- 96. Lawful to you is game from the sea and its food as provision for you and the travelers,²⁵⁴ but forbidden to you is game from the land as long as you are in the state of ihram. And fear Allah to whom you will be gathered.
- 97. Allāh has made the Ka'bah, the Sacred House, standing²⁵⁵ for the people and [has sanctified] the sacred months and the sacrificial animals and the garlands [by which they are identified]. That is so you may know that Allah knows what is in the heavens and what is in the earth and that Allah is Knowing of all things.
- 98. Know that Allah is severe in penalty and that Allah is Forgiving and Merciful
- 99. Not upon the Messenger is [responsibility] except [for] notification. And Allah knows whatever you reveal and whatever vou conceal.
- 100. Say, "Not equal are the evil and the good, although the abundance of evil might impress you." So fear Allah, O you of understanding, that you may be successful.
- 101. O vou who have believed, do not ask about things which, if they are shown to you, will distress you. But if you ask about them while the Our'an is being revealed, they will be shown to you. Allah has pardoned it [i.e., that which is past]; and Allah is Forgiving and Forbearing.
- 102. A people asked such [questions] before you; then they became thereby disbelievers.256
- 103. Allāh has not appointed [such innovations as] bahīrah or sā'ibah or wasīlah or hām.²⁵⁷ But those who disbelieve invent falsehood about Allah, and most of them do not reason.

 $^{^{254}}$ Fishing and eating whatever is caught from the sea is permitted even during *iḥrām*. 255 Conspicuously as a symbol of Allāh's religion.

²⁵⁶By their unwillingness to carry out what was commanded of them.

²⁵⁷ Categories of particular camels which were dedicated to the idols and set free to pasture, liberated from the service of man.

- 104. And when it is said to them, "Come to what Allāh has revealed and to the Messenger," they say, "Sufficient for us is that upon which we found our fathers." Even though their fathers knew nothing, nor were they guided?
- 105. O you who have believed, upon you is [responsibility for] yourselves. Those who have gone astray will not harm you when you have been guided. To Allāh is your return all together; then He will inform you of what you used to do.
- 106. O you who have believed, testimony [should be taken] among you when death approaches one of you at the time of bequest [that of] two just men from among you or two others from outside if you are traveling through the land and the disaster of death should strike you. Detain them after the prayer and let them both swear by Allāh if you doubt [their testimony, saying], "We will not exchange it [i.e., our oath] for a price [i.e., worldly gain], even if he should be a near relative, and we will not withhold the testimony of [i.e., ordained by] Allāh. Indeed, we would then be of the sinful."
- 107. But if it is found that those two were guilty of sin [i.e., perjury], let two others stand in their place [who are] foremost [in claim] from those who have a lawful right. And let them swear by Allāh, "Our testimony is truer than their testimony, and we have not transgressed. Indeed, we would then be of the wrongdoers."
- 108. That is more likely that they will give testimony according to its [true] objective, or [at least] they would fear that [other] oaths might be taken after their oaths. And fear Allāh and listen [i.e., obey Him]; and Allāh does not guide the defiantly disobedient people.
- 109. [Be warned of] the Day when Allāh will assemble the messengers and say, "What was the response you received?" They will say, "We have no knowledge. Indeed, it is You who is Knower of the unseen" –
- 110. [The Day] when Allāh will say, "O Jesus, Son of Mary, remember My favor upon you and upon your mother when I supported you with the Pure Spirit [i.e., the angel Gabriel]