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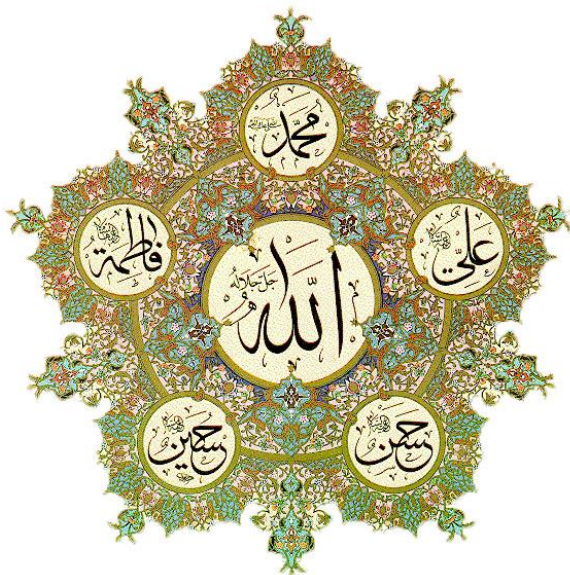
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Abstract:

Creation of Adam was not accidental. God will not make anything by chance. There is purpose behinds anything which is happening in this world. Each one of us has parents which tell us the rights and wrongs. Whiteout our parents, rules and discipline, we are going to be criminals. God loves us and when it created us, it filled our needs in this world and with its messengers told us what is right and what is wrong. But messengers are just for theirs nations, not all. So after god sends us all the messages, it is time to send someone more than messenger, which could be the leader of all nations. This person is called Imam or Savior of apocalypse. This paper tries to cover all the aspects of Imam or Imam Mahdi (specifically), in all the religions and even some of the historical events which is connected to Savior and apocalypse. All the information in this paper is extracted from reliable, valid, and well known familiar sources of history like Quran, Bible and etc. Just pray for son of man coming.

Key words: Messenger, Imam, Savior, Apocalypse, Imam Mahdi, Quran, Bible

I. Introduction

Note: please read the introduction for understanding the idioms and other definitions (so important). Do not let evil poison your mind. According to the all religions basics and fundamentals Evil, Satan, Devil, Fallen Angels and Demons are vivid enemy of Adam's generations and god shows us the ways of resisting them by their messengers. Note that when it was said Satan in the paper, it means that bad creature which seduced the Adam and eve in the heaven, because he made a lot of names during times for himself in different religions for distracting us and makes us apart. Do not remember if we are Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist or even Shinto, all of us are human being and at the first we were united in anything and Satan and it's servants (human or demon) try to make different among us and destroy unity in us. Also he tries to destroy unity among a religion like between catholic and protestant in Christianity and between Shia and sunny in Islam and more and even we let him, he will go further more. There is another thing which

should be mentioned is that, there is difference between prophet and messenger. Prophet means someone which is foreteller and makes prophesies and this man or women could be cooperating with demons for predicating future and this person could be not from god's side. But messenger is from god's side and speaks directly from god and no more. Djinn or jinn is the other name for demons in Islamic philosophy [37]. They made from smokeless fire and Satan is one of them. Satan believed which he is better than Adam just because of structural element of fire. He said I am from fire and Adam is from soil and fire is stronger; so I will not prostrated to him [37] (Such a fool). He should knew that if he would did that Prostrated, then god make different deal with him. We want it or not we (humans) and they (jinn's or demos) are living in this planet alone (in contact for). This means we can communicate with them but as it mentioned before they are our enemies and final battle of apocalypse is between us and them. In some research, they are called with words such as "It", 'Thing', 'Energy' and more [38]. If we let, they could have visual, audible and in the worst form, physical contact with us [39] [40]. They never close to us except to make us force to do sin. Because they are far from god's mercy, they want make us down too. Humans can reach specific power like money and power by contacting them, but this contact is full of sin and danger. They are just here for testing us, because god says do not make contact with them and if you do, I will fill the hell with you and them as fuel [37]. There is another type of creatures in the earth and skies, called angels. They made from light and they take order directly from god. They never make contact with humans except with messengers and very saint people. They are direct enemy of demons on the earth and skies. They will attack lawbreaker demons with meteor [37] to punish them. They are and were connection between god and saint people. Also they could not disobey god's commands [37]. So Satan or Lucifer was not an angel, he was a demon or jinn [37]. According to what is going on in the world and historical evidence and prophesies, apocalypse is so close but no one could define an exact time for it, especially according to the Islamic teachings. Satan wants to rile this world for a long time, and he is closing to his goal more these days. In the other hand god told him that he will survive longer [37] but not for all the times. Satan itself says that I am afraid of god [37]. So he believe in god's words very much. But how god wants to eliminate Satan from earth? Surly it should be not by miracle. It is the time to coming the son of man. Son of man or savior is the end of times leader and he is connected to the god and angels. Also he is assisted with them and he has servants of god believer's jinns. He is very kind,

lovely, beautiful, graceful, romantic, charismatic, strong and great [41] [42]. He has all the power of previews messengers and science of all times [41] [42] [43]. He is the sword of god for avenge [41] [42] [43]. Nobody could resist him but some fools do their bests which they can. Because he is sent by god and god created us and this universe, god's man is one step further from anything, especially from Satan's tricks. So he is the winner of apocalypse. But Satan know that, but he just tries to live a little bit longer by make world non-suitable for his coming. Because there are rules for his coming and Satan knows them well. According to all religions historical notes, he will come finally and he will be head the Satan by his hands [41] [42] [43], but the time is not vivid to us. Christian and Jewish people believe in someone called Jesus or Christ [44] and Muslims believe in Imam Mahdi or Twelfth Imam. Also Muslims believe in coming of both Jesus and Mahdi [41] [42] [43], which both of them have old ages. Jesus is a messenger of god and Mahdi is an Imam of god [41] [42] [43]. Unfortunately the book of bible is not direct words of god but it has good historical info. Worse than that, this book is written by different peoples in different time and distorted too much during times. Right now there are almost 250 version of bible. But the Quran is intact and it is direct words of god which is kept by god during times and it could be referred to it better and it is safe. In this paper we proof the Imam Mahdi and Jesus coming from all religions, especially bible. Imam is someone that you could not be as good as him but you could be so close to him as good ness, like Abbas (Abalfazl) [45]. For more information about imamate it can be referred to [46] [47] [48] [49] [50]. Imam is a definition Islam ad comes after the messenger and he's power is way greater than being a messenger. Messengers like Moses, Abraham, Jesus and Muhammad reached in this position [46] [47] [48] [49] [50]. In Islam especially Shia Muslims believe in 12 imams which they came after another during times after messenger Muhammad. Their names or trait in order was Ali, Hassan (Mojtabi), Hussein, Sajad, Bagher, Sadegh, Kazem, Reza, Taghi, Naghi, Hassan (Askary) and Mahdi. So the twelfth one is Mahdi and he is alive for a long time [46] [47] [48] [49] [50]. He is among us and sees everything but we could not recognize him [46] [47] [48] [49] [50]. He is waiting for proper time to appear to us. And it is our duty to make condition proper for his coming. It should be done completely earthy, not by miracle. According to Quran, Jesus was not crucified and he was taken from people by god to come again in future [37]. Also Mahdi was taken from people for the time that people understand everything better. The time which people understand everything 40 times better [46] [47] [48] [49] [50] and

this is that time. But Satan is not sit somewhere and do nothing. He is working always for make the world worse place to live. But what we have to do for making his way to appearance? It is better to know nothing will bother Satan like working for Imam Mahdi's present and coming. And if he understand that he will, he will fire you with all tools and weapons that he has. So if you tried to work for Imam Mahdi and bad things happened to you, it is a good sign (do not forget that). But also you should be sure what you are doing, because you may work in other side and you do not know it and bad things happen too (so be wise). Figure 1 shows some of the demons or jinn's forms. Figure 2 represents some of the most important satanic signs and important peoples which performed them. Figure 3 represents some of the paintings related to the Imam Mahdi and Jesus and figure 4 shows some of the most important holy shrines and places for three important religions which are Islam, Christianity and Judaism.

