

Family Life and Its Role in the Integration of Revelation and Science in the Early Education of the Child

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ABSTRACT

Family is the first place of the human being and the only legitimate way for humans born and it is the best cradle for growing and flowering of talents. In order to connoisseur's researches and investigations the world today have found if families are being healthy and firm, many problems which is related to the society life have been solved and if family, the first step of socialization, stay away from slippage, thus society is also stay pure and getting more in order. Today, humanity is looking forward to Islam and wants to know what Islam says about that. The duty of all Muslims and specifically Shea is to investigate lot about society matters and specially families, until they know that what the point of view of Islam and the household of the prophet of Islam, as the idle of Muslims, are about the method of human's education and evolution.

By the way, we have seen it proper that have got a research about family in Imam Ali's says. In this paper we just deem Nahj Al Balaghe sufficient. We set all my research up to the three chapters. Value and importance of holding family, Manner in family and finally, management in family. In this paper, it has been tried to use of the most important books of Nahj Al Balaghe about this topic.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Family is the only group of society which is accepted and spread in all religious and non-religious society. Despite the fact that it is the small core of the society, it has got a superb effect and roll in society life. Therefore necessity of existing family has been proved logically and religiously and it is not meaningful without of being society life.

Importance of family in Imam Ali's life was so high that he concerns to this matter in his priority life schedule. In order to he says, 'Muslim has to divide the day of his life into three parts; time to pray his God, time to earn money for his life, and time to exploit the kosher and lovely enjoyment...'¹

Imam Ali, the leader of the faithful, says his prays, and then he went home to his wife and made all things in order and looked after his family member.²

1.1 Concern and effort to his family

Because family is the most important part of the society, so its leader has to be concern to this principle matter. As Koran said, 'o' Muslims! Save your family and yourself from the fire which its fuel is human's bodies and stones...'³

Imam Ali says, 'it's really good to who be the most important body in his home.'⁴ And in one of Imam hearsay, when Ala Ben Ziad claimed about his brother, Asem Ben Ziad, to Imam Ali that his brother is just pray and pray, and quit working. Imam had told to Asem Ben Ziad, 'o' to you enemy of your soul! Satan entered to your soul and you were forced to obey his orders! Do not you take pity on your poor family? Do you imagine God wanted you to put your family and your prior responsibility away and then say pray instead of that!? You are weaker than God makes you to behave like that.'⁵

Out of this hearsay we can found out that Imam Ali paid a lot of attention to his family's necessities and emotions, therefore he said to Asem Ben Ziad that he had to be nice to his family. It means he had to look after their necessities.

1.2 Equilibrium to pay to the family's affairs

The leader of the faithful in different holy mentioned to the equilibrium family affairs, some of them that have been told to his companions:

¹ Hekmat 390.

² Sharh Ebn Abi Alhadid, Hekmat 382, Page 338

⁴ Khotbe 176

⁵ Khotbe 200

Do not spend your all time to your family and children, because if the be friends of God, God never leave them alone and if they be enemy of God, why do you have a sympathy about enemies of God!?'⁶

This talk orders delegating work and trust in God about the survivor of man and God knows well and he is kinder to the man of his parents and if child be friend of God, God never spoils him which he says: if anybody trust in God, God is more enough for him. And if anybody who is friend of God, he is trusted in God and if wife and children is enemy of God, not only attention to their affairs and do something for them is not allowed, but also it is obligatory to cut a relationship with them and love them is forbidden. By the way, it is not for a man to be concern to his wife and children after death.⁷

Since more interest to wife and children and the extravagance in friendship to them, prohibit human to do society and his personal duty, so that Imam Ali advised, 'Do not push yourself to concern about your deserved wife and child and even do not push yourself to concern about non-deserved ones, but act normally, Therefore can you play your society roll well. Extravagancy in attention to your family friendship deters man from remembrance of God and does his duty in Koran's point of view.

In the other word Imam Ali says, 'one the satisfaction and comfort of life is small number of wife and children.'⁸

In the other words, stated to Imam Hassan: do not see your family members the poorest to you.⁹ It means cause of the intimacy and trust which has you got them. Spoil their own rights and make them stand up to bad luck

2. responsibility of the family manager against the members

2.1 Attention and praised from his wife

Imam Ali concerned a lot to the women who are virtue and pure and had to tell to his son, Imam Hassan, in his letter, '...to the woman do not push her more than she cannot tolerate it! Because woman is like a flower, not like a war hero...'¹⁰

He had a lot of attention to care about his wife. One day Ali found out house affairs is pushing her wife a lot, so he advised her to go to her father, prophet, and wants him a servant for her.¹¹

Man concerns to his wife while she's ill more than usual. One day Zahra was so ill. Imam Ali hugged her head and said, 'what do you need? Say till bring it for you ASAP.' Fatima said, 'o' my dear cousin! WE do not want something from you.' Imam Ali consisted and said please tell me if you need something, Zahra said, 'My father had told me not to want something from your husband, because he may not have it and be ashamed.' Imam Ali swears God, until she accepted to tell him what she wanted...¹²

Imam Ali had a lot of attention to his behaviour to his wife and he said, 'Swear God that WE had never got angry to her and never said something bad to her, until she had died...'¹³

It is a big sentence a man swears God that he had never made his wife angry in his life, so men have to obey Imam's way of living until have a happy life and be satisfied.

