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Falsehood

الباطِل Falsehood

Warning followers of falsehood

1- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Falsehood is a deceiving deluder.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 549]

2- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'I will rip falsehood open, until the truth emerges from its belly.'[Sharh Nahjul Balaghah li Ibn Abi al-Hadid, v. 2, p. 185]

3- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Truth is the road to Paradise, and falsehood is the road to Hell; and on each road there is a caller [calling to it].'[Nahj al-Sa'ada, v. 3, p. 291]

4- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'He who supports falsehood oppresses the truth.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 6041]

Discerning The Truth From Falsehood

التَّمييزُ بَينَ الحَقّ وَالباطِل

ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَلامُ): أمَا إنّه ليسَ بينَ الحقِّ والباطلِ إلّا أربَعُ أصابِعَ ... الباطلُ أنْ تقولَ: سَمِعتُ، والحقُّ أنْ5 .تقولَ: رَأَيْتُ

5- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Verily, there is nothing between truth and falsehood but a span of four fingers ... Falsehood is to say, 'I heard,' while the truth is to say, 'I saw.'[Sharh Nahjul Balaghah li Ibn Abi al-Hadid, v. 3, p. 240]

The Truth Disguised As Falsehood

التِباسُ الحَقّ بالباطِل

- الإمامُ عليُّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): فلَو أنَّ الباطلَ خَلَصَ مِن مِزاجِ الحقِّ لَم يَخْفَ علَى المُرتادِينَ، ولَو أنَّ الحقَّ خَلَصَ مِن6 الإمامُ عليُّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): فلَو أنَّ الباطل انْقَطَعتْ عنه أَلْسُنُ المُعانِدينَ، ولكنْ يُؤخَذُ مِن هذا ضِغْتٌ ومِن هذا ضِغْتٌ

6- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Even if falsehood was isolated from being mixed with the truth, it would not be indefinable by those who aspire it; and even if the truth was free from being disguised as falsehood, the tongues of its opponents would still be silenced; but it is often made by taking a little from one and a little from the other.' [Sharh Nahjul Balaghah li Ibn Abi al-Hadid, v. 3, p. 240]

- الإمامُ عليُّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): كَم مِن ضَلالةٍ زُخْرِفَتْ بآيةٍ مِن كتابِ اللهِ كما يُزَخْرَفُ الدِّرْهَمُ النُّحاسُ بالفِضَّةِ7 !المُمَوَّهَة

7- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Many an innovation was glossed with verses from the Book of Allah, just as the copper dirham is plated with silver coating.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 6969]

Falsehood Cannot be Ascertained as the Truth

عدمُ استيقان الباطل حَقّا

ـ الإمامُ الصَّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): أبَى اللَّهُ أنْ يُعَرِّفَ باطلاً حقّاً، أبَى اللَّهُ أنْ يجْعَلَ الحقَّ في قلبِ المؤمنِ باطلاً لا شكَّ8 فيهِ، وأبَّى اللَّهُ أَنْ يَجعَلَ الباطلَ في قلبِ الكافرِ المُخالِفِ حقًّا لا شَكَّ فيهِ، ولَو لَم يَجْعَلْ هذا هكذا ما عُرِفَ حقٌّ مِن . باطل

8- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Allah has refused to present falsehood as a certain truth, and He has refused to present the truth to the heart of a believer as a certain falsehood; He has also refused to present falsehood to the heart of a disbeliever as a certain truth. And had he not done thus, the truth would never be distinguished from falsehood. [Bihar al-Anwar, v. 5, p. 303, no. 12]

9- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'The heart can never ascertain that the truth is falsehood, nor can it ever ascertain that falsehood is the truth. [Tafsir al-'Ayyashi, v. 2, p. 53, no. 39]

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