



﴿صِبْغَةَ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ مِنَ اللَّهِ صِبْغَةً وَنَحْنُ لَهُ عَابِدُونَ﴾ (سورة البقرة: ١٣٨)

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2:138. [Our religion] takes its colour from Allah, and who can give a better colour than Allah? And it is He Whom we worship.

That is, adhere to the colour given by Allah, which is His religion, and follow it completely, both inwardly and outwardly, with all of its beliefs, at all times, so that it will become like a colour for you, one of your characteristics. Once it becomes one of your characteristics, then you will follow its instructions willingly and lovingly, and religious commitment will become second nature to you, like the colour of a garment which has become an integral part of it. Thus you will attain happiness in this world and the hereafter, because Islam encourages good characteristics, good deeds and sublime aims. Hence Allah says, by way of making people think: ﴿and who can give a better colour than Allah?﴾ that is, there is no better colour than that which He gives.

If you want to know some examples that highlight the difference between the colour given by Allah and others, then compare a thing with its opposite. What do you think of a person who has a sound belief in his Lord, which has an impact on his attitude and behaviour, so that he continues to acquire all good characteristics and do all good deeds, conducting himself in the best manner and abandoning all bad characteristics, immoral deeds and shameful actions, so that he has the character of sincerity in word and deed and is patient, forbearing, dignified, courageous, kind in word and deed, loving Allah, fearing His punishment and hoping for His reward? Such a one has the attitude of sincerity towards Allah and kindness towards his slaves.

Then compare him to a person who disbelieves in his Lord, turns away from Him and turns instead to other, created beings. Thus he