

Hadrat Ibrahim (A.S.), The Flag-Bearer of Tawhid

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The Benevolent God addressed: Blasphemy and polytheism, before سوره انبیا In Sur e Anbiya reaching its highest point I nurtured Ibrahim a.s in monotheism to hoist religiously the flag of God worshiping in the world, I know the status of his merits.

The people of his nation stated: Did you revolted against us? Again you started your childlike talk. Do you have any proof for your argument?

When Ibrahim a.s told his father "His mother's father": What are these lifeless and ineffective images, which you worship and spend whole of your life in this baseless believe?

They replied: These idols are the Gods of our fore fathers which we worship. Ibrahim a.s expressed: You and your fore fathers are following the wrong path.

Ibrahim a.s taught them: Your father is one who created the heavenly bodies and the earth. Brought you from the non-existence to existence, certainly I am giving witness whole-heartedly and i am waiting a chance to break the Idols.

One day on an occasion of a festival all went to desert, no one was present there. Ibrahim a.s broke down all the idols except a big idol, which he left to give the witness.

They enquired: The one who crushed down the idols, he is a tyrannical and got informed about one youth by the name Ibrahim a.s.

They demanded: Bring him and let him give witness before us.

Ibrahim a.s was brought and they enquired from him: Did you break these idols? He answered: The biggest among them broke them. If it could speak, then ask the idol itself. And Ibrahim a.s added you who worship these idols are tyrannical, I am not. And he said further: You worship these idols which gives neither benefit nor loss. Your faces had gone black, spittle upon you that you adore beside the God.

.They wholly decided: Burn the Ibrahim and seek help from our gods in burning him

قُلْنَا يَا نَارُ كُونِي بَرْدًا وَسَلَامًا عَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ

Asad) [But] We said: O fire! Be thou cool, and [a source of] inner peace for Abraham!") 21:69

I too commanded: O fire get cool and be secure to Ibrahim.

They proposed for the deceitfulness but for this kind of act we inflicted them deprivation and saved Ibrahim a.s. And lead the Ibrahim a.s and Lut (Lot or Jewish name Sodom) a.s towards such a land which was prosperous "that was Syria (Sham)" and blessed Ibrahim with Is'haq a.s and Yaqub a.s who were calling the people towards moral soundness

وَأَرَادُوا بِهِ كَيْدًا فَجَعَلْنَاهُمُ الْأَخْسَرِينَ

*and whereas they sought to do evil unto him, We caused them to suffer the greatest 21:70
:loss*

وَنَجَّيْنَاهُ وَلُوطًا إِلَى الْأَرْضِ الَّتِي بَارَكْنَا فِيهَا لِلْعَالَمِينَ

*for We saved him and Lot, [his brother's son, by guiding them] to the land which We have 21:71
.blessed for all times to come*

وَوَهَبْنَا لَهُ إِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ نَافِلَةً وَكُلًّا جَعَلْنَا صَالِحِينَ

*And We bestowed upon him Isaac and [Isaacs son] Jacob as an additional gift and 21:72
caused all of them to be righteous men,*

O messenger remember with respects, when Ibrahim a.s manifested to his guardian who was called father by him: Why did you made the idols, your God. I perceive that you and your people are evidently in the perversion.

Ibrahim a.s sighted the hidden soul of the celestial powers of God, the heavenly kingdom and the earth; he reached the status of certainty (يقين).

When the night darkened and he observed the stars he believed": They are my Gods and as the stars disappeared

فَلَمَّا جَنَّ عَلَيْهِ اللَّيْلُ رَأَى كَوْكَبًا قَالَ هَٰذَا رَبِّي فَلَمَّا أَفَلَ قَالَ لَا أُحِبُّ الْآفِلِينَ

*Then, when the night overshadowed him with its darkness, he beheld a star;., [and] he 6:76
exclaimed, "This is my Sustainer!" -but when it went down, he said, "I love not the things that
go down". سورة انعام*

He expressed: I do not want the God who annihilates. As the moon became obvious he uttered "It is my deity". And when the moon faded away from the vision Ibrahim a.s declared: The God who vanishes never guides. I may be misled by them.

In the morning when the sun appeared he indicated: This is the brightest and the extensive

earth illuminating lamp. However when it was sunk, Ibrahim a.s mentioned: I hate the gods
which sinks.

I pay attention to the God who created the heavens and the earth and I will not be in the group
of polytheists.

Ibrahim a.s protested against his people and described about his creator and All Worshipped
God: He is the creator of this vast world; I never fear those who are resolute to bring partners
to Him. The knowledge of my omnipotent God surrounded his entire creation and his power is
great that you are not realising the truth.

Why should I get frightened with you, when you are not bothered to associate a partner with
God? For which you have no reason and logic. Who among you is in peace because of these
idols? Do am I safe or are you safe? But you do not realise.

