

June 24

Do not kill your babies for fear of poverty,
for this is a great sin.

God will provide for you and for them.

Killing them is a great sin.

And do not even think of engaging
in promiscuous or adulterous sexual intercourse,
for this is a direct transgression [of God's natural law,]
and the very worst way.

And you must not kill anyone
whom God forbids you to kill –
except for ultimate reasons of justice.
For to whoever kills an innocent person,
God will give the family of the deceased
the right to choose the murderer's punishment.
But the bereaved should also exercise moderation
and not overdo the punishment,
for they lawfully have the upper hand.

17:31-33

June 25

And give to your relatives their due rights,
as well as to the poor and the wayfarer.

Do not spend lavishly,
for those who overspend are like the Devil,
who is always ungrateful to his Lord.

If you must turn away from those in need
[having nothing to give them at the time],
to gain the mercy of your Lord,
speak kind and encouraging words to them.

And [when you do have means] do not be miserly,
letting your hand choke you;
conversely, do not overextend your means
through lavish spending,
for then you will end up in severe poverty,
regretting what you have done.