

Luqman (Luqman) [31:21]

وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ اتَّبِعُوا مَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ قَالُوا بَلْ نَتَّبِعُ مَا وَجَدْنَا عَلَيْهِ
عِبَادَنَا أَوْلَىٰ كَانَ الشَّيْطَانُ يَدْعُوهُمْ إِلَىٰ عَذَابِ السَّعِيرِ ﴿٢١﴾

When they are told to follow the (Revelation) that Allah has sent down, they say: No, we shall follow the ways that we found our fathers (following). What! even if it is Satan beckoning them to the Penalty of the (Blazing) Fire?

MUHAMMAD HUSAIN TABA TABAI (AR)

When it is said to them : follow what God has sent down, they say, No! We rather follow that which we found our fathers doing. Even if Satan beckons them to a chastisement of the blazing fire?

This verse asks us to follow the Qur'an because it was revealed as a proof of the ministry of Last prophet to propagate the unity of God. The second meaning may be construed to say that they accept or reject anything that is placed before them with proof or without it. They say, " we will accept, that which our fathers have been doing since the ages." They obey their ancestors and the Satan misleads them towards the great chastisement.

The précis of this is, acceptance is good when it is for the truth but if it is the acceptance of evil then it leads towards sin and chastisement. It is the same as worshipping others when there is no God but God.

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(no commentary available for this verse)