

**Fast 17: The Prophet follows only his revelation and does so faithfully**

“And We have revealed to you the Book with the truth, verifying what is (already) before it of the Book and a guardian over it, so **judge between them** by what Allah has revealed, and do not follow their low desires, (turning away) from the truth that has come to you. ... ..” — 5:48

وَأَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَمُهَيِّئًا عَلَيْهِ فَاحِكُم بَيْنَهُمْ بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ عَمَّا جَاءَكَ مِنَ الْحَقِّ ... ..

“and that you should judge between them by what Allah has revealed, and do not follow their low desires, and be cautious of them that they do not seduce you from part of what Allah has revealed to you.” — 5:49

وَأَنِ احْكُم بَيْنَهُمْ بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ وَاحْذَرْهُمْ أَنْ يَفْتِنُوكَ عَنْ بَعْضِ مَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ إِلَيْكَ ... ..

The **judging** here is judging differences in religious beliefs. The Quran came to judge between the existing, opposing beliefs of various religions, particularly Judaism and Christianity. For example, was Jesus an imposter as claimed by the Jews or was he the son of God as claimed by Christians? Is a Jew doomed to hell because of not believing in Jesus as saviour, or is a Christian doomed to hell because of believing in an imposter Messiah? Or, are both extreme positions wrong in these matters?

When a President of the US meets a Prime Minister of Israel, each is bound to believe, from his own religion, that the other will go to hell in the afterlife! It is the Holy Prophet Muhammad who teaches that if they do good deeds, and revert to following the fundamentals of *their own religions*, of belief in God and the Last Day and His prophets, then neither need perish in hell. (See the Quran, chapter 2, verses 111–113 and verse 62.)

In judging between beliefs of different religions, the Holy Prophet is told not to follow the low desires of those people. Their desire is to have a judgment which favours them. It also means that he himself must not follow the kind of low desires they entertain. For example, he must not give a judgment for or against a group depending on what is in his material or political interest at the time.

- Repeatedly the Quran instructs the Holy Prophet to follow his revelation:

“Follow what is revealed to you from your Lord — there is no god but He; and turn away from those who set up partners (with Allah).” — 6:106

اتَّبِعْ مَا أُوحِيَ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ وَاعْرِضْ عَنِ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴿١٠٦﴾

“And when you do not bring them a sign, they say: Why do you not demand it? Say: **I follow only what is revealed to me from my Lord.** These are clear proofs from your Lord and a guidance and a mercy for a people who believe.” — 7:203

وَإِذَا لَمْ تَأْتِيهِمْ بآيَةٌ قَالُوا لَوْلَا اجْتَبَيْتَهَا قُلْ إِنَّمَا  
أَتَّبِعُ مَا يُوحَىٰ إِلَيَّ مِنْ رَبِّي هَذَا بَصَافٍ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ وَ  
هُدًى وَرَحْمَةً لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٢٠٣﴾

“And when Our clear messages are recited to them, those who have no hope of meeting with Us say: Bring a Quran other than this or change it. Say: It is not for me to change it of my own accord. **I follow only what is revealed to me.**” — 10:15

وَإِذَا تُلَىٰ عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُنَا بَيِّنَاتٍ قَالَ الَّذِينَ لَا  
يَرْجُونَ لِقَاءَنَا إِنَّا نَحْنُ غَيْرُ هَذَا أَوْ بَدَّلَهُ قُلْ مَا  
يَكُونُ لِي أَنْ أُبَدِّلَهُ مِنْ تَلْقَائِي نَفْسِي إِنْ أَتَّبِعُ إِلَّا مَا  
يُوحَىٰ إِلَيَّ

“And follow what is revealed to you and be patient till Allah give judgment, and He is the Best of the judges.” — 10:109

وَأَتَّبِعْ مَا يُوحَىٰ إِلَيْكَ وَأَصْبِرْ حَتَّىٰ يَحْكُمَ اللَّهُ ۗ وَ  
هُوَ خَيْرُ الْحَاكِمِينَ ﴿١٠٩﴾

“And thus have We revealed it, a true judgment, in Arabic. And if you follow their low desires after the knowledge that has come to you, you would have against Allah no guardian nor protector.” — 13:37

وَكَذَلِكَ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ حُكْمًا عَرَبِيًّا ۗ وَلَئِنِ اتَّبَعْتَ  
أَهْوَاءَهُمْ بَعْدَ مَا جَاءَكَ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ ۗ مَا لَكَ مِنَ اللَّهِ  
مِنْ وَّلِيٍّ وَلَا وَاقٍ ﴿٣٧﴾

“and follow what is revealed to you from your Lord. Surely Allah is ever Aware of what you do.” — 33:2

وَأَتَّبِعْ مَا يُوحَىٰ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِمَا  
تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرًا ﴿٢﴾

“Say: I am not the first of the messengers, and I do not know what will be done with me or with you. **I follow only what is revealed to me,** and I am but a plain warner.” — 46:9

قُلْ مَا كُنْتُ بِدَعَا مِنَ الرُّسُلِ وَمَا أَدْرِي مَا يُفَعَّلُ  
بِي وَلَا بِكُمْ ۗ إِنْ أَتَّبِعُ إِلَّا مَا يُوحَىٰ إِلَيَّ وَمَا أَنَا إِلَّا  
نَذِيرٌ مُبِينٌ ﴿٩﴾

It can be seen how frequently the Quran tells the Holy Prophet to follow what is revealed to him, and to do so under all circumstances. He is not allowed to change his revelation of his own accord for his own interests or in pursuit of the desires of others. Yet Muslims of today put their traditions, customs, and of course interests, far above following what Allah revealed.

Those Muslim leaders and *Ulama* who declare Ahmadis to be non-Muslim don't even want to consider what Allah has revealed regarding who is a Muslim. Instead of following Allah's revelation, they judge according to their own low desires, and these low desires are: hatred, jealousy, bigotry and the desire to seek cheap popularity.