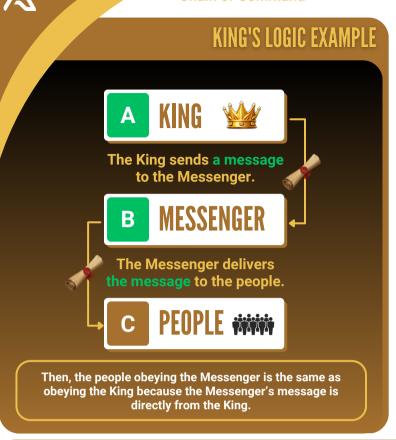
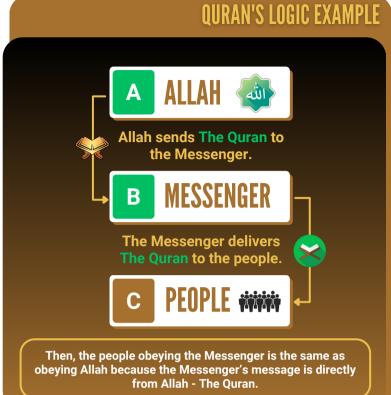
Chain of Command

"OBEY ALLAH & OBEY THE MESSENGER"





Therefore, this is equivalent to the transitive property of mathematics which states that $A \to B$ and $B \to C$, then $A \to C$. So, A (Allah) $\to B$ (Messenger) and $B \to C$ (People), then $A \to C$ (People obey Allah by obeying the Messenger). Hence, in order to obey Allah, you have to obey the Messenger who's relaying Allah's Verses. Exactly how Allah says in 4:80,

4:80

Whoever obeys the Messenger has certainly obeyed Allah. And whoever turned away, then We did not send you as a guardian over them.

