

Chapter 21

Chapter on al-Ruh, the Spirit

H 342, Ch. 21, h 1

It is narrated from a number of our people from Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn 'Isa from ibn abu 'Umayr from 'Udhayna from al-Ahwal who has said the following.

"I asked Imam abu 'Abdallah (a.s.) about the spirit (Ruh) which was in Adam as indicated in the Holy Quran, 'When it is properly shaped and I have blown My Spirit into it (15:29).'

"Imam abu 'Abdallah (a.s.) replied, "This is a created spirit and the spirit in Jesus is created."

H 343, Ch. 21, h 2

It is narrated from a number of our people from Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn 'Isa from al-Hajjal from Tha'labah from Himran who has said the following.

"I asked Imam abu 'Abdallah (a.s.) about the words of Allah, the Most Holy, the Most High, 'The spirit from Him'. Imam abu 'Abdallah (a.s.) replied, "It is the spirit (Ruh) from Allah created in Adam and Jesus."

H 344, Ch. 21, h 3

Muhammad ibn Yahya has narrated from Ahmad ibn Muhammad from Muhammad ibn Khalid from Qasin ibn 'Urwa from 'Abd al-Hamid al-Ta'i from Muhammad ibn Muslim who has said the following.

"I asked Imam abu 'Abdallah (a.s.) about the words of Allah, the Most Holy, the Most High, 'I have blown My Spirit into it (15:29)'" The Imam (a.s.) replied, "The spirit has motion like winds. It is called spirit (Ruh) because the word is a derivative of *Rih* (wind). This derivative is selected because the spirits are similar or are of the genus of the *Rih* (wind). He has given His own possessive case because He selected it from among the other spirits just as He has said about a House from among the houses 'My house' and to a messenger from among the messengers 'My friend' and so on. All such things are created, invented, newly produced and are cherished by the Lord."

H 345, Ch. 21, h 4

It is narrated from a number of our people from Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid from his father from 'Abdallah ibn Bahr from abu Ayyub al-Khazzan from Muhammad ibn Muslim who has said the following.

"I asked Imam abu 'Abdallah (a.s.) about what people narrate that Allah created Adam in His-own form." The Imam (a.s.) replied, "It is created and newly invented form. Allah selected and chose it over the other various forms and gave His-own possessive case just like He has done so about Ka'bah and the spirit saying, 'My house' 'I have blown My spirit in Him.'"