

Imitation

As regards the religious rules that you are responsible for carrying out,

Who knows to deduce them?

Who teaches you how to carry them out?

He is the Reference of Imitation.

People must imitate the jurisprudent who protects his religion, preserves himself, opposes his own wishes, and follows his master's order.

Imam Al-Hassan Al-Askari (God's peace bestowed upon him)

The reference of imitation is the one to whom you must refer in order to know the religious rules and the ways of carrying them out correctly. You choose him because he is the one mostly capable to understand the deep and hidden meaning of the verses of The Noble Qur'an and the noble discourses.

You can refer to him in the following ways:

1. By asking him directly about the religious rule
2. By reading his practical thesis
3. By asking the scholars about his advisory opinion

Question: Whom must we imitate?

Answer: You must imitate the jurisprudent who meets the conditions of giving advisory opinions and those of being a reference for people. He must, as a caution, be the most knowing one among the others.

The Leader's Consultations

There are many jurisprudents who meet the conditions of giving advisory opinions and of being references of imitation. Then, whom must we imitate?

If you want to clear yourself and please The Most High God at the same time, all what you have to do is to choose your reference of imitation on the basis of "religious evidence". This means the testimony of two professional scholars for one of the noble references as being the most knowing one among the others.

We will, as an example, mention the testimony of two great jurists for Imam Ali Al-Khamene'i (May God lengthen his presence among us) as being the most knowing one among the others.

Al-Khamene'i is a sun emitting light

Imam Al-Khomeini (May his secret be sacred)

The First Testimony

It is by The Sign of God Sayyed Jaafar Al-Karimi. He is the one of the teachers of high studies in Qom. He attended the discussions of The Great Sign of God Sayyed Al-Khouei (May his secret be sacred) for twenty four years and those of Imam Al-Khomeini (May his secret be sacred) for fourteen years.

He said, "...I have realized that The Leader (May God lengthen his presence among us) has a more exact perception, a quicker wit, and a stronger sense of deducing the branches from the origins than the other great references (May God protect them all) have... From here, I acknowledge and witness that he is the most knowing one among his contemporaries."

The jurist must be characterized by skill, intelligence, and insight in order to be able to guide a big society.

Imam Al-Khomeini (May his secret be sacred)

The Second Testimony

It is by The Sign of God Sheikh Muhammad Yazdi. He said, "I believe that The Sign of God Al-Khamene'i (May God lengthen his presence among us) is the most knowing and powerful one among the rest as regards the lore and the conditions requisite for being the reference of imitation and for carrying out the burdens of being the reference of the nation."

Refer to "The Reference of The Imam The Leader (May God lengthen his presence among us)"

Therefore, dear, you can depend on this evidence and imitate Imam Al-Khamene'i (May God lengthen his presence among us). This means to intend in your heart to follow in your deeds his blessed advisory opinions. Then, when you perform any deed, you will be doing this on this basis.

If the dear jurists had not been present today, it would not have been possible to know which lores to present to people under the title of the lores of the Qur'an, Islam, and the Household.

Imam Al-Khomeini (May his secret be sacred)

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