

In The Name of Allaah, The Most Merciful, The Bestower of Mercy.

### Status of The Final Revelation (Qur'aan) and Status of The Torah Before Allaah Abrogated It

Allaah [The Exalted] said:

أَوَلَمْ يَكْفِهِمْ أَنَّا أَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ يُتْلَىٰ عَلَيْهِمْ إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَرَحْمَةً وَذِكْرَىٰ لِقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ

Is it not sufficient for them that We have sent down to you the Book (the Qur'an) which is recited to them? Verily, herein is mercy and a reminder (or an admonition) for a people who believe]. [Surah Al-Ankabut. Verse 51]

Shaikhul Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said:

The Qur'aan is an independent book like the Torah of Moosaa [peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him], even though the Qur'aan is greater than it. And this is why the Christian scholars made a connection between Moosaa and Muhammad [peace and blessings of Allaah be upon them], just as when An-Najaashee [may Allaah have mercy upon him]- the (Ethiopian) king of the Christians- heard the Qur'an, he said, "Indeed, this and what Moosaa brought came from the same source".

Also, when Waqarah bin Nawfil [may Allaah have mercy upon him] - who was one of Christian Arab scholars- heard the statement of the Prophet [peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him], he said, "Indeed, the Naamoos [i.e. Jibreel] came to you, who was sent to Moosaa. I wish I were young till when your people expel you [i.e. from Makkah]". Allaah's Messenger [peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him] asked, "Will these people drive me out?" Waraqah [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said, "Yes, for nobody brought the like of what you have brought, but was treated with hostility. If I were to remain alive till your day [when you start calling to Islaam], then I would support you strongly". [Bukhaari]

And this is why Allaah mentioned the Torah and the Qur'aan together in His statement:

فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمُ الْحَقُّ مِنْ عِنْدِنَا قَالُوا لَوْلَا أُوتِيَ مِثْلَ مَا أُوتِيَ مُوسَىٰ أَوَلَمْ يَكْفُرُوا بِمَا أُوتِيَ مُوسَىٰ مِنْ قَبْلُ قَالُوا سِحْرَانِ تَظَاهَرَا وَقَالُوا إِنَّا بِكُلِّ كَنَفُورٍ

قُلْ فَأْتُوا بِكِتَابٍ مِّنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ هُوَ أَهْدَىٰ مِنْهُمَا أَتَّبِعُهُ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ

But when the truth (i.e. Muhammad with his Message) has come to them from Us, they say: "Why is he not given the like of what was given to Musa (Moses)?" Did they not disbelieve in that which was given to Musa (Moses) of old? They say: "Two kinds of magic [the Taurat (Torah) and the Qur'an] each helping the other!" And they say: "Verily! In both we are disbelievers". Say (to them, O Muhammad): "Then bring a Book from Allah, which is a better guide than these two [the Taurat (Torah) and the Qur'an], that I may follow it, if you are truthful". [Surah Al-Qasas. Aayaat 49-48]

Allaah did not revealed books that were a better guide than the Tawraat and the Qur'aan. Then

Allaah said:

فَإِنْ لَمْ يَسْتَجِيبُوا لَكَ فَاعْلَمْ أَنَّمَا يَتَّبِعُونَ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ وَمَنْ أَضَلُّ مِمَّنِ اتَّبَعَ هَوَاهُ بَعْدَ هُدًى مِّنَ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ

But if they answer you not (i.e. do not believe in your doctrine of Islamic Monotheism, nor follow you), then know that they only follow their own lusts. And who is more astray than one who follows his own lusts, without guidance from Allah? Verily! Allah guides not the people who are Zalimun (wrong-doers, disobedient to Allah). [Surah Al-Qasas. Aayah 50] (1)

### **Jews and Christians Commanded to Submit to The Final Revelation and Abandon The Abrogated Paths of The Previous Prophets**

Allaah [The Exalted] said:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَالَّذِينَ هَادُوا وَالصَّابِئِينَ وَالصَّنِيعِينَ مَنْ ءَامَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا فَلَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

Verily! Those who believe and those who are Jews and Christians, and Sabians, whoever believes in Allaah and the Last Day and do righteous good deeds shall have their reward with their Lord, on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve. [Surah Al-Baqarah. Verse 62]

Shaikhul Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said:

The People of the Scripture who came after the abrogation and replacement of these Religions (i.e. Judaism and Christianity) are neither from those who believed in Allaah and the Last day nor from those who worked righteous good deeds. Those people of the Scripture (who came after the advent of Muhammad) disbelieved because they either substituted the religion of the Messiah or belied him or belied Muhammad [peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him] in various affairs. The verses of the Qur'aan (regarding this affair) are clear and many, have been transmitted in abundance and are known by necessity in the Religion of Muhammad [peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him]. (2)

