

# Texts for Scriptural Reasoning Creation

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## Job 38:1-20

1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:  
2 "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?  
3 Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.  
4 "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.  
5 Who determined its measurements -- surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?  
6 On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone,  
7 when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?  
8 "Or who shut in the sea with doors, when it burst forth from the womb;  
9 when I made clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
10 and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,  
11 and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed?'  
12 "Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place,  
13 that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it?  
14 It is changed like clay under the seal, and it is dyed like a garment.  
15 From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken.  
16 "Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep?  
17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?  
18 Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.  
19 "Where is the way to the dwelling of light, and where is the place of darkness,

## אויב 1:38-20

א וַיַּעַן-יְהוָה אֶת-אִיּוֹב, מִנְּהַסְעֵרָה (מִן הַסְּעָרָה); וַיֹּאמֶר.  
ב מִי זֶה, מַחְשִׁיב עֲצָה בְּמַלְיָן-- בְּלִי-דַעַת.  
ג אָזַר-נָא כְגֹבֵר חֲלָצִיךָ; וְאַשְׁאֲלֶךָ, וְהוֹדִיעַנִי.  
ד אֵיפֹה הָיִיתָ, בְּיַסְדֵי-אָרֶץ; הַגֹּד, אִם-יָדַעְתָּ בִּינָה.  
ה מִי-שָׁם מִמְדֵיָהּ, כִּי תִדַּע; אוֹ מִי-נָטָה עָלֶיהָ קוֹ.  
ו עַל-מָה, אֲדַנְיָהּ הִטְבַּעוּ; אוֹ מִי-יָרָה, אָבֹן פְּנֵתָהּ.  
ז בְּרֶן-יַחַד, כּוֹכְבֵי בֶקֶר; וַיְרִיעוּ, כָּל-בְּנֵי אֱלֹהִים.  
ח וַיִּסָּד בְּדִלְתַיִם יָם; בְּגִיחוֹ, מִרְחֹם יַצָּא.  
ט בְּשׁוּמֵי עֵנָן לָבָשׁוּ; וַעֲרָפֶל, חֲתָלְתּוּ.  
י וַאֲשַׁבֵּר עָלָיו חֲקֵי; וְאָשִׁים, בְּרִיחַ וּדְלָתַיִם.  
יא וַאֲמַר--עַד-פֹּה תָבוֹא, וְלֹא תִסֹּף; וּפֹא-יָשִׁית, בְּגֵאוֹן גְּלִיךָ.  
יב הַמִּמְיָמִיךָ, צוִיתָ בֶקֶר; יָדַעְתָּ שַׁחַר (יָדַעְתָּ הַשַּׁחַר) מִקְמוֹ.  
יג לֹא-חֲזוּ, בְּכַנְפוֹת הָאָרֶץ; וַיִּנְעָרוּ רַשָׁיִם מִמְּנָה.  
יד תִּתְהַפֵּךְ, כְּחֹמֶר חֹתָם; וַיִּתְיַצְּבוּ, כְּמוֹ לְבוֹשׁ.  
טו וַיִּמְנַע מִרַשָׁאִים אוֹרָם; וַיִּזְרַע רָמָה, תִּשְׁבֵּר.  
טז הִבֵּאתָ, עַד-נִבְכֵי-יָם; וּבַחֲקֹר תְּהוֹם, הִתְהַלַּכְתָּ.  
יז הִנְגְלוּ לְךָ, שַׁעֲרֵי-מָוֶת; וְשַׁעֲרֵי צַלְמוֹת תִּרְאֶה.  
יח הִתְבַּנַּנְתָּ, עַד-רִחְבֵי-אָרֶץ; הַגֹּד, אִם-יָדַעְתָּ כֻּלָּהּ.  
יט אִי-זֶה הַדֶּרֶךְ, יִשְׁכֹּן-אוֹר; וְחֹשֶׁךְ, אִי-זֶה מִקְמוֹ.

20 that you may take it to its territory and that you may discern the paths to its home?

כ כי תקחנו אל-גבולו ; וכי-תבין, נתיבות ביתו.

