

Editorial

The school of wisdom and science

*I*n addition to the biography of Imam Mahdi (A.T.F.SH.), the main and central articles in this issue are about the precious book of “Al-Nahaya”. The book that has been written more than 1000 years ago, and reveals the rational bases and conclusions in the Shia theology and practice of traditions in the field of applicable law.

A glance at the Quranic verses, and the words and traditions of the holy Prophet and his progeny (p.b.u.t.) clearly shows the praise and honor of wisdom and knowledge (science) in the Shia school of thoughts.

❦ ***“God has benefited believers. Whenever He sent them a messenger from among themselves, to recite His verses to them and purify them, and teach them the Book and wisdom, whereas previously they had been in plain error.”(aali-e’mraan, 3:164)*** ❦

“In the creation of Heaven and Earth, the alternation between night and day, the ships which plow the sea and benefit mankind, and the water God sends down from the sky with which to revive the earth, following its death, and to scatter every kind of animal throughout it, and directing the winds and clouds which are driven along between the sky and earth, are all signs for the people who use their wisdom.” (The holy Quran, 2:164)

The holy Prophet said:” All the virtues could be understood by wisdom, and anyone who has no wisdom, will have no religion!”¹

Imam Ali has added,” the value of man, equals to his wisdom.”²

Imam Ali (p.b.u.h.) has also expressed, “the wisdom is a messenger and guide from God.”³

These are just drops from the great sea of the knowledge and wisdom of the Shia school. I think it will be recommended to dedicate a part of our daily free time to read and speculate the holy verses, and the words and teachings of the holy Prophet and his infallible progeny.

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¹ (Tohfal al-Oqul, P.44)

² Ghorar al-Hekam, P.14).

³(Ghorar al-Hekam, P.15)