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Introduction

Praise is to Allah, the creator of us and the whole world who has granted human beings the light of "intellect" with which we are able to have a better perception of the world around us and of its Creator in comparison with the other creatures.

In every period in which the humans' intellect grew to a more complete one, the Creator of the world sent some teachers or messengers to perfect the process of humans' growth and completion. The Prophets (SA) were sent by God in order to make humans aware of their Creator's wishes, knowing which humans were more able to avoid going astray and keep the way in accord with the Pleasure of the Creator.

Therefore, the system of being and human beings living in it are like a school with different courses passing which students (humans) can go to higher levels; and teachers of this school have always been Prophets (SA). Those who learnt the sciences of religion better from these divine teachers and consequently recognized themselves and their situation better could save themselves sooner from the eternal perdition. The reason is that everything must be in its appropriate position and move through its apposite path; otherwise, it will go astray and approach destruction.

However, there are plenty of untruthful ways introduced as the right path; and it is to humans to avoid such deceives and temptations by taking the hold of divine Prophets' (SA) teachings more and more.

At the present time that human beings are in high levels of mental and intellectual completion, the highest and best teacher (Prophet Mohammad (SA)) is sent to them with the most informative and comprehensive book (the Holy Quran), the last Messenger and the last Divine Book.

Therefore, the only way of receiving guidance is learning the science of Quran and following the last Prophet (SA) and his divine teachings in parallel with avoiding others' untruthful ideas and keeping away from those who introduce their false beliefs as the same as Quranic teaching.

Heading this way and fulfilling this wish is not possible unless by getting the Quranic science and knowledge from the Prophet Mohammad (SA) or from whom He introduced as exclusive teachers of Quran and His successors in teaching and training people. These teachers are the Infallible Imams (SA), the Prophet's Progeny, whose names were explicitly expressed by the Prophet Mohammad (SA) and there is no doubt in it.

After a discussion on mystical issues with one of the mystic and Sufi brothers, he introduced me a book titled "An Epistle of Dispelling Doubts" by Sultan Hussein Tabandeh Gonabadi (Reza Alishah)¹ as a guide and recommended reading it. Studying that book completely and thoroughly, I found its content untruthful and false. This motivated me to study more

¹ - He was the head of Ne'matullahi Sufism in Iran for some years.

about mysticism and Sufism and their relation with Islam. The result of such research is the current book with five chapters:

- 1) *An introduction to Mysticism and Sufism*
- 2) *Replies to the statements in "An Epistle of Dispelling Doubts"*
- 3) *Philosophy and Theology*
- 4) *Mysticism*
- 5) *Islamic Unitarianism and a summary of it*

I wrote this book to put the reality of Mysticism and Sufism in view to the Islamic society and make their relation with Islam clear whether they are taken from Islamic teachings or they are foreign and strange cultures taken from pre-Islamic schools, contrary to Islam.

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