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Foreword

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

The Noble Prophet (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) has said:

مَنْ حَفِظَ عَلَيَّ أُمَّتِي أَرْبَعِينَ حَدِيثًا يَنْتَفِعُونَ بِهَا بَعَثَهُ اللَّهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ فَقِيهًا عَالِمًا.

“A person from my nation who memorizes forty traditions pertaining to those issues of religion which one is in need of, will be resurrected by Allah on the Day of Judgment as a person with deep insight into the faith and as a scholar.”

In following the above *hadith*, the Islamic Education Board of The World Federation of KSIMC (IEB –

WF) has decided to publish a series of booklets of 40 *Ahadith* (traditions) on different subjects. The *Ahadith* that have been selected from various sources are short and simple and therefore easy to understand and memorize. It is envisaged that the booklets will not only be useful for Zakireen, Madrasah teachers and students, but will be of benefit to the Ummah at large.

The collection of the *Ahadith* and introduction of this present work was done by Abdul-Rahim Mugahi in his compilation, '*The Heart of Hearts*', while the translation in English was carried out by Shaykh Saleem Bhimji.

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Translator's Introduction

The time period we are currently going through is one in which the Divinely appointed Imam (representative of Allah (awj)) is not amongst us – at least 'apparently' he is not. From the traditions of the Prophet ('s), we know that the Imam has not distanced himself from his followers, nor is he in some mystical land or in another time realm. Rather, he lives among the people, sees what we are going through and feels the hurt and grief at the state of affairs of the world. In addition, to show us that he is indeed with us, the traditions tell us that he is present in various gatherings throughout the year – such as the hajj – on an annual basis.

This period which has been going on for the past 1,200 years is known as the *ghaybatul kubrah* or the major occultation of Imam al-hujjah, and is one in which we are all in a state of *intizar* or 'active anticipation' for his advent.

During this time, one of the responsibilities for those who want to follow the Imam is to know as much about him as possible. This knowledge of the Imam is not limited to merely the incidental characteristics of the Imam – such as his date of birth, place of birth, his mother and father's name and other such things. Rather, as the traditions, narrated in all of the books of *hadith* tell us that, "The person who dies and does not have a deep understanding (*Ma'rifat*) of the Imam of his time, dies the death of those of the period of decadence (the pre-Islamic era)."

Thus, even if we were to follow all of the dictates of Islam such as praying, fasting, going for hajj and even struggling in Jihad against ourselves and an external threat, however if we do not know and acknowledge the Imam of our time, all of our actions would be in vain!

It is with this thought in mind that we need to proceed forward in life, seeking to better understand our living Imam – and what better way than through what his noble fore-fathers have said about him!

The traditions mentioned in this booklet offer us glimpses of the Imam which should instil a sense of hope in us – a hope for a better future of the world and one in which the rule of Allah (awj) is established over the entire globe. It is only at this time – through the support and guidance of Imam al-Mahdi , that all forms of corruption and evil will be removed from the Earth, paving the way for the utopia which the Islamic narrations speak so vividly about – the kingdom and rule of Allah (awj).

One of the ways in which we can attain the deep understanding of the Imam , which we must strive for, is to hold firm to the true scholars who are serving the cause of the faith during the period of the occultation of our awaited Imam . It is by following them and adhering to their orders, which in reality is nothing other than following the Qur'an and the Sunnah, that we can safeguard our position with the Imam .

The worth of the scholars during the occultation has been emphasized in a beautiful tradition that has reached us from the 10th Imam, Muhammad b. 'Ali al-Hadi:

لَوْ لَا مَنْ يَبْقَى بَعْدَ غَيْبَةِ قَائِمِكُمْ مِنَ الْعُلَمَاءِ الدَّاعِينَ إِلَيْهِ وَ الدَّالِّينَ عَلَيْهِ وَ الدَّابِّينَ عَنْ دِينِهِ بِحُجَجِ اللَّهِ وَ الْمُتَّقِينَ
لَضَعُفَاءِ عِبَادِ اللَّهِ مِنْ شُبَّانِكِ إِبْلِيسَ وَ مَرْدِيَّتِهِ وَ مِنْ فَخَاخِ النُّوَاصِبِ لَمَا بَقِيَ أَحَدٌ إِلَّا أَرْتَدَّ عَنْ دِينِ اللَّهِ وَ لَكِنَّهُمْ الَّذِينَ
يُمْسِكُونَ أَرْزَمَةَ قُلُوبِ ضَعَفَاءِ الشَّيْعَةِ كَمَا يُمْسِكُ صَاحِبُ السَّفِينَةِ سُكَّانَهَا. أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْأَفْضَلُونَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ