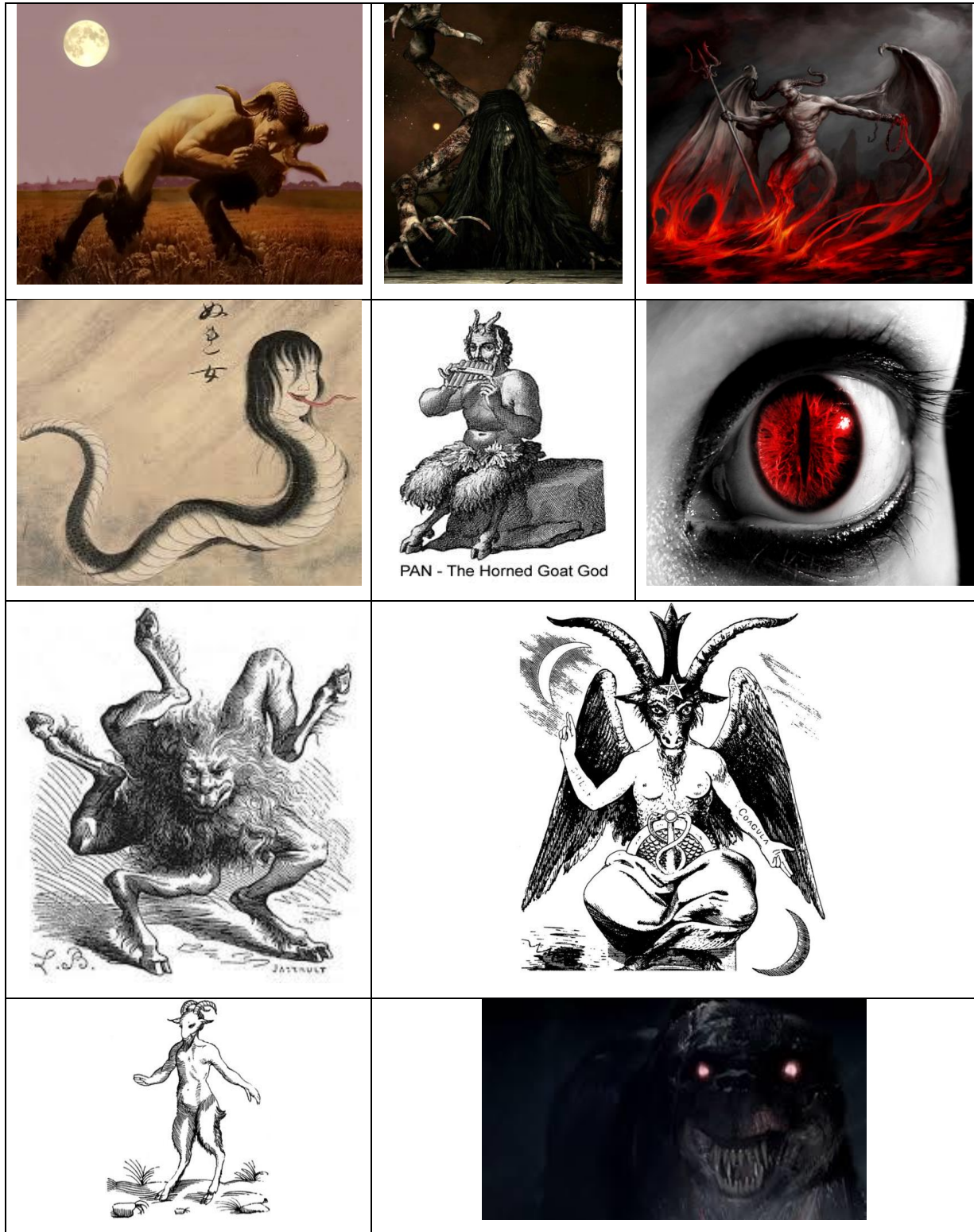


Figure 1. Some of the demons or jinn's forms



Figure 2. Some of the most important satanic signs and important peoples which performed them

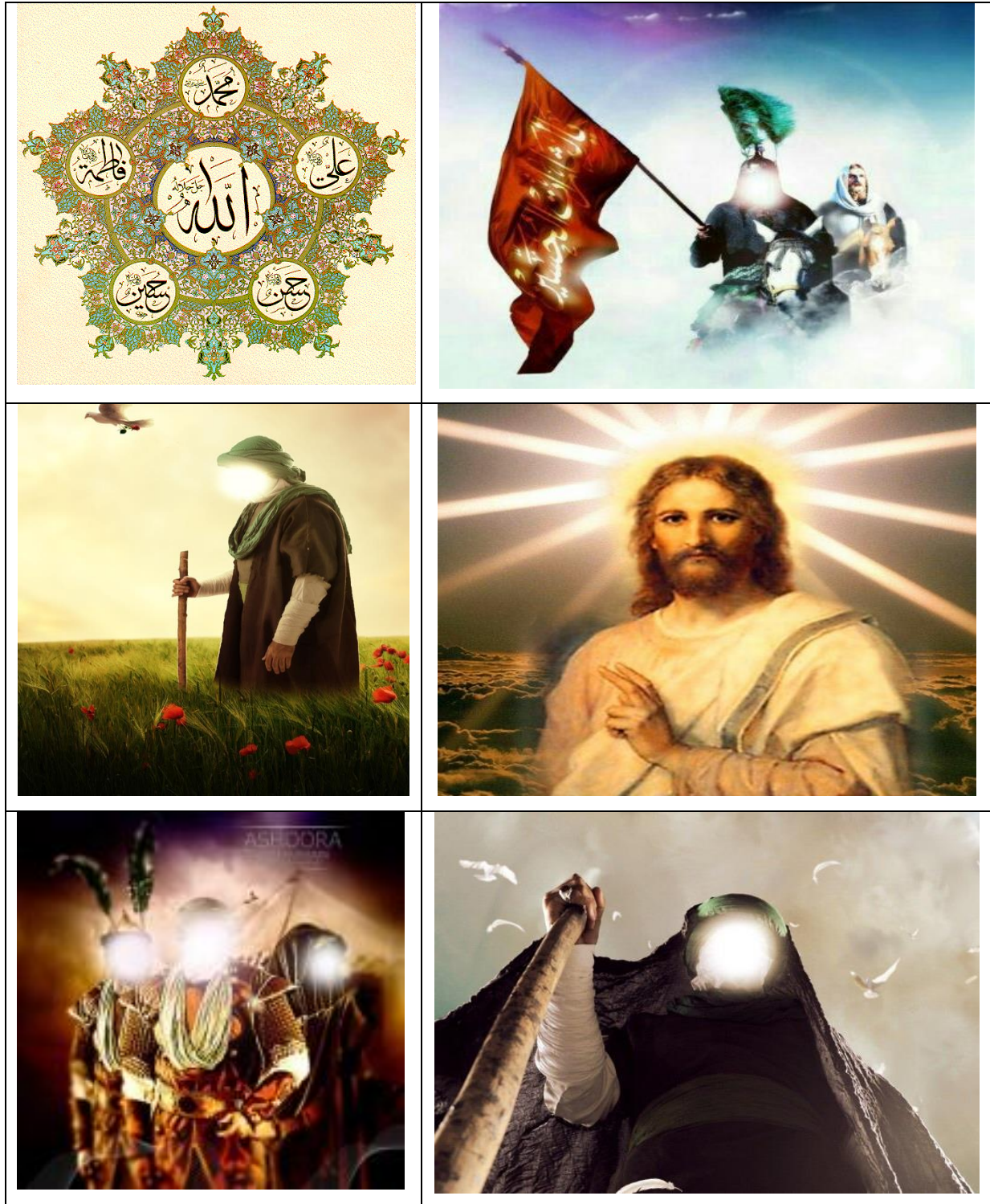


Figure 3. Some of the paintings related to the Imam Mahdi and Jesus



Figure 4. Some of the most important holy shrines and places for three important religions which are Islam, Christianity and Judaism

II. Prior Related Subjects

- **Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)**

Prophet Muhammad, the mercy and blessings of Allah (God) be upon him, is the man beloved by Muslims and many of non-Muslims. He is the man who taught us patience in the face of adversity, and taught us to live in this world but seek eternal life in the hereafter. It was to Prophet Muhammad Peace Be Upon Him (PBUH) that God revealed the Quran. Along with this Book of guidance God sent Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) whose behavior and high moral standards are an example to us all. When Muslims declare their faith in One God, they also declare their belief that Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is the final messenger of Allah (God).

When a Muslim hears Prophet Muhammad's name mentioned they ask Allah to send blessings upon him, it is named Salawat (صلوات). Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was a man, a human being just like any other man, but it is his love for humanity that sets him apart. He longed for Paradise not only for himself but also for all of us. He wept tears not for himself but for his nation, followers (Ummah امت).

As it is written in the Quran, Muslims also believe in the same Prophets mentioned in Jewish and Christian traditions, including Abraham, Noah, Moses, and Jesus (PBUT), and they believe that all prophets came with the same message – to worship God alone, without partners, sons or daughters. There is a difference, however, between all other prophets and Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Before Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), prophets were sent to particular people in particular places and periods. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) however, is the final Prophet and his message is for all of humankind.

Allah tells us in the Quran that He did not send Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) except as a mercy for humankind. “And [O, messenger] we did send you as a grace to the human society [for their guidance].” ([Surah Al-Anbiya, verse 107](#))

- **Muhammad (PBUH) in Torah & Bible**

In the Old Testament, [Genesis, 21:21](#) it is said: “He (Prophet Ishmael) dwelt in the Wilderness of Paran; and his Mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.”

Psalm 83: 4-6 talks about the enemies of among others Ishmaelites, and Hagarites (Hagar being the mother of Prophet Ishmael).

Psalm 84: 4-6 “4. Blessed are those who dwell in your House; they will still be praising you. 5. Blessed is the man whose strength is in you, whose heart is set on the pilgrimage. 6. As they pass through the valley of Baca. They make it a spring; the rain also covers it with pools.”

There are several interesting points in the above verses. The name Baca is the Hebrew name of Mecca. In addition, the designated House of Allah that was built by Prophet Abraham (pbuh), is in Mecca where yearly pilgrimage have been performing since the time of Prophet Abraham (pbuh) and Ishmael (pbuh), even to this day. The valley of Baca could indeed be the same as the valley of Mecca. The above verses refer to the place where Hagar, Ishmael and their children lived, in the valley of Mecca, where Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), was born either.

Isaiah, 21:12-17 mentions “12 ... In the forest in Arabia you will lodge ... 15 for they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, from the bent bow, and from the distress of war.” (Probable connection with the enemies mentioned in Psalm 83: 4-6 quoted above; also settlement in Arabia is confirmed; the verse 16 which follows, also confirms these verses are about Ishmaelites, Kedar being the 2nd son of Prophet Ishmael).

