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i.e. writing hadith – is something correct and legislated

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“Don’t write anything from me except the Qur’an” [Muslim 3004]

(i.e. not mix up Qur’an with other statements. Once that risk is not there – then should write hadith).

Good way to preserve hadith

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Protected Makkah from fighting / the elephant:

وَأَرْسَلَ عَلَيْهِمْ طَيْرًا أَبَابِيلَ

And He sent against them birds in flocks,

تَرْمِيهِمْ بِحِجَارَةٍ مِّن سِجِّيلٍ

Striking them with stones of hard clay,

فَجَعَلَهُمْ كَعَصْفٍ مَّأْكُولٍ

And He made them like eaten straw. [105:3-5]

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From dawn until Asr (on the day of Conquest)

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“...no doubt it is at this moment a sanctuary”

The next day – went back to being a sanctuary

Rulings:

- thorny shrubs (harmful)
- trees
- lost property
- someone who is killed (blood money or executed)

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Abu Shaah

- was eager to convey this information
- was concerned he may not remember

The Prophet (ﷺ) asked for this to be written down for him

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al-`Abbas – asked for al-idhkhir (be excepted)

Nice smell

Making buildings (mixed with clay to make it sticky)


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[94]: narrated (‘Ubaidullah ibn ‘Abdullah) ibn ‘Abbas radiyAllaahu`anhu:

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Thursday – 4 days before the death of the Prophet (ﷺ) on the next Monday (in the morning).

At fajr* on Mon drew curtain – he (ﷺ) saw them praying behind Abu Bakr and he smiled.

Wanted something to write on (shoulder blade)

Was severely ill

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“I will write for you a statement after which you will not go astray”

`Umar radiyAllaahu`anhu

- his status
- hadith about milk – passed to `Umar
- hadith about shirts – was dragging
- e.g. of his correct opinions – concerned that the Prophet was v. ill / unwell (other Companions disagreed)

Obligation?

Direction/encouragement?

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Book of Allaah

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And is it not sufficient for them that We revealed to you the Book [i.e., the Qur'ān] which is recited to them? [29:51]

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Differing

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Ruling/obligation

Who should authority be given to → this was what he (ﷺ) wanted to indicate

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ibn Taymiyyah (Minhaj us Sunnah):

The Messenger of Allah (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said to me during his illness: "I was thinking – or I wanted – to send for Abu Bakr and his son and appoint him as my successor, lest people say (that the caliphate should be for So and so) or lest anyone should hope for it for themselves. Then I thought: Allah and the believers would reject anyone who is less qualified than Abu Bakr." Narrated by al-Bukhaari (5342). Also narrated by Muslim (2387) with the words: "when Allah and the believers insist on Abu Bakr.""

