

SOO-RA-TUL-KAA-FI-ROON

Chapter 109

Revealed in Mak-ka, 6 Verses

In the Name of Allaah, the All-Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

1. *Oul yaa-aiy-yu-hal-kaa-fi-roon* – Say: “O you unbelievers!
2. *Laa a’-bu-du-maa ta’-bu-doon* – I worship not what you worship,
3. *Wa-laa an-tum ‘aa-bi-doo-na maa a’-bud* – and nor are you serving Whom I serve,
4. *Wa-laa a-naa ‘aa-bi-dum-maa a’-bat-tum* – neither am I going to worship which you worship,
5. *Wa-laa an-tum ‘aa-bi-doo-namaa a’-bud* – and nor are you (presently) going to serve Him Whom I serve:

The Islamic way of service to the Almighty is entirely different from the worship of idols and deities hence we have used the words ‘worship’ and ‘serve’ in appropriate places.

It is narrated that some of the unbelievers of Mak-ka once suggested to the Messenger of Allaah that they were prepared to serve Allaah, along with their other idols provided the Kind Prophet also agreed to worship their idols. To this, the above *Soorah* gave the necessary Divine reply.

6. *La-kum dee-nu-kum wa-li-ya-deen* – to you your way and to me mine.

There is vast difference between a monotheist and a polytheist; in fact they are diagonally opposite concepts and as such they can never go hand in hand.