“If there were not to remain after the occultation of your Qa'im from among the scholars, a person from among the proofs of Allah who would call (others) towards him (the Imam); represent him (the Imam); defend his (the Imam's) religion; grant safety to the downtrodden servants of Allah from the evils of Iblis and the wickedness of the enemies (of the Ahlul Bayt), then there would not remain a single person (on Earth) except that he would have left the religion of Allah. But rather, these people (the 'Ulama) take it upon themselves to be the protectors of the hearts of our downtrodden Shi'a, just as the captain of a boat takes control of the lives and safety of those on his ship. Thus, these (the 'Ulama) are the people who are the best in the sight of Allah, the Noble and Great.”¹

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¹. Biharul Anwar, Volume 2, Page 6, Section 8, hadith 12

A Prayer Invoking Blessings for the Twelfth Imam and His fore-fathers

اللَّهُمَّ كُنْ لَوْلِيكَ الْحُجَّةِ ابْنِ الْحَسَنِ

صَلَوَاتِكَ عَلَيْهِ وَ عَلَى آبَائِهِ

فِي هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ وَفِي كُلِّ سَاعَةٍ

وَلِيًّا وَ حَافِظًا

وَ قَائِدًا وَ نَاصِرًا

وَ دَلِيلًا وَ عَيْنًا

حَتَّى تُسْكِنَهُ

أَرْضَكَ طَوْعًا وَ تُمَتِّعَهُ فِيهَا طَوِيلًا

O' Allah, be for Your deputy, al-hujjat ibnil Hasan,
May Your blessings be upon him and his fore-fathers,
now and at all times,
a master and protector and guide and
helper and proof and guard,
until he resides
peacefully on Your Earth and let him
enjoy (his rule on the Earth)
for a long time.

Ahadith, the Narrations

Hadith Number 1: The Lineage of Imam al-Mahdi

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ: الْمَهْدِيُّ مِنْ وُلْدِي وَجْهُهُ كَالْقَمَرِ الدُّرِّيِّ.

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) has said: “Al-Mahdi is from my progeny; his face is like the brightly illuminated moon.”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 51, Page 85; Kashful Ghammah

Hadith Number 2: The City of Qum and the Helpers of the Imam

قَالَ الْإِمَامُ جَعْفَرُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ الصَّادِقُ: إِنَّمَا سُمِّيَ قُمْ لِأَنَّ أَهْلَهُ يَجْتَمِعُونَ مَعَ قَائِمِ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَيَقُومُونَ مَعَهُ وَ يَسْتَقِيمُونَ عَلَيْهِ وَيَنْصُرُونَهُ.

Imam Ja'far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (peace be upon them both) has said: “The city of Qum has been named so¹ because its inhabitants will gather with the Qa'im from Ale Muhammad [lit. one who will rise up from the progeny of Muhammad] and will stand alongside him, will strive to be hold firm to (their belief and assistance) of him and will assist him.”

Safinatul Bihar, Volume 2, Page 446

Hadith Number 3: Women in the Imam's Army

قَالَ الْإِمَامُ جَعْفَرُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ الصَّادِقُ: يَكُونُ مَعَ الْقَائِمِ ثَلَاثُ عَشْرَةَ امْرَأَةً.

Imam Ja'far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (peace be upon them both) has said: “There will be thirteen women alongside al-Qa'im [when he makes his advent].”

Al-Mufadhhal [the narrator of this tradition] asked the Imam:

وَمَا يَصْنَعُ بِهِنَّ؟

“And what will their role be?”

The Imam replied:

يُدَاوِينِ الْجَرَحَى وَيُفَمِّنَ عَلَى الْمَرْضَى كَمَا كَانَ مَعَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ.

“They will treat the injured and look after the sick just as the [women did] at the time of the Messenger of Allah [during the battles].”

Ithbatul Hudat, Volume 7, Page 150

Hadith Number 4: The Most Beloved to the Prophet (‘s)

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ: طُوبَى لِمَنْ أَدْرَكَ قَائِمَ أَهْلِ بَيْتِي وَهُوَ مُقْتَدٍ بِهِ قَبْلَ قِيَامِهِ. يَتَوَلَّى وَلِيَّهُ يَتَّبِرُ مِنْ عَدُوِّهِ وَ يَتَوَلَّى الْأَيْمَةَ الْهَادِيَةَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ. أَوْلَانِكَ رُفَقَائِي وَ ذُو وُدِّي وَ مَوَدَّتِي وَ أَكْرَمُ أُمَّتِي عَلَيَّ.