“16. For thus the Lord ... all the glory of Kedar will fall. 17. And the remainder ... people of Kedar will be diminished ... “

Isaiah 42:1-13 – These are verses about “God’s elect servant” who will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. A point worth noting is that Gentiles are the non-Jews and it was confirmed by Jesus, peace be upon him, that he was sent to the Jews. Moreover Muhammad, peace and blessings of God be upon him, is consistently named by God as Mustafa which means ‘elected’ and ‘Abd’ which means ‘servant’. Prophet Muhammad always referred to himself consistently as the ‘Servant of God’. The above verses cannot be about Jesus, peace be upon him, as many Christians believe, for at least two reasons. Firstly, the Christians and the Catholics describe him as the son of God and not the servant of God; whereas Prophet Muhammad is known exclusively as the Servant and the Messenger of God. Secondly, Jesus was sent exclusively to the Jews whereas Prophet Muhammad was sent among the Gentiles.

- **Imam Hussain (PBUH)**

Imam Hussain (PBUH) (Arabic: حسين); sometimes spelled Hussein, was the son of Imam Ali (PBUH) (fourth Rashidun Caliph of Sunni, and first Imam of Shia Islam) and Lady Fatimah (PBUH) (daughter of the prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and the younger brother of Imam Hassan Mojtaba (PBUH)). Imam Hussain (PBUH) is an important figure in Islam, as he is a member of the Ahl Al-Bayt (the household of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and Ahl al-Kisa) as well as being the third Shia Imam.

Imam Hussain (PBUH) is highly regarded by Muslims and many non-Muslims because he refused to pledge allegiance to Yazid the Umayyad caliph, because he considered the rule of the Umayyads unjust. As a consequence, he left Medina, his home town, and traveled to Mecca. There, the people of Kufa sent letters to him, asking his help. So he traveled toward Kufa. At Karbala his caravan was intercepted by Yazid's army. He was killed and beheaded in the Battle of Karbala in 680 (61 AH) by Shimr Ibn Thil-Jawshan, along with most of his family and companions. The annual memorial for him, his family, his children and his companions is called Ashura (tenth day of the month Muharram) and is a day of mourning for Muslims and many non-Muslims.

The tragedy in Karbala has had an impact on religious conscience of Muslims beyond its sacredness among Shia. In the long term, the cruel killings at Karbala became an example of the brutality of the Umayyad and fueled the later Shia movements. Anger at Imam Hussain's (PBUH) martyrdom was turned into a rallying cry that helped undermine and ultimately overthrow the Umayyad Caliphate.

- **Arba'een procession**

Arba'een (Arabic: الأربعين, Persian: چهلم, Urdu: چہلم) "the fortieth day", is a Shia Muslim religious observance that occurs 40 days after the Day of Ashura to commemorate the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (PBUH) which falls on the 20th day of the month of Safar. Forty days is the usual length of the time of mourning in Islamic cultures. Arba'een, is one of the largest pilgrimage gatherings on Earth, in which over 25 million people go to the city of Karbala in Iraq. The occasion reminds the faithful of the core message behind Imam Hussain's (PBUH) martyrdom:

Establishing justice and fighting injustice, no matter what its incarnation—a message that strongly influenced subsequent Shia uprisings against the Umayyad and Abbasid rule.

In the first Arba'een gathering in the year 62 AH, Jabir Ibn Abdullah, a companion of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), was one of the people who performed a pilgrimage to the burial site of Imam Hussain (PBUH). His visit coincided with the surviving members of the Prophet Muhammad's family and Imam Hussain's (PBUH) son, Sajjad (PBUH) who was the leader (Imam) of Muslims after his great father Imam Hussain (PBUH). Every year, many pilgrims travel miles on foot to reach Karbala in Arba'een day. Arba'een is consistently among the largest peaceful gatherings in history. In Arba'een 2016, over 25 million pilgrims reached to the Karbala, Iraq.

III. Proposed Subject

- **Imam Mahdi (PBUH)- The twelfth imam**

Imam Mahdi (PBUH) (Arabic: امام مهدي) is the 12th and the last Imam of Shia from the descendant of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and he is prophesied in all Abrahamic books (Turah, Bible, Quran). It is prophesied he will return along with the prophet Jesus (PBUH) to save the world and end all misers, wars, famine ... and lead the people into the truth.

- *Birth in Samarra*

Imam Mahdi (PBUH) was born in 869 A.D (15th, Sha'ban, 255 A.H) in Samarra. When his great father, Imam Hassan Askari (PBUH) martyred by Abbasid caliph; he reached the exalted position of the Imamate. As it was mentioned by the prophet Muhammad (PBUH) before, His name (Muhammad) and his agnomen (Abu'l-Qasim) are the same as the Prophet's. His father, the 11th Shia Imam, was Imam Hassan Askari (PBUH), and his mother, the lady Narjis.

For various reasons, the twelfth Imam, Imam Mahdi (PBUH) from the first day of his life, did not appear publicly, and for about seventy years people were in communication with him through the intermediary of his special representatives, in order of succession: Othman Ibn Sa'id, Muhammad Ibn Othman, Hussain Ibn Ruh, and Ali Ibn Muhammad al-Samari. This period of seventy years is known as the minor occultation (Al-Ghaybat Al-Sughra), and at the end of that

period the major occultation (Al-Ghaybat Al -Kubra) began. One of the reasons was: he is the last Imam and he should be saved by Allah to return and fill the world with justice to spread the orders of God. On the other hand, enemies of Imams and enemies of God knew him by the prophecies, so they attempted to kill him, but God, made him disappear to save him just like prophet Jesus (PBUH), because their returning is the great promise of God in religions.

So, the occultation of Imam Mahdi (PBUH) is, divided into two parts: the first, the minor occultation (Ghaybat Sughra) which began in 872 and ended in 939, lasting about seventy years; the second, the major occultation which commenced in 939 and will continue as long as God wills it.

During the major occultation till the time of his reappearance, no one has been his special representative, and there will be no one in the future, and the people have the duty to refer to the Quran, Ahl al-Bayt's Hadith and "Fuqaha" (Jurists), those excelling in knowledge of the shariah (Islamic laws), and the narration of Hadith who are specialized in the matters of the religion.

Believe in the reappearance of the expected Mahdi (PBUH) the universal reformer is not confined to the Shia Muslims. Other Islamic groups and even non-Islamic groups like the Jews and the Christians and some of the great world intellectual figures believe in the appearance of a great spiritual reformer.

In Shia narrations it is prophesied that Imam Mahdi and Prophet Jesus (PBUT) will return together to reform the world. To know more refer to "the secrets of the Bible", "Imam Mahdi (PBUH) in Other Religions", "The Promised in Christianity", "Ahl Al-Bayt promised in [Gosple](#)"

There are numerous Hadith (prophetic sayings) cited in Sunni and Shia sources from Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and his descendants (Ahl Al-Bayt) concerning the appearance of Imam Mahdi (PBUH), such as that he is of the progeny of the Prophet (PBUH) and that his appearance will enable human society to reach true perfection and the full realization of spiritual life. In addition, there are numerous other traditions concerning the fact that Imam Mahdi (PBUH) is the son of the eleventh descendant of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), Imam Hassan Askari (PBUH). They agree that after being born and undergoing a long occultation Imam Mahdi (PBUH) will appear again, filling with justice the world that has been corrupted by injustice and iniquity.

As an example, Imam Reza (PBUH) (8th Imam of Shia, from the descendant of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)) has said, in the course of a Hadith, “The Imam after me is my son, Muhammad (Imam Muhammad Jawad), and after him his son Ali (Imam Ali Hadi), and after Ali his son, Hassan (Imam Hassan Askari), and after Hassan his son Hujjat Al-Qa’im (the risen reason), who is awaited during his occultation and obeyed during his manifestation. If there remain from the life of the world but a single day, Allah (God) will extend that day until he becomes manifest, and fill the world with justice in the same way that it had been filled with iniquity. But when? As for news of the hour, verily my father told me, having heard it from his father who heard it from his father who heard it from his ancestors who heard it from Imam Ali (PBUH), that it was asked of the Holy Prophet, “Oh Prophet of Allah, when will the “Qa’im” (the Risen) who is from thy family appear?” He said, “His case is unknown like the Resurrection day. He will manifest it at its proper time. It is significant in the heavens and the earth. It cometh not to you save unawares”

○ *(Holy Quran, Surah Al-A'raf, verse 187)*

Saqr Ibn Abi Dulaf said, “I heard from Imam Jawad (9th Imam) who said, ‘The Imam after me is my son Ali (Imam Ali Hadi); his command is my command; his word is my word; to obey him is to obey me. The Imam after him is his son, Hassan (Imam Hassan Askari). His command is the command of his father; to obey him is to obey his father.’ after these words the Imam remained silent. I said to him, ‘Oh son of the Prophet, who will be the Imam after Hassan?’ the Imam cried hard, then said, ‘Verily after Hassan his son is the awaited Imam who is “Al-Qa’im bi’l-haqq” (He who rise for the Truth).’”

Musa Ibn Ja’far Baghdadi said, “I heard from Imam Hassan Askari (PBUH) (11th Imam of Shia) who said, ‘I see that after me differences will appear among you concerning the Imam after me. Whoso accepts the Imams after the Prophet of Allah but denies my son (Imam Mahdi), is like the person who accepts all the prophets but denies the prophet hood of Muhammad (PBUH), the Prophet of Allah. And whoso denies “Muhammad” (PBUH) the Prophet of Allah, is like one who has denied all the prophets of Allah, obeying the last of us is like obeying the first and denying the last of us is like denying the first. But beware! Verily for my son there is an occultation during which all people will fall into doubt except those whom Allah protects.’”

