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Introduction

With the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.

This booklet is a very brief introduction to the beliefs of *Mo'mineen* i.e. Shias. According to one saying of Imam (a.s.) if man is ignorant about a thing, he becomes enemy of that thing. The people of Makkah were saying: do not go to Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) and listen to him (s.a.w.a.w.) because you will convert to a Muslim because of his (s.a.w.a.w.) magic words. Nowadays we also hear: do not discuss anything with Shias because they will convert you to a Shia. But one should not worry, because Quran says that there is no compulsion in *Deen* (Baqarah v.256). So we do not intend to impose any belief on anyone, but everyone has duty to investigate if he is on the right path.

The Islamic Beliefs are generally divided into *Usool-e-Deen* (the Roots of the Religion) and *Faroo-e-Deen* (the branches of the Religion):

Usool-e-Deen (Basic Principles)

Tauheed, Adl-e-Ilahi, Nabuwwat, Imammat, Qayamat.

Faroo-e-Deen (Practical Laws)

Salaat, Saum, Zakat, Khums, Hajj, Jihad, Amr-bil-Ma'roof, Nahi-anil-Munkir, Twalla, Taberra.

There are some other very important beliefs and practical laws which are not mentioned in the above usual general classification, they will be mentioned briefly in the coming discussion.

Tauheed and Adl-e-Ilahi

(Oneness or Unity and Justice of Allah)

Tauheed (Oneness of Allah)

Allah is One and Matchless. He is Eternal – the First and the Last, i.e. He was before the creations from ever and will remain after its end for ever. He is Ever-living, the Wise, the Powerful, the Creator, Independent of all things, All-Hearing, All-Seeing, All-Knowing, and Just. He does not do anything without any purpose. He is not to be compared to His creatures. He has neither body nor shape, nor substance, nor form. He is neither heavy nor light, neither moving nor motionless. He is above time and place as He is the Creator of them. No one can point to Him as He is not confined in a place or direction, and nothing is similar to Him. Nor has He any match. He has no spouse, no offspring, no parents, no partner and there is non comparable to Him. Vision can not perceive Him, but He perceives everything. He does not sleep or doze.

Allah can not come in our thoughts, our wisdom can not reach Him i.e. Allah is above our imaginations, wisdom and senses. He has no body parts, He does not descend on Earth from Heavens, He will not show Himself on the Day of Judgement, He will not appear like full moon in Paradise. There is no duality between Allah and His Attributes.

Some of the Attributes of Allah are the Beautiful 99 Names of Allah, which are highly recommended to remember and mention in Duas.

Adl-e-Ilahi (Justice of Allah)

Allah is Just. He is not unjust to anyone. He rewards those who obey His commands. He punishes those who commit sins. He does not compel His servants to do things which are beyond their capacity and He does not punish them for more than what they have done.

“Allah commands justice” (An-Nisa 58)

“And Allah does not intend to be unjust to servants” (Ghafir 31)

Qaza and Qadar

Human beings are not totally compelled to do good and bad, nor they are totally free to do anything, but reality is the middle path between compulsion and free will, i.e. if a person does a good deed it is due to Allah’s Grace and Guidance and that person will get many-folds reward, and if a person does a bad deed it is due to his own bad intention in-spite of Guidance of Allah through His prophets (a.s.) and Allah does not like evil, but Allah knows all our deeds and intentions beforehand.

As mentioned in surah Room v.30, *Allah has created humans on the nature of Islam*. Then it is the parents who makes him Jew or Christian.

Khair and Sharr (Good and Evil)

Allah has shown us both ways, good and evil, and Allah has given us power, now whether we use this power to do good or bad it is our decision. But Allah knows what we will do.

Allah commands us to do good and prohibits us from evil, because it is in our own interest, our good deeds and worship is not of any benefit to Allah, He is Al-Samad.

All Good is from Allah and Sharr is our own evil intention and due to Shaitan's misguidance.

Imam Sadiq (a.s.) gave an example: If you see a person who is going to do something evil and you forbid him, but he does not accept your advice. So you leave him and he commits sin. So you are not responsible for his refusal to accept advice, and when you left him alone, does not mean that you ordered him to commit sin.

Life and Death

Death is Haqq, everyone has to taste Death.

Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) said: World (this Life) is a Prison for Mo'min and Paradise for Kafir, and Death is a Bridge to take Mo'mineen to Jannat and for Kafireen to go to Jahannam.

Allah can never be seen

Allah can never be seen in this world, on the Day of Judgement or in Paradise.

Hazrat Musa (a.s.) knew that Allah can never be seen, but he conveyed the request of his nation to see Him. Then Allah answered that "you can never see me" mentioned in surah A'raaf v.143.

Ghaib

It is a must to believe in Ghaib e.g. Imam Mahdi (a.s.) is in occultation and will come to prevail justice on Earth and we all pray the he (a.s.) should reappear as soon as possible, we believe that *Wahi* (Revelation), *Mala'ika* (Angels), *Qayamat*, *Hisaab*, *Jannat*, *Jahannam*, *Siraat is Haqq*.

Allah has bestowed all the knowledge of Ghaib (which has not happened yet or which is beyond human perception) and Shahadah(which has happened or can be observed) to His Beloved Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.).

Kutub and Suhuf

We believe in all the books (*Zaboor*, *Taurat*, *Injeel*, and other *Suhuf*) given by Allah to the previous prophets (a.s.). The original books were Right, and everyone knows that these books have been altered now by human beings according to their wishes and benefits.

Holy Quran is the Final and Unchanged Book of Allah.

Quran-e-Majeed

Holy Quran is the Word of Allah, miracle of our beloved Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.w.), it is protected by Allah that no one can dare to make any alteration in it. It is wrong to say or believe that some sections of the Holy Quran have been destroyed.

Verily, *Bismillah* is the first verse of every surah except surah *Taubah* (*Bara'at*). No one can dare to remove it from the beginning of the surahs, or to write it at the beginning of surah *Taubah*, which is a clear proof that *Bismillah* is part of the Quran. It is sin to deny it as the first verse.

We believe that no where in Quran Allah is using harsh words, or warning, or angry to Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.), actually ignorant or enemies have distorted the meanings and explanations of some verses against the Beloved Prophet (s.a.w.a.w.). Therefore it is necessary to learn Quran from the

Infallible Teachers (a.s.). Some verses are for the general public but addressed through Nabi (s.a.w.a.w.) like the famous Arabic proverb: I am saying to you but neighbour should listen.

“We did not leave anything incomplete in the Book” (An’am 38). Surah Ma’ida v.3 tells us that Deen has been completed and perfected.

We believe that Quran and Sunnah of Infallibles (a.s.) is enough for us, there is no need of human Fatwas, we only need to consult any Mo’min Aalim to find the solution of our problems in Quran and Sunnah.

Nabuwwat

(Prophet-hood)

Allah sends the Prophets (a.s.)

It is only Allah's Authority to make Prophets (a.s.), it is His Grace (Lutf) to appoint them prophets (a.s.), and all of them are infallibles.

It is not due to a person's efforts, good deeds and too much worshiping, or due to making Dua that Allah makes him a prophet, or after a tough examination a person is appointed as a prophet. It is only Allah's Grace and He made Prophets (a.s.) before the human beings were created, so Allah made arrangements for our Guidance before our creation.

There are one hundred and twenty four thousand prophets (a.s.) and each one has his Wasi (Vicegerent a.s.). Five are Olil-Azm Rasools: 1-Hazrat Nuh (a.s.), 2-Hazrat Ibrahim (a.s.), 3-Hazrat Musa (a.s.), 4-Hazrat Esa (a.s.), 5-The last and the chief Hazrat Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.).

Any Nabi (a.s.), Rasool (a.s.), Hujjatullah (a.s.) is superior to angels. All angels (a.s.) did Sajdah to Hazrat Adam (a.s.) (Hajar 15)

The Last and the Greatest Prophet (s.a.w.a.w.)

Hazrat Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) is the Last Prophet, there is no need of any prophet after him (s.a.w.a.w.), because the Deen is complete and perfect until Qayamat, and he (s.a.w.a.w.) left his Holy Progeny (a.s.): the 12 Imams (a.s.) to protect the Deen and to Guide to the Way of Allah.

Hazrat Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) is the Head of all the Prophets (a.s.). No creation of Allah is superior to him (s.a.w.a.w.).

If all pens are made from all the trees on the Earth, and all the seas are ink and seven more seas are added as ink, and all the humans and jins are the writers, still they can not write the praise and qualities of the Beloved Rasool (s.a.w.a.w.) of Allah, it is indicated in surah Luqman v.27.

Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) said that when Allah created Adam (a.s.) and transferred our (Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad s.a.w.a.w.) Noor in him, then only for our respect and honour Allah commanded angels (a.s.) to do Sajdah to Adam (a.s.), and this Sajdah of all the angels (a.s.) was for the worship of Allah and honour of Adam (a.s.) because our Noor was in Adam (a.s.).

So Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) are superior to angels and all the creations, because angels even did Sajdah to Adam (a.s.), who was the carrier of their Noor.

Representative of Allah

Our Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) is the representative and expresser of Allah's Attributes i.e. his (s.a.w.a.w.) kindness shows Allah is Rahman, his (s.a.w.a.w.) forgiveness shows Allah is Ghafour, Allah's Wrath is shown by anger of His Rasool (s.a.w.a.w.), Allah's Pleasure is shown by happiness of His Rasool (s.a.w.a.w.).

Forefathers (a.s.) of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.)

All the personalities in Shajarah-e-Tayyebah i.e. from Hazrat Abdullah (a.s.), Abu Talib (a.s.), Abdul Muttalib (a.s.), Hashim (a.s.), Abd-e-Manaf

(a.s.) to Hazrat Shees (a.s.) and Hazrat Adam (a.s.) are perfect Mo'mineen, everyone of them was either Nabi, Wasi or Hujjat-Ullah.

