

He also condemned those who have no knowledge of the Book except wishful thinking. This applies to those who do not ponder the meanings of the Qur'an and know nothing of it except mere recitation of its letters. It also applies to those who write anything with their hands that is contrary to the Book of Allah for the purpose of worldly gain, such as saying that this is from Allah, or this is Islam, or this is what the Qur'an and Sunnah say, or this is the understanding of the early generations and leading scholars, or this is one of the basic matters of religion that every individual and the entire Ummah must believe. It also applies to those who conceal what they know of the Qur'an and Sunnah so that the one who differs from him concerning the truth will not use his words as evidence against him.

These are matters that are very common among the followers of whims and desires in general, such as the Râfiḍis⁹ and also among many of those who claim to be scholars.



وَقَالُوا لَنْ تَمَسَّنَا النَّارُ إِلَّا أَنْتَ أَمَّا مَعْدُودَةٌ قُلْ أَنْتُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ عَهْدًا فَلَنْ
يُخْلِفَ اللَّهُ عَهْدَهُ أَمْ تَقُولُونَ عَلَى اللَّهِ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٨٠﴾ بَلَى مَنْ كَسَبَ
سَيِّئَةً وَأَحَاطَتْ بِهِ خَطِيئَتُهُ فَأُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ

⁹ Râfiḍis: The Râfiḍis are the extremist Shia who believe that 'Ali (*raḍiya Allāhu 'anhu* – may Allah be pleased with him) should have been the caliph after the Prophet (ﷺ) died, in accordance with his instructions (as they claim), and they believe that the *Ṣaḥābah* went against the Prophet's instructions by appointing Abu Bakr (رضي الله عنه) as caliph. For this reason the Râfiḍis bear resentment towards the *Ṣaḥābah* whilst, on the other hand, going to such extremes in their love for 'Ali (رضي الله عنه) and his descendants that some of them elevated them to the level of divinity. These Shia groups include the Ithnā 'Asharis and the Isma'ilis