

Chapter Three

Kind of People

Tradition 3.1 H 53, Ch. 3, h 1

Ali ibn Muhammad from Sahl ibn Ziyad and Muhammad ibn Yahya from Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn 'Isa all from ibn Mahbub from abu 'Usama from Hisham ibn Salim from abu Hamza from abu Ishaq al-Sabay'i from one who narrated it from a reliable source from **Imam Ali^{a.s}** who has said the following:

"After Holy Prophet^{s.a.w.w}, people started following three kinds of people as their 'wali' (master). One group went to a divinely well-guided scholar. Allah^{swt} had given him such a high degree of knowledge, which made him eloquently independent of the knowledge of the others. The second group was the ignorant one, who claimed to have knowledge but in fact they had no knowledge. This was an egoistic group. The worldly attractions had made them to lose sight of the truth and they did the same to their followers. The third group consisted of those people who learned from a divinely guided scholar who taught them for the sake of Allah^{swt} and for their salvation. It then was obvious that those who claimed (to be scholars while, in fact, they were not scholars) and those who forged certain matters falsely were destroyed."

Tradition 3.2 H 54, Ch. 3, h 2

Al-Husayn ibn Muhammad al-Ash'ari has narrated from Mu'alla ibn Muhammad from al-Hassan ibn Ali al-Washsha' from Ahmad ibn 'A'idh from abu Khadija Salim ibn Mukram from **Abu 'Abdallah^{a.s}** who has said the following:

"People are of three kinds: The scholars, the learning group and the garbled ones."

Tradition 3.3 H 55, Ch. 3, h 3

Muhammad ibn Yahya has narrated from 'Abdallah ibn Muhammad from Ali ibn al-Hakam from al-'Ala' ibn Razin from Muhammad ibn Muslim from abu Hamza al-Thumali who has said the following:

"Abu 'Abdallah^{a.s} said this, "Be a scholar or a learning person or love the scholars. Do not become of the fourth type lest you will be destroyed by their hatred."

Tradition 3.4 H 56, Ch. 3, h 4

Ali ibn Ibrahim has narrated from Muhammad ibn 'Isa from Yunus from Jamil who has said the following:

"I heard Imam Abu 'Abdallah^{a.s} saying, 'People become of three groups: Scholars, those who learn and confused ones. We are the scholars. Our followers are the ones who learn. The rest of the people are chaotic ones.'"

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