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THERE IS NO COMPROMISE IN MONOTHEISM, DIVINE GUIDANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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NO COMPROMISE IN TRUTH

Each has the consequences of choice of Deen (life transaction)
creating a unique identity independent of race, colour, country....
based on religion.



Aya 6

ADDRESS TO THE KAAFIRUN* (*THOSE WHO DEFIANTLY COVER UP THE TRUTH) OF MAKKA

The Makkans had made up their minds of non-acceptance of the Prophet (pbuh).
The Prophet (pbuh) declares his independence from them identifying himself as a Muslim and them
as the Kaafirun
They offered him a proposal of compromise realising that he would not stop by suggesting that they
agree to worship each other's Gods in alternate years
They believed this way they could all live-in peace. The sura breaks all ties with them saying:
"I do not worship that which you are orientated towards nor is my interaction with Divinity like yours..."

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Ayaat 1-5

109. Al-Kaafirun ~ Those Who Defiantly Cover Up The Truth

6 Ayaat (Makki)

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DID YOU KNOW?

THE SURA IS PAIRED WITH SURA AL IKHLAAS (112) AND THEY ARE KNOWN AS
MUKASHKISH (THAT WHICH HEALS).
IT FORMS PART OF THE BASIC TENANT OF ISLAM –
LAA ILAAHA (NO GOD) – SURA AL KAAFIRUN
ILLALLAH - EXCEPT THE ONE GOD – SURA AL IKHLAAS

SELECTED AYAAT

- 109:1 Say! O you who deny the truth.
109:2 I do not worship what you worship.
109:3 And you do not worship what I worship.
109:4 And I will no worship what you worship.
109:5 Nor shall you worship what I worship.
109:6 To you your religion and to me my religion.

NARRATIVE

THE WHOLE CHAPTER IS A DIRECT ADDRESS TO THOSE WHO DEFIANTLY
COVERED UP THE TRUTH AND REJECTED DIVINE GUIDANCE.

IT WAS REVEALED IN RESPONSE TO A PROPOSAL FROM THE LEADERS OF
MAKKA WHO APPROACHED THE PROPHET AND OFFERED A COMPROMISE OF
WORSHIPPING EACH OTHER'S GODS IN ALTERNATE YEARS AND/OR TO
ABANDON HIS RELIGION IN EXCHANGE FOR WEALTH, WOMEN AND POSITION.
THE QURAYSH DID NOT REJECT THE CONCEPT OF A DIVINE CREATOR BUT
THEY DID NOT WISH TO BE DICTATED BY DIVINITY AND WISHED TO MAKE UP
THEIR OWN RULES.

THE PROPHET WENT UP TO THEM AND ADDRESSED THEM WITH THIS CHAPTER
CREATING A UNIQUE IDENTITY BASED ON RELIGION (TEEN - THAT WHICH ONE
HAS BASED HIS LIFE ON).