

Turning Backward

Turning Backward الإِدْبَار

1. It is seldom that one who turns back [and retreats] returns to the front.

.. قَلَّمَا يَعُودُ الإِدْبَارُ إِقْبَالًا¹

2. From the signs of turning backward is accompanying the vile.

.. مِنْ عَلَامَاتِ الإِدْبَارِ مُفَارَقَةُ الأَرْدَالِ²

3. From the signs of turning backward is thinking ill of the one who gives you good advice.

.. مِنْ عَلَامَاتِ الإِدْبَارِ سُوءُ الظَّنِّ بِالنَّصِيحِ³

4. Turning backward is evinced by four things: bad planning, foul extravagance, lack of consideration and too many excuses.

(.. يُسْتَدَلُّ عَلَى الإِدْبَارِ بِأَرْبَعِ: سُوءِ التَّدْبِيرِ، وَقُبْحِ التَّبَذِيرِ، وَقِلَّةِ الإِعْتِبَارِ، وَكَثْرَةِ الاعتذار (الاعتذار⁴).

5. The merits in advancing forward are the demerits in turning backward.

.. المَحَاسِنُ فِي الإِقْبَالِ هِيَ الْمَسَاوِي فِي الإِدْبَارِ⁵

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