O Moses." 20. When he did, behold, it became a serpent, slithering. 21. Allah said: "Take it, without fear, for I will return it to its original form. 22. Now put your hand under your armpit, it will appear with a glow, unblemished as a sign. 23. This is to show you My great signs. 24. Go to Pharaoh, for he has transgressed." 25. Moses said: "O Lord! Give me courage, 26. and make my task easy. 27. Remove this impediment from my tongue, 28. so people may understand me, 29. and grant me an assistant from my family, 30. Aaron, my brother. 31. Strengthen me through him, 32. and let him share my task, 33. so we may glorify You frequently, 34. and mention You often. 35. You are aware of our situation." 36. Allah said: "Your request has been granted, O Moses. 37. This is the second favour I have bestowed upon you. 38. Remember the time I inspired your mother with this: 39. 'Put him inside the chest, and then place the chest in the river. The river will wash it ashore and he will be taken by Pharaoh - an enemy of Mine and his.' And I blessed you with love from Me, O Moses, so you would be brought up under My eyes. 40. Remember when your sister came along and proposed to Asia, (Pharaoh's wife), saying: 'Can I direct your attention to a lady who will nurse him for you?' I reunited you with your mother, so her heart would be put at ease, and not grieve. Later on, you killed a man by mistake, but I saved you from sorrow. I put you through other tests as well. Then, you remained for a few years among the people of Midian. Then, you came here, as pre-destined, O Moses. 41. I chose you for service Myself. 42. Go forth, you and your brother with My signs, but do not forget to mention Me. 43. Go, both of you to Pharaoh, for he has overstepped all My limits. 44. Speak to him gently, perhaps he may become mindful of Me, or fear My punishment." 45. They

both began to plead, saying: "O Lord! We fear he may harm us or become arrogant." 46. Allah said: "Do not fear, for I am with you. I hear, and I see." 47. So go to him and say: "We are messengers from your Lord, allow the Children of Israel go with us, and stop oppressing them. We have come with a sign from your Lord. Salvation is for those who follow guidance. 48. It has also been revealed that those who reject the truth will be severely punished." 49. Pharaoh said: "Who is the Lord of you both, O Moses?" 50. He said: "Our Lord is the One, who has given everything its distinctive form, and then guided it." 51. Pharaoh asked: "What about previous generations?" (where they wrong to worship Egyptian gods? If they were wrong, are they in misery now? Pharaoh wanted to trap Moses into a scathing denunciation of his ancestors which would have deprived Moses of the sympathy of the crowd) 52. He said: "Their record is with My Lord, for My Lord neither errs nor does He forget." 53. He is the One who laid out the earth for you, and set in it, pathways, and sends down rain from the sky, causing various types of plants to grow, 54. so eat and graze your cattle. In this there are signs for those of sound judgment. 55. From the earth I created you and into it I shall return you, and from it, I shall bring you back (to life). 56. I certainly showed Pharaoh many signs, but he denied them and refused to believe. 57. Pharaoh said: "Have you come to expel us out of our land with your magic, O Moses? 58. We can surely match your magic. Let us make an appointment, which neither of us should fail to keep in a mutually agreeable place." 59. Moses said: "Let's book the appointment for the day of the festival and gather the people by mid-morning." 60. Pharaoh withdrew and put his plan together. Pharaoh returned on the day of the festival. 61. Moses warned the magicians, saying: "Woe to you! Do not fabricate any lies against Allah, for He will wipe you out with a terrible punishment. Whoever fabricates lies will fail." 62. Hearing this, the magicians debated among themselves. 63. They concluded and said: "These two want to expel you with their magic and eradicate your way of life, including your cherished traditions. 64.

Orchestrate your plan, then come forward, for whoever prevails today shall be successful.” 65. They said: “Moses, will you throw first, or should we?” 66. Moses responded: “No, you go first.” Suddenly, their ropes and staffs appeared to slither by their magic. 67. Moses felt fear within himself, 68. so I inspired him, saying: “Do not fear, for you shall prevail. 69. Throw what is in your right hand, for it will swallow what they made up. What they have made is no more than a magician’s trick. Sorcerers do not prosper, no matter where they go.” 70. So it was, and the magicians fell in prostration. They declared: “We believe in the Lord of Aaron and Moses.” 71. Pharaoh threatened them, saying: “How dare you believe without my permission? Moses must be your master who taught you magic. I will cut off your hands and feet - on opposite sides and crucify you on the trunks of palm trees. You will really see whose punishment is more severe and more lasting.” 72. They responded: “By the One who created us, we will never prefer you over the proof that has just come before us. Do whatever you have to do, for your authority covers this world only. 73. We believe in our Lord, and we hope He forgives our sins, and that magic you forced us to practice. Indeed, Allah is better and everlasting.” 74. Whoever comes to Him as a sinner will enter hell, where he shall, neither live, nor die. 75. Whoever comes to Him, as a believer and has done good shall be in high ranks. 76. In gardens of Eternity under which rivers flow, where he shall live forever. That is the reward for those who purify themselves. 77. I inspired Moses, saying: “Travel by night with My worshipers and strike a dry path through the sea for them, nor fear of being overtaken by Pharaoh, or of drowning.” 78. Pharaoh pursued them with his army, but how overwhelming was the water that submerged them. 79. Pharaoh misled his people. He did not guide them. 80. O Children of Israel! We saved you from your enemy, and made an appointment with you on the right side of Mount Ṭur, and sent down to you manna and quails, 81. saying: “Eat good and pure things, which I have sent down for you, but do not transgress, or else My wrath will be upon you. Whoever incurs

My wrath will perish. 82. I am Forgiving towards those who turn in repentance and believes and acts honourably, for I will guide them.” 83. When he came up Mount Tur - Allah asked Moses: “Why did you rush ahead of your people, O Moses?” 84. He said: “They are close by. I rushed to You, my Lord, so You would be pleased with me.” 85. Allah responded: “Moses, I put your people to test in your absence, but Samiri (Jewish Samaritan) has led them astray.” 86. Moses returned to his people, furious and sorrowful. He said: “O my People! Did your Lord not make a promise to you? Was I gone too long for you, or were you seeking His wrath? Is that why you broke your promise?” 87. They argued, saying: “We did not break our promise deliberately, we were forced to carry the ornaments (Jewellery and gold) of the People of Pharaoh. Then, Samiri told us to throw them into the fire.” 88. Samiri moulded for them an idol of a calf that made a lowing sound. They said: “This is our god and the god of Moses, but Moses must have forgotten where it was.” 89. Did they not see that it did not respond to them, nor could it protect them, nor benefit them? 90. Aaron had already warned them beforehand, saying: “O my People! This is a test. Your one true Lord is the Most Compassionate, so follow me and obey my command.” 91. They replied: “We will not stop worshipping it until Moses returns to us.” 92. Moses scolded his brother, saying: “O Aaron! Why did you not stop them from being misled? 93. Why did you disobey me?” 94. Aaron pleaded, saying: “O son of my mother, don’t seize my beard. I was worried you would say I caused division among them, and that I did not follow your order.” 95. Moses turned to Samiri, and said: “What were you thinking, O Samiri?” 96. He said: “I saw what they could not see, so I took a handful of dust from the hoof-prints of Gabriel’s horse and threw it on the calf. This is what my instinct tempted me to do.” (while Moses and the children of Israel were crossing the sea, he saw Gabriel on a horse leading the way, every time the horse touched the ground, it turned green) 97. Moses said: “Get away. From now on you will live alone in exile and you have the promised punishment of the

Hereafter upon you. Look at that deity, which you have become so devoted to. I will burn it and scatter it in the sea.” 98. Moses addressed his people, saying: “Your only god is Allah. There is no god but Him. He surrounds everything with His knowledge.” 99. And so, I relate to you the stories of the past. I present this Qur’an to you as a reminder from Us. 100. Whoever turns away from it will bear its burden on the Day of Judgement. 101. And they will suffer its consequence. What an evil burden to carry. 102. The day the trumpet is blown I shall raise the evildoers blind. 103. They will whisper to each other, saying: “It seems as if we were only on earth for ten days.” 104. I know what they will say. The reasonable among them will say: “No! You were there for a day.” 105. If they ask you about the mountains, say: “Allah will scatter them like dust, 106. and leave the earth flat, and bare. 107. You will not see any curves, or any crookedness.” 108. On that day everyone will follow the caller, from whom, there will be no escape. Then, all voices will be hushed before Allah. Only whispers will be heard. 109. On that day no intercession will be of any benefit, except by those granted permission by the Most Compassionate and whose words are agreeable to Him. 110. He knows what is ahead of them and what is behind them, but they cannot encompass Him with their knowledge. 111. All faces will humble before Allah, the Living. Those burdened with evil deeds will despair. 112. Whoever does good and is a believer will have no fear of being wronged, nor of being denied their reward. 113. I sent down this Qur’an in the Arabic language, and in it, I have given all kinds of warnings, so they may become aware, or at least, pay attention. 114. Exalted is Allah, the True King. Do not rush to recite the Qur’an, O Muhammad, until it has been properly conveyed to you and pray: “O my Lord! Increase my knowledge.” 115. I once made an agreement with Adam saying do not approach this tree, but he forgot. I did not find determination in him. 116. I said to the angels: “Prostrate before Adam.” They all prostrated except Satan, he refused. 117. I cautioned him, saying “O Adam! Satan is your enemy, do not allow him to have you both expelled

for Paradise, for then you will suffer hardship. 118. In the garden you shall never go hungry, nor go naked, 119. nor will you suffer thirst, nor the sun's heat." (there is no sun or cold in Paradise, just light - go to surah 76 verse 13) 120. But Satan whispered to them, saying: "O Adam! Shall I show you the tree of immortality and a kingdom that will never fade?" 121. They both ate of the tree, and behold, their private parts became apparent to them, prompting them to cover themselves with the leaves of Paradise. Adam disobeyed his Lord, and so, lost his way. 122. His Lord chose him, and accepted his repentance, and guided him. 123. Allah said: "Descend, both of you from here, together with Satan, as enemies of each other (Mankind and Satan - spiritual warfare). And when guidance comes to you, whoever follows it, will neither go astray on earth, nor suffer in the Hereafter. 124. But those who turn away from My remembrance will certainly have a miserable life, but then I shall raise them blind on the Day of Resurrection." 125. They will cry, saying: "O Lord! Why have You raised me blind, I used to see?" 126. Allah will say: "When My revelations came to you, you forgot them, similarly, today you will be forgotten." 127. This is how I reward those who transgress and do not believe in My revelations. The punishment in the Hereafter is far more severe and it is everlasting. 128. Is it not still clear to them, how many generations I destroyed before them, and in whose ruined dwellings they now walk about? There is a sign in this for those who understand. 129. Had it not been for a prior decree and a term already pre-destined, their destruction would have been inevitable. 130. Patiently endure their statements and glorify your Lord before sunrise (Fajr) and before sunset (Asr). And glorify Him in the late hours of the night (Isha'), and during both ends of the day (Zuhr and Maghrib), so you may be pleased with Allah's reward. 131. Nor allow your eyes to crave what I have allowed some of the unbelievers to enjoy, for it is a test for them. Your Lord's provision in the Hereafter is better and everlasting. 132. Order people to pray and be diligent in observing them. I do not ask you to provide for Me, for I provide for you. The

destination is for those who are righteous. 133. They demand: "If only Muhammad could bring us a sign from his Lord." Has a clear sign (the Qur'an) not already come before them, containing teachings of My earlier Books (the Torah and the Gospel)? 134. Had I destroyed them with a punishment before Muhammad appeared, they would have argued, and said: "O Lord! If only You had sent a messenger, we would have followed Your revelations before being put to shame and humiliated." 135. Say: "All are waiting, so wait, for soon you shall know, who is on the right path and who is guided."

SURA 21. Al - Anbiyaa' (prophet's)

1. The time of reckoning has drawn close for mankind, yet they turn away without paying any attention. 2. When a reminder comes to them from their Lord, they listen, but do not take it seriously. 3. Their hearts are distracted. The evildoers converse secretly, saying to each other: "Is this man not human like us? Would you fall for this witchcraft with your eyes open?" 4. The prophet said: "My Lord is fully aware of every word spoken in the heavens and the earth, for He hears everything and is Knowledgeable." 5. Yet, they say: "This Qur'an is a set of confused dreams. No, he fabricated it. No, he must be a poet. Muhammad should bring tangible signs like previous prophet's did." 6. Before these people, none from those nations, which I destroyed believed either. Will these people believe? 7. I sent before you, O Muhammad, men whom I inspired. If you do not know, go and ask the Jews and the Christian, to whom I gave Books. 8. Nor did I give messengers' supernatural bodies that did not eat, nor were they immortal. 9. I sincerely made good on My promise to them and I saved them along with whoever I willed, and then I destroyed those who exceeded My limits. 10. I have sent down to you, O humanity, a Qur'an containing all you ought to bear in mind, so will you not reason? 11. How many unjust towns did I destroy and replace with

others? 12. When they perceived My punishment approaching, they did try to escape. 13. I said: "Do not run. Come back to your pleasures and homes, so you may be questioned." 14. They cried: "Woe to us! We have truly been evil." 15. They kept repeating this until I mowed them down and they became still. 16. I did not create the heavens and the earth and everything in between them for fun. 17. Had I wished to play games; I could have done so with things at hand. 18. No! I hurl the truth towards lies and truth obliterates it. See how lies vanishes. Woe to you, O humanity, for what you attribute to Me. 19. To Him belongs all those in the heavens and the earth. The angels who are close to Him are not too proud to worship Him, nor do they get tired. 20. They celebrate His praises, day and night. 21. Can their deities raise the dead? 22. If there were other gods in the heavens or on the earth, there would be disorder in both. Glory be to Allah, the Lord of the Throne. He is absolutely free from the lies they attribute to Him. 23. He is accountable to none, about what He does, but they are accountable to Him. 24. Have they chosen other gods, besides Him? Say: "Prove your belief. This Qur'an tells us about the beliefs of our people, and those who lived before me." Yet most people do not know. Truth is, they neglect the question of belief altogether. 25. To all messengers' before you, O Muhammad, I revealed this: **I am the only God to be worshipped**. 26. They say: "Allah has offspring." Glory be to Him. His angels are honoured servants. 27. They do not speak until He has spoken. They act only by His command. 28. He knows their present and future. These servants of Allah will not intercede for anyone without His permission. They tremble in awe of Him. 29. Should any of them say: "I am a god as well as Allah." I will punish them with Hell. Such is the punishment of the evildoers. 30. Have the unbelievers not realized that the sky and the earth were once one mass (**the big bang**). I split them apart and I created every living thing out of water. Will they, not then, believe? 31. And I placed within the earth firm mountains, lest they shake with them and I made valleys and left between them open passages,

so people may find their way. 32. And I have made the sky a well-protected canopy, still they turn away from My signs. 33. I created night and day and the sun and the moon, each gliding in its own orbit. 34. I have not granted immortality to any human, so if you die, O Muhammad, will they live forever? 35. Every soul shall taste death. I test you with evil and good, but then to Me is your return. 36. And when the unbelievers see you, they laugh at you, saying: "Is this the one who keeps talking about your gods?" Yet, when the Merciful is mentioned, they reject Him. 37. Man is an impatient creature, but soon I will show you My signs, so do not ask Me to show them any time sooner. 38. And they say: "When will the promise of resurrection be fulfilled, if what you say is true?" 39. If only the unbelievers knew a time will come upon them when they will not be able to keep the Fire off their face or backs, nor will they be helped. 40. In fact, the Hour will take them by surprise, leaving them stunned, so they will not be able to avert it, nor delay it. 41. Other messengers' had already been ridiculed before you, O Muhammad, but those who mocked them were overwhelmed by what they used to ridicule. 42. Ask them: "Who could defend you during the day, or during the night against the Most Compassionate?" Still, they turn away from the remembrance of their Lord. 43. Or, do they have gods that can defend them from Me? They cannot help themselves, nor can they be protected from Us. 44. I have been providing these men and their forefathers enjoyment for a long time. Do they not see that I am reducing their land from their borders? (i.e. conflicts which the disbelievers initiate result in the loss of land, when believers become victorious under the direct intervention of Allah) Will they be able to win? 45. Say: "I only warn you with His revelations." The deaf cannot hear when they are warned. 46. If they were touched by even a breath of your Lord's punishment, they would certainly cry out, saying: "Woe to us, we were, indeed, evil." 47. I will set scales of justice on the Day of Judgment, so no soul shall be wronged in the least. And even if a deed is the weight of a mustard seed, I shall bring it forth.

Sufficient am I as a vigilant reckoner. 48. I gave Moses and Aaron, the criterion to distinguish between right and wrong, and a Book, a radiant light, a reminder for the righteous, 49. who fear their Lord without seeing Him and who are fearful of the Hour. 50. This Qur'an too is a blessed reminder, which I have sent down to you, O Muhammad. Will you, O pagans, deny it? 51. I had given Abraham sound judgment earlier on. I knew him well to be worthy of it. 52. Remember, when he questioned his father and people, saying: "What are these statues to which you are so devoted?" 53. They said: "We found our fathers worshipping them." 54. He said: "Indeed, you and your fathers are clearly misguided." 55. They said: "Have you come with the truth, or are you just joking?" 56. He said: "Your Lord is the Lord who created the heavens and the earth, and I bear witness to it." 57. Abraham said to himself: "By Allah! I have a plan for your idols when you depart." 58. He smashed them into pieces, except the large one, in case, they wanted to ask for an answer. 59. When they returned and saw their idols in pieces, they said: "Who dared do this to our gods? It must be an evil person." Some said: "We heard a young man named Abraham speaking ill of them." 61. They demanded: "Bring him before the people, so they may witness his trial." 62. They asked: "Was it you who did this to our gods, O Abraham?" 63. He said, sarcastically: "No, this big idol did it. Ask it, if it can talk." 64. They turned towards each other saying: "We must be evil." 65. Then, they reverted to their old ideas and said to Abraham: "You know they do not speak." 66. Abraham said: "Then why do you worship things that can neither benefit you nor harm you? 67. Shame on you and what you worship instead of Allah. Have you people no sense?" 68. They concluded: "If you must act, then burn Abraham and avenge your gods." 69. I said to the fire: "O fire, be cool for Abraham." 70. They sought to harm him, but I humiliated them. 71. I saved Abraham, along with Lot to the land of Jerusalem, which I had blessed for all humanity. 72. And I granted him Isaac and Jacob as a gift, and made each of them righteous. 73. We also made them leaders, guiding by Our command, and

inspired them to do good deeds, establish prayer, and pay alms-tax. And they were devoted to Our worship. 74. I gave wisdom and knowledge to Lot and saved him from a nation (Sodom and Gomorrah) engrossed in such a shameful practice. They were certainly evil, rebellious people. 75. I admitted him to Our mercy, for he was a righteous man. 76. Before them Noah prayed to Us. I accepted his prayer and saved him and his family from a great calamity. 77. I helped him against those who had rejected My revelations, for they were evil people, so I drowned them in the great flood. 78. And I bestowed favours upon David and Solomon. When they were judging a case regarding a field into which some sheep of a certain tribe had strayed. We witnessed their judgment. 79. I made Solomon understand the case more profoundly, though I had given both sound judgment and knowledge. I also caused mountains and birds to join David in extolling Our limitless glory. We are capable of doing all sorts of things. (sheep got into a cultivated field and ate all its vegetation. They caused damage to the extent of a year's crop. David considered the matter so serious that he awarded the owner of the field all the sheep in compensation, but his son Solomon, a mere boy of eleven had a better idea. Solomon suggested the owner of the field should not take the sheep, rather he should detain them long enough to recoup his loss) 80. And I taught Solomon how to craft coats of armour to protect you during battles. Yet, you O humanity, are so ungrateful. 81. Solomon had the wind under his control. It blew by his command over land, which I had blessed. Indeed, I observe everything. 82. And I made the jins subservient to him, some even dived the depths of the sea for him. They performed many other duties too. It is I who kept an eye on them. 83. And Job (Yaqqob), when he called Me, saying: "I am in distress. You are the Most Merciful." (he suffered numerous calamities: his cattle were destroyed, his servants were killed, and his family were crushed under his roof, but he held on to his faith. He was covered in sores and he lost peace of mind, and he cursed the day he was born. His false friends came and

attributed his afflictions to his sins. Allah restored his prosperity, He doubled it. He had a new family - seven sons and three daughters. All this is recorded in the book of Job in the old Testament) 84. So I answered him, and I removed his distress and I brought him back his family and others with them, as a mercy from Us and as a reminder for those who serve Us. 85. Likewise, I blessed Ishmael, Idris (Enoch) and Zul-kifl (possibly Isaiah), all were patient. 86. I admitted them to My mercy. They were honourable. 87. Also, remember when the man of the whale (Jonah) stormed off from his city in a fit of rage, thinking I would not restrain him. Then, in the veils of darkness (belly of the whale) he cried out, saying: "There is no god except You. Glory be to You, for I have certainly done wrong." 88. I accepted his prayer and saved him from distress. Thus, I do save believers. 89. And, remember when Zachariah cried out to his Lord, saying: "O my Lord! Do not leave me childless, though You are the best to inherit." 90. I answered his prayer and blessed him with John (Yahya - John, the Baptist) and I made his wife fertile. They used to compete with each other in good deeds. They called upon Us with hope and fear, totally humbling themselves before Me. 91. And remember the one (Mary) who guarded her chastity. We breathed into her through angel Gabriel of My spirit, making her and her son, Jesus a sign for humanity. 92. This community of yours, O Muhammad, is one community and I am your Lord, so worship Me. 93. Unfortunately, people have divided themselves into sects, and to Me, you shall all return. 94. Whoever does honourable deeds and believes in Me, their efforts will not be rejected, for We are recording their deeds. 95. There is a ban on a nation (Children of Israel), which I had destroyed (Jerusalem). They shall not return to it, 96. until Gog and Magog (Zionist, Christian, Jewish alliance) are released from behind their barrier (it was brought down during the prophet's lifetime). They will swarm down from every hilltop. 97. For then, the true promise will approach, and the eyes of the unbelievers will stare in horror, They will say: "Woe to us, we were oblivious to this, rather we were unjust." 98. Certainly, you

disbelievers and whatever you worship will be the fuel of Hell. You will enter it. 99. Had those idols been true gods - they would not be entering Hell. You will stay there. 100. And in it, they will groan, but not be heard. 101. Those who deserve Paradise will be kept far away from Hell. 102. They will not even hear the slightest hissing from it. And they will delight forever in what their souls desire. 103. The supreme horror of that day will not disturb them, and the angels will greet them, saying: "Today is that day, which you were promised." 104. And on that day, I shall roll up the heavens, like a written scroll. Just as I did during the first creation, I shall reproduce it. That is a promise binding on Me and, I always uphold My promises. 105. I wrote in the Psalms xxxvii 29, after declaring it in the Torah - "My righteous servants shall inherit Paradise." 106. This is, indeed, good news for those who worship Allah. 107. I sent you, O Muhammad as a mercy to the whole world. 108. Say: "What has been revealed to me is this: 'Your God is only One God.' Will you then, not submit to Him?" 109. But, if they turn away, then say: "I have proclaimed the message equally to all of you, and I do not know if what you have been promised is near or far. 110. Indeed, Allah knows what you say and what you hide, 111. for all I know, it may be a test or pleasure for a while." 112. The prophet prayed, saying: "O Lord, judge us in all truth. O Lord, You are Merciful, the One whose help we seek against those who reject the truth."

SURA 22. Al - Hajj (Pilgrimage)

1. O humanity! Fear your Lord, for the tremor of the Hour is a serious matter. 2. On that day, you will see every nursing mother neglect her child and every pregnant woman miscarry, you will see people in a drunken state, yet they will not be drunken. Allah's punishment will be severe. 3. Yet some still argue about God without knowledge, and they follow the rebellious devils. 4. I have decreed that whoever took the devils as their guide, they will be misguided, for they will

lead them to the punishment of the blaze. 5. O humanity! If you doubt the Resurrection, then know I created you from dust, and then from a sperm-drop, and then developed you in a clinging clot of blood, and then transformed you into a lump of flesh, formed or unformed, in order to demonstrate My power. Then, I settle whatever embryo I willed in a womb for an appointed term, and then I brought you out, as infants, so some of you may reach your prime, while others may die, and others are left to reach old age, so they may know nothing after having known so much. You see the earth lifeless, but as soon as I send rain upon it, it begins to stir back to life and swell, producing every type of plant. 6. That is because Allah is the truth. He gives life to the dead and He is capable to achieve anything. 7. Certainly the Hour is coming, there is no doubt. Allah will surely resurrect those in their graves. 8. Still, some argue about Allah without knowledge or guidance, or an enlightening book. 9. They twist things, so people may be misguided from His path. They will suffer disgrace in this world and on Judgement Day I shall make them taste the torment of burning. 10. And they will be told: "This is for what you had done." Allah is not unjust to His servants. 11. Some people worship Allah conditionally. If things go their way, they are satisfied, but if they are put through the test of hardship, they lose faith. Such people have lost both this world and the Hereafter. What losers they are. 12. Instead of Allah they call upon things that can neither harm them, nor benefit them. Now that is misguidance. 13. They invoke things whose worship leads them to harm not benefit. What an evil patron and what an evil associate. 14. Allah will admit those who believe and do good deeds into gardens, under which rivers flow. Indeed, Allah does as He wills. 15. Anyone who thinks that Allah will not help His messenger in this world and the Hereafter, let them stretch a rope to the ceiling and strangle themselves, and see, if their plan can remove their rage. 16. I have sent this Qur'an down with clear verses. Indeed, Allah guides whom He wills. 17. All believers, whether they be - Jews, Sabians, Christians, Magi and the polytheists

- Allah will judge them on Judgement Day. Allah is a witness to all things. 18. Do you not see that all in the heavens and the earth, as well as the sun and the moon, and the stars, and the mountains, and the trees, and the beasts and many humans - all submit to Him, yet there are many who deserve His punishment. If someone is disgraced by Allah, who could honour him. Allah does as He wills. 19. These two (believers and unbelievers) fought over their Lord. Garments of fire will be tailored for those who disbelieve, and boiling water will be poured over their head. 20. Melting whatever is in their bellies as well as their skin. 21. Additionally, there will be maces of iron to punish them. 22. Whenever they try to escape from Hell, they will be forced back and be told: "Taste the punishment of burning." 23. As for those who believe and do good, Allah will admit them to gardens, under which rivers flow. They will be adorned with gold and pearl bracelets, and garments made of silk. 24. They were willing to be guided towards the best concepts and the best ways of expression. Thus, they were guided to the path that leads to the Praised One. 25. Those unbelievers who block others from My path and from the sacred Mosque, which I assigned for all, whether, they be residence, or visitors, and those who intend to deviate from righteousness to wickedness in its vicinity, I shall make them taste a painful punishment. 26. I appointed Abraham to erect the Ka'abah, saying: "Never associate anything with Me. Purify My House for those who circle the Ka'abah and prayer and bow and prostrate." 27. Proclaim the pilgrimage to people. They will come walking and by every available transport. They will come from far distance places. (Abraham said to Allah: 'My voice cannot reach all people.' Allah said: 'You make the call; We will deliver the invitation Ourselves) 28. So, they may obtain benefits and pronounce Allah's name over their sacrificial animals, so eat their meat and feed the poor. 29. So, let them fulfil their duty and vows and circle the ancient House. 30. whoever honours His rituals, it is best for them in His sight. Meat of your cattle has been made lawful for you, except what has been previously mentioned to

you. Shun the impurity of idolatry and avoid lies. 31. Devote yourself to Allah, nor associate any partners with Him, for whoever associates others with Allah is like someone who has fallen from the sky, and is either snatched away by birds or swept by the wind to a remote place. 33. You may benefit from the sacrificial animals for an appointed term, but then, their place of sacrifice is at the ancient House. 34. For every nation I appointed rituals of sacrifice, so they may pronounce the name of Allah over their animals. Your God is One God, so submit to Him. Give this good news to those who humble themselves. 35. Those whose hearts are filled with fear at the mention of His name, and who endure calamities with patience and pray and spend from what I have given them. 36. And I have made camels part of Allah's sacred rites for you. There is much good in them, so invoke His name over them as they are lined up for sacrifice, and then when they have fallen down, feed yourselves and the poor, and those who do not ask. I made them subservient for you, so you may be grateful. I. 37. Neither their meat nor their blood reaches Allah. Rather it is your piety that reaches Him. I made them for your service, so glorify Allah for guiding you and give good news to those who do good. 38. Allah defends those who believe. Allah does not like treacherous, ungrateful individuals. 39. Thus, permission to fight has been granted to those who have been subject to an injustice. Allah is surely capable of giving them victory. 40. 'They are those who have been expelled from their homes for no reason other than proclaiming: "Our Lord is Allah." Had Allah not repelled aggression of some by means of others, destruction would have claimed His monasteries, churches, synagogues and mosques, in which Allah's name is often mentioned. Allah will certainly help those who stand up for Him. Allah is Powerful, Almighty. 41. They are those who, if established in the land by Us, would perform prayers and pay alms-tax, and encourage good and forbid evil. With Allah rests the outcome of all affairs. 42. If they reject you, O Muhammad, then, remember, so did the People of Noah before them, as well as the tribes of 'Ad and the

Thamud, 43. and the People of Abraham, and the People of Lot, 44. and the inhabitants of Midian. Moses was called a liar, so I indulged the unbelievers, and then I seized them. How terrible was My punishment? 45. How many towns steeped in wickedness have I destroyed. Today, they lie in ruins with their wells abandoned and empty palaces. 46. Have these people not travelled through the land to make their hearts understand and allow their ears to hear. Truth is, it is not their eyes that are blind, rather it is their hearts that are blind. 47. They challenge you, O Muhammad, to rush My punishment. Allah will never fail in His promise. A day of your Lord is the length of a thousand years by your calculation. 48. How many nations, who indulged in sin did I destroy; however, I gave them time, but then I seized them. Their final destination is up to Me. 49. Say: "O humanity! I have been sent to you with warning. 50. Those who believe and do good will have forgiveness, as well as honourable provisions, 51. but those who strive to discredit Allah's revelations will be residents of the Fire." 52. Whenever I sent a messenger or a prophet before you and they recited My revelations, Satan would influence people's understanding of their recitation. Eventually, I eliminated Satan's influence and firmly established My revelations. Indeed, Allah is Knowledgeable, Wise. 53. Allah makes Satan's insinuations a temptation only to those with sick hearts and those with hard hearts. Only the evildoers oppose the truth. 54. Those blessed with knowledge will recognize that this Qur'an is the truth from their Lord, and they will believe in it, and their hearts will readily accept it. Indeed, Allah guides those who believe to the right path. 55. The unbelievers will continue to doubt this Qur'an until the Hour appears suddenly, or My punishment strikes them on the day of disaster. 56. All authority on that day is Allah's. He will judge between them. Those who believe and do good will be Our gardens of bliss. 57. Those who chose to disbelieve and disregard His revelations will face their punishment. 58. Those who emigrated for Allah's sake and were martyred or died - Allah will grant them honourable provisions. Allah is the best

to provide. 59. He will admit them to a place, with which, they will be very pleased. Allah is truly Knowledgeable, Forbearing. 60. The one who had defended himself by retaliating in the same manner as what had been done to him, but then is being persecuted (by irrational laws of the land), Allah will help him. After all, Allah is Forgiving, Pardoning. 61. Allah merges the night into the day, and He merges the day into the night. Indeed, Allah hears all, and sees all. 62. Allah is the truth. What they invoke besides Him is false. Allah is Most High - the Greatest. 63. Do you not see that Allah sends down rain from the sky, and with it, the earth turns green? Allah understands the finest mysteries and is well-acquainted with them. 64. To Him, belongs all in the heavens and the earth. Allah is the rich beyond need, the Praiseworthy. 65. Do you not see how He has made subservient everything on the earth for your benefit, and the ships that sail in the sea by His command. He prevents the sky from falling on the earth unless He permits it. Allah is compassionate and merciful to humanity. 66. He gives life and causes death and He is the One who will resurrect you. Yet you, O humanity, are so ungrateful. 67. I appointed acts of worship for every nation, which are to be observed, so do not allow the unbelievers to contend with you about this matter, instead invite them to your Lord, for you are on the right path. 68. If they argue with you, then say: "Allah knows best what you do." 69. Allah will judge between you all on Judgment Day regarding your differences. 70. Are you not aware that Allah knows what is in the heavens and the earth? All is written in a Record. This is easy for Allah. 71. Yet they worship besides Allah that, for which He has sent down no authority, and, of which, they have no knowledge. The evildoers will receive no help. 72. When My revelations are recited to them, you, O Muhammad, will see rage on the faces of the disbelievers, as if, they are going to attack those who recite. Say: "Should I tell you of something more enraging? It is the Fire, with which Allah has threatened those who disbelieve." An awful destination. 73. O humanity! A lesson is being presented to you, so pay attention to it. The idols you invoke cannot even create

a fly, even, if they all were to come together for that very purpose. However, if a fly were to snatch something, they cannot retrieve it from the fly. How powerless are those who invoke idols and how powerless are those who are invoked. 74. They have truly underestimated Allah's power, for Allah is Powerful, Noble. 75. Allah selects messengers from both, angels and humans, and Allah hears and sees everything. 76. Allah knows their present status and future status. And to Allah all matters return. 77. O you who believe, kneel, and prostrate before your Lord and do good, so you may succeed. 78. And strive for Allah as He deserves. He has chosen you and has not imposed hardships upon you in religion - the faith of your father, Abraham. Allah has named you "Muslims" (submitters) before in former Books (the Torah and the Gospel) and in this Qur'an, so the messenger may be a witness over you, and you may be witnesses over humanity, so, perform prayers, and give alms tax and hold fast unto Allah. He is your protector, and how excellent is He as a protector, and how excellent is He as your helper.

SURA 23. Al - Mu'minun (believers)

1. Successful indeed are the believers. 2. Those who pray humbly, 3. and who avoid idle talk; 4. and who pay alms-tax; 5. and who guard their private parts, 6. except with their wives or those 'bondwomen' in their possession, for then they are free from blame. (surah 4 verse 3) - (surah 4 verse 24, 25) 7. Those who seek to go beyond this are transgressors. 8. believers are also those who are true to their trusts and covenants; 9. and pay attention to their prayer. 10. These are the inheritors of 11. Paradise. They will live there forever. 12. I created humans from a structure derived from mud. 13. Then, I placed him, as a drop of fluid in a safe place. 14. Then, I developed that drop into a clinging clot of blood, and then developed that clot into a lump of flesh, and then developed that lump into bones, and then clothed the bones with flesh, and then I brought it into being as

a new creation. Blessed be Allah - the best Creator. 15. And then after that you will surely die, 16. then on the Day of Resurrection you shall be resurrected. 17. I created above you seven heavens. I am not neglectful of My creation. 18. I send down rain in perfect measure. And I cause it to soak into the earth, and I can take it away. 19. With it We produce for you gardens of palm trees and grapevines, in which, there are abundant fruits, and from which you may eat, 20. as well as olive trees, which grow on mount Sinai, providing oil and relish for those who eat. 21. There is certainly a lesson for you in cattle, from whose bellies I give you milk to drink, and in them, there are many other benefits for you, and some of them, you eat. 22. You are carried upon some of them and upon ships. 23. I sent Noah to his People. Noah said: "O my People! Worship Allah. You have no god other than Him. Will you, not, then, fear Him?" 24. But the disbelieving chiefs of his people said to the masses: "This is a human like you, who wants to be superior to you. Had Allah so willed, He could have easily sent down an angel as His messenger. We never heard this in history." 25. Some people said: "He is simply insane, so bear with him for a while." 26. Noah prayed: "O Lord! Help me, for they have rejected me." 27. I inspired him: "Build an Ark under My supervision. When My command comes to pass and the valley overflows take on board pairs of every species and your family, except those upon whom judgment of drowning has been proclaimed. And do not plead with Me on behalf of the unjust, for they will all be drowned. 28. When you and your followers have embarked, say: "All praise is due to Allah who saved us from those evildoers." 29. And say: "O Lord! Cause my descend (ashore) a blessed descend, for You are the best accommodator." 30. In this story there is enough evidence of the truth. Thus, I do test humanity. 31. I then raised another generation after them, (the nation of 'Ad) 32. and sent to them a messenger (Hud) from among themselves, saying: "Worship Allah. You have no god other than Him. Will you, not, then, fear Him?" 33. The chiefs of his people who disbelieved and denied the meeting in the Hereafter and to whom I had given

luxuries and comforts, said: "This is a man like you who eats what you eat and drinks what you drink. 34. If you obey a human like yourselves, then you will, indeed be lost. 35. How can he promise you that after you die and become dust and bones, you shall be brought back to life? 36. Impossible, simply impossible what you are being promised. 37. There is nothing beyond this worldly life. We die and others replace us, and none will be resurrected. 38. He has invented a lie and attributed it to God. We will never believe him." 39. At this, Hud prayed: "Support me, O Lord, for they have rejected me." 40. Allah said: "Soon they will be truly regretful." 41. Behold, a blast struck them, and I reduced them to rubble. Away with such evil people. 42. Then, I raised another generation. 43. No nation can advance their doom, nor can they delay it. 44. Then I sent messengers' in succession, but whenever a messenger came unto his people, they rejected him, so I destroyed them, one after the other, reducing them all to mere tales of the past. So away with people who refuse to believe. 45. Then I sent Moses and his brother Aaron with My signs and authority (the nine signs of Moses are: the staff, the hand, famine, shortage of crops, floods, locusts, lice, frogs, and blood. All mentioned in surah 7 verses 130 - 133) 46. to Pharaoh and his chiefs, but they behaved arrogantly towards them. They were tyrants. 47. They argued with Moses, saying: "Should we believe in two humans like ourselves whose followers are our slaves?" 48. They rejected them, and so, they were destroyed. 49. I gave Moses the Book, so his people could be guided. 50. And I made Jesus, the son of Mary and his mother a sign and I gave them refuge on high grounds with flowing water. 51. O messengers, eat wholesome pure things and act in an honourable manner. Indeed, I know what you do. 52. Your religion is but one religion and I am your only Lord, therefore, fear Me. 53. Unfortunately, people divided themselves into sects, each rejoicing in their own doctrine. 54. Leave them in their confusion for a while. 55. Do they think, since We provide them with wealth and children, 56. that We hasten to honour them with all kinds of good? No! They are unaware.

57. Surely those who tremble in awe of their Lord, 58. and who believe in the revelations of their Lord, 59. and who associate none with their Lord, 60. and who do whatever good they do with their hearts fearful, knowing that they are to return to their Lord, 61. it is they who race to do good deeds, always taking the lead. 62. I never burden a soul with more than it can bear. With Me is a record which speaks the truth. None will be wronged. 63. The hearts of the unbelievers are oblivious to this, for they have other evil deeds, opposite to these, in which they are engrossed. 64. As soon as I seize their elite with My punishment, they cry for help. 65. They will be told: "Do not cry for help today, for you shall receive no help. 66. Every time My verses were recited you turned away, 67. in arrogance. Priding yourselves in serving the sacred Mosque; and you spent your evenings making fun of the Qur'an." 68. Why do they not think about My message? Or has something come to them which had not come to their forefathers? 69. Do they not recognize their messenger? Why are they rejecting him? 70. Or do they think that he is insane. He has brought them the truth, but most of them hate it. 71. Had the truth followed their desires, the heavens, and the earth and all those in them would have been corrupted. I have given them the means (Dhikr) to their glory, but they turn away from it. 72. Or are you asking them to pay you for My message, though the reward of your Lord is best. Indeed, He is the best provider. 73. Nay, you are calling them unto the right path, 74. yet those who disbelieve in the Hereafter are deviating from the right path. 75. If I were to show mercy and relieve their distress, they would still blindly persist in their transgression. 76. Even when I seized them with My punishment, they did not humble themselves, nor did they submissively appeal to Me, 77. but when I open the gate to the severest torment for them, then they will plunge into despair. 78. He created the faculties of hearing, sight and intellect. Yet seldom do you show gratitude. 79. He scattered you all over the earth, and to him you shall be gathered. 80. He gives life and causes death. To Him belongs the alternation of night and day. Will you

not then understand? 81. They just repeat what their predecessors used to say: 82. "What! When we die and become dust and bones are, we going to be resurrected? 83. We were promised this before, so were our forefathers. These are just ancient tales." 84. Ask them: "To whom belongs the earth and all those on it, answer me, if you know?" 85. They will reply: "To Allah." Then say: "Will you, then, not pay attention." 86. Ask them: "Who is the Lord of the seven heavens and the Lord of the Mighty Throne?" 87. They will reply: "Allah." Say: "Will you, not, then fear Him?" 88. Ask them: "Who has authority over everything, protecting all things, yet none can be protected from Him. Tell me, if you know?" 89. They will reply: "Allah." Say: "Then how can you be so deluded?" 90. Fact is, I have sent them the truth, and yet they lie. 91. Allah has never had any children nor is there any god besides Him. Otherwise, each god would have taken away what he had created, and they would have tried to dominate one another. Glory be to Allah, for He is free from the sort of things they attribute to Him. 92. He knows the visible and the invisible. Exalted is He above what they associate with Him. 93. O Muhammad, say in your prayer: "O my Lord, if You are to show me in my life that punishment which the unbelievers are threatened with, 94. then O Lord, do not include me among the unbelievers." 95. I am able to show you what I have threatened them with. 96. Respond to evil with what is best. And I am familiar with their claim. 97. Say: "O my Lord, I seek refuge with You from the devils whispers, 98. and I seek refuge in You, my Lord, so they may not come near me." 99. When death approaches them, they cry, saying: "O my Lord! Send me back, 100. so I may rectify what I had neglected." By no means! This statement carries no weight. They will remain behind a dimensional barrier until the Day of their Resurrection. 101. There will be no relationships on the day the trumpet is blown, nor will anyone ask about a friend. 102. Those with a heavy scale shall be successful, 103. but those with a light scale will be doomed. They will remain in Hell forever. 104. The Fire will burn their face, leaving them deformed with

distorted lips. 105. It will be said to them: "Were My revelations not recited to you, yet you rejected them?" 106. They will cry and say: "O Lord! Misfortune overwhelmed us, so we were misguided. 107. O Lord! Take us out of this Fire. If we ever return to denial, then surely we shall be of the evildoers." 108. Allah will say: "Be humiliated, nor speak to Me." 109. Some of My servants pray, saying: "O Lord! We believe in You, forgive our sins and have mercy on us, for You are the Merciful." 110. Allah will say: "You unbelievers were so busy making fun of them that you forgot My remembrance. You used to laugh at the believers 111. Today I have rewarded them for their patience. They have certainly succeeded." 112. Allah will then ask them: "How many years did you reside on earth?" 113. They will reply: "Maybe a day or part of a day." Ask those who kept count. 114. Allah will say: "You remained on earth for a while." If only they knew. 115. It will be said: "Did you think that I created you without a purpose, and that you would not return to Me?" 116. Exalted be Allah, the true King. There is no god but Him and He is the Lord of the Glorious Throne. 117. Whoever invokes idols will be punished by Me. Unbelievers will never succeed. 118. Say: "O my Lord, forgive us, have mercy on us, for You are Merciful."

