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DEDICATION

To our Prophet, peace and blessings be upon Him and His Family, who said: [**He who does not thank people does not thank Allah**]. So how can I possibly not thank the Best of mankind whom every believer owes a debt of gratitude to, and whom I was granted every blessing and favor through Him and His Blessing, may the greatest peace and blessings be upon Him?!.

To the greatest Saint of Prophet Muhammad's Ummah (community) in His time, Scholar Sir Abdullah Sirajuddin, and to His Son the one and only Engineer Sir Muhammad Muhyiddin Sirajuddin, may Allah have mercy on, be pleased with, and reward them greatly for educating and refining me.

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INTRODUCTION

In the name of Allah the entirely Merciful, the especially Merciful.

Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds, and peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah, as well as His Family and Companions.

Exalted are You; we have no knowledge except what You have taught us. Indeed, it is You who is the Knowing, the Wise.

When the question: "What are the verses that include challenges in the Holy Qur'an?" arises, the answer is usually: The verses in which Allah the Almighty challenged His servants to bring something like the Holy Qur'an, whether it is like it, or ten Surahs (chapters) like it, or a Surah like it, which is certainly a correct reply. But this book presents other verses in which Allah the Almighty challenges His servants. I wanted to mention them, and to also talk briefly about each Verse to allow the reader to contemplate on them and browse the interpretations of the Holy Qur'an and read what the Qur'an interpreters mentioned about them. The audience for this book are:

1- Believers: This book aims to increase your faith after reading it.

2- Disbelievers: This book aims to make you believe, after reading the clear challenges it includes that no one can meet.

3- People who want to quit Islam for any reason: This book aims to make you see reason after reading it.

Note: I have not compiled all the verses that include challenges, but mentioned some, as it is up to the reader to read the Holy Qur'an and reflect on it. I have also mentioned some Holy verses that invite mankind to ponder. O Allah, send blessings and peace upon our Prophet Muhammad and upon His Family and Companions by the number of those who have sent blessings upon Him, and by the number of those who have not. May Allah's peace, blessings, and prayers be upon Him abundantly until the Day of Judgement, and praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds. In the name of Allah, the Lord of Mercy, the Giver of Mercy.

THE OPENING (Al-Fatiha)

Allah the Almighty says:

{In the name of Allāh, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful. [All] praise is [due] to Allāh, Lord of the worlds -. The Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful, Sovereign of the Day of Recompense. It is You we worship and You we ask for help. Guide us to the straight path -. The path of those upon whom You have bestowed favor, not of those who have earned [Your] anger or of those who are astray.} [1:1-1:7]

The opening verse of this chapter is: **{[All] praise is [due] to Allāh, Lord of the worlds}.** It is only natural for the Creator to take pride in His creations. Who else has said he is lord of the worlds?! Many people deny Allah the Almighty, but they are speechless when asked the simple question: Who is the Creator of the heavens and the earth?



THE COW (Al-Baqara)

{Alif, Lām, Meem. This is the Book about which there is no doubt, a guidance for those conscious of Allāh.} [2:1-2:2]

The challenge here is that the Holy Qur'an is Allah the Almighty's Book whereof there is no doubt nor suspicion: **{This is the Book about which there is no doubt**}. This Book about which there is no doubt is undoubtedly the Book of Allah.

Has anyone ever said their book is perfect and free from doubt?



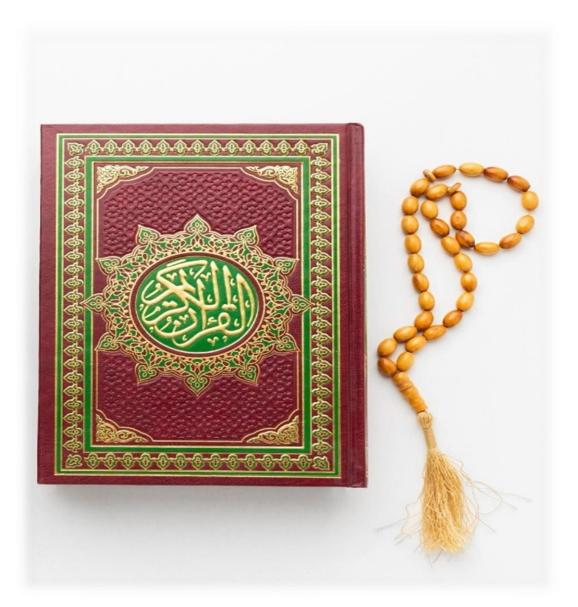
{Indeed, those who disbelieve - it is all the same for them whether you warn them or do not warn them - they will not believe.} [2:6]

We would not have understood this Holy Verse if all the non-Muslims embraced Islam. But they did not and never will.



{And if you are in doubt about what We have sent down [i.e., the Qur'ān] upon Our Servant [i.e., Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ)], then produce a sūrah the like thereof and call upon your witnesses [i.e., supporters] other than Allāh, if you should be truthful. But if you do not - and you will never be able to - then fear the Fire, whose fuel is people and stones, prepared for the disbelievers.} [2:23-2:24]

No one could produce something like the Holy Qur'an since Its descent and never will!



{Allāh destroys interest and gives increase for charities. And Allāh does not like every sinning disbeliever.} [2:276]

The system based on interest¹ fails and goes bankrupt from time to time, unlike the Islamic financial system, which expands beyond Muslim countries because it prohibits interest.

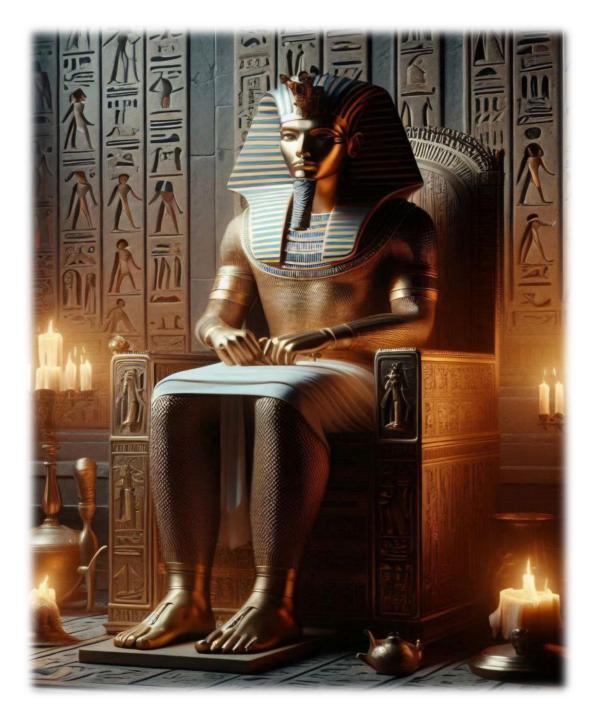


¹ Interest is lending someone money with the agreement that they will pay back a very much larger amount of money later.

THE FAMILY OF IMRAN (Al-Imran)

{Similar situations [as yours] have passed on before you, so proceed throughout the earth and observe how was the end of those who denied.} [3:137]

The Qur'an presents the history of past nations as evidence of the truth of its message and tells humankind to learn a lesson from their ruins.



