

## Chapter Fiftenn

### The Need for a Divine Authority

#### Tradition 15.1 H 120, Ch. 15, h 1

Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim has narrated from his father from al-Qasim ibn Muhammad from al-Minqari from Hafs ibn Ghiyath from Abu 'Abdallah<sup>a.s</sup> who has said the following:

"O Hafs, seventy sins of an ignorant person may be forgiven prior to only one sin of a learned person."

#### Tradition 15.2 H 121, Ch. 15, h 2

Through the same chain of narrators it is narrated from Abu 'Abdallah<sup>a.s</sup> who has said the following:

"Jesus<sup>a.s</sup> son of Mary<sup>a.s</sup> said, 'Woe to bad scholars! If only they knew how raging fire will engulf them.'"

#### Tradition 15.3 H 122, Ch. 15, h 3

Ali ibn Ibrahim has narrated from his father and Muhammad ibn 'Isma'il from al-Fadl ibn Shadhan, both from ibn abu 'Umayr from Jamil ibn Darraj who has said the following:

"(Imam) Abu 'Abdallah<sup>a.s</sup> has said, "When the soul reaches here, pointing to his throat, there will be no chance for learned persons to repent. He recited this verse; "God will only accept the repentance of those who commit evil in ignorance, if they repent immediately. God is All-knowing and All-wise (4:17)"

**Tradition 15.4** H 123, Ch. 15, h 4

Muhammad ibn Yahya has narrated from Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn 'Isa from al-Husayn ibn Sa'id from al-Nadr ibn Suwayd from Yahya al-Halabi from abu Sa'id al-Mukari from abu Basir from Abu Ja'far<sup>a.s</sup> who has said the following:

"Imam Abu Ja'far<sup>a.s</sup> has said about the words of Allah<sup>swt</sup> in the holy Quran, 'The idol worshippers, the idols, the rebellious ones, (26:94) and the army of Satan will all be thrown headlong into hell. (26:95)' They are the people who speak about justice a great deal but in their own practice they would disregard it altogether.'"

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**All praise belongs to Allah<sup>swt</sup> May Allah<sup>swt</sup> send peace and blessings upon Hazrat Muhammad<sup>s.a.w.w</sup> and his holy progeny.**