This is my proof and logic and I am the best learned, wise and clear sighted about the welfare,
kindness and the excellent system of the God of universe.

:Ibrahim a.s in his protest to Nimrud (Nimrod) claimed

أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِي حَاجَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ فِي رَبِّهِ أَنْ آتَاهُ اللَّهُ الْمُلْكَ إِذْ قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ رَبِّيَ الَّذِي يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ قَالَ أَنَا أُحْيِي
وَأُمِيتُ قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْتِي بِالشَّمْسِ مِنَ الْمَشْرِقِ فَأْتِ بِهَا مِنَ الْمَغْرِبِ فَبُهِتَ الَّذِي كَفَرَ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ
الظَّالِمِينَ (2:258)

*ART THOU NOT aware of that [king] who argued with Abraham about his Sustainer, 2:258
(simply] because God had granted him kingship? Lo! Abraham said: "My Sustainer is He who
grants life and deals death." [The king] replied: "I [too] grant life and deal death!" Said Abraham:
"Verily, God causes the sun to rise in the east; cause it, then, to rise in the west!" Thereupon he
who was bent on denying the truth remained dumbfounded: for God does not guide people
who [deliberately] do wrong.*

Do you not observe my God is the one who gives the life and death? Nimrud replied: I too can
give life and death.

A person who was under the trail of death punishment Nimrud released him and ordered
another innocent person to be killed. Ibrahim told: If you are true in your words then capture the
sun to rise from the west. My Almighty God causes the sun to appear from the east.

Nimrud was struck dumb. Ibrahim a.s mentioned: I swear by God that he never supports the
.oppressors

Status of Ibrahim a.s

In monotheism he was the follower of Nuh a.s (Noah). He was chosen by God for his pure heart and asked his people: Whom do you worship? Is it worthy to adore the idols leaving beside the One and Only God?

When Ibrahim a.s planned and decided to educate his people, he excused: I am not well and cannot come for the day out of the town for festival, you may go. When the entire town went out for the pleasure excursion, Ibrahim a.s found the idols temple vacant.

He asked an idol: Do not you want to eat? Do not you want to talk? How ineffective and vain are you. And hit hardly upon the head of an idol and broken all the idols with an axe.

The people got informed that the idols were broken. They were making haste to take the revenge. Ibrahim a.s enquired from them: Is this deserving to create the wooden images and worship them?

They said: He is talking absurd and they reached the conclusion, to put Ibrahim a.s in the fire .as the Nimrud ordered them to burn him

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But] We said: O fire! Be thou cool, and [a source of] inner peace for Abraham!"] 21:69

I made fire a garden of flowers for the Ibrahim a.s. Ibrahim announced I am going towards God, He guided me. O Muhammad SAVA, the last messenger, narrate the story of Ibrahim a.s before your nation.

Ibrahim a.s interrogated: Do you believe, these idols are worthy of worship? You adore the God who created this universe and nurture us with love and care. When we are hungry He provides us food. When we are thirsty He satiates us. When we are sick He cures us. When we die He grants us the eternal life. All the hopes are for the pardon and blessings of God.

Then Ibrahim a.s pleaded to the Sovereign God: O the Master! Help me overcome the polytheists and bestow me wisdom and knowledge. Join me with pious people; bless my name praiseworthy for the future generations. Resolve the Paradise my inheritance; forgive me and my paternal uncle who is among the misled people. My Lord! The day you bring the entire creation once again to life, please do not ruin and disgrace me. That day our wealth and descendants are of no avail. Only the heart which is pure and free of polytheism will acquire all the benefits.

That day the Paradise will be bestowed to the virtues people and the Hell will be given to the people who had gone astray from the right way. That day the unbelievers who were worshipping the idols will be told: Where are the idols which you adored? Now seek their help to defend yourself.

Be aware, except God no one will come to help you. That day the unbelievers and polytheists will be thrown, upside down in the Hell. The complete force of Satan will be his companions in the Hell. There they will be fighting and accusing each other by admitting: By God we were openly in the great deviation by worshiping the Idols. No one distorted us except the corrupt nation.

When Ibrahim a.s cast himself away from the idols then I too with my grace and mercy blessed him Is'haq (Isaac) and Yaqub a.s(Jacob or Jewish name Yaakov). the God announced: It was I who gave the glad tiding of son to Ibrahim. سورة هود In Sur e Hud The angels saluted him: He replied: Salam 'peace be upon you' and served them with a roasted calf, supposed them as human guests.