{Every soul will taste death}. [3:185]

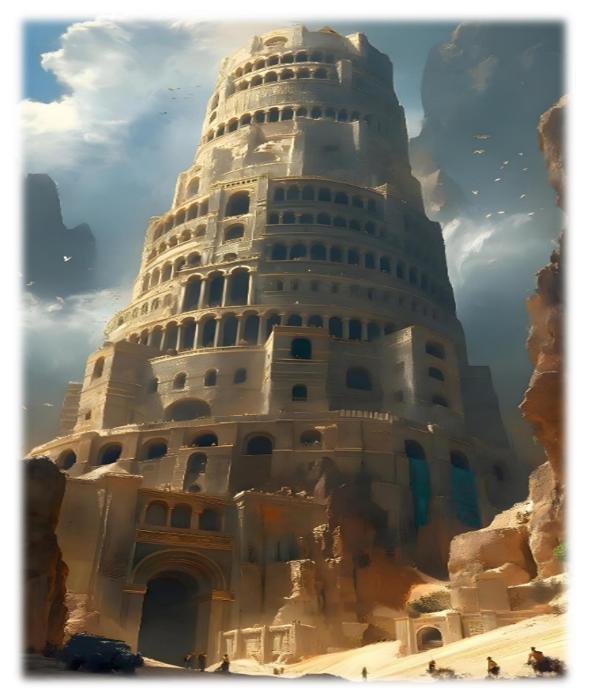
People who deny Allah the Almighty despite witnessing clear evidence know for certain that death is inevitable, but are too proud to accept the truth. The biggest challenge for them is to avoid death.





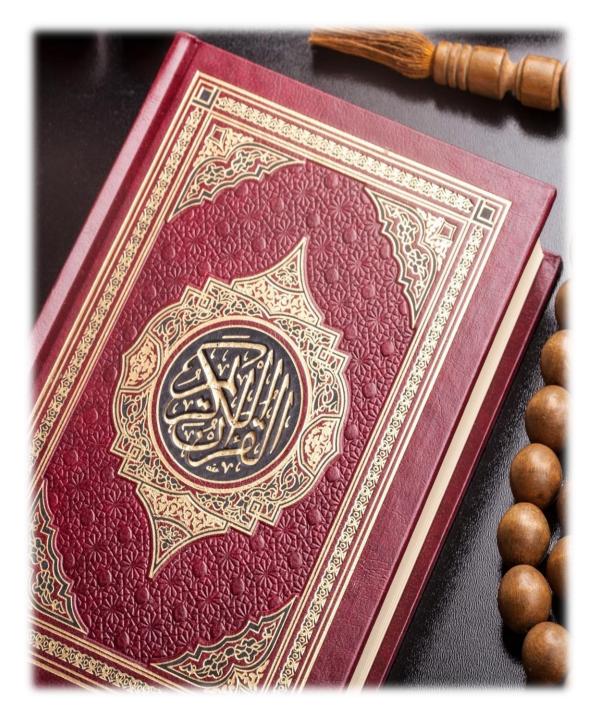
{Wherever you may be, death will overtake you, even if you should be within towers of lofty construction}. [4:78]

Why can you not prevent death if you claim to be your own master and believe in nature, not in Allah? You will eventually die, as time waits for no one. Why not convert to Islam before it is too late?



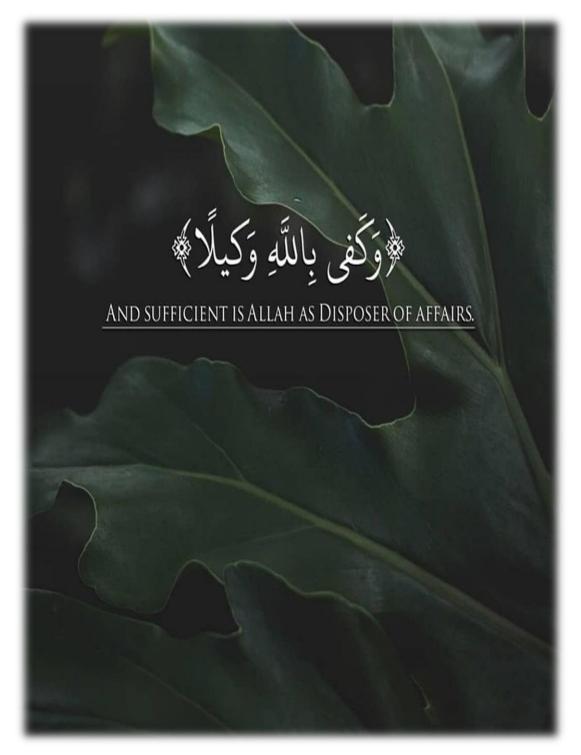
{Then do they not reflect upon the Qur'an? If it had been from [any] other than Allah, they would have found within it much contradiction.} [4:82]

What is the only Book throughout history whose readers are invited to reflect on and find any contradiction or flaw in it until the Day of Judgement? It is the Holy Qur'an!



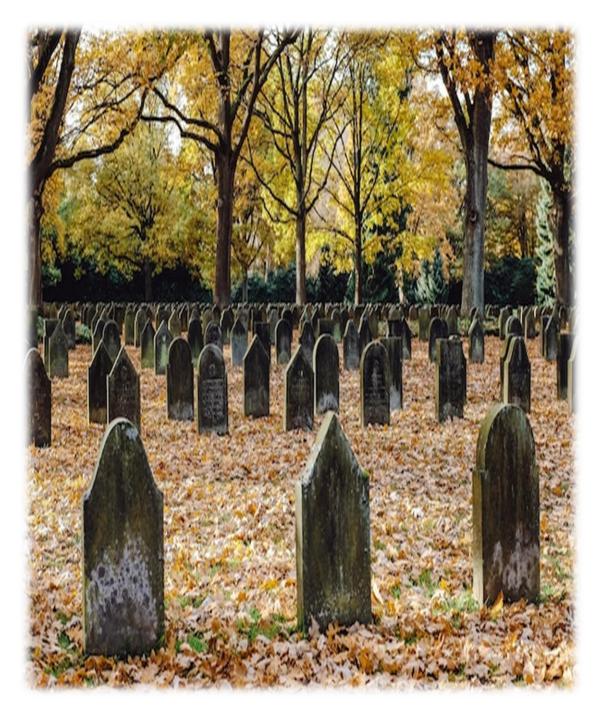
{And to Allah belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. And sufficient is Allah as Disposer of affairs.} [4:132]

Who else has said they are the creator of the heavens and the earth?



{If He wills, He can do away with you, O people, and bring others [in your place]. And ever is Allah competent to do that.} [4:133]

Who can destroy mankind and bring others? Allah the Almighty can.



THE TABLE SPREAD (Al-Maida)

{This day I have perfected for you your religion}. [5:3]

Have you found any system except the Islamic system whose owner says it's perfect? Allah the Almighty gives mankind a challenge they will never be able to meet: To find any flaw in Islam, the religion He declared to have perfected.



THE HEIGHTS (Al-Araf)

{And for every nation is a [specified] term. So when their time has come, they will not remain behind an hour, nor will they precede [it].} [7:34]

Some people start big projects but die hours or minutes at times before the opening ceremony. If they could delay their death until after the opening, they would. But no one can, and never will meet the challenge posed in this Holy Verse: Postpone death for even a minute if you deny Allah.



