

Superstition in the Community and Ways to Stop It

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ABSTRACT

Superstition would lead every human and society to major challenges including laziness, stagnation as well as cultural, scientific, moral and religious lag quietly and without creating any sensitivity. This study provides a definition of superstition and elaborates on its nature and main causes and deals with different ways of fighting against its creation and spread emphasizing on some current superstitions in the society based on a library and analytical methodology. It also investigates three different types of superstition with the help of Quran's teachings and signs, Sunnah and traditions of Prophet Mohammad's Household and rational proof. One of the findings of this study is that if Muslim become more wisdom-seeking and knowledgeable and resort to holy Quran and follow the tradition of religious leaders, then superstitions and misconceptions would become less popular and even would completely vanish soon.

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1. INTRODUCTION

It seems that since human life began on earth, science, philosophy, truth, ignorance and vanity was his twin. Some verses of Quran in the story of Cain and Able are good examples in this regard. Archaeological findings provide persuasive scientific evidence that superstitions were associated and along with other correct beliefs in all races and in all periods of human life. Even in the Muslim community, it seemed that the root of many religious deviations came into existence near the bed of the Prophet of Allah, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), where some people were chanting the "God's book is enough for us" and in speaking of the first caliph in justifying his errors (the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was helped by revelation but I have no revelation and I do act upon the improvising policy and Ijtihad and/or diligence) was implicitly confirmed and this incorrect process reached its peak in a formal step with the directives and laws that prevented transport and writing tradition. Natural consequence of this deviation opened up the doubts and deviations from the mainstream of Islamic teachings (Nasiri, 2006; p. 200) and in Iran, some parts of superstitions can be traced to its own population and another part is influenced by the deviation which occurred in Islamic society, but the traditional superstitions which is caused in hundred years ago reached its trend in the Safavid and Qajar and its peak in Pahlavi. Despite rapid advances in science and technology, superstition has not only been eradicated but also been added to the complexity of the deformation along with changing its shape. Superstitions and false beliefs of the people are truly one of the major challenges of the modern societies.

Unfortunately, few researches have been done in this regard and the issue has not been widely and properly dealt with. Since scientific or refereed articles or independent authored books with this subject are limited, if someone wants to review and study this subject, s/he will face with significant resource constraints.

However, due to certain interpretive verses of the superstitious behaviors of the past nations expressed in the history books and especially in interpretation of texts (Quran), the issue of superstition here is also worth-examined. Therefore, these questions arise that:

- 1- What are the main causes of the superstition spread in society?
- 2- What are the recommended ways to fight superstition?

2. Statement of the problem and the significance of the study

While superstition faces the society with depression and sometimes hopelessness and the false hopes, it will deprive the people of spirit of effort and faith, faith and trust in God and causes degradation of the cultural and religious of the society and faces religious realities of Islamic societies with ambiguity. One of the factors that reduces the importance of religion and causes religion loses its credibility little by little is existence and spread of superstition in a society. So, the superstition can be seen as the silent enemy but with a dangerous agenda. This is why it is essential to recognize it in the first place. It is hoped that through scientific studies,

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careful research and producing articles and books with an understandable and today's language: first, public awareness increases and second, the production and spread of superstition be prevented in society.

3. Principles and theoretical research

A) The meaning and literally term of the superstition

The word superstition means "falsehood, vain and nonsense talk and superstitions are its plural" (Amid, 1992' p. 548), but it is necessary to clarify the meaning of two words reality and truth to get to know the meaning of the phrase superstition. Whatever is in the world or universe means reality. For example, a tree is a reality and that the vine leaves are green in summer is a reality too. And when we say angels, fairies, heaven and hell are truth, it means that there are and they have existence, we are at the level of the second meaning of the word "truth". Truth means "the original, being true and anti-authority" (Amid, 1992; p. 527).

But the term is defined as "the perception of reality" (Delshad, 2005; 144). It means that if we have the concept of something or understand something and it is our understanding which is out of mind, it is understanding the truth. Some examples can clarify this issue. For example, if someone has sound and healthy eyes and do not have any problem in the power of the vision and environmental condition, when s/he looks at a car and sees it and understand it, in fact, s/he perceives the image which is created in his/her mind. If this picture is consistent with his understanding of the available car, his/her understanding is true. Or, if someone proves with the intellectual argument that God is self-existent, and if this concept (self-consistent) is proved with wisdom and is one's document and is consistent with the truth of Excellence of God, this is a truth. With this introduction, the discussion deals with the definition of superstition. The term superstition means the speaking, belief or understanding that is neither the reality nor the truth. It means that either it does not exist or what we understand is not consistent with reality. For example, if you talk about a mythical bird called Simorgh and you take it as God's creature, this is a superstition because there is no such a thing. Or, if something exists but the picture that you have created in your mind and realized it is not consistent with reality, so, it's not true and your understanding and your belief is superstitious.