Moreover, he cared her a lot, he praised her a lot. The night after they got married, prophet went to Ali's home to see her daughter, and then asked Imam Ali: 'how did you find your wife? Imam said: she is a good helper to pray God.' While some guys show off their wives mistakes and they tell them something more and men pride to that and it is so doomed.

2.2 Help to the wife

After that Ali, son of Abe Taleb, and Zahra, Marzie, got married to each other and holding theirs couple life, wanted great prophet to make orders and divide their home's affairs. They told him, 'o' prophet, we would like you oversight our way of living and divide our duty at home. Prophet made Imam Ali to do outdoors jobs and wanted Zahra, his daughter, to do indoors jobs.¹⁴

One day prophet, Mohammad, entered to the Fatima's home and saw Imam Ali and his wife, Zahra, was cleaning lentil. Prophet encouraged and said, 'no man would help his wife at home, unless God gives him a lot of wages and blesses as equal as one year spending prays and fast which saves for him in the world.'¹⁵

Moreover, Imam Ali had done his duty for his wives, he advises them to act well for their husbands. He says, 'woman's jihad is holding her husband well and warm.'¹⁶

⁶ Hekmat 352

⁷ Sharh Ebn Abi Alhadid, Page 268

⁸ Hekmat 141

⁹ Name 31

¹⁰ Name 31

¹¹ Bahar, 10th edition, Page 24-25

¹² Riahin Alsharie, 1st edition, Page 142

¹³ Kashf Alghamme, 1st Edition, Page 492

¹⁴ Vasaelo Alshie, 14th edition, Page 123

¹⁵ Bahar, 104th edition, Page 132

¹⁶ Hekmat 136

Meaning of the term 'holding husband well' is treat him in a good manner, protect his honour and property, obey his orders, and forget feeling of envy, because envy is the gate of getting divorce.¹⁷

2.3 Holding children

2.3.1 Importance of children's education

One of the most significant responsibility of fathers is attention to the education and growth and being on top of his child. Father does not have to be indifference to his children. He has to make home's region pure, prepares kosher food, respect his children's right, until father's good behaviour and his way of working and living is being converted to the children.

Imam Ali also concern to this duty as if he says, 'child has to something for his father and father has to do something for him either. Father's right in child's responsibility is obey his orders, unless something against God and father has to be responsible to his son about naming him the best, educating him well, and teach him Koran.'¹⁸

According to Imam Ali's hearsay, one of the most significant father's responsibilities is educating his child well and Imam himself has done this duty perfect. Imam in his famous letter number 31 that he advised to his biggest son, Imam Hassan, which he had mentioned to the good manner and he at first part of his letter said, '...We wrote this letter to you ,therefore it's being your supporter even if WE be alive or not....'

It's being concluded that Imam shows the best way to his children up to their whole life which they can lean to it.

Imam was ready concern about his children's education that even though he had tried to do it best, '...the heart of the teenagers is like a fertilized ground which is ready to plant any grain. So WE did my best to educate you, before your heart is getting stone and your mind is getting busy to the other side matter....'¹⁹

Not only the leader of the faithful educated his children in their early ages, but also he was spending his life to that when they were teenagers. While he was passing away, he advised to his children, Imam Hassan and Imam Hussein, and even in that will he had mentioned some hearsays, 'creating peace and calm among the people, look after the poor people, treat well to the neighbours, forgive each others, create more friendship's connection, admonishing fellow believers to do right and to avoid sin, and ...'²⁰

2.3.2 Concern to the children education

Imam Ali, in order to his other statement, knows education of Koran is the other right which father has to do for his child.²¹

He concerns a lot especially to the children's education, as he says to Imam Hassan, '...at the first of the education, he decided to educate holy book of God and verse commentary to you and introduced you Islam religion and its commandments about it's being kosher and non-kosher and had a lot of attention to you and never choose somebody instead of you...'²²

And in the other words he says, 'educate how to pray to your children and as soon as they reach to adulthood age punish them if they do not pray...'²³

Imam in his act at the first of education, proceed to the Koran education and Islamic religion, otherwise unfortunately some of the Shea who shows off, never pay attention to the religion's education of their children without making Imam Ali as a symbol and put their own children to the different classes, but never attention to their children's religion.

