

Imaan, Eiteqaad, Dua, and Waseelah

The Quran, Hadith, Nahjul Balagha, and teachings of the Imams A.S.

Introduction.

Imaan. It is firm belief in Tawheed of Almighty Allah, based upon the Quran, further supported by authentic Hadith and Sunnah of the Prophet (pbuh&p), explained in Nahjul Balagha, in Sahifae Sajjadiah, and others.

Eiteqaad. It is the personal belief held by an individual based upon many things; the Quran, Nahjul Balagha, Duas of Imam Ali, Imam Ali bin Husain (peace be upon them). It might also include teaching by the parents of the individual, teachers, speech of religious scholars from the pulpit, Duas, Tafseer, Behar-ul-Anwar, Al-Kafi, etc.

In real life many individuals have not studied the Quran in their language, have not read the Nahjul Balagha, not studied the translation of the Duas of the fourteen Masumeen, and not pondered and reflected upon all of the above. Yet they form an Eiteqaad from their limited knowledge and understanding.

How to approach Almighty God through Dua

Nahjul Balagha of Imam Ali A.S.

In letter 31, advising his son, he says, _Do not seek help or protection from anybody but God. Reserve your prayers, your requests, and your solicitations for God only, because to withhold, to deprive, and to deny lies in His Power alone. Therefore, the best thing for you is to seek guidance from the One who has created you, Who maintains and nourishes you, Who has given you a balanced mind and a normally working body. Your invocations should be reserved for Him alone, your requests and solicitations should be to Him alone, and you should only fear Him.

Realize this truth, my son, that the Lord, who owns and holds the treasures of heaven and the earth, has given you permission to ask and to beg (Him) for them, and He has promised to grant your prayers. He has told you to pray for His favors, that He may grant them to you, and to ask for His Blessings, that He may bestow them upon you. God has not appointed guards to prevent your prayers from reaching Him, nor is there any need for anybody to intercede with Him on your behalf.

He hears you whenever you call Him and accepts your prayer whenever you pray to Him. Invoke God to grant you your heart's desire, lay before Him the secrets of your heart, tell Him about all the calamities that have befallen you, the misfortunes that face you, and beseech His help to overcome them. Invoke God's help and support in all difficulties and distresses.

Think it over, that by simply granting you the privilege of praying to Him for His favors and mercies; He has handed over the keys of His treasures to you. Whenever you are in need, you should pray, and He will confer His bounties and blessings (on you).

The Quran.

Thee alone we worship and Thee alone we ask for help. (Surah Al Fatihah)

For We are nearer to him than (his) Jugular vein (Qur'an 50:16)

Your Lord says: "Call unto Me, I will answer you" (Qur'an 40: 60)

"When My servants ask thee concerning Me, I am indeed close (to them); I respond to the prayer of every suppliant (supplicant) when he calleth on Me;" (Qur'an 2:186)

Hadith Qudsi

Almighty Allah says: O' son of Adam

- Cultivate (a relationship with) Me and receive rewards from Me.
- Ask (for your needs) from Me, and do business with Me.
- There is no need of any interpreter between you and Me
- I am the Forgiver , thus seek forgiveness from Me
- I am the final destination, turn towards ME
- Be for Me, and I will be for you.
- One who desires Me, seeks Me
- One who seeks Me finds Me
- One who finds Me , serves Me by remembering Me (with Praise, Dikr)

Dua Makaram Akhlaq of Imam Ali bin Husain A.S.

"O' God, Make me leap to Thee in times of distress, ask from Thee in needs, and plead to Thee in misery. Tempt me not to seek help from other than Thee, or to plead with someone less than Thee; for then I would deserve Thy abandonment, Thy withholding, and Thy turning away, O' most Merciful of the merciful."

Dua of Thursday of Imam Ali Bin Husain A.S.

"(O' Allah) Bless Muhammad and his progeny, and by his intercession, give me that which will be of profit on the Day of Judgment."

Dua Mashloul of Imam Ali A.S.

It starts with, “O’ Allah, verily I ask You by Your Name, in the Name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.” And later in the Dua, “O’ He answers whenever He is called upon, O’ my intimate in loneliness, I ask You by every Name by which You have named Yourself...”

Dua Kumayl

It starts with, “O’ Allah, I ask You by Your Mercy which spans across all things.”

Dua Sabah

“For Thou (Allah) art my Master, my Protector, my Support and my hope; and object of my search and my desire in my ultimate end and stable abode.”

Dua Hamza Thamali

All Praise is for Allah whom I call upon for my needs whenever I wish, and I entrust Him with my secrets without an intercessor, and He grants me my wishes.

Conclusion.

The above examples of the Quran, Nahjul Balagha, Hadith Qudsi and Duas of the Imams A.S. help us to formulate a belief (Eiteqaad) by which to approach Almighty Allah.

The Eiteqaad should not contradict the Imaan.

The End

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