B) The most important aspects of the causes of superstition

1- Ignorance

The most important factor which creates superstition in societies is ignorance. In the past, some people considered ecliptic events as being the wrath of God. While, if the cause of eclipse was clear for people, such beliefs have no place among people or some people call sneezing waiting signal while in medical science it is clear that sneezes with a foreign object especially a soft object is to remove foreign material from the nose.

Similarly, ignorance made numerous superstitions in religions. For example, some groups such Ghallat (literally means the whole grains) because of generosity, occult knowledge and other wonderful things that they observed from Imam, could not properly explain and analyze such problems and knew them as pretext of superstition and heresy and anti-Islamic movements (Atighi Bakhshayeshi, 157/12). So, certainly, ignorance is one of the most important causes of superstition in societies.

2- Fighting religion

Ruthless and arrogant men who saw the spirit of religion contrary to their behaviors, directly or indirectly, struggled with the religion. One of the indirect ways of struggle with a religion is creating superstitions in religious communities especially in Islamic societies. The entrance of superstitions in religious teachings collapse religion and detract its validity and prevalent superstitions in the society not only make society collapsed but also traditional teachings will change their place with the teachings of the superstitious in the beliefs and behaviors of believers. And the enemies of religion out of malice with the aim of creating insecurity and corruption in the Muslim faith in various ways such as forging the traditional sayings. The Jews had more relationship with Muslims than any other scripture and in this case, it means that the maximum effort in forging the traditional sayings was from them. So, one of the main sources of Islamic society in which is becoming familiar with the religion such as traditional sayings is mixed with thousands of superstitions and it is very difficult to detect correct from incorrect (Marefat, 2009; p. 71). Historical, interpretational as well as other sources are not exceptions.

3- Opportunists abuse

Some of deception and opportunistic people have used superstition as a way to gain wealth or their evil thoughts in issues such as lust. Many people gain much financial revenue in prayer writing, daily horoscope predictions or gullible people especially women are being subjected to sexual and moral abuse. This issue is so prevalent and obvious in the society that does not need more explanation.

It seems that these factors are the main causes of superstition in a given society. There are factors which are effective in creating superstition but are not essential like the three factors mentioned such as:

- 1) The human tendency to myth-making (Motahari, 2001; p. 86) which causes exaggeration in explaining some abilities of religious figures.
- 2) Ignorant caring: some people with falsifying sayings want to create love in people regarding to religious issues particularly among some Sufis.
- 3) Some scholar scientific weaknesses and errors in providing religious education and ...

C) Ways to deal with superstition

The first and one of the most important factors in considering causes of superstition is the fact that people are ignorant. If the communities study more and be more careful, the fields in tending to invalidation and non-real stuff would be less and even other factors which are mentioned in creating superstition would be destroyed with the weapons of knowledge.

It means that if the society has the correct insight and necessary knowledge, it would not accept incorrect teachings and behaviors. Having the right knowledge will lead to a correct belief. What appears in action originates from human beliefs and the tendency to apply superstitions is the result of false insights and beliefs. The enemy wants to combine religion with falsehood and non-real sayings to disarm religion in order to lead people beliefs to non-real and false concepts. It also leads people to act not according to religion but according to their superstition beliefs. While people with wisdom and knowledge have a framework for themselves and they avoid accepting any non-scientific and non-religious.

It seems that most important sources of knowledge for combating superstitions especially against the superstitions of religious teaching are Quran, Prophet Muhammad's Household and wisdom in Iranian religious society and a short description of each is provided in the rest of this paper.

1- Quran

Quran is the book of guidance for all mankind and all ages. Wide range of earth and time are the area of illumination of the Quran shining sun (Javadi, 1, 2005; 31).

(Surah Al-Ma'idah /15)(The Table Spread with Food): Indeed, there has come to you from Allah a light (Prophet Muhammad) and a plain Book (this Qur'an).