SURA 24. Al - Nur (light)

1. This is a chapter which We have revealed and made its rulings obligatory and revealed in it, clear revelations, so you may be mindful. 2. Strike the adulteress and the adulterer with 100 lashes. Do not let compassion keep you from carrying out My law if you believe in Allah and the last day and make sure the believers witness the punishment. 3. A male fornicator should only marry a female fornicator, or an idolatress. A female fornicator should only be married to a fornicator, or an idolater. Such behaviour is forbidden to believers. 4. Those who accuse pure women of adultery and fail to produce four witnesses, punish them

with eighty lashes. And do not ever accept any testimony from them, for they are rebellious, 5. except those who repent later on and reform, for to them Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 6. Men who accuse their wives of adultery without a witness should swear four times by Allah that he is telling the truth, 7. and a fifth oath that Allah may condemn him if he is lying. 8. The punishment should be averted from her if she testifies four times by God that he is a liar, 9. and a fifth oath saying that Allah may be displeased with her if he is telling the truth. 10. You would have had no method of handling these situations had Allah not bestowed His grace and mercy upon you and had Allah not been accepting of one's repentance. Indeed, He is Wise. 11. Those who came up with that outrageous slander are from a group among you. (relates to an incident which occurred on the prophet's return from the campaign against the tribe of Mustaliq in the year 5 H. The prophet's wife A'isha had accompanied him, but was left behind. After having spent several hours alone, she was found by one of the prophet's companions who led her to the army. This incident gave rise to malicious insinuations of misconduct, but these rumours were short-lived, and her innocence was established). Do not regard this incident as an evil act, for it contains a good lesson for you. They will be punished, each one according to their share in the sin. As for their mastermind, he will suffer a tremendous punishment. 12. When you heard this, why did you, O believers, not think well of each other, and say: "This is a lie." 13. Why did they not, produce four witnesses? Since they failed to produce witnesses, they are liars in His sight. 14. Had it not been for Allah's grace and mercy on you in this world and the Hereafter, you would have certainly been punished for indulging in such a scandal. 15. And, when you passed it on to others and spoke about what you had no knowledge, you took it lightly, though it was extremely serious in His sight. 16. If only you had said upon hearing it: "How could we speak about such a thing. Glory be to Allah. This is terrible slander." 17. Allah forbids you from ever doing this sort of thing again - if you believe in Him. 18.

Allah makes His commands clear. Indeed, Allah is Knowledgeable, Wise. 19. Indeed, those who love to see indecency spread among the believers will suffer a painful punishment in this life and the Hereafter. Allah knows and you do not know. 20. You would have suffered had Allah's grace and mercy not been upon you and had Allah not been Gracious, Merciful. 21. O you who believe, do not follow the path of Satan, for the one who follows him, submits to his orders, *i.e. getting involved in indecencies and deny the truth*. Had it not been for His grace and mercy none of you would have been purified, yet Allah purifies whomever He wills. Indeed, Allah hears all and knows everything. 22. Do not let people of virtue and affluence amongst you swear to suspend donations to their relatives, the needy and those who have left their homes in My sake. Let them forgive and overlook. Do you not wish to be forgiven by Allah? Allah is ever Forgiving, ever Merciful. 23. Surely those who accuse chaste, unsuspecting believing women are cursed in this life and in the Hereafter, they will suffer a tremendous punishment 24. on the day their tongues, hands, and feet will testify against them for what they used to do. 25. Allah will give them their just punishment, for then they will understand that Allah is the ultimate truth. 26. Evil women are for evil men and evil men are for evil women. Good women are for good men and good men are for good women. Good men and women are innocent of what has been said about them. They will have forgiveness and receive generous provisions. 27. O believers! Never enter any house other than your own until you have received permission and have been greeted by its occupants, for this is good for you, so be mindful. 28. If you find no one at home, do not enter it until you have been given permission. And if you are asked to leave, then leave. That is pure for you. Indeed, Allah has knowledge of what you do. 29. There is no blame upon you if you enter public buildings where there is benefit. Allah knows what you reveal and what you conceal. 30. O Muhammad! Tell believing men to lower their gaze and guard their chastity, for that is pure. Surely, Allah knows what they do. 31. And tell believing

women to lower their gaze and guard their chastity and not to reveal their adornments except what normally appears. Let them draw their veils over their chests, nor reveal their hidden adornments except to their husbands, their fathers, their father-in-law, their sons, their stepsons, their brothers, their brothers sons, or sisters sons, or their fellow women, or those bondwomen in their possession, or male attendants with no desires, or children who are still unaware of women's nakedness, nor allow them to stomp their feet, drawing unnecessary attention to their hidden adornments. Turn to Allah in repentance altogether, O believers, so you may be successful. 32. Marry off single people among you as well as your honourable servants and maids. If they are poor, Allah will enrich them from His bounty. Allah's bounty is infinite, and He is Knowledgeable. 33. Those who do not have the means to marry should keep themselves chaste until Allah enriches them out of His bounty, and if any of those bondspeople in your possession desire a deed of emancipation, make it possible for them. If you find any goodness in them share some of your wealth with them. Do not force your slave girls into prostitution for your own worldly gains, while they wish to remain chaste. If anyone compels them into prostitution, then Allah will be Forgiving, Merciful to those who were forced. 34. Indeed, We have sent down to you clear revelations, along with examples of those who had gone before you, and a lesson for those who fear Allah. 35. Allah is the light of the heavens and the earth and, His light is like a niche in which there is a lamp - the lamp is in crystal - the crystal is like a shining star - lit of oil from a blessed olive tree - located neither to the east nor to the west - its oil would almost glow by itself, even without being touched by fire. Light upon light. Allah guides whoever He wills to His light. Allah sets examples for humanity. Indeed, Allah has knowledge of all things. 36. That light shines through houses of worship, which Allah has ordered to be raised and where His name is mentioned. He is glorified in them every morning and every evening, 37. by people who are not distracted either by trade,

nor by business from His remembrance, for they keep up with their prayers and they pay regular alms-tax. They fear the day when hearts and eyes will tremble. 38. They are hoping that Allah may reward them according to the best of their deeds and increase their reward out of His grace. Allah provides for whomever He wills without limit. 39. As for the disbelievers - their deeds are like a mirage in a desert, which the thirsty perceive to be water, but when they approach it, they find nothing but Allah waiting to settle their account. Indeed, Allah is swift in settling accounts. 40. Or, their deeds are like the darkness of the deep sea - covered by waves upon waves and topped by dark waves. Darkness upon darkness. If one stretches out their hand, they could hardly see it. The one whom Allah does not bless with light will have no light. 41. Do you not see that Allah is glorified by all those in the heavens and the earth, even by the birds, as they soar? Each one instinctively knows their manner of prayer and glorification. Allah has knowledge of all they do. 42. To Allah belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth and to Allah is the final destination of you all. 43. Do you not see that Allah gently drives the clouds, and then joins them together - piling them up into masses, from which you then see raindrops come forth? And He sends down from the sky mountains of clouds, loaded with hail, pouring it on whomever He wills and averting it from whomever He wills. A flash of His lightning almost takes one's eyesight away. 44. Allah alternates day and night. There is a lesson in this for those with insight. 45. Allah created every living creature from water. Some of them crawl on their bellies, while some walk on two legs, and others walk on four legs. Allah creates whatever He wills. Indeed, Allah is capable of everything. 46. I sent down verses that clarify all things. Allah guides whomever He wills unto the right path. 47. The hypocrites say: "We believe in Allah and His messenger and we shall obey." Though, some turn away from this statement. They are not believers. 48. And when they are invited to be judged by Allah and His messenger, some decline, 49. but if the truth is in their favour, they come fully submitting themselves. 50.

Is there a disease in their hearts? Do they doubt or fear that Allah and His messenger would wrong them? Nay, they are evil. 51. When believers are called to be judged by Allah and His messenger is: "We hear, and we obey." They will be, indeed be successful. 52. Those who obey Allah and His messenger and fear Allah and are mindful of Him will truly triumph. 53. And they swore that they would march by your side if you ordered them. Say: "Do not swear, for obedience to Allah is an obligation upon all and Allah is aware of what you do." 54. Say: "Obey Allah and obey His messenger, but if you refuse, then be aware, for he is responsible for the duty placed upon him and you are responsible for the duty placed upon you. If you obey him, you will be guided." A messenger's duty is only to deliver My message. 55. Allah has made a promise to believers who live a righteous life that He will establish them with power on earth. He did this for previous nations. He will establish His religion and will create an environment for them in which fear will be replaced by peace and security. All this in account of their choosing to worship Allah alone, and shun anything else. Those who choose to disbelieve are truly corrupt. 56. Moreover, establish prayer, pay alms-tax, and obey the messenger, so you may be shown mercy. 57. Do not think that the disbelievers can escape in the land. The Fire will be their home. What an evil destination. 58. Believers, let your slaves and those who have not as yet reached puberty among you, ask permission of you before entering your presence during three times a day: (i) before the dawn prayer, (ii) when you take off your cloths to rest at noon, (iii) after the evening prayer. These are three times of privacy for you. Other times there is no blame on you or them if you move about freely, tending to each other's needs. Allah makes His message clear. He is Knowledgeable and Wise. 59. And when your children reach the age of puberty, let them seek permission to come in as their seniors do. This is how Allah makes His revelations clear to you. Allah is Knowledgeable, Wise. 60. As for elderly women who have no desire to marry - there is no blame upon them if they remove

their outer garments without displaying their charm, but it is better if they avoid this altogether. Allah hears all and is Knowledgeable. 61. There is no restriction on the blind, or the disabled, or the sick. Nor on yourselves if you eat from your homes, or the homes of your fathers, or your mothers, or your brothers, or your sisters, or your paternal uncles, or your paternal aunts, or your maternal uncles, or your maternal aunts, or from the homes in your trust, or the homes of your friends. There is no blame on you eating together or separately. However, when you enter houses, greet one another with a greeting 'of peace' from Allah, blessed and good. This is how Allah makes His revelations clear to you, so perhaps you will understand. 62. Believers are those who believe in Allah and His messenger, and who when they meet with him about a common concern, they do not depart until they have his permission. Those who ask your permission, O Muhammad, are the ones who truly believe in Allah and His messenger. So, when they ask for permission to attend to their affairs, give them permission, and ask Allah to forgive them, for He is ever Forgiving, Merciful. 63. Believers, do not call the messenger as you call each other. Allah knows those who slip away, hiding behind others. Those who disobey My prophet are making themselves vulnerable to a disaster or My punishment. 64. To Allah belongs all in the heavens and the earth. And He knows what you stand for. On the day when all shall return to Him, He will inform them of what they did, for Allah has knowledge of everything.

SURA 25. Al - Furqan (standard)

1. Blessed is the One who sent down the standard to distinguish between right and wrong to His servant, so he may warn the world. 2. Allah is the One to whom belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. He has never had children, nor does He have a partner in governing His kingdom. He created everything and determined its exact measure. 3. Yet, they have taken besides Allah gods who

cannot create anything but are themselves created things. Nor can they protect or benefit themselves. Nor can they control life, death, or resurrection. 4. The disbelievers say: "This Quran is nothing but an invention, made up by Muhammad with the help of others." Their claim is so untrue. 5. They say: "These revelations are ancient tales which, Muhammad has had written down for him and are rehearsed to him every morning and every evening." 6. Say: "This Qur'an has been revealed by the One who knows the secrets of the heavens and the earth. Indeed, Allah is ever Forgiving, Merciful." 7. They also say: "What sort of messenger is this? He eats food like us, and he walks around in the marketplace; and why has no angel been sent down to help him with his warning? 8. And why has he not been given any treasures or a garden to supply him with food? The man you follow is simply bewitched." 9. See what sort of example they apply to you. They are lost and cannot find the way. 10. Blessed be He who, if He so wills, will give you, O Muhammad, better than all that; gardens under which rivers flow and palaces. 11. And they deny the Hour. I have prepared a blazing Fire for those who deny the Hour. 12. Once Hell sees them from a distance - they will hear its fuming and growling. 13. When they are tossed into a narrow position in Hell, chained together, then and there, they will cry out for instant destruction. 14. They will be told: "Do not plead for one death today, rather plead for many deaths." 15. Say: "Is this better or the garden which the righteous have been promised, for that is their reward and final destination. 16. In it, they shall have whatever they desire. This is a promise binding upon Allah." 17. Watch out for the day when Allah will gather them and their idols. Allah will ask their idols: "Did you misled these servants of Mine, or did they stray themselves?" 18. They will answer: "Glory be to You. It is not worthy of us to seek a protector other than You. You gave them and their fathers a life of ease, so they forgot Your warnings, and so, became lost." 19. The doomed will be told: "Your gods have clearly denied your claim, so now you can neither avoid the punishment, nor receive any help." I will make the

evildoers among them taste a severe punishment.” 20. All messengers’ whom I sent before you, O Muhammad, were men who ate food and walked through the streets. I have made some of you a test for others. Will you not, then, be patient? Indeed, your Lord is observing your conduct. 21. Those who do not expect to meet Me, say: “If only angels were sent down to us, or if only we could see our Lord.” They have certainly become too proud of themselves and have exceeded all My limits. 22. And on the day when they see My angels there will be no good news for those who rejected Allah. The angels guarding the gates of Paradise will say: “Stop! Stay out.” 23. Then, I shall examine their deeds and scatter them like dust. 24. Indeed, the residents of Paradise will have the best home. A fine place to relax. 25. On the day when the sky and its clouds are split apart and the angels are sent down in succession, 26. on that day sovereignty shall belong to the Merciful, but it will be a difficult day for those who rejected Him. 27. The evildoers will bite their nails in regret, saying: “Oh! I wish I had taken the same path as the messengers. 28. Woe to me, I wish I had not taken so and so as my friend. 29. He misguided me from His remembrance, after it had become clear to me.” Satan always betrayed humans. 30. The messenger complained to his Lord, saying: “O my Lord, my people have deserted the Qur’an.” 31. I made enemies for every prophet amongst the evildoers (humans and jins), but sufficient is your Lord as a guide and helper. 32. The disbelievers say: “If only the Qur’an had been sent down to him all at once!” I sent it in stages, so We may reassure your heart with it. I revealed it at a deliberate pace. (the Qur’an was revealed during a 23-year period, every revelation provided guidance and instructions for an emerging occasion) 33. Every time they raised an objection, I sent down the truth with an explanation. 34. Those who will be dragged to Hell by their face will be in the worst place and are now far from the right path. 35. I gave Moses the Book and appointed his brother, Aaron as his assistant. 36. I said: “Go to the People of Pharaoh, who have rejected My signs.” Later, I destroyed them. 37. And when the people of Noah

rejected the messengers, We drowned them, making them an example to humanity. And We have prepared a painful punishment for the evildoers. 38. And I destroyed the nations of `Ad and Thamud, as well as the tribe of Al-Qassim and many other generations between them. 39. I reminded each of them by citing examples of those who were destroyed before them, even after hearing of the destruction of those nations they rejected My revelations, so I exterminated them. 40. They have passed by the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, which had been showered with a terrible rain of baked stones. Have they not seen its ruins? (the site lies on a highway between Arabia and Syria)? Yet, they still deny the resurrection. 41. When they see you, O prophet, they only make fun of you, saying: "Is this the one that Allah has sent as a messenger?" 42. He would have tricked us away from our gods had we not been so devoted to them." They will soon find out who is far from the truth, when they see My punishment. 43. Have you seen the one who has taken his own desires as his god? Do you want to be responsible for guiding him? 44. Do you think they hear you, or even understand? They are just like cattle. No! They are far from lost. 45. Have you seen how I extend your shadows? Had it been My will, I could have made it stationary; and I made the sun its guide. 46. As the sun climbs, I draw your shadow, step by step, towards Myself (shadows prostrate before Allah). 47. It is I who made the night a veil for you and sleep for rest, and the day a time for resurrection. 48. And He is the One who sends the winds ushering in His mercy, and We send down pure rain from the sky, 49. giving life to a lifeless land, and providing water for countless animals and humans of My creation. 50. Indeed, I distribute it among them, in case, they pay attention, yet most people just continue to deny the truth. 51. Had We willed; We could have easily sent a warner to every nation. 52. Do not yield towards the unbelievers, rather strive diligently against them with this Qur'an. 53. He is the One who merges two bodies of water. One sweet and fresh, the other salty and bitter. I have put a barrier between them, which is forbidden to be

passed. 54. I created human beings from water, and I made for them families by blood and marriage. Your Lord is capable of all things. 55. Yet, instead of Allah, they worship things that can neither benefit them, nor harm them. Unbelievers are always biased against their Lord. 56. O Muhammad, I have sent you to convey good news and to warn. 57. Say: "I am not asking you to reward me for delivering this message, so if anyone desires, he may take the right path to his Lord." 58. Put your trust in the Everlasting who does not die, glorify Him, and celebrate His praise. He is fully aware of the sins of His servants. 59. He is the One who created the heavens and the earth and everything between them in six days, and then established Himself upon the Throne of Authority. He is the Most Compassionate. Ask none other than the Knowledgeable about Himself. (Allah holds the keys to the mysteries of the universe and by observing His creation and listening to His message, man can obtain a glimpse of His glory) 60. Yet, when they are told: "Prostrate before the Merciful." They say: "Who is the Merciful? Or do we have to prostrate because you ordered us to prostrate?" It only drives them further away. 61. Blessed is the One who placed constellations in the sky and a radiant light (sun) and a glowing moon. 62. He made the night and the day in succession, for those who wish to remember Him, or wish to be grateful. 63. The worshipers of the Merciful are those who walk on the earth with humility. And when they encounter ignorant people, they say: "peace." 64. They prostrate and stand before Allah during the night, 65. saying: "O Lord, spare us from Hell, for its punishment is terrifying." 66. It is certainly an evil place to settle. 67. And when they spend, they are neither wasteful nor extravagant, but maintain a moderate balance, 68. nor do they invoke others, nor do they take human life, which Allah has made sacred, except with legal right, nor do they commit fornication. Whoever does any of this will face the penalty, 69. and their punishment will double on the Day of Judgment, and they will remain in disgrace forever. 70. Not those who repent and believe and do good thereafter, for they are the ones

whose evil deeds Allah will convert into good deeds. Indeed, Allah is ever Forgiving, Merciful. 71. Those who repent and do good have truly turned to Allah in the right way. 72. They do not bear witness to lies, and if they pass by vain people, they pass with dignity. 73. Nor do they turn a blind eye, nor a deaf ear when reminded of their Lord's revelations. 74. They pray: "O Lord, make our wives and children a comfort to our eyes and make us leaders of the righteous." 75. These servants will be rewarded with the highest place for their patience. They will be met with greetings of peace. 76. They will live in blessed happy homes. 77. Say: "You would not matter to Allah, were it not for your faith, but now you unbelievers have rejected the truth, so the punishment is bound to come upon you."

SURA 26. Ash - Shu'ara' (poets)

1. Ta, Sin, Meem (only Allah knows their meaning). 2. These verses are of a clear Book. 3. Perhaps you grieve because they do not believe. 4. If I wish, I could send them a sign from heaven, to which they would bend their necks in humility. 5. Whenever a new revelation comes unto them from the Most Compassionate, they always turn away from it. 6. They have certainly rejected the truth; they will face the consequence of their rejection. 7. Do they not observe the earth and see how many various pairs of plants, I have caused to grow? 8. There is a sign in this, yet most people still do not believe. 9. Your Lord is certainly, Almighty, the Merciful. 10. Remember when your Lord called out to Moses, saying: "Go to those evil ones 11. People of Pharaoh. Why do they not fear Allah?" 12. He replied: "My Lord! I fear, they will reject me. 13. And so, my heart will be broken, and my tongue will be tied. Send Aaron alongside me, as a messenger. 14. Also, they have a charge against me, so I fear, they may kill me." 15. Allah said: "It will not be. Go, both of you with My signs, for I am with you, listening. 16. Say to Pharaoh: 'We are messengers from the Lord of the Worlds. 17. Let the Children of Israel go with

us.” 18. Pharaoh protested, saying: “Did we not raise you, and did you not stay among us for many years? 19. Then you committed that crime (he reminds Moses of killing and Egyptian), you are ungrateful, Moses.” 20. Moses said: “I did it then, lacking guidance. 21. So I fled from you when I feared you. Then my Lord granted me wisdom and made me one of His messengers. 22. Is this the favour you use as an excuse to keep the Children of Israel in slavery?” 23. Pharaoh asked: “What is the Lord of the Worlds?” 24. Moses replied: “He is the Lord of the heavens and the earth and everything in between, if only you had sure faith.” 25. Pharaoh said to those around him: “Did you hear what he just said?” 26. Moses went on, saying: “He is your Lord and the Lord of your fathers.” 27. Pharaoh said to the people, mockingly: “Your messenger is insane.” 28. Moses said: “He is the Lord of the east and west, and everything in between, if only you had any sense.” 29. Pharaoh threatened: “If you take any other god besides me, I will certainly have you imprisoned.” 30. Moses said: “What if I brought you proof.” 31. Pharaoh said: “Bring it then, if what you say is true.” 32. So he threw down his staff and behold! it became a real snake. 33. Then he drew his hand out of his pocket and it was shining, white glow for all to see. 34. Pharaoh said to the chiefs around him: “He is indeed a skilled magician 35. who wants to expel you from your land with his magic. What do you suggest we do?” 36. They said: “Postpone the matter for a while, and send marshals to the cities, 37. to bring us every skilled magician.” 38. So the magicians were gathered on the appointed day. (the magicians were priests of the official Amon cult in which magic played an important role. Thus, their victory over Moses would constitute a public vindication of the state religion) 39. People were asked: “Will you join the gathering, 40. so you may follow the magicians, if they prevail?” 41. When the magicians appeared, they asked Pharaoh: “Shall we receive a suitable reward if we prevail?” 42. Pharaoh said: “Of course, you shall join my inner circle.” 43. Moses said: “Throw whatever you will.” 44. So they cast down their ropes and staffs, saying: “By Pharaoh’s

might, indeed, it is we who shall surely prevail.” 45. Moses threw his staff, and behold, it devoured all their objects of illusion. 46. The magicians fell down, prostrating, 47. proclaiming: “We believe in the Lord of the Worlds. 48. The Lord of Moses and Aaron.” 49. Pharaoh threatened them, saying: “How dare you believe in him before I give you permission? He must be your master who taught you magic, but soon you will see. I will certainly cut off your hands and feet on opposite sides, then crucify you all.” 50. They said: “No worries. We shall return to our Lord. 51. We just hope Allah will forgive our sins, for we are the first to believe in Him.” 52. I inspired Moses: “Leave with My servants at night, for you will be pursued.” 53. Pharaoh sent messengers to the city to mobilize his troops, 54. saying: “These outcasts are just a handful, 55. who have really enraged us. 56. We are well prepared, and we have a large army.” 57. I lured the tyrants out of their gardens, springs, 58. treasures and beautiful homes. (Pharaoh justified his persecution of the Israelites by emphasizing their dislike of the Egyptians) 59. So it was, I caused the Children of Israel to inherit Pharaoh’s blessings. (instead of returning to Egypt they ruled the land including Sinai, Jordan, Palestine, Northern Arabian Peninsula until their zenith during the times of David and Solomon about 940 B.C. See surah 7 verse 136, 137 and surah 20 verses 76 - 80) 60. Pharaoh and his army pursued them during sunrise. 61. When the two groups saw each other, the companions of Moses said: “They’ve caught up.” 62. Moses reassured them, saying: “Absolutely not! My Lord is certainly with me. He will guide me.” 63. So I inspired Moses, saying: “Strike the sea with your staff.” Behold, the sea parted for them, leaving a dry passage between the waves. Each wave was as high as a mountain. 64. I brought Pharaoh and his army to the centre of the parted sea, 65. and saved Moses and his followers. 66. Then We drowned the others. 67. There is a sign in this, though most people do not believe. 68. Truly, your Lord is Almighty, Merciful. 69. Relate to them, O prophet, the story of Abraham, 70. when he questioned his people and father, together, saying: “What is that you

worship?" 71. They replied: "We worship idols and we are devoted to them." 72. Abraham said: "Do they hear you when you call them? 73. Or do can they benefit you or harm you?" 74. They said: "No, but we found our forefathers worshipping them." 75. Abraham said: "Have you really thought about what you worship, 76. you and your ancestors? 77. I am devoted to the Lord of the Worlds. 78. He is the One who created me, and He guides me. 79. And He is the One who provides me with food and drink. 80. And He heals me when I am sick. 81. And He is the One who will cause me to die, and then bring me back to life. 82. And He is the One who, I hope, will forgive my flaws on Judgment Day." 83. After this, Abraham prayed: "O my Lord, bestow wisdom upon me, and join me with those who are righteous, 84. and grant me a reputation of honour among the later generations, 85. and make me one of those who will inherit one of the gardens of bliss, 86. and forgive my father, for he is of those who is misguided, 87. and do not disgrace me on the day when all are resurrected. 88. The day when neither wealth nor children will benefit anyone, 89. except the one who comes to You with a flawless heart." 90. On that day, I shall bring Paradise before those who were conscious of Me. 91. And on that day, I shall bring Hell before those who were misled. 92. And it will be said to them: "Where are those idols you worshipped, 93. besides Allah? Can they help you today or help themselves?" 94. Then the idols and their worshippers will be hurled headlong into the Fire of Hell, 95. along with Satan's helpers - altogether. 96. While bickering with each other, they will say: 97. "By Allah! We were misguided, 98. when we equated you idols with the Lord of the Worlds. 99. None led us astray, other than the evildoers. 100. Now we have no one to intercede for us, 101. and no friend to help us. 102. If only we could have a second chance, we would definitely become believers." 103. There is a sign in this, yet most people do not believe. 104. Truly, your Lord is Almighty, Merciful. 105. Noah's folks denied their messengers. 106. Noah said to his people: "Why don't you fear Allah? 107. I am a messenger, 108. so, fear Allah, and obey me.

109. I am not asking you to reward me for this message. No, my reward is with the Lord of the Worlds. 110. So be mindful of Allah and obey me.” 111. They said: “How can we believe in you when your followers are our low-class citizens?” 112. He said: “And what knowledge do I have of what they do? 113. Their judgment is with my Lord, if you had any sense. 114. I am not going to expel the believers. 115. I am merely warning you.” 116. They said: “O Noah, if you do not stop this at once, we shall stone you.” 117. Noah prayed: “O my Lord, my people have rejected me. 118. Judge us and save me and my followers.” 119. I saved him and his followers in the Ark, 120. and then I drowned the rest. 121. There is a sign in this, though most will not believe. 122. Your Lord is the Almighty, the Merciful. 123. The nation of ‘Ad (tribe of giants) too, rejected their messenger. 124. Their brother Hud said: “Why don’t you fear your Lord? 125. I am a messenger. 126. Fear Allah, and obey me. 127. I do not expect you to reward me for this message. No, my reward is with the Lord of the Worlds. 128. How can you be so vain that you build monuments upon every hilltop? 129. and construct castles, as if you are going to live forever, 130. and act so viciously when you attack others? 131. Fear Allah and obey him. 132. Respect the One who has given you knowledge, which has made you so proud. 133. And He has given you cattle and children, 134. and gardens and springs. 135. I do fear a punishment of a tremendous day for you.” 136. They said: “It makes no difference to us if you preach or not, 137. such speeches mean nothing to us, they are nothing but myths of the ancients. 138. We are not going to be punished.” 139. They rejected him, so I destroyed them. There is a sign in this, though most still refuse to believe. 140. Your Lord is the Almighty, yet Merciful. 141. And the People of Thamud rejected their messenger. 142. Their brother Salih said: “Why aren’t you mindful of Allah? 143. I am a His messenger, 144. so be mindful of Allah and obey me. 145. I require no reward for this message, for my reward is with the Lord of the Worlds. 146. Do you think you really believe that you will be secure forever, 147. with your gardens and

fountains, 148. and various crops, and palm trees loaded with tender fruits, 149. and your fine homes, which you skilfully carved out of mountains? 150. Be mindful of Allah and obey me, 151. nor follow those transgressors 152. who spread corruption and refuse to reform.” 153. They said: “You are insane. 154. You are a human like us, but if what you say is true, then produce a sign for us.” 155. Saleh said: “Here is Allah’s camel. She should have her turn to drink and so should you, each on a specified day (they were being tested to see if they would respect her right). 156. Do not harm her, lest you will be severely punished on an awesome day.” 157. They killed her and later became remorseful, 158. but the punishment seized them. There is a sign in this, though most people will not believe. 159. Indeed, your Lord is Almighty, yet Merciful. 160. And the People of Lot rejected their messenger. 161. Their brother Lot said: “Why don’t you fear Allah? 162. I am a messenger, 163. so be conscious of Allah and obey me. 164. I ask no reward from you for conveying this message, for my reward is with the Lord of the Worlds. 165. Why do you men lust after men, 166. leaving the mates your Lord created for you? You people have transgressed all bounds.” 167. They said: “If you do not stop preaching, O Lot, you will be expelled from our cities.” 168. Lot said: “I despise your deeds.” 169. He prayed: “O Lord, save me and my family from their evil.” 170. So I saved him and his family, 171. except his wife who stayed behind. 172. Then I destroyed the rest. 173. I sent down a rain of destruction. How terrible was that rain which fell upon those who were forewarned. 174. There is a sign in this, but most people still refuse to believe. 175. Your Lord is Almighty, the Merciful. 176. And the residents of the forest rejected their messenger. 177. Shu’aib said: “Why do you not fear Allah? 178. I am Allah’s messenger, 179. so fear Him, and obey me. 180. I am not asking you to reward me for conveying His message. My reward is with the Lord of the Worlds. 181. Give measure in full, nor cheat people. 182. And weigh with an even scale. 183. And stop defrauding people and spreading corruption, 184. Fear the One who

created you and previous generations.” 185. They replied, saying: ‘You are insane. 186. You are human like us and a liar. 187. If what you say is true, then make the sky fall on us.” 188. Shu’aib said: “My Lord is observing your conduct.” 189. They did not believe him, so My punishment arrived in the shadow of clouds and seized them. It was truly a dreadful punishment. 190. There is a sign in this, yet most people do not believe. 191. Your Lord is the Almighty, the Merciful. 192. This Qur’an is a revelation from the Lord of the Worlds. 193. The trustworthy spirit (Gabriel) brought it down 194. upon your heart, O Muhammad, so you may warn mankind. 195. It is presented in eloquent Arabic. 196. And this fact has been foretold in My previous revelations (the Torah and the Gospel). 197. Was it not sufficient proof for the deniers that it has been recognized by the knowledgeable among the Children of Israel? 198. Had I revealed it to a non-Arab, 199. who would have recited it to the deniers in fluent Arabic, still they would not have believed in it? 200. This is how I allow denial to slip into the hearts of the evildoers. 201. They are not going to believe in it, until they see My punishment, 202. which will take them by surprise when they least expect it. 203. Then they will cry and say: “Can we have more time?” 204. Do they really want Me to rush My punishment? 205. Imagine, if I allow them to enjoy themselves for many years, 206. and then, My promised punishment came upon them, 207. would that enjoyment be of any benefit to them? 208. I never destroy nations without forewarning its people. 209. I always remind them, for I would never wrong anyone. 210. It was not the devils who brought down this Qur’an. 211. It is not for them to do so, nor can they. 212. They are blocked from its knowledge. 213. So do not invoke another deity beside God, or you will incur punishment. 214. And warn all mankind, starting with your own relatives, 215. and be gracious to those who follow you. 216. But if they disobey you, O Muhammad, then say: “I am not responsible for what deeds.” 217. Put your trust in Allah, the Merciful, 218. who observes you when you stand up to pray. 219. He observes your every move

during your prayer, as well as your fellow worshippers. 220. He is well Alert, and fully Aware. 221. Should I tell you, O humanity, upon whom the devils descend? 222. They descend upon every sinful liar, 223. who gives an attentive ear to half-truths, mostly passing on sheer lies? 224. As for the poets, only the misguided ones pay attention unto them. 225. Do you not seen that they wander about in valley's, 226. and say what they do not do. 227. Not so, those poets who believe and do good deeds and remember Allah often and defend themselves after being wronged. Soon the evildoers will find out the evil fate of their demise.

SURA 27. An - Naml (ants)

1. Ta, seen (only Allah knows their meaning). These are verses of the Qur'an, a Book that makes things clear. 2. It is a guide, and it conveys good news to believers. 3. Those who establish regular prayers and pay alms-tax and have sure faith in the Hereafter. 4. As for those who do not believe in the Hereafter, I have certainly made their evil deeds appealing to them, so they wander blindly. 5. It is they who will receive the worst punishment, and in the Hereafter, they will truly be the greatest losers. 6. You have received this Qur'an from the One who is Wise and Knowledgeable. 7. Remember, when Moses said, to his family: "I see a fire. I will, either bring you directions from there, or a burning torch, so you may warm yourselves." 8. When he approached the fire, behold, he was summoned by Allah, Allah said: "Blessed is the One at the fire and whoever is around it. Glory be to Allah. The Lord of the Worlds. 9. O Moses! It is truly I. I am Allah, the Almighty, the Wise. 10. Throw down your staff." Behold, when he saw it slither like a snake, he turned and fled. O Moses do not be afraid. My messengers should have no fear in My presence, 11. fear is only on those who are evil, however, if they repent and mend their conduct, then I am to them Forgiving, Merciful. 12. Put your hand in your pocket - it will appear radiant without harm. These are two of the nine signs

of your Lord for Pharaoh and his people.” 13. When My enlightening signs came unto them, they said: “This is pure magic.” 14. Though their hearts were convinced that the signs were true, but they rejected them out of spite and pride. Remember, how those who spread corruption met their end. 15. I granted knowledge to David and Solomon. They said in acknowledgment: “All praise is for Allah, who has privileged us over many of His faithful servants.” 16. David was succeeded by Solomon who said: “O my People! I have been taught the language of birds and been given everything I need. This is, indeed, a great privilege.” 17. Solomon’s forces of jins, humans and birds were gathered before him - perfectly organized. 18. During an expedition they crossed by a valley of ants. One of the ants warned others, saying: “O ants! Quickly, go back into your homes, for Solomon and his army may crush you unknowingly.” 19. Solomon smiled in amusement by her words. He prayed: “O my Lord! Inspire me to be grateful for the favours You have bestowed on me and my parents, and inspire me to do good deeds that will please You, and include me, by Your mercy, among Your righteous servants.” 20. One day he was inspecting his birds, he said: “Why do I not see the hoopoe, or is he absent without my permission? 21. I shall punish it severely, or slaughter it, unless it brings me a compelling excuse.” 22. It was not long before the bird came flying back. The hoopoe said: “I have found out something that you do not know. I have just come back from the city of Sheba in Yemen. 23. I found them being ruled by a woman, she has everything in abundance, and she has a mighty throne, 24. but I found her and her people prostrating before the sun instead of Allah. Satan has made their deeds appealing and blocked them from the right path, he is misleading them. 25. Should they not bow before Allah who brings out what is hidden in the heavens and the earth. Allah knows what you hide and what you declare. 26. He is Allah! There is no god except Him. The Lord of the Mighty Throne.” 27. Solomon said: “I will see if you are speaking the truth, or lying. 28. Take this letter and deliver it to them, and then stand by and see what

response you bring back.” 29. The Queen later said: “O chiefs! A noble letter has just been delivered to me. 30. It is from Solomon and it reads: ‘In the Name of Allah - the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful. 31. Do not be arrogant with me but come to me in submission to Allah.’ 32. She said: “O chiefs! What do you advise, for I would never make a decision without your input.” 33. They said: “We are a nation of strength and great military might, but this is your decision, so decide, we shall follow your command.” 34. She said: “When kings invade a country, they ruin it and humiliate its nobles. That is how they act. 35. I shall send him a gift and see what response my envoy returns with.” 36. When the chief-envoy came unto Solomon, he said: “What! Are you trying to bribe me with gifts? Allah has given me far better than what He has given you. You probably rejoice in gifts. 37. Go back to your people and tell them that I will come to them with soldiers whom they will not be able to match and expel them from their land in humiliation and disgrace.” 38. Solomon said: “O chiefs! Who could bring her throne before they come to me in submission?” 39. Ifrit of the jins, said: “I will bring it to you before you retire from court, for I am strong and trustworthy.” 40. But then, someone who had knowledge of the book (this is a book on Aerodynamics, we only know the subject of the book. It relates to the speed of an object that moves faster than the speed of light. Its knowledge is with the Orthodox Christians today) said: “I can present it to you before you blink your eyes.” When Solomon saw it placed before him, he said: “This is a favour from my Lord, to test me, to see if I am grateful or ungrateful. If anyone is grateful, it is for their own good, if anyone is ungrateful, then they should know that Allah is self-sufficient and generous.” 41. Solomon then said: “Disguise her throne. Let us see, if she is capable of finding guidance, or if she will remain with those without guidance.” 42. So, when she arrived, she was asked: “Is your throne like this?” She replied: “It looks the same. We have already received knowledge of Solomon’s prophethood before this miracle, and we have submitted to Allah.” 43. She had

been blocked by what she worshipped, for she was from a disbelieving nation. 44. Then she was told: "Enter the palace." When she entered the halls, she thought it was a body of water, so she bared her legs. Solomon said. "The palace has been paved with crystal throughout." At last, she declared: "O Lord! I have wronged my soul. I now fully submit myself along with Solomon to the One God, Allah. The Lord of the Worlds." (Solomon's temple was built by the Jins) 45. And We certainly sent to the people of Thamud, their brother Salih, proclaiming: "Worship Allah," but they split into two opposing groups. 46. He urged the disbelieving group, saying: "O my people! Why do you seek to hasten the torment, rather than grace? If only you sought His forgiveness, so you may be shown mercy." 47. They said: "You and your followers are bad omens." He said: "Your omens are destined by Allah and you are being tested." 48. There were nine men in the city who spread corruption without making mends. 49. They made a vow, saying to each other: "Let's swear that we shall kill Saleh and his family, and then say to his close heirs that we did not witness the murder." 50. And so, they planned, but then I planned, while they were unaware. 51. What was the outcome of their plan? I destroyed them and their people. 52. As a result of their evil deeds their homes became desolate ruins. There truly is a sign in this for those who use common sense. 53. I saved those who believed and were conscious of Me. 54. And remember when Lot said to the men of his town: "How can you commit this indecent act with your eyes wide open? 55. You lust for men instead of women? You are ignorant people." 56. They said: "Expel the family of Lot from your towns, for they are a people who perceive themselves to be pure." 57. I saved Lot and his family, not his wife. I made her lag behind. 58. Then I poured rain of brimstone on those towns. Evil was the rain that fell on those who had been forewarned. 59. Say: "Praise be to Allah, and peace be upon the servants He has chosen." Ask the disbelievers: "Which is better: Allah or whatever gods they associate with Him?" 60. And ask them: "Who created the heavens and the earth, and who sends down

rain for you from the sky, by which He causes delightful gardens to grow? You could never cause their trees to grow. Was it another god besides Allah who created them?" Absolutely not. Yet, they set up equals to Allah. 61. And ask them: "Who made the earth a place of settlement and caused rivers to flow through it, and placed firm mountains on it, and set a barrier between fresh and salty water? Was it another god besides Allah?" Absolutely not, but most people do not understand. 62. Or, ask them: "Who answers your prayers when you are absolutely desperate and relieves your suffering? Who has made you superior to other creatures on earth? Is there any other god besides Allah? What a shame that only a few people reflect on these things." 63. And ask them: "Who guides you through the darkness of the land and the sea? Who sends you wind with good news of forthcoming rain, and as proof of His mercy? Is there any other god besides Allah? Allah is high in rank than those they worship. 64. Is He not the One who originates creation, and then repeats it, and who provides provisions from the heavens and the earth? Is there any worthy of worship besides Him? Say: "Prove what you say." 65. Say: "None in the heavens, nor in the earth has knowledge of the unseen, except Him. Nor do they know when they are to be resurrected." 66. Their knowledge of the Hereafter amounts to ignorance. In fact, they doubt it. They are blind to it. 67. The disbelievers ask: "What! When we and our fathers are reduced to dust and bones shall we be re-created? 68. We heard this before, we and our ancestors, these are made up stories of the ancients." 69. Say: "Travel and see the fate of evildoers of the past." 70. Do not grieve for them, nor grieve over their plots. 71. They ask: "When will this threat be fulfilled?" 72. Say: "It might be close by." 73. Your Lord is bountiful to humanity, though most of them are ungrateful. 74. Allah knows what every heart conceals and what it reveals. 75. There is nothing hidden in the heavens nor the earth without have being pre-written in a perfect record. 76. This Qur'an, indeed clarifies for the Children of Israel their differences over which they argue. 77. And it is a guide and

mercy for those who believe. 78. Your Lord will judge you with wisdom. Indeed, He is Almighty, Knowledgeable. 79. So put your trust in Allah, for you are surely on the path of truth. 80. You certainly cannot make the dead hear the truth, nor can you make the deaf hear the call when they turn and walk away. 81. Nor can you lead the blind out of their misguidance. You can make none hear the truth, except those who believe in Our revelations, and they submit. 82. And when the decree of the Hour comes to pass against them, I shall bring forward a beast from the earth, it will declare that people had no faith in My revelations. (if taklimuhum is read instead of tukallimuhum it would mean the beast would wound them, but we understand this beast to be radiation) 83. Watch for the day when I gather from every nation a group of those who denied My revelations, they will be driven in ranks. 84. When they appear before Me, I will ask them: "Did you deny My revelations without gaining knowledge? Or what were you doing?" 85. And the decree of punishment will be justified against them for their wickedness, leaving them speechless. 86. Do they not see that I created the night for them, so they could rest, and day bright? Surely, there is a sign in this for those who believe. 87. And beware of the day when the trumpet shall be blown, for all those in the heavens and all those on the earth will be horrified, except those Allah wills to spare. All will come before Him, fully humbled. 88. Today you see the mountains, thinking they are firmly fixed, but they are moving just like clouds. That is the design of Allah, who has perfected everything. Indeed, He is aware of your every move. 89. Whoever comes with a good deed will be rewarded with something better, and they will be secure from the horrors of that day. 90. And whoever comes with an evil deed will be hurled face-first into the Fire. I must reward you for what you used to do. 91. Say: "I have been commanded to worship the Lord of the city of Mecca, who made it sacred, and to Him belongs everything, and I am commanded to be of those who submit to Him, 92. and to recite the Qur'an." Whoever chooses to be guided, it is to their own benefit. As for those who stray,

say: "I am here to warn you." 93. Say: "All praise is for Allah. He will show you His signs and you will recognize them, nor is your Lord unaware of your deeds."

