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**Kalimah al-Imam
al-Mahdi al-Hujjat ibn
al-Hassan al-'Askari**
(‘Alayhima al-Salaam)

Words of Imam Mahdi,
Hujjat son of ‘Askari
(Salaam Be Upon Them, SBUT)

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Main pillars of Religion comprehension

Comprehension of the Divine Religion of Islam and finding the Path of growth and guidance are founded upon two main pillars, i.e. the Book and the Sunnah: The Book is the Word of Allah And the treasure and fountainhead of beliefs, rites and rules; the same Qur'an which is light and guidance, knowledge and wisdom, grace and mercy, proof and exhortation, healing and blessing, and reminder and insight; the Book which is universal and eternal and in all times and places, it answers all needs and separates the Truth from falsehood; but it is not self-teaching and teacherless. Its vital and priceless heritage is with the Seal of Prophets, Hazrat Muhammad ibn 'Abdullah (SBUH & HP). All particularities and excellences and limpid fountains of doctrinal guidances and cognitional foundations and Holy graces are manifested at the capable hands of the noble Messenger of Allah *with whom is the Knowledge of the Book* [*], which comprises the sayings and doings and confirmations of the Holy Messenger of Allah (SBUH & HP), having been named the Sunnah. By that Allah's beloved, the Muhkamat and the Mutashabihat and the Mujmalat and the Mubhamat and the Ta'wil and the Tafsir of Verses of the Qur'an are presented.

[*] Qur'an 13:44

Teachers of Qur'an

The Infallible Successors of the Seal of Prophets (SBUT), by seeking assistance from Qur'an and Sunnah, are the teachers of the continuation of the Path of the Prophet and have the responsibility of the clarification, fulfillment and continuity of those two pillars (i.e. the Book and the Sunnah) so that Religious teachings regarding cognitional foundations, doctrinal issues and hidden Truths of the Word of Allah- which the Ummah needs for correct and deep understanding of the Religion- do continue and humans- at the most complete manner- do realize Islam's doctrinal, jurisprudential and practical obligations, moralities and social rules. The secret behind the Word of Allah remaining immune and being the Proof- that contains all the Truth of existence and clarification of all things and is living and lasting- is because of these Infallible personalities who are the Ahl of al-Dhikr and whose hearts are the original place for Descent of Divine Revelation and Knowledge. These Holy personages are the most qualified individuals for teaching, interpreting and explaining the Truths of the Divine Book and they have been appointed by the Sublime Allah and they are the followers and the manifestation of the Book and they are the Speaking Word of Allah and the 'Itrat of the Prophet.

The two precious and lasting Prophetic heritage: Qur'an and 'Itrat, are two inseparable bases to which the Ummah, in absence of the Prophet of Allah, must cling to, for moving in the Path of guidance and salvation and not falling in the path of perdition. They- who do not refer to these two inseparable heritages and do not obey and follow the Infallible Successors of the Prophet (SBUT)- part from the True Islam and the Word of Allah too remains forsaken in their hands; for, obedience of the Successors of the Prophet is the obedience of Allah and His Messenger.

Worth of words

The precious words of those suns of guidance- whom Allah has chosen for clarification of the eternal Religion of Islam and for leading humankind in dangerous life paths- in comprehension of the Religion, beliefs, moralities, obligations and hidden Truths of the Word of Allah, is a luminous light guiding humans towards Allah and the servitude and worship of the All-Loving and Ever-Independent Creator; words which stem from Allah-Bestowed Knowledge and clear darkneses of ignorance, polytheism, hypocrisy and disbelief, and illuminate human paths in life, and show the path of felicity, and express human duties.

