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86. How can we shade all of our work with a divine paint?

The Qur'an states:

صِبْغَةَ اللَّـهِ ۖ وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ مِنَ اللَّـهِ صِبْغَةً

"Add Allah's color to your work for the color of Allah SWT is the best of colors." 1

The intended meaning of Allah's color is that the intention of doing any work must be for the pleasure of Allah SWT and according to Divine Laws, and performing such deeds, the giving of wealth and the sacrificing of souls is a transaction that should only be for Allah SWT.

Let's have a look at some examples:

1. If we buy some clothes for our wives, and present it to them on the night of the birth of Syeda Fatimah Zahra AS... that gift has a shadow of divine color.

2. If we wash our face with the intention of ablution, that act has Divine color on it.

3. If where we sit is in the direction of the Qibla, Mecca, that has a divine shadow on it.

We can have shades of divine color on our jobs, education, sports and visitations to our family and friends.

At times when Imam Ali AS visited others and some food was placed in front of him, he would eat some and then say: I would like my intention to be the visiting of a believer, not of the lifting of hunger in your home.

When we give money to the needy, it may be for our own wellbeing, or it could be for the wellbeing of all

believers and especially for Imam Mehdi A.F.

The Qur'an reminds us that whoever has the goal of Allah SWT and reaching heavenly levels in the hereafter, will also benefit in this world. However, those who only have the goal of this world will definitely be deprived of heavenly rewards and may or may not obtain any worldly rewards.

1. Baqarah 2:138

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