

أَلَمْ تَعْلَم أَنَّ اللَّهَ لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا لَكُمْ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مِنْ
وَرِيٍّ وَلَا نَصِيرٍ ﴿٥٥﴾

Don't you know that to God belongs the dominions of heaven and earth and besides Him you have neither any patron nor helper.

God is sovereign ruler of the earth, heavens and the universe and so none but He alone can reach for help in His Mercy.

أَمْ تَرِيدُونَ أَنْ تَسْأَلُوا رَسُولَكُمْ كَمَا سُئِلَ مُوسَى مِنْ قَبْلُ
وَمَنْ يَتَّبِعِ الْكُفْرَ بِالْإِيمَانِ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ سَوَاءَ السَّبِيلِ ﴿٥٦﴾

Would you question your Apostle as Moses was questioned by his people before but whoever changes from faith to otherwise has without doubt strayed from the even and smooth path.

Moses was constantly harassed with foolish impertinent and doubt creating disingenuous questions by his own people. In spiritual matters posers do no good and only real instruction should be sought. If God and His Prophet prefer not to explain any thing then the same is in your own good.

وَدَكَايِمٍ مِّنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ لَوْ يَرُدُّونَكُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ إِيمَانِكُمْ كَفَارًا
حَسَدًا مِّنْ عِنْدِ أَنْفُسِهِمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُمُ الْحَقُّ فَاعْفُوا
وَاصْفَحُوا حَتَّىٰ يَأْتِيَ اللَّهُ بِأَمْرٍ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٥٧﴾

Most among the people of the Book wish they could turn you, the believers back to infidelity once you have believed they wish so out of selfish envy after the truth has become manifest to them. But you forgive and overlook till purpose of God is accomplished for God alone has power over all things.

Arabic words **Afa** means *forgive*, **Safha** means *ignore*. These two occur in this verse while word **Ghaffer** means *to cover up* just God covers up sins to forgive us again and again. Word **Amr** includes an order or command or purpose design, will, or affairs, working, doing, carrying out or execution of design. In many cases these meanings run together. Here we are told to be patient and forgiving against envy and injustices for fulfilling God's Purpose as His Power is infinite.

وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَمَا تَقَدَّمُوا لِنَفْسِكُمْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ لِقَدْ أُوذُوا
عِنْدَ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ﴿١٠﴾

And be steadfast in prayers and regular in charity and whatever good, you send forth for your souls before you die, you will find it with God as God sees well all that you do.

As against Bani Israel whose sins were engraved on their doors for people to advise them to seek forgiveness. Muslims are suggested better method to pray give in charity ask forgiveness for their sins in life time. This alone will be beneficial for your whole soul.

وَقَالُوا لَنْ نَدْخُلَ الْجَنَّةَ إِلَّا مَنْ كَانَ هُودًا أَوْ نَصْرِيًّا
تِلْكَ أَمَانِيُّهُمْ قُلْ هَاتُوا بُرْهَانَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿١١﴾

And they say, "None shall enter paradise unless he is a Jew or a Christian." Those are only their futile desires. Say, "Produce your proof if you are truthful."

Such a claim whether of Jews or of Christians is without proof based only on vain desires.

بَلَىٰ مَنْ أَسْلَمَ وَجْهَهُ لِلَّهِ وَهُوَ مُحْسِنٌ فَلَهُ أَجْرُهُ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ
وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿١٢﴾

In fact whoever submits his whole self to God and is a doer of good acts, he will get his reward with his Lord and on such people shall be no fear and they shall not grieve.

Only good deeds on earth could stand in good stead in the hereafter and such need have no fear nor should they grieve

وَقَالَتِ الْيَهُودُ لَيْسَتِ النَّصْرِيَّةُ لَيْسَتِ الْيَهُودُ
عَلَىٰ شَيْءٍ وَهُمْ يَتَّبِعُونَ الْكِتَابَ كَذَلِكَ قَالَ الَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ مِثْلَ قَوْلِهِمْ

قَالَ اللَّهُ يَحْكُمُ بَيْنَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ فِيمَا كَانُوا فِيهِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ ﴿١٧﴾

The Jews say, "Christians have nothing to stand upon." and the Christian say, "Jews are nothing with them." Yet they profess to study the same Book, Those without knowledge (Pagan Arabs) have also started saying similar but God will judge between them in what they quarrel on the day of judgement

It is surely ignorance and prejudice that when you study the same book as another or a similar one and yet are intolerant to the meanings which the other draw from it .

وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنْ مَنَعَ مَسْجِدَ اللَّهِ أَنْ يُذَكَّرَ فِيهَا اسْمُهُ وَسَعَىٰ فِي خَرَابِهَا أُولَٰئِكَ مَا كَانَ لَهُمْ أَنْ يَدْخُلُوهَا إِلَّا خَائِفِينَ لَهُمْ فِي الدُّنْيَا خِزْيٌ وَلَهُمْ فِي الْآخِرَةِ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿١٧﴾

And who is more unjust than he who forbids worship of God in places of worship. Their zeal in forbidding God's name to be celebrated is in fact the way to ruin them(place of worship).It was then not fair that such people themselves enter them without fear. For them their is nothing but disgrace in this world and extreme torment in the world to come.

These were the pagans in Makkah who tried to shut out the Muslim Arabs from the Kabah .The universal place of Arab worship and still called it House of God.If pagans succeeded they would have kept destroying the sanctity. It may be surmised that the verse establishes freedom of worship in the places dedicated for worship of God, a recognized principle of Muslim law.

وَاللَّهُ الْمَشْرِقُ وَالْمَغْرِبُ فَأَيُّ مَآ تُولَوْنَ فَتَمَّ وَجْهَ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٥٤﴾

To God belongs the East and West and which ever direction you turn the presence of God is there, for God prevails everywhere and is all knowing.

God almighty is Omnipresent and is in all directions and all places. Fixing of direction and place to face during worship does not alter in any way God's Omnipresence and his being all knowing.

وَقَالُوا اتَّخَذَ اللَّهُ وَلَدًا سُبْحٰنَهُ بَلْ لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ كُلُّ لَهٗ قَائِمٌ ﴿٥٥﴾

They say "God has begotten a son" Glory be to him. Infact to Him belongs all that is in the heavens and on earth and every thing worships and celebrates His Glory.

It is a derogation from the Glory of God and is really a blasphemy to say that God begets sons like man or animal. So the Christian doctrine is severely repudiated and insisting upon a material nature of God with lower animal function is condemned. Offcourse in spiritual sense we are all children of God and all creation celebrates His Glory.

بِيَدَيْهِ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ وَاِذَا اَقْضٰٓى اَمْرًا قَآئِمًا يَقُوْلُ لَهٗ كُنْ فَيَكُوْنُ ﴿٥٦﴾

To Him is due the origin of heavens and earth and when He decrees a matter, He says to it, "Be and it is"

Various words are used for the process of creation. The word **Badaa** goes back to the very primal beginning and is used here for the creation of heavens and earth. Word **Khalaqa** is used for creation of all things and is akin to the process of evolution. Word **Amr** (command) here direction and design is unrelated to time like twinkling of an eye. Word **Jaala** (making) implies creation of new shapes and forms new dispositions just like making

of Signs of zodiac in the heavens or the setting of sun and moon for light or the establishment of succession of day and night. Word **Sawwa** means bringing it to perfection and is used for soul. Word **Fotara** like word Badaa implies creation from nothingness like creation of primal matter to which further processes have to be applied later, examples like preparing the dough but leaving the leavening yeast action to be done later. Word **Barra** implies creation implying for example liberation from pre-existing matter of circumstance i.e a man's body from clay.

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ لَوْلَا يُكَلِّمُنَا اللَّهُ أَوْ تَأْتِينَا آيَةٌ كَذَلِكَ
 قَالَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ مِثْلَ قَوْلِهِمْ تَشَابَهَتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ قَدْ بَيَّنَّا الْآيَاتِ
 لِقَوْمٍ يُوقِنُونَ ﴿١٥﴾

And those without knowledge say “Why God does not speak to us, or why a Sign does not come to us”.(confirming the prophet's revelation).The people before them also said similar when divine revelations came.Their hearts are alike.We have (however) made the Signs clear to any people who firmly hold the faith in their hearts.