Hazrat Tarukh (a.s.) was the father of Hazrat Ibraheem (a.s.), and Azar was the uncle of Prophet Ibraheem (a.s.), Hazrat Tarukh (a.s.) was no doubt a perfect Mo'min, he was very rich and generous, after he passed away, his brother Azar was living on his property with Hazrat Ibraheem (a.s.).

In Arabian culture uncle can be called as Abb (father), like Hazrat Isma'il (a.s.) is declared as fore-father of Hazrat Yaqoob (a.s.) (Al-Baqarah 133-135).

It is clearly mentioned in surah Aal-e-Imran v.65-67, that Hazrat Ibrahim (a.s.) was a true Muslim and his fore-fathers were not polytheist.

In surah Ibrahim (a.s.) v.40-41, Allah quotes the Dua of Hazrat Ibrahim (a.s.) that he and his descendants should be who establish prayers. Allah does not reject His Khaleel's Dua. So ancestors of Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.w.) were who were establishing prayers.

Allah was keeping seeing His Beloved's (s.a.w.a.w.) Noor when it was transferring from Hazrat Adam (a.s.) to Hazrat Abdullah (a.s.) and they all (forefathers) were who do Sajdah to Allah, narrated in surah Ash-Shu'ara v.218-219.

According to one Hadees of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.), his Noor was transferred from clean and pure fathers to clean and pure mothers, and they all were guided ones (by Allah) and were guides (for the other people), and they were never sinful.

Hazrat Abdul Muttalib (a.s.) started 5 things: He declared the step-mother Haram on son (it was a tradition of ignorance, it does not mean it was permissible by Allah before), he decided 100 camels as blood-money, he fixed 7 rounds (circumambulations) around Ka'ba as one Tawaf, he started giving Khums (1/5 of booty or profit), he reopened the Zam Zam fountain and named it Saqaya-ul-Haaj.

Hazrat Abdul Muttalib (a.s.) was Hujjatullah, these above mentioned 5 of his sunnah were kept in Islam by Allah. Like Hazrat Ibrahim (a.s.), he also tried to slaughter his son Abdullah (a.s.) in the way of Allah, and Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) said proudly "I am son of two slaughtered ones" (Isma'il a.s. & Abdullah a.s.).

Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) said: Abdul Muttalib (a.s.) was Hujjatullah and Abu Talib (a.s.) was his Wasi (Vicegerent).

The first Creation of Allah

Hazrat Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) said: I was Nabi even that time when Adam (a.s.) was in between water and earth.

According to saying of Imam Ali (a.s.), Allah created the Noor of Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) 424000 years (light years) before the creation of all the prophets (a.s.), then Allah kept him in 12 different Hijabs (*Hijab of Quadrat, Azmat, Ehsan, Rahmat, Sa'adat, Karamat, Manzilat, Hadayat, Nabuwat, Raf'at, Haibat, Shafa'at*) for 12 thousand years in 1st Hijab, 11 thousand years in 2nd and so on, lastly in 12th Hijab for one thousand years. And there Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) kept praising and praying Allah.

Absolute Infallibility

All the sects of Islam confirm that Ayat-e-Tat'heer (Al-Ahzab 33) is in the praise and favour of Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.w.), Imam Ali (a.s.), Hazrat Fatima (s.a.), Imam Hassan (a.s.) and Imam Hussain (a.s.). Allah, the Qadir-e-Mutliq has kept all types of Rijs (uncleanness, doubt, faults) away from them. That is why the bad people can not understand the highness of Rasool (s.a.w.a.w.) and his holy Progeny (a.s.).

The Highest Authority- Walayat

Hazrat Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) is Nabi, Rasool, Imam and Absolute Wali, highest in every rank of Allah.

The Highest Authority is Walayat (Guardianship), the Wali (Guardian) has absolute power over everything, even on our lives more than what we have right on ourselves. Allah, His Rasool (s.a.w.a.w.) and 12 Infallible Imams (a.s.) are the Guardians (Aoliya). Allah revealed verse-55 of surah Ma'ida especially for Imam Ali (a.s.) who gave Zakat in Rakoo while offering Salaat, declaring Imam Ali (a.s.) the Wali.

Allah commanded (surah Ma'ida 67) His Beloved Rasool (s.a.w.a.w.) to announce Imam Ali (a.s.) the Maula (Wali, Gaurdian), which he (s.a.w.a.w.) did in the presence of more than hundred and twenty five thousand pilgrims after the last Hajj, at the place of Ghadeer-e-Khum.

When the news of declaration of Guardianship (Walayat) of Imam Ali (a.s.) spread everywhere, one hypocrite Numan bin Haris Fehri came to Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) and said: You (s.a.w.a.w.) gave us command of Allah to testify His Unity and to testify your Risalat, we accepted, then you (s.a.w.a.w.) gave us command of Jihad, Hajj, Saum, Salaah, and Zakat, we accepted them as well; you (s.a.w.a.w.) did not stop on it, so much so that you (s.a.w.a.w.) have declared this young (Imam Ali a.s.) as your Successor and our Master and said: *Whomever I am the Master (Maula), this Ali (a.s.) is his Master.* Is this command from you or with the command of Allah? Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.w.) said: *I swear by Him, except Whom no one is worthy of worship, this is from Allah.* On hearing this Numan bin Haris turned and went away saying: O Allah if this is Haqq (Right) from You, then rain stones on us from the heavens. Thus immediately one stone came from Allah and hit his head, and he perished on the spot. Then Allah revealed this verse: *Demanded, a demander, the inevitable punishment; for the disbelievers, there is no repeller against it* (Al-Ma'arij 1-2).

The Teacher of the Angels (a.s.) and the Prophets (a.s.)

Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) said to Imam Ali (a.s.) that when Allah created the Angels, they saw our (Mohammad-o-Aale-Mohammad s.a.w.a.w.) Noor and thought us the greatest so we said *Subhan-Allah*, so angels understood and started *Tasbeh*, then angels observed our high status and then we said *La ilaha illa Allah*, then they also started *Tehleel*, then angels saw our high place so we said *Allah-o-Akbar*, so angels also started *Takbeer*, then angels saw our power and authority so we said *La haula wa la quwwata illa Billah*, so they also started to say it, then angels saw the Blessings of Allah on us and knew that Allah has made it obligatory for all the creations to obey us, so we said *Alhamdo Lillah*, then angels also started to say *Tehmeed*.

So when Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) were in the heavens, the inhabitants of skies learned *Ibadat* of Allah from them; and when they came to earth, inhabitants of earth learned *Ibadat* from them.

So Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) are the teachers of all the creations i.e. prophets (a.s.), angels (a.s.), humans, jinns, and all others.

The First Warner (Nazeer)(s.a.w.a.w.)

Imam Sadiq (a.s.) said: After creating the creations, when Allah arranged them in order in *Alam-e-Zarr* (State of Atoms), then said to Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) to give them the invitation of Deen. Then some people believed in him and some denied. This is what Allah says: *This (Rasool) is a Warner of the first (pioneer) warners* (An-Najam 56). It means that Mohammad Mustafa (s.a.w.a.w.) has warned the creations first of all in Alam-e-Zarr, and had invited towards Allah.

Lisan-Ullah (Tongue of Allah)

In surah Najam v.2-3, Allah tells us that My Beloved (s.a.w.a.w.) even does not speak out of his own desire, he (s.a.w.a.w.) only says what I reveal to him.

Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) are Tongue of Allah, Eyes of Allah, Ears of Allah, Hands of Allah, Treasure of Allah, Door of Allah, Knowledge of Allah, Hujjaj of Allah, Proud of Allah, Sabeel of Allah, Mashi'at of Allah, Secrets of Allah.

Allah likes to declare the actions of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) as His actions in Quran, if Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) throws stones Allah says I threw them, when people did Bay'at on his (s.a.w.a.w.) hand Allah says it was on Allah's hand, if Imam Ali (a.s.) kills Kafirs Allah says Allah killed them.

Mashi'at-e-Ilahi (the Will of Allah)

Imam Sadiq (a.s.) said: Allah created Mashi'at before creating everything, then He created things through Mashi'at.

“And you (Mohammad s.a.w.a.w.) do not wish but what Allah wishes” (Taqweer 29)

Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) said: Allah created Aql (Intelligence) first, and I am the Aql.

Quran-e-Natiq (the Speaking Quran)

Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) are the Speaking Quran of Allah. They (a.s.) know the apparent and hidden meanings of Quran, they (a.s.) know when and where any verse was revealed and Shan-e-Nazool, Tafseer, and Taweel of every verse of Quran-e-Majeed.

Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) said that my Itrat (holy Progeny a.s.) and Quran will never separate. People saw the holy Head of Imam Hussain (a.s.) reciting Quran on the spear after martyrdom.

Martyrdom of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.)

On the conquest of Khyber, Zainab binte Haris brought poisonous meat as present to Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.w.), as soon as he (s.a.w.a.w.) touched it with his mouth, he (s.a.w.a.w.) stopped and told companions that it was poisonous, but one companion Bashr bin Bra'a ibne Maroor (r.a.) already ate one bite,

and he passed away immediately. This poison was very lethal, and Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.w.) only touched it with his lips, it acted slowly and caused martyrdom of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.). On the last day when mother of Bashr came to see Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.), he (s.a.w.a.w.) mentioned to her that poison being the cause of his (s.a.w.a.w.) martyrdom.

Who only dies in the way of Allah according to the teachings of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) is Martyr. And Hazrat Mohammad's (s.a.w.a.w.) prayers, sacrifice, whole life and death is for Allah (Al-An'am 162-163), so no doubt he (s.a.w.a.w.) is Martyr.

Mai'raj (Ascension)

Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) went to Mai'raj 120 times.

According to Imam Musa Kazim (a.s.), Allah wanted to give honour to the Angels (a.s.) and the inhabitants of skies with the Ziyarat (meeting) of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) so He took him (s.a.w.a.w.) to Mai'raj.

When Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) went on 1st Mai'raj, on the 1st sky the angels could not recognise him, thinking him their Rabb, ran to the sides and went into Sajdah saying *Subbohun Quddoosun Rabbina wa Rabbul Malaikatu wer Rookh*, then Hazrat Jibra'il (a.s.) said loudly *Allah-o-Akbar* and angels understood and came and met Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.). On the 2nd sky it happened again and Hazrat Gibra'il (a.s.) said *Ash'hado un la ilaha illallah*, then angels understood and came to meet the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.w.). On the 3rd sky it happened again and Jibra'il (a.s.) said *Ash'hado unna Mohammadan Rasool Allah*, and they knew who he was.

Even the infallible angels can not understand the high status of Rasool (s.a.w.a.w.) given by Allah, how a sinful man can say Nabi (s.a.w.a.w.) is like us a human!

Noor in the Human form

If an Angel was made a messenger of Allah towards the human beings, he also would have been sent in human shape, as explained in surah An'am v.7-9.

It is mentioned in surah Hadeed v. 12-13 that the hypocrites who think Rasool (s.a.w.a.w.) is like us human, they will be deprived of Noor on the day of Judgement, then they will beg to the believers, but they will be answered to return back to this world to seek Noor (but it will be too late to believe in Noor).

Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) have no shadow, because they all are from one Noor.

The Cause of the creation of the Universe

Allah created the whole Universe in the love of Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.). Allah made Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) His Rahmat for Aalameen, gave him all the knowledge, power, authority and control, which is logical otherwise it is meaningless that Universe is created in his love.

Ziyarat-e-Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.)

According to the saying of Imam Raza (a.s.) Ziyarat of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) in this world or hereafter is equal to Ziyarat of Allah. And who

will do Ziyarat of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) in Paradise, it is as he did Ziyarat of Allah. Because Allah has declared his (s.a.w.a.w.) obedience as His obedience, following him (s.a.w.a.w.) is as following Allah, paying allegiance to him (s.a.w.a.w.) is as paying allegiance to Allah, his (s.a.w.a.w.) hand is Allah's hand.

In the battle of Badr, Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.w.) threw gravel on the faces of polytheists, and most of them were killed by Imam Ali (a.s.). Allah declares their these actions as His actions (Al-Anfal 17)

Rahmatul-lil-Aalameen (s.a.w.a.w.)

And We have not sent you (O Nabi s.a.w.a.w.) but Mercy to the Aalameen (Al-Anbiya 107).

We even do not know all the Aalameen (Worlds), there are thousands of Aalameens, and Mohammad Mustafa (s.a.w.a.w.) is Rahmat for all of them, and Allah has given him (s.a.w.a.w.) authority and control over them and they are not beyond his (s.a.w.a.w.) reach.

Hazir-o-Nazir

In surah Nisa v.41-42, Allah says that Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) will be the Chief Witness on the Day of Qayamat. Because he (s.a.w.a.w.) is witness from the first day of the Universe to the last.

Once Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) said: You people should keep your lines (Saff during Salaat) right and straight because I see you people on my back as I see forward and in front of me, and do not dispute about it among yourselves otherwise Allah will put disputes in your hearts.

Inspector of deeds

In surah Bara'at v.105, it is mentioned that Allah, His Rasool (s.a.w.a.w.) and 12 Infallible Imams (Mo'mineen) (a.s.) see our deeds.

Imam Sadiq (a.s.) said: Every morning deeds of all people, whether good or bad, are presented to Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.). So you should be afraid, and every one of you should be shy from this that his bad deeds are presented to Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.w.).

Sustenance of the Universe

Allah does not leave the Earth without Hujjatullah (a.s.) who guides people towards obedience of Allah and salvation, because Allah can not leave Iblees alone to misguide people and without anyone to guide to the Way of Allah.

Universe is created in the love of Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.), so the existence of the Universe is proof of presence of Mohammad Mahdi (a.s.), and we are getting guidance and necessities of life (air, water, food, and all) due to him (a.s.)

Shafa'at (Intercession)

Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) said to Imam Ali (a.s.): Ya Ali (a.s.) on the day of Qayamat your followers will be successful. Ya Ali (a.s.) I will intercede for your followers on the day of Qayamat when I will be on Maqam-e-Mahmood, and tell this good news to them. Ya Ali (a.s.) your followers are followers of Allah.

Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) said: When I will be on Maqam-e-Mahmood, I will intercede for the sinful people (but faithful) of my Ummah and Allah will accept my intercession; but I swear by Allah, those people from my Ummah who tortured my Progeny (a.s.), I will not intercede for them.

Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) said: No person can enter Paradise on the basis of his (good) deeds but due to the Rahmat of Allah.

And we know Rahmat of Allah is Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.).

Waseela (Medium, Channel)

Allah clearly commands us to make Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) our Waseela to beg forgiveness from Allah, in surah Nisa v.64-65.

In surah Ma'ida v.35, Allah also commands us to seek His nearness via Waseela (means, approach, medium, channel) of Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.).

We believe that Allah does not accept any of our deeds without Walayat of Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.).

How Prophets (a.s.) prayed

Hazrat Adam (a.s.) prayed to Allah with Kalimat i.e. he prayed to Allah for the sake of Hazrat Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) and his holy Progeny (a.s.) (Al-Baqarah 37)

All the Prophets (Adam a.s., Nuh a.s., Ibrahim a.s., Yaqoob a.s., Musa a.s., Yunus a.s., Esa a.s., and so on) made Dua to Allah in difficult times with Waseela of Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.), Ali (a.s.), Fatima (s.a.), Hassan (a.s.) and Hussain (a.s.) and Allah accepted immediately.

The condition of Prophet-hood

“And ask those of Our apostles We sent before you: Did We appoint besides the Beneficent God any gods to be worshiped? (Az-Zukhruf 45).

Someone asked Imam Baqir (a.s.): when Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.w.) questioned all the prophets (a.s.)? He (a.s.) answered: All prophets (a.s.) were gathered when Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) went on Mai'raj, and Jibrael (a.s.) gave Azan, in which he said *Hyya ala Khairil Amal* as well, then Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) lead the prayer, at that time this verse: “*Was'al mun Arsenalna...*” was revealed. Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) asked them, and they (all) testified Tauheed, his Risalat, and his Vicegerents.

On another occasion Imam Baqir (a.s.) said: Allah took covenant from all the prophets (a.s.) that am I not your Rabb? Then He said: no doubt this Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) is Rasool Allah and no doubt this Ali (a.s.) is Amir-ul-Mo'mineen. Then they (prophets) said: yes, why not. Then Allah bestowed them prophet-hood.

Complete Salawat

Verily Allah and His angels say Salawat on the Nabi (s.a.w.a.w.), O you who believe! Send Salawat on him (s.a.w.a.w.) and submit to him as it ought to be submitted. Verily those who annoy Allah and His Rasool (s.a.w.a.w.), Allah has cursed them in this world and the hereafter, and He has prepared a disgraceful punishment for them. (Al-Ahzab 56-57).

When this verse was revealed, companions (r.a.) asked: Ya Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) how to say Salawat on you? He said: say like this: *Allah'huma*

soale ala Mohamadinw wa Aale Mohammad ka'ma soala ita ala Ibrahima wa Aale Ibrahima ina'ka Hameedum Majeed wa barik ala Mohamadinw wa Aale Mohammad ka'ma barakta ala Ibrahima wa Aale Ibrahima ina'ka Hameedum Majeed.

This comprehensive Salawat (narrated in both Shia and Sunni books) includes both, the forefathers (Aale Ibrahim a.s.) and progeny (Aale Mohammad s.a.) of Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.).

Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) said: A person who sends Salawat on me but does not send Salawat on my Aal (a.s.), he will not get even the fragrance of Paradise, though its fragrance could be sensed from a distance of journey of five hundred years.

Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) said: never send cut-off (incomplete) Salawat on me. Companions (r.a.) asked: what is that cut-off Salawat? He (s.a.w.a.w.) said: If you only say: *Allah'huma soale ala Mohammad*, and do not go further than this and stop there; but you should say like this: *Allah'huma soale ala Mohamadinw wa Aale Mohammad*.

The children of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.)

According to the Holy Quran (Aal-e-Imran 61), Imam Hassan (a.s.) and Imam Hussain (a.s.) are the sons of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.).

Hazrat Khadija-tul-Kubra (s.a.) has three children:

1-Hazrat Qasim (Tayyub) (a.s.)

2-Hazrat Abdullah (Tahir) (a.s.)

Allah took both of them back when they were still very small.

3-Hazrat Fatima Zahra, Syyeda-tun-Nisa-il-Aalameen (s.a.)

Hazrat Maria Qabtia (s.a.) has one son :

1-Hazrat Ibrahim (a.s.) born in 8 Hijri, when he (a.s.) was 1 Year 10 Months of age, Allah sent Hazrat Jibra'il (a.s.) to Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) and asked that it is Allah's Intention that you (s.a.w.a.w.) can keep one son only, either Ibrahim (a.s.) or Imam Hussain (a.s.). Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.w.) chose Imam Hussain (a.s.), so Ibrahim (a.s.) was taken back by Allah. So Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) sacrificed Ibrahim (a.s.) on Hussain (a.s.).

Halah was sister of Hazrat Khadija (s.a.), she left three daughters (Umme Kulsoom, Ruqayya, and Zainab) and Hazrat Khadija (s.a.) was taking care of these three nieces. These three were definitely not daughters of the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.w.), because he (s.a.w.a.w.) can not marry his own daughters to kafirs when it is Haram in Islam, while he (s.a.w.a.w.) is Nabi since hundreds of thousands years even before Adam's (a.s.) creation.

The children of Nabi Adam (a.s.)

Imam Sadiq (a.s.) condemned the fabricated story that Adam (a.s.) married brother to sister to propagate the human race. How Allah, the Qadir-e-Mutliq can start human race with Haram, and prophets (a.s.) and believers has to come in this race!

