

— Islâmic Monotheism) are themselves plotted against!

43. Or have they an *ilâh* (a god) other than Allâh? Glorified is Allâh from all that they ascribe as partners (to Him)^[1]

44. And if they were to see pieces of the heaven falling down, they would say: “Clouds gathered in heaps!”

45. So leave them alone till they meet their Day, in which they will sink into a fainting (with horror).

46. The Day when their plotting shall not avail them at all, nor will they be helped (i.e. they will receive their torment in Hell).

47. And verily, for those who do wrong, there is another punishment (i.e. the torment in this world and in their graves)^[2] before this; but most of them know not. (*Tafsîr At-Tabarî*).

48. So wait patiently (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) for the Decision of your Lord, for verily, you are under Our Eyes^[3]; and glorify the Praises of your Lord when you get up from sleep.

49. And in a part of the night also glorify His Praises — and at the setting of the stars.^[4]

Sûrat An-Najm (The Star) LIII

*In the Name of Allâh,
the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.*

1. By the star when it goes down (or vanishes).
2. Your companion (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) has neither gone astray nor has erred.
3. Nor does he speak of (his own) desire.
4. It is only a Revelation revealed.
5. He has been taught (this Qur’ân) by one mighty in power [Jibrîl (Gabriel)].
6. One free from any defect in body and mind then he (Jibrîl — Gabriel in his real shape as created by Allah) rose and

^[1] (V.52:43): a) See the footnote (B) of (V.3:130).

b) See the footnote of (V.2:278)

^[2] (V.52:47) See the footnote (B) of (V.6:93).

^[3] (V.52:48) See the footnote of (V.3:73).

^[4] (V.52:49) It is said that glorifying Allâh’s Praises here means: all the five compulsory and additional *Nawâfil* prayers.

became stable.

7. While he [Jibrîl (Gabriel)] was in the highest part of the horizon, (*Tafsîr Ibn Kathîr*)

8. Then he [Jibrîl (Gabriel)] approached and came closer,

9. And was at a distance of two bows' length or (even) nearer.

10. So (Allâh) revealed to His slave [Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم through Jibrîl (Gabriel) عليه السلام] whatever He revealed.

11. The (Prophet's) heart lied not about what he (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) saw.

12. Will you then dispute with him (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) about what he saw [during the *Mi'râj* (Ascent of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم to the seven heavens)]^[1].

[1] (V.53:12) *Al-Mi'râj* (i.e. Ascent of Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم to the heavens with his body and soul (بالروح والجسم)).

Narrated Mâlik bin Sa'sa'ah رضى الله عنه: The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "While I was at the house in a state midway between sleep and wakefulness, (an angel recognized me) as the man lying between two men. A golden tray full of wisdom and belief was brought to me and my body was cut open from the throat to the lower part of the abdomen and then my abdomen was washed with *Zamzam* water and (my heart was) filled with wisdom and belief. *Al-Burâq*, a white animal smaller than a mule and bigger than a donkey was brought to me and I set out with Jibrîl (Gabriel). When I reached the nearest heaven, Jibrîl said to the gate-keeper of the heaven, 'Open the gate.' The gate-keeper asked, 'Who is it?' He said, 'Jibrîl.' The gate-keeper, said 'Who is accompanying you?' Jibrîl said, 'Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم.' The gate-keeper said, 'Has he been called?' Jibrîl said, 'Yes'. Then it was said, 'He is welcome. What a wonderful visit his is!' Then I met Adam and greeted him and he said, 'You are welcome O son and a Prophet.' Then we ascended to the second heaven. It was asked, 'Who is it?' Jibrîl said, 'Jibrîl.' It was said, 'Who is with you?' He said, 'Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم.' It was asked, 'Has he been sent for?' He said, 'Yes.' It was said, 'He is welcome. What a wonderful visit his is!.' Then I met 'Îsâ (Jesus) and Yahyâ (John) who said, 'You are welcome, O brother and a Prophet.' Then we ascended to the third heaven. It was asked, 'Who is it?' Jibrîl said, 'Jibrîl.' It was asked, 'Who is with you?' Jibrîl said, 'Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم.' It was asked, 'Has he been sent for?' Jibrîl said, 'Yes.' It was said 'He is welcome. What a wonderful visit his is!' (The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم added:). There I met Yûsuf (Joseph) and greeted him, and he replied, 'You are welcome, O brother and a Prophet!' Then we ascended to the fourth heaven and again the same questions and answers were exchanged as in the previous heavens. There I met Idrîs (Enoch) and greeted him. He said, 'You are welcome O brother and Prophet.' Then we ascended to the fifth heaven and again the same questions and answers were exchanged as in the previous heavens. There I met and greeted Hârûn (Aaron) who said, 'You are welcome, O brother and a Prophet.' Then we ascended to the sixth heaven and again the same questions and answers were exchanged as in the previous heavens. There I met and greeted Mûsâ (Moses) who said, 'You are welcome, O brother and a

13. And indeed he (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) saw him [Jibrîl (Gabriel)] at a second descent (i.e. another time).