Whoever amongst the followers of the previous Prophets comes into contact with Muhammad's message must believe in him and aid him even if they had a revealed book and another Prophetic tradition, just as Allaah [The Exalted] said:

وَإِذْ أَخَذَ اللَّهُ مِيثَاقَ النَّبِيِّينَ لَمَا ءَاتَيْتُكُمْ مِّنْ كِتَابٍ وَحِكْمَةٍ ثُمَّ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مُّصَدِّقٌ لِّمَا مَعَكُمْ لَتُؤْمِنُنَّ بِهِ وَلَتَنْصُرُنَّهُ

Take whatever I gave you from the Book and Hikmah (understanding of the Laws of Allah, etc.), and afterwards there will come to you a Messenger (Muhammad) confirming what is with you; you must, then, believe in him and help him. [Surah Aal Imraan. Verse 81]

Allaah [The Exalted] said:

فُلْ ءَامَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَمَا أُنزِلَ عَلَيْنَا وَمَا أُنزِلَ عَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَالْكَافُرِينَ وَمَا أُوتِيَ مُوسَىٰ وَعِيسَىٰ وَالنَّبِيُّونَ مِن رَّبِّهِمْ لَا

نُفَرِّقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِّنْهُمْ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ

Say (O Muhammad): "We believe in Allah and in what has been sent down to us, and what was sent down to Ibrahim (Abraham), Isma'il (Ishmael), Ishaque (Isaac), Ya'qub (Jacob) and Al-Asbat [the twelve sons of Ya'qub (Jacob)] and what was given to Musa (Moses), 'Iesa (Jesus) and the Prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between one another among them and to Him (Allah) we have submitted (in Islam)"; then Allaah [The Exalted] said:

وَمَنْ يَبْتَغِ غَيْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ الْخَسِيرِينَ

And whoever seeks a religion other than Islam, it will never be accepted of him, and in the Hereafter he will be one of the losers]. [Surah Aal Imraan. Aayaat 85-84]

A group amongst the Salaf [pious predecessors] stated that when this verse was revealed, some of the Jews and Christians said, "We are Muslims", so Allaah said,

وَلِلَّهِ عَلَى النَّاسِ حِجُّ الْبَيْتِ مَنِ اسْتَطَاعَ إِلَيْهِ سَبِيلًا - And Hajj (pilgrimage to Makkah) to the House (Ka'bah) is a duty that mankind owes to Allah, those who can afford the expenses (for one's conveyance, provision and residence)]; they said, "We will not perform Hajj", then Allaah said,

وَمَنْ كَفَرَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَنِيٌّ عَنِ الْعَالَمِينَ - And whoever disbelieves [i.e. denies Hajj (pilgrimage to Makkah), then he is a disbeliever of Allah], then Allah stands not in need of any of the 'Alamin (mankind and jinns)]. [Surah Aal Imraan. Aayah 97]

Anyone who does not believe that it is obligated on him to perform hajj even though he has the ability, then he is a disbeliever based on the consensus of the scholars just as the Qur'aan has made that very clear. The Jews and Christians do not consider Hajj to be obligated on them, so they are disbelievers. (3)

### **Even If Noble Prophet Moosaa [peace be upon him], He Would Have Been Obligated to Follow Muhammad**

Shaikh Abu Khadeejah Abdul Waahid Ar-Ray [may Allaah preserve him] transmitted:

Umar Ibn Al-Khattāb came to the Prophet (ﷺ) with a book or scroll that he had acquired from some of the People of the Book. He read it to the Prophet (ﷺ). So the Prophet became angry and said:

أمتهوكون فيها يا بن الخطاب والذي نفسي بيده لقد جئتكم بها بيضاء نقية لا تسألوهم عن شيء فيخبروكم بحق فتكذبوا به أو بباطل فتصدقوا به والذي نفسي بيده لو أن موسى صلى الله عليه وسلم كان حيا ما وسعه إلا أن يتبعني

"Are you hesitant regarding it O son of Al-Khattāb? By the One in whose Hand is my soul, I have certainly been sent with that which is pure and clear proof. Do not ask them (the People of the Book) about anything, for they may inform you of something which is true and you may reject it; or they may inform you of something which is false and you may believe it. By the One in whose Hand is my soul, even if Mūsā (may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was

alive, he would have no choice but to follow me.” [Reported by Ahmad in his Musnad (3/387, no. 14859) from Jābir Ibn Abdillāh and declared Hasan by Al-Albāni in Irwā Al-Ghalīl (1589)]. (4)

Therefore, Heba Yosry is reminded of the fact that one must make a clear distinction between the path of Prophet Moosaa [peace be upon him] and the path that was innovated in his name after his departure. Heba's statement "Consequently, all Muslims must believe in Judaism and venerate Moses" requires the above detail, distinction and clarification. And even though Moosaa's path has been abrogated, there is a clearer distinction between what he followed in truth and what was innovated in his name by those who followed their desires. Allaah [The Most High] stated:

