

fear that you have associated with Allāh that for which He has not sent down to you any authority? So which of the two parties has more right to security, if you should know?"

82. They who believe and do not mix their belief with injustice²⁸⁹ – those will have security, and they are [rightly] guided.
83. And that was Our [conclusive] argument which We gave Abraham against his people. We raise by degrees whom We will. Indeed, your Lord is Wise and Knowing.
84. And We gave to him [i.e., Abraham] Isaac and Jacob – all [of them] We guided. And Noah, We guided before; and among his descendants, David and Solomon and Job and Joseph and Moses and Aaron. Thus do We reward the doers of good.
85. And Zechariah and John and Jesus and Elias – and all were of the righteous.
86. And Ishmael and Elisha and Jonah and Lot – and all [of them] We preferred over the worlds.
87. And [some] among their fathers and their descendants and their brothers – and We chose them and We guided them to a straight path.
88. That is the guidance of Allāh by which He guides whomever He wills of His servants. But if they had associated others with Allāh, then worthless for them would be whatever they were doing.
89. Those are the ones to whom We gave the Scripture and authority and prophethood. But if they [i.e., the disbelievers] deny it, then We have entrusted it to a people who are not therein disbelievers.
90. Those are the ones whom Allāh has guided, so from their guidance take an example. Say, "I ask of you for it [i.e., this message] no payment. It is not but a reminder for the worlds."

²⁸⁹Specifically, the association of others in divinity with Allāh.

91. And they did not appraise Allāh with true appraisal²⁹⁰ when they said, "Allāh did not reveal to a human being anything." Say, "Who revealed the Scripture that Moses brought as light and guidance to the people? You [Jews] make it into pages, disclosing [some of] it and concealing much. And you²⁹¹ were taught that which you knew not – neither you nor your fathers." Say, "Allāh [revealed it]." Then leave them in their [empty] discourse, amusing themselves.
92. And this is a Book which We have sent down, blessed and confirming what was before it, that you may warn the Mother of Cities [i.e., Makkah] and those around it.²⁹² Those who believe in the Hereafter believe in it, and they are maintaining their prayers.
93. And who is more unjust than one who invents a lie about Allāh or says, "It has been inspired to me," while nothing has been inspired to him, and one who says, "I will reveal [something] like what Allāh revealed." And if you could but see when the wrongdoers are in the overwhelming pangs of death while the angels extend their hands,²⁹³ [saying], "Discharge your souls! Today you will be awarded the punishment of [extreme] humiliation for what you used to say against Allāh other than the truth and [that] you were, toward His verses, being arrogant."
94. [It will be said to them], "And you have certainly come to Us alone [i.e., individually] as We created you the first time, and you have left whatever We bestowed upon you behind you. And We do not see with you your 'intercessors' which you claimed that they were among you associates [of Allāh]. It has [all] been severed between you,²⁹⁴ and lost from you is what you used to claim."

²⁹⁰ i.e., they did not appreciate the extent of His ability and wisdom.

²⁹¹ The Jews, or it may refer to the believers, who are taught by the Qur‘ān.

²⁹² i.e., all other peoples.

²⁹³ Striking them, as they are unwilling to give up their souls for judgement.

²⁹⁴ Between yourselves and the claimed associates and intercessors.