

### Worshipping idols and false gods

These Verses from Surah 112 - I am God there is none like unto me - This establishes the principle there is only one God

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ﴿١﴾

Say, "He is Allah , [who is] One,

112:2

اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ ﴿٢﴾

Allah , the Eternal Refuge.

112:3

لَمْ يَكِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ ﴿٣﴾

He neither begets nor is born,

112:4

وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ ﴿٤﴾

Nor is there to Him any equivalent."

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إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ، وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُونَ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَمَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ افْتَرَىٰ إِثْمًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٤٨﴾

*2<sup>nd</sup> Verse:* Surah 4:48

Indeed, Allah does not forgive association with Him, but He forgives what is less than that for whom He wills. And he who associates others with Allah has certainly fabricated a tremendous sin

Comment:None is worthy of worship other than God

Worshipping anything other than or in addition to God is the sin of shirk. Surah 4: 48

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3<sup>rd</sup> verse

وَلَا تَسُبُّوا الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ فَيَسُبُّوا اللَّهَ عَدْوًا بِغَيْرِ  
عِلْمٍ كَذَلِكَ زَيْنًا لِكُلِّ أُمَّةٍ عَمَلُهُمْ ثُمَّ إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ مَرْجِعُهُمْ فَيُنَبِّئُهُمْ  
بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٠٨﴾

“Do not revile those they call on beside God, so they, in their hostility, revile God, without knowledge” [6:108]

COMMENT: Even though the idols of the idol worshippers are figments of the imagination i.e. they are not gods they are in no way worthy of worship, any attempt at worshipping them will lead people away from the true worship of God they should not be reviled by Muslims in case this leads to idolaters reviling the one true God.

This is etiquette.

4<sup>th</sup> verse

### Chapter (9) surat l-tawbah (The Repentance)

فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَقُلْ حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَهُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ  
الْعَظِيمِ ﴿١٢٩﴾

But if they turn away, [O Muhammad], say, "Sufficient for me is Allah ; there is no deity except Him. On Him I have relied, and He is the Lord of the Great Throne."

COMMENT

So these idols are not only carving imaging statues etc but modern idolatry : worship of money, power ,ideology, military might, nationalism, racism

6:75

وَكَذَلِكَ نُرِي إِبْرَاهِيمَ مَلَكُوتَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَلِيَكُونَ مِنَ  
الْمُوقِنِينَ ﴿٧٥﴾

And thus did We show Abraham the realm of the heavens and the earth that he would be among the certain [in faith]

6:76

فَلَمَّا جَنَّ عَلَيْهِ اللَّيْلُ رَأَى الْكَوْكَبَ قَالَ هَذَا رَبِّي فَلَمَّا أَفَلَ قَالَ لَأَلَّا  
أُحِبُّ الْآفِلِينَ ﴿٧٦﴾

So when the night covered him [with darkness], he saw a star. He said, "This is my lord." But when it set, he said, "I like not those that disappear."

6:77

فَلَمَّا رَأَى الْقَمَرَ بَازِعًا قَالَ هَذَا رَبِّي فَلَمَّا أَفَلَ قَالَ لَئِن لَّمْ يَهْدِنِي رَبِّي  
لَأَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْقَوْمِ الضَّالِّينَ ﴿٧٧﴾

And when he saw the moon rising, he said, "This is my lord." But when it set, he said, "Unless my Lord guides me, I will surely be among the people gone astray."

6:78

فَلَمَّا رَأَى الشَّمْسَ بَازِعَةً قَالَ هَذَا رَبِّي هَذَا أَكْبَرُ فَلَمَّا أَفَلَتْ  
قَالَ يَقَوْمِ إِنِّي بَرِيءٌ مِمَّا تُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٧٨﴾

And when he saw the sun rising, he said, "This is my lord; this is greater." But when it set, he said, "O my people, indeed I am free from what you associate with Allah .

6:79

إِنِّي وَجَّهْتُ وَجْهِيَ لِلَّذِي فَطَرَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ حَنِيفًا  
وَمَا أَنَا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴿٧٩﴾

Indeed, I have turned my face toward He who created the heavens and the earth, inclining toward truth, and I am not of those who associate others with Allah ."

#### COMMENT

The worship of a one true God unites all the Abrahamic faiths.

