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# 5) Hadith al-Thaqalayn

Ahmad bin Hanbal says:

Aswad bin ‘Amir has related from Abi Isra’il, i.e. Isma‘il bin Abi Ishaq Malaie, from ‘Atiyyah from Abi Sa‘id who quotes the Prophet as saying:

“Inni tarikun fikum al-thaqalayn, ahaduhuma akbaru min al-akhar, Kitaballah hablun mamdudun min al-sama’-i ila al-arz wa ‘itrati Ahl-i Bayti, wa annahuma lan yaftaraqa hatta yarida ‘alayya al-hawz”

*I am leaving among you two precious things, one of which is greater than the other. The Book of Allah which is the rope extending from the sky to the earth and my progeny my Ahl al-Bayt. And the two will never part with each other until they return to me at the pool* (of kawthar in paradise).[1]

1. Ibid, vol. 3, p. 14. Hadith al-Thaqalayn has been recorded extensively in the Musnad, e.g. vol. 3, pp. 17, 26 & 59; vol. 4, p. 367; vol. 5, pp. 181, 189, 190.

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