



Young Muntazir

Shabaan 1444 A.H. (2023 A.D.)

I am celebrating your birthday, O my Imam (a.t.f.s.)



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Spiritual Father

Zahid, after completing his Namaaz-e-Subh, sat near the door of his house. Today is his birthday. His father stays abroad for work. Today, his father will send gifts for him. At that moment, his grandfather came near him.

Grandfather: Salaamun Alaikum, my dear son Zahid.

Zahid: Wa Alaikum Salaam! How are you grandfather?

Grandfather: Alhamdolillah, I am fine my son, but you appear restless today.

Zahid: Nothing grandfather.

Grandfather: If it is so, then why are you waiting here after Namaaz-e-Subh?

Zahid: Today is my birthday grandfather. My father had told me over phone that today, he will send gifts for me.

Grandfather: Oh! so for this reason you are waiting here?

Zahid: Yes grandfather, I'm worried, what if the postman comes and doesn't find me, he may take back my gifts.



Grandfather: My dear grandson, no one is going to come early morning. When he comes, you will get your gifts.

Zahid: Okay grandfather. If you say so, I will come inside the house but I will not relax until I see my gifts.

Grandfather: My dear grandson, your father takes immense care of you. He would ensure that your gifts reach you on time.

Zahid: (smiling) Okay grandfather. But I wonder how my father, despite being so busy in his work, remembers my birthday?

Grandfather: My son, your father knows everything about you. He is aware of your actions.

Zahid: (Surprisingly) How?

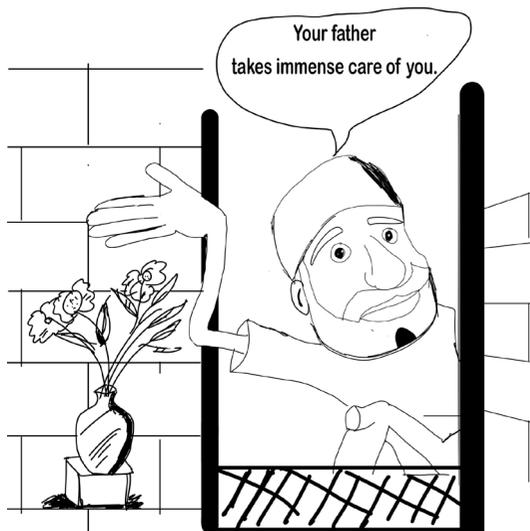
Grandfather: Ever since your father has gone abroad, he regularly calls to talk with me, with your grandmother, your mother and enquires about you.

Zahid: So, all of you must be complaining about me?

Grandfather: No, my dear grandson. He keeps asking about your well-being.

Zahid: Really! I never realized that my father is so much concerned about me because I talk to him occasionally over the phone.

Grandfather: Yes my son, he is your father and he is very much



concerned about you. He takes care of all your needs like education, medical, etc. Moreover, when you were ill last month, he called several times to know about your health.



Zahid: (raising both his hands) All thanks to Allah that he has given me such a kind father that he takes care of me every time and ensures that all my needs are fulfilled.

Grandfather: Do you know that there is someone else who is much more concerned about you? His kindness upon you is much more than your father's kindness. Not only you, but his kindness is for all of us.

Zahid: (surprisingly, looking at his grandfather) Grandfather! to whom are you referring? I am unable to understand, a person who is more kind to all of us than my father?

Grandfather: (smiling with tears in his eyes) Oh my dear! He is none other than the Imam (a.s.) of the time. He is Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s.), he is our spiritual father.



Zahid: What do you mean by a spiritual father?

Grandfather: Spiritual father is our Imam who has absolute control, not only over our body, but also on our souls. He is more concerned than our parents. He (a.s.) prays for our well-being and success both, in this world and the hereafter.

