

Hadith al-Thaqalayn According to Ahlul Sunnah

As we have indicated above, the tradition we quoted in the previous chapter is in the wording of the scholars of “Ahlul Sunnah wal Jama`a” who admitted its authenticity in more than twenty of their famous classic reference books.

Since they have admitted the authenticity of this tradition, they, in fact, have testified against their own selves that they, by implication, are misguided because they did not uphold the Pure *`Itrat*, embracing shaky sects for which Allah never revealed any proof, nor is there any reference to them anywhere in the Prophet's Sunnah.

What is strange in as far as the scholars of Ahlul Sunnah these days are concerned, after the extinction and annihilation of Banu Umayyah, when means of direct communications are abundant, when scientific research methods are available, why do they not repent and return to Allah when they can, so that they may be included among those to whom the Almighty refers when He says,

“And most surely I am most Forgiving to whoever repents and believes and does good then continues to follow the right guidance” (Holy Qur'an, 20:82)?

If people during past generations, during the time of caliphate, were forced by intimidation and oppression to follow their rulers, what is their excuse now especially since the ruler of any country is not concerned about anything related to the religion so long as his throne is secure and he gives “democracy” and “human rights,” which include the freedom of thought and creed, his lip-service?

There are few among the scholars of Ahlul Sunnah who voice their objection to the said tradition of Two Weighty Things, wording it differently to read, “I have left among you the Book of Allah and my Sunnah.”¹ The least we can say about them is that they are further from scholarly criteria and from the bases upon which research and knowledge stand, and they are distant from any ability to prove their claim by sound argument and evidence.

1. We have already stated, while discussing hadith, that the tradition worded “... the Book of Allah and my Sunnah” is

transmitted without any bases, and it was not included in such wording by any of the Sahih books. Contrariwise, the same tradition worded "... the Book of Allah and my `Itrat" is an authentic tradition consecutively transmitted and which all authors of Sahih books, be they Sunnis or Shi`as, record.

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