### Job 40:1-9

1 And the LORD said to Job:  
2 Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty? He who argues with God, let him answer it."  
3 Then Job answered the LORD:  
4 "Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer thee? I lay my hand on my mouth.  
5 I have spoken once, and I will not answer; twice, but I will proceed no further."  
6 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:  
7 "Gird up your loins like a man; I will question you, and you declare to me.  
8 Will you even put me in the wrong? Will you condemn me that you may be justified?  
9 Have you an arm like God, and can you thunder with a voice like his?"

### אויב 40:1-9

א וַיֵּעַן יְהוָה אֶת-אִיּוֹב ; וַיֹּאמֶר.  
ב הֲרֹב, עִם-שְׂדֵי יִסּוּר ; מוֹכִיחַ אֱלֹהִים יַעֲנֶנּוּ.  
ג וַיֵּעַן אִיּוֹב אֶת-יְהוָה ; וַיֹּאמֶר.  
ד הֵן קִלְתִּי, מָה אֲשִׁיבָךְ ; יָדִי, שְׁמֹתִי לְמוֹ-פִי.  
ה אַחַת דִּבַּרְתִּי, וְלֹא אֶעֱנֶה ; וּשְׂתִימָם, וְלֹא אוֹסִיף.  
ו וַיֵּעַן-יְהוָה אֶת-אִיּוֹב, מִנְּסַעְרָה (מִן סַעֲרָה) ; וַיֹּאמֶר.  
ז אֲזַר-נָא כְגֹבֶר חֲלָצִיךָ ; אֲשַׁלְּךָ, וְהוֹדִיעֲנִי.  
ח הֲאֵף, תִּפְרַר מִשְׁפָּטִי ; תִּרְשָׁיעַנִי, לְמַעַן תִּצְדָּק.  
ט וְאִם-זְרוּעַ כַּאֲל לָךְ ; וּבְקוֹל, כְּמֹהוּ תִרְעַם.

## Romans 1:16-32

**16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel: it is the power of God for salvation to every one who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

**17** For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "He who through faith is righteous shall live."

**18** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of men who by their wickedness suppress the truth.

**19** For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.

**20** Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse;

**21** for although they knew God they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking and their senseless minds were darkened.

**22** Claiming to be wise, they became fools,

**23** and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man or birds or animals or reptiles.

**24** Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,

**25** because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed for ever! Amen.

**26** For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. Their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural,

## Προς Ρωμαίους 1:16-32

**16** ου γαρ επαισχυνομαι το ευαγγελιον, δυναμις γαρ θεου εστιν εις σωτηριαν παντι τω πιστευοντι, ιουδαιω τε πρωτον και ελληνι:

**17** δικαιοσυνη γαρ θεου εν αυτω αποκλυπτεται εκ πιστεωσ εις πιστιν, καθωσ γεγραπται, ο δε δικαιοσ εκ πιστεωσ ζησεται.

**18** αποκαλυπτεται γαρ οργη θεου απο ουρανου επι πασαν ασεβειαν και αδικιαν ανθρωπων των την αληθειαν εν αδικια κατεχοντων,

**19** διοτι το γνωστον του θεου φανερον εστιν εν αυτοις: ο θεοσ γαρ αυτοις εφανερωσεν.

**20** τα γαρ αορατα αυτου απο κτισεωσ κοσμου τοις ποιημασιν νοουμενα καθοραται, η τε αιδιοσ αυτου δυναμις και θειοτησ, εις το ειναι αυτουσ αναπολογητουσ:

**21** διοτι γνοντεσ τον θεον ουχ ωσ θεον εδοξασαν η ηυχαιριστησαν, αλλ εματαιωθησαν εν τοις διαλογισμοις αυτων και εσκοτισθη η ασυνετοσ αυτων καρδια.

**22** φασκοντεσ ειναι σοφοι εμωρανησαν,

**23** και ηλλαξαν την δοξαν του αφθαρτου θεου εν ομοιωματι εικονοσ φθαρτου ανθρωπου και πετεινων και τετραποδων και ερπετων.

**24** διο παρεδωκεν αυτουσ ο θεοσ εν ταισ επιθυμιαισ των καρδιων αυτων εις ακαθαρσιν του ατιμαζεσθαι τα σωματα αυτων εν αυτοις,

**25** οιτινεσ μετηλλαξαν την αληθειαν του θεου εν τω ψευδει, και εσεβασθησαν και ελατρευσαν τη κτισει παρα τον κτισαντα, οσ εστιν ευλογητοσ εις τουσ αιωνασ: αμην.