{It is He who created you from one soul and created from it its mate that he might dwell in security with her. And when he [i.e., man] covers her, she carries a light burden [i.e., a pregnancy] and continues therein. And when it becomes heavy, they both invoke Allāh, their Lord, "If You should give us a good [child], we will surely be among the grateful." But when He gives them a good [child], they ascribe partners to Him concerning that which He has given them. Exalted is Allāh above what they associate with Him. Do they associate with Him those who create nothing and they are [themselves] created? And they [i.e., the false deities] are unable to [give] them help, nor can they help themselves. And if you [believers] invite them to guidance, they will not follow you. It is all the same for you whether you invite them or you are silent. Indeed, those you [polytheists] call upon besides Allāh are servants [i.e., creations] like you. So call upon them and let them respond to you, if you should be truthful.} [7:189-7:194]

Allah the Almighty explains in this Holy Verse how some people give credit to and associate with Him partners after Allah bestows upon them a bliss they requested from Him! The challenge: Request anything from these created, fatigued,

powerless things that create nothing and cannot help themselves, let alone provide help to you and see if you gain any benefit from them!



REPENTANCE (Al-Tawba)

{[You disbelievers are] like those before you; they were stronger than you in power and more abundant in wealth and children. They enjoyed their portion [of worldly enjoyment], and you have enjoyed your portion as those before you enjoyed their portion, and you have engaged [in vanities] like that in which they engaged. [It is] those whose deeds have become worthless in this world and in the Hereafter, and it is they who are the losers.} [9:69]

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Despite the advancements in our civilization, we are still puzzled as to how past nations built some structures, which only prove that they were more powerful than us.



{And whenever a sūrah is revealed, there are among them [i.e., the hypocrites] those who say, "Which of you has this increased in faith?" As for those who believed, it has increased them in faith, while they are rejoicing. But as for those in whose hearts is disease, it has [only] increased them in evil [in addition] to their evil. And they will have died while they are disbelievers.} [9:124-9:125]

Witnessing the truth will never make unjust people believe; it will only make them prouder.



{Do they not see that they are tried every year once or twice but then they do not repent nor do they remember?} [9:126]

Whether disasters happen to disbelievers or others, they keep distancing themselves from faith (may Allah forbid). They do not believe in Allah the Almighty and seek His pleasure and protection, contrary to what Muslims expect.



JONAH (Yunus)

{Or do they say [about the Prophet (端)], "He invented it?" Say, "Then bring forth a sūrah like it and call upon [for assistance] whomever you can besides Allāh, if you should be truthful."}. [10:38]

All that is required from deniers of Allah the Almighty is to bring forth a Surah like the Holy Qur'an, but they know they can't, never could, and won't ever be able to. For if they could, everything would have changed.



{Indeed, those upon whom the word [i.e., decree] of your Lord has come into effect will not believe, Even if every sign should come to them, until they see the painful punishment.}

These people see the signs firsthand and are aware Allah the Almighty is of necessary existence, but they prefer the worldly life to the Hereafter and are too arrogant to accept Faith.

Human beings are required to believe in the unseen and the words of Allah as if they saw and witnessed them. As for deniers, only witnessing the punishment in the Hereafter will make them believe, when it is too late because this world is merely a trial, while the reward and reckoning await in the next.

They will request to come back to life, to be among the pious believers. But Allah the Almighty has told us that they would return to being astray and sinful if they came back to life: **{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 life on earth] and not deny the signs of our Lord and be among the believers." 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.} [6:27-6:28] Will such disbelieving people never repent and believe?



HUD (Hud)

{Or do they say, "He invented it"? Say, "Then bring ten sūrahs like it that have been invented and call upon [for assistance] whomever you can besides Allāh, if you should be truthful." And if they do not respond to you then know that it [i.e., the Qur'ān] was revealed with the knowledge of Allāh and that there is no deity except Him. Then, would you [not] be Muslims?} [11:13-11:14]

Allah the Almighty challenges disbelievers and deniers to produce ten surahs like the Holy Qur'an and to want help from whoever they would like from mankind and Jinn², but they didn't and will never be able to.



1 Jinn are created from fire, are invisible to humans, and live longer than them. They marry, have children, eat, drink, fly, and walk through walls. They are either believers or disbelievers.

JOSEPH (Yusuf)

{And most of the people, although you strive [for it], are not believers}. [12:103]

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Compare the number of true believers and disbelievers. The latter's population was more widespread throughout history. If they had believed, we would not have understood this Holy Verse and similar verses correctly. Thanks to Allah for bestowing upon us the blessing of Faith, the one that we invite them to embrace.



THUNDER (Al-Rad)

{Then is He who is a maintainer of every soul, [knowing] what it has earned, [like any other]? But to Allāh they have attributed partners. Say, "Name them. Or do you inform Him of that which He knows not upon the earth or of what is apparent [i.e., alleged] of speech?" Rather, their [own] plan has been made attractive to those who disbelieve, and they have been averted from the way. And whomever Allāh sends astray there will be for him no guide.} [13:33]

Idolaters³: Name the partners that you worship together with Allah and prove to us that they are deities! How can you worship things that have neither the power to harm nor benefit themselves nor move their hands nor even blink?



¹ Idolatry refers to associating partners with Allah in worship or disbelieving in Allah.

ABRAHAM (Ibrahim)

{And He gave you from all you asked of Him. And if you should count the favor [i.e., blessings] of Allāh, you could not enumerate them. Indeed, mankind is [generally] most unjust and ungrateful.} [14:34]

Have you ever tried to count one blessing among the many you take for granted, such as water? If you reflect on how a single drop of water reaches you, you will realize what a great blessing Allah has bestowed upon you and how you cannot encompass a drop of water from the moment it falls from the sky until it reaches you. So, how can you deny its Creator or not thank Him properly?



THE STONELAND (Al-Hijr)

{It is We who give life and death; it is We who inherit [everything]}. [15:23]

Has anyone except Allah the Almighty said they can give life and cause death? When Prophet Abraham (peace be upon Him) challenged Nimrod to do that, Nimrod evaded the question. Two men were brought before him. He commanded that one of them be killed and the second man be pardoned. He claimed to have brought life and caused death this way, although he was required (for instance) to return the man he killed back from the dead! Nimrod was speechless, however, when Prophet Abraham wanted him to cause the sun to rise from the west. Can anyone do that except Allah the Almighty?



{Indeed, it is We who sent down the message [i.e., the Qur'ān], and indeed, We will be its guardian.} [15:9]

I am confident that no book throughout history is guaranteed to not have changed for fourteen centuries except the Holy Qur'an, the Book no one could change a single letter of since Its descent, despite the weakness of many Muslims. The just scholars admit that our copy is accurate and matches the oldest copies discovered (that date back to the first Hijri century). So thanks to Allah for the blessing of Faith.

If the disbelievers had a correct, untouched copy of the Holy Qur'an that contradicted the one we have today, would they lose a minute to present it and demand an explanation? They know they will never be able to do so because Allah the Almighty has undertaken to preserve the Holy Qur'an against distortion and change. That is why Muslims can rest assured and be proud to be reading the same Holy Qur'an that their ancestors have read – back to the time of the descent of the first revelation on our Prophet, peace be upon Him. Thanks to Allah for that.



