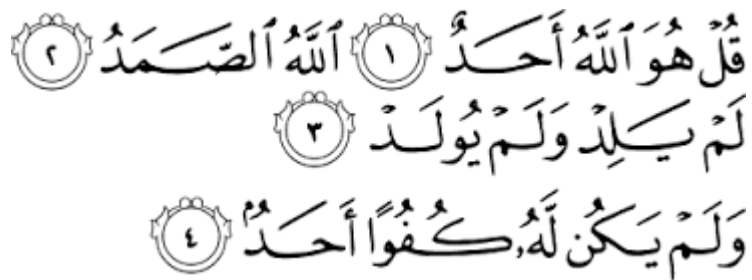


Lesson 5: ALLAH ﷻ IS THE ONLY CREATOR; HE HAS NO PARTNERS

We learned in the previous lesson that Allah ﷻ was not born, and that He will never die. Since He was not born, He has no father or mother. Since He will not die or grow old, He has no need of children to live after Him or to help Him in old age. Therefore, Allah ﷻ has no wife, son or daughter. Allah ﷻ is One, alone and without partner:

Surah Al-Ikhlās teaches us about *Tawhid*, the Oneness of Allah ﷻ.



Say: He, Allah, is the One, Allah, the everlasting, Allah, the Eternal. He does not beget (children), nor is He begotten (by any parents), And there is nothing that could be compared with Him

(Surah Al-Ikhlās 112:1-4)

Human beings are created by Allah ﷻ. Some have special talents and gifts from Allah ﷻ, but no human is perfect. All humans are born, they all die. They all need to eat drink and sleep for survival. Only Allah ﷻ is perfect, and needs nothing to exist.

Allah ﷻ is not a human being and has no need for any of these things. We should never say that any human being is Allah ﷻ or a son of Allah ﷻ. No human can be a partner of Allah ﷻ. Allah is the creator of all and He is not created by anyone.

We should not believe that any human being is a god. It is wrong to worship any of the following

- a) creatures such as angels or animals;
- b) created objects such as trees, stones, or mountains;

- c) man-made objects such as idols, statues, or pictures;
- d) imaginary gods and spirits.

Worship in Islam is reserved for Allah سبحانه و تعالی alone, He is our Lord and creator. This is the pure faith taught by all the prophets.

In every prayer, we use the words of *Sura Al-Fatihah*:

إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ

You (Allah سبحانه و تعالی) alone we worship, and You alone we ask for help.

(Surah Al-Fatihah 1:5)

All of us come from Allah سبحانه و تعالی and one day, we will return to Him. Life is our journey back to our Creator. We begin this journey as babies, helpless and dependent on our parents to take care of us and love us. They teach us the difference between right and wrong, and the ways of the world. As we grow older, our experience of the world makes us wiser, and soon, we can take care of ourselves. As adults, we are strong, independent, and often feel like nothing can hurt us. Eventually, our bodies become weak, and our health often makes us dependent on others once again, almost helpless, like we were when we were babies. As we grow older, we get closer to the end of our time on earth. However, life and death is decided by Allah سبحانه و تعالی alone, and anyone’s death can come at anytime.

Allah سبحانه و تعالی tells us in Qur’an that we were put on this earth to worship Him alone and then to return to Him.

That is why, when anyone dies, we say:

إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

Indeed, we belong to Allah, and indeed to Him, we shall return.

(Al-Baqarah 2:156)

So, we must always be ready to meet our Maker. We must do good deeds and win his favor to be included in those who will enter Paradise.