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Prophet follows only his revelation and does so faithfully

“And We have revealed to you the Book with the truth, verifying what is (already) before it of the Book and a guardian over it, so judge between them by what Allah has revealed, and do not follow their low desires, (turning away) from the truth that has come to you. ...” — 5:48

“and that you should judge between them by what Allah has revealed, and do not follow their low desires, and be cautious of them that they do not seduce you from part of what Allah has revealed to you.” — 5:49

Notes: The judging here is judging differences in religious beliefs. The Quran came to judge between the existing, opposing beliefs of various religions, particularly Judaism and Christianity. For example, was Jesus an imposter as claimed by the Jews or was he the son of God as claimed by Christians? Is a Jew doomed to hell because of not believing in Jesus as saviour, or is a Christian doomed to hell because of believing in an imposter Messiah?

Interesting point: When a President of the US meets a Prime Minister of Israel, each is bound to believe, from his own religion, that the other will go to hell in the afterlife! It is the Holy Prophet Muhammad who teaches that if they do good deeds, and go back to the fundamentals of their religions, of belief in God and the Last Day and His prophets, then neither need perish in hell. (See the Quran, chapter 2, verses 111–113 and verse 62.)

In judging between beliefs of different religions, the Holy Prophet is told not to follow the low desires of those people. Their desire is to have a judgment which favours them. It also means that he himself must not follow the kind of low desires they entertain. For example, he must not give a judgment for or against a group depending on what is in his material or political interest at the time.

“Follow what is revealed to you from your Lord — there is no god but He; and turn away from those who set up partners (with Allah).” — 6:106

“And when you do not bring them a sign, they say: Why do you not demand it? Say: I follow only what is revealed to me from my Lord. These are clear proofs from your Lord and a guidance and a mercy for a people who believe.” — 7:203

“And when Our clear messages are recited to them, those who have no hope of meeting with Us say: Bring a Quran other than this or change it. Say: It is not for me to change it of my own accord. I follow only what is revealed to me.” — 10:15

“And follow what is revealed to you and be patient till Allah give judgment, and He is the Best of the judges.” — 10:109

“And thus have We revealed it, a true judgment, in Arabic. And if you follow their low desires after the knowledge that has come to you, you would have against Allah no guardian nor protector.” — 13:37

“and follow what is revealed to you from your Lord. Surely Allah is ever Aware of what you do.” — 33:2

“Say: I am not the first of the messengers, and I do not know what will be done with me or with you. I follow only what is revealed to me, and I am but a plain warner.” — 46:9

Notes: It can be seen how frequently the Quran repeats that the Holy Prophet follows what is revealed to him, and he does so under all circumstances. Yet Muslims of today put their traditions, customs and of course interests, far above following what Allah revealed.

When they declare Ahmadis to be non-Muslim, the leaders and *Ulama* don't even want to consider what Allah has revealed as to who is a Muslim, but instead they judge according to their low desires, and these low desires are: hatred, jealousy, bigotry and the desire to seek cheap popularity.