THE BEES (Al-Nahl)

{And Allāh has extracted you from the wombs of your mothers not knowing a thing, and He made for you hearing and vision and hearts [i.e., intellect] that perhaps you would be grateful}. [16:78]

Fetuses cannot see anything in the first few days following birth, then see, hear, and speak. Who, other than Allah the Almighty, can attribute creating this to themselves?!

Question yourself: Am I among the people grateful to Allah the Almighty for the great blessings of hearing, sight, and heart? Or am I among the deniers and the disbelievers?

If you are the former, show more gratitude. If you are the latter, pondering may lead you to believe; and thus be saved from Hellfire and enter Paradise. Which, if you do, I heartily congratulate you.



{Whatever you have will end, but what Allāh has is lasting. And We will surely give those who were patient their reward according to the best of what they used to do}. [16:96]

Ponder over this Holy Verse: Think of how some of the wealthiest people lose a large amount of their fortune, sometimes their fortune altogether. Would they lose a single penny if it was in their power? But there is a Wise Lord who arranges the matters of His creation according to His wisdom, the Lord whose treasures are endless, Who gives and deprives whoever He wills, who has promised to grant us more if we act in gratitude. How wonderful it would be to be among them!



THE NIGHT JOURNEY (Al-Isra)

{Say, "If mankind and the jinn gathered in order to produce the like of this Qur'ān, they could not produce the like of it, even if they were to each other assistants."} [17:88]

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The challenge goes on. This time, Allah the Almighty challenges mankind and Jinn to write a book similar to the Holy Qur'an and tells them in advance that they are and will forever be unable to do so.

Have you ever faced such a challenge?



THE CAVE (Al-Kahf)

{[All] praise is [due] to Allāh, who has sent down upon His Servant [Muḥammad (營)] the Book and has not made therein any deviance. [He has made it] straight}. [18:1]

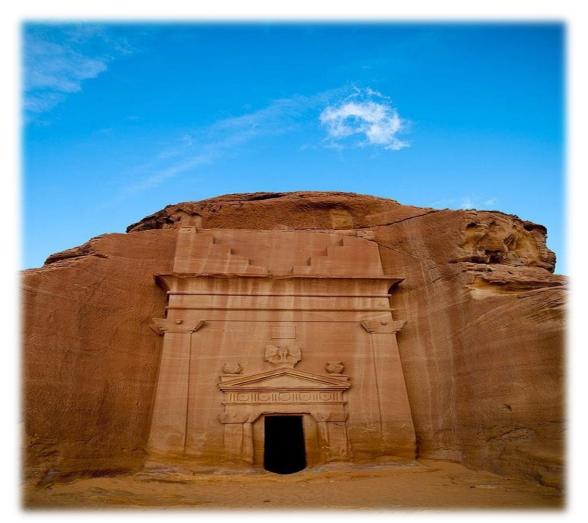
The Holy Qur'an was sent down by Allah, who explains to the world that His Holy Book is contradiction-free and inconsistency-free. Its' verses are linked to each other, are unerringly straight, and contain no deviance from the truth. Name any deviance you find, which you will not; for it is the words of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise Allah who knows the past, the present, and the future.



MARY (Maryam)

{And when Our verses are recited to them as clear evidences, those who disbelieve say to those who believe, "Which of [our] two parties is best in position and best in association?" And how many a generation have We destroyed before them who were better in possessions and [outward] appearance?} [19:73-19:74]

One would think that we are at the peak of human civilization. But Allah the Almighty draws our attention to the fact that He destroyed past nations that were more powerful and wealthier than us. Archaeologists' bafflement today about the remains they left behind serves as evidence to that. As the saying goes: *He is a happy man who is warned by another man's deeds.*



TA-HA (Ta Ha)

{To Him belongs what is in the heavens and what is on the earth and what is between them and what is under the soil.}. [20:6]

Has anyone other than Allah the Almighty ever said he possesses what is in the heavens, the earth, whatever is between them, and what is within the layers of the earth?



THE PROPHETS (Al-Anbiya)

{And We did not grant to any man before you eternity [on earth]; so if you die - would they be eternal? Every soul will taste death. And We test you with evil and with good as trial; and to Us you will be returned.}. [21:34-21:35]

No one has and never will survive one thing: Death.

You might not believe in Allah the Almighty, but you certainly believe that death is inevitable. Your claims of being the creator of yourself and having authority are unfounded because you will taste death which Allah the Almighty has made inevitable for every creature. So why don't you reflect on and believe in Allah the Almighty, the Bringer of death?



THE PILGRIMAGE (Al-Hajj)

{O people, an example is presented, so listen to it. Indeed, those you invoke besides Allāh will never create [as much as] a fly, even if they gathered together for it [i.e., that purpose]. And if the fly should steal from them a [tiny] thing, they could not recover it from him. Weak are the pursuer and pursued.} [22:73]

The challenge in this verse makes clear how vulnerable human beings are, and how they mask that by acting high and mighty .They're so vulnerable, they cannot even create a single mosquito or take back what it ate. Can disbelievers do so? They will be unable to do both.

Why do we all not believe in Allah, seeing our weakness and His strength, omnipotence, and creations?



THE BELIEVERS (Al-Mu'minun)

{Allāh has not taken any son, nor has there ever been with Him any deity. [If there had been], then each deity would have taken what it created, and some of them would have [sought to] overcome others. Exalted is Allāh above what they describe [concerning Him].} [23:91]

Allah the Almighty is the One and Only, and the Eternal Refuge whom neither begets nor is born, nor is there to Him any equivalent. It is this truth that He draws mankind's attention to in this Holy Verse.

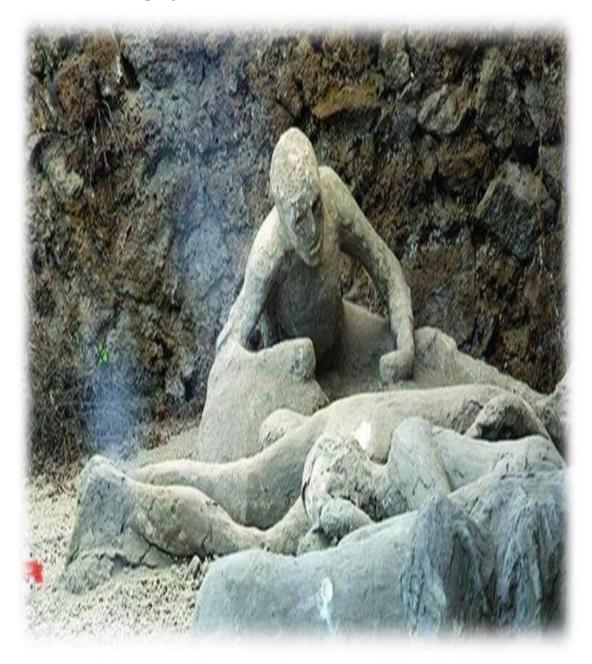
For if there were two gods, they would dispute with one another as each god would try to fulfill his will against the will of the other, upon which one ends up defeated. Does it make sense for a "true god" to be defeated?



THE CRETERION (Al-Furqan)

{And they have already come upon the town which was showered with a rain of evil [i.e., stones]. So have they not seen it? But they are not expecting resurrection.} [25:40]

Archeologists keep discovering the remains of numerous nations that have perished, which reminds us our fate could be the same if we do not take the initiative to fear Allah the Almighty.



