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Madness

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Types of Madness

أنواعُ الجُنونِ

.. رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) : الشَّبابُ شُعْبَةٌ مِن الجُنونِ1

1– The Prophet (S) said, 'Youth is a branch of madness.'[al-Ikhtisas, p. 343]

.. الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ) : الحِدَّةُ ضَرْبٌ مِن الجُنونِ ؛ لأنَّ صاحِبَها يَنْدَمُ ، فإنْ لَم يَنْدَمْ فجُنونُهُ مُسْتَحكِمٌ2

2– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Irascibility is a type of madness, since its perpetrator always regrets. If however, he does not regret, his madness is confirmed.'[Nahjul Balaghah, Saying 255]

.. الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ) : إنَّ مَن أجابَ في كلِّ ما يُسْأَلُ عَنهُ لَمَجْنونٌ3

3– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Whoever answers to everything that is asked of him has gone mad.'[Ma'ani al-Akhbar, p. 238, no. 2]

One Who is Truly Mad

المَجنونُ الحَقيقيُّ

4ـ مَرَّ رسولُاللّهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) بمَجْنونٍ ، فقالَ: ما لَهُ ؟ فقيلَ : إنّهُ مَجْنونٌ ، فقالَ : بَلْ هُو مُصابٌ، إنَّما المَجْنونُ مَن آثَرَ الدُّنيا على الآخِرَةِ.

4–The Prophet (S) passed by an insane person and asked, ‘What is wrong with him?’ He was told that he had gone mad. The Prophet (S) then remarked, ‘Rather, he is afflicted. The one who has gone mad is the one who prefers this world to the next.’[Mishkat al–Anwar, no. 270]

5ـ مَرَّ برسولِ اللّهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) رجُلٌ وهو في أصْحابِهِ ، فقالَ بعضُ القَومِ: مَجْنونٌ! فقالَ النّبيُّ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) : بَلْ هذا رجُلٌ مُصابٌ، إنّما المَجْنونُ عَبدٌ أو أمَةٌ أبْلَيا شَبابَهُما في غَيرِ طاعةِ اللّهِ .

5–A man passed by the Prophet (S) while he was sitting with his companions. One of them mentioned that he had gone mad. The Prophet (S) replied, ‘This man is, in fact, afflicted, since truly one who is mad, be he male or female, is one who has squandered his youth in other than Allah’s obedience.’[Ibid. no. 169]

6ـ مَرَّ رسولُ اللّهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) بِرَجُلٍ مَصْروعٍ ... فقالَ : ما هذا بمَجْنونٍ ، ألاَ أُخبِرُكُم بالمَجْنونِ حقَّ المَجْنونِ ؟ ....قالَ: إنَّ المَجْنونَ حقَّ المَجْنونِ المُتَبَخْتِرُ في مِشْيَتِهِ ، النّاظِرُ في عِطْفَيْهِ ، المُحَرِّكُ جَنْبَيهِ بمِنْكَبَيْهِ ، فذَاكَ المَجْنونُ وهذا المُبْتلى .

6–The Prophet (S) passed by one who was affected by madness, and said, ‘Shall I inform you of one who is truly mad?’ Then he said, ‘Indeed one who is mad is one who is haughty in his gait, looking over his shoulders, and swinging his sides from side to side. That is one who is mad and this is one afflicted.’[Ma’ani al–Akhbar, p. 237, no. 1]

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