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Oil of Violets

Hisam b. Muhammad narrated from Sa'd b. Junab from Muhammad b. Abu 'Umayr from Hisham b. al-Hakam, who said: Abu 'Abd Allah, peace be upon him, said: "The oil of violets (*al-banafsaj*) is the chief oil."

From him, peace be upon him, that he said: "The most excellent oil is violet. Anoint yourselves with it, for its excellence over the rest of the oils is like our excellence over men."

From him, peace be upon him, that he said: "Oil of violets among the oils is as the believer among men." Then he said: "It is hot in the winter and cold in the summer. The rest of the oils do not have this merit."

He also said: "The violet is hot in the winter and cold in the summer, gentle for our Shi'a, and dry for our enemies. If people knew what is in the violet, it would be valued in dinars."

From him, peace be upon him, that he said: 'The Messenger of Allah, blessings of Allah on him and his family, said: "Use oil of violets, for the excellence of violet over all the oils is as the excellence of the Ahl al-Bayt over people."'

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