

وَأَنْتُمْ أَيُّومًا لَا تَنْجِي نَفْسٌ عَنْ نَفْسٍ شَيْئًا وَلَا يُقْبَلُ مِنْهَا
عَدْلٌ وَلَا تَنْفَعُهَا شَفَاعَةٌ وَلَا هُمْ يُنصَرُونَ ﴿٣٧﴾

Then guard yourself against a day when no soul will be of any avail to another, nor shall compensation be accepted from anyone nor intercession, nor shall any one be helped from outside.

The argument about favours to Israel is rounded off and argument proceeds now in favour of Arabs as an Ummah succeeding to the spiritual inheritance of Abraham.

وَإِذْ ابْتَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ رَبُّهُ بِكَلِمَاتٍ فَأَتَمَّهُنَّ ۖ قَالَ إِنِّي جَاعِلُكَ لِلنَّاسِ إِمَامًا
قَالَ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِي ۖ قَالَ لَا يَنَالُ عَهْدِي الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٣٨﴾

And remember that Abraham was tried by His Lord with certain commands, which he fulfilled. We said, "I will make you an Imam to the Nation."

Abraham pleaded, "And Also make Imams from my progeny." Lord ordained, "But my promise is not within the reach of (i.e. applicable to) evil doers."

Kalimat literally means **words** and in mystic sense implies God's Will or Degree or Promise. Abraham fulfilled God's Wish in every thing. He purified God's house, built sacred refuge of Kabah, submitted to the Will of God and thus became the symbol of Islam. He was promised the spiritual leadership of the world, he pleaded for his progeny and his prayer was granted with the limitation that God's Promise will not reach the people who were tied to evil. Imam means leader in religion, congregational prayer, or model or pattern, These are the meanings intended here.

وَأَدْجَعْنَا الْبَيْتَ مَثَابَةً لِّلنَّاسِ وَأَمْنًا وَاتَّخِذُوا مِن مَّقَامِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ مُصَلًّى وَعَهِدْنَا
إِلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ أَنَّ طَهِّرَا بَيْتِيَ لِلطَّائِفِينَ وَالْقَائِمِينَ وَالرُّكَّعِ السُّجُودِ ﴿٣٩﴾

And that we made this House (Kabah) a place of assembly for mankind and a place of peace and safety and ordained that you take the station of Abraham as a place of prayer and ordered Abraham and Ismail that they

should sanctify My house for those who compass it round or use it as a retreat or bow or prostrate themselves there in. (In prayer).

Sanctifying means that only Lord the one God is prayed and called for help. The Arab pagans though Bani Ismail are thus also excluded from the custodian ship of Kabah. Kabah was a centre to which all Arab tribes resorted for trade, poetic contests and worship. It was sacred territory for friend and foe alike and at certain seasons all fighting was forbidden within its limits. However, by divine degree this place of worship become the oldest sanctified as a centre of worship and peace for humanity. Word **My House** emphasise the personal relation of one true God to it.

وَأَذَقَ آلَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ رَبِّ اجْعَلْ هَذَا بَلَدًا آمِنًا وَارْزُقْ أَهْلَهُ مِنَ الثَّمَرَاتِ مَنْ آمَنَ مِنْهُمْ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ قَالَ وَمَنْ كَفَرَ فَأُمْتِعْهُ قَلِيلًا ثُمَّ أَصْطُرُّهُ إِلَىٰ عَذَابِ النَّارِ وَيَسَّ الْمَصِيرُ ﴿١٢٦﴾

And remember that Abraham prayed, “My Lord, make this a city of peace and feed such of its people who believe in God and the last day with bounty of fruits.” Lord replied, “But to those who reject faith, I will grant them as well pleasure for a short worldly life but soon drive them to torment of fire, and indeed it is an evil destination for abode.”

After Abraham was promised spiritual leadership for the righteous among his progeny. He prayed for bountiful sustenance for the dwellers of the city of peace, this old and original city of peace restored to Muhammad Mustafa (peace be upon him and Blessing of Allah) and made universal in place of Jerusalem **which prayer was accepted** but spiritual leadership and sustenance to all creatures was un-discriminated so that sustenance for short worldly life will be provided to all but the rejecters of faith will soon be pushed to fire of hell. Thus provision of worldly bounties are not subject to faith but open to all for a while.

وَإِذْ يَرْفَعُ إِبْرَاهِيمُ الْقَوَاعِدَ مِنَ الْبَيْتِ وَإِسْمَاعِيلُ رَبَّنَا تَقَبَّلْ مِنَّا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿١٢٧﴾

And remember when Abraham and Ismail raised the walls of the House (Kabah) They kept praying, “O’ Lord accept this service from us for You Alone hear all and know all.”

When so busy in building of the first House of God both Abraham and Ismail went on praying, “Accept Lord this act of our building your house for indeed O’ Lord you hear all and know all that is in our hearts.”

