

Looking at the Cause of Beliefs and Sacrament Tradition

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Abstract: *Fazl-Ibn shazan was one of the scholars who asked his question about the cause of belief, sacrament and morality from Imam Reza (a.s.) and was answered by him. Then he collected the questions and answers that called it “ the causes’ tradition”. Luckily, this book is available today. The most important point in this book is that Shazan starts the argumentation from beliefs that is the basis of religion and the root of prayers. Then, tells about other sacrament and other subjects. In the following article, we will read some parts of that book.*

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God, who has created human, gives him life and shows His way, gives some schedule about belief, sacrament and morality at this way that human needs to get familiar with their intellectual (beliefs), internal (morality) and viable (prayers) duties. When he performs these acts, he can pass the way safely!

It is clear that each one of these practices have wisdom, because do something without any reason is useless, and the Almighty God is far from it.

What is the wisdom of these acts? And how should we get it? The basis and origin of worship is from God and human doesn't have any role in it. Now, can human understand it with his knowledge? We have seen that some great scholars have talked about the wisdoms during the history. After studying them, we have found that, "perceptions of the human beings different." Of course, where is their perceptions, and where is the God's perception are? Actually there is no relation between God and His creatures?"

This issue is a valuable truth that in some cases, the knowledge is acceptance the ignorance of human. Knowing this truth is better than saying something without thinking about it, and put yourself and others in doubts!

Some scholars use their intellect and have asked about reasons of prayers from infallibles who say only from God. It means that infallibles were sent to us by God and bring the Messages of God to human as the holy Quran says,

﴿nor does he speak out of desire. It is naught but revelation that is revealed﴾(The holy Quran,53:3-4)﴿

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At the beginning of the tradition he says that all sacraments have reason. These reasons are known among persons who know them. However, we know some but not all of them. Because of that he answered every question with “some of the reason is such and such.” And never claims all the reasons of tradition.

A. Subject divisions

This tradition contains 94 questions and answers. The total subjects are “belief”, “pray”, “fast” and “hajj”.

B. Some section of belief division

Because of the importance of belief in human life, we express some of the belief tradition.

1- Is it true that God says His servants do something that is meaningless?

No, because He is wisdom, and not ignorant. He does not do useless work.

2- Why human should do the God's order?

The reason isn't clear for us. We know some of them but not all.

3- What is the first religious duty?

Submission God and His holy prophet Mohammad (a.s.), the sign and whatever he has brought to us from God.

4- Why God addresses people to these affairs?

- Every one who does not accept God, will not avoid sins, floated in worldly enjoyment, will not care people's rights.
- At this situation, men do whatever they want, kill each other without any reason, and this will cause annihilation of the world and communities. It will also corrupt the human generations and financial sources.
- People do some worry acts explicitly and implicitly. Believing in God is their only way of guidance and avoiding of corruption.

5- Why knowing the prophets and obeying them is necessary?

- Human beings need the guidance of God.
- But he can't see God and hear His words.
- So the prophet should come and show the way to human. Inevitably, the prophet should be infallible in order to do this work perfectly.

6- Why after the holy prophet (a.s.) Gurdian and Imams were assigned for people and they are commanded to obey them?

- They people have limited knowledge. They are asked to not go beyond limitation otherwise they fall in corruption.
- To enforce the religious' law needs a Divine person who people may trust him. He may Command them to suitable affairs from time to time.
- Every religion and tribe should have a head. Inevitably, religion that is related to the world affairs should have a head and this is the wisdom of God.

- If the Almighty God had not sent Imams to people, the traditions and verdicts of religion would have been changed by the opponent, and the communities had misled.

- Presence of the Imams is necessary after the holy prophet, in order to protect the religion from deviations by the opponents.

7- Why two Imams don't come from God at the same time?

Presence of two Imams at the same time makes conflict among people because their works can be a bit different. As if any Imams aren't come from God.

8- Why should we accept to the Oneness of God?

-If we don't do that, we can't understand who has created us and where the religious laws come from?

- The Satan will be right to claims that he is god and calls people to himself. That will cause the worst infidelity.

9- Why should we accept that there is no one similar to God?

a. Otherwise, the idols that others consider as god, could be introduced as real god.

b. Otherwise, some characteristics such as, ignorance, inability, change, weakness, lie, mortality, etc. could be attributed to the deity. The message and words of such a deity can not be trusted.

c. Why God dictates His servants?

- a. Because accepting the Divine orders and guidance protects people and save them from devastation.
- b. The Divine messages and orders cause servants think about their Creator, respect to Him and follow whatever the Almighty God says.