

Surah Al-Anbiya, n.21

أَمْ اتَّخَذُوا آلِهَةً مِنَ الْأَرْضِ هُمْ يُنشِرُونَ

Or have they taken gods from the earth who raise (the dead). (21:21)

لَوْ كَانَ فِيهِمَا آلِهَةٌ إِلَّا اللَّهُ لَفَسَدَتَا ۗ فَسُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَرْشِ عَمَّا يَصِفُونَ

If there had been in them any gods except Allah, they would both have certainly been in a state of disorder; therefore glory be to Allah, the Lord of the dominion¹, above what they attribute (to Him). (21:22)

لَا يُسْأَلُ عَمَّا يَفْعَلُ وَهُمْ يُسْأَلُونَ

He cannot be questioned concerning what He does and they shall be questioned. (21:23)

أَمْ اتَّخَذُوا مِنْ دُونِهِ آلِهَةً ۗ قُلْ هَاتُوا بُرْهَانَكُمْ ۗ هَذَا ذِكْرٌ مَنْ مَعِيَ وَذِكْرٌ مَنْ قَبْلِي ۗ بَلْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ الْحَقَّ ۗ فَهُمْ مُعْرِضُونَ

Or, have they taken gods besides Him? Say: Bring your proof; this is the reminder of those with me and the reminder of those before² me. Nay! most of them do not know the truth, so they turn aside.³(21:24)

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْ رَسُولٍ إِلَّا نُوحِي إِلَيْهِ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا فَاعْبُدُونِ

And We did not send before you any messenger but We revealed to him that there is no god but Me, therefore serve Me (21:25)

وَقَالُوا اتَّخَذَ الرَّحْمَنُ وَلَدًا ۗ سُبْحَانَہُ ۗ بَلْ عِبَادٌ مُّكْرَمُونَ

And they say: The Beneficent Allah has taken to Himself a son⁴! Glory be to Him. Nay! they⁵ are honored servants (21:26)

لَا يَسْبِقُونَهُ بِالْقَوْلِ وَهُمْ بِأَمْرِہِ يَعْمَلُونَ

They do not precede Him in speech and (only) according to His commandment do they act. (21:27)

يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيہِمُ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ وَلَا يَشْفَعُونَ إِلَّا لِمَنْ ارْتَضَىٰ وَهُم مِّنْ خَشْيَتِہِ مُسْفِقُونَ

He knows what is before them and what is behind them, and they do not intercede except for him whom He approves and for fear of Him they tremble. (21:28)

وَمَنْ يُقُلْ مِنْہُمْ إِنِّي إِلَٰهٌ مِّنْ دُونِہِ فَذَلِكِ نَجْزِيہِ جَهَنَّمَ ۗ كَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الظَّالِمِينَ

And whoever of them should say: Surely I am a god besides Him, such a one do We recompense with hell; thus do, We recompense the unjust. (21:29)

أَوَلَمْ يَرَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَنَّ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ كَانَتَا رَتْقًا فَفَتَقْنَاهُمَا ۗ وَجَعَلْنَا مِنَ الْمَاءِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ حَيٍّ ۗ أَفَلَا يُؤْمِنُونَ

Do not those who disbelieve see that the heavens and the earth were closed up, but We have opened them; and We have made of water everything living, will they not then believe?(21:30)

- [1.](#) The supreme Authority
- [2.](#) Indicates Unity of God and universal aspect of Islam
- [3.](#) Verses from here to v. 27 refer to angel and holy men being taken as the issues of God
- [4.](#) Taken to – or adopted – has begun beget – issuing
- [5.](#) The prophets and the angels whom they worshipped as gods or sons and daughters of God

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