{And it is He who has released [simultaneously] the two seas [i.e., bodies of water], one fresh and sweet and one salty and bitter, and He placed between them a barrier and prohibiting partition.} [25:53]

Allah the Almighty is the only One capable of creating a sea so wonderous that its sea water and fresh water do not mix. Who else can do so?



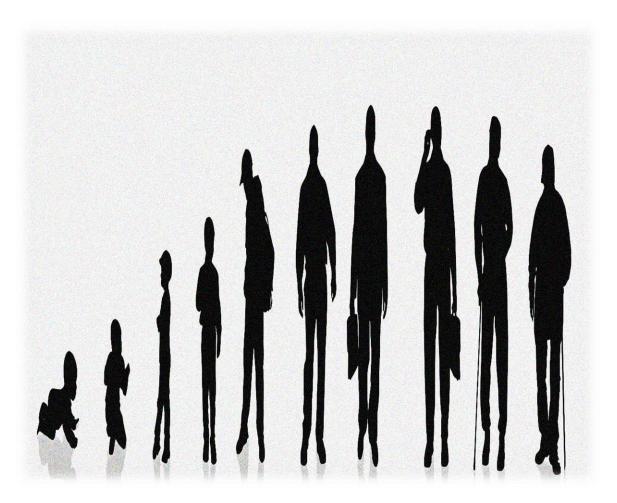
{And it is He who has created from water [i.e., semen] a human being and made him [a relative by] lineage and marriage. And ever is your Lord competent [concerning creation]} [25:54]

Reflect on the stages of your creation. You were:

1- A sperm-drop

- 2- A clinging clot
- 3- A lump of flesh
- 4- A fetal
- 5- A newborn etc.

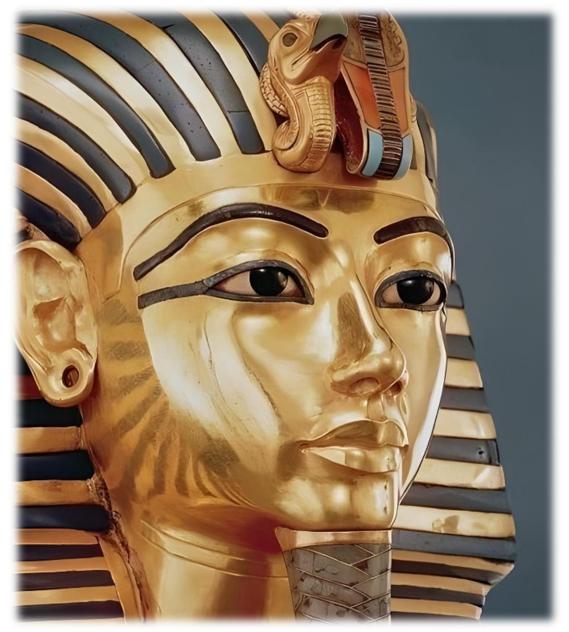
Should you not thank Allah the Almighty who bestowed life upon you?



THE POETS (Al-Shuara)

{So We removed them from gardens and springs. And treasures and honorable station-} [26:57-26-58]

To the best of my knowledge, the only land described in the Holy Qur'an as having treasures is Egypt: The land of history's lost treasures which scientists continue to discover, where Prophet Moses delivered Allah's message to Pharaoh and his people, who remained proud and did not believe in it. So how did our Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon Him, know there were treasures in that land?!

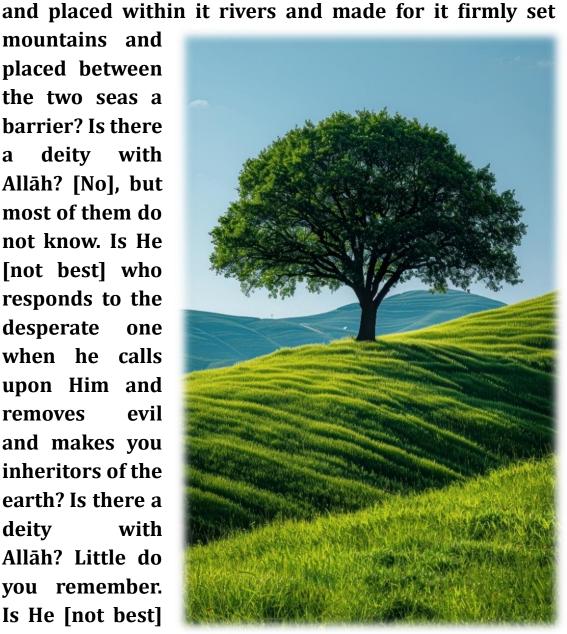


THE ANTS (Al-Naml)

{Say, [O Muhammad], "Praise be to Allāh, and peace upon His servants whom He has chosen. Is Allāh better or what they associate with Him?" [More precisely], is He [not best] who created the heavens and the earth and sent down for you rain from the sky, causing to grow thereby gardens of joyful beauty which you could not [otherwise] have grown the trees thereof? Is there a deity with Allāh? [No], but they are a people who ascribe equals [to Him]. Is He [not best] who made the earth a stable ground

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mountains and placed between the two seas a barrier? Is there deity with a Allāh? [No], but most of them do not know. Is He [not best] who responds to the desperate one when he calls upon Him and evil removes and makes you inheritors of the earth? Is there a deity with Allāh? Little do vou remember. Is He [not best]

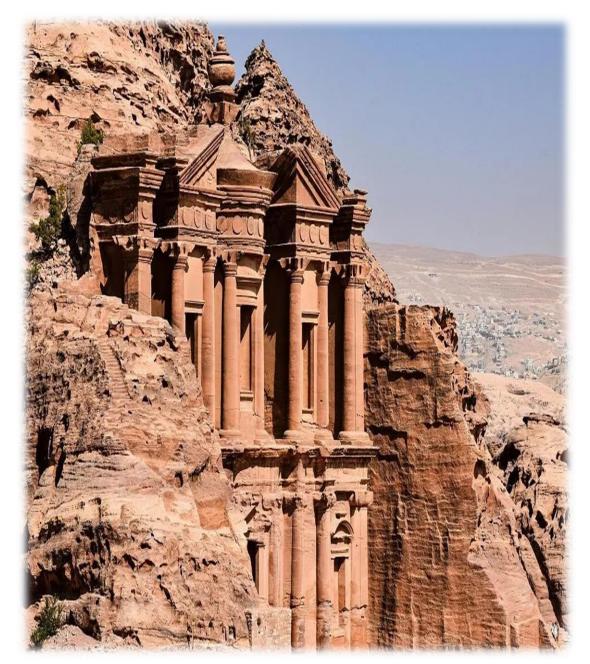


who guides you through the darknesses of the land and sea and who sends the winds as good tidings before His mercy? Is there a deity with Allāh? High is Allāh above whatever they associate with Him. Is He [not best] who begins creation and then repeats it and who provides for you from the heaven and earth? Is there a deity with Allāh? Say, "Produce your proof, if you should be truthful." Say, "None in the heavens and earth knows the unseen except Allāh, and they do not perceive when they will be resurrected." Rather, their knowledge is arrested concerning the Hereafter. Rather, they are in doubt about it. Rather, they are, concerning it, blind.} [27:59-27:66] Who can cause the trees to grow? Who can make the earth stable in space, other than Allah the Almighty who has no partner?

