

Idler, go to the ant;  
ponder her ways and grow wise:  
no one gives her orders,  
no overseer, no master,  
yet all through the summer she makes sure of her food,  
and gathers her supplies at harvest time.  
How long do you intend to lie there, idler?  
When are you going to rise from your sleep?  
A little sleep, a little drowsiness,  
a little folding of the arms to take life easier,  
and, like a vagrant, poverty is at your elbow  
and, like a beggar, want.

*Proverbs 6: 9-11*

Old Testament (Hebrew Bible and First Book of the Christian Canon)

And verily in cattle (too)  
Will ye find an instructive Sign  
From what is within their bodies  
Between excretions and blood,  
We produce, for your drink,  
Milk, pure and agreeable  
To those who drink it.

And from the fruit  
Of the date-palm and the vine,  
Ye get out wholesome drink  
And food: behold, in this  
Also is a Sign  
For those who are wise.

Surah 16. An-Nahl (The Bee). 66-67.

Qur'an (The central religious text of Islam)

**Q: Do we need authority figures to interpret religious texts?**

**Q: Do we need authority figures to interpret any/all material(s) or just some? What are some examples of when you think authority figures are needed, and some where they are not?**