- 61. Then whoever argues with you about it after [this] knowledge has come to you – say, "Come, let us call our sons and your sons, our women and your women, ourselves and yourselves, then supplicate earnestly [together] and invoke the curse of Allāh upon the liars [among us]."
- 62. Indeed, this is the true narration. And there is no deity except Allāh. And indeed, Allāh is the Exalted in Might, the Wise.
- 63. But if they turn away, then indeed Allāh is Knowing of the corrupters.
- 64. Say, "O People of the Scripture, come to a word that is equitable between us and you – that we will not worship except Allāh and not associate anything with Him and not take one another as lords instead of Allāh."¹⁰⁹ But if they turn away, then say, "Bear witness that we are Muslims [submitting to Him]."
- 65. O People of the Scripture, why do you argue about Abraham while the Torah and the Gospel were not revealed until after him? Then will you not reason?
- 66. Here you are those who have argued about that of which you have [some] knowledge, but why do you argue about that of which you have no knowledge? And Allāh knows, while you know not.
- 67. Abraham was neither a Jew nor a Christian, but he was one inclining toward truth, a Muslim [submitting to Allāh]. And he was not of the polytheists.¹¹⁰
- 68. Indeed, the most worthy of Abraham among the people are those who followed him [in submission to Allāh] and this prophet [i.e., Muḥammad (ﷺ)] and those who believe [in his message]. And Allāh is the ally of the believers.
- 69. A faction of the People of the Scripture wish they could

¹⁰⁹By obeying another in disobedience to Allāh.

¹¹⁰Those who associate others with Allāh.

mislead you. But they do not mislead except themselves, and they perceive [it] not.

- 70. O People of the Scripture, why do you disbelieve in the verses of Allāh¹¹¹ while you witness [to their truth]?
- 71. O People of the Scripture, why do you mix [i.e., confuse] the truth with falsehood and conceal the truth while you know [it]?
- 72. And a faction of the People of the Scripture say [to each other], "Believe in that which was revealed to the believers at the beginning of the day and reject it at its end that perhaps they will return [i.e., abandon their religion],
- 73. And do not trust except those who follow your religion." Say, "Indeed, the [true] guidance is the guidance of Allāh. [Do you fear] lest someone be given [knowledge] like you were given or that they would [thereby] argue with you before your Lord?" Say, "Indeed, [all] bounty is in the hand¹¹² of Allāh – He grants it to whom He wills. And Allāh is all-Encompassing and Wise."
- 74. He selects for His mercy whom He wills. And Allāh is the possessor of great bounty.
- 75. And among the People of the Scripture is he who, if you entrust him with a great amount [of wealth], he will return it to you. And among them is he who, if you entrust him with a [single] silver coin, he will not return it to you unless you are constantly standing over him [demanding it]. That is because they say, "There is no blame upon us concerning the unlearned."¹¹³ And they speak untruth about Allāh while they know [it].
- 76. But yes, whoever fulfills his commitment and fears Allāh then indeed, Allāh loves those who fear Him.

¹¹¹ i.e., deliberately reject them.

¹¹²See footnote to 2:19.

¹¹³The Jews do not consider it a sin to cheat or lie to a gentile or a pagan.