Wisdom Quran (explanatory) all necessary and beneficial educations to mankind and is responsible for all teachings and commandments of the directive.

(Surah An-Nahl/89) (The Bees) : And We have sent down to you the Book (the Qur'an) as an exposition of everything, a guidance, a mercy, and glad tidings for those who have submitted themselves (to Allah as Muslims).

(Asra, 17).The Quran leads man to the steadfast way.

This point is obtained by using the Holy Quran that Quran can well show the way, explain the truth and enlighten every falsehood. So, being familiar with this scripture help deny every acceptance of falsehood and superstition. This is why the Holy Quran invites people to mediate on its verses. The Quran does not stop it there, but reprimand those who do not mediate on the Quran's verses. Do they not then think deeply in the Qur'an, or are their hearts locked up (from understanding it) (surah Mohammad, 24). There are also emphasis on illuminating of the Quran and the necessity to mediate on its verses in many traditions and sayings of the Quran. We read Sajjadih, prayer 24 that: ... the book that you described for your slaves and the revelation you sent down to your Prophet Muhammad, blessing and peace be upon on him and his family, and made it a light that guide us from darkness, astray and ignorance if we follow it. Its argument against witnesses will not be off and it is a rescue sign that everyone who mediate on it do not distract from law and everyone who hangs on its pretext, he does not deal a fatal (Saghafi Tehrani, 27, 2009; p.273). The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and the Imams (AS) had many orders to refer to Quran and mediate on its verses especially when the mind is disturbed and strained and doubts occur among Muslims that make intellectual and ideological deviations. In such cases, it is emphasized that you must see the Quran (Mesbah Yazdi, 5). *إذا التبتت عليكم الفتن كقطع الليل المظلم فليكنم بالقرآن: (كليني/2/1388:483)*

This intrigue can override any falsehood such as superstition.

2- Prophet Muhammad's Household

After the death of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), Imams (AS) are his successor and are appointed by God based on the religious teachings and conviction of Shiite followers and the Prophet Muhammad' leaders is eternal because of them as well as Quran. Recognizing the infallibility and purity of the Household and following them as well as receiving their teachings will protect us from any kind of distortion, superstition and falsehood because they state according to Imam Ali (AS) in the second sermon of Nahj al-Balagha that: The secret of the Prophets has been given to them. Those who refer to them have gone to the right. They are

the knowledge repository of the Prophet and express his Sharia law. Quran and Sunnah are protected by them and they guard the religion as a mountain and Islam is fixed and remains right up there because of them.

There are eight points in this saying:

- 1- Prophet Muhammad's Household is the divine mysteries.
- 2- They are God's sanctuary, people must take refuge in them and must seek right at them.
- 3- Sciences which are necessary for further guidance reached to them from the Prophet.
- 4- They are the source of faith its explanatory.
- 5- The Quran will remain healthy by them.
- 6- Imams (AS) are reasons of firm faith and abide guidance.
- 7- Religion stature stays right with them.
- 8- They can remove deviations from religion and perfection will be national (Delshad, 2005; p.72).

Or he says in sermon 239 that:

They make knowledge alive and kill ignorance. Their tolerance says about their knowledge, their out says about their inside and their silence says about their wisdom. They do not fight with right and they do not do anything against it. They are pillars of religion and shelters that hold people. Right return to its place due to them and falsehood is driven from where it is and will be destroyed.

Or we read the Holy Lord pilgrimage on Friday:

Greetings to you, the light of God, seekers will find you. Greetings to you, the rescue ship (Qomi, 2000; p.113)

In short, the only way and the only rescue ship from falsehood, superstition and deviation (after the Holy Quran) are referring to Prophet Muhammad's Household. Everyone who benefited from their knowledge and guidance will be saved and everyone who came forward and backward will be lost.

To act against their tradition and their way is superstition and deviation. They are limpid knowledge like eyes and the sign of right and truth. Nobody and nothing is comparable to them or can be discussed with them. If every speech or belief or any behavior is contrary to tradition or the prophet Muhammad's Household is superstition and falsehood. Indicator of every belief and faith and behavior is the Prophet Muhammad's Household and this is enough.

3- Wisdom

Without doubt, the most common means of finding the truth and recognizing every falsehood and deviation is wisdom. Thus, Holy God has enormous emphasis on wisdom. So that, more than three hundred verses in the Quran calls society for contemplation and reflection (Javadi, 2006; p. 169).

