

In the Name of Allah the Most compassionate, the Most Merciful
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Praises and thanks belong to the God who is Sufficient for a person who seeks His help. And, He guides the one who ask to be guided. And peace be upon Muhammad and His Ahlul-Bayt and curses be upon their enemies.

Virtuous

I advice myself and you to be virtuous, and escape from carnal desires. Indeed our sixth Imam said: Beware of your wishes as you are aware of your enemies. Humans don't have enemies greater than their own bad wishes and whatever their own tongues make.

Ideal fast

We will discuss the aspects of an ideal fast. And the most important part of a fast is that you fast with your beliefs and thoughts. Certainly the deviation of beliefs ruins all the actions, and eradicates all the reward of these actions. May Allah protect us from this.

Today we will discuss how to protect ourselves from this issue and how to resolve it.

Protection against wrong beliefs

The first step for protection is recourse to wisdom and revelations and using beneficial books or inquiring from scholars. The Holy Quran in relation to this says: "So ask followers of the reminder if you do not know" (21:7) and our Prophet said: *Knowledge is a treasure and its key is asking. So ask God bless you, indeed God gives reward to four types of people for asking.*

Those:-

1. Who ask 2. Who speak 3. Who listen 4. Who love them.

Although it's not allowed to answer with one's own opinion on the matter and state an Islamic ruling without knowledge. The Holy Prophet mentioned the person who is brave enough to state an Islamic ruling is courageous to enter the fire of Hell.

And our sixth imam said: *Who ever states an Islamic ruling in accordance with his own point of view he believes in what he doesn't know. And every one who believes in what he doesn't know, he stands opposite of god where he makes something allowed or forbidden without knowledge.*

Luqman said to his son: Sit with scholars. And Prophet has said: Those who visit scholars are like those who visit me and those who sit with scholars are like those who sit with me and those who sit with me it is as if he has sat with my lord.

However the scholars must gain their knowledge and ideas from God, his Prophet, and his Ahlul-Bayt. Imam Baqir (A.S) mentioned with regard to some scholars: ***If they go to East and West but they will not find the right knowledge except that of which we have said.***

So we should participate in meetings that involve discussing and researching knowledge. And we should prepare beneficial books for our youths and collect library materials, magazines, CD's and Islamic softwares. With thanks to the All-Mighty we have a good library with a large variety of books for everyone. It is open in the mornings and afternoons.

The second step for protecting ourselves against incorrect beliefs is repetition. For example in our pilgrimage, supplications and prayers our beliefs are constantly repeated so they strengthen in our souls.

The third step is asking and begging God to protect us from evil temptations. Imam Sadiq said: ***Sometimes you encounter a doubt and you remain without knowledge that you can access and without a leader that can guide you, you do not survive unless you supplicate, the supplication of the one who is drowning.*** It was asked What is it? Imam answered: Say: ***O god, O merciful, O compassionate, O who turns the hearts, make me steadfast in your religion.***

May Allah help us to protect ourselves and our families against such doubt.

Important events:

Yesterday was the birth anniversary of Imam Hasan Al-Mujtaba , who is the master of youths of heaven. He was the Imam who performed Jihad in Amir Al-Momenin's era courageously. At first he had prepared to engage in Jihad with Muawiah but his companions were deceived by Muawiah as a result he was forced to accept the peace treaty.

We are regretful because muslims don't apply the great Imams words. Because he is one of the Ahlul-Bayt who God said are purified from faults.

May Allah help us to recognize Imam Hasan more effectively and to act upon his words.