It is unquestionable that the idea of Imam Mahdi (PBUH) was projected upon several Imams in turn, but it could take definite shape only around the person of the twelfth, with whom the purpose of Imamate will be fulfilled. There is a considerable body of literature about him, both in Persian and in Arabic. The sources of this literature have been assembled by Saffar al-Qummi, reporter-witness of Imam Hassan Askari (PBUH); al-Kulayni and his follower al-Nu'mani, fourth/tenth century; Ibn Babuyah, who owed his information to a contemporary witness, Hassan Ibn Muktib; al-Shaykh al-Mufid; Muhammad Ibn Hassan Tusi. The principal traditions are collected in volume 13 of Al-Majlisi's Encyclopedias.

In Shia Islam, Imam Mahdi (PBUH) is a "hidden Imam" who has already been born and who will one day return alongside Prophet Jesus (PBUH) to fill the world with justice. The promised Mahdi (PBUH), who is usually mentioned in Shia by his title of "Imam Asr" (the Imam of the "time") and "Sahib Al-Zaman" (the Lord of the Age).

In a Hadith upon whose authenticity Shia and Sunni agree, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) has said, "If there were to remain in the life of the world but one day, Allah would prolong that day until He sends in it a man from my community and my household. His name will be the same as my name. He will fill the earth with equity and justice as it was filled with oppression and tyranny."

○ *The Purpose of the Hidden Imam*

God appointed the Imam of the Age to be a guide amongst people; however it is the people who are the obstacle to his appearance, and whenever they are ready for a single, divine world rule, formed on true justice observing rights, truths and realities, putting into practice all the laws of God without any dissimulation or fear, Imam Mahdi (PBUH) will openly declare himself. So, with regard to Allah, the Merciful, there is not the slightest lack of favor or mercy, for the fault lies with the people that the Imam is hidden and the appearance of his rule is delayed. Still, it must be remembered that the benefits of the existence of the Imam are not limited to outward guidance among people, for the pure existence of the Imam has other benefits which are not necessarily evident among people.

The most important benefit of the Imam's existence is that he is the intermediary for Divine Favor. For, one the basis of the evidence scholars have produced and also according to numerous



Hadith which speak about the Imamate, if there were no Imam, the relation between the world and its creator would no longer exist, because all of the favors of God come through the Imam to the rest of humanity. In many Hadith it is said very clearly that the earth will not remain without an Imam (leader).

The Imam is the heart of the world of existence, the leader, the preceptor of mankind, and for this reason his presence or his absence makes no difference. What is more, the spiritual guidance of the Imam towards worthy individuals will always be there, although they may not see him, especially as it is mentioned in Hadith that Imam Mahdi (PBUH) comes and goes in among the people and help them without anyone understanding. Thus the guarding of Islam and the protection of the worthy is well undertaken by the Imam, even during the time of his occultation. In reality the hidden Imam is like the sun behind a cloud from whose light and heat existent things may profit, although the ignorant and the blind may not see it.

Imam Sadiq (PBUH) (6th Imam of Shia) also said in answer to the question: “How can people benefit from a hidden Imam? – Just as they do from the sun when it is behind a cloud.”

The Jewish religion, finished prophet hood with Prophet Moses (PBUH), which was the relationship between God and the world of man, and do not acknowledge the prophet hood of Jesus (PBUH) or Muhammad (PBUH). The Christians, also, stopped with Jesus (PBUH), and the Sunni Muslims stood still with the prophet Muhammad (PBUH), but Shia sect is the only religion which maintains eternally the link of Divine guidance between God and his creation, and continually keeps alive the union of Succession (Imamate). With the seal of prophet hood among the latter, they admit of no further link being maintained between the Creator and creation. Only the Indeed, only among the Shia does this reality between the world of man and the Divinity remain forever.”

○ *Necessity of Existence of Imam Mahdi (PBUH)*

The existence of the redeemer is rationally necessary. Muhammad Hussain Tabatabaai, one of the most prominent thinkers of philosophy and contemporary Shia Islam, addresses the issue as follows: “As a result of the law of general guidance which governs all of creation, man is of necessity endowed with the power of receiving revelation through prophecy, which directs him toward the perfection of the human norm and the well-being of the human species. Obviously, if

this perfection and happiness were not possible for man, whose life possesses a social aspect, the very fact that he is endowed with his power would be meaningless and futile. But there is no futility in creation.”

In other words, ever since he has inhabited the earth, man has had the wish to lead a social life filled with happiness in its true sense and has striven toward this end. If such a wish were not to have an objective existence it would never have been imprinted upon man’s inner nature, in the same way that if there were not food there would have been no hunger. Or if there were to be no water there would be no thirst and if there were to be no reproduction there would have been no sexual attraction between the sexes.

Therefore, by reason of inner necessity and determination, the future will see a day when human society will be replete with justice and when all will live in peace and tranquility, when human beings will be fully possessed of virtue and perfection. The establishment of such a condition will occur through human hands but with Divine succor. And the leader of such a society, who will be the savior of man, is called in the language of the Hadith, the Mahdi (PBUH).

In the different religions that govern the world such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, Zoroastrianism and Islam there are references to a person who will come as the savior of mankind. These religions have usually given happy tidings of his coming, although there are naturally certain differences in detail that can be discerned when these teachings are compared carefully. The Hadith of Prophet Muhammad upon which all Muslims agree, “The Mahdi is of my progeny,” refers to this same truth.

○ *Is the long lifetime of Mahdi and Jesus (PBUT) possible?*

The opponents of Shia Islam protest that according to the beliefs of this school the Hidden Imam should by now be nearly twelve centuries old, whereas this is impossible for any human being. In answer it must be said that the protest is based only on the unlikelihood of such an occurrence, not its impossibility. Of course such a long lifetime or a life of a longer period is unlikely. But those who study the Hadith of Prophet Muhammad and the Imams will see that they refer to this life as one possessing miraculous qualities.



Miracles are certainly not impossible nor can they be negated through scientific arguments. It can never be proved that the causes and agents that are functioning in the world are solely those that we see and know and that other causes which we do not know or whose effects and actions we have not seen nor understood do not exist. It is in this way possible that in one or several members of mankind there can be operating certain causes and agents which bestow upon them a very long life of a thousand or several thousand years. Medicine has not even lost hope of discovering a way to achieve very long life spans. In any case such protests from “peoples of the Book” such as Jews, Christians and Muslims are most strange for they accept the miracles of the prophets of God according to their own sacred scriptures.

The opponents of Shia Islam also protest that, although Shia Islam considers the Imam necessary in order to expound the injunctions and verities of religion and to guide the people, the occultation of the Imam is the negation of this very purpose, for an Imam in occultation who cannot be reached by mankind cannot be in any way beneficial or effective.

The opponents say that if God wills to bring forth an Imam to reform mankind He is able to create him at the necessary moment and does not need to create him thousands of years earlier. In answer it must be said that such people have not really understood the meaning of the Imam. The duty of the Imam is not only the formal explanation of the religious sciences and exoteric guidance of the people. In the same way that he has the duty of guiding men outwardly, the Imam also bears the function of Succession of the Prophet and the esoteric guidance of men. It is he who directs man’s spiritual life and orients the inner aspect of human action toward God.

Clearly, his physical presence or absence has no effect in this matter. The Imam watches over men inwardly and is in communion with the soul and spirit of men even if he be hidden from their physical eyes. His existence is always necessary even if the time has not yet arrived for his outward appearance and the universal reconstruction that he is to bring about.

○ *The signs of returning*

A general and very important sign is that he will come at a time when there is great confutation, intense disputes and violent deaths. When people are afflicted by disturbance and experiencing great fear. Calamities will fall upon the people, so much so that a man shall not find a shelter to

shelter himself from oppression. There will be battles and seductions before the appearance. Every time a seduction has come to end, another will start, spread and intensify. The people will be troubled to such an extent that they will long for death. It is then that Imam Mahdi and prophet Jesus (PBUT) will be sent.

However, through some narrations by the prophet Muhammad and 11 Imams (PBUT), there are 5 signs which show the proximity of reappearance day:

1. Appearance of Sufyani

According to some narrations Sufyani, one of the descendants of Abu Sufyan, (the enemy of the Muslims in the life of the prophet Muhammad) will arise before Imam Mahdi's reappearance. He has been depicted as an outwardly devout man that will take care to remember God at all times. But in reality he will be the wicked man in the world. He will upraise during the Lunar month, Rajab. After he realizes that Imam Mahdi has reappeared, he will send away an army to fight him. Some books say that the army of Sufyani before getting to the army of Imam Mahdi will sink into the earth in the Beyda, the area between Mecca and Medina. The appearance of Sufyani is mentioned in both Shia and Sunni narrations.

2. Appearance of Yamani

In some narrations, the appearance of Yamani is mentioned as one of the certain signs. The fifth Shia Imam, Imam Baqir (PBUH) described Yamani in detail in a hadith: "... among these individuals (Sufyani, Yamani and Khorasani) the Yamani is the closest to guidance, for he calls the people to join the Imam Mahdi. When he rises there is no use of weapons. When he rises join him immediately, for his flag is the flag of guidance and prosperity and no Muslim should oppose it. The Yamani calls to the right path." Some sources mention that Yamani and Khurasani will be allied against Sufyani.