It is written on Lohe-Mahfooz (guarded tablet) that sister is Haram on brother. So Allah gave Hazrat Adam (a.s.) a son, prophet Shees (a.s.) and then another son, Yafis. When they were big, Allah sent down a Hoor from the heavens whose name was Nazila, Allah commanded Adam (a.s.) to marry her to Shees (a.s.). Second day Allah sent down another Hoor named Munazzila

and she was married to Yafis. Then Allah gave Shees (a.s.) a son, and gave Yafis a girl, when those children were grown up, they were married.

In short, Allah sent heavenly ladies for the sons of Adam (a.s.) for the propagation of human race in Halal way.

Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) said that Allah created Adam (a.s.) from earth, and with the rest of the earth (prepared for their creation) He created Hawa (s.a.).

It means that the story of creation of Hawa (s.a.) from the rib of Adam (a.s.) is not valid, because then she is from the body of Adam (a.s.) and can not be his wife.

Hazrat Jibra'eel (a.s.)

Hazrat Jibra'il (a.s.), Hazrat Israfeel (a.s.), Hazrat Meka'il (a.s.) and Hazrat Izra'il (a.s.) are the chief Angels, they have very high status near Allah.

Hazrat Jibra'il (a.s.) was not entering the holy house of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) without permission, nor any other angel including Izra'il (a.s.). Hazrat Jibra'il (a.s.) used to sit in front of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) with respect like slaves. Jibra'il (a.s.) also used to work in Hazrat Fatima's (s.a.) holy house as honour, once he (a.s.) brought Eid clothes for Imam Hassan (a.s.) and Hussain (a.s.) and after knocking at the door said proudly "I am tailor of Hasnain (a.s.)"

Wahi (Revelation)

There is a tablet in front of the eyes of Hazrat Israfeel (a.s.), when Allah wants to send Wahi about something, it appears on the tablet, Hazrat Israfeel (a.s.) conveys it to Hazrat Meka'il (a.s.), then he conveys it to Hazrat Jibra'il (a.s.), who conveys it to the prophets (a.s.).

It is honour of Hazrat Jibra'il (a.s.) to bring messages of Allah to Hazrat Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.), otherwise Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) does not need any angel to communicate with Allah, as he (s.a.w.a.w.) spoke with Allah on Mai'raj at Qaba Qaosain, when Jibra'il (a.s.) was left far below at Sidra tul Muntaha, where he could not go a millimetre further due to fear of burning his wings.

Some ignorant people put an allegation on Shias that we believe that Wahi was actually meant for Imam Ali (a.s.) but Jibra'il (a.s.) by mistake went to Hazrat Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) (Na'ooz billah)! It is absolutely wrong Allah is Qadir-e-Mutliq and Jibra'il (a.s.) is infallible who can not do any mistake, then how it is possible. We believe it is sin to say that.

Nabi-ul-Ummi (s.a.w.a.w.)

Imam Mohammad Taqi (a.s.) said about those people who say Ummi (Al-A'raf 157) means that Rasool (s.a.w.a.w.) could not read or write: *They are liars, Allah's curse on them, how it is possible, because Allah says, "He is Allah Who raised a Rasool in the inhabitants of Ummul-Qura from among them, who recites His verses to them, and purifies them, and gives them education of wisdom and the Book." Thus if he (s.a.w.a.w.) could not read and write, then how he (s.a.w.a.w.) was giving its (Quran & Wisdom) education to them. I swear by Allah, Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) could read and write in seventy two (or seventy three) languages, and he (s.a.w.a.w.) was*

called Ummi because he (s.a.w.a.w.) was among the people living in Makkah, and Makkah is among those habitats (cities) which are called Ummul-Qura.”

Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) said: I am the city of Knowledge and Ali (a.s.) is its Door.

We believe that Allah bestowed all the Knowledge to Mohammad Mustafa before He created his Noor.

Human attributes

We believe that Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) are Noor of Allah, they (a.s.) were sent down for our guidance in human form.

It is narrated in Holy Quran, if Allah would have sent an Angel as Rasool, he would have been in human form as well. Also the angels who came to Hazrat Ibrahim (a.s.) (surah Hood 70) and Hazrat Maryam (a.s.) were in perfect human form (surah Maryam 17). So we should not be surprised to see Infallibles (a.s.) as human beings. They (a.s.) are perfect and pure human beings, who are not in need of Wazu or Ghusl.

Everyone believes that Mo'mineen in Jannat will not need to go to toilet and bathroom, Allah will keep them clean. So why it should be difficult to believe that Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) are far from any Rijs, and Allah the Qadir-e-Mutliq is saying it in Quran (Ahzab 33).

Many verses in Quran tells us that it was the habit of enemies of Prophets (a.s.) to tell people that they (a.s.) are Bashr (human) like us!

We believe that Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) are not born like ordinary humans, but they (a.s.) just appear in this world next to their (a.s.) holy, clean and pure mothers (s.a.), Allah created them (a.s.) hundreds of thousands years before this Universe was created for them (a.s.). So we say the Day of their (a.s.) Appearance in this world instead of Birthday.

Allah sends Salam on the Prophets (a.s.) the day they were born, the day they die and the day they will be raised again (Mar'yam 15, 33). So to celebrate the days of appearance of Infallibles (a.s.) in this world and to mourn on the days of their martyrdom is according to the Divine Principles.

Upbringing of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.)

Allah forbade on Musa (a.s.), in surah Qasas v.12, to drink milk of any foster mother. Similarly, Syyed-ul-Anbiya (s.a.w.a.w.) can not drink milk of any foster mother. Verily, he (s.a.w.a.w.) was brought up by only Hazrat Aamina (s.a.), Hazrat Abdul Muttalib (a.s.), Hazrat Abu Talib (a.s.) and Hazrat Fatima binte Asad (s.a.). Because only perfect and pure Mo'mineen can take care of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.).

Imamat

(the Guidance & Guardianship)

The Infallibles (a.s.)

The Fourteen Infallibles (a.s.) in the love of whom Allah created this Universe, are:

- 1-Hazrat Mohammad Mustafa (s.a.w.a.w.) Age: 63 yrs
Appeared on 17 Rabi-ul-Awwal, 1st year of the Elephant, 570 AD
Martyred on 28 Safar 11 Hijri by poisoning in battle of Khyber
- 2-Hazrat Imam Ali Murtaza (a.s.) Age: 63 yrs
Appeared on 13 Rajab, year 30 of the Elephant, 600 AD
Martyred on 21 Ramazan 40 Hijri, Abdur Rahman ibne Muljim (l.u.) hit his (a.s.) holy head with poisoned sword on 19 Ramazan, he (l.u.) was sent by Muawiya.
- 3-Hazrat Fatima Zahra (s.a.) Age: 18 yrs
Appeared on 20 Jamdi-us-Sani, year 46 of the Elephant, 614 AD
Martyred on 3 Jamadi-us-Sani 11 Hijri wounded by Government officials with sword and smashed behind the burning door of her (s.a.) holy house.
- 4-Hazrat Imam Hassan Mujtaba (a.s.) Age: 48 yrs
Appeared on 15 Ramazan 3 Hijri
Martyred on 28 Safar 50 Hijri, poisoned by Jo'dah binte Ash'as (l.u.), poison sent by Muawiya.
- 5-Hazrat Imam Hussain Syeed-ush-Shuhada (a.s.) Age: 57 yrs
Appeared on 3 Shabaan 4 Hijri
Martyred on 10 Moharram 61 Hijri by army of Yazid (l.u.) with his (l.u.) order.
- 6-Hazrat Imam Ali Zain-ul-Aabideen (a.s.) Age: 57 yrs
Appeared on 5 Shabaan 38 Hijri
Martyred on 25 Moharram 95 Hijri, poisoned by Waleed bin Abdul Malak (l.u.)
- 7-Hazrat Imam Mohammad Baqir (a.s.) Age: 57 yrs
Appeared on 1 Rajab 57 Hijri
Martyred on 7 Zul Hijjah 114 Hijri, poisoned by Ibrahim bin Waleed (l.u.)
- 8-Hazrat Imam Jafar Sadiq (a.s.) Age: 65 yrs
Appeared on 17 Rabi-ul-Awwal 83 Hijri
Martyred on 25 Shawwal 148 Hijri, poisoned by Mansoor Dawanaqi (l.u.)
- 9-Hazrat Imam Musa Kazim (a.s.) Age: 55 yrs
Appeared on 7 Safar 128 Hijri
Martyred on 25 Rajab 183 Hijri, poisoned by Haroon-ur-Rashid (l.u.)
- 10-Hazrat Imam Ali Raza (a.s.) Age: 55 yrs
Appeared on 11 Zul Qa'da 148 Hijri
Martyred on 29 Safar/23 Zul Qa'da 203 Hijri, poisoned by Mamoon-ur-Rashid (l.u.)
- 11-Hazrat Imam Mohammad Taqi (a.s.) Age: 25 yrs
Appeared on 10 Rajab 195 Hijri
Martyred on 29 Zul Qada 220 Hijri, poisoned by Mo'tasim Abbasi (l.u.)
- 12-Hazrat Imam Ali Naqi (a.s.) Age: 42 yrs

Appeared on 15 Zul Hijjah 212 Hijri
Martyred on 3 Rajab 254 Hijri, poisoned by Mutwakkil Abbasi (l.u.)
13-Hazrat Imam Hassan Askari (a.s.) Age: 28 yrs
Appeared on 10 Rabi-us-Sani 232 Hijri
Martyred on 8 Rabi-ul-Awwal 260 Hijri, poisoned by Mo'tamid Abbasi (l.u.)
14-Hazrat Imam Mohammad Mahdi (a.s.)
Appeared on 15 Shabaan 255 Hijri
Still young and alive, May Allah Expedite His (a.s.) Reappearance.
Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.w.) explained the verse-59 of surah Nisa to Jabir bin Abdullah Ansari (r.a.) and told him that Olil-Amr (a.s.) are my 12 Infallible Vicegerents, told their names until Imam Mahdi (a.s.) and also explained his (a.s.) reappearance and government on Earth.

Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) said: And after me there are twelve Imams (a.s.), the first one of them is Amir-ul-Mo'mineen Ali ibne Abi Talib (a.s.) and the last of them is Mahdi-al-Qaim (a.s.), their obedience is my obedience, their disobedience is my disobedience, and who denied (Imamat) any one of them thus he denied (Prophethood) me.

It is narrated in Shia and Sunni books that Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.w.) closed all the doors of houses which were opening towards Masjid-e-Nabwi except door of Imam Ali (a.s.), because Imams (a.s.) are pure and clean all the time like Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) himself, because they are from one Noor.

Devotion of Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.)

That is of which Allah gives the good news to His servants who believe and do good deeds; Say: I demand not from you any reward for it (the toils of apostleship) except the devotion of my nearest ones; and whomsoever earns good (concerning it), We increase more for him good therein; verily Allah is Oft-Forgiving, the Most-Grateful. (Ash-Shura 23)

When this verse was revealed then companions (r.a.) asked: Ya Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) who are your nearest whose devotion is made obligatory on us? He (s.a.w.a.w.) answered: Ali (a.s.) and Fatima (s.a.) and their two Sons (a.s.). He (s.a.w.a.w.) repeated it three times.

We believe that Love and Devotion of Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) is obligatory in Islam by the Order of Allah. *Alhamdolillah* all Shia and Sunni Muslims believe in it.

Imam Ali (a.s.)

We believe that Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) and Ali (a.s.) are from one Noor. Allah made Imam Ali (a.s.) the Brother, Wasi, Wazir, Khalifa, Sultan, Naseer (powerful helper) of Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.).

According to a Hadees of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) Imam Ali (a.s.) is Hablullah (the Rope of Allah) which Allah has commanded us to hold fast in surah Aal-e-Imran v.103.

Deen-e-Islam was declared perfect when Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) announced the Guardianship (Walayat) of Imam Ali (a.s.) at Ghadeer-e-Khum after the Last Hajj (Al-Ma'ida 3).

The Beneficent, taught the Quran, He created Al-Insaan (The Man), He taught him expression. (Ar-Rahman 1-4).

Imam Raza (a.s.) said: Allah created Amir-ul-Mo'mineen (Al-Insaan) (a.s.) after giving the education of Quran, and bestowed the knowledge of everything which humans can need.

Syyeda-tun-Nisa-il-Aalameen (s.a.)

Syyeda Fatima Zahra (s.a.) is the only daughter of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.), her (s.a.) children (a.s.) are the holy Progeny (a.s.) of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) according to Quran and Hadees.

Syyeda Fatima Zahra (s.a.) is the chief of all the ladies of the Universe and ladies of the Paradise.

According to many Ahadees, Fatima (s.a.) is a part of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.); whoever annoyed her (s.a.) annoyed Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) and Allah; who pleased her (s.a.) pleased Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) and Allah.

Syyeda Fatima Zahra (s.a.) is too much concerned about our Salvation, she (s.a.) will intercede for Mo'mineen, until all Mo'mineen enter Paradise.

Allah kept the Noor of Hazrat Fatima (s.a.) in the heavens and it was not transferred from Adam (a.s.) to Abdullah (a.s.). When Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) went to Mai'raj, Allah gave him (s.a.w.a.w.) the Noor of Fatima Zahra (s.a.) directly.

The Masters of Paradise

Imam Hassan (a.s.) and Imam Hussain (a.s.) are the Masters of Paradise. Paradise is created from the shadow of their (Hasnain a.s.) Noor.

Bay'at (Allegiance)

In surah Mo'minoon v.71 it is declared that Haqq (14 Infallibles a.s.) can not pay Allegiance to any person in any condition, because they (a.s.) are the Absolute Masters (Wali-e-Mutliq) of the Universe, without them (a.s.) Universe will perish.

When Yazid (l.u.) demanded allegiance from Imam Hussain (a.s.), in the court of Waleed (l.u.) Imam (a.s.) did not say "I can not pay allegiance" **but** Imam (a.s.) said: I am Ahle Bait-un-Nabuwwat, Ma'dinur Risalat, Angels (a.s.) visit our houses, Allah started this Universe for us and will finish with us; Yazid (l.u.) gambles and drinks alcohol and does evils openly; **how a person like me can pay allegiance to a person like him;** we wait for the dawn and you as well, then it will be clear who is worthy for Khilafat and asking for allegiance."

It is very clear Imam (Wali) can not pay allegiance to any person.

Ya Ali (a.s.) Maddad

We only seek Allah's help (Al-Fateh 5). Then Allah commands us to seek help from Sabr (Patience) and Salaat (Al-Baqarah 45). Sabr is Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) and Salaat is Imam Ali (a.s.).

So to say Ya Allah Maddad or Ya Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) Maddad or Ya Ali (a.s.) Maddad has the same meaning. Because Allah gives us Guidance through them (a.s.), listens our Duas through them (a.s.), helps us through them (a.s.).

Translator, Commentator, Teacher of Quran

Only Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) know what are the apparent and hidden meanings (Zahir and Batin) of the Quran because they (a.s.) are the Will of Allah. Only they know the Tanzeel, Tafseer and Taweel of the Holy Quran, because they (a.s.) are the Speaking Quran (Quran-e-Natiq).

We should learn the teachings of the Quran and whole Deen-e-Islam only from Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.).

It is Haram to do Tafseer according to ones personal opinion.

Imam Mahdi (a.s.)

Imam Abul-Qasim Mohammad Mahdi Al-Muntazar Al-Qaim (May Allah Expedite His Reappearance) holy son of Imam Hassan Askari (a.s.) appeared in this world in 255 Hijri, and went into Major Occultation after 329 Hijri. Imam Al-Qaim (a.s.) is present and guiding us but we can not see him (a.s.).

Imam Mahdi (a.s.) is Wali-e-Mutliq from Allah and 12th Vicegerent of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.).

Imam (a.s.) is waiting with Zulfiqar in his holy hand the command of Allah to reappear. Imam (a.s.) will take revenge from the enemies of Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) first, he (a.s.) will punish them in this world before the final punishment by Allah in the Hereafter.

Imam (a.s.) is weeping blood from his holy eyes in the grief of Hazrat Fatima Zahra (s.a.) and Imam Hussain (a.s.).

Hujjat-Ullah (a.s.)

If Iblees can misguide people, can enter their hearts, minds and ears and still people can not see him, but believe in Shaitan's presence everywhere. So it is Justice of Allah that He has a powerful Representative (Hujjatullah) who can guide people and save them from the traps of Shaitan and his evil forces everywhere and still we can not see him (Imam Mahdi a.s.).

Hadi (Guide)

Someone asked if we can not see Imam Mahdi (a.s.) then how he (a.s.) will guide people? Imam (a.s.) said it is like you benefit from the Sun even when it is behind the clouds.

Imam (a.s.) guides anybody who wishes and prays to Allah to be guided. Because the thirsty goes to the water-well, the well does not go to the thirsty.

Imam (a.s.) is Hadi for the Aalameen, because he (a.s.) is Vicegerent of Rahmatul-lil-Aalameen (s.a.w.a.w.).

Communication

“O people who believe! Be patient and steadfast and keep in contact (with Imam Mahdi a.s.), and fear Allah may be you will be successful” (Aal-e-Imran 200).

Allah commands us to be patient in faith and waiting of Imam (a.s.) because majority of people will loose faith. We should keep in contact with Imam (a.s.); anyone who is in any problem, recites this verse and prays to Allah, Imam (a.s.) definitely will guide him.

Qayamat

(the Day of Judgement)

The Justice of Allah

History is full of such dictators and unjust rulers who killed hundreds and thousands of innocent people, we can not kill such cruel person many times to do justice. So logically Qayamat is necessary to give exact punishment to all cruel unjust ones.

The punishment is exactly equal to evil deed, but reward of good deed is many folds, this is Justice. Allah's Blessing is prevailing over His Punishment, He is waiting that we should repent over our bad actions, because He is more inclined to Forgive than to Punish.

Imam Sadiq (a.s.) said: "O you people, try to give the best coffin because the dead will be raised from their graves in the same coffin."

We believe that Mo'mineen will be raised on the Day of Judgement in their coffins.

The Chief Witness (s.a.w.a.w)

We believe that all Prophets (a.s.) will be witness over their nations, and Infallible Imams (a.s.) will be witness over all of them, and Mohammad Mustafa (s.a.w.a.w.) will be the Chief Witness, i.e. Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) knows what has happened in the Universe from the day 1st to the last. Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) are Ain-Ullah (Eye of Allah) to witness everything in this Universe.

Shafa'at (Intercession)

Habib-Ullah (s.a.w.a.w.) will be on Maqam-e-Mahmood on the day of Qayamat, which is the place of highest status and authority. Then Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.w.) will do Shafa'at of sinful believers and Allah will accept it with pleasure.

Kausar

It is very big pond of water owned by Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.). On the day of Qayamat, there are tumblers equal to the number of stars in the sky (countless) for Mo'mineen to drink, and Imam Ali (a.s.) will be serving, and who will drink one sip will never be thirsty again.

Imam Ali (a.s.) will chase away the enemies of Allah and His Rasool (s.a.w.a.w.) from Howz-e-Kausar like diseased camels are chased away from water.

Siraat

Siraat is the Bridge over Jahannam, which everyone has to cross. The more Muttaqi (pious) you are, the more easy you will cross it. Kafireen and Enemies of Islam will fall in Jahannam.

It is narrated that Siraat is sharper than a sword and thinner than a hair. Those who will have a Certificate of Salvation from Imam Ali (a.s.) will cross it successfully and quickly.

Division of Jannat and Jahannam

In Hadees-e-Qudsi Allah says: “If all the people would have gathered on Walayat (Guardianship) of Ali (a.s.) I would not have created the Fire.”

