

# GOD IS THE CAUSE OF THE UNIVERSE

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The Arabic words used to denote Cause in the following verses of the Qur'an are:

- *badi'*, which means "originator", "initiator" and "creator out of nonentity"
- *bari'*, which mean "creator" and "one who creates flawlessly out of nothing"
- *fatir*, which means "creator", "maker", "originator", "initiator", "one who splits" and "one who brings into being"
- *khaliq*, which means "creator", "maker" and "originator"
- *al-khallaq*, which means "creator" and "supreme maker"

### BADI'

بَدِيعُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَإِذَا قَضَىٰ أَمْرًا فَإِنَّمَا يَقُولُ لَهُ كُنْ فَيَكُونُ ﴿١١٧﴾

The **Originator** of the heavens and the earth. When He decrees a matter He only says to it, "Be" - and it is.<sup>1</sup>

بَدِيعُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ أَنَّىٰ يَكُونُ لَهُ وَلَدٌ وَلَمْ تَكُن لَّهُ صَاحِبَةٌ وَخَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ وَهُوَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ﴿١١٨﴾

He [God] is the **Originator** of the heavens and the earth. How can He have children when He has no wife? He created all things and He is the All-Knower of everything.<sup>2</sup>

### BARI'

وَإِذْ قَالَ مُوسَىٰ لِقَوْمِهِ يَنْقُومِ إِنَّاظِمٌ ظَلَمْتُمْ أَنْفُسَكُمْ بِاتِّخَاذِكُمُ الْعِجْلَ فَتُوبُوا إِلَىٰ بَارِيكُمْ فَاقْتُلُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ ذَٰلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ عِنْدَ بَارِيكُمْ فَتَابَ عَلَيْكُمْ إِنَّهُ هُوَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿٥٤﴾

And [remember] when Musa [Prophet Moses] said to his people, "O my people! Verily you have wronged yourselves by worshipping the calf. So turn in repentance to your **Creator** and kill yourselves [the innocent kill the wrongdoers among you], that will be better for you with your **Creator**." Then He [God] accepted your repentance. Truly He is the One Who accepts repentance, the Most Merciful.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Surah Al-Baqarah Chapter 2 Verse 117

<sup>2</sup> Surah Al-An'am Chapter 6 Verse 101

<sup>3</sup> Surah Al-Baqarah Chapter 2 Verse 54

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هُوَ اللَّهُ الْخَلِيقُ الْبَارِئُ الْمُصَوِّرُ لَهُ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ يُسَبِّحُ لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ  
وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٢٤﴾

He is Allah, the **Creator**, the Inventor of all things, the Bestower of forms. To Him belong the Best Names. All that is in the heavens and the earth glorify Him. And He is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.<sup>4</sup>

### FATIR

قُلْ أَغَيْرَ اللَّهِ أَتَّخِذُ وَلِيًّا فَاطِرَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَهُوَ يُطْعِمُ وَلَا يُطْعَمُ قُلْ إِنِّي أُمِرْتُ أَنْ  
أَكُونَ أَوَّلَ مَنْ أَسْلَمَ وَلَا تَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴿١٤﴾

Say [O Muhammad], "Shall I take as a Lord-Protector any other than Allah the **Creator** of the heavens and earth? And it is He Who feeds but is not fed." Say, "Verily, I am commanded to be the first of those who submit themselves to Allah." And be not you [O Muhammad] of the polytheists.<sup>5</sup>

﴿ رَبِّ قَدْ ءَاتَيْتَنِي مِنَ الْمَلِكِ وَعَلَّمْتَنِي مِنْ تَأْوِيلِ الْأَحَادِيثِ فَاطِرَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ أَنْتَ  
وَلِيِّ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ تَوَفَّنِي مُسْلِمًا وَأَلْحِقْنِي بِالصَّالِحِينَ ﴿١٥﴾

"My Lord! You have indeed bestowed on me sovereignty and taught me something of the interpretation of dreams – the **Creator** of the heavens and earth! You are my Lord-Protector in this world and in the Hereafter. Cause me to die as a Muslim and join me with the righteous."<sup>6</sup>

﴿ قَالَتْ رُسُلُهُمْ أَفِي اللَّهِ شَكٌّ فَاطِرَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ يَدْعُوكُمْ لِيَغْفِرَ لَكُمْ مِّنْ ذُنُوبِكُمْ  
وَيُؤَخِّرَكُمْ إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى قَالُوا إِنَّ أَنتُم بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُنَا تُرِيدُونَ أَنْ تَصُدُّونَا عَمَّا كَانَ  
يَعْبُدُ ءَابَاؤُنَا فَآتُونَا بِسُلْطَنٍ مُّبِينٍ ﴿١٦﴾

Their Messengers said, "What! Can there be doubt about Allah the **Creator** of the heavens and earth? He calls you that He may forgive you of your sins, and give you respite for term appointed." They said, "You are no more than human beings like us! You wish to turn us away from what our fathers used to worship. Then bring us a clear authority."<sup>7</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Surah Al-Hashr Chapter 59 Verse 24

<sup>5</sup> Surah Al-An'am Chapter 6 Verse 14

<sup>6</sup> Surah Yusuf Chapter 12 Verse 101

<sup>7</sup> Surah Ibrahim Chapter 14 Verse 10

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أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ فَاطِرِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ جَاعِلِ الْمَلَائِكَةِ رُسُلًا أُولَى أَجْنَحَةٍ مَّتَنَى وَثَلَثَ وَرُبَعَ  
يَزِيدُ فِي الْخَلْقِ مَا يَشَاءُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٤٦﴾

