

- of Allāh.¹⁰⁷² That is the correct religion, but most of the people do not know.
31. [Adhere to it], turning in repentance to Him, and fear Him and establish prayer and do not be of those who associate others with Allāh
 32. [Or] of those who have divided their religion and become sects, every faction rejoicing in what it has.¹⁰⁷³
 33. And when adversity touches the people, they call upon their Lord, turning in repentance to Him. Then when He lets them taste mercy from Him, at once a party of them associate others with their Lord,
 34. So that they will deny what We have granted them.¹⁰⁷⁴ Then enjoy yourselves, for you are going to know.
 35. Or have We sent down to them an authority [i.e., a proof or scripture], and it speaks of what they have been associating with Him?
 36. And when We let the people taste mercy, they rejoice therein, but if evil afflicts them for what their hands have put forth, immediately they despair.
 37. Do they not see that Allāh extends provision for whom He wills and restricts [it]? Indeed in that are signs for a people who believe.
 38. So give the relative his right, as well as the needy and the traveler. That is best for those who desire the countenance of Allāh, and it is they who will be the successful.
 39. And whatever you give for interest [i.e., advantage] to increase within the wealth of people¹⁰⁷⁵ will not increase with Allāh.

¹⁰⁷²i.e., let people remain true to their *fiṭrah* within the religion of Islām.

¹⁰⁷³Of beliefs, opinions, customs, etc.

¹⁰⁷⁴Or "So let them deny what We have granted them."

¹⁰⁷⁵The phrase includes several connotations, among them: a) that which is given as usury or interest, b) that which is given on the condition that it be repaid with interest, and c) a gift given with the intention of obtaining from the recipient greater benefit or a larger gift.

But what you give in zakāh,¹⁰⁷⁶ desiring the countenance of Allāh – those are the multipliers.¹⁰⁷⁷

40. Allāh is the one who created you, then provided for you, then will cause you to die, and then will give you life. Are there any of your "partners" who does anything of that? Exalted is He and high above what they associate with Him.
41. Corruption has appeared throughout the land and sea by [reason of] what the hands of people have earned so He [i.e., Allāh] may let them taste part of [the consequence of] what they have done that perhaps they will return [to righteousness].
42. Say, [O Muḥammad], "Travel through the land and observe how was the end of those before. Most of them were associators [of others with Allāh].
43. So direct your face [i.e., self] toward the correct religion before a Day comes from Allāh of which there is no repelling. That Day, they will be divided.¹⁰⁷⁸
44. Whoever disbelieves – upon him is [the consequence of] his disbelief. And whoever does righteousness – they are for themselves preparing,
45. That He may reward those who have believed and done righteous deeds out of His bounty. Indeed, He does not like the disbelievers.
46. And of His signs is that He sends the winds as bringers of good tidings and to let you taste His mercy [i.e., rain] and so the ships may sail at His command and so you may seek of His bounty, and perhaps you will be grateful.
47. And We have already sent messengers before you to their peoples, and they came to them with clear evidences; then We took retribution from those who committed crimes, and incumbent upon Us was support¹⁰⁷⁹ of the believers.

¹⁰⁷⁶The meaning of *sadaqah* (voluntary charity) is included here.

¹⁰⁷⁷Of their blessings on earth and their rewards in the Hereafter.

¹⁰⁷⁸Into those destined for Paradise and those destined for Hell.

¹⁰⁷⁹i.e., aid or the bestowal of victory.