

ومن وصية له (عليه السلام) لعبد الله بن العباس لما بعثه للاحتجاج على الخوارج

Given to ‘Abdullāh ibn al-‘Abbās, at the time of his being deputed to confront the Khārijītes.

لَا تُخَاصِمُهُم بِالْقُرْآنِ، فَإِنَّ الْقُرْآنَ حَمَلٌ ذُو وُجُوهِ، تَقُولُ وَيَقُولُونَ، وَلَكِنْ حَاجِبُهُم بِالسُّنَّةِ، فَإِنَّهُمْ لَنْ يَجِدُوا عَنْهَا مَحِيصًا.

Do not argue with them by the Qur’ān because the Qur’ān has many faces. You would say your own and they would say their own; but argue with them by the sunnah, because they cannot find escape from it.