When he observed that they were avoiding eating the meals, he got frightened. They told: Do not fear, we are send by God and we came towards the people of the prophet Lut a.s (Lot or Sodom). First we convey you the good news of a son then we will go to prophet Lut a.s. Sara the wife of Ibrahim a.s who was standing near the door, laughed. We gave the good tidings of Is'haq a.s and after him Yaqub a.s will be the prophet. Sara uttered: woe to me, shall I conceive a son as I get old? And my husband too reached his old age. It is astonishing. The angels replied: Are you astonished at the command of God. The door of the God's mercy .and favours are opened for you and your family. The God is great and praiseworthy

وَأَمْرَأَتُهُ قَائِمَةٌ فَضَحِكَتْ فَلَبَّسْنَاهَا بِإِسْحَاقَ وَمِنْ وَرَاءِ إِسْحَاقَ يَعْقُوبَ (11:71)

And his wife, standing [nearby], laughed [with happiness]; whereupon We gave her the 11:71 .glad tiding of [the birth of] Isaac and, after Isaac, of [his son] Jacob

قَالَتْ يَا وَيْلَتَى أَأَلِدُ وَأَنَاْ عَجُوزٌ وَهَـذَا بَعْلِي شَيْخًا إِنَّ هَـذَا لَشَيْءٌ عَجِيبٌ

Said she: "Oh, woe is me! Shall I bear a child, now that I am an old woman and this 11:72 !husband of mine is an old man? Verily, that would be a strange thing indeed

قَالُوا أَتَعْجَبِينَ مِنْ أَمْرِ اللَّهِ رَحْمَتُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ عَلَيْكُمْ أَهْلَ الْبَيْتِ إِنَّهُ حَمِيدٌ مَّجِيدٌ

Answered [the messengers]: "Dost thou deem it strange that God should decree what He 11:73 wills? The grace of God and His blessings be upon you, O people of this house! Verily, ever to be praised, sublime is He!" -

When Ibrahim a.s received the pleasant tiding of a son, he got himself freed from fear. Then he appealed in the favour of the people of Lut a.s. Ibrahim a.s was very tolerant, he deeply bemoaned before

.God and expressed in grief and painfully pleaded for help, to excuse the people of Lut a.s

يَا إِبْرَاهِيمُ اَعْرِضْ عَنْ هَذَا إِنَّهُ قَدْ جَاءَ أَمْرُ رَبِّكَ وَإِنَّهُمْ آتِيهِمْ عَذَابٌ غَيْرُ مَرْدُودٍ

But God's messengers replied:] "O Abraham! Desist from this [pleading]! Behold, thy] 11:76 Sustainer's judgment has already gone forth: and, verily, there shall fall upon them a chastisement which none can avert!"

He was addressed by God: O Ibrahim cease yourself from this intercession because the wrath of God is already issued. That calamity cannot be made void.

the Almighty God instructed: O the last messenger narrate the سورة الذاريات In sur e Zariyat story of the Ibrahim a.s that how much he was hospitable. When the guests entered into his house they saluted and greeted him Salam. He replied their salutation in spite of not recognising them. Immediately he went to his wife Sara and roasted the calf and brought it to serve the guests. When they were not eating it, Ibrahim a.s enquired: Why do not you eat anything? They declared: We are angels you do not fear. We came to give you the joyful tiding of a wise son.

The wife Sara screamed and slapped herself and said: woe upon me! I am barren. They asserted her: God had promised you. He is Wise, all knowing and magnanimous.

Ibrahim a.s put a question before them: O angels for what purpose did you descended? They answered: We came to make the sinful people taste the result of their deeds. We will pour on them the rain of stones, to destroy them. The God prepared this kind of end for the wrong doers and the recklessly extravagant people. First we expel the believers from that place and then raze the evil mongers. We did not find a single submissive believer among them hence we are annihilating them.

When Ibrahim asked: O Lord! Show me, how do you give life to the سورة بقره In Sur e Baqara death? He was addressed: Do not you have believe? He replied: I want personally to observe the fact to make myself certain.

The Almighty God ordered: Catch four birds, Cut them to pieces and throw their meat on different places of the mountain. And then call them, they will come to you. Be aware their .creator is Powerful and Wise

وَإِذْ قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ رَبِّ أَرِنِي الْمَوْتَى قَالَ أَوْلَمْ تُؤْمِنَ قَالَ بَلَىٰ وَلَكِنَّ لِّيُطَمِّنَ قَلْبِي قَالَ فَخُذْ أَرْبَعَةً مِّنَ الطَّيْرِ فَصُرْهُنَّ إِلَيْكَ ثُمَّ اجْعَلْ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ جَبَلٍ مِّنْهُنَّ جُزْءًا ثُمَّ ادْعُهُنَّ يَأْتِيَنَّكَ سَعْيًا وَاعْلَمَنَّ أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ (2:260)

And, lo, Abraham said: "O my Sustainer! Show me how Thou givest life unto the dead!" 2:260 Said He: "Hast thou, then, no faith?" (Abraham) answered: "Yea, but [let me see it] so that my

heart may be set fully at rest." Said He: "Take, then, four birds and teach them to obey thee; . then place them separately on every hill [around thee]; then summon them: they will come flying to thee. And know that God is almighty, wise."

the creator of both the worlds mentioned about the slaughter of سورہ صافات In Sur e Safat Ismail a.s., Ibrahim a.s said: I will go towards God, He will guide me. O Lord forgive me and bring me among the worthy people. I too gave him the Glad news of a tolerant son. Then with his struggle he became prophet and I made him successful.

