

perplexity.

These are they who have purchased error at the price of guidance: but their traffic hath not been gainful, neither are they guided at all.

They are like one who kindleth a fire, and when it hath thrown its light on all around him. . . . God taketh away their light and leaveth them in darkness -- they cannot see! --

Deaf, dumb, blind: therefore they shall not retrace their steps from error!

Or like those who, when there cometh a storm-cloud out of the Heaven, big with darkness thunder and lightning, thrust their fingers into their ears because of the thunder-clap, for fear of death! God is round about the infidels.

The lightning almost snatcheth away their eyes! So oft as it gleameth on them they walk on in it, but when darkness closeth upon them, they stop! And if God pealed, of their ears and of their eyes would he surely deprive them: -- verily God is Almighty! O men of Mecca adore your Lord, who hath created you and those who were before you: haply you will fear Him

2:20 Who had made the earth a bed for you, and the heaven a covering, and hath caused water to come down from heaven, and by it hath brought forth fruits for your sustenance! Do not then wittingly give peers to God.

And if you be in doubt as to that which we have sent down to our servant, then produce a Sura like it, and summon your witnesses, beside God, if you are men of truth:

But if you do it not, and never shall you do it, then fear the fire prepared for the infidels, whose fuel is men and stones:

But announce to those who believe and do the things that are right, that for them are gardens 'neath which the rivers flow! So oft as they are fed therefrom with fruit for sustenance, they say say, "This same was our sustenance of old:" And they shall have its like given to them. Therein shall they have wives of perfect purity, and therein shall they abide for ever.

Verily God is not ashamed to set forth as well the instance of a gnat as of any nobler object: for as to those who have believed, they know it to be the truth from their Lord; but as to the unbelievers, they will say, "What meaneth God by this comparison?" Many will He mislead by such parables and many guide: but none will He mislead thereby except the wicked,

Who, after its establishment, violate the covenant of God, and but in sunder what God hath bidden to be joined, and act disorderly on the Earth. These are they who shall suffer loss!

How can you withhold faith from God? You were dead and He gave you life; next He will cause you to die; next He will restore you to life: next shall you return to Him!

He it is who created for you all that is on Earth, then proceeded to the Heaven, and into seven Heavens did He fashion in: and He knoweth all things.

When thy Lord said to the angels, "Verily, I am about to place one in my stead on earth," they said, "Wilt thou place there one who will do ill therein and shed blood, when we celebrate thy praise and extol thy holiness?" God said, "Verily, I know what you know not."

And he taught Adam the names of all things, and then set them before the angels, and said, "Tell me the names of these, if you are endued with wisdom."

2:30 They said, "Praise be to Thee! We have no knowledge but what Thou hast given us to know. Thou! Thou art the Knowing, the Wise.!

He said, "O Adam, inform them of their names." And when he had informed

them of their names, He said, "Did I not say to you that I know the hidden things of the Heavens and of the Earth, and that I know what you bring to light, and what you hide?"

And when we said to the angels, "Bow down and worship Adam," then worshipped they all, save Eblis. He refused and swelled with pride, and became one of the unbelievers.

And we said, "O Adam! dwell thou and thy wife in the Garden, and eat you plentifully therefrom wherever you list; but to this tree come not nigh, lest you become of the transgressors."

But Satan made them slip from it, and caused their banishment from the place in which they were. And we said, "Get you down, the one of you an enemy to the other: and there shall be for you in the earth a dwelling-place, and a provision for a time."

And words of prayer learned Adam from his Lord: and God turned to him; for He loveth to turn, the Merciful.

We said, "Get you down from it, all together: and if Guidance shall come to you from me, whoso shall follow my guidance, on them shall come no fear, neither shall they be grieved:

But they who shall not believe, and treat our signs as falsehoods, these shall be inmates of the fires; in it shall they remain for ever."

O children of Israel! remember my favour wherewith I shewed favour upon you, and be true to your covenant with me; I will be true to my covenant with you; me therefore, revere me! and believe in what I have sent down confirming your Scriptures, and be not the first to disbelieve it, neither for a mean price barter my signs: me therefore, fear you me!

And clothe not the truth with falsehood, and hide not the truth when you know it:

2:40 And observe prayer and pay the legal impost, and bow down with those who bow.

Will you enjoin what is right upon others, and forget yourselves? Yet you read the Book: will you not understand?

And seek help with patience and prayer: a hard duty indeed is this, but not to the humble, Who bear in mind that they shall meet their Lord, and that unto Him shall they return.

O children of Israel! remember my favour wherewith I shewed favour upon you; for verily to you above all human beings have I been bounteous.

And fear you the day when soul shall not satisfy for soul at all, nor shall any intercession be accepted from them, nor shall any ransom be taken, neither shall they be helped.

And remember when we rescued you for the people of Pharaoh, who had laid on you a cruel chastisement. They slew your male children, and let only your females live: and in this was a great trial from your Lord:

And when we parted the sea for you, and saved you, and drowned the people of Pharaoh, while you were looking on:

And when we were in treaty with Moses forty nights: then during his absence took you the calf and acted wickedly:

Yet after this we forgave you, that you might be grateful:

2:50 And when we gave Moses the Book and the Illumination in order to your guidance:

And remember when Moses said to his people, "O my people! verily you have