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9. Concerning Human Actions (faslun fi af'Ali 'L-khalq)

However, it is an established fact that the Book of Allah, the Exalted, takes precedence over the traditions and reports. Hence it should be the touchstone for determining the genuine reports and the fabrications. (If this fact is admitted), then whatever the Qur'an approves is absolutely true, and should be followed and that alone.

Now, the Almighty says:

Who has created all things well, and He originated the creation of man out of clay [***32:7***].

So He declares that whatever He has created is good and far from being abominable; had He created abomin- able actions, He would never have characterized them as praise- worthy actions. Moreover, the affirmation that what Allah has created is good refutes the assumption of those who maintained that Allah is the Creator of base actions.

The Almighty also says:

Thou seest not in the creation of the All-merciful any imperfection [***67:3***],

and since unbelief and falsehood are defects, so also is self-contradictory speech; how, then, can they attribute human actions to Allah, knowing that they are full of defects and contradictions, when Allah Himself denounced and rejected such attributions, and affirmed that: Thou seest not in the creation of the All-merciful any imperfection.

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