

Chapter Seventeen

Narrating Hadith

Tradition 17.1 H 139, Ch. 17, h 1

Ali ibn Ibrahim has narrated from his father from ibn abu 'Umayr from Mansur ibn Yunus from abu Basir who has said the following:

"(Imam) Abu 'Abdallah^{as} said about the words of Allah^{swt} in the holy Quran, " Our servants who listen to the words and only follow the best ones (39:18), is referred to that person who learns *Hadith* and reports it as he has learned without any additions or omissions.

Tradition 17.2 H 140, Ch. 17, h 2

Muhammad ibn Yahya has narrated from Muhammad ibn al-Husayn from ibn abu 'Umayr from ibn 'Udhayna from Muhammad ibn Muslim who has said the following:

"I asked Abu 'Abdallah^{as}, When I hear a *Hadith* from you, I like to narrate it without any addition or omission but, sometimes, I cannot recall all your words exactly, Imam^{as} asked, Do you do it on purpose to create doubts in people's minds? I replied, 'no, I do not (have this intention). Imam^{as} asked, 'Do you narrated our *Hadith* without any addition or omission in its true meanings and essence? I replied, yes, I do. Imam^{as} said " then there is no harm in doing so'"

Tradition 17.3 H 140, Ch. 17, h 3

It is narrated from him from Muhammad ibn al-Husayn from ibn Sinan from Dawud ibn Farqad who has said the following:

"I asked (Imam) Abu 'Abdallah^{as}, 'I hear your *Hadith* and I want to narrate to others but I do not remember the exact words when describing to others.' Imam^{as} asked, "Do you do it on purpose?" He said, "No, I do not do it intentionally." The Imam^{as} asked, "Do you

keep its real meanings?" He said, "Yes, I keep its real meanings." The Imam^{as} said, "Then it is appropriate."

Tradition 17.4 H 141, Ch. 17, h 4

It is narrated from him from Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn 'Isa from al-Husayn ibn Sa'id from al-Qasim ibn Muhammad from Ali ibn abu Hamza from abu Basir who has said the following:

"I asked from Abu 'Abdallah^{as}, Is there any harm in attributing a *Hadith* to your father even if I had heard it from you or referring a *Hadith* to you which I have heard from your father? Imam^{as} said, no there is no harm in it as there is no difference (among us), then said, 'What you hear from me you may narrate it from my father.'"

Tradition 17.5 H 142, Ch. 17, h 5

It is narrated from him from Ahmad ibn Muhammad and Muhammad ibn al-Husayn from ibn Mahbub from 'Abdallah ibn Sinan who has said the following:

"I said to (Imam) Abu 'Abdallah^{as}, 'People come to me and they listen to the *Ahadith* that I narrate to them from you. I have become quite weak and get tired while narrating your (even one) *hadith*.'" The Imam^{as} said, "You may narrate our *Hadith* to them in three parts, start from the beginning and then the middle part and followed by the last part."

Tradition 17.6 H 143, Ch. 17, h 6

It is narrated from him from Ahmad ibn 'Umar al-Hallal who has said the following:

"I said to (Imam) Abu Al-Hassan al-Rida^{as}, 'One of our people gave me a book which contains your *Hadith* but he does not say whether I can narrate any thing from it or not. Can I narrate from it?'" Imam^{as} said, "Yes, when you recognise that he has written (in his book) from us then narrate it while referring the *hadith* to his compilation."

Tradition 17.7 H 144, Ch. 17, h 7

Ali ibn Ibrahim has narrated from his father from Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid from al-Nawfali from al-Sakuni from **Abu 'Abdallah^{as}** who has said the following:

"Amir-ul-momaneen^{as} said upon presenting our *Hadith*, you must mention the name of the person from whom you have originally heard it. Thus, if the *Hadith* is true then you will get the reward (for narrating it) but if it is false, then he will be held responsible for attributing a lie to us."

