

﴿that we worship none but Allah, that we associate no partners with Him﴾ that is, we worship Allah only, focusing all love, fear and hope on Him alone, and we do not associate any Prophet, angel, “saint”, idol, graven image, animate being or inanimate object with Him ﴿and that we not take one another as lords besides Allah﴾; rather, all obedience is to Allah and His Messenger, so we do not obey created beings by disobeying the Creator, because that would be ascribing the status of lordship to those created beings.

When calling the People of the Book or others to that, if they respond then they are like you, with the same rights and duties; but if they turn away, then they are stubborn and are following their whims and desires, so let them bear witness that you are Muslims (those who submit to Allah). Perhaps the benefit of that is that if you say that to them, when you are the people of true knowledge, this will establish further proof against them, as Allah referred to the testimony of the people of knowledge in order to establish proof against those who are stubborn. Moreover, if you become Muslim and believe, Allah would not care that others do not submit, because they are wicked and have evil in their hearts. Allah (ﷻ) says:

﴿Say: Believe in it, or do not believe. Verily, those who were given knowledge before it, when it is recited to them, fall down on their faces in prostration.﴾ (al-Isrâ' 17: 107)

Moreover, when the specious arguments are presented in order to undermine belief and faith, that motivates the believer to renew his faith, affirm his Islam, announce his certainty and express gratitude for the blessing of his Lord.



﴿يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ لِمَ تُحَاجُّونَ فِي إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَمَا أُنْزِلَتِ التَّوْرَةُ وَالْإِنْجِيلُ إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِهِ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٦٤﴾ هَكَانُمْ هَؤُلَاءِ حَبِجْتُمْ فِيمَا لَكُمْ بِهِ عِلْمٌ فَلِمَ