2.3.3 Empathetic relation to the children

The best center of showing kindness and human good manners to his family religion is home. In this matter, Imam Ali says to his son, Imam Hassan, '...the greatest family worth is good manner...'²⁴

Parents specially the father to have a close relative to their children, they must behave good manner and kindness and they call them by a good words, but because of the life's issues, don not behave aggressively and as a result of that they can never have a friendly relation, so that they cannot educate correctly. One of the empathetic relation of Imam is discussed in his letter's 31 so that he says.' ...not only WE found you as a part of mine, but also part of my all body, in such a way that if some thing that make you sad, it make me too and if death comes to you, it chokes me either, because of that doing your job is mine either...'

Therefore Imam Ali proceed to his children's affair as a kind father, '...as a kind father who wants the best goodness to his child, WE also think that educate you in this way and WE make my effort to do that...'²⁵

¹⁷ Sharh Ebn Abi Alhadid, Hekmat 131, page 332

¹⁸ Hekmat 399

¹⁹ Name 31

²⁰ Name 47

²¹ Hekmat 399

²² Name 31

²³ Ghorar Al Hakam, 2nd Edition, Page 499

²⁴ Hekmat 38

3. Importance and concern to the relatives

3.1 Important of concern to the relatives

Imam Ali, moreover, concern to his family, also concern to bigger family who is relative to him. As he says, 'to the people, It does not matter how human is rich, any way, he needs to his relatives who defend him by his tongue and hand. Human relatives are the biggest group who supports him and will quit his embarrassment and sadness. And during the tragedy they are the most empathetic man to him...'²⁶

Blessing of good connection to the relatives, according to the verse and hearsays, is discussed as a God and human duty which has to go to it by the God motivations. As Imam Ali says, 'God force all people to attention to the relatives.'²⁷ Importance that human can strengthen this connection and do not do something wrong which makes it cut. Human has to be nice to them while peace and calm, until they'll be nice to him and will support him while catastrophe and appears bad events and typhoon.

Imam Ali who is voluntarily do God's affair first of all, he is the first man in this situation, too and he says, 'no body is quicker than me to attention to the relations.'²⁸

3.2 Respect to the relatives

Imam Ali advised to his son, Imam Hassan, in a letter, 'respect to your relations, because they are your feather which makes you fly and they are your root which you will return to them and they are your arms and guard that you can attack to the enemies you have got...'²⁹

The leader of the faithful, Imam Ali, says, 'A man who is granted wealth by God, so that he has to divide it to his relatives...'³⁰

In Imam Ali's way of living is also being seen, as it said: Imam Ali had got earned forty thousands Dinar per year from his own gardens which had been granted to the empty-handed for getting married of young people or prepare house for them. Imam Ali had built some house in Bani Razeq city, Medina and granted them to his aunt with the condition which they would give these houses to the poor people after death.³¹

The leader of the faithful knows respect of justice is significant. According to the different hearsays to his brother Aqil:

'Swear God!

WE have found my brother so poor and he wanted me to grant him much grain of your shares. WE have found his children because of the hungriness their hair was so untidy and their face color was changed because of the poverty, it seems like a light blue. Aqil insists again and again and WE have listened to him. He have thought WE would sell my religion to him and have done whatever he wanted and forgot the way WE trust, but I, to make him alarm and aware, made a piece of metal hot, then WE was getting close it his body, until he learn by the example. Suddenly, like an ill person who cries cause of pain and it was close that he burnt as a result of heat. WE told him listen my dear Aqil, you are so weak that you cry cause of this hot metal which WE made and shame on you, but you pull me to the fire which God is going to prepare for me, hell, if WE give it to you from my people's shares.'³²

4. Conclusion

Out of investigation of Imam Ali's statements in Nahj Al Balaq recognized that there is no way instead of holding family and he programmed to his daily schedule to look after his family's affairs and support his family's incomes. He himself effort much for family affairs and he looked all these as a duty. Imam had cared a lot he was alive or even when he was at the travel about his family. He advised, the man has to be zealous enough, so that it is the sign of his belief, but it does not have to be so fanatically, because it leads purity to the suspicious and woman's jihad is holding her husband warm and kind. The leader of the faithful in different hearsays consists to the equilibrium in the family's affairs.

Imam Ali in his way of acting his honourable manner intentioned a lot to his wives and helped a lot to them at home.

The best center of appears human kindness and good manner is his family confine. Imam Ali knows one of the rights that father has to do for his children, is educating Koran to them as if he has done that to his children. Imam concerns a lot to his relatives and believes that all has to respect to the relatives and be kind to them, so friendship can

²⁵ Name 31

²⁶ Khotbe 23

²⁷ Hekmat 252

²⁸ Khotbe 139

²⁹ Name 31

³⁰ Khotbe 142

³¹ Bahar Alanvar, 4th edition, Page 43

³² Khotbe 224

be endures. Imam encourages people to help their own relatives and he had known respect to the justice is significantly important.

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