



Theological Aspects of *Nahj Al-Balāghah* & Social Implications

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Excerpt from the First Sermon



- Then Allah sent His Messengers and series of His prophets towards them to get them:
 1. To fulfill the pledges of His creation (Qur'an 7:172),
 2. To remind them of His bounties (Qur'an 88:21),
 3. To fulfill the proof to them through preaching (Qur'an 6:149),
 4. To unveil before them the hidden virtues of wisdom, and
 5. Show them the signs of His Omnipotence namely the sky which is raised over them, the earth that is placed beneath them, means of living that sustain them, deaths that end their lives, ailments that turn them old and incidents that successively betake them.



I recognized Allah...

- I recognized Allah through the change of my determination, the revoking of my intentions and the negation of my wants – Short words of wisdom #247

Excerpt from the First Sermon



In this way centuries passed and times rolled on, fathers passed away while sons took their places till Allah sent Muhammad (peace be upon him and his progeny) as His Prophet, in fulfillment of His promise and in completion of His Prophethood. His pledge had been taken from the Prophets (Qur'an 3:81), his traits of character were well reputed and his birth was honourable. The people of the earth at this time were divided in different parties, their aims were separate and ways were diverse. They either likened Allah with His creation or associate with His Essence or turned to else than Him. Through him (Muhammad (peace be upon him and his progeny)) Allah guided them out misguidance and with his efforts took them out of ignorance.



Excerpt from the Second Sermon

They (the progeny of the Prophet, peace be upon them all) are the trustees of His secrets, shelter for His affairs, source of knowledge about Him, centre of His laws, caves for His books and mountains of His religion. With them Allah straightened the bend of religion's back and removed the trembling of its limbs.

Excerpt from the Third Sermon

Beware! By Allah, the son of Abu Quhafah dressed himself with it (the caliphate) and he certainly knew that my position in relation to it was the same as the position of the axis in relation to the hand-mill. Knowledge flows down from me and no one can rise to (my level of understanding). I put a curtain against the caliphate and kept myself detached from it. Then I began to think whether I should rise alone or endure calmly the blinding darkness of tribulations wherein the grown up are made feeble and the young grow old and the true believer acts under strain till he meets Allah (on his death).

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