رَبَّنَا وَاجْعَلْنَا مُسْلِمِينَ لَكَ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِنَا أُمَّةً مُسْلِمَةً لَكَ
وَأَرِنَا مَنَاسِكَنَا وَتُبْ عَلَيْنَا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿١٢٥﴾

“Our Lord make of us Muslims bowing to your will and our progeny (also) Muslims bowing to your will, and show us our places for celebrating due rites and turn to us in Mercy for you are oft Forgiving and most Merciful.”

The two of them further prayed, “O’ Lord make us and our descendants true Muslims, show us our places for celebration and of due rites of pilgrimage and turn to us in Mercy and forgiveness.”

رَبَّنَا وَابْعَثْ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْهُمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِكَ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ
وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿١٢٦﴾

O’ God send amongst them an Apostle of their own, who shall rehearse your Signs to them and instruct them in divine Book and wisdom and sanctify them for You are the Mightiest and Wisest.

To sanctify life includes generation of thoughts and ideas on clean lines, conduct habits, living conditions and even politics on similar ground. Besides the incoming of Muhammad Mustafa (peace be upon him and Blessing of Allah) was in acceptance of the prayer of Abraham. There was paganism and planet worship in Abraham’s time and the sanctification was started from Makkah by him. He was immersed in submission to will of God i.e. original Islam which is as old as mankind. With Prophetic vision he foresees that there will be corruption and backsliding in both branches i.e. **Ismail and Isaac** of his family. Makkah will house 300 Idols and Jerusalem will become a city of abomination. But the light of Islam will shine and reclaim many lost people in both branches and indeed in all the world and is finally foreseen in Makkah an Apostle teaching the people who unite into one Ummat in their own language **Arabic**. He asked for Blessing on

Muhammad Mustafa's (peace be upon him and Blessing of Allah) Apostleshoo by appealing to Power and Wisdom of God.

وَمَنْ يَّرْغَبْ عَن مِّلَّةِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِلا مَن سَفِهَ نَفْسَهُ وَلَقَدِ اصْطَفَيْنَاهُ

فِي الدُّنْيَا وَإِنَّهُ فِي الْآخِرَةِ لَمِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿١٣٠﴾

And who turns away from the religion of Abraham but only those who lower and debase their souls with folly. We chose him and rendered him pure in this world and in the hereafter he will be in the rank of righteous. (Istafa 'to choose' has the same root as Mustafa.)

إِذْ قَالَ لَهُ رَبُّهُ أَسْلِمْ قَالَ أَسْلَمْتُ لِرَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٣١﴾

And when his Lord said to Him "Bow your will to me" He said "I bow my will to the Lord God the Cherisher of the universe."

Muslim is one who completely submits his body and soul to the will of God and lives a life as guided by God. Such a life has been lived by all Prophets as they were all true Muslims and were sent in various ages in different countries to guide people according to divine instructions and become Muslims.

وَوَضَّيْ بِهَا إِبْرَاهِيمُ بَيْنِيهِ وَيَعْقُوبُ يَا بَنِيَّ إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَى لَكُمُ الدِّينَ
فَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٣٢﴾

And this was the legacy left by Abraham to his sons, and so did Jacob when he said to his sons, "O' My sons! God has chosen the faith for you and so die not except in faith of Islam."

Jacob is specially mentioned as Bani Israel are his direct descendants.

أَمْ كُنْتُمْ شُهَدَاءَ إِذْ حَضَرَ يَعْقُوبَ الْمَوْتُ إِذْ قَالَ لِبَنِيهِ مَا تَعْبُدُونَ مِن بَعْدِي
 قَالُوا نَعْبُدُ إِلَهَكَ وَإِلَهَ آبَائِكَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ إِلَهًُا وَاحِدًا
 وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٣٦﴾

Were you witness when death approached Jacob? He (then) said to his sons, “What will you worship after me?” They said, “We shall worship your God and the God of your fathers, i.e. of Abraham, Ismail and Isaac, the one God only to Him we bow in Islam.

The whole of children of Israel are called to witness that they were to worship the God of their fathers and not to narrow down the worship to that of a tribal god. They are reminded that their ancestors were Muslims and worshipped one true and universal God. This death scene of Jacob does not exist in Bible but is described in Jewish tradition. God of your fathers mean here God of ancestors and includes uncles, grand uncles and other direct descendants. And all of them worshipped God of Abraham the One True God. **Allah Tabariqtaala.**

تِلْكَ أُمَّةٌ قَدْ خَلَتْ لَهَا مَا كَسَبَتْ وَلَكُمْ مَا كَسَبْتُمْ
 وَلَا تُسْأَلُونَ عَنْهَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٣٧﴾

Those were a community that passed away. They shall reap the fruit of what they did and you will of what you do, their merits are not in question in your case.

On the day of judgement each soul has to answer for its own deeds. It cannot claim merit from others. If Jews or Christian claim the merits of

father Abraham , and the patriarchs of Jesus for themselves we cannot follow them. The doctrine of personal responsibility is the cardinal feature of Islam.

وَقَالُوا كُونُوا هُودًا أَوْ نَصَارَى تَهْتَدُوا قُلْ بَلْ مِلَّةَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ حَنِيفًا
حَنِيفًا وَمَا كَانَ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴿١٣١﴾

Jews says, "Become Jews, if you want guidance" and Christian say, "Embrace Christianity if you want Salvation." Say, "NO, I would rather follow the religion of Abraham the true as he joined not gods with God."

