

9. And it is Allāh who sends the winds, and they stir the clouds, and We drive them to a dead land and give life thereby to the earth after its lifelessness. Thus is the resurrection.
10. Whoever desires honor [through power] – then to Allāh belongs all honor.<sup>1164</sup> To Him ascends good speech, and righteous work raises it.<sup>1165</sup> But they who plot evil deeds will have a severe punishment, and the plotting of those – it will perish.
11. And Allāh created you from dust, then from a sperm-drop; then He made you mates. And no female conceives nor does she give birth except with His knowledge. And no aged person is granted [additional] life nor is his lifespan lessened but that it is in a register. Indeed, that for Allāh is easy.
12. And not alike are the two seas [i.e., bodies of water]. One is fresh and sweet, palatable for drinking, and one is salty and bitter. And from each you eat tender meat and extract ornaments which you wear, and you see the ships plowing through [them] that you might seek of His bounty; and perhaps you will be grateful.
13. He causes the night to enter the day, and He causes the day to enter the night and has subjected the sun and the moon – each running [its course] for a specified term. That is Allāh, your Lord; to Him belongs sovereignty. And those whom you invoke other than Him do not possess [as much as] the membrane of a date seed.
14. If you invoke them, they do not hear your supplication; and if they heard, they would not respond to you. And on the Day of Resurrection they will deny your association.<sup>1166</sup> And none can inform you like [one] Acquainted [with all matters].
15. O mankind, you are those in need of Allāh, while Allāh is the Free of need, the Praiseworthy.

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<sup>1164</sup>See footnote to 4:139.

<sup>1165</sup>For acceptance by Allāh, meaning that righteous deeds are confirmation and proof of what is uttered by the tongue.

<sup>1166</sup>Of them with Allāh or your worship of them.

16. If He wills, He can do away with you and bring forth a new creation.
17. And that is for Allāh not difficult.
18. And no bearer of burdens will bear the burden of another. And if a heavily laden soul calls [another] to [carry some of] its load, nothing of it will be carried, even if he should be a close relative. You can only warn those who fear their Lord unseen and have established prayer. And whoever purifies himself only purifies himself for [the benefit of] his soul. And to Allāh is the [final] destination.
19. Not equal are the blind and the seeing,
20. Nor are the darknesses and the light,
21. Nor are the shade and the heat,<sup>1167</sup>
22. And not equal are the living and the dead. Indeed, Allāh causes to hear whom He wills, but you cannot make hear those in the graves.<sup>1168</sup>
23. You, [O Muḥammad], are not but a warner.
24. Indeed, We have sent you with the truth as a bringer of good tidings and a warner. And there was no nation but that there had passed within it a warner.
25. And if they deny you – then already have those before them denied. Their messengers came to them with clear proofs and written ordinances and with the enlightening Scripture.
26. Then I seized the ones who disbelieved, and how [terrible] was My reproach.
27. Do you not see that Allāh sends down rain from the sky, and We produce thereby fruits of varying colors? And in the mountains are tracts, white and red of varying shades and [some] extremely black.

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<sup>1167</sup>Of the sun or of a scorching wind.

<sup>1168</sup>The four comparisons given by Allāh (*subḥānahu wa ta'ālā*) in verses 19-22 are those of the believer and unbeliever, various kinds of misbelief and (true) belief, Paradise and Hellfire, and those receptive to guidance and those unreceptive.