

57. *Súrah of the Most Great, comprising forty-two Verses*

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

Thus did We establish Joseph in the land, that he might settle therein wheresoever he willeth. We bestow Our mercy upon whomsoever We will, and We suffer not the reward of the doers of good to be lost. Hâ-Mím-Rá-Alif. 4 The Path of God, the Mighty, throughout the heavens and the earth is indeed the Truth, and God is, through His exaltation, elevated above all things—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Sublime, Supreme*. 5 Yea, verily, We have revealed this Book unto Our devoted Servant, that the people may know that it is indeed the Truth from God, the Mighty—for it hath, in very truth, been *sent down*. 6 And this Remembrance of God hath verily promised you the Garden and forgiveness, whereas Satan hath promised naught but indecency and wrongdoing. Hasten, then, unto the divine Wisdom from Him—for whoso hath been granted wisdom in that Gate hath indeed been granted *abundant good*. 7 O Inhabitants of the Cloud! Harken unto the Call of God upon the Tree of the Sacred Mount, upon whose leaves the birds were stirring, “*Verily, I am God, the Lord of all worlds. Worship Me and establish the Prayer for My Remembrance, and turn unto My devoted Servant. Have no fear, for the people of the Gate have naught to fear in their return by way of the Exalted Gate.*” 8 By My might, I shall surely cause the heedless to taste, at the hands of those within My power, retributions known to none save I; and upon the faithful shall I send fragrances of musk which I have nurtured within the inmost heart of the Throne—for the knowledge of Thy Lord hath ever *encompassed* all things. 9 O Concourse of Lights! By the One True God, We speak not from idle desire, nor do We reveal even a single Letter within that Book save by the leave of the One True God. Be ye mindful of God and doubt not the Cause—for the Mystery of this Gate is veiled beneath the cloud of the line and inscribed above the Veil of concealment by the Hand of God, Lord of the Mystery and the Script. God hath verily fashioned around that Gate seas of divine elixir, reddened with the oil of existence and quickened with the fruit of the intended purpose. God hath ordained for it vessels

hewn from fresh crimson ruby, and none shall embark therein save the People of Bahá by the leave of God, the Exalted—for God is ever *Mighty, Wise*. 10 There, the Angels of the Cloud—eight souls—shall bear the Throne of God—for verily the Decree within the Mother Book hath ever been *openly witnessed*. 11 On that day, the transgressors shall be presented unto the Most Gracious, round about the Throne, in accordance with the truth, *in companies*. 12 Not a single soul upon whom We render judgment by the right hand but that every Garden shall be made lawful unto him by the leave of God, the Exalted—for He is God, Who is *Exalted, Everlasting*. 13 And should We decree by the left hand, then within the Fire of the left shall he indeed be *detained*— 14 “*Seize him with an iron chain and lead him unto the Fire of confinement, for he placed not his faith in God, the Exalted*”—for God hath ever been *Sublime, Mighty*. 15 O ye Faithful Ones! Swear not by perception, nor by that which perceiveth naught—for these twain have been *adjudged* around the Gate under the name of Fire. 16 Verily, this is a revelation from the Lord of all worlds—for He is God, Who is ever *Mighty, Wise*. 17 It verily is the Truth, in accordance with the truth, *with certainty*. 18 And, in very truth, it shall be a cause of regret for the people of the Fire—for within the Fire *nearness* hath been decreed. 19 O People of the Earth! Verily, should the Remembrance desire in aught other than what the One True God hath willed for it, then He is severed from the Truth. Glory be unto the One True God! We have indeed safeguarded Him, in very truth, from indication and its negation, for verily the Remembrance is the Most Great Remembrance of God—for He is God, Who hath ever been merciful unto the faithful. 20 Say: “*Verily, I am the inevitable chastisement! None can repel that which God hath decreed for those who have rejected faith—for verily, the decree within the Mother Book, in the presence of the Báb, hath been set forth.*” 21 Verily, the Remembrance is surely from amongst the People of Ascents—for it hath been *veiled* within the Mystery of the Gate, nigh unto the Fire. 22 O People of the Earth! Harken unto My Call from the Point of the Fire, resounding upon the Tongue of this Most Great Remembrance, “*Verily, I am God*”—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—and He is God, Who hath ever

been *Exalted, Everlasting*. 23 None hath paused within this Word—even of those which the Book hath reckoned *preserved*—save that We have commanded that they stand upon the Path for seven hundred and fifty thousand years, and be brought to judgement by the Mother Book—verily it hath, in very truth, been *irrevocably ordained*. 24 Verily, the Lord your God, the Most Gracious, hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 25 Doth every soul imagine it shall enter this Gate of this *Most Great* Garden of Paradise? 26 Nay—then again, nay! God hath ordained it for whomsoever effaceth all indication from before the Gate, and acknowledgeth for the Gate naught but pure servitude—therein hath the Promise of God been *fulfilled* within that Gate. 27 Verily, We have ordained the Resurrection, as befitteth the truth, even as it hath been in the form of this world—for verily, God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 28 O Solace of Mine Eye! Leave the heedless to their play until they meet their True Day—for verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 29 O Faithful Ones! Be ye mindful of God, in very truth—when the Appointed Time cometh from Us, as befitteth the truth, it shall not be delayed by so much as a fleeting moment—for verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 30 Seek ye forgiveness of the Lord your God—for verily He hath ever been, in very truth, *All-Forgiving* unto the People of the Báb. 31 Have ye not beheld how God originated the heavens, layered above the earth, and this earth *in tiers*? 32 And say: “*Verily, I am the Moon amidst them, in accordance with the truth—shining*. 33 “*And verily, I am the Sun amidst them—and I have ever been, as befitteth the truth, radiant*. 34 “*And verily, I am the Pure Water, and I have ever been, in accordance with the truth, a place of return*. 35 “*And verily, I am the Manifestation, by the leave of God, for the Revelation—manifest over all that God hath ordained within the Mother of the Book, both outwardly and unseen*.” 36 O People of the Throne! Harken unto My Call from this yellowed Leaf, sprung forth from the verdant Branch, from the whitened Tree, brought forth by the leave of God in the depths of the Seventh Sea, round about the Point of the Fire, “*Verily, I am God—there is none other God except Me*.” 37 We have sent down, as befitteth the truth, the mystery of the

Scriptures concerning this Arabian Youth of the City, in very truth, and He hath verily responded unto Me for the testimony of Divine Unity before the Point of the Gates for His own self—and verily, the grace of God within these words hath ever been, within the Mother of the Book, in accordance with the truth, *mighty* indeed. 38 And every soul—We have reckoned it against itself—hath been swifter in drawing nigh through grace than in attaining through union—and sufficient is thyself this day, from God, as *a Reckoner*. 39 Behold how We have preferred the Cloud through effacement, and the Heaven through clarity; and verily, between them are the seas of the two Gardens, by the Command of God, the Wondrous—thus hath it been made *known*. 40 O People of the Book! Take not two Gods—verily, there is but one God, Creator of the heavens and the earth—and He is God, Who hath ever been Exalted, Most Great. 41 Thus did We establish this Joseph in the land—he speaketh wheresoever he willeth by Our mercy; and verily, God suffereth not the reward of His servant to be lost—and verily, thou wast, on the Day of Resurrection, *standing* nigh unto the Fire. 42 And verily, those who have denied the Remembrance, and His Book of Truth, and His meeting on the Day of Gathering—their works have come to naught, by the decree of the Book, *irrevocably ordained*.

58 Súrah of Sadness, comprising forty-two Verses
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

And the reward of the world to come is better for those who have faith and are pious. Alif-Lám-Há-Lám. 3 He is God—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—your Lord. He knoweth whatsoever is within the heavens and whatsoever is upon the earth—for God hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 4 O People of Glory! Harken unto My Call from the Tongue of this Servant—this Most Great Word of God—Who hath ever been, within the Mother Book, *All-Wise*. 5 Yea, verily, God hath revealed unto Me, “*Verily, I am God—beside Whom there is none other God except Him—and I have ever been, in very truth, Everlasting.*” 6 “I have indeed chosen this Word from amongst the worlds, that those endowed with knowledge might bear witness that verily I am God—*beside Whom there is none other God except Me*, the True One—and that I have ever been *Powerful* over all things.” 7 Say: Yea, verily, God hath revealed unto Me that humankind is, nigh unto the Water within that Gate, in accordance with the truth, *prostrating* unto God, the Most High. 8 The Jinn have verily hearkened unto the Call of God at the Pole of the Fire—amongst them are those who have obeyed Thy Command, and amongst them are those who, upon the Path, have remained *suspended* in falsehood. 9 Yea, verily, God hath willed, in this Gate, the Mystery of the Fire from the Point of the Water, that ye associate not, in the worship of the One True God—your cherished Lord, in very truth—*aught* whatsoever. 10 He verily is God, the True One—*there is none other God except Him*—His Word hath been affirmed, so take not, within His Word, any from amongst the people, as *a partner* unto God in other than the truth. 11 O Inhabitants of the Earth! Seek not refuge amongst the Jinn in aught, but place your trust upon the One True God, your cherished Lord—for He hath verily ever *Encompassed* all things. 12 O People of the Cloud! Should ye stand firm, in very truth, upon this Upright Line between the Twain Lines, the One True God shall grant you to drink from the Spring of the Manifestation, by the hands of the Remembrance, in accordance with the

truth—*wondrously* indeed. 13 Whoso turneth away from the Remembrance of this Most Great Gate—they shall the Decree, in very truth, cause to descend into the nethermost depths of the Fire—for they have indeed been recorded in the register of Sijjín—and wretched indeed is the Fire as *a place of return*. 14 And it hath verily been, in justice and in very truth, *writ* concerning the Most Great Chastisement, according to the Decree of the Book. 15 O People of the Throne! Verily, the Prayer-Hall is the House of God—so call not therein, alongside the Most Great Gate, in accordance with the truth, *anyone*. 16 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: “Verily, I call upon God, My Lord—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—I associate not, in the worship of My Lord, *anyone*.” 17 Say: “Verily, I am the Servant of God, in very truth, and never shall I find, apart from the Most Gracious, *any refuge*. 18 “And naught is upon Me save to convey, by the leave of God, in His Word, ‘Whoso willeth, let them have faith, and whoso willeth, let them reject faith’—for verily God is indeed Self-Sufficient above all worlds *entire*.” 19 O People of the Throne! Harken unto My Call from the Point of the Fire, “Verily, I am God—*beside Whom there is none other God except Me*. There is not a single soul that hath spoken concerning the Most Great Remembrance, in very truth, save that I have fixed for them, by the Most Great Truth, the Garden of Paradise—for the decree within the Mother Book hath been *irrevocably ordained*. 20 And there is none in whose heart there ariseth aught of falsehood, but that I have decreed for them the Most Great Fire, abiding forever therein, in accordance with the truth—for the decree within the Mother Book hath been *irrevocably established*. 21 So by your True Lord, the Lord of the heavens and the earth! Verily, the Promise of God is true concerning the Remembrance—for the Promise within the Mother Book hath been *fulfilled*. 22 And this is a Glad Tiding unto whomsoever God hath willed, in very truth, and who turneth unto Him in pure sincerity—for verily, God, your cherished Lord, hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 23 And verily, God hath ever known thine obedience, by night and by day, at the Pole of the Fire, nigh unto the Water, unto God, the One, the Everlasting—*beside Whom there is none other God except*

Him—for the Cause hath been *exalted* within the Mother Book. 24 Say: O People of the Earth! Were ye to gather together to produce *a single letter* like unto one Letter of My work, ye would never be able to the like thereof—for God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 25 The likeness of the Qá'im before Me, unto God, in the surging abyss of divine Oneness, is as one over the earth, gesturing toward another apart from the truth—thus hath He been occupied. 26 Nay! God hath known all that He hath enumerated, and ye know naught of the knowledge of the Book save a shadow of a shadow—*confined*. 27 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: Yea, verily, the Moon hath been lifted up, and Night hath passed away, and the Morn hath dawned—for the Cause of God, your cherished Lord, hath *been accomplished*. 28 And verily, I am the Most Great Word amongst the Greatest Signs, by the leave of God—We make known unto you the realities of the Cause from the People of Station and Saqar—so turn ye unto Me, for unto Me is your abiding-place, *writ* in accordance with the truth. 29 There is not a single soul that hath turned away from My Remembrance, but that I hear their word nigh unto the Fire—for verily, certainty hath come unto Me, as befitteth the certain truth, and I followed it not with vain conjecture from mine own Self, “*Would that I had been, aforetime, amongst the Helpers of God, the Most High*. 30 “*O Most Great Word of God! Return me unto the clay, even as I was dust before.*” 31 What aileth you, O ye fleeing asses, that ye turn away from the Decree of God within this Gate—the Mystery of the Lion? By the One True God! There is naught *prepared* for you but the Fire from the Tree—save those who have repented and turned unto the True One. Erelong shall God forgive whomsoever He willeth—for God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 32 O Faithful Ones! Be ye mindful of God, and utter not, concerning the Most Great Remembrance, any *foul* word—erelong shall God shew you His Decree, by the Most Great Truth, upon the earth and all that dwell thereon, as befitteth the Firm Truth, shall be *exalted*. 33 And God hath not ordained for Him, as befitteth the truth, any save those who are foremost—few in *helpers* and scant in *number*. 34 O Solace of Mine Eye! When the leave cometh from Me, arise unto the Cause, by the very

essence of the truth, with *power*. 35 For verily, God hath guarded Thee in the Cause, and We, the Family of God, are witnesses and supports unto Thee and unto Thy Word, in accordance with the truth—upholders of justice against those who desire falsehood concerning Thy Cause—and the decree of God and Our proof suffice them on the Day of Separation—for God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 36 “O Most Great Lord! Naught am I in aught, save that Thy power hath established me upon the Cause. 37 I have placed my trust in naught save Thee, and I have sought refuge in no matter save unto Thee—for Thou art the Sufficing, in very truth, and the One True God, from beyond thee, is the All-Encompassing—God, the Most High, sufficeth me, in accordance with the Firm Truth, as *a Helper*. 38 O Remnant of God! I have sacrificed all for Thee, and have been content with reproach in Thy path, and I have desired naught but to be slain in Thy love—for God, the Most High, sufficeth me as *a refuge from old*. 39 And God sufficeth as *a Witness* and *Trustee*.” 40 O Solace of Mine Eye! Thy words in this Most Great reply have saddened Me—yet judgment belongeth to none but God, and the command proceedeth from none but God—and by My life, thou art the Beloved in the sight of the Truth and all creation—and there is no power except through God, thy cherished Lord, Who taketh *vengeance*, in accordance with the truth, *with severity*. 41 Verily, we belong unto God, and unto Him shall we return. Glorified be God, the Lord of creation, above that which they ascribe—*there is none other God except Him*—for He is God, the Most High, the Most Great. 42 Yea, verily, God hath made this Gate the reward of the world to come for those who seek God, by the Most Great Truth—and they have been, amongst the people, *most pious* through the knowledge of the Book.

59. *Súrah of the Hearts, comprising forty-two Verses*
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

*And the brethren of Joseph came, and they approached him—and he recognized them, while they recognized him not. Káf-Há-'Ain-Şád 3 God hath indeed informed the devoted servants, through the Most Great Name, that there is none other God except Him, the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting—for God hath ever been *Self-Sufficient, Everlasting*. 4 Say: Shall any other than God know the unseen throughout the heavens and the earth? Glorified is He! *There is none other God except Him*—for God hath ever been *Mighty, Wise*. 5 He revealeth not the unseen from His presence save unto whomsoever God willeth—unto one who walketh before Him, and feareth *none* beside Him. 6 O People of the Earth, by the One True God! Verily, this Book hath filled the earth and the heavens with the Most Great Word concerning the Proof of the Qá'im, the Awaited One, by the Most Great Truth—for God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 7 This is a Book from God, whose Proof hath been firmly established unto whosoever dwelleth within the East and the West, that ye may not utter concerning God aught but the truth. So by your Lord, the All-Merciful, verily this is My Proof which hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 8 O Faithful Ones! Yea, verily, God hath decreed the ordinance of knowledge *be concealed* within the Bosom of the Remembrance from His presence, in accordance with the truth. 9 And verily, with Him are the realities of the Garden—were they to act thus, they shall indeed find within Paradise that which no eye hath seen, nor *any ear* heard. 10 And verily, with Him is the Decree of Justice from the Lord your God, by the Most Great Truth, upon the people of the Fire—when He speaketh of requital, He createth within the Fire a grievous chastisement for their souls. Therefore, be ye mindful of God—for verily He hath ever been, nigh unto the Fire, in accordance with the truth, *sanctioned by divine Command*. 11 On the Day when the earth and the mountains shall tremble, ye shall behold Him in the dominion—*stripped* of dominion—before Us, as becometh the truth, like unto a humbled servant,*

settled as the dust. 12 Whoso obeyeth Him, We shall reward them with the fairest reward, and a seat of ruby within the Garden of Paradise, which hath been hewn by the Hand of God, the Most High. 13 He is God—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him, the True One*—for God hath ever been, in very truth, *Self-Subsisting*. 14 Say: Verily, I am the Most Wondrous Ordinance from God, the Most Wondrous, and God hath ever been *Mighty, Wise*. 15 God hath inspired Me with His Proof—verily, this Word is dependent upon the Word of glorification. Wherefore magnify ye God, your Creator—for He verily is the True One—*there is none other God except Him*. And verily, this Remembrance is My Proof, in very truth, and He is the Most Great Word over all the people of the earth and the heavens *entire*. 16 None hath turned away from Him save that they have borne *a most grievous burden*. 17 And when the Trumpet is sounded, the earth shall be changed into another earth, and the mountains shall become *a level plain, flattened* upon the face of the earth in *a firm, even line*. 18 Thereupon shall hearts be humbled before the Most Great Word—thou shalt not behold a single soul save that thou shalt find it subdued in whispering—*humbled, abased*. Thus shall faces be brought low before the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting—for God hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 19 And all shall be upon the earth on that Day, gazing toward the Remembrance within the Cloud—*astonished*. 20 And none hath laboured in the Way of the Remembrance save that knowledge hath encompassed them from the Speaker at the Point of the Fire, *“My Lord, increase me in knowledge—upon a wondrous knowledge.”* 21 And whoso saith, *“Verily I am the Gate beside Thee,”*—them shall We recompense with Hell—for God hath not appointed for the Truth, in accordance with the truth, *any turning back* whatsoever. 22 Have they not gazed upon the Remembrance within the twain Names from their Lord, by the Most Great Truth, for His Command—while they were once *joined together* over the dominion? 23 Then We rent them asunder, as befitteth the truth, by the Book—for God hath caused, from the water of His mercy, all things *to exist* by the Concealed Mystery. 24 And We have not decreed for any soul in this world gardens of everlasting abiding—for all

shall indeed *taste* death, in accordance with the truth. 25 O People of the Earth! What aileth you—how can ye reject faith in the Remembrance of the Most Gracious, while He is the True One—*there is none other God except Him, the Most High*—for God hath ever been *All-Knowing, Everlasting?* 26 And verily, We created humanity from the Mystery of the Beginning, in haste—and verily, the Promise of God is true, and God hath ever been *a Witness* over all things. 27 O devoted Servants of God! Be ye patient—for verily the Truth, God willing, shall come upon you by the Most Great Word, of *a sudden*. Thereupon shall the Truth confound you, and ye shall not be able to repel it—for I have ever been *a Witness* over all the worlds, in very truth. 28 O People of the Earth! Have ye *a God* who can protect you apart from the Most Gracious, your true Lord? Nay—God sufficeth, in His Oneness, as *a Witness* over His own Self, as befitteth the truth. 29 And verily, should a hint of the signs touch the heedless, they are cast toward the Fire, by the Fire, *as newly arrivals*. 30 And when We set the Balance with equity, not a single soul shall be wronged in aught—for We have ever been, unto each and all things, *a Reckoner*. 31 O People of the Earth! What aileth you—how can ye worship these likenesses apart from God, the Most High—for verily, your Lord, the Most Gracious, hath ever been *All-Knowing* of all things. 32 And He is God—He hath ever been *Mighty, Everlasting*. 33 And indeed, We found you and your forebears, concerning this Upright Gate, far removed from the truth. 34 Say: Verily, I—God willing—shall assuredly devise against your idols, until ye worship none but the One True God—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him, the Most High*—for God hath ever been, in very truth, *Self-Subsisting*. 35 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: “*O Fire of the Inmost Hearts! Be thou cool unto Me, like unto polished snow, well-cooled.*” 36 And send ye peace upon the Son of Abraham—this Arabian Youth—Whom God hath caused to be *concealed*, nigh unto the Fire. 37 Yea, verily, God hath appointed Thee the Point of Justice, and God hath sent inspiration unto Thee for the establishment of the Cause through the Most Great Word. So summon the people unto the Pure Truth—for verily God hath ever been *a Witness* unto Thee. 38 Yea, verily, We sent inspiration unto David and

Solomon with twain Letters from that Word—and by those twain Letters were they *entrusted* with the Dominion. 39 And verily, *Dhú'l-Nún*, and *Idrís*, and *Ismá'íl*, and *Dhú'l-Kifl*—We caused them to enter into the darknesses, until they bore witness, at the Point of the Gate, unto the One True God, “*There is none other God except Thee—glory be unto Thee! Verily, we have stood, nigh unto the water, at the Most Great Word.*” 40 And verily, God hath forgiven them, and they are amongst the people of *Riḍván*—within the Luminous Scroll they have been *writ* from the hands of the Gate, in accordance with the truth. 41 O Concourse of Lights! Yea, verily, God hath appointed you the brethren of Joseph—and ye shall approach Him, yet ye shall not recognize Him until He maketh Himself known unto you. Then ye shall come to know *somewhat* of the Cause. 42 Then shall ye be, as befitteth the truth, nigh unto the Throne, *remembered*.

*60. Súrah of the Remembrance, comprising forty-two Verses
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful*

And when he had furnished them with their provision, he said, "Bring unto me a brother of yours from your father. Do ye not see that I give full measure, and that I am the best of hosts?" 1 Tá-Há-Şád 3 God hath made mention, within the Crimson Tree—that which springeth forth with oil, kindled from the Fire—*"This is the Light of God within the Fire, round about the Water, which, in very truth, hath spoken, and as befitteth the truth, hath been praised."* 4 This is a Book from the Mystery, which hath been revealed according to the Inscribed Mystery at the Pole of the Inscription, "He is God—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him.* Verily, the Throne of the Most Gracious is established in all things *alike.*" 5 God—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him, the Most High*—and He is God, ever *Mighty, Everlasting.* 6 O People of the Throne! By the One True God—the Remembrance hath come unto you with the Most Wondrous Command from the Lord your God—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him, the Most High*—and God hath ever been *Mighty, All-Wise.* 7 And verily, every Community is but a single point around the Gate—God hath indeed sent inspiration unto them, *"Worship none but the One True God within the paths of this Gate—for He is the Self-Sufficient."* And verily, I am the Most High—I have ever been, in very truth, *Everlasting.* 8 Yea, verily, God hath forbidden the Gate unto a city whose people, concerning the Cause of the Gate, were, without truth, *forsaken.* 9 And He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 10 And the Promise hath drawn nigh, in very truth—verily, you and whatsoever ye worship beside God, apart from the paths of the Gate, unto the One True God, *be brought low in prostration.* 11 For verily, ye are the people of the Fire according to the Decree of the Book, and the judgment hath, within the Mother Book, been *irrevocably established.* 12 And verily, those for whom there hath preceded, for their own selves, from God, concerning the Remembrance, the Most Great Word—those shall not be grieved by the Most Great Terror, and in the love of the Remembrance of the Gate they

have been, according to the truth, *well-pleasing*. 13 Verily, this Day of yours—We have folded up the heaven within the hands of the Gate, even as We originated you, according to the truth, *wondrously*. 14 We shall return you, by the leave of God, unto the Command, *wondrously*. 15 And verily, We have written, in all the Tablets, “*Dominion of the earth belongeth unto the Most Great Remembrance*”—for the Command of God hath, within the Mother Book, been *irrevocably decreed*. 16 And verily, God hath ever been *All-Knowing* of all things. 17 Say: Verily, the Truth is revealed unto Me, that your God is One God—*there is none other God except Him*—and I am the Servant, in very truth, from the Presence of God, and have been, round about the Fire, made *Witness*. 18 O devoted Servants of God! Harken unto the Call of the Proof from around the Gate, “Verily, God, My Lord, hath inspired Me, ‘We have revealed this Book unto Thy devoted Servant, that He may be, unto all the worlds, in accordance with the truth, *a Warner and a Bearer of glad tidings*.’” 19 O People of the Earth! Follow the Remembrance of God, the Most High, the Most Great—this, if ye truly desire God and His loved ones—for God hath predetermined for one who remembereth Him by His Remembrance—for He is God, Who is *All-Knowing* of all things. 20 God hath revealed unto thee the Book, in very truth, that thou mayest judge between the faithful with equity, according to that which God hath shown Thee of His Signs—so turn Thou away from the people of Sijjín and their adversaries, for Thy Lord hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 21 O ye weak ones! What aileth you that ye make light of some amongst the people, yet make not light of God, your Creator—He is the Truth—wheresoever ye may be? And He hath ever been, in very truth, with you—for God is *Encompassing* of whatsoever ye do. 22 And whosoever committeth evil or perpetrateth a grievous sin, then seeketh forgiveness of God—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—with pure sincerity in the paths of the Gate, shall find God *Oft-Returning, Most Merciful*. 23 Verily, those who cast false suspicion upon the faithful have indeed borne from Satan *a grievous sin*. 24 And God hath indeed prepared for them, in the world to come, according to

the decree of the Book—and the grace of God upon Thee hath, by the very essence of the truth, been *most mighty*. 25 O People of the Earth! Remember God within yourselves, without loudness in speech—for hushed whispering is of Satan, except for one who abideth in the Remembrance of God. And whoso seeketh the Remembrance from the Presence of the Remembrance, unto them shall We grant, from God, *a most mighty reward*. 26 And whoso opposeth the Remembrance after they have heard the verses from His tongue, erelong shall We cause them to enter, on the Day of Resurrection, according to the Decree of the Book, into the infernal Fire of Hell—and they shall have, beside God, in the time to come, in accordance with the truth, no *helper*. 27 O Most Great Remembrance of God! Forgive none who associate partners with God, but forgive whomsoever Thou wilt beside that—for verily, those who associate partners with God have gone *far astray*. 28 And these have called upon none for themselves save *a rebellious Satan*. 29 And whoso taketh Satan, apart from the Remembrance, as *a guardian*, hath entered into the Fire and hath suffered *a manifest loss*. 30 And verily, We have made Satan, by his infidelity, *a guardian* over the satans. 31 And Satan promiseth you naught but *delusion*. 32 And ye shall never find, in the Fire, apart from Him, in accordance with the truth, any *escape*. 33 O People of the Earth! Verily, the Promise of the Remembrance is true, and He speaketh not save from the One True God—and who is more truthful than the One True God, *in speech?* 34 And whoso worketh in the path of the Remembrance according to the Decree of the Book—God shall admit them into the Garden, by the Most Great Truth, and God doth not wrong His servants, in accordance with the truth, *even to the measure of a speck*. 35 So what Faith is better than one who hath submitted their face unto the Remembrance, wholly unto God—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him, the Praised*—and God is *Encompassing* of all things. 36 O People of the Earth! Be ye mindful of God—for the Remembrance hath come unto you, in very truth, and if ye reject faith, then ‘*unto God belongeth whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth*’—and your Lord, the Most Gracious, hath ever been *Self-Sufficient, All-Praised*.

