

means in and of Himself, and has no need of any of His creation. There is no god but Allah and there is no lord besides Him.



﴿وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَتَّخِذُ مِن دُونِ اللَّهِ أَندَادًا يُحِبُّونَهُمْ كَحُبِّ اللَّهِ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَشَدُّ حُبًّا لِلَّهِ وَلَوْ رَى الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا إِذْ يَرَوْنَ الْعَذَابَ أَنَّ الْقُوَّةَ لِلَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعَذَابِ ﴿١٦٥﴾ إِذْ تَبَرَّأَ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوا مِنَ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوا وَرَأَوْا الْعَذَابَ وَتَقَطَّعَتْ بِهِمُ الْأَسْبَابُ ﴿١٦٦﴾ وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوا لَوْ أَنَّا كُنَّا نَدْرِكُهُمْ لَسَخَرْنَا مِنْهُم بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٦٧﴾﴾ (سورة البقرة: ١٦٥-١٦٧)

- 2:165. Yet there are some people who take [for worship] others besides Allah, as equals [with Allah]; they love them as they should love Allah. But those who believe have greater love for Allah. When the transgressors see the punishment, they will realise that all power belongs to Allah and that Allah is severe in punishment.
- 2:166. When those who were followed disavow those who followed [them], and they see the punishment, and all ties between them are severed,
- 2:167. And those who followed say: If only we had one more chance, we would disavow them, as they have disavowed us, thus Allah will show them their deeds as a cause of bitter regret. They will never emerge from the fire.

How beautiful is this verse; after having explained in the previous verse His oneness and the definitive evidence for it, and the clear proof that leads to certain knowledge and removes all doubts, Allah tells us here that there are «some people» who, despite this clear explanation, take some created beings as equals with Allah; that is,