

Recognition of Educational Effects of Jihad Akbar in Society According to Islam

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Abstract: Research title is to identify and assess educational impacts of Jihad Akbar according to the verses of the Qur'an, the sayings of the Prophet of Islam (Peace Be upon Him and his progeny) and Imams (AS) in society from the perspective of Islam. Using the library method, the author studied and reviewed different interpretations of Quran, Hadith and moral reference books and other books in the fields of purification and Jihad Akbar and collected required information and took notes. At first, according to studies, fundamentals points in the field of self-purification or Jihad Akbar is mentioned and subsequently identify cases of self-cognition and mental health factors, mental health treatment in general, some of the moral virtues that constitutes man's salvation and eternal bliss and one's contributors to eternal happiness and moral vices which constitutes some misfortune and adversity of man. Also, some methods and strategies to combat with passions or Jihad Akbar has been investigated and finally, in addition to proving research hypotheses, needed suggestions have been presented.

Key words: Jihad Akbar, educational impacts, society, Islam's view, bless

INTRODUCTION

The humanities has considerable extent and distribution among the various sciences so that it can be said it influences in all other sciences and covers them. That is why all these sciences aim to understand human knowledge and existential dimensions and one's vices and virtues. And also among the branches of knowledge of self and knowledge of the human being, perfections and imperfections of man is so extensive that if multiple books to be written and numerous meetings and pulpits are held, many things are left to be mentioned and there are rooms for speech. For this reason, humans are introduced an unknown creature which his ascent and perfection is in the shadow of Jihad Akbar and fighting with passion. And also his felling down from the lofty pinnacle of human and vicegerent of Allah is in the shadow of compliance of sensuality. It must be acknowledged that in the shadow of Jihad Akbar and suppressing sensuality, the kind of people are gown who causes changing the course of history and Islam development.

Research objectives: The main objective of this study is to identify and recognize Jihad Akbar and also identifying

its educational impacts in the society from the view of Islam. In this study we seek to reach the following objectives:

- In the field of educational goals, should seek the interpretation and recognition of the Jihad Akbar impacts to educate the community
- In this study, it is sought to use and application of the results of the research in the field of education
- Given that this research can specify and distinguish the strengths and weaknesses of the educational system of state education, since no research has been done so far, so it is essential to do this study

Research hypotheses:

- Jihad Akbar plays an important role in furthering educational goals in society
- Jihad Akbar is effective in the purification of society.
- With the advancement of technology and industrialization of society and life, the influence of Satan in men increased and struggle with it became more difficult

Review of literature

Books

Alsaadat and alasad: Of the first independent thinkers who have written an independent book on the ethics is

Abolhasan Ameri, one of the Nishapur figures and philosophers of Islam that much of the book, called "Alsadah and Alasad" is an adaptation of Plato and Aristotle's ethical works, as well as mysticism.

Ehya oloum-aldin-kimia saadat: Ghazali (450- 505) was one of the great Islamic, Sufi and verbal scholar. His most important book (Ehya Olum Aldin) was in moral and religious matters, and Sufism, in Arabic. It has been known in the Islamic world and has pros and cons. His second important book in Persian is called "Kimia Saadat" (Saadat, 2010) that most of it is in ethics and a summary of the book "Ehya". In the discussion of the virtues and vices, Ghazali considers moral reforms and rely primarily on religion, but also takes into consideration the moral ideas of philosophers, such as Plato and Aristotle.

Akhlagh Naseri: Tusi (1980), the most famous scholars of Islam and the largest Shiite scholars, in addition to religious studies, he had skills and expertise in philosophy and the sciences of his time. His most famous writing ethics is "Akhlagh Naseri". His main source in writing the book, as he said, is the book "Tahzib al-akhlagh" written by Ibn Maskoyeh. It's always interesting in Iran and is considered one of the prestigious moral books. But in his other moral books named "Ousaf al-ashraf", he took into consideration and took moral and ethical teachings and moral concepts from the Holy Quran.

Almhajjah al-Bayda fi Ehya Alahya: Molla Mohsen Faiz Kashani, the great Shiite scholars in the 11th century AD, and the upholders in the way of the procedure of law and doctrine and wisdom. He was a disciple and son-in law of Sadr aldin Shirazi (Dastgheib and Abdul, 2011), great Muslim philosopher and his he has many books, including the book "Almhjh al-Bayda fi Ehya Alahya" that is actually refining the book "Ehya" of Ghazali and most of its discussions is in ethics which is written along with many explanations and extensions along with traditions with Shiite Jame alsadaat (Naraqi, 2010a, b), the great Islamic scholars and the intellectual and religious sciences.