3. The loud cry in the sky

The third certain sign that is mentioned in the above narration is the loud cry in the sky. According to tradition two cries will be heard. In the first of them Gabriel will call the name of Imam Mahdi (PBUH) and his father (Imam Hassan Askari) and say that truth is with Ali (Imam Ali) and

his followers. All people will hear Gabriel's cry in their own language. In a tradition of Imam Sadiq (PBUH) that is narrated by Zurarah ibn A'yan, it is said that after this cry Satan will call certainly, so and so and their followers are victorious ones and his meaning is a man from Banu Umayya. But the first cry is the truth.

4. The murder of Nafse Zakeyyah

A pure soul or Nafse Zakeyyah is one of the descendants of Imam Hussain (PBUH). He will be murdered and is without any sin or crime. According to many narrations, he is the envoy of Imam Mahdi (PBUH) to Mecca before his reappearance. When he will arrive to Mecca and say his message, the people of Mecca slay him around the Kaaba.

5. Earth swallowing (Sufyani's Army) in land of Bayda

The sinking of Sufyani's army into the earth is a certain sign of reappearance of Imam Mahdi (PBUH). In addition to above-mentioned hadith of Imam Sadiq (PBUH), in a hadith Imam Ali (PBUH) mentions that Sufyani's army will sink on the earth by the order of God.

o The world after reappearance

After Imam Mahdi (PBUH) rises and establishes the rule of justice, the earth will yield to him her treasures of mineral deposits and crops. The shares that rightfully belong to the destitute and poor will be exacted from the rich and the oppressors to be justly distributed, as the result of which no poor person will remain.

Imam Sadiq (PBUH) says: "The world will be revitalized by the implementation of justice, the sky will send down abundant rain, trees will reveal their fruit, and the earth will deliver her plants, embellishing herself for her inhabitants."

The character trait of the universal rule of Imam Mahdi will be the worldwide maintenance of peace, security, justice, and the annihilation of the foundations of corruption, decadence, oppression, and crime. This has been the main purpose of all the prophets, but with the difference that the success of the latter and their successors following them was not as decisive. Nevertheless, establishing worldwide peace and security has always constituted one of their promises. And so the unpolluted souls of mankind at large, ever since the beginning of human history, have been

waiting for the time when those promises would be realized. Now since God, His messengers, and their infallible successors do not breach their promises, they would not raise the hopes of people without a good reason. This means that this promise will certainly be realized and that a just government will be established, consisting of the aforementioned characteristics.

This promise is so vital and real that its realization can be considered the rationale behind the creation of humankind, a promise that once realized will lead to the unity of the whole of humankind under the banner of worshipping God (the one God) and, by God's Mercy, the uprooting of disbelief, polytheism, and hypocrisy from amongst them. (11:118&123)

○ *Jamkaran Mosque*

The learned Shia research scholars and historians in their books have narrated from Hassan Ibn Mathleh Jamakarani (a righteous man of upright conduct and noble character, and a lover of the Ahl al-Bayt, the holy progeny of the Prophet Muhammad) that on Tuesday night, the 17th day of the blessed and holy month of Ramadan of 393 A.H. (1003 A.D) he woke up by a voice who called him to obey Imam Mahdi's command. When he opened the door he saw a group of pious personalities and offered them salutations. They reciprocated his salutations and spoke to him kindly and with appreciation. Then they directed him to a place – the present location of the Holy Jamkaran Mosque (in the outskirts of Qum, Iran). There he saw Imam Mahdi (PBUH) and some of prophets and virtues around him.

Then the Imam commend him to tell the people about a mosque which should be built in a farm by the God's will. He accepted but he said: 'Oh my Master and Lord! I must have some unique convincing signs for delivering your message, because otherwise people will not believe my words, and it will be quite difficult to convince them.'

The Imam (PBUH) replied:

'We will mark some special signs showing the boundaries of the Holy Mosque, which will prove the truthfulness of your statement. Go and convey my message to the people.'

Then Imam addressed him the person who pay for this building.

Tomorrow he delivered the message, then he and the others went to the place that Imam Mahdi (PBUH) had told. They saw the mark so they obeyed the command of their Imam (leader). This mosque is known as Jamkaran Mosque and it is one of the famous Mosques. Every day many pilgrims gather and pray there. Many people wishes also have ever fulfilled in this mosque.

- **Imam Mahdi (pbuh) in Sunni books**

1-Imam Mahdi (AS) in Sihah Sitta [\[1\]](#)

Inevitability of Imam Mahdi's uprising: It is unanimous by Shia and Sunni People that Imam Mahdi (AS) shall arrive and even non-Muslim people has promised the arrival of one savior at the last age to their followers.

These are some examples:

But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; ... And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. ... They shall not hurt nor destroy in my entire holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah, as the waters cover the sea [\[2\]](#).

Or In the Old Testament:

For evil-doers shall be cut off; But those that wait for Jehovah, they shall inherit the land. For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: Yea, thou shall diligently consider his place, and he shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the land, ... , And their inheritance shall be forever [\[3\]](#).

And in Holy Quran:

And certainly We wrote in the Psalms after the Reminder (Turah) that (as for) the land, My righteous servants shall inherit it [\[4\]](#).

And if you read what is written in Psalms and compare it with this verse of Quran, you can conclude that god protected this part of Psalms from distortion so the future generations know definitely that the inheritors of earth are meek people and there is no destiny for evil people but annihilation.

And so is written in [Luke](#):

Let your loins be girded about, and [your] lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocked, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed [are] those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching, ... , Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not [\[5\]](#).

It is obvious that the meaning of these verses is what Shia calls “Preparation for Arrival” and one who is truly prepared for arrival of Imam Mahdi(Pbuh) is like a man who is waiting for a dear guest and has already cleansed his room and prepared the food, thus he cleanse his heart from brutal stains and avoids sins, loves what is good and recommend it to others and hates what is wrong (and is not indifferent to it) and prevents others from doing it and since he is waiting for annihilation of tyranny, he fights according to his strength with it. He is assistance of truth and justice and enemy of wrong and tyranny. It is the meaning of preparation for arrival which according to Ahl Al-Bayt (AS) is the most excellent deed.

The source of this Hadith is quoted by Tirmidhi from Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh):

The most excellent service of god is preparation for arrival [\[6\]](#).

But of course the Sunni Muslims don't interpret it as Shia does.

The writers of Sihah – Sittah, Also quote some Hadith about the certainty of Mahdi's uprising, which follows:

If only one day of this world remained, Allah would lengthen that day, till he raised up in it a man who belongs to me or to my family whose name is the same as mine and fill the earth with equity and justice as it has been filled with oppression and tyranny [\[7\]](#).

The world will no seize to exist until someone from my family becomes the king of Arabia whose name will be the same as my name (i.e. Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh)) [\[8\]](#).



The aforesaid quotations are from Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh), and it is obvious that they imply that the uprising of one man from the family of prophet is certain, not that it shall happen one day before the end of the world.

2- Mahdi is from the household of Prophet Muhammad

The quotation in the first part states explicitly that Mahdi (Pbuh) is from the household of Prophet. Now let's take a look to some other quotations:

Mahdi is one of us, the people of the household [\[9\]](#).

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We are members of a Household for whom Allah has chosen the Hereafter over this world. The people of my Household will face calamity, expulsion and exile after I am gone, until some people will come from the east carrying black banners. They will ask for something good but will not be given it. Then they will fight and will be victorious, then they will be given what they wanted, but they will not accept it and will give leadership to a man from my family. Then they will fill it with justice just as it was filled with injustice. Whoever among you lives to see that let him go to them even if he has to crawl over snow [\[10\]](#).

It should be noted that similar Hadith is quoted by Shia scholars which is relevant to uprising of a man from the city of Qum, which is very near to Islamic revolution if Iran and we hope that soon the flag of this uprising shall be passed to the blessed hands of Imam Mahdi – if that's god's will.

It should be considered that no one knows the exact time of arrival and what is said here is what we take from these quotations. But let's hope that the arrival happens as soon as possible so the hands of oppressors be cut off from Islamic lands and their hollow powers fall down.

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Mahdi will be one of the descendents of Fatimah [\[11\]](#).

This Hadith has been related by Umm-Salamah from Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh). The same has been related by Abu Dawud:

Mahdi is from my household and one of the descendents of Fatimah [12].

According to aforementioned, it is concluded that the writers of Sihah (including Ibn-e-Majah) accepted primarily that Mahdi is from the household of Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh) and secondly that Mahdi (AS) is from the descendants of Fatimah.

Another Hadith from sunan- ibn-e-Majah which he relates by Anas-ibn-malik from Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh):

Adhering to religion will only become harder and worldly affairs will only become more difficult, and people will only become more stingy, and the Hour will only come upon the worst of people, and the only Mahdi (after Muhammad (Pbuh) is ‘Issa bin Maryam [13].

It is surprising from Ibn-e-Majah to neglect which he himself has quoted and considers Mahdi (AS) as Jesus and the same time as household and descendants of Lady Fatimah (AS)!

It can be explained that this Hadith has been added to his book! If so, how we can rely to the authentic quotations of Sunni Muslims when they can be manipulated?

Preparation for Imam Mahdi’s (AS) rule:

People will come from the east, paving the way for Mahdi,” meaning, for his rule [14].

