

Kāfirūn: Those who cover up

Sūrah al-Kāfirūn

The Disbelievers



لَا أَعْبُدُ مَا تَعْبُدُونَ

2

*I worship not what
you worship*

میں ان (بتوں) کی پوجا نہیں کرتا
جن کی تم پوجا کرتے ہو

وَلَا أَنَا عَابِدٌ مَّا عَبَدتُّمْ

4

*Neither shall I worship
what you worship*

اور نہ میں ان (بتوں) کی پوجا کرنے والا
ہوں جن کی تم پوجا کرتے ہو

لَكُمْ دِينُكُمْ وَلِيَ دِينِ

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*To you be your religion,
and to me my religion*

تمہارے لیے تمہارا دین ہے اور
میرے لیے میرا دین

قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا الْكَافِرُونَ

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*Say: O you
disbelievers*

اے رسول (صلی اللہ علیہ وآلہ وسلم) آپ
کہہ دیجیے اے کافرو!

وَلَا أَنْتُمْ عِبِدُونَ مَا أَعْبُدُ

3

*Nor do you worship
Whom I worship*

اور نہ تم اس (اللہ) کی عبادت کرتے ہو
جس کی میں عبادت کرتا ہوں

وَلَا أَنْتُمْ عِبِدُونَ مَا أَعْبُدُ

5

*Nor will you worship
Whom I worship*

اور نہ تم اس (اللہ) کی عبادت کرنے والے
ہو جس کی میں عبادت کرتا ہوں

General Information

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Occasion of the Revelation

It is said that this surah was revealed when a group of disbelievers offered the Holy Prophet (S) as a compromise that they would follow the religion of the Prophet (S) for one year and then the Prophet (S) should follow their religion for one year, and we'll alternate." In other words, we'll all share Islam for a season, and then shirk for a season. Give and take. Or we'll give you wealth and whatever else, just leave us alone. Don't bother us in our practices.

An illustration showing two men in suits shaking hands. The man on the left has a light beard and is wearing a brown suit. The man on the right has a darker beard and is wearing a dark grey suit. They are both smiling slightly, and their hands are clasped in a firm grip. The background is white.

Why the compromise?

1. Kuffar had figured out that the Holy Prophet (S) would never stop calling to Islam.
2. They were not ready to let go their belief.

Theme of the Surah

**No compromise in
truth and
Monotheism**

Highlights of the Surah

1. The Makkans had decided not to accept the message of the Holy Prophet (S).
2. Allah commanded the Holy Prophet (S) to draw a line by declaring himself as the Muslim and them as the Kuffars.
3. The kuffars offered a compromise to worship alternatively.
4. Prophet (S) was clear in his message that when it comes to Monotheism, Divine Guidance and Accountability, there would be no compromise.

Benefits of Recitation

1. Recitation of Sūrah al-Kāfirūn is equal to recitation of $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Holy Qur'an.
2. Provides safety from Shirk.
3. One can earn Allah's Forgiveness.
4. If one recites before bedtime and dies in his sleep, he/she will receive the thawab of a shaheed.
5. When recited before the journey, along with Surah Nasr, Ikhlas, Falaq and Naas, it will provide safety during the journey.

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الكافرون

Note Allah did not call them Mushrikeen because they were already called Shaniak in Al-Kawthar as they were bent upon Kufr despite of years of Invitation to Islam.



يَا أَيُّهَا

This term is either used for respect (Ya Ayyuhar Rasool) or when a serious message is to be delivered.



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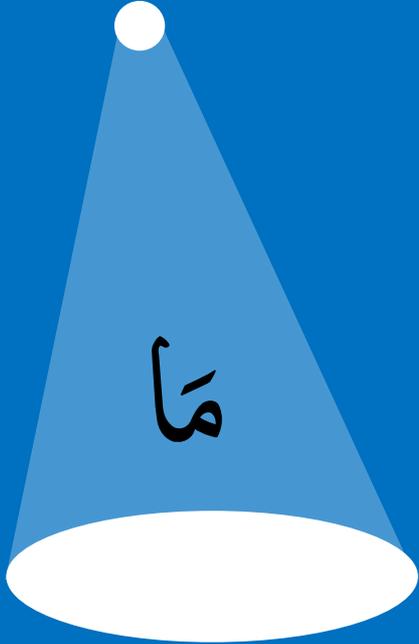
Allah is so upset with these people, He does not want to address them directly, hence asking the Prophet (S) to address the people who called him Abtar.

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تَعْبُدُونَ

Prophet (S) is saying two things: I will not worship idols and false gods. I will not be slave of my own desires. Adding Laa at the beginning eliminates any chances – now or in future.



مَا

Mann vs Maa: (Who vs What) – Who involves Identity, What involves Quality. The quality of Allah, a True God, is being highlighted. In other words, what an amazing God I worship.



لَا أَعْبُدُ

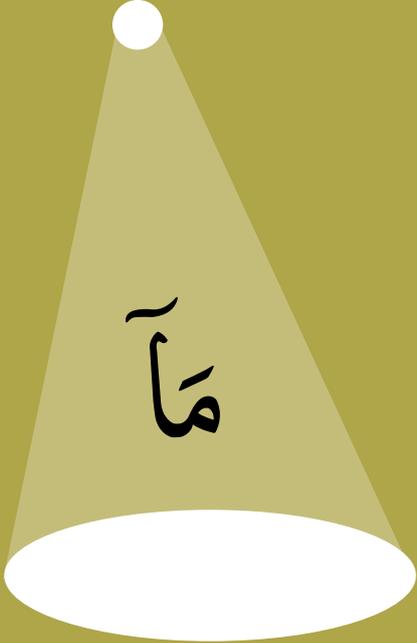
Ibadah is Obedience, Love, Tawakkul, Sincerity and Slavery. Kuffars neither directed their worship to Allah alone, nor did they act like his slaves by helping orphans and needy.

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أَعْبُدُ

The message is don't be confused, don't think you've ever worshipped what I worship, not even before I was a Messenger, although the Prophet (S) never did shirk even before he received Wahi.



مَا

Pointing to the true God, the God with all the qualities



وَلَا أَنْتُمْ عِبِدُونَ

It's a guarantee they will remain in kufr and neither worship nor will be enslaved to the true God.

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عِبَادَتُمُ

Your god was never the same as mine and the one I worship was never the same as yours. Do you expect me to compromise, now that even the revelation has come to me?



إِلَهُكُمْ

Pointing to the true God, the God with all the qualities



وَلَا أَنَا عَابِدٌ

It's a guarantee they will remain in kufr and neither worship nor will be enslaved to the true God.

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The repetition is also to declare conviction and harshness.



In this instance, the focus is more toward the future. IT WILL NOT HAPPEN



Since there were two offers (Wealth or Alternating the worship), the denial is also coming twice

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This is a precursor to the hijrah. Message has been delivered. The doors are closed for you. My deen will prosper and I will come out on top.



You will remain in Kufr and your way of life will not change, despite the message and this deen of yours will have grave consequences.



Your way of life is for you. It will never be for me.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ
وَأَخْلِكْ أَعْدَاءَهُمْ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