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1– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'You must adhere to conviction and keep away from doubt, for there is nothing more detrimental to a man's faith than for doubt to overpower his conviction.' [Ghurar al–Hikam, no. 6146]

2- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'I have never doubted the truth since I have been shown it.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 9482]

3– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Verily I am absolutely convinced about my Lord, and do not entertain any obscurity in my religion.'[Nahjul Balaghah, Sermon 22]

4- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) with regards to Allah's verse in the Qur'an: "Indeed Allah desires to repel all impurity from you..." [Qur'an 33:33], said, 'Impurity is doubt, and by Allah, we never doubt in our Lord.' [al-Kafi, v. 1, p. 288, no. 1]

Causes and Effects of Doubt

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5- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Doubt is the product of ignorance.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 725]

6- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Whoever is insolent with regards to Allah's command becomes prone to doubting, and whoever doubts, Allah, Most Sublime over him, disgraces him with His authority, and belittles him with His Might just as he had shown contempt for His command.'[Nahj al-Sa'ada, v. 1, no. 373]

7- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Do not give in to misgivings lest you start to doubt, and do not doubt lest you disbelieve, and do not allow yourselves to become emboldened [against Allah] lest you fall into self-deception.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 2, p. 54, no. 24]

8- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Doubt thwarts faith.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 723]

9- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Doubt extinguishes the light of the heart.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 1242]

Factors That Dispel Doubt

11– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Doubts are dispelled through repetition of one's thought processes.[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 4271]

12- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'How I wonder at the one who entertains doubts about Allah whilst beholding the very creation of Allah.' [Nahjul Balaghah, Saying 126]

13– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'A sincere person does not entertain misgivings and a person convinced [of his faith] does not doubt.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 9532]

The Aspects of Doubt

14– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'There are four aspects to doubt: unreasonable debating [born out of a desire to doubt everything], fear, wavering and undue submission. The one who always resorts to unreasonable debating never again sees the light after darkness. The one who is afraid of what befalls him [doubting as a result] is always turning back on his heels. The one who wavers between his misgivings is trampled by Satan underfoot, and the one who succumbs to the perils of this world and the next is destroyed in

them both.'[Nahjul Balaghah, Saying 31]

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