One day he informed his son Ismail a.s: O dear son I viewed in my dream that I am slaughtering you. What opinion do you give about it?

The son replied: O father! Perform as you are ordered. God give you rise among those who have patience.

Ismail (Ishmael) obliged so that his father could carry out according to the involuntary vision he sighted and slaughter him.

I announced him a.s: O Ibrahim your dream reached the truth, we reward the virtuous people. It was the test which was placed before Ibrahim a.s. We send a goat for him and that slaughter was great before Me.

Ibrahim is a servant (of God) then I blessed him the glad tiding of Is'haq who was of righteous .with the favours of abundance. Ismail a.s and Is'haq a.s and their offspring, all were beneficent

فَلَمَّا بَلَغَ مَعَهُ السَّعْيَ قَالَ يَا بُنَيَّ إِنِّي أَرَىٰ فِي الْمَنَامِ أَنِّي أَذْبَحُكَ فَانْظُرْ مَاذَا تَرَىٰ قَالَ يَا أَبَتِ افْعَلْ مَا تُؤْمَرُ سَتَجِدُنِي
إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ مِنَ الصَّابِرِينَ (37:102)

And [one day,] when [the child] had become old enough to share in his [father's] 37:102 endeavours, the latter said: "O my dear son! I have seen in a dream that I should sacrifice thee: consider, then, what would be thy view!" [Ishmael] answered: "O my father! Do as thou art "bidden: thou wilt find me, if God so wills, among those who are patient in adversity

فَلَمَّا أَسْلَمَا وَتَلَّهُ لِلْجَبِينِ

But as soon as the two had surrendered themselves to [what they thought to be] the 37:103 ,will of God, and [Abraham] had laid him down on his face

وَنَادَيْنَاهُ أَنْ يَا إِبْرَاهِيمُ

, We called out to him: "O Abraham 37:104

قَدْ صَدَّقْتَ الرُّؤْيَا إِنَّا كَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ

*thou hast already fulfilled [the purpose of] that dream- vision!" Thus, verily, do We 37:105
:reward the doers of good*

إِنَّ هَذَا لَهُوَ الْبَلَاءُ الْمُبِينُ

.for, behold, all this was indeed a trial, clear in itself 37:106

وَفَدَيْنَاهُ بِذَبْحٍ عَظِيمٍ

,And We ransomed him with a tremendous sacrifice 37:107

وَتَرَكْنَا عَلَيْهِ فِي الْآخِرِينَ

:and left him thus to be remembered among later generations 37:108

سَلَامٌ عَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ

"!Peace be upon Abraham" 37:109

كَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ

Thus do We reward the doers of good 37:110

إِنَّهُ مِنْ عِبَادِنَا الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

.for he was truly one of our believing servants 37:111

وَبَشَّرْنَاهُ بِإِسْحَاقَ نَبِيًّا مِّنَ الصَّالِحِينَ

*And [in time] We gave him the glad tidings of Isaac, [who, too, would be] a prophet, one 37:112
;of the righteous*

وَبَارَكْنَا عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَىٰ إِسْحَاقَ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِهِمَا مُحْسِنٌ وَظَالِمٌ لِّنَفْسِهِ مُبِينٌ

*and We blessed him and Isaac: but among the offspring of these two there were [des- 37:113
tined] to be both doers of good and such as*

the God of Kaaba, about the Ibrahim a.s and Ismail a.s when عمران آل سور In Sur e Al e Imran they constructing it, revealed: Certainly this house is built on earth to make it, the hope of the people. It was founded in Mecca and God appointed it holy and a guidance for the people of the world.

In the house of Kaaba there are evident signs of Almighty God's power. Like Maqam e Ibrahim (Station of Abraham a.s) anyone who enters there he or she will be in peace. Every Muslim must visit the House of God to perform Hajj at least once in life time. One should travel according to his or her capability. Those who violates, the God is gratuitous. God the Almighty relates: When I made the House of Kaaba the place سوره بقره In Sur e Baqara of Good deeds and commanded the people to make the station of Ibrahim a.s (Maqam e Ibrahim a.s) place for namaz. Ibrahim a.s pledged a covenant to maintain the House of Kaaba the house and do the genuflexion (طواف) clean so that people can perform circumambulation (ركوع) and prostration (سجده).