Wisdom is God's power and its work is to understand. It sometimes realizes what is and what is not which are theoretical wisdom and sometimes realizes what must be and what must not be which are practical wisdom (Javadi, 2006; 132).

Holy Quran says in this regard:

(Surah Ash-Shams/8) Then He showed him what is wrong for him and what is right for him.

Man recognizes good and bad as equal and he understands what are good and bad well.

Position of wisdom is clear with reference to narratives. Imam Sadiq (AS) said:

Proof of God in servants is the Prophet, and the proof between God and servants is wisdom. He says human personality is wisdom and intellect, understanding, memory and knowledge come from wisdom.

Wisdom make human perfect and is guide and vision and the key of his work (Kulayni, 2009; p. 29).

D) Some common superstitions in society

- 1- Divination, astrology, prediction
- 2- Caught ghosts
- 3- Being unlucky of number thirteen
- 4- The consecration of Jumada and plants
- 5- Prayer writing by some jobber
- 6- Prayer writing
- 7- Opening book
- 8- Knowing sneezing as a sign of waiting
- 9- Considering some animals unlucky (for example, it is said that the crow is a crossed bird)
- 10- Considering some animals lucky (for example, it is said that snake is a lucky animal)
- 11- Not taking a nail in some days
- 12- Not moving in some days
- 13- Pouring boiling water on the ground burn the jinn
- 14- Putting the blood of the victim's on the door of the house or car, etc.
- 15- Writing from some particular topic
- 16- Rubbing the black Espand on forehead of a baby

- 17- Many superstitions about rainbow
 - 18- Breaking the eggs to relieve sore eyes
 - 19- Lighting candles in certain places for the need to be valid
 - 20- Bounding to do some actions because some normal people had a dream
- And thousands of other superstitions that are not represented here.

The rest of this paper considers three common superstitions which are even talked about in academic environments such as universities. This considering is just an example and is to prove this issue that we can fight with superstition when we are familiar with Quran and the Prophet Household and wisdom.

1- Wander ghosts in the Quran

One of the believed and common superstitions in society which can unfortunately be seen among the educated people even at the higher level of education is the belief about wander ghosts. Some people of the community take refuge to deception people to get rid of the ghosts. Because the Quran was the first supplier to fight superstition, we seek help from the Holy Quran in considering this superstition. For this purpose, it is necessary to consider the issue of death and the limbo world which is the human residence stay after his death.

Death in the Holy Quran's view:

God will take your lives when it is your death time (Zomar, 42).

Tell them that the death angel which is assigned on you will take your lives completely (Sajdeh, 11).

The word "died" means to obtain something in these verses. Undoubtedly, the death angel takes the human spirit at the time of death (Sobhani and Mohammad Rezaei, 2007; p. 290).

It means that Quran knows death as separation from the body. After separation of the soul from the physical body, the next stage of human life in the world of Limbo begins.

Limbo in the Holy Quran

Allameh Tabatabai (RA) said: Limbo is the text of the Quran for all people (Rokhshad, 2009; p. 257). And the Limbo is the resurrections pass and entrance corridor and has a great interaction and human life in the world is the world of limbo which is all knowledge and life (Majlisi, 24, 4).

The facts of the universe are partly known to him and he is awakened from several years of sleep and surprisingly he looks at his actions. Whether his body rot or stay or burned or eaten by animals. It means that all humanity that form the human being enter the world of Limbo (Javadi, 2006; p. 223).

And behind them is the world of Limbo until the day they are raised (Momenoon, 100).

But the body will be with soul in that world. The body fit with the idea, morality and its action and some related properties of Limbo world are obtained with the help of the Holy Quran.

For example, Allameh Tabatabaei says in the interpretation of the verse 11 of Sajdeh sura:

You are dominated to the handles of the property of death until resurrection and transfer to another world (Rokhshad, 2001; p. 156).

Or he says in verse 46 of Ghafer sura :

Morning and evening will be presented on fire.

Imam Sadiq (AS) says in the interpretation of this verse:

This event (the punishment of the guilty) is before the resurrection, because there is no morning and evening in the resurrection. So, if the disbelievers torture in every morning and evening, it will be believed that it is in the world of Limbo and before resurrection (javadi, 2006; p. 224).

