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That Which Renders an Opinion Valid

ما يوجِبُ إصابَةَ الرَّأيِ

1ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): الرَّأيُ مع الأناةِ ، وبِئسَ الظَّهيرُ الرأيُ الفَطيرُ

1– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The [valid] opinion comes from balanced judgment, whilst the impetuous and rash opinion is a vile foundation indeed.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 78, p. 81, no. 76]

2ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): اِضرِبُوا بعضَ الرأيِ ببعضٍ يَتَوَلَّدْ مِنهُ الصَّوابُ

2– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Use some opinions to attack other opinions and the valid one will emerge thereof.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 2567]

3ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): مَنِ استَقبَلَ وُجوهَ الآراءِ عَرَفَ مَواقِعَ الخَطَأِ

3– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'He who tackles all sides of an opinion will know where the pitfalls lie.'[Nahjul Balaghah, Saying 173]

4ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): أفضَلُ الناسِ رَأْياً مَن لا يَستَغنِي عن رَأيِ مُشِيرٍ .

4– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The man with the best opinion is he who does not write off the need for a

second opinion from someone else.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 3152]

The Consequences of Obstinately Holding One's Own Opinion

آثارُ الاستِبدادِ بِالرَّأيِ

. . الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): مَنِ استَبَدَّ برأيِهِ هَلَكَ ، ومَن شاوَرَ الرِّجالَ شارَكَها في عُقُولِها5

5– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'He who obstinately holds his own opinion is ruined, and he who consults other people shares in their collective understanding.’[Nahjul Balaghah, Saying 161]

. . الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): ما أُعجِبَ برأيِهِ إلّا جاهِلٌ6

6– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Only an ignorant person is proud of his own opinion.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 9471]

. . الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): المُستَبِدُّ برأيِهِ مَوقوفٌ على مَداحِضِ الزَّلَلِ7

7– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'The one who adamantly holds his own opinion has based it on a shaky and erroneous argument.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 75, p. 105, no. 41]

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