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A Sermon from his honor about successive narration and its testament.

أخبرنا عبدُ السّلامِ بْنُ عبدِ القَيُّومِ قال: سألتُ المنصورَ الهاشِميَّ الخُراسانيَّ عَنِ الأَخْدِ بِالرِّوايةِ فَكَرِهَهُ و قال: ما أَنْزَلَ اللهُ مِنْ رِوايةٍ إلّا ما تَواتَرَ عَلَيْهَا الأَلْسُنُ و ذلكَ الأَخْدِ بِالرِّوايةِ فَكَرِهَهُ و قال: ما أَنْزَلَ اللهُ مِنْ رِوايةٍ إلّا ما تَواتَرَ عَلَيْهَا الأَلْسُنُ و ذلكَ لِأنَّ اللهَ لا يُعْبَدُ بِالنَّقِينُ! قلتُ: و ما حَدُّ التَّواتُر؟ قال: ما يَسْتَيْقِنُ بِهِ عُقَلاءُ النّاس! قلتُ: و حَمْ ذا؟ قال: أَرْبَعَةُ رِجالٍ ذَوي عَدْلٍ إذا لَمْ يَخْتَلِفُوا، كَما قالَ اللهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ: ﴿ لَوْلَا جَاءُوا عَلَيْهِ بِأَرْبَعَةِ شُهَدَاءَ فَإِذْ لَمْ يَأْتُوا بِالشُهِدَاءِ فَأُولِكِكَ عِنْدَ اللهِ هُمُ الْكَاذِبُونَ ﴾! قُلْتُ: رُبَّما يَخْتَلِفُونَ فِي أَلْفاظِهِمْ و المَعْنِيُّ واحِدً! قالَ: لا بَأْسَ بِهِ و لا يَكُونَ بَعْضُهُمْ قُرْناءَ بَعْضِ فَيُتَهَمُوا فِي رِوايَتِهِمْ! ثُمَّ مَكَثَ هُنَيْئَةً ثُمَّ قالَ: إنَّ السَّلَفَيَّةَ تَرَكُوا العَقْلَ فَشاهَتْ وُجُوهُهُمْ!

Translation of the saying:

Abdul Salaam bin Abdul Ghayoum Balkhi informed us and said: I asked Mansoor Hashemi Khorasani about acting upon narrations, so he deemed it non-acceptable and said: God has not sent down any narrations unless that has become Mutawatir¹ and that is because God is not worshipped based on conjecture, rather He is worshipped based on certitude! I asked: what is the range of Tawatur? He said: what the wise people find certainty with that! I said: how many is that in number? He said: four just men who are not in discord with one another; as God Almighty has said: "Why they did not bring four witnesses to prove it?! And since they did not bring four witnesses, they are liars in the sight of God" (An-Nur/ 13) I said: It is possible





^{1. [}Translator note: Mutawatir is a type of narration which has enough number of narrators in each class such that collusion or error of all of them is not possible and this type of narration brings about certitude.]

that they have disagreement on the words, but their concepts are the same! He said: there is no problem and some of them should not be companions to the others in order to avoid accusation (of collusions with or receptions from one another) in their narrations! In this moment he went into silence for a short moment and then said: Indeed the Salafists set intellect aside, so their faces became ugly!

Explanation of the saying:

According to this enlightening saying, if a narration brings certainty for the wise people is recognized as a Mutawatir one and that is a narration such that at least four just men has narrated it in each level provided that firstly, they do not have discrepancy in the concept even if they have discrepancies in the textual words and secondly, they have not been companions of one another so that they may be accused of collusion with or reception from each other. Another delicate point is that his honor Mansoor, deems ugliness of Salafists a consequence of their irrationalism and this is something which can be seen by induction; Because most of them grow their beard long abnormally and cut their mustaches short extraordinarily and also their facial appearances have been affected metaphysically by their beliefs and deeds and hence they have become ugly; As Almighty God has said in His book: ﴿يُعْرَفُ الْمُجْرِمُونَ بِسِيمَاهُمُ (Rahman/ 41); "The sinners (in the resurrection day) are recognized by their faces" and He has said: ﴿ وَلَوْ نَشَاءُ لَأَر يُنَاكَهُمْ فَلَعَرِفْتَهُمْ بِسِيمَاهُمْ ﴾ (Mohammad/30); "And if We wish We can show them to you, so that you will recognize them by their faces". We seek refuge to God from irrationalism that makes the face ugly in this world and dark in the hereafter.