Ibrahim a.s prayed to God Almighty: Establish this house, a place of peace and bestow the dwellers of this place every kinds of fruits for those who brought faith in God and the day of Judgment. And grant the disbeliever respite and benefits for a short period of time. Finally he .or she will be punished from the fire of Hell and it is a worst place of return

وَإِذْ قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ رَبِّ اجْعَلْ هَذَا بَلَدًا آمِنًا وَارْزُقْ أَهْلَهُ مِنَ الثَّمَرَاتِ مَنْ آمَنَ مِنْهُمْ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ قَالَ وَمَنْ كَفَرَ فَأُمَتِّعُهُ قَلِيلًا ثُمَّ أَضْطَرُّهُ إِلَىٰ عَذَابِ النَّارِ وَبِئْسَ الْمَصِيرُ (2:126)

And, lo, Abraham prayed: "O my Sustainer! Make this a land secure, and grant its people 2:126 fruitful sustenance - such of them as believe in God and the Last Day." [God] answered: "And whoever shall deny the truth, him will I let enjoy himself for a short while -but in the end I shall drive him to suffering through fire: and how vile a journey's

When Ibrahim a.s was raising the foundation of Kaaba and Ismail a.s was helping him. He pleaded to God: O Lord! Accept my service; you are best listener and the knower. O my Lord! Establish the way of submission to me, my son and make my children the nation of the people who are completely submissive to God (Muslims). Grow us all together submissive to you. And reveal us the ways of hajj to follow and accept our repentance, as you are kind and forgive who .repents

وَإِذْ يَرْفَعُ إِبْرَاهِيمُ الْقَوَاعِدَ مِنَ الْبَيْتِ وَإِسْمَاعِيلُ رَبَّنَا تَقَبَّلْ مِنَّا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ

And when Abraham and Ishmael were raising the foundations of the Temple , [they 2:127 prayed:] "O our Sustainer! Accept Thou this from us: for, verily, Thou alone art all-hearing, all-knowing

رَبَّنَا وَاجْعَلْنَا مُسْلِمَيْنِ لَكَ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِنَا أُمَّةً مُّسْلِمَةً لَّكَ وَأَرِنَا مَنَاسِكَنَا وَتُبْ عَلَيْنَا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ

O our Sustainer! Make us surrender ourselves unto Thee, and make out of our offspring" 2:128

a community that shall surrender itself unto Thee, and show us our ways of worship, and accept our repentance: for, verily, Thou alone art the Acceptor of Repentance, the Dispenser of
!Grace

رَبَّنَا وَابْعَثْ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْهُمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِكَ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ
(2:129)

O our Sustainer! Raise up from the midst of our off spring an apostle from among" 2:129 themselves, who shall convey unto them Thy messages, and impart unto them revelation as well as wisdom, and cause them to grow in purity: O Almighty Lord! From my children appoint as prophet so that to read your verses to them. Teach them the way of right speech, nurture them in your way. Educate them your book and wisdom and purify them to make them cultured. Certainly conquest and power is only for you.

Remember the period when Ibrahim a.s pleaded to Almighty: O Benevolent God! Establish this city 'An abode of peace' and engage my children in pious life and cease them from being idolaters. One, who follows me, belongs to me.

O God! Inhabit me in this valley where there is no vegetation and cultivation near your house whose respect is essential for all.

O Omnipotent God! Grant us ability to stabilize the practice of Namaz. The hearts of the nation is at your grasp; turn them towards your house. Nourish them with good fruit and yield, to make them thankful to you.

O Lord! You are well acquainted, what is hidden and evident. I praise and thanks to the Lord who is merciful.

O Lord! You bestowed me in the old age Ismail a.s and Is'haq a.s. Verily the Lord is the hearer of all the prayers.

Then he prayed for his parents and for the people who observe Namaz towards Kaaba. God the Almighty mentioned the practices of Hajj and addressed: When I سورة حج In Sur e Hajj decided a house for Ibrahim a.s near the Kaaba and commanded them not to bring any associate to God. Maintain my House clean for those who perform circumambulation (walk around Kaaba), genuflexion (to bow down) and prostration. And proclaim the entire humanity to visit Mecca for Hajj, by walk, by a lean camel, by any road, far away or deep paths, from any point of earth and seek their benefits in the way of God.

In the period of Hajj recite the name of God. I have decided for their nourishment, the meat of cattle to consume and give the needy to eat and cast away the uncleanness and evil from themselves. Fulfill the vows and perform the circumambulation (walk) around Kaaba, the

ancient house of Adam, the father of Humanity.

