

10. Then the end of those who did evil was the worst [consequence] because they denied the signs of Allāh and used to ridicule them.
11. Allāh begins creation; then He will repeat it; then to Him you will be returned.
12. And the Day the Hour appears the criminals will be in despair.
13. And there will not be for them among their [alleged] partners any intercessors, and they will [then] be disbelievers in their partners.
14. And the Day the Hour appears – that Day they will become separated.
15. And as for those who had believed and done righteous deeds, they will be in a garden [of Paradise], delighted.
16. But as for those who disbelieved and denied Our verses and the meeting of the Hereafter, those will be brought into the punishment [to remain].
17. So exalted is Allāh when you reach the evening and when you reach the morning.
18. And to Him is [due all] praise throughout the heavens and the earth. And [exalted is He] at night and when you are at noon.
19. He brings the living out of the dead and brings the dead out of the living and brings to life the earth after its lifelessness. And thus will you be brought out.¹⁰⁶⁹
20. And of His signs is that He created you from dust; then, suddenly you were human beings dispersing [throughout the earth].
21. And of His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquility in them; and He placed between you affection and mercy. Indeed in that are signs for a people who give thought.

¹⁰⁶⁹Of the graves or out of the earth at the time of resurrection.

22. And of His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth and the diversity of your languages and your colors. Indeed in that are signs for those of knowledge.
23. And of His signs is your sleep by night and day and your seeking of His bounty. Indeed in that are signs for a people who listen.
24. And of His signs is [that] He shows you the lightening [causing] fear and aspiration, and He sends down rain from the sky by which He brings to life the earth after its lifelessness. Indeed in that are signs for a people who use reason.
25. And of His signs is that the heaven and earth stand [i.e., remain] by His command. Then when He calls you with a [single] call from the earth, immediately you will come forth.
26. And to Him belongs whoever is in the heavens and earth. All are to Him devoutly obedient.
27. And it is He who begins creation; then He repeats it, and that is [even] easier for Him. To Him belongs the highest description [i.e., attribute] in the heavens and earth. And He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise.
28. He presents to you an example from yourselves. Do you have among those whom your right hands possess [i.e., slaves] any partners in what We have provided for you so that you are equal therein [and] would fear them as your fear of one another [within a partnership]?¹⁰⁷⁰ Thus do We detail the verses for a people who use reason.
29. But those who wrong follow their [own] desires without knowledge. Then who can guide one whom Allāh has sent astray? And for them there are no helpers.
30. So direct your face [i.e., self] toward the religion, inclining to truth. [Adhere to] the *fiṭrah*¹⁰⁷¹ of Allāh upon which He has created [all] people. No change should there be in the creation

¹⁰⁷⁰See footnote to 16:71.

¹⁰⁷¹The natural inborn inclination of man to worship his Creator prior to the corruption of his nature by external influences. Thus, Islāmic monotheism is described as the religion of *fiṭrah* – that of the inherent nature of mankind.