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) has said: “Congratulations to the person who meets the Qa’im [one who will rise] from my Ahlul Bayt and has firm belief in him before his advent. He will have love for his friends, and will distance himself from his enemies and will have love for the leaders of guidance (the Imams) who came before him. Indeed these are my true friends, those whom I have love and affection for and (they) are the noblest of people from my nation.”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 52, Page 129; al-Ghaybah of Shaykh Tusi

Hadith Number 5: None Shall be Saved, Except...

قَالَ الْإِمَامُ الْحَسَنُ بْنُ عَلِيٍّ الْعَسْكَرِيُّ: ... وَ اللَّهُ لَيُعَيِّنَنَّ غَيْبَةً لَا يَنْجُو فِيهَا مِنَ الْهَلَكَةِ إِلَّا مَنْ تَبَتَّ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ عَلَى الْقَوْلِ بِإِمَامَتِهِ وَ وَفَّقَهُ (فِيهَا) لِلدُّعَاءِ بِتَعْجِيلِ فَرَجِهِ.

Imam Hasan ibn ‘Ali al-‘Askari (peace be upon them both) has said: “... I swear by Allah that he (Imam al-Mahdi) shall go into an occultation such that none shall be saved [during that period] from destruction, except the person whom Allah, Glorious and Grand is He, makes firm on the belief of his Imamate [of Imam al-Mahdi] and whom He grants the Divine ability (*tawfiq*) to supplicate for his speedy advent.”

Kamal ad-Din, Volume 2, Page 384

Hadith Number 6: Absolute Obedience to the Imam

قَالَ الْإِمَامُ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَلِيٍّ الْجَوَادُ: ... إِنَّ الْقَائِمَ مِنَّا هُوَ الْمَهْدِيُّ الَّذِي يَجِبُ أَنْ يُنْتَظَرَ فِي غَيْبَتِهِ وَ يُطَاعَ فِي ظُهُورِهِ وَ

... هُوَ التَّالِثُ مِنْ وُلْدِي

Imam Muhammad ibn ‘Ali al-Jawad (peace be upon them both) has said: “... Indeed al-Qa’im is from among us (the Ahlul Bayt) and he is al-Mahdi – the one whom it is obligatory to wait for during his occultation and obey during his advent, and he is the third from my progeny ...”

Kamal ad-Din, Volume 2, Page 377

Hadith Number 7: Back to the True Path

قَالَ عَلِيُّ بْنُ أَبِي طَالِبٍ : يَعْطِفُ الْهَوَى عَلَى الْهُدَى إِذَا عَطَفُوا الْهُدَى عَلَى الْهَوَى وَ يَعْطِفُ الرَّأْيَ عَلَى الْقُرْآنِ إِذَا عَطَفُوا الْقُرْآنَ عَلَى الرَّأْيِ .

Imam ‘Ali ibn Abi Talib (peace be upon both of them) has said: “[When Imam al-Mahdi makes his advent] the following of the lower desires will be transformed into the following of guidance (of Allah) after the following of the guidance (of Allah) had been transformed into the following of the lower desires; and the thoughts and opinions (of the people) will be in line with the Qur’an after the Qur’an had previously been put in line and accordance with the people’s thoughts and opinions.”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 51, Page 120; Nahjul Balagha

Hadith Number 8: Tears of Separation

قَالَ الْإِمَامُ جَعْفَرُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ الصَّادِقُ : وَ اللَّهُ لِيَغِيبَنَّ إِمَامَكُمْ سِنِينَ مِنَ الدَّهْرِ ... وَ لَتَفِيضَنَّ عَلَيْهِ أَعْيُنُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

Imam Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (peace be upon both of them) said: “I swear by Allah that your Imam will go into an occultation for a number of years ... [during that period] the eyes of the true believers shall be filled with tears [due to being separated from him].”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 51, Page 147; al-Ghaybah of al-Nu’mani

Hadith Number 9: The House of Praise

قَالَ الْإِمَامُ جَعْفَرُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ الصَّادِقُ : إِنَّ لِصَاحِبِ الْأَمْرِ بَيْتًا يُقَالُ لَهُ: بَيْتُ الْحَمْدِ . فِيهِ سِرَاجٌ يَزْهَرُ مِنْذُ يَوْمٍ وُلِدَ إِلَى يَوْمٍ يَقُومُ بِالسَّيْفِ لَا يُطْفِئُ .

