

God there is no god but He, The Living, The Everlasting. **Slumber** seizes Him not, neither sleep, to Him belongs all that is in the heavens and the earth. **Who** is there that shall intercede with Him save by His leave? **He** knows what lies before them and what is after them, and they comprehend not anything of His knowledge save such as He wills. **His Throne** comprises the heavens and earth; and preserving of them oppresses Him not; He is the All-High, the All-Glorious

No compulsion is there in religion, rectitude has become clear from error, So whosoever disbelieves in idols and believes in God, has laid hold of the most firm handle, unbreaking; God is All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

God is The Protector of the believers; He brings them from the darkness into the light. **And** the unbelievers-their protectors are idols, that bring them forth from the light into the darkness; those are the inhabitants of the Fire, therein dwelling forever.

Hast thou not regarded him who disputed with Abraham, concerning his Lord, that God has given him the kingship? **When Abraham** said, 'My Lord is He who gives life, and makes to die,' he said,

**'I give life and make to die.' Said Abraham,
'God brings the sun from the east; so bring thou it
from the west.' Then the unbeliever was
confounded. God guides not the people of the
evildoers.**

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