

mere whims and desires, even though deep in their hearts they know that it is not a religion. The one who forsakes religion will inevitably follow whims and desires. Allah (ﷻ) says:

﴿Have you seen the one who takes his own whims and desires as his god?...﴾ (al-Furqān 25: 43)

﴿after the knowledge that has come to you﴾ that what you are following is truth and what they are following is falsehood
 ﴿then you would﴾ if you did follow them ﴿surely be in the wrong﴾; you would be one of the wrongdoers, and what wrongdoing can be greater than the wrongdoing of one who knows what is true and false, but gives precedence to falsehood over truth? Although this is addressed to the Prophet (ﷺ), it also includes his Ummah. Moreover, if this is the case with regard to the Prophet (ﷺ), were he to do that – and he is far above becoming a wrongdoer as he is so elevated in status and did so many good deeds – then anyone else would be more deserving of being called a wrongdoer.



﴿الَّذِينَ آتَيْنَاهُمُ الْكِتَابَ يَعْرِفُونَهُ كَمَا يَعْرِفُونَ أَبْنَاءَهُمْ وَإِنَّ فَرِيقًا مِنْهُمْ لَيَكْتُمُونَ
 الْحَقَّ وَهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ﴾ (١٤٦) الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّكَ فَلَا تَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْمُمْتَرِينَ ﴿١٤٧﴾ (سورة البقرة: ١٤٦-١٤٧)

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2:146. Those to whom We gave the scripture know him [the Prophet] as they know their own sons; but some of them conceal the truth knowingly.

2:147. It is truth from your Lord; so do not be among those who doubt.

Here Allah (ﷻ) tells us that it was well established among the People of the Book, and they knew, that Muhammad (ﷺ) was the Messenger of Allah and that what he brought was truth; they were