

67. And if We willed, We could have deformed them, [paralyzing them] in their places so they would not be able to proceed, nor could they return.¹¹⁹⁵
68. And he to whom We grant long life We reverse in creation;¹¹⁹⁶ so will they not understand?
69. And We did not give him [i.e., Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ)] knowledge of poetry, nor is it befitting for him. It is not but a message and a clear Qur'ān
70. To warn whoever is alive¹¹⁹⁷ and justify the word [i.e., decree] against the disbelievers.
71. Do they not see that We have created for them from what Our hands¹¹⁹⁸ have made, grazing livestock, and [then] they are their owners?
72. And We have tamed them for them, so some of them they ride, and some of them they eat.
73. And for them therein are [other] benefits and drinks, so will they not be grateful?
74. But they have taken besides Allāh [false] deities that perhaps they would be helped.
75. They are not able to help them, and they [themselves] are for them soldiers in attendance.¹¹⁹⁹
76. So let not their speech grieve you. Indeed, We know what they conceal and what they declare.
77. Does man not consider that We created him from a [mere] sperm-drop – then at once¹²⁰⁰ he is a clear adversary?

¹¹⁹⁵He (*subḥānahu wa ta'ālā*) could have prevented man from taking any action to benefit himself in this world or the Hereafter, yet He did not.

¹¹⁹⁶In his physical and mental capacity.

¹¹⁹⁷In heart and mind, i.e., the believers.

¹¹⁹⁸See footnote to 2:19.

¹¹⁹⁹Maintaining and protecting their "gods." Another interpretation is that they (i.e., the gods) will be soldiers set against them in Hellfire.

¹²⁰⁰i.e., as soon as he becomes self-sufficient.

78. And he presents for Us an example¹²⁰¹ and forgets his [own] creation. He says, "Who will give life to bones while they are disintegrated?"
79. Say, "He will give them life who produced them the first time; and He is, of all creation, Knowing."
80. [It is] He who made for you from the green tree, fire, and then from it you ignite.
81. Is not He who created the heavens and the earth Able to create the likes of them? Yes, [it is so]; and He is the Knowing Creator.
82. His command is only when He intends a thing that He says to it, "Be," and it is.
83. So exalted is He in whose hand is the realm of all things, and to Him you will be returned.

¹²⁰¹ Attempting to establish the finality of death.