

2:15 God shall mock at them, and continue them in their impiety; they shall wander in confusion.

2:16 These are the men who have purchased error at the price of true direction: But their traffick hath not been gainful, neither have they been rightly directed.

2:17 They are like unto one who kindleth a fire, and when it hath enlightened all around him; God taketh away their light and leaveth them in darkness, they shall not see;

2:18 they are deaf, dumb, and blind, thereof will they not repent.

2:19 Or like a stormy cloud from heaven, fraught with darkness, thunder, and lightning, they put their fingers in their ears, because of the noise of the thunder, for fear of death; God encompasseth the infidels:

2:20 the lightning wanteth but little of taking away their sight; so often as it enlighteneth them, they walk therein, but when darkness cometh on them, they stand still; and if God so pleased, he would certainly deprive them of their hearing and their sight, for God is almighty.

2:21 O men of Mecca serve your Lord who hath created you, and those who have been before you peradventure ye will fear Him;

2:22 who hath spread the earth as a bed for you, and the heaven as a covering, and hath caused water to descend from heaven, and thereby produced fruits for your sustenance. Set not up therefore any equals unto God, against your own knowledge.

2:23 If ye be in doubt concerning that revelation which We have sent down unto our servant, produce a chapter like unto it, and call upon your witnesses, besides God, if ye say truth.

2:24 But if ye do it not, nor shall ever be able to do it; justly fear the fire whose fewel is men and stones, prepared for the unbeliebers.

2:25 But bear good tidings unto those who believe, and do good works, that they shall have gardens watered by rivers; so often as they eat of the fruit thereof for sustenance, they shall say, this is what we have formerly eaten of; and they shall be supplied with several sorts of fruit having a mutual resemblance to one another. There shall they enjoy wives subject to no impurity, and there shall they continue for ever.

2:26 Moreover God will not be ashamed to propound in a parable a gnat, or even a more despicable thing; for they who believe will know it to be the truth from their Lord; but the unbelievers will say, What meaneth God by this parable? He will thereby mislead many, and will direct many thereby: but He will not mislead any thereby, except the transgressors,

2:27 who make void the covenant of God after the establishing thereof, and cut in sunder that which God hath commanded to be joined, and act corruptly in the earth; they shall perish.

2:28 How is it that ye believe not in God? Since ye were dead, and He gave you life; He will hereafter cause you to die, and will again restore you to life; then shall ye return unto Him.

2:29 It is He who hath created for you whatsoever is on earth, and then set his mind to the creation of heaven, and formed it into seven heavens; He knoweth all things.

2:30 When thy Lord said unto the angels, I am going to place a substitute on earth; they said, Wilt thou place there one who will do evil therein, and shed blood? But we celebrate thy praise, and sanctify Thee. God answered, verily I know that which ye know not;

2:31 and He taught Adam the names of all things, and then proposed them to the angels, and said, declare unto Me the names of these things if ye say truth.

2:32 They answered, praise be unto thee, we have no knowledge but what Thou teachest us, for Thou art knowing and wise.

2:33 God said, O Adam, tell them their names. And when he had told them their names, God said, did I not tell you that I know the secrets of heaven and earth, and know that which ye discover, and that which ye conceal?

2:34 And when We said unto the angels, worship Adam; they all worshipped him, except Eblis who refused, and was puffed up with pride, and became of the number of unbelievers.

2:35 And We said, O Adam, dwell thou and thy wife in the garden, and eat of the fruit thereof plentifully wherever ye will; but approach not this tree, lest ye become of the number of the transgressors.

2:36 But Satan caused them to forfeit paradise, and turned them out of the state of happiness wherein they had been; whereupon We said, get ye down, the one of you an enemy unto the other, and there shall be a dwelling place for you in earth, and a provision for a season.

2:37 And Adam learned words of prayer from his Lord, and God turned unto him, for He is easy to be reconciled and merciful.

2:38 We said, get ye all down from hence; hereafter shall there come unto you a direction from me, and whoever shall follow my direction, on them shall no fear come, neither shall they be grieved;

2:39 but they who shall be unbelievers, and accuse our signs of falsehood, they shall be the companions of hell fire, therein shall they remain for ever.

2:40 O children of Israel, remember my favour wherewith I have favoured you; and perform your covenant with me, and I will perform my covenant with you; and revere me:

2:41 and believe in the revelation which I have sent down, confirming that which is with you, and be not the first who believe not therein, neither exchange my signs for a small price; and fear me.

2:42 Cloath not the truth with vanity, neither conceal the truth against your own knowledge;

2:43 observe the stated times of prayer, and pay your legal alms, and bow down yourselves with those who bow down.

2:44 Will ye command men to do justice, and forget your own souls? Yet ye read the book of the law: Do ye not therefore understand?

2:45 Ask help with perseverance and prayer; this indeed is grievous, unless to the humble,

2:46 who seriously think they shall meet their Lord, and that to Him they shall return.

2:47 O children of Israel, remember my favour wherewith I have favoured you, and that I have preferred you above all nations:

2:48 Dread the day wherein one soul shall not make satisfaction for another soul, neither shall any intercession be accepted from them, nor shall any compensation be received, neither shall they be helped.

2:49 Remember when we delivered you from the people of Pharaoh, who grievously oppressed you, they slew your male children, and let your females live: Therein was a great trial from your Lord.

2:50 And when we divided the sea for you and delivered you, and drowned Pharaoh's people while ye looked on.