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33. Philosophy Behind Stoning the Shaitan

عَنْ عَلِيِّ بْنِ جَعْفَرٍ عَنْ أَخِيهِ مُوسى (ع) قَالَ: سَئَلْتُهُ عَنْ رَمِي الْجِمَارِ لِمَ جُعِلَ؟ قَالَ: لأَنَّ إِبْلِيسَ اللَّعِينَ كَانَ يترآءى لإِبْرَاهِيمَ (ع) فِي مَوْضِعِ الْجِمَارِ. فَرَجَمَهُ إِبْرَاهِيمُ (ع) فَجَرَتْ السُنَّةُ بِذٰلِكَ.

It has been narrated from ‘Ali Ibn Ja’far from his brother Musa [Ibn Ja’far al-Kadhim] (peace be upon him) that he said, “I asked (my brother) in regards to the philosophy of the stoning of the pillar and why this was enacted.” He replied to me, “Because Iblis, the despised, appeared to Ibrahim (peace be upon him) in the place where the pillar is and Ibrahim (peace be upon him) threw stones at him and thus, this act became a Sunnah (practice) in the Hajj.”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 96, Page 273

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