THE STORIES (Al-Qasas)

{And how many a city have We destroyed that was insolent in its [way of] living, and those are their dwellings which have not been inhabited after them except briefly. And it is We who were the inheritors.} [28:58]

Reflect on the palaces and inventions of past nations, and their rarely occupied residences. They remind us that we will eventually meet our demise – just like they did.



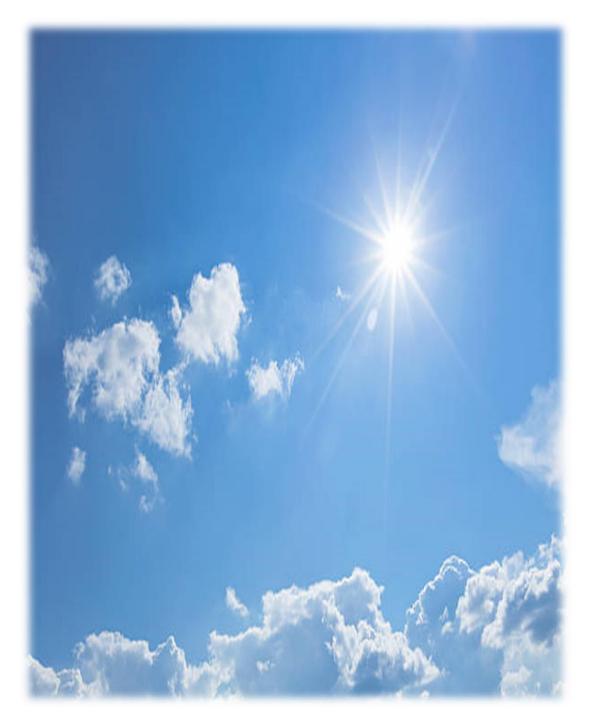
{Say, "Have you considered: if Allāh should make for you the night continuous until the Day of Resurrection, what deity other than Allāh could bring you light? Then will you not hear?"} [28:71]

What if the sun never rose again and we kept waiting for it to rise to continue our daily chores? Who can bring us light?



{Say, "Have you considered: if Allāh should make for you the day continuous until the Day of Resurrection, what deity other than Allāh could bring you a night in which you may rest? Then will you not see?"} [28:72]

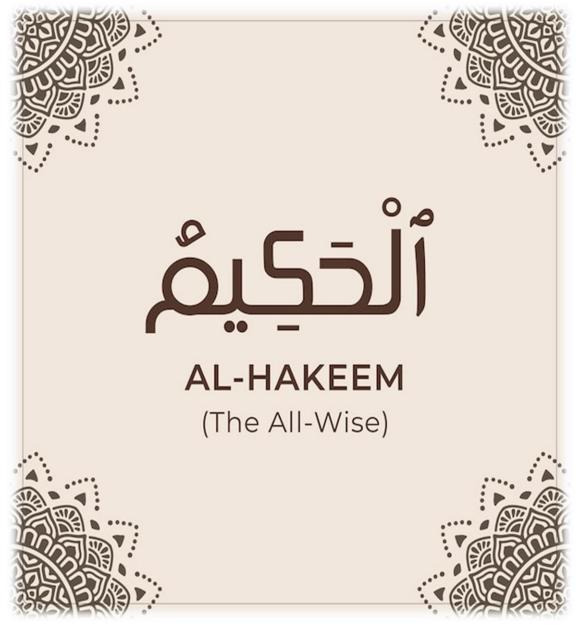
What if the sun never set and we eagerly awaited night to rest and sleep? Who can bring us a night?



THE SPIDER (Al-Ankabut)

{Alif, Lām, Meem. Do the people think that they will be left to say, "We believe" and they will not be tried? But We have certainly tried those before them, and Allāh will surely make evident those who are truthful, and He will surely make evident the liars.} [29:1-29:3]

One of the things that prove the trueness of this Holy Verse is the fact that many Muslims around the world suffer trials; a matter not without wisdom behind it: for the truthful to be discerned from the liars.



{Every soul will taste death. Then to Us will you be returned.} [29:57]

Challenge: If you deny Allah the Almighty, do something that no one throughout history could do, neither can you, nor will anyone be able to: Avoid death.

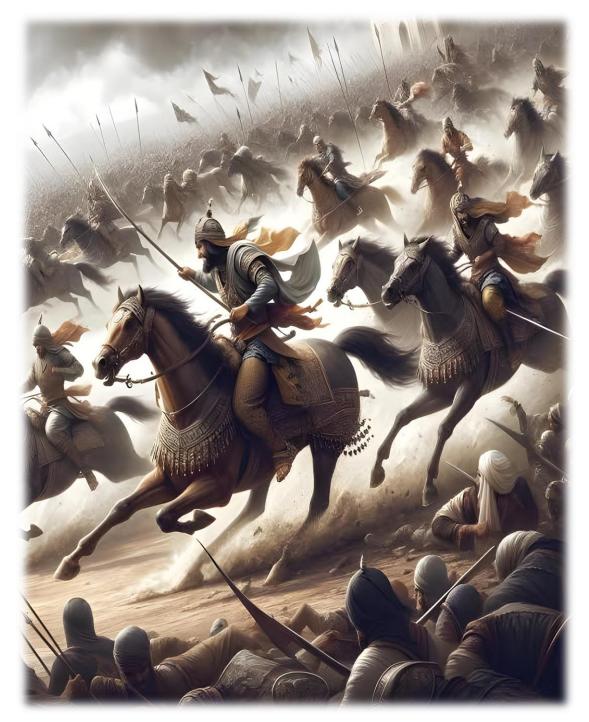


THE BYZANTINES (Al-Rum)

{Alif, Lām, Meem. The Byzantines have been defeated. In the nearest land. But they, after their defeat, will overcome. Within three to nine years.} [30:1-30:4]

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Who, other than Allah the Almighty, can mention that a defeated nation in a final battle will regain its glory and become victorious against its foes within a few years?



{Have they not traveled through the earth and observed how was the end of those before them?} [30:9]

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One would think our current civilization is the most advanced, but Allah the Almighty always mentions in the Holy Qur'an that the past nations were stronger and built more structures than us. Then, the disbelievers among them were punished and met their demise, something we must learn a lesson from. We are still incapable of the mysteries of past nations which proves the trueness of the Noble Qur'an.



{He brings the living out of the dead and brings the dead out of the living and brings to life the earth after its lifelessness. And thus will you be brought out.} [30:19]

Who has ever said they can do that other than Allah the Almighty? These are signs we witness and see.





{He created the heavens without pillars that you see and has cast into the earth firmly set mountains, lest it should shift with you, and dispersed therein from every creature. And We sent down rain from the sky and made grow therein [plants] of every noble kind. This is the creation of Allāh. So show Me what those other than Him have created. Rather, the wrongdoers are in clear error.}. [31:10-31:11]

Idolaters: If you worship anyone other than Allah the Almighty, show us what your deity has created! If you worship a stone idol, for instance, you are worshipping something that you have created! What is the difference between you both except that you made a deity out of it, although it is a creature no different from you?



{And when waves come over them like canopies, they supplicate Allāh, sincere to Him in religion [i.e., faith]. But when He delivers them to the land, there are [some] of them who are moderate [in faith]. And none rejects Our signs except everyone treacherous and ungrateful.} [31:32]

Ask disbelievers or idolaters: Who do you pray to and plead with when calamity befalls you, like being aboard a ship that is on the verge of drowning? Then ask them: Why did you return to disbelieving after it was over?



