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Time

Time الزَّمان

Perception of Time

مَعرِفَةُ الزَّمانِ

.. الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): حَسْبُ المَرءِ ... مِن عِرفانِهِ، عِلمُهُ بِزَمانِهِ1

1– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The worth of a man with regards to his perception of things is his knowledge of [the workings of] time.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 78, p. 80, no. 66]

.. الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): أعرَفُ الناسِ بالزّمانِ ، مَن لَم يَتَعَجَّبْ مِن أحداثِهِ2

2– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The man who best understands time is he who is not taken aback by its proceedings.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 3252]

.. الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): العالِمُ بِزَمانِهِ، لا تَهجُمُ علَيهِ اللَّوابِسُ3

3– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'He who knows [the workings of] his time is never overwhelmed by its obscurities.'[Tuhaf al-'Uqul, no. 356]

To Trust Time

مَن أمَنَ الزَمانَ

4الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): مَن وَثِقَ بِالزَّمانِ صُرِعَ ـ

4– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'He who places his trust in time has gone mad.'[‘Uyun Akhbar ar-Ridha, v. 2, p. 54, no. 204]

5الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): مَن أمَنَ الزَمانَ خانَهُ، ومَن أعظَمَهُ أهانَهُ ـ .

5– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Whoever trusts time is betrayed by it, and whoever holds it in high esteem is abased by it.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 8028]

6الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): مَن أمَنَ الزَّمانَ خانَهُ، ومَن تَعَظَّمَ علَيهِ أهانَهُ ، ومَن تَرَغَّمَ علَيهِ أرغَمَهُ ، ومَن لَجَأَ إلَيهِ أسلَمَهُ ، ولَيسَ كُلُّ مَن رَمى أصابَ ، وإذا تَغَيَّرَ السُّلطانُ تَغَيَّرَ الزَّمانُ ـ .

6– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Whoever trusts time is betrayed by it, whoever attaches great importance to it is abased by it, whoever is angry with time, it spites him even more, and whoever takes refuge with time is forsaken by it. Not everyone who throws hits the target. When the sultan changes so does the time.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 77, p. 213, no. 1]

7الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): الزَّمانُ يَخُونُ صاحِبَهُ ، ولا يَستَعتِبُ لِمَن عاتَبَهُ ـ

7– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Time betrays the one who believes he possesses time, and it does not seek to please the one who blames it.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 2093]

8الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): مَن تَشاغَلَ بالزَّمانِ شَغَلَهُ ـ

8– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Whoever preoccupies himself with time is occupied by it in turn.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 7890]

To Resist Time

مَن عانَدَ الزَّمانَ

9الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): مَن عَتَبَ عَلى الزمانِ طالَت مَعتَبَتُهُ ـ

9– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'He who blames time will find no end to his frustration.'[‘Uyun Akhbar ar-Ridha,

v. 2, p. 53, no. 204]

10ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): مَن عانَدَ الزَّمانَ أرغَمَهُ، ومَنِ استَسلَمَ إلَيهِ لَم يَسلَمْ

10– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Whoever resists time is spited by it even more, and whoever surrenders to it is not safe either.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 9054]

11ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): مَن كابَرَ الزَّمانَ عَطِبَ، ومن يَنقِمْ علَيهِ غَضِبَ

11– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Whoever contends with time is thwarted, and whoever is resentful towards it ends up getting angry himself.'[Tuhaf al-'Uqul, no. 85]

The Trouble With Time

تَعَيُّبُ الزَّمانِ

12ـ عيون أخبار الرِّضا عن الرَّيّانِ بنِ الصَّلتِ:أنشَدَنِي الرِّضا (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) لعبدِالمُطَّلِبِ:

يَعِيبُ الناسُ كُلُّهُمُ زَماناً

وما لِزَمانِنا عَيبٌ سِوانا

نَعِيبُ زَمانَنا والعَيبُ فِينا

ولو نَطَقَ الزَّمانُ بِنا هَجانا

وإنَّ الذِئبَ يَترُكُ لَحمَ ذِئبٍ

ويَأكُلُ بَعضُنا بَعضا عِيانا

لَبِسْنا لِلخداعِ مسوكَ طِيبٍ

ووَيلٌ لِلغَرِيبِ إذا أتانا.

12– Al-Rayyan b. al-Salt narrated that Imam Ar-Ridha' (a.s.) recited some verses he had composed for 'Aabd al-Muttalib:

All of people place the blame on time

When the trouble with time is only ourselves;

We reprove time while the fault lies within us

If time could speak, it would surely mock us.

The wolf shuns the meat of a fellow wolf

Whereas we devour each other in broad daylight.

Attired to deceive with our polished teeth,

Yet woe betide the stranger when he approaches us.['Uyun Akhbar ar-Ridha, v. 2, p. 177, no. 5]

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