

Do not marry idolatresses, until they believe; a believing slavegirl is better than an idolatress, though you may admire her. **And** do not marry idolaters, until they believe, a believing slave is better than an idolater, though you may admire him. **Those** call unto the Fire; and God calls unto Paradise, and Pardon, by His leave, and He makes clear His signs to the people; haply they will remember.

Verse 221, Chapter 2, The Koran Interpreted, modified after a 1955 translation by the late A. J. Arberry (1905-1969, Professor of Theology, Oxford University, England) Oxford University Press, 1964, (ISBN 0 19 250596 3).