Tradition 17.8 H 145, Ch. 17, h 8

Ali ibn Muhammad ibn 'Abdallah has narrated from Ahmad ibn Muhammad from abu Ayyub al-Madani from ibn abu 'Umayr from Husayn al-Ahmasi **from Abu 'Abdallah^{as} who has said the following:**

"The heart relies on writing (when you hear a *Hadith*, write it down in order to eliminate any doubts which may arise later on)."

Tradition 17.9 H 146, Ch. 17, h 9

Al-Husayn ibn Muhammad has narrated from Mu'alla ibn Muhammad from al-Hassan ibn Ali al-Washsha' from 'Asim ibn Humayd from abu Basir who has said the following:

"(Imam) Abu 'Abdallah^{as} said, 'When you hear our *Hadith*, you better write it, because you may not be able to remember without writing it down.'"

Tradition 17.10 H 147, Ch. 17, h 10

Muhammad ibn Yahya has narrated from Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn 'Isa from al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Faddal from ibn Bukayr from 'Ubayd ibn Zurara who has said the following:

"Abu 'Abdallah^{as} said, 'You must preserve your books (containing Ahadith) because you will soon need them.'"

Tradition 17.11 H 148, Ch. 17, h 11

A number of our people has narrated from Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid al-Barqi from certain persons of his people from abu Sa'id al-Khaybari from al-Mufaddal ibn 'Umar who has said the following.

"Abu 'Abdallah^{as} said, 'You must write down (*Hadith*) and spread our knowledge among your brethren. Upon your death, your children will inherit your books. A time will come when people will face chaos and they will find no comfort anywhere else but within these books.'"

Tradition 17.12 H 149, Ch. 17, h 12

It is narrated through the same chain of narrators from Muhammad ibn Ali in a marfu' manner from **Abu 'Abdallah^{as}** who has said the following.

"Abu 'Abdallah^{as} said, 'Beware of the branched-out lies.' They asked the Imam^{as}, "What is branched-out lies?" The Imam^{as} replied, "It is when you narrate a *Hadith* of a Imam^{as} without mentioning Imam^{as}'s name'"

Tradition 17.13 H 150, Ch. 17, h 13

Muhammad ibn Yahya has narrated from Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn 'Isa from Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn abu Nasr from Jamil ibn Darraj who has said the following.

"Abu 'Abdallah^{as} said, 'You better use 'arab' on our *Ahadith*, so that our eloquent message, as being from family of Prophet, may be read without any ambiguity and mistakes, after putting 'arab' on our words, people will not make mistakes in reading our *Ahadith*.'"

Tradition 17.14 H 151, Ch. 17, h 14

Ali ibn Muhammad has narrated from Sahl ibn Ziyad from Ahmad ibn Muhammad from 'Umar ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz from Hisham ibn Salim, Hammed ibn 'Uthman and others who have said the following.

"Abu 'Abdallah^{as} said, 'My Hadith is the Hadith of my father. The Hadith of my father is the Hadith of my grandfather. The *Hadith* of my grandfather is the *Hadith* of Imam Hussain^{as}. The *Hadith* of Imam al-Hussain^{as} is the *Hadith* of Imam al-Hassan^{as}. The *Hadith* of Imam al-Hassan^{as} is the *Hadith* of Imam Ali^{as}. The *Hadith* of Imam Ali^{as} is the *Hadith* of the holy Prophet^{as} and the *Hadith* of the holy Prophet^{as} is the words of Allah^{swt}, the Majestic, the Glorious.'"

Tradition 17.15 H 152, Ch. 17, h 15

A number of our people have narrated from Ahmad ibn Muhammad from Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn abu Khalid Shaynula who has said the following:

"I said to Abu Ja'far^{as}, 'May Allah take my soul in your service, our shaikhs have narrated *Hadith* from Imam Abu Ja'far^{as} and from Imam Abu 'Abdallah^{as} and at that time because of fear *Taqiyah*, concealment was sever. They concealed their books and did not narrate *Ahadith* from them. When they died their books came to us.'" Can we narrate those *Ahadith*? The Imam^{as} said, "You may narrate from them because they contain the truth."

All praise belongs to Allah^{swt} May Allah^{swt} send peace and blessings upon Hazrat Muhammad^{saww} and his holy progeny.