The brilliant soul, inner limpidity, pure and ocean-like innate and heart of these unique lofty men coupled with Allah-Bestowed celestial Knowledges, purify their words- which possess the firmness of mountains, limpidity and height of sky and harmony of ocean waves- from all imperfections of words, and place them, unrivaled, on the throne of eloquence, articulacy and meaningfulness; words like graceful and meaningful chants- which, while being fluent and simple- are moving, guiding and aimful, and in which life, purity and sacredness sparkle. Said so beautifully the fifth of them, Hazrat Baqir al-'Ulum (SBUH):

“Indeed our words vivify hearts.”

Now during the Imamate of the twelfth Imam of Guidance- which the sustenance of existence and the stability of the earth and the heavens are from the blessing of his existence- we have become deprived of meeting that world-brightening sun and we are not like the people of the past who used to see their Imam present in the society and hasten to meet with him and benefit from his Divine Knowledge and find the Path of Guidance. Of course the life of the Disappeared Imam (May Allah Hasten his Appearance, ATFS) during Occultation is not a personal, private and trouble-free life; rather he has a social and full life as an Imam and Hujjat of Allah,

and not knowing his whereabouts does not nullify the sustainment and continuity of that beloved's Positions. When problems, so to speak, bend one's back and hopelessness casts its shadow on the person, the living Imam does not withhold his Guardianship from him and helps in times of distress; he writes letters; shows the way; resolves doubts; kindles the candles of hearts with the light of Guidance; manifests Divine Knowledges in the form of prayers and pilgrimage supplications; eliminates material and spiritual, worldly and otherworldly, individual and social needs; he sometimes delivers a lost person to his destination; other times he guides scholars; another time he teaches a high level scholar the method of debating; ... and he (SBUH) performs his Imamate responsibility in the best manner. Although that magnanimous and munificent Imam, to protect his life, lives unrecognized in the society, he does, by Allah's Permission, what he considers wise, advisable and duty, and he has beneficences, blessings, hidden favors, Divine graces and bounteous effects for the entire existence, and every year he is present during the Hajj season. That Hazrat is the Channel of Grace between the beings and the Creator of the world, and he is the soul of the world, and the safety and security of the earth, and the protector of Allah's Religion, and the guardian of people. The Position of being Proof, Position of Knowledge, Position of Guidance, Position of Wilayat, Position of resolving differences, Position of helping and redressing, Position of fatherhood and other Positions of the Imam (SBUH) are standing and continuous, and the earth is not void of him.

Amir al-Mo'menin has asserted:

“The earth is not void of the Rising (Qa'im) Hujjat of Allah, whether manifest and known or concealed and fearful, so that His clear proofs and signs would not become extinct ...”

Gathering the priceless heritage of the Infallible Imams' (PBUT) words, and specifically Hazrat Mahdi (ATFS)'s, during almost twelve centuries- which have been in authentic sources and documents and have been a main pillar in understanding and cognition of the Religion of Islam- has not been an unprecedented work among scholars. The elite of the Shia, and the foremost of them all: Shaykh AbuJa'far Saduq, Shaykh al-Ta'ifah abuJa'far Tusi, Shaykh AbuMansur Tabrisi, 'Allamah Muhammad Baqir Majlisi and ... have devoted sections in their Narrational books to Tawqi'at (signed letters), written communications, prayers, pilgrimage supplications, Tasharrufat (meetings), statements, messages and dreams related to Hazrat Mahdi (ATFS).

Words of Hazrat Mahdi (ATFS) are a cognitional treasure containing the expanse of many needs of the Occultation Era of the twelfth Imam of Guidance, with various contents in clarifying beliefs and rules of worship, teaching prayers and pilgrimage (Ziyara) and Salahs and Dhikrs, exegetic points, historical facts, ethical exhortations, benefits of the Imam's existing, introducing false Mahdi Claimants and deviated sects, rebuking traitors and *exaggerators*, appointing Nuwwabs, praising and authenticating deputies, anticipation of Faraj (Appearance ...), Position of the AhlulBayt (SBUT), duties of the Shi'a during the Era of Occultation, meeting needs and solving problems and healing diseases, guiding the Shi'a and representatives, warding off dangers, ultimate victory of the Truth, defending and supporting followers, financial aids and helps, prophesying future events and times of death, choosing traveling companion, paying religious dues, condolence message for mourning families, permission for Hajj, declaring wealth impurities, praying for childbearing, fetal gender determination and name assignment, redressing and many more cases ... which although each has been issued for specific instances; yet they are useful and educational for all followers.

