

God is not ashamed to strike a similitude even of a gnat, or aught above it. As for the believers, they know it is the truth from their Lord; but as for the unbelievers, they say, 'What did God desire by this for a similitude?'

Thereby He leads many astray, and thereby He guides many; and thereby He leads none astray save the ungodly.

Verse 26, Chapter 2, The Koran Interpreted, modified after a 1955 translation by the late A. J. Arberry (1905-1969, Professor of Theology, Oxford University, England) Oxford University Press, 1964, (ISBN 0 19 250596 3).