

And says in another place

«وَأَنَّ الْمُسْرِفِينَ هُمْ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ»<sup>3</sup>

:“And that the extravagant are the companions of the fire”<sup>3</sup>

Extravagance has also been condemned in the history of religious leaders,

Imam Sajjad (a.s.) while praying to God, says:

«وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ تَنَاوُلِ الْإِسْرَافِ»<sup>4</sup>

“And we seek refuge in You from eating extravagance”<sup>4</sup>

«وَأَمْنَعْنِي مِنَ السَّرْفِ»<sup>5</sup>

“And prevent me from extravagance”<sup>5</sup>

Some examples of extravagance in the Arbaeen walk are: overeating, throwing away excess water, bread and any food, etc. One of the Iranian pilgrims, from Mahdi Shahr, says about the extravagance in the Arbaeen walk :



«The biggest damage is that the blessings are not appreciated. food is wasted in different places; Throwing bread and rice away is very common. Many times I

have seen someone take food and eat a spoonful and throw the rest away. It is very painful.

#### 4. Do not consider the Arbaeen trip as an excursion:

The type of Arbaeen travel is different from other forms of travel and tourism, but it is much higher than it is even called tourism.



In Karbala, the whole process of traveling has a special attraction that drives people to this huge gathering. In normal travel and common tourism, the tourist should be thinking about providing financial resources for

trip, just as the host is thinking about generating wealth and income in any way, But in Arbaeen Pilgrimage, the story is very different. In the Arbaeen procession, pilgrims who are tired of external events and internal hardships go to the royal and luminous shrines to be purified in the endless sea of love for the Ahl al-Bayt (peace be upon them) and ready to connect with them , even though their bodies are tired and dusty and bored.

We should note that the Arbaeen walk is a training exercise for the soldiers of Imam



Zaman (A.S.) and laying the groundwork for appearance, and in this glorious exercise, there are definitely trials to purify those who are waiting.

Therefore, it is necessary for everyone to keep alive the presence of Imam Zaman (a.s.) in the hearts of the pilgrims of Sayyid al-Shuhada (a.s.) on this path.

And by abandoning worldly ambitions as well as controlling Passion and paying attention to harms , should step towards the satisfaction of Imam Zaman (a.s.) and walk all the way with this intention.

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## Threatening injuries of Arbaeen pilgrimage:





One of the religious symbols and manifestations in the Shia religion is the issue of honoring and continuing religious rituals such as the Arbaeen walk.

Walking from Najaf to Karbala has a history as long as Hosseini's Ashura, and fourteen centuries have passed since the first pilgrim of Aba Abdullah al-Hussein (a.s.), Jabir bin Abdullah Ansari, left Medina for Karbala on the day of Arbaeen.

According to some sources, pilgrimage to Karbala on foot existed at the time of Sheikh Ansari, but at some point in time, it was forgotten and Muhaddith Nouri revived it.

Although during Saddam's regime, Arbaeen walking was forbidden, but some Iraqi Shiites secretly did it. After the fall of Saddam, the glorious Arbaeen procession by Shia Muslims and some Sunnis and even non-Muslims from different countries is being carried out as the largest global gathering. The Arbaeen walk is actually a huge and public gathering to renew the covenant with the infallible Imam (a.s.) and is the best opportunity available to the Shiites in the days of Shia phobia and anti-Islamism, show to the

people of the world the peak of moral, humane and harmonious character of Shia along with the spiritual and justice-seeking dimensions.

The effects of the Arbaeen Conference are indescribable due to its greatness, the glorious participation of Shiites from all over the world, at the same time and place with the same movement, is unique.

However, there are some damages that threaten the greatness of this great movement, and with a careful look, these damages can be turned into privileges and blessings, and can be removed, reviewed, reformed, and repaired from this great Congress.

### 1. Lack of attention to religious obligations:

Prayer is one of the obligatory duties of the religion of Islam, which all Imams (a.s.), including Imam Hussein (a.s.) had a special interest in fulfilling this divine obligation. The philosophy of the Ashura uprising was to keep the divine obligations alive, such as performing the first prayer.

So that the Imam (a.s.) and his companions in the desert of Karbala, under the enemy's shots, performed the Zuhr prayer of Ashura



with fortitude. According to this how is it a small number of pilgrims on the Arbaeen walk are not paying full attention to this divine obligation which is one of the important lessons



of Ashura or delay their prayer due to the continuation of the walking route.

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei says: Giving importance to prayer at noon of Ashura and in the midst of mourning ceremonies was another prominent point. We always suffered when we saw our

youths and people postpone their prayers due to mourning on Ashura day. People showed the importance of prayer and remembrance of God during the Ashura ceremony <sup>1</sup>.

### 2. The existence of deviant sects:

Deviant sects and groups such as Jund al-Samaa (led by Zia Abdul-Zahra Kazem al-Garawi), the Yamani movement (Ahmed al-Hassan), the Sarkhi movement (led by Mahmoud Al-Tamimi known as Mahmoud Hosni Sarkhi), the Imam al-Rabbani

movement (led by Seyyed Fazil Abdul Hossein al-Hosseini al-Hashemi)), the movement of «Al-Shirazia» (a Shiite sect that was supported and promoted from London and with the support of the intelligence service of this country to create a product of division in Islamic countries) and etc, are among the groups present in Iraq. Who drew people's attention to themselves by setting up Mawakib along the Arbaeen walking route in order to weaken their beliefs about religious teachings and create deviations in beliefs, by distributing banners and booklets, promoting actions such as machete use and etc, they cause Islam and Shiism to be discredited.



### 3. Extravagance and wastage:

In the Holy Qur'an, extravagance is considered one of the major sins and is condemned

« إِنَّ الْمُبَذِّرِينَ كَانُوا إِخْوَانَ الشَّيَاطِينِ »<sup>2</sup>

"Indeed, the squanderers were the brothers of the devils" <sup>2</sup>