It is noteworthy to mention that words and writings of Hazrat Wali 'Asr (ATFS) during over one thousand and one hundred eighty years of Occultation are not limited to these which have reached us; there have most probably been many who have received blessed handwritings of the Hujjatullah and said nothing until their last breaths and history has not recorded those words or letters, and there have most probably been many who have hearkened to his statements and messages and have not informed anyone!

Introducing the collection

“Kalamah al-Imam al-Mahdi al-Hujjat ibn al-Hassan al-‘Askari (SBUT)”- whose first volume is before you- is a collection of the statements of the Promised Savior, Hazrat Baqiyatullah al-A’zam (ATFS) which have been issued, written or orally, in the form of letters and writings and advices and guidances and also that Hazrat himself stated its title and recommended its publication, and now on the occasion of the one thousand and one hundred and eighty seventh glorious birth anniversary of that beloved of hearts, this work is being presented to researchers and interested ones. This work, with respect to comprehensiveness and detail and research particularities- to which, in the forthcoming lines, more explanations will be allocated- is an *exemplary* collection, taken from many available Islamic Hadith collections and sources, and up to now, in respect of quality and quantity, is unique.

The first nucleus of this work was compiled in Arabic by the endeavors of the striving scholar Shahid Ayatullah Sayyid Hassan Shirazi (May Allah be Pleased with him) and throughout many years, over a third of a century, it has been corrected and arranged and verified and annotated and completed and translated to Farsi. In order to preserve the trend of the collection and to have Arabic and Persian texts, the texts taken from Persian sources have been translated to Arabic too.

This collection comprises seven volumes with the following subjects:

- 1- Introductions and list of contents
- 2- Tawqi’at and written communications
- 3- Prayers and pilgrimage supplications

4- Meetings and Tasharrufat (1)

5- Meetings and Tasharrufat (2)

6- Messages and dreams

7- Future Appearance statements

In the beginning of five volumes of this collection, for the more familiarization of readers with the subject and contents of each volume, articles have been compiled by the corrector-researcher and have appeared in the following order:

1- Royal signature (a prelude on the second volume)

2- Prayer, the elixir of servitude (a prelude on the third volume)

3- Eagerness of meeting (a prelude on the fourth volume)

4- Message of kindness (a prelude on the sixth volume)

5- Vanguard (a prelude on the seventh volume)

1. *The first volume (Introductions and list of contents)*

begins with a word from the publisher with the title “Anguish of Separation”. “Process of Composition” is a prologue by the Corrector so that the readers, beforehand, may realize the worthiness of the words and teachings of the Prophet (SBUH & HP)’s ‘Itrat in comprehension of the Religion. In this section the account of the arranging process and the report of what has been done for this **Mawsu’ah**, from beginning to the end, are reviewed. The next two parts of the first volume are the introduction of the translators and the introduction of the compiler too. The section “Images and Documents” comprises pictures of the compiler of the Arabic book and teachers and activities and speeches and cultural services and travels and burial ceremony and his gravesite. For reference and research convenience, the list of all proper names, in an *amalgamated form*, and *the sources and subject matters of all volumes are presented in this volume*. “Introductions and list of contents” comes to an end with a brief description of the contents of the seven volumes in English.

2. *The second volume (Tawqi'at and written communications)*

contains the written correspondences of Hazrat Sahib al-Zaman (SBUH) which have been for causing awareness in regard to religious principles and Ma'arif, and for giving necessary warnings, and protecting against dangers threatening the Shi'a and that Hazrat's deputies, or to answer the questions and wishes of the followers which through the Nuwwab and deputies were delivered to the Shi'a.