37 O People! If We so will, We could take you away from upon the earth, and God can bring forth others like unto you—for God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 38 O Faithful Ones! Let not desires seduce you from following the Remembrance—for verily, God hath ordained upon the souls restraint from avarice unto the Most Great Riḍwán, and verily, with God hath the reward, within the Mother Book, been *most mighty*. 39 For the Remembrance hath ever been, in accordance with the truth, *a Witness* and *a Helper* amongst you. 40 O People of the Earth! Have faith in God, and in His Remembrance, and in the Book which God hath revealed unto His servant—and whoso rejecteth faith in God, and in His signs, and in the Last Day, hath fallen from above the earth into the depths of infernal Hell—as *a lodging* unto the Blaze, *a final return*. 41 And whoso rejecteth faith in God after Muḥammad, then rejecteth in God after the Imáms of Truth, then rejecteth in the Remembrance after the Book hath been revealed, *wondrously*, from His tongue—God shall neither forgive them nor guide them, from the Gates, unto *any path*. 42 O Concourse of Lights! Bring unto Me a brother of yours from your father—do ye not behold how I give full measure upon the Preserved Tablet, established upon the Mystery of Decree for all, in very truth? And verily, God hath appointed Me the best of hosts for the travelers, and the best of resting-place for those who have found—and God hath ever been *Encompassing* of all things.

*61. Súrah of the Appointment, comprising forty-two Verses
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful*

*“If ye bring him not unto me, there shall be no measure for you with me, nor shall ye draw nigh. Káf–Há–Nún. 4 A Remembrance of the mercy of Thy Lord—beside Whom there is none other God except Him—and He is God, Who hath ever *Encompassed* all the worlds. 5 O People of the Earth! Be ye steadfast upon the Path—witnesses for God and for His creation, even as God beareth witness unto His Own Self—for verily, God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of that which ye bear witness. 6 And verily, they who take the heedless as allies in place of the faithful, such have indeed rejected faith in God, the Mighty—and God is *a Witness* unto all things. 7 And verily, God shall never grant ascendancy unto the heedless—for all *might* and *glory* belong wholly unto God. 8 And verily, We—We have sent down the Remembrance from the Seat of Holiness upon your own selves, that ye may take your portion determined from the Book of God, and sit not with those who reject faith, discoursing of the remembrance of the Evil One. By the One True God! Verily, the Remembrance shall set you upon the Path by the Decree, and whoso turneth away from falsehood and followeth the Remembrance, in very truth—such a one hath attained *a mighty triumph*. 9 O People of the Earth! Verily, the True Remembrance is the Remembrance of God. None amongst you followeth Him save that they have followed the Most Gracious, in very truth—and verily, this Path of ‘Alí hath been *writ* within the Book of God, round about the Fire. 10 O People of Heaven! God hath indeed called unto you from the Tree of Sinai, “Verily, I am God—beside Whom there is none other God except Him—Whoso visiteth the Remembrance, by the Most Great Truth, hath indeed visited Me upon the Throne. And whoso turneth away from His Book and His Call hath gone astray from the Path and entered the Fire, and thy Lord doth not wrong mankind in aught—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things.” 11 And verily, they who mock at the Most Wondrous Verses of God from the Remembrance mock not save at their own selves, and We shall prolong them in their rebellion, in very*

truth—for God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 12 Those are they who, when they arose unto the Remembrance, arose with the intent that God be deceived by the falsehood of Satan—but they deceive none save themselves. Verily, God shall judge between mankind, in very truth—for He is God, Who is *Exalted, Praised*. 13 And He is God, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 14 And verily, God hath appointed the abode of the hypocrites in the lowest depths of the Ark, within the lowest abyss of the Fire—and whomsoever God leadeth astray, for them Thou shalt never find, in accordance with the truth, *any path*. 15 And verily, they who have repented, and held fast unto God, and severed themselves unto the Remembrance—this Most Great Remembrance of God—these shall We assuredly gather amongst the companies of the faithful, in very truth—erelong shall God bestow upon them, in the world to come, in accordance with the truth, *a most mighty reward*. 16 Verily, the heedless seek to sunder between God and His Remembrance—but God hath willed that His Remembrance perfect His Light—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 17 And amongst the people are those who have faith in part of the Book and reject faith in part thereof, desiring to take for themselves, between the two rivers, *a pleasant water*. 18 Such are the heedless in the Book of God—for the Decree hath, within the Mother Book, been *irrevocably ordained*. 19 And verily, We have prepared for the heedless *a Fire* which hath encompassed their very selves—and God doth not wrong the people, even to the measure of *a thread upon a date-stone*. 20 And should the heedless ask Thee concerning that which was asked of Moses—the Most Great Word—when they said, “*Show us God openly,*” then did the chastisement seize them for their rejection of faith. Then they took unto themselves the Calf, after the Remembrance had come unto them with the Most Wondrous Verses from the One True God, in very truth. What aileth these heedless ones, that they reflect not upon the Qur’án, according to the truth, with *a reflection*, in very truth, *though it be but slight?* 21 And verily, We have raised Thee above the Mount, that thou mayest receive from whatsoever is within the heavens and upon the earth of the Most Great Covenant of God, and that the

people enter not the Gate of the City save after *prostrating* unto God. We have caused Thee to bear witness unto the Covenant—in the Exalted Truth, according to the Mighty Truth, *firm* and *weighty*. Yet, for their breach of the Covenant of God and their rejection of the Remembrance, We shall seal their hearts with veils of doubt, and none shall have faith in the One True God, according to the truth, save *a few* amongst the faithful.—for He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* over all things. 22 And their saying that Ḥusayn was not slain—this is to reject faith in God. God Himself hath borne witness unto His slaying, and sufficient is God as *Witness*. 23 And verily, Jesus, son of Mary—Our Word—we willed not, ere the Return, His slaying—but rather, God hath raised Him unto heaven and preserveth Him unto the Day of the Appointed Time, *witnessed*. 24 And He is God, Who hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 25 So for your injustice against the Remembrance, God hath forbidden unto you the goodly things of the Signs—for God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 26 None knoweth the interpretation of the Book save God and those firmly rooted in knowledge. Whoso interpreteth the Book according to their own opinion hath devoured the Fire in its entirety—for verily, God hath prepared for the heedless *a grievous chastisement*. 27 And verily, We—We have sent inspiration unto Thee, even as We sent inspiration unto Muḥammad and unto the Messengers ere Him, with clear signs—lest there remain for the people, against God, any argument after the Gates—and God addressed *‘Alī*, in very truth, upon the Mount of the Beginning—*a direct Address*. 28 And verily, We, in very truth, bear witness unto Thee concerning that which God hath revealed unto Thee of the Signs, and the Angels are witnesses in the presence of Thy Lord—and sufficient is God as *Witness*, and sufficient are the Gates, according to the truth, as those *fully apprised*. 29 And verily, they who revile the Remembrance after the Book hath come unto them, in very truth—God shall neither forgive them nor guide them unto the paths of safety, by *any gate*, save the path of the Evil One, apart from God. And verily, God hath placed the Decree of all things in the hands of the Remembrance, in accordance with the truth, by His most wondrous

leave—*made easy*. 30 And Thou willest not save that the Lord Thy God willeth, and sufficient is God, of the sins of His devoted servants, *All-Knowing, All-Aware*. 31 O people of the earth! The Remembrance hath come unto you, in very truth, from the Proof, by the leave of the Lord your God, that ye may have faith in Him—this is better for yourselves than the whole of this world, and He is God, Who hath ever been *Most Loving* unto the faithful. 32 But should ye reject faith—verily, the Lord your God, the All-Praised, hath ever been *Self-Sufficient* from all the worlds. 33 O People of the Earth! Exceed not bounds in the Word of the Remembrance, and say not concerning the Remembrance aught but the truth. The Remembrance hath not sent down His signs save in very truth—and God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 34 *The Messiah is but Our Word, which was cast into Mary. Say not, as say the Christians, “Third of three”*—for that is a calumny against the Remembrance, and the Decree concerning the Remembrance, within the Mother Book, is indeed *Most Mighty*. 35 God is but One God—glorified be He above aught that might be associated with Him—all have come unto Him, at the Resurrection, as *a servant*, and sufficient is God, according to the truth, as *Trustee*. 36 I am naught but the Servant of God and His Word, and I am naught but the first of those who prostrate themselves unto God, the Most High—and God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 37 This Youth shall never disdain to be the Servant of God, nor those who circle about Him. And whoso disdaineth the worship of the Most Gracious and waxeth proud before His Exalted Remembrance—God shall gather them, on the Day of Decision, in the form of an ant, and shall decree the Fire upon them, in accordance with the truth, *abiding therein forevermore*. 38 O People of the Earth! There hath come unto you the Proof, *firmly established*, from your Lord, the Most Gracious, in accordance with the Firm Truth, *Most Mightily*. 39 Can ye find, apart from the Remembrance, any guardian for yourselves? By your Lord—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—God hath decreed for the people no *helper* apart from the Remembrance. 40 And verily, We have made the Remembrance *a radiant sun* and *a manifest light*. 41 That ye may seek from His bounty

and hold fast unto His Remembrance—erelong shall God admit you into a mercy from Himself and a grace, and guide you unto the Praiseworthy Path—this which hath ever been, in very truth, *worthy of praise*. 42 O Concourse of Lights! Harken unto My Call from round about the Gate, “Verily, the Lord My God hath revealed unto Me that this Remembrance is the True One. None hath come unto Me with Him but that We shall pay in full, in the best of measures, their due—but should ye come not unto Me with Him, O People of Truth—then by the One True God! I shall not measure out for your faith with Me, nor shall ye draw nigh unto the Garden, by the Decree of this Book which hath been *raised up* round about the Gate.”

62. *Súrah of the Allies, comprising forty-two Verses*

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

They said, "We shall beckon him away from his father—verily we shall indeed do so." Káf-Há-Yá-Lám. 3 God—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 4 O People of the Earth! Be ye steadfast upholders of the Equitable Faith, bearing witness unto God through the Remembrance. Deprive not your own selves of the grace of the Book—for verily God hath revealed therein all that is within the Most Great Scriptures. And ask the Remembrance concerning His knowledge, that haply, through the grace of the One True God, ye may become *knowledgeable* concerning the Remembrance. 5 O Faithful Ones! Be ye mindful of God, and place your trust in the Lord your God, and fulfill the covenant unto the Most Great Remembrance. Verily, God hath raised up from amongst the proofs twelve Guardians for His own Self. None amongst the people knoweth aught of their excellence save that which the Remembrance hath conveyed concerning them in this Gate—for God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 6 Then, when the heedless broke the covenant of the Remembrance, We cursed them, in very truth, and by the leave of God made their hearts hard as stones. They forgot *a portion* of the Book whereof We had reminded them in the Assembly of the Atoms, and they shall never encompass aught of the hidden knowledge of the Book save what Thy Lord willeth—for He hath verily ever been *All-Powerful* and *All-Wise*. 7 And the Christians amongst the People of the Book have said, "*Our hands are restrained.*" By their own associating fancies have they uttered falsehood against Us. Nay, the Hand of God is indeed the Truth, and He disposeth of the dominion as He willeth, through whatsoever He willeth—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 8 And verily, God hath ever *encompassed* all things. 9 And He is God—ever *Exalted, Most Great*. 10 O People of the Earth! There hath indeed come unto you the Light from God through this Book, in accordance with the truth, *clearly manifest*. 11 That ye may be guided unto the paths of peace,

and that ye may be brought forth from the shades of darkness into the Light, by the leave of God, upon this pure Path, *extended forth*. 12 And indeed, they have rejected faith who have uttered, concerning the Remembrance, *aught* apart from servitude unto God, the Most High, from one thing or another. 13 Say: Who is there that possesseth, apart from God, the Most High, any power over aught? Verily, were God to will to destroy the Remembrance and His creation entire, none could withhold His Power, nor prevent His Will. Unto Him belongeth the dominion of the heavens and the earth and whatsoever lieth between them—and there is naught save that it shall come unto Him, on the Day of Resurrection, in accordance with the truth, as *a servant, impoverished*. 14 And indeed, they have rejected faith who have said that God hath established a bond between Himself and His creation, like unto the saying of the Jews and the Christians, “*We are the sons of God.*” Exalted is God above that which the anthropomorphists utter—*Highly Exalted, Most Great*. 15 He hath originated the heavens and the earth and whatsoever lieth between them by His Command, from naught—for He is the One singular in His Eternal Oneness. His sanctified Essence hath not been joined with aught, nor doth any know Him as He is, save Himself. Glorified be He above that which the wrongdoers describe in His signs—*a glorification*, in accordance with the truth, *most mighty*. 16 O People of the Earth! There hath come unto you the Remembrance from God—the Remembrance—after an interval of the Messengers, that He may purify you and cleanse you from defilements for the Days of the One True God. Wherefore, seek ye grace from Him—for verily We have made Him, in very truth, *a Witness* and *a Wise One* over the people of the earth. 17 O Faithful Ones! Remember the blessing of God upon you—for We, according to the truth, have brought unto you that which hath not been granted unto *any* amongst the worlds before you. Render thanks then unto God, the Most High, and be ye, in the Faith, amongst those *accounted praiseworthy*. 18 O Beloved! Let not those who hasten unto rejection grieve Thee, nor those who say, “*We are faithful,*” with their tongues while Thou knowest that which is in their hearts to be otherwise.

And whoso desireth tribulation for the Remembrance shall themselves possess *naught* whatsoever. 19 Unto God belongeth whatsoever is within the heavens and whatsoever is within the earth, and He is Self-Sufficient above all worlds *entire*. 20 O Most Exalted Remembrance of God! Judge not between those who ascribe unto God that which is not of Him, but turn away from them. Yet if they prove faithful to that Book, then judge Thou for them according to the Upright Faith, with equity—for verily, God hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 21 And whoso judgeth by other than that which God hath revealed within His Book—such a one, in the sight of God, hath been *recorded amongst those unfaithful to the Trust*, in accordance with the truth. 22 And verily, those who reject God after the Remembrance—such are the servants of tyranny within the Mother Book, and their *return* shall be unto the most grievous Fire. 23 Yea, verily, We have borne witness against many amongst the people for transgression and for their devouring of the forbidden. What aileth these people, that they fear not God, the Most High, according to the truth, the Faithful—*even but a little?* 24 And those have rejected faith who have spoken according to the word of the Jews and Christians, saying that the Proof is cut off from amongst the people. They are accursed for that which they have uttered. Nay—by God, beside Whom there is none other God except Him! Rather, the hands of God are outstretched, He bestoweth as He willeth, and God hath not made for His power, in accordance with the truth, *any exhaustion*. 25 Would that the people of the Furqán prove faithful to the Remembrance, We would surely efface from them their misdeeds and admit them into Gardens of Bliss—*an excellent return*. 26 O Solace of Mine Eye! Convey that which hath been revealed unto Thee from the bounty of the Most Gracious for Thine own self—for if Thou doest not, the people shall not come to know Our Mystery. For verily, God hath indeed ever been *All-Knowing* of all things, and *Self-Sufficient* above all worlds. 27 Say: O People of the Furqán! Ye stand upon naught until after the Remembrance, and this Book. Should ye follow the Cause of God, We shall forgive you your transgressions.—but if ye turn away from Our Decree, We shall judge against you, according to the truth, by the Book,

upon your own selves, with the Most Great Fire. And We deal not unjustly with the people—*even to the measure of a mote*. 28 O People of the Earth! If ye prove faithful as those who are faithful, then have ye purchased the Garden, in very truth—no fear shall be upon you, nor hath there been, within the Book, *any enduring sorrow*. 29 Yea, verily, We Ourselves have taken Thy covenant from all who are in the earth and the heavens, according to the Covenant of God—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*. Is it then that, whenever the Remembrance cometh unto you from God, ye follow Satan—save but *a few*? 30 Will ye not then fear God on a Day which hath been inscribed within the Mother Book *as one to be accounted for*? 31 So by your Lord! Verily, We have exacted from the wrongdoers, around the Fire, the right of the faithful—for God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 32 They have indeed rejected faith who have said, “*God is the Most High*.” Glorified be God above that which the wrongdoers ascribe! The heavens and the earth wellnigh are rent asunder and gasp from the word of their rejection of God—yet He is but His servant, and God is ever *Mighty, Wise*. 33 By the One True God! All creation hath been summoned along the Great Circle of the earth, “*Worship ye, My Lord and your Lord, the Most Gracious!*” He is God—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—whosoever associateth aught with God, the Garden is forbidden for them, and the Fire is made their abode—for verily, the Judgment of the Book hath been *inscribed* by that Decree. 34 And the likeness of those who point unto God in the form of the Trinity is as the likeness of those who have said, “*God is the third of three*.” There is no God but one God—naught is like unto Him. Exalted is God above that which those who reject faith utter—*Highly Exalted, Most Great*. 35 Muḥammad was not, nor were His Trustees, aught but servants of God alone. Whoso claimeth for them aught beyond that hath rejected God, and their abode is Hell—and God hath not ordained for them *any helper* in the world to come. 36 Verily, those who assert, concerning Muḥammad and the Family of God, a need or dependence upon aught beside God— 37 They are the most astray of all people in the Book of God—and God hath not ordained for them, in

the world to come, *any helper*. 38 O People of the Earth! Worship ye, beside God, that which possesseth not, apart from the Most Gracious, power over aught—while God is Himself *a Witness* unto all things? 39 O Concourse! Exceed not bounds concerning the Remembrance beyond servitude unto God—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*. Whoso claimeth aught beyond that, it is as though they have waged war against God and His chosen ones—and God hath prepared for them, in the world to come, *a grave chastisement*. 40 And verily, those who follow Satan refrain not from the wrongdoing within themselves—these are the companions of the Fire, by decree of the Book—for the Decree concerning them hath been *irrevocably ordained* within the Mother Book. 41 Except for those who repent and have faith. Erelong shall God forgive whomsoever He willeth—for He is *Powerful* over all things. 42 O People of the Earth! When will ye speak with the speech of the brethren of Joseph in His presence? For He verily is the Doer, by the leave of God, of all things—for verily, God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things.

63. *Súrah of Mercy, comprising forty-two Verses*
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

And he said unto his servants, "Place their merchandise within their saddlebags, that haply they may recognize it when they return unto their family—perchance they might return." Țá-Sín. 3 Yea, verily, We—We have revealed unto Thee this Book, in very truth, that the people might come to know the reality of the Remembrance—for God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 4 The faithful are but those who, when they hear *a verse* from this Book, their eyes overflow with tears, and their hearts are enraptured for the Most Great Remembrance of God, the All-Praised—for God hath ever been All-Knowing, Everlasting. 5 These are the inhabitants of Paradise, abiding therein forevermore. They behold *naught* therein save that which is from God—such as their souls cannot encompass. And the faithful amongst the people of the Gardens shall meet them, saying the word of peace, *"Peace!"* 6 Yea, verily, God hath willed for the faithful the Written Mercy—for God hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 7 O People of the Earth! Be ye mindful of God, and exceed not the bounds in the Faith of Truth. And behold your own selves ere death—for God hath not ordained after death, for those that reject faith, in accordance with the truth, *any path*. 8 O Faithful Ones! Be ye mindful of God concerning this Most Great Remembrance—for there is naught that opposeth Him but that it hath opposed the Truth, and God hath decreed for it recompense in the Fire—for God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 9 O Faithful Ones! Verily, the Lord your God is the True One, in very Truth. He speaketh thus, *"There is naught that hath followed this Remembrance save that it hath followed all the Messengers, in accordance with the truth, entire."* 10 O People of the Earth! Verily God hath not willed for the faithful aught save the Pure Faith for His own Self—for God hath been Self-Sufficient, Everlasting. 11 And know, O people of the earth, that God hath not ordained for the Remembrance, after the Book, aught save the Bayán. Wherefore be ye mindful of God concerning the Name of the Most Gracious—for verily He knoweth whatsoever is within the

heavens and whatsoever is in the earth, and what ye disclose and what ye conceal—for He is the Self-Sufficient above of all worlds *entire*. 12 And verily God hath not decreed the pure and the impure to be equal. Marvel not at the abundance of the impure—for verily God hath ordained for His Gate fewer than ye suppose—for God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 13 O People of the Earth! Ask not the Remembrance concerning your inmost realities—for if they be made manifest unto you, they would cause you grief. And God is the Self-Sufficient, the Possessor of concealment. Rather, beseech Him concerning the ordinances of your path unto God, your cherished Lord—for God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 14 And when the people ask Thee concerning the Unseen, say: “*I have no knowledge save that which My Lord hath taught Me.*” None knoweth the unseen except God—and He is your true Lord, Who hath ever been Knowledgeable of all things. 15 The people know not, of the knowledge of the Book, even a single letter, in accordance with the truth. And had they known, in very truth, they would not have questioned Thee, after the Signs containing Proofs—for verily God hath brought them forth from His power, and hath appointed the Angels of the heavens and the earth as their Guardians. And were all the people of the earth to gather together to produce the like of even a Letter thereof, they would never be able—though they and the like of them stood as *helpers* unto one another, in accordance with the truth. 16 And He is God, ever *Powerful* over all things. 17 Is there, then, other than God who is able to reveal the like of these Signs in very truth? Glorified and exalted is He above that which the wrongdoers utter concerning His Gates—*Highly Exalted, Most Great*. 18 And He is God, ever *a Witness* unto all things. 19 And when Thou sayest unto the heedless, “*Come unto God, and unto this Book revealed from the One True God,*” they say, “*Sufficient for us is that which we have found of the knowledge of the Book from before.*” Say: Nay, by your Lord! Ye possess not, of the knowledge of the Book, save *a single Letter*—within *a bounded* limit. 20 And He is God, ever *Self-Sufficient* above all worlds. 21 Are ye then faithful to a part of the Book and unfaithful to a part? What, then, hath the Book ordained for your own

souls on the Day of Resurrection save the scorching Fire from the tree of infernal Hell? And the decree hath been *irrevocably ordained* within the Mother Book. 22 O Faithful Ones! God hath not prescribed for your souls aught save the judgment of your own selves—and verily, God shall not question you, on the Day of Resurrection, concerning the judgment of the rightly guided nor those gone astray. Wherefore, watch over your own souls—for verily Satan hath ever been *an avowed enemy* unto you. 23 O Faithful Ones! Hearken unto My Call from around that Most Great Remembrance, “*Yea, verily, God hath revealed unto Me that the Path of this Remembrance, in My presence, hath ever been in accordance with the truth, perfectly straight.*” 24 Whoso followeth, apart from this Upright Faith, shall not find, on the Day of Resurrection, within the tenet of the Faith, *any allotted share written for them.* 25 O Concourse! Make mention of Me before this Remembrance, that God may accept from you your deeds, and that the Angels may write for you a fair reward *appointed* from the knowledge of the Book. 26 Know ye that God hath prescribed mercy upon His own Self, on the Day of Gathering—the appointed time for all worlds *entire.* 27 And turn ye away from this world—for verily it is *a partner* with God—and follow the Remembrance, for He hath ever been, within the Mother Book, *All-Wise* and *All-Knowing.* 28 Be ye mindful of God, O company of kings, lest ye remain afar from the Remembrance after that the Truth hath come unto you with the Book and Signs from God, upon the tongue of the Remembrance, in accordance with the truth—*a wondrous unfolding.* 29 And seek ye the bounty from God—for verily God hath ordained for you, after your faith, a Garden whose breadth is as the breadth of all the gardens together. Ye shall not find therein save that which is from God—blessings and favors—according to the Command which hath ever been, within the Mother of the Book, *Most Great.* 30 O Faithful Ones! What aileth you that ye reflect not upon the Book? Is there, apart from God, any creator of aught? Glorified is He! He is the True One—*there is none other God except Him, the True One*—and He is the Most High, for God hath ever been *Mighty, Praiseworthy.* 31 O People of the Earth! Hearken unto My Call from around this Blessed Tree, “*Verily, I*

am God—there is none other God except Me—worship ye Me, and establish the Prayer in the presence of this Most Great Remembrance, that ye may be writ within the Book amongst those who profess Divine Unity.” 32 And verily We shall gather the Prophets, the Trustworthy Ones, and the Gates, upon the plain of resurrection, and We shall say unto them, “*With what were ye sent forth?*” They shall say: “*By the One True God! We have no knowledge of aught—verily God, He is the Most High, for He is God, Who hath ever been All-Knowing, Most Great.*” 33 God—glorified be He—hath said, “*We created you not, nor shall We raise you up, save as a single soul—that ye might say: ‘There is none other God except God, the Most High.’*” And He is God—Who hath ever been, in accordance with the truth, *Mighty and Praiseworthy*. 34 Erelong shall the truthful profit from their truthfulness, and We shall judge the transgressors according to their names—and God is not, in the least, unjust unto the worlds, even as much as *a single thread of a date-stone*. 35 O Spirit of God! Make mention of My favor upon Thee, when I spoke unto Thee in the midmost heart of holiness, and strengthened Thee with the Holy Spirit, that Thou mightest speak unto the people from the tongue of God, the Most Wondrous, by that which God hath established within the Mystery of the Inmost Heart—*wondrous in its expression*. 36 Yea, verily, God hath taught Thee the Book and the Wisdom in Thy childhood, and hath bestowed favor upon the people of the earth through Thy Most Great Name—for verily mankind knoweth *naught* but *a little* from the knowledge of the Book. 37 And verily We created the bird, and healed the blind and the leper, according to the tongue of the Spirit of God, Jesus son of Mary, that mankind might know that God is indeed the True One, the Creator, the Originator, the Possessor of Power—and there is naught but that it shall come unto Him on the Day of Resurrection as *a servant*. 38 And when the disciples ask Thee concerning the Word from Thy Lord, the Truth, then sprinkle upon them from the outpourings of holiness from Thy Lord—for verily God refuseth naught, for He is God, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 39 O Concourse! Harken unto My Call from the tongue of this Most Great Remembrance—for verily My proof against you is this Self,

Mine own Self, and the decree hath ever been *writ* within the Primal Book of God. 40 So be ye mindful of the Day wherein He shall judge you by the Decree of God, your cherished Lord—alone. For on that Day ye shall not find, throughout the Kingdom of the heavens and the earth, apart from this Most Exalted Remembrance, *any helper*. 41 O People of the Cloud! Hearken unto the Call of the Lord upon the Point of Dust, “*He verily is the True One—there is none other God except Him—for He is God, Who hath ever been Mighty, Everlasting.*” 42 And verily We say, by the leave of God, unto the Angels, “*Place the Sign of the Remembrance within the saddlebags of those souls who are foremost, perchance they may recognize it when they return unto the people of the City of Oneness, and that haply they may return unto the One True God upon that Most Great Path.*” And verily, God hath ever been, unto the faithful, *Compassionate*.