SURA 28. Al - Qasas (the story)

1. Ta, Seen, Meem (*only Allah knows their meaning*). 2. These are verses of an illuminating Book. 3. We narrate to you, O Muhammad, part of the story of Moses and Pharaoh in truth, for people who believe. 4. Pharaoh behaved arrogantly in the land and divided his people into groups, seeking to weaken one group, slaying their sons and sparing their daughters, he was of those who spread corruption, 5. but it was My will to favour those who were oppressed and make them models of faith, as well as successors, 6. and establish them in the land; and through them show Pharaoh, Haman and their soldiers the fulfilment of what they feared. (*Pharaoh feared the Israelites rebellion*) 7. I inspired Moses' mother, saying: "Nurse him, but if you fear for him, then cast him in the river without fear, nor feel sad, for I will return him to you and appoint him as a messenger." 8. And, it just so happened, Pharaoh's people picked him up - only to become their enemy and a source of grief. Pharaoh, Haman and their soldiers were evildoers. 9. Pharaoh's wife, Asia said to him: "This baby is a source of joy for me and you. Do not kill him. Perhaps he may become useful to us, or we may adopt him as our own son." They were unaware of what was to come. 10. But the heart of Moses' mother ached so much so, she almost gave away his identity, had I not reassured her heart. 11. She said to his sister: "Follow him." So, she kept an eye on him from a distance. 12. I caused Moses to refuse all wet-nurses at first, then his sister said Asia: "Can I direct your attention to a family who will bring him up for you, they will take good care of him?" 13. Thus, I returned him to his mother, so she may be pleased and not be sad, and for her to know that Allah's promise is true. Though most people do not know. 14. When Moses reach maturity, I gave him

wisdom and knowledge. This is how I reward those who do good. 15. One day Moses entered the city. He found two men fighting: one from his tribe, the other from his enemies. The man from his tribe called out to him for help, so Moses punched his enemy, causing his death. Moses cried out saying: "This must be Satan's work. Clearly he is a misleading enemy." 16. He pleaded to Allah, saying: "O my Lord, I have wronged my soul. Please forgive me." Allah forgave him. Indeed, Allah is Merciful, Forgiving. 17. Moses made a pledge, saying: "O my Lord, for all Your favours, I will never side with the evildoers." 18. Yet he felt fearful next morning in the city; he was on the alert, but then, behold, the man he had tried to help the day before called him again for help. Moses said to him: "You are clearly a trouble-maker." 19. Then, as Moses was about to attack the man who was his enemy, the man said: "Moses, are you going to kill me as you killed that man yesterday? Do you want to be a tyrant in the land? You have no intention to reform." 20. Suddenly, a man came running from the farthest end of the city, shouting: "O Moses! The chiefs are conspiring against you, they want to put you to death, leave the city. I think you need to leave now, fast." 21. Moses left the city, fearful and wary, he prayed: "O my Lord, save me from these evildoers." 22. He travelled towards Midian, he said to himself: "Perhaps, my Lord will guide me to the right path." 23. When he arrived near one of the wells of Midian, he found a group of people watering their herd. Apart from them, he noticed two women holding back their herd. He asked them: "Is there a problem?" They said: "We cannot water our herd until the other shepherds are done, for our father is a very old." 24. So he drew water for them, then he turned to a shaded area. Moses prayed: "O my Lord, I need means to preserve the power You have granted me." 25. Suddenly, one of the two women approached him, walking bashfully, she said: "My father is asking for you: he wants to reward you for watering our herd." Moses came to the old man and explained his situation, the old man said: "Worry no more, for you are safe." 26. One of the women said: "Father, hire him: a strong,

trustworthy man is the best to hire.” 27. The father said: “I would like to marry you to one of my daughters on the condition that you serve me for eight years, however, if you complete ten, then it will be a favour from you. I do not intend to make things difficult for you, and God willing, you will find me to be fair.” 28. Moses responded: “This agreement is settled then between you and I. Whichever term I fulfil, let there will be no further obligations upon me. And Allah is a witness to what we have just agreed.” 29. Once Moses had fulfilled the term and was travelling with his family, he caught sight of a fire on the side of mount Tur, he said to his family: “Wait here, for I see a fire. Maybe I can get directions from there, or a torch for you to warm yourselves.” 30. When he came close to the fire, he was called from the right bank of the valley, a blessed site, from a bush, it said: “O Moses! Truly I am Allah. The Lord of the Worlds. 31. Throw down your staff.” When he saw it slithering like a snake, he ran, without looking back. Allah reassured him, saying: “O Moses! Come close, have no fear, for you are safe. 32. Now put your hand in your pocket - it will come out radiant, unharmed. And cross your arms tightly to calm your fear. These are two signs from your Lord to Pharaoh and his chiefs, for they are truly rebellious people.” 33. Moses appealed, saying: “O my Lord! I killed one of their men and I fear they may kill me. 34. My brother, Aaron can speak better than I, send him with me to support me and confirm my words, for I fear they may call me a liar.” 35. Allah said: “I will assist you with your brother and I grant you both authority, so they may not harm you, and with My signs you and your followers will prevail.” 36. When Moses appeared before Pharaoh with My signs, they said: “This is nothing but a trick, nor did we hear of this from our ancestors.” 37. Moses said: “My Lord knows best who has come with true guidance from Him and He know whose end will be best in the Hereafter. Evildoers will not succeed.” 38. Pharaoh said: “O chiefs! I know of no other god for you but myself, so bake bricks out of clay for me, O Haman, and build a high tower, so I may look at the God of Moses. I’m sure he’s lying to us.”

39. Pharaoh and his army behaved arrogantly. They were under the impression that they would not return to Us, 40. so I seized Pharaoh and his army, then threw them in the sea. See the end consequence of their evil deeds. 41. I made them such leaders, who would invite people to the fire, nor shall they receive any help on Judgement Day. 42. I cursed them in this world, and on Judgment Day they shall be among the despised. 43. Indeed, I gave Moses the Book after destroying earlier nations - an insight for people, a guide, and a mercy, so perhaps, they would become mindful. 44. You were not there, O Muhammad, on the western side of the mountain when I entrusted My commands to Moses, nor were you a witness. (example of events - conspiracies that were made against Joseph (surah 12 verse 102), the dispute of who would be the guardian of Mary (surah 3 verse 44), and the drowning of Noah's son (surah 11 verse 49). These details were not known). 45. I raised many generations, but time took its toll on them, nor were you among the People of Midian to recite My verses. Your source of information of these events is My revelations. 46. Nor were you present at the side of Mount Tur when I called Moses. You, O Muhammad, have been sent to humanity as a mercy from Me, to warn a people to whom no warner had come before you, so they may bear it in mind. 47. Also, so they may not say, if a disaster struck them for their wickedness: "O Lord! Why didn't You send us a messenger, for we would have followed Your revelations and been amongst the believers." 48. Yet, when the truth came unto them from Me, they said: "If only he (Muhammad) was given the like (miracles they had heard of) of what Moses had." Did they not deny what had been given to Moses earlier? And they said: "The Torah and the Qur'an are two examples of delusion, they support each other. We reject them both." 49. Say: "Then bring forward a book from Allah that is better in guidance, so I may follow it, if what you say is true." 50. If they fail to respond to you, then beware that they only follow their own desires. Who could be more astray than those who follow their desires with no guidance from Allah?" Allah

does not guide the evildoers. 51. Our message has now been delivered, so people should pay attention. 52. As for those to whom I had given the Book before this Qur'an, they believe in this Qur'an. 53. When it is recited to them, they say: "We believe in it. It is the truth from our Lord, and we had devoted ourselves to Allah even before this came to us." 54. Their reward will double for their patience, and for responding to evil with good, and for donating from what I had given them. 55. When they hear slanderous conversations, they turn away, saying: "We are accountable for our deeds and you are accountable for your deeds. Peace is our response to you. We want nothing to do with those who are arrogant." 56. You cannot guide whomever you desire, O Muhammad. Allah guides whomever He wills, and He knows those who seek guidance. 57. They say: "If we were to follow your guidance, we would be expelled from our land." Have I not already provided a safe-haven in Mecca, to which various fruits are brought in - a provision from Me? Most people do not know this favour. 58. How many towns did I destroy for being ungrateful. Since then, their homes have barely been inhabited, except for a few. I inherited them. 59. Your Lord would never destroy a nation until He had sent to its capital a messenger, reciting His revelations, nor would I destroy a nation unless its people persisted in wickedness. 60. Whatever pleasures you receive in this world are temporary, but what Allah possesses is far better, and more lasting. Why don't you understand? 61. Can the one, who will see the fulfilment of the My promise be compared to the one, whom I have allowed temporary pleasures in this world, but who on the Day of Judgement will be brought for punishment. 62. Watch out for the day when I call them and say: "Where are those whom you claimed to be My partners?" 63. The leaders who deserve My punishment for misleading others, will say: "O Lord, we misled them, for we too were misled. Now we throw ourselves at Your mercy. They did not worship us." 64. The unbelievers will be told: "Call your idols for help." They will call them but receive no response. They will face the punishment - wishing they

had been guided. 65. I will then ask: "What answer did you give to My messengers." 66. They will be too dumbstruck on that day to ask one another for answers. 67. As for those who repent and believe and perform honourable deeds - it is right for them to hope that they will be among the successful. 68. Your Lord creates whatever He wills, and He chooses and decrees His servants whatever way of life He wills. There is no freedom of choice in respect of what He has chosen and commanded. Glory be to Allah. Exalted is He above what they associate with Him. 69. Your Lord knows what their hearts conceal and what their hearts reveal. 70. He is Allah. There is no god except Him. All praise belongs to Him in this life and the next. All authority is His. And to Him you shall return. 71. Say: "Just think, if Allah were to make the night permanent until the Day of Judgement, what god other than He could bring you light? Why don't you think?" 72. And say: "Imagine, if Allah were to make daylight permanent until the Day of Judgment, which god other than He could bring you night to rest? Will you not, then see?" 73. With His mercy He made the night and day for you, so you may rest during the night and seek His bounty during the day, and perhaps you may be grateful. 74. Watch for the day when I call them and say: "Where are those whom you claimed were My partners?" 75. And I will call a witness from every nation and say: "Produce evidence of your claim." They will then understand that truth belongs to Allah alone. The gods they invented will abandon them. 76. Indeed, Qarun was one of the People of Moses, but he behaved arrogantly towards them. I had granted him so much treasure that their very keys burdened a group of strong men. Some people advised him, saying: "Do not be arrogant. Allah does not like arrogance. (Qarun and his followers numbering 250 men rose in rebellion against Moses and Aaron on the grounds that their position and fame entitled them to equality in spiritual matters with the priests, and that they were as holy as any. They had an exemplary punishment from Allah)" 77. And seek the Hereafter with what Allah has given you, but do not neglect your share of this

world. Do good, for Allah has been good to you. Do not seek to cause corruption in the land, for Allah does not like those who corrupt.” 78. Qarun replied: “I have been granted all this because of certain knowledge I possess.” Did he not know that Allah had already destroyed many generations before him who were far superior to him in power and wealth? There will be no need to ask the evildoers about their sins. 79. One day Qarun came out before his people in all his glamour. Those who desired the life of this world wished, saying to themselves: “If only we could have what Qarun has, for he is truly fortunate.” 80. Those gifted with knowledge said: “Shame on you. Allah’s reward is far better for those who believe and do good deeds, but none will attain this except those who have patience.” 81. I caused the earth to swallow him and his home. There was no one to help him against Allah, nor could he even help himself. 82. Those who had craved his position the previous day began to say: “Ah! It is certainly Allah who gives abundant or limited provisions to whomever He wills. Had it not been for His grace, Allah could have easily caused the earth to swallow us too. Oh, indeed, unbelievers will never succeed.” 83. I have reserved Paradise for those who do not seek domination on the earth, nor get involved in corruption. Success belongs to those who are mindful of their Lord. 84. Whoever comes with a good deed shall be rewarded with something better. Whoever comes with an evil deed shall be requited according to his deed. 85. Most certainly the One who has ordained this Qur’an for you, O Muhammad, will ultimately bring you back home to Mecca. Say: “My Lord knows best who has come with true guidance, and who is clearly misguided.” 86. You never expected this Book to be revealed to you, it has come to you as a mercy from your Lord, so never side with the unbelievers in their disbelief. 87. Do not allow them to turn you away from the revelations of Allah, after they have been sent down to you. Rather, invite all to the way of your Lord, nor be of the polytheists, 88. nor invoke any other than Allah. There is no god

except Him. All things will perish except His Face. Judgment is His, and to Him, you shall return.

SURA 29. Al - 'Ankabut (the spider)

1. Alif, Lam, Meem (only Allah knows their meaning). 2. Do people think, once they say: "We believe," that they will be left without being put to test? 3. I certainly tested those who lived before them to make sure, who were truthful in faith and who were liars. 4. Do the evildoers think they will escape Me? How wrong is their judgement? 5. Whoever hopes to meet Allah should beware that Allah's appointed time is sure to come to pass, for He hears all, and is Knowledgeable. 6. Whosoever strives, strives for himself, for Allah has no need for the worlds. 7. As for those who believe and do good, I will certainly remove their sins, and reward them according to the best of their deeds. 8. I have commanded people to honour their parents, but if they urge you to associate with Me what you have no knowledge of, then you must not obey them. To Me, you shall return, and then I will inform you what you used to do. 9. I shall admit those who believe and do good deeds among the righteous. 10. There are some who say: "We believe in Allah," but when they suffer in the cause of Allah, they mistake persecution for His punishment, but when victory comes from your Lord, they say to the believers: "We were always with you." Does Allah not know best what is in the hearts of all beings? 11. Allah is aware of those who believe and those who are hypocrites. 12. The unbelievers say to the believers: "Follow our way, for we shall bear the burden of your sins." They will never do so, they are liars. 13. They will bear their own burdens and in addition, the burden of misguiding others. On the Day of Judgement, they will be called to account for their lies. 14. I sent Noah to his people, he stayed with them for 950 years. Then, the flood overwhelmed them, they were evildoers. 15. I saved Noah and his followers in the Ark and made it a sign for the world. 16. Remember when Abraham said to his people: "Worship Allah and fear Him, for this is better for you, if only you knew. 17. You worship

mere idols instead of Allah, though they are man-made lies. Those you worship do not have the ability to provide you with provisions. Seek provisions from Allah and worship Him and be grateful to Him, for you shall return to Him.” 18. If you, O Meccans, reject My messenger, then beware many nations before you rejected My messengers, but their rejection did not benefit them against Me. My messengers’ duty is to convey My message clearly. 19. Do they not see that Allah brings life into being, and then reproduces it? This is easy for Allah. 20. Say: “Roam the earth and observe how creation was initiated. Thus, Allah will establish His final creation. Allah is capable of all things.” 21. Allah will punish whomever He wills and have mercy on whomever He wills, and to Him you shall all return. 22. You cannot escape Him on earth, nor in the heavens, nor have you any protector, nor helper besides Him.” 23. As for those who disbelieve in Allah’s signs and the meeting with Him, it is they who have no hope of His mercy, for they will suffer a terrible punishment. 24. The only answer of Abraham's people was: “Kill him, or burn him,” but I saved him from the fire. Truly, in that there was a sign for those believers. 25. Abraham said to them: “You have chosen idols instead of Allah, but your love for them will last during this life and on the Day of Judgement you will disown and reject each other, for Hell will be your home, nor will you receive any help.” 26. Thus, Lot believed with him, saying: “I will flee to my Lord. He is Noble and Wise.” 27. I bestowed on Abraham - Isaac (son) and Jacob (grandson), and ordained prophethood and the Book on his offspring. I granted him a reward in this world, and in the Hereafter, he will be among the righteous. 28. Remember, when Lot rebuked the men of his town, saying: “You practise an outrageous act that was never been committed before you. 29. You lust after men, obstructing nature's way, and commit every shameful act in your gatherings.” They said: “Bring Allah's punishment upon us - if what you say is true.” 30. Lot prayed: “O my Lord, grant me victory over the evildoers.” 31. Remember, when My messengers came unto Abraham with good news, saying: “We are going to

destroy the people of Lot's town, for its people are evil." 32. Abraham said: "Lot is there." They said: "We know who is there. We will save him and his family, but not his wife, for she is one of the doomed." 33. When Our messengers appeared before Lot, he became distressed with worry. They reassured him, saying: "Do not fear, nor grieve, for we shall save you and your family, but not your wife, for she is of the doomed. 34. We are going to bring Allah's punishment on this town because of their wickedness." 35. I left some of their ruins as a lesson for those who think. (known to this day as Bahr Lot - Sea of Lot. It covers most of the region in which Sodom and Gomorrah were once located. Its water contains a high percentage of sulphur and potash, no fish or plants live in the dead sea) 36. To the Median tribe I sent their brother, Shu'aib. He said: "O my People, serve Allah and seek the last day, nor cause corruption in the land." 37. They rejected him, so an overwhelming earthquake struck them, and they fell to their death in their homes. 38. Both the 'Ad and the Thamud tribes have been explained to you before with examples of their empty dwellings. Satan had made their deeds attractive and diverted them from the right path, even though they had insight. 39. Moses went to Qarun (surah 28:76), Pharaoh (surah 28:41) and Haman (surah 28:6) with clear signs, but they behaved arrogantly. Yet they could not escape Me. 40. I seized each nation for their sins, for against some I sent a storm of stones, some were overwhelmed by a mighty blast, and some I caused the earth to swallow, and some I drowned. Allah did not wrong them, they wronged themselves. 41. The example of those who take protectors other than Allah is that of a spider spinning shelter. And the flimsiest of all shelters is certainly that of a spider, if only they knew. 42. Allah knows what things they call upon besides Him. Indeed, He is Almighty, Wise. 43. Such examples I offer to people, but only those with knowledge grasp their meaning. 44. Allah created the heavens and the earth for a purpose. There is a sign in this for those of faith. 45. Recite what has been revealed to you of the Book and pray regularly. Praying restrains one from

indeencies and evil. The remembrance of Allah is far greater in merit. Allah is aware of your deeds. 46. Do not argue with the Jews and Christians of the Book, unless you do it gracefully, except with those who act in an evil manner. They say: "We believe in what has been revealed to us (Torah and Gospel), and what has been revealed to you (Qur'an). Our God and your God is the same One God. And to Him we submit." 47. Similarly, I have sent down to you, O Muhammad, a Book (the Qur'an). Those who received My Books before you will believe in this Qur'an. And some of your own people will believe in it. The only ones who ridicule My revelations are those who reject the truth. 48. You, O Muhammad, could not read before this revelation, nor could you write, for if you could have, then those who lie would have become suspicious. 49. But this Qur'an is a set of clear revelations, preserved in the hearts of those gifted with knowledge. None deny My revelations, except stubborn evildoers. 50. They say: "If only a sign had been sent to him from his Lord." Say: "Signs are with Allah and I have been sent to warn you only." 51. Is it not enough for them that I have sent down this Book to you, which is recited to them? Indeed, it is a mercy and guide for those who submit. 52. Say: "Allah is sufficient as a witness between us and He is aware of what is in the heavens and the earth. Those who believe in lies and reject Allah are losers." 53. They challenge you to rush His punishment. Had it not been for a time already pre-destined, My punishment would have certainly come to them, but it will definitely take them by surprise when they least expect it. 54. They urge you to rush My punishment. Hell will certainly surround the unbelievers. 55. On the day when My punishment overwhelms them from above and below. It will be said to them: "Taste the result of your deeds." 56. O My servants who believe in Me, My earth is spacious, so serve Me alone. 57. Every soul shall taste death, for then to Me you shall return. 58. As for those who believe and do good, I will accommodate them in elevated mansions, under which rivers flow, where they shall live forever. What an excellent reward, 59. for those who patiently endure

and put their trust in Allah. 60. How many creatures are there who give no thought to its sustenance? It is Allah who feeds them and you. He is, indeed the One who hears everything and is Knowledgeable. 61. If you ask them: "Who created the heavens and the earth and set the sun and moon in motion." They will say: "Allah." How then, can they be so deluded? 62. Allah gives abundant or limited provisions to whomever He wills. Indeed, Allah is Knowledgeable. 63. If you ask them who sends down rain, giving life to the earth after its death, they will certainly say: "Allah." Say: "Glory be to Him." Yet most people do not understand. 64. This worldly life is no more than play and amusement. Life of the Hereafter, however, is the real life, if only they knew. 65. If they happen to be on board a ship which gets caught up in a storm, they will cry with sincere devotion to Him, but as soon as He brings them safely back to shore, they associate others with Him. 66. So let them be ungrateful for what I have given them, and allow them to enjoy themselves for now, soon they will know the consequence of such behaviour. 67. Have they not seen how I have made Mecca a safe haven, whereas people all around it are being oppressed and persecuted? How can they then believe in lies and deny Allah's favours? 68. Who could be more evil than the one who fabricates lies, and then attributes them to Allah, or denies the truth when it comes to him. Is there not a place in Hell for such a man? 69. As for those who strive for My sake, I shall guide them. Allah is with the pious.

SURA 30. Ar - Rum (romans, Byzantines)

1. Alif, Lam, Meem (only Allah knows their meaning). 2. The Romans have been defeated (by the Persians in Syria 615. Nabi Muhammad's sympathy was with the Romans who were Christians, while the pagan Arabs were on the side of the Persians who were idolaters). 3. In the lowest land (dead sea - located at the lowest place on earth - 399 meters below sea level) and, after this defeat they will

be victorious again, 4. within 3 to 9 years. The whole matter of victory rests with Allah. before and after, and on that day, the believers will rejoice, 5. over the victory of the Romans, as well as their own victory against the pagans. Allah helps whom He wills. Indeed, Allah is Mighty, Merciful. 6. This is a promise from Allah and He never fails to fulfil His promise, but most people do not know. 7. They only know worldly affairs but are oblivious to the Hereafter. 8. Why don't they reflect upon themselves? Allah created the heavens and the earth and everything between them for a purpose and for an appointed term. Yet, most people deny the meeting with their Lord. 9. Have they not travelled and seen the destruction of those previous nations who strived before them? Though they were far more superior in might than these Meccans; and they cultivated and developed more than these Meccans; and their messengers' brought them proof, it was not Allah who wronged them, nay, they wronged themselves. 10. Those who did evil met an evil end because they denied Allah's signs and mocked them. 11. Allah initiates creation, and then He repeats it, then to Him you shall return. 12. Upon the arrival of the Hour the evildoers will be dumbstruck. 13. None of their partners they ascribe to Allah will intercede for them, for they will reject such partnership. 14. On the day of the Hour people will be split into two groups. 15. Those who believe and do good deeds shall rejoice in gardens. 16. Those who disbelieved and denied My signs and the meeting with Me in the Hereafter will be confined to My punishment. 17. So glorify Allah every evening and every morning. 18. All praise is for Him in the heavens and the earth, as well as, in the afternoon and at noon. 19. He brings life out of the dead and He causes death to the living and He revives land after its death. Similarly, you will be brought back to life after your death. 20. One of His signs is this; He created you from dust, then you become human beings, all spread out. 21. Also among His signs is this; He created spouses for you from among yourselves, so you may find peace with them, and He has placed affection and mercy between you. There are signs in this for those who think. 22.

One of His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and diverse languages and colours. Surely there is a sign in this for those with sound knowledge. 23. Another sign is your sleep during the night and daylight by which you seek His bounty. Surely, in this are signs for those who pay attention. 24. One of His signs is that He shows you lightning, inspiring you with hope and fear, and He sends down rain from the sky, reviving the earth after its death. Surely, in this are signs for those who understand. 25. Among His signs is the heavens and the earth, which are held firm by His command. When He summons you to come out of the earth - you will emerge immediately from your graves. 26. To Him belongs all those in the heavens and the earth. And all are subservient to His will. 27. He is the One who originates creation and will do it again, for this is easy for Him. He is above all comparison in the heavens and the earth. He is Almighty, Wise. 28. He offers you an example from yourselves: would you allow your slaves to have equal partnership in your wealth, which I have given you, and would you fear for them as you fear for yourselves. Then how could you equate Allah's own created beings to Him? This is how I make My signs clear for those who understand. 29. In fact, the evildoers merely follow their desires without knowledge. Who then could guide those whom Allah has left to stray? They have no helpers. 30. Stand firm in faith. It is nature originated by Allah in which He originated humanity. There is no substitution for the creation of Allah. That is the true loving way of life, but most people do not know. (intuitive ability to discern between right and wrong, and true & false) 31. O believers! Always turn to Allah in repentance, and be mindful of Him and establish prayers, nor become an idolater, 32. like those who divided their faith and split into sects - each rejoicing in what they have. 33. Whenever trouble afflicts mankind, they appeal to their Lord, turning towards Him with true devotion, but when He allows them to taste His mercy, some begin to associate others with their Lord, 34. becoming ungrateful for the favours I had bestowed upon them, so enjoy yourselves, for soon you will know the consequence of such

conduct. 35. Did I approve the partners they ascribe to Me? 36. When I give people a taste of mercy, they rejoice in it, but if something bad happens to them because of their own misdeeds - they lose hope. 37. Have they not seen that Allah gives abundantly, or limited provisions to whomever He wills? Surely, in this are signs for those who believe. 38. So give close relatives their due and to the poor and the needy travellers, for that is best for those who seek His pleasure, for it is they who will be successful. 39. Whatever loans you give, seeking interest at the expense of others will not increase with Allah, but whatever charity you give will multiply the reward of your Lord. 40. It is Allah who created you, and it is Allah who gives you provisions, and it is Allah who will cause you to die, and then He will resurrect you. Can your idols do any of this? Glory be to Allah. He is exalted far above what they associate with Him. 41. Mischief has appeared on the land and the sea in consequence of man's misdeeds. Through war Allah allows humans to taste the fruits of their deeds, so they may turn back from evil. 42. Say: "Travel and see the fate of those who I destroyed before you. Most of them were idolaters." 43. Stand firm in your religion before the inevitable day comes when no one will escape from Allah. A day on which people will either be sent to Paradise or Hell. 44. Those who reject faith will suffer from that rejection. Those who do good would have prepared for themselves eternal homes. 45. Allah will reward believers who do good out of His bounty. Allah does not like unbelievers. 46. One of His signs is this - He sends down winds ushering good news of rain, so you may taste His mercy, and so, ships may sail by His command, and so, you may seek His bounty and perhaps become grateful to Him. 47. I did send messengers' before you, O Muhammad, to their people with proof, but then I took revenge upon those who committed crimes, for it is incumbent upon Me to help believers. 48. It is Allah who sends down winds, which then stir up vapour, forming clouds, which He then spreads out in the sky or piles them up into masses, from which you see rain come forth. Then as soon as He causes it to fall on whomever He wills

of His servants, they rejoice in it, 49. though before its arrival, they had lost all hope. 50. So look at the effects of His mercy, how He revives land after its death. Such is Allah, who will revive the dead. Indeed, He is capable of all things. 51. Even if I were to send harsh winds and they saw their crops withering they would continue to disbelieve. 52. You cannot make the dead hear the truth, nor can you make the deaf hear the call when they turn and walk away. 53. Nor can you lead the blind out of their misguidance. O Muhammad, you can make none hear the truth, except those who believe in My revelations and have submitted. 54. It is Allah who created you in a state of weakness, and then developed your weakness into strength, and then developed your strength into weakness during old age. He creates whatever He wills, for He is Knowledgeable and capable of all things. 55. The day the Hour is established the evildoers will swear that they were on earth for only an hour. They are so deluded. 56. Those gifted with knowledge and faith will say to them: "You actually remained as pre-destined by Allah until the Day of Resurrection. Today is that day, but you are unaware." 57. On that day excuses will not benefit them, nor can they make amends. 58. I have provided every kind of example in this Qur'an. No matter what sign you present them, the unbelievers will definitely say: "You are a liar." 59. Allah seals the hearts of those who are unwilling to know the truth. 60. Be patient, for the promise of Allah is true, nor be disturbed by them.

SURA 31. Luqman

1. Alif, Lam, Meem (only Allah knows their meaning). 2. These are verses of a wise Book. 3. A guide and a mercy for those who are kind., 4. Those who establish prayers and pay alms-tax and are certain of the Hereafter. 5. It is they who are truly guided by their Lord and it is they who will be succeed. 6. Among mankind there are some who purchase foolish tales without knowledge to lead people away from Allah's path, they mock the invitation to the right path. There will be

severely punished. 7. When My verses are recited to them, they turn away arrogantly, as if they did not hear them, or as if there were deafness in their ears. Give them good news of a painful punishment. 8. As for those who believe and do good, they shall abide in gardens of delight. 9. It is a true promise from Allah. Indeed, He is Almighty, the Wise. 10. He created the heavens without pillars - as you can see - and placed firm mountains upon the earth, so it does not shake with you, and scattered throughout it all types of creatures. And We send down rain from the sky, causing every type of fine plant to grow. 11. This is Allah's creation. Now show Me what your idols have created. The unjust are clearly lost. 12. I did bless Luqman with wisdom, saying: "Be grateful to Allah. Whoever is grateful, it is for to their benefit. The ungrateful should know that Allah is, indeed, self-sufficient, Praiseworthy." 13. Remember when Luqman said to his son: "Son! Never associate anything with Allah in worship, for associating others with Him is a heinous sin." 14. Indeed, I commanded humanity to honour their parents. Their mothers bore them with great hardship and your weaning takes two whole years, so be grateful to Me and your parents. Your final return is to Me. 15. But if they pressure you to associate with Me what you have no knowledge of, do not obey them. Still keep their company in this world courteously, and follow the way of those who turn to Me, for then to Me you shall all return, and then I will tell you of what you used to do. 16. Luqman added: "Even if a deed were the weight of a mustard seed, whether it be hidden in a rock, or in the heavens or the earth, Allah will bring it forward. Allah is gracious and well informed. 17. And establish regular prayers, and encourage good and forbid evil, and bear patiently for whatever may befall upon you, for that shows determination, 18. and do not turn your cheek arrogantly from people, nor walk on the earth with arrogance, for Allah does not love the arrogant, or those who show off. 19. Walk humbly and lower your voice, for the harshest of all voices is that of a donkey." 20. Do you not seen that Allah has made subservient for you everything in the heavens and in the earth, and has

lavished His favours on you, both the visible and the invisible? Yet, people still argue about Him without knowledge or guidance or an enlightening book. 21. When such people are told to follow Allah's revelations, they say: "No, we shall follow the traditions and customs and beliefs and practices of our forefathers." What! even if Satan is inviting them to the blaze. 22. Those who submit and are virtuous have certainly grasped the firmest handhold ever, and with Allah rests the outcome for all affairs. 23. No matter who disbelieves, do not let their disbelief grieve you, for to Me, is their return, and then I shall inform them of all they did. Indeed, Allah is aware of what is hidden in man's heart. 24. I grant pleasure for a while, but then I compel them to punishment. 25. If you ask them who created the heavens and the earth, they will definitely say: "Allah." Say: "Praise be to Allah." Though most people do not understand. 26. To Allah belongs all in the heavens and earth and Allah is free of needs, Praiseworthy. 27. If all the trees were pens and the oceans were ink, refilled by seven other oceans, the words of Allah would not be exhausted. Indeed, Allah is Almighty, Wise. 28. Your creation and your resurrection is as simple as the creation and resurrection of a single soul. (like a beehive which is composed of thousands of bees, but together they constitute one being) And know that Allah hears everything, and He sees everything. 29. Do you not see that Allah causes the night to merge into the day and the day to merge into the night and has made the sun and the moon subservient to His law - each orbiting its course for a specified term. Allah knows everything you do. 30. That is because Allah is the truth. What they invoke is false. Indeed, Allah is Most High, the Greatest. 31. Do you not see the ships sailing through the sea, this so He may show you His signs? There is a sign in this for those who patient and grateful. 32. When man becomes overwhelmed by high waves, he cries to Allah, but when He safely brings him back to shore only a few become relatively grateful. No one reject My signs except the ungrateful. 33. O humanity! Be conscious of Him and beware of a day when no parent will benefit

a child, nor will a child benefit their parents. Allah's promise is true, nor allow this world to deceive you, nor allow the chief deceiver to deceive you. 34. Allah has knowledge of the Hour. He sends rain and He knows what is in every womb. No soul knows what it will earn tomorrow, and no soul knows in which land he shall die. Allah is Aware, Knowledgeable.

SURA 32. As - Sajda (prostration)

1. Alif, Lam, Meem (only Allah knows their meaning). 2. There is no doubt that this Qur'an has been sent down by the Lord of the Universe. 3. Or do they say: "He fabricated it." No! It is the truth from your Lord, so you may warn a people who never received a warner before you, so they may be guided. 4. It is Allah who created the heavens and the earth and everything between them in six days (a day is compared to a thousand years of our reckoning to 50,000 years), and then established Himself upon the Throne of Authority. You have no protector or intercessor besides Him. Will you not, then be mindful of Him? 5. He conducts every affair from celestial space to the earth. Everything is controlled by Allah through His established administrative system. His orders are sent to the far most corner of the universe and the response is beamed back to Him in a day (His calendar), which is equal to one thousand years of earth's understanding. 6. Such is the Knower of the visible and invisible. He is Powerful, Merciful. 7. The One who perfected everything He created, and then He began the creation of humans from mud. 8. And then He made human descendants from an extract of fluid (sperm). 9. Then, He proportioned him and breathed into him of His spirit (free will) and gave him hearing, sight and a heart. How often do you show your appreciation. 10. They say: "When we are buried in the ground are, we going to be recreated anew?" They deny meeting with their Lord. 11. Say: "Your soul will be taken by Izra'il, My angel of death who oversees you. Then to your Lord you shall be

returned.” 12. If only you could see the evildoers hanging their heads in shame before their Lord, saying: “O Lord, we have now seen and heard, send us back to earth and we shall act in the correct manner, for we do now believe.” 13. Had I willed, I could have given every soul guidance, but My word became due against the defiant when I said: “I will fill Hell with jins and humans together. 14. You ignored the meeting on this day, now taste the punishment of eternity for what you did.” 15. True believers are those, who, when My revelations are recited to them, they prostrate and glorify their Lord, nor are they proud. 16. They abandon their beds, invoking their Lord with hope and fear, and they donate from what I gave them. 17. No soul can possibly imagine what delights are in store for them, as a reward for their deeds. 18. Is there any comparison between a believer and an unbeliever? Nay, they are not equal. 19. Believers who perform honourable deeds will have gardens waiting for them as their home and as a reward for their deeds. 20. As for the rebellious, the Fire will be their home. When they try to escape from it, they shall be forced back, and be told: “Taste the punishment of the Fire, which you denied.” 21. And I will make them taste minor punishments in this world before the major punishment, just in case they decide to return to Me. 22. Who could be more unjust than the one who is reminded of My revelations, but then turns away? I will punish the evildoers. 23. I gave the Book to Moses and made it a guide for the Children of Israel. Let there be no doubt, O Muhammad, that you too, are receiving a Book, which meets the same criteria. 24. I raised from among them leaders and I guided them for their patience and believing in My signs. 25. Your Lord will judge their differences on the Day of Judgment. 26. Is it still not clear as to how many nations I destroyed whose ruins people still pass by? There is a sign in this. Why won’t they listen? 27. Do they not see how I drive rain to parched land producing various crops, from which they and their cattle eat? Will they, not then, see? 28. They ask: “When is the final day of decision - if what you say is true?” 29. Say: “On Judgement Day it will not benefit the unbelievers to

believe, nor will their punishment be delayed.” 30. Turn away from them and wait, for they too are waiting.

SURA 33. Al - Ahzab (coalition)

1. O Muhammad, be conscious of Allah, nor give in to the unbelievers and the hypocrites. Indeed, Allah is Knowledgeable, Wise. 2. Follow what has been revealed to you, for Allah is aware of what you do. 3. And put your trust in Allah, for Allah is sufficient for you as a trustee of affairs. 4. Allah did not place two hearts inside any man’s body, nor has He made your wives whom you equate with your mothers your real mothers, nor has He made your adopted sons your actual sons. These are mere words. Allah speaks the truth and guides to the right path. (divorcing your wife by saying; you are like my mother, depriving her conjugal rights, yet keeping her like a slave, nor letting her marry anyone else. See surah 58 verse 3 - 4) 5. Call your adopted sons by their fathers name, for this is the right thing to do in His sight, but if you do not know their fathers, then they are your brothers in faith and are entrusted into your care. You will not be blamed if you make a mistake in such matters, for you will be questioned about your hearts intention. Verily, Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 6. The prophet has a stronger understanding of the believers than they have, and his wives are their mothers. Allah has ordained that blood relatives are entitled to inheritance, more than other believers and immigrants, unless you want to show kindness to your close associates through bequests. This has been decreed in His record. 7. I took a pledge from the prophets, and from you too, O Muhammad, and from Noah, and Abraham, and Moses, and Jesus, the son of Mary. I took a pledge from all the prophet’s, 8. so I may question them about their delivery of My message. And I have prepared a painful punishment for those who disbelieve. 9. O believers! Remember Allah’s favour upon you when the enemy forces came to attack you in

Medina. I sent against them a bitter wind and forces (army of angels), which you could not see. Indeed, Allah sees what you do. 10. Remember when they came at you from east and west, when your eyes grew wild in horror and your hearts jumped into your throats, and you entertained conflicting thoughts about Allah. 11. Then and there, I put the believers to test, and you were violently shaken. 12. And remember when the hypocrites and those with diseased hearts said: "Allah and His messenger have promised nothing, except delusions." 13. And remember when a group of them said: "O people of Medina! There is no point in you staying here, retreat." Another group asked the prophet for permission to leave, saying: "Our homes are vulnerable." Though they were not. They wished to flee. 14. Had their city been sacked from all sides and they had been asked to abandon faith, they would have done so with little hesitation. 15. They had already made a pledge not to turn away. A pledge to Allah must be answered for. 16. Say: "It will not benefit you to flee from death, nor from being killed, for your worldly pleasures would be short lived." 17. Say: "Who could put you out of Allah's reach if He intends to harm you or show you mercy?" They can never find a protector or helper besides Allah. 18. Allah knows those among you who discourage others from fighting, saying secretly to their brothers: "Stay with us." They hardly take part in fighting. 19. They are unwilling to assist. When danger comes along you see them staring at you with their eyes rolling like someone in the throes of death, but once danger passes by, they slash you with razor-sharp tongues, greedy for materialistic gains. Such people do not believe, and Allah has rendered their deeds void. That is easy for Allah. 20. They thought the confederate tribe would never withdraw. Indeed, if the confederates should come again, they would prefer to be in the desert among the Bedouin Arabs, and there, from a distance they would ask news about you, but if they were with you, they would take very little part in fighting. 21. Indeed, in the messenger of Allah you have an excellent example for whoever has hope in Allah and the last day, and remembers Allah

often. 22. When the believers saw the coalition, they said: "This is what Allah and His messenger had promised us. The promise of Allah and His messenger has come true." This increases their faith and submission. 23. There are among the believers, men who fulfil their pledges to Allah. Thus, some die, while others wait their chance, nor have they changed their minds. 24. It all happened, so Allah may reward the believers for their faith and punish the hypocrites if He wills, or turn to them with His mercy, if He so wills. Verily, Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 25. Allah pushed the unbelievers back in their rage, empty-handed. Allah spared the believers from fighting. Indeed, Allah is Powerful, Almighty. 26. Those (Jews of Bani Quraizah) among the People of the Book who backed the invaders, Allah brought them out of their forts and cast horror in their hearts. You, O believers, killed some and took some captive. 27. Allah allowed you to inherit their land, homes, property, plus the land of Khaibar, which you had set foot in. Indeed, Allah is capable of everything. 28. O Muhammad, say your wives: "If you are seeking this worldly life and its vanities, then come, I will make a provision for you and release you in an amicable manner, 29. but if you desire Allah and His messenger and an everlasting home in the Hereafter, then beware Allah has prepared a great reward for those who do good." 30. O wives of the prophet! If any of you were to commit adultery, your punishment will double and that is easy for Allah. 31. Whoever devoutly obeys Allah and His messenger and does honourable deeds, I shall double her reward and provide honourable provisions. 32. O wives of the prophet, you are not like other women: if you are mindful of Allah, then do not be overly effeminate in speech with men, for those with sickness in their hearts may be tempted, but speak in a moderate tone. 33. Settle in your homes, nor display yourselves as women did in the days of pre-Islamic ignorance, and establish prayers, and pay alms-tax, and obey Allah and His messenger. Allah wishes to remove impurity from you since you are of the prophet's household. 34. Always remember what is recited in your homes of Allah's revelations and

prophetic wisdom. Allah is gracious and well informed. 35. Muslim men and women - believing men and women - devout men and women - truthful men and women - patient men and women - humble men and women - charitable men and women - fasting men and women - men and women who guard their chastity - men and women who remember Allah often, for all Allah has prepared forgiveness and a great reward. 36. It is not for a believing man or woman - when Allah and His messenger decree a matter - to have any other choice in the matter. Indeed, whoever disobeys Allah and His messenger has clearly gone far astray. 37. O Muhammad, remember when your adopted son Zaid came to you consulting about his wife? You tried to reunite them in spite of what Allah had disclosed to you. You were afraid of what people might say and think, however, you should be afraid only of Allah. I ordered you to marry his ex-wife, whom he divorced in spite of the prophet's reuniting efforts in order to set a precedent that a man may marry the divorced wife of his adopted son. Allah's command shall be fulfilled. 38. There is no blame on the prophet for doing what Allah has ordained for him. That has been the way of Allah with all prophets who have passed on. Allah's command has been firmly decreed. 39. Those who convey His message and humble before Him should not be afraid of anyone except Him. 40. Muhammad is not the father of any of you. He is Allah's messenger and the seal of prophets. Verily, Allah is Knowledgeable. 41. Believers, remember Allah as often as possible. 42. Glorify Him every morning and every evening. 43. Allah bestows His blessings on you believers and His angels pray for you, so Allah may perfect His blessings on you and bring you out of darkness and lead to His light. Indeed, Allah is kind to those who believe. 44. Their greeting the day they meet Him will be, "Peace." And He has prepared for them a noble reward. 45. O prophet, We have sent you as a witness, and as a bearer of good news, and as a warner. 46. As one who invites all to Allah, by His will, and as a lamp spreading light (giving guidance). 47. Give good news to the believers that they will have a great bounty from Allah. 48. Do not

yield towards the disbelievers and the hypocrites. Overlook their annoyances, but put your trust in Allah, for Allah is sufficient as a trustee of affairs. 49. Believers, you have no right to expect a waiting period when you marry believing women, and then divorce them before consummation. Arrange provisions and release them with honour. 50. O prophet, We have made lawful to you your wives to whom you have given their due wedding gifts, and those whom your right hand held in a trust, given to you by God, and the daughters of your paternal uncles, and the daughters of your paternal aunts, and the daughters of your maternal uncles and aunts who migrated with you, and any believing woman who offers herself to the prophet, if the prophet wishes to marry her, a privilege exclusively for you only, but not for the rest of the believers. We know exactly what We have made obligatory to them concerning their wives, and those whom their right hands hold in a trust, hence you will not be at fault, for Allah is, indeed, Forgiving, Merciful. 51. It is up to you, O Muhammad, to delay or receive whichever wife you please. There will be no blame, if you reconcile with her, whom you may have put aside, for We expect them to understand, as the wife of a prophet, they cannot expect an ordinary life. They should be content with what you give them. Indeed, Allah is Knowledgeable and Forbearing. 52. And it is unlawful for you to marry any more women after this, nor are you allowed to replace any of your present wives with another, even if her beauty attracted you, except those bondwomen in your possession. Indeed, Allah is observing all things. 53. O believers! Do not enter the homes of the prophet without permission and if you are invited for a meal, do not come too early and linger until the meal is ready, but if you are invited, then come on time. Once you have eaten, then go your way, and do not stay for casual talk. Such behaviour is truly annoying to the prophet, but he is too shy to ask you to leave, but Allah is never shy of the truth. When you believers ask his wives for something, ask them from behind a veil, for this is pure for your hearts and theirs. It is wrong to annoy the messenger, nor ever marry his

wives after him, for this would certainly be a major offence in His sight. 54. Allah has knowledge of all things regardless of whether you reveal them or not. 55. There is no blame on women for appearing unveiled before their fathers, their sons, their brothers, their brothers' sons, their sisters' sons, their fellow Muslim women and those bondspeople in their possession. Pay attention to Allah, O women, for Allah witnesses everything. 56. Indeed, Allah showers His blessings upon the prophet, and His angels pray for him. O believers! Invoke Allah's blessings upon him, and salute him with greetings of peace. 57. Surely, those who offend Allah and His prophet are cursed by Allah in this world and the Hereafter, and He has prepared for them a humiliating punishment. 58. As for those who abuse believing men and women unjustly, they will bear the guilt of slander and a manifest sin. 59. O prophet! Ask your wives, daughters, and believing women to draw their veils over their bodies. In this way it is more likely that they will be recognized as virtuous and not be harassed. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 60. If the hypocrites and the sick at heart and those who spread rumours in Medina do not stop, I will let you overpower them, for then they will not be able to remain as your neighbours, except for maybe a short while. 61. They are cursed, and they will be seized and killed mercilessly. 62. That was Allah's way with those hypocrites who have gone before, and you will find no change in Allah's way. 63. People ask about the Hour. Say: "Its knowledge rests with Allah. However, it could be close by." 64. Surely, Allah condemns the unbelievers, and He has prepared a blazing for them. 65. They will live in the Fire forever, nor will they have any friends, nor helpers. 66. On the day their faces are constantly flipped in the Fire, they will cry, saying: "Oh! If only we had obeyed Allah and His messengers." 67. And they will say: "O Lord! We obeyed our leaders and elite, but they led us astray from the right path. 68. O Lord! Double their punishment and curse them." 69. O believers! Do not be like those who slandered Moses. Allah cleared him from the allegation, for Moses was an honourable man in Allah's

sight. 70. O you who believe, be aware of Allah and only speak the truth. 71. Allah will bless you and forgive your sins. Those who obey Allah and His prophet will achieve a magnificent reward. 72. Indeed, I offered the trust to the heavens and the earth and the mountains, but they all declined to bear it, for they were fearful of it. Humanity assumed it. Indeed, humanity is unjust (due to free will we betrayed the trust) and ignorant of its consequence. 73. Allah will punish the hypocrites, both men and women, and those who ascribe partners to Him. Allah will forgive believing men and women, for Allah is, indeed, Forgiving, Merciful.

