

Rectitude And Right Guidance

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1. Indeed the intelligent one who is heedless strays from the path of right guidance and the one who strives with seriousness [to find it] gets it.

.. لَقَدْ أَخْطَأَ الْعَاقِلُ اللَّاهِي الرُّشْدَ، وَأَصَابَهُ ذُو الْإِجْتِهَادِ وَالْجِدِّ1

2. You will never know rectitude until you know the one who has abandoned it.

.. لَنْ تَعْرِفُوا الرُّشْدَ حَتَّى تَعْرِفُوا الَّذِي تَرَكَهُ2

3. One who seeks right guidance becomes knowledgeable [about it].

.. مَنْ اسْتَرَشَدَ عَلِمَ3

4. One who seeks right guidance from the deviated, goes astray.

.. مَنْ اسْتَرَشَدَ غَوِيًّا ضَلَّ4

5. One who opposes his reason follows his desires.

.. مَنْ خَالَفَ رُشْدَهُ تَبِعَ هَوَاهُ5

6. The best of paths is [the path of] right guidance.

.. أَفْضَلُ السُّبُلِ الرُّشْدُ⁶

7. It is possible for the seeker of right guidance to attain it.

.. قَدْ أَصَابَ الْمُسْتَرْشِدُ⁷

8. One who is truthful to you about yourself has indeed guided you aright.

.. مَنْ أَصْدَقَكَ فِي نَفْسِكَ فَقَدْ أَرَشَدَكَ⁸

9. There is no going astray with right guidance.

.. لَا ضَلَالَ مَعَ إِرْشَادٍ⁹

10. One who is successful in his [attaining] rectitude acquires provisions for his Hereafter.

.. مَنْ وُفِّقَ لِرَشَادِهِ تَزَوَّدَ لِمَعَادِهِ¹⁰

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