

Here Allah tells us that some of the People of the Book distort the Book with their tongues, that is, they twist the meanings. That includes distorting both the pronunciation and the meanings, when what should be done is to keep the wording of the Book as it is and not change it, and to understand it properly and help others to do likewise. But these people did the opposite of that and they gave an impression of incorrect meanings of the Book, either implicitly or explicitly. They do so implicitly in such a manner that «you would think it is part of the Book» that is, they distort it with their tongues and give you the impression that this is what is intended in the Book of Allah, when it is not what was intended. And they do so explicitly when they say «This is from Allah, but it is not from Allah. And they tell lies about Allah knowingly». This is a more serious sin than speaking about Allah without knowledge. These people tell lies about Allah, and thus they combine denial of the true meaning and affirmation of the false meaning, in order to knowingly interpret in a corrupt manner the verses that speak of the truth.



﴿ مَا كَانَ لِبَشَرٍ أَنْ يُؤْتِيَهُ اللَّهُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحُكْمَ وَالنُّبُوَّةَ ثُمَّ يَقُولَ لِلنَّاسِ كُونُوا عِبَادًا لِي مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ وَلَكِنْ كُونُوا رَبَّيْنَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تُعَلِّمُونَ الْكِتَابَ وَبِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَدْرُسُونَ ﴾ وَلَا يَأْمُرُكُمْ أَنْ تَتَّخِذُوا الْمَالِيَّةَ وَالنَّيِّعَ أَزْبَابًا أَيَأْمُرُكُمْ بِالْكَفْرِ بَعْدَ إِذْ أَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿٨٠﴾ (سورة آل عمران: ٧٩-٨٠)

- 3:79. No human being to whom Allah has given the scripture, wisdom and prophethood would ever say to the people: Be my worshippers rather than Allah's. On the contrary [he would say]: Be perfect in knowledge and in deeds, by virtue of your constant teaching of the scripture and of your constant study thereof.