14. Near *Sidrat-ul-Muntaha* (a lote-tree of the utmost boundary over the seventh heaven beyond which none can pass).

15. Near it is the Paradise of Abode.

16. When that covered the lote-tree which did cover it! ^[1]

17. The sight (of Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) turned not aside (right or left), nor it transgressed beyond the limit (ordained for it).

18. Indeed, he (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) did see of the Greatest Signs of his Lord (Allâh).

19. Have you then considered *Al-Lât*, and *Al-'Uzzâ* (two idols of the pagan Arabs) ^[2]

Prophet.' When I proceeded on, he started weeping and on being asked why he was weeping, he said, 'O Lord! followers of this youth who was sent after me will enter Paradise in greater number than my followers.' Then we ascended to the seventh heaven and again the same questions and answers were exchanged as in the previous heavens. There I met and greeted Abraham who said, 'You are welcome, O son and a Prophet.' Then I was shown *Al-Bait Al-Ma'mûr* (i.e. Allah's House). I asked Jibrîl about it and he said, 'This is *Al-Bait Al-Ma'mûr* where 70,000 angels perform prayers daily; and when they leave they never return to it (but always a fresh batch comes into it daily).' Then I was shown *Sidrat-ul Muntaha* (i.e. the lote-tree of the utmost boundary over the seventh heaven) and I saw its *Nabiq* fruits which resembled the clay jugs of Hajar (a town in Arabia), and its leaves were like the ears of elephants, and four rivers originated at its root: two of them were apparent and two were hidden. I asked Jibrîl about those rivers and he said, 'The two hidden rivers are in Paradise and the apparent ones are the Nile and the Euphrates.' Then fifty prayers were enjoined on me. I descended till I met Mûsâ who asked me, 'What have you done?' I said, 'Fifty prayers have been enjoined on me.' He said, 'I know the people better than you, because I had the hardest experience to bring Banî Israel to obedience. Your followers cannot put up with such obligation. So, return to your Lord and request Him (to reduce the number of prayers).' I returned and requested Allah (for reduction) and He made them forty. I returned and [met Mûsâ] and had a similar discussion, and then returned again to Allah for reduction and He made them thirty, then twenty, then ten; and then I came to Mûsâ who repeated the same advice. Ultimately Allah reduced them to five. When I came to Mûsâ again, he said, 'What have you done?' I said, 'Allah has made them five only.' He repeated the same advice but I said that I surrendered (to Allah's Final Order)". Allah's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم was addressed by Allah, "I have decreed My Obligation and have reduced the burden on My slaves, and I shall reward a single good deed as if it were ten good deeds." (*Sahîh Al-Bukhârî*, Vol.4, *Hadîth* No.429).

^[1] (V.53:16) It is said that the Lote-Tree was covered with the light of Allah along with the angels and also with different kinds of colours. (Please see T. *Ibn Kathîr*).

^[2] (V.53:19) See the footnote (A) of (V.2:219).

20. And *Manât* (another idol of the pagan Arabs), the other third?

21. Is it for you the males and for Him the females?

22. That indeed is a division most unfair!

23. They are but names which you have named — you and your fathers — for which Allâh has sent down no authority. They follow but a guess and that which they themselves desire, whereas there has surely come to them the Guidance from their Lord!

24. Or shall man have what he wishes?

25. But to Allâh belongs the last (Hereafter) and the first (the world).

26. And there are many angels in the heavens, whose intercession will avail nothing except after Allâh has given leave for whom He wills and is pleased with.

27. Verily, those who believe not in the Hereafter, name the angels with female names.

28. But they have no knowledge thereof. They follow but a guess, and verily, guess is no substitute for the truth.

29. Therefore withdraw (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) from him who turns away from Our Reminder (this Qur'ân) and desires nothing but the life of this world.

30. That is what they could reach of knowledge. Verily, your Lord it is He Who knows best him who goes astray from His Path, and He knows best him who receives guidance.

