

52. And to Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth, and to Him is [due] worship constantly. Then is it other than Allāh that you fear?
53. And whatever you have of favor – it is from Allāh. Then when adversity touches you, to Him you cry for help.
54. Then when He removes the adversity from you, at once a party of you associates others with their Lord
55. So they will deny what We have given them. Then enjoy yourselves, for you are going to know.
56. And they assign to what they do not know<sup>649</sup> [i.e., false deities] a portion of that which We have provided them. By Allāh, you will surely be questioned about what you used to invent.
57. And they attribute to Allāh daughters<sup>650</sup> – exalted is He – and for them is what they desire [i.e., sons].
58. And when one of them is informed of [the birth of] a female, his face becomes dark, and he suppresses grief.
59. He hides himself from the people because of the ill of which he has been informed. Should he keep it in humiliation or bury it in the ground? Unquestionably, evil is what they decide.
60. For those who do not believe in the Hereafter is the description [i.e., an attribute] of evil;<sup>651</sup> and for Allāh is the highest attribute. And He is Exalted in Might, the Wise.
61. And if Allāh were to impose blame on the people for their wrongdoing, He would not have left upon it [i.e., the earth] any creature, but He defers them for a specified term. And when their term has come, they will not remain behind an hour, nor will they precede [it].
62. And they attribute to Allāh that which they dislike [i.e., daughters], and their tongues assert the lie that they will have

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<sup>649</sup> i.e., that of which they have no knowledge; rather, they have mere assumption based upon tradition or the claims of misguided men.

<sup>650</sup> By claiming that the angels are His daughters.

<sup>651</sup> Such as that described in the previous two verses.

- the best [from Him]. Assuredly, they will have the Fire, and they will be [therein] neglected.<sup>652</sup>
63. By Allāh, We did certainly send [messengers] to nations before you, but Satan made their deeds attractive to them. And he is their [i.e., the disbelievers] ally today [as well], and they will have a painful punishment.
64. And We have not revealed to you the Book, [O Muḥammad], except for you to make clear to them that wherein they have differed and as guidance and mercy for a people who believe.
65. And Allāh has sent down rain from the sky and given life thereby to the earth after its lifelessness. Indeed in that is a sign for a people who listen.
66. And indeed, for you in grazing livestock is a lesson. We give you drink from what is in their bellies – between excretion and blood – pure milk, palatable to drinkers.
67. And from the fruits of the palm trees and grapevines you take intoxicant and good provision.<sup>653</sup> Indeed in that is a sign for a people who reason.
68. And your Lord inspired to the bee, "Take for yourself among the mountains, houses [i.e., hives], and among the trees and [in] that which they construct.
69. Then eat from all the fruits<sup>654</sup> and follow the ways of your Lord laid down [for you]." There emerges from their bellies a drink, varying in colors, in which there is healing for people. Indeed in that is a sign for a people who give thought.
70. And Allāh created you; then He will take you in death. And among you is he who is reversed to the most decrepit [old] age so that he will not know, after [having had] knowledge, a thing. Indeed, Allāh is Knowing and Competent.

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<sup>652</sup> Another meaning is "...and they will be made to precede [all others thereto]."

<sup>653</sup> This verse was revealed before the prohibition of intoxicants. It alludes to the fact that there are both evil and good possibilities in certain things.

<sup>654</sup> i.e., delicious substances found by the bee.