



﴿وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ فِي رَيْبٍ مِمَّا نَزَّلْنَا عَلَىٰ عَبْدِنَا فَأْتُوا بِسُورَةٍ مِثْلِهِ وَادْعُوا شُهَدَاءَكُمْ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٢٣﴾ فَإِنْ لَمْ تَفْعَلُوا وَلَنْ تَفْعَلُوا فَأْذَنُوا بِالنَّارِ الَّتِي وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ أُعِدَّتْ لِلْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٢٤﴾﴾ (سورة البقرة: ٢٣-٢٤)

- 2:23. And if you are in doubt concerning what We have revealed to Our slave, then produce a soorah like it; and call your helpers besides Allah, if you are truthful [in your claim].
- 2:24. But if you cannot do it, and you can never do it, then beware of the fire whose fuel is men and stones, which is prepared for the disbelievers.

These verses provide rational evidence that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) was genuine and that his message was true.

﴿And if you are in doubt...﴾ This is addressed to those who opposed the Messenger (ﷺ) and rejected his message, saying that he was lying. (What is meant is:) if you are doubtful and are uncertain concerning what We have sent down to Our slave, as to whether it is true or not, then here is a fair argument which will decide the matter between you and him. That argument is that he is a human being like you; he is not the most eloquent or most knowledgeable among you. You have known him from when he was small, as he grew up among you. He does not read or write, yet he has brought you a Book that he says is from Allah, but you say that he is speaking of his own accord and has made it up. If the matter is as you say, then produce a soorah like it, with the help of any one you can find among your helpers and witnesses; this will be something easy for you, especially since you are people of eloquence and oratory, and you are fuelled by deep enmity towards the Messenger (ﷺ). If you can produce a soorah like it, then he is as you say, but if you cannot produce a soorah like