These places of Hajj are endured by the worshipping and adoring the House of Kaaba. I made eating the quadrupeds lawful to you. In them they are some which I made unlawful to eat and prevent themselves from telling lie, Idolatry and uncleanness

وَإِذْ بَوَّأْنَا لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ مَكَانَ الْبَيْتِ أَنْ لَا تُشْرِكْ بِي شَيْئًا وَطَهِّرْ بَيْتِيَ لِلطَّائِفِينَ وَالْقَائِمِينَ وَالرُّكَّعِ السُّجُودِ (22:26)

For, when We assigned unto Abraham the site of this Temple, [We said unto him:] "Do not ascribe divinity to aught beside Me!" and: "Purify My Temple for those who will walk around it, and those who will stand before it [in meditation], and those who will bow down and [prostrate themselves in prayer]

وَأَذِّنْ فِي النَّاسِ بِالْحَجِّ يَأْتُوكَ رِجَالًا وَعَلَى كُلِّ ضَامِرٍ يَأْتِينَ مِنْ كُلِّ فَجٍّ عَمِيقٍ

Hence, [O Muhammad,] proclaim thou unto all people the [duty of] pilgrimage: they will come unto thee on foot and on every [kind of] fast mount, coming from every far-away point [on earth]

لِيَشْهَدُوا مَنَافِعَ لَهُمْ وَيَذْكُرُوا اسْمَ اللَّهِ فِي أَيَّامٍ مَعْلُومَاتٍ عَلَى مَا رَزَقَهُمْ مِّنْ بَهِيمَةِ الْأَنْعَامِ فَكُلُوا مِنْهَا وَأَطْعِمُوا
الْبَائِسَ الْفَقِيرَ (22:28)

so that they might experience much that shall be of benefit to them, and that they might extol the name of God on the days appointed [for sacrifice], over whatever heads of cattle He .may have provided for them [to this end]: eat, then, thereof, and feed the unfortunate poor

ثُمَّ لِيَقْضُوا تَفَثَهُمْ وَلْيُوفُوا نُذُورَهُمْ وَلْيَطَّوَّفُوا بِالْبَيْتِ الْعَتِيقِ

Thereafter let them bring to an end their state of self-denial, and let them fulfill the vows .which they [may] have made, and let them walk [once again] around the Most Ancient Temple

ذَٰلِكَ وَمَنْ يُعِظَّمِ اللَّهُ فَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَهُ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ وَأُحِلَّتْ لَكُمُ الْأَنْعَامُ إِلَّا مَا يُتْلَىٰ عَلَيْكُمْ فَاجْتَنِبُوا الرِّجْسَ مِنَ الْأَوْثَانِ وَاجْتَنِبُوا قَوْلَ الزُّورِ (22:30)

All this [is ordained by God]; and if one honours God's sacred commandments, it will redound to his own good in his Sustainer's sight. And all [kinds of] cattle have been made lawful to you [for sacrifice and food], save what is mentioned to you [as forbidden]. Shun, then, [all that God has forbidden and, most of all,] the loathsome evil of idolatrous beliefs and practices; and shun every word that is untrue,

Ibrahim bin Tarikh bin Tajvad bin Sarugh bin Arghu bin Falig bin Abir bin Salikh bin Qinan bin Arfah'shad bin Sam bin Nuh a.s. The father of Ibrahim a.s was Tarikh and Azar was his paternal uncle. Azar was an astrologer of Nimrud and an idolater.

The light of Muhammad SAVA passed from Adam a.s and the holy prophets and transferred to the holy wombs. If Azar was the father it was absolutely against the truth.

In Majma'ul Barahin and Sarhul Bahria it is written that Tarikh was the father of Ibrahim a.s. The historians of Islam together agree that the father of Ibrahim was Tarikh and Azar was his and among the (پیغمبر اولولعزم) paternal uncle. Ibrahim a.s was apostle of inflexible purpose nobles of the prophets. His traditions are the traditions of Islam. He was the founder of Kaaba "The House of God". He established its base and lived for 200 years. He was buried besides his wife Sara in the town of Jabara in Kan'an. The place where he was buried was the field which belonged to Ibrahim a.s himself.

The astrologers of the king predicted, nine months before the traces and signs of the birth of Ibrahim a.s. Mother of Ibrahim a.s and mother of prophet Lut a.s, both were sisters. These sisters were the daughters of prophet Laj. They went outside the city and reached the cave of a mountain. They entered inside the cave and Ibrahim a.s was born there. It was the first of the month of Jilhajja. The lady for fear of life left her newborn there and went back towards the city. The Almighty creator oozed out milk from the thumb of the child and from another thumb honey and Jibril a.s (Gabriel) put his thumb into the mouth of Ibrahim a.s.

Once in a month, mother of the baby was coming to the cave to see her baby. When she was leaving the cave, its entrance was automatically closing down with a large stone. No human, bird or animal was able to enter the cave and no one was aware that it was the place of a man who is selected by God.

Ibrahim a.s lived for seven years in that cave. He was watching the sky and the stars whenever he was coming out of the cave.