“Tawqi’” means to sign or to stamp a writing such as: letter, edict, document, charter, covenant, plan and correspondence; whether the responder himself writes the text of the Tawqi’ or he commands the secretaries and trusted individuals to write then he puts his stamp and signature at the end of the response as the indication of approval.

The contents of the Tawqi'at are the best and most reliable factor which confirms its genuineness and shows that it comprises truths and matters which have been written based upon the Allah-Bestowed Knowledge of the Imam (SBUH). The letter-writing procedures of the Shi'a, such as writing with a pen without ink or moving fingers on the paper so as not to leave any trace on the whiteness of the paper, not only established the mechanism of the institution of deputies and ambassadors of the Occultation Era, rather it also assayed the truthfulness and rightfulness of deputies and representatives, and assured and warmed the hearts of receivers that their Imam was alive; for they were realizing that the Lord's Hujjat was giving information regarding their sealed secrets which no one but he whom the letter belonged to knew of.

The topic range of the Mahdawi Tawqi'at and writings which have become available to documents and history, are extensive and as broad as those times' questions and needs and events, and the following titles are a sample of those topics:

- 1- Doctrinal Ma'arif and beliefs

- 2- Religious and jurisprudential precepts
- 3- Political, social and economic guidances
- 4- Duties and obligations of the Shi'a, and warnings to protect them from falling into Shaitan's trap
- 5- Educational and ethical discussions
- 6- Introducing and confirming true ambassadors and deputies, and management of the affairs of the institution of deputies
- 7- Refuting and exposing false claimants and the exaggerators and the deviated
- 8- Sent written prayers for followers
- 9- Miracles and solving problems and assistances and granting requests and needs of those who Tawassul to the Imam (SBUH) (Tawassul: Seeking the Imam as means of nearness to Allah)
- 10- Revealing inner intentions, giving the news of future happenings: Death of persons, healing of the sick, children being born or not, and the gender of the child, helping to find lost things, naming the children, consulting regarding marriage, requesting shroud, permitting or not permitting to travel, choosing travel companion, praying for freedom of prisoner, freeing of slaves, issuing orders for protecting the life of deputies and the Shi'a and ...
- 11- Necessity of keeping and protecting the Tawqi'at, and their propagation or concealment

And these are all indications of the *continuance* of the Imamate Positions of the Imam (SBUH) who is the Leader of the Path, Guide of the bewildered, Observer of creations and the Door of Guidance for the Ummah, and he has not, even for a second, been neglectful of assisting.

3. *The third volume (Prayers and pilgrimage supplications)*

comprises the most limpid truths and purest Ma'arif in topics of Allahology, Prophetology, Imamology, Ma'adology, Selfology and ... and the most excellent exalted ethics and the loftiest educational, instructional, edificational, social, historical and political teachings and policies, with the most beautiful and superb words and the most eloquent statements and the most delicate analogies, which the celestial Teacher- in the Last Days of the world, with the help of the two schools of prayers and pilgrimage supplications, for making relations and actions of human life healthy and Divine- has employed human spirits, hearts, souls, feelings, affections, intellects and thoughts in the cause of improvement; and with all limitations and deprivations of the Occultation Era, he (SBUH) shows the way to Servitude of Allah and to human perfection and to lift cognitional intellect, and sets the open table of Divine Mercy before humankind so that they may sit on this table and have a share of all its blessings in order to achieve the desired destination and spiritual perfection.

Worshipping of one God and humbleness before the one and only Creator, unconditionally obeying Divine commands and forbiddances, endeavoring to maintain Religion and Taqwa (Divine Piety ...), paying attention to the reckoning of the Judgment Day, believing in Divine punishment and reward, reviving the spirit of self-building and struggling and self-sacrificing in the cause of Allah and exalting the Word of Allah, avoiding slips and sins, becoming familiar with the mode of conduct and behavior punctilio of celestial Chosen Ones, disliking adversaries of the Religion and the Usurpers of the Position of Wilayat and ... are a part of the values and topics opened before and taught to those who pray or the pilgrims through prayers and pilgrimage supplications, and inform and support them in walking in the Straight Path of Guidance and achieving Bliss.