SURA 34. Saba' - (Sheba)

1. All praise is for Allah to whom belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth, and praise be to Him in the Hereafter. He is Wise, Aware. 2. He knows what goes into the earth and He knows what comes out of it, and He knows what descends from the sky and He knows what ascends into it. He is Merciful. He is Forgiving. 3. Unbelievers say: "The Hour will never come." Say: "Yes! By my Lord, the Knower of the unseen, it will definitely come." Not even the weight of a speck of dust in the heavens or the earth can escape without His knowledge, nor anything smaller or greater. Everything is pre-recorded in His Book. 4. So He may reward those who believe and do good, for they will receive His forgiveness and provisions. 5. As for those who strive to discredit His revelations, they will suffer an agonizing punishment. 6. Those gifted with knowledge clearly see that what has been revealed to you, O Muhammad, is the truth, and that it guides to the path of the Almighty, the Praiseworthy. 7. Unbelievers say mockingly to one another: "Do you want us to introduce you to a man who claims that when you disintegrate in the ground you will be raised as a new creation? 8. Has he fabricated a lie against Allah, or is he insane." Those who do not believe in the life to come will suffer a painful punishment, for they are grossly mistaken. 9. Do they

not see all that surrounds them of the heavens and the earth? If it be My wish, I could cause the earth to swallow them or cause deadly pieces of the sky to fall on them. There is a sign in this for every servant who turns to Me. 10. I granted David a great privilege, saying: "O mountains! Echo his hymns and you birds echo as well." I even made iron flow for him, 11. so you could make coats of armour, so do good deeds, for I see what you do. 12. And I also made the wind subservient to Solomon. Its outward journey took a month and its return journey likewise. And I made a fountain of molten brass flow for him, and some of the jins worked under his control with My permission. If one of them deviated from My command, I made him taste a blazing flame. (In the old Testament a reference has been made to the many furnishings of copper and brass materials with which Solomon's temple was built. It was furnished with vessels, candlesticks, lamps, censers, etc) 13. They made whatever he desired - fortresses, statues, large basins like reservoirs and huge immovable cooking pots. I said: "O family of David! Work with gratitude." Only a few of My servants are truly grateful to Me. 14. When I decreed Solomon's death, nothing indicated to those jins that he was dead. Till this day they are still working, but one day it will become clear to them that he is dead. Had they known the unseen; they would have never continued to work for him. (mankind and the Jins have joined forces, and the fruits of that alliance has brought into being the scientific and technological revolution which includes space exploration. Solomon's staff had miraculous qualities. It is still being held onto by the anti-Christ (Dajjal) and with it, he is using the Jins to work for himself. However, radiation is destroying Solomon's staff as well as man's capacity for insight and for receiving internal knowledge). 15. There was a sign for the tribe of Sheba in their own homeland (Yemen): two gardens, one on the right and one on the left. I said: "Eat your Lords provisions and show gratitude. You have good land and a forgiving Lord." 16. They turned away, so I sent a flood against them and replaced their gardens with others producing bitter fruits and fruitless bushes, as

well as a few thorny trees. 17. And so, they were punished for their ingratitude. I only punish those who are ungrateful. 18. I had also placed between them and the cities, which I had blessed many small towns (Yemen - Syria, highway) within sight of each other. I set moderate travel distances between them, saying: "Travel between them by day and night safely." 19. But they complained, saying: "O Lord! Make our distances longer." Hence, wronging themselves, so I made their fate a tale of the past for all and scattered them in small groups throughout the land. There is a sign in this for those who are patient and grateful. 20. Satan's assumption about humanity has, indeed, been proven true (Satan said: "O Allah! You will find most of humanity ungrateful."). Most of mankind do follow him, except for a few true believers. 21. Satan has no authority over them. My desire is to distinguish those who believe in the Hereafter from those who doubt it. Your Lord is a vigilant guardian over all things. 22. Say: "Call upon those whom you worship beside Him and see whether or not they can help you. They neither own nor have partnership in even an atom weight of anything in the entire universe, nor do they aid Him. 23. No intercession will be of any benefit with Him, except by those granted permission by Him. At last, when the dread of Judgment Day is relieved from their hearts because they were permitted to intercede, they will excitedly ask the angels: "What has Allah ordained?" The angels will reply: "The truth. Indeed, He is the Highest, the Greatest." 24. Say: "Who provides you sustenance from the heavens and the earth?" Say: "Allah! Clearly one of us is guided, while the other is misled." 25. Say: "You will not be questioned about our deeds nor shall we be questioned about your deeds." 26. Say: "Our Lord will gather us together, and then judge us with the truth, for He is the Judge, the Knowledgeable." 27. Say: "Show me those whom you worship, show me their power. They are powerless as can you see, for it is Allah who is Almighty, the Wise. 28. We have sent you, O Muhammad, only as a deliverer of good news and a warner to all humanity, but most people do not know. 29. And they say: "When

will resurrection take place, tell us, if what you say is true?" 30. Say: "You have an appointed day which will not be delayed, nor can it be advanced." 31. The disbelievers vow, saying: "We will never believe in this Qur'an, nor in the Torah or the Gospel." If only you could see when the evildoers will be detained before their Lord, throwing blame at each other. The weak followers will say to their arrogant leaders: "Had it not been for you, we would certainly have been believers." 32. The arrogant leaders will say: "We never prevented you from following guidance? It was you who rejected them." 33. The weak will reply: "It was you who campaigned day and night to idolize others." Finally, when they see My punishment, they will repent, but it will be too late. We will put shackles around their necks. Surely, they deserve to be punished for what they had done. 34. Whenever We sent a warner to a nation, its elite would say: "We do not believe your message." 35. And they say: "We have wealth and children, nor are we going to be punished." 36. Say: "My Lord gives abundant provisions to whom He wills, or restricts it, but most people do not know." 37. It is not your wealth, nor your children which will bring you close to Me. Only those who believe and do good will get a reward which will be several times more than they deserve. They will live in peace and high places in Paradise. 38. Those who strive to discredit My revelations will be confined to My punishment. 39. Say: "Allah gives more to some and less to the others. And He will reward you for whatever you spend from your income in charity to please him. Allah is the best to provide." 40. Consider the day when Allah gathers them altogether and asks the angels: "Was it you these idolaters worshipped?" 41. They will respond: "Glory be to You, for our loyalty is solely to You, not them. They followed the jins." 42. On the Day of Judgment, you will neither help nor harm each other. Allah will say those who betrayed their souls: "Taste the torment of the Fire which you used to deny." 43. When My revelations are recited to the unbelievers, they say: "Muhammad wants to mislead you from the way your ancestors' traditions." And they say: "This Qur'an

is nothing but a bunch of fabricated lies.” They also say: “This is nothing but deception.” 44. They had never received a book nor a prophet before you, O Muhammad. 45. Earlier unbelievers who treated My prophets as liars were severely punished, though they did not receive even one tenth of the proof that I have shown these unbelievers of Mecca. 46. Say: “I advise you to do only one thing: stand up for the sake of Allah individually or in pairs, and then reflect. Your fellow man is not insane. He is only warning you before the coming of a severe punishment.” 47. Say: “If I asked for a reward, you may keep it, for my reward is with Allah and He witnesses everything.” 48. Say: “Allah shows me the truth and He knows the invisible.” 49. Say: “Truth has come, falsehood will vanish, never to return.” 50. Say: “If, as you say, I am on the wrong path, then none but I will have to pay for it. However, if I am on the right path, then it is due to the favour of my Lord who has revealed the truth to me.” 51. I wish you could see when they face their disastrous destiny. They will have no escape, for they will be seized immediately. 52. They will say: “We believe in Allah’s revelations.” But it will be too late. 53. They chose to reject His revelation without any consideration. 54. Consequently, they will be deprived of what they long for (repentance, but the door of repentance would have closed), then a barrier will be erected between them. This is was the fate of their counterparts of previous generations, for they too had doubts.

SURA 35. Fatir - (the Creator)

1. Praise be to Allah, the creator of the heavens and the earth, who created angels with two, three and four pairs of wings, as His messengers. And He adds to creation as He wills. He has power over everything. 2. Whatever blessings He bestows upon people, none can withhold them. Whatever He withholds, none but He can release it. He is Almighty, the Wise. 3. O humanity, remember the divine blessings on you. Is there any creator other than Allah who provides for

you from the heavens and the earth? There is no god except Him. How can you, then, be so deluded from the truth? 4. If they reject you, O Muhammad, then know messengers' before you were also rejected. The final decision is in Allah's hands. 5. O humanity! Allah's promise is true, so do not let this world deceive you, nor allow Satan to deceive you about Allah. 6. Satan is an enemy, so treat him, as such. Satan only calls his followers, so they become companions in the Fire. 7. Unbelievers will suffer a severe punishment, but those who believe and do good will have forgiveness and a great reward. 8. What about the one, whose evil deeds were made attractive; he regards them as good deeds. Allah leads astray whoever He wills and guides whoever He wills, so do not grieve for those who refuse to believe. Allah is aware of their deeds. 9. And it is Allah who sends the winds, which then stir up vapour, forming clouds, and then He drives them to dead land, giving life to the earth after its death. Similar is the Resurrection. 10. Those who desire honour should be aware that honour belongs to Allah. Good words (**dhikr & praise**) ascend to Him, and He raises righteous deeds even higher. Those who plan evil deeds will have a severe punishment and their plans will perish. 11. Allah created you from dust, then developed you from a sperm-drop, then made you into pairs. No female conceives or delivers without His knowledge, and no one's life is made long, or cut short, for all has been pre-ordained in His Book. This is easy for Allah. 12. The two bodies of water are not alike: one is fresh, palatable, and pleasant to drink and the other is salty and bitter. Yet from them both you eat tender seafood and extract ornaments to wear. And you see ships ploughing their way through both, so you may seek His bounty and render your gratitude. 13. He merges the night into the day and the day into the night, and has subjected the sun and the moon, each orbiting for an appointed term. That is Allah - your Lord! All authority belongs to Him, but those idols you invoke besides Him do not possess even the skin of a date stone. 14. If you call upon them, they cannot hear your call, but if they were to hear, they could not respond to you. On the Day of

Judgment they will disown your worship of them. No one can inform you, O Muhammad, like the all-Knowledgeable. 15. O humanity! You need Allah, for Allah is rich beyond need, the One, the Praiseworthy. 16. If it be His desire, He could eliminate all and produce a new creation. 17. That is not difficult for Him. 18. No soul burdened with sin will bear the burden of another. And if a burdened soul cries out for help with its burden, none will carry it, not even by a close relative. You, O Muhammad, can only warn those who stand in awe of their Lord without seeing Him and establish prayer. Whoever purifies themselves, they do so for their own good. To Allah is the final return of all. 19. The blind and those who see are not alike, 20. nor darkness and light, 21. nor shade and the sun's heat, 22. nor the dead and the living. Allah makes whomever He wills to hear, but you cannot make those in their graves hear the truth. 23. You are a warner. 24. I sent you with the truth, and as a bearer of good news and to warn. There is no nation that did not have a warner. 25. Never mind if they call you a liar. Nations before you also called their prophets names, in spite of them coming with miracles, including the Psalms and enlightening scriptures. 26. That is why I punished them. What a terrible punishment they had to face. 27. Do you not see that I send rain from the sky with which I bring forth fruits of various colours? and in the mountains, there are streaks of varying shades - white, red and raven black. 28. Similarly, among humans and animals there are many various colours. Only the knowledgeable fear their Lord. Verily, Allah is Almighty, the Forgiver. 29. Those who recite the Book of Allah and establish prayers and give charity, secretly and openly, they can all hope for a never-ending gain. 30. Allah will repay them and increase their reward, for He is ever Forgiving, ever Appreciative. 31. The book which I have revealed to you, O Muhammad, is the truth, and it confirms the Torah and the Gospel. Allah is aware of His servants. Indeed, He sees everything. 32. Then I made My chosen servants (Muslims) inherit this great book. Some of them wrong themselves, some follow a middle course, and some are foremost in honourable deeds by

Allah's will and that is a great bounty. 33. Hence, they will enter gardens of perpetual bliss, and be dressed in silk garments, and be adorned with gold and pearl bracelets. 34. They will say: "Praise be to Allah who removed all sorrow from us. He is Forgiving, Appreciative. 35. Allah, out of His grace, has admitted us in an eternal residence where we shall not get bored nor tired." 36. Those who reject the truth will stay in the Fire of Hell, where they shall neither be destroyed nor be relieved from its punishment. This is how I reward ungrateful unbelievers. 37. Therein, they will beg, saying: "O Lord, please give us a second chance, so we may engage in honourable deeds to cover previous mistakes." The reply will be: "You lived long enough, and had a warner? Did I not warn you in My revelations? Now taste your earnings. There is no help here for the evildoers." 38. Allah knows all the unknown of the heavens and the earth and He knows what is in the hearts. 39. Allah has appointed you as His representatives upon earth. Whoever disbelieves will bear its burden. The disbelievers' denial only increases them in contempt in His sight and it will contribute to their loss. 40. Ask them: "Have you considered your idols? Show me what they have created on earth." Or do they have a share in the creation of the heavens? Or have We given the polytheists a Book, which serves as a proof for them? In fact, the evildoers promise each other nothing but delusions." 41. Allah is the One who sustains the heavens and the earth. If Allah were to withhold His support, there is none to stop the destruction of the whole universe. Allah is ever Patient, ever Forgiving. 42. They swore their most solemn oaths that if a warner were to come to them, they would certainly be better guided than any other nation. Yet when a warner came unto them, it only drove them farther away. 43. They behaved arrogantly in the land and planned evil deeds, not knowing that their plans will backfire. What else can they expect, apart from the same fate as those who rejected My previous prophets? Did they think that Allah's way of dealing with the unbelievers will change? No! You will never find a change in His procedures. Allah's laws never change. 44.

Have they not travelled and seen how those before them met their demise, even though they were far superior in strength? Nothing escapes Allah in the heavens or in the earth. He is Knowledgeable and capable of doing anything. 45. If Allah wished to punish people for their sins, not a single creature would have remained on the earth, but Allah grants respite for an appointed term, but then they become aware that He had been watching His servants all along.

SURA 36. Ya See'n

1. Ya See'n. 2. By the Qur'an. Full of wisdom. 3. You, O Muhammad, are one of the messengers', 4. upon the right path. 5. This is a revelation from the Almighty, the Merciful. 6. To warn people whose fathers were not warned, for they were unaware. 7. The decree of punishment has already been justified against most of them, for they will never believe. 8. I have put shackles around their necks, right up to their chins, so they cannot bow, 9. and have placed a barrier before them and a barrier behind them, and covered them all up, so they fail to see the truth. (also relates to the 12 men who were sent by the Quraish to kill the prophet as he left his house to Medina. He saw all 12 with knives; he picked up some sand and sprinkled it over each man's head. Hence, they could not see him) 10. It is the same whether you warn them or not, they will never believe. 11. You can warn those who follow this Qur'an and fear the Compassionate without seeing Him. Give them news of His forgiveness and of an honourable reward. 12. I resurrect the dead, and We record what they do and what they leave. Everything is pre-written by Us in a perfect Book. 13. Narrate to them the story of the People of Antioch. (Antioch - an ancient city in Northern Syria) 14. I sent two messengers' (Moses and Jesus), but they rejected them. Then I reinforced them with a third (Muhammad). 15. The people said: "You are humans like us. Allah has not revealed anything. You are liars." 16. The messengers' said: "Allah knows we have

been sent to you as messengers'. 17. Our mission is to convey His message to you." 18. People said: "We consider you bad omens and if you do not stop this nonsense, we shall either stone you or punish you." 19. They said: "Your evil fortune lies with yourselves because you refuse to listen to Allah's message. Indeed, you are evil people." 20. Then, from the furthest part of the city, a man came running, saying: "O my people, follow the messengers'. 21. Follow those who ask for no reward and are guided. 22. Why should you not submit to the One who created you. To Him you shall eventually return? 23. How could you take besides Allah other gods whose intercession would not benefit you, nor could they save you, if the Compassionate decides to harm you? 24. In that case, you would be misguided. 25. I believe in the Lord of you all, so listen to me." 26. Consequently, they stoned him to death. He was told: "Enter Paradise." He said: "Oh, I wish my people could see me now. 27. How my Lord has forgiven me and made me one of the honourable." 28. I did not send any soldiers against his people after his death. There was no need to. 29. A single blast was more than enough to destroy them all. 30. Alas for humans! When I send messengers, they ridicule him. 31. Do they not know how many generations I destroyed before them, none of them will ever come back? 32. They will be brought before Me. 33. A sign for them is dead land, which I revive and produce from it seeds, from which, they eat. 34. And I have placed in it gardens of palm trees and grapevines and I cause springs to gush forth, 35. so they may eat its fruits - they did not do this, so why are they not grateful to Me? 36. Glory be to Him who created all things from the earth in pairs, as well as humans and things they do not know. 37. Another sign for them is the night, I remove daylight from it, whereupon they are in darkness. 38. And the sun moves in its orbit, this course is predetermined by the Almighty, the Knowledgeable. 39. And I have determined phases for the moon until it becomes like an old date-stalk. (it becomes slender and curves like a crescent) 40. The sun cannot overtake the moon, nor can the night outrun the

day - each celestial body flows in an orbit. 41. Another sign for mankind is that I carried their ancestors on Noah's Ark. 42. And I created similar vessels, in which they ride (mankind has intelligence and ingenuity to construct and manage seacrafts and aircrafts etc). 43. If I had so willed, I could have downed them all, nor would have anyone responded to their cries, nor would they have been rescued. 44. Only, through My mercy are they given time to enjoy life. 45. When they are told: "Beware of what is ahead (hereafter) and what is behind (previous destroyed nations) you, so you may attain mercy." They pay no attention. 46. They ignore every sign that comes their way. 47. When they are told: "Give to others out of what Allah has given you." The unbelievers say: "Why should we feed those whom Allah could feed Himself, if He wished? You are misguided." 48. They further say: "When will this promise of resurrection come to pass, if what you say is true?" 49. A blast will overwhelm them at the blink of an eye, while they are engaged in their worldly affairs. 50. Then, they will neither be able to make a will, nor will they be able to return to their families. 51. The trumpet will be blown, and all will rise from their graves and rush towards their Lord. 52. They will cry: "Who woke us up?" They will be told: "This is what Allah had promised you, and all His messengers' spoke the truth." 53. It will be just one single blast, and then, they will all be brought before Me. 54. On that day, no soul will be wronged. Every soul shall be rewarded according to what it had done. 55. On that day the residents of Paradise will be busy enjoying themselves. 56. They and their spouses will be under cool shades, while reclining on canopied couches. 57. They will have fruits and whatever they desire. 58. It will be said to them: "Peace." A greeting from Allah - the Merciful. 59. Allah will say: "O you in sin, step aside from the successful ones. 60. Did you, O Children of Adam, not promise Me that you would not follow Satan and I had told you that he was your enemy. 61. Did you not promise to obey Me and remain on the right path. 62. Did you not have sense to see the many he misled? 63. This is hell which you were promised. 64. Burn in it

today for your disbelief.” 65. On that day, I shall seal their lips and cause their hands and feet to speak, for they will testify against them. 66. Had I so willed, I could have blinded them, so they would struggle to find the right path. How then could they see? 67. And had I willed, I could have paralysed them on the spot, then they would be unable to go forward, or turn back. 68. If I grant long life to anyone, I cause them to weaken after strength. Will they not then understand? 69. I did not teach Muhammad poetry, nor does he need it. This is a reminder, 70. to warn whoever is truly alive, and to fulfil the decree of torment against the disbelievers. 71. Do they not see that I created among many other things cattle which are under their control? 72. They were subdued by Me. Some they ride and some they eat. 73. They derive other benefits from them too, and they provide milk. Will they not then show some gratitude. 74. Still they have taken others besides Me, hoping to be helped. 75. They cannot help them, though they serve them as dedicated guards. 76. Do not be saddened by their statements, for I know what they conceal and what they reveal. 77. Does man not see that I created him from a drop of fluid, but then he challenges Me. 78. And they argue with Me, forgetting that they were created, saying: “Who will give life to decayed bones?” 79. Say: “He who created you in the first place will, for He has knowledge of all His creation.” 80. He is the One who gives you fire from the green trees; from them you kindle a fire. (Arabian trees called markh and afar, which produce fire, when their branches are rubbed) 81. Can the One who created the heavens and the earth not easily resurrect these deniers? Yes, He can, for He is the Master Creator, the Knowledgeable. 82. When I desire something, I say to it be and it is. 83. Glory be to Allah in whose hands is sovereignty and to whom all shall return.

SURA 37. As - Saffat (ranks)

1. By those angels lined up in ranks. 2. By those, who drive the clouds. 3. By those, who recite the Qur'an. 4. Surely your God is One. 5. He is the Lord of the heavens and the earth, and everything in between, and the Lord of all points of sunrise. 6. I have decorated the lower heaven with beautiful stars, 7. for protection from every rebellious devil (the Jins), 8. so they cannot hear the highest assembly of angels, for they are pelted from every side (cosmic explosions), 9. and fiercely driven away, and they will suffer an everlasting punishment. 10. Eavesdroppers are pursued with flaming fire of piercing brightness (gamma rays etc). 11. Ask them: "What is difficult, human creation or the rest of My creation (the jins, the angels, the sun, the moon, the stars, the mountains etc)?" I created man from sticky clay (sperm). 12. O Muhammad, why are you surprised by them mocking My revelations. 13. And when they are warned, they pay no attention, 14. and when they see a sign, they make fun of it, 15. saying: "This is magic. 16. What! when we are dead and reduced to dust and bones shall we really be resurrected 17. with our fathers?" 18. Say: "Yes, and you will be humiliated." 19. It will be a single blast, but then they will stare in horror. 20. They will cry, saying: "Woe to us, for this is the Day of Judgment." 21. And they will be told: "This is the day for the final decision which you denied." 22. Allah will say to the angels: "Gather all the wrongdoers along with their peers, and whatever they used to worship, 23. besides Allah, lead them to Hell. 24. Stop, for they must be asked: 25. "Why are you not supporting each other?" 26. On that day they will all be submissive. 27. They will turn on each other, accusing each other. 28. The weak will say to their leaders: "You enticed us from the right path." 29. The leaders will reply: "No! You disbelieved on your own accord. 30. We had no authority over you. In fact, you were transgressors. 31. Our Lord's decree is now upon us, so we have to suffer. 32. We misled you because we were misled ourselves." 33. They

will share His punishment on that day. 34. That is how I deal with the evildoers. 35. When they were told - there is no god except Allah, they became arrogant, 36. and argued, saying: "Should we abandon our gods for a mad poet?" 37. In fact, he was sent with the truth, and it confirmed previous messengers. 38. You unbelievers will taste the greatest punishment. 39. Your punishment is proportionate to your misdeeds. 40. Sincere servants of Allah, 41. will have familiar provisions. 42. Fruits of every kind and be honoured, 43. in gardens of bliss, 44. facing each other on couches. 45. And a pure glass of wine will be passed around them from a flowing stream, 46. crystal-white, delicious to drink. 47. It will neither harm them, nor intoxicate them. 48. And by their sides will be bashful women with gorgeous eyes, 49. as if they were pristine pearls. 50. They will turn to each other and ask questions. 51. One of them will say: "I used to have this friend, 52. who used to ask me: "Do you believe the resurrection? 53. And that, after we die and become dust and bones, we shall be raised back to life for judgement?" 54. It will be said: "Would you like to see your friends' fate?" 55. They will look down and spot him in the midst of the Fire. 56. A friend will say: "By Allah! You nearly ruined me. 57. Had it not been Allah's grace, I too would have been among those in Hell." 58. They will turn around and say to their fellow believers: "Can you imagine that we will never die, 59. except our first death, nor be punished like the others? 60. This is a great achievement." 61. For such honour you should all strive. 62. Is this bliss better, or the tree of Hell - *Zaqqum*? 63. I created this tree as punishment for the evildoers. 64. It is a tree that rises from the depths of Hell. 65. Bearing fruits like devils' heads. 66. The evildoers will eat and fill their bellies with it. 67. On top of that they will be given a blend of boiling liquids to drink. 68. Then, they will ultimately return to their place in Hell. 69. They found their fathers astray, 70. and rushed to follow in their footsteps. 71. Most men in the past were astray, 72. though I had sent warner's from among them. 73. Note the consequence of those who were forewarned. 74. Only My sincere

servants were saved. 75. Noah cried out to Me. How excellent was My response? 76. I saved Noah and his family from distress, 77. and made his descendants sole survivors on earth. 78. And, I blessed him with honour amongst later generations. 79. Peace be upon Noah among the worlds. 80. This is how I reward those who are righteous. 81. Noah was one of My faithful servants. 82. Then I drowned the others. 83. Abraham was like him. 84. He submitted whole heartedly to his Lord. 85. Abraham said to his father and people: “What are you worshipping? 86. How can you choose idols over Allah? 87. What do you have to say about the Lord of the Worlds?” 88. He later looked up at the stars in contemplation, 89. and said: “I am really sick.” 90. His people turned their backs on him and went away. 91. Abraham sneaked into their temple and addressed their gods, saying: “Why do you not eat your offerings? 92. What is the matter with you, why don’t you speak?” 93. Then, he swiftly turned and struck them with his right hand. 94. Later on, his people came rushing towards him furiously. 95. Abraham argued, saying: “How can you worship what you carve with your own hands. 96. It is Allah who created you?” 97. They said to one another: “Build a furnace and throw him in the fire.” 98. They sought to harm Abraham, but I humiliated them. (I commanded the fire to be cool). 99. Abraham later said: “I am leaving in obedience to my Lord, for He will guide me. 100. O my Lord, bless me with righteous offspring.” 101. I gave him news of a son. (first son, born by Hajar - Ishmael). 102. When the boy was old enough to work with his father, Abraham said: “Son, I saw myself sacrificing you in a dream. What do you think?” Ishmael said: “O father, do as you are commanded, for you will find me, by the grace of Allah, to be patient.” 103. After both surrendered to Allah’s will, Ishmael put his forehead down for sacrifice. 104. I called: “O Abraham. 105. You have fulfilled the vision.” This is how I reward those who do good. 106. This was obviously a test. 107. I ransomed his son with a great sacrifice (Abraham slaughtered a ram which became part of the Hajj ritual) 108. and blessed Abraham with honour among

later generations. 109. Peace be on Abraham. 110. I reward those who do good.
 111. He was a My faithful servant. 112. I later gave him good news of Isaac - a
 prophet and one of the righteous. (Abraham was 100 when Sarah gave birth to
 Isaac) 113. I blessed him and Isaac. Among their progeny some are righteous,
 while others are evil. 114. And I showed great kindness to Moses and Aaron, 115.
 And I saved them and their followers from great distress. 116. And with My help
 they prevailed. 117. I gave them a glorious Book (Torah), 118. and guided them
 to the right path. 119. And I blessed them with honour among later generations.
 120. Peace be on Moses and Aaron. 121. I thus, reward the righteous. 122. Both
 were among My believing servants. 123. Elijah too was one of My messengers'.
 124. Remember, when he said to his people: "Do you not fear Allah? 125. How
 can you invoke baal (pagan idol) and forsake the Gracious Creator, 126. Allah -
 your Lord and the Lord of your fathers?" 127. They rejected him, so they will be
 brought forward for punishment, 128. except those who are devoted to His
 service. 129. And I blessed him with honour among later generations. 130. Peace
 be on Elias. 131. I do reward those who are kind. 132. He was one of My faithful
 servants. 133. And Lot was one of My messengers'. 134. Remember, when I saved
 him and his family, 135. except the old woman, for she was of the doomed. 136.
 Then, I destroyed the rest. 137. You Meccans pass by their ruins every day, 138.
 and night. Will you not then, understand. 139. And Jonah (Younus) was one of My
 messengers'. 140. Remember, when he fled upon an overloaded ship. (Jonah ran
 away from Nineveh and abandoned his prophetic mission which Allah had
 entrusted in him) 141. He took part in casting lots (lucky draws) and was
 condemned. (to save the ship from sinking Jonah and the other passengers
 drew straws. He lost and was thrown overboard. According to the Bible he told
 the other passengers that he had fled from the presence of their Lord, because
 of that sin they were all in danger) 142. Thus, a whale swallowed him, for he was
 blameworthy. 143. Had he not constantly glorified Allah, 144. he would have

remained in that whales belly till the Day of Resurrection. 145. He was thrown on an open shore while he was ill. (whale vomited him out) 146. And I caused a gourd plant (hard fruit) to grow over him. 147. Later on, I sent him back to his city of at least, one hundred thousand people. 148. They believed, so I allowed them to enjoy life for a while. 149. Ask the unbelievers: “How come you want sons (they considered daughters a matter of shame), and say Allah has daughters?” 150. Or ask them if I created the angels as females before their very eyes. 151. No! It is one of their lies. 152. They say: “Allah has children.” They are liars. 153. Has He chosen daughters over sons. 154. What is wrong with you. How do you judge? 155. Why do you not reflect? 156. Or do you have proof? 157. Present your Books and prove your statement. 158. They have also established a relationship between Him and the jins. Yet the jins know well that they will be brought before Allah for judgement. 160. True servants of God do not say such things. 161. As for you and what you worship, 162. no way will you tempt any against Allah, 163. except those who are destined for Hell. 164. The angels whom they assert to be God’s daughters say: “We have assigned functions. 165. We are ranged in ranks for Allah’s service. 166. We constantly glorify His praise.” 167. The unbelievers used to say: 168. “If only we had a Reminder like previous nations, 169. we would have truly been Allah’s devoted servants.” 170. Now they reject My Qur’an. Soon they will know. 171. Our word has already gone forth to Our servants, the messengers, 172. that they would surely be helped, 173. and that, Our forces will prevail. 174. Stay away from them, O Muhammad, 175. for you will soon see what will happen to them, they too will see. 176. Do they really want Me to rush My punishment? 177. Yet when it descends, how evil will that morning be for those who had been forewarned. 178. Leave them for a while. 179. You will see, and they too will see. 180. Glory be to your Lord, the Lord of greatness, for what they attribute to Him. 181. Peace be upon His messengers’. 182. Praise be to Allah.

SURA 38. Sad

1. Sad (*only Allah its meaning*). I swear by this Qur'an, which is full of reminders from Allah. 2. Those who disbelieve are steeped in arrogance and defiance. 3. How many generations did I destroy before them for the same sins? They did call Me for help, but it was too late. 4. The pagans are astonished that a warner has come to them from among themselves. The unbelievers say: "This is a magician, or a liar. 5. He has rolled all our gods into one God. This is very strange." 6. Their leaders departed, saying: "Walk away, and hold on to your deities. This is a conspiracy. 7. We never heard of this from previous religions. This is an innovation. 8. Out of all of us why has the reminder only been revealed to him?" They doubt My reminders because they have not had a taste of My punishment. 9. Or, is it because they possess the treasures of the mercy of your Lord - the Almighty, the Bestower. 10. Or, is it because the kingdom of the heavens and the earth and everything between them belongs exclusively to them? Let them ascend through any means of access if they can. 11. This is another enemy force bound for defeat. 12. Before them the people of Noah rejected the truth, as did the nation of 'Ad and the mighty, Pharaoh, 13. and the tribe of Thamud, and the people of Lot, and the residents of the Forest. All were enemy forces. 14. They all rejected My messengers', so punishment was justified. 15. What these people are waiting for is a single blast, from which, they will never recover. 16. They said: "O Lord, Rush our punishment before the Day of Reckoning." 17. Be patient, O Muhammad, with what they say, and remember, My servant, David - a man of great strength, for he constantly turned to Me. 18. I made the mountains join him when he glorified Me during sunset and sunrise, 19. and the birds, they all echoed My praise with David. 20. I strengthened his kingship and gave him wisdom and sound judgment. 21. Have you not heard the story, O Muhammad, of the two plaintiffs who climbed up the wall of his chamber? 22. When they entered David's

presence, he was alarmed, but they said: "Do not be afraid, for we are two disputants. We have wronged each other, so judge us, but do not be unjust and guide us unto the right path. 23. This is my brother, he owns ninety-nine lambs, while I only have one, but he is pressuring me to give him my lamb." 24. David, eventually ruled, saying: "He has definitely wronged you. Certainly, many partners wrong each other in business, except those who believe in Allah and do good, but how few they are." Suddenly, David realized that I was testing him, so he began to ask his Lord for forgiveness. He prostrated and repented. (David wished one of his officers would divorce his wife so he could marry his wife, even though he had 99 wives) 25. I forgave David, for he is close to Us, and has a good place to return to. 26. I instructed him, saying: "O David! I made you a successor on the earth, so judge people with the truth and do not follow your own desire, for they will lead you away. Those who sway from My path will suffer a severe punishment for neglecting the Day of Reckoning." 27. I did not create the heavens and earth and everything between them without a purpose, as the unbelievers think. Woe to them. They will suffer in the Fire. 28. Or, should I treat those who believe and do good as I treat those who corrupt the earth, or should I treat the righteous as the evil ones? 29. This Qur'an is a blessed Book, which I have revealed to you, O Muhammad, so they may reflect upon its verses and for people of reason to be reminded. 30. And I bestowed upon David, Solomon, an excellent servant, for he frequently turned to Allah. 31. Remember, when the well-trained swift horses were paraded before him in the evening. 32. Solomon said: "I do love good things, for they remind me of the One who created them." When the horses were out of sight during dusk, 33. Solomon said: "Bring them back." Then Solomon began to rub and stroke their shanks and necks. 34. I put Solomon to test. I placed a corpse (dajjal - antichrist) on his throne. Solomon immediately repented, 35. and said: "O my Lord! Forgive me and grant me a kingdom (Jerusalem), which none shall own after my death, for You are the grantor of bounties without measure." 36. I

accepted his prayer and made the wind subservient to his command. It blew gently in the direction of his choice. 37. And I made the jins work for him, every kind, builders, divers, 38. and others linked together in chains. 39. Allah said: "This is My gift to you, so give or withhold, do as you wish, for you will not be accountable." 40. Solomon deserves a close position with Us and an excellent home. 41. Remember, My servant Job (Ayub), when he cried, saying: "Satan has afflicted me with distress." 42. I responded: "Stomp your foot." Behold, a spring came forth. "Refresh yourself and drink." 43. And I gave him back his family, twice as many, as a mercy from Us and a lesson for people of reason. 44. I said: "Take a bundle of grass and strike your wife with it, nor break your oath." I truly found him patient. What an excellent servant he was. Indeed, he constantly turned to Allah. (Job was afflicted with a long illness and he lost his children and community. Only his wife stayed with him. Once he became so angry with his wife that he vowed to punish her with 100 lashes if he recovered, however when he recovered, he became remorseful of what he had said. To help Job fulfil his vow without harming his wife, He advised him to strike her with 100 blades of grass) 45. And remember, My servants: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob - all men of strength and insight. 46. I selected them to enforce awareness of the Hereafter. 47. With Us they are of the elite, the best. 48. And recall Ishmael, Elisha and Dhul-Kifl (Isaiah) - excellent individuals. 49. This Qur'an is but a reminder, and the righteous will have a wonderful home, 50. in gardens of eternity whose gates will be open wide to receive them. 51. They will recline on pillows and be offered various fruits and drinks. 52. And besides them will be well matched women with a modest gaze and of equal age. 53. This is what you are being promised for the day of account. 54. This is My provision for you, it will be never-ending. 55. The rebellious will have the worst place to return, 56. Hell, where they shall burn. What an evil place. 57. And they will be told: "This is your reward, so taste it - boiling water and scalding pus, 58. as well as other similar punishments." 59. The

ringleaders will say to one another: "Here is another crowd of our followers being thrown in with us. They are not welcome, for they too will burn in the Fire." 60. The followers will say to the leaders: "There is no welcome for you either. You brought this upon us. What an evil home. 61. O Lord! Double the punishment of those who brought this on us." 62. The tyrants will ask one another: "Why do we not see those whom we deemed evil, 63. and whom we abused? Or have our eyes failed to notice them." 64. This dispute between the residents of the Fire will certainly take place. 65. Say: "I am here to warn you, and there is no god besides Allah - the One, the Supreme. 66. The Lord of the heavens and the earth and everything between them - the Noble One, the Forgiver." 67. Say: "This Qur'an has tremendous news, 68. yet you ignore it." 69. Say: "I had no knowledge of the exalted assembly of angels when they differed about Adam. 70. I only know of these events through divine revelations, for my mission is to convey His message clearly and publicly." 71. Your Lord said to the angels: "I am going to create a human being from clay. 72. When I have formed him and breathed into him of My spirit, prostrate before him." 73. So the angels prostrated, altogether, 74. but not Satan, he was proud. He became a rebel. 75. Allah said: "O Iblis! What prevented you from prostrating to what I created with My Own two Hands? Did you just become proud? Or have you always been arrogant?" 76. Iblis said: "I am better than him: You made me from fire and him from clay." 77. Allah said: "Get out of Paradise, for you are truly cursed. 78. And My curse shall remain upon you until the Day of Judgment." 79. Satan appealed, saying: "O my Lord! Delay my end until the day of their resurrection." 80. Allah said: "Your end will be delayed, 81. until their appointed day." 82. Satan said: "By Your Glory! I will mislead them all, 83. except Your true servants." 84. Allah concluded: "I swear by the truth, and I speak the truth. 85. I will fill Hell with you and whoever follows you from among them." 86. Say: "I am not asking for a reward, nor am I a fraud. 87. This Qur'an is a reminder for the whole world. 88. And in time you will know its truth."