الَّذِينَ ءَاتَيْنَاهُمُ الْكِتَابَ يَعْرِفُونَهُ كَمَا يَعْرِفُونَ أَبْنَاءَهُمْ وَإِنَّ فَرِيقًا مِّنْهُمْ لَيَكْتُمُونَ الْحَقَّ وَهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ  
الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّكَ فَلَا تَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْمُمْتَرِينَ

Those to whom We gave the Scripture (Jews and Christians) recognise him (Muhammad or the Ka'bah at Makkah) as they recognise their sons. But verily, a party of them conceal the truth while they know it – [i.e. the qualities of Muhammad which are written in the Taurat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel)]. [Surah Al-Baqarah. Verse 146]

أَمْ تَقُولُونَ إِنَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَالْأَسْبَاطَ كَانُوا هُودًا أَوْ نَصَارَىٰ قُلْ ءَأَنْتُمْ أَعْلَمُ أَمْ اللَّهُ وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنْ كَتَمَ شَهَادَةً عِنْدَهُ  
مِنَ اللَّهِ وَمَا اللَّهُ بِغَفِيلٍ عَمَّا تَعْمَلُونَ

Or say you that Ibrahim (Abraham), Isma'il (Ishmael), Ishaque (Isaac), Ya'qub (Jacob) and Al-Asbat [the twelve sons of Ya'qub (Jacob)] were Jews or Christians? Say, "Do you know better or does Allah (knows better...; that they all were Muslims)? And who is more unjust than he who conceals the testimony [i.e. to believe in Prophet Muhammad Peace be upon him when he comes, written in their Books he has from Allah? And Allah is not unaware of what you do." [Surah Al-Baqarah. Verse 140]

وَمَا تَفَرَّقَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَتْهُمْ الْبَيِّنَةُ

And the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians) differed not until after there came to them clear evidence. (i.e. Prophet Muhammad () and whatever was revealed to him). [Surah Al-Bayyinah. Verse 4]

Finally, we say to Heba: Do not enter into a subject matter until you are able to give detail and make clear distinctions, as Imaam Ibnul Qayyim [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said, "The basis of Banee Aadam's misguidance is as a result of 'General Terms' and 'Ambiguous Meanings' [i.e. terms & meanings which can either be utilised for truth or falsehood when not explained in detail and distinguished], especially if they come in contact with a confused mind, then how about when [evil] desires and misguided enthusiasm is added to that? Therefore, ask the One Who keeps the hearts steadfast [i.e. Allaah] to keep your heart firm upon His Religion and not allow you to fall into this darkness". (5)

Imaam Ibnul Qayyim [may Allaah have mercy upon him] also said, "It is obligated on you to give detail and make a distinction, because unrestricted and general [statements] without clarification has indeed corrupted this existence [i.e. the world], and misguided the intellects and views [of the people] in every era". Al-Allaamah Saaleh Al-Fawzaan [may Allaah preserve him] said, "There has to be detail explanation. The one who is not proficient in giving detail should keep quiet, because benefit is not acquired from his speech. And every time error occurs, its cause is due to an absence of detail explanation regarding truth and falsehood. There has to be detail explanation and distinction and not to mix up [affairs]. Indeed, it may be that there is something of truth and falsehood in an opponent's statement, so all of it is neither deemed to be false nor truth; rather there has to be a distinction between its truth and falsehood. All of it is neither rejected nor accepted; rather a distinction is made regarding the truth and what is correct and the falsehood and error in it. And if you are not proficient in giving detail, then you should not enter into this field. (6)

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[Ref 1: An Excerpt from Al-Jawaabus Saheeh Liman Baddala Deenul Maseeh. 1/30-26. Slightly paraphrased]

[Ref 2: An Excerpt from Al-Jawaabus Saheeh Liman Baddala Deenul Maseeh. Vol 2. Pages 51-52. Publisher 'Daarul Hadeeth 'edition 1426AH slightly paraphrased]

[Ref 3: [An Excerpt from Al-Jawaabus Saheeh Liman Baddala Deen Al-Maseeh pages 201-200. Slightly paraphrased]

[Ref 4: <https://www.abukhadeejah.com/even-if-musa-and-isa-moses-and-jesus-were-present-today-they-would-have-no-choice-but-to-follow-the-book-and-sunnah-because-it-is-sufficient/> ]

[Ref 5: An Excerpt from 'As-Sawaa'iq Al-Mursalah Alal Jahmiyyah Wal Mu'attilah' – Vol 3. page 927. slightly paraphrased]

[Ref 6: Source: An Excerpt from At-Ta-leeqaat Al-Mukhtasar Alaa Al-Qaseedah an-Nooniyyah: Vol: 1 page: 216]