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On A Pain in the Head

Salim b. Ibrahim narrated from al-Daylami from Dawud al-Raqqi, who said: I was with Abu ‘Abd Allah al-Sadiq, peace be upon him, when a man from Khurasan who had performed the Hajj entered. He greeted him and questioned him on some point of religion. Al-Sadiq, peace be upon him, began to explain it to him. Then the man said to him: “O son of the Messenger of Allah, since I left my house I have been suffering from a pain in the head.” He [al-Sadiq] said to him: “Go at once, enter the steam bath and do not do anything until you pour over your head seven handfuls of hot water. Say Allah’s Name each time, and you will not suffer [from it] after that, Allah, the Exalted, wiling.”

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