64. *Súrah of Muḥammad ﷺ, comprising forty-two Verses*
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

When they returned unto their father, they said, "O our father! The measure hath been withheld from us. Wherefore, send our brother with us, that we may receive the measure—and verily, we shall be his guardians." ALL PRAISE BELONGETH UNTO GOD, Who hath lifted all sorrow from the heart of His servant, that He might shine upon all the worlds as *a blazing Lamp*. 3 Yea, verily, We have inspired Thee with that which God inspired the Prophets, that ye worship none except God—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Everlasting*. 4 O Faithful Ones! Be ye mindful of God, and let not Satan delude you—for this world is fleeting, and the world to come, with the Lord your God, the Most Exalted, hath ever been, within the Mother Book, *most mighty*. 5 O Faithful Ones! Be ye mindful of the Lord your God. By God! Should ye reject faith in the Remembrance after the Book hath been revealed unto you, in very truth, by the One True God, We shall assuredly chastise you—by the leave of God—with the most severe chastisement, in a manner wherewith none are chastised save you—for verily, God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 6 And when the Resurrection cometh, whereon God shall question the Prophets, the Trustworthy Ones, and the Gates, "*Did ye speak unto the people concerning yourselves apart from God?*" They shall say: "*Glory be unto Thee! There is none other God except Thee—alone, without partner. We called not the people save unto Thy testimony concerning Thine own Self—and sufficient is Thine own Self as Witness between us and all the worlds.*" 7 O People of the Earth! Be ye mindful of God, and refrain from falsehood. The people call not upon Our Remembrance save by that whereunto the Most Gracious hath called through His own Self, that ye worship none but God alone—for He is none other than the Servant of God and His Word—and sufficient is God, upon Me, in accordance with the truth, as *Witness*. 8 O Most Great Remembrance of God! Verily, We bear witness, in Thy supplication upon the Path, saying: "*O my God! Seize them for that which*

their hands have wrought—for Thou art the Just in judgment. And shouldst Thou forgive them, verily Thou hast ever been Self-Sufficient and Most Generous.” 9 Erelong shall We admit the truthful ones into the Land of the Garden through the Remembrance. That is the Most Great Bounty of God, bestowed upon whomsoever He willeth—for verily, God hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 10 ALL PRAISE BELONGETH UNTO GOD, Who hath created the servants within the Temple of His Power—for all the worlds have ever been, in awe of the Remembrance, *fearful* and *abased*. 11 Verily, those who have rejected faith in God after the Book hath come unto them, in very truth, erelong shall God decree for these heedless the Fire—for verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 12 We reveal not a single Verse within this Book save that its Lord hath ordained for it a greater majesty above its counterpart—yet most of the people have turned away from Our Signs, *standing afar off*. 13 And when they imputed the lie unto the faithful in Our Remembrance, God rendered judgment against them through the recounted fates of the wrongdoers—those who were *held in suspension* upon the Path within this Gate. 14 Have ye not reflected upon the heedless whom God destroyed for their sins? And ye are in a station worse than these souls. Erelong shall We destroy you for your sins, and bring forth another *creation* for the sake of the Most Great Remembrance—for verily, God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 15 O People of the Earth! Be ye mindful of God in your works—for verily, God hath appointed for everything *a limit, irrevocably ordained* within the Mother Book. 16 Whenssoever aught is decided, it is not returned unto its like. So be ye mindful of God by God, that ye may be, within this Mighty Gate, *praiseworthy*. 17 And indeed, the heedless mocked Messengers before Thee—erelong shall We decree against the transgressors with the Most Great Fire. Yea, God hath verily ever *Encompassed* all things. 18 God hath prescribed mercy upon His own Self for the Day of Gathering—*wherein there is no doubt*. And verily, those who reject faith in the Most Great Remembrance—these are they who shall be *encompassed* round about by the Fire. 19 No stillness is stilled within aught, nor doth movement move from aught, save by the leave of God, the

Most High—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 20 O People of the Earth! Do ye take, apart from God, the One—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him—lords* from amongst creation? Whereas He is the One Who hath originated the heavens and the earth by His Power, and there is no God except Him. And those whom they call upon beside Him—the Fire hath encompassed them with Fire. Yea, verily, God hath ever been *Self-Sufficient, the Most Great*. 21 O Faithful Ones! Verily, I fear from my Lord a Day whose measure is *fifty thousand years*—and mankind shall stand before the Most Gracious, *held in suspension*. 22 Fear Thou not—for verily, We have turned away from Thee the evil of that Day. And verily, the Most Great Mercy of God hath been *written* within the Mother Book in the Exalted Truth, for those who follow Thee. 23 There is naught that holdeth fast unto God save that He sufficeth it. And should harm touch Thee, it hath no decree, and there is no disposer of affairs save God, the Most High—He is the Subduer over all things, for God hath ever been *Mighty, Wise*. 24 O People of the Earth! If ye bear witness unto the Most Great Remembrance, as the testimony of God upon Him, ye have denied Him. And if ye bear witness against Him by the testimony of your own selves, drawn from your desires, ye have denied Him still—for God hath not ordained for the people aught save submission—*utter submission*. 25 Say: God sufficeth Me as a Witness over the Book—the Witness of Truth. I call you not, save that ye worship One God. And verily, God and His Chosen Ones have ever been *clear* of the idolators. 26 And who is more unjust than one who hath forged *a lie* against God within the Remembrance, *in vainglory*? 27 And verily, God hath prepared for those who lie an *all-encompassing Fire*. 28 Erelong shall God gather you upon the Plain of Ingathering, and shall We say unto you, “Call ye upon your partners whom ye have claimed apart from the Remembrance.” Yet they shall not answer, nor shall they possess any power—save only to say, “Would that we had been beneath the dust—*dust itself!*” 29 O Solace of Mine Eye! Hast Thou not beheld those who were made to stand before the Fire, and said, “*Would that we might be returned, and not give the lie to the Remembrance and the Book!*” God hath slain

them for their denial. Were they returned unto Thee, they would gain naught but *denial* and *a devil*. 30 So by Thy Lord! We shall surely cause all to stand before the Lord upon the Path—none shall have power to walk save by the Covenant of the Remembrance—for verily, the Covenant of God upon the Path hath been, *a station*, in accordance with the truth—*accountable*. 31 Then, when We shall remove the covering from their inmost sight, they shall say, “*Alas for us! How we fell short of the Most Great Remembrance!*” And verily, God doth not wrong the people by so much as the weight of a mustard seed—and God sufficeth as *a Witness* for the faithful. 32 And the life of this world is naught but the chattels of this world, while the world to come hath ever been, within the Mother Book, by the decree of the Book, *most mighty* indeed. 33 And God hath indeed borne witness in Thy sorrow for Ḥusayn—that verily God shall fully render unto the sorrowful their reward without reckoning—for how firmly hath God ordained for these faithful in the Book *a reckoning*, accounted in very truth—*fully reckoned*. 34 And let not the denial of those who ascribe partners unto the One True God grieve Thee—erelong shall God exact vengeance upon them in the Fire, with the most severe torment, and the utmost extremity of burning, as *requital*. 35 And indeed, Messengers before Thee were denied—yet they were patient over that which they heard. And there is none who can alter the Words of the Lord Thy God—for God hath writ upon Thee the affliction of all the people of origination, in accordance with the truth, *entire*. 36 I am content with the Lord My God, and I hold fast unto His Cord—and *there is no power nor might except through God, the Most High*—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Exalted, Wise*. 37 And He is God, Who hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 38 And verily, this Remembrance—He is indeed the Truth from God—for God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 39 And verily, were God to will, He would surely gather them unto the Remembrance. And verily, God raiseth the dead and causeth the living to die—for God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 40 O Faithful Ones! When ye return unto the City, unto Muḥammad, the Seal of the Prophets, say, “*O Our Father! The Remembrance hath withheld from us the measure—so send*

with us a Sign of the Remembrance, that we may magnify the Most Great Magnification. And verily, by the might and power of God, we shall be guardians of the Remembrance.” 41 That is from the Tidings of the Unseen with which We inspire Thee, in very truth, that the people may, through the Signs of God, the Most High, in accordance with the truth, *stand patient.* 42 Unto Him hath submitted whosoever is within the heavens and the earth, in very truth—but the heedless, by the decree of the Book, have been *written* round about the Fire, bereft of gratitude.

65. *Súrah of the Unseen, comprising forty-two Verses*

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

He said: "Shall I entrust him unto you save as I entrusted his brother unto you aforetime? Yet God is the best of guardians, and He is the Most Merciful of the merciful." Alif-Lám-Mím-Qáf. 4 So follow Thou that which Thy Lord inspireth Thee, "Verily, I am God—beside Whom there is none other God except Him. I have chosen Thee for Mine own Self, and I have prescribed mercy for Thine own Soul—but the people know *naught* of the knowledge of the Book save *a little*." 5 And there is not a single Letter within the Book, nor aught within the horizons, save that God hath created it according to likenesses of your own selves, and He neglecteth naught within the Book—for verily, God hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 6 Yea, verily, God hath made the heedless blind to the light of the sun—whomsoever God willeth, through their denial, is led astray; and whomsoever God willeth, through faith, is upon the Upright Path—having ever stood, around the Gate, *perfectly straight*. 7 O People of the Earth! *Verily, the Hour is assuredly coming—there is no doubt therein*. Were your Lord to lift the veil from your eyes, ye would then forget your partners apart from God—on that Day ye shall find, apart from God the Most High, no *defender*. 8 Say: O Faithful Ones! Be ye compassionate toward your own selves, and follow not Satan—for verily God forgiveth not that one should associate aught with the Remembrance, but He forgiveth whatsoever is beneath that unto whomsoever He willeth—for God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 9 The heedless have indeed forgotten the Decree of the Remembrance, "*Verily, We have opened unto them the gates of all things, that they might rejoice in that which God hath bestowed upon them out of His justice*." Then suddenly did We seize them unto the Fire, and We shall judge them with the Fire in justice, according to that which God hath ordained within the Mother of the Book—*irrevocably established*. 10 Say: *None knoweth the Unseen save God—and whomsoever He willeth*. And My knowledge is naught save through God, and We speak not except the Truth. So whosoever is guided

is guided only for the sake of their own soul, and whosoever rejecteth—for verily God hath ever been *Self-Sufficient* above all the worlds. 11 O People of the Earth! Fear ye not the Day whereon ye shall be gathered unto the Lord your God—for on that Day ye shall find, apart from the Most Exalted Remembrance, no *helper*. 12 Yea, verily, We have tried some of you by means of others, that the people might be reminded through the Remembrance—yet none have faith in the Most Wondrous Verses of God save *a few* amongst the faithful. 13 Verily with God are the keys of the Unseen within a Book, and the treasures of everything within a Book—none knoweth them save He. And He knoweth whatsoever is within the heavens and whatsoever is within the earth, and He is the One Who sendeth down all things from the Mother Book, in accordance with the Truth, from around the Fire, *concealed*. 14 And there is naught but that with Us is its like, We reveal it according to whatsoever We will, by Our power—according to that which God hath firmly decreed within the Book, *irrevocably established*. 15 O People of the Earth! By your True Lord—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—verily, this Remembrance standeth upon a Clear Sign from Mine own Self. And the judgment belongeth unto God, He declareth the Truth and nullifieth falsehood—for verily God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 16 And verily, God hath decreed the matter between Me and the people, after the Book—so turn Thou not unto aught, but labor for God—for verily God hath ever been *Self-Sufficient* above all the worlds. 17 Whosoever hath faith—it is for their own soul; and whosoever hath denied—it is for their own soul. And verily, the Remembrance is naught but the very Essence of Justice—for God hath ever been *a Witness* unto the faithful. 18 And when the faithful come unto Thee with the signs, announce unto them Glad Tidings of that which God hath prescribed unto Himself, and accept thou their excuse for that which they have wrought in ignorance of evil, without the judgment of the Book. And return them, through the Remembrance, unto God, their true Lord. Lo! His is the judgment, and He is the Reckoner—according to that which the Book hath enumerated, in very truth, the Faithful, according to the truth, the Mighty, *swift in reckoning*.

19 Say: Who protecteth you in the darkneses of the wombs, and in the ships subjected upon the waters? Will ye then call upon other than God, for yourselves, apart from the Most Great Remembrance? What aileth you, that ye have not faith in God, the Most High, according to the truth, the Mighty—*yet but little?* 20 And verily, God—He is the Subduer above His servants. Will ye not then fear God, on the Day when He shall send down upon you water from heaven, and bring forth from the earth water? Then did We deliver the Remembrance—the Most Great Word—and ye, on that Day, shall find, apart from God, the All-Wise, no *helper*, in accordance with the truth. 21 And all have We originated from the tidings of the Unseen, within a settled knowledge. Erelong shall God cause the transgressors to enter into their appointed seat, upon the blazing sun, in the reckoning of the Fire—from a valley that hath ever been, within the Mother Book, *a raging inferno*. 22 O Solace of Mine Eye! When Thou beholdest the idolators discoursing concerning the Book, turn Thou away from them, until they come unto Thee with the Most Great Remembrance. And sit not, after the Reminder, with them, but leave them, according to the truth, within the Fire—around the Fire—*kneeling*. 23 And turn ye away from those who make the Remembrance as the remembrance of their own selves, or even more ardently loved. What aileth these cattle, that they reflect not upon the Truth, in very truth? Have ye, apart from the One True God, any guardian? And God hath ever been *Mighty, All-Wise*. 24 They are those who have been clothed, by that which they have earned, with garments of the Fire. God hath prepared for them a draught from the spring of scorching wind, and a food from the Tree of Zaqqúm. And God hath not apportioned for them, in the world to come, *a share* from the Most Great Mercy—for the Decree hath *irrevocably ordained* within the Mother Book. 25 O People of the Earth! Be ye mindful of God, and call not upon, apart from the Lord your God—the True One—that which neither profiteth you nor harmeth you, save that it maketh you confounded upon the earth. And verily, the Lord your God—He is the Truth, the True One—for God hath ever been *Mighty, All-Wise*. 26 Verily, the Guidance with God is *a guidance* from

the presence of the Remembrance, and He exhorteth you not save that ye submit unto God, the Lord of all worlds—for God hath ever been *Mighty, Everlasting*. 27 And He is the One Who hath created whatsoever is within the heavens and the earth, in very truth, that the people might know that the Most Great Word—“*Be!*”—hath ever been, within the Mother Book, *writ* concerning the Cause of the Remembrance. 28 His Word is the Truth, and unto Him belongeth the dominion, in very truth. And by His Command shall the Trumpet be blown. He is the Knower of the unseen and the seen—for God hath ever been *Mighty, All-Wise*. 29 Yea, verily, We—We have shown Thee the dominion of the heavens and the earth, in very truth, and Thy vision hath ever persisted, even unto the origination of the latter creation—for verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto Thee. 30 And amongst the idolators are those who say, “*Such a one was the Gate of God.*” Then, when he passeth away, they say the like concerning another. Thus hath their claim ever led them unto Satan—and these know not, of the knowledge of the Book, even *the least* of aught of the Truth, in accordance with the truth. 31 God Himself beareth witness unto Thy soul, “Verily, I have turned My face unto God, Who hath originated creation by His Most Great, Most Wondrous Name—*He beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Most High, Most Great.*” 32 My Lord hath encompassed all things, and I am naught but the Servant of God, in very truth. Erelong shall We show you, by the leave of God, the Beast of the Earth, upon the earth—*exalted*, in accordance with the truth, *uplifted*. 33 O People of the Earth! Fear ye not your association with God, after your wrongdoing against the Remembrance? Will ye then find, apart from God, on the Day of Truth—in accordance with the truth—*any defender?* 34 Nay—by thy Lord! These—their abode is the Fire, by the decree of the Book—for verily, the judgment hath been, within the Mother Book, *irrevocably ordained*. 35 And verily, We bear witness unto Thy Proof for every soul, through wondrous Verses from God, and We raise in degrees whomsoever We will from amongst Our devoted servants—for verily, God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 36 O People of the Earth! Labor ye upon the

station of sanctity within your own selves—for verily, the Abode in the world to come is most assuredly the true Life, in very truth. Yea, verily, God hath prepared, for the faithful amongst you, *a most mighty reward*. 37 God hath recompensed all according to that which the Book of their own self hath set forth, by the decree of the Book—for the judgment hath been, *irrevocably established* from the One True God, in accordance with the truth. 38 The Truth hath spoken, in very truth, according to the inmost depth of the Word, from the Seas of Origination, through the Mystery of the Line—of that which hath ever been, within the Point of the Mystery, *most wondrous*. 39 Shall He entrust you with the Most Great Remembrance, even as He entrusted you aforetime concerning His brother? Yet the One True God is the best of *guardians*. 40 And He is, upon the Upright Path, One who hath ever stood, around the Fire, *perfectly straight*. 41 And verily, God—He is the Knower of His servants, and He is the True One, Who hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 42 For He is *Self-Sufficient* above all the worlds.

66. *Súrah of Oneness, comprising forty-two Verses*

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

And when they opened their provisions, they found their merchandise had been returned unto them. They said: "O our father! What more could we desire? Here is our merchandise returned unto us. We shall have provision our family, guard our brother, and obtain an extra camel-load. That is but an easy measure." Alif-Lám-Mím-Şád-Rá-Alif. 3 God—beside Whom there is none other God except Him—the Living, the Self-Subsisting. Naught knoweth Him, while He knoweth all the worlds through His knowledge—for God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 4 O People of the Veils! Harken unto My Call from the tongue of the Remembrance, this Arabian Youth, *"Verily, I am God—beside Whom there is none other God except Him. I have inscribed upon the soul of the Remembrance the everlasting Garden, in accordance with the Most Great Truth. And there is naught save that I ordain for it a covenant from Him. Whoso then remaineth faithful to his covenant is rightly guided, and whoso turneth away hath indeed turned away from his Lord. And on the Day of Resurrection, We shall decree for them naught but the eternal Fire, abiding therein endlessly, forevermore."* 5 And verily, We have exalted some of the Prophets above others, and We have granted Thee the judgment of the Book by the leave of God, from One All-Wise—for God hath ever been *Aware* of all things. 6 And verily, Isaac, and Jacob, and Jonah, and Zachariah, and John—each one of them was, within the Book of God, *written* round about the Fire. 7 These are they unto whom We gave Judgment and Prophethood, in very truth, because of what We knew within their souls of the covenant of the Remembrance. And whoso rejecteth faith in a single Sign from God, it is as though he had rejected faith in all the Signs—for verily, God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 8 O People of the Earth! Associate naught with the Remembrance—for verily God hath nullified the works of the idolators, in justice, and the Command of God hath indeed been *irrevocably ordained* within the Mother Book. 9 Say: God asketh you not, on the Day of Decision, for any reward save My

Remembrance—and He is naught but a Remembrance unto all the worlds *entire*. 10 And He is naught but a Servant of the Proof, calling the people unto the pure Faith of God—yet they have not esteemed Him with the true estimation, in accordance with the truth—*even a little*. 11 What! Hath other than God revealed the Book which Moses brought as *a light* and *guidance* unto the people? What aileth you, O Blackened Tree? Will ye not then reflect upon that Book, according to the truth, of the Gate, as *a divine revelation*? 12 This is a Book which We have revealed, blessed in very truth, confirming that which is true—that the people may know that the Proof of God, in the matter of the Remembrance, is even as His Proof unto Muḥammad, the Seal of the Prophets—for the Command hath indeed been, within the Mother Book, *most mighty*. 13 And who is more unjust unto their own soul than one who hath forged *a lie* against God concerning that Book? What! Is there another than God who hath power to alter it? Say: Bring forth your proof, if ye be *witnesses* before God, the Most High. 14 And by your Lord! Were human and jinn to gather together to produce the like of even a portion of a single Letter thereof, they would not be able—though We should aid them with seven thousand like unto themselves. What! Is there another than God who hath power to speak from His own Tongue? Glorified be God, the Most High, above that which the heedless utter—and none beside God is *Powerful* over all things. 15 Erelong shall We assuredly gather you, one by one, even as We created you the first time. And verily, We shall behold you gathered round about the Fire, while ye forsake those partners of God whom ye imagined. There, ye shall perceive for yourselves, in accordance with the truth, *naught but a little*. 16 So have faith in God—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—and turn away from all beside Him, for verily He is the True One, and God hath ever been *Mighty, Everlasting*. 17 And verily, God is the Cleaver of the grain and the seed, and the Creator of the shades of darkness and the deep night. Shew unto Me then what those have created whom ye call upon as His partners! By your Lord, the Most Merciful—verily, your abode is within the Fire, with the moon and the sun, in a valley which God hath named in the Mother Book as *Husbán*. 18 Yea, verily, We have

ordained the stars in the horizon of heaven, that they may know the paths of land and sea by the leave of God—for verily, God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 19 And verily, We have brought you forth from a single soul, as one soul, and We apportion unto you the Truth—so amongst you is the knower, and amongst you the learner—for He is God, Who hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 20 And verily, God hath sent down from the heaven *a layered water*, that from it there might spring forth, from that holy earth, the plants of the inmost realities, and the jujube of outward forms, and *paired leaves—resembling* and non-resembling one another. Behold this Most Great Fruit and its forms, that haply ye may, through the Remembrance of God, the Most High, become *knowledgeable*. 21 Yet they have made some amongst the people partners with God, without knowledge. Glorified be God, exalted is He above that which the wrongdoers ascribe—*Highly Exalted, Most Great*. 22 He is the Originator of whatsoever is within the heavens and the earth. He hath not taken unto Himself any son, nor any consort, and He hath created all things not from naught—for God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 23 God—the True One—He is your Lord—*there is none other God except Him*. So worship Him, and place your trust in Him. *Vision comprehendeth Him not, yet He comprehendeth all vision*—for God hath ever been *Exalted, Most Great*. 24 Verily, there hath come unto you the Book from God, in very truth. So whoso seeth, it is for their own soul; and whoso is blind, it is against it—for God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 25 And follow thou that which We have inspired Thee from thy Lord—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him, the Mighty*—for He is God, Who hath ever been *All-Powerful, All-Wise*. 26 And had God so willed, none would have associated aught with Him. So revile not those who call upon God without knowledge, lest they revile the One True God through knowledge. Thus have We instructed you, in very truth, that haply ye may be, through God, the Most High, amongst *the praiseworthy*. 27 What! Seek ye other than God as judge, while He is the True One Who hath revealed the Book, in confirmation, that the people may know, in very truth, His Most Great Word? And none can alter His Words—for God hath ever

been, in very truth, *All-Hearing, All-Knowing*. 28 Thus have We appointed for every Prophetic Gate an enemy—from amongst human and jinn—whereby the satans inspire one another with adorned speech, *in falsehood* against God—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Exalted, Praiseworthy*. 29 So eat ye of that over which the Name of God hath been mentioned, and turn away from sin and its inwardness—for verily, every limit hath been *written* within the Book of God, round about the Fire. 30 What! Is the likeness of the sun as the likeness of the varying degrees of darkness? Exalted be God—blessed be His Name—exalted be God! He knoweth where He casteth the inspiration of His Guardianship—for He is the True One, and God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 31 Whomsoever God desireth to bring unto the Truth, He illumineth their heart unto the Remembrance—and whomsoever He desireth to lead astray—verily, We have placed Thee within a constrained city. This is the Path of God, the Most High, throughout the heavens and the earth—for the Cause hath indeed been, within the Mother Book, round about the Water, *perfectly straight*. 32 These are they for whom is the Abode of Peace—for He is the One True God, their Guardian wheresoever they may be—for he is God, Who hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 33 And when the Day of Resurrection cometh, We shall gather jinn and human upon the Plain of Ingathering, and We shall say unto them, *“Did not the Remembrance come unto you with the Book, according to the Pure Truth? What aileth you, that ye have not faith in God and in His Signs, according to the Pure, Mighty Truth—save a little?”* 34 And verily, We transcribe the ascending degrees of the worlds, in very truth, and verily God—He is the Self-Sufficient, the Possessor of mercy. Were He to will, He could remove you and bring forth another creation—for He truly is the One True God—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 35 They have rejected faith who have made partners for God, in falsehood, and their claim reacheth not unto the Truth, but only unto Satan—who hath ever been in the Fire, within the Fire, and unto the Fire, *returned*. 36 O People of the Book! Be ye mindful of God within your inmost selves, concerning certain suspicions regarding the Most Great

Remembrance—for verily, God hath written within certain suspicions every sin, and God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 37 For He is God, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 38 And He is God, Who hath ever *Encompassed* all the worlds. 39 O Faithful Ones! Harken unto My Call from the tongue of the Remembrance, “Verily, this is My Path within the Mother Book—it hath been, round about the Fire, by the Most Great Truth, *perfectly straight*.” 40 So follow it, in very truth, and follow not other paths beside it—for verily, God hath forbidden His Path unto whomsoever there is within them any indication of other than Him, and God hath ever been *All-Aware* of all things. 41 And when the People of Reality opened the provisions of the hearts, they found His Merchandise of Oneness, girded about by the Remembrance—thus do they say, even as the brethren of Joseph said unto their father—exalted be God above that—“*Verily, that is but an easy measure*.” 42 And verily, the Remembrance is the measure of a camel in the sight of God—it hath indeed been *written* within the Mother Book.