We believe that Allah will never enter the enemies of Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) to Jannat.

“Cast you two into Hell, every disbeliever, rebellious; forbidder of the good, the transgressor, the doubter. Who did set up other gods with Allah, then cast him, you two, into the severe punishment.” (Qaf 24-26)

Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) said: Ya Ali (a.s.)! when Allah will gather all men on the day of Qayamah, that day I and you will be on the right side of the Arsh, then Allah will say to me and you: You both get up, and whoever kept malice with you, and whoever belied you, cast them in the Hell, and whoever loved you, enter them in the Paradise.

Raj'at

(Return, Reappearance)

The minor and major occultation

Imam Mahdi (a.s.) appeared in this world in 255 Hijri. Hazrat Imam Hassan Askari (a.s.) kept it secret because the government was looking for Imam Mahdi (a.s.) to kill. The secret intelligence people were keeping an eye on Imam Hassan Askari's (a.s.) house to get any news of birth of a son, but Allah kept him (a.s.) safe. When Imam Mahdi (a.s.) was 5 years old, Imam Hassan Askari (a.s.) was martyred.

Imam Mahdi (a.s.) kept minor occultation for 75 years, but he (a.s.) kept in contact with public through 4 representatives:

- 1-USman bin Saeed Umri (r.a.)
- 2-Mohammad bin Usman bin Saeed (r.a.)
- 3-Hussain bin Rooh (r.a.)

4-Ali bin Mohammad Al Samri (r.a.), who passed away in 329 Hijri, and Imam (a.s.) declared before his death that there will be no more representative. Then Imam Mahdi (a.s.) went into Major Occultation by Will of Allah.

Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) said: Afzal (superior) Ibadat (worship, prayer) is to wait for the Reappearance (of Imam Mahdi a.s.).

Imam Mahdi (a.s.) comes every year to perform Hajj, but we can not see him (a.s.) (or recognise him a.s.). Like we can not see Hazrat Khizr (a.s.) and Hazrat Ilyas (a.s.) who are alive on earth and give a living proof of Imam Mahdi's (a.s.) presence.

The Reappearance

The conditions of the world and the signs and incidents which will happen before the reappearance of Imam Mahdi (a.s.) are narrated in detail in both Shia and Sunni books.

Allah will complete His Noor by sending Imam Mahdi (a.s.) from occultation, and he (a.s.) will prevail Islam all over the world, though the disbelievers and polytheists dislike it, it is mentioned in surah Bara'at v.32-33.

When Imam Mahdi (a.s.) will appear, Esa ibne Marium (a.s.) will descend from the skies and will pray behind him (Imam a.s.).

We believe all the Infallibles (a.s.) will Reappear in Raj'at i.e. from Mohammad Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) to Mohammad Mahdi (a.s.) and they will rule the world turn by turn, and only the Deen of Allah will prevail.

Allah will also resurrect some people who were perfect in their Faith and some people who were perfect in their Kufr. Faithful will be happy to see the government of Infallibles (a.s.) and Kuffar will be punished by Imam Mahdi (a.s.) in this world before the big punishment of Hell as well.

We pray: may Allah expedite the Zahoor of Imam-ul-Asr (a.s.), and if we die before that, may Allah resurrect us when Imam-e-Zamana reappears.

Azadari-e-Imam-e-Mazloom (a.s.)

(Mourning for Imam Hussain a.s.)

Sacrifice of Imam Hussain (a.s.)

Infallible Imams (a.s.) tolerate any hardship on themselves for the sake of Unity of Muslims and to prevent them to become Murtad. But if anybody wants to disfigure and change the Principles of Deen of Allah then Imams (a.s.) sacrifice everything to save the Deen.

Offering the holy life of Imam Hussain (a.s.) in the Way of Allah, and lives of his (a.s.) family (a.s.) and friends (a.s.) and imprisonment of the holy daughters of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) was not an examination nor to seek high status near Allah through Martyrdom, it is only Sacrifice for Allah. Because no one else can love Allah and His Principles more than Infallibles (a.s.)

There is no such an example in the history that only seventy two (72) holy men (which included infants, children ,young ones, adults and very old) defeated more than nine hundred thousand (900000) soldiers of Yazid (l.u.)

Imam Hussain (a.s.) the Master of the Paradise is not only the Saviour of Deen of Allah but Imam (a.s.) is the Saviour of Humanity, as you will see what Yazid (l.u.) wanted to legalize.

The evil intentions of Yazid (l.u.)

The aims and objectives of Yazid (l.u.) were to change Islam according to his evil wishes, and every Muslim should accept it without hesitation, e.g.

1-He (l.u.) wanted to finish Salaat, so used to say that it is written in Quran “Do not go near Salaat” but did not read the full verse.

2-Wanted to make alcohol lawful, and used to say that if it is forbidden in Deen of Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) then he (l.u.) was drinking according to Deen of Esa (a.s.). He (l.u.) did not know that alcohol is forbidden in Christianity as well.

3-Wanted to make songs and dance lawful, singers, dancers, musicians and jugglers were part of his court.

4-Wanted to declare marriage to step-sister and step-mother (Incest) lawful.

5-Wanted to demolish Ka’ba and Holy Shrine of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.).

6-To kill Muslim men and children, to humiliate women, to declare women for his soldiers (l.u.) lawful e.g. incident of Harrah in Madina.

7-To disregard the honour of Sacred Places of Allah e.g. Masjid-e-Nabwi and Masid-ul-Haram

8-Insulting Ulama (Islamic scholars), his monkey was dressed like an Alim.

9-To make lawful prohibited hobbies e.g. playing shatranj (bridge), hunting with dogs, vulgar poetry, to keep monkey in court with honour.

10-He (l.u.) was very rude to the old Sahaba (r.a.) of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.)

11-To declare homosexuality lawful.

12-To martyr the Chief of Paradise, the Beloved of Allah, Imam Hussain (a.s.), Holy Family (a.s.) of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) and Sahaba (r.a.)

13-To tie in chains and imprison the Holy Daughters and Children of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.)

14-To be proud about his evils and express it publicly in his poetry.

15-He (l.u.) was master of musical instruments and used to wear silk which is Haram for men.

16-Wanted to make Dictatorship, Terrorism, Oppression, Bribery, etc. part of Islam.

Actually all the evils mentioned above were practiced by Yazid (l.u.).

Abdur Rahman bin Abu Bakar (r.a.), Hazrat Aisha (r.a.), Abdullah bin Umar (r.a.) and Saeed bin Usman (r.a.) openly opposed when Yazid (l.u.) was declared crown prince, and Muawiya tried to give them a lot of money in bribery to keep quiet and pay allegiance. And according to some books (Rabi al Abrar, Kamil us Safina, etc.) Hazrat Aisha (r.a.) was martyred for opposing to pay allegiance to Yazid (l.u.).

These above mentioned facts are narrated in Sunni brothers' authentic books e.g. Badaya won Nahaya, Fateh ul Bari, Tareekh Allama Zahabi, Al Asaba, Morawaj uz Zahab, Tareekh Kamil, etc.

When the holy daughters (s.a.) and Imam Zain-ul-Aabideen (a.s.) were presented tied in chains in the court of Yazid (l.u.), he was reading poetry, its translation is:

Would that my fore-fathers who were killed in Badr were present
To see the tribe of Khazraj crying due to hitting of swords
They would be very pleased with joy
Then would have said: O Yazid, your hand should not get tired
I am not from Khunduf, if I do not take revenge
From children (a.s.) of Ahmad (s.a.w.a.w.) for what he (s.a.w.a.w.) did.

Mourning of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.)

When Hazrat Khadija-tul-Kubra (s.a.) and Hazrat Abu Talib (a.s.) were martyred in the love of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) due to 3 years hardships in Shu'be Abi Talib, in the 10th year of Be'sat, Hazrat Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) was very sad and declared the whole year as Year of Mourning (Aam-ul-Huzn).

When Hazrat Hamza (a.s.) was martyred in battle of Uhad, Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) was very sad and invited all the Muslim men and women in Madina to mourn for him (a.s.).

Although Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) knows everything of past, present and future, but when Hazrat Jibra'il (a.s.) formally narrated the incidents of Karbala and gave some earth of Karbala, Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) and the Holy Family (a.s.) wept bitterly. Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) gave that earth in a bottle to Ummul Mo'mineen Salma (s.a.) and told her that the day when this earth would become fresh blood she should understand that his Hussain (a.s.) is Martyred.

On 10 Moharram 61 Hijri, Hazrat Salma (s.a.) was very sad along with the young daughter Fatima Sughra (s.a.) of Imam Hussain (a.s.) in Madina, after Zuhar Salaat her eyes just closed for a while and she saw that Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) is mourning, dust in his holy hair and beard, and blood of Martyrs of Karbala in his holy hands. Both ladies (s.a.) were crying and saw fresh blood springing from the bottle of earth of Karbala.

Hazrat Ibne Abbas (r.a.) had the similar experience on 10th Moharram 61 Hijri.

Mourning of Prophets (a.s.)

When Hazrat Zakaria (a.s.) was informed about martyrdom of Imam Hussain (a.s.), family (a.s.) and friends (a.s.) in Karbala, he was weeping too much, then he prayed to Allah to give him a son (Yahya a.s.) and he should love him too much and when he is grown up, he should be martyred like Hussain (a.s.). Similarly Hazrat Ibrahim (a.s.) sacrificed Hazrat Isma'il (a.s.).

Hazrat Adam (a.s.) was passing from Karbala once, his foot suddenly hit a stone and started bleeding. Similarly Hazrat Ibrahim (a.s.) fell from his horse in Karbala and his head was bleeding. And foot of Hazrat Musa (a.s.) was injured in Karbala and bled. When all these prophets (a.s.) asked why it happened, Hazrat Jibrael (a.s.) told them the answer of Allah: My great servant Hussain (a.s.) will be martyred here, I wanted you also to participate in his mourning, and your blood should be shed on this land as well. Hazrat Ibrahim (a.s.) and his horse also cursed on Yazid (l.u.). Similarly Hazrat Nuh (a.s.), Isma'il (a.s.), Sulaiman (a.s.) and Esa (a.s.) mourned in Karbala.