Naraqi (2010a, b) and "Meraj Alsaadat": Meraj alsadaat written by Mola Mohammad Naraqi has a special place in the moral writings of the last few centuries. With a complete and eloquent precision, this book comprises all important ethical issues. Hence, it is always considered.

Ameli (RA) and Sheikh (2009): Using verses from the Quran and sayings of the Prophet (PBUH) about the "jihad of the soul", this book is written in hundred and one chapters.

Sadegi (2010): Without intending critiquing and reviewing schools and theories, this book seeks to answer the question using Islamic religious sources that one kind of evaluation has been presented by Islam and monotheistic world view and what definition it gives on complete and ideal human and what the way is to achieve to.

Hedayati and Muhammad (2006): This book is in seven sections described in relation to regeneration.

Armin (2008): The purpose of this compilation entitled "self-purification" is to make people more familiar with moral character and self-improvement.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The research method in this study according to the object and purpose of research is theoretical and based on research nature is descriptive-analytic. Since, research subject is library-focused, the author of the study derived required information from sources in databases, various moral, academic and mystical books and academic dissertations that are related directly or indirectly to research topic. And working with note-taking from the resources and authorities available starter and after data classification, identifying e Jihad Akbar impacts in society given the hypotheses presented has been analyzed and investigated.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Description: "Identifying ways of mastering one's sensuality on the Quran and applying them to human good manners" by Mitra Saadat, student of Islamic Azad University, Boushehr Branch in 2010 as thesis. In this thesis, the researcher explores the ways to control sensuality on humans according to the Holy Quran's verses that has bene conducted using library methods with the aim of identifying the ways to influence human soul and applying these methods in the way of acceptable human behaviors.

Identifying and investigating the influence of Satan in human beings and ways to deal with it using Quranic verses and traditions" by Reza Yazdani Panah, student of Islamic Azad University of Bushehr in September 2010 done as a thesis. "Jihad in the Qur'an" by Masgari (1980), student of Islamic Azad University Tehran North Branch in 1980 done as a thesis.

Human truth: In the Qur'an and Islamic tradition, human is a combination of two realms and dimensions of soul and body that must be coordinated with their health and

neither may be destroyed and forgotten. But, the truth and authenticity and humanity of the humans is attributed to his abstract soul that is divine nature and considers body as the compound of that soul (of course, a required compound). Human dignity and greatness is to the alimony of divine soul and the prostrate of angels on him after blowing the spirit of "Anshahah Khalqa akhar". "O mankind! You go with your Lord tried and suffering and you will meet Him".

Human immortality: It is characteristic of religious anthropology that gives a logical response to one's seeking immortality and considers him eternal and immortal. This attitude strengthens hope and the power of perseverance and effort to build and strengthen the problems make future clear, beautiful and full of joy for him. Even they do not have fear of death and welcome it as the beginning of eternal life and the immortality and make the most of their operation from this world and the wealth of this world as a farm and a chance to make the most of their eternity.

Remembrance of God: Theology and monotheism is the basic building blocks of all guidance and all the systems of Islam and the moral and educational programs will not be possible except with God centrality and His oneness and divinity. All worship and religious practice are true God remembrance and therefore no action on the verses and traditions is reached to the level of remembrance, but all good deeds are the introduction and to realize God because it says, "let's say prayer to remember God":

"You may prayer to remember Me." "Recite what is sent of the Book by inspiration to thee, and establish regular Prayer: for Prayer restrains from shameful and unjust deeds and remembrance of Allah is the greatest (thing in life) without doubt. And Allah knows the (deeds) that ye do"

The truth of remembrance: The attention and favor of the esoteric and true understanding of God and learning the language and practices are the means and ways to reach the truth of remembrance and heartily beliefs in that in the presence of God under one's graces and plans and that He has a full control on all actions and behaviors but all human thoughts.

The Prophet (Peace Be upon Him and his progeny) has said in the explanation and interpretation of remembrance that: "Whoever obeys God, then indeed has remembered Allah, though his prayer, fasting and recitation of the Qur'an is low (though suffices to the required amount) and whoever disobeys Allah, then verily

forgot Allah, although his prayer, fasting and remembrance is high" (Maani al-Akhbar Ibn Babawayh and Muhammad ibn Ali,).

Repentance and cleansing heart: Prevention and leaving the guilt from the beginning is more convenient and easier than the man want to make himself clean and purified, as Imam Ali (AS) said: "Not to sin is easier than to repent." (Bihar al-Anwar).

Jihad Akbar and pave the way for prosperity and promotion of soil to God is the most effort and basic campaign that every believer would (and should) do. And this important and difficult issue is not possible without a strong will, determination and invincible. People who decide every moment and then will change it and their slogan is "if you do not want to humiliate, be as other people", never to enter the field of Jihad Akbar and deal with the most dangerous enemy.

