

December 18

[O Muhammad]
Say, 'I do not know
if the promised [Judgment Day] is near,
or whether my Lord will postpone it for a while.'

God knows the unseen
and does not reveal this to anyone,
except the Messengers to whom [guardian angels]
are sent to protect
and watch over them in front and behind.
This is to ensure that they are able to convey
their Lord's messages.
God is fully aware of what they have done
and keeps track of everything.

72:25-28

December 19

Do human beings think to escape responsibility for their deeds?

Did they not begin as a few clustered cells,
resulting from emitted semen
[joining with a fertile egg]?

Those dividing cells became a small clump of flesh
clinging to the womb,
and then were shaped by God's action
into human proportions.

God has created all humans as male or female.
Therefore, why doubt that such a great Creator
could also give new life to the dead?

75:36-40