When Imam Hussain (a.s.) was martyred dust and blood rained from skies, fresh blood was coming out from the earth under the stones.

Hazrat Yaqoob (a.s.) knew that his son Yusuf (a.s.) is not dead, still he mourned and wept so much in the grief of separation that his eye sight was lost, it is mentioned in surah Yusuf v.84-85, more over it is mentioned that people were telling him not to weep! Similarly we weep and mourn for Imam Hussain (a.s.) and his family and companions, according to the tradition of the Prophets (a.s.) and people tell us to stop!

Mentioned in the same surah v. 93-94, a thing attributed to Infallible (a.s.) can cure even another Infallible (a.s.). Similarly we pray to Allah for our needs for the sake of attributes of Imam Hussain (a.s.) e.g. Flag of Abbas (a.s.), model of Holy Shrine of Imam (a.s.), etc.

Sha'air-Ullah (Signs of Allah)

It is clear in surah Hajj v.32 that to respect Sha'airillah (signs of Allah) is due to Taqwa (piety) of hearts. Sha'airillah are those things by seeing them we remember Representatives (a.s.) of Allah and Allah e.g. Safa, Marwa, animal for sacrifice, and similarly Zul-Janah, Alam of Abbas (a.s.), cradle of Ali Asghar (a.s.), Taboot of Infallibles (a.s.), Models of Holy Shrines, etc.

In surah Baqarah v.247-248 the value of Taboot-e-Sakina is described, it is the box which Allah sent to Hazrat Musa's (a.s.) mother to place him in and to put in Nile. During the last days of his life Hazrat Musa (a.s.) put the tablets of Taurat, his armour (cuirass) and signs of apostleship with him in this box and handed over to Hazrat Yusha (a.s.); later on the children of Israel did not keep it with honour, so Allah took it away. Then with the command of Allah Angels brought it carrying it to Hazrat Taloot (a.s.). So Angels are proud to carry the Signs (Sha'air Allah) of the prophets (a.s.). Imam Hussain (a.s.) is the Saviour of Islam and Humanity, so we are proud to carry the models of his (a.s.) holy shrine, taboot (coffin) and flag.

Mourning

According to Imam Jafar Sadiq (a.s.) if one tear from the tears of a mourner of Imam Hussain (a.s.) is put in Jahannam, it will cool down.

We believe that mourning of Imam Hussain (a.s.) is permissible in any form e.g. to weep bitterly and loud; to hit ones head, face and chest with hands forcefully; to hit head, chest and back with sharp sword or knife shedding blood, to wear black mourning clothes, to arrange Majalis (Mourning Meetings) and Jaloos (Mourning Processions); to make models of Holy Shrine, Taboot, Flag, Cradle, Zul-Jannah; to read aloud Nauha (Mourning Poetry) with Matam; to walk on hot coals to remember heat of Karbala.

Fire of Hell is Haram on the Mourner of Imam Hussain (a.s.).

It is a beautiful fact that when we arrange Majalis (mourning meetings) first we preach Tauheed, Risalat, Imamah, Quran, Islamic teachings, then we mention Karbala. So preaching of Deen of Allah is due to the sake of Imam Hussain (a.s.).

Kalima-e-Tayyeba

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All the Infallibles (a.s.) recited Kalima-e-Tayyeba when they appeared in this world, in which they testified Tauheed of Allah, Risalat of Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) and Walayat of Ali (a.s.). Then no doubt our Kalima-e-Tayyeba is:

La ilaha illallah Muhammad-ur Rasool Allah Ali-un Wali Ullah Wasi-o Rasool Allah wa Khalifato hu bila fasl.

To testify Tauheed of Allah, Risalat of Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) and Walayat of Infallible Imams (a.s.) is only One Kalima, it can not be subdivided or it has no parts and sections.

In surah Nisa v.59, Allah commands us to obey Allah, Rasool (s.a.w.a.w.) and Olil-Amr (Twelve Infallible Imams a.s.).

So we testify our obedience to these three supreme Authorities in our Kalima by mentioning Allah, His Rasool (s.a.w.a.w.) and His Wali (a.s.).

Shajara-e-Tayyeba

In surah Ibrahim (a.s.) v. 24-25, Allah says that Kalima Tayyiba is like Shajarah Tayyiba [Pure Good (Family) Tree].

According to Imam Sadiq (a.s.), the Root of this Shajarah Tayyiba is Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.), the Stem is Imam Ali (a.s.), the Branches are 11 Infallible Imams (a.s.), the Fruit is their Knowledge.

So it is very simple that Kalima Tayyiba is only that in which whole Tree is mentioned: Allah (the Creator of this Tree), His Rasool (s.a.w.a.w.) and His Wali (a.s.).

Salaat

(Prayer, Namaaz)

Five Prayers

According to a saying of Imam Sadiq (a.s.), previous nations forgot the mentioning of Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.). After those nations Allah wanted people not to forget the Amr of Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.), so He made Salaat obligatory, everyday to mention his name by announcing five times.

Allah is needless of our worship, He likes we mention His Beloved Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.).

According to a saying of Imam Ali (a.s.) if a person does not know the real meaning of his Salat, his Salat is mere deceiving and incomplete.

So we should not read our Salat (Prayer) like a parrot or tape recorder, without understanding what we are saying.

Azan is the call for Salaat, it is as follows:

Allaho Akbar	4 times
Ash'hado un la ilaha illa Allah	2 times
Ash'hado unna Mohammad ur Rasool Allah	2 times
Ash'hado unna Ali un Wali Ullah	2 times
Hayya alas Salaah	2 times
Hayya alal Falah	2 times
Hayya ala Khair il Amal	2 times
Allaho Akbar	2 times
La ilaha illa Allah	2 times

At Mai'raj when Jibra'il (a.s.) said *Azan* and all the prophets (a.s.) performed Salaat behind Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.), Jibra'il (a.s.) said "Hayya ala Khair il Amal" in *Azan*.

"Ash'hado unna Ali un Wali Ullah" was abolished from *Azan* about 6 months after the martyrdom of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) by order of the government.

We believe that it is compulsory Sunnah to read *Dua Qunoot* in 2nd Rak'at of Salaat.

We believe that if anyone does not say *Salawat* on Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) in Salaat (in Tashahud), his Salaat is invalid.

Salaat	Farz	Sunnah
Fajr	2	2 before Farz
Zuhr	4	8 before Farz
Asr	4	8 before Farz
Maghrib	3	4 after Farz
Isha	4	2 after Farz (sitting)
Tahajjud		11 (8 sunnah, 2 shufa, 1 watr)

Open hands

Allah does not like tied hands, as indicated in surah Ma'ida v.64, so we keep our hands open in prayer.

It is evident in history that tradition of folding hands in Salaat started in the time of 2nd Khalifa only. Also Maliki Sunni brothers keep hands open in Salaat.

The timing

It is narrated in Shia and Sunni books that Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) performed Zuhr and then Asr immediately afterwards. And on another occasion Maghrib and Isha together without any apparent reason. When it was asked the reply was that it is for the ease of my Ummah.

So to perform Salaat of Zuhr & Asr, Maghrib & Isha immediately after finishing the first one is permissible as well as to give a gap in between.

Sajdah on earth

Imam Sadiq (a.s.) said: it is superior to do Sajdah on earth.

Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.w.) had a big tablet of earth on which he (s.a.w.a.w.) used to do Sajdah. This tablet was made from the place where Hazrat Hamza (a.s.) was martyred and buried.

Because to do Sajdah on earth is Afzal, and the earth of Karbala is Mo'alla (the highest), that is why Shias do Sajdah on the earth of Karbala.

We believe that Sajdah is not permissible on items which are used to wear or edibles.

Jama'at

It is recommended that all the Muslim brothers from different sects should perform Salaat together in Jama'at for unity and brotherhood.

Saum

(Fasting)

Ramazan

It is obligatory to keep fasts for the whole holy month of Ramazan.

Other days

It is sunnah to keep three fasts every month (1st Thursday, middle Wednesday and last Thursday) and fasting during the months of Rajab, Shabaan, Zul Qadah and Zil Hijjah, details are in the books.

It is Haram to keep fast on the Day of Ashura (10th Moharram), to be happy, wear nice clothes, give gifts, say Salam to each other. Because Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) was very sad, weeping, dust in his holy head and beard, blood of Martyrs was in his hands on the Day of Ashura, which are authentic traditions from Ummul Mo'mineen Salma (s.a.) and Hazrat ibne Abbas (r.a.)

If any person lies or says something wrong about Allah and Infallible Prophets (a.s.) and Imams (a.s.), his Fast is invalid.

Timing

Allah says: "...then complete your fast until night..." (Al Baqarah 187). It is clear that fast finishes at night (Lail) not at sunset (Maghrib), so we open our fast after Maghrib Salaat according to Sunnah of the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.w.).

Zakat

(the poor due)

2.5% of income should be given to poor/needful relatives, then to local area poor/needful Muslims. Un-Islamic government can not snatch Zakat by force.

One person asked Imam (a.s.) that why it is only 2.5% (? Too little). Imam (a.s.) said that Allah knows the best how much is necessary for the poor.

If every Muslim gives Zakat no poor will be left in the society.

Khums

One fifth (20%) of the yearly profit is for Allah, His Rasool (s.a.w.a.w.) and his (s.a.w.a.w.) descendants, it is mentioned in surah Anfal v.41.

Khums is for the stabilization and propagation of Islam.

Every Mo'min on whom Khums is due is responsible himself for the proper distribution of Khums during the occultation of the Awaited Imam (a.s.)

