

Chapter – 35

Faith and Belief

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❖ قَالَتِ الْأَعْرَابُ آمَنَّا قُلْ لَمْ تُؤْمِنُوا وَلَكِنْ قُولُوا أَسْلَمْنَا وَلَمَّا يَدْخُلِ الْإِيمَانُ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ -

The Arabs of the desert say we believe; (O Prophet!) Tell them you do not believe; better say we submit; as belief has not yet penetrated your hearts. (49:14)

❖ وَبَشِّرِ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ أَنَّ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ -

And (O Prophet!) convey the good news to those who believe and do good deeds; for them there will be gardens, underneath which canal flow. (02:25)

Dear People! Faith means ‘to believe’; and Islam means ‘to obey’, ‘to submit’ and ‘to give up’. If in one’s heart believe exists, but obedience and submission does not, then how such type of faith could be useful? What would be the benefit of such faith? In this way, neither the Faith nor Islam is acceptable to God.

If in one’s heart ‘believe’ exists, but due to fear of life it is not visible, then ‘faith’ is there but not Islam. It is a type of fear (تقية). God knows all about the situation of hearts. Look! Prophets never fear and the religious leaders also do not show anxiety. Fearing is the attitude of cowards. If any heart has faith and visibly the obedience too, then such faith is acknowledged as well as Islam. They are true Muslims. They are true Believers.

And wherever Islam and obedience is apparently present but hearts do not have faith then they are hypocrites. Such people's Islam and Faith both are not accepted. However, this is also to be noted that they would be treated as members of Islam. No one has any right to say that "They do not have Faith", because God knows all about the circumstances of hearts.

Belief has three degrees:

- 1) **علم اليقين (The Certainty)**: A person saw fire and understood that this is the thing that burns. This is Certainty.
- 2) **عين اليقين (The Certainty with Truth)**: Then that person saw fire in a burning condition. This is Certainty with Truth.
- 3) **حق اليقين (The very Truth and Certainty)**: Then that fellow touched to the fire and his hand started burning. This is the very truth and Certainty.

Note: After putting hand into the fire the hand itself flamed like fire then it is **حق الحق** (the state of things as they are).

Some Islamic scholars have difference of opinion that whether Faith fluctuates? Is there any growth or reduction in it? Look! Those people whose eyes are on the 'essence of faith', they believe that Faith has no evolution, as Islam has no any relationship with Blasphemy (**كفر**). There is no midway situation. ---- Nonconformists (**معتزلة**) say that sinful is neither a Faithful nor a Disbeliever, but he is a Dissolute (**فاسق**). Whereas Ahlu-Sunnah says that sinful are Faithfull and Believer. Due to bad deeds one cannot become Non-believer (**كافر**). However, religion of Externalists (**خوارج**) says, sinful are Atheists.

Those people whose eyes are on 'Indications' and see towards the 'variations in good and bad deeds', they believe on 'Fluctuations in Faith'. Sometimes those deeds that are indicative of Faith then it is called 'Faith'. This type of instability is objectionable. ---- Anyways, with Ahlu-Sunnah, by doing bad deeds a person does not become Disbeliever. Rather, the authority for this lies with Allah **سبحانه و تعالی** and it is He who can punish or forgive.

A Muslim's faith always remains between 'apprehension and expectations' (**بَيْنَ الْخَوْفِ وَالرَّجَا**). In Quran, at one place said **إِنْتَفُوا النَّارَ** (Be alarmed from fire of Hell) and at another place also said **وَبَشِّرِ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا** {Give good news (for Heaven) to the faithful people}.

These good news and alarming news, both are given through the truest Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم. His every sentence is true and his entirety is true to the facts. Like other reformers, the fabricated stories are never built.

The person (*The Noble Prophet*) who never ever told any lie for this world, then how come he would tell any things for Hereafter? Even the highest denier or the person who has severely refuted has always called to the Noble Prophet as “Muhammad-e-Ameen”. It will be a matter of great sorrow if a Muslim does not consider our Prophet as امين (trusty, reliable, dependable), and does not obey on his instructions.

To whom this good news (of Heaven) is given ---? It is for those who have faith and have done meritorious deeds as well. ---- On the spirit of faith, commendable deeds are formulated. Those who are having faith they will definitely do good deeds. And those who have no belief then how they can show better performance ---!

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