



﴿ سَيَقُولُ السُّفَهَاءُ مِنَ النَّاسِ مَا وَلَّاهُمْ عَنْ قِبْلَتِهِمُ الَّتِي كَانُوا عَلَيْهَا قُلْ لِلَّهِ الْمَشْرِقُ وَالْمَغْرِبُ يَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴾ (١٤٢) وَكَذَلِكَ جَعَلْنَاكُمْ أُمَّةً وَسَطًا لِنَكُونُوا شُهَدَاءَ عَلَى النَّاسِ وَيَكُونَ الرَّسُولُ عَلَيْكُمْ شَهِيدًا وَمَا جَعَلْنَا الْقِبْلَةَ الَّتِي كُنْتَ عَلَيْهَا إِلَّا لِنَعْلَمَ مَنْ يَتَّبِعِ الرَّسُولَ مِمَّنْ يَنْقَلِبُ عَلَى عَقْبَيْهِ وَإِنْ كَانَتْ لَكَبِيرَةً إِلَّا عَلَى الَّذِينَ هَدَى اللَّهُ وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيُضِلَّ عَمَلَكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِالْكَاسِرِ لَرءُوفٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١٤٣﴾ (سورة البقرة: ١٤٢-١٤٣)

- 2:142. The fools among the people will say: What has turned them from the qibla [direction of prayer] towards which they used to face? Say: To Allah belong the east and the west: He guides whom He will to a path that is straight.
- 2:143. Thus We have made of you an Ummah justly balanced, that you might be witnesses over humankind, and the Messenger might be a witness over you; and We prescribed the qibla towards which you used to face, only in order to know those who would follow the Messenger from those who would turn on their heels. It was indeed difficult, except for those whom Allah guided. Allah will never let your faith go to waste, for Allah is to all people Most Compassionate, Most Merciful.

The first verse is miraculous and offers consolation and reassurance to the believers. It discusses an objection and the answer to it in three ways; it gives a description of the ones who raised this objection and a description of the one who submits to the ruling and religion of Allah.

Here Allah (ﷻ) tells us that the fools among the people are going to raise this objection. They are the ones who do not know what is good for themselves; rather they cause loss for themselves and sell their souls for the cheapest price. They are the Jews and Christians, and others like them, who object to the rulings and laws of Allah. The