

part, out of resentment towards those whom they followed, when the latter disavow them, even though the blame is theirs. The leader of those who were followed in evil is Iblees; nevertheless he will say to his followers when judgement is passed:

﴿... Verily, Allah gave you a true promise; I also gave you promises, but I betrayed you. I had no power over you, except that I called you and you responded to me. So do not blame me; blame yourselves...﴾  
(Ibrāheem 14: 22)



﴿يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ كُلُوا مِمَّا فِي الْأَرْضِ حَلَالًا طَيِّبًا وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا خُطُوَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُبِينٌ ﴿١٦٨﴾ إِنَّمَا يَأْمُرُكُمْ بِالسُّوءِ وَالْفَحْشَاءِ وَأَنْ تَقُولُوا عَلَى اللَّهِ مَا لَا نَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٦٩﴾ وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ اتَّبِعُوا مَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ قَالُوا بَلْ نَتَّبِعُ مَا أَلْفَيْنَا عَلَيْهِ آبَاءَنَا أَوَلَوْ كُنَّا آبَاءَهُمْ لَا يَعْقِلُونَ شَيْئًا وَلَا يَهْتَدُونَ ﴿١٧٠﴾﴾ (سورة البقرة: ١٦٨-١٧٠)

- 2:168. O humankind, eat whatever is lawful and good on earth, and do not follow the footsteps of the Shayṭān, for he is to you an avowed enemy.
- 2:169. For he only commands you to do evil and shameful deeds, and to say concerning Allah that of which you have no knowledge.
- 2:170. When it is said to them: Follow what Allah has revealed, they say: Nay, we will follow the ways of our forefathers. [Would they do that] even though their forefathers did not understand a thing and were not guided?

This is addressed to all people, believers and disbelievers alike, reminding them of Allah's blessings to them and instructing them to eat from everything that is on earth, such as grains, crops, fruits and animals, so long as it is *lawful [halal]*, that is, it is permissible for you to eat it, and it has not been usurped or stolen, acquired by means