

**DURING HIS TALK IN THE FIFTH RAMADAN EVENING, SAYYID AMMAR AL-HAKIM:  
“Hearing is the gate of goodness and evil.”**

Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim, Head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq (ISCI), stressed that there are two types of hearts. He explained saying that there is an enlightened heart in which purity and clarity as well as an openness to Allah, the most Praised, the most Exalted One, that receives branches of knowledge and adopts terse and sound thoughts, while there is a heart that is dark, severe due to disobeying Allah, living a state of isolation, one with which positive entries are not possible.

His Holiness stressed, in his talk during the fifth Ramadan eve on Wednesday, July 25, 2012, at his Baghdad office, the importance of one listening to what helps the kindness of the heart, with sound information and realization. He explained that the achievements and major transformations in our Islamic history took place through hearing. So is the case with the major failures and grave deviations that also took place through hearing. He stressed that hearing represents a serious gate for goodness or evilness.

His Holiness reviewed many Qur’anic verses that discuss the subject of hearing, pointing out

in this regard to the dead whom Allah Almighty mentioned in the Holy Qur'an as being alive, but they do not have the awareness, the hearing or the comprehending of the Divine facts and whatever serves them in their perfecting march and life. He drew attention the fact that when man distances himself from the right track, the path of obedience (of the Almighty), he thinks that he is living, but he is dead among the living, and the indications of true life are not available in him. He pointed out to the wayward ones, the sinners and the criminals on the Judgment Day coming with their heads down, feeling ashamed before Allah Almighty. His Holiness stressed that the Islamic personality is humane through such a heart, explaining that this humane characteristic will disappear when the heart is exposed and becomes in a status of retreat. His Holiness retracted that the light and the darkness are not found together in man, drawing attention to knowledge and useful information as well as this light that guides those who benefit from it. If you give it to the straying deviating atheist, not only will he derive no benefit from it, it will even increase his blindness.