

sleep by night and day, and your seeking of His bounty. In that surely are Signs for a people who hear.

25. And *one* of His Signs *is this*, that He shows you the lightning as a source of fear and hope, and He sends down water from the sky, and quickens therewith the earth after its death. In that surely are Signs for a people who understand.

26. And among His Signs *is this*, that the heaven and the earth stand firm by His command. Then when He calls you by a call *coming* from the earth, behold, you will come forth.

27. And to Him belongs whosoever is in the heavens and the earth. All are obedient to Him.

28. And He it is Who originates the creation, then repeats it, and it is most easy for Him. His is the most exalted state in the heavens and the earth; and He is the Mighty, the Wise.

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29. He sets forth for you a parable concerning yourselves. Have you, among those whom your right hands possess, partners in what We have provided for you so that you become equal *sharers* therein and fear them as you fear each other? Thus do We explain the Signs to a people who understand.

وَابْتَغُواْكُمْ مِّنْ فَضْلِهِ ؕ إِنَّ فِيْ ذٰلِكَ لَآيٰتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يَّسْمَعُوْنَ ﴿٣٠﴾

وَمِنْ آيٰتِهِ يُرِيْكُمْ الْبَرْقَ خَوْفًا وَطَمَعًا وَيُنْزِلُ مِّنَ السَّمَآءِ مَآءً فَيُخْرِجُ بِهِ الْاَرْضَ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا ؕ إِنَّ فِيْ ذٰلِكَ لَآيٰتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يَعْقِلُوْنَ ﴿٣١﴾

وَمِنْ آيٰتِهِ اَنْ تَقُوْمَ السَّمَآءُ وَالْاَرْضُ بِاَمْرِهٖ ؕ ثُمَّ رَدًّا دَعَاكُمْ دَعْوَةً مِّنَ الْاَرْضِ اِذَا اَنْتُمْ تَخْرُجُوْنَ ﴿٣٢﴾

وَلَهُ مَن فِى السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ ؕ كُلٌّ لَّهٗ قٰنِتُوْنَ ﴿٣٣﴾

وَهُوَ الَّذِى يَبْدُؤُاْ الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ يُعِيدُهٗ وَهُوَ اَهْوَنُ عَلَيْهِ ؕ وَلَهُ الْمَثَلُ الْاَعْلٰى فِى السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ ؕ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيْمُ ﴿٣٤﴾

صَرَبَ لَكُمْ مَثَلًا مِّنْ اَنْفُسِكُمْ ؕ هَلْ لَّكُمْ مِّنْ مَّا مَلَكَتْ اَيْمَانُكُمْ مِّنْ شُرَكَآءٍ فِىْ مَا رَزَقْنٰكُمْ فَاَنْتُمْ فِيْهِ سَوَآءٌ تَخَافُوْنَهُمْ كَخِيفَتِكُمْ اَنْفُسَكُمْ ؕ كَذٰلِكَ نَقْصِلُ الْاٰيٰتِ لِقَوْمٍ يَعْقِلُوْنَ ﴿٣٥﴾

30. Nay, but those who are unjust follow their own low desires without any knowledge. Then who can guide him whom Allāh has adjudged as lost? There will be no helpers for them.

بَلِ اتَّبَعَ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا اَهْوَاءَهُمْ
بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ ۖ فَمَنْ يَهْدِي مَنْ اَضَلَّ
اللَّهُ ۚ وَمَالَهُمْ مِّنْ نَّصِيرِينَ ﴿٣٠﴾

*31. So set thy face to *the service of religion* as one devoted to God. And follow the nature made by Allāh—the nature in which He has created mankind. There is no altering the creation of Allāh. That is the right religion. But most men know not.

