

acquires bad characteristics, such as disbelief, polytheism, lying, treachery, deceit, cheating, lack of dignity and mistreating people in word and deed. Such a one has no sincerity towards Allah and shows no kindness to His slaves.

Thus it will become clear to you that there is a great difference between the two, and you will clearly see that there is no colour better than that given by Allah. This in turn implies that there is no colour that is worse or uglier than that of the one who colours himself with something other than the colour given by Allah and follows a religion other than His.

﴿And it is He Whom we worship﴾. This further explains that colour, which is adhering to these two principles, namely sincerity towards Allah and following (the Qur'an and Sunnah), because worship is a word that includes everything that Allah loves and is pleased with of actions, words, attitudes and beliefs, and it cannot be pleasing to Him unless it was prescribed by Allah on the lips of His Messenger (ﷺ). Sincerity means doing these actions for the sake of Allah alone. The structure of this sentence in Arabic indicates that worship is exclusively for Allah alone, and that this worship is to be done persistently and on an ongoing basis, to indicate that this is a characteristic that is like a colour that remains with them all the time.



﴿قُلْ أَتَحَاجُّونَنَا فِي اللَّهِ وَهُوَ رَبُّنَا وَرَبُّكُمْ وَلَنَا أَعْمَلُنَا وَلَكُمْ أَعْمَلُكُمْ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ  
مُخْلِصُونَ﴾ (سورة البقرة: ١٣٩)

2:139. Say: Would you dispute with us about Allah, when He is our Lord and your Lord? We have our deeds and you have your deeds, and we are sincerely devoted to Him.