4. *The fourth and fifth volumes (Meeting and Tasharrufat)*

is the narration of the blissfulness of blessed ones who, through the years of Minor and Major Occultations, have succeeded to see the shining face of the beloved, and have been honored to be at the Mahdawi Presence, and cleansed their eyes in the limpidity of the face of the son of ‘Ali and Zahra (SBUT), and heard the precious words of that kind Imam, and received the assistance and guidance of that beloved. It is quite acceptable that all manifestations of Hazrat are not limited to those which have been narrated; so many visitations may have remained concealed in the heart of history which we are unaware of. The narrated meetings in written works, are a few of the reported Tasharrufat which those who were honored, broke the silence and spoke. Undoubtedly there have been many visitations throughout the ages that the honored, fearing fame or accusation of lying or for staying away from financial gain or Taqiyah of rulers or for promising the Imam (SBUH), have concealed them and did not speak.

The brilliant Light of the world-shining sun of the Imam (SBUH), in close to twelve centuries, has shined upon a person ... a home ... or a town ... and has removed doubts from the hearts of Believers and kept hope alive and solved many problems and manifested miracles and wonders which can not appear but from Imam (SBUH).

The occurred Tasharrufat of the Last Days prove that meeting the sun of the sky of Wilayat does not belong to a specific group and a certain time and a specified place.

Once next to Ka’ba, another time in ‘Arafat and Mina, a moment in desert and sahara, sometimes next to a sacred land, for a virtuous scholar, for a regular person, teaching a prayer for elimination of a need, saving a lost person from perdition, giving hope to someone running from the rulers’ oppression.

Indeed these are all the firm continuity of the Positions of the King of Existence and the being-benefits of the Hujjat of Allah and the many different ways of

assistance and problem-solving which that beloved, with or without intermediaries, has rectified:

Reciting the previous Prophets' Books and the Karim Qur'an in the first days of birth

Performing his duties as a son regarding his lofty father, Hazrat 'Askari (SBUH), in the last moments of his life

Repudiating the beliefs of the "Mufawazah" and giving the news of the well ending of the "Haqqiyah" who are those loving the Amir al-Mu'menin (SBUH)

Repudiating claims of the "Nasibi" and teaching Shi'a scholars for doctrinal debates and answering religious questions, interpreting the Muqatta'ah letters of Qur'an, separating religious dues from Haram or Halal wealth.

Manifesting indications of Divine Power and Knowledge, for presenting the ultimate proof and introducing the particularities of the Infallible Imam.

Accompanying pilgrims of sacred places and guiding them toward destination and giving financial aid.

Guiding lost persons and those in danger and meeting their needs and delivering them to towns and caravans and friends.

Answering letters of the Shi'a and guiding the seekers of guidance.

Defending the usurped rights of his Pure ancestors.

Recommending the Shi'a not to attend Hajj in a certain year to protect their lives.

Caring for and defending the ownership of father's house in Samarra and expelling the usurpers

Watching the actions of the Shi'a at hajj and arranging for their stay in a pilgrimage accommodation and providing comfort services

Clarifying religious issues and helping to perform religious duties and precepts

Recommending to read prayers and pilgrimage supplications and teaching and correcting the words of prayers and dhikrs

Informing the Shi'a regarding dangers threatening them and making them aware of their approaching time of death and giving them perfume and shrouds

Complaining from friends' actions and desiring to see them and expressing signs and prophesying some future events

Introducing and confirming Nuwwab and representatives and stating requisites for receiving religious dues

Healing hard to cure or incurable diseases and supporting and saving the lives of defenders of the sanctity of Wilayat of the AhlulBayt (SBUT) and restoring the traces of criminal torments afflicted by adversaries to the Shi'a

