- 128. Our Lord, and make us Muslims [in submission] to You and from our descendants a Muslim nation [in submission] to You. And show us our rites [of hajj and 'umrah] and accept our repentance. Indeed, You are the Accepting of repentance, the Merciful
- 129. Our Lord, and send among them a messenger from themselves who will recite to them Your verses and teach them the Book and wisdom and purify them. Indeed, You are the Exalted in Might, the Wise."
- 130. And who would be averse to the religion of Abraham except one who makes a fool of himself. And We had chosen him in this world, and indeed he, in the Hereafter, will be among the righteous.
- 131. When his Lord said to him, "Submit," he said, "I have submitted [in Islām]<sup>38</sup> to the Lord of the worlds."
- 132. And Abraham instructed his sons [to do the same] and [so did] Jacob, [saying], "O my sons, indeed Allāh has chosen for you this religion, so do not die except while you are Muslims."
- 133. Or were you witnesses when death approached Jacob, when he said to his sons, "What will you worship after me?" They said, "We will worship your God and the God of your fathers, Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac one God.<sup>39</sup> And we are Muslims [in submission] to Him."
- 134. That was a nation which has passed on. It will have [the consequence of] what it earned, and you will have what you have earned. And you will not be asked about what they used to do.
- 135. They say, "Be Jews or Christians [so] you will be guided."

<sup>38</sup> The meaning of the word "Islām" is "submission to the will of Allāh." This is the way of life ordained by Allāh and taught by all of the prophets from Adam to Muḥammad (\$\sigma\$). A Muslim is one who submits himself to Allāh.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup>Allāh (*subḥānahu wa taʻālā*) alone.

- Say, "Rather, [we follow] the religion of Abraham, inclining toward truth, and he was not of the polytheists."40
- 136. Say, [O believers], "We have believed in Allah and what has heen revealed to us and what has been revealed to Abraham. and Ishmael and Isaac and Iacob and the Descendants [al-Asbat]41 and what was given to Moses and Jesus and what was given to the prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and we are Muslims [in submission] to Him."
- 137. So if they believe in the same as you believe in, then they have been [rightly] guided; but if they turn away, they are only in dissension, and Allah will be sufficient for you against them. And He is the Hearing, the Knowing.
- 138. [And say, "Ours is] the religion of Allah. And who is better than Allāh in [ordaining] religion? And we are worshippers of Him."
- 139. Say, [O Muhammad], "Do you argue with us about Allāh while He is our Lord and your Lord? For us are our deeds, and for you are your deeds. And we are sincere [in deed and intention1 to Him."
- 140. Or do you say that Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and the Descendants were Jews or Christians? Say, "Are you more knowing or is Allah?" And who is more unjust than one who conceals a testimony<sup>42</sup> he has from Allāh? And Allāh is not unaware of what you do.
- 141. That is a nation which has passed on. It will have [the consequence of what it earned, and you will have what you have earned. And you will not be asked about what they used to do.

<sup>40.</sup> Those who associate others with Allāh in worship.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup>The twelve tribes of Israel descended from Jacob. <sup>42</sup>Statements in previous scriptures attesting to the nature of Allāh's religion (Islām) and the coming of Prophet Muhammad (35).