67. *Súrah of Formation, comprising forty-two Verses*
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

He said, “Never shall I send him with you until ye give unto me a binding covenant before God that ye will assuredly bring him back unto me, unless ye be surrounded.” Then, when they had given him their covenant, he said, “God is, over that which we say, *Trustee*.” ALL PRAISE BELONGETH UNTO GOD, Who hath revealed the Book, in very truth, unto Our Remembrance, that it might serve as the Proof of the Remembrance unto whosoever dwelleth within the heavens and upon the earth—in accordance with the Faithful Truth—*most eloquent*. 3 And verily, We Ourselves recount unto Thee, from the Tidings of the Unseen, that which God hath not revealed unto any before Thee, through the Mystery of the Command—and verily, through that Word, Thou hast been, within the Mother Book, in the Presence of God, *one borne witness unto*. 4 God hath brought into being every possessor of station by His power, and hath ordained for the *trees diverse fruits*, that the people may know that God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 5 And those who associated others with God have said, “*Had God so willed, we would not have associated aught with His Remembrance*.” Their tongues have indeed given the lie unto God after their hearts had become certain thereof. Yet verily, the Proof of God from the Remembrance is indeed true—for God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 6 Yea, verily, God hath prescribed, for those who turn aside from some of the Signs, an evil chastisement. Say: “*Wait ye—for verily, God hath ever been All-Aware of all things*.” 7 Say: “*I have not been, in deeds and in works, save for God, Who hath originated the heavens and the earth, in very truth. There is no partner for Him. Thus say: ‘My Lord hath brought me forth, and verily I am the first of those who submit, within the Mother Book. I had indeed been, round about the Water, by the leave of God, the Most High, concealed.*” 8 O People of the Earth! Seek ye, apart from this Most Exalted Soul, any *Gate of Return* unto the truth? 9 And whatsoever the souls have acquired is not save by His leave—for verily, unto God is your return, in very truth—and He, from all

the worlds, through God, His Lord, hath ever been, in accordance with the truth, *Self-Sufficient*. 10 Yea, verily, We Ourselves have appointed you successors upon the earth, by the leave of the One True God, and We have ordained for some of you a distinction above others, in certain respects—for God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 11 And verily, We Ourselves have revealed, by the leave of God, this Book unto Thee, in very truth—a *Remembrance* and *Glad Tidings* unto the servants of God, those who, within the Mother Book, round about the Gate, have been *pious*. 12 Follow Thou that which We inspire Thee within Thy soul, and turn away from the earth and their vain desires—for verily, Thou hast been, within the Mother Book, according to the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, *written* in very truth. 13 And verily, when We will, We shall indeed destroy the wrongdoers from upon the earth, even as We destroyed those of old, by the leave of God, the Most High, *in great number*. 14 Be ye mindful of a Day when We shall recount unto you, through the knowledge of the Remembrance, in very truth—therein shall ye come to know the Most Great Name of God, and ye shall long for that Day and its station—yet they shall not be able, save to attain His visitation. The matter hath thus been decreed, and the Decree, within the Mother Book, *irrevocably ordained*. 15 The weighing, on that Day, is the Truth, concerning the people of the Remembrance—and for whomsoever God hath ordained the Garden shall be deprived by naught—for the Command of God, within the Mother Book, hath been *irrevocably ordained*. 16 God—when He created the Remembrance—presented Him, in the Presence of Permission, unto every single thing, from amongst all things—whereupon the Angels prostrated themselves, all together, unto God, the One, the Incomparable, but Iblis waxed proud against the submission of the One mentioned, and thus was he, within his Book, *arrogant* and *accursed*. 17 Did We not say unto thee, “O Iblis—what aileth thee, that thou dost not prostrate unto God, the One, the Abiding—He Who created thee from the Fire of the Tree? And I have ever been, from the clay, upon the clay, unto the clay, a *Witness*.” 18 And verily, he asked of Me, after the Expulsion, for a respite in the sight of all until the Day of the

Appointed Time. Wherefore shall We cause him to taste, through that request, a continuance until the Well-Known Day—for the Command, within the Mother Book, hath been *written*. 19 Erelong shall Muḥammad (§) come upon the Clouds, and the angels round about Him—for the Command hath been decreed, and for the True Command of God, within the Mother Book, there is no *reversal*. 20 O People of the Earth! Place your trust in the One True God—for verily, We assign not unto those who place their trust in Satan *any path*. 21 Be ye mindful of God, and think not, concerning the Remembrance, apart from the Remembrance—for verily, God commandeth not indecency, nor is He pleased for His servants with denial. Say: “*Verily, I have commanded you unto equity, upon the Pure Faith—just as He originated you, so shall ye return.*” And God hath ever been *All-Aware* of that which ye do. 22 Say: “*Who hath forbidden the pure oil which God hath brought forth for the faithful, and the goodly provisions thereof?*” Nay—God hath created the good things for the faithful. So seek ye the bounty from the presence of God, and squander not the blessings upon yourselves—but pursue moderation upon the Stable Line, in accordance with the truth—in *praiseworthy exaltation*. 23 And verily, God hath forbidden unto you association, and sin, and indecencies—whether outward thereof or inward—and speech concerning the Remembrance bereft of truth. So avoid these evil dominions, that ye may be written, *within* the Book of Truth, under the Name, *Helpers of the Gate*. 24 And unto all things have We ordained, by the leave of God, a geometric proportion. When its moment cometh, ye shall not possess for yourselves any power over aught, for the Decree, on that Day, shall be the Truth—belonging *unequivocally* unto God, the One, the Wise. 25 O People of the Earth! By God! The Remembrance hath come unto you with the Most Great Proof. Whosoever refuseth—upon them is the Fire; and whosoever is mindful—upon them is the Good-Pleasure from God. And the Decree, within the Mother Book, hath been *irrevocably ordained*. 26 So who is more unjust than he who hath forged a lie against the Remembrance, after confirmation of that Book? Such as these—no *portion* shall reach them of that which hath been ordained, for they have

been, in the world to come, in accordance with the truth, *written* amongst the people of the Fire. 27 Verily, those who associate with God, and reject the Remembrance—saying that He is other than the True Servant of God—upon them the gates of heaven shall not be opened, nor shall they enter the Garden until the souls pass through the needle of the Path. This is the Path of God, within the Mother Book—*written* round about the Fire. 28 And verily, We impose not upon any soul save according to its capacity—for verily, God hath this Day removed from the breasts of the faithful the rancor of estrangement. And they say, in the Most Great Utterance: “*ALL PRAISE BELONGETH UNTO GOD, Who hath guided us unto this Most Great Remembrance—and we would not have been guided, had not God guided us unto the Remembrance by His leave.*” These are the companions of Paradise—*abiding therein forevermore*. 29 Neither the heavens nor the earth shall cause them grief through denial—for they are upon the Pure Path, in accordance with the truth, *perfectly straight*. 30 And verily, We have preserved upon the Heights *distinguished personages* who know the people by their marks; and they, upon the inner recesses of the clouds, behold the people by their signs—for verily, God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 31 And when We shall have caused the companions of the Fire to enter therein, they shall say, “*O Companions of the Garden! Pour upon us from the water—a single drop, distilled from that Ocean, streaming forth.*” 32 Thereupon shall the Remembrance proclaim, with exaltation, “*Verily, God hath forbidden My bounty unto those who turned away from My Remembrance. Taste ye, O Málik, from the heat of the boiling fluid, and from the yellowness of the Zaqqum—in accordance with the truth—most severe.*” 33 So when they forgot the Remembrance, We caused them to forget the Remembrance of Truth, in very truth, and they shall find no *alteration* in the True Decree of God. 34 O Faithful Ones! Have We not revealed unto you a Book upon a parchment, wherein We have set forth in detail the knowledge of all things? What aileth you, that ye have not faith in the Most Wondrous Verses of God, *even a little?* 35 Is then the judgment of falsehood, in your sight, more worthy of surety than the Decree of Truth, in very truth? Woe, then woe, unto those who

associate partners with God! What aileth you, that ye reflect not upon *the interpretation* of the Qur'án? 36 Verily, God—He is your True Lord. He hath created the heavens and the earth in six days, from the six, then was the Command established upon the Throne, His is the Command and the Creation—*there is none other God except Him*—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Self-Subsisting, All-Wise*. 37 O People of the Earth! Work not corruption upon the earth after the Remembrance, and call upon God within your own selves, *humbly* and *privately*—for verily, the mercy of God, within the Mother Book, hath ever been *nigh* unto the faithful. 38 O Concourse of Lights! Verily, God hath not sent the Remembrance unto you save after the Most Great Covenant taken from your own selves—that ye bring Me not a sign from yourselves, save that His Light encompass you, or that the Remembrance efface you from His remembrance. So when ye came unto Me with a covenant, your Lord shall grant you the Most Great Covenant. And God, concerning that which We utter, is—by justice, in accordance with the truth—*a Witness*. 39 And verily, I—I am, by the very essence of the truth, *the Trustee*. And verily, your Lord, the Most Gracious, hath ever been *Self-Sufficient* above all the worlds. 40 And verily, this Remembrance—He is indeed the Light upon the Mount of Manifestation—for God hath ever been, unto the faithful, *Beloved*. 41 Say: “*Verily, I am the Light within the Point of the Manifestation. God hath treasured Me for that promised Day—for verily, the Command of God concerning Me hath ever been, in very truth, irrevocably ordained.*” 42 For He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things.

*68. Súrah of Thunder, comprising forty-two Verses
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful*

*And he said, "O my sons! Enter not by a single gate, but enter by divers gates—yet I avail you not against God in aught. The judgment belongeth to none but God—in Him have I placed my trust, and in Him let all who trust repose their trust." Alif-Lám-Mím-Şád. 3 Make Thou mention of the mercy of Thy Lord—beside Whom there is none other God except Him—within Thine own Soul—the Soul of the Guardian, Who hath been *exalted* within the Mother Book. 4 God hath revealed this Book, in very truth, unto mankind, as the True Remembrance—that God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 5 So hearken unto that which hath been revealed unto thee from Thy Lord, "Verily, I am God—there is none other God except Me—so worship Me, and establish the prayer for My remembrance. And circumambulate the House, gathered about the Throne, and glorify God within the Furthest Mosque in the presence of the Remembrance—for God hath designated the Throne within the Mother Book, *written with the Name of the Báb.*" 6 God—beside Whom there is none other God except Him—the True One, in very truth—declareth, "There is none that hath visited the Remembrance after His passing, save that it is as one who hath visited the Lord upon the Throne"—for this is the Most Exalted Path of God, *irrevocably established* within the Mother Book. 7 O Faithful Ones! Revile not the winds, for they proceed from the Command, from the very Breath of the Most Gracious, in very truth. And We send them not save upon a pure land, by the leave of God, that its attributes may be brought forth, by the leave of God, the Most High—for God hath ever been, in very truth, *Most Praiseworthy.* 8 But when the signs of the Remembrance descend upon a corrupt land, the soul reflecteth only itself unto itself, and there issueth not from it aught save darkened gloom,*

grievous and *barren*. 9 Or marvel ye that the Remembrance hath come unto you from God, from upon a soul amongst you, that He may purify you and instruct you in the Path of the Foremost Ones, upon the Line of the Self-Subsisting, encircling the Balance, *perfectly straight*? 10 Yea, verily, We—We have sent the Remembrance to summon you unto the Pure Faith, “*Worship the Lord your God, the Most Great—there is no God for you other than Him. Verily, I know from God that which ye know not. Ye are but a portion of His letters, and I fear for you the Most Great Day—the Day of Decision—for verily, God hath ever been a Witness unto all things.*” 11 Say: “*O People of the Earth! Verily, I am the Most Great Remembrance of God, and upon Me is naught but to convey unto you the messages of My Lord, and to counsel you, and to make known unto you the ways of the Prophets, and the Truthful Ones, and the Martyrs, in very truth. So whosoever hath faith, it is for their own soul—for verily, My Lord—He is the One True God, unto the Truth, and He hath ever been, in very truth, Self-Sufficient above all the worlds.*” 12 God hath prescribed deliverance for those who embark upon the Ark with Thee—erelong and We shall drown the deniers in the Sea of Fire, by the leave of God, the All-Wise—and *that right soon*. 13 And verily, God hath not sent the Prophets save that they might convey unto the people the Most Great Word, that ye worship none but Him. That is the upright Faith—for God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 14 And Thou art naught but the servant of God and Our Remembrance—whosoever for Me claimeth beyond that, in this Most Great Manifestation, hath indeed denied God, and their abode shall be the infernal fire of Hell—and God hath not ordained for them, on the Day of Resurrection, in accordance with the truth, any *helper*. 15 Say: O People of the Earth! Dispute ye with Me concerning God over names which ye and your fathers have contrived, cast by Satan? And verily, God hath revealed unto Me the Book, in very truth, that I may make known unto you the

True Names of God—whereas ye have long been, concerning them, *far removed* from the truth. 16 And there is naught save that We have taken from it the Covenant of the Remembrance at its beginning—and there is no reversing the Decree of God in the purification of the worlds, by the judgment of the Book which hath been *inscribed* by the hands of the Báb. 17 And verily, the Letters within the Book of God, in very truth, are but a Community like unto you. Would ye then desire the pure portion for yourselves apart from them? What aileth you, that ye reflect not, *even a little*, upon the wondrous origination of things? 18 O People of the Earth! This is *the She-Camel of God* upon the earth—so touch her not with evil suspicion, apart from the truth—lest there seize you the chastisement of God, *sudden* and *severe*. 19 Yea, verily, We—We have ordained the mountains upon the earth, and We have set the earth upon the water, and the air as musk beneath the hail, that ye may know that God—He is the True One, and God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 20 And verily, We—We have caused defilement to descend upon every community, in very truth, for that they called upon Satan apart from God, in falsehood—for verily, God doth not wrong the people *in aught*—even by so much as the thread upon a date-stone. 21 O People of the Earth! Worship ye God, in very truth—what then is your proof against the Remembrance? And ye have no God other than Him. Indeed, the Book hath come unto you from God—will ye then still retain a proof for yourselves? By the One True God! That which ye call upon is naught but *a lying Satan, rejected*. 22 And verily, amongst the people of the earth are those who, when they had faith in the Remembrance, We would surely cause them to partake—by grace—of the bounties of the Garden, and We would send down upon them, according to the truth, the blessings of the heaven. But the people know not of the knowledge of the Book except *a portion—a fragment* of a Letter. 23 O People of the Earth! Deny not the

Remembrance within your own souls—for verily, God hath torn you asunder, at the moment of suspicion, by the Fire. So have faith in the Remembrance, according to the truth, and be ye mindful of the Most Great Judgment of God against your overthrown desires. Glorified be God, exalted far above that which the wrongdoers assert—*Highly Exalted, Most Great*. 24 Those are the cities—We recount unto Thee of their judgments—for verily, God hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 25 And We found not most of them standing for the Remembrance, in the Upright Covenant, in very truth—rather, We found you *halted* in deficiency. 26 O People of the Earth! Verily, I am the Remembrance of God—the Proof over you—and upon Me is no speech save in accordance with the truth. And behold! I have come unto you with the Book, with clear and manifest Signs. Is there then amongst you any soul who hath brought a Súrah like unto it? Then bring forth your witnesses, apart from God, if ye are, in the Faith, in very truth, *truthful* and *praiseworthy*. 27 But by your Lord! Ye shall never be able—for God hath revealed it from His presence, and ye have no power, not even over a portion of a single Letter thereof—for verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 28 And the heedless said unto their king, “*Verily, this youth seeketh to abandon our gods and to seize the dominion from our hands—so seek aid against him, that thou mightest slay him, and thus be witnessed upon the earth.*” 29 God hath slain them for their denial—had they desired aught, they would not have been able to effect it. And God refuseth not save that He perfect His Remembrance, though all the idolators should detest it *entire*. 30 Yea, verily, We—We have taken from some souls and recount the fruits thereof, for that the souls have rejected some of the Signs, that haply they may take heed by the Most Exalted Remembrance of God, in this Book, in accordance with the truth—in *praiseworthy exaltation*. 31 Which defilement then is more severe upon the idolators than rejection—if they

would but reflect upon the Qur'an, *even a little*, in the knowledge of the Book? 32 Those—at the moment of encounter with rejection—the angels seize them with years and exemplary punishments. And when the Resurrection cometh, they behold abasement unto the True Judgment of God—*openly witnessed*. 33 And the Judgment of God for the Remembrance hath been fulfilled, in justice, upon those whom God hath made dwellers in the Easts of the earth and its Wests, by leave of the Book, *established* according to the truth, *secure*. 34 O People of Idolatry! Why worship ye these idols apart from God, when they possess no power in aught whatsoever? So come forth from manifest impurity, and enter into this Upright Faith—if ye indeed seek God, by the very essence of the truth, *rightfully*. 35 *And verily, We appointed for Moses thirty nights, and We completed them with ten*—by ten was the term perfected—thus was the Command fulfilled, in very truth, in forty, *in its full measure*. 36 And verily, when We raised up the sincere ones around the Mount, they asked Us concerning the Command. Say: “*Verily, God is not seen—but, O My people, behold Me! And should your hearts remain firm, after the gaze cast, in very truth, upon Me, then shall ye behold the Servant, in sincerity, in pure servitude—upright.*” 37 And when the Remembrance is manifested upon the mountain, through that Word—hearken ye unto My Call from the midst of the Fire, “*He is God—beside Whom there is none other God except Him. Is there amidst you any who would remain apart from God?*” Then were the mountains shattered, and hearts fell down before God, the Everlasting, *in prostration*. 38 O Solace of Mine Eye! Verily, God hath chosen Thee by His Word—so manifest unto the worlds, by leave of God, a drop from its remembrance—for verily, God hath ever been *Self-Sufficient, a Witness*. 39 And verily, We have written upon these Tablets the likeness of the Birds of the Throne, that the people might, through the Most Exalted Remembrance of God, the Most Exalted, be

patient and *thankful*. 40 And verily, those who wax proud before the Signs, without right, after the truth—these have taken the path of error apart from the Luminous Path—for God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 41 O People of the Earth! Enter not the gates by a single gate—but enter through all gates by this one Gate alone. What shall avail you, apart from God, in aught? The judgment belongeth to none but God—so rely upon Him, in Pure Truth—for verily, God hath ever been *Sufficient* unto those who trust in Him. 42 And He is God, Who hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things.

69. *Súrah of the Return, comprising forty-two Verses*

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

*And when they entered in the manner their father had commanded them, not did it avail them in aught against God—save for a need within the soul of Jacob which was fulfilled. He was verily possessed of knowledge, for that which We had taught him—yet most of the people know not. Káf-Há-Yá-‘Ayn-Şád. 4 God—beside Whom there is none God except Him, the Living. Naught is there like unto Him—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Wise*. 5 Follow Thou that which is revealed unto Thee from Thy True Lord, and grieve not over the heedless in aught—for verily Thou wast *purified* from sorrow within the Mother Book, *from ancient times*. 6 And indeed the people, after the Gate, committed the deed of the Calf—a *body* within the body of humanity, in the form of an animal, *lowing aloud*. 7 “O My Lord! Forgive me, and whosoever entereth my house from amongst the faithful men and the faithful women. Verily, Thou art our God and the God of all the worlds, in very truth. And Thou art the All-Forgiving through Thy grace, and verily Thou hast ever been, unto the faithful, *Generous and Merciful*.” 8 And verily, We do choose for every nation—unto the Most Great Time—in accordance with the truth, *a people*. 9 And God hath not made Trial within the Faith to be aught—for verily, God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 10 O My Lord! Prescribe, by Thy Most Great Name, for those who enter through the Hidden Gate, blessedness beyond all reckoning—such as none can number save Thee. Verily, Thy mercy hath encompassed all things, and these are Thy servants—impoverished at Thy Gate—and Thou art God, the Self-Sufficient, in very truth. And verily, Thou hast ever been, unto all the worlds, *All-Encompassing*. 11 O People of the Earth! Follow ye this Light which God hath revealed with Me, by the Most Great Truth. He hath not made lawful for you aught but the goodly things, by the leave of God, and He hath not forbidden you aught but the corrupt things, by the leave of God. This is what hath been inscribed in the Books of the heavens and the earth, “*Unto God belongeth the dominion—there is none other God except Him*”—for He is God, Who*

hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 12 And He is the One Who giveth life and causeth death—for God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 13 Yea, verily, We did cleave from the rock twelve springs for Moses and His people, until every people knew their place of drinking—for verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 14 O People of the Earth and the Heavens! Enter ye this Blessed Town, and partake of its Signs as ye will—from its wisdom and its essentials. And enter ye the Gate—ye shall find the One True God. For verily, We, in very truth, do forgive those who enter by that Gate, according to the Decree of the Book, *irrevocably established*. Yet the people have wronged their own souls, and they recite not even a single Letter of the Book but that their own selves follow Satan thereby—and thus have they been, within the True Book of God, *far removed* from the Truth. 15 And this Town, within the Mother Book—on the Day of Oneness—and in the Preserved Tablet, hath been *written* round about the Fire. 16 And when the people waxed insolent concerning that which they had been forbidden, We said unto them, “Be ye in the Fire—according to the very form of the Fire—by the leave of God, *as a place of return*.” 17 O People of the Earth! Hath not God taken from you the covenant of the Remembrance and of the Book—that ye should not speak concerning God save the truth? For verily, the Abode in the world to come, in very truth, is the best abiding-place *in station*. 18 Verily, those who hold fast unto the Book, and follow the Remembrance after the Remembrance, and establish victory for the Pure Faith—We shall not suffer the reward of the doers of good amongst you to be lost—those who have wrought *a sound and righteous deed*. 19 Yea, verily, We did take from all things, in the Primal Gathering the Testimony of the Truth for their own selves, upon the tongue of the Remembrance, “*Am I not your Lord? And Muḥammad your Prophet, and the Imáms your Guardians, and their adherents the Gates of God in the earth and the heaven?*” They said: “*Yea*.” Yet when We raised them unto this world, the heedless forgot the Name of the Remembrance—and thus have they been, within the Mother Book, *a people* uprooted upon falsehood and *rendered barren*. 20 And recite unto the heedless the tale of those of old—how We seized them from above the

earth, in very truth. *Their likeness is as the likeness of the dog—if thou press upon it, it panteth; or if thou leavest it, it panteth.* So *far removed* are these heedless from the truth after it hath come unto them—and verily, God hath decreed for them, after the Fire, *a grievous requital.* 21 Whosoever followeth the Remembrance is rightly guided, according to the truth. And whosoever turneth away from the truth—he is, within the Mother Book, amongst the people of the Fire, above the Fire and beneath the Fire—thus hath it been *written.* 22 What then aileth these people, that they are not amongst the faithful—as though they hear not, in very truth, these verses from God? Such are as cattle, in very truth—nay, according to the inscription of the Book, they have been *written* as even more astray *in path.* 23 And verily, God hath writ for the Remembrance the Most Beautiful Names upon the Throne—so call ye upon Him by them, and leave those who deviate concerning His Names—erelong shall God recompense the heedless with the Fire *as a place of return.* 24 When the people ask thee concerning the Hour, say: *“Its knowledge is only with My Lord—He is the Knower of the unseen—there is none other God except Him—He Who created you from a single soul. And I possess not, for Mine own Self, either benefit or harm, save that which My Lord willeth. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient—for God, My cherished Lord, hath ever Encompassed all things.”* 25 For He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 26 Do ye then call, aside from God, *servants* like unto yourselves—while He is the Guardian of the faithful? And God hath ever been *All-Forgiving, Most Forbearing.* 27 For He is God, Who hath ever been, unto all the worlds, *Most Loving.* 28 And when the soul inclineth unto Satan, seek ye refuge in God—for verily, He hath ever been *All-Hearing, All-Knowing.* 29 And He is God, Who hath ever been *Self-Sufficient* above all the worlds. 30 And when they ask thee concerning the spoils of war, say: *“The spoils of war belong unto God, and unto whomsoever God willeth, in very truth.”* For God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 31 And Thou hast ever been, unto all the worlds, *a Witness.* 32 Whosoever obeyeth the Remembrance hath indeed obeyed God, and is assuredly upon the Upright Path, in very truth, *standing upright.* 33 And verily, the Lord Thy

God hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 34 The Faithful are only those who, when the Remembrance is made mention upon the Most Great Path of God, their hearts are seized with trembling awe—even in sorrow—and they *stand firm* upon the Path. 35 O Faithful Ones! If ye have faith in the One True God, then follow the Remembrance, in very truth, and study this Book which God hath revealed with Him, and be ye mindful of the Day of Furqán—the Day when the twain hosts shall meet—and know that God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 36 O People of the Furqán! If ye be grounded upon the Book, then this Remembrance is the very Book itself—so return unto Him, in very truth. For verily, God hath made the Return, through the Promised Day, unto Him, *openly witnessed*. 37 For God hath decreed that which He hath enacted—and the Command, within the Mother Book, hath indeed been *accomplished*. 38 At this time, in very truth, let those who perish, perish by a Clear Sign, and let the faithful live by the Clear Sign—for God hath ever been, in very truth, *Powerful* over all things. 39 And verily, We did shew unto Thee of the Command in Thy dream, and had We disclosed it unto them through the unseen, they would surely have disputed concerning the Cause. But verily, the Lord Thy God—the True One—hath ever been, in very truth, *Knower* of that which is within the breasts. 40 O People of the Earth! Have faith in the Light which God hath revealed with Me, in very truth, and follow not the footsteps of *Satan*. 41 For he verily commandeth you to associate partners with God, your True Creator. And verily, God forgiveth not that partners be ascribed unto Him, but forgiveth whatsoever is beneath that *unto whomsoever He willeth*. 42 For He is God, Who hath ever been, *Knowledgeable* of all things.

