



Question:

What are the dangers of the self-commentaries and what is the Shia opinion on it?

Answer:

WE BELIEVE that self-commentary of QURAN (i.e. to use one's own views and interests in comments) is a very dangerous program in relation to QURAN, and of course one of the few DEADLY SINS. Through a tradition God says:

"He who commentates any words with his own views and self-interest does not believe in Me!"

Evidently had he been a believer, he would not commentate the words of God to accord with his lusts and conjectures.

In many important books among which we may name SAHIH TERMADI page 304: It is written that the prophet has said:

"He who commentates QURAN by his fancies, and on the basis of self-interest, or what he knows not, he should prepare himself to join the Fire of HELL."

By self-commentary we mean to describe or explain the Quranic verses by one's own point of view. Such a commentator is not a follower of Quran, He rather tries to make Quran to follow his CAPRICES and conjectures. If the Gates of self-commentaries be kept open to Quran, the sacred Book will lose importance and soon will be of no value among all, because everyone could then seek to compare and conform his false ideas with Quran, as an evidence to prove. Self-commentary is also in contrast with the accepted rules and regulations of Arabic literature and linguistics. The likening of Quran's verses to one's fancies and conjectures will cause deviation and swerving in the straight path of the book.

Self-commentary consists of several branches, among which, to USE OUR the self-interests is one. To make it short, as the unreasonable grasp of the fundamental meaning of the words may lead to deviation from the truth, so is self-commentary,, both ways will keep the believer far apart from the excellent commandments and blessing teaching of the Glorious Quran. Reference:

Ref: Our Belief (a brief description of Islam: Shiite believe); Ayt. Makarem Shirazi; Translated by: Monir Shafiei

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