

# August 8

O people, listen to this issue of idolatry.  
Any being that you worship,  
apart from the One God,  
will never be able to create anything, even a fly.

These false gods will never be able to create a fly  
even if all of them get together.  
And even if a mere fly steals something  
from one of these false gods,  
they are not able to retrieve it.

For both the false gods  
and those who seek after them are weak.  
Those who worship other gods or idols  
demean the true status of God,  
for God is indeed the All-Powerful, the All-Mighty.

22:73-74

# August 9

God who is All-Hearing and All-Seeing  
chooses Messengers from among angels and people.  
God knows what is ahead of them  
and what is behind,  
for all the affairs of the universe  
belong under God's command.

O all you who believe!  
Bow down, prostrate, and worship your Lord.  
Do good and strive sincerely for God's cause  
so that you may be successful,  
for God does not wish you hardship  
in matters of religion.

But God has chosen you for His religion.  
Your faith is that of your father,  
the Prophet Abraham, who first called you "Muslims,"  
just as the Prophet [Muhammad] does now.

You are a witness to all people  
and the Prophet is your witness,