

August 18

Blessed is He Who sent down
the Book of Criteria [the Qur'an]
to His servant [Prophet Muhammad]
to warn all beings.

He is the One to Whom belongs the Kingdom
of the heavens and earth,
the One Who has begotten no son
and Who never had a partner to rule
and has created everything perfectly
in due proportions.

Yet the nonbelievers take beside Him gods
who have never created anything,
but they themselves have been created
and cannot harm, nor benefit anyone
and cannot cause death, life or resurrection to anyone.

25:1-3

August 19

And have you not seen that God
drives the clouds gently
and joins them together,
and He piles them up,
then you will see rain is produced
from their midst.

And He also sends down from the sky hail,
like mountains,
with which He strikes whom He wills
or spares whom He wills.
The vivid flash of the lightning [of these clouds]
nearly blinds the sight.

God alternates the nights and days.
In all of these [acts of creation]
are lessons and signs
for those who would use their insight.

God has created from water,
every moving creature;
some of them move round on their bellies,