

Chapter Ten

Sharing Knowledge is Charity

Tradition 10.1 H 91, Ch. 10, h 1

Muhammad ibn Yahya has narrated from Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn 'Isa from Muhammad ibn 'Isma'il ibn Bazi' from Mansur ibn Hazim from Talha ibn Zayd from Abu 'Abdallah^{a.s} who has said the following:

"I have read in the book of Imam Ali^{a.s} that Allah^{swt} did not had a commitment from and covenant with the ignorant people to seek knowledge prior to having a commitment from and covenant with the scholars to give knowledge as charity to the ignorant ones-since the knowledge existed before the ignorance."

Tradition 10.2 H 92, Ch. 10, h 2

A number of our people have narrated from Ahmad ibn Muhammad al-Barqi from his father from 'Abdullah ibn Mughirah and Muhammad ibn Sinan from Talha ibn Zayd from Abu 'Abdallah^{a.s} about this verse:

"Do not disrespectfully turn your face away from people. . ." (31:18) (Imam^{a.s} explained) 'it is so that people would all be equal in matters of knowledge.'"

Tradition 10.3 H 93, Ch. 10, h 3

Through the same chain of narrators he has narrated from his father from Ahmad ibn Nadr from 'Amr and ibn Shimr from Jabir from Abu Ja'far^{a.s} who has said the following:

"Zakat, (the tax), on knowledge is in teaching it to the servants of Allah^{swt}."

Tradition 10.4 H 94, Ch. 10, h 4

Ali ibn Ibrahim has narrated from Muhammad ibn 'Isa ibn 'Ubayd from Yunus ibn 'Abd al-Rahman from the person who he mentioned from Abu 'Abdallah^{a.s} who has said the following:

"Jesus^{a.s}, son of Mary^{a.s} once stood up to speak to the Israelites saying, 'O Israelites, do not speak the words of wisdom to the ignorant people because you will be doing injustice to them (words of wisdom). Do not keep them (words of wisdom) from those who deserve lest you will do injustice to them (deserving people).'"

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