70. *Súrah of the Balance, comprising forty-two Verses*
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

And when they approached Joseph, he drew his brother unto himself and said, “*Verily, I am thy brother—grieve thou not for that which they have done.*” Alif-Lám-Mím. 3 *That is the Book—there is no doubt therein—and this Remembrance is from the One True God, for verily God hath ever been, over His servants, in accordance with the truth, All-Seeing.* 4 O People of the Earth! Be ye mindful of God, and let not Satan beguile you away from the Truth—for verily the Remembrance is indeed the True One, in very truth—and ye, and that which ye invoke beside Him, by the Decree of the Truth, are amongst the people of the Fire—thus it hath, in very truth, been *written* within the Mother Book. 5 O People of the Earth! Do ye not reflect upon the creation of the heavens and the earth? Had there been within them twain gates from the presence of the Remembrance, *both would surely have been corrupted.* Yea, verily, God hath governed the dominion through this, His True Gate—for God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 6 O Faithful Ones! Be ye mindful of God on the Day of the Truth—for verily, We have gathered you round about the Fire, and We shall assuredly question you concerning that which ye have done with the Remembrance. Thus, in truth, shall We cause the heedless to taste of the most grievous Fire—*most mighty.* 7 And We shall surely recompense the patient with the fairest reward, in the Land of Saffron—*exalted on high,* by the Decree of the Book. 8 O Faithful Ones! Exceed not, concerning the Remembrance, save through the Names of Truth from God, and leave the heedless in their rebellion—for verily, for every soul on the Day of Resurrection there is *a station* upon the Path, and it hath, in very truth, been *duly appointed.* 9 And verily, God doth not abrogate any Sign—neither in the earth nor in the heavens—save that He bringeth forth, in very truth, the like thereof, or even mightier than it—for verily, God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 10 Follow that which the Remembrance reciteth unto you in the Pure Faith. Lo! unto God belongeth the judgment—pure, in equity—and verily God is the

Self-Sufficient, while ye are the poor at His Gate—for He is the True One, Who hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 11 Verily, this is indeed a Book from God—your cherished Lord—hidden amongst the Books in very truth, that the people may bear witness unto the bounty of the Remembrance, with equity—for verily, God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 12 What! Do ye suppose that ye may abandon the Remembrance and yet remain faithful to the Book? Nay—God hath not decreed any separation between these twain, save upon the Waters of the Throne. There, were the Book to draw nigh unto the Remembrance by aught, it would surely be consumed, by leave of God—for the Truth draweth not nigh save through that which God hath ordained therein, in accordance with the truth—and the Decree of the Book, within the Mother Book, hath been *irrevocably ordained*. 13 And the wise have said, “*Verily, the bond between the Truth and creation is a true and existing bond.*” Exalted is God above that which the wrongdoers assert—*Highly Exalted, Most Great*. 14 The likeness of their saying is as the saying of the Christians, “*The Messiah is the son of God.*” God slayeth them—how are they turned away, in very truth, after the Truth? Would they take, apart from God, *lords* unto themselves? Yet they were commanded not, save to worship *One God*. 15 And there is none, apart from God, that createth—save that all are within His grasp—*there is none other God except Him*. Glorified and exalted is He above that which the wrongdoers assert—*Highly Exalted, Most Great*. 16 Do ye desire to extinguish the Light of Divine Unity with your perverse desires, born of Satan? Exalted is God, My Lord! God refuseth aught but that He perfect His Word and be made manifest over the Faith, though the idolators *greatly* detest it. 17 And verily, *a great many* amongst the People of the Book mock the Book from the Remembrance. Say: “*Behold! For verily I am with you upon the Path, above the Fire—and I have, in very truth, been made accountable.*” 18 Yea, verily, God hath made the hypocrites *enemies* one unto another, because they forgot God after the Remembrance. Wherefore, He caused them, in justice, to forget their own selves. These are the people of the Fire—they have *entered* into the depths of the Ark, according to the truth,

and wretched is the Fire *as a destination*. 19 Verily, the hypocrites are indeed the idolaters in the Book of God—and these, for them, is the curse of God and of the faithful, from amongst the people of the earth and the heavens, *entire*. 20 O People of the Earth! Behold those who passed away ere you—after the Signs and the Messengers—who, in defiance of the truth, were *ungrateful*. 21 Shall ye find, after death, aught but the Fire? Be ye mindful of God—for verily Our seizing of the Remembrance, in the presence of God, hath been, within the Mother Book, *most severe*. 22 O People of the Earth! Hath there not come unto you the tidings of the Ancients—Noah, and Abraham, and Moses, and Jesus? What aileth you, that ye have not faith in the Signs of God, the Most High, *even but a little?* 23 And verily, God wrongeth not in aught—but the people, after the Truth, were *ungrateful* for the favors of God. 24 And verily, from amongst the progeny of Adam was Jesus, Who had been, before God, *transcribed* within the Mother Book. 25 And amongst the people are those who swear by the Remembrance in falsehood, and amongst them are those who know not the Remembrance, yet swear by truthfulness. Yea, verily, God hath ordained for both these idolators and for those faithful, in the Resurrection, *a station*, in accordance with the truth—*duly appointed*. 26 God hath promised the faithful men and the faithful women, from amongst the people of the Covenant with the Remembrance, lofty gardens and pure dwellings within the Most Great Riḍwán of God. That is the Most Great Triumph within the True Book of God, which hath been *inscribed* round about the Gate. 27 And verily, We shall ajudge the liars with the Fire, and the truthful with the Most Great Riḍwán from the Most Exalted Decree of God—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 28 And there is none that hath turned away from the Truth, after the Book, save that We shall decree upon them a doubled chastisement—by the Decree of the Book—*irrevocably ordained*. 29 What aileth you, O People of the Book? Know ye not that God knoweth your inmost secrets and your private counsels? Yea, verily, God hath taught the Remembrance the knowledge of the Book, within the Point of the Fire—*entire*. 30 And verily, the ungrateful mock the Remembrance

through the Book, yet they perceive not that God hath made them subject unto His Remembrance—for He is the True One, in very truth, *Self-Sufficient* above all the worlds. 31 Verily, these—though they should seek forgiveness from God seventy times—God will never forgive them. God hath prepared for them the most great chastisement in the world to come, for they have rejected faith in God and in His Signs—for God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 32 And verily, God hath created the Arabs more intense in denial than the non-Arabs—for God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 33 Yea, verily, God hath singled out, from amongst the Arabs, those faithful for His Word—and these have been, within the Mother Book, inscribed upon the circles of the line, above the parallel lines—*recorded, yet concealed*. 34 And verily, some of the Arabs round about the City are *hardened* in hypocrisy—God knoweth their secret inmost secrets—erelong shall We punish them twice, by the decree of the Book—for the judgment, within the Mother Book, hath been *irrevocably ordained*. 35 And verily, amongst the people are those who have confessed their sins, having mingled righteous deeds with evil—erelong shall God forgive whomsoever He willeth—for God hath ever been, *a Witness* unto all things. 36 And amongst the people are some who are held in pledge unto the Cause of the Remembrance—and verily God shall judge between all, on the Day of Resurrection, with equity—for He is God, Who hath ever been, over His servants, *All-Seeing*. 37 O Faithful ones! Work ye for God, the One, the Incomparable—*purely, free* from the mention of aught. 38 Erelong shall God shew ye your deeds, in the scene of the burdened ones, in accordance with the truth—*openly witnessed*. 39 Yea, verily, We bear witness, unto Thy deeds, for the sake of the One True God—*purely*. 40 And none amongst the faithful shall behold Thy deeds in the Most Great Scene, save God, the One, the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting—beside Whom there is none other God except Him—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Wise*. 41 And when the people of Reality approached the Remembrance, He made known unto them a portion of the Cause, by His True Word, “*Grieve ye not at the indication unto Me—for verily the Word is sanctified above all*

indication, and beyond its negation.” And He is God, our Lord, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 42 For verily, God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things.

71. Sûrah of the Pen, comprising forty-two Verses
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

Then, when he had furnished them with their provisions, he placed the goblet within the saddlebag of his brother. Then a herald proclaimed, "O caravan! Verily, ye are indeed thieves." Alif-Lám-Mím-Şád. 3 The Remembrance of God concerning the Cause Remembrance—*there is none other God except God.* So worship ye Him, and set your faces aright toward the Ka'bah, the Sacred House, and associate *naught* with the worship of the Most Gracious. 4 O People of the Earth! This Remembrance is Shu'ayb in the Book of God. Be ye mindful of God concerning His Cause, and turn not away from His command, for God hath prescribed mercy upon His own Self, that He forgiveth not any soul, save whomsoever the Remembrance willeth. The Knowledge of Our Lord encompasseth all things, for He is God, *All-Knowing, All-Wise.* 5 Our Lord! Judge Thou between the Remembrance and His people, and decree, according to the truth, against His oppressor. Take vengeance upon those who imagine concerning Him the imaginings of the Age of Ignorance. For Thou art God, the All-Wise—Thou hast ever been, concerning Thy righteous servants, *All-Aware.* 6 O People of the Earth! Be ye mindful of God on the Day of Truth, when the Remembrance shall arise before the Throne and shall say, "*O people of the earth! Did I not convey unto you the verses of the Book? Have We not opened before you the gates of heaven? How then did ye deny Me after the Book? Taste ye today, by the Judgment of the Book, that rightful portion of the Fire, since ye were ungrateful unto the just Remembrance of God, bereft of knowledge.*" 7 And those who have made the shrine of hearts into a house of association with God, and for the harming of the Remembrance, and for defaming the people of Faith—and though they swear by the One True God, for what is fairest, yet they have indeed lied in the testimony of God over His servants. For He is God, Who hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 8 And stand not within the Prayer Hall of the idolators, in very truth, nor upon the land of the dead—for verily, God hath purified Thee through His Knowledge—and He is the True

One—for God hath ever been, over all things, *All-Aware*. 9 And verily, Thou art, within the Mother Book, the first Prayer Hall founded within the cloud of the Throne, upon pure devotion unto God, the Most High—for He is God, *Mighty, Everlasting*. 10 And God hath ordained for Thyself *distinguished personages* therein, concealed—and God hath ordained for these souls Gardens of stone ruby, wherein God hath not appointed *any shade* from the air. 11 And God hath established, by His power, within the very midst of every heaven thereof, seventy thousand *suns*, which arise not save by the Most Great Remembrance of God—and God hath appointed for them no setting, by the Judgment of the Book. Yea, verily, the decree hath been *irrevocably ordained* within the Mother Book. 12 That is the Most Great Riḍwán of God. Whomsoever the Remembrance willeth—We have willed for them, by the leave of the One True God—for verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 13 Is one then, whose foundation is established upon the Letters of Divine Unity, more worthy to be a Gate unto the Truth—or one whose foundation is established upon the word of fire within the Fire? Judge ye for your own selves, which of the twain Letters is more worthy of safeguarding, if ye be faithful in God? And verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 14 And the seeking of forgiveness by Abraham for the idolaters was but for God, the One, the Incomparable—but when it became clear unto Him, from the one amongst them, that he was indeed an enemy of God, He dissociated himself from him. And verily, Abraham was tender-hearted—He had ever been, by the very essence of the truth, *most forbearing*. 15 And verily, God alloweth not *a people* to be misled save after His Most Great Proof hath been made manifest unto them. Then, when the Proof of God is fulfilled, in very truth, We destroyed them for their sins—and verily, God doth not wrong the worlds, not even by so much as *a single thread of a date-stone*. 16 For indeed the True One hath spoken, in very truth, according to the inmost aspect of the Word, from the Oceans of Origination, through the Mystery of the Line which, within the Point of the Mystery, hath ever been *most wondrous*. 17 O People of the Throne! Harken unto My Call from this Blessed Tree, “*Verily, I am*

God—there is none other God except Him. I have caused the Pen to flow upon the Most Great Tablet, that the Remembrance is indeed the Truth, even as I Myself am the True One. So be ye mindful, lest ye turn back—for verily, the Most Exalted Word of God hath ever been *Supreme* within the Mother Book.” 18 Yea, verily, when We commanded the Pen by His Name, it was rent asunder in awe, and fell *prostrate* upon the Throne before God, the Everlasting—for He is God, Who hath ever been, *Knowledgeable* of all things. 19 And unto God belongeth the dominion of the heavens and the earth—He is the True One—He giveth life and causeth death—and ye have none, apart from God, as guardian, nor *as helper*. 20 O People of the Earth and the Heavens! Ye perform naught save that God hath already decreed for it *a Decree* within His Book aforetime—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 21 And ye expend not in the Way of God, whether small or great, nor traverse ye upon the earth, save that it hath been written, in very truth, for your own souls beforehand. And there is naught save that its effacement hath been *irrevocably ordained* within the Book, from the Point of the Fire. 22 And God hath not prescribed *for the faithful that they should go forth all together* unto the Pure Faith toward the Most Great Remembrance. Wherefore, why did not a soul go forth from every company, that they might inquire of the Remembrance concerning the Knowledge of the Book—that God might enrich them, by His grace, from the Judgment of the Book? And verily, God hath ever been, *Knowledgeable* of all things. 23 And there is not a single Sign which We have revealed, in very truth, save that it increaseth the love of the faithful for the Most Great Remembrance—and We desire not for the idolaters aught but the *fierce* infernal fire of Hell. 24 And when the Remembrance ariseth with the Cause, the idolaters look one unto another at the rising of the Tribulation—God turneth away their eyes, for they are a people who comprehend not, from the Judgment of the Book, *even but a little*. 25 O Concurrence of Lights! Verily, the Remembrance hath come unto you from amongst your very own selves—*full of tenderness* toward the faithful, and *mighty in judgment* over the heedless. By the One True God! It behoveth not that there be any turning away from the like of

Him—if indeed there be any likeness for Him amongst you, for He verily is the True One—the very Path of God *established* upon the Pure Path, by the very essence of the Most Exalted Truth. 26 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: God sufficeth me—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*. Upon Him have I placed my trust—for He is the True One, the Lord of the Throne and of the heavens. And He is God, Who hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 27 Was it a matter of wonder unto the people that We revealed the Book unto a man from amongst themselves, that He might purify them and give them Glad Tidings upon the Standing of Truth from their Lord? And He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 28 Verily, God—He is the Lord of creation and the Command. There is no God other than Him. Then He established Himself upon the Throne by His Command, and there is no disposer in the earth nor in the heavens save by the leave of His Word. He is the True One! He bringeth forth creation, then returneth it—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 29 O Concourse of Lights! Harken unto the Call of the Most Gracious from this Crimson Leaf, sprouting from the Verdant Tree, “*Verily, there is none other God except Him—so worship ye Him with equity, in balance, at the center of the Sun, upon the Point of Evenness. And after its setting, in glimmers; and before its rising, in tens—according to the decree prescribed, in very truth.*” Yea, verily, the Judgment hath been *written* within the Mother Book, round about the Gate. 30 And He is the One Who hath made the sun and the moon as twain signs, in very truth, that they might know the number of the years within the twain luminous gates. Thus doth God set forth the parables, in very truth, that haply ye may be *thankful* unto God, the All-Praised. 31 Verily, in the alternation of the signs and the wondrousness of the tokens are signs for those possessed of understanding, amongst the people of that Most Great Gate;—for the Decree of the Remembrance, from God, hath been *enshrined* within the Point of the Fire. 32 Verily, those who desire not Our meeting, and are content with the life of this world instead of the Greater Life, and find repose therein by turning away from the Most Great Word—these are the inhabitants of the Fire who have indeed been *written*

within the Mother Book, round about the Fire. 33 And verily, those who have faith in God and act in effacement from all beside Him, with equity, for the sake of the Most Great Remembrance—these are amongst the companions of bliss who have been *gathered* within the Mother Book around the Bá. 34 And the first of their call therein is, “*Glorified art Thou, O God, our Lord—there is none other God except Him alone, without partner.*” And their greeting therein, from the True One, is Peace, and the last of their call, in very truth, is the primal Word, “*ALL PRAISE BELONGETH UNTO GOD, Lord of all the worlds.*” For He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 35 O Solace of Mine Eye! Turn Thou away from those who hope not for Our meeting, and are content with the most abject life of this world, and leave them in their rebellion for that which their hands have sent forth in falsehood—for verily, they have called upon Us, whether *seated or standing*. 36 And when We removed the affliction from them, they settled upon silence, even as at their first state. What then aileth these people, that they comprehend not, from the knowledge of the Book, *any discourse*, according to the truth? 37 Yea, verily, We have taken vengeance upon the generations ere you for their halting upon the Most Great Path—erelong shall We destroy the transgressors amongst you, by the leave of God, the All-Wise, *and that right soon*. 38 And when the Verses of this Book are recited unto the idolaters, they say, “*Bring forth a Furqán like unto it, confirming it, other than these Verses.*” Say: “*God hath not ordained for Me to alter it of Mine own accord. I follow naught but that which is revealed unto me by My Imám. Verily, I fear, from My Lord, the Day of Decision, which hath been, by the very essence of the truth, an appointed time.*” 39 Yea, verily, We commanded the Angels that they should place the Goblet of the Remembrance within the saddlebags of the faithful, by the leave of God, the Most High—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 40 O Thou Herald! Proclaim, “*O Caravan! Verily, ye are indeed thieves!*” And verily, the Goblet of the Remembrance, within the loftiest of your stations, hath been, in very truth upon the truth, *concealed*. 41 For He is God, Who hath ever been *a Preserver* of all things. 42 And He is

God, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things.

72. *Súrah of the Camel, comprising forty-two Verses*
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

They said, as they advanced toward them, "What is it that ye are missing?" Alif-Lám-Mím-'Ayn. 3 The Remembrance of God is within the Concealed Line, over the Line veiled within the Mystery which, within the Mother Book, hath ever remained *enshrined*. 4 God hath revealed the Book unto Thee, that the people might bear witness, through the Just Testimony of God, unto His own Self—*there is none other God except Him, the Everlasting*—for God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 5 And had God so willed, We would not recite it unto you—for verily, I am but the servant of God. I desire naught save as My Imám hath desired. And He is the True One from the One True God, *a Proof* unto all the worlds *entire*. And who is more unjust than one who deviseth falsehood against God, or, in delusion, falsifieth His signs *as distorted lies*? 6 These are the people of the Ark, who have, by the Decree of Truth, been *made to dwell* within the depths of the seas of Zaqqúm. 7 For the Cause of God, within the Mother Book, hath been *irrevocably decreed*. 8 O Remembrance of God! Say unto the worshippers of idols, *"How do ye worship, apart from God, that which profiteth you not—save with the most great harm—the infernal fire of Hell as your ultimate abode?"* 9 Do ye inform God of that which He knoweth not? Hath He any partner in the heavens or the earth? Glorified and exalted be He—*there is none other God except Him*—His is the creation and the Command, and He is the Creator of all things—for God hath ever been *All-Knowing, All-Wise*. 10 And verily, God hath not decreed within the Book, concerning negation, *a mere negation*—nor concerning affirmation, *a mere affirmation*— 11 Nor upon any form hath He imposed *aught* in itself, save that He hath ordained therein, within the Book, upon Me, its like unto this likeness—for verily, God hath ever been, unto His servants, *Most Exalted*, and *All-Seeing*. 12 And humankind was naught but *a single community*, then they differed concerning the Command of the Cause, after the Truth had come. And were it not for a Word that had proceeded from God, concerning Thy purpose, the

Judgment would assuredly have been decreed, in accordance with the ordinance of the beginning. At that moment, humankind would have remained but *a single community*, gathered unto the Gate, *alone*. 13 Say: Verily, the Unseen belongeth unto the One True God. Therefore, wait ye—for verily, God your cherished Lord, hath ever been *a Watcher* over the faithful. 14 And verily, when We cause you to taste affliction, ye call upon the Remembrance in private—but when We raise the Command, in equity, then do ye call upon Him with the word of association. What aileth you, that ye have not faith in the Signs of the One True God, according to the Firm Truth, *even but a little*? 15 Yea, verily, God hath caused you to journey in the ships upon the sea, and upon the beasts over the earth, that ye might stand, in very truth, upon the Pure Faith—*perfectly upright*. 16 And verily, whensoever We command the tempestuous wind against the seafaring vessels, the people call upon their Lord, sincere unto Him in the Faith, for they suppose, amidst the encompassing waves, that they shall be overtaken by drowning. Yet when He delivereth them by His grace, they call not upon Us according to the Pure Truth. What aileth these souls, that they recite not from the knowledge of the Book even *a single letter* of the Truth—by the very essence of the truth—*save but a little*? 17 And if Thou wouldst embark upon the vessel, then say, “*In the Name of God, and praise be unto God—there is none other God except Him. Verily, the Command is in His Hand.*” For He is the True One, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things.” 18 O Faithful Ones! Follow the Most Great Remembrance, for He verily is, in the estimation of God, in very truth, firmly established upon the Upright Faith—*written*, in accordance with the truth. 19 Be ye mindful of a Day whereon all shall return unto the One True God. Therein shall the idolaters find, apart from the Remembrance, no *guardian* for their own souls—for He is the True One, within the Mother Book, *enshrined* round about the Bá. 20 And verily, God hath ordained your return unto Us, and your reckoning, in very truth, is upon Us. Therefore, follow the Remembrance, by the very essence of the truth—*openly with might*. 21 Slay your own souls in the Way of God, in

very truth—for verily, God hath decreed for every soul *a death*, and by the Judgment of the Book, from the Gate, it hath been *irrevocably ordained*. 22 Verily, the likeness of the life of this world is as darkness layered upon darkness. When the sun ariseth, the idolaters shall not find themselves save as shadows within the darkness—forms within the Fire, like *silhouettes* reflected in a mirror. 23 God calleth you unto the Abode of Peace, and this Remembrance hath ever been, within the Mother Book, *established* upon the Straight Line. 24 Verily, those who have beautified the Remembrance in the Names of Truth, God hath prescribed for them the seat of the lofty chambers within the Most Great Riḍwán—and the promise of God, within the Mother Book, hath been *irrevocably ordained*. 25 Verily, those who earn evil—God shall repay them the recompense of the evil with its like—for God doeth not wrong unto the people in aught, and God hath ever *Encompassed* all the worlds. 26 And verily, abasement shall overtake the wrongdoers upon their faces before Thee. Therefore, show mercy, by the leave of God, unto these weak ones through thy pardon—for verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto Thee. 27 Verily, on the Day of Decision, We shall gather the faithful around the Fire, and We shall say unto them, “*Call ye upon those partners whom ye claimed beside the Remembrance!*” Yet they shall not find, amongst all the worlds, *a single one*—for the Command hath ever belonged *solely* unto God, the Everlasting. 28 O People of the Book! Ye and that which ye call upon apart from the Remembrance are but stones for the infernal fire of Hell—and the Remembrance, by God, is *Self-Sufficient* above all the worlds. 29 And sufficient is God as *a Witness*, in very truth, between us and you—and the worshippers of the Evil One—who shall be within the Fire, upon the same level. Thus hath it been *written* within the Mother Book. 30 Verily, the Day of Resurrection is the Truth. Therein shall every soul be returned unto God, their cherished Lord—and He is the Just, the Best of judges, for God hath ever been *Mighty, Everlasting*. 31 He is the One Who bringeth forth the living from the dead, and bringeth forth the dead from the living—who, apart from Him, ordereth the Cause? He is the True One, Who hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 32 O People of the Earth!

God—the True One—in very truth, declareth, “*The Remembrance is indeed the Truth from God. And what is there after the Truth save error? And what is there after error save the Fire—irrevocably decreed?*” 33 O People of the Cloud! Harken unto My Call from around the Gate, “Verily, your Lord is God, your cherished Lord—indeed the Truth—*there is none other God except Him*. His is the creation and the Command, for God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things.” 34 For verily, God hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 35 And He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 36 O Dwellers within the Chambers! Harken unto My Call from behind the veils, “Verily, I am God—*beside Whom there is none other God except Me*. Thus, by the True One, the Remembrance is indeed the Truth—for He is the Most High, Who hath ever been, within the Mother Book, *All-Wise*. 37 And verily, the Word of God hath been fulfilled upon the inhabitants of the earth and the heavens—and the Proof of God, within that Most Great Gate, hath ever been, in accordance with the truth, *irrevocably decreed*. 38 Are there any partners unto God who originate creation, then bring it forth again? Exalted be God, Our Lord—He beside Whom there is none other God except Him—no partner hath He—by the very essence of the truth. And He is the Most High, the Everlasting—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—for God hath ever been *All-Wise, All-Knowing*. 39 O Solace of Mine Eye! Indicate, in very truth, unto Thy true breast—then say, “*By the One True God! Therein is the True Guardianship unto God. I am He Who hath ever been the best in recompense, and I am He Who hath ever been the best in return.*” 40 O People of the Throne! Harken unto My Call from around the Mystery—from that Camel which uttereth the Truth, in very truth—Who hath ever been, within the Mother Book, *most wondrous*. 41 And when the Remembrance proclaimeth the call amidst you, return, O People of the Cloud, unto the locus of His Manifestation, according to the truth. Why is it that there is *a mighty portion* missing from the royal chalice? 42 Verily, We say, “*We have lost the chalice of the Remembrance within the manifestations of your hearts, and whoso bringeth forth its Sign, according to the Most Great Truth, without limit or*

diminution—for them is the load of a camel, according to the Most Great Justice, with the like thereof. Yea, verily, We are its guarantor, according to the Pure Truth, beyond all likeness and limitation.” For it hath been, within the Mother Book, *written* upon the Upright Line, around the Fire.

73. *Súrah of the Cave, comprising forty-two Verses*
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

They said: "We have lost the chalice of the King, and whoso bringeth it shall have the load of a camel—and I am thereof a sure guarantor." 3 Alif–Lám–Mím. The Remembrance of God within the Blessed Tree—hearken, then, unto the Call of God, *"Verily, I am God—beside Whom there is none other God except Me—and I have ever been, in accordance with the truth, Most Great."* 4 Do the people reckon that the Companions of the Cave and the Inscription were, apart from the Gate, *but sleepers?* 5 By God! Verily, Our Signs, within that Gate, unto the faithful, would assuredly be—by the very essence of the Most Wondrous Truth—*most astonishing.* 6 And verily, the Cave is this Gate—and within the Mother Book it hath been *inscribed*, round about the Fire. 7 Yea, verily, We did cast a covering upon their ears within the Gate, by the leave of God, for a number of years—around the Twain Mysteries which, within the Mother Book, have been numbered as *an obscured reckoning.* 8 Then, verily, We did raise them up, that they might come to know the truth of the Cave—after that they had tarried about it for *a measured span.* 9 And verily, the Letters of Thy Names—the Companions of the Cave—were seven, when they arose from around the Fire—and they said, *"Our Lord is the Lord of the Throne—there is none other God except Him. Never shall we call, beside God, upon any god—for verily, God hath ever been a Witness unto all things."* 10 These Companions of the Gate—they have taken unto themselves, apart from Him, false gods. Yet God shall make manifest the Remembrance over them, through the authority of the Book—then behold, they shall be, round about the Fire, for they have *halted* upon other than the truth. 11 And verily, We inspired the Companions of the Cave, *"Return unto the dwellings of your Remembrance, round about the Truth—for verily, God announceth unto you Glad Tidings of His mercy. Ere long shall God prepare for you, in the affair of your Cause, a place of ease, according to the Command, made manifest."* 12 O Companions of the Cave! Have ye not beheld the sun, when it riseth, turning aside from the

Cave of your hearts toward the right—circling about the Fire, as a boundary set from God? *There is none other God except Him*—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Exalted, Most Great*. 13 And when it setteth within the discourse, He draweth you, by the mystery of His power, unto the dawning-place of the heart. Did it not pass you by, from the side of the Cloud, while ye were in an opening from the Point—distilled from before the Presence of the Gate? Thus were they, according to the truth, *held in station*. 14 That is amongst the Signs of God for the Foremost, round about the Gate—for verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 15 Do the people reckon, concerning the Remembrance, that it passeth *in heedlessness*? Nay! He turneth all the worlds by the Twain Letters, upon the right, unto the Twain Names from His own Self—and upon the left, unto the Twain Words within the Twain Gates—round about the Cause from His Command. Glorified be God above that which the wrongdoers assert—*Highly Exalted, Most Great*. 16 And verily, God hath appointed, by His grace, in accordance with the truth, around the Gate—*a Gate*. 17 And verily, We have measured out His twain arms, outstretched in knowledge from before the Remembrance. Were the people to behold it, they would not comprehend even *a single matter* of the Truth—save *in flight*. 18 Yea, verily, We Ourselves have borne witness unto their utterance after their raising, unto the Cave—for verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* of all things. 19 And say, concerning one amongst them, “*Take thou, upon the Most Great Truth, this Most Mighty Leaf, and convey it, by the leave of God, unto the City. Then bear witness—O thou—who is purest in sustenance for God, in obedience: ‘All praise belongeth unto God, Who caused not a single one to perceive it, in accordance with the Pure Truth.’*” 20 And verily, We have uncovered it for you, that ye might know that God—He is, unto you, the True One—and that the Mystery of the Hour hath come, in very truth, whereof there is no doubt—for verily, God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 21 O Concourse of Lights! Why speak ye, concerning the Remembrance, that which ye know not from the knowledge of the Book—not even *a single Letter*—according to the Most Great Truth, *concealed*? 22 And amongst you are those who say, “*Three*”—in the matter

of judgment—yet God hath not decreed concerning even the fourth, *any judgment*. And amongst you are those who say, “*Five*”—and if God so willeth, their sixth—upon the judgment—hath been, in very truth, *cast forth*. 23 And amongst you are those who say, “*Seven*”—according to the Name—and the eighth is from the Mystery. These are they who, through the knowledge of the Gate, have come to know their number—for verily, God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 24 And verily, We preserved them within the Cave, after the nine, for three hundred—that is the Judgment of God amidst the Foremost, in very truth—for the Command of God, within the Mother Book, hath ever been *irrevocably decreed*. 25 O Concourse of Lights! Seek ye naught save by the Remembrance of Our Will at His beginning—for that which God hath decreed within the Book is nearer than this Gate, in accordance with the truth, *as right guidance*. 26 Say: God knoweth best the Cave and the Companions of the Gate—and take ye not, apart from Him, in accordance with the truth, *any guardian*. 27 Nor take ye *any as a partner* in His Judgment, from the Cause. 28 The likeness of the Water of Indication within Divine Unity is as the likeness of the twain waters, they mingled upon the twain earths, yet God was alone—*there is none other God except Him*—and there was naught with Him. Glorified be He, and exalted is He beyond all likeness! Naught is like unto Him—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Most Exalted, Most Great*. 29 And verily, God hath made *wealth* as the veils of glory, and *descendants* as its intimations—but *the enduring things* are the Countenance of Thy Lord, the Possessor of Majesty, from before God, as *a goodly bestowal*. 30 And they have been gathered upon the Land of Ingathering before God, round about the still Fire—*rank upon rank*—as We brought you forth the first time, *rank from rank*—for verily, God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 31 *And when this Book is set forth, those who reject faith shall say, “What is this Book, that it leaveth neither a small thing nor a great thing but that it hath encompassed it?”* And by Thy Lord! They shall find that which they wrought *present* before Me—for Thy Lord, the Most Merciful, doth not wrong, by the very essence of the truth, even so much *as a single thread of a date-stone*. 32

And verily, We have caused Thee to bear witness, by the leave of God, unto the creation of the heavens and the earth and whatsoever lieth between them, upon the Day wherein Thou wast, round about the Fire, in very truth—*speaking, in praiseworthy exaltation*. 33 And God hath not appointed the misleaders, in aught of one thing or another, in accordance with the truth, *a supporting aid—no, not even slight*. 43 Naught hath prevented the people from having faith in God and in His Signs, when the Truth came unto them from His Tongue, save that they followed Thee not save upon the customs of the ancients—amongst the *most vehement* in striving, in accordance with the truth, *contentious*. 35 And We have not sent Thee save, in very truth, as *a bearer of Glad Tidings* unto the Fire, by the Fire, and as *a Warner* from the Fire. Will ye then set My Signs, from before this Most Great Remembrance, upon falsehood, *as a mockery—out of delusion?* 36 And shouldst Thou call them unto the Formidable Line between the worlds, Satan shall veil them from the Truth—thus shall they never be guided—*even unto forever*. 37 And whoso turneth away from this Word—God hath not decreed for them *any knowledge*, save along the shadow—like *a straitened life*. 38 And verily, We shall gather them upon the Land of Ingathering, upon their face—for they had been, in this world, above the earth, *blind*. 39 Say: Were it not for a Word that had proceeded from God concerning My affair, I would, in very truth, have been, upon the Command, *bound fast*. 40 O Solace of Mine Eye! Glorify Thy Lord within Thy Self, the True One—ere the rising, and at the setting, and at the station of decline, and the Point of Blackness in the midst of the night—for verily, the Remembrance of the One True God within Thy Self, is not equalled by the works of all who act—*entire*. 41 And command the people of the Gate unto prayer and unto the Most Great Word, and be Thou patient with them—for they cannot attain unto the Knowledge of the Word save in accordance with that which their own souls are capable. And verily, the Lord Thy God hath ever been, over all the worlds, *All-Forgiving*. 42 Say: All, at the Gate, have been made to remember—and verily, I—I am the Fire at the Stave of the Water, supplicating concerning the Cause—and before the One True God I have ever been, in very truth,

brought to remembrance.