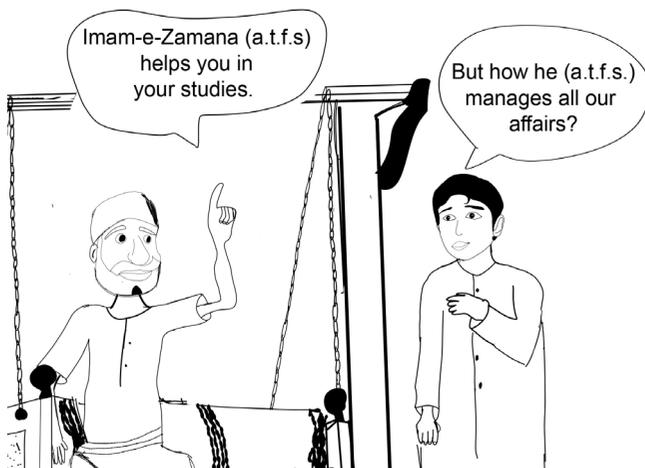
Zahid: But grandfather, who informs Imam (a.s.) about our condition?

Grandfather: My dear son, Allah, the Almighty has bestowed our Imam (a.s.) with divine knowledge through which he knows our condition.

Zahid: Okay grandfather.

Grandfather: Just as you don't realize when your father pays your school fees, similarly, we don't realize when our Imam (a.s.) drives away the calamities and misfortunes coming in our way.

Zahid: Does our Imam (a.s.) see us all the time?



Grandfather: Yes, my dear grandson. He (a.s.) says: "We are not negligent of your affairs and neither we forget your remembrance." It means that there is never a moment when our Imam (a.s.) forgets us.

Zahid: So, our Imam (a.s.) is the one who removes all difficulties and fulfills our needs?

Grandfather: Yes, my son, Imam (a.s.) helps you in your studies and

eases all your problems. He is the son of “Mushkil Kusha”. According to a Hadees, “Imam (a.s.) is a compassionate father.”

Zahid: But how do we know that Imam-e-Zamana (a.t.f.s) manages all our affairs?

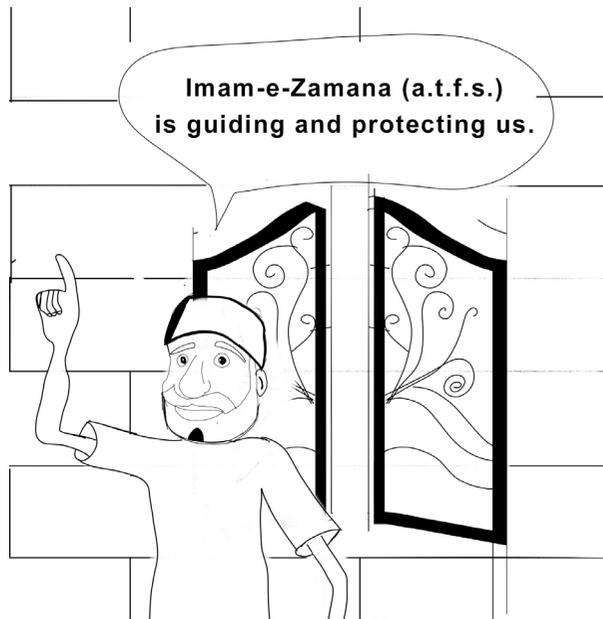
Grandfather: Ok. I will explain. Tell me where is your father right now? Are you able to see him?

Zahid: No grandfather, he is far away from here. I can see him only when he comes here.

Grandfather: But still he is well informed about you and you also keep receiving gifts and other things from him?

Zahid: Yes, dear grandfather. I do receive gifts from my father. And sometimes, I don't even realize that that a particular thing has been sent by my father while I have already used that thing. Later, my mother informs me about that thing.

Grandfather: So, my dear son, do you now realize that the kind attention of our Imam (a.s.) is always on us and hence, we are safe from all calamities? From this, we understand that despite being in occultation, Imam-e-Zamana (a.t.f.s) is guiding and protecting us. We are healthy



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O my Imam (a.t.f.s.)



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and safe due to his prayers for us.

Zahid: Then, we should be more thankful to our Imam (a.s.) because our entire existence is due to him.

Grandfather: You are absolutely right, my dear son. Have you ever wished our spiritual father on his birthday as you wish your father on his birthday?

Zahid: No grandfather. But now I have realized that our Imam (a.s.) enjoys greater rights. InshaAllah, this year, on the 15th day of Shabaan, I will celebrate the birthday of our Imam (a.s.) and also write a special Areeza to him. I will remember him in my prayers and thank him for all the bounties. I will pray to Allah for his safety and early reappearance.