Solving problems and guiding religious juriconsults and scholars in doctrinal and jurisprudential and scientific issues

Helping and supporting religious scholars for defending the sanctity of Wilayat

Protecting and saving lives and properties and families of the Shi'a against Nasibi rulers and governments and thieves

Issuing the command of building Masjid in a specific and chosen location and the manner of performing Salah there

Solving the problems of a person's marriage and keeping people's actions under careful observation and giving behavior and ethical reminders

Inquiring about the livelihood of religious students and meeting their needs

Recommending to read Qur'an

Being aware of the needs of the needy and eliminating the hardships of livelihood and praying for the Shi'a and paying the debt of debtors

Guiding and showing the way for finding the Ma'arif of Religion to a virtuous scholar

Providing Halal sustenance for a seeking scholar

A continuous chain of Mahdawi words and attention which scholars and regular people, in different ways, together or alone, in meetings and Tasharrufat, have seen and heard.

Truly through the Occultation of the Imam (SBUH), those who have sought help from the Mahdawi Presence, have not felt supportless and shelterless. They have indeed realized that the Infallible Wali of Allah is the shelter of creations and he sees and is present and aware of people's conditions; he is with them each and every moment, he is the powerful Hand of Allah and does not neglect to support and protect people. In hardships and difficulties he is the emancipator. The fragrance of presence of that soul of the world, even in Occultation, is felt everywhere: Fatherly love, motherly benevolence, brotherly sincerity, honorable rescuing, committed guidance, powerful Wilayat, merciful Caliphate, celestial Imamate, universal Mahdawiyat has rained upon the entire world and lives of creations and shall rain continuously until the future Appearance.

5. *The sixth volume (Messages and dreams)*

comprises the Imam of the Age (SBUH)'s benevolences and inferior-fosterings which, in the form of messages and true dreams, have been sent and inspired. A selection of Mahdawi guidances, during sleep and wakefulness, are as follows:

Stating the reasons for Divine Prophets being humans, confirming Mahdawi ambassadors and deputies, sending a message of a prayer for a Believer to have a child, commanding to return to hometown, sending money and medicine for the Shi'a, giving the good news of going to Hajj and returning safely, commanding to separate other's wealth from one's wealth and returning them to their rightful owners, informing Nuwwabs and some deputies from the year, month and day of their deaths, praying for the Shi'a, reminding to observe Taqiyah, showing the path of finding doctrinal Ma'arif, guiding scholars for removal of sadness, confirming Ziyara Jami'a and Sahifah al-Sajjadiyah, coming true of certain promises, healing sick persons during sleep and promising them health and long life, knowing the inner secrets of others, guiding in jurisprudential precepts, reproaching those harming pilgrims, helping to pay debts, giving the good news of elimination of difficulties, enormity of AhlulBayt (SBUT)'s afflictions, misery of the afflictions of the Prophet's daughter, shining the light of hope in the hearts of the Shi'a, commanding the writing of a book in benefits of praying, finishing the poem of a poet loving the 'Itrat ...

All these redressing and guidance, in wakefulness and sleep, are the clear signs of the benefits of the existence of that ultimate love who has not neglected, not even for a second, to care for, guide and eliminate hardships of followers, and he shall never do.

6. *The seventh volume (Future Appearance statements)*

comprises the prophecies of the Infallible Leaders (SBUT) regarding the statements of their offspring, the Promised Savior, in the Appearance Era, and that beloved's commands and actions.

Years before the beginning of the Occultation and centuries before the Appearance, the noble fathers of the Imam of the Age (ATFS), relying upon their Allah-Bestowed Knowledge and their lofty Position, have observed the incomparable days of the Mahdawi established Justice so precisely that as if they were present at that time and observed the details with their own eyes and heard the precious words of that gracious Imam with their own ears too. Statements such as: *"As if I see"* in Hadiths indicates those Holy personages' perceiving of the Appearance Era and indeed no one but them had the ability of such prophecies and no one ever will.