A man called al-Harith ibn Harrath will come forth from Beyond the river. His army will be led by a man called Mansur who will establish or consolidate things for Muhammad’s family as Quraysh consolidated them for the Messenger of Allah (Pbuh). Every believer must help him, or he said: respond to his sermons [15].

According to discussions in the 2nd part that group which comes from the east or from beyond the river, is probably the Islamic revolution in Iran but the word Harith (meaning implanter) or Mansur (Meaning triumphant) is not the name but adjective and Harith is one who implants the seeds of a massive revolution and Mansur is one who is victorious.

According to quotations from Ahl Al-bayt (the household) it is deduced that there are two categories of marks for the arrival of Imam Mahdi (AS). The first category is general mark which

most of them has been definitely appeared. The second category is definite marks and their number is five:

- Uprising of Sufiani
- Cry from the sky
- Killing of pure man
- Khasf-e-Beida (swallowing by the earth in Beida)
- Uprising of Yemeni

These 5 marks are definite according to the quotations themselves. Sunni scholars have referred to the uprising of Sufiani and Khasf-e-Beida in their relations. In the next part we shall take a look upon some of their quotations about uprising of Sufiani:

An army will invade the Kaba and when the invaders reach Al-Baida', all the ground will sink and swallow the whole army [\[16\]](#).

Muslim Relates:

A man refugees to the Kaba and an army follows him which sink in the ground. And in the next Hadith he relates from Abu-Jaafar that the ground is in the vicinity of Medina.

The people will not finish attacking this House until it is attacked by an army which, when they are at Al-Baida', or a Baida' in the land, it will swallow from the first of them to the last of them, and the middle of them shall not be saved [\[17\]](#).

And Ibn-e-Majah has related something similar [\[18\]](#). Abu Dawud has made it clearer:

The Prophet (Pbuh) said: Disagreement will occur at the death of a caliph and a man of the people of Medina will come to Mecca. Some of the people of Mecca will come to him, bring him out against his will and swear allegiance to him between the Corner and the Maqam. An expeditionary force will then be sent against him from Syria but will be swallowed up in the desert between Mecca and Medina. When the people see that, the eminent saints of Syria and the best people of Iraq will come to him and swear allegiance to him between the Corner and the Maqam. ... He will divide the property (equitably), and will govern the people by the Sunnah of their Prophet [\[19\]](#).

And Hakim confirms the quotation of Abu Dawud:

... Then they will take the oath on his hand between black stone and the station of Ibrahim. An army will set out towards them from Syria but it will be crushed into the ground as it reaches Bayda... [20].

Hakim narrates this event in another quotation and refers to Sufiani and sinking his armies in the desert:

A man (named sufiani) shall uprise from Damascus and a man from my household shall uprise. Sufiani will get informed and marches toward him by an army. When they reach a desert the will be swallowed up by de desert and no one is saved except one man [21].

It should be noted that the second quotation is an authentic Hadith according to the conditions of Bokhari and Muslim, but they didn't relate it.

- **Imam Mahdi (PBUH) in Other Religions and Nations**

We are going to briefly take a look at the glad tidings of past scriptures and the beliefs of past nations concerning the Savior.

Belief in a savior originates from the divine nature of man; it is this belief that gives hope to the hearts. However; this belief has been recorded in the ancient civilizations' books. Furthermore, even though there have been differences in the belief in the existence of a savior, this belief has existed amongst most nations, being related to many faiths directly. Due to the divine law of Allah of sending prophets to promise the arrival of a savior, the belief in a savior has been mentioned in other holy books. Though the narrations regarding the savior in other beliefs do not all coincide exactly with the Shiite faith, they at least prove the existence of a savior. This article will be elaborating and presenting the different beliefs of previous faiths about the existence of a savior.

So, in this part of the article we shall discuss the glad tidings of past scriptures and the beliefs of past nations concerning the Savior.

- ❖ ***Imam Mahdi (PBUH) in the Old Testament***

In 35 out of the 150 parts of psalms, Coming of Savior ([The Psalms of David](#)) is mentioned.

For the evildoers shall be cut off,” but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land. In just a little while, the wicked will be no more...” (Psalm 37:9, 10)

In the book [Isaiah](#):

“There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him...but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.”(Isaiah11:1-10)

There are some brief descriptions of the conditions of advent in this book;

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,”

- ✚ and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat
- ✚ and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
- ✚ and a little child shall lead them ... They shall not hurt or destroy
- ✚ in all my holy mountain;
- ✚ for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord

As the waters cover the sea. And it emphasizes on the Divine Expectation: although their delay, wait for him, cause they come with no hesitation.”(Isaiah11:6, 9)

❖ *Imam Mahdi (PBUH) in the New Testament (The Gospels and Accessories)*

There have been some speeches about him in various Gospels: “For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man...Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” (Matthew 24: 27, 30)

And the same Gospel talks about ‘expectation’: “Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.” (Matthew 24: 44)

And the Gospel of Mark talks about the responsibilities of those awaiting the savior: “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the

Father only. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. [“\(Mark 13:32, 33\)](#)

An interesting point regarding the Gospels: “According to American Max in the [“Lexicon of the Holy Bible”](#), the word ‘Son of Man’ is repeated 80 times in the Gospels and accessories (New Testament), of which 30 are adaptable to Jesus Christ and the other 50 are descriptions of the Savior who will come in apocalypse; And Jesus Christ will come with him and glorify him, and no one knows the date and time of his coming but great God.”

❖ *Imam Mahdi (PBUH) in Indian holy books*

Let it be emphasized that these books, in the view of Shiite, are not holy books. In fact these are adaptations of past Scriptures and are created by the nature of pure men and these predictions should be merely of revelation sources.

In [“Basque”](#); one of holy books of Indians:

“The two worlds shall end to a just king in apocalypse who is the leader of angels and mankind, and truth and rightfulness will be with him...and he will gain what is hidden in the seas and lands and sky.”

In [‘Shakmoni’](#), an accredited Hindu book, it has been mentioned that: “Monarchy in this world will end by the son of the best creature, [‘Koshen](#); (name of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). He will rule on the mountains of the east to west and will ride upon the clouds...”

Furthermore, we read in [‘Vashen-Jool’](#) about the end of the world: “Eventually, the world will turn toward the one whose name is “Auspicious”, he loves God and is of God’s special servants.”

We may find texts about The Savior in other Hindu books such as:

Dartek Dideh, Patkil and Shaboohergan.

❖ *Imam Mahdi (PBUH) in the Zoroastrian holy books*

In “[Zand](#)”, one of the holy books of Zoroastrians, the end of the world is discussed in this way, “Then, Izadan will be aided by Ahoora Mazda and will gain a great victory against Ahrimans. It is after Izadan victory that human beings will become prosperous”...

The book of Jamasb Nameh, by Jamasb (one of the Zoroastrian scholars), describes the characteristics of Imam Mahdi (PBUH) as such, “A man with large head, body and arms will come from the Tazian (Arabs) Land, of Hashem descendants with the religion of his ancestors; he will come towards Iran with many troops; he shall civilize and fill the earth with justice such that the wolves and the sheep shall drink water together, the population shall increase and people shall live long lives once again, some men shall have fifty sons and daughters. The hills and valleys shall become full of people and animals. It shall be like a wedding and all people shall again follow the religion of ‘Mehr Azmay’ (Prophet Muhammad PBUH&HP). Tyranny and rebellion shall be a thing of the past, such that people shall forget how to bear arms. If I describe the goodness of this period our lives shall become so bitter.”

And somewhere else he says, “From the (last) prophet’s descendants, someone will come in Medina who is the successor of the prophet, who follows his ancestor’s religion. From the justice he practices, the wolves and the sheep shall drink water together; the entire world will become ‘Mehr Azmay’ (Prophet Muhammad’s (PBUH&HP)) followers.”

Other parts of Zoroaster’s foretellings on “[Bahman Posht](#)” are available in detail.

In the book of [Zand](#) and [HooHooMan Lisen](#) the arrival of Socians, the great savior of the world, has been foretold as: “Marvelous signs shall appear in the sky as signs of the arrival of the savior and some angels will carry his messages from the east and the west to the whole world.”

The ancient Iranians believed so strongly in the arrival of “Socians” that when their empire was defeated decisively in the “Qadesieh war” the third Yazdgerd turned to his great castle, “Mada’in”, and said “Bless you; I will leave now and shall return with one of my descendants who has not reappeared yet” ([Book of Jamasb, pages 121-122](#))



However, the Shiite believes Mahdi (PBUH) is of the descendants of Yazdgerd's daughter. She was the wife of the third Imam of Shiites, Imam Hussein (PBUH), who is the ninth forefather of Imam Mahdi (PBUH).

❖ *Imam Mahdi (PBUH) in other nations*

In this part, we try to briefly refer to the beliefs of different nations concerning this issue:

Ancient Iranians believed that Gorza Sepah, their historical hero is alive and hundreds of angels take care of him until the day he rises and corrects the world.

Islam has believed that someone arises from the east and unifies all tribes of Islam and makes them dominant in the world.

Germans believed that a victorious man arises on their behalf, making the Germans dominant in the world.

Serbian people had faith in the coming of Marco Karliowich.

Jews believe that the Messiah (the great savior) will come in the apocalypse and rule the world forever, but they consider him son of Isaac, while he is clearly the son of Isma'il.

The Scandinavians believe that there will be difficulties for people. World wars destroy most of the communities. Then Odin, the Divine power comes and dominates the entire world.