Grandfather: Excellent, my son! This is a very good thought and one of the means to be closer to Imam (a.s.). Finally, let us pray to Allah for the early reappearance of Imam-e-Zamana (a.t.f.s.) and to include us among his servants. Aameen Yaa Rabbal Aalameen.



Quran Time

One of our responsibilities during occultation is to gift the reward of reciting the



Holy Quran to Hazrat Imam Mahdi (a.s.)

Etiquettes of recitation

- ✓ *Perform Wuzoo*
- ✓ *Seek refuge in Allah from the accursed Shaitaan*
- ✓ *Recite Bismillah*
- ✓ *Recite minimum 50 verses a day*
- ✓ *Pray for early reappearance of Imam Mahdi (a.s.)*



Maze

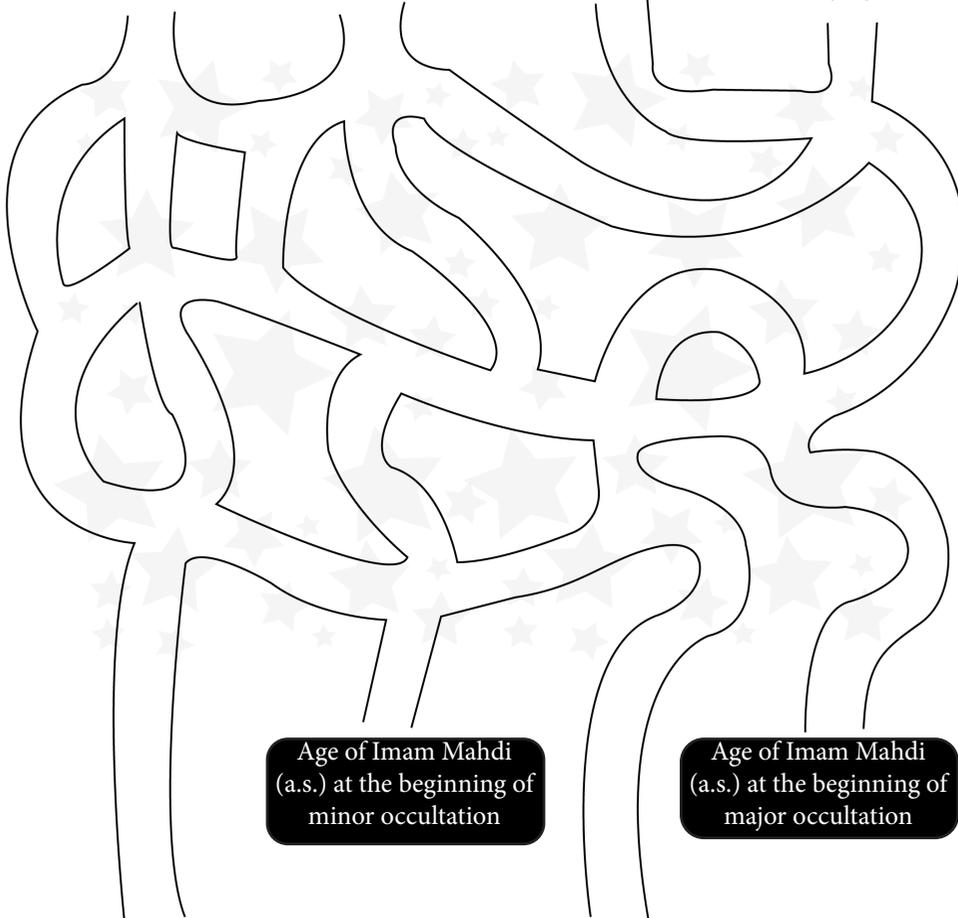
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Age of Imam Mahdi (a.s.) at the beginning of minor occultation

