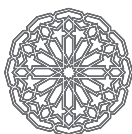




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SOCRATES: But I have no time for such things [Greek myths]; and the reason, my friend, is this. I am still unable, as the Delphic inscription orders, to *know myself*; and it really seems to me ridiculous to look into other things before I have understood that. This is why I do not concern myself with them. I accept what is generally believed, and, as I was just saying, I do not look into them but into my own self: am I a beast more complicated and savage than Typhon [a multiform monster with a hundred heads] or am I a tamer, simpler animal with a share in a divine and gentle nature? (Plato, *Phaedrus*, in *Plato, Complete Works*, trans. Alexander Nehamas and Paul Woodruff, Hackett Publishing, Indianapolis, 1997, 229e-230a)



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
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