**26** δια τουτο παρεδωκεν αυτουσ ο θεοσ εις παθη ατιμιασ: αι τε γαρ θηλειαι αυτων μετηλλαξαν την φυσικην χρησιν εις την παρα φυσιν

**27** and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in their own persons the due penalty for their error.  
**28** And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a base mind and to improper conduct.  
**29** They were filled with all manner of wickedness, evil, covetousness, malice. Full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malignity, they are gossips,  
**30** slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,  
**31** foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.  
**32** Though they know God's decree that those who do such things deserve to die, they not only do them but approve those who practice them.

<sup>27</sup>ομοίως τε και οι αρσενες αφεντες την φυσικην χρησην της θηλειας εξεκαυθησαν εν τη ορεξει αυτων εις αλληλους, αρσενες εν αρσεσιν την ασχημοσυνην κατεργαζομενοι και την αντιμισθιαν ην εδει της πλανης αυτων εν εαυτοις απολαμβανοντες.  
<sup>28</sup>και καθως ουκ εδοκιμασαν τον θεον εχειν εν επιγνωσει, παρεδωκεν αυτους ο θεος εις αδοκιμον νουν, ποιειν τα μη καθηκοντα,  
<sup>29</sup>πεπληρωμενους παση αδικια πονηρια πλεονεξια κακια, μεστους φθονου φονου εριδος δολου κακοηθειας, ψιθυριστας,  
<sup>30</sup>καταλαλους, θεοστυγεις, υβριστας, υπερηφανους, αλαζονας, εφευρετας κακων, γονευσιν απειθεις,  
<sup>31</sup>ασυνετους, ασυνθετους, αστοργους, ανελεημονας:  
<sup>32</sup>οιτινες το δικαιομα του θεου επιγνοντες, οτι οι τα τοιαυτα πρασσοντες αξιοι θανατου εισιν, ου μονον αυτα ποιουσιν αλλα και συνευδουκουσιν τοις πρασσουσιν.



## Thunder (Quran 13:1-4)

## سورة الرعد ١-٥

1 Elif. Lam. Mim. Ra<sup>1</sup>. These, the signs<sup>2</sup> of the Book! And that which hath been sent down to thee from thy Lord is the very truth: But the greater part of men will not believe.

2 It is God who hath reared the Heavens without pillars thou canst behold; then mounted his throne, and imposed laws on the sun and moon: each travelleth to its appointed goal<sup>3</sup>. He ordereth all things<sup>4</sup>. He maketh his signs clear<sup>5</sup>, that ye may have firm faith in a meeting with your Lord.

3 And He it is who hath outstretched the earth, and placed on it the firm mountains, and rivers: and of every fruit He hath placed on it two kinds: He causeth the night to enshroud the day. Verily in this are signs for those who reflect.

4 And on the earth hard by each other are its various portions: gardens of grapes and corn, and palm trees single or clustered. Though watered by the same water, yet some make we more excellent as food than other: Verily in all this are signs for those who understand.

5 If ever thou dost marvel, marvellous surely is their saying, "What! Then we have become dust, shall we be restored in a new creation?"

These are they who in their Lord believe not: these! The collars shall be on their necks; and these shall be inmates of the fire, to abide therein for aye.

المر تِلْكَ آيَاتُ الْكِتَابِ وَالَّذِي أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكَ  
مِنْ رَبِّكَ الْحَقُّ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا  
يُؤْمِنُونَ ١

اللَّهُ الَّذِي رَفَعَ السَّمَاوَاتِ بِغَيْرِ عَمَدٍ  
تَرَوْنَهَا ثُمَّ اسْتَوَى عَلَى الْعَرْشِ وَسَخَّرَ  
الشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ كُلٌّ يَجْرِي لِأَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى  
يُدَبِّرُ الْأُمْرَ يُفَصِّلُ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّكُمْ بِلِقَاءِ  
رَبِّكُمْ تُوقِنُونَ ٢

وَهُوَ الَّذِي مَدَّ الْأَرْضَ وَجَعَلَ فِيهَا  
رَوَاسِيَ وَأَنْهَارًا وَمِنْ كُلِّ الثَّمَرَاتِ جَعَلَ  
فِيهَا زَوْجَيْنِ اثْنَيْنِ يُغْشِي اللَّيْلَ النَّهَارَ إِنَّ  
فِي ذَلِكَ لآيَاتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ٣

