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Peak Of Eloquence Nahjul Balagha: Sermons, Letters And Sayings Of Imam Ali Ibn Abu Talib



Synopsis

The Prophet Muhammad referred to his eloquent son-in-law Ali as the 'gate to the city of knowledge.' Peak of Eloquence, Nahjul Balagha, is both a compilation of Ali's sermons, letters, and sayings and a glimpse into his personality. Compiled by Sayyid al-Sharif ar-Radi more than 1,000 years ago, it is considered a literary masterpiece and, by the Shia Muslims, the most valuable text after the Holy Qur'an. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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It is a moot matter to criticise Shi'a translators for their one-sidedness when, as far as one can see from the internet, no translation of Nahjul Balagha in any European language exists from Sunni scholars, although both Sunni and Shi'a recognise the legitimacy of Ali ibn Abi Talib, may G'd be pleased with him, and the excellence of his discourse. If Sunni muslim scholars differ with the views expressed in the comments, may they publish a better translation with better commentary, striving with their Shi'a brethren in good work! Concerning the underlying source, one would have to attribute an indefinite number of stars. The 3 star qualification results from the deficient qualities of the book as such. Except from the text quoted from Hadrat Ali, the typeface is simply too small or even much too small for anyone other than those with excellent vision. For those readers over 45 or so, not even reading glasses suffice, a magnifying glass is required to read the smallest type. Nearly every

page contains spelling and / or syntax errors in English. Scanning the text and running it through syntax and spell checking programmes is a must. Some doubts may be entertained concerning the inner qualifications of the translators. For example, Hadrat Ali is translated as having said that G'd does not come from "non-existence". What Arabic word is "non-existence" supposed to translate? Ex-istence comes from Latin ex-stare, meaning outside or out of being. The opposite would be "in-istence". In this and similar cases, the translators would be well advised to put the transliterated Arabic word in brackets after the English, as one often sees in scholarly works. This lowers the risk of misunderstanding. Lastly, the translators inadequately convey the eloquence of Hadrat Ali's Arabic into their translation, although this is admittedly difficult. To compensate, they might add an introductory chapter explaining and illustrating why Hadrat Ali's use of Arabic is considered, after the Noble Qur'an, to be the epitome of eloquence.

The paper pages are very thin like newspaper quality. You can see through the letters from the other side of the page. Poor quality!

This book consists of Imam Ali's (May Allah be merciful to him) khutbas/sermons, prayers, teachings, etc. and is a well known and respected book among all traditional and orthodox muslims; especially the Shia. It is a very good choice if you are looking for something that is rich with knowledge, wisdom and emotion. I suggest this book to anyone but may be too much for children to understand and appreciate.

This book teaches you who Hazrat Ali(a.s.) really was and teaches you about the spirituality and laws of Islam. The principles behind his lifestyle do not even conflict the least bit with Islamic law. Truly a beautiful book with hidden knowledges behind every sentence of Hazrat Ali's(a.s.) speeches and sermons.

The descriptions above are a prerequisite to get to this commentary, so I just selected them to get here...I just want to say this is a book you Must purchase and Must read!

Nah jus Balagha was written by Amirul-Mu'Minin 'Ali (AS), and are extremely good if you want to know the truth about what took place after the holy Prophet (S).

An awesome book in the words of Imam Ali ibn Abu-Talib (AS.) that will guide, teach, reflect, touch,

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