He says about martyrs lives in verse 169 of the Al-Imran sura of the Holy Quran and states that:

You, the Prophet, do not deem that those who were killed in God's way are dead but they are alive with their Lord and they have provision. They are happy because of many blessing that God has given to them of His grace and also because of those (heroes) who will join them later (because leading authorities see and know them in the world), they have no fear and grieve and are happy because of blessing of God and his grace (to themselves). And (see that) Allah does not waste the reward of the believers (neither the reward of the martyrs nor the reward of the heroes who became martyred).

Here, the purpose of life is the limbo life which the spirits have after the world of death and this life is not dedicated to martyrs, many of the world's people have also the life of Limbo. But since the lives of martyrs are living of excellent and are mixed with all spiritual blessings and because the subject to speak in that verse is about them, just their name has been mentioned. They are so overwhelmed with blessings of spiritual life and the life of the rest who are in Limbo is nothing in front of them (Makarem Shirazi, 33, 2001; p. 196).

According to mentioned verses as well as their interpretation it can be concluded that Limbo world exists after living world and before the advent of resurrection and every human being enter this world after death and this world has its own system and rules so that people with faith as well as martyrs have an opulence life and

guilty and pagan people have affliction and are suffering. Divine officers are responsible for running the affairs of this world and all people live within a set of rules which are laid down by the wise God. Any chaos or the freedom of spirits in that world is against the brief mentioned verses and according to what Allameh Tabatabaei said: They are dominated to the handles of the property of death until resurrection and transfer to another world, so, wandering spirits is not more than a superstition.

2- Divination, astrology and prediction

Usually jobber people using various devices claim seeing the life of human beings and their fate and future. They claim that they are aware of the future of people and somehow their past and present with looking at one's hand or specific objects that have geometric shape or by opening some special books or looking at the sky and the arrangement of the stars. In these cases, most people who fall into their deception trap are illiterate and fancy people and many divorces and suicide are the cause of believing their speech. Belief and act according to these superstitious issues can not be observed in studying the biographies of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and the Imams (AS) and reason and faith are proof in the Prophet's Household. Not only can not they be observed in the Prophet's Household, but also dealt has been done with claimants and their claims were not considered. There is a narrative in various books which theme is that:

When Imam Ali (AS) was going to a war against the khawarij, an astronomer went to him and said that: Now is not a good time to go, Imam Ali (AS) said: How do you know? He said: from the state and move of the stars. Imam Ali (AS) prayed looming at the sky and moved and called that person a liar (Quoting, Haramel, 1989; p. 372). Armies of Imam Ali (AS) won the Nahrawan war victoriously.

There is no proper narrative story that involves a horoscope, an astrologer or a predictor be the advisor of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) or Imams (AS) and this is only God that knows the unseen based on Quran's verses and Hadiths. But also those people who God wants know the unseen including infallible Imams (AS) who were required to use ordinary knowledge in ordinary, personal and social affairs despite knowing the unseen. Hence, they gained knowledge in these issues through regular study and research and they acted based on its outcome and certainly the having spiritual knowledge is the primary requirement in knowing unseen (Goftemane Quran site, Roshani, 25.05.2010).

But the man whose words associated with the devils they do not trust. Allameh Tabatabaei says in the interpretation of verse 221 of Shoara Sura which is "Shall I inform you upon whom the devils descend": This verse introduces whom the devils descend on them; however, most of them are liars and they do not say the truth (Allameh Tabatabaei, 2007; p. 668).

Sometimes devils heard the right words of angles through eavesdropping and combined it with falsehood and transferred it to the priests. Also, the priests add lying to them and told the people (Makarem Shirazi, 2001; p. 376).

The result is that prediction, astrology of normal people or guilty people is just a lie or is through incorrect association with the devils and that relationship makes them aware of something which is mostly lie and is not accepted to Imams (AS). Therefore, trusting them has nothing but loss.

The life of our innocence Imams (AS) is in prevention of being caught in superstition. Instruction is provided in the absence of Imam (AS) acting upon which is a duty and it identifies the new complex superstitions.

Imam Sadiq (AS) says:

Look at those who narrate our speech among you and studied what we expressed lawful and unlawful and know them, so, know them as rulers since I have put them ruling. Beside the province issue which is proved to religious scholars from this hadith, it can be said that those who have the power to elicit, actually have competence, authority and sovereignty and have actual knowledge in the provisions of the law and jurisprudence and have achieved sharia principles in accordance with the prescribed rules. Their awareness of sharia is according to law and jurisprudence. It means that they have the ability to recognize right from wrong in any using the original basis and main principles of sharia (Ghafarzadeh and Azizi, 2007; p. 200).