Some historian wrote the birth place of Ibrahim a.s was Shush in Ahvaz some mention that place was in Babul Iraq, some write Darka' in Aksiriya, some indicated in Haran.

He migrated to Babul and his contemporary was king Nimrud bin Kan'an. Though Ibrahim a.s was the son of Tarikh but mostly people wrote the name Azar as his father. For the reason that he was an official in the court of king Nimrud. Tarikh was his father who was monotheist and a worshipper of one God. But his uncle was an idolater, carpenter, Idol maker and astrologer of the Nimrud and the minister of his court. Hence they gave the name of his uncle to Ibrahim for his fame.

The Arabs were having a trend that they used to call father to their paternal uncle. After the

death of Tarikh he became the guardian of Ibrahim a.s and married his mother. His mother Warqa was the sister of the Lut's a.s mother. They were both the daughters of the Prophet Laj. Ibrahim Khalil a.s was appointed as a prophet after the prophet Tajvad and he was the contemporary of Nimrud whose real name was Rahu bin Tahmasan. Ibrahim a.s invited the people towards monotheism. From 64 years to 84 years he preached among them

The character of Ibrahim a.s

Hazrat Ibrahim a.s was chosen as the friend of God and entitled as "Khalilullah". Among the brave men he was the person of a great distinction. The last Prophet Nabi Akram SAVA described: Ibrahim a.s was the master of the Humanity and he was very much fond of the guests and respected them like a father. He was called as the adorer of guests and he never took his meals without them, he used to wait till the arrival of a guest, to sit and eat with him. One day he walked so much, to get a visitor to accompany him for having his meal likewise he reached a tree which is called the Holy tree

يُوقَدُ مِنْ شَجَرَةٍ مُبَارَكَةٍ

The characteristic of Ibrahim a.s was that the God blessed prophecy in his generation. Seven thousand prophets came into existence from his genesis, from which four thousand belonged to Bani israil .He was an excellent master and whenever he was inflicted with any mishap, he used to perform prayers and solicit by the name of Muhammad SAVA and his family and his prayers were soon reaching to the acceptance of the God

وَإِذِ ابْتَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ رَبُّهُ بِكَلِمَاتٍ فَأَتَمَّهُنَّ

And [remember this:] when his Sustainer tried Abraham by [His] commandments and the 2:124 latter fulfilled them

إِنَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ كَانَ أُمَّةً قَانِتًا لِلَّهِ حَنِيفًا وَلَمْ يَكُ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ

VERILY, Abraham was a man who combined within himself all virtues, devoutly 16:120 obeying God's will, turning away from all that is false, and not being of those who ascribe divinity to aught beside God: -

He was the reservoir of charitable deeds. Hazrat Moosa ibn Jafar declared: God Almighty created for everything, four things. For the war of sword He had selected four prophets, they

were Ibrahim a.s, Dawood a.s, Musa a.s and Mar'a a.s.

Among the houses he selected the houses of Adam, Nuh, Al e Ibrahim and Al e Imram. The charm and attraction of Ibrahim a.s was similar to the charisma of Prophet Muhammad SAVA. The last messenger, prophet of Islam said: Whoever wants to see Ibrahim a.s he come see me.

His chest was broad and his forehead was wide. Hazrat Ibrahim khalil a.s was one of the great educator of the humanitarian world. He was the prime among the monotheists in humanity as the entire wealth of gentleness, morals and the customs of Islam are remained till this period as a memorial from Ibrahim a.s. One day Jibril a.s descended to Ibrahim a.s and said: The God Almighty made a man his friend. He asked: Who is that man? Jibril a.s replied: The one who will bring the dead to life. Saying this Jibril a.s went away. Ibrahim a.s continued his worship and telling to himself: O God I wish to be one, who is your friend. I wish I could bring life to the dead. He was inspired to :ask the God about the life given after death. Eagerly he raised his head and said

وَإِذْ قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ رَبِّ أَرِنِي كَيْفَ تُحْيِي الْمَوْتَى قَالَ أُولَئِمُ تُوْمِنُ قَالَ بَلَى وَلَكِنْ لِّيَطْمَئِنَّ قَلْبِي قَالَ فَخُذْ أَرْبَعَةً مِّنَ الطَّيْرِ فَصُرْهُنَّ إِلَيْكَ ثُمَّ اجْعَلْ عَلَى كُلِّ جَبَلٍ مِّنْهُنَّ جُزْءًا ثُمَّ ادْعُهُنَّ يَأْتِيَنَّكَ سَعْيًا وَاعْلَمَنَّ أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ (2:260)

And, lo, Abraham said: "O my Sustainer! Show me how Thou givest life unto the dead!" 2:260 Said He: "Hast thou, then, no faith?" (Abraham) answered: "Yea, but [let me see it] so that my heart may be set fully at rest." Said He: "Take, then, four birds and teach them to obey thee; . then place them separately on every hill [around thee]; then summon them: they will come flying to thee. And know that God is almighty, wise."

