

42. He almost would have misled us from our gods had we not been steadfast in [worship of] them." But they are going to know, when they see the punishment, who is farthest astray in [his] way.
43. Have you seen the one who takes as his god his own desire? Then would you be responsible for him?
44. Or do you think that most of them hear or reason? They are not except like livestock.⁹⁵⁹ Rather, they are [even] more astray in [their] way.
45. Have you not considered your Lord – how He extends the shadow, and if He willed, He could have made it stationary? Then We made the sun for it an indication.⁹⁶⁰
46. Then We hold it in hand for a brief grasp.⁹⁶¹
47. And it is He who has made the night for you as clothing⁹⁶² and sleep [a means for] rest and has made the day a resurrection.⁹⁶³
48. And it is He who sends the winds as good tidings before His mercy [i.e., rainfall], and We send down from the sky pure water
49. That We may bring to life thereby a dead land and give it as drink to those We created of numerous livestock and men.
50. And We have certainly distributed it among them that they might be reminded,⁹⁶⁴ but most of the people refuse except disbelief.
51. And if We had willed, We could have sent into every city a warner.⁹⁶⁵
52. So do not obey the disbelievers, and strive against them with it [i.e., the Qur'ān] a great striving.

⁹⁵⁹ i.e., cattle or sheep, that follow without question wherever they are led.

⁹⁶⁰ i.e., showing the existence of a shadow or making it apparent by contrast.

⁹⁶¹ i.e., when the sun is overhead at noon.

⁹⁶² Covering and concealing you in its darkness.

⁹⁶³ For renewal of life and activity.

⁹⁶⁴ Of Allāh's ability to bring the dead to life.

⁹⁶⁵ However, Allāh willed that Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ) be sent as the final messenger for all peoples of the earth until the Day of Resurrection.

53. And it is He who has released [simultaneously] the two seas [i.e., bodies of water], one fresh and sweet and one salty and bitter, and He placed between them a barrier and prohibiting partition.
54. And it is He who has created from water [i.e., semen] a human being and made him [a relative by] lineage and marriage. And ever is your Lord competent [concerning creation].
55. But they worship rather than Allāh that which does not benefit them or harm them, and the disbeliever is ever, against his Lord, an assistant [to Satan].
56. And We have not sent you, [O Muḥammad], except as a bringer of good tidings and a warner.
57. Say, "I do not ask of you for it any payment – only that whoever wills might take to his Lord a way."
58. And rely upon the Ever-Living who does not die, and exalt [Allāh] with His praise. And sufficient is He to be, with the sins of His servants, Acquainted –
59. He who created the heavens and the earth and what is between them in six days and then established Himself above the Throne⁹⁶⁶ – the Most Merciful, so ask about Him one well informed [i.e., the Prophet (ﷺ)].
60. And when it is said to them, "Prostrate to the Most Merciful," they say, "And what is the Most Merciful? Should we prostrate to that which you order us?" And it increases them in aversion.
61. Blessed is He who has placed in the sky great stars and placed therein a [burning] lamp and luminous moon.
62. And it is He who has made the night and the day in succession for whoever desires to remember or desires gratitude.
63. And the servants of the Most Merciful are those who walk upon the earth easily,⁹⁶⁷ and when the ignorant address them [harshly], they say [words of] peace,⁹⁶⁸

⁹⁶⁶See footnote to 2:19.

⁹⁶⁷i.e., gently, with dignity but without arrogance.

⁹⁶⁸Or "safety," i.e., words free from fault or evil.