

Chapter – 61

Follow-up

(تقلید)

❖ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ
 مِنْكُمْ فَإِن تَنَازَعْتُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ فَرُدُّوهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ إِن كُنتُمْ
 تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ وَأَحْسَنُ تَأْوِيلًا -

O who believes! Obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those who are in authority; if you differ in anything among yourselves, refer it to Allah and His Messenger, if you believe in Allah and in the Last Day. That is better and more suitable for final resolve. (04:59)

Dear People! What is happening these days? Quran and Hadiths have been kept aside. Nowadays, there is neither obeisance for parents nor any respect for other elders exist. Against government rules, nobody give importance for the laws of Quran and Hadiths. In fact, you are worshipping other than God and His Prophet.

خدا کو تمہاری غرض کیا پڑی ہے

جو تم کو، خدا ہی سے بیزاریاں ہیں

(Why God should care for you
 When you are disgusted with God)

Tomorrow you will come to know that what would be the result of this disobedience. Life is for a short span of time and you're worshipping other than God! Be regretful! You have to die and see the hell. As long as breathing continues, there is hope. So better to obey God and His Prophet, otherwise you will regret. Later, this repentance will not be useful.

Nowadays, there is a chaos. Wherever you see, everybody is claiming for discretion (اجتہاد), means they are showing the ability and

right to decide exactly what should be done. ---- These people cannot read few lines of Arabic language. They are miles away for understanding Quran and Hadiths. They do not know the Arabic dictions or its grammar. As regards the fundamental principles of Fiqh and Religion, these people are totally out of touch. Whereas all are very anxiously claiming that we are the real ‘steady workers’ (مجتهد).

They express themselves as the ‘steady worker’ of Quran and Hadiths, but when they face any legal problem they rush for and engage to a lawyer to fight the case in the court on their behalf. You have no ability to understand laws even in Urdu language but insist that we can easily infer any subject related to Quran and Hadiths.

These people are allergic with the name of تقلید (follow-up). They do not want to follow Imam Abu Hanifah, Imam Shafi’i, Imam Malik and Imam Ahmad ibn Hanbal. But they are very much trapped in it. They are involved in the follow-up of Muhammad bin Kashani (1833-1915 Isfahan), Ibn Qayyim (1292-1350 Sham) and Ibn Hazm (994-1064 Cordoba Spain).

Once, a gentleman sitting in a group was busy in condemning the matter of ‘Follow-up’. I reached there. At that time, the gentleman was holding a book of Nawab Siddique Hassan Khan in his hand. Its name was “فتح المغيـث في فقه الحديث”. I said to him, “Gentlemen! Let me see what this book is?” He gave me that book. The book contained simple problems like مالابـد and كشف الحاجة but without any references of Quran and Hadiths. I pointed out. The gentleman replied that this book describes every problem with Quran and Hadiths. He said that this book is compiled by Nawab Siddique Hassan Khan and whatever he has written, he has written based on Quran and Hadith. Then I questioned him, “Gentleman! Who told you that whatever is written in this book is based on Quran and Hadith?” and I re-questioned him, “On what basis you insist that in this book the references of Quran and Hadith are given?” He said that I have told you that this book is written by Siddique Hassan Khan, yes Nawab Siddique Hassan Khan and this refers to Quran and hadiths. I asked him, “It means you are telling this with full trust and confidence on Nawab Siddique Hassan Khan.” He replied, “Yes sir! Nawab Sahib was a great scholar and very religious person. I asked, “So in this way, showing trust on someone and then obedience and submission is not “Follow-up”? You have removed the neck roll of Imam Abu Hanifah, Imam Shafi’i, but at this moment the ‘Follow-up’ of Siddique Hassan is in your neck.

Look! This is but natural that an ignorant person will ask with the knowledgeable person and he will depend on him. Quran also says the same thing:

فَاسْأَلُوا أَهْلَ الذِّكْرِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ

{So ask the people of knowledge if you do not know. (16:43)}

Remember --! **اسْأَلُوا** is an order. Therefore it is an obligation. There is a hadith that:

أَلَا سَأَلُوا إِذَا لَمْ يَعْلَمُوا فَإِنَّمَا شِفَاءُ الْعِيِّ السُّؤَالُ

(Why you do not question if you do not know?)

Question is the remedy of unable and ignorant person)

Look! It is a custom all over the world that people are dependent on their experts. When they are not fully aware of all aspects, they have no option except to follow others. Difficulties arise and when they realize that it is now hard to understand then they are compelled to follow. With the presence of ignorance and wishing for self-dependency, the result would be destruction.

Look! Mathematics is an ordinary subject. Still one has to take lessons from teacher for certain period. When he explains the methods of solutions then right answers are obtained. ---- An imperfect person has told you that Hadith says like this and you blindly believed on him. You did not verify it. You did not thought of it minutely. After all what the “Follow-up” is? Depending on others is the name of “Follow-up”.

وَلَوْ رَدُّوهُ إِلَى الرَّسُولِ وَإِلَى أُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْهُمْ لَعَلِمَهُ الَّذِينَ يَسْتَنْبِطُونَهُ مِنْهُمْ

{Had they referred it to the Prophet and to those among them having authority, those among them who are able to infer would have known about it. (04:83)}

Sad to say! Your own knowledge is nil. You are running away with the follow-up of legendary scholars but trapped with less-known persons. --- Regret to say that nowadays knowledge is not required; however expertise in speeches and playing with words is essentially needed. These days it has become a norm to say ‘illiterate’ to the elder persons; feel proud on self-ignorance; making fool to insensible people and detract them; and get self-praising from them. For all this, just needed a little immorality; a little determination and keep on telling one thing. Few people will definitely be agreed.
