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الحُريَّةِ

- الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : خَمسُ خِصالٍ مَن لم تَكُنْ فيهِ خَصْلَةٌ مِنها فلَيس فيهِ كَثيرُ مُسْتَمْتَعٍ ، أَوَّلُها :1 الإمامُ الصّادقُ : والتَّانيةُ : التَّدْبيرُ ، والتَّالثةُ : الحَياءُ ، والرّابعةُ : حُسنُ الخُلقِ، والخامِسةُ - وهِي تَجْمَعُ هذهِ الخِصالَ - : الحُريّةُ . الحُريّةُ . الحُريّةُ

1– Imam al–Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'There are five attributes such that whoever does not even possess one of them does not have much to admire: loyalty, organisation, modesty, good temper, and the last which brings together all these attribute is freedom.'[al–Khisal, p. 284, no. 33]

## **All People Are Free**

النَّاسُ كُلُّهُم أحرارٌ

2- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'O people! Indeed Adam did not beget a bondsman or bondswoman, so all people are free.'[Nahj al-Sa'ada, v. 1, p. 198]

ــ الإمامُ علىٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ) : لا تَكُونَنَّ عَبِدَ غَيرِكَ وقَد جَعلَكَ اللَّهُ سُبْحانَه حُرّا3

3- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Do not ever be a slave to others when Allah, glory be to Him, has made you free.'[Nahjul Balaghah, Letter 31]

4- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'The free is free in all his states: when he is inflicted by a calamity, he shows patience; when afflictions bear down on him, they do not break him, even though he be taken in captivity or defeated and his prosperity turns into poverty, just like the truthful trustworthy Prophet Joseph - blessings of Allah upon him - whose freedom was not affected even when he was enslaved, defeated and captivated.'[al-Kafi, v. 2, p. 89, no. 6]

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5- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Cheerfulness is the distinguishing trait of the free.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 467]

6– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Truly modesty and chastity are of the traits of faith, and they are the attributes of the free and the distinguishing marks of the righteous.' [Ghurar al–Hikam, no. 3605]

7- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The servant of Allah is free so far as he remains content. The free man is a slave as long as he is greedy.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 413]

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