The Quran tells us that the whole of creation is full of signs pointing towards the one true God. Abraham's experience here of appearing to mistake natural phenomena for a god worthy of worship shows us the fallibility of human beings divorced from revelation of God alone

6<sup>th</sup> SET of Verses

### الأند بياء سورة - (The Prophets) Surat Al-'Anbyā'

21:51

﴿٥١﴾ وَقَدْ آتَيْنَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ رُشْدَهُ مِن قَبْلُ وَكُنَّا بِهِ عَالِمِينَ

And We had certainly given Abraham his sound judgement before, and We were of him well-Knowing

21:52

﴿٥٢﴾ إِذْ قَالَ لِأَبِيهِ وَقَوْمِهِ مَا هَذِهِ التَّمَاثِيلُ الَّتِي أَنْتُمْ لَهَا عَاكِفُونَ

When he said to his father and his people, "What are these statues to which you are devoted?"

21:53

﴿٥٣﴾ قَالُوا وَجَدْنَا آبَاءَنَا لَهَا عَابِدِينَ

They said, "We found our fathers worshippers of them."

21:54

﴿٥٤﴾ قَالَ لَقَدْ كُنْتُمْ أَنْتُمْ وَآبَاؤُكُمْ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ

He said, "You were certainly, you and your fathers, in manifest error."

21:55

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قَالُوا أَجِئْتَنَا بِالْحَقِّ أَمْ أَنْتَ مِنَ اللَّاعِبِينَ ﴿٥٥﴾

They said, "Have you come to us with truth, or are you of those who jest?"

21:56

قَالَ بَلْ رَبُّكُمْ رَبُّ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ الَّذِي فَطَرَهُمْ وَأَنَا عَلَىٰ ذَٰلِكُمْ  
مِنَ الشَّاهِدِينَ ﴿٥٦﴾

He said, "[No], rather, your Lord is the Lord of the heavens and the earth who created them, and I, to that, am of those who testify.

21:57

وَتَأَلَّهُ لِأَكِيدَنَّ أَصْنَامَكُمْ بَعْدَ أَنْ تُوَلُّوا مُدْبِرِينَ ﴿٥٧﴾

And [I swear] by Allah , I will surely plan against your idols after you have turned and gone away."

21:58

فَجَعَلَهُمْ جُذَاذًا إِلَّا كَبِيرًا لَهُمْ لَعَلَّهُمْ إِلَيْهِ يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾

So he made them into fragments, except a large one among them, that they might return to it [and question].

21:59

قَالُوا مَنْ فَعَلَ هَٰذَا بِآلِهَتِنَا إِنَّهُ لَمِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٥٩﴾

They said, "Who has done this to our gods? Indeed, he is of the wrongdoers."

21:60

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قَالُوا سَمِعْنَا فَتًى يَذُكُرُهُمْ يُقَالُ لَهُ يُرَىٰ اِبْرَاهِيمَ ﴿٦٠﴾

They said, "We heard a young man mention them who is called Abraham."

21:61

قَالُوا فَآتُوهُمْ عَلَىٰ آعْيُنِ النَّاسِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَشْهَدُونَ ﴿٦١﴾

They said, "Then bring him before the eyes of the people that they may testify."

21:62

قَالُوا أَأَنْتَ فَعَلْتَ هَذَا بِآِهَتِنَا يَا أَبْرَاهِيمَ ﴿٦٢﴾

They said, "Have you done this to our gods, O Abraham?"

21:63

قَالَ بَلْ فَعَلَهُ كَبِيرُهُمْ هَذَا فَسْأَلُوهُمْ إِنْ كَانُوا يَنْطِقُونَ ﴿٦٣﴾

He said, "Rather, this - the largest of them - did it, so ask them, if they should [be able to] speak."

21:64

فَرَجَعُوا إِلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ فَقَالُوا إِنَّكُمْ أَنْتُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿٦٤﴾

So they returned to [blaming] themselves and said [to each other], "Indeed, you are the wrongdoers."

21:65

ثُمَّ نَكَسُوا عَلَىٰ رُءُوسِهِمْ لَقَدْ عَلِمْتُمْ مَا هَؤُلَاءِ يَنْطِقُونَ ﴿٦٥﴾

Then they reversed themselves, [saying], "You have already known that these do not speak!"

21:66

قَالَ أَفَتَعْبُدُونَ مِن دُونِ اللَّهِ مَا لَا يَنْفَعُكُمْ شَيْئًا وَلَا  
يَضُرُّكُمْ

He said, "Then do you worship instead of Allah that which does not benefit you at all or harm you?"

21:67

أَفِ لَكُمْ وَلِمَا تَعْبُدُونَ مِن دُونِ اللَّهِ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ

Uff to you and to what you worship instead of Allah . Then will you not use reason?"

21:68

قَالُوا حَرِّقُوهُ وَانصُرُوا آلِهَتَكُمْ إِن كُنْتُمْ فَاعِلِينَ

They said, "Burn him and support your gods - if you are to act."

21:69

قُلْنَا يَا نَارُ كُونِي بَرْدًا وَسَلَامًا عَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ

Allah said, "O fire, be coolness and safety upon Abraham."