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Study 17:

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ

follows only his revelation and does so faithfully

- The Holy Prophet is commanded in the Quran:

وَأَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ
وَمُهَيِّبًا عَلَيْهِ فَاحُكُمْ بَيْنَهُمْ بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ
وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ عَمَّا جَاءَكَ مِنَ الْحَقِّ ط

“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

- And in the next verse:

وَأَنِ احْكُم بَيْنَهُم بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ
وَاحْذَرُهُمْ أَنْ يَفْتِنُوكَ عَنْ بَعْضِ مَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ إِلَيْكَ ^ط

“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

- The judging mentioned in these verses here is judging differences in religious beliefs. The Quran came to judge between the existing beliefs of various religions which contradicted one another, particularly between the Jewish and Christian religions.
- 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, Jesus?
- Or, are both extreme positions wrong in these matters?

- For example, while a President of the USA may meet a Prime Minister of Israel in friendship in this world, yet each of them believes, from his own religion, that the other is doomed to hell in the afterlife!
- The Holy Prophet Muhammad has given the judgment that if Jews and Christians 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 needs to perish in hell.
- (See the Quran, chapter 2, verses 62 and 111–113, and chapter 5, verse 69.)

- In judging between beliefs of different religions, the Holy Prophet is told in both these verses 5:48 and 5:49:
 - “and do not follow their low desires”.
- Their low desires are to have a judgment which favours them, regardless of the truth.
- It also means that the Holy Prophet 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:

إَتَّبِعْ مَا أُوحِيَ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ ۚ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ۚ وَأَعْرِضْ عَنِ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴿١٠٦﴾

“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

قُلْ إِنَّمَا أَتَّبِعُ مَا يُوحَىٰ إِلَيَّ مِنْ رَبِّي ۚ
هَذَا بَصَآئِرٌ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةٌ لِقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٢٠٣﴾

“Say (to people): 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

- When the rejectors of the Holy Prophet said to him: “Bring a Quran other than this or change it”, because they didn’t like its teachings, Allah told him to give this reply:

قُلْ مَا يَكُونُ لِي أَنْ أُبَدِّلَهُ مِنْ تَلْقَائِي نَفْسِي
إِنْ أَتَّبِعُ إِلَّا مَا يُوحَىٰ إِلَيَّ ۚ إِنِّي أَخَافُ إِنْ عَصَيْتُ رَبِّي عَذَابَ يَوْمٍ عَظِيمٍ ﴿١٥﴾

“Say: It is not for me to change it of my own accord.

I follow only what is revealed to me.

Indeed I fear, if I disobey my Lord, the punishment of a terrible day.”

— 10:15

- When repeating this instruction to the Holy Prophet, the Quran gives different reasons for it in different places:

وَاتَّبِعْ مَا يُوحَىٰ إِلَيْكَ وَاصْبِرْ حَتَّىٰ يَحْكُمَ اللَّهُ ۗ وَهُوَ خَيْرُ الْحَاكِمِينَ ﴿١٠٩﴾

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

وَلَئِنِ اتَّبَعْتَ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ بَعْدَ مَا جَاءَكَ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ ۗ
مَا لَكَ مِنَ اللَّهِ مِن وَّالٍ وَلَا وَاكِ ﴿٣٧﴾

“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

وَأَتَّبِعْ مَا يُوحَىٰ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرًا ﴿٣٢﴾

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

قُلْ مَا كُنْتُ بِدَاعًا مِنَ الرُّسُلِ وَمَا آدْرِي مَا يَفْعَلُ بِي وَلَا بِكُمْ ۗ
إِنْ أَتَّبِعُ إِلَّا مَا يُوحَىٰ إِلَيَّ وَمَا أَنَا إِلَّا نَذِيرٌ مُّبِينٌ ﴿٤٦﴾

“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

- It can be seen how frequently, and in different ways, 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 worldly 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 get cheap popularity.

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