{Indeed, Allāh [alone] has knowledge of the Hour and sends down the rain and knows what is in the wombs. And no soul perceives what it will earn tomorrow, and no soul perceives in what land it will die. Indeed, Allāh is Knowing and Aware.}. [31:34]

Challenge 1: Do you know your plans for tomorrow?

How many times have your plans been disrupted?

Challenge 2: Do you know where you will die?



PROSTRATION (Al-Sajda)

{[This is] the revelation of the Book about which there is no doubt from the Lord of the worlds.} [32:2]

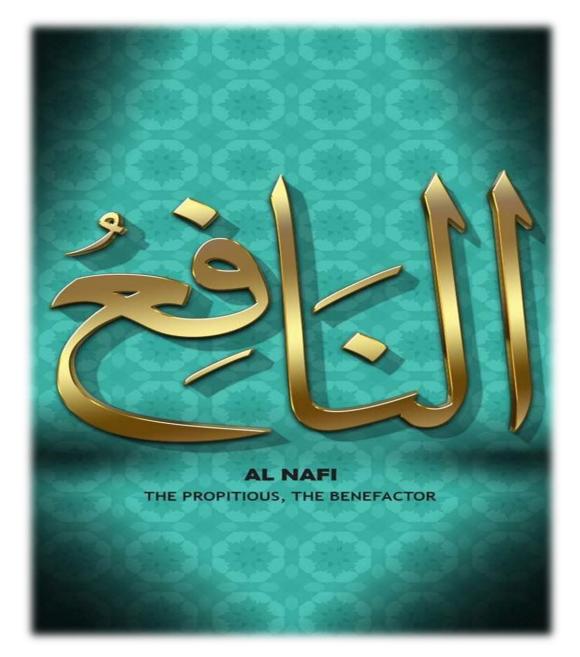
There is no doubt that the Holy Qur'an was sent down by Allah the Almighty. If you have any doubts about a specific verse or word in the Qur'an, you will find no such thing once you search and inquire, as this is no ordinary book. It is the Book of Allah the Almighty, in which there is no doubt or suspicion.



THE JOINT FORCES (Al-Ahzab)

{Say, "Who is it that can protect you from Allāh if He intends for you an ill or intends for you a mercy?" And they will not find for themselves besides Allāh any protector or any helper.}. [33:17]

Ask yourself when calamity befalls you: Who caused this to happen to me? When good things come your way, also ask yourself: Did they happen by chance, or is there a Wise, Generous Creator who intended them to happen to me?

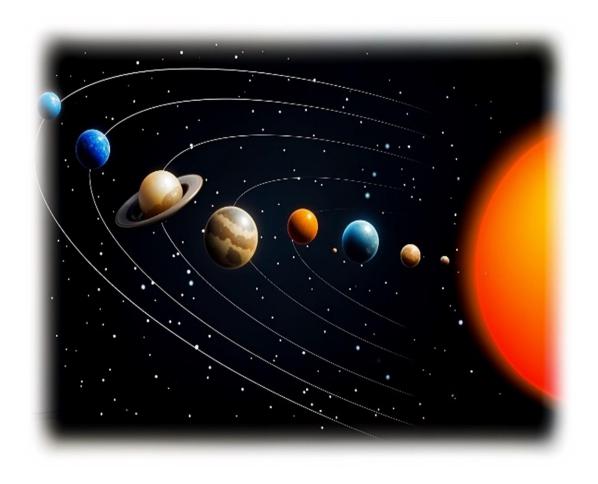


THE ORIGINATOR (Fatir)

{O mankind, you are those in need of Allāh, while Allāh is the Free of need, the Praiseworthy. If He wills, He can do away with you and bring forth a new creation. And that is for Allāh not difficult.} [35:15-35:17]

Death is inevitable. Every human being, including disbelievers, knows that. Allah the Almighty informs us in the former verse that we need Him in each breath and every atom we possess. Every atom in our body asks Allah to grant its existence. Simply put: Who created the air, an absolute necessity in each breath we take? Who made the earth habitable? Do you now realize how much you need Allah?

Prepare yourself for the day you will die, and be held accountable for your deeds by Allah the Almighty.



YA SIN (Ya Sin)

{Have they not considered how many generations We destroyed before them - that they to them will not return?} [36:31]

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Here is an open challenge till the Day of Judgement for anyone who has spent a fortune and spent their whole lives searching how to time travel: Can you step back through the centuries to see the people of 'Ad and Thamud, Or Pharaoh for instance? You cannot, no matter what you do, and will forever be unable to do so.

Thus, all the research they do to go back in time to their time will be doomed to failure.



{But they have taken besides Allāh [false] deities that perhaps they would be helped. They are not able to help them, and they [themselves] are for them soldiers in attendance. So let not their speech grieve you. Indeed, We know what they conceal and what they declare. Does man not consider that We created him from a [mere] spermdrop - then at once he is a clear adversary? And he presents for Us an example and forgets his [own] creation. He says, "Who will give life to bones while they are disintegrated?" Say, "He will give them life who produced them the first time; and He is, of all creation, Knowing." [It is] He who made for you from the green tree, fire, and then from it you ignite. Is not He who created the heavens and the earth Able to create the likes of them? Yes, [it is so]; and He is the Knowing Creator. His command is only when He intends a thing that He says to it, "Be," and it is. So exalted is He in whose hand is the realm of all things, and to Him you will be returned.} [36:74-36:83]

You are now a human being who denies Allah's existence out of arrogance (may Allah forbid). Don't you fear Allah who created you from a sperm drop?



THE THRONGS (Al-Zumar)

{And We have certainly presented for the people in this Qur'ān from every [kind of] example - that they might remember.} [39:27]

This Qur'an is the Word and the Holy Book of Allah, the All-Wise, and the All-Aware, may His Majesty be glorified. There are no contradictions in It and Its verses are linked to each other.

If you would like, search in the Holy Qur'an for anything you doubt or think is flawed, and you will find no such thing.



{And if you asked them, "Who created the heavens and the earth?" they would surely say, "Allāh." Say, "Then have you considered what you invoke besides Allāh? If Allāh intended me harm, are they removers of His harm; or if He intended me mercy, are they withholders of His mercy?" Say, "Sufficient for me is Allāh; upon Him [alone] rely the [wise] reliers."}. [39:38]

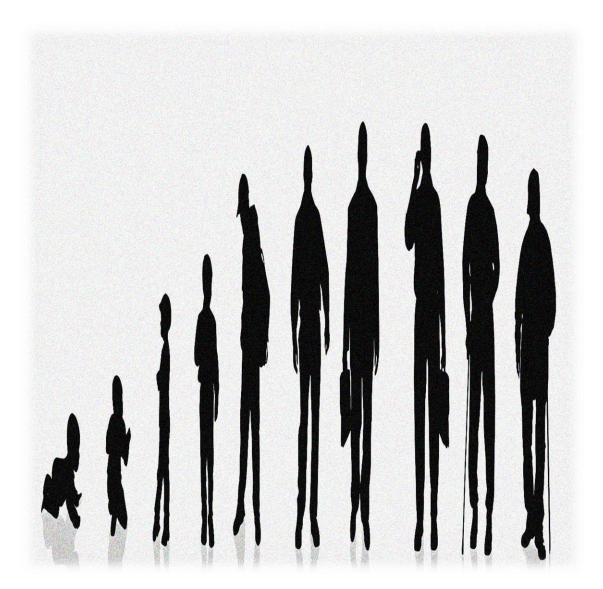
Can anyone remove Allah's harm or withhold His mercy if he intended either for me? In other words, if He intended good or bad to happen to me, who could prevent it? Praise be to Allah for the blessing of Faith.



