



**Q 2: What is the Islamic ruling on erecting statues for several purposes?**

**A:** Erecting statues for whatever purpose is Haram (prohibited); whether to memorialize kings, leaders, dignitaries, or reformers, or to celebrate symbols of wisdom or bravery such as the Sphinx, or for any other purpose. This prohibition is based on the general authentic Hadith on this topic. Besides, it may be a means leading to Shirk (associating others with Allah in His Divinity or worship) as was the case with the people of Nuh (Noah, peace be upon him).

May Allah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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