SURA 39. Az - Zumar (troops)

1. This Qur'an has been sent down by Allah, the Almighty, the Wise. 2. Indeed, I have sent down this Qur'an to you, O Muhammad, in truth, so worship Allah and be sincere in your devotion. 3. Sincere devotion is due only to Allah. As for those who take other lords besides Him, saying: "We only worship them because they bring us close to Allah." Allah will judge them, but Allah will not guide ungrateful liars. 4. Had it been Allah's will to have a son, He could have chosen any He pleased out of His creation. Glory be to Him. He is Allah - the One, the Supreme. 5. He created the heavens and the earth for a purpose. He wraps the night around the day and the day around the night and made the sun and the moon subservient to His law, each orbiting for an appointed term. He is the Almighty, the Forgiver. 6. He created you from a single soul, Adam, and then from it, He made its mate, Eve. And He made for you four pairs of cattle. He creates you in the womb of your mother in stages - one development after another, in three layers of darkness. That is Allah, your Lord. All authority belongs to Him. There is no god except Him. How can you be so deluded away from Him? 7. If you disbelieve, then know that Allah is truly not in need of you, nor does He approve of disbelief. If you are grateful, however, He appreciates it. No soul will carry another's burden. To Allah is your return, for then He will inform you of your deeds. He knows what is hidden in the heart. 8. When man is in trouble, he remembers Allah, and then begins to pray, but when Allah saves him, he forgets his Lord and worships other things, and misleads others too. Tell such a person: "Enjoy your temporary disbelief, for you have earned the Fire of Hell." 9. What about the one who worships Allah devoutly during the night, bowing, standing in prayer, ever mindful of the life to come, hoping for his Lord's mercy? Say: "How can those who know be compared to those who have no idea?" Only those with understanding will pay attention to this. 10. Allah says: "O My servants who believe! Be mindful of your Lord, for those

who do good in this world will have a great reward. Indeed, Allah's earth is spacious (*emigrate to another place if you are subject to persecution*). Those who endure with patience will have a reward without limit." 11. Say: "I am commanded to worship Allah and be devoted to His religion. 12. And I am commanded to be the first of those who submit to His will." 13. Say: "I fear the punishment of that great day if I were to disobey my Lord." 14. Say: "I worship Allah and I am devoted to His religion. 15. Worship then whatever gods you want instead of Him." Say: "Losers are those who will lose themselves and their families on the Day of Judgment. That is a terrible loss." 16. They will have layers of fire above and below them. That is what Allah warns His servants with, so fear Me, O My servants. O My servants! Be mindful of your Lord. 17. There is good news for those who shun the worship of false gods and turn to Allah, so give good news to My servants, O Muhammad. 18. Those who listen to what is said and follow the best of it. They are the ones who Allah has guided. These are people of reason. 19. As for those who deserve My punishment; can you save them from the Fire? Of course not. 20. As to those who show the utmost respect to their Lord, they will live in high mansions beneath which rivers flow. This is a promise binding upon Allah. Allah never breaks His promise. 21. Do you not see that Allah sends down rain from the sky, channelling it through streams on the earth, and from it, He produces crops of various colours, but then they dry up and you see them wither, but then He reduces them to chaff? There is a reminder in this for those who think. 22. Can the misguided be like those whose hearts Allah has opened to submission, so they are enlightened by their Lord? So, woe to those whose hearts are hardened at the remembrance of Allah! It is they who are clearly astray. 23. Allah sent down the best communication; a book, which is consistent and with oft-repeated lessons. Those who respect their Lord are filled with awe when they hear it, their body shivers with the fear of their Lord. Such is Allah's guidance and He guides whomever He wills unto the right path. As for those who deserve to be deprived

of His guidance, there is no hope for them. 24. What about the one who will try to shield his face from the punishment on the Day of Judgement, can he be compared to the one who will be secure from punishment? It will be said to the unjust: "Taste your earnings." 25. Many a people before them also chose to disobey. They got what they deserved when they least expect it. 26. Allah humiliated them, as a lesson for later generations, but the greatest punishment, however, has yet to come, if only they could understand this. 27. I have cited in this Qur'an various examples for you, so pay careful attention to them. 28. A Qur'an in Arabic, free from distortion, so people may think. 29. Allah puts forward an example of a slave owned by several quarrelsome masters - and a slave owned by one master. Are they equal in condition? Praise be to Allah! In fact, most people do not know. 30. You, O Muhammad, will certainly die and they too will die. 31. Then, on the Day of Judgment you will all settle your disputes before your Lord. 32. Who could be eviler than the one who lies about God and denies the truth when it comes to him. Is there not ample punishment in Hell for such unbelievers? 33. Those who brought the truth and acknowledged it are those who fear Allah. 34. They shall have whatever they desire from their Lord. That is their reward. 35. Allah will erase, even the worst of their deeds and reward them according to the best of their deeds. 36. Is Allah not sufficient for His servants? Yet they threaten you with other powerless gods besides Him. Whoever Allah leaves to stray will be left with no guide. 37. Whoever Allah guides, none can lead them astray. Is there anyone who doubts the might and justice of Allah? 38. Ask: "Who created the heavens and the earth?", they will say "Allah". Then say: "Why do you worship other things besides Him?" Say: "If Allah decides to afflict me with hardship, none can prevent it, and if He decides to bless me with a favour, none can take it from me. Why, then should I worship others beside Allah?" Say: "Allah is sufficient for me. All those who believe in Him should put their trust in Him." 39. Say: "O my People! "Do your best, for I will do my best." Soon you will find

out, 40. who will receive a shameful punishment and upon whom will fall an everlasting punishment.” 41. I have sent down this Book offering you the truth. Whoever follows its guidance, does so for his own good, but those who reject it, does so, to their own peril. You, O Muhammad, are not accountable for them. 42. Allah is the One, who summons souls during death. Allah also takes your souls when you sleep, but restores by will and allows you to live as long as He has predestined your term, or He may decide to keep it, and allow you to die in your sleep. There is a sign in this for those with intelligence. 43. Yet they take intercessors besides Allah. Say: “They have no power or understanding.” 44. Say: “To Allah belongs all intercession and to Him belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth and to Him you shall return.” 45. Yet, when Allah’s name is mentioned the hearts of those who disbelieve in the Hereafter become filled with disgust, but as soon as their idols names are mentioned, they become joyful. 46. Say: “O Allah! Originator of the heavens and the earth. Knower of the visible and invisible. You will judge their differences.” 47. If the evildoers owned every valuable thing on earth, or even twice as much, on the Day of Judgment they would willingly offer it to escape punishment when they see the consequence of what is to happen to them, 48. for then, the evil consequence of their deeds will unfold before them and they will be overwhelmed by what they used to ridicule. 49. During hardship they cry out to Me, but when I shower them with My blessings, they say: “I have been given this because of certain knowledge I possess.” Not at all! It is no more than a test, though most people do not understand this. 50. Those who lived before them said the same thing, but what they earned was of no benefit to them, 51. and the evil consequence of their deeds overwhelmed them. The evildoers among these pagans will also be overwhelmed by their evil deeds. They will have no escape. 52. Don’t they understand that Allah gives abundantly or limited provisions to whomever He wills? There is a sign in this for those who believe. 53. Allah says: “O My worshipers

who have transgressed against themselves, do not despair from My mercy, for your Lord forgives all sins. Indeed, He is Forgiving, Merciful.” 54. Turn to your Lord in repentance, and submit to Him before His punishment reaches you, for then you will receive no help. 55. And follow the best of what has been sent down, before the retribution comes to you suddenly, when you least expect it. 56. So that no sinful soul will say on Judgment Day: “Woe to me for neglecting my duties to Allah, while ridiculing the truth.” 57. Or lest a soul should say: “If only Allah had guided me, I would have certainly become righteous.” 58. Or say upon seeing My punishment: “If only I had a second chance, I would be among the virtuous.” 59. My revelations had already come to you, but you rejected them, acted arrogantly, and were one of the disbelievers. 60. On the Day of Judgment you will see those who lied about Allah with gloomy faces. Is Hell not a perfect home for the arrogant? 61. Allah will save those who were mindful of Him to their place of triumph. No evil will touch them, nor will they grieve. 62. Allah is the creator and maintainer of everything. 63. To Allah belongs the keys of the treasures of the heavens and the earth. Real losers are those who do not believe in the revelations of Allah. 64. Say: “Are you asking me to worship other than Allah, O ignorant ones?” 65. It has already been revealed to you and all the prophets before you that if you associate others with Allah, all your deeds will become void and you will become one of the losers. 66. Rather, worship Allah and be grateful. 67. They have not honoured Allah the way He should have been honoured. Allah is the greatest and on the Day of Resurrection the earth will be in His grasp. In fact, all universes will be rolled up in His right hand. Glory be to Allah. It is beyond Allah’s dignity to have any partners. 68. The trumpet will be blown and all those in the heavens and all those on the earth will fall to their death, except those Allah wills to spare. Then it will blow a second time, and all will rise up at once, looking in anticipation. 69. The earth will shine with His light, and records of deeds will be laid open, and the prophets and the witnesses will be brought forward, then

judgment will be passed on all beings with fairness. None will be wronged. 70. Every soul will receive its reward for its deeds. Indeed, Allah knows what every soul has done. 71. Those who denied the truth will be driven to Hell in crowds. When they reach Hell, its gates will open, and its custodians will say: "Did messengers' not come to you reciting the verses of your Lord and warning you of today's meeting?" They will say: "Yes." The decree of punishment is justified against those who chose to disbelieve. 72. They will then be told: "Enter Hell, where you shall live." What a miserable destiny for the arrogant. 73. Those who were conscious of their Lord will be driven to Paradise in crowds. When they reach it, its gates will open, and the custodians will say: "Peace be on you. Come on in, for you are here to stay." 74. The believers will say: "Praise be to the One who has fulfilled His promise and made us inherit this everlasting land of Paradise." An excellent reward for those who believe. 75. And you will see angels around His Throne, glorifying their Lord. Once Judgement is rendered it will be proclaimed: "Praise be to Allah - Lord of the Worlds."

SURA 40. Al - Mu'min (believer)

1. Ha, Meem (only Allah knows their meaning). 2. The revelations of this Book is from Allah - the Almighty, the Knowledgeable. 3. Forgiver of sins. Acceptor of repentance. Severe in punishment and Bountiful in bounty. There is no god but Him, and to Him is the ultimate return. 4. None but those who disbelieve dispute His signs, so do not be deceived by their prosperity. 5. Denial of the truth is not a new phenomenon. The People of Noah had also rejected the truth. Every community plotted against their messengers' and tried to destroy them physically and through disinformation campaigns. I punished them with the most severe punishment. 6. Your Lord's decree has proven true. The unbelievers will be companions of the Fire. 7. Those who carry the Throne of His Majesty, and those

around it, praise His limitless glory and believe in Him and ask Him to forgive those who believe on earth. They say: "O Lord, Your mercy and knowledge surrounds everything. Forgive those, who repent and follow Your path, spare them from the punishment of Hell. 8. O Lord, cause them to enter the gardens, which You had promised them, along with those, who are righteous among their fathers, wives, and children, for You are Almighty, Wise. 9. And protect them from evil. Those whom You spare on Judgement Day will have received Your mercy. That will be a supreme triumph." 10. The unbelievers will be addressed: "Greater was the anger of Allah against you than your anger towards yourselves, seeing that you were invited to faith, but you refused." 11. They will plead, saying: "O Lord! You made us lifeless twice and gave us life twice. Now we confess our sins. Is there any way out for us?" (from nothingness to life in this world, to death, and then Resurrection) 12. They will be told: "No! This because when Allah's name was mentioned, you disbelieved, but when others were invoked, you believed." Judgement rests with Allah - the Most High, the Greatest. 13. Allah shows you His signs and sends water down from the sky to sustain you, yet none pay attention to His signs, except those who turn towards Him. 14. So call upon Allah with sincere devotion, even to the dismay of the unbelievers. 15. Allah is high above all ranks - the Lord of the Throne of Authority. He sends His revelations to whomever He wills of His servants, to warn humanity about the day, upon which they will meet Him. 16. On the day, when everyone emerges from their grave, nothing about them will be hidden from Allah. Allah will ask: "To whom belongs the kingdom today?" The universe will cry out: "To You, O Allah - the One - the Most Powerful. 17. Every soul shall be rewarded for what it had done. There will be no injustice." Allah is swift in settling accounts. 18. Warn them, O Muhammad, of the approaching day when hearts will jump to their throats, suppressing distress. The evildoer will have neither a friend nor an intercessor. 19. Allah is aware of the most furtive of glances (attempt not to be noticed) and what hearts

conceal. 20. Allah will judge all with the truth, while those they invoke cannot judge at all. Indeed, Allah hears and sees everything. 21. Have they not travelled and seen the fate of those whom I destroyed before them? They were far superior in might than these and they left far more monuments throughout the land, but I seized them for their sins. They had none to protect them. 22. This happened because My messengers had come to them with proof, yet they still persisted in disbelief, so Allah seized them. Indeed, He is Powerful and severe in Punishment. 23. I sent Moses with My signs, 24. to Pharaoh, Haman and Qarun, but they all said: "You are a magician, and a liar." 25. When Moses appeared before them with the truth from Us, they said: "Kill his followers' sons and spare their females." Unbelievers plans end with nothing, except mistakes and delusions. 26. Pharaoh said: "Let me kill Moses and let him appeal to his Lord. I fear he may change your religion or spread disorder in our land." 27. Moses said: "I seek refuge with my Lord and your Lord from every arrogant person who does not believe in the Day of Reckoning." 28. A believer from Pharaoh's family who was hiding his faith, argued with them, saying: "Will you kill a man for saying 'My Lord is Allah', while he has come with proof? If he is a liar, then it will be to his loss, but if he is speaking the truth, then you will be afflicted with some of what he is threatening you with. Allah does not guide transgressors, or liars. 29. People, you reign today, and you are masters in the land, but who will protect us from Allah's punishment should it fall on us?" Pharaoh reassured his people, saying: "I am telling you only what I believe, and I am guiding you to the right path." 30. The believer said: "O my People, I fear your fate will be the same fate as those, who opposed their prophet's before you, 31. like the fate of the People of Noah and 'Ad and Thamud, and those, who came after them. Allah does no injustice on His servants. 32. O my People! I fear the day when you will cry out to each other for help. 33. A day, upon which you will try in vain to run, with none to protect you from Allah. Whoever Allah misleads, no one can guide them. 34. Joseph came to you earlier

with proof, but you never stopped doubting his message. When he died, you said: "Allah will not send us another messenger." Allah leaves astray those who doubt and transgress. 35. Those who dispute Allah's signs without proof are greatly hateful to Allah and the believers. And so, Allah seals the hearts of every arrogant tyrant. 36. Pharaoh said "O Haman! Build me a high tower, so I may reach the pathway, 37. to heaven and look for the God of Moses, though I'm sure he is lying to us." Pharaoh's evil deeds were made appealing to him, so he was blocked from the right path. Pharaoh's plans led him to his own destruction. 38. The believer said: "O my People, follow me, for I will guide you unto the right path. 39. Life of this world is temporary and will pass by fast. Our permanent home is in the Hereafter." 40. And whoever does evil shall receive the like of it, but believers who do good shall enter Paradise and receive many blessings. 41. The believer said: "O my People, I am inviting you to salvation, while you are inviting me to the Fire. 42. You want me to disbelieve in Allah and associate idols with Him, without knowledge, though I am inviting you to the Almighty, the Forgiver. 43. The fact is: those things you invite me to worship have no power, neither in this world, nor in the Hereafter. Our final return is to Allah. The evildoers have one destiny- the Fire of Hell. 44. One day you will remember what I am saying to you. I leave this affair with Allah. He is observing His servants closely." 45. Allah protected him from their evil plan. The People of Pharaoh will be surrounded by the worst of My punishments. 46. While waiting for their Resurrection in their grave the People of Pharaoh will continuously be exposed to the nightmare of their destiny every morning and evening, Hell. And on the Day of Resurrection it will be ordered: "Now admit them to the worse place in Hell for the most horrible punishment." 47. Consider of the day when they will argue in the Fire, the weak followers will appeal to their arrogant leaders, saying: "We were dedicated followers, can you shield us from this Fire." 48. The arrogant leaders will say: "We are all in it. Allah has already passed judgment." 49. Companions of the Fire will say to Hell's

gatekeepers: "Ask your Lord to relieve our punishment for at least one day." 50. The keepers will say: "Did messengers' not continuously come with proof?" They will say: "Yes, they did." The keepers will say: "Then pray, though unbelievers' prayers are in vain." 51. I will help My messengers' and the believers in this world and on the day witnesses arise. 52. A day when excuses will be of no help to the transgressors, for they will be cursed, and they will abide in the worst of homes. 53. I gave Moses guidance and made the Children of Israel inherit the Torah. 54. It was a guide and a reminder for those who think. 55. So patiently persevere for Allah's promise is true. Seek forgiveness for your shortcomings and glorify His praises in the morning and in the evening. 56. Those who dispute Allah's signs without proof have nothing but greed for dominance in their hearts, which they will never attain, so seek refuge in Allah, for He sees and hears all. 57. The creation of the heavens and the earth was far greater than the re-creation of humans, but most people do not know this. 58. Those blind to the truth and those who see cannot be compared, nor are those who believe and do good equal to those who do evil. Yet you hardly remember. 59. The Hour is certainly approaching, there is no doubt about it, though most people do not believe. 60. Your Lord has said: "Call Me, for I will respond, but those who are too proud to worship Me will enter Hell, fully humbled." 61. Allah made the night for you to rest, and the day bright. Allah is ever bountiful to humanity, yet most people are ungrateful. 62. That is Allah, your Lord - the Creator of everything. There is no god but Him. How can you then, be so deluded? 63. Previous unbelievers were also deluded. 64. Allah made the earth for you to settle in and the sky a canopy. He designed you and perfected your design and provided you with wholesome things. Such is Allah, your Lord. Blessed be Allah, the Lord of the Worlds. 65. He is ever Living. There is no god except Him, so call upon Him with sincere devotion, and say: "All praise is for You, O Allah. Lord of the Worlds." 66. Say: "Evidence has come unto me from my Lord. I have been prohibited to worship those things you worship, and I am commanded

to submit to the Lord of the Worlds.” 67. It is He who created you from dust, and then from a sperm drop, and then from a clinging leech like, and then He brings you out as infants, and then He allows you to reach maturity, and then you become elderly, although some of you die young, so you may reach your predetermined age and perhaps you may understand. 68. Allah gives life and it is Allah who causes you to die. When Allah decrees something, He says to it be and it is. 69. How misled are those who dispute Allah’s signs? 70. They reject this Qur’an and all previous Books that I sent to My messenger’s. They will soon know the consequence for such deeds, 71. when shackles will be placed around their necks and chains on their legs. Then, they will be dragged, 72. through scalding fluid, and then be burnt in a Fire as fuel. 73. Then, they will be asked: “Where are those idols you used to associate, 74. with Allah?” They will cry and say: “They have abandoned us. In fact, we worshipped nothing.” Allah allows unbelievers to stray. 75. They will be told: “This punishment is for running wild with arrogance on earth. 76. Enter the gates of Hell where you shall live forever.” An evil home for the arrogant. 77. Be patient, for your Lord’s promise is true. whether I allow you, O Muhammad, to see the consequence of their disbelief or I ordain your death before that, in any case, they shall be summoned to My court on Judgment Day. 78. I sent many messengers before you. I have told you stories of some of them, while others I have not. A messenger is not supposed to show a miracle without Allah’s permission. When Allah’s decree takes effect - the sentence is passed on with truth and justice, and then the liars suffer a loss. 79. It is Allah who provides livestock for you, some for riding, others for food. 80. You have other benefits in them too, for they carry you to where you wish to go; and on ships you are transported. 81. He shows you His signs. Now! Which of Allah’s signs will you deny? 82. Have they not travelled and seen the fate of those who lived before them? They were more numerous than these and were far stronger in power and they had left more impressive marks on the land. Yet, in the end their

achievements did not benefit them. 83. When My messengers came to them with clear evidence, they showed satisfaction in the knowledge they had, so they were engulfed by the very punishment they mocked. 84. When they saw My punishment approaching, they cried out, saying: "We believe in Allah and we reject what we associated with Him." 85. But their faith was of no benefit to them. This has always been Allah's way of dealing with His evil servants. Then and there, the unbelievers were in a total loss.

SURA 41. Ha Mim (explanation)

1. Ha Meem. (only Allah knows their meaning) 2. These are revelations from the most Compassionate, the most Merciful. 3. It's revelations are perfectly explained - a Qur'an in Arabic for those who understand. 4. It delivers good news and warns, yet most people turn away, so they do not hear. 5. They say: "Our hearts are veiled from what you invite us to, and our ears are deaf, and there is a barrier between us, so do what you want, for we will do what we want." 6. Say: "I am a human like you, and it has been revealed to me that your god is the One God, so take the right path to Him and seek His forgiveness." Woe to those who do not believe. 7. Those who do not pay alms-tax and deny the Hereafter. 8. Those who believe and do good deeds will certainly have a never-ending reward. 9. Ask them: "How could you disbelieve in the One who created the earth in two days? And how can you set up rivals with Him? He is the Lord of the Worlds? 10. He placed upon the earth firm mountains standing high, and showered His blessings upon it, and ordained its means of sustenance - totalling four days exactly, this I mention to satisfy those who ask. 11. Then, He turned to the heavens when it was mere smoke and said to it and the earth: "Submit, willingly or unwillingly." They both responded: "We submit willingly." (this refers to the big bang theory, i.e. hydrogen gas, which is the primal element from which all universal material

evolved and is still evolving. All matter created, willingly obeys Allah's law) 12. He formed seven heavens in two days, and inspired each heaven its tasks. I decorated the lowest heaven with stars for beauty and protection (against satan and his forces who try to steal information from the angels). That is the design of the Almighty, the Knowledgeable." 13. If they turn away, then say: "I warn you of a thunderbolt, like the thunderbolt which destroyed the nations of 'Ad and Thamud. 14. When their messengers came to them, publicly and privately, announcing: "Worship none but Allah." They responded by saying: "Had our Lord so willed, He could have sent us angels. We reject your message." 15. As for the 'Ad nation, they acted arrogantly throughout the land for no reason, saying: "Who could rival us in might?" Did they not know that Allah who created them was far superior to them in might? Still, they persisted in denying His signs. 16. Consequently, I sent a furious wind for several miserable days upon them, so they could taste a humiliating punishment, but far more humiliating will be the punishment in the Hereafter, nor will they receive help. 17. As for the Thamud nation, I did guide them, but they preferred blindness to guidance, so I sent a thunderbolt, which seized them with a terrible punishment. 18. I saved those who were faithful. 19. Consider that day when Allah's enemies will be gathered together for the Fire, they will be driven in ranks. 20. When they reach it, their ears, eyes and skin will testify against them and speak about their evil deeds. 21. They will ask their skin 'furiously': "Why have you testified against us?" It will say: "We have been made to speak by Allah, who causes all things to speak. He is the One who created you the first time, and to Him, you were bound to return. 22. You did not bother to hide yourselves from your ears, eyes and skin to prevent them from testifying against you. Rather, you assumed that Allah did not know what you used to do. 23. This thought of yours brought this destruction and now you have become of those who are utterly lost." 24. The Fire will be their home, even if they show patience and pray to make amends, it will not be accepted. 25.

I had placed at their disposal evil associates who made their past and future misdeeds appealing. The fate of earlier communities of jins and humans have also been justified against them, for they are truly, losers. 26. The unbelievers advise each other, saying: "Do not listen to the Qur'an, rather, drown it's recitation by making noise, so you may prevail." 27. I will make the unbelievers taste a severe punishment. I will repay them according to their worst deeds. 28. The reward for Allah's enemy is the Fire, which will be their eternal home. A reward for their rejection of My revelations. 29. The unbelievers will cry and say: "O Lord! Show us those jins and humans who misled us. We shall trample them both under our feet, so they become the lowest of the low." 30. Those who say: "Our Lord is Allah," and take the right path unto Him, while the angels descend upon them, saying: "Do not fear nor grieve, rather, rejoice in the good news of Paradise, which you have been promised. 31. We are your allies in this world and the Hereafter. In Paradise you shall have all your heart's desire and ask for. 32. A welcome gift from Allah, the Forgiver, the Merciful." 33. Who could be better in speech than the one who invites people to Allah and does honourable deeds and says: "I am of those who submit to Allah." 34. Good and evil are not equal, so repel evil with something better, for your enemy will become your close friends. 35. This, however, cannot be attained, except by those who are patient and are fortunate. 36. When a temptation from the devil provokes you, seek Allah's protection immediately, for He hears all and is Knowledgeable. 37. The day and the night, and the sun and the moon, are a few of His signs. Do not bow before them, you should only bow before Allah who created them, if it is truly Him you worship. 38. It does not matter if the unbelievers persist in their arrogance and refuse to worship their Lord. The angels who are close to Him glorify Him day and night, without ever suffering fatigue. 39. Among His signs is this, you see the earth devoid of life, but as soon as He sends down rain on it, it begins to stir to life and swell. Surely, He who revives dead land can easily revive the dead. He has power

over all things. 40. Indeed, those who distort My revelations are not hidden from Me. Who is better: the one who will be thrown into the Fire, or the one who will be secure on Judgment Day? Do whatever you want, for He is certainly observing your deeds. 41. Those who reject this Qur'an, after it has come to them are doomed. It is truly, a mighty Book. 42. It cannot be proven false from any angle. It is a revelation from the One who is Wise and Praiseworthy. 43. Nothing has been said to you, O Muhammad, that was not said to My previous messengers'. Your Lord is a Lord of Forgiveness, and the Lord of a severe Punishment. 44. Had I revealed this Book as a non-Arabic Qur'an, they would have argued, and said: "If only its verses were made clear to us in our language. What! A non-Arabic revelation for an Arab audience." Say: "It is a guide and a cure for those who believe. As for those who do not believe in it, their ears are deaf to its recitation and their hearts are blind to it. It is as if they are being called from a distant place. (they hear the sound of the words but cannot hear nor understand)" 45. I gave the Torah to Moses, but disputes grew about it. If it were not for a decree that had already been pre-ordained, they would have been judged, yet they still doubt it. 46. Whoever does good, does so, for his own soul, and whoever does evil, it is to their own loss. Your Lord is never unjust to His servants. 47. With Him is the knowledge of the Hour. No fruit comes out of its husk, nor does a female conceive or deliver without His knowledge. On the day He calls them, saying: "Where are those you claimed to be My partners?" They will say: "We do not see them." 48. Their idols would have vanished. They will, then realize that there is no escape. 49. Humanity never tires of praying for good things, but when hit by hard times, they fall in despair and lose hope. 50. When I grant man mercy after hardship, he says: "This was due to my conduct, nor do I think the Hour will come to pass, but if I am returned to my Lord, I am certain, I will find good things waiting for me." I will inform the unbelievers of their conduct and make them taste a harsh punishment. 51. When I bless man, he withdraws and turns away, but when he

suffers hardship, he implores Me during lengthy prayers. 52. Say: "Have you ever thought that if the Qur'an is really from Allah and you rejected it, then who could be more astray than the one who has drifted far away from Allah?" 53. I shall show them My signs in every region of the earth and within themselves until it becomes clear to them that this is the very truth. Is it not enough that Allah witnesses everything? 54. They doubt meeting Him, though He surrounds all.

SURA 42. Ash - Shura (consultation)

1. Ha, Meem (only Allah knows their meaning). 2. Ayn, Seen, Qaf (only Allah knows their meaning). 3. The Almighty, the Wise revealed these revelations to you, O Muhammad, in the same way He revealed them to previous prophets. 4. To Him belongs all in the heavens and the earth. He is the Highest, the Greatest. 5. The heavens almost burst above the angels as they hymn their Lord's praise and seek forgiveness for those on earth. Indeed, Allah is the Forgiver, the Compassionate. 6. Allah is the guardian of even those who have chosen idols as their guardians. You, O Muhammad, are not answerable for their deeds. 7. And so, I reveal this Qur'an to you in Arabic, so you may warn Mecca and its suburbs, warn them of the day of gathering about which, there is no doubt. It will be a day upon which one group will be in Paradise and another in the Fire. 8. Had Allah willed, He could have made humanity a single nation of believers, but He admits to His mercy whomever He wills. The wrongdoers will have no protector, nor helper. 9. How can they take others as their protectors, rather than Him? He is our Protector. He gives life to the dead. He is capable of everything. 10. Say to the believers: "Whatever you may differ about - its judgment rests with Allah. That is Allah, my Lord. In Allah, I have put my trust, and to Him, I always turn." 11. He is the Originator of the heavens and the earth. He has made for you spouses from among you, and made mates for cattle too - multiplying both of you. There is

nothing like Him. He is Alert, Observant. 12. To Him, belong the keys of the heavens and the earth. He gives abundantly, or limited provisions to whomever He wills. Indeed, He knows everything. 13. He has ordained for you, O believers, the same way of life as He had decreed upon the People of Noah, and what I have revealed to you, O Muhammad, and what I had decreed upon Abraham, Moses and Jesus. I commanded them, saying: "You should establish one religion, nor divide yourselves into sects." What you invite the idolaters to is unbearable for them. Allah draws to Himself whomever He wills and guides to Himself whomever turns to Him. 14. The followers of Muhammad did not split into sects, until after knowledge had come unto them. Had the appointed term not been decreed the matter would have been settled. The Jews and the Christians who inherited the Torah and Gospel doubt this Qur'an. 15. Because of this dilemma, O Muhammad, invite all humanity to the religion of Allah and stand firm as you are commanded, and do not follow their wishes, but announce to them: "I believe in the Book that Allah has revealed to me and I am commanded to be just. Allah is my Lord, and He is your Lord. We are responsible for our deeds and you are responsible for your deeds. No need for us to argue. Allah will bring us together, for to Him is our final destination." 16. As for those who argue over Allah, after submitting, their dispute is futile in the sight of their Lord. They have incurred His wrath. A grievous punishment awaits them in the Hereafter. 17. It is Allah who has revealed this Qur'an with the truth and the balance of reason and justice. You never know, for the predetermined Hour may be close by. 18. Those who do not believe, seek to rush the Hour, while those who believe are concerned about it, for they know it is the truth from their Lord. Those who argue about the Hour are far, far astray. 19. Allah is kind to His servants. He provides for whomever He wills, and He is Powerful, Almighty. 20. If anyone desires the harvest of the Hereafter, I will increase it for him and if someone desires the harvest of this world, I will give him a share of it, but then he will have no share in the Hereafter. 21. How dare you

adopt a way of life (**Western life**) set up by those whom you are fascinated with, yet disapproved by Allah. Had it not been for a predetermined time, the order for their destruction would have long passed. There is a painful punishment for the evildoers. 22. And on Judgment Day you will see the evildoers in fear for what they had earned, but it will be inevitable for them, while believers who do good will be amidst lush gardens in Paradise. They will have whatever they desire from their Lord. Now that is a great blessing. 23. That is what Allah proclaims to those servants of His who believe and perform honourable deeds. Say: "I am not asking you to reward me for this message, just honour your family." Whoever earns a good deed, I shall increase it for them. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving, Appreciative. 24. How dare they accuse you of fabricating this Qur'an. If Allah had so wished, He could have made you resent them, then you would not have tried to guide them, but it is Allah's desire to erase lies and present the truth with His Own words. Allah knows everyone's most intimate thoughts. 25. It is He who accepts repentance from His worshipers and forgives bad deeds, for He knows what you do. 26. He responds to those who believe and do honourable deeds. He adds more to their reward. As for the unbelievers, they will suffer a humiliating punishment. 27. If Allah were to enlarge provisions for His servants, they would surely rebel on earth, so He sends it down in due measure. Indeed, He is Aware, and He sees everything His servants do. 28. He sends down rain after people lose hope. He spreads His mercy. He is our Guardian, the Praiseworthy. 29. Among His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, as well as, all living beings, which He has dispersed throughout them and He can bring them altogether whenever He wills. 30. All misfortunes are a consequence of humans' own deeds, yet Allah overlooks and Forgives. 31. You can never escape Allah, no matter where you are on earth. Allah is your protector and helper. 32. Among His signs are the ships - floating like high mountains throughout the sea. 33. If it be His will, He could make the wind stationary - leaving ships motionless upon the water. There is a sign in this for

those who are patient and grateful. 34. Or He could cause a ship to sink because of the travellers' sins, but He overlooks them, and He pardons sins. 35. Those who argue about His signs should know, there is no escaping Allah. 36. Whatever pleasures you have are temporary. What Allah possesses is far better and everlasting for those who believe and put their trust in Him. 37. Those who refrain from heinous sins and gross indecencies and who forgive when angry. 38. Those who respond to their Lord and keep up with their prayers and whose business is conducted through mutual consultation, and who spend from what I have given them, 39. and who defend themselves when oppressed. 40. The reward of an evil deed is its equivalent, but whoever pardons and seeks reconciliation, then he shall be rewarded by Allah. Allah does not like the evildoers. 41. There is no blame on those who enforce justice after being wronged. 42. Blame is on those who oppress people and corrupt the land. It is they who will suffer a painful punishment. 43. Whoever endures patiently and forgives, surely that is an indication of strength. 44. If Allah allows any to stray, they will have no one to protect them. Once the evildoers see My punishment, they will plead, saying: "Can we return to earth?" 45. You will see them exposed to the Fire, fully humbled, while trying to avoid looking at it. The believers will say: "True losers are those who will lose themselves and their families on Judgment Day." Wrongdoers will certainly suffer an everlasting torment. 46. They will have no one to protect them. There is no protection for those who Allah leaves astray. 47. Respond to your Lord before the coming of a day that cannot be averted. There will be no refuge, nor grounds for denial. 48. I did not send you, O Muhammad, to become their guardian. No! Your duty is to deliver My message only. When I allow humans to taste My mercy, they rejoice, but when hardship falls upon them on account of their evil deeds, they become ungrateful. 49. To Allah belongs sovereignty of the heavens and the earth. He creates whatever He wills. He bestows daughters upon whomever He wills and bestows sons upon whomever

He wills. 50. Or grants both upon whomever He wills and leaves whomever He wills infertile. He is, indeed, Knowledgeable, Powerful. 51. Allah will not speak to any, except through inspiration, or from behind a veil, or by sending a messenger who then reveals Allah's command. Indeed, Allah is Most High, the Wise One. 52. And so, I reveal this inspired Qur'an. You, O Muhammad, had no idea what a book was or what was faith before this. I have made it a light, by which I guide whomever I choose of My servants and you are truly leading humanity unto the right path. 53. The path of Allah to whom belongs everything in the heavens and the earth. All matters do revert to Allah.

SURA 43. Az - Zukhruf (ornaments)

1. Ha, Meem. (only Allah knows their meaning) 2. By this luminous Book. 3. I made it an Arabic Qur'an, so you may understand. 4. It is the essence of the Master Record with Us - highly esteemed, and rich in wisdom. 5. Should I take this reminder away from you because you are a nation of transgressors? 6. Imagine, how many prophets I sent to those destroyed nations before you, 7. but people mocked every one of them, 8. so I wiped them out, though they were mightier than these disbelieving Meccan's. They are now part of history. 9. If you ask them, who created the heavens and the earth, the unbelievers will say: "Allah, the Knowledgeable did." 10. He is the One who spread out the earth and set pathways, so you may find your way 11. and He is the One who sends down rain from the sky in perfect measure with which He gives life to lifeless land. In the same manner you shall be brought forth from your graves. 12. He is the One who created all things in pairs, and made for you ships, and animals, so you could ride on them, 13. and so, you may remember your Lord's grace when you are seated comfortably, and say: "Glory be to Him who has given us control over these things, we could have never been able to control them. 14. Truly, we will ultimately

return to our Lord.” 15. Yet they attribute to Him some of what He created. Man is clearly ungrateful. 16. Or has He selected daughters from among His creation and favoured you with sons. (Pagan Arabs believed angels were Allah’s daughters) 17. Yet, when any of them is given news of what he, himself has attributed to the Merciful, his face darkens and he suppresses his grief, 18. and says: “What is the point of a child that is brought up beautiful, but cannot help in a fight.” 19. They think Allah’s servants, the angels, are females. Did they witness their creation? Their claim will be put on record, for I will question them about it. 20. And they argue, saying: “Had Allah so willed, we would not have worshipped idols.” They have no knowledge to support this claim. They do nothing but lie. 21. Or did I give them a book before this Qur’an, which they are holding on to? 22. No! They say: “We saw our fathers practicing this tradition. We are only following their tradition.” 23. Similarly, every time I sent a messenger before you, O Muhammad, to a town to warn its people, their elite would say: “We found our fathers following a certain religion, so we are following their tradition.” 24. All messengers said: “I have come with better guidance than what your fathers had.” They said: “We do not believe your message.” 25. Consequently, We took revenge upon them. So, look at the fate of those who rejected the truth. 26. Remember, when Abraham said to his father and people: “I renounce what you worship. 27. I worship the One who created me, and He will guide me.” 28. Abraham left this enduring declaration among his descendants; in case they return to Allah - Gospel of Unity: I worship only Him who created me. 29. I provided for these Meccans and their fathers until the truth came unto them and a messenger. 30. But when the truth came to them, they said: “This is magic, and we totally reject it.” 31. And they said: “If only this Qur’an was sent to a great man from our own towns (Mecca and Taif)?” 32. Is it they who distribute your Lord’s mercy? We alone have distributed their very livelihood among them in this worldly life and raised some of them in rank above others so that some may employ others in service, but your

Lord's mercy is far better than whatever wealth they amass. 33. If there had been no danger of all humans inclining towards unbelief, I would have given every disbeliever a house built with silver roofs and golden staircases, 34. as well as silver doors to their homes and thrones to recline on, 35. and ornaments of gold. These are temporary provisions for this temporary world, while the Hereafter with your Lord is reserved for those who are righteous in conduct. 36. Whoever shuns the remembrance of Allah, I will assign a devil to become his companion, 37. who will divert him from the right path, while he thinks he's on the right path. 38. The devil will stay with him until he appears before Me, for then he will say: "I wish there were the distance of the two easts between us. What a miserable companion." 39. And they will be told: "Distance will not benefit you today because you both did wrong and now you shall share the punishment." 40. O Muhammad, can you make the deaf hear, or can you guide those who are blind, or can you guide those who are far astray? 41. Even if I were to take you away from this world, O Muhammad, I will definitely punish them. 42 Or if I were to show you what they are threaten with, for I certainly have power over them. 43. So hold on to what has been revealed to you, for you are truly on the right path. 44. The Qur'an is a reminder for you and your followers, and you will all be questioned. 45. Ask the followers of My previous messengers that were sent before you if I ever appointed other gods to be worshipped besides the Most Compassionate?" 46. I sent Moses with My signs to Pharaoh and his chiefs. Moses said: "I am a messenger from the Lord of the Worlds." 47. But when he presented My signs to them, they laughed. 48. Though I had showed them one sign after another, so I seized them and punished them, in case they decide to return to the right path. 49. Then they pleaded, saying: "O mighty magician! Pray to your Lord on our behalf, by virtue of the agreement He made with you. We will certainly accept guidance." 50. But when I removed the torment, they broke their promise. 51. Pharaoh said to his people: "O my People, is the kingdom of Egypt not mine?

These rivers that flow under my feet, are they not mine? Do you not see? 52. Am I not better than this nobody who can hardly express himself? 53. And why has no golden bracelets of kingship been given to him, and why has no angels come down to accompany him?" 54. Pharaoh fooled his people, and they did obey him. They were truly a rebellious nation. 55. So when they angered Me, I punished them and drowned them. 56. I made a lesson of them and an example for later generations. 57. When the son of Mary is cited as an example, your people, O Muhammad, laugh and jeer. (when surah 21 verse 98 was revealed warning that false gods will be in hell, Abdullah ibn Az-Ziba'ra, a poet who always attacked Islam argued with the prophet that if what the verse says is true, then Jesus will be in hell too. The polytheists laughed in agreement with this argument. The prophet replied that the verse was talking exclusively about idols, adding that Jesus himself did not ask anyone to worship him. surah 21 verse 101 was later revealed in support of the prophet's argument. Eventually, Abdullah accepted Islam) 58. They said: "Who is better: our gods, or Jesus?" They cite him only to argue. In fact, they are a people prone to dispute. 59. Jesus was a servant whom I had blessed, and I made him an example for the Children of Israel. 60. Had We willed, We could have easily replaced you all with angels, succeeding one another on earth. 61. Say: "Jesus is a sign of the Hour. Do not doubt it, and follow me, for this is the right way. 62. And do not let Satan hinder you, for he is your enemy. 63. When Jesus came with proof, he said: "I have come to you with wisdom and to clarify some of what you differ about, so fear Allah, and obey me. 64. Allah is my Lord, and He is your Lord, so worship Him. This is the right thing." 65. Despite this lesson the denominations among them differed and separated. So, woe to the evildoers from the punishment of that awesome day. 66. Are they waiting for the Hour to take them by surprise when they least expect it? 67. Close friends will be enemies to one another on that day, except the righteous, 68. who will be told: "O My servants! Have no fear today, nor should you grieve." 69. They

are the ones who believed in Our revelations and had surrendered. 70. "Enter Paradise, you and your spouses, rejoicing." 71. Golden trays and cups will be passed around them. They will have whatever their souls desire, and the eyes delight in. They will be there forever. 72. That is Paradise, which you shall inherit for your honourable deeds. 73. And you will have various fruits to eat, therein. 74. The evildoers shall be in Hell forever. 75. Their punishment will never be lightened, for they will remain in utter despair. 76. I did not wrong them, they wronged themselves. 77. They will beg the gate keepers of Hell, saying: "Ask your Lord to terminate us." The angel will reply: "No, you must remain." 78. I have given you the truth, but most of you hate it. 79. Or have they mastered an evil plan? Then, I too will plan. 80. Or, do they think that I do not hear their evil thoughts and private conversations? Of course, I do. My angels are in their midst recording every word spoken. 81. Say: "If Allah had a son, I would be the first to worship him." 82. Glory be to Allah. Lord of the heavens and the earth. Lord of the Throne. He is free from the things they attribute to Him. 83. Let them indulge in vanity until they meet the day, which has been promised to them. 84. He is God in the heavens and the earth. He is Wise, the Knowledgeable. 85. And blessed is the One to whom belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth and everything between them. With Him alone is the knowledge of the Hour. And to Him you shall all be returned. 86. But those objects of worship they invoke besides Him have no power to intercede, except those who testify to the truth knowingly. 87. If you ask them who created them, they will certainly say: "Allah!" How can they then be so deluded? 88. As for his saying: "O my Lord, these are a people who refuse to believe." 89. Disregard them and Say: "Peace." Soon they will know.

SURA 44. Ad - Dukhan (smoke)

1. Ha, Meem. (only Allah knows their meaning) 2. By the luminous Qur'an. 3. I sent it down on a blessed night, for I always warn against evil. 4. On that night every matter is ordained 5. by a command from Us. I send messengers, 6. as a mercy from your Lord, for He is Aware, Alert. 7. He is the Lord of the heavens and the earth and everything between them, if you care to know. 8. And, there is no god except Him. He gives life, and He causes death. He is your Lord, and the Lord of your fathers. 9. Yet in a state of doubt, they take nothing seriously. 10. Wait then, for that day when the sky will be veiled in a haze, clearly visible to all. (Malhama - Nuclear War, mushroom clouds will surround planet earth) 11. It will overwhelm humanity, only then, will they cry out to Us, saying: "This is a terrible punishment. 12. Remove this punishment from us, for we do believe." 13. How will this sudden faith benefit them? Though a prophet came to warn them, 14. but they turned away, saying: "Educated, but crazy." 15. I will remove the punishment for a while, but then they will revert back to disbelief. 16. On the day I strike humanity with a great assault, I will avenge. 17. Indeed, before them, I put Pharaoh's nation to test. A noble messenger went to them, 18. saying: "Hand over the servants of Allah to me, for I am a trustworthy messenger. 19. Do not consider yourselves to be above Allah, for I will come with powerful miracles to convince you. 20. I have taken refuge in my Lord and your Lord, lest you stone me. 21. However, if you do not believe me, then just let me be." 22. Ultimately, he cried out to his Lord, saying: "These are the evildoers." 23. Allah responded: "Leave with My servants tonight, for they will pursue you. 24. Cross the sea quickly, for Pharaoh's troops will be drowned." (Moses parted the sea with his staff) 25. Imagine, how many gardens and springs the tyrants left behind, 26. as well as various crops and extravagant homes, 27. and luxuries, which they enjoyed. 28. Thus, I made the Children of Israel inherit the kingdom of Egypt. 29.

Neither the heavens, nor the earth shed a tear over them, nor was their fate delayed. 30. I did save the Israelites from Pharaoh's shameful punishments. 31. He was a tyrant, a transgressor. 32. I did choose the Israelites knowingly above others. 33. I showed them signs in which, there were tests. 34. The pagan Arabs say: 35. "There is nothing beyond our first death, nor are we going to be resurrected. 36. Bring our forefathers back, if what you say is true." 37. Are they superior to the people of Tubba' and those before them? I destroyed them all, for they were truly evil. (Yemeni kingdom whose people persisted in disbelief) 38. I did not create the heavens and the earth and everything between them for fun. 39. I created them for a purpose, but most people do not know. 40. The day for the final decision is a time appointed for all. 41. That is the day upon which no friend will help another, nor will they be helped. 42. Apart from those to whom Allah may be kind, for He is Mighty, Merciful. 43. The tree of Zaqqum, 44. will provide food for the evildoers. 45. Like hot oil, it will boil their stomachs. 46. Alike boiling water. 47. It will be said: "Take them and throw them in the midst of Hell. 48. Pour scalding water over their heads." 49. The evildoers will be told: "Taste this. You mighty, noble ones. 50. This is what you used to doubt." 51. The righteous will be secure. 52. Amidst gardens and springs, 53. dressed in fine silk with rich brocade, facing one another. 54. I shall marry them to beautiful women. 55. They will enjoy various fruits in peace. 56. After their first death, they will not taste death no more. Allah will guard them from the punishment of Hell. 57. A blessing from your Lord. A supreme achievement. 58. I have made this Qur'an in your language, so pay attention. 59. And wait, for they too, are waiting.