A look, although brief, and a fast review of the future Appearance statements, show that the foreseeing eyes of the true Imams have, so beautifully and precisely, observed and depicted the events of the Occultation Era:

The Holy Prophet (SBUH & HP) has asserted:

"Mahdi will establish my Religion and Shari'a among people and will reveal my invitation, and will call to the Book of Allah, the Undefeated and Glorified, he shall judge based on the Lord's Justice and Judgment, and will command Justice. Allah, at his hand, will cause the earth to thrive by Tasbih (Glorification of Allah ...), Tahlil (Praising Allah ...), Taqdis (Sanctification of Allah ...) and Takbir (Veneration of Allah ...) ..."

In a Sunni source it has been narrated from the Messenger of Allah:

"I give you the good news of Mahdi's coming. He will come after disagreements among people and after earthquakes ... and he will fill the earth with justice and equity after being filled with injustice and inequity. He will divide wealth equally among people ... At time of Mahdi my Ummah will enjoy many blessings and wealth will have no value."

Amir al-Mu'menin (SBUH):

“Mahdi will be bound to Allah’s Halal and Haram and that which he will say is the Truth. It is as if I see my son in the way of Wadi al-Salam to Masjid of Sahlah ...”

In Sunni sources it has been narrated from the Lord of the Pious (SBUH):

“Mahdi in character and habitude and in niceness and goodness is the most similar to the Messenger of Allah (SBUH & HP) ... the Prophet counted his companions for me: 313 as the number of companions of (the battle of) Badr, in less time it takes to blink an eye, Allah shall gather them next to Ka’bah from the east and the west of the earth ... he will tell his companions: Pledge allegiance to me in forty promises ... he shall send his commanders to other cities with the mission of justice among people. Wolves and sheep will feed in one place, and children, without being harmed, will play with snakes and scorpions. Badness will go away and goodness will remain ... usury (in trade) and unchasteness and drinking and showing off (in good deeds) will move away ... lives will be long and holding in trust and safekeeping will prevail. Trees will be fruitful and abundance will be twice as much ... anyone holding a grudge against the Progeny of the Prophet shall not remain.”

Imam Baqir (SBUH):

“Mahdi shall give news from his Lord and remind His Belief. He will enjoin to goodness and forbid badness. It is as if I see him leaning against the Hajar (al-Aswad) and requesting his Right from Allah; he will cling to the curtain of Ka’ba and say: O Allah! Assist me! The first one pledging allegiance to him shall be Jabra’il, then in the gathering of his special companions, he shall introduce himself this way: “I am the Baqiyatullah and His Caliph and Hujjat among you.” The three hundred and thirteen companions will pledge their allegiance. Then he shall invite people to the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of the Prophet (SBUH & HP) and the Wilayat of ‘Ali son of AbiTalib (SBUT) and abhorrence of his enemies. ...”

Imam Sadiq (SBUH):

“Mahdi shall perform two Rak’ats of Salah before the Maqam of Ibrahim (SBUH) ... he shall raise his hands toward heavens and pray and implore Allah ... he shall open the Flag of the Messenger of Allah (SBUH & HP). At that time the angels of

Badr will descend to serve him. By Allah's Command, he will enjoin and judge as Dawud and Solayman (SBUT) and for that he will not ask for witness and shall not need a reason ... anew, he will call people to Islam and shall judge among people like the Prophet (SBUH & HP) ...”

