

17. The sight [of the Prophet (ﷺ)] did not swerve, nor did it transgress [its limit].
18. He certainly saw of the greatest signs of his Lord.
19. So have you considered al-Lāt and al-'Uzzā?
20. And Manāt, the third – the other one?¹⁴⁶¹
21. Is the male for you and for Him the female?
22. That, then, is an unjust division.¹⁴⁶²
23. They are not but [mere] names you have named them – you and your forefathers – for which Allāh has sent down no authority. They follow not except assumption and what [their] souls desire, and there has already come to them from their Lord guidance.
24. Or is there for man whatever he wishes?
25. Rather, to Allāh belongs the Hereafter and the first [life].
26. And how many angels there are in the heavens whose intercession will not avail at all except [only] after Allāh has permitted [it] to whom He wills and approves.
27. Indeed, those who do not believe in the Hereafter name the angels female names,
28. And they have thereof no knowledge. They follow not except assumption, and indeed, assumption avails not against the truth at all.
29. So turn away from whoever turns his back on Our message and desires not except the worldly life.
30. That is their sum of knowledge. Indeed, your Lord is most knowing of who strays from His way, and He is most knowing of who is guided.

¹⁴⁶¹The three names given in this and the previous verse are those of well-known "goddesses" which were worshipped by the pagan Arabs before the spread of Islām.

¹⁴⁶²According to their own standards.

31. And to Allāh belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth – that He may recompense those who do evil with [the penalty of] what they have done and recompense those who do good with the best [reward] –
32. Those who avoid the major sins and immoralities, only [committing] slight ones. Indeed, your Lord is vast in forgiveness. He was most knowing of you when He produced you from the earth and when you were fetuses in the wombs of your mothers. So do not claim yourselves to be pure; He is most knowing of who fears Him.
33. Have you seen the one who turned away
34. And gave a little and [then] refrained?
35. Does he have knowledge of the unseen, so he sees?¹⁴⁶³
36. Or has he not been informed of what was in the scriptures of Moses
37. And [of] Abraham, who fulfilled [his obligations] –
38. That no bearer of burdens will bear the burden of another
39. And that there is not for man except that [good] for which he strives
40. And that his effort is going to be seen –
41. Then he will be recompensed for it with the fullest recompense –
42. And that to your Lord is the finality
43. And that it is He who makes [one] laugh and weep
44. And that it is He who causes death and gives life
45. And that He creates the two mates – the male and female –
46. From a sperm-drop when it is emitted
47. And that [incumbent] upon Him is the other [i.e., next] creation
48. And that it is He who enriches and suffices

¹⁴⁶³Knows that his provision will be exhausted if he spends on the poor, while Allāh (*subhānahu wa ta'ālā*) has promised otherwise.