

SAYYID AMMAR AL-HAKIM INVITES THE YOUTHS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES, GAIN KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION AND STAY AWAY FROM ABUSING PEOPLE'S HONORS."

Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim, Head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq (ISCI), pointed out that vision's obligation on man is to lower his gaze when seeing what is unlawful for him, avoid prohibitive looks and harmful glances.

In his talk during the seventh Ramadan evening at his Baghdad office on Friday, July 27, 2012, His Holiness stressed the importance of the faithful men and women lowering their gaze and safeguard their private parts, adding that the believing woman bears an additional responsibility represented in not showing her embellishment to anyone other than her husband, her husband's sons, father, brother and sisters' sons.

His Holiness provided some details about the three realities mentioned by Imam al-Sajjad (Ú) in his Dissertation of Rights, explaining that these realities are represented in lowering

the gaze from that which one has no right to look at, to raise this vision to the level of responsibility, that vision and casting looks must be geared towards knowledge and information. He stressed the need for woman not leaving her house while being decorated. He explained that when woman tightens her hijab and walks with dignity, not even sick persons would dare to let her hear inappropriate talk or abuse her. He called on the youths to take advantage of opportunities to gain knowledge and information and not waste time in abusing people's honor or in bothering them.

His Holiness called for caution against Satan's intrigues and insinuations, citing as evidence the story that talks about a worshipper from among the Israelites whom Allah Almighty granted the ability and the Divine gift of healing the sick and the insane, but Satan's schemes caused this worshipper to commit an abomination with a sick girl who was brought to him to heal her, then he killed her for fear his crime would be discovered. Then he prostrated to Satan to help him avoid the rope of the gallows.

His Holiness also talked about the sacred tradition of the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) which says, "Every eye will be weeping on the Judgment Day except three: an eye that wept out of fear of Allah, an eye that lowered its gaze and did not look at things which Allah has prohibited, and an eye that remained awake in the way of Allah." He drew attention to the doing of any deed that is close to pleasing Allah, the most Praised One, the most Exalted, and to keep vigil while obeying Him. These can grant one the strength and determination along the path of righteousness and goodness.