Other instances of the words and actions of the Promised of all creeds, in Sunni sources, have been narrated in this manner:

“Hazrat ‘Eisa (Jesus, SBUH) shall descend from heavens to the eastern gates of Damascus. He shall renounce the jews and christians who will claim to help him and he will go to the place of gathering of Muslims and will see that they’ll be praying with their Imam That Hazrat shall tell ‘Eisa son of Maryam: “O Messiah of Allah! Perform Salah for us.” Messiah shall answer: “No, you come ahead (and stand in front) so that we perform Salah with you. Then he (Jesus) shall Iqtida to (follow the lead of) Hazrat Mahdi and perform Salah and pledge allegiance to him ... among the adherents to Torah, Mahdi shall judge based on their Torah and among the adherents to Injil, he shall judge based on their Injil ... Mahdi’s Salaam after Appearance, shall return spirits to those sleeping in the Cave ...”

Reading the Divine Book in the way it was sent to the Messenger of Allah (SBUH & HP), calling Allah with Hebrew name, inviting others to Islam, avenging the blood of Imam Hussain (SBUH), introducing the thieves of Ka’ba, executing justice in the Hajj ceremony, and speaking to the Shi’a from a far distance are of the topics in the seventh volume which can be referred to.

It must be known that the future Appearance statements can not be the definite basis for knowing Imam Zaman (SBUH), and in the same manner that the Signs of Appearance, even those labeled as definite, are of matters regarding which the possibility of change exist and the Hands of Allah are open for allowing the Savior to Appear without any of these Signs and for signing the matter of Appearance in one night, in the prophesied words too changes may occur or they may not happen at all.

So many signs of Divine Power and Knowledge will become manifest from that beloved Mawla that there will be no room left for comparing prophecies with his actual self. Imam Sadiq (SBUH) looked at a ray of sun shining in the porch and told Mufazzal- who was anxious for knowing Imam Mahdi (SBUH) and thus asked: What should we do?:- *“O Mufazzal! Do you see this sunlight? ... Our matter is clearer than this sunlight.”*

At the end of this volume, certain Mustadraks from Sunni sources in the two topics: “Meetings and Tasharrufat” and “Future of Appearance statements” have been stated.

Studying the seven volume Mawsu’ah, Words of Imam Mahdi, Hujjat son of ‘Askari (Salaam Be Upon Them, SBUT), is a documented source for getting to know the Universal Administrator of Justice, Hazrat Baqiyatullah al-A’zam (May our souls be sacrificed for him) and the everlasting heritage of Mahdawi Words; that Hazrat is a loving Imam and a Celestial and Divine Leader who through the Power delegated to and bestowed upon him by the Omnipotent Creator, is affluent, and for making himself known, he has proofs and manifestations of power which are quite distinguishable for the Ummah and clearly show his Rightfulness. He has in his possession the ‘Alawi Mushaf (the original Qur’an gathered by Hazrat ‘Ali (SBUH)) and the Prophets’ Entrustments. His blessed being, just like the Karim Qur’an, is unparalleled and challengeable whom no one has the ability to confront and replace. He is aware of inner thoughts and without the need for proofs and hujjats he shall judge like Dawud and Solayman (SBUT), and will reveal concealed truths and inner secrets. By Divine Permission, everything shall be in the realm of his will and control so that no doubt shall remain in his recognition. He is the Firm Divine Handle and Rope extending from heavens to the earth, and no error and cruelty shall he commit. In the shadow of his existence twenty five parts from the twenty seven parts of Knowledge shall be presented and his blessed hands on heads shall perfect intellects. He will reveal the True Islam and bestow honor and will establish the True Monotheism all over the world and all governments and nations will obey and submit to him. Prophets will help and by the Light of his existence, the earth shall be luminous and his Kingdom shall cover east and west of the world. By his will, earth and sky, land and sea, will present their reserves and blessings, and abundance and equality will prevail all over the earth. He is “Spring of Peoples” and “Green Freshness of Eras”. The Ma’arif that will emerge from his Holiness is the indication of his Mahdawiyat. Yes, he is the rectifier of all disorders and the healer of all pains and by Allah’s Will he shall change all oppression and injustice in the world to equity and justice.

O Allah! By him, fill the earth with justice and equity as it has been filled with oppression and injustice.

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