فَاقِمْ وَجْهَكَ لِلدِّينِ حَنِيفًا ۚ فِطْرَتُ
اللَّهِ الَّتِي فَطَرَ النَّاسَ عَلَيْهَا ۚ لَا
تَبْدِيلَ لِخَلْقِ اللَّهِ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ الدِّينُ
الْقَيِّمُ ۚ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا
يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣١﴾

32. Set your face to God, turning to Him in repentance, and fear Him, and observe Prayer, and be not of those who associate partners with God—

مُنِيبِينَ إِلَيْهِ وَاتَّقُوهُ ۚ وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ
وَلَا تَكُونُوا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴿٣٢﴾

33. Of those who split up their religion and have become divided into sects; every party rejoicing in what they have.

مِنَ الَّذِينَ فَارَّقُوا دِينَهُمْ وَكَانُوا شِيعَاءَ
كُلُّ حِزْبٍ بِمَا لَدَيْهِمْ فَرِحُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾

34. And when an affliction befalls men, they cry unto their Lord, turning to Him in repentance; then, when He has made them taste of mercy from Him, lo! a section of them associate partners with their Lord,

وَإِذَا مَسَّ النَّاسُ ضُرٌّ دَعَوْا رَبَّهُمْ
مُنِيبِينَ إِلَيْهِ ثُمَّ إِذَا آذَاهُمْ مِّنْهُ
رَحْمَةً إِذَا فَرِيقٌ مِّنْهُمْ بِرَبِّهِمْ
يُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾

*31. So set **your** face **towards religion** ever inclined to truth—and follow the nature of Allāh after which He fashioned all mankind. There is no altering the creation of Allāh. That indeed is the religion which is firmly upright and supports others to be upright.

Note: Here the nature of Allāh refers to His attributes. In this context it means that man has been made capable of imitating the attributes of Allāh. That is the only way by which man can spiritually evolve. Evidently other animals cannot share this unique distinction of man. In other words, nearness to Allāh can only be achieved if His excellent attributes are acquired. However it should be remembered that Allāh is infinite while man is finite. As such man can only imitate Him within the scope of his human limitations.

35. So as to be ungrateful for what
We have given them. So enjoy
yourselves *awhile*, but soon you
will come to know.

36. Have We sent down to them any authority which speaks *in favour* of what they associate with Him?

*37. And when We make mankind taste of mercy, they rejoice therein; but if an evil befall them because of that which their own hands have sent on, behold! they are in despair.

38. Have they not seen that Allāh enlarges the provision to whomsoever He pleases, and straitens *it to whomsoever He pleases*? In that truly are Signs for a people who believe.

39. So give to the kinsman his due,
and to the needy, and to the
wayfarer. That is best for those who
seek the favour of Allāh, and it is
they who will prosper.

40. Whatever you pay as interest that it may increase the wealth of the people, it does not increase in the sight of Allāh; but whatever you give in Zakāt seeking the favour of Allāh—it is these who will increase *their wealth* manifold.

41. It is Allāh Who has created you, *and* then He has provided for you; then He will cause you to die, *and*

لِيَكْفُرُوا بِمَا آتَيْنَهُمْ ۖ فَتَمَتَّعُوا ۖ فَسَوْفَ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾

أَمْ أَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ سُلْطَانًا فَهُوَ يَتَكَلَّمُ بِمَا كَانُوا بِهِ يُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾

وَإِذَا أَذَقْنَا النَّاسَ رَحْمَةً فَرِحُوا بِهَا
وَإِن تُصِيبْهُمْ سَيِّئَةٌ بِمَا قَدَّمَتْ
أَيْدِيهِمْ إِذَا هُمْ يَقْنَطُونَ ﴿٣٧﴾

أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ
لِمَن يَشَاءُ وَيَقْدِرُ ۚ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ
لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٣٨﴾

فَاتِ ذَا الْقُرْبَىٰ حَقَّهُ وَالْمِسْكِينَ
وَابْنَ السَّبِيلِ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ خَيْرٌ لِّذِينَ
يُرِيدُونَ وَجْهَ اللَّهِ ۚ وَ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ
الْمُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٩﴾

وَمَا آتَيْتُم مِّن رَّبِّالْيَزْبُوا فِي أَمْوَالِ
النَّاسِ فَلَا يَزْبُوا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ ؕ وَمَا
آتَيْتُم مِّن ذَّكْوَةٍ تَرِيدُونَ وَجْهَ اللَّهِ
فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُضْغَفُونَ ﴿٥٠﴾

اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ ثُمَّ رَزَقَكُمْ ثُمَّ
يُمِيتُكُمْ ثُمَّ يُحْيِيكُمْ ۚ هَلْ مِنْ

*37. And when **We favour mankind with a taste of mercy** they rejoice therein; but if an evil befalls them because of **what their hands have earned themselves**, behold! **they begin to despair.**