Greeks say 'Kal', the great savior, will come and save the world.

Central American tribes have believed that "Cotzlecomel", the savior of the world, will be victorious after some major events happen in the world.

Chinese people have faith in someone called 'Krishna' as savior of the world.

People of Central Europe are waiting for 'Bokhes'.

IV. Results

• Factors of the Promised Mahdi (PBUH) Reappearance

Reappearance Factors are the factors that pave the way for Imam's Reappearance and are considered as the reasons of his reappearance. It must be said about it: Although the main factor of Imam Mahdi's reappearance is the "will of God", but what humans can do for reappearance preparation is the elimination of factors which causes his occultation and to make themselves prepared. This preparation is achieved by doing their duties and obligations specially the duties of the absence era such as: Waiting for the reappearance, praying, patience and self-development, intellectual and social growth. This preparation should be proportionate to the acceptance of global governance: which means it has to be widespread and public and the public opinion should be ready to approve and support him.

Whatever that plays a role in the reappearance of Imam Mahdi (PBUH) and is considered as a reason of his return, can be counted as a Reappearance factor. We can say: Although the main factor of Imam Mahdi's reappearance is the "will of God", but what humans can do as reappearance preparation is to make themselves ready: Because every revolution or movement that occurs for a certain purpose, can be successful if the background of the movement is prepared in every field ,otherwise the revolution will fail.

Imam Mahdi's uprising is no exception from this rule and can win if the conditions are prepared [\[22\]](#).

So people's preparation is one of the causes and factors of Reappearance; hence general public should call for him and public opinion must be prepared to approve and support him. In other words, the optional and changeable factors of his occultation must be removed.

To explain more, According to the narrations about occultation factors, some of the factors are unchangeable and we don't have any authority over them such as:

He shouldn't pay homage to any person or government [\[23\]](#).

Protecting him from the risk of being killed [\[24\]](#).

Examination by God [\[25\]](#).

Unknown reasons: some narrations reflect the fact that the Holy imams are aware of the main reason of occultation but they must not express it. So they talked about some of its philosophies indirectly and briefly. The ground of this claim is the Narration of Abdullah ibn Fazl Hashemi from Imam Sadiq (PBUH) that Imam said to him: There is an occultation for Imam Mahdi (PBUH) which there is no choice in it. Any unbeliever will doubt about it. I told him: what is it (Occultation) for? He said: For which we do not have permission to reveal it to you. I asked: What is the philosophy of his occultation? He said the reason of his occultation is the same as the occultation reason of other God's agents. The reason will not be discovered until after his reappearance. As the reason of piercing the ship and killing the boy and setting up a wall by Khidr (PBUH) was not discovered to Prophet Moses (PBUH) until their separation [26].

It is clear that people have no authority over these factors to change them.

But some of other occultation factors are changeable. As it has been noted in some of the holy letters [of Imam Mahdi (PBUH)], disloyalty of people and their sins are the predisposing factors of his occultation.

“If God blesses our Shiites to gather their hearts on the fulfilling of the Promise, their good fortune of meeting us would not have been delayed, and the prosperity of seeing us with right and proper knowledge would have been hastened. Nothing has kept us from them except their unpleasant and undesirable deeds which is coming to us from them” [27].

The theme of this letter is that the disloyalty of Shiites to the promise and covenant with Imam is the reason of prolongation of occultation and deprivation of joining him, therefore the communion of Shiites in fulfillment of the covenant with him can be a factor to hasten reappearance [28].

Additionally, it should be noted that people of occultation era, despite general task, have some duties on the issue of occultation, that by performing them, not only they reach the reward but they also take some steps toward reappearance. We note some of these duties here:

➤ A) Patience:

In a hadith from Imam Reza (PBUH) he says: How good is the patience and waiting for his Reappearance. Didn't you hear the word of God that "فارتقبوا إني معكم قريب". And these word that فانظروا إني معكم من المنتظرين. Wait! I am waiting with you. Verily, relief comes after the disappointment and those who were before you were more patient than you [29].

The expression "عليكم بالصبر" "you should have patience" explicitly states that Shiites duty in occultation era is patience on separation. It is clear that patience means being resistant and firm in belief, practice and performance of his way and doctrine.

➤ B) Waiting:

Although the waiting duty is clear from the above narration, it should be noted about waiting: Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and Ahl-al-bayt have strictly insisted on this issue. In a narration from Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) we read that he said:"The best deed of my people is waiting for Reappearance" [30].

In the answer of someone who asked Imam Ali (PBUH): Which deed is more admired by God? He said: waiting for Reappearance [31].

Imam Sadiq (PBUH) says: The closest state of a servant to God and the most admired condition for him is to wait for the Reappearance in the morning and night when God's agent is hidden from them and he is not visible to them and is covert and they don't know his location [32].

It is obvious that waiting has two types: natural and legislative

In the natural type, waiting is more done in a passive way and with weakness, but the legislative waiting is active and with knowledge and action. Imam Sajjad (PBUH) confirmed this statement when he says: The awaiting people of his reappearance are the best persons of any era: because God has given them such wisdom and understanding that the absence has been like presence for them. He has made them equal to the warriors with sword beside prophet Muhammad (PBUH). They are really pure and true Shiites and they are the inviters to God's religion in overt and covert [33].

The real awaiting person has such knowledge in scientific aspect that the absence is just like the presence for him; which means he/she doesn't have any doubt in recognition of Imam of his/her era and in practical aspect he/she preaches people and invites them in overt and covert.

When the passive awaiting person sits around and does nothing and on the pretext of not being able to do something, doesn't do anything to make the reappearance happens, the positive awaiting person increases his/her knowledge and good deeds every moment, make him/herself prepared for the reappearance and tries to make himself/herself a good awaiting person.

To sum things up, we should say, belief in the unseen, the tendency to justice, hatred of injustice and oppression, confessing the truth and invitation to good are lied in the positive waiting.

➤ C) Prayer:

In some of the narrations, Praying is considered as the major duty of the occultation era. As Ishagh Ibn Yaghub related from a letter which was received by Muhammad ibn Uthman that pray a lot to hasten the reappearance [\[34\]](#).

➤ D) Disappointment from Everything:

In a narration from Imam Sadiq (PBUH), we read that he said: "Surely Mahdi's reappearance only happens after disappointment." [\[35\]](#).

In another narration, Imam Reza (PBUH) says" Indeed, the reappearance happens after disappointment and those who lived before were more patient than you [\[36\]](#).

This means that while people have hope in non-divine powers, there won't be any thirst for Imam Mahdi's justice and they won't seek and demand for Imam Mahdi in an appropriate and necessary way [\[51\]](#). For more information please refer to [\[51\]](#).

V. Conclusion

We discussed about god and its creations, its rules, saint peoples, Messenger Muhammad, Imam Hussain and his way and history. Also this paper discussed about Imam Mahdi (Twelfth Imam) as the end of times savior and how to make his path to appearance. Having the right knowledge, using god's rules, believing in higher mans, avoiding possible sins, clearing heart and strong will preparing world to his coming is possible. For sure, there would be problems in this way and demonic people and jinns are in the way as enemies. But for having the most valuable



human, it is worth it. It is suggested to research more on this subject and other related subjects to extract historical events about the savior from other nations. Hope to a day which, justice covers the world.

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Appendix

Everything is based on 12 numbers in this universe. We have 12 hour per day, 12 months per year, 12 saint follower of Jesus, 12 sign of zodiac and 12 Innocent Imam. But why? Did you think about it before? Well I cannot say anything and you are the judge yourself. But if someone ask me about it, I will say that, there is something right with this number!!!

There are 5 important pray to call Imam Mahdi in the purpose of Postponing his presents which are translated from Arabic to English in bellow:

Ahd Pray (promise pray):

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

By the name of forgiveness God
 God!
 I bring my demand to you,
 To your almighty power
 And to your brightness of your face
 To your historical dominance
 You are the one which is ,
 Constantly living,
 Having everything in control,
 To the name which the skies and earths are lighten based on it
 To the name which begin and endless of everything is completed by it
 You are the one,
 Alive before any other living!
 Alive after any other living!
 Alive while there was no other living!
 God , you are the one who made deaths living again
 You are the one who take life of living creature
 God,
 Forever alive!
 There is no other God except you
 God!
 Send this to our Mola
 Leading overseer
 The one who had the place
 One who has performed on your rule
 (which peace be upon him)
 From all those believers in mountains and earth
 In east part of earth
 And west part of it
 From me
 And mother and father of me
 Send all the respect equals with whole universe
 Equal with all inks of his word
 Things just God count them up
 And his book would cover them up.
 God
 Today's morning
 And any other day which I will be alive ,
 I will deal with your deputy , Mahdi , a new conformity
 Date, commitment and being faithful to him
 Will be always my duty
 And I will never turn back to it,
 This vow will never change
 And it will never destroy, never!
 My God!
 Let me be his companion and his supporter
 And his devotee
 One of those who donate their life for him
 Make me fast to fulfil his desire
 I want
 His order
 His obedience
 His endless supporter
 Be for him and respect him
 Before anyone else
 Put me to death in front of him
 My God!

If my death can cause distance between me and him
 Take me out of grave
 Even if I am covered by death clothes
 Be ready for him
 For him whom is a big inviter
 Wherever I be
 In a desert or city
 My God!