وَفِي الْأَرْضِ قِطْعٌ مُّتَجَاوِرَاتٌ وَجَنَّاتٌ مِّنْ  
أَعْنَابٍ وَزُرْعٌ وَنَخِيلٌ صِنْوَانٌ وَغَيْرُ  
صِنْوَانٍ يُسْقَى بِمَاءٍ وَاحِدٍ وَنُفِضَتْ لِبَعْضِهَا  
عَلَى بَعْضٍ فِي الْأُكُلِ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لآيَاتٍ  
لِّقَوْمٍ يَعْقِلُونَ ٤

وَإِنْ تَعْجَبْ فَعَجَبٌ قَوْلُهُمْ أَإِذَا كُنَّا تُرَابًا  
أَتْنَا لَفِي خَلْقٍ جَدِيدٍ أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ  
كَفَرُوا بِرَبِّهِمْ وَأُولَئِكَ الْأَغْلَالُ فِي  
أَعْنَاقِهِمْ وَأُولَئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ هُمْ  
فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ٥

<sup>1</sup> The *muqatta'at* are the cryptic letters appended to start of certain suras

<sup>2</sup> *ayat* 'verses/signs' here clearly referring initially to the written verse

<sup>3</sup> *li-ajalin musamma* 'named/appointed period'

<sup>4</sup> *yudabbiru al-amra* 'decrees forth his ruling'

<sup>5</sup> *yufassilu al-ayat* 'clarifies/sets out the signs'

## The Prophets (Quran 21:30-35)

## سورة الأنبياء ٣٠-٣٥

30 Do not the infidels see that the heavens and the earth were both a solid mass<sup>6</sup>, and that we clave them asunder<sup>7</sup>, and that by means of water we give life to everything? Will they not then believe?

أَوَلَمْ يَرَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَنَّ السَّمَاوَاتِ  
وَالْأَرْضَ كَانَتَا رَتْقًا فَفَتَقْنَاهُمَا وَجَعَلْنَا مِنَ  
الْمَاءِ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ حَيًّا أَفَلَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ٣٠

31 And we set mountains on the earth lest it should move with them, and we made on it broad passages between them as routes for their guidance;

وَجَعَلْنَا فِي الْأَرْضِ رَوَاسِيَ أَنْ تَمِيدَ بِهِمْ  
وَجَعَلْنَا فِيهَا فِجَاجًا سُبُلًا لَعَلَّهُمْ يَهْتَدُونَ  
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32 And we made the heaven a roof strongly upholden; yet turn they away from its signs<sup>8</sup>.

وَجَعَلْنَا السَّمَاءَ سَقْفًا مَحْفُوظًا وَهُمْ عَنْ  
آيَاتِهَا مُعْرِضُونَ ٣٢

33 And He it is who hath created the night and the day, and the sun and the moon, each moving swiftly in its sphere.

وَهُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ اللَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ وَالشَّمْسَ  
وَالْقَمَرَ كُلٌّ فِي فَلَكٍ يَسْبَحُونَ ٣٣

34 At no time have we granted to man a life that shall last for ever: if thou then die, shall they live for ever?

وَمَا جَعَلْنَا لِبَشَرٍ مِّن قَبْلِكَ الْخُلْدَ أَفَإِن  
مَّتَّ فَهُمُ الْخَالِدُونَ ٣٤

35 Every soul shall taste of death: and for trial will we prove you with evil and with good; and unto Us shall ye be brought back.

كُلُّ نَفْسٍ ذَائِقَةُ الْمَوْتِ وَنَبْلُوكُم بِالشَّرِّ  
وَالْخَيْرِ فِتْنَةً وَإِلَيْنَا تُرْجَعُونَ ٣٥

<sup>6</sup> *ratqan* 'bundle' connoting tangled heterogeneity

<sup>7</sup> *fa-fatagnabuma* 'created/split/burst them both' the Arabic here carrying the sense both of suddenness, vigour and creative power

<sup>8</sup> *ayatan* The word *ayah* is used extensively in the Quran, referring interchangeably to verses of the Quran itself and to the 'signs' of revelation in creation, implying continuity between scriptural and natural revelation