Jewish faith got birth much earlier while Christianity came into being much after Christ. However, according to both these faiths Prophets and righteous people existed and were believed so by both. So that the essential for salvation is the true firm, sound well balanced and universal correct opinion of Abraham i.e. faith in one and only one God and to join no other gods with God. Since both these religions have deviated from essentials of Abraham's teaching their say holds no authority any longer. Jews though taught unity went after false god's and Christian invented trinity so belief in Abraham's religion is not enough .Abraham's deeds are to be followed faithfully. Noah's son, similarly did not benefit as his deeds were different than those advocated and practised by Noah.

قُولُوا آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْنَا وَمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ
وَيَعْقُوبَ وَالْأَسْبَاطِ وَمَا أُوتِيَ مُوسَىٰ وَعِيسَىٰ وَمَا أُوتِيَ النَّبِيُّونَ مِن
رَبِّهِمْ لَا نَفَرَّقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِّنْهُمْ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٣٢﴾

You say "we believe in God, and the revelation given to us, to Abraham, Ismail Isaac, Jacob and the tribes and that given to their descendents and to Moses and Jesus and to all Prophets from their God we make no difference between one or another of them and we bow to God in Islam".

Creed of Islam makes us believe in one universal God. The Message to us through Muhammad Mustafa (peace be upon him and Blessing of Allah) is interpreted on bases of personal responsibility. As to Messages delivered by other teachers **Prophets** i.e. through Abraham , Ismail, Isaac, Jacob, **his children tribes** Moses, Jesus who left scriptures and other scripture Prophets and Messengers of God, we regard them all as true and make no difference between them as far as propagation of divine Message for worship of one and only God and the same being the path to salvation. Any prejudice on basis of race is hardly religion but only racial discrimination.

فَإِنْ آمَنُوا بِمِثْلِ مَا آمَنْتُمْ بِهِ فَقَدِ اهْتَدَوْا وَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّمَا هُمْ فِي شِقَاقٍ فَسَيَكْفِيكَهُمُ اللَّهُ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿١٦٦﴾

So if they believe in the like of what you believe they are indeed on the right path but if they turn back it is they who have divided into opposing group and are schismatic, God will suffice you against them. He is all hearing and all knowing.

Those who believe as you believe are in true line who follow one and indivisible Message of one God, if other narrow it or corrupt it. it is they who have left the faith and created divisions. So God's Support is more precious and unailing than any which they can give.

صِبْغَةَ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ مِنَ اللَّهِ صِبْغَةً دُونَهُ لَهُ عِبَادُونَ ﴿١٦٧﴾

(In our religion) purification is by baptism with God and who can baptise better than God Almighty and it is He whom we worship.

Sibgat baptism the root meaning implies dye or colour. Jews used to give a bath to wash off the sins before introducing a convert in their cult Christians also took up this rite and would also use it for baptising the new born. Muslim are told that water immersion is not essential for purification, what is essential is worship of one true God.

قُلْ إِنَّمَا جُؤِنَّا فِي اللَّهِ وَهُوَ رَبُّنَا وَرَبُّكُمْ وَلَنَا أَعْمَالُنَا
وَلَكُمْ أَعْمَالُكُمْ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُخْلِصُونَ ۝

(O' Prophet) say that you will dispute with us about God when you see He is our as well as your God, that we are (responsible) for our deeds and you for yours and that we are sincere in(our faith) in HIM.

We do not join gods with God and believe that one universal God commands to all of us. So you have no pretext to dispute, if there is pretext it for us as you join gods with God.

أَمْ تَقُولُونَ إِنَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَالْأَسْبَاطَ كَانُوا
هُودًا أَوْ نَصَارَى قُلْ ءَأَنْتُمْ أَعْلَمُ أَمِ اللَّهُ وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنْ كَتَمَ
شَهَادَةَ ۙ عِنْدَآ مِنْ اللَّهِ وَمَا اللَّهُ بِغَافِلٍ عَمَّا تَعْمَلُونَ ۝

Or do you say that Abraham , Ismail, Isaac, Jacob and tribes were all Jews or Christians? Say, “Do you know better than God? Who is more unjust than those who conceal the faith that they received from God? But God is not unmindful of what they do.”

This address is to Jews and Christian priests who knew well that Jewish faith or Christian in their present forms came into existence much later than when those Prophets propagated God's teaching which were teaching of Abraham i.e. submission to the Will of God that is Islam. These priests conceal the truth to keep their vain objections and arguments alive.

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Those were some people that had passed away. They shall reap the fruit of what they did and you will of what you do. Their merits are of no avail in your case.

It is wrong to claim a monopoly of God's Message, it is the same in all ages. If some variations due to circumstance and need of time have occurred, those variations have also passed away with renewal of Message and birth of new people. New symbolism and new ordinances become operative and are now expanded as those people who promised to uphold the law of God their progeny have been found unworthy and their place have been taken by new people with new messenger to bear witness to the law of God and now looking towards Makkah.