

بَلْ لَيْسَتْ مِائَتَةُ عَامٍ فَاَنْظُرْ إِلَىٰ طَعَامِكَ وَشَرَابِكَ لَمْ يَتَسَنَّهٗ ۖ وَانْظُرْ إِلَىٰ  
 حِمَارِكَ وَلِنَجْعَلَكَ ءَايَةً لِلنَّاسِ ۖ وَانْظُرْ إِلَىٰ الْعِظَامِ كَيْفَ نُنْشِزُهَا  
 ثُمَّ نَكْسُوهَا لَحْمًا ۖ فَلَمَّا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُ قَالَ أَعْلَمُ أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

﴿سورة البقرة: ٢٥٩﴾

2:259. Or [have you seen] the one who passed by a town that lay in ruins? He said: How can Allah restore this to life when it has died? Then Allah caused him to die for a hundred years, then brought him back to life. He said: How long did you remain [in this state]? He said: [Perhaps] a day or part of a day. He said: No; you remained [like this] for a hundred years. Look at your food and your drink; they have not changed. But look at your donkey, so that We may make of you a sign unto the people; look at the bones, [and see] how We bring them together then clothe them with flesh. When it had all become clear to him, he said: I know that Allah has power over all things.

This is another sign that points to the fact that Allah is the only Creator, controller and Giver of life and death.

﴿Or [have you seen] the one who passed by a town that lay in ruins?﴾ That is, its people had vanished, its inhabitants had died out, and the walls and ceilings of its buildings had collapsed. There was no sign of life left in it; rather it was desolate and devoid of its people. This man who came across it wondered: ﴿How can Allah restore this to life when it has died?﴾. He thought that such a thing was very unlikely, and he was unaware of the power of Allah (ﷻ). But because Allah willed good for him, He showed him a sign in himself and in his donkey, and in the food and drink that he had with him.

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