3- Reason and being unlucky of number thirteen

The day or time or something which has nothing but evil for man is called misfortune and now the question is that the number thirteen can be unlucky or not.

The nature of the numbers can be characterized with a rational considering. It can be easily identifies as superstition revealing the nature of numbers. If we look at the history of numbers, we can see that numbers are the concepts which are created by men. Early human must somehow determine how many animals he had, how much product he had and this issue increasingly defined the natural numbers (0, 1, 2).

Therefore, natural numbers are one of the invitations of the human being and are among those issues which are not objectively true or they do not exist like the whole concept of mental which connection is mentally and is not portable to the objective affairs (Mesbah Yazdi, Lesson 15).

If we want to tell these concepts in to a simple language, we can say that the natural numbers do not have objective existence and are just mental concepts. There is not something called number one or thirteen and only its concept and figure exist in human mind. Now the question is that how can something that does not exist and is merely a mental notion be the owner of what is evil and what is good.

Anything which exists can have effect, so how something which does not exist can be holy or unclean. But why some numbers are holy in the religion of Islam has exact and reasonable answer. For example, number 40 is holy in Islam, Quran and Islamic culture pay specific attention to some numbers like 7, 40 and 70. The answer is that the ability of some physical or psychological characteristics is reached through specific exercise or action in a certain time or a certain number or some diseases and medical treatments are treated through specific drug or movement and in a certain time. Certainly, good moral characters as well as the ugly traits of the human spirit and morality are not exception to the rule. It means that if a man wants to create good ethics, he must consistently act moral order or a specific behavior in a certain time and God has sufficient knowledge toward these acts and their influences in a specific time. So, his commands are based on the facts of this case.

It seems that one of the effective times according to the human nature and spirit is 40 days or 40 times and 40 is not the issue here because 40 does not have objectivity, but there are 40 days, forty years and 40 times and the concept of 40 does not have an objective existence out of mind to be happy or malevolent.

For this reason, it does not come alone in religious statements. With this introduction, we can clearly see that the number 13 does not exist and is neither happy nor malevolent and any speech about its malevolence is a superstition. And incidentally, the number 13 is associated with an event which reminds a very good happening to the followers of Islam that is the birthday of Imam Ali (AS) in the 13th Rajab.

4. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

According to the research topic, the research method of the present paper was performed analytical and in the library. Notes of materials were taken through going to the library, websites and getting reliable and related books and then materials were collected and classified. Finally, the interpretation of the content of the data were analyzed and summarized into various topics.

5. DATA ANALYSIS

Superstition is one of the most dangerous pests in all human societies. The main causes of superstition can be expressed in three topics: 1- the ignorance of people, 2- using superstition to abuse others, 3- creating superstition to fight against religion. Of course, the last two reasons are the effects of the human ignorance. It means that if a person lives wisely and prudently, there is no context for charlatans to abuse people and superstition with any name and form become stagnant.

Accordingly, three ways are recommended to fight superstition. The first way is applicable to all societies and the second and third are specially recommended for Islamic community, and they are:

- 1- Wisdom and thoughtful living
- 2- Understanding the sources of revelation and Quran
- 3- Following the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and Imams (AS) and religious scholars

6. Conclusions and Suggestions

Superstition is a silent and dangerous enemy of human and society as well as the twin of man. In the past, as the thoughts were simple, superstition did not have great complexity but now superstition is not only low but also has emerged in very complex and dangerous forms with all the advances in science. The main causes of the spread of it are the ignorance, fighting against religion and financial and sexual abuse from naïve people. If the people of a community have knowledge and insight, they will eradicate superstition in their lives and society and the best sources of knowledge are the Holy Quran, Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), the Prophet's Household and wisdom.

If people are thinkers and wise and take advantage of teachings of Quran and know sayings, deeds and actions of the Prophet's Household important, they will not experience superstition and falsehood belief in their life and religion affairs. In a religious community, much of superstitions are related to faking religious issues and calling them revelation teachings and familiarity with Quran and the Prophet's Household are the best ways to fight with them. Such superstitions are wandering spirits, blessing to the trees and etc. And others are related to the ignorance of people and the products of evil thoughts of charlatans of the community which are divination and future prediction. The only way to confront them is to increase the knowledge and rational thinking of the individuals as well as wise dealing with them and the details of this wisdom was expressed in confronting the superstition of unlucky number 13.

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