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Eloquence

البَلاغَة Eloquence

1– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Eloquence is that which is easy [for the speaker] to pronounce and light on the [listener's] intellect.'[Ghurar al–Hikam, no. 1881]

2- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Eloquence is to answer without delay, and to be correct without mistakes.' [Ibid. no. 2150]

3- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Brevity may suffice in accomplishing eloquence.' [Ibid. no. 6666]

4- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Eloquence is not exemplified by the sharpness of the tongue, nor through excess babbling; rather it is through capturing the intended meaning and aiming at the proof.'[Tuhaf al-'Uqul, no. 312]

5– Imam al–Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Eloquence lies in three things: coming close to the intended meaning, avoiding waffling, and communicating more meaning in fewer words.'[Ibid. no. 317]

The Most Eloquent Speech

6- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The most expressive eloquence lies in that which is metaphorically correct and easy to grasp, and that which is pleasantly brief.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 3307]

7- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The best speech is that which is decorated by a pleasant structure and is understood by the elite as well as the laymen.'[Ibid. no. 3304]

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8– The Prophet (S) said, 'Allah despises the eloquent man who plays with his tongue like a drill.' [Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 7919]

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