

19. Say, "What thing is greatest in testimony?" Say, "Allāh is witness between me and you. And this Qur'ān was revealed to me that I may warn you thereby and whomever it reaches.²⁶⁵ Do you [truly] testify that with Allāh there are other deities?" Say, "I will not testify [with you]." Say, "Indeed, He is but one God, and indeed, I am free of what you associate [with Him]."
20. Those to whom We have given the Scripture recognize it²⁶⁶ as they recognize their [own] sons. Those who will lose themselves [in the Hereafter] do not believe.
21. And who is more unjust than one who invents about Allāh a lie or denies His verses? Indeed, the wrongdoers will not succeed.
22. And [mention, O Muḥammad], the Day We will gather them all together; then We will say to those who associated others with Allāh, "Where are your 'partners' that you used to claim [with Him]?"
23. Then there will be no [excuse upon] examination except they will say, "By Allāh, our Lord, we were not those who associated."
24. See how they will lie about themselves. And lost from them will be what they used to invent.
25. And among them are those who listen to you,²⁶⁷ but We have placed over their hearts coverings, lest they understand it, and in their ears deafness. And if they should see every sign, they will not believe in it. Even when they come to you arguing with you, those who disbelieve say, "This is not but legends of the former peoples."
26. And they prevent [others] from him and are [themselves] remote from him. And they do not destroy except themselves, but they perceive [it] not.
27. If you could but see when they are made to stand before the Fire and will say, "Oh, would that we could be returned [to

²⁶⁵ At every time and place until the Day of Judgement.

²⁶⁶ The Qur'ān. Also interpreted as "him," meaning Muḥammad (ﷺ).

²⁶⁷ When you recite the Qur'ān.

- life on earth] and not deny the signs of our Lord and be among the believers."
28. But what they concealed before has [now] appeared to them. And even if they were returned, they would return to that which they were forbidden; and indeed, they are liars.
 29. And they say, "There is none but our worldly life, and we will not be resurrected."
 30. If you could but see when they will be made to stand before their Lord. He will say, "Is this not the truth?" They will say, "Yes, by our Lord." He will [then] say, "So taste the punishment for what you used to deny."
 31. Those will have lost who deny the meeting with Allāh, until when the Hour [of resurrection] comes upon them unexpectedly, they will say, "Oh, [how great is] our regret over what we neglected concerning it [i.e., the Hour]," while they bear their burdens [i.e., sins] on their backs. Unquestionably, evil is that which they bear.
 32. And the worldly life is not but amusement and diversion; but the home of the Hereafter is best for those who fear Allāh, so will you not reason?
 33. We know that you, [O Muḥammad], are saddened by what they say. And indeed, they do not call you untruthful, but it is the verses of Allāh that the wrongdoers reject.
 34. And certainly were messengers denied before you, but they were patient over the denial, and they were harmed until Our victory came to them. And none can alter the words [i.e., decrees] of Allāh. And there has certainly come to you some information about the [previous] messengers.
 35. And if their evasion is difficult for you, then if you are able to seek a tunnel into the earth or a stairway into the sky to bring them a sign, [then do so]. But if Allāh had willed, He would have united them upon guidance. So never be of the ignorant.