All the praises and thanks are to Allah the **Originator** of the heavens and the earth, Who made the angels messengers with wings, two or three or four. He increases in creation what He wills. Verily, Allah is Able to do all things.<sup>8</sup>

قُلِ اللَّهُمَّ فَاطِرَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ عَلِيمَ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ أَنْتَ تَحْكُمُ بَيْنَ عِبَادِكَ فِي مَا كَانُوا  
فِيهِ تَخْتَلِفُونَ ﴿٤٦﴾

Say [O Muhammad], "O Allah! **Creator** of the heavens and the earth! All-Knower of the Unseen and the seen! You will judge between Your slaves about that wherein they used to differ."<sup>9</sup>

فَاطِرُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ جَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا وَمِنَ الْأَنْعَامِ أَزْوَاجًا يَذُرُّكُمْ فِيهِ  
لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ ﴿٤٦﴾

The **Creator** of the heavens and the earth. He has made for you mates from yourselves and for the cattle mates. By this means He creates you. There is nothing like Him, and He is the All-Hearer, the All-Seer.<sup>10</sup>

### KHALIQ

ذَٰلِكُمُ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ خَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ فَاعْبُدُوهُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَكِيلٌ ﴿١٢﴾



Such is Allah your Lord! None has the right to be worshipped but He, the **Creator** of all things. So worship Him and He is Guardian-Trustee over all things.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>8</sup> Surah Fatir Chapter 35 Verse 1

<sup>9</sup> Surah Az-Zumar Chapter 39 Verse 46

<sup>10</sup> Surah Ash-Shura Chapter 42 Verse 11

<sup>11</sup> Surah Al-An'am Chapter 6 Verse 102

قُلْ مَنْ رَبُّ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ قُلِ اللَّهُ قُلْ أَفَاتَّخَذْتُمْ مِنْ دُونِهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ لَا يَمْلِكُونَ لِأَنْفُسِهِمْ  
نَفْعًا وَلَا ضَرًّا قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الْأَعْمَى وَالْبَصِيرُ أَمْ هَلْ تَسْتَوِي الظُّلُمَاتُ وَالنُّورُ أَمْ جَعَلُوا لِلَّهِ  
شُرَكَاءَ خَلَقُوا كَخَلْقِهِ فَتَشَبَّهُ الْخَلْقُ عَلَيْهِمْ قُلِ اللَّهُ خَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ وَهُوَ الْوَحِيدُ الْقَهَّارُ ﴿٦٦﴾

Say [O Muhammad], "Who is Lord of the heavens and earth?" Say, "Allah." Say, "Have you then taken besides Him protectors other than Him such as have no power either for benefit or for harm to themselves?" Say, "Is the blind equal to the one who sees? Or darkness equal to light? Or do they assign to Allah partners who created the like of His creation so that the creation [which they made and His creation] seemed alike to them?" Say, "Allah is the **Creator** of all things, and He is the One, the Irresistible."<sup>12</sup>

اللَّهُ خَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَكِيلٌ ﴿٦٧﴾

Allah is the **Creator** of all things, and He is the Guardian-Trustee over all things.<sup>13</sup>

ذَٰلِكُمُ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ خَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ فَأَنَّى تُتَوَكَّلُونَ ﴿٦٨﴾

That is Allah, your Lord, **Creator** of all things: None has the right to be worshipped but He. How then are you turning away?<sup>14</sup>

أَفَرَأَيْتُمْ مَا تُمْنُونَ ﴿٦٩﴾ أَأَنْتُمْ تَخْلُقُونَهُ أَمْ نَحْنُ الْخَالِقُونَ ﴿٧٠﴾

Then tell Me [about] the semen that you emit. Is it you who create it or are We the **Creator**?<sup>15</sup>

هُوَ اللَّهُ الْخَلِيقُ الْبَارِئُ الْمُصَوِّرُ لَهُ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ يُسَبِّحُ لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ  
وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٧١﴾

He is Allah, the **Creator**, the Inventor of all things, the Bestower of forms. To Him belong the Best Names. All that is in the heavens and the earth glorify Him. And He is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>12</sup> Surah Ar-Ra'd Chapter 13 Verse 16

<sup>13</sup> Surah Az-Zumar Chapter 39 Verse 62

<sup>14</sup> Surah Ghafir Chapter 40 Verse 62

<sup>15</sup> Surah Al-Waqi'ah Chapter 56 Verses 58-59

<sup>16</sup> Surah Al-Hashr Chapter 59 Verse 24

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### AL-KHALLAQ

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إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ الْخَلَّاقُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿٨٦﴾

*Verily your Lord is the All-Knowing **Creator**.*<sup>17</sup>

أَوَلَيْسَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ بِقَدِيرٍ عَلَى أَنْ تَخْلُقَ مِثْلَهُمْ بَلَىٰ وَهُوَ الْخَلَّاقُ الْعَلِيمُ



*Is not He Who created the heavens and the earth, Able to create the like of them? Yes, indeed! He is the All-Knowing **Supreme Creator**.*<sup>18</sup>

The Qur'an confirms the rationally derived attribute of God as the Uncaused Cause Who created or brought into being everything out of nothing.

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<sup>17</sup> Surah Al-Hijr Chapter 15 Verse 86

<sup>18</sup> Surah Ya Sin Chapter 36 Verse 81