31. And to Allâh belongs all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth, that He may requite those who do evil with that which they have done (i.e. punish them in Hell), and reward those who do good, with what is best (i.e. Paradise).

32. Those who avoid great sins (See Verses: 6:152,153) and *Al-Fawâhish* (great sins and illegal sex) except the small faults, — verily, your Lord is of Vast Forgiveness. He knows you well when He created you from the earth (Adam), and when you were fetuses in your mothers' wombs. So ascribe not purity to yourselves. He knows best him who fears Allâh and keeps his duty to Him [i.e. those who are *Al-Muttaqûn* (the pious. See V.2:2)].

33. Did you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) observe him who turned away (from Islâm).

34. And gave a little, then stopped (giving)?

35. Is with him the knowledge of the Unseen so that he sees?

36. Or is he not informed with what is in the Pages (Scripture) of Mûsâ (Moses),

37. And of Ibrâhîm (Abraham) who fulfilled (or conveyed) all that (Allâh ordered him to do or convey):

38. That no burdened person (with sins) shall bear the burden (sins) of another.

39. And that man can have nothing but what he does (good or bad).^[1]

40. And that his deeds will be seen.

41. Then he will be recompensed with a full and the best recompense.^[2]

42. And that to your Lord (Allâh) is the End (Return of everything).

43. And that it is He (Allâh) Who makes (whom He wills) laugh, and makes (whom He wills) weep.

44. And that it is He (Allâh) Who causes death and gives life.

45. And that He (Allâh) creates the pairs, male and female,

46. From *Nutfah* (drops of semen — male and female discharges) when it is emitted.

47. And that upon Him (Allâh) is another bringing forth (Resurrection).

48. And that it is He (Allâh) Who gives much or a little (of wealth and contentment)

49. And that He (Allâh) is the Lord of Sirius (the star which the pagan Arabs used to worship).

50. And that it is He (Allâh) Who destroyed the former ‘Âd (people),

51. And Thamûd (people): He spared none of them.

52. And the people of Nûh (Noah) aforetime. Verily, they were more unjust and more rebellious and transgressing [in

^[1] (V.53:39) Narrated Abû Hurairah رضى الله عنه: Allâh's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم said: "When a person is dead, his deeds cease (are stopped) except from three:

a) Deeds of continuous *Sadaqah* (act of charity): e.g. an orphan home (orphanage) or a well for giving water to drink, etc.

b) (Written) knowledge with which mankind gets benefit.

c) A righteous, pious son (or daughter) who begs Allâh to forgive his (or her) parents." (*Sahîh Muslim*. The Book of *Wasâyâ* (Wills and Testaments).

^[2] (V.53:41) See the footnote (A) of (V.6:61).

disobeying Allâh and His Messenger Nûh (Noah) عليه السلام].

53. And He destroyed the overthrown cities [of Sodom to which Prophet Lût (Lot) was sent].

54. So there covered them that which did cover (i.e. torment with stones).

55. Then which of the Graces of your Lord (O man!) will you doubt?

56. This (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) is a warner (Messenger) of the (series of) warners (Messengers) of old.^[1]

57. The Day of Resurrection draws near.

58. None besides Allâh can avert it (or advance it or delay it).

59. Do you then wonder at this recitation (the Qur'ân)?

60. And you laugh at it and weep not,

61. Wasting your (precious) lifetime in pastime and amusements (singing, etc.).

62. So fall you down in prostration to Allâh and worship Him (Alone).

Sûrat Al-Qamar (The Moon) LIV

*In the Name of Allâh,
the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.*

1. The Hour has drawn near, and the moon has been cleft asunder (the people of Makkah requested Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم to show them a miracle, so he showed them the splitting of the moon).^[2]

2. And if they see a sign, they turn away, and say: "This is continuous magic."

3. They denied (the Verses of Allâh — this Qur'ân), and followed their own lusts. And every matter will be settled (according to the kind of deeds: good deeds will take their doers to Paradise, and similarly evil deeds will take their doers to Hell).

4. And indeed there has come to them news (in this Qur'ân)

^[1] (V.53:56) See the footnote of (V.2:252).

^[2] (V.54:1) Narrated Anas رضى الله عنه: The people of Makkah asked the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم to show them a sign (miracle). So he showed them (the miracle) of the cleaving of the moon. (*Sahîh Al-Bukhârî*, Vol.6, *Hadîth* No.390).