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we have be'kabala that one is mechuyav to follow the person or people that he believes to be the Gadol Hador.

the decision of who that person is, depends upon one's background, one's Rabbi's opinion, and as the Chazon Ish writes (about a related issue), ultimately depends upon one's own Sechel. a person can never relinquish the need to think.

however, even the Sanhedrin can be mistaken. when the Gadol Hador is mistaken, due to a lack of information, that is simply the Hashgacha Pratis engineering the outcome necessary.

there are some people, in regard to whom there is a gezeira, that they must die. for others, there is a gezeira that they must not die. whereas for a third group of people, their fate can go either way.

therefore, at times, information is deliberately withheld by Hashem from the Gadol, in order to ensure the first category, that those who must die, will die.

Nonetheless, if one is aware of information that the Gadol does not yet possess, one is mechuyav to be careful according to that information- never is there an excuse to disregard what your Sechel is telling you.

sometimes, you must use your Sechel to act in according to the Gadol, although your Sechel thinks differently. other times, you must use your Sechel to understand, that the Gadol is missing information.

Ultimately, you must use your Sechel to distinguish between these two instances.

as the רזון איש writes:

"מתלזה תמיד בהכרעה עיון שכלי וכו', כפי שהורונו רבותינו, אין לנו לעזוב את שימוש השכלי, ועלינו ליסד את משקל הגדול על היקש השכלי, שהוא המלאך בין היוצר והיצור."