142. The foolish among the people will say, "What has turned them from the direction of prayer which they used to (face)." Say, "To Allah belong the east and the west. He guides whom He wills to the straight path."

143. And thus We have made you a community of the middle way so that you will be witnesses over mankind and the Messenger will be a witness over you. And We appointed the direction of the prayer which you used to face in order to make evident he who follows the Messenger from he who turns back on his heels. And indeed, it was a great test except for those whom Allah guided. And Allah would not let go waste your faith. Indeed, Full of Allah Kindness towards mankind, the Most Merciful.

144. Indeed, We see the turning of your face (O Muhammad SAWS!), towards the heaven. Surely We will turn you to a direction of prayer that pleases you. So turn your face towards the direction of Al-Masjid Al-Haraam (Kabah). And wherever you (believers) are, turn your faces towards its direction. And indeed, those who were given the Book, know well that it is the truth from their Lord. And Allah

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is not unaware of what they do.

- 145. And even if you bring to those who were given the Book all the signs, they would not follow your direction of prayer, nor will you follow their direction of prayer. And nor would they be followers of each other's direction of prayer. And if you follow their desires after knowledge has come to you, then surely you will be among the wrongdoers.
- 146. Those to whom We gave the Book, recognize it like they recognize their sons. But indeed, a group of them knowingly conceal the Truth.
- **147.** The Truth is from your Lord, so do not be among the doubters.
- 148. And for everyone is a direction towards which he turns, so race to good. Wherever you will be, Allah will bring you together. Indeed, Allah has power over everything.
- 149. And from wherever you start forth (for prayers) turn your face in the direction of the *Al-Masjid Al-Haraam* (Kabah). And indeed, it is the truth from your Lord. And Allah is not unaware of what you do.
- **150.** And from wherever you start forth (for prayers) turn your face in the direction



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of the Al-Masjid Al-Haraam (Kabah). And wherever you are, turn your faces towards it, so that the people will not have any argument against you except the wrongdoers among them, so do not fear them but fear Me. So that I may complete My favor upon you, perhaps you may be guided.

- 151. Similarly We sent to you a Messenger from among you, who recites to you Our verses and purifies you and teaches you the Book and the wisdom, and teaches you what you were not knowing.
- 152. So remember Me, I will remember you.

 And be grateful to Me and do not be ungrateful to Me.
- 153. O you who believe! Seek help through patience and the prayer. Indeed, Allah is with the patient ones.
- **154.** And do not say for those who are slain in the way of Allah, "They are dead." Nay, they are alive, but you do not perceive.
- 155. And surely We will test you with something of fear, hunger, loss of wealth, lives and fruits; but give good news to the patient ones.
- 156. Who, when misfortune strikes them, they say, "Indeed, we belong to Allah and indeed to **Him** we



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will return."

- **157.** Those are the ones on whom are blessings from their Lord and Mercy. And they are the guided ones.
- 158. Indeed, the *Safa* and the *Marwah* are symbols of Allah. So whoever performs *Hajj* or *Umrah*, there is no blame on him for walking between them. And whoever does good voluntarily, then indeed, Allah is All-Appreciative, All-Knowing
- 159. Indeed, those who conceal the clear proofs We revealed, and the Guidance, after We made it clear for the people in the Book they are cursed by Allah and cursed by those who curse.
- 160. Except those who repent and reform themselves and openly declare, then from those, I will accept repentance, and I am the Acceptor of Repentance, the Most Merciful.
- 161. Indeed, those who disbelieve and die as disbelievers, upon them is the curse of Allah, the Angels and the mankind all together.
- **162.** (They will) abide in it forever. The punishment will not be lightened for them, nor will they be reprieved.
- 163. And your God is one God; there is no god except **Him**, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.



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164. Indeed, in the creation of the Heavens and the earth and the alternation of the night and the day, and the ships which sail in the sea with that which benefits people, and what Allah has sent down from the sky of rain, giving life thereby to the earth after its death, and dispersing therein of all kinds of moving creatures, and directing the winds and the clouds controlled between the sky and the earth, surely are signs for people who use their intellect.

165. And (yet) among mankind are some who take for worship others besides Allah as equals to Him. They love them as they should love Allah. But those who believe are stronger in their love for Allah. And if only those who wronged could see, when they will see the punishment, that all powers belong to Allah and Allah is severe in punishment.

166. When those who were followed disown those who followed them, and they will see the punishment and all their ties will be cut off.

167. And those who followed will say, "If only we had (one more chance) to return (to the world), we would disown them as they have disowned us." Thus Allah will show them their deeds as regrets for them. They will never come out of the Fire.



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- 168. O mankind! Eat from whatever is on the earth lawful and good and do not follow the footsteps of the Shaitaan. Indeed, he is to you a clear enemy.
- **169.** He (Shaitaan) only commands you to evil and immorality and to say about Allah what you do not know.
- 170. And when it is said to them, "Follow what Allah has revealed," they said, "Nay, we will follow what we found our forefathers following." Even though their forefathers understood nothing, nor were they guided?
- 171. And the example of those who disbelieve is like the one (shepherd) who shouts at that which hears nothing but calls and cries deaf, dumb, and blind, they do not understand.
- 172. O you who believe! Eat from the good things which We have provided you and be grateful to Allah if you worship Him alone.
- He has 173. only forbidden to you dead animals, blood, the flesh of swine, and that which has been dedicated to other than Allah. But whoever is compelled (by necessity), without (willful) disobedience nor transgressing (the limits) then there is no sin on him. Indeed, Allah is Oft-Forgiving, and Most Merciful.



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174. Indeed, those who conceal what Allah has revealed of the Book, and purchase a small gain therewith, they eat nothing except Fire in their bellies. And Allah will not speak to them on the Day of Judgment, nor will He purify them, and they will have a painful punishment.

175. Those are the ones who buy astraying in place of Guidance and punishment in place of forgiveness. So what is their endurance on the Fire!

176. That is because Allah has sent down the Book in Truth. And indeed, those who differ over the Book are in extreme dissension.

177. It is not righteousness that you turn your faces towards the east or the west but it is righteousness to believe in Allah, the Last Day, the Angels, the Book, and the Prophets and give wealth in spite of love for it to the near relatives, the orphans, the needy, the wayfarer, and those who ask, and in freeing the slaves; and (who) establish the prayer and give the Zakat and those who fulfill the covenant when they make it; and those who are patient in suffering, hardship,

there with and they purchase Judgment (on the) Day And Allah will not speak to them except [the] astraying | purchase[d] | (are) they who And indeed, revealed Allah with [the] Truth. the Book (is) because who differed that [the] righteousness and the Prophets and the needy and the orphans, and [the] hardship, in [the] suffering and those who are patient they make it; when

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