

believe then? [Ibrâheem] said: Yes of course, but just to reassure my heart». That was because seeing further certain evidence is one of the things by which faith increases and certainty becomes complete. This is what those who want to draw closer to Allah try to attain. So his Lord said to him: «So take four birds and cut their bodies into pieces, then place a piece of each of them on each hill» that is, cut them into pieces, mix the parts and place on each hill – of some hills that were nearby – one of those pieces.

«Then call them; they will come swiftly to you» that is, they will be brought back to life in a complete sense, and they will come quickly to you, as birds do. So Ibrâheem (عليه السلام) did that, and what he wanted happened. This is part of Allah's mighty dominion over the heavens and the earth, which He showed him, as He says:

«Thus We gave Ibrâheem an insight into [Allah's] mighty dominion over the heavens and the earth, so that he might be one of those who have certain faith.» (al-An'âm 6: 75)

«Know that Allah is Almighty, Most Wise» that is, He has great power by which He has subjugated all created things, so nothing is outside His control; rather everything submits to His might and majesty. Nevertheless, His actions are in accordance with His wisdom, and He does not do anything for no purpose.



﴿مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ كَمَثَلِ حَبَّةٍ أَنْبَتَتْ سَبْعَ سَنَابِلٍ فِي كُلِّ سُنْبُلَةٍ مِائَةُ حَبَّةٍ وَاللَّهُ يُضَاعِفُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ﴾ (سورة البقرة: ٢٦١)

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- 2:261. The likeness of those who spend their wealth in the cause of Allah is that of a grain of corn that produces seven ears, each ear bearing a hundred grains. Allah gives manifold increase