

## Chapter Twenty-Two

### Following the Sunnah and Evidence from the Book

#### **Tradition 22.1** H 197, Ch. 22, h 1

Ali ibn Ibrahim has narrated from his father from al-Nawfali from al-Sakuni from Abu 'Abdallah<sup>as</sup> who has said the following:

"The holy Prophet<sup>saww</sup> said, "The status of 'Iman' (true beliefs) is reflected from the good deeds and guidance is achieved through the 'Mohqamat'<sup>1</sup> Verses of Quran. Thus accept those Ahadith which are in agreement with Quran (Mohqamat) and reject those which are in disagreement with them (Mohqamat)"

#### **Tradition 22.2** H 198, Ch. 22, h 2

Muhammad ibn Yahya has narrated from 'Abdallah ibn Muhammad from Ali ibn al-Hakam from Aban ibn 'Uthman from 'Abdallah ibn abu Ya'fur who has said the following:

"In a meeting where ibn abi Ya'fur was also present I asked Imam Abu 'Abdallah<sup>as</sup> regarding the differences in those Ahadith which are narrated by your<sup>as</sup> trustworthy narrators." The Imam<sup>as</sup> replied, "If you come across a Hadith which conforms to the holy Quran and/or agrees with another Hadith of the holy Prophet<sup>saww</sup> then you should accept it otherwise disregard it."

#### **Tradition 22.3** H 199, Ch. 22, h 3

A number of our people have narrated from Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid from his father from al-Nadr ibn Suwayd from Yahya al-Halab from Ayyub ibn al-Hurr who has said the following:

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<sup>1</sup> Explicit Verses of Quran

**"Abu 'Abdallah<sup>as</sup> has said, 'Everything must be referred to the holy Quran and the Sunnah, the noble traditions of the holy Prophet<sup>saww</sup> and any Hadith that does not agree with the holy Quran, should be treated as a useless statement.'"**

#### **Tradition 22.4** H 200, Ch. 22, h 4

Muhammad ibn Yahya has narrated from Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn 'Isa from ibn Faddal from Ali ibn 'Uqba from Ayyub ibn Rashid **from Abu 'Abdallah<sup>as</sup> who has said the following:**

**"Of Hadith whatever does not agree with the holy Quran is a useless statement."**

#### **Tradition 22.5** H 201, Ch. 22, h 5

Muhammad ibn 'Isma'il from al-Fadl ibn Shadhan from ibn abu 'Umayr from Hisham ibn al-Hakam and others from **Abu 'Abdallah<sup>as</sup> who has said the following:**

**"The Prophet<sup>saww</sup> once addressed the people in Mina (a place in Makkah) saying, "O people, whatever comes to you in the form of my Hadith you must see if it agrees with the holy book of Allah<sup>swt</sup> then know that I have said it but if a statement is presented to you that does not agree with the book of Allah<sup>swt</sup> then be aware it is not from me."**

#### **Tradition 22.6** H 202, Ch. 22, h 6

It is narrated through the same chain of narrators from ibn abu 'Umayr from certain persons of his people who has said the following:

**"Abu 'Abdallah<sup>as</sup> who has said, 'Whoever disagrees with the book of Allah<sup>swt</sup> and the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad<sup>saww</sup>, is a unbeliever.'"**

#### **Tradition 22.7** H 203, Ch. 22, h 7

Ali ibn Ibrahim has narrated from Muhammad ibn 'Isa ibn 'Ubayd from Yunus *in a marfu' manner* from **Ali ibn al-Hussain<sup>as</sup>** who has said the following:

**"The best deeds, as judged by Allah<sup>swt</sup> are those which are performed in accordance to the Sunnah<sup>2</sup> (the noble tradition of the holy Prophet<sup>saww</sup>) even if they result from even little efforts."**

### **Tradition 22.8** H 204, Ch. 22, h 8

A number of our people has narrated from Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid from 'Isma'il ibn Mihran from abu Sa'id al-Qammat and Salih ibn Sa'id from Aban ibn Taghlib who has said the following:

**"A man asked a question from Imam Abu Ja'far<sup>as</sup> who replied to it and then the man said, "The *Fuqaha*, scholars of law, do not say this."**

The Imam<sup>as</sup> then said, "It is a pity. Have you ever seen a *Faqih*? The real *Faqih* is the one who maintains restraint from the worldly matters, who is deeply interested in the life hereafter and holds firmly to the Sunnah."

### **Tradition 22.9** H 205, Ch. 22, h 9

A number of our people has narrated from Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid from his father from abu 'Isma'il Ibrahim ibn Ishaq al-Azdi from abu 'Uthman al-'Abdi from Ja'far from his ancestors from **Amir al-Mu'minin Ali<sup>as</sup>** who has said the following:

**"Rasool Allah<sup>saww</sup> said: 'The words are worthless without action, words or actions are useless without (noble) intention; and words, actions and intentions have no reward if performed against the Sunnah."**

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<sup>2</sup> Noble tradition of the holy prophet<sup>saww</sup>

**Tradition 22.10** H 206, Ch. 22, h 10

Ali ibn Ibrahim has narrated from his father from Ahmad ibn al-Nadr from 'Amr ibn Shimr from Jabir from Abu Ja'far<sup>as</sup> who has said the following:

**"Everyone has inclination towards desires and reluctance towards good deeds. So, a person would be successful if he performs deeds, even at reduced level, but in accordance with the Sunnah. However, he would go astray if he strives in the direction of innovations."**

**Tradition 22.11** H 207, Ch. 22, h 11

Ali ibn Muhammad has narrated from Ahmad ibn Muhammad al-Barqi from Ali ibn Hassa'n and Muhammad ibn Yahya from Salama ibn al-Khattab from Ali ibn Hassa'n from Musa ibn Bakr from Zurara ibn A'yan from Abu Ja'far<sup>as</sup> who has said the following:

**"Whoever may transgress against the Sunnah (while following his own opinion and perception), he must be told (by those who know) to return to the Sunnah."**

**Tradition 22.12** H 208, Ch. 22, h 12

Ali ibn Ibrahim has narrated from his father from al-Nawfali from al-Sakuni from Abu 'Abdallah<sup>as</sup> from his ancestors (the Imams.) who have said the following:

**"Imam Ali<sup>as</sup> said, 'there are two kinds of Sunnah: One of them is Obligatory which should be observed for guidance while disregarding them leads one towards destruction. The second type concerns with the none-obligatory issues, following them enables one to reach higher virtuous but there is no harm if one is unable to practise them.'"**

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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>saww</sup> and his holy progeny.**