THE FORGIVER (Ghafir)

{It is He who created you from dust, then from a sperm-drop, then from a clinging clot; then He brings you out as a child; then [He develops you] that you reach your [time of] maturity, then [further] that you become elders. And among you is he who is taken in death before [that], so that you reach a specified term; and perhaps you will use reason.}. [40:67]

Allah the Almighty created you in the best form. Your creation, stages of age, from being a youth to a senior (if you lived) then to your death is a matter worth pondering, isn't it?



{And He shows you His signs. So which of the signs of Allāh do you deny?} [40:81]

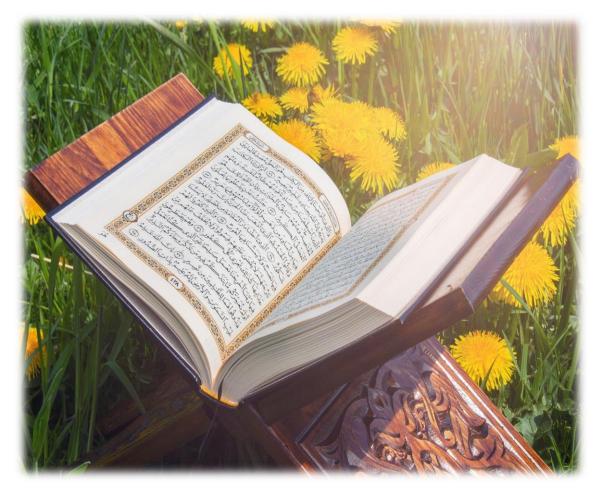
Everything, including the heavens, the earth, and mankind is a sign of Allah the Almighty. So which of the signs of Allah can you deny?



[VERSES] MADE DISTINCT (Fussilat)

{Indeed, those who disbelieve in the message [i.e., the Qur'ān] after it has come to them... And indeed, it is a mighty Book. Falsehood cannot approach it from before it or from behind it; [it is] a revelation from a [Lord who is] Wise and Praiseworthy.}. [41:41-41:42]

Have you ever wondered how Muslims read a Book over fourteen centuries old? The Holy Qur'an remains unaltered, not a single letter in it has changed. Allah the Almighty challenges mankind that He will preserve this Holy Qur'an and will not allow anyone to either add or take away a letter from It. Hence why Islam's enemies have failed numerous times in their attempts to change the Holy Qur'an in any way possible although there were times when Muslims were weak.



{Say, "Have you considered: if it [i.e., the Qur'ān] is from Allāh and you disbelieved in it, who would be more astray than one who is in extreme dissension?"} [41:52]

Believers are certain Islam is the true religion. In your perspective, is that possible? Certainly, it is.

Now, why not take this possibility seriously and think it may be true? That is why Allah the Almighty says to you in this verse, drawing your attention: Why not think about your fate if the Qur'ān is from Allah – and it is - and you disbelieved in it?



SMOKE (Al-Dukhan)

{And We did not create the heavens and earth and that between them in play. We did not create them except in truth, but most of them do not know.} [44:38-44:39]

If wise people never do something purposeless, how can Allah, the All-Wise? Do you think He would create the heavens, the earth, and billions of planets in vain? May He be glorified.



THE SAND DUNES (Al-Ahqaf)

{Say, [O Muḥammad], "Have you considered that which you invoke besides Allāh? Show me what they have created of the earth; or did they have partnership in [creation of] the heavens? Bring me a scripture [revealed] before this or a [remaining] trace of knowledge, if you should be truthful."} [46:4]

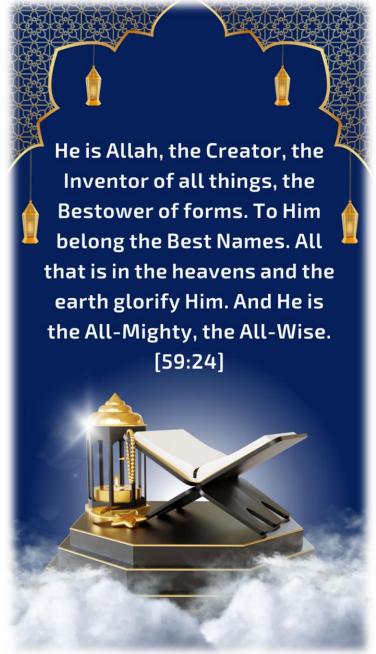
Can you answer these questions: What did those you call besides Allah create of the earth? Do they have a share in the heavens?



THE INEVITABLE (Al-Waqia)

{Have you seen that which you emit? Is it you who creates it, or are We the Creator? We have decreed death among you, and We are not to be outdone. In that We will change your likenesses and produce you in that [form] which you do not know.} [56:58-56:61]

Do you not contemplate on the human seed that the Almighty Allah has created in your body and made generations from it? Have you or the Almighty Allah created it?

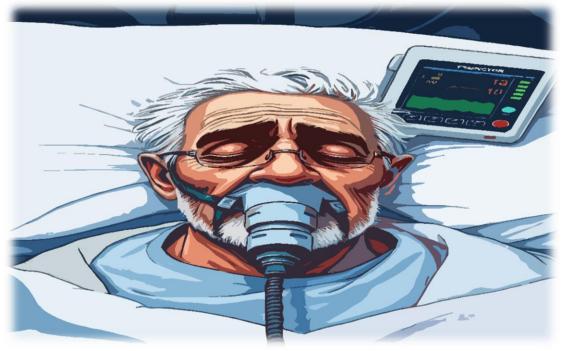


{Then why, when it [i.e., the soul at death] reaches the throat And you are at that time looking on - And We [i.e., Our angels] are nearer to him than you, but you do not see - Then why do you not, if you are not to be recompensed, Bring it back, if you should be truthful?} [56:83-56:87]

Allah the Almighty challenges you to bring a person back to life when their soul reaches their collarbone, and have minutes or seconds to leave this world if you do not believe in the Day of Judgement! Have you ever seen such a challenge?

I am positive that no one would lose their loved ones, and no nation would lose its' great leaders if that was doable. But you know for certain that once a person is dead, they stay dead.

Speaking of that, reviving patients is not bringing them back to life, because their death is temporary, not permanent. As proof, we would say to them: Bring a person declared dead by doctors back to life. No one will do so.





{Has there [not] come upon man a period of time when he was not a thing [even] mentioned?} [76:1]

A hundred years ago, you were neither mentioned nor existent, nor known by anyone. Who gave you life, a name, a rank and status and made you known by people? Ponder over that. He is Allah the Almighty, Lord of the Worlds.



THE DOMINION (Al-Mulk)

{[And] who created seven heavens in layers. You do not see in the creation of the Most Merciful any inconsistency. So return [your] vision [to the sky]; do you see any breaks?} [67:3]

Even if you were to gaze at the sky day and night to find a single flaw, that would not change the fact that it is perfect.



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