In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.

- 1. By the Sky and the Night-Visitant (therein);-
- 2. And what will explain to thee what the Night-Visitant is?-
- 3. (It is) the Star of piercing brightness;-
- 4. There is no soul but has a protector over it.
- 5. Now let man but think from what he is created!
- 6. He is created from a drop emitted-
- 7. Proceeding from between the backbone and the ribs:
- 8. Surely (Allah) is able to bring him back (to life)!
- 9. The Day that (all) things secret will be tested,
- 10.(Man) will have no power, and no helper.
- 11. By the Firmament which returns (in its round),
- 12. And by the Earth which opens out (for the gushing of springs or the sprouting of vegetation),-
- 13. Behold this is the Word that distinguishes (Good from Evil):
- 14. It is not a thing for amusement.
- 15. As for them, they are but plotting a scheme,
- 16. And I am planning a scheme.
- 17. Therefore grant a delay to the Unbelievers: Give respite to them gently (for awhile).