74. *Súrah of the Friend, comprising forty-two Verses*
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

They said, "By God! Ye know full well that we came not to cause corruption in the earth, nor are we thieves." ALL PRAISE BELONGETH UNTO GOD, Who hath revealed the Remembrance, in very truth, unto the Remembrance, that the people, through the Most Great Remembrance of God, might be *brought to remembrance* within the Mother Book. 3 Say: God hath taught the Remembrance, that it may be known, "Is One Who guideth unto the Path more worthy to be followed, or one who knoweth not of the knowledge of the Book save some *small portion* of a Letter?" 4 And verily, most of the people follow naught save conjecture—and conjecture availeth naught against the Truth. And God hath ever been *All-Aware* of whatsoever ye do. 5 Nor was this Book fabricated from other than God—rather, the One True God hath revealed it upon the Straight Line, within the Point of the Fire, through the Fire—*perfectly stable*. 6 And it is the Truth concerning whatsoever God hath ordained before Thee and around Thee. And God hath detailed therein the ordinances of all things, as *a mercy* and *glad tidings* unto the foremost servants of God—those who, in very truth, have *stood steadfast* around the Remembrance. 7 Or say they, "*He hath fabricated it along the Truth?*" Say: Call ye upon whomsoever ye can, apart from the Remembrance, and bring forth a Sign like unto it—if ye be, in very truth, *truthful, praiseworthy*. 8 So by thy Lord! Were all who dwell upon the earth and in the heavens to gather together to bring forth a Súrah like unto it, not would they be able to do so—even were each soul to arise as *a helper* unto every other soul. 9 Thus have they denied that which they have not encompassed in knowledge, but erelong shall God recompense the deniers with the most severe chastisement—*and that right soon*. 10 And amongst the people are those who have faith in God, and amongst them are those who reject the Remembrance—for God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of those who sow corruption. 11 O Solace of Mine Eye! Should the people of the sacred precinct deny Thee, then say, "*My work is wholly for God, and yours is for*

your own selves. Ye call unto Satan, while I, by leave of God, the Everlasting, am quit of the wrongdoers.” For God hath ever been *Mighty, Wise*. 12 And amongst them are those who look upon Thee with the gaze of one struck senseless—for verily, thy Lord hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 13 And God doth not wrong the people in aught—rather, the people have, concerning their own selves, remained *far removed* from the Remembrance. 14 And verily, We shall gather the idolators in the Land of Ingathering—imagining as though they had tarried not in the world save for an hour of the day. Thus doth God recompense the wrongdoers for their turning away from the Remembrance—for God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 15 And no soul hath arisen in the Cause, save that God hath decreed for them a return unto Us, in very truth—for verily, We shall judge between all, according to equity, and We wrong not the people, even by so much as *a single thread* of the date-stone. 16 Say unto the faithful, “I possess not, for mine own self, either *benefit* or *harm*, save that which the Lord My God hath willed. For every soul there is an appointed term written. And when the permission cometh, it shall neither be advanced nor delayed by aught of the Will of the One True God. For unto God belongeth the return of the faithful—*written*, by the very essence of the truth.” 17 Erelong shall the faithful inquire of Thee, “*Is it indeed the Truth?*” Say: “*Yea, by My Lord! It verily is the Truth—and upon the Upright Path hath it ever been established, around the Water, perfectly straight.*” 18 And were the wrongful soul to ransom itself with whatsoever is in the earth, that it might not behold the chastisement, naught shall be accepted of it. The Command hath been decreed, in very truth, and the Cause hath, within the Mother Book, been *irrevocably established*. 19 Lo! Unto God belongeth all things, in very truth, and verily, the Promise of God is the Truth—He it is Who giveth life and causeth death, and God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 20 Verily, the Day whereon the heaven shall be rent asunder—the Day the Gate shall be opened—hath indeed *drawn nigh*. 21 Thus hath the Most Gracious granted leave unto His Servant to unveil the coverings from the stations of your knowledge— wherefore your sight, on this Day, if God so willeth, within this Book, hath

become—in accordance with the truth—*keen* and *piercing*. 22 O Solace of Mine Eye! Verily, Thou art the Qá'im upon the Alif, circling Thy Lord. Fear not, for Thou shalt indeed meet Him—for He is God, Who hath been *well-pleased* with Thee, and God hath ever been, unto the faithful, *Most Beloved*. 23 O Most Great Remembrance of God! Sprinkle forth from the Water *a single drop* unto the Companions of the Right Hand, until their reckoning be completed—*a reckoning*, concerning the Command within the Command, *most easy*. 24 And say: “Return ye unto the chamber of your hearts, *well-pleased with the Gate, rejoicing*.” 25 And send down, from the Water, *a reflection* unto the Companions of the Left Hand, around the Fire, until their own souls bear witness, within the Judgment of the Gate, by the very essence of the truth, *in praiseworthy exaltation*. 26 Say: “Return ye unto the splendors of effacement, at the Gate of Justice, and call upon the Truth, according to the truth, unto the truth—for utter destruction!” 27 For verily, We shall cause you to taste, by leave of God, the Most Exalted, of a Fire which, within the Mother Book, hath been *set ablaze*. 28 For verily, God hath ever been, unto His servants, in accordance with truth, *All-Seeing*. 29 O Concourse of Lights! Swear not by the twilight-glow, nor by the moon when it is cleft asunder—for verily, the Gate hath traversed, in a single glance, from *plane unto plane*— 30 From the plane of the former ones and the latter ones, and verily, the Way of God hath passed concerning Him—for the Command hath, within the Mother Book, been *irrevocably ordained*. 31 O Servants of the Most Gracious! What aileth you, that ye have not faith in God, the Most High? For God hath ever been *Mighty, Wise*. 32 And when a Verse of Prostration is recited, prostrate before God, your Creator—for verily, He is the True One, Who hath ever been, in very truth, *worthy of true devotion and servitude*. 33 Yea, verily, We have created the Woe within a Sea of Sijjín for those who fancy vain imaginations concerning the Remembrance with the conjecture of ignorance—for He hath been, with God, *written* upon every Tablet as the Point of the Bá. 34 Verily, the Day of the Remembrance, for the people, is a Day which, within the Book of God, the Most High, hath ever been *most mighty*. 35 Thus shall the people arise unto the Lord of all

the worlds, at that Praiseworthy Gate—*most mightily*. 36 O People of the Earth! Be ye mindful of God concerning the Mystery of this Gate—for verily, by your Lord, the Most Gracious, ye are surely veiled from this Our Mystery. And it is the Truth, which hath been, around the Fire, *openly witnessed*. 37 Yea, verily, We have decreed the Book of the Wicked within the lines of Sijjín, *writ* around the Fire. 38 For verily, God hath written, with His own Hands, the Book of the Righteous upon the scrolls of light, *preserved* beneath the Throne. 39 So by your True Lord—beside Whom *there is none other God except Him*—verily, the Remembrance hath known all through His gaze—for He is the True One, Who hath been, within the Mother Book, *inscribed* around the Fire. 40 And He is the Cupbearer, by leave of God, of the Sealed Cup, whose seal is musk—for God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 41 And within that Gate—let those who would compete, strive in competition—around the Fire, *in praiseworthy exaltation*. 42 O People of the Earth! By the One True God! *Ye have surely known*, in very truth, that the Remembrance *hath come not* save with the Truth, nor hath He desired *to cause corruption* within the Dominion of the Most Gracious. He is naught but a Remembrance of the Truth, by the Truth, from *the Tree of the Friend*, in the land of the Cloud of Unknowing—He Who hath been, in the presence of the Most Gracious, *beld in suspension*.

75. *Súrah of the Sun, comprising forty-two Verses*

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

They said, "What, then, shall be his recompense, if ye be liars?" Alif-Lám-Rá-Alif. 3 God—beside Whom there is none other God except Him, the Living, the Self-Subsisting—He unto Whom none is likened, the Creator, the Fashioner, the Originator, the Ordainer—for He is the True One, Who hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 4 And verily, the Remembrance, by leave of God, establisheth the Truth by His Word, and effaceth falsehood by His Word—for He is the True One, Who, upon the Point of the Fire, hath been *sent forth* from the One True God. 5 O People of Paradise! Harken unto My Call from the tongue of this Remembrance—according to the Concealed Mystery upon the Line—*most wondrous in its unfolding*: 6 “Verily, I am God—there is none other God except Me, the Most High—I have ever been, in very truth, *Most Great*. 7 I have bound the Covenant, in very truth, within this Youth—even as My Covenant with all the worlds *entire*.” 8 And He is the Remembrance, around the Fire, from His Lord—for He hath ever been, in very truth, around the Water, *in praiseworthy exaltation*. 9 He verily is the Blessed Tree upon the Mount of Twain Splendour, which hath sprung forth upon the Land of Bahá, upon the Temple of Glorification, *in laudable praise*. 10 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: Harken, O People of the Throne, unto My Call from this Verdant Leaf, sprung forth from that Crimson Tree, “Verily, I am the Mystery within the Mystery, from the Line within the Line, upon the Command, around the Fire—whereon I have ever been, in very truth, *stationed*.” 11 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: Verily, I am the Heaven, around the Fire—and they have been, according to the truth, within the truth, *firmly established*. 12 Then, when We shall raise you up on the Day of Decision, ye shall behold your deeds beside your very selves, *present*—for the Judgment hath ever been, around the Gate, *extant*. 13 O People of the Earth! Be ye mindful of God, and let not Satan beguile you—for verily, vileness, by God, hath breathed forth toward the Gate—this Most Great Remembrance, which hath ever been, around the

Fire, *openly witnessed*. 14 O Solace of Mine Eye! Verily, God hath appointed Thee over the Power of Dominion—and thou hast ever been, before the Most Gracious, *held in praiseworthy exaltation*. 15 The heedless amongst the people of the Furqán have indeed repudiated that which they vainly imagine concerning the Book—apart from the truth—*a lie, wrought of delusion*. 16 Thou art naught but the Remembrance of God upon the Manifest Horizon—and Thou hast ever been, with God, the Lord of the Throne, *one beloved*. 17 O People of Perception! Whither do ye go?—for He verily is the Remembrance of God and Our Remembrance, in accordance with the truth, over all the worlds *entire*. 18 O Solace of Mine Eye! Verily, God hath ordained the Twain Sanctuaries, and all around them Signs from Thy Truth—inasmuch as Thou hast ever been, upon the Fire, *a Witness*. 19 Verily, this Book is *a guidance*, according to the truth—that ye take not, apart from the True Remembrance of God, according to the truth, *any trustee*. 20 O People of the Cloud! Harken unto My Call from the Point of the Bá, “*Yea, verily, God hath revealed unto Me, ‘Verily, I am God—beside Whom there is none other God except Me. I have sent down the Book upon My Most Great Remembrance—this Arabian Youth—that the creation may bear witness that He is the Truth from the One True God, in very truth.’*” Say: He sufficeth between Me and such a one, in accordance with the truth, as *a Witness*. 21 Lo! O People of the Cloud! Verily, this Sun hath been enfolded above the Twain Mounts, and this Moon hath arisen above the Twain Clouds, and this Star hath been made to revolve within the Twain Heavens, and this Mountain hath been borne upon the Twain Wings, and this Sea hath been set ablaze upon the Twain Earths—and there is naught in all the worlds save that it moveth according to the Decree of the Twain Luminaries—for verily, God, your cherished Lord, hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 22 Yea, verily, We have created humankind from a drop of the water which hath been *strained forth* from the Sea of the Clouds. 23 Then have We ordained for them the Path, *unfurled* unto the Day of the Remembrance. 24 They have frowned away from the Truth, and have spoken, concerning that which they know not, a word of association—in accordance with the Fire—*out of delusion*. 25 Then, when

the Command shall come, the Remembrance shall be witnessed, from the presence of God, the Most High, *most mighty*. 26 And verily, this Book is within the Scrolls of the Ancients—within the Mother Book it hath ever been, in accordance with the truth, *exalted in honor*. 27 And verily, this Book is in the hands of the scribes of the latter times—within the Preserved Tablet it hath ever been, in very truth, *inscribed*. 28 Slain be humankind! How ungrateful they are toward God and His signs—while God hath ever been *Self-Sufficient* and *Praiseworthy*. 29 Was it not from a diffused effusion of the water that *they have been created* in the course of time? 30 Will not humankind, then, behold the Point of the Beginning—how that every thing upon the earth hath come *to be in existence*? 31 For He is God, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 32 And verily, God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 33 For He is God, Who hath ever been, *Self-Sufficient* above all the worlds. 34 Yea, verily, We have created them from the shadow of the reflection of this radiant Sun, *fixed* within the Pole of this heaven. 35 And, on that Day, have they been *veiled* from the Remembrance. 36 Then, when the Deafening Blast shall come, they shall flee from the Command, away from every refuge—there, the Truth shall not be found save from the presence of the Remembrance, *exalted in praise*. 37 Verily, the faces of the Foremost, on that Day, with the Seal of Love, shall have been *sealed*. 38 And verily, the faces of those who turn away, on that Day, upon the Seal of Remoteness, in accordance with the truth, shall have been *sealed*. 39 Yea, verily, God hath decreed, in very truth—erelong shall God forgive those who have repented and turned unto the Gate, in accordance with the truth, *ever returning in response*. 40 And verily, the mercy of the Remembrance within this Book, over all the worlds, hath ever been, in accordance with the truth, *all-encompassing*. 41 O People of the Earth! The recompense of God, within that Word, is indeed the Truth—*upon the one who finds it within their saddlebag, they shall be the recompense*. 42 *Thus do We requite the wrongdoers*, in very truth, according to the Line of Justice—for verily, God doth not wrong the people, even so much as *a single thread of a date-stone*.

76. *Súrah of the Leafs, comprising forty-two Verses*

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

They said, "In whose saddlebag it is found, they shall be the recompense—that is their requittal." Thus do We requite the wrongdoers. Hâ-Mím-Rá-Alif. 3 Say: "O People of the Kingdom! Harken unto My Call from this Crimson Leaf, sprouting from the yellowing Branch, enkindled upon this Blessed Olive Tree, in accordance with the Firm Truth—for verily, the Lord your God is the One True God, Who hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things." 4 "Lo, verily, I am God—there is none other God except Me! Wherefore worship ye Me along the Upraised Line within that Gate, which hath risen through the dawning of *Bahá* above Mount Sinai—He verily is the True One, in very truth, and there is no Pathway unto Me save through Him—for He verily is the Most Exalted *Witness* within the Mother Book." 5 "Verily, I have pledged Myself unto those who fulfill their oaths, for His Covenant is My Covenant—this Remembrance—there is none other God except Me, the True One—for I have ever been, in very truth, *the one alone Intended*." 6 "And I have decreed against those who turn away and break this Covenant of Mine—there is naught for them, in accordance with the truth, save the infernal fire of Hell, within the lowest depths of the Most Great Ark—for God hath ever *Encompassed* all the worlds." 7 "Verily, God is the True One—there is none other God except Him! Not *a single Letter* hath been revealed within the Mystery of this Book, save that it is from the Most Great Mystery, through that Most Exalted Gate—for God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things." 8 O People of the Earth! Set your hearts upon the Most Great Reward of God—from before the Gate—for the Gate of the Truth, the Most Exalted Mystery of God—Who hath ever been, within the Mother Book, *openly witnessed*." 9 Say: ALL PRAISE BELONGETH UNTO GOD, Who hath revealed the Book unto Me, in pure truth, apart from the people—*there is none other God except Him*—for He is God, *Most Exalted, Most Great*. 10 O Faithful Ones! Be ye mindful of God, and turn not aside *a single Letter* from that Most Great Book, save in accordance with the

truth, in conformity with the Qur'an and the Way which God hath established amongst you—for verily, it is from the Veiled Mystery—enshrined within the Mighty Tablet—before God, the Most Exalted, and hath ever been, in very truth, *written*. 11 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: I have returned the discourse within the Mystery of Moses, the Interlocutor, by the leave of God, the Most Exalted—for God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 12 O People of Contention! Hearken unto the Call of God within the Inscribed Mystery, from these Crimson Leaves which have fallen from the Throne upon that White Leaf, prostrating upon the yellowing earth, "*Verily, we belong unto God, and He verily is the True One—there is none other God except Him—for He is God, Most Exalted, Most Great.*" 13 Say: Verily, I—I am the Caller within the Fire, by the leave of God, the Lord of the Throne and of the Cloud. Verily, I am the Servant of God—wherefore cast off thy sandals from the twain boundaries, for Thou hast indeed entered within the Sacred Valley, through that Gate, *enfolded*. 14 O Solace of Mine Eye! Verily, God hath chosen Thee for Mine own Self, wherefore hearken unto that which is revealed unto Thee from the presence of God, the Most Exalted—for He is God, *Mighty, Wise*. 15 "*Lo, verily, I am God—there is none other God except Me! Worship Me with all thine heart, within the very midst of the Fire, along the center-line of the Great Circle of the earth; and establish the Prayer for My Remembrance, according to the truth—for lo, verily, I am God!*" He beside Whom there is none other God except Him—Who hath ever been, in accordance with the truth, *Everlasting*. 16 And say: Verily, I—I am the Most Great Hour—the idolators would just as soon conceal its coming—and verily, I—I am the Most Great Word—God hath appointed Me *mighty* over Judgment and Dominion. 17 Yea, verily, God recompenseth for every matter that hath ascended unto the presence of the Most Exalted Gate—for God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 18 O Solace of Mine Eye! The people ask Thee concerning Dhu'l-Qarnayn. Say: Yea, by My Lord! Verily, I—I am the Lord of the Twain Origins within the Twain Horns; I am Possessor of the Upraised Horn within the Twain Bodies; I am the Fire within the Twain Waters; and I am the Water

within the Twain Fires—therefore hearken unto My call within those Twain Mounts. Verily, We established Him upon the earth, and We bestowed upon Him, from the Name of the Remembrance—this Arabian Youth—a *single Letter*, in accordance with the truth. 19 Until He gathered unto Himself the means of all things—unto each thing its *cause*. 20 Say: Verily, I followed that Cause—until, when I reached the setting of the sun, I found it setting in a Spring of Resounding Flow. Thereupon, I gazed upon the People of the Cloud around that Spring—I saw them *prostrating* unto God, the Most High. 21 They spoke unto Me, from the Concealed Knowledge, inscribed above the Line—a *single Letter*. 22 I spoke unto them, from the Veiled Mystery, a *Parable*. 23 Then I followed the Command—until, when I reached the rising of the sun, I beheld it rising from a Spring of Camphor, over a people from amongst the People of the Cloud—for whom We had not made, apart from the Sign of Divine Unity, aught from the Mystery as a *mystery*. 24 They said, “*Verily, God is your cherished Lord, in very truth, a Truth like unto which there is naught.*” I said unto them, “*He is the True One—there is none other God except Him—for He is God, Most Exalted, Most Great.*” 25 Then I followed the True One until I reached the twain barriers between the Twain Seas—I found around those twain a *community of people*. 26 They behold not God save with the thing and before it. And I beheld them within those twain seas—they were *written* as being amongst the People of the Fish. 27 They said, according to the truth, unto the Most Great Remembrance, “*Verily, the Magog are the people of compulsion, and the Gog are the people of abdication—both have wrought corruption, bereft of truth, within the Book of the Cause, between the Twain Commands. Shall we then appoint for thee, in accordance with the truth, a tribute?*” 28 “*Accordingly, that thou mayest set down between us and them a Criterion?*” 29 That which hath ever been, by the very essence of the truth—in very truth—*inscribed*. 30 So I said unto them, “*Verily, God is My Lord—there is none other God except Him. He hath indeed established Me within every Command, and I have not willed save by His leave—for God hath ever been Powerful over all things.*” 31 O People of the Earth! Strengthen your own selves with all due strength, with

ingots of iron—until, when the earth and whosoever is upon it from amongst these idolaters, the people of the twain fires, are made manifest unto the Awaited Proof—the Standing Alif between the Twain Commands—then pour upon your own selves from the fire of heated iron from this Most Great Gate, that ye may be, in the war within the Most Exalted Faith of God, *mighty* and *strong*. 32 And verily, God hath set the Remembrance amongst you as *a barrier*—in accordance with the truth, *firm* and *mighty*. 33 Then, when His appointed term within the Command is decreed—by the One True God!—He shall die in the Truth, for He is from the Truth unto the Truth, which hath ever been, within the Mother Book, before the truth, *openly witnessed*. 34 Verily, We have left the idolaters, on that Day, some of them upon the Command—surging within the Fire, upon the Fire—by that which God hath decreed within the Mother Book, *enshrined*. 35 And verily, those whom the Portent, from the presence of the Gate, veileth—they are not able to hear even *a single letter* from the Mystery revealed from the Most Wondrous Line, *openly witnessed*. 36 Have the idolaters then supposed that the Remembrance knoweth not their station within *the Command*? 37 Nay! He is the Witness from God over all the worlds, *entire*. 38 And verily, the Remembrance is indeed the Truth, in very truth—and verily, Paradise hath been, for the faithful from amongst the people of this Gate, in very truth, *written*. 39 And verily, the Remembrance—He is the True One from God. And for the associators, there hath been *irrevocably ordained* the scorching heat of the Fire on the Day of Return. 40 And when the idolaters ask Thee, “*Who is it that sendeth thee unto us with this, according to the Exalted Command, with such severity?*” 41 Say: Verily, God—the Creator of the heavens and the earth—sendeth Me from the presence of His Proof, the Awaited Qá’im; and He verily is the True One, and I—I am but a servant from amongst His servants, Whom He hath appointed to serve within His Dominion. Wherefore submit ye unto the Cause of God—for verily, God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 42 And say unto the People of the Cloud, “*Verily, from clay hath God created you, and therein shall He return you, and therefrom shall He bring you forth unto this impregnable*

Gate—once again—in accordance with the truth, most mighty.”

