

Al-Kafirun [The Unbelievers] **Makkan Period**

In the name of Allah, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate

[1] Say: "O unbelievers!"¹

[2] I do not worship those that you worship;²

[3] neither do you worship Him Whom I worship;³

[4] nor will I worship those whom you have Worshipped;⁴

[5] nor are you going to worship Him Whom I worship.

[6] To you is your religion, and to me, my religion.⁵

1. "O unbelievers!" These words are addressed to those who had refused to believe in the Prophethood and teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be on him).

2. The unbelievers of Arabia worshipped God alongside other gods. The Prophet (peace be on him) is here made to disclaim the unbelievers' worship because worshipping God alongside other deities does not constitute worship at all.

3. The unbelievers are being told that they do not worship the One True God Who has the attributes possessed by Him Whom the Prophet (peace be on him) worshipped.

4. That is, the Prophet (peace be on him) would not worship the unbelievers' and their forefathers' deities.

5. This made it quite clear that in the matter of religion there was nothing in common between the Prophet (peace be on him) and the unbelievers.