I talk about him who is a handsome enlightened man
 Show me that enlighten respectable man
 Make my eyes beautiful
 By just looking at him
 Make his mission soon
 And easy
 And make his plan wide
 And lead me to be his follower
 Make his order powerful
 His back be strong
 Your lands be fertilize
 And give your people another life by him
 My God!
 you just tell the true
 due to what people done on the earth
 disasters happened
 Therefore, make him clear for us
 Whom is the son of Mohamed's daughter
 and has the same name as prophet
 Till he will overcome all the wrong things
 Make the lies disappear and vanish them
 Make the right to be in place
 And make it happen
 My God!
 Place him as a backer for weak people
 Make him as an assistant for those who have no other one except you
 Make him to be a rationale for any rules which is not in place anymore
 Make him a good cause for all your signs of religion and Mohammad's sonat
 To new ones
 My God!
 Place him with those
 Who you supported them when brutal people suffering them
 My God!
 Accept my respect to yourself and his family
 Make all followers of Mohammad (peace be upon him) happy
 and support us when he is there
 Forgive us
 My God!
 You are the kind-heartedness
 I pledge you to your kindness
 Make it disappear this unhappiness by placing him in this world
 And make it fast his coming and mission
 Some do not believe this
 But we see it happing very soon
 My molwa
 Be fast, fast

Nodbeh Pray:

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

This pray is so long but important so I provided a link for it below:

<http://shokoofehav92.blogfa.com/post/19>

If you could not reach the link, please contact me.

Faraj Pray:

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

O Allah! Protect Your vicegerent Hujjat (the Proof) ibn. al-Hasan and send salutations upon him, and his ancestors, now as well as at all the times, (as our) Imam, Guardian, Supporter, and Guide until such time when you bestow upon him the honor of heading the (Divine) Government. And let the people be delighted in his reign, by bestowing success, and by extending his reign.

Ziarat Ashura Pray:

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

Peace be on you, O Abu Abdullah!

Peace be on you, O son of the Apostle of Allah!

Peace be on you, O son of the commander of the faithfuls, the forebear of the successors!

Peace be on you, O son of Fatimah, the choicest among the women of the worlds!

Peace be on you, O the select, surpassing, chosen in preference over all good of Allah, and son of Allah's (such) good.

Peace be on you, who was martyred while fighting heroically in the cause of Allah, the son of Allah's fearless warrior, you were isolated and had been attacked with a vengeance!

Peace be on you and on those souls who had gathered in your camp, and strided along with you, in your journey. I pray and invoke Allah to keep all of you tranquil and restful, for ever; so far I am alive, this is my prayer, and till nights and days follow each other.

O Abu Abdullah! unbearable is the sorrow, nerve-racking is the agony, you put up with, for us and for all the (true) Muslims, crimes committed against you also shocked and unnerved the dwellers of the heavens, one and all.

May Allah condemn and damn the people who laid the basis and set up the groundwork, to wander astray and turn aside from not only you and your family but to take liberties and bear hard upon you.

May Allah condemn and damn the people who tried to obscure and deny your office and status, willfully neglected your rank and class Allah had made know in clear terms. May Allah condemn and damn the people who killed you.

May Allah condemn and damn the abettors who instigated and had a part in your murder. I turn to you and Allah, away from them, their henchmen, their followers and their friends,

O Abu Abdullah, I pray and invoke Allah to send blessings on you. I make peace with those who make their peace with you, I make war on those who go to war against you, till the Day of Judgement.

May Allah condemn and damn the family of Ziyaad and the family of Marwaan;

may Allah condemn and damn the group and the tribe of Umayyah, one and all, altogether;

may Allah condemn and damn the son of Marjaanah;

may Allah condemn and damn Umar son of Saad;

may Allah condemn and damn Shimir;

may Allah condemn and damn the people who bridled the horses and erected the saddles for your martyrdom. I, my father and mother are at your disposal. Profound is my sorrow for you. I beg Allah, who honoured you above others, to be generous towards me on account of you, and give me the opportunity to be with the victorious Imam, the descendent of Mohammad (blessings and peace be on him and on his children from Allah) at the time of the final and decisive war against Allah's enemies.

O my Allah make me attend to Your cause, sincerely, in every respect following in Husayn's footsteps, in this world and the



hereafter. O Abu Abdullah, I pray and invoke Allah to send blessings on you. I come nearer and seek greater intimacy with Allah, with His Apostle, with Ameerul Moomineen, with Fatimah, with Hasan and with you, with the help of your love and patronage, cutting off every connection with those who took up arms against you and killed you. I disconnect all links with those who, in the beginning, took the first steps to take liberties with and bear hard upon you, I take refuge with Allah and His Apostle (blessings of Allah be on him and on his children), free from the guilt of associating with those who laid the foundation for (your suffering), devised and carried out their corrupt plan of action, boldly gave currency to reign of terror and cruelty to oppress you and your friends and followers; I detach myself from them and present myself to Allah and to you, I (first) seek greater intimacy with Allah and then with you to win your love and patronage, and to make friends with your friends, cut off all links with your enemies, and with those who planted the seeds of hostility against you, and reject and discard their associates, their followers and their friends. I make peace with those who made their peace with you, I search out and confront those who waged war against you, I make friends with those who stood by you, I strive against those who came in conflict with you, therefore, I make a request to Allah to acquaint (me) with the awareness that perceives you and your friends, to set me free from the corrupting influence of your enemies, to make me keep company with you in this world and in the Hereafter, stand firm beside you and follow your footsteps closely in this world and in the next world. I beseech Him that he helps me to reach your highly praised station, given to you by Allah, (to meet you), that He provides me the opportunity to fight for justice and fairplay alongwith and under the leadership of the rightly guided guide (in your progeny) who surely will come and speak the truth. I beseech Allah in the name of your right and the purpose He assigned to you, that He overwhelms me with grief in memory of your sorrows, more than the personal grief that torments any one who is in great agony, sorrows which have no parallel and overshadow all calamities that took place in the history of Islam, for that matter, through out the whole universe.

O my Allah, in my on the spot situation, treat me like him (or her) who obtains from You
(Your) blessings, mercy and forgiveness.

O my Allah, bring me to life again, after death, in the place Mohammad and his "Aal" (children) are dwelling, and make me depart from this world like Mohammad and his "Aal" (children) had left,

O my Allah this day is a day of rejoicing for the "Bani Umayyah", the herd of hardened criminals, the eternally damned and accursed group, a fact that had been made public by You and by Your Prophet (blessings of Allah be on him and on his children), who, in every place and at all occasions, drew attention of people to this truism.

O my Allah condemn and damn Abu Sufyaan, Yazid son of Muwa'awiyah and let it be an everlasting curse upon them from You. Today the descendants of Ziyaad and Marwan make merry, laugh and dance because on this day they killed Husayn (blessings of Allah be on him).

O my Allah, therefore, double up the curse You brings upon them and also the punishment You decrees for them.

O my Allah, I seek nearness to You today in this frame of mind, cutting off all links with them for the rest of my life, denouncing them because of my love for Your Prophet and his children, peace be on him and them.

Then again say 100 times:

O my Allah condemn and damn the first tyrant who unjustly and wrongfully usurped that which rightly belonged to Mohammad and the children of Mohammad, and bring curse upon those who, after him, followed in his footsteps.

O my Allah condemn and damn those conspirators who vexed and harassed Husayn, showed eagerness, agreed mutually, and joined hands to kill him. O my Allah bring curse upon all of them.

Then again say 100 times:

Peace be on you, O Abu Abdullah, and on those souls who came to your camp to put themselves at your disposal.

So far I am alive and the days and nights follow each other I invoke Allah to send blessings on you for ever and ever.

May Allah not make my this pledge of close association, physical as well as spiritual, with you the last fulfillment.

Peace be on Husayn, and on Ali son of Husayn, and on the children of Husayn, and on the friends of Husayn.

Then say:

O my Allah, let the curse I call down on the head of the first tyrant stick like a leech; and stay put for ever on the first, then the second, the third and the fourth.

O my Allah damn and call down evil on the fifth, Yazid son of Muwa'awiyah, and bring a curse upon Ubaydullah son of Ziyaad, ibna Marjanah, Umar son of Saad, and Shimr, and on the descendants of Abu Sufyaan, on the descendants of Ziyaad, on the descendants of Marwaan, till the Day of judgement.

Then go is Sajdah and say:

O my Allah! (All) praise is for You (alone); praise of the "Ever-thankful to You", who glorify You whatever come to pass. (All) praise is for Allah for my deep-felt intense grief. O my Allah make available for me the recommendations of Husayn on the day I present myself before You, let me stand firm in safety before You on account of my sincere attachment with Husayn, alongwith him and his comrades, who sacrificed everything they had (heart, mind, soul and life) for Husayn, peace be on him.

Ayatol Korsie Pray:

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

Allah, there is no god except he, the living, the everlasting. neither dozing, nor sleep overtakes him. to him belongs all that is in the heavens and the earth. who is he that shall intercede with him except by his permission! he knows what will be before their hands and what was behind them, and they do not comprehend anything of his knowledge except what he willed. his seat embraces the heavens and the earth, and the preserving of them does not weary him. he is the high, the great.

There is no compulsion in religion. righteousness is now distinct from error. he who disbelieves in the idol and believes in allah has grasped the firmest tie that will never break. allah is hearing, knowing.

Allah is the guardian of those who believe. he brings them out from darkness into the light. as for those who disbelieve, their guides are idols, they bring them out from the light into darkness. they are the companions of the fire and shall live in it for ever

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