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Summary of Quranic Sciences

Lesson 15: Integrity of the Quran: Hadiths on تحريف (Alteration)

1. Hadiths mentioning the term "تحريف" and its derivatives: These hadiths generally refer to alteration in the meaning, not in the wording. There is consensus that these hadiths amount to about 20 instances. The alteration in meaning suggests interpretative shifts rather than textual corruption.
2. Hadiths discussing the names of Imams in the Quran: Some hadiths imply that the names of the Imams are mentioned in the Quran. However, scholars interpret these references as descriptions and qualities that apply to the Imams, not as actual parts of the Quranic text.
3. Hadiths referring to changes in meaning: A significant commentary comes from the hadith of Sa'd al-Khayr from Imam al-Baqir (عليه السلام), which clarifies that any distortion is in the interpretation, not in the words themselves.
4. Objection regarding Imam Ali's (عليه السلام) silence: Critics ask why Imam Ali and his companions did not use such altered verses in their arguments. This objection raises questions about the authenticity of such claims.
5. Verses about Ahl al-Bayt (عليهم السلام): Another claim suggests that two-thirds of the Quran is about Ahl al-Bayt, yet no one raises objections regarding the omission of such verses.
6. Hadiths discussing the occasions of revelation: Many hadiths clarify the historical context in which certain verses were revealed, offering insights without suggesting textual alteration.



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7. Hadiths on changes in Quranic words: Some hadiths suggest minor alterations in wording, such as differences in recitation styles. For example, Al-Suyuti refers to Ubay ibn Ka'b's recitation style as one instance of this phenomenon.

Objections to these hadiths include weak chains of narrators, contradictions with other hadiths, and opposition to the unanimous Muslim belief that no additions or omissions have occurred in the Quran. For example, how could Surah al-Fatiha, recited daily by all Muslims, be altered without detection?