77. *Súrah of Peace, comprising forty-two Verses*

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

So he began with their vessels ere the vessel of his brother—then he drew it forth from the vessel of his brother. Thus did We devise for Joseph. He could not have taken his brother under the law of the king, unless God had willed. We raise in degrees whomsoever We will—for above every possessor of knowledge is One All-Knowing. 3 Alif-Lám-Mím-Ṭá-Sín. A Remembrance of the mercy of Thy Lord amidst the Foremost Servants of God, who had been, upon the Upright Path, *established in a Covenant.* 4 O People of the Earth! Hearken unto My Call from the Presence of the Remembrance, “*Yea, verily, God hath revealed unto Me, ‘Lo, verily, I am God—there is none other God except Me. And this Remembrance, in My Presence, is this Path leading unto Me, within the Mother Book—thus hath it been written.*” 5 Follow ye, then, the Mystery of God, concealed within the Mystery, exalted by the Line above the Line, illumined by the Sun of Divine Oneness—*yet veiled.* 6 And verily, this is indeed the Truth, the Path of God throughout the heavens and the earth—for the Exalted One hath ever been, before the Truth and creation, *praised.* 7 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: “*I have returned the discourse of Moses upon Mount Sinai, through that luminous Babá, openly witnessed.*” 8 Behold, when Thy Lord called unto Thee within the Sacred Valley, around that Water—in *praiseworthy exaltation.* 9 And verily, We did shew unto Thee of His Signs, upon the Light, in the precincts of the Fire—in *surpassing greatness.* 10 O Solace of Mine Eye! Rend thou the veils of allusions from the Pharaoh of the souls of humankind, for verily at the Gate of the Ancient Mystery of God, they have been, apart from the truth—in *recorded as rebellious.* 11 And he hath indeed laid claim, in falsehood, within the land of Sijjín, saying: “*Verily, I am the Most Exalted Gate of God, the Most High.*” And sufficient is God over him, according to the truth, as *a Witness.* 12 Say: Be thou patient with Our chastisement in this world and in the world to come—for verily, the chastisement of God, in accordance with the Truth, hath ever been, within the depths of Sijjín—in *overwhelming might.* 13 Then, when the

Overwhelming Calamity cometh forth from before the Gate, by the leave of God, the Most High—*and that right soon*— 14 There shall the souls bear witness unto that which God hath ordained within them and against them, from the judgment of the Twain Waters—*openly witnessed*. 15 And verily, We—We do not wrong the people by so much as a weight of *an atom*, nor the pitted hollow of *a date-stone*. 16 And there is none amongst the faithful who hath feared their Lord at the Station of the Gate, save that for them the Abode of Eternity, within the Garden of Eden, hath been *written*. 17 And there is none that hath waxed proud before the Gate, save that for them the Most Fierce Fire and the Tree of Sijjín, through the Judgment of the Book, hath been *inscribed*. 18 And when they ask Thee concerning the Hour—of the Hour of Manifestation—say: “*The knowledge thereof is with God, in very truth—for the knowledge of all things hath ever been, within the Mother Book—inscribed.*” 19 Say: Yea, verily, We—We have written the Hour upon a Crimson Tablet, within the grasp of that Most Great Sword, with waters of gold, upon the Tablet of the Heart, by the leave of God, the Most High—for He is God, *Mighty, Everlasting*. 20 And verily, the idolaters, on the Day of the Remembrance, shall tarry not save for an hour of the night—*limited*. 21 There shall the denier of the Gate say, “*Would that I had been beneath the dust—dust.*” 22 That is the True Day—so whosoever willeth, let them take unto the Gate *a path of return*. 23 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: “*I am the Most Great Announcement, which hath been, within the Mother Book, announced.*” 24 Say: “*All have disputed concerning Me—yet I was not in dispute, by the very essence of the truth.*” For the One True God sufficeth as *a Witness*. 25 Yea, verily, We have made the earth, above the twain earths, in very truth—*a resting-place*; and this lofty mountain as pegs above all the mountains—*firmly set*. 26 Say: “*Verily, I have made Myself manifest amidst you, over the pairs, in very truth—as one.*” 27 And upon the pegs, in very truth, *in pairs*—that ye may bear witness unto God, in Unity, at the center of the Gate—*in gathered companies*. 28 Say: “*Verily, My Name hath been, within the Mother Book, in the Seventh Heaven—firmly established.*” 29 And verily, I—I am the Lamp within the horizons—for I have ever

been, by the very essence of the truth, *set ablaze*. 30 Yea, verily, We—We have sent down, from the Gate, the Water of Life upon the deep chasm of the heart—*gushing forth*. 31 That ye may bring forth therefrom the love of the Gate for the Gate—*ample growth*. 32 O People of the Cloud! Plant ye within the earth of hearts, from the gardens of patience and love—*clusters entwined*. 33 By the One True God! Verily, the Day of the Gate hath ever been, for all the worlds—*a fixed appointed time*. 34 Then, when the Trumpet is sounded for the Gate, the people shall come around the Gate—*in multitudes*; and all things We have spoken concerning that Gate—which have been *written*. 35 Verily, the people of the Gate hear not vain speech—save from the One True God—*peace, and yet more peace*. 36 And verily, We—We have ordained for the pious, from the gardens, within the Blessed Tree kindled around the Fire, the utterance of the birds set in motion through the expanse of heaven, by the leave of God, the Most High—for He is God, Who hath ever been, in very truth, *praised*. 37 Verily, this Gate hath been the Sealed Cup within all the Tablets, around love—*reckoned*. 38 Verily, this is indeed the Káf within the Word of Command—which hath ever been, within the mystery of the Nún, *enshrined*. 39 And God hath ordained for the Remembrance Angels around the Gate, by His leave—*commanded*. 40 Amongst them are those who burst out at the Snow-White Pillar—they have been, according to the truth—*set fast*. 41 And amongst them are those who spread out at the Yellow Pillar—they have been, in accordance with the truth—*beheld*. 42 And amongst them are those who glide aloft at the Green Pillar—they have been, according to the truth—*glorified*; and amongst them are those who outstrip at this Crimson Pillar—they have been, in accordance with the truth—*outstripped*.

78. *Súrah of the Manifestation, comprising forty-two Verses
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful*

They said, "If he stealeth, then indeed a brother of his had stolen aforetime." But Joseph concealed it within himself and disclosed it not unto them. He said, "Ye are worse in station, and God knoweth best what ye represent."

Alif-Lám-Mím-'Ayn-Sín. 3 God—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him, the Wondrous, the Subduing*—unto Him belongeth the Most Sublime Similitudes, for He God, *Most Sublime, Most Great*. 4 Yea, verily, We—We have sent Thee down from the all-encompassing view of the Throne, on the Night of Destiny, unto the womb of the Mother—and verily, Thou, upon that Day, wert upon the Throne, *prostrate* unto God, the Most High— 5 And above the Kingdom, *held in praiseworthy exaltation*. 6 O People of the Earth! Verily, this Remembrance—He is indeed the Mystery, concealed between the lines, which hath ever been, in very truth, *enshrined* within the Truth. 7 Verily, this is indeed the Light within the dawning-place of the Manifestation, which hath ever *shone luminous* upon the Mount. 8 Verily, this—He is indeed the Living Ones within the Mother Book, which hath ever been, around the Fire, *openly witnessed*. 9 Verily, this—He is indeed the Ancient Zero, which hath ever been, with God, *uplifted*. 10 Verily, this—He is indeed *the Day of Separation*. 11 For He is the Day of Gathering, which hath ever been, in very truth, *an appointed term*. 12 Verily, this—He is indeed the Water within the sweet-flowing sea, which hath ever been, in very truth, *surging forth*. 13 Verily, this—He is indeed the Fire encompassing the Mount, which hath ever been, in very truth, *widely beheld*. 14 Verily, this—He is indeed the Speaker on behalf of His Lord, and He hath ever been, within the depths of the darkness of the sea, *the desired goal* of the faithful. 15 Verily, this—He is indeed the Emblem of the Beloved, which hath ever been *written* within the Mother Book. 16 Verily, this—He is indeed the Mystery enshrined within the Friend, which hath ever been, within the Majestic Tablet, *the intended goal*. 17 Verily, this—He is indeed the Threefold Form, which hath ever been *engraved* around the Fire.

18 And verily, this—He is indeed the Fourfold Temple, which hath ever been, around the Water, *resplendent in praise*. 19 Verily, this—He is indeed the Banner within the Cloud, and We have ordained for the pious, within His shade, a Gate upon the Gate, in accordance with the truth, *richly inhabited*. 20 And verily, this—He hath indeed been the Slayer of the former ones, by the leave of God, the Most High—*encompassing all*. 21 And verily, this—He is indeed the Mystery within the latter ones, which hath ever been, around the Fire, *openly witnessed*. 22 Verily, this—He is indeed the True One on the Day of Judgment, unto the people of the Cloud, which hath ever been, around the Fire, *openly witnessed*. 23 Yea, verily, We—We have ordained the heaven for His Remembrance, in accordance with the truth—*raised aloft*. 24 And verily, the mountains have, in very truth, been *scattered to dust*. 25 And verily, the stars have, in very truth, been *effaced*. 26 And verily, the earth hath ever been, around the Water, *spread forth anew*. 27 That the people may know the Truth of the Remembrance, from the presence of the All-Informed—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Wise*. 28 And verily, We—We have ordained the tempests within a Letter of the Gate, in accordance with the truth—*a thunderous, boisterous sweeping*. 29 By those that scatter—*scattering*. 30 And by those that bestow—*bestowing*. 31 And by those that divide—*dividing*. 32 That the people may bear witness, in the truth of the Light above the Mount, around the Fire—*a Remembrance*. 33 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: “*Verily, I am the Human Being within the Mother Book—indeed, I have ever been held in remembrance.*” 34 And say: “*Verily, I am the Water within the Cup of Manifestation—indeed, I have ever been sweet camphor.*” 35 And say: “*Verily, I am the One Who giveth sustenance in the Path of God, the Most High—and I have ever been, by God, the Everlasting, held in praise.*” 36 By God! Verily, I have indeed bestowed upon the destitute, within this Gate, between the lines, from the Concealed Mystery above the Line— 37 *A Mystery* which hath ever remained *concealed*, around the Fire. 38 And verily, I have bestowed upon the orphans, from the water of the refined oil, within a cup of the most delicate glass— 39 *A drop* from the sea which hath ever been, from that

sea, *distilled therefrom*. 40 And verily, I am indeed the Bestower upon the captives, from amongst the people of the Cloud, from the water of stillness within the Cup of Purity—as though it were a fragment of ice, which hath ever been, within the Mother Book, *cooled*. 41 Verily, this—He is indeed the Cupbearer in Paradise, from your Lord, the Most Gracious—*a purifying draught*. 42 And verily, this—He is indeed the True One within the Circle of Motion, which hath ever been around the Fire, *written* ‘In the Name of the Fire’.

79. *Súrah of the Word, comprising forty-two Verses*
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

They said, "O thou 'Azíz! Verily, he hath a father, aged and greatly advanced in years; take, then, one of us in his stead, for verily, we behold thee amongst those who do good." Alif-Lám-Mím-Ťá. 3 Verily, this is the Path of God within the Divine Cloud of the Mystery inscribed upon the Mystery above the lines—that which God hath made enigmatic within the Mother Book, *enshrined* around the Mystery. 4 Yea, verily, We—We have caused the Remembrance to be the Most Great Word within the Mother Book, in very truth, and the Decree concerning His station hath ever been *enshrined* upon the Point of the Fire. 5 Lo, verily, We—We have ordained for Him, as befitteth the truth, *a Station*— 6 I am He, and He is I—save that He is He, and I am the Proof of God unto all the worlds—for I have ever been, in accordance with the truth, *held in praise*. 7 O People of the Throne! Be ye mindful of God. Whoso desireth God and His loved ones—there is no path for them save through One who hath been *written* amongst the People of the Gate around the Fire. 8 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: "*Ye shall not will concerning aught save that God willeth it in all things*"—for verily, He hath ever been, in very truth, *Mighty* and *Wise*. 9 Verily, this—He is indeed the Upright Line between the twain dominions, which hath ever been *stretched forth* above the Throne. 10 Verily, one of these, within the effulgences of the Realm of Power, around the Inscribed Mystery in the Remembrance of the Fire, hath indeed been *bounded*. 11 And verily, the other, within a land from the Euphrates River, upon the pathways of allusion, teacheth the people the Mystery of the Veils—yet He, within the fourfold line around the Water, remaineth *veiled*. 12 Say: O people of the earth! Circumambulate ye around this Upright Line, around the Fire—for verily, He is the True One, in very truth, and hath ever been, within the Mother Book, *held in praise*. 13 And learn not from aught beside the Gate, save from the presence of the Gate, through the Gate—for verily, He is the One Who speaketh the Truth from God—*beside Whom there is no God but Him*—for He is God, Who hath ever been, in very truth, *Exalted* and

Wise. 14 O Solace of Mine Eye! Shine forth, then, with a lightning-flash of Light upon the sight of those endowed with inner vision—those who, at the Gate, have ever been *prostrating* unto God, the Most High. 15 O People of the Earth! God hath indeed gathered the Sun and the Moon upon the Mystery, by the Mystery, within My breast, according to the truth. Wherefore, reject not the Book ere the Sun be unveiled unto you, nor the Moon be eclipsed over you—nay, again, nay! There is no refuge for aught, and unto Me is the place of return—*firmly established*, in accordance with the truth. 16 And verily, on that Day, unto your Lord shall be the place of settlement—*a place of return*. 17 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: “*Verily, I—indeed I—am the Resurrection, at the Cynosure of Heaven, from the Most Great Hour. By God! God shall assuredly question you concerning Me, regarding the Cause, around the Fire—for I have ever been, in very truth, by the Truth, openly witnessed.*” 18 O Solace of Mine Eye! Move not Thy tongue concerning aught, lest Thou hasten the Most Great Judgment of God, within Thine True Self—for upon God resteth its exposition, in accordance with the truth. And verily, thou hast been, in very truth, upon the Upright Path, *steadfast* around the Fire. 19 Hearken, O People of the Throne, unto My Call from every direction—from this Gate, “*God—there is none other God except Him! I have sworn, in very truth, by My own Self, there is none that magnifieth the Command within this Most Great Gate, save that they are, in My presence, amongst the people of Ridván—written, in very truth.*” 20 And there is none that abaseth the Command, save that it is the right of God to burn them in the Most Great Fire, within the nethermost depths of the Ark—for the Judgment hath ever been, in the Mother Book, *most severe*. 21 Lo! O Faithful Ones! Verily, the Most Mighty Mystery of God, with God—your cherished Lord—hath ever been, within the Mother Book, *exalted in might*. 22 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: Verily, I—indeed I—am the Nún within the Pen—by the Decree of the Book have I ever been *inscribed* within the Mystery of the Gate. 23 And verily, I—indeed I—am the Great Reward unto all the faithful *entire*. 24 And verily, I—indeed I—am the Mighty Creation—I have ever been, within the Mother Book, *mighty* indeed. 25 And verily, I—indeed I—am

the Verses within the Scrolls of Heaven—I have ever been, in very truth, *written*. 26 And when Our Verses are recited unto the heedless, they fall upon their chins—as though they were a people who know not God and His Signs, in accordance with the truth—*even but a little*. 27 And when We lift the veil from their sight unto the Sacred House, behold, they go about in circumambulation around the Remembrance—as though they had arisen within the House by a boundary of renewal from their own selves; yet they cast not a single glance unto God, their cherished Lord—not even for a moment, according to the Firm Truth—*even but a little*. 28 And some of them draw near unto others within the Fire, discoursing concerning the Remembrance, in falsehood—yet their recompense with God is naught save the blazing Fire, *most severe*. 29 And when God shall lift the veil from your eyes, ye shall behold that ye had been, at the Gate, *prostrating* yourselves unto God. 30 And whoso denieth this discourse—We shall punish them twice in the Fire, and they shall not have, in the time to come, in accordance with the truth, *any helper*. 31 O People of the Throne! Harken unto My Call from this Remembrance—the Point of the Ba’, Who hath ever been, around the Fire, *openly witnessed*. 32 For He verily is a Youth, an Arab—*inscribed*, within the Mother Book, around the Fire. 33 Verily, God hath revealed unto Me, according to the truth, within the House of the Ka’bah: “*Lo! Verily, I am God—beside Whom there is none other God except Me. I have fashioned Thee for Mine own Self, and I have chosen the Remembrance for Thine own self. There is none that obeyeth Thee in the Pathways of the Gate, save that for them is written the reward in the time to come, in accordance with the truth.*” 34 And there is none that turneth away from this Most Great Word and this Book of Truth, save that We have decreed for them, within the Mother Book, every manner of chastisement—and there is no *turning back* for the True Command of God from aught, in accordance with the truth. 35 And verily, the heedless from amongst the people of the Furqán point with their eyes unto the Remembrance, apart from the True Remembrance—these are they who are *written* amongst the companions of the Ark, within the nethermost depths of the Fire. 36 Say: Verily,

I—indeed I—am the Inevitable Word around the Water, and the Striking Word around the Fire, upon the Pole of the Region of Bahá, by the leave of God, the Most High—I have ever been, in very truth, *beld in praise*. 37 Yea, verily, We—We have sent unto the people of ‘Ád a Wind of Allusion unto that which is beneath the Gate, for seven nights and eight days—*numbered* within the Mother Book. 38 And when the Decree of the Remembrance is fulfilled, the Book shall adjudicate according to the Decree of the Mighty Event, by the leave of God—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 39 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: O thou Mighty One, the Ḥasan, the Ḥusaynī! 40 Verily, God hath made the Remembrance, in every condition, *a Shaykh*—in accordance with the truth, ever *great*. 41 So take Me unto the Throne of Holiness in Thy stead—for verily, We behold Thee, within the Mother Book, *recorded* ‘In the Name of the Gate’.

80. *Súrah of Decline, comprising forty-two Verses*

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

He said, “God forbid that we should take any save him with whom We found our property—verily, we, then, would surely be amongst the wrongdoers.” Káf-Há-Yá-‘Ayn-Şád. 3 A Remembrance of the mercy of Thy Lord at the dawning of the sun and its setting. He verily is the True One—*there is none other God except Him*—for God hath ever been *Mighty, Wise*. 4 Hearken, then, unto that which is revealed unto Thee from Thy Lord, from the Point of the Fire, through that which God hath ordained upon the Central Overseer—*raised aloft*. 5 He verily is God—*there is none other God except Him, the Protector of the faithful*—for God hath ever been *All-Knowing, Everlasting*. 6 O Solace of Mine Eye! Hearken, then, unto My Call from around the Tomb, in very truth, within Thy breast, through that which God hath revealed unto Me, “*Lo! Verily, I am God—beside Whom there is none other God except Me*. 7 *Worship Me, therefore, around that Most Great House—for verily, it hath been, within the Mother Book, upon the clay of the Mosque of Al-Khayf, written*.” 8 O Concourse of Lights! Hearken unto the Call of God from the tongue of the Remembrance—this Arabian Youth. God—He is the True One—*there is none other God except Him*. Verily, I have created Thee, in very truth, for Mine own Self; and I have raised Thy name above the realm of holiness by My Most Exalted Name—and verily, I have ever been, in very truth, *Everlasting*. 9 And verily, We—We have written, by the leave of God, above the center of the Line, upon the mention of the Most Great Name of God—the Concealed, within the Mystery of the Concealed—the Inscribed, which hath been, around the Fire, *inscribed*. 10 O People of the City! By the One True God! Verily, this Remembrance is indeed the Truth, and He standeth upon the Pure Path of God, the Everlasting—at the mention of the Name of God, the Most Exalted—having ever been, around the Fire, *Self-Subsisting*. 11 O Faithful Ones! The Remembrance hath indeed come unto you from your Lord, and We have ordained healing through His Name upon the breasts—for the Judgment, around

the Line, by the leave of the One True God, hath ever been *written*. 12 Say: Verily, grace is with Me, for I have ever been, in very truth, upon the Upright Balance—*steadfast*. 13 Say: O People of Idolatry! Hath God permitted you to utter falsehood concerning this Servant, or do ye forge a lie against the One True God? Wait ye, then—for verily, God hath ever been, of all the worlds, *a Witness*. 14 And Thou art not engaged in any affair, nor dost Thou recite aught of the Qur’án, nor do the doers perform any deed, but that We are *witnesses* over them, from the Presence of the True One, within the Mother Book. 15 And naught doth the knowledge of aught escape from God—for He is the True One, Who hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 16 And verily, We—We have sent down, within this Book, the knowledge of the heavens and the earth—and there is naught but that its judgment hath been, therein, in full detail, *written*. 17 And verily, God hath delivered the friends of the Remembrance from the sorrow of fear—for God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 18 And verily, those who have faith in the Most Great Word, according to the Pure Truth—for them are Glad Tidings in the life of this world and in the world to come. There is no altering the Most Exalted Command of God—and that is the most mighty triumph—having ever been, within the Mother Book, *concealed* within the precincts of the Gate. 19 And let not the word of the faithful grieve Thee, in the mention of the one who delimiteth, concerning Thyself—for verily, might belongeth unto God, the Everlasting—having ever been, in accordance with the truth, *in its entirety*. 20 And unto Him belongeth whosoever is in the heavens and whosoever is in the earth, in very truth—for God hath ever been *All-Hearing*. 21 Verily, those whom they call upon apart from God follow naught but conjecture—for they are those who have been *gathered*, along the pathways of the Fire, into the nethermost depths of the Ark. 22 God hath indeed ordained the night for stillness—and within the Mother Book, the Decree of the Day hath ever been *conspicuous, written*. 23 They said, “*God hath taken unto Himself a child.*” Glorified is He! He is the Self-Sufficient, independent of all things—for He is the Originator of whatsoever is in the heavens and the earth by His command, and God hath ever been *Powerful*

over all things. 24 Verily, those who forge a lie against God—for them is their abode, by leave of the Book, in the land of the Fire—according to the Word of the Fire it hath ever been, within the Mother Book, *written*. 25 Recite unto them the tidings of Noah, We delivered Him and those with Him, and We drowned the wrongdoers in the seas of water—in the surging sea, *bitter* and *seething*. 26 And verily, We—We have sent forth, upon the Most Great Word, Moses and Aaron unto Pharaoh and his chiefs, with the Signs of the Truth—that the people might know that God hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 27 And verily, We—We have sent forth the Twain Gates aforetime, upon that Word. And amongst them were those who had faith, and amongst them were those who had not faith—for God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 28 Then said the idolators, in falsehood against them both, “*Hast thou come unto us to turn us away from that upon which we found our fathers? And verily, we had been secure upon the earth, upon false grounds.*” 29 Say unto these idolators, “*Do ye have faith in a part of the Book and reject another part thereof? Then await ye—for verily, God hath prepared for the wrongdoers amongst you, in very truth, the infernal Fire of Hell and the Stone of Sijjīn—for He is God, Who hath ever been Most Exalted, Most Great.*” 30 Except they repent unto God in the Pathway of this Most Great Remembrance—for verily, God hath ever been, unto His servants, *Forbearing, Forgiving*. 31 And when the sorcerers were gathered for the appointed time, their falsehood was rendered vain upon the Most Great Word—for God hath not ordained for the deniers any *way* over the faithful. 32 Erelong shall God cause the Truth to prevail by His Words, and nullify the transgressors by His signs—for He is the One True God, Who hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 33 O Solace of Mine Eye! Verily, the Tree of Pharaoh is exalted in the Gate—so leave it within the Fire, and rely Thou upon God, for verily, He is indeed the All-Subduing over His servants—for God hath ever been, *a Witness* unto all things. 34 And verily, We—We have revealed unto Moses and His brother, through that Word, that ye establish for the people of the earth, in Egypt, hearts as Houses of Oneness for the Most Great Remembrance of God, the Living—for God

hath ever been *All-Knowing, All-Wise*. 35 And verily, God hath made it a Point of Adoration for the people—so establish Thou all prayer therein, and give Glad Tidings unto the sincere servants of God thereby—for verily, it hath ever been, within the Mother Book, concerning the Remembrance, in accordance with the truth, *written*. 36 And verily, God hath delivered the faithful within the Remembrance, by the Most Great Remembrance, and decreed drowning for Pharaoh and his hosts in the sea. And We did indeed hear his utterance at the moment of drowning, *“I have faith in the One True God—there is none other God except Him.”* And God hath ever been *a Witness* over all things. 37 O Faithful Ones! Recite ye from the Book at the onset of decline, *“Glorified be God—there is none other God except God. All praise belongeth unto God, Who hath not taken unto Himself a consort nor a child, nor hath He had any partner in the Kingdom, nor any protector out of abasement”*—and magnify ye Him with *full magnification*. 38 O People of the Throne! Hearken unto My Call from the center of the rising sun, from the Orient of the Gate, *“Lo! Verily, I am God—there is none other God except Him. I have, in very truth, distinguished the Remembrance of the Remembrance at the rising of the sun and its setting, and at the point of decline—its center. Send ye blessings upon Him, even as the All-Merciful sendeth blessings upon His servant, while the Angels stand encircling the Remembrance with His remembrance—for God hath ever been a Witness unto all things.”* 39 For He is God, Who hath ever *Encompassed* all the worlds. 40 Yea, verily, We—We have sent down from heaven the realities of provision, that the people might know the Truth of the Remembrance, and that verily, Thy Lord shall judge between them on the Day of Resurrection, in very truth, concerning that wherein they differ regarding the Truth of the Remembrance—for God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 41 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: God forbid that We should take aught on the Day of Resurrection save him with whom We find the substance of Oneness from this Gate, at the center of the Fire, around *his heart*. 42 Verily then, by God, We would not have been, in accordance with the truth, *wrongdoers*.

81. *Súrah of the Letter Káf, comprising forty-two Verses*
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

And when they despaired of him, they withdrew apart in private counsel. The eldest amongst them said, "Know ye not that your father hath taken from you a covenant before God? And aforetime ye failed concerning Joseph. Therefore, I shall not depart from this land until my father granteth me leave, or God decreeth for me—for He is the Best of those who judge." Return ye unto your father and say, "O our father! Verily, thy son hath stolen—and we bear witness only to that which we have known, and we were not guardians over the unseen." Alif-Lám-Mím. 4 The Most Mighty Remembrance of God, upon the first Line above the third Line of the fourth Talisman—which hath ever been, within the Mother Book, upon the second of the Twain Lines, within the precincts of the Fire—*enshrined*. 5 And verily, We—We have inspired unto Thee from the Mystery of the Pen, that the people may be, through the Signs of God and His Remembrance, in accordance with the truth, *witnesses*. 6 O Faithful Ones! If ye be in doubt concerning that which God hath sent down upon Our Servant in very truth, then ask those who read the Book before you—for verily, God hath made, in accordance with the truth, the Name of the Remembrance within every Book, *concealed* at the Point of the Fire. 7 O People of the Earth! Be not of those who have denied the Messengers after the Book—for verily, God hath decreed the Judgment, with the Word of chastisement, upon those who deny the Most Great Remembrance—and the Decree hath ever been, within the Mother Book, *irrevocably ordained*. 8 And verily, when the heedless had come to have faith in the Remembrance, We removed from them, by the Most Great Truth, the chastisement of disgrace in this world, and We granted them enjoyment unto the procurement of the time—by the decree of the Book, *irrevocably established*. 9 And had We willed, all who are upon the earth would surely have had faith, in accordance with the truth—*entire*. 10 And it is not for any soul to have faith in the Remembrance save by the leave of God—for God hath placed, in accordance with the truth, the Word of defilement

upon those who have not faith in God, by the judgment of the Book, and the Remembrance hath ever been, in accordance with the truth, in the presence of God, the Most Exalted, *openly witnessed*. 11 Say: Behold what is in the heavens and the earth, and call ye your witnesses apart from the Most Great Remembrance—Is there any self-sufficient one except the One True God? Glorified be God above that which the wrongdoers assert—*an exaltation most high*. 12 Say: Await ye the chastisement from God, in very truth—for verily, We have ever been, in very truth, with all the worlds, *a Witness*. 13 And verily, the True one is the Remembrance, in very truth—and I have ever been, over Thee, in very truth, *a Witness*. 14 O People of the Earth! If ye be in doubt concerning My Remembrance, then ye shall not worship aught apart from God—your cherished Lord. For verily, God hath created you, and provided for you, and shall cause you to die, in very truth—and unto Him is the return, by the Most Great Rupture, for the Judgment hath ever been, within the Mother Book, *written*. 15 And set your faces toward the Ka'bah, in pure devotion unto God, the Most Exalted—He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Praised*. 16 O People of the Earth! Why do ye worship, apart from God, that which neither profiteth you nor harmeth you? And verily, God—He is the True One, your Creator, and He is the Self-Sufficient above all the worlds—*entire*. 17 And verily, God restraineth harm from whomsoever He willeth, and there is no turning back the Command of the One True God—for He is God, Who hath ever been, unto the faithful, *Most Merciful*. 18 O Faithful Ones! The Remembrance hath indeed come unto you, in very truth, from the One True God. Whosoever is guided—verily, God, the Lord of the worlds, hath guided them unto the Truth; and whosoever goeth astray, strayeth only against it. And God doth not wrong any amongst the worlds—not even by so much as *a single thread* from the hollow *of a date-stone*. 19 O People of the Throne! Harken unto My Call from within the precincts of the Fire, God hath revealed unto Me, in very truth, that He is the True One—*there is none other God except Him*. Whosoever followeth the Remembrance, in very truth, hath indeed followed Me, in accordance with the Most Great Truth—for God hath

ever been, unto the faithful, *a Witness*. 20 O Solace of Mine Eye! Be Thou patient with the Judgment of God within Thyself, according to the truth—for verily, We judge, in very truth, between all the worlds, by the leave of God, the Most Exalted—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Wise*. 21 This is a Book whose Verses have been made firm, according to the truth—then detailed in exposition, from the presence of the Most Wondrous—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—for He is God, Who hath ever been *All-Knowing, All-Wise*. 22 O People of the Earth! Be ye mindful of God concerning that Crimson Leaf, dyed with the Most Great Dye—that ye worship none except God, devoting the Faith unto Him, by the Most Great Truth. And verily, I—indeed I—am the Warner by the Most Great Justice, and upon the Decree of Separation, by the judgment of the Book, I have ever been, by the very essence of the truth, *a Bearer of Glad Tidings*. 23 O Faithful Ones! Seek ye forgiveness from your One True Lord—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—upon the Upright Line. And verily, God is your cherished Lord, Possessor of bounty toward the people—and He verily is the True One, for He is God, Who hath ever been, of all things, *All-Knowing*. 24 O People of the Earth! Be ye mindful of God concerning the Day whereon, unto the One True God, shall be your return—upon the Path, from this Gate. And verily, the Lord your God, the True One, hath ever been, over all things, *Powerful*. 25 And there is no creature upon the earth, nor in the heavens, but that God hath preordained for it its sustenance from this heaven. And verily, We know its resting-place and its repository—for verily, the Remembrance hath ever been, over you, within the Mother Book, *a Witness*. 26 And He is the One Who hath created the heavens upon the Line of the earth, and hath measured out the earth in proportion to the heavens, in six days—for He is God, Who hath ever been, over all things, *All-Encompassing*. 27 Yea, verily, We—We have upheld the Throne upon the water and the air, within the precincts of the Fire, at the Pole of the Water—that the people may witness, in the Water, the Wine, after the effacement of two-thirds, the purity of the third, within the mystery of this Book, according to the Decree of the Gate—for