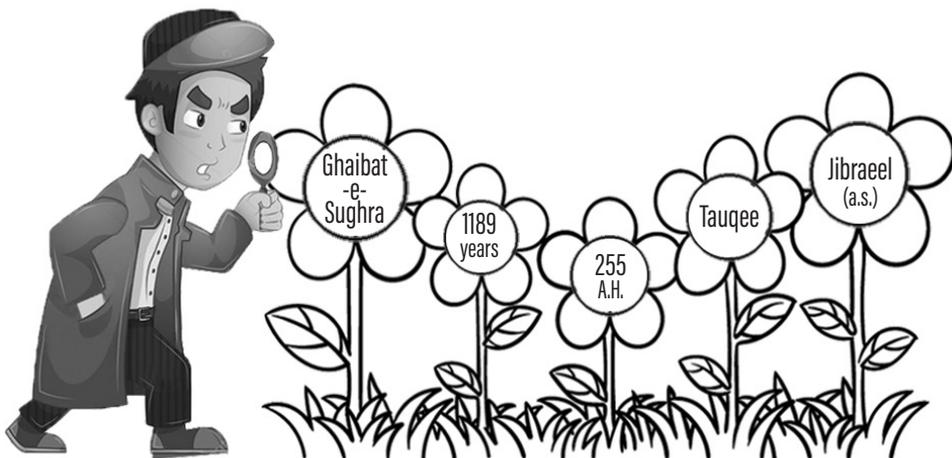
Age of Imam Mahdi (a.s.) at the beginning of major occultation

Number of special companions of Imam Mahdi (a.s.) at the time of reappearance

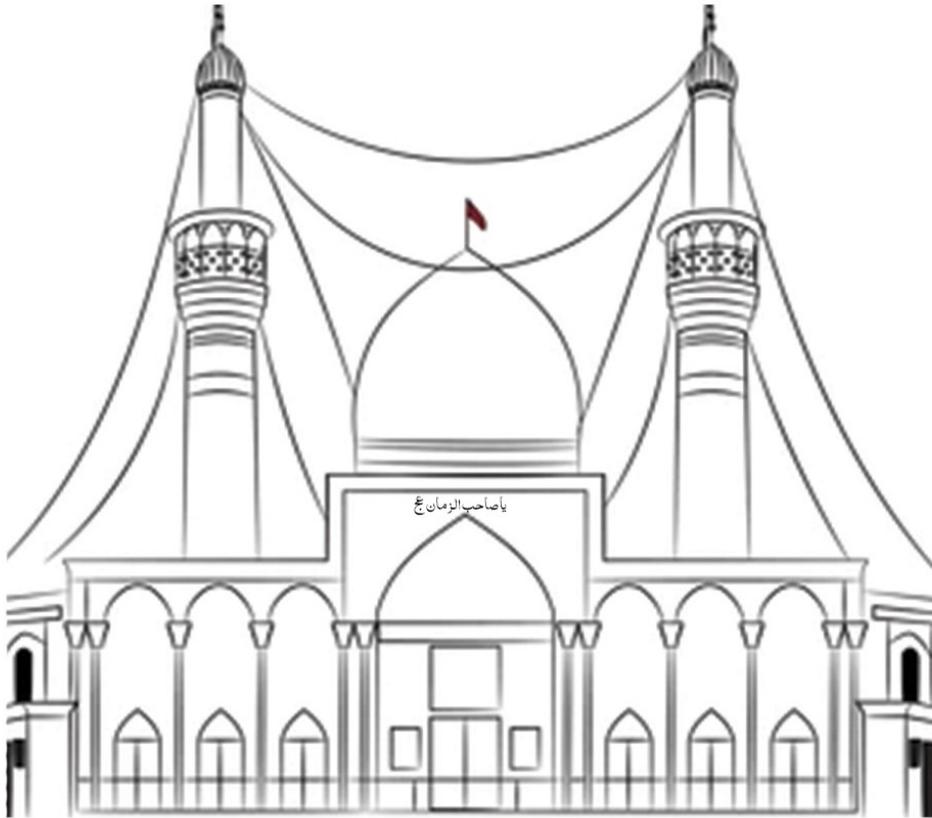
Number of special deputies of Imam Mahdi (a.s.) during minor occultation

Word Search

- 1) Letter sent by Imam-e-Zamana (a.t.f.s.) _____
- 2) Year of birth of Imam-e-Zamana (a.t.f.s.) _____
- 3) Current age of Imam-e-Zamana (a.t.f.s.) _____
- 4) One who will announce the reappearance
of Imam-e-Zamana (a.t.f.s.) _____
- 5) Minor occultation _____



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