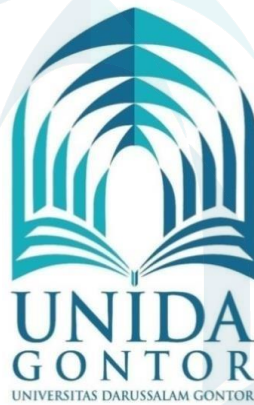


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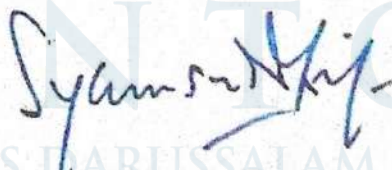
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{سورة النحل (16): 78}

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{سورة الزمر (39): 9}

Is one who worships devoutly during the hour of the night prostrating himself or standing (in adoration), who takes heed of the Hereafter, and who places his hope in the Mercy of his Lord – (like one who does not)? Say: "Are they equal, those who know and those who do not know?" Only the people of understanding will take heed. (Az-Zumar (39): 9)



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