Imam Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (peace be upon both of them) said: “Indeed the possessor of the command (Imam al-Mahdi) has a house which is referred to as, ‘The House of Praise’. In this house

there is a lamp which has been glowing since the day he was born and will continue to do so until the day he makes his advent with the sword, and it will not be put out.”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 52, Page 158; al-Ghaybah of al-Nu'mani

Hadith Number 10: People with the Highest Rank

قَالَ الْإِمَامُ عَلِيُّ بْنُ الْحُسَيْنِ السَّجَّادِ: إِنَّ أَهْلَ زَمَانِ غَيْبَتِهِ الْقَائِلِينَ بِإِمَامَتِهِ الْمُنْتَظِرِينَ لِظُهُورِهِ أَفْضَلُ أَهْلِ كُلِّ زَمَانٍ لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى ذَكَرَهُ أَعْطَاهُمْ مِنَ الْعُقُولِ وَالْأَفْهَامِ وَالْمَعْرِفَةِ مَا صَارَتْ بِهِ الْغَيْبَةُ عِنْدَهُمْ بِمَنْزِلَةِ الْمَشَاهِدَةِ.

Imam ‘Ali ibn al-Husain al-Sajjad (peace be upon both of them) has said: “Indeed the people who live during the time of his occultation, have firm belief in his (the 12th Imam’s) Imamate and are awaiting his advent are the best people of every age since Allah, Great is His Mention, has granted them from the intellect, understanding and cognizance needed which would permit them to live during the period of the occultation, as if they were living during the time of his advent.”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 52, Page 122; al-Ihtijaj

Hadith Number 11: Greeting Imam al-Mahdi

A man once asked Imam Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (peace be upon both of them) how he should send his salutations upon Imam al-Qa’im (may Allah hasten his advent) and the Imam replied:

تَقُولُ: السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ يَا بَقِيَّةَ اللَّهِ.

”Say: Greetings be upon you, O’ Remnants of Allah [As-Salamu ‘Alaykum Ya Baqiyatullah]!”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 52, Page 373, Tafsir Furat ibn Ibrahim

Hadith Number 12: Perfection of the Intellect and Moral Traits

قَالَ الْإِمَامُ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَلِيِّ الْبَاقِرِ: إِذَا قَامَ قَائِمُنَا وَضَعَ يَدَهُ عَلَى رُؤُوسِ الْعِبَادِ فَجَمَعَ بِهِ عُقُولَهُمْ وَأَكْمَلَ بِهِ أَخْلَاقَهُمْ.

Imam Muhammad ibn ‘Ali al-Baqir (peace be upon both of them) has said: “When our Qa’im makes his advent, he will place his hand over the heads of the servants and their intellects will join together and their ethical traits will be perfected.”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 52, Page 336, Kharaj of al-Rawandi

Hadith Number 13: Testimony to Islam over the Entire Earth

قَالَ الْإِمَامُ جَعْفَرُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ الصَّادِقُ : إِذَا قَامَ الْقَائِمُ لَا يَبْقَى أَرْضٌ إِلَّا نُودِيَ فِيهَا شَهَادَةٌ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ.

Imam Ja'far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (peace be upon both of them) said: “When al-Qa'im makes his advent, not a single place of land will remain except that the call to the testimony of, ‘There is no creature worthy of worship except for Allah and indeed Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah’ will be given (there).”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 52, Page 340; Tafsir al-'Ayyashi

Hadith Number 14: Anticipate the Advent of the Imam

... قَالَ الْإِمَامُ جَعْفَرُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ الصَّادِقُ : ... فَعِنْدَهَا فَتَوَقَّعُوا الْفَرَجَ صَبَاحاً وَ مَسَاءً

Imam Ja'far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (peace be upon both of them) said: “ ... During that time (the period of the occultation), await the advent (of the Imam) every morning and evening ... ”

Usul al-Kafi, Volume 1, Page 323

Hadith Number 15: The Ornament of Paradise

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ : الْمَهْدِيُّ طَاوُؤُسُ أَهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ.

