

And has the story of Moses reached you? –

When he saw a fire and said to his family, "Stay here; indeed, I have perceived a fire; perhaps I can bring you a torch or find at the fire some guidance."

And when he came to it, he was called, "O Moses,

Indeed, I am your Lord, so remove your sandals. Indeed, you are in the blessed valley of \$uwÆ

And I have chosen you, so listen to what is revealed [to you].

Indeed, I am AllŒh. There is no deity except Me, so worship Me and establish prayer for My remembrance.

Indeed, the Hour is coming – I almost conceal it[1] – so that every soul may be recompensed according to that for which it strives.

So do not let one avert you from it[1] who does not believe in it and follows his desire, for you [then] would perish.

And what is that in your right hand, O Moses?"

He said, "It is my staff; I lean upon it, and I bring down leaves for my sheep and I have therein other uses."

[AllŒh] said, "Throw it down, O Moses."

So he threw it down, and thereupon it was a snake, moving swiftly.

[Allah] said, "Seize it and fear not; We will return it to its former condition.

And draw in your hand to your side; it will come out white without disease – another sign,

That We may show you [some] of Our greater signs.

Go to Pharaoh. Indeed, he has transgressed [i.e., tyrannized]."

[Moses] said, "My Lord, expand [i.e., relax] for me my breast [with assurance]

And ease for me my task

And untie the knot from my tongue

That they may understand my speech.

And appoint for me a minister [i.e., assistant] from my family –

Aaron, my brother.

Increase through him my strength

And let him share my task

That we may exalt You much

And remember You much.

Indeed, You are of us ever Seeing."