

*Sūrah al-An‘ām*²⁵⁹

Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem

1. [All] praise is [due] to Allāh, who created the heavens and the earth and made the darkness and the light. Then those who disbelieve equate [others] with their Lord.
2. It is He who created you from clay and then decreed a term²⁶⁰ and a specified time [known] to Him;²⁶¹ then [still] you are in dispute.
3. And He is Allāh, [the only deity] in the heavens and the earth. He knows your secret and what you make public, and He knows that which you earn.
4. And no sign comes to them from the signs of their Lord except that they turn away therefrom.
5. For they had denied the truth when it came to them, but there is going to reach them the news of what they used to ridicule.²⁶²
6. Have they not seen how many generations We destroyed before them which We had established upon the earth as We have not established you? And We sent [rain from] the sky upon them in showers and made rivers flow beneath them; then We destroyed them for their sins and brought forth after them a generation of others.
7. And even if We had sent down to you, [O Muḥammad], a written scripture on a page and they touched it with their hands, the disbelievers would say, "This is not but obvious magic."
8. And they say, "Why was there not sent down to him an angel?"²⁶³

²⁵⁹ *Al-An‘ām*: The Grazing Livestock, specifically: camels, cattle, sheep and goats, as mentioned in verses 143-144 of this *sūrah*.

²⁶⁰ An appointed time for death.

²⁶¹ For resurrection.

²⁶² They will experience the reality of what they had denied and the consequence of their denial.

²⁶³ In support of his prophethood (ﷺ).

But if We had sent down an angel, the matter would have been decided;²⁶⁴ then they would not be reprieved.

9. And if We had made him [i.e., the messenger] an angel, We would have made him [appear as] a man, and We would have covered them with that in which they cover themselves [i.e., confusion and doubt].
10. And already were messengers ridiculed before you, but those who mocked them were enveloped by that which they used to ridicule.
11. Say, "Travel through the land; then observe how was the end of the deniers."
12. Say, "To whom belongs whatever is in the heavens and earth?" Say, "To Allāh." He has decreed upon Himself mercy. He will surely assemble you for the Day of Resurrection, about which there is no doubt. Those who will lose themselves [that Day] do not believe.
13. And to Him belongs that which reposes by night and by day, and He is the Hearing, the Knowing.
14. Say, "Is it other than Allāh I should take as a protector, Creator of the heavens and earth, while it is He who feeds and is not fed?" Say, [O Muḥammad], "Indeed, I have been commanded to be the first [among you] who submit [to Allāh] and [was commanded], 'Do not ever be of the polytheists.'"
15. Say, "Indeed I fear, if I should disobey my Lord, the punishment of a tremendous Day."
16. He from whom it is averted that Day – [Allāh] has granted him mercy. And that is the clear attainment.
17. And if Allāh should touch you with adversity, there is no remover of it except Him. And if He touches you with good – then He is over all things competent.
18. And He is the subjugator over His servants. And He is the Wise, the Acquainted [with all].

²⁶⁴They would have been destroyed immediately with no chance for repentance.