

## Chapter Nine

### Questioning and discussing the Scholars

#### **Tradition 9.1** H 82, Ch. 9, h 1

Ali ibn Ibrahim has narrated from his father from ibn abu 'Umayr from certain persons of our people from **Abu 'Abdallah<sup>as</sup>** who has said the following:

It is about a person who had smallpox and needed a formal bath after having sexual activities. Certain people washed him with water and as a result he passed away. The Imam<sup>as</sup> said, "They have killed him. Why did they not ask about it? The medicine for the illness due to ignorance, certainly, is to ask."

#### **Tradition 9.2** H 83, Ch. 9, h 2

Muhammad ibn Yahya has narrated from Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn 'Isa from Hammed ibn 'Isa from Hariz from Zurra, Muhammad ibn Muslim and Burayd al-'Ijli who has said the following:

"(Imam) Abu 'Abdallah<sup>as</sup> (a.s.) said, 'People are destroyed only because they do not ask (what they do not know).'

#### **Tradition 9.3** H 84, Ch. 9, h 3

Ali ibn Muhammad has narrated from Sahl ibn Ziyad from Ja'far ibn Muhammad al-Ash'ari from 'Abdallah ibn Maymun al-Qaddah from Abu 'Abdallah<sup>as</sup> who has said the following:

"This knowledge (the knowledge of the holy Prophet<sup>s.a.w.w</sup> and Ahlul Bayt<sup>as</sup>) is under a lock and the key to it is in asking"

Ali ibn Ibrahim, from his father from al-Nawfali, from al-Sakuni from Imam Abu 'Abdallah<sup>as</sup> has narrated the same Hadith.

#### **Tradition 9.4** H 85, Ch. 9, h 4

Ali ibn Ibrahim has narrated from Muhammad ibn 'Isa ibn 'Ubayd from Yunus ibn 'Abd al-Rahman from Abu Ja'far al-Awwal from Abu 'Abdallah<sup>as</sup> who has said the following:

"People cannot achieve anything until they ask and acquire proper understand of the religion and know their Imam. Only, then they can follow what the Imam<sup>as</sup> says even if he<sup>as</sup> would say some thing differently under (taqiyah) pressure (to save the lives of his<sup>as</sup> followers)."

#### **Tradition 9.5** H 86, Ch. 9, h 5

Ali has narrated from Muhammad ibn 'Isa from Yunus from the person who he mentioned from Abu 'Abdallah<sup>as</sup> who has said the following:

"The holy Prophet<sup>s.a.w.w</sup> has said, 'Woe is to a man who does not save some time every Friday for learning about his religion and make a habit of asking about his religion.'" In another *Hadith* it is narrated, "woe is to every such Muslim."

#### **Tradition 9.6** H 87, Ch. 9, h 6

Ali ibn Ibrahim has narrated from his father from ibn abu 'Umayr from 'Abdallah ibn Sinan from Abu 'Abdallah<sup>as</sup> who has said the following:

"The Holy Prophet<sup>s.a.w.w</sup> said, 'Allah<sup>swt</sup>, the most Majestic, the most Glorious says, 'The discussions of the scholars among My servants are of the matters that bring the dead hearts to life if they come to, and, end up to My commandments.'"

### **Tradition 9.7** H 88, Ch. 9, h 7

Muhammad ibn Yahya has narrated from Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn 'Isa from Muhammad ibn Sinan from abu al-Jarud from Abu Ja'far<sup>as</sup> who has said the following:

"May Allah grant forgiveness to a man who revives knowledge." Abu al-Jarud has said, "I asked the Imam<sup>as</sup>, 'What is ment by reviving knowledge?'" The Imam<sup>as</sup> replied, "It is the knowledge which is discussed among the religious people and the people of piety."

### **Tradition 9.8** H 89, Ch. 9, h 8

Muhammad ibn Yahya has narrated from Ahmad ibn Muhammad from 'Abdallah ibn Muhammad al-Hajjal from certain persons of our people *in a marfu' manner* from the Messenger of Allah<sup>swt</sup> who has said the following:

He said addressing the people said, "Discuss facts, meet each other and speak to each other because speaking is brightness for the hearts. Hearts become stained just as the swords become stained and speaking cleanses it up." In some scripts it is 'Iron' instead of 'speaking' at the end of the sentence."

### **Tradition 9.9** H 90, Ch. 9, h 9

A number of our people have narrated from Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid from his father from Faddala ibn Ayyub from 'Umar ibn Aban from Mansur al-Sayqal who has said the following:

"Imam Abu Ja'far<sup>as</sup> has said, 'Discussion on knowledge is study and study is a good prayer.'"

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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.