

could they claim that Ibrâheem belonged to them, when he had come before them? Does this make any sense? Hence Allah says: ﴿Do you not understand?﴾ that is, if you did understand what you are saying, you would not say that.

- 3- Allah (ﷻ) declared that His close friend (Ibrâheem) had nothing to do with the Jews, the Christians or the polytheists; rather He described him as ﴿a monotheist, a Muslim﴾, and stated that the people who were closest to him were those who believed in him of his own nation, and this Prophet – namely Muhammad (ﷺ) – and those who believed with him, because they are the ones who truly followed him, and they are closer to him than any others, and Allah (ﷻ) is their Guardian, Helper and Supporter. As for those who cast his religion behind their backs, such as the Jews and Christians and polytheists, they do not belong to Ibrâheem and he is not one of them; merely attributing themselves falsely to him is of no benefit to them. These verses include the prohibition on arguing and debating without knowledge; the one who speaks in that case is speaking of something that he cannot prove and it is not permissible for him to argue about it. These verses also offer encouragement to learn history, for it is a way to refute many false arguments and claims that are contrary to history.



وَدَّتْ طَائِفَةٌ مِّنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ لَوْ يُضِلُّوكُمْ وَمَا يُضِلُّوكُمْ إِلَّا أَنْفُسُهُمْ وَمَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿٦٥﴾ يَتَّأَهَّلُ الْكِتَابُ لِمَ تَكْفُرُونَ بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ وَأَنْتُمْ تَشْهَدُونَ ﴿٦٦﴾ يَتَّأَهَّلُ الْكِتَابُ لِمَ تَلْسُونَهُ الْحَقَّ بِالْبَاطِلِ وَتَكُنُمُونَ الْحَقَّ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٦٧﴾ وَقَالَتْ طَائِفَةٌ مِّنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ ءَامِنُوا بِالَّذِي أُنْزِلَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَجْهَ النَّهَارِ وَكُفُّوا ءَاخِرَهُ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿٦٨﴾ وَلَا تَتُومِنُوا إِلَّا لِمَنْ تَبِعَ دِينَكُمْ قُلْ إِنْ أَلْهَىٰ هَٰذَا اللَّهُ أَنْ