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What is the Islamic attitude towards erecting statues for various purposes?.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Erecting statues for any purpose is haraam, whether that is as a memorial to kings, commanders of armies, prominent figures and reformers, or as a symbol of wisdom and courage, like the statue of the Sphinx etc, or for any other purpose, because of the general meaning of the saheeh ahaadeeth that forbid that, and because it is a means that leads to shirk as happened to the people of Nooh.