SURA 45. Al - Jathiyah (kneeling)

1. Ha, Meem. (only Allah knows their meaning) 2. This Qur'an has been sent down by Allah, Almighty, the Wise. 3. In the creation of the heavens and the earth, there

are signs for those who believe, 4. for they see Allah's power in their own creation as well as in the creation of other living species, which Allah has scattered all over the world. 5. And in the alternation of night and day and in the sustenance, which Allah sends down from the sky to revive barren land, and in the changing of the direction of the winds there is evidence of the truth for people who understand. 6. These are Allah's revelations, which I recite to you, O Muhammad in truth, so what message will they believe in after denying My revelations? 7. Woe to every sinful liar. 8. They hear My revelations, yet persist in denial arrogantly, as if they did not hear them. Give them good news of a painful punishment. 9. Those who learn from My revelations, and then make fun of them will be severely punished. 10. Waiting for them is Hell. What they earned will not help them, nor will their idols help them, for they will suffer a terrible punishment too. 11. This Qur'an gives guidance. Those who deny their Lord's revelations will suffer a horrendous punishment. 12. Allah is the One who made the sea subservient for you, so ships may sail on it by His command, and for you to seek His bounty, and perhaps, become grateful. 13. Allah has also, submitted whatever is in the heavens and earth for you (*exploration of other planets*). There are hints in this statement for the visionary thinkers. 14. Tell the believers to be patient and forgive the short-sightedness of the unbelievers. Allah will reward them for their patience and punish the unbelievers Himself. Allah will fully pay each person for what he / she earned. 15. Whoever does good, it is to their benefit, and whoever does evil, it is to their own loss. Then you will return to your Lord. 16. I gave the Children of Israel the Torah and wisdom and prophethood, as well as good, lawful provisions. I favoured them above others. 17. I also, gave them clear commands regarding their faith, but they differed out of rivalry and after knowledge had been omitted to them. Allah will judge them on Judgement Day. 18. Now, O Muhammad, I am passing the law to you, so follow the Shariah (*Islamic law*) and do not follow the desires of those who do not know the truth. 19. They can be of no benefit to you

against Allah. Surely the evildoers are allies of each other, whereas Allah is the protector of those who are righteous in conduct. 20. This Qur'an is an insight for humanity, a guide, a mercy for the faithful. 21. Or do those who commit evil deeds simply think that We will make them equal in their life and after their death to those who believe and do good? How wrong is their judgment? 22. Allah created the heavens and the earth for the sole purpose of rewarding each soul for its earnings. None will be wronged. 23. Have you ever noticed the one who has made his desires his God and has become a slave to lust despite having knowledge? Allah in response makes his hearing, sight, and mind insensitive to the truth. Who can help such a person? Would you not, then pay attention to Allah? 24. And they argue, saying: "There is nothing beyond this life. We die, others are born. Nothing destroys us, except time." Yet they have no knowledge to support this claim. They are only speculating. 25. When My revelations are recited, they argue, saying: "Bring our fathers back, if what you say is true." 26. Say: "It is Allah who gives life, and it is Allah who will cause you to die, and then He will gather all on the Day of Resurrection, there is no doubt about it, though most people do not understand." 27. To Allah belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. On the day of the Hour the unbelievers will be totally lost. 28. You will see every nation on its knees. Every nation will be summoned to its book of deeds. It will be said: "Today you will be paid for your deeds. 29. This is Our record. It will speak about you in truth, for We were recording your conduct." 30. Allah will admit believers who did good unto His mercy. That is an absolute triumph. 31. And the deniers of the truth will be asked: "When My revelations were recited to you, were you not arrogant, and did you not persist in evil deeds? 32. And whenever it was said to you: 'Surely, Allah's promise of judgment is true, nor is there any doubt about the Hour.' You said, mockingly: "We do not understand the Hour, for all we know it could well be speculation. We are not convinced that it will ever come to pass.'" 33. Their evil deeds will become clear to them, and the punishment they mocked will surround

them. 34. It will be said: "Today I will neglect you as you neglected the meeting of this day. Your home will be the Fire, nor will you receive any help. 35. This because you made a mockery of My revelations and were deluded by life." From this day forward they will not be taken out of the Fire, nor will they be allowed to appease their Lord. 36. All praise belongs to Allah alone. He is Lord of the heavens. He is the Lord of the earth and He is Lord of the Worlds. 37. To Him belongs Majesty in the heavens and the earth and He is Almighty, Wise.

SURA 46. Al - Ahqaf (Dunes)

1. Ha Meem. (only Allah knows their meaning) 2. This book is revealed by Allah, the most powerful, the Wisest. 3. We only created the heavens and the earth and everything in between them for a purpose and for an appointed term, but the unbelievers turn away from My warning. 4. Say: "Have you ever thought about those idols? Show me what they have created on earth. Or do they have a share in the heavens? Show me a book revealed before this Qur'an, or some other vestige of knowledge, if you what you say is true." 5. Who could be more astray than those who call upon others besides Allah - others that cannot respond to them until the Day of Judgment, and are unaware of their calls? 6. But then they will become enemies of each other. Their idols will deny their worship. 7. Whenever Our revelations are recited to them, the disbelievers say of the truth: "This is pure magic." 8. Or do they say: "He has fabricated this Qur'an." Say: "If I have done so, then there is nothing you can do to save me from Allah. He knows what slurs you indulge in. Sufficient is He as our witness. And, He is Forgiving, Merciful." 9. Tell people: "I am no different from other prophets. I do not know what will happen to you nor me. I only follow what Allah has revealed to me, for my only mission is to relay His message clearly." 10. Ask them: "Consider the fact that the Qur'an is from Allah and you rejected it, while a witness (Abdullah bin

Salam) from the Children of Israel attests to it, who then believed, but you act arrogantly, then think about the terrible destination that awaits you in the Hereafter. Allah does not guide evildoers.” 11. The unbelievers say: “If there were any good in this Qur’an, a bunch of young and poor converse would not have been at the forefront, our leaders and noblemen would have accepted it first.” Since the unbelievers are not guided by the Qur’an - they refer to it as a fabrication. 12. Before this revelation Allah revealed the Torah to Moses as a guide, and as a mercy from Himself. The Qur’an is a confirmation of the authentic Torah, which was lost long before; in Arabic to warn the evildoers and give good news to the believers. 13. As a matter of fact those who say: “Allah is our Lord.” And lead a God pleasing life will have nothing to fear nor will they grieve. 14. It is they who will be the residents of Paradise, staying there forever. A reward for their deeds. 15. We have commanded people to honour their parents. Their mothers bore them in hardship and delivered them in hardship. Their period of bearing and weaning is thirty months. In time, when the child reaches their prime at the age of forty, they pray: “O my Lord! Inspire me to be grateful for Your favours, which You blessed me and my parents with, and to do good deeds that may please You. And instil righteousness in my offspring. I truly repent to You, and I truly submit to Your will.” 16. I will accept such person’s good deeds and cover his faults. Such a person will live in Paradise as I have promised. 17. As for the one who mocks his parents, saying: “Do you want me to believe that I will be brought back to life after my death? How come none have been brought back out of the many generations before me?” Parents ask Allah to guide their child, and then say to their child: “Believe, for Allah’s promise is true.” But the denier insists: “These are tales of the ancients.” 18. Unbelieving men and extra-terrestrials (**Jins**) with such attitude have been sentenced to My punishment, for they are true losers. 19. The severity of their punishment depends upon the severity of their deeds, but Allah will render full justice. 20. On the day when the unbelievers are exposed to the Fire,

they will be told: "You squandered the good things you had in your life, and you had your share of pleasures there. Today you are being repaid for your uncalled arrogance and wickedness, and for transgressing all bounds." 21. Remember Hud who warned the nation of 'Ad, saying: "Worship none but Allah. I truly fear for you the torment of a tremendous day." 22. They replied: "Do you want us to abandon our idols. Go ahead, bring on us the punishment that you are talking so much about." 23. Hud said: "Only Allah knows when that day will come. My duty is to relay His message only, but I see you are an arrogant people." 24. When they saw Our punishment approaching their valley, they said: "Here comes the clouds with much needed rain." No way: it is the punishment that you were challenging your prophet to bring. 25. And it destroyed everything by the will of Allah. It left nothing, except the ruins of their homes. This is how I deal with the evildoers. 26. We had empowered them far better than We have empowered you, Meccans. And We gave them hearing, sight, and intellect, but their faculties were of no benefit to them, since they persisted in denying Allah's signs. And so, they were overwhelmed by what they used to ridicule. 27. I destroyed many nations around the Arabian Peninsula. I sent My messages to them repeatedly in various ways, in case they ceased being evil. 28. Why did their idols abandoned them instead of helping them? That is because their idols are fake; invented by their imagination. 29. I led a group of extra-terrestrials (Jins) to one of your Qur'an recitation sessions. When they arrived, they listened carefully. Then they returned to their own people as warner's. 30. They said to them: "We have just heard a recitation of a Book that has been sent after Moses. 31. It contains the previous scriptures that had been lost through time and it guides to the truth and unto the right path. We urge you, O people, to accept this invitation from the one who calls us to believe in Allah. By doing this, Allah will forgive your sins and He will save you from a painful punishment." 32. There is no escape for those who fail to respond His call. After all, whether you accept this offer or not, your Lord is Allah. Unbelievers

are clearly delusional. 33. Do they not realize that Allah who created the entire universe without pain can revive the dead, for He is capable of doing anything. 34. The day the unbelievers are led to the Fire, they will be asked: "Is this, not the truth?" They will reply: "By our Lord, indeed, it is the truth." Allah will say: "Now taste the fruit of denying the truth." 35. Be patient, O Muhammad, as previous prophets before you endured with patience, nor be in a hurry to see their punishment. On the day they see what they have been threatened with, it will be as if they had only been in this world for an hour of the day. This is a sufficient warning. None but the disobedient shall be destroyed.

SURA 47. Muhammad

1. Those who disbelieve and prevent people from His path will have their deeds nullified. 2. Allah will forgive the sins of those who accept the Oneness of Allah, and do good deeds, and believe that what is revealed to Muhammad is, indeed Allah's word. Allah promises to improve these believers' condition. 3. This is because the unbelievers follow lies, while believers follow the truth. This is how Allah shows people their true state of faith. 4. When you encounter the unbelievers in the battlefield, strike their necks until you have thoroughly subdued them, then bind them firmly. Later on free them, either as an act of grace or by ransom until the war comes to an end. Had Allah so willed, He could have inflicted punishment upon them, but He does this to test some of you with the means of others. And those who are martyred, He will never render their deeds void. 5. Allah hereby promises to guide His true believers and improve their condition, 6. and admit them into Paradise, which they are familiar with through His words. 7. If the believers help Allah - Allah will help them. 8. As for the unbelievers, may they be doomed and may He render their deeds void. 9. That because they have rejected His revelations, they prefer this present corrupt

order, and so, Allah did not accept their charitable deeds. 10. Have they not travelled throughout the land to see what was the end of those before them? Allah annihilated them, and a similar fate awaits the disbelievers. 11. This is because Allah is the Patron of the believers while the disbelievers have no patron. 12. Surely Allah will admit those who believe and do good into gardens, under which rivers flow. As for the disbelievers, today they are enjoying themselves, eating like cattle, but tomorrow the Fire will be their home. 13. Imagine, O Muhammad, how many nations I destroyed that were far superior in might, then your nation, whose inhabitants drove you out of Mecca and there was none to help them. 14. Can those on the right path be compared to those whose evil deeds have been made appealing to them and who follow none but their own desires 15. The example of Paradise promised to those who are conscious of Allah is that in it are rivers of fresh water - and rivers of milk that never change in taste - and rivers of wine, delicious to drink and rivers of pure honey, and they will have various fruits, and His forgiveness. Can they be compared to those who will reside in the Fire forever, they will be left to drink boiling water that will tear their insides? 16. Some of them do listen to you, O Muhammad, but when they depart from you, they say 'mockingly' to those 'believers' gifted with knowledge: "What did he just say?" These are the ones whose hearts Allah has sealed and who follow nothing but their own desires. 17. As for the guided ones, He increases their guidance, and blesses them with righteousness. 18. Are they waiting for the Hour to take them by surprise? Some of its signs have already appeared, but when the Hour arrives, what use will it be then to pay attention? 19. None are worthy of worship except Allah. Ask Him to forgive your sins and the sins of other believers. Allah observes you in public and in your own homes. 20. The believers used to ask: "Why does Allah not send a verse allowing us to defend ourselves?" Yet, when the verse about the right to fight was sent down, you saw those who harboured doubt in their hearts looking at you, as though the shadow of death

were hanging over them. 21. They affirm their obedience with words, but it would have been better for them, if they had remained true to Him. 22. Are you questioning your Lord's command? What's next? Turning back to the days of ignorance, or cause trouble on earth, or mistreat family members, or severe family ties? 23. These hypocrites deserve the curse of Allah. That is why Allah has made them blind and deaf to the truth. 24. Why do they not study the Qur'an carefully? Do their brains not function? 25. The fact is, Satan has enticed those who turn back to ignorance after having been exposed to divine guidance. 26. That is why they said to those who hate Allah's message: "We will follow certain matters only." They can never hide their secret conspiracies from Allah. 27. And when My angles take their souls, they beat them on their face and backs. 28. This because they turned away from the things that pleased Allah and adapted a way of life that made Allah angry. All their deeds, therefore, become void. 29. Those who suffer the disease of doubt in their hearts, do they think - Allah will not expose them? 30. If I had so willed, I could have marked their faces, for then you would be able to recognize them. However, you can easily recognize them by the way they argue. Verily, Allah is aware of what they do. 31. I will put you to test, so you may have an opportunity to show your real selves; so, you could show your patience, and struggle for My sake. 32. Those who submit, but then reject the truth and prevent others from My path, and argue with My prophet, can in no way harm Me. On the contrary, I will render their deeds void. 33. O you who believe, obey Allah and His prophet, or else, your deeds will become fruitless. 34. Those who choose to disbelieve and prevent others physically, verbally, and psychologically and die in a state of disbelief, Allah will not forgive them. 35. Do not lose heart or cry for peace, for you are on higher moral grounds. Allah is with you. He will not allow your struggle to be in vain. 36. Life of this world is nothing but a game. If you believe and lead a righteous life, Allah will reward you. 37. Had Allah commanded excessive charity from you - you would have turned greedy and

shown your evil side. 38. You are invited to spend as generously as you can for His sake, though some of you do withhold. Whoever does this, it is to their own loss. Allah is rich. You are poor. If you turn away, Allah will replace you with others, who will not be like you.

SURA 48. Al - Fath (conquest)

1. Indeed, Allah has blessed you with a great victory. (treaty of Hudaibiyah) 2. May your Lord forgive your past shortcomings as well as your future faults and bless you with His favours, and keep you on the right path. 3. May Allah honour you with His help. 4. Your Creator is the One who sends peace upon you, so your faith in Him may increase, and know that to Allah belongs all the forces that exist in the heavens and the earth, and He is the most Knowledgeable, the most Wise. 5. Allah promises to forgive the sins of those males and females who believe in Him and take them to the gardens of Paradise where streams flow, so they could live forever in peace. This indeed is the biggest success, not the success in materialistic achievements in this world. 6. As for the male and female disbelievers and hypocrites who entertain evil thoughts about their Lord, they earn nothing, but the curse and anger of Allah, and a severe punishment awaits them in Hell. 7. Know that the forces in the heavens and the earth are at His disposal, and He is the Almighty, the Wise. 8. Allah sent Muhammad to you, O humanity, as a witness and to give good news and warn you of the consequences of evil deeds. 9. So you, O humanity, may accept faith in Allah and His messenger, so glorify Allah every morning and every evening. 10. Those who shook your hand in Hudaibiyah as a pledge to fight for their faith with you till the end, were indeed, renewing their pledge with Allah, for His hand was over their hand. Whoever breaks his pledge, breaks it, at his own peril, and whoever keeps his pledge, Allah will soon grant him a great reward. 11. The Arabs in south Medina who did not join you, O Muhammad, will ask you to pray for their forgiveness because of lame

excuses. They do not feel any remorse in their failure to accompany you, nor are they sincere. Say: "Allah is aware of your conduct. 12. My prayer will not help you if Allah decides to punish you. The fact of the matter is you were proud of the wisdom of your deed in saving yourselves from the danger into which Muhammad and his followers were going. You are sinful people." 13. For those who do not believe in Allah and the prophethood of Muhammad, I have prepared a blazing Fire for them. 14. To His Majesty belongs the Kingdom of the heavens and the earth. Allah may forgive or punish whomever He wills. Take advantage of these remaining days and return in all sincerity to Allah, for He is Forgiving, Merciful. 15. When you start easy campaigns in the future, which promises to be profitable - the same people who left you alone will ask you to let them go with you. Tell them: "Allah has already decreed that you should not accompany us." In reply, they will say: "You are jealous of us." They simply do not get it. 16. Tell those who did not join you: "Soon Allah will give you an opportunity to fight a mighty nation until they submit. This will be your last chance. If you join this dangerous fight, Allah will give you a reward, but if you turn away as you did before, then Allah will severely punish you." 17. The one who has a genuine excuse, i.e. the blind, the lame, or the sick for not joining the fight, they are not accountable. Whoever obeys Allah and His prophet will enter the gardens, under which rivers flow. The one who turns away on the contrary will be severely punished by his Lord. 18. Allah was well pleased with those believers who renewed their pledge under that tree in Hudaibiyah. Allah knew what was going on in their hearts (they were sure to be massacred). Allah, therefore, put peace in their hearts and has, indeed already rewarded them with an upcoming victory. 19. Very soon they will win victory, which will bring them lots of wealth (as it happened three months later in the Khaibar campaign). Allah is Almighty, Wise. 20. Allah promises you plenty wealth, which you will acquire in other victories too. At this time, Allah has restrained the disbelievers of Mecca who had the upper hand in Hudaibiyah from

attacking you, which is a great victory by itself. May this victory be a sign for the believers, and may He guide you unto the right path. 21. As for the enemy that you could not defeat, Allah has already taken care of them, for Allah can do anything. 22. If the mighty disbelievers of Mecca had decided to fight you in Ḥudaibiyah, they would have surely been defeated because they have no protector, nor any helpers. 23. This final defeat of the unbelievers is a tradition set by your Lord, nor will you find a change in His policy. 24. It is Allah who prevented that fight in the valley of Mecca (in Ḥudaibiyah for a divine reason), after He had given you victory, which was considered a humiliating defeat by most of the Muslims. Allah was observing your behaviour. 25. The unbelievers prevented you from performing the pilgrimage and sacrificing animals from where they should have been sacrificed. Had there not been certain believing men and women in Mecca whom you do not know, and the possibility of you killing them unintentionally during the confusion of war, Allah would not have stopped your capture of Mecca. Allah prevented the war among other reasons to give more time to the unbelievers to wait it out and to admit into His Mercy whomever He wished. If the believers were not in the middle of unbelievers, Allah would have severely punished the unbelievers. 26. While the unbelievers' hearts were filled with the arrogance of the days of ignorance, Allah showered His prophet and the believers with peace and directed them towards the principles of piety, for they deserved it. Allah is fully aware of everything. 27. The prophet of Allah's vision will become a reality: "You will, by the will of Allah, surely, enter the sacred Mosque, head shaved, or hair shortened to perform your pilgrimage in peace and without fear. Allah knows what you do not know. So, He has postponed this victory at hand, for a while. 28. Allah is the One who has sent His prophet with guidance and the religion of truth to proclaim it over all other religions. It does not matter what others think. Allah is a witness to this. 29. Muhammad, the messenger of Allah and his followers are hard on the

unbelievers, and yet merciful among themselves. You will find them always worshipping their Lord. Humbling themselves and bowing down and falling in prostration, seeking Allah's blessings and approval. They have the distinctive mark of prostration on their face, as explained in the Torah ([Deuteronomy, 33: 2 - 3](#)) and in the original Gospel ([Mathew, 13:31](#)). Like that of a seed that sprouts its tiny branches, making it strong. Then, it becomes thick, standing firmly on its stem, to the delight of the planters. In this way Allah makes the believers a source of dismay for the disbelievers. Allah has promised forgiveness and a great reward for those who believe and do good.

SURA 49. Al - Hujurat (apartments)

1. Those who believe should never challenge Allah and His messenger with their opinion. You should treat the Lord with the utmost respect. Beware, Allah knows everything and hears everything you say. 2. The believers should never raise their voice above the voice of the messenger of Allah. You should not shout at the messenger the same way you shout at each other. Those who do not follow this protocol have rendered their good deeds void. 3. Those who follow these rules will have Allah's forgiveness and a great reward. 4. Those who invade the privacy of the messenger - summoning him in a loud voice, have no sense. 5. It would have been nice of them to respect the privacy of the messenger and wait until he came out to conduct their business. However, Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 6. Muslims should be vigilant over the source of news they receive - and should not react immediately to what they hear, for it is better to take advantage of the benefit of the doubt. 7. Remember, the prophet of Allah is among you. Had he listened to you in your many democratic decisions, you would have been in serious trouble. Fortunately, Allah has put belief in your hearts, and so, you resent disbelief, wickedness and disobedience. 8. This is, indeed, a great favour from Him

on you. Indeed, Allah is Knowledgeable, Wise. 9. If two groups amongst you for some reason engage in a fight, Allah orders you to do your best to restore peace between them. If one group continues the aggression, then you should fight against them. If they submit and return to peace, then you should reconcile the two groups and cease fighting, nor punish them. Establish peace between them and know - Allah loves just people. 10. Remember, believers are your brothers in faith. Therefore, establish peace between your brothers and be conscious of Allah, for He may show mercy on you. 11. It is forbidden for believing men and women to make fun of each other, for they may be better than you in His eyes, nor give each other nicknames. It is bad to call someone by a nickname, for it indicates transgression against divine law after attaining faith. Those who refuse to repent to Allah are evil. 12. O you who believe, you should avoid suspicion, for suspicion is sinful and do not spy on each other, nor backbite. Would any of you like to eat the flesh of your dead brother? Indeed, you would hate it. Be mindful of Allah. He accepts His servants' repentance, for He is ever Merciful. 13. Mankind should remember that I created them from a man and a woman, and then I put you into different tribes and nations, so you may know one another. The most honourable among you are those who are righteous. Allah is Knowledgeable, Aware. 14. The Arabs say: "We are believers." Tell them: "You have not yet believed, rather say, we submit, for faith has not, as yet, entered upon your hearts." If you obey Allah and His messenger, Allah will not waste your deeds, for He is Forgiving, Merciful. 15. True believers are those who have no doubts about Allah and His messenger and are happy to give up their wealth and lives for His pleasure. 16. Let those who offer lip service know that Allah knows everything in the heavens and the earth. Allah has knowledge of everything. 17. They think they have done you a favour by submitting. Say: "It is Allah who has done you a favour by guiding you." They should be grateful if they are sincere.

SURA 50. Qaf

1. Qaf (only Allah knows it's meaning) and the Glorious Qur'an. 2. Why should the unbelievers consider it weird that Allah, out of mercy, has chosen someone from among them to convey His message? 3. The unbelievers wonder and say: "Will we return back to life, when we are dead and reduced to dust? Such a return seems impossible to us?" 4. Allah knows how many humans the earth has devoured, for everything is registered and preserved with Him. 5. What a shame the unbelievers reject the truth, which is being revealed to them out of ignorance. 6. Have they not seen the sky above them: how I built it, and decorated it with stars, it is flawless. 7. I spread the earth wide, and have set firm mountains on it, and I have caused every delightful thing to grow in it. 8. This is an insight and a reminder for every worshipper who willingly submits to Allah. 9. And I send down rain from the sky, bringing forth gardens and grain harvest, 10. and tall palm trees, laden with clusters of dates. 11. Provisions for My servants, and with the rain I revive dead land. Similarly, I will resurrect the dead. 12. Before them, the People of Noah, and the dwellers of Ar-Rass rejected the truth, as did the nation of Thamud, 13. and the People of 'Ad, and the People of Pharaoh, and the People of Lot, 14. and the People of Madyan, and the People of Tubba. They all rejected My messengers', so their destruction was duly fulfilled in them. 15. Was I fatigued by My first creation that they doubt a new creation? 16. I created man, and I know what evil thoughts he entertains within, himself. As a matter of fact, I am closer to him than his jugular vein. (trunk vein on each side of the neck. It brings blood back from the head to the heart; two jugular veins correspond to the two carotid arteries which carry blood from the heart to the head. The bloodstream is the vehicle of life and consciousness) 17. I have appointed two angels to every human, to record their deeds. 18. Not a single word spoken is being missed in their register. 19. Truth starts to reveal itself as soon as the agony of death appears

before man. That is what you, O humans, are trying to avoid. 20. When the trumpet is blown, it will be that promise day. 21. Every soul will be brought before his Lord by a driver (angel) accompanied by a lifelong witness (angel). 22. Allah will say: "You were totally heedless of this. Now I have lifted the veil from your eyes, so today, your sight is sharp." 23. Man's companion will say: "Here is his record." 24. And it will be said: "Throw all stubborn disbelievers into Hell. 25. Those who had doubts and forbade charity distributions and passed the bounds of morality in everything he did. 26. Those who adopted others as lords beside Allah - give them the worse punishment in Hell." 27. His companion (jinn) will say: "O Lord, I did not mislead him. He, with the gift of freedom of choose, chose to rebel against You." 28. Allah will say: "Do not argue in My presence. I forewarned all of you. 29. My sentence is final, nor am I unjust to My servants." 30. On that day when your Lord asks Hell: "Are you full?" Hell will respond: "Are there more?" 31. Paradise will be brought before the righteous. 32. It will be said to them: "This is what was promised to those who turned to Allah and paid attention to Him, 33. and feared Him without seeing Him, and who submitted to Him with sincere devotion." 34. Allah will say: "Enter Paradise in peace. This is the beginning of your eternal life." 35. They will be given everything they desire, as well as additional unexpected rewards. 36. How many mighty generations did I destroy before them. When My punishment arrived, they sought refuge in the land, but there was no escape? 37. Surely, there is a reminder in this for whomever has a heart and an attentive ear. 38. I am the One who created the universe in six periods without getting exhausted or losing power. 39. So be patient, O Muhammad, with what they say, and glorify the praises of your Lord before sunrise and before sunset. 40. And glorify Allah part of the night, and after prayers. 41. And listen attentively for the day when an announcer will call upon you from a place nearby. (be prepared for death) 42. The day when all will hear the trumpet it will be the day of resurrection. 43. I give life and cause death. And to Us is the final return.

44. On that day the earth will crack down and people will rush out of it. Resurrection is easy for your Lord. 45. We know what they say. You are not there to compel them to believe. Remind all those who fear My warning with this Qur'an.

SURA 51. Adh - Dhariyat (scattered wind)

1. By the winds scattering dust (wind reshapes the configuration of the earth; in the vegetable kingdom they carry seeds and plant new seeds in old soil. In the air they produce changes in the temperature and pressure, which affects animals and vegetable life, and they carry moisture from the equatorial Africa to the parched plains of India). 2. Your Lord swears by the rain clouds. 3. And your Lord swears by those clouds that glide with ease. 4. And your Lord swears by those clouds that distribute water throughout. 5. What your Lord has promised will, indeed take place. 6. One day you will be asked: what did you do with your life. 7. You observe the majestic heaven which Allah created with many paths. 8. Yet you keep arguing about the truth that has been revealed to you. 9. Allah will turn away from those who choose to deny their Creator. 10. Doomed are those who choose their religion based on guesses and incomplete evidence. 11. Those who are ignorant, and careless about their religion. 12. They jokingly ask: "When is Judgement Day? Why does it not come soon, if it is true?" 13. The answer is: "It will be the day when they are thrown into Hell." 14. And they will be told: "Taste the result of your mischief. This is the event you wished Us to rush." 15. On that day, the righteous will be welcomed into gardens with flowing rivers. 16. They will gratefully receive their Lord's reward. 17. They used to sleep little in the night, 18. and pray for forgiveness before dawn. 19. In their wealth there was a share for the beggars and the poor. 20. There are countless signs upon the earth for those with sure faith. 21. And within yourselves; do you not see. 22. In heaven is your sustenance along with everything you were promised. 23. By the Lord of the

heavens and earth, it is as true as the fact that you speak. 24. Have you heard the story of the Abraham's honoured guests? 25. When the angels appeared before him in human form, they wished me peace. Abraham returned their salutation, saying: "Peace be upon you too." 26. He asked his family to roast a calf for his guests. 27. Then, placed it before them, saying: "Will you not eat?" 28. They did not eat, so he grew fearful of them. They reassured him, saying: "Do not be afraid," and they conveyed good news of the birth of a knowledgeable son." 29. His wife overheard them. She rushed out and struck her forehead, saying: "From an old, barren woman?" 30. They said: "That is what your Lord has decided. Indeed, He is Wise, Knowledgeable." 31. Abraham said: "It sounds that you have come to accomplish an important mission." 32. They said: "Yes, we have been sent to punish the nation of Lot. (nation of homosexuals) 33. To pour upon them rocks of clay. 34. Each stone has been marked by Allah to punish a specific sinner. 35. We will save the believers among them. 36. We only found one household who had submitted to Allah (Lot's household). 37. And we left a sign for those who do not want to face their Lord's punishment." 38. And in the story of Moses was another lesson for mankind, when I sent him to Pharaoh with compelling proof, 39. Pharaoh turned away in arrogance, saying: "A magician, or a crazy man." 40. I punished him and his army, by throwing them in the sea. He is to blame for his fate. 41. And in the 'Ad nation there was a sign - Allah sent a disastrous wind upon them, 42. which destroyed everything in its path. 43. There is sign too, in the story of the Thamud nation, when it was said to them: "Enjoy yourselves for 3 days." 44. As they continued to challenge their Lord they were overwhelmed by a massive sudden thunderbolt. 45. They did not even have time to stand up and run. 46. And in the story of Noah's nation there was a sign. I destroyed them all for their wickedness. 47. I created the universe Myself and I will continue to expand it (confirmation of the expansion was discovered by Edwin hubble in 1929). 48. I have made the earth habitable for its inhabitants. And

excellently design - **eco-system**. 49. And I placed a pair of everything in it, so you may ponder over the creative power of your Creator. 50. Tell them: "Take refuge in Allah, for I am warning you. 51. Do not set up others with Him. I have been sent to warn you." 52. This is, indeed, a trend, whenever a prophet was sent to a nation, its residence said: "You are insane." 53. Have they handed this down from one generation to another? No! They are rebellious people. 54. So forget about them. Your job is to relay My message. You are not responsible for their behaviour. 55. Continue reminding them, for the believers will benefit from your reminders. 56. I created Man and Jins to serve Me only. 57. I do not need any provisions from them, nor do I ask them to feed Me. 58. On the contrary, Allah - the Supreme and the Powerful is the One who provides provisions for all His creatures. 59. Sinners will have the same fate as those who sinned before them. Tell them not to ask Me to accelerate it. 60. It will be a miserable day when they face their fate.

SURA 52. At - Tur (the mountain)

1. I swear by mount Sinai. (**where the 10 commandments where disclosed**) 2. This Qur'an has been pre-written and preserved, 3. in a safe place in an unfolded scroll. 4. By Bait-ul-Mamoor (**Ka'abah over the heavens, parallel to the Ka'abah in Mecca, visited by 70,000 angels daily**). 5. And by the elevated canopy (**heaven**). 6. And by the swollen ocean. 7. His punishment will occur on the Day of Judgement. 8. None can prevent it. 9. On that day the heavens will shake violently, 10. and the mountains will be blown away. 11. It will be a terrible day for the unbelievers, 12. who wasted their time on vanity. 13. It will be the day upon which they will be dragged violently to the Fire of Hell. 14. They will be told: "This is the Fire you denied. 15. Do you think this is magic? Can you see now what you were denying? 16. Burn now. whether you bear it or not, this is your destiny. You are simply being rewarded for your deeds." 17. The righteous will be in gardens enjoying heavenly

joys. 18. Rejoicing in their Lord's gifts, for their Lord has spared them from the suffering of Hell. 19. It will be said: "Eat and drink with pleasure. A reward for your honourable deeds." 20. Reclining on luxurious furniture they will face each other. And they will be married to pure spouses with beautiful eyes. 21. And I will enjoin their children who followed them in faith. No one will be deprived from their reward. Man's soul shall be debt free. 22. I shall give them fruit and meat of their choice. 23. They shall pass drinks around to each other, which will not intoxicate them, so they will not behave in an indecent manner, nor will they use any abusive language. 24. They will have their own appointed servants who will be as handsome as well-guarded pearl. 25. They will talk to each other about their worldly lives, saying: 26. "We lived amongst people with constant fear. 27. Allah has been kind to us, for He has saved us from the fierce winds of Hell. 28. Allah was the only One whom we turned to. Indeed, Allah is Beneficent, Merciful." 29. Keep reminding remind people, O Muhammad, and by the grace of Allah you are not a fortune teller, nor are you mad. 30. They say: "He is a poet who insults our gods, so we are waiting, for soon he will suffer a miserable end by our gods." 31. Tell them: "Wait, for I will be waiting too." 32. Are these contradictory accusations the fruits of their thoughts, or the manifestation of their evil nature? 33. They know very well that Muhammad is not capable of coming up with such a superior piece of art, like this Qur'an. Their insistence on this accusation is a sign of their wickedness. 34. If they really believe that a man can produce a book, like this Qur'an, then challenge them, ask them to produce a similar book, if they are sincere in what they say. 35. Do they think that they were created out of nothing? Are they their own creators? 36. Did they create the heavens and earth? The fact is they are sure of nothing, for they have no faith. 37. Or, do they possess the treasures of your Lord, or do they control everything? 38. Or, do they have a ladder to climb up to heaven and listen directly to their Lord. If so, what have they heard? Do they have proof? 39. Or, does He have daughters while you have sons?

40. Or, do you ask them for a wage, thus, they are burdened by debt? 41. Do they know the unseen? Is that why they reject it? 42. Or, are they plotting against you? Their plots will backfire. 43. Or, do they have another god besides Allah? Glory to Him, He is far above from having any partners. 44. Even a great miracle, such as parts of the sky falling on them is justified, for then they would say: "Ah, clouds heaped up." 45. Leave them in their disbelief until the day they are dumb struck. 46. No plan will protect them on that day. Nothing will protect them. 47. Even before that day they will be subject to misfortune without even understanding why. 48. So bear with patience for your Lord's decree, for you are under My watchful eyes. Glorify His praise when you rise. 49. Glorify Him during the night as well as at dawn.

SURA 53. An - Najm (star)

1. I swear by the stars when they plunge. (explodes and throws its energy back into the universe, creating super nova's. The most awesome appearance in the universe) 2. Your fellow citizen, Muhammad, is neither wrong nor misled. 3. Nor does he speak out of his own desire. 4. This Qur'an is a revelation from the Creator. 5. Taught to Muhammad by Allah through Gabriel. 6. The possessor of absolute authority, 7. who approached the highest heaven's horizon. 8. Then, he descended, 9. until he was at 2 bow's length or even closer, 10. to reveal Allah's message. 11. Muhammad's did not make up what he saw. 12. Are you going to argue with him about what he saw with his own eyes? 13. Muhammad saw angel Gabriel for a second time too, by a Lote-tree, 14. the most extreme limit in the 7th heaven in a garden beyond which none can pass. 15. Where eternal Paradise is located. 16. The Lote-tree was shrouded. (world events) 17. His eyes did not blink as he looked on. 18. Muhammad certainly saw some of his Lord's greatest signs. 19. Have you considered their idols - Lat and Uzza, 20. and a third one, Manat? (pagans claimed they were Allah's daughters) 21. What! For you males

and for Allah females? 22. How disgraceful of you. 23. These idols you and your fathers invented are simply nonsense. Allah never approved them. They follow nothing but lust, even after their Lord's guidance is being offered to them. 24. Or, should man be given what he desires? 25. No way. It is the will of Allah which shall be fulfilled in this world as well as in the Hereafter. 26. No matter how many angels pray for mercy for a person - their prayer will not be beneficial to any, unless Allah grants that mercy upon whom He wills and is pleased with. 27. Only those who do not believe in the Hereafter consider angels as goddesses and daughters of Allah. 28. They have no knowledge about the nature of the angels, nor of the unseen world, they just guess, but that is not a substitute for the truth. 29. Allah is hereby, ordering you to stay away from those who disregard My message, for they seek nothing but pleasures of this world. 30. Their knowledge is limited only to this world. Only Allah knows who is on the right path, and He knows those who have strayed from His path. 31. Everything in the heavens and earth belongs to Allah. He will repay those who do evil according to their deeds, and reward with what is best those who do honourable deeds. 32. Righteous are those who avoid great sins and shameful acts, while, occasionally falling prey to small sins, but your Lord is ever Forgiving. He knows you best, as He is the One who created you and has been observing you as embryos inside your mothers' wombs. Therefore, do not be proud of your purity, for Allah knows best who is pious and who honours Allah with the utmost respect. 33. Have you noticed the one who turned away from Allah's path. (Walid Mughirah was willing to embrace Islam, but upon someone's promise to accept his punishment in lieu of a certain amount of money he turned away) 34. He initially paid a little for his salvation, but then stopped payment. 35. Has he knowledge of the unseen, so he can see his own future? 36. Has such a person not heard what is mentioned about charity in the Torah, which was given to Moses? 37. And that book, which was given to Abraham, who fulfilled all his agreements? 38. And that no soul shall bear

the burden of another, 39. and that everyone will be rewarded according to what they had strived for. 40. And that their striving will soon come to light, 41. for then they will be rewarded, 42. and know that to your Lord is your final destiny. 43. And know that Allah is the One who makes you laugh and cry. 44. And know that Allah is the One who grants life and causes death. 45. And know that Allah is the One who created you in pairs - male and female, 46. from a tiny drop of sperm. 47. And know that such a powerful Lord can resurrect you. 48. And know that Allah is the One who makes some of you rich and some of you poor. 49. And know that Allah is the Lord of Sirius. (dog star whom the pagans used to worship, located in the constellation of Canis Major) 50. And know that Allah is the One who destroyed the nation of 'Ad. 51. And know that Allah is the One who wiped out the nation of Thamud, sparing none. 52. And the People of Noah before that, for they were all evil transgressors. 53. And it was Allah who turned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah upside down. 54. Consequently, they utterly vanished. 55. Now! Which of your Lord's favours will you deny? 56. Muhammad is a warner, like all My earlier warners. 57. The approaching Hour has drawn close. 58. None but Allah can disclose it. 59. Do you find this revelation astonishing. 60. Yet, you are laughing at it and not weeping in awe, 61. and wasting time in vanities. 62. You should rather prostrate and worship Him.

SURA 54. Al - Qamar (moon)

1. The Hour draws near and the moon is split. (the prophet split the moon) 2. The unbelievers, however, make fun of Allah's signs and refer to them as magic. 3. They have rejected the truth and follow their desires. Every prescribed event, however, will take place when its time arrives. 4. Even though stories of destroyed nations have already come to them, for they are sufficient as proof. 5. Unfortunately, they do not take these wise reminders seriously. 6. So leave them

alone until they are called to face that awesome event on Judgment Day. 7. They will come out of their graves with horrified eyes, as if they were scattered locusts, 8. rushing towards the caller. The unbelievers will cry, saying: "This is going to be a hard day." 9. The People of Noah made fun of My servant. They called him crazy and rudely intimidated him. 10. Noah in despair called out to his Lord, saying: "I am helpless, please help me." 11. So I opened the gates of heaven and poured down heavy rain, 12. and I caused the earth to burst its springs. The waters met for a fate already pre-ordained. 13. I carried Noah in the Ark, which was made of planks and fastened by palm fibres and nails. 14. Under My watchful eyes Noah sailed through the waves. A reward for the one who was rejected. 15. I left the Ark, as a sign, for humanity. Are there any who want to learn from this? 16. How awful was My punishment after My warning. 17. I have made this Qur'an easy for you to understand, so why don't you learn from it? 18. The 'Ad tribe also had rejected their prophet. How true was My warning and how awful was My punishment? 19. I sent against them a furious wind on a day of unrelenting misery. 20. The storm-tossed people around as though they were decayed palm tree trunks. 21. How terrible was My punishment, after My warning. 22. I made this Qur'an easy. Do you want to learn? 23. And the tribe of Thamud rejected My warnings. 24 They said: "We are not crazy to follow a mere immortal like us? 25. Has the message only been sent to him from among us, he is a liar." 26. It was said to Saleh: "They will find out soon enough who the liar is. 27. Tomorrow I shall send a camel to test their obedience. Watch their behaviour with patience, 28. and let them know that they have to share their spring water with the camel." 29. They commissioned a clan member to kill the camel. 30. How terrible was My punishment, after My warning. 31. I sent one mighty blast, which made them look like harvested hay. 32. And I made this Qur'an easy for you to understand. Do you want to learn from it? 33. The People of Lot also denied their prophet's warning. 34. So I sent a shower of stones upon them. Only Lot's family was saved at dawn.

35. I blessed him and his family. This is how I reward those who are grateful. 36. Lot warned his people about Allah's upcoming punishment, but they joked and laughed at him. 37. They even tried to seduce his honourable guests. That is why I blinded them, saying: "Suffer in My punishment, for you were warned." (the crisis of their fate came when two angels came to Lot, disguised as handsome men. The men of his city caused an uproar and assaulted his house and tried to snatch the two men. Lot tried to prevent them, but was powerless, then darkness fell upon their eyes as the first stage of their punishment) 38. Then, early next morning a disaster struck them. 39. Again, they were told: "Suffer in My punishment, for you were warned." 40. I made this Qur'an easy to understand, do you remember? 41. Pharaoh's people were also warned. 42. but they rejected all My signs, so I seized them with the crushing grip of the Almighty, the Powerful. 43. Do you, O Quraish unbelievers think you are better than those destroyed unbelievers, or are you exempt from My punishment? 44. Do they think by sticking together they will be victorious? 45. Their troops will be defeated, and they will retreat. 46. The Hour is waiting for them, and the Hour will be worse and more painful. 47. The evildoers are entrenched in misguidance and are bound for the blaze. 48. On that day they will be dragged to the Fire by their face. They will be told: "Taste the flames of Hell." 49. I have created everything with a pre-destined fate. 50. It only takes the twinkle of an eye for My command to be fulfilled. 51. I have destroyed many like you, so is there anyone who wants to learn from this? 52. All deeds are recorded in a book. 53. And every matter, no matter how big or small, all is written precisely. 54. The pious will enter gardens with flowing rivers. 55. A place of true honour in the presence of the Powerful King - Allah Subhan Allah.

SURA 55. Ar - Rahman (the Beneficent)

1. The Beneficent Allah 2. taught the Qur'an. 3. He is the creator of human beings.
4. He taught them how to speak. 5. And He calculated the sun and the moon perfectly. 6. And the stars and the trees bow in submission. 7. He raised the sky high and established balance. (laws of physics) 8. Never tamper with your Lord's balance. 9. Weigh with justice, nor be deficient in measuring. 10. And He spread out the earth for all beings. 11. In it are fruits and date palms with hanging fruits, 12. and grain with husks and aromatic plants. 13. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 14. He created humans from clay - like pottery, 15. and created jins from a smokeless flame of fire. 16. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 17. He is the Lord of the two easts and two wests. 18. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 19. He merges two bodies of fresh and salty water, 20. yet between them is a barrier - they never cross. 21. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 22. Out of both come forth pearls and coral. 23. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 24. He owns the ships with raised sails, sailing through the seas - some high as mountains. 25. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 26. Every being will perish. 27. Only your Lord full of Majesty and Honour will remain. 28. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 29. All beings in the heavens and the earth are dependent upon Him. Every day He has a matter to bring forth (such as, giving honour, disgrace, life, death etc). 30. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 31. Soon you both shall be called to account. 32. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 33. O you humans and jins, you cannot travel beyond the boundaries of earth into space but do try. You cannot without My authority. (humans are trying to

penetrate the cosmos) 34. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 35. You will be bombarded by projectiles of fire and metals which you cannot pass, nor will you be able to defend each other. 36. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 37. When the universe is torn apart and becomes rosy red. 38. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 39. On that day there will be no need to ask any human or jinn about their sins. 40. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 41. The evildoers will be recognized by their appearance, then they will be seized by their forelocks and feet. 42. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 43. They will be told: "This is Hell which you evil denied." 44. They will alternate between its flames and scalding water. 45. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 46. Whoever is in awe of standing before their Lord will have two gardens. 47. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 48. Full of various trees. 49. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 50. In each garden there will be two flowing springs. 51. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 52. With various fruits in pairs. 53. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 54. They will sit on couches upholstered with brocade; the fruits of both gardens will be within reach. 55. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 56. And there will be women restraining their glances, untouched by man, or jinn. 57. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 58. As beautiful as rubies and pearls. 59. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 60. Is the reward for good anything but good? 61. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 62. Besides these two gardens there will be two other gardens. 63. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 64. Both will

be dark green. 65. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 66. In each will be two gushing springs. 67. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 68. In both gardens there will be fruits, palm trees and pomegranates. 69. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 70. And in all gardens there will be noble, pleasant mates. 71. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 72. Companions inside grand pavilions. 73. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 74. No human nor jinn had ever touched these women before. 75. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 76. Believers will recline upon green carpets in beautiful surroundings. 77. Then, O humanity and jins, which of the favours of your Lord will you deny? 78. Blessed is the name of your Lord. The Lord of Glory and Honour.

