

ومن كلام له (عليه السلام) في مثل ذلك

This also is in condemnation of the people of Başrah

أَرْضُكُمْ قَرِيبَةٌ مِنَ الْمَاءِ، بَعِيدَةٌ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، خَفَّتْ عُقُولُكُمْ، وَسَفِهَتْ حُلُومُكُمْ، فَأَنْتُمْ غَرَضٌ لِنَابِلٍ، وَأُكْلَةٌ لِأَكِلٍ، وَفَرِيسَةٌ لِصَائِدٍ.

Your earth is close to the sea and away from the sky. Your wits have become light and your minds are full of folly. You are the aim of the archer, a morsel for the eater and an easy prey for the hunter.