al-Ibtidaa' (The Beginning) 2

The Beginning that is not allowed It is the beginning that cancels out the intended meaning, or corrupts it, or changes it.

can in this case can run from (repulsive) to (more repulsive). One type of (repulsive start) is starting with that which is attached to what preceded it grammatically and in meaning, such as in an , meaning starting up on that which comes after a , when it is not at the end of an aayah; any other start on that which is joined before it in grammar and meaning is also . An more repulsive beginning would be when starting with a word that leads to a meaning other than that Allah, The Exalted, wants, or a meaning that is in disagreement with our creed. Examples of this with the explanation of the meaning in English after are as follows: They say,* "Allah has taken a son."

Starting with the first word of their false statement "Allah has taken…." is contrary to our basic beliefs and creed and is a very repulsive stop and not allowed at all. Allah has certainly heard the statement of those [Jews] who said, *"Indeed, Allah is poor, while we are rich." Starting with the statement of the Jews "Indeed, Allah….." without the preceding "those who said", is again very repulsive and negates our belief in the names and characteristics of Allah. The Jews say,* "Ezra is the son of Allah;" and the Christians say,* "The Messiah is the son of Allah." There are two places in this phrase which we are not allowed to start on; the first, the statement of the Jews without joining it with what precedes it, the second, the statement of the Christians without joining it with the preceding statement "the Christians say". And whoever of them who say,* "Indeed, I am a god besides Him" – that one We would recompense with Hell. Starting with the statement meaning "Indeed, I am….." without joining it with the previous part meaning "And whoever of them who say" is forbidden and is of course, a statement of disbelief in the Oneness of Allah.