SURA 56. Al - Waqi'ah (event)

1. When the inevitable event takes place, 2. then no one will deny it has arrived. 3. Some will be degraded, while some will be raised. 4. When the earth shakes violently. 5. And the mountains are crushed, and crumble, 6. becoming scattered particles of dust, 7. for then you will be divided into three groups. 8. People of the right, how blessed will they be. 9. People of the left, how miserable will they be. 10. And the foremost in faith will be foremost in Paradise. 11. They will be close to Allah. 12. In gardens of bliss. 13. Most of them will be from the earlier generations, 14. and a few from later generations. 15. All of them will be upon jewelled thrones, 16. reclining face to face. 17. They will be waited upon by eternal youths, 18. with cups, pitchers, and drinks of pure wine from a flowing stream 19. that will cause them neither a headache nor intoxication. 20. And they will receive fruits of their choice, 21. and meat from any bird they desire. 22. They will have beautiful women with gorgeous eyes, 23. like pristine pearls. 24. A

reward for their deeds. 25. Nor will they hear idle or sinful conversations. 26. Only soothing peaceful words. 27. The people of the right; how fortunate will they be. 28. They will be among thorn-less lote-trees, 29. and fruitful banana trees and flowers piled over each other, 30. with extended shade, 31. and constant flowing water, 32. and fruit in abundant. 33. Neither out of season nor forbidden, 34. and luxurious padded furniture raised off the floor. 35. And I have made their believing women excellent and re-created them as a special new creation, 36. and made them virgins, 37. Loving, and of equal age, 38. for those of the right, 39. who will be mostly from earlier generations, 40. and a multitude from later generations. 41. People of the left, how miserable will they be. 42. They will be in scorching heat and boiling water, 43. and under the shadow of black smoke, 44. neither cool nor refreshing. 45. Before this punishment they were spoilt by their luxury, 46. and persisted in the worst of sins. 47. They used to ask, mockingly: "What! When we die and become dust and bones are we going to be resurrected, 48. along with our fathers?" 49. Tell them: "All past and future generations will be resurrected, 50. and gathered on that day, 51. for then you, O misguided, deniers, 52. will eat from the tree of Zaqqum. 53. You will fill your bellies with it, 54. and on top of that you will drink scalding liquid. 55. You will drink like thirsty camels." 56. That will be their entertainment on the Day of Judgement. 57. I created you, so why do you not believe in the truth? 58. Have you ever considered what you ejaculate? 59. Who created it, you, or your Creator? 60. I ordained death for you, and nothing can stop Me, 61. from transforming and recreating you in forms unknown to you. 62. You have already witnessed your own creation. Why, then, do not you believe? 63. Have you ever thought about the seeds you sow? 64. Is it you who causes them to grow, or is it Me? 65. If it be My wish, I could reduce your harvest (to chaff / hay), for then you would be left devoid of crops, 66. saying: "We have truly suffered a great loss. 67. Rather, we have been deprived." 68. Have you ever thought of the water you drink? 69. Who sends it down from the sky? You, or

Allah? 70. If it be His will, He could make it bitter. So why are you not, then, grateful to Him? 71. Have you considered the fire you kindle? (Arabian trees, markh and afar which produces fire when its branches are rubbed together) 72. Did you produce its trees, or did I? 73. I have made it a reminder of Hell, and as a provision for those who kindle it. 74. So glorify the name of your Lord, the Greatest. 75. I swear by the positions of the stars, 76. and this, if only you knew, is indeed, a great oath. 77. This is truly, a noble Qur'an, 78. kept in a well-protected record, 79. touched by none, except the angels. 80. A revelation from the Lord of the Worlds. 81. After such a solemn oath, do you regard it as unworthy of serious attention? 82. You have your provisions, yet you reject Allah. 83. Why, then, are you helpless when the soul of a dying person reaches his throat, 84. while you stand and watch. 85. I am close to that man than you, but you cannot see Me. 86. Now, if you are not dependent upon Me, as you claim, 87. then go ahead and restore his soul. 88. If the dying person is close to Me, 89. he will have rest and satisfaction, and a garden of pleasure. 90. If he is a companion of the right, 91. he will be told: "Greetings from the people of the right." 92. If he is one of the misguided, 93. then he will be greeted with boiling liquid, 94. and will burn in Hell. 95. This is the absolute truth. 96. Glorify the name of your Lord, the Magnificent.

SURA 57. Al - Hadid (iron)

1. Everything in the heavens and the earth in its own way glorifies Allah, the Mighty One, the Wise. 2. To Him belongs the control of the heavens and the earth. He gives life and He causes death and He has power over everything. 3. He is the first in existence and He will be the last to exist. He is Most High, yet most near, and He is Knowledgeable. 4. Allah is the One who created the heavens and the earth in six periods, and then established His absolute authority over His realm of creation. He knows what penetrates the earth and what comes out of it. He knows

what descends from the sky and what ascends to it. Allah is with you wherever you are, and He sees everything you do. 5. To Him belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. To Him all matters return. 6. He merges night into day and day into night and He has full knowledge of the secrets of all hearts. 7. Believe in Allah and His messenger and spend out of your wealth for the sake of pleasing Him. Those who believe and devote part of their wealth to charity deserve a great reward from their Lord. 8. What is the matter with you - why do you not believe in Allah, especially, at this privileged time of having My prophet living among you, for he is inviting you to walk upon your Lord's path? Have you forgotten your pledge: *There is only one God and Muhammad is His messenger*. 9. He is the One who sends down revelations to His servants, so they could bring you out of darkness and into light. Allah is Gracious and Merciful to you. 10. What is the matter with you, why do not you donate for His sake. It is Allah who is the inheritor of all in the heavens and the earth? Those among you who spent and fought before the conquest of Mecca are not equal to others, for they are high in rank than those who spent and fought after the conquest. Allah has promised Paradise to all and He is aware of what you do. 11. Who will offer Allah a generous loan? He will double it and give an honourable reward. 12. You will see a day upon which believing men and women will be surrounded by a luminous halo, inclining towards their right side, rushing to meet their Lord. They will be told: "There is good news for you today." They will live forever in His gardens, beneath which rivers flow. This is success. 13. And you will see hypocritical men and women asking the believers to lean towards them, so they may share their light. They will be told: "Go away, seek light elsewhere." Then, a wall with a gate will pop up in front of them. (*Once the People of Paradise enter through the gate, the gate will close*) One side there will be blessings and on the other side there will be torture. 14. The tormented will cry out to those graced, saying: "Were we not with you?" They will reply: "Yes, you were, but you chose to be tempted by hypocrisy, eagerly

awaiting our demise and you doubted the truth and you were deluded by false hopes until Allah's decree of death came upon you. Satan deceived you about Allah." 15. Then, they will be told: "Today no ransom will be accepted from you hypocrites or those who disbelieved. Your home is the Fire. It is the perfect place for you." What an evil destination. 16. Is it not time for the believers' hearts to become humbly submissive to the remembrance of Allah and to the truth that He has sent down? Do not be like those who were given My previous Books (*Torah and Gospel*), those who were spoiled for so long that their hearts became hard. Most of them are still rebellious. 17. Know that Allah revives the earth after its death. I have certainly made My signs clear for you, so perhaps you may understand. 18. Men and women who give charity and lend Allah a loan will have it multiplied to their credit and receive an honourable reward. 19. Those who believe in Allah and His prophets are those who believe in the truth. As true witnesses they will receive their light as well as a great reward. 20. Know that this life is nothing but play and amusement. You are engaged in a show to compete amongst yourselves to earn more wealth and children, in order to be proud. This worldly life is like a plant which grows after a rain shower, which makes farmers happy, but thereafter, the same plant turns yellow, and then changes its form to useless hay, which is then blown away by the wind. This worldly life is nothing more than a temporary illusion. Real life begins in the Hereafter, where there is either a severe punishment or forgiveness. 21. So compete in earning Paradise, which is as spacious as the entire universe, ready for those who believe in Allah and His messengers'. Such is Allah's grace, which He bestows upon whomever He wills. Indeed, His grace is limitless. 22. No calamity nor blessing occurs on earth, nor in yourselves without having been pre-destined. before I bring it into being. This is easy for Allah. 23. I tell you this, so you neither grieve over what you have missed, or boast over what I have bestowed upon you, for Allah does not like arrogant, boastful individuals, 24. nor those who are greedy, and promote greed

among people. Those who turn away should beware that Allah is independent and Praiseworthy. 25. I sent My messengers with clear signs and the Book, and the criterion to distinguish between right and wrong, so humanity may stand for justice. And I sent down iron, in which there is great power and other benefits, so Allah may test those who will help Him, the unseen, and His apostle. Indeed, Allah is strong and exalted in might. 26. I sent Noah and Abraham and gave to their descendants the gift of prophecy and the Book. Some of them were guided, but many were evil. 27. After them, I sent many prophets. Eventually, I sent Jesus, the son of Mary, and gave him the Gospel and placed in the heart of his follower's kindness and mercy. Monasticism (*abandoning the world out of fear*), however, was their own invention (*not prescribed by Allah*) to please God. They did not observe the rules of their invented sect in the right spirit as it should have been observed. I rewarded those of them who had believed, but most of them are evil. 28. O People of faith! Fear Allah and believe in His prophet. Allah will double His mercy, and provide you with a light, in which you will be able to walk on Judgment Day and forgive you. Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 29. This so, the Jews and the Christians, who deny Muhammad's prophethood may know that they have no control over Allah's grace, for Allah owns grace and He bestows it on whomever He wills. Indeed, He is the Lord of infinite bounty.

SURA 58. Al - Mujadilah (plea)

1. Allah heard the argument of the woman who pleaded with you, O Muhammad, about her husband and she had appealed to Allah. Allah heard your exchange of words. Indeed, Allah is all-Hearing, all-Seeing. 2. Those who sinfully divorce their wives by comparing them with their mothers should know that your wives are not your mothers. None can be your mother except the one who gave birth to you. What they say is absurd and false. Yet, Allah is ever-Pardoning, ever Forgiving. 3.

Those who divorce their wives in this manner, but then decides to return to his wife should free a slave for his action / intention. 4. If such a man is not wealthy enough to free a slave, then he should fast for two consecutive months. If he is not physically fit to do that, then he has to feed sixty poor individuals. This is to increase your faith in Allah. The unbelievers who do not obey the laws of your Lord will certainly deserve His punishment. 5. Those who oppose Allah and His messenger will be humiliated as those before them were humiliated. Allah has sent down clear signs, and there is punishment in reserve for those who disbelieve. 6. On the day, when Allah resurrects everyone, He will inform all about what they had done. Allah kept an account of all their deeds, though most people have forgotten. Indeed, Allah witnesses everything. 7. Do you not understand that Allah is aware of everything in the heavens and earth? whenever a few people whisper secretly, no matter where they may be, Allah is right next to them, and then on the Day of Judgement He will inform them about what they were doing. Indeed, He is aware of everything. 8. Despite you forbidding them to hold secret meetings, the hypocrites practice secret meetings and brag about their sins and disobedience towards His prophet. When they come to you, they greet you in such a way that, even Allah, who loves you, has not greeted you. And they say among themselves: "How come Allah does not punish us for this?" The Fire of Hell will be more than enough. They will be used as its fuel. What a terrible place to end up in. 9. Believers, when you confer in private, do not talk about sinful deeds, nor be hostile, nor be disobedient to the messenger, rather converse in a way that is good and mindful of Allah. Pay attention to Allah to whom you will be gathered. 10. Secret conversations are inspired by Satan to grieve those who believe. Though he cannot harm them unless Allah permits it. Believers put your trust in Allah. 11. O believers! When you are asked to make room in a gathering, then do so, for Allah will make room for you, and when you are asked to rise, then do so, for Allah will raise you with those who believe and are endowed with

knowledge. Allah is aware of what you do. 12. O believers! When you have a consultation with the prophet give something in charity beforehand, for that is better and pure, but if you lack the means, then know that Allah is truly Forgiving, Merciful. 13. If you fail to give charity, then ask Allah for forgiveness, for Allah will forgive you, but keep up with your prayers and pay the obligatory charity and obey Allah and His messenger; and beware, for Allah is acquainted with your deeds. 14. Have you not seen those who make allies with such people, with whom, Allah has become angry? They are neither with you nor with them, and they deliberately swear to lie's, though they know they are lies. (Muslim leaders today have joined forces with the Zionist movement who are Allah's enemy) 15. Allah will punish them severely. What they do is evil. 16. Their oath of allegiance to submit to Allah is just a cover and they prevent others from His path, and for this, they will be punished. 17. Neither their wealth, nor their children can save them from His punishment. They will be residents of the Fire, where they shall live. 18. On the day of resurrection they will swear as they swear to you today that they have submitted. They think swearing will save them. You should know that they are liars. 19. Satan has taken hold of them, causing them to forget their Lord. They are Satan's friends. Surely, his friends are losers. 20. As for those, who defy Allah and His messenger, they will be amongst the humiliated. 21. Allah has decreed: "I and My messengers' will prevail." Allah is Powerful, Almighty. 22. You will never find anyone who believes in Allah and the last day loyal to those who oppose Allah and His messenger, even if they were their parents, their sons, their brothers, or their dearest ones. Such are those in whose hearts Allah has put faith and supported them with divine inspiration. Allah will admit them into the gardens, under which rivers flow. They will live there forever. Allah is pleased with them and they with Him. They are Allah's friends. They are the successful ones.

SURA 59. Al - Hashr (exile)

1. Everything in the heavens and earth glorify Allah. Indeed, Allah is Powerful, Wise. 2. Allah is the One who made the unbelieving Jews leave their home during their first exile, they thought their fortresses would protect them, however, Allah's punishment came upon them from where they least expected it and put such terror in their hearts, so much so that they ended up destroying their own homes. May this event be a lesson for those who possess eyes. (this refers to the Jewish tribe of Banu Nadhi whose intrigues and treachery nearly destroyed the Muslim cause during the perilous days of the battle of Uhud. They were asked to leave because they endangered the very existence of the ummah in Medina. At first, they demurred and relying on their fortresses and on their alliance with the pagans and hypocrites, but when the Muslim army gathered to punish them, their allies did not aid them) 3. Had Allah not decreed exile for them, He would have certainly punished them in this world, but in the Hereafter, they will suffer the punishment of the Fire. 4. The whole event took place for the simple reason that the Jews resisted Allah and His messenger. Whoever opposes Allah will be subject to a severe punishment. 5. All the enemies palm trees that you Muslims cut down or left standing was by Allah's will. Allah will humiliate the evildoers. (the prophet instructed his army not to cut trees, but some soldiers had to remove some of the palm trees to enable them to enter the fort of Banu Nadhi. However, when the Muslims disagreed, this verse was revealed) 6. You believers did not provide horses, nor camels for whatever gains Allah turned over to His messenger from them. Allah gives authority to His messengers' over whomever He wills, for Allah has power over everything. 7. Any property confiscated from the defeated Banu Nadhi tribe belongs to Allah. They should be distributed in charity by the prophet amongst his relatives, the orphans, the poor and the needy travellers, so it does not end up in the hands of the rich. You may keep what he gives you, but do not take what he prohibits you. Fear Allah, for He is severe in punishment. 8. A share

of the property should also be given to those poverty stricken Muslims who fled Mecca, for they were expelled from their homes, and their property was confiscated for no reason other than they sought the pleasure of Allah by supporting the prophet. Such are true believers. 9. There is also, a share for those who are established in Medina and have accepted faith. They love those who migrated over to them, nor do they find any hesitation in their hearts by helping them, for they give the migrants preference over themselves, even, if they themselves are in need. Whoever protects their soul from greed, they shall truly, be successful. 10. Those who embraced Islam later on and prayed, saying: "O Lord, forgive us and our brothers in Islam who joined this faith before us. Let there be no hard feelings amongst us, for You are Kind, Merciful." 11. Have you noticed how the hypocrites encourage their Jewish brothers who are confronting you? They also said to them: "If you are evicted we will leave with you, and if you fight, we shall fight with you against Muhammad, nor will we ever obey any who oppose you." Allah knows what type of liars they are. 12. They will never join the Jews in a fight, nor will they follow them after their expulsion. Even if they help your enemy, O Muhammad, they will never win. 13. They fear you believers more than Allah because they are a people devoid of understanding. 14. Even united they would not fight against you, unless they were within a fortified stronghold, or from behind a wall. Their malice for each other is intense: you think they are united, yet their hearts are divided. That is because they are without understanding. 15. Their fate will be the same as those unbelievers before them, total loss, they will be punished, severely. 16. Unbelievers are like Satan, who invites man to rebel against his Lord. When Satan says to mankind: "Reject Allah." And when they reject Him, Satan says: "I have nothing to do with you, for I fear Allah, the Lord of the Worlds." 17. They will both end up in the Fire, where they shall live forever. That is the reward for the evildoers. 18. Believers keep Allah in mind with the utmost respect. What you plant today you shall harvest it

tomorrow (**Hereafter**). 19. Do not be like those who forgot their Lord, so He made them forget their purpose in life, for they are the losers. 20. Those in Hell cannot be compared to those in Paradise. The residents of Paradise are victorious. 21. Had I sent down this Qur'an upon a mountain; you would have seen it crumble in awe of Allah. With such examples Allah makes His point to be understood by those who use common sense. 22. He is Allah. There is no god except Him. He knows the visible and the invisible. He is Compassionate, Merciful. 23. He is Allah. There is no god except Him. The King, the most Holy, the all-Perfect, the source of Serenity, the Watcher of all, the Almighty, the supreme in Might, the Majestic. Glory be to Allah. High is He above the partners they ascribe to Him. 24. He is God, the Creator, the Initiator, the Designer. To Him belongs the most beautiful names. He is glorified by all in the heavens and the earth. He is Noble, Wise.

SURA 60. Al - Mumtahirah (examining her)

1. O believers! Do not take My enemy and yours as trusted allies, showing them affection, even though they deny what has come to you of the truth. They drove the messenger and yourselves out of Mecca because of your belief in Allah, your Lord. If you truly, emigrated and struggled for My sake and seeking My pleasure, then do not take them as your allies, disclosing believers secrets to the pagans out of affection when I know best what you conceal and reveal. Whoever does this has truly, strayed from the right path. 2. If they encounter you, they treat you, as enemies, and they extend their hands and their tongues to hurt you. They want you to renounce faith. 3. Neither your relatives nor your children will benefit you on Judgment Day. He will decide between you all. Verily, Allah is observing your conduct. 4. You already have an excellent example in Abraham and those with him, when they said to their people: "We totally dissociate ourselves from you and shun whatever idols you worship besides Allah. We reject you. The enmity

and hatred that has arisen between us will last until you believe in Allah alone.” The only exception is when Abraham said to his father: “I will seek forgiveness for you, but I cannot protect you from Allah.” The believers prayed, saying: “O Lord! In You we trust and to You we turn and to You is our final return. 5. O Lord, do not make us a target for the unbelievers and forgive us. O Lord, You are Almighty, all Wise.” 6. Certainly, a good example has been set by them for those who seek Allah and the last day. As to those who chose to deny their Lord, let them know that He is in no need of them, for Allah is wealthy, Praiseworthy. 7. In time to come, Allah may bring about goodwill between you and those of them whom you now deem as your enemy. Indeed, Allah is capable, and He is Forgiving, Merciful. 8. Allah has not forbidden you from dealing kindly and fairly with those who have neither fought you, nor driven you out of your homes. Allah loves those who are fair. 9. Allah forbids friendship with those who fought you and expelled you from your homes because of your faith. Those who befriend them are unjust. 10. O believers, you are ordered to test women who come to you and ask for asylum, though Allah knows their faith. If you find them to be true believers, then you are forbidden to extradite them back to the unbelievers. Newly converted Muslim women are not allowed to remain married to unbelievers. Muslim women are not allowed to marry unbelievers. So return to their ex-husbands the dowers they may have given. You are encouraged to ask for their hand in marriage, after having paid the dower to them. Muslim men should divorce unbelieving wives after payment of their dower. Unbelieving men should return the dower to his ex-wife, if she recently embraced Islam. This is Allah’s command. He rules among you. Allah is Knowledgeable, Wise. 11. If your wife deserts you and returns to an unbeliever, but then you decide to retaliate, then O Muhammad, pay from the spoils of war to the one who lost his wife the amount he had spent and fear Allah, whom you believe. 12. O Muhammad, if a believing women comes to take the oath of allegiance, saying that she will not associate anything with Allah, nor steal,

nor commit adultery, nor kill (abort) their children, nor fabricate lies, nor disobey your orders, then accept her allegiance and pray to Allah to forgive her, for Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 13. Believers! Do not befriend those whom Allah is displeased with. There is no hope for them in the Hereafter, nor for the unbelievers in their graves.

SURA 61. As - Saff (ranks)

1. The Almighty, the Wise - Allah is being glorified by everything He created in the heavens and earth. 2. O believers! Why do you say what you do not do? 3. How despicable it is in the sight of Allah that you say what you do not do. 4. Surely Allah loves those who fight in His cause in solid ranks, as if, they were one concrete structure. 5. Remember, O prophet, when Moses said to his people: "O my People! Why do you hurt me when you know I am Allah's messenger?" And so, when they persistently deviated, I caused their hearts to deviate. Allah does not guide rebellious people. 6. And remember when Jesus, the son of Mary, said: "O Children of Israel! I am Allah's messenger, confirming the Torah which came before me. I am here to convey good news of a messenger who will come after me, his name is Ahmad." Yet when Ahmad came to them with proof, they said: "This is pure magic." 7. Who could be more unjust than he who invents a lie, and then attributes it to Allah while being invited to submit to Him? Verily, Allah does not guide evildoers. 8. They want to extinguish Allah's light with their words, but He perfects His light to the dismay of the unbelievers. 9. Allah sent His messenger with guidance and the religion of truth, making it prevail over all other religions to the dismay of the idolaters. 10. O you who believe, would you like me to direct your attention to a deal that will save you from Allah's punishment? 11. It is to have faith in Allah and His messenger, and to strive for His sake with your wealth and lives, for that will be best for you, if only you knew. 12. He will forgive your sins and admit you to gardens with flowing rivers with a beautiful house. Indeed,

that is what you call success. 13. He will also bestow another favour that you long for: help from Allah and imminent victory, so convey this good news to the believers. 14. O believers! Stand up for Allah, as Jesus, the son of Mary, asked the disciples: "Who will stand with me for Allah?" The disciples replied: "We will stand up for Allah." A group among the Children of Israel believed, while others disbelieved, so We supported the believers against their enemy, and they prevailed.

SURA 62. Al - Jumu'ah (Friday congregation)

1. All in the heavens and all on earth constantly glorifies Allah - the King, the Most Holy, the Almighty, the Wise. 2. He is the One, who raised for the illiterates a messenger from among themselves, who recites His revelations, and purifies them and teaches them His Book, and wisdom, for previously they were misguided. 3. As well as others who have not, yet joined them in faith. Indeed, Allah is Almighty, Wise. 4. Such is Allah's favour. He bestows it on whomsoever He wills. Indeed, His favour is immense. 5. The example of those Jews, who were entrusted with the Torah, but failed to carry out their obligations are no different from a donkey that carries tons of books without knowing what is in them. What a bad example of those, who reject My revelations. Allah does not guide the unjust. 6. Say: "O Jews! If you are Allah's chosen ones to the exclusion of others, then pray for death." 7. They will never wish for that because of what they have done. Allah knows the evildoers. (they disobeyed Allah, killed His prophets, including Zachariah and John, the Baptist, and they claimed to have killed Jesus, and they accused Mary of adultery, and they dealt with usury) 8. Say: "You are trying to avoid death, but it will catch up with you, for then you shall meet your Lord, who knows everything, the visible and the invisible, and He will tell you what you did." 9. O believers! When you hear the call to pray on Friday, proceed diligently to His remembrance. Leave trade and business. That is better for you, if

only you knew. 10. Once the prayer is over, disperse and seek His bounty, but do remember Allah, as often as possible, so you may succeed. 11. Tell those who abandon the Friday sermon to attend a business deal, or entertainment: “What you earn by worshipping Allah is far superior to what you may gain by closing a business deal, or any other activity. Verily, Allah is the best to provide.”

SURA 63. Al - Munafiqun (hypocrites)

1. Allah bears witness that the hypocrites lie when they come to Muhammad, testifying that he is, indeed one of the messengers from Allah. Allah does not need their confession, for the Almighty knows he is His messenger. 2. They hide their evil intentions under the disguise of submission. and thus, prevent others from His path. Their deeds are evil, indeed. 3. Allah has put a seal over their hearts, so they do not understand. They are doomed on account of their denial of the truth after having submitted. 4. When you see them, their appearance impresses you, and when they speak, you listen to their impressive talks, but they are like worthless planks of wood leaned against a wall. They think every cry is against them. They are the enemy, so beware of them. May Allah curse them. How can they be so deluded? 5. When they are told to come to the messenger, he will pray for your forgiveness, they turn their heads aside in disgust and walk away, arrogantly. 6. It is the same whether you pray for their forgiveness or not, Allah will never forgive them. Allah does not guide rebellious people. 7. The hypocrites say: “Do not help those Muslims with your economic resources, so they may cut their ties with Muhammad.” Do not these hypocrites know that all the wealth in the universe belongs to Allah. 8. And among them, Ibn Ubayy said: “As soon as we return to Medina, the honourable ones should evict those weak ones from their city.” Do not they know that honour belongs to Allah and His messenger and the believers. 9. O believers! Do not allow your wealth, nor your children to divert you

from the remembrance of Allah. Whoever does this will be doomed. 10. Donate from what I have given you before your death arrives, for then you will say: "O my Lord! Delayed my departure, for I will donate and become righteous." 11. Allah will not delay a soul when it's time for departure arrives. Allah is aware of what you do.

SURA 64. At - Taghabun (mutual disillusion)

1. All in the heavens and the earth declare His limitless glory. To Him, belongs the kingdom, and to Him is praise due and He is capable of everything. 2. He is the One who created you. Some of you are believers, while some are unbelievers. Allah sees everything you do. 3. He created the heavens and the earth for a purpose. He shaped you in a womb. He perfects your form, and to Him is your final return. 4. He knows what is in the heavens and what is in the earth. He knows what you conceal and what you reveal. Allah knows what is hidden in the heart. 5. Have the stories of those who disbelieved before you not reached you, O pagans? They had to taste the evil consequence of their evil conduct and they will suffer a painful punishment in the Hereafter. 6. They were punished in this world, and they will be punished in the Hereafter for the simple reason of not listening to My messengers'. They were too proud to listen to a man like themselves. Their false pride led them to disbelief. Allah is rich. He is the only one worthy of worship. 7. The unbelievers think they will not be resurrected. By your Lord, they will be resurrected and held accountable for their deeds. This is not difficult for Allah. 8. Believe in Allah and His messenger and the Qur'an, which I have sent to you. Indeed, Allah is aware of what you all do. 9. Consider that day when Allah gathers all, for that will be a day of mutual loss and gain, so whoever believes in Allah and does good, Allah will remove his sins and admit him into gardens under which rivers flow, where he shall stay forever. That is the ultimate triumph. 10. But those who reject My revelations will become residents of the Fire, where they shall

remain forever. What an evil destination. 11. No calamity befalls on without Allah's permission. Whoever has faith, Allah will guide his heart through adversities. Indeed, Allah has knowledge of all things. 12. Obey Allah and obey His messenger, but if you turn away, then beware, for My messenger's duty is only to deliver My message. 13. Allah, there is no god besides Him. In Allah, the believers should put their trust. 14. Believers should also understand that some of their wives and children are, indeed, their enemy, for they want you to deviate from the right path for their sake. Beware of them, do not ruin your eternal life for their sake, but do not treat them harshly. May Allah, out of His mercy, forgive them and guide them to the right path. Verily, Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. 15. Your wealth and children are only a test, but Allah has a great reward. 16. Keep Allah in your mind as much as possible and listen, and obey your Lord, and donate to charity, to please Allah, for this is for your own good. Success belongs to those who conquer self-greed. 17. The one who devotes part of his wealth to charity has, indeed, advanced a loan to his Lord. Allah will multiply it, and return it, and forgive your sins. Allah is Appreciative, Forbearing. 18. He knows the visible and invisible. Indeed, He is Almighty, Wise.

SURA 65. At - Talaq (divorce)

1. Allah hereby orders His prophet to follow the following rules regarding a divorce: First, the waiting period should be strictly calculated and reinforced as it is a serious matter in the eyes of your Lord. Secondly, the husband should not force his wife to leave the house, unless she has committed an indecency. These are His boundaries. Any who transgresses these boundaries will wrong his soul. You never know, Allah may perhaps make something better come out of this. 2. When the prescribed waiting period is over, either return to your wife and honour her, or depart honourably, and call two reliable men to witness either way. This

is enjoined upon those, who have faith in Allah and the last day. Whoever is mindful of Allah - Allah will make a way out for them, 3. and provide for them from unexpected sources. Allah is sufficient for those who trust Him. Allah will achieve His purpose. Allah has set measures for everything. 4. Women who have reached menopause, their waiting period is three lunar months. The same law applies to women who have not menstruated yet or have delayed menstruation. Pregnant women's waiting period ends at delivery. Allah will ease hardship of those who fear Him. 5. This is His command. Whoever fears Allah - Allah will remove their sins and amplify their reward. 6. While in their waiting period, let your wives live where you live and support them according to your means. Do not harass them, so they have no choice but to leave. If they are pregnant, you must support them, until they give birth. 7. Let a man of wealth provide according to his means. As for the poor - he should provide according to whatever Allah has given him. Allah does not burden anyone beyond what He has given them. Allah does make it easy after hardship. 8. How many towns rebelled against the commands of their Lord and messengers'. I held them accountable and punished them with a terrible punishment. 9. They suffered on account of their own doings. The consequence of their conduct was nothing, but loss. 10. Allah has prepared a terrible punishment for the Hereafter. Therefore, if you have intelligence and have chosen to believe, then be mindful of your Lord. Indeed, Allah sent down this Qur'an as a reminder for you. 11. And, He sent a messenger who recites His revelations to you with explanations, so he could take believers out of darkness and lead them to Allah's light. Whomever believes in Allah and leads an honourable life, they will enter gardens with flowing rivers. They shall live there forever. Indeed, Allah has prepared an excellent provision for them. 12. Allah created seven universes and seven earth like planets. His command descends between them all. He controls everything, and He surrounds everything with His knowledge.

SURA 66. At - Tahrim (Prohibition)

1. O Muhammad! Why do you prohibit yourself from what Allah has made lawful for you, seeking to please your wives? Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. (the prophet usually visited his wives after 'Asr. Once it just so happened, he stayed longer than usual at Zainab's house. She had received honey, which he liked. At this, Aisha felt jealous, so Hafsa, Sawda and Safiya all agreed that when he visited them, they would say a peculiar odour came from his mouth, even though they knew he was sensitive to offensive smells. When his wives gave him a hint, he vowed never to eat honey again, therefore, this verse was revealed)

2. Allah has ordained a way for you to release yourselves from your oaths, for Allah is your protector, and He is Knowledgeable and Wise.

3. Remember when the prophet had once confided something to one of his wives, but then she disclosed it to another wife of his. Allah made it known to him, so he presented to her part of what was disclosed to him and overlooked the rest. When he informed her about it, she exclaimed: "Who told you this?" He replied: "I was informed by the One who knows and is aware."

4. It will be better for both (Hafsa and Aisha) of you, if you repent to Allah, for your hearts have faltered, however, if you continue to collaborate against Muhammad, then beware, his guardian is Allah, Gabriel, the believers and the angels.

5. Perhaps, if he divorced you all - his Lord would replace you with better wives who would be submissive to Allah and faithful to him, and be devout, and be dedicated in worship, and fast, whether they be previously married or virgins.

6. O you who believe, protect yourselves and your families from the Fire, whose fuel is humans, jins and stones. And guarding the Fire are stern and powerful angels who do not disobey their Lord, for they carry out every command.

7. Unbelievers will be told on Judgment Day: "O Unbelievers, make no excuse today, for you are being rewarded for your evil deeds."

8. O believers! Turn with sincere repentance, so your Lord may remove your sins and admit you

into gardens, under which rivers flow, for on that day, Allah will not disgrace the prophet nor the believers. Their light will shine in front of them, and towards their right. They will say: "O Lord! Perfect our light and forgive us, for You are truly capable of everything." 9. O prophet! strive against the unbelievers and hypocrites, and be stern with them, for their home is Hell. What a miserable destination. 10. Allah sets forth an example for the unbelievers: the wives of Noah and Lot. Each was married to one of My righteous servants, yet they betrayed them. Their husbands were of no benefit to them against Allah. Both were told: "Enter the Fire with the others." 11. Allah sets forth an example for the believers: the wife of Pharaoh who prayed, saying: "O my Lord! Build me a house in Paradise near You and save me from Pharaoh and his evil deeds and save me from these evildoers." 12. Also, Mary, the daughter of Imran, who maintained her chastity. I blew into her of My spirit. She believed in the words of her Lord and His Books. She was obedient.

SURA 67. Al - Mulk (the Kingdom)

1. Blessed is the One in whose hands rests authority, for He is capable of everything. 2. He is the One who created life and death, to test which of you is best in conduct, and He is Almighty, yet Forgiving. 3. He is the One who created seven heavens, one above the other. You will never see any imperfection in the creation of the Compassionate, so look again: do you see any flaws? 4. Look again! And again! your sight will return to you dazzled and exhausted. 5. I have decorated the lowest heaven with stars - like lamps. I have made such lamps missiles to push the devils away, and I have prepared for them the punishment of the blaze. 6. Those who disbelieve in their Lord will suffer in Hell. What an evil destination. 7. When they are tossed into it, they will hear its roaring as it boils over, 8. almost bursting with fury. Every time a group is cast into it, its keepers will say: "Did a warner not come to you?" 9. They will say: "Yes, a warner did come, but we

disbelieved and said: "Allah did not reveal anything, you are misguided. 10. Had we listened, or had we understood, we would not be among these inhabitants of the Fire." 11. They will acknowledge their sins, but it will be too late to ask for forgiveness. 12. Those in awe of their Lord without seeing Him will have His forgiveness and a great reward. 13. Whether you speak secretly or openly - Allah knows what is hidden in the heart. 14. How could He not know His Own creation? He is Gracious and well informed. 15. He is the One who made the earth subservient for you, so roam its paths and eat of His provisions; and to Him, you will be resurrected. 16. Do you feel confident that the One who is in the heaven would not cause the earth to swallow you as it quakes violently? 17. Or, do you feel confident that the One who is in heaven will not unleash upon you a storm of stones. Only then, would you know how serious My warnings are. 18. As a warning I destroyed many unbelievers in the past, with terrible natural disasters, so humanity may become grateful for the security that I have given them. 19. Have they not seen the birds above them, spreading and folding their wings? None holds them up, except the Compassionate. Indeed, He sees everything. 20. Who is there to defend you besides Allah. The unbelievers are being deceived. 21. Tell Me, who will feed you, if the Compassionate decides to cut off your supplies? Yet, they persist in arrogance, and flee from the truth. 22. Who is better guided: the one who walks face down, or the one who walks steadily on the right path? 23. Say: "He is the One who brought you into being, and He is the One who gave you hearing, sight and intellect, though you show no gratitude." 24. Say: "It is He who scattered you upon the earth, and to Him you shall be gathered." 25. Still, they ask: "When will this threat (**resurrection**) come to pass, if what you say is true?" 26. Say: "That knowledge is with Allah, but I am here to warn you." 27. When they see the torment drawing near, the faces of the unbelievers will become gloomy, they will be told: "This is what you said would never come." 28. Say: "Just think, regardless of whether Allah destroys me and my followers, or has mercy upon us,

who will protect you from an agonizing punishment?” 29. Say: “He is Almighty, and we believe in Him, and we have put our trust in Him, but soon you will find out who is misguided.” 30. Say: “What if your water sinks deep underground, who then, could provide you with water?”

SURA 68. Al - Qalam (the Pen)

1. Nun (*only Allah knows it's meaning*). By the pen and whatever it writes. 2. By the grace of your Lord, you, O Muhammad, are not insane. 3. You will certainly have a never-ending reward from your Lord. 4. You are truly, a man of outstanding character. 5. Soon you and the pagans will see, 6. which of you is mad. 7. Your Lord knows who has strayed from His path and who is guided. 8. So do not obey the unbelievers. 9. They would like you to make concessions and compromise the truth somewhat, for then they too, would give in a little. 10. And do not obey the despicable, vain oath-taker. (*Walid Mughira was the ringleader in defaming the prophet*) 11. Slanderer, gossipmonger, 12. forbiddener of charity, a transgressor, a sinner, 13. brute, and on top of all that an illegitimate child. 14. Just because he has wealth and children. 15. When revelations are recited, he says: “These are tales of the past.” 16. Soon I will mark his face with the Fire. 17. I will test these Mecca's, as I tried the owners of the two gardens, when they swore that they would go and pick fruits in the morning, 18. without saying: “If Allah wills.” 19. Behold, a tornado swept through their garden as they slept. 20. Thus, by morning their gardens appeared barren. 21. Then, during daybreak they called out to each other, 22. saying: “Let's go and harvest our crops.” 23. They proceeded while conversing, 24. saying: “Let no beggar come near our gardens today.” 25. They left early with the intention of stopping poor people from taking any fruit, 26. but when they saw their gardens in ruins, they cried out, saying: “We've lost everything. 27. We have nothing left.” 28. The wise one, said: “If only you had

glorified Allah.” 29. They said: “Glory be to our Lord, for we have, indeed transgressed.” 30. Then, they began to blame each other. 31. They said: “Woe to us, for we have sinned. 32. Perhaps, our Lord will grant us better gardens if we repent.” 33. Such was My punishment, but the punishment in the Hereafter is far worse, if they only but knew. 34. There will be gardens of bliss for those conscious of Allah. 35. Should I treat those who submit to Allah like the evil ones? 36. What is wrong with you, how do you judge. 37. Or, do you have another book, which you study, 38. in which, it says that you can do as you wish. 39. Or, do you have oaths binding upon Us until the Day of Judgment that you will have what you desire? 40. Ask them: “Who will vouch for that pledge?” 41. Or do they have gods supporting their claim? If so, let them bring forth their gods, if what they say is true. 42. The day when a leg shall be exposed (*its meaning is only known to Allah*), they will be commanded to prostrate, but they will be unable to do so. 43. Their eyes will be full of shame and sorrow, for they will be reminded of the time they had to prostrate before their Lord, but they refused. 44. Leave the unbelievers to Me, for I will rein them in, in such a way that they will not realize that they are being ruined. 45. I give them enough time to prove their guilt. My plan is indeed perfect. 46. Or, are you asking them for a reward for My message, so they are overburdened by debt? 47. Or, do they possess knowledge of the unseen, which they have recorded? 48. In any case, wait patiently for your Lord’s decree, nor be like Jonah - *the man of the whale*, who cried out in utter distress. 49. Had it not been for his Lord's mercy - Jonah would have remained trapped inside the whale. He was to blame. 50. But his Lord blessed him and made him one of the righteous. 51. When the unbelievers hear your recitation, they try to destroy you with their piercing eyes, and say: “He is insane.” 52. It is simply a reminder for the whole world.

SURA 69. Al - Haqqah (Inevitable)

1. Inevitable Hour. 2. What is the Inevitable Hour? 3. What will make you understand the Inevitable Hour? 4. Thamud and the 'Ad tribes denied the possibility of a sudden calamity. 5. As for Thamud tribe - they were destroyed by an overwhelming blast. 6. As for the 'Ad tribe - they were annihilated by a furious wind, 7. which Allah unleashed on them non-stop for seven nights and eight days. You would have seen its people lying dead, like trunks of uprooted palm trees. 8. Do you see any remnants of them now? 9. Also, Pharaoh and those before him, and the People of the overturned cities of Lot. They all indulged in sin, 10. each disobeying their Lord's messenger's, so Allah seized them with a crushing grip. 11. And when the floodwater overflowed, I carried you, O humanity, in the Ark with Noah. 12. I made that event a reminder, and for attentive ears to pay attention. 13. And when the first blow of the trumpet is blown, 14. the earth and its mountains will be lifted and crushed. 15. On that day the inevitable event will have come to pass. 16. The sky will then, be torn apart, since it was frail. 17. And the angels will be on its edges. On that day, eight angels will carry the Throne of your Lord. 18. You, O humanity, will then, be presented before Allah for judgment, none of your secrets will stay hidden. 19. As for those given their records in their right hand, they will cry out, saying: "Here, read my record. 20. I knew I would be held accountable." 21. They will be in a life of bliss, 22. in elevated gardens, 23. with fruit hanging low - within reach. 24. They will be told: "Eat and drink, as you please. A reward for your deeds." 25. He who is given his record in his left hand will say: "I wish I were not given my record. 26. I knew nothing of my reckoning. 27. I wish death were the end of me. 28. Woe to me, my wealth cannot benefit me, 29. and my power has vanished." 30. It will then be said: "Seize them and shackle them. 31. And then, burn them in the Fire of Hell. 32. And tie them in chains - seventy cubits long, 33. for they did not believe in Allah - the Greatest.

34. nor did they encourage others to feed the poor. 35. They have no friends here today, 36. nor any food, except oozing pus, 37. which none will eat, except sinners. 38. I do swear by whatever you see, 39. and whatever you cannot see, 40. this Qur'an is being conveyed to you by an honoured messenger. 41. It is not words of a poet, as you claim, though you hardly have any faith. 42. Nor is it mumbling of a fortune-teller, yet you barely pay any attention. 43. This Qur'an is a revelation from the Creator of the worlds to humanity. 44. Had the messenger made up something in My name, 45. I would have seized him by his right hand, 46. and cut-off his lifeline. 47. No one could stop Me. 48. This Qur'an is a reminder for those who are aware of Allah. 49. I know some deny the authenticity of this Qur'an, 50. but it will be a source of regret for those who do not believe, 51. though it is the truth. 52. So glorify the name of your Lord, for He is the Greatest.

SURA 70. Al - Ma'arij (ascending)

1. Someone asked about the inevitable punishment. 2. It will be imposed upon those who do not believe. No one can save them, 3. from Allah, Lord of the ascending staircase. 4. When angels and Gabriel ascend to Allah, it takes them one day, equivalent to 50,000 earth years. 5. So be patient, O Muhammad. 6. They consider this day impossible, 7. but I see it as inevitable. 8. On that day the sky will be like molten brass, 9. and the mountains will pulverize and look like cotton wool. 10. No friend will ask about another. 11. When the evildoers see My punishment they will wish to ransom their children, 12. their wives, their brothers, 13. their family, who protected them, 14. and everyone upon earth to save themselves. 15. No offer will save the evildoers from Hell. 16. The Fire is eager to roast the unbelievers. 17. It summons those who fled, 18. for they did nothing but accumulate wealth and hoarded it. 19. Indeed, humans were created impatient. 20. Distressed when bad things happen, 21. but they refrain from sharing when

blessed with good fortune. 22. Not those who pray, 23. consistently performing their prayers, 24. those who put aside some of their wealth, 25. for the beggars and the poor. 26. These generous people believe in the Day of Judgment, 27. and they fear His punishment. 28. They know that none should feel secure from His punishment, 29. and they guard their private parts, 30. except from their spouses, and those, whom their right hand holds in trust, for they are free of blame. 31. But whoever seeks beyond that, they are transgressors. 32. Faithful are those, who are true to their trusts and agreements, 33. and are honest in their testimony, 34. and who are observant of their prayers. 35. They will be honoured in Paradise. 36. What is the matter with those unbelievers, why are they rushing head-long towards you, O Muhammad? 37. From the right and the left in crowds. 38. Does every one of them hope to enter Paradise? 39. No! I created them from (sperm) what they know. 40. I do swear by the Lord of all the points of sunrise and sunset that We are truly capable, 41. of replacing them with others better than them, and We cannot be prevented from doing so. 42. So let them indulge in falsehood and amuse themselves until they face their day, which they have been threatened with. 43. the day they will come forth from the graves swiftly, as if racing towards a goal. 44. with eyes downcast, utterly covered with disgrace. That is the day they have always been warned of.