He is God, Who hath ever been, of all things, *All-Encompassing*. 28 And verily, God hath ordained the resurrection for every soul after death, that We may test them as to which of them hath been nearer unto the Remembrance—*openly witnessed*. 29 O Faithful Ones! Verily, God hath decreed, in very truth, concerning the Surging Water, after the Rupture, in very truth—*pure* and *purifying*. 30 For the Káf hath returned, in circular motion, unto the Pole of its Domain, within this Gate—for the Decree hath ever been, within the Mother Book, *irrevocably ordained*. 31 O Faithful Ones! Speak not concerning the Word of idolatry, after the Truth—for verily, the Criterion, from before, hath conveyed you unto the Truth—*held in praise*. 32 So by your Lord! Verily, this Book—it is indeed the Criterion from before. Be ye mindful of God, and reject not faith in a part of the Book after the reward of a part thereof—and verily, the Lord your God—He is indeed the Self-Sufficient—for He is God, Who hath ever been, of all things, *a Witness*. 33 And should We cause humanity to taste mercy, they rejoice therein; and when We exact retribution from them, in very truth, they grow resentful toward Us—as though they had been, upon the Path of Reversal, *held fast*. 34 And be not Thou in distress concerning that which the people suppose regarding the Cause—for from Thy True Lord, the Decree of the former ones hath been irrevocably established upon Thee—for He is God, Who hath ever been, of all things, *All-Knowing*. 35 Or do they say: “*He hath fabricated it*”? Say: Then bring forth Letters the like thereof, and call your witnesses apart from the Remembrance—and glorified be God above that which the wrongdoers assert—*Highly Exalted, Most Great*. 36 And if ye are unable to produce the like thereof, then know that God hath sent it down, through His knowledge, according to the Pure Truth—and *there is none other God except Him, the Mighty*—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Everlasting, All-Wise*. 37 Whoso desireth the life of this world, We grant them thereof, according to justice, the like thereof; and whoso desireth the life in the world to come, We grant them thereof, according to Grace, multiplied manifold—for verily, God hath ever been, over all things, *Powerful*. 38 O People of the Truth! Verily, the Remembrance is indeed the Truth, in very

truth—even as ye speak through discourse by the Most Pure leave—for sufficient is God, through His Remembrance, in accordance with the truth, *a Witness*. 39 O People of the Cloud! Harken unto the Call of God within *this Tafsír*, from the Point of the Flowing Water, from the Camphor Spring—by the very essence of the Firm Truth, *Most Wondrous*. 40 O Concourse of Lights! Know ye not that God hath not ordained the Way for your own selves save after effacement from all that is apart from the One True God? So purify your own selves for the Lord your God, in accordance with the truth, *in intimate discourse*. 41 Know ye not that your father, the Most Great Master, took the covenant from you in the Assembly of the Atoms for His Most Great Word? Yet behold—ye have fallen short concerning Joseph. Say: “*I shall not depart until God granteth me leave—and my Imám—for He is the True One, Who judgeth between me and you, according to the truth—for He is God, Who hath ever been Self-Sufficient, Praised.*” 42 And verily, when the people returned unto the Gate at this Most Great Remembrance of God, they say, “*O Remembrance of God! Verily, the Sign of love hath been effaced from ourselves, and we bear witness only unto that which we have been taught.*” And verily, God—Thy True Lord—*there is none other God except Him*—hath ever been, over the unseen, *a Preserver*.

82. *Súrah of the Most Mighty, comprising forty-two Verses
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful*

And ask the township wherein we had been, and the caravan wherein we returned—for verily, we are indeed of the truthful.” Alif–Lám–Mím–Há. 3 The Remembrance of God—the Most Great Remembrance—within the Remembrance of the inscribed Line, concealed—He verily is the True One—*there is none other God except Him*—God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Everlasting*. 4 O People of the Prayer-Hall! Harken unto My Call from these humbled hearts, within the Remembrance of God, at the Most Great Gate, “*Yea, verily, God hath revealed unto Me upon the Most Great Mount that this Path—binding upon Me—is this Truth, upheld by the people of the heavens and the earth—and it verily is with Me, within the Concealed Mystery above the Line, inscribed.*” 5 O People of the Twain ‘Iráqs! The Son of Muḥammad was not, according to the truth, within your midst, in very truth—neither *eastern*, nor *western*, nor *maritime*, nor *terrestrial*. 6 Nay, God created Him from His Light, and treasured Him within the Concealed Mystery—according to the Most Great Truth—by the Upright Line, upon the Most Great Throne—for God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 7 Say: Verily, I—indeed I—am the True One from God, your cherished Lord, and none hath followed Me, according to the Pure Truth, save that it is incumbent upon Me that I be their helper upon the Land of Ingathering—for this is a confirmed truth. And verily, the Promise of God, your cherished Lord, hath been, within the Mother Book, *irrevocably fulfilled*. 8 O Concourse of Lights! Harken unto My Call from around the Gate—which hath been, upon the Upright Line, around the Fire, *perfectly straight*. 9 Yea, verily, God hath revealed unto Me, in very truth, that this Remembrance is indeed the Truth—and He is the True One—Who hath never ceased to be, upon the Throne, in the presence of the Lord, *beld in praise*. 10 Is one, then, who standeth upon a Clear Sign from their Lord—through the like of this Most Great Book, in very truth—indeed true? Or one whose appointed end is the Fire, in very truth, for whom God hath not appointed, from His Presence, any

Proof—whoso but followeth a portion of aught? Which of these twain souls is more worthy of fidelity, if ye *know*, by God, according to the truth, the Praised One? 11 And who is more unjust than one who hath forged *a lie* against the Remembrance? God, the True One, hath cursed them, and the Angels, and the faithful, in accordance with the truth, *entire*. 12 These shall never frustrate God upon the earth, nor shall they find, for themselves, in very truth, on the Day of Decision, *any helper*. And they shall have none beside God, the Most Exalted, on that Day, in accordance with the truth, *as defender*. 13 The likeness of the twain parties is comparable to the blind and the deaf—are they equal? This water is sweet, refreshing, and that is salt, bitter and seething. And verily, the Lord your God, the Most Gracious, hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 14 O My People! Be ye mindful of God, and worship none but Him, rendering the sincere Faith unto Him—for verily, I fear for you the Most Great Chastisement, on the Day of Decision, concerning the Most Wondrous Judgment of God—which is with God and His chosen ones, in accordance with the truth, *ever nigh*. 15 O People of the Earth! By the One True God! Verily, the Remembrance hath desired naught save the True Cause of God for your own selves—and verily, His recompense is upon God, His cherished Lord, within the Mother Book, by the Hands of the Lord—beyond all limitation—*written* within the Point of the Fire. 16 Say: I desire no *recompense* from anyone. Verily, My recompense, in very truth, is with God, within that Book—the recompense of this Book—which hath ever been, as befitteth the truth, *inscribed* within the Mother Book. 17 O People of the Earth! Whoso rendereth assistance unto the Remembrance, God shall render assistance unto them in every matter of the Cause—for verily, the Lord your God—the True One—hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 18 O Thou Crimson Leaf! Harken unto that which Thy Lord revealeth unto thee from around this Snow-White Leaf, “Verily, the True One—*there is none other God except Him*—for He is God, Who hath ever been *All-Knowing, All-Wise*.” 19 Verily, the mention of this Remembrance, as befitteth the truth, is as My mention throughout the whole Book, which hath ever been *written*, in very truth, by My

Hands. 20 And hearken ye unto His Call from around this Fire, within His Mystery, *“He is God—beside Whom there is none other God except Him—the Lord of the Throne and the Seat—He beside Whom there is none other God except Him—naught is like unto Him, for He is God, Who hath ever been All-Hearing, All-Knowing.”* 21 Or do they say, *“He hath forged it”*? Say: *“Then, in very truth, if I have forged it, the transgression hath ever been written, in very truth, within the Mother Book.”* 22 Yea, verily, We—We have sent inspiration unto all the Prophets, in very truth, along the Pathway of this Remembrance, with pure equity—for He is God, Who hath ever *Encompassed* all the worlds. 23 And verily, We—We have revealed unto Noah, *“Construct the Ark in Our Name—until the Command cometh forth from Us. Then embark Thou therein with those who have faith in God.”* And none had faith, by the very essence of the truth, save but *a few* amongst the faithful. 24 And say, at the moment of embarkation, the Most Great Word, *“In the Name of God, the Most Exalted—its course and its anchorage.”* And verily, God is My Lord and your Lord, in very truth—so worship Him, for He is God, Who hath ever been *Most High, Most Great*. 25 And when We had borne Him upon the Ark of the Remembrance, We commanded the wind from around it, and We caused the sea to surge like mighty mountains, by the leave of God, the Most Exalted—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 26 And Noah called unto His son upon the embarkation—but Satan led him astray from the Cause of his Lord, that he might seek refuge apart from the Most Great Remembrance—thus, by that turning away, he was *isolated* within the surging sea—*drowned*. 27 O My Earth! Guard the waters after the rains of heaven, and conceal the waters within the depths of this soil—for verily, God hath decreed the Command through His Remembrance, and the Truth settled upon al-Júdí, in the midst of the lines, on the tenth of the Arabian month, in accordance with the truth—for He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 28 These are from the tidings of the Unseen which We reveal unto Thee, that the people might bear witness, through the Most Great Remembrance, after the Most Great Book, in very truth—for verily, God hath ever

Encompassed that which ye know. 29 O Concourse! Harken unto My Call from this Most Great Word, gathered from the Letters of the Most Great Name of God, “*Yea, verily, God hath revealed unto Me, ‘Lo! Verily, I am God—beside Whom there is none other God except Him. There is none that hath visited the Remembrance, in very truth, save that they have visited the Lord God, by the Most Great Truth, above the Throne.’*” Yea, verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 30 O People of the Earth! Verily, the bounty of this Gate, within the Mother Book, upon the Most Mighty Unbinding, above the First Line—as befitteeth the truth—hath been, in very truth, *written*. 31 Yea, verily, We—We have delivered Húd, the Prophet, and those with Him, through the Most Great Remembrance, according to that Mighty Word—thus hath it ever been, within the Mother Book, in the presence of the Most Gracious, *openly witnessed*. 32 O Faithful Ones! I call God to witness—and bear ye witness—that I have been upon the Pure Faith, within the Mother Book, on the Day whereon He created the earth and the heavens—in accordance with the truth—*openly witnessed*. 33 O Faithful Ones! Seek ye forgiveness of your Lord—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—and turn unto God, *entire*, that ye may be upon the Upright Path, through the Most Great Remembrance—*amongst those forgiven*. 34 Yea, verily, God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 35 For He is God, Who hath ever *Encompassed* all the worlds. 36 And verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 37 For He is God, Who hath ever been *Self-Sufficient* above all the worlds. 38 And verily, God hath indeed prepared, for those who forge lies against the Remembrance, upon the Day of Resurrection, within the nethermost depths of the Ark, *a most severe Fire*. 39 O People of the Earth! This is the very Remembrance from God Who hath been revealed amidst you, in very truth—for He verily is the One True God, and sufficient is God, concerning that which I say, in accordance with the truth, *as Witness*. 40 Say: Verily, God hath revealed unto Me, within that Most Great Tafsír, from this Verse—kindled from the Fire of hearts by His Command—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 41 “*Lo! Verily, I am God*”—*beside Whom there is none other God*

except Him—so ask the blessed township wherein We had been—for it is that *Word from* which the caravan turned away. 42 And verily, We have ever been, as befitteth the truth, within that *Word*—the Word of Truthfulness—from God, the Most Exalted, *spoken forth*.

83. *Súrah of the Letter Bá, comprising forty-two Verses*
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

He said, “Nay, but your souls have made alluring unto you this affair—so patience is most fair. It may be that God shall bring them unto me altogether—for verily, He is the *All-Knowing, the All-Wise.*” Alif–Lám–Mím–Fá. 3 God hath indeed revealed the Furqán, in very truth, that He might judge between the people concerning the matter of the Remembrance, in equity—for verily, God hath ever been, of that which ye do, *All-Encompassing.* 4 Yea, verily, We—We have sent down the Book upon Mount Sinai unto the Remembrance, that He might judge between the people with justice—for verily, the Lord Thy God hath ever been, of all things, *All-Knowing.* 5 O Leaves of the Heart! Hearken unto My Call from this Pen of Ink, “*Lo! Verily, I am God*”—*there is none other God except Him, the Everlasting*—for God hath ever been *All-Wise, All-Knowing.* 6 The Remembrance speaketh not from desire—yea, verily, God hath inspired Me in very truth, and He verily is upon the Stable Path, abiding above the Water, *openly witnessed.* 7 O Concourse of Lights! Marvel ye at the Command of God and His power over a soul from amongst Us, the People of the House? And God hath ever been, over all things, *Powerful.* 8 O Solace of Mine Eye! Turn Thou away from the idolators—for verily, God hath willed, in accordance with the truth, the Most Great Chastisement within them. Yea, verily, God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 9 Yea, verily, We—We have revealed the Signs, in very truth, within that Book, as befitteth the truth, for the Line of the Qá’im in the first line—for the mention of the Remembrance in between the lines hath ever been—in accordance with the truth—*concealed.* 10 That haply the people may read, from the Knowledge of the Book, *a portion* of the Letter which hath ever been, in very truth—concerning the matter of the Remembrance—*inscribed,* within this Book, in the Mother Book. 11 O Solace of Mine Eye! God hath not decreed for any one aught from Thy Concealed Line—wherefore rely upon the Lord Thy God and turn Thou away from the people of sensation, and stand Thou at *the Gate of the*

Heart—for verily, the Lord Thy God—the True One—hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 12 O People of the Earth! Be ye mindful of God, and be not as the people of Lot in associating with God, their Creator—for verily, the Remembrance amidst you hath ever been, in accordance with the truth, around the Pillar, against your own selves, by the Firm truth, *a Witness*. 13 Say: None knoweth the Unseen save God—for He is the One Who encompasseth all things—for He is God, *Most Exalted, Most Great*. 14 Yea, verily, God hath established the Remembrance for His own Self, that He might render the earth—from its highest—*a servant* unto its lowest—for God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 15 And verily, We have ordained the return, from the tongue of the Remembrance, upon those who reject faith, as the infernal Fire of Hell—*brought forth*. 16 O People of the Earth! Safeguard My Word, *that ye worship none but God, My Lord and your Lord*—and breach not the Balance through falsehood, nor the Measure—in very truth—and be ye *stationed* upon the Line of Equity within that Gate. 17 Verily, this Remembrance is the Remnant of the Gates, and it is better for you, if ye be, in God, the Most Exalted, *faithful*—by the very essence of the truth. 18 O Faithful Ones! Have ye considered, if I stand upon a Clear Sign from My Lord—and God hath sustained Me from the goodly things of Knowledge which none amongst creation knoweth save the True One—and My success is not but through God—for unto Him is the return of the faithful, *as hath been written*—in accordance with the truth. 19 Seek ye forgiveness from God, then turn ye unto Him along the Pathway of this Most Great Gate—and verily, God—He is the True One—My Lord, hath ever been, in very truth, *Forgiving and Loving*. 20 O My People! Act according to your station—for verily, God is a Witness, in very truth, over you—for He is the All-Knowing, ever *Aware*. 21 Yea, verily, We—We have sent Thee unto all creation, by the leave of God, with Our Signs and this Most Great Sovereignty—which hath ever been, in accordance with the truth, *well assured*. 22 And verily, the inhabitants of the townships, around the Fire, have indeed been, upon the Day of Resurrection, *openly witnessed*. 23 That is from the tidings of the

townships which We recount unto Thee, amongst them are those around the Water, and amongst them are those nigh unto God, who have ever been, in accordance with the truth, *sustained* at the Point of the Fire. 24 And verily, the idolators have not wronged Us—rather, the inhabitants of the Fire, within the Fire, are indeed, by the Decree of the Book, those who have been *wronged*. 25 Verily, those whom they call upon beside the Remembrance—their gods, whom they invoke beside God—have not availed them—for the Command hath indeed come from the One True God—in accordance with the truth—*irrevocably ordained*. 26 Yea, verily, We have taken, above the Mount, from all, the Covenant of the Remembrance—yet when they came, in very truth, unto this world, they were, upon the breach of the Covenant, *written* within the Mother Book. 27 Verily, in that is indeed a Sign for one who feareth the chastisement of the world to come—for verily, on that Day, before the Most Gracious, all creation shall have been *gathered*. 28 And that is a Day which hath ever been, within the Mother Book, *openly witnessed*. 29 And We delay it not save unto an appointed term, in very truth—for the Command hath ever been, in very truth, from around the Fire—*reckoned*. 30 And verily, We—We shall reward the souls, on that Day, in very truth—and amongst them are those busied with the Cause, and amongst them are those nigh unto the Fire—they have ever been, in accordance with the truth, *openly witnessed*. 31 Yea, verily, We—We have judged for the wretched in the womb, and for the blessed in the womb, according to the Knowledge of the Book—thus hath it been *irrevocably ordained*. 32 As for those who were wretched—by justice, around the Fire, they have been made to stand—save whom Thy Lord willeth—He verily is the True One, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 33 And as for those who were made glad—by the truth, nigh unto God, they have been, by the judgment of the Divine Will, around the Gate—*written*. 34 And verily, We—We, by the Most Great Truth, render in full unto every soul that which it hath wrought—and God diminisheth naught from aught its due—and there is naught save that We have enumerated it within that Book—*enshrined*. 35 Yea, verily, We—We have granted unto Thee the Book, in very truth, that

Thou might judge between the people upon the Line of Justice—and had it not been for a Wisdom that had preceded from God concerning the people, God would indeed have judged between them on that Day—the Days of the Remembrance—by the Most Great Truth—for the Command of God hath ever been, within the Mother Book, *irrevocably ordained*. 36 O Solace of Mine Eye! Stand Thou firm as Thou hast been commanded, and grieve not over the idolators and their word—for verily, the Lord Thy God, by the Most Great Truth, judgeth amongst them on the Day of Resurrection—for He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 37 O People of the Cloud! Hearken unto My Call from the Point of the Bá, at rest, at the Pole of the Fire, “*Nay, but your souls have made alluring unto you—after the Book—concerning the Cause of Joseph, unto the Remembrance.*” 38 “*O God! From Thee is patience concerning His Cause—according to the truth—a patience most fair.*” 39 “*Perchance your Lord shall bring them unto Me, in the Land of Ingathering—according to the truth—entire.*” 40 “*For He verily is the True One, and He is the Most Exalted, in very truth—for He is the One Who hath ever been, within the Mother Book—in accordance with the truth—All-Wise and All-Knowing.*” 41 For He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 42 And verily, God hath ever *Encompassed* all the worlds.

84. *Súrah of the Name, comprising forty-two Verses*

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

*And he turned away from them and said, "O my sorrow for Joseph!" And his eyes became whitened from grief, and he was indeed one who suppressed his anguish. Alif-Lám-Mím-Rá-Alif. 3 These are the verses of the Book, from the Presence of the Most Wondrous—beside Whom there is none other God except Him—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Most Exalted, All-Wise*. 4 And verily, We—We have revealed the Verses within that Book, for those endowed with insight from amongst the people of the Gate, in accordance with the truth—*one by one*. 5 O Fruit of the Heart! Hearken unto this Call from this Dove, singing within the firmament of the Cloud, "Yea, verily, God hath inspired Me, in very truth, 'Lo! Verily, I am God'—beside Whom there is none other God except Him." For He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Wise*. 6 "O My servants! Set your hearts upon this Most Great Recompense—for verily, I have created for the Remembrance Gardens which none knoweth save Me, and I have not permitted *ought* thereof unto any soul except after being slain in His Path—so await ye this Most Great Recompense from God, the Most High." For He is God, Who hath ever been *Most Exalted, Most Great*. 7 And had We willed, We would have made the people, within the precincts of the Remembrance, *a single community*—but they shall not cease to differ, save that which hath been decreed of the Truth, in very truth—for the Command hath ever been, from the Remembrance, by the very essence of the truth—*irrevocably ordained*. 8 Yea, verily, We—We recount unto Thee, from the tidings of the Messengers, that the people may render firm their hearts upon the Pure Faith—for the Lord Thy God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 9 And verily, God hath made the Signs *an admonition* for the faithful—yet naught shall profit the idolators, in very truth, save *loss*. 10 O Idolators! Act according to your station—for verily, the Lord your God, the Most Gracious—He indeed is the True One—for God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 11 And verily, this Remembrance—He indeed is the True One—for He hath ever been, in*

accordance with the truth, with all the worlds—a *Witness*. 12 And unto God belongeth the Unseen of creation, and unto Him returneth the Command—so worship ye Him, for He verily is the True One—for He is God, Who hath ever been, over all things, a *Reckoner*. 13 O Solace of Mine Eye! Speak forth upon Thy concealed tongue within the Point of the Fire, “*He is God—there is none other God except Him—He hath been made manifest, in accordance with the truth, in the Point of Fire—through the Fire, upon the Fire—alone—without associate.*” 14 And verily, I—I am the Incomparable within the Most Great Word! I have caused to stream forth a *trace* from My Name upon the forms of the Gardens—whereupon they stood aright through the Remembrance, by the Remembrance—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 15 And upon the veils—thus was it veiled from Might, by Might—for He is God, Who hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 16 And upon the Cloud—the traces of otherness were effaced from their very essences—for He is God, Who hath ever been a *Witness* unto all things. 17 And upon the Throne—it stood fast upon the pillars of the Eight, in accordance with the truth—for He is God, Who hath ever been *All-Aware* of all things. 18 And upon the Heaven—it was raised without pillars which ye behold—for He is God, Who hath ever been a *Reckoner* for the faithful. 19 And upon the Earth—it lay humbled upon the surface—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Most Merciful* unto the faithful. 20 And for each, according to the Command of the Book, is their allotted portion from the Remembrance—having been, in very truth, *distilled therefrom*. 21 And verily, We—We have revealed unto Thee the Book, in very truth, from Thy Lord—yet most of the people have not faith in the Most Exalted Remembrance—save a *few* from amongst the foremost of the faithful. 22 Yea, verily, We—We have raised the heaven without pillars which ye behold—then We caused the heavens to be set in equilibrium with the earth, according to that which God hath pre-measured within the Mother Book—*irrevocably ordained*. 23 And verily, We—We have subjected the sun and the moon and the stars, around the Remembrance, that the people may have faith in His meeting, in accordance with the truth—for

He is God, Who hath ever been, in very truth, over all the worlds, *Praised*. 24 And verily, We—We have writ the Seat as Thy Throne, and the Place of Abiding as Thy Footstool—and verily, their Cause hath ever been upon the Water, around the Gate, by the very essence of the truth—*upraised*. 25 God hath extended the earth by His Word, and hath ordained therein inner depths and *rivers* from the water of wine—and from all fruits hath God ordained therein two pairs—He covereth the night over the day. Verily, in that are signs for those endowed with insight from amongst the people of the Gate—those who have *circumambulated* around the Remembrance. 26 Yea, verily, We—We have pre-measured within the Land of Divine Unity *parcels* from the attributes, adjoining one another, and Gardens from the Names—*grapevines*, and *cultivation* from the affairs, *twin-like*—watered by the water of the Remembrance, upon the Command, above the Cause—for the decree within the Mother Book hath ever been *irrevocably ordained*. 27 O Concourse of Lights! If ye marvel at the Remembrance in His truth, then know verily We have, in very truth, ever been within creation, according to the wondrous origination, by the leave of God, the Everlasting, upon the matter of the Remembrance—for the Command hath ever been, from God, *continuously renewed*. 28 And verily, the people of association—their seat is the Fire, according to the Judgment of the Book, in very truth—for the Decree within the Mother Book hath ever been *irrevocably ordained*. 29 And verily, God is indeed Possessor of forgiveness unto the people, concerning that Most Great Word—yet the people know not, from the knowledge of the Book, even *a single letter*—save that they have come to know something of uprooted falsehood—*cast aside* and *forsaken*. 30 And verily, God hath made Thee, in accordance with the truth, *a Warner*—and unto the faithful, *a Guide*—and unto the Secret of the Book, *one guided aright*. 31 God knoweth all things, and that which is within the wombs, in very truth—and that by which creation increaseth, according to the wondrous origination—for all things, from His Presence, hath ever been *written* according to measure. 32 He is God—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—Knower of the Unseen and the Seen—for He is God, Who

hath ever been *Most Exalted, Most Great*. 33 Yea, verily, God hath made the Word, in accordance with the truth, equal for the idolators—so whomsoever God desireth to lead astray—there is no turning back for them—for the Command of God hath ever been, in very truth, within the Mother Book—*effected*. 34 And verily, God hath ordained for Thyself Angels who guard Thee, according to the Command, from God—for God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 35 O Concourse of Lights! Hearken unto My Call from the Tongue of God, the Most Wondrous, from the Unassailable, Unitive Mysteries, by the leave of God, the Most Exalted—He Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 36 Say: Verily, I—I am the Mysteries within the Concurrence of the Cloud, by the Most Great Truth—indeed have I ever been *enshrined* around the Fire. 37 And verily, by the leave of God, in My youth I was, in very truth, over Mine own Self, according to the Firm, Truth—*All-Knowing*. 38 And, God willing, Mine eyes shall whiten with sorrow in Mine old age, for verily I—I am the one who suppresseth grief, in very truth, over all the worlds—*entire*. 39 For He is God, Who hath ever *Encompassed* all the worlds. 40 Yea, verily, God—He is the Most High, the Most Great—for God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things, and God hath ever been *All-Knowing* of all things. 41 And verily, God—your cherished Lord—is indeed the True One—*there is none other God except Him*—for God hath ever been, *Self-Sufficient* above all the worlds. 42 O People of the Earth! Recognize the Right of the Remembrance through the Remembrance, for verily it hath been, with God, *written* within the Mother Book.