And when Ibrahim pleaded to God: O Provident I want to sight that how you give life to death? God addressed: Did not you have faith? He replied: Yes I have but I want to make my heart contented. God commanded: Bring four birds, cut them into pieces and put them on the different places of mountain.

Ibrahim a.s obeyed and did the same and laid them at four places of mountain and then called .them. The birds flied towards Ibrahim a.s

إِذْ قَالَ لَهُ رَبُّهُ أَسْلِمْ قَالَ أَسْلَمْتُ لِرَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

When his Sustainer said to him, "Surrender thyself unto Me!" - he answered, "I have 2:131 surrendered myself unto [Thee,] the Sustainer of all the worlds."

God addressed: Submit yourself to God. Ibrahim a.s said: I submitted myself to the God of

Universe.

The cave which Ibrahim a.s lived was near the city of Kufa 'Iraq'. He was not allowed to come out of the cave for the fear of Nimrud. When he came out of the cave he observed the stars and said: This is my God and when they vanished, he expressed: If it was my God it would never been disappeared.

Ibrahim a.s saw the Moon and uttered: This is my God, if my God did not guide me, I will go astray.

Ibrahim a.s viewed the Sun and declared: This is my God. When it drowned, he said: I never .worship the thing which fades away

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Ibrahim a.s said: I had selected the religion of truth and I will not be among the Polytheist. When grown up going alongside, he entered his house, Azar asked him: Who is this fellow that remained alive in the kingdom of Nimrud. Mother of Ibrahim a.s replied: I raised him by hiding him in the cave.

When Azar told Ibrahim to sell the Idols, he tied a rope to them and began to pull them on the floor for the sale. At last his uncle forcibly arrested him in the house, to avoid the wrath of the .king and the people

Who was Nimrud?

The historians' writes: After Sam bin Nuh a.s from his progeny a king appeared, his name was Nimrud to whom non-Arabs called him 'Kaikaves". He was an idolater and tremendously tyrant and he was master of many temples whose idols were made up of Gold and he owned umpteen amount of wealth. He conquered Turkey and then continued his voyage towards India and captured it. From there he carried on his battle and attacked the Rome and acquired it and became the king of east and west.

After seizing the whole world he came to Kufa and settled down there and constructed the city of Babul. He was assuming tributes from many countries and ruled for 1700 years as a king. He was haughty and egotistic to such an extent that he never laid his forehead on the floor to prostrate before God. Even he tried to kill the God of heavens and trained some men to raise him up, there he was putting his efforts by pointed his arrow to destroy the God, ruling the sky. Whenever he was coming out of his palace he was sitting on a throne which was used to be carried by forty elephants. In his capital he maintained 400 thrones of Gold for the sorcerers and astrologers to assemble them in his court. The wealthy and powerful people were always

around him.

One day Nimrud felt that the astrologers were sorrowful, when he enquired the reason about it, they related: We have sighted a star and the fact is that tonight the sperm of a baby will be going to settle in his mother's womb. He will destroy your country after he is grown up to a man.

Nimrud ordered: Separate tonight the entire husband and wife of the city. Any how the same night the holy sperm of Ibrahim a.s was established in his mother's womb.

One day as it was the day of New Year Nimrud was invited the people for amusement to the temple outside the city. Ibrahim did not want to go so his uncle left him to look after the idols of his temple in the city.

Ibrahim broke down all the idols in the absence of others. Nimrud along with his high officials when returned back the city, found the idols broken and shattered.

They informed Nimrud: There is a young man who is distrustful of these idols and gives them .awful names and his name is Ibrahim

Trial of Ibrahim a.s

Ibrahim a.s was taken to Nimrud, he asked his mother: Why did you concealed your son to me? She replied: I had protected my child, to save your country. If I would have revealed the fact to you then you would be surely killed the child and from there the trend of child killing would have been getting started in the city. And till today your nation would have been wiped out.

Nimrud enquired the Ibrahim a.s: Who had broken the Idols? Ibrahim replied: The biggest idol carried out this act.

Nimrud and the courtiers discussed the matter and reached the decision, to throw the Ibrahim in the fire, to get rid of him.

Hazrat Sadiq a.s narrates: In the period of Nimrud, mostly the birth of the people was from the adulterous relationships and generally they were wicked by nature. So these kinds of people have the heart to give Nimrud the advice for burning the Ibrahim a.s. whereas the companions of Firaun were born of legal relationship. Firaun fought with the Moosa a.s with the power of sorcery. It is a fact that no man gives the consent to kill any prophet, except he is born by the .adulterous relationship