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18. Donations to Maintain the Ka'bah

عَنْ عَلِيٍّ (ع) قَالَ: لَوْ كَانَ لِي وَادِيَانِ يَسِيلاَنِ ذَهَباً وَ فِضَّةً مَا أَهْدَيْتُ إِلى الْكَعْبَةِ شَيْئاً لأَنَّهُ يَصِيرُ إِلى الْحَجْبَةِ دُونَ الْمَسَاكِينَ.

It has been narrated from 'Ali [Ibn Abi Talib] (peace be upon him) who said, "If I were to possess two valleys flowing with gold and silver, I would not donate a single thing to the Ka'bah because it would reach the (unworthy) people who maintain the Ka'bah – and not to the poor and deserving people."

Biharul Anwar, Volume 96, Page 67

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