There are similarities in doubts and objections of the misguided ones at present and those in the past .For those steadfast in faith the signs are clear enough.

إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ بِالْحَقِّ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا وَلَا تُسْأَلُ عَنْ أَصْحَابِ الْجَحِيمِ ﴿٥٠﴾

(What can be more clear sign than), we have sent you with true message as bearers of glad tidings and as a Warner but no question shall be asked of those who have chosen to be companions of the blazing fire

Besides other Signs the person and life of Holy Prophet (peace be upon him and blessing of Allah) himself, the circumstance of his birth and upbringing and forty years of true pious and honest life before grant of prophethood followed by his life as also his achievements during prophetic

years in the history of Islam, all stand as clear Signs and Miracles leaving hardly any room for more.

وقف منزل

وَلَنْ تَرْضَىٰ عَنْكَ الْيَهُودُ وَلَا النَّصَارَىٰ حَتَّىٰ تَتَّبِعَ مِلَّتَهُمْ قُلْ إِنَّ هُدَىٰ
اللَّهِ هُوَ الْهُدَىٰ وَلَئِنِ اتَّبَعْتَ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ بَعْدَ الَّذِي جَاءَكَ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ
مَا لَكَ مِنَ اللَّهِ مِنْ وَّالٍ وَلَا نَصِيرٍ ﴿٥٠﴾

وقف منزل

The Jews and Christian will never be satisfied with you unless you follow their form of religion. Say (Plainly to them) that the guidance of God is the only guidance (and) if you followed their desires after the knowledge which has reached you then you would find neither a protector nor a helper against God,

Heed not the vain desires of Jews and Christians and follow only the guidance received from God through revelation or else you will yourself be left without help and protection of God.

وقف منزل

الَّذِينَ اتَّيْنَهُمُ الْكِتَابَ يَتْلُونَهُ حَقَّ تِلَاوَتِهِ أُولَٰئِكَ يُؤْمِنُونَ
بِهِ وَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِهِ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿٥١﴾

وقف منزل

Those to whom we have sent the Book and those among them who (recite it as it should be (recited) are the ones that believe the Book while those that reject the faith there in (the Book) are in fact the real losers.

Those people who want you to follow their selfish and hypocritical ways and pattern your life on their misguided ways, unless you do so and you will never do so they will remain opposed to you.

يٰۤاِبْنَئِيسْرٰءٰٓءِٓلِ اذْكُرُوْا نِعْمَتِي الَّتِيْ اَنْعَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَاِنِّيْ فَضَّلْتُكُمْ عَلٰى الْعٰلَمِيْنَ ﴿٥٢﴾

O' Children of Israel! Recall the special favours which I bestowed upon you and that I preferred you to all others for my Message.

People of the Book who go back to Abraham have been informed that their claim to exclusive knowledge of God is false and derogatory to the Lord of all the worlds. If you must appeal to Abraham he was also the progenitor of the Arab race through Ismail. Abraham and Ismail built the House of God in Makkah Kabah much before the temple of Jerusalem was built. They purified and laid the foundation of the universal religion which is summed up in the word **Islam** or complete submission to the will of God. Arab tradition identifies the name of **Zam Zam** and sacrifice of Ismail **and not of Isaac** with Abraham. People of Book were thoroughly tried and proved ungrateful and unfit for leading the entire present and future generations to the path of submission to the will of God which in fact was the reason Abraham's righteous progeny was bestowed with God Blessings to lead the world. The present followers of Books have deviated from the guidance given by Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and his children. Therefore Muhammad Mustafa (peace be upon him and Blessing of Allah) from the Arab settled son of i.e. **Ismail** has been entrusted to lead human race for all times to come and indeed this trust has been rightly given as proved by time and human history. Once selected for new spiritual leadership of the universe special instructions were given to this Ummah. *For reference see Sura Al Baqarah verses 153 to 286.*