Hajj

(Pilgrimage to Makkah)

Ziyarat-e-Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w)

When going for Hajj, Shias first go to Madina for Ziyarat of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) and then go to Makkah as Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) did from Madina. Then we perform Umra and Hajj.

We also go for Ziyarat of Jannat-ul-Baqih, Martyrs of Uhad in Madina and Jannat-ul-Mo'alla in Makkah, and Holy Shrines of Infallibles (a.s.) in Iraq, Syria and Iran.

We believe it is impossible to perform Hajj without Ziyarat of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.).

We also believe that Ziyarat of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) and Infallibles (a.s.) is equal to thousands of accepted Hajjs.

The purpose of Hajj

If a person has too much wealth and gives hills of gold and silver in charity in the way of Allah, it is useless if he does not go for obligatory Hajj.

Hajj is not merely an Ibadat to get rid of our sins, but it shows the power of Islam, unity of Muslim Ummah, readiness to sacrifice our lives for Islam, hatred towards Shaitan and his evil companions. It is an ideal place to discuss problems of Muslim Ummah and help each other, and to stand together against anti Islamic so called super powers.

Jihad

Jihad is to strive hard in the Way of Allah.

Types of Jihad

Jihad is to strive hard/fight in the way of Allah to defend the Muslims, to help oppressed ones against unjust ones.

But bigger Jihad is to fight against Nafs (to become Mutaqi first and then to convey the message of love and peace of Islam).

So Jihad can be with wealth, life, children, character, knowledge, speech and pen.

Allah and His Rasool (s.a.w.a.w.) have commanded us to preach and convey the message of Walayat.

Amar-bil Ma'roof & Nahi-anil Munkir

(to command Good & forbid Evil)

Allah commands in surah Aal-e-Imran v.104, to command good and forbid from evil.

The best way to command Good is by good character. Evil can be stopped by hand or by tongue and if one is weak then at least to consider it bad in heart.

Also Allah has commanded us to convey the message in a nice and appropriate way, but not fighting, debating arrogantly. We should keep in mind the Unity of Muslim Ummah.

Ma'roof is Walayat of Imam Ali (a.s.), and Munkir to sever relations with the enemies of Imam (a.s.)

Tawalla & Taberra

(Love and Hatred)

We hate the enemies of Allah, Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.), Prophets (a.s.) and Angels (a.s.).

Imam Sadiq (a.s.) said: Who doubts the Kufr of our enemies and who are unjust to us, he is himself Kafir.

In surah Baqarah v.159, whoever conceals the Truth revealed by Allah from the people, Allah curses them.

Similarly, self-made leaders and their blind followers will renounce (Taberra) each other on the Day of Judgement (Baqarah 166-167).

Unjust ones will be cursed on the Day of Judgement by Imam Ali (a.s.), the Mo'azzin (Speaker) of Allah (Al-A'raf 44).

In surah Bara't (Immunity, Taberra) v.3 Allah and His Rasool (s.a.w.a.w.) are doing Taberra on polytheists.

One important point is that Taberra does not mean 'calling bad names', because there is propaganda that "Shias call bad names to our leaders". It is not true because Allah says: *And do not call bad names to those whom they pray other than Allah, lest they call bad names to Allah in animosity and ignorance.* (Al-An'am 108)

One person was calling bad names to others, Imam Sadiq (a.s.) was very angry and forbid to do such things.

But it does not mean not to disclose the names and, unjust cruel behaviour of the enemies of Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.).

Ghalow & Taqseer

(Exceeding the limit & denying the real status)

Ghalow is to exceed the limit e.g. Nuseri people say that Imam Ali (a.s.) is actually Allah (Na'ooz billah).

Taqseer is to doubt and try to reduce the high status of Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) with one's tongue, writing or any other way.

So as indicated in surah Zumr v.56, Muqassar will say alas! Why I did not fulfil my duty towards Janb-Ullah (Ali a.s.), I was with those who criticized him.

Who thinks, says or believes that Imam Ali (a.s.) is Allah, he is Kafir. ALLAH is Who is Khaliq of Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.).

According to the famous Hadees of Infallibles (a.s.), only one of the seventy three sects will go to Jannat!

Who are those people? They are who are moderates, obeying Allah, Loving Rasool (s.a.w.a.w.) and his holy Progeny (a.s.), and hating their enemies, not fighting and declaring other Muslim brothers as Kafirs, then whether by name they are Shia or Sunni they will be successful. So if a Shia doubts the Authority and Infallibility of Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) he will not be successful. And if a Sunni believes in the Authority and Infallibility of Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) and hates their (a.s.) enemies, he will be successful.

The Role of Shia Scholars

We believe that all the needs and solution of problems which man can encounter until the day of Judgement are explained in Quran and Sunnah. There is no need of anyone's personal opinion or Fatwa, there is no place for Qiyas or Ijmah or personal Ijtihad; because Deen is Complete and Perfect. It is the Claim of Holy Quran and Quran-e-Natiq (a.s.) that Deen is complete and nothing is short.

So the role of Shia Scholar is only to find the solutions in Quran and Sunnah and tell and explain to the people along with the reference (verse of Quran, tradition of Infallible a.s.). Scholar can not say it is my Fatwa, you just have to accept it without asking me the reason. Because even Allah says: say bring your proof (reason) if you are truthful. Allah advises us to use intelligence and wisdom and to ponder but not following blindly.

Imam Ali (a.s.) condemned very strongly in his Khutbah (Nehjul Balagha) if two judges (scholars) give different Fatwa about the same problem. He (a.s.) said that it is not possible when everybody's Allah is One, Nabi (s.a.w.a.w.) is one, Book is one. Then he (a.s.) questioned that did Allah tell you to differ? Allah told you not to differ, and you are opposing Him. Did Allah send this Deen incomplete? And asked you to help to complete! Are you partner of Allah? That He has to accept your opinion! Or Rasool Allah (s.a.w.a.w.) did not preach and performed his duty properly? Allah says that We did not leave any shortcoming in the Book and explanation of everything is present in it!

Imam Ali Raza (a.s.) said: I wish every Mo'min should be Mohaddis (knowing the Ahadees of Infallibles a.s. and he is intelligent).

Every human according to his wisdom, eats what he likes, chooses a profession which is suitable and profitable, wears what he likes according to his status, keeps a house according to his needs, chooses computer and phones with much care and gets married according to his heart, **but** strange enough just follows the religion of his father or whatever a scholar says without giving any thought!

It is duty of every human to investigate the True Beliefs of the Deen of Allah.

We read hundreds of books and fictions, **why** we can not read and try to understand only one Book of Allah (Quran) and only few books on Sunnah!

The Origin of Shia-ism

Shia means the follower. Specifically Shia means who follows Mohammad Rasool Allah(s.a.w.a.w.), Imam Ali (a.s.) and their Holy Progeny (Imams a.s.).

The first well known Shia personalities are Hazrat Salman Farsi (r.a.), Hazrat Abu Zarr (r.a.), Hazrat Qanmber (r.a.), Hazrat Miqdad (r.a.). They were called as Shias because they were drowned in the love of Allah, His Rasool (s.a.w.a.w.), His Wali Ali (a.s.), and their (a.s.) Holy Family (a.s.).

The Unity among Muslims

If all the Muslim Sects and Muslim Countries stand together United (e.g. European Union) and give the World the Message of Peace and Love (ISLAM) and help the Oppressed and Poor, there is no need of War and Terrorism, then Peace will automatically prevail over the Earth.

The Message

The message of Shia-ism is LOVE, Love of Allah, and His Beloveds (Mohammad-o-Aal-e-Mohammad s.a.w.a.w.). When you will Love Allah, you will like to follow Him. And you know Allah loves Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) and his Progeny (a.s.) and sends Salawat on them (a.s.). So you will follow Allah and His Angels. Then you will worship Allah with heart because He is worthy of worship; and you will not worship due to fear of Hell or in greed of Paradise. Then you will be immune to the enemies of Allah and His Beloveds. Then these worldly things will be of no value to you; you will only seek the Pleasure of Allah and His Rasool (s.a.w.a.w.) and Infallibles (a.s.). Then who drowns in Love can not even think to do sins. Then his least reward will be Paradise.

Whoever believes Allah is One and Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.) is the Last and Chief Prophet of Allah is no doubt a Muslim, no one has right to declare him Kafir. If any Muslim is doing something which according to your belief is not right, then he can be sinful but not out of the circle of Islam.

Let us unite in the name of One Allah, One Rasool (s.a.w.a.w.), One Quran and Islam.

Allah huma soale ala Mohammadin wa Aale Mohammad

Imam Jafar Sadiq (s.a.) said: Who wants to be glad that his Eman is totally perfect, then he should say: In all the affairs my words are the same which are the words of Aal-e-Mohammad (s.a.), whether I know them or they are hidden from me, whether they reached me or did not reach me.

(Usool al-Kafi, Vol. 1, P 245)

Allah Azza wa Jalla said: I do not accept any deed from its performer without the confession of his (Maola Ali s.a.) Walayat together with Nabuwwat of My Rasool Ahmad s.a.

(Basharat al-Mustafa s.a., P 61)

Allah Azza wa Jalla said: If all the humans would unite on the Walayat of Ali (s.a.), I would not have created the Fire.

(Amali Sheikh Sudoq r.a., Vol. 2, P645)

Rasool Allah s.a.w.a.w. said: I swear by Him in Whose Hands is life of Mohammad (s.a.w.a.w.), no doubt if a person comes with the deeds of seventy prophets (a.s.) on the Day of Qayamat, Allah will not accept those (deeds) from him until he has my Walayat and Walayat of my Ahl-e-Bait (s.a.).

(Basharat al-Mustafa s.a., P 135)

Rasool Allah s.a.w.a.w. said: The title of the book (of deeds) of the Momin is “Hubb-e-Ali ibne Abi Talib s.a.”

(Basharat al-Mustafa s.a., P 245)

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