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Prohibition of Showing Enmity towards Anyone

1– The Prophet (S) said, 'Gabriel has not exhorted me against anything like he has exhorted me against showing enmity towards people.'[al-Kafi, v. 2, p. 202, no. 11]

2— The Prophet (S) said, 'After idol-worship, I have not been prohibited with anything as significantly as I have been prohibited hostility towards people.'[Tuhaf al-'Uqul, no. 42]

3– The Prophet (S) said, 'Whoever shows hostility towards others, his gallantry wanes and his kindness vanishes.' [Amali al-Tusi, p. 512, no. 1119]

4– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The peak of ignorance is showing enmity towards people.' [Ghurar al–Hikam, no. 5237]

5– Imam al-Baqir (a.s.) said, 'Beware of antagonistic dispute for verily it corrupts the heart and engenders hypocrisy.' [Hilyat al-Awliya', v. 3, p. 184, no. 235]

The Seed of Enmity

6- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The cause of enmity is lack of consideration [for others].'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 6302]

7– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Everything has a seed, and the seed of enmity is mockery.' [Ghurar al–Hikam, 7316]

One Who Must Be Considered an Enemy

8- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Man's stomach is his enemy.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 4424]

9- Imam al-Jawad (a.s.) said, 'He who conceals [the path] of proper conduct from you in making you follow that which you desire is indeed your enemy.' [A'alam al-Din, no. 309]

Your Archenemy

10– The Prophet (S) said, 'Your archenemy is your lower self that resides between your two sides.'[Tanbih al-Khawatir, v. 1, no. 259]

11– Imam al-'Aaskari (a.s.) said, 'The enemy with the weakest stratagem is he who openly displays his enmity.'[A'alam al-Din, no. 313]

Caution Against Feeling Secure from One's Enemy

12– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Whoever falls into a sleep of neglect of his enemy is jolted awake by his crafty schemes.' [Ghurar al–Hikam, no. 8672]

13- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'He who overlooks [his enemy] is himself surely not overlooked.'[Nahjul Balaghah, Letter 62]

14- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Never underestimate an enemy even if he be weak.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 10216]

Reconciling With One's Enemies

15- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'He who reconciles with his enemy increases the numbers on his own side.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 8230]

16– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'He who reconciles with the opposition achieves his aim.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 8043]

How to Arm Oneself Against Enemies

17– Luqman (a.s.) said in his advice to his son, 'O my son, let your weapons against your enemy with which you bring him to the ground be crafty persuasion and a [false] display of pleasure with him, and do not pursue him by running after him in case what you harbour within may become manifest to him leading him to prepare himself for you.'[Amali al–Saduq, p. 532, no. 5]

People's Hostility Towards That Which They are Ignorant of

18- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'People are hostile towards that which they are ignorant of.' [Nahjul Balaghah,

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