Imam Sajjad (AS) asked a strong will from God and he said in his prayers as: "Lord, help me with strong character". (Bihar al-Anwar). Great moral teacher, Khomeini and Ruhollah (1983) says in this regard that:

"Oh dear, take immediate steps to have the determination and resolve which maybe you died unresolved, you are a formal human brain that you will not be resurrected as a human in the Hereafter". For that world is the place of discovery and emergence and daring to do little sins make humans unresolved and wash out this noble essence of the man"

Familiarity with the word of God and contemplation in Quran: One of the most important factors of awakening hearts, including the ones which impede the dominance of evil forces and rebellion of animal impulses and builds a strong barrier against the influence of real enemies to human mind which is the familiarity and ongoing relationship with the revelation of the Word of God. Quran is the best helper and guide in moral reforming and reconstructing and has strengthened the aspects of real values and intellects and wipe out the field for the presence of Satan and their devastating temptations.

It is quoted from the Prophet (peace be upon him and his progeny) that "It is not heavier and more difficult than reading the Quran for the Satan, and the Quran is evil repellent at home" (Bihar al-Anwar).

Prayer and the help from God: Freedom of intellect from the siege of moral vices as well as the pressures and insurgence of sensuality and satanic temptations without the help and recourse from God is not possible without

the help of God and who better and more effective than God can help and guide human in this front and salvation and growth. Liturgy and prayer unveil ignorance and oblivion from the face of reason and makes the nature and human instinct clean fresh and dynamic. Prayer helps us in Jihad Akbar and internal combats in two aspects, first, without the help and grace of God, no success can be achieved in this field. This success and attention is achieved by prayer and supplication to God. Second, prayer follows by light, remembrance and awakening and eradicates negligence that is the source of deviations and bad traits. Hence, Imam Ali (AS) considered prayer as being safe from conspiracies and assaults of the devil. He says: "Pray a lot now and be safe against the fear of the devil" (Bihar al-Anwar).

Thinking and activating rational faculty: The origin of many sins and pollutions of subtle spirit of God is the neglect and ignorance of what constitutes the human being and the future that is waiting for him. Ignoring causes human to be silent in real perfection and be equal to animal, even inferior to them. And if negligence disease is treated, struggling with sins and vices will be simple and no pleasure and attraction of sins can steal one's heart: "Thus doth Allah Make clear to you His Signs: In order that ye may consider" (Bagheri, 2010).

A guide and mentor: Man is composed of body and soul, and his true perfection and happiness both health are provided. There are many illnesses and diseases to human body and each one has the ability to make them know well and block their influence and treat it appropriately if being affected to. It is only reasonable to refer a specialist for the treatment of any disease and will act according to his/her orders and diagnosis to achieve recovery. Imam Ali (As) said that: "I am surprised that people avoid the disease for fear of bad food but do not fear from the fire of sin!" (Mizan Alhekmah).

CONCLUSION

According to the study and reviewing educational work of Jihad Akbar in the society to proposed hypotheses based on the surveys and issues presented from the view of Islam, the following conclusion has been established.

Hypothesis 1: Jihad Akbar plays a main role in furthering educational goals of Islam in society. Given that Jihad with temptation guarantees one's personality perfection and that of society, this hypothesis has both personal impacts and puts collective life in the path of human course. If humans are seeking to happiness, since social

life is effective in achieving this happiness, thus it is necessary for humans to involve social life in a purified form and on the other hand, social life plays a vital role in providing conditions for the soul purifications.

Hypothesis 2: Jihad Akbar is effective in purifying people's souls. In proving this hypothesis, it should be said that fighting with temptations guarantees the evolution of one's personality. The tendency of human beings to satisfy their desires and preferences of a personal sentiment on social tendencies is the origin of many problems facing humans. Human has both individual interests and social interests, yet seeks to perfection and evolution. Collaborative environment, training method, one's thinking and class condition are including factors that affect peoples' living policy.

Hypothesis 3: With the advancement of technology and industrialization of society, the influence of Satan in human life increased and fighting against it becomes more difficult. What is unfortunate is that ethical and spiritual domination as well as the requirement for divine teaching has less been considered in today's world and no significant impacts can be observed in practice. All scientific and practical aspirations and efforts have been limited to the material aspects and no one is thinking about reviving human values. While the risk of moral fall is worse than atomic bombs and nuclear threat to mankind. In short, the fundamental problem of humans in the present age is that they are alienated with their God and thus their own identity and set aside spiritual values. It can be concluded that the return to religion and spirituality and moral and ethical values to human is a vital necessity and it is inevitable that humanity will accept it.

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