

﴿Allah increases in guidance those who are guided...﴾ (Maryam 19: 76)



﴿وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ لَا تُفْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ قَالُوا إِنَّمَا نَحْنُ مُصْلِحُونَ ﴿١١﴾ أَلَا إِنَّهُمْ هُمُ الْمُفْسِدُونَ وَلَكِنْ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿١٢﴾﴾ (سورة البقرة: ١١-١٢)

2:11. When it is said to them: Do not make mischief in the land, they say: We only want to put things right.

2:12. Indeed they are the ones who make mischief, but they do not realise.

When these hypocrites are told not to make mischief in the land, which means committing sins and deeds based on disbelief, including disclosing the secrets of the believers to their enemies and taking the disbelievers as close friends,

﴿they say: We only want to put things right﴾. Thus they both strive to cause mischief in the land and defend their actions as being an effort to put things straight rather than causing mischief – contrary to what is really happening, and combining wrongdoing with the belief that it is right. This is a greater offence than committing sin whilst believing that it is indeed a sin; the one who does that is better off and there is more hope that he will return to the right path.

Because their saying ﴿We only want to put things right﴾ would seem to imply that they are the only ones who are putting things right, which in turn would imply that the believers are not putting things right, Allah refuted their claims by saying: ﴿Indeed they are the ones who make mischief﴾. There is no greater mischief than that of those who disbelieve in the signs of Allah, bar people from following the path of Allah, try to deceive Allah and His close friends and take as allies those who wage war against Allah and His Messenger (ﷺ), yet still claim that they are putting things right. Can there be any