## القرآن الكريم

# ﴿فَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِالطَّاغُوتِ



#### Question

What is the word ﴿الطَّاغُوت derived from? - as appears in the āyah :



### Faḍīlat al-Shaykh Dr. V. Abdur Rahim (حفظه اللهُ) replies:



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The word «طَاغُوت» is derived from طَغَا which has و as its third radical.

The word is on the pattern of فَعَلُوتٌ where the ع has fatḥah.

It is like جَبَرُوتٌ (omnipotence).

But the word طَاغُوتُ has a peculiarity because of metathesis, i.e., exchange of radicals:

رطَو عُوتٌ is originally طَاغُوتٌ So

and as a maftūḥ wāw (طَعُوتٌ) preceded by fatḥah (طَعُوتٌ)

becomes alif (cf فَولَ from فَاوَنَّ ), خُوتٌ changed to «طَاغُوتٌ».

Hope this has helped you.

والسلام, abdur rahim