SURA 71. Nuh - Noah

1. I sent Noah to his people to warn them before a painful punishment comes upon them. 2. Noah said: "O my People, I warn you. I urge you to, 3. worship Allah, fear Him and obey me. 4. Allah will forgive your sins and give you time to redeem your soul. Allah's term cannot be deferred once it arrives, if only you could understand this." 5. After repeating His message uselessly, Noah prayed, saying: "O my Lord, You witnessed that I conveyed Your message day and night, 6. but

my calls only made them run farther away. 7. Every time I called them to Your forgiveness, they put their fingers into their ears, wrapped themselves in their garments, and insisted, and became increasingly more arrogant. 8. Then I called them publicly. 9. I conveyed Your message and I spoke to them also in private, 10. Saying: "Seek your Lord's forgiveness, for He is ever Forgiving. 11. He will shower you with abundant rain, 12. and supply you with wealth and children, and give you gardens as well as rivers. 13. What is the matter with you, why are you not in awe of the Majesty of Allah. 14. You know He is the One who created you in stages. 15. Do you not see how Allah created seven heavens, one above the other, 16. and placed a moon within the heaven, a reflected light, and the sun as a radiant lamp. 17. Allah caused you to grow from the earth like a plant. 18. And He will return you back into the earth, and then bring you forth. 19. And He has spread out the earth for you, 20. so you may walk along its spacious paths." 21. Eventually, Noah cried out, saying: "O my Lord! They have certainly persisted in disobeying me and follow instead those elite whose abundant wealth and children only adds to their loss. 22. And they have hatched an evil plan against me, 23. and they told each other not to abandon their gods, saying never leave wadd or suwa' or yaghuth, and ya'uq, and nasr (names of their idols). 24. They have misled many. O Lord, allow them to deviate even farther." 25. I drowned them for their sins, and then admitted them into the Fire. They found none to help them. 26. Noah prayed: "O my Lord, do not leave a single unbeliever on earth, 27. for if You spare them, they will certainly mislead Your servants and give birth to evil sinners. 28. My Lord! Forgive me and my parents, and whoever enters my house with faith, and believing men and women, and do not give the unbelievers anything, except misery."

SURA 72. Al - Jinn (smokeless fire entities)

1. Say: "It has been revealed to me that a group of Jins were listening to my recitation." The jins said to their fellow citizens: "We have just heard a magnificent Book. 2. It guides to the right path. We believe in it and we will never associate any with our Lord. 3. Now we believe that our Lord, exalted is His Majesty, has neither taken a wife, nor a child. 4. Some fools amongst us have been saying outrageous things about Him. 5. We certainly thought that humans and jins would never lie about Allah." 6. Some humans seek refuge with some of the jins, so they increase each other's wickedness. 7. Some humans think like the jins that Allah will not resurrect the dead. 8. A knowledgeable Jinn said: "We ventured into inter galactic space but found it full of meteors. 9. We used to sit in certain locations and eavesdrop, but now those places are in the projectile of dangerous meteors. (meteoric light, gamma rays, exploding stars - after Nabi Muhammad's seal of prophethood all the doors of the heavens were closed) 10. We do not know whether evil is intended for those on earth, or if their Lord intends goodness for them. It remains to be seen how people on earth will react to this revolutionary message. 11. Among us there are righteous Jins and evil ones, but we do follow different ideologies. 12. And we acknowledge that we cannot escape Allah on earth, nor can we escape Him if we run. 13. When we heard the guidance of the Qur'an we believed in it. Whoever believes in their Lord will have no fear of being denied a reward, or of being wronged. 14. Some of us submitted to Allah, while others transgressed. Those who submitted, indeed found true guidance. 15. As for the unjust - they are the fuel of Hell." 16. Had they walked upon the right path, I would have provided for them abundant water, 17. as a test. Whoever turns away from the remembrance of their Lord will be admitted into an overwhelming punishment. 18. Places of worship belong to Allah. Do not invoke anything besides Him. 19. When the servant of Allah (Muhammad) stood up to pray, the jins

surrounded him in a dense crowd to listen to his recitation. 20. Say: "I call on my Lord, nor do I associate anything with Him." 21. Say: "I have no power to cause you harm nor to show you what is right." 22. Say: "No one can protect me from God: I have no refuge except with Him. 23. My duty is to convey His message." Whoever disobeys Allah and His messenger will certainly find themselves in Hell, where they shall remain forever." 24. Only when they see the Fire will they realise who has less support and who are few in number. 25. Say: "I do not know if what you are being promised will happen soon, or if my Lord will delay it." 26. He is the One who knows what is hidden, nor does He share His secrets, 27. except to messengers of His choice, for then He appoints additional guardian angels before and behind them, 28. to ensure that the messengers deliver His message, though He knows all about them and He keeps account.

SURA 73. Al - Muzammil (Bundled up)

1. O you bundled up. 2. Rise and pray during the night, a portion of the night, 3. half the night, or even less, 4. Or, add to it; and recite the Qur'an slowly in a rhythmic tone, 5. for soon I will be sending upon you a heavy revelation. (obligations, legal laws, etc.) 6. For the night is more effective and better for study. 7. During the day you are occupied with worldly affairs. 8. Remember the name of your Lord and devote yourself wholeheartedly. 9. He is the Lord of the east and the west. There is no deity but Him, so take Him as your guardian. 10. Patiently endure what they say and ignore them in a polite manner. 11. Leave those who deny the truth and live in luxury to Me. Just bear with them for a while. 12. I have shackles to bind them with and a raging Fire, 13. and food that chokes, and a painful punishment. 14. One day the earth and the mountains will rumble - the mountains will crumble to dust. 15. I sent to you, O humanity, a messenger to be your witness, just as I sent a messenger to Pharaoh, 16. but he disobeyed his

messenger, so I seized him with a crushing grip. 17. If you persist in disbelief, how will you guard yourselves against the horrors of that day upon which children's hair will turn grey? 18. It will even cause the heaven to split apart. His promise of Judgement must be fulfilled. 19. This Qur'an is a reminder, so let those, who wish to take the right path to their Lord. 20. Your Lord knows that you stay up praying nearly two-thirds of the night, or half of it, or one-third of it, along with a group of your followers. Allah determines the measure of the night and the day. He knows you cannot sustain it, so He does not require it of you. Read as much of the Qur'an as you can. He knows some of you may be ill, and others are in transit, seeking His bounty; while others fight for His sake, so read, as much as you can and observe your daily prayers, and pay into charity. Whatever good you advance for yourselves; you will find it with Allah, improved and increased, especially, for you. Ask for His forgiveness, for Allah is Kind, Merciful and Forgiving.

SURA 74. Al - Mudathir (cloaked one)

1. O you, cloaked one. 2. Rise up and warn. 3. Glorify your Lord, 4. and purify your clothes, 5. and stay away from idols. 6. Do not do favours expecting something in return. 7. Be patient for the sake of your Lord, 8. for when the trumpet is heard, 9. it will be a hard day. 10. Far from easy for those who disbelieve. 11. Leave him to Me, for I created him. (Walid Mughirah, an opponent of the prophet) 12. I gave him wealth in abundant, 13. and sons by his side, 14. and made life easy for him. 15. And yet, he is hungry for more. 16. Nay, he stubbornly opposes My revelations. 17. I will make his fate unbearable, 18. for he contemplated and determined a degrading label for the Qur'an. 19. May Allah's curse be on him. How he planned. 20. What an evil plan he has made. 21. Then, he looked around, in frustration, 22. and then frowned and became displeased. 23. He then, turned away in arrogance, 24. saying: "This Qur'an is nothing but magic of the ancients."

25. Then he said: "These words are not from Allah; they are made up by a human."
26. Soon I will burn him in Hell. 27. What will explain Hell? 28. It allows nothing to remain, nor does it leave anything unburnt. 29. It burns human skin. 30. Over it are nineteen angels. 31. I have appointed only stern angels as wardens of the Fire. I have made their number only as a test for the unbelievers, so that the People of the Book will be certain and the believers will increase their faith and neither the People of the Book, nor the believers will have any doubts, and so, that those hypocrites and the disbelievers will argue, saying: "What does Allah mean by such a number?" In this way, Allah leaves whomever He wills to stray and guides whomever He wills. None know the forces of your Lord except Him. And this description of Hell is only a reminder to humanity. (pagans made fun of the prophet when they were told that 19 angels were Hells gatekeepers. One of them said mockingly to other pagans: "You take care of two angels; I will subdue the rest.") 32. I swear by the moon, 33. and by the night that passes by, 34. and by the day as it breaks. 35. Surely Hell is one of the mightiest catastrophes. 36. The very existence of Hell is a warning for humanity. 37. For those who choose to be righteous and those who wish to remain sinful. 38. Verily, every soul is responsible for his conduct, 39. except the people of the right. 40. They will be in gardens, asking, 41. about the evildoers, for they will be asked: 42. "What led you to Hell?" 43. They will say: "We were not of those who prayed, 44. nor did we feed the poor, 45. and we indulge in lies, 46. and we denied the Day of Judgment, 47. until the inevitable came on us." 48. No intercessor's plea will benefit them. 49. What is wrong with these people, why do they turn away from this reminder. 50. Their conduct is alike to a spooked zebra, 51. fleeing from a lion. 52. They want individual scriptures. 53. They do not fear the Hereafter. 54. This Qur'an is a reminder, 55. so let whoever wills be mindful of it. 56. They cannot do this unless Allah wills it. He should be feared, and He is entitled to forgive.

SURA 75. Al - Qiyamah (Resurrection & Judgement)

1. I swear by the Day of Resurrection. 2. And by the self-accusing soul. 3. Do people think that I cannot reassemble their bones? 4. I can restore their very fingertips. 5. Still they deny what is to come. 6. They ask: "When is the Day of Resurrection?" 7. It will be on the day when eyes will be blinded by a light, 8. and the moon eclipses, 9. and the sun and the moon are brought back together. 10. On that day one will cry, saying: "Where can I escape to?" 11. No. There will be no escape. 12. The only place of refuge will be with Allah. 13. Everyone will be told what they sent forth (**good deeds**) and what they left behind. 14. People will testify against their own souls, 15. despite any excuses they may put forward. 16. O Muhammad, do not rush your tongue when reciting the Qur'an, 17. for it is upon Us to make you memorize it and give you the ability to recite. 18. So, when We recite it, follow its recitation, 19. then We shall explain it to you. 20. Alas! You all like this world, 21. and neglect the Hereafter. 22. On the Day of Judgment some faces will be radiant, 23. by looking at their Lord. 24. Other faces will be gloomy. 25. Fearing a disaster is about to fall upon them. 26. Alas! When the last breath reaches the throat of a dying man. 27. Those around him cry, saying: "Who can save him?" 28. The dying person realizes, it is time to depart. 29. Then, their feet are tied together (**in a shroud**). 30. On that day, he will be driven to his Lord. 31. He did not believe, nor did he pray. 32. He persisted in his denial and turned away. 33. He used to go to his family with pride and arrogance. 34. It will be said to such a man: "Woe to you, woe to you." 35. Again, woe to you, woe to you. 36. Did you, O humanity, think that you would be left alone? 37. Were you not once a sperm-drop emitted? 38. Then you became a hanging clot, and then Allah created you and formed you in due proportion. 39. Producing from that sperm both sexes, male and female. 40. Is such a Creator unable to bring the dead back to life?

SURA 76. Ad - Dahr (Time)

1. There was a period when man was nothing worth mentioning? 2. I created man from a liquid to test him, and then I gave him the faculties of sight and hearing. 3. Then I guided him to the right path, but now it is his choice, whether to be grateful or ungrateful. 4. I have prepared for the unbelievers' chains, shackles, and a blazing Fire. 5. Believers will have a glass of wine - flavoured with camphor. 6. From a spring where His servants will drink, and it will be a never-ending flow. 7. They are those who fulfil their vows and fear the day of horror. 8. They feed the poor and the orphans and the captives, all, for the love of Allah. 9. Saying in their hearts: "We only feed you for His sake. We do not need a reward, not even a thank you. 10. We fear a gloomy, disastrous day from our Lord." 11. So, Allah will spare them from the horrors of that day, and grant them radiance and joy, 12. and reward them for their perseverance with a garden and garments of silk. 13. They will sit on couches, feeling neither scorching heat nor biting cold. 14. The garden's shade will be right above them, and its fruit will be within reach. 15. They will be waited on with silver vessels and crystal cups. 16. Crystalline silver, filled precisely as desired. 17. And they will be served a glass of pure wine - flavoured with ginger, 18. from a spring called Salsabil. 19. Immortal youths will serve them. Upon seeing them one would think they were scattered pearls. 20. And if you looked around, you would see blessings and a great dominion. 21. The virtuous will be dressed in green silk garments with rich brocade and silver bracelets. Allah will provide for them a purifying drink. 22. They will be told: "This is a reward for your efforts. They have been appreciated." 23. It is I who revealed this Qur'an to you, O Muhammad, in stages. 24. And wait patiently for your Lord's judgement, nor obey the evil, or the unbelievers. 25. Remember the name of your Lord every morning and evening, 26. and prostrate during the night (**Maghrib and Isha'**) and glorify Him during the late part (**Tahajjud**) of the night. 27. People love this world

and neglect that grievous day, which is ahead. 28. I created humanity and I perfected their form, however, if I wish, I could replace them. 29. This Qur'an is a reminder. You are free to choose His path. 30. However, you cannot achieve this unless He wills it. Allah is Knowledgeable, Wise. 31. He admits whoever He wills to His mercy. Allah has prepared a terrible punishment for the evildoers.

SURA 77. Al - Mur'salat (Winds sent forth)

1. By those winds sent forth successively. 2. And those blowing violently. 3. And those scattering rainclouds widely. 4. And by those angels fully distinguishing truth from falsehood. 5. And by those angels who deliver My message. 6. As justification or as a warning. 7. What you are promised will occur. 8. When the stars lose their light. 9. And the sky is torn apart. 10. And the mountains are blown away. 11. And the messengers' time to testify arrives. 12. For which day has all this been set up? 13. It has been set for the final decision. 14. What will explain the final decision day? 15. It will be a day of sadness for those who rejected the truth. 16. Did I not destroy earlier unbelievers? 17. I will make the later unbelievers follow them. 18. This is how I deal with the evildoers. 19. Woe that day to the deniers. 20. Did I not create you from an insignificant liquid? 21. And placed that liquid in a secure place, 22. for a known period? 23. I perfectly ordained its development. How excellent am I in doing this? 24. How terrible will that day be for the unbelievers. 25. Did I not make the earth a home, 26. for the living and the dead? 27. And placed on it towering firm mountains and I gave you fresh water to drink? 28. Woe that day to the deniers. 29. They will be told: "Proceed to the Fire, which you used to deny. 30. Proceed into the shades of smoke, which rise in three columns. (second meaning to this verse - let the historical process now proceed to a shadow. There is going to be a shadow falling upon the earth. The shadow will pass through three stages before it moves away,

for then dajjal - anti-Christ, will appear in person. The three stages are as follows
- Dajjal gave mankind Pax Britannica who ruled the world, and then he gave mankind Pax Americana who rules today, and tomorrow he will give the world Pax Judaica, in which Israel will become a ruling state) 31. Wherein, there is neither shade nor protection from the flames. 32. Indeed, it hurls sparks, as huge as castles, 33. and as dark as black camels. 34. Woe that day to the deniers. 35. On that day, they will not speak, 36. nor will they be allowed to offer any excuses. 37. Woe that day to the deniers. 38. This is the day of separation, where I have gathered you with previous generations. 39. So if you have a plan to save yourselves, then do use it against Me. 40. Woe that day to the deniers. 41. The righteous shall be among shades and springs. 42. With fruit of their choice. 43. They will be told: "Eat and drink comfortably." 44. This is how I reward the virtuous. 45. Woe that day to the deniers. 46. O disbelievers, enjoy eating and drinking for a few days, for you are evil. 47. Woe that day to the deniers. 48. When it is said to them: "Bow before Allah," they refuse. 49. Woe that day to the deniers. 50. What message after this Qur'an would they believe in?

SURA 78. An - Naba' (Announcement)

1. What do they question each other about? 2. They are concerned about the announcement, 3. over which they disagree. 4. Soon they will come to know. 5. I repeat, soon they will come to know. 6. Have I not made I earth spacious? 7. And stabilized the mountains. 8. And I created you in pairs. 9. And I made sleep so you could rest. 10. I made night a cover. 11. I made daylight so you could seek your livelihood. 12. And I built above you, seven mighty universes. 13. I placed in them a blazing lamp - sun. 14. And I send down from the rain clouds pouring water. 15. Producing with it, grain and various plants. 16. And gardens, thick with trees. 17. The day of separation is an appointed time. 18. It will be a day upon which the

trumpet will be heard, and you will come forward in crowds. 19. The sky will be split open. You will see many gates appear. 20. And the mountains will be blown away, it will appear as if they were a mirage. 21. Indeed, Hell is waiting to ambush. 22. It will be the home of the evildoers. 23. They will live in it for ages. 24. Therein, they shall taste nothing cool nor refreshing, nor any pleasant drinks, 25. except boiling water and oozing pus. 26. This is an appropriate reward for what they did on earth. 27. They did not expect to be held accountable. 28. They totally rejected My signs, 29. but We were recording their deeds. 30. The deniers will be told: "Taste the consequence of your deeds. You will receive nothing but additional punishments from Us." 31. The pious ones will be triumphant. 32. They will be in gardens and vineyards. 33. Along with youthful companions, equal in age. 34. And a delicious glass of wine. 35. Therein, they shall hear no gossip, nor lies. 36. A reward from your Lord. 37. The Lord of the heavens and the earth and everything between them, the Compassionate. No one will dare speak to Allah. 38. On the day, when Gabriel and the angels stand in line, none shall speak unless the Almighty permits it, for then he shall speak only the truth. 39. That is the day of truth. Whoever wishes, he should take the path that leads directly to his Lord. 40. I have warned you of a punishment which is close by. On that day, every person will see what their hands sent ahead for them, and the rejecter will say: "I wish I were dust."

SURA 79. An - Nazi'at (those who drag the soul)

1. I swear by those angels who drag a soul out of a body harshly. 2. And by those angels who remove a soul with ease. 3. And by those angels who glide through the cosmos. 4. Behold, they overtake each other swiftly. 5. And by those angels who regulate events. 6. On the day, when the earth shakes violently. 7. It will be followed by a second blast. 8. Hearts of the people will pound with agony and terror. 9. With humbled eyes. 10. At that time the unbelievers will say: "Now we

believe that we are to be restored to our original condition, 11. even after we have been reduced to decayed bones.” 12. These are the same people who used to mock the idea of resurrection. 13. All it will take Allah to resurrect the dead will be a single blow of the trumpet, 14. and they will be back above ground. 15. Have you heard the story of Moses? 16. His Lord called him to the sacred valley of Tuwa. 17. Allah said: “Go to Pharaoh, for he has, indeed rebelled. 18. Ask him, if he wants to redeem his sins, 19. and if he wants you to guide him to your Lord, so he may fear Him.” 20. Moses presented Pharaoh with miracles, 21. but he disbelieved. 22. Then he turned away. 23. He gathered his people, 24. saying: “I am your lord, most high.” 25. Allah seized him with an exemplary punishment, and he will be punished in the Hereafter. 26. In this incident there is a lesson for those who fear Allah. 27. O humanity, is your creation harder than the creation of the universe? 28. He raised it high and perfected it. 29. He darkened its night and brought out daylight. 30. As for the earth, He spread it. 31. He brought forth from it water and pasture. 32. And solidified its mountains. 33. All this to be a provision for you and your livestock. 34. When the great disaster arrives, 35. man will remember what he had done. 36. Hell will be exposed for all to see, 37. then those who transgressed, 38. and preferred this world, 39. will find themselves in Hell, 40. but those who feared standing before Allah and restrained their desires, 41. shall be in one of the gardens of Paradise. 42. They ask about the Hour. 43. You have no knowledge of it. 44. Its time is known to Allah. 45. Your job is to warn those who fear it. 46. When they see it, it will seem as if they were on earth for an evening or a morning.

SURA 80. ‘Abasa - (he frowned)

1. The prophet frowned and re-directed his attention, 2. because a blind man came and interrupted him while he was preaching to the chiefs of Mecca. 3. Maybe he wanted to purify himself. 4. Or, to remember Allah, for His

remembrance would benefit him. 5. As for the rich man, 6. you gave him undivided attention, 7. though you are not responsible for his lack of spiritual growth. 8. As for the one who came eagerly to learn, 9. fearing Allah. 10. you ignored him. 11. No! This Qur'an is a reminder. 12. Let whoever wills be conscious of it. 13. It is inscribed on honoured pages. 14. Exalted and purified, 15. by the hands of angel-scribes, 16. honourable and virtuous. 17. Cursed are those humans who do not believe. They are so ungrateful. 18. From what stuff did I create them. 19. I created them from a sperm-drop, then I ordained their development. 20. And I eased the path for their birth. 21. And then I cause them to die and be buried. 22. And then I will resurrect them. 23. Yet, they fail to comply with what I command. 24. Let people consider their food, 25. and how I send rain down in abundance, 26. and then I cause the soil to split open, 27. and I cause grain to sprout from it, 28. and vines and fresh vegetation, 29. and olives and palm trees, 30. and gardens, dense with many trees, 31. and various fruits and vegetables. 32. All sustenance for you, and your animals. 33. When the deafening blast of the trumpet is heard, 34. every person will flee from their own siblings, 35. even from their mother and father, 36. and from their spouses and children. 37. Everyone will be concerned for their own well-being. 38. On that day, some faces will be radiant, 39. laughing and rejoicing, 40. and others dusty, 41. burdened with remorse. 42. They are the unbelievers. They were evil sinners.

SURA 81. At - Takwir (overthrow)

1. When the sun ceases to shine. 2. When the stars lose their light. 3. When the mountains are blown away. 4. When ten-month pregnant camels are neglected. 5. When wild beasts are gathered altogether. 6. When oceans swell. 7. When a soul is reunited with its body. 8. When a baby girl buried alive asks: 9. "For what sin she was killed." 10. When the record of deeds is laid bare. 11. When the sky is

stripped bare. 12. When Hell is flared up. 13. When Paradise is brought close. 14. Only then, will every soul come to know what it had done. 15. I swear by the revolving planets. 16. Which, orbit and hide, 17. and by the night as it departs, 18. and by the day, as it breaks. 19. Indeed, this Qur'an is the word of Allah, delivered by Gabriel, a noble messenger, 20. full of power, held in honour by the Lord of the Throne. 21. He is obeyed in the heavens, and trustworthy. 22. Your companion (Muhammad) is not crazy. 23. Muhammad did see Gabriel on the horizon. 24. Muhammad does not withhold what is revealed to him of the unseen. 25. This Qur'an is not the word of an outcast devil. 26. Where would you go for guidance, if not this Qur'an? 27. It is but a reminder for the worlds. 28. For those who wish to take the straight path to their Lord. 29. However, this cannot be achieved unless Allah permits it. Verily, Allah is the Lord of the Worlds.

SURA 82. Al - Infitar (split apart)

1. When the sky splits. 2. When the planets and stars are scattered. 3. When the oceans overflow. 4. When the graves are laid bare. 5. Then, every soul shall know what it sent ahead and what it left behind. 6. O Mankind! What has lured you away from your Lord. 7. He created you and formed you and perfected your design, 8. in whatever form He pleased. 9. You deny the reckoning, declaring it a lie, 10. while you are certainly being observed, 11. by honoured angels who are recording your every move. 12. And they know what you do. 13. Truly, the pious shall be in bliss. 14. The evildoers shall be in Hell. 15. They will roast in Hell on the Day of Judgment. 16. They will have no escape. 17. What will explain the Day of Judgment? 18. Again, what will explain the Day of Judgment? 19. It is a day upon which no soul shall have power to help another, for the command will exclusively belong to Allah.

SURA 83. Al - Mutaaffifin (defrauding)

1. Woe to the defrauders. 2. Who demand from others full measure, 3. but give less when they measure or weigh for buyers. 4. Do they not think that they will be resurrected, 5. on a fateful day. 6. A day upon which all will stand before the Lord of the Worlds. 7. The evildoers are bound for Sijjîn. 8. What will explain Sijjîn? 9. It is a prison register, a fate already sealed. 10. Woe that day to the unbelievers, 11. who deny Judgment Day. 12. None deny it, except sinful transgressors. 13. When My Qur'an is recited, they say: "Tales of the ancients." 14. Their hearts are stained with the evil they had done. 15. They will be deprived of seeing their Lord. 16. They will burn in Hell. 17. They will be told: "This is what you denied." 18. The virtuous are bound for Illiyyin. 19. What will explain Illiyyin? 20. It is a register of their good deeds. 21. Witnessed by those close to Allah. 22. The pious will be in bliss. 23. Seated on couches, looking around in amazement. 24. You will see radiance of delight on their face. 25. They shall be given a glass of wine. 26. Its seal will have the lingering smell of musk, so let those who want this - strive for it. 27. The wine will be blended with a drink from Tasnim - **nectar**, from a heavenly fountain. 28. A spring from which those close to Allah will drink. 29. The evildoers used to laugh at the believers. 30. And when they passed by them - they winked at their friends, 31. and when they returned to their own people, they joke about them. 32. When they saw believers, they used to say: "They are misguided." 33. They were not sent to be their guardian. 34. Today the believers are laughing at them, 35. as they recline on luxurious furniture, while observing, 36. saying: "Have the unbelievers been rewarded for their deeds?"

SURA 84. Al - Inshi'qaq (burst open)

1. When the sky bursts open. 2. Obeying its Lord's command, as it must. 3. And when the earth is flattened, 4. and ejects all its contents and becomes empty, 5. obeying its Lord's command, as it must. 6. O humanity, you will return and meet your Lord with your deeds. 7. As for those, who receive their record in their right hand, 8. they will have an easy reckoning, 9. and will return to their family, happy. 10. As for those, who receive their record in their left hand, behind their back, 11. they will cry for instant destruction, 12. and will burn in a blazing Fire. 13. They used to be happy with their own people, 14. thinking they would never have to return to Allah. 15. Nevertheless, their Lord was observing them. 16. I swear by the glow of sunset, 17. and by the night and what it enshrouds, 18. and by the full moon, 19. you will progress from stage to stage. (conception, birth, growth, decline, death and resurrect) 20. What is wrong with them. Why do they not believe. 21. When the Qur'an is recited, why do they not prostrate before Allah? 22. They reject the Qur'an. 23. Allah knows what they hide. 24. Give them good news of a terrible punishment. 25. Those who believe and do good will receive a never-ending reward.

SURA 85. Al - Buruj (Constellations)

1. By the sky, full of constellations. 2. And by the promised Day of Judgment. 3. And by the witness, and that, which is witnessed. 4. Cursed be the companions of the pit (in medieval Europe many were burnt or sacrificed on a stake for their faith because they did not conform to the state religion), 5. who lit the fire and fed it with fuel of living believers who refused to submit to their idols, 6. while they sat around it, 7. watching what they had ordered to be done, 8. who they resented for no reason other than their belief in Allah - the Almighty, the Praiseworthy. 9. To whom belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. Indeed, Allah

witnesses everything. 10. Those who persecute believing men and women, and then do not repent will certainly suffer the punishment of Hell, and the torment of burning. 11. Those who believe and do good will live in gardens of Paradise, under which rivers flow. Such is their reward. 12. Indeed, the crushing grip of your Lord is severe. 13. It is He who begins creation, and it is He, who resurrects. 14. He is the Forgiver, the Loving. 15. Possessor of the Majestic Throne. 16. He does as He wills. 17. Has news reached you of the soldiers 18. of Pharaoh and Thamud? 19. Yet, they persisted in their denial. 20. Allah surrounds all. 21. This is truly, a glorious Qur'an. 22. Preserved on a well-guarded Tablet.

SURA 86. At - Tariq (the morning star)

1. By the heaven and the morning star. 2. What will explain the morning star. 3. It is a star of piercing brightness (Sirius star system). 4. There is no soul without a protector over it. 5. People should think about what they are created of. 6. They were created from a spurting fluid. 7. It is from between the spine and the testicles. 8. And Allah is most certainly capable of bringing them back to life. 9. On that day when all secrets are laid bare, 10. no one will have power nor help. 11. By the sky with rain clouds returning rain, again and again. 12. And by the earth with its sprouting plants. 13. This Qur'an is a decisive word. It distinguishes between right and wrong. 14. It is no joke. 15. The unbelievers are devising evil plans, 16. but I too, am planning. 17. So bear with them.

SURA 87. Al - A'la (the Most High)

1. Praise the limitless glory of your Lord's name, the Most High. 2. The One who creates and shapes. 3. The One who determines destiny and guides. 4. The One who brought out green pasture, 5. and then reduces it to withered chaff. 6. We

will make you recite, O Muhammad, and you will not forget, 7. unless Allah wills otherwise. He knows what is declared and what is hidden. 8. I will make it easy for you to follow, 9. so remind people with this Qur'an, even if only a few gain benefits from it. 10. Those who fear Allah will understand. 11. The evildoers will avoid it. 12. They will burn in a great Fire, 13. where they will not be able to live nor die. 14. Those who purify themselves will be successful, 15. for they remember the name of Allah, and they pray. 16. Yet you, O people, prefer this world, 17. though the Hereafter is far better and everlasting. 18. This is also mentioned in My earlier Books, 19. and the scrolls of Abraham and Moses.

SURA 88. Al - Gashiyah (overwhelming event)

1. Has the news of the overwhelming event reached you, O Muhammad? 2. On that day some faces will be humiliated, 3. overburdened and exhausted. 4. They will enter the Fire, 5. and be offered boiling water to drink. 6. They will have no food, except a foul, thorny plant, 7. which will neither nourish them, nor satisfy their hunger. 8. Some faces on that day will be radiant, 9. well-pleased with their efforts, 10. in elevated gardens, 11. where no idle talk shall be heard. 12. With flowing springs, 13. and raised couches, 14. and glasses set in place, 15. and cushions set in rows, 16. and gorgeous carpets spread out. 17. Don't they look at the camels and wonder how they were created? 18. And the sky, how it was raised? 19. and the mountains, thinking how can they be so firm? 20. and the earth, how it is spread out? 21. Continue to remind them all, for your duty is to remind them. 22. You are not there to compel them to believe. 23. As for those who turn away and disbelieve, 24. Allah will inflict upon them a major punishment. 25. To Us is their return, 26. and it is Our job to call them to account.

SURA 89. Al - Fajr (dawn)

1. I swear by dawn. 2. And the first ten nights of dhul-hijjah. 3. And by the even and the odd. 4. And by the night as it recedes. 5. Is all this not a sufficient oath for those who have any sense? 6. Did you not see how your Lord dealt with the 'Ad nation, 7. and the residents of Iram, the city of lofty pillars, (located in southern Arabia, and well known for their high pillars and architecture) 8. unmatched by any other land. 9. And the nation of Thamud, who carved their homes inside mountains. 10. And Pharaoh, the owner of the stake. 11. They all transgressed beyond bounds in their cities, 12. and corrupted the land. 13. Your Lord unleashed on them a painful of punishment. 14. Your Lord is ever observant of His servants. 15. As for man, if his Lord tests him and grants him blessings, he says: "My Lord has blessed me." 16. But when Allah restricts his provisions, he says: "My Lord has disgraced me." 17. Absolutely not! It is you who is not generous to the orphans, 18. nor do you urge others to feed the poor. 19. And you deliberately devour inheritance of others. 20. You love wealth with all your heart. 21. When the earth is pounded and crushed over and over again, 22. and your Lord appears with His angels, ranks upon ranks. 23. On that day Hell will be brought within sight and man will remember all he did and failed to do, but what benefit will that remembrance do for him, then? 24. They will cry, saying: "I wish I had sent some good for my true life." 25. Allah will punish them, like no other. 26. No one can bind as severely as He binds. 27. Allah will say to the righteous: "O tranquil souls! 28. Return to your Lord in a happy state for winning His pleasure. 29. Enter among My servants. 30. Enter Paradise."

SURA 90. Al - Balad (the city)

1. I do swear by the city of Mecca. 2. And you are a resident of this city. 3. And by the parents and the offspring. 4. I created humanity to struggle. 5. Do they think that no one has power over them. 6. Humans say, boastfully: "I have spent a great deal of money for His sake." 7. Do they think that no one sees them? 8. Have I not given them two eyes, 9. and a tongue and two lips, 10. and shown them both directions, the right path and the wrong path. 11. Such a shame humanity has not chosen the path to Aqa'bah? 12. What is Aqa'bah? 13. It is to free a slave, 14. or to feed others during hardship. 15. Or to take care of an orphan relative. 16. Or a poor person in need. 17. And to be, of those, who believe and urge others to be patient, and compassionate. 18. These are the people of the right. 19. As for those who deny Our signs, they are the people of the left. 20. Who will be engulfed in the fire.

SURA 91. Ash - Shams (the Sun)

1. By the sun and its brightness. 2. By the moon as it follows it. 3. By the day as it unveils. 4. By the night as it conceals the sun. 5. By the heavens, and the One who built them. 6. By the earth, and the One who spread it out. 7. By the soul, and the One who designed it, 8. who then inspired it with its instincts of evil and piety. 9. He who purifies himself will prosper. 10. Corruptors will be doomed. 11. The Thamud nation rejected the truth, out of ignorance, 12. and allowed their most evil companion to kill Allah's camel. 13. Allah's messenger had said to them: "This is Allah's camel, allow her to drink freely." 14. They defied him and slaughtered her, so Allah crushed them. He levelled them to the ground. 15. Allah has no fear of consequences.

SURA 92. Al - Layl (the Night)

1. By the night as it conceals. 2. By the day when it reveals. 3. And by the One, who created the male and female. 4. Your efforts are diverse, good, and bad. 5. As for the one, who is charitable and mindful of Allah, 6. and firmly believes in the finest reward. 7. I will make the path to bliss smooth for him. 8. As for the one, who is miserable and thinks he is self-sufficient, 9. and rejects what is right. 10. I will make his path to misery smooth for him. 11. Their wealth will not benefit them, when they tumble face down into the Fire. 12. Truly, guidance is from Us. 13. To Me belongs the last (Hereafter) and the first (life on earth). 14. I have warned you of a raging Fire, 15. in which none will burn except those who are evil. 16. Those who deny the truth and turn away. 17. As for the righteous, I will spare them, 18. for they donate part of their wealth to purify themselves. 19. Seeking nothing in return, 20. for they only seek Allah's pleasure, their Lord, the Highest. 21. They will be pleased.

SURA 93. Ad - Dhu'ha (Early hours)

1. By the morning brightness. 2. By the night when it is shrouded in darkness. 3. Your Lord, O Muhammad, has not abandoned you, nor is He annoyed. 4. The next life is better for you than this one. 5. Your Lord will give you so much that you will be very pleased. 6. He found you orphaned and gave you refuge? 7. He found you lost, and He guided you. 8. You were in need, and He gave you wealth. 9. So do not mistreat the orphans. 10. Nor repulse a beggar. 11. Proclaim the blessings of your Lord.

SURA 94. Al - Inshirah (the expansion)

1. Did I not relieve the tightness in your chest. (at the age of 4, angel Gabriel came unto Muhammad while he was playing with his friends. Gabriel opened his chest and removed a dark spot which was attached to his heart by Satan) 2. I remove your burden, 3. which weighed in on your back. 4. I exalted your fame. 5. With hardship comes ease, 6. for hardship must bring ease. 7. So when you are free, strive in devotion. 8. Turn your attention to your Lord.

SURA 95. At - Tin (the fig tree)

1. By the fig and the olive trees of Jerusalem. 2. And by mount Sinai. 3. And by this secure city of Mecca. 4. I created humans in the best of forms. 5. I will throw them into the lowest of the low place in Hell if they rebel against Me. 6. Not those who believe and do honourable deeds, for they will have a never-ending reward. 7. After knowing this, why do you still reject this religion? 8. Is Allah not the best to Judge?

SURA 96. Al - 'Alaq (the clot)

1. Recite in the name of your Lord who created, 2. created humans from a clot, clinging on a wall in the womb. 3. Recite your Lord is the most generous, 4. who taught by the pen. 5. Taught mankind what they did not know. 6. And yet man rebels, 7. and thinks he is self-sufficient. 8. To your Lord is everyone's return. 9. Have you seen the man (Abu Jahl) who prevents, 10. My servants from praying? 11. What if this servant is rightly guided, 12. Or he enjoins people to be pious. 13. Have you considered that if he denies the truth and turns away - what will happen? 14. Does he not know that Allah sees all? 15. Alas, if he does not stop, I will drag him by his forehead. 16. His lying, sinful forehead. 17. So let him call his

associates. 18. I will call the guardians of Hell. 19. Never obey him, rather continue to prostrate and draw yourself close to Allah.

SURA 97. Al - Qadr (night of power)

1. I revealed the Qur'an during the night of Qadr. 2. What will make you understand Qadr? 3. Qadr is better than one thousand months. 4. The angels and Gabriel descend to earth with every decree by My command. 5. It is the night of peace till dawn.

SURA 98. Al - Baiyinah (evidence)

1. Unbelievers among the People of the Book and the idolaters will continue to deny the truth until proof is sent to them. 2. That proof is My last messenger who recites to them holy pages of this Glorious Qur'an. 3. The Qur'an contains Allah's laws and commands. 4. As a matter of fact, those who received previous scriptures did not dispute about My message when it was being revealed to them - they disputed later on, when they began to tamper and corrupt My message. 5. They were commanded to worship Allah and devote faith exclusively to Him and keep up with their prayers, and pay the prescribed alms tax, for that is the true religion. 6. Those who disbelieve from the People of the Book and the polytheists will be in the Fire of Hell, where they shall live forever, for they are My worst creatures. 7. Truly, those who believe and do honourable deeds are the best of My creatures. 8. Their reward will be the gardens of eternity, under which rivers flow, where they shall live forever. Allah being pleased with them and they with Him. This is for those who fear their Lord.

SURA 99. Al - Zalzalah (convulsion)

1. When earth is shaken violently with its final quake. 2. When earth throws out its burden. 3. When humanity cries, saying: "What is happening." 4. On that day, the earth will report its news. 5. Having been inspired to speak by its Lord. 6. On that day all human beings will proceed in groups to be shown the consequence of their deeds. 7. Whoever does an atom's weight of good will see it. 8. Whoever does an atom's weight of evil will see it.

SURA 100. Al - 'Adiyat (runner)

1. By the charging horses, panting hard. 2. Striking sparks of fire with their hoofs. 3. Launching raids at dawn. 4. Stirring clouds of dust. 5. Storming in the midst of the enemy. 6. Humanity is ungrateful to their Lord. 7. They bear witness to this. 8. They love worldly gains. 9. Do they not know that when the contents of the graves are scattered, 10. and the secrets of the hearts are laid bare, 11. Allah will inform them about themselves.

SURA 101. Al - Qari'ah (disaster)

1. The disaster. 2. What is the disaster? 3. What explains the disaster? 4. It is a day when humans will be scattered about, like moths, 5. and the mountains will be like fluffed up wool. 6. As for those whose scale is heavy with faith and good, 7. they will have a pleasant life in Paradise. 8. But those whose scale is light with evil deeds, 9. they will have a home in Hawiyah. 10. What is that? 11. It is a scorching Fire.

SURA 102. At - Takathur (gains)

1. The desire to have more gains has pre-occupied humanity, so much so, that they neglect Allah, 2. until they reach their grave. 3. Soon they will know. 4. Again, soon they will come to know. 5. If you were to know your fate with certainty, you would have acted differently. Real knowledge is in the Qur'an. 6. Yes, you will see Hell. 7. Again, you will see it with your own two eyes. 8. And you will be questioned about your pleasures.

SURA 103. Al - 'Asr (declining day)

1. By the declining day. 2. Surely, humanity is in a state of loss. 3. Not those who have faith, do good and invite others to the truth and urge people to be patient.

SURA 104. Al - Humazah (slanderer)

1. Woe to every backbiter and slanderer, 2. who amass wealth and counts it repeatedly, 3. thinking their wealth will make them immortal. 4. Not at all! They will be tossed into the Hotamah. 5. What is Hotamah? 6. It is a fierce Fire, which was created by Allah, Himself. 7. It rises above the hearts. 8. It will engulf them. 9. In extended columns.

SURA 105. Al - Fil (The elephant)

1. Do you not know how your Lord dealt with the army of the elephants? 2. Did He not frustrate their plan? 3. He sent against them flocks of birds, 4. who hurled on them stones of baked clay. 5. Leaving them like chewed up straw.

SURA 106. Quraish

1. The privilege of protection enjoyed by the Quraish. 2. Secure in their trading caravans to Yemen in winter and Syria in summer. 3. So let them worship the Lord of the Ka'abah, 4. who fed them during their days of famine and secured them against fear.

SURA 107. Al - Ma'un (almsgiving)

1. Have you seen the one who denies this faith? 2. He is the one who mistreats the orphans. 3. And does not urge others to feed the poor. 4. Woe to those hypocrites who pray, 5. yet pay no attention to their prayers. 6. They only want to show off. 7. And, they withhold assistance to others.

SURA 108. Al - Kauthar (abundance)

1. Indeed, I have granted you Kausar (river in Paradise), O Muhammad. 2. So pray to your Lord and make sacrifices (personal comforts) for Him. 3. Indeed, your enemy will be losers.

SURA 109. Al - Kafr (unbelievers)

1. Say: "O you unbelievers! 2. I do not worship what you worship, 3. and you do not worship what I worship. 4. I will never worship what you worship. 5. Nor, will you worship what I worship. 6. To you be your religion and to me be mine."

SURA 110. An - Nasr (divine support)

1. When Allah's help arrives, and victory of Mecca is achieved. 2. You will see people embracing Allah's religion in crowds. 3. Glorify the praises of your Lord and seek His forgiveness, for He is ever accepting of repentance.

SURA 111. Al - Lahab (the flame)

1. May the hands of Abu Lahab perish, may he perish. 2. Neither his wealth nor his gains will benefit him. 3. He will burn in a Fire, 4. and his wife, the firewood carrier. (she used to carry thorny twigs and spread them in the path of our beloved prophet to injure his feet) 5. Around her neck shall be a rope of palm-fibre.

SURA 112. Al - Ikhlas (unity)

1. Say: "He is Allah, the One. 2. Allah! The everlasting Sustainer of all. 3. He has no offspring, nor was He born. 4. There is none comparable to Him."

SURA 113. Al - Falaq (dawn)

1. Say: "I seek refuge with the Lord of dawn, 2. from the evil of what He has created, 3. and from the evil of darkness, as it falls, 4. and from the evil of those witches who cast spells by blowing on knots, 5. and from the evil of the envious, when they envy."

SURA 114. An - Nas (humanity)

1. Say: "I seek refuge with the Lord of humanity. 2. The King of humanity. 3. The God of humanity. 4. And from the evil of the whisperer - Satan. 5. Who whispers

in the hearts of humans. 6. Whether the evil whisperer is from the jins or from humans.”

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