

*Sūrah ash-Shūrā*¹³⁰⁷

Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem

1. Ḥā, Meem.
2. ‘Ayn, Seen, Qāf.¹³⁰⁸
3. Thus has He revealed to you, [O Muḥammad], and to those before you – Allāh, the Exalted in Might, the Wise.
4. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth, and He is the Most High, the Most Great.
5. The heavens almost break from above them,¹³⁰⁹ and the angels exalt [Allāh] with praise of their Lord and ask forgiveness for those on earth. Unquestionably, it is Allāh who is the Forgiving, the Merciful.
6. And those who take as allies other than Him – Allāh is [yet] Guardian over them; and you, [O Muḥammad], are not over them a manager.
7. And thus We have revealed to you an Arabic Qur’ān that you may warn the Mother of Cities [i.e., Makkah] and those around it¹³¹⁰ and warn of the Day of Assembly, about which there is no doubt. A party will be in Paradise and a party in the Blaze.
8. And if Allāh willed, He could have made them [of] one religion, but He admits whom He wills¹³¹¹ into His mercy. And the wrongdoers have not any protector or helper.
9. Or have they taken protectors [or allies] besides Him? But Allāh – He is the Protector, and He gives life to the dead, and He is over all things competent.

¹³⁰⁷ *Ash-Shūrā*: Consultation.

¹³⁰⁸ See footnote to 2:1.

¹³⁰⁹ i.e., from the grandeur of Allāh (*subḥānahu wa ta’ālā*) above them.

¹³¹⁰ i.e., all other peoples.

¹³¹¹ i.e., those who desire His guidance and His acceptance of them.

10. And in anything over which you disagree – its ruling is [to be referred] to Allāh. [Say], "That is Allāh, my Lord; upon Him I have relied, and to Him I turn back."¹³¹²
11. [He is] Creator of the heavens and the earth. He has made for you from yourselves, mates, and among the cattle, mates; He multiplies you thereby. There is nothing like unto Him,¹³¹³ and He is the Hearing, the Seeing.
12. To Him belong the keys of the heavens and the earth. He extends provision for whom He wills and restricts [it]. Indeed He is, of all things, Knowing.
13. He has ordained for you of religion what He enjoined upon Noah and that which We have revealed to you, [O Muḥammad], and what We enjoined upon Abraham and Moses and Jesus – to establish the religion and not be divided therein. Difficult for those who associate others with Allāh is that to which you invite them. Allāh chooses for Himself whom He wills and guides to Himself whoever turns back [to Him].
14. And they did not become divided until after knowledge had come to them – out of jealous animosity between themselves. And if not for a word¹³¹⁴ that preceded from your Lord [postponing the penalty] until a specified time, it would have been concluded between them. And indeed, those who were granted inheritance of the Scripture after them are, concerning it, in disquieting doubt.
15. So that [religion of Allāh] invite, [O Muḥammad],¹³¹⁵ and remain on a right course as you are commanded and do not follow their inclinations but say, "I have believed in what Allāh has revealed of scripture [i.e., the Qur'ān], and I have been commanded to do justice among you. Allāh is our Lord and

¹³¹²In remembrance and repentance.

¹³¹³There is no similarity whatsoever between the Creator and His creation in essence, in attributes or in deed.

¹³¹⁴Decree. See footnote to 10:19.

¹³¹⁵Another meaning understood from the Arabic is "So because of that [division and separation into sects], invite [them back to Allāh]..."