

## Prophet Ibrahim (a) Sura Anbiya, verse 51

وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ رُشْدَهُ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَكُنَّا بِهِ عَالِمِينَ

And indeed We had granted Ibrahim sound judgment from before, and We knew him well.

Giving of guidance to the Prophets by Allah was an established tradition. When people rejected the Taurat and the Quran, Allah says that giving such guidance is not a new phenomenon. It was also given a long time ago to Prophet Ibrahim. It is how God guides humanity, through His Prophets.

The word 'rushd' is important here. It can mean;

- reaching a true understanding of reality
- achieving one's goal
- perfection of intelligence
- choosing the best
- being reasonable and wise
- basing understanding on proofs

Its opposite is misguidance or being astray.

Here Rushd could be referring to the true understanding of Tawhid. Prophet Ibrahim had a strong innate nature of seeking the truth and turning towards it. From childhood he had always wanted to worship the One true God. Allah strengthened this for him and guided him to think and behave correctly.

The words 'We knew him well' show that Allah knew He was worthy of special guidance.

### Cross Reference verses

Verses with 'Rushd'

Sura Baqarah, 2:256

Sura Kahf, verse 66

Rasahada - Sura Kahf, verses 10, 24.

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