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) has said: “Al-Mahdi is the peacock [ornament] of the people of Paradise.”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 51, Page 105; Tara'if

Hadith Number 16: Power and Authority

عَنْ عَلِيِّ بْنِ الْحُسَيْنِ زَيْنِ الْعَابِدِينَ : قَالَ إِذَا قَامَ قَائِمُنَا أَذْهَبَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ عَنْ شِيَعَتِنَا الْعَاهَةَ وَ جَعَلَ قُلُوبَهُمْ كَزُبْرِ الْحَدِيدِ وَ جَعَلَ قُوَّةَ الرَّجُلِ مِنْهُمْ قُوَّةَ أَرْبَعِينَ رَجُلًا وَ يَكُونُونَ حُكَّامَ الْأَرْضِ وَ سَنَامَهَا.

It has been narrated from 'Ali ibn al-Husain, the Ornament of the Worshipers (peace be upon both of them) that he said: “When our Qa'im makes his advent, Allah, the Noble and Glorious, will remove all

maladies from our Shi'a (followers) and will make their hearts [as firm] as pieces of iron. He will make the physical strength of one man equal to that of forty men, and they will be the rulers over the entire Earth and its sovereigns.”

Misbahul Mutahajjid, Page 737

Hadith Number 17: The Completion of Knowledge

قَالَ الْإِمَامُ جَعْفَرُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ الصَّادِقُ: الْعِلْمُ سَبْعَةٌ وَعِشْرُونَ حَرْفًا فَجَمِيعُ مَا جَاءَتْ بِهِ الرُّسُلُ حَرْفَانِ فَلَمْ يَعْرِفِ النَّاسُ حَتَّى الْيَوْمِ غَيْرَ الْحَرْفَيْنِ. فَإِذَا قَامَ قَائِمُنَا أُخْرِجَ الْخَمْسَةَ وَالْعِشْرِينَ حَرْفًا فَيَبْتِئُهَا فِي النَّاسِ وَضَمَّ إِلَيْهَا الْحَرْفَيْنِ حَتَّى يَبْتِئَهَا سَبْعَةٌ وَعِشْرِينَ حَرْفًا.

Imam Ja'far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (peace be upon both of them) said: “Knowledge is contained in twenty-seven letters (parts) and everything which all of the (previous) messengers brought was merely two of these letters and until the day (when al-Mahdi makes his advent), the people will not be given knowledge except of these two letters. So then when our Qa'im makes his advent, he will bring with him the other twenty-five letters (of knowledge) and he will spread these among the people and add these to the previous two letters (parts) such that he will have imparted the twenty-seven letters (of knowledge) to them.”

Wasa'il ash-Shi'a, Volume 7, Page 326, *hadith* 10

Hadith Number 18: Ruling with Justice

قَالَ الْإِمَامُ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَلِيِّ الْبَاقِرِ: إِذَا قَامَ قَائِمُ أَهْلِ الْبَيْتِ قَسَمَ بِالسَّوِيَّةِ وَعَدَلَ فِي الرِّعِيَّةِ فَمَنْ أَطَاعَهُ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ وَ مَنْ عَصَاهُ فَقَدْ عَصَى اللَّهَ وَ إِنَّمَا سُمِّيَ الْمَهْدِيُّ لِأَنَّهُ يَهْدِي إِلَى أَمْرِ خَفِيِّ.

Imam Muhammad ibn 'Ali al-Baqir (peace be upon both of them) said: “When the Qa'im of the Ahlul Bayt makes his advent, he will divide (the riches) with equity and will show justice among the people. So whoever obeys him, has obeyed Allah; and whoever goes against him, has gone against Allah. Indeed al-Mahdi was named as such because he will guide to the hidden affairs.”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 97, Page 117

Hadith Number 19: A Short Prayer for al-Mahdi

... قَالَ الْإِمَامُ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَلِيِّ الْبَاقِرِ: ... بِأَبِي وَ أُمِّي الْمُسَمَّى بِاسْمِي وَ الْمَكْنَى بِكُنْيَتِي. السَّابِعُ مِنْ بَعْدِي

Imam Muhammad ibn ‘Ali al-Baqir (peace be upon both of them) has said: “... May my father and my mother be sacrificed for that person whose name is the same as my name, and whose title of appellation is the same as my title of appellation and he is the seventh person (from my progeny) after me ...”

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Hadith Number 20: Felicitations are for...

... قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ : ... طُوبَى لِمَنْ لَقِيَهُ وَ طُوبَى لِمَنْ أَحَبَّهُ وَ طُوبَى لِمَنْ قَالَ بِهِ

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) has said: “... Paradise is for that person who meets him (al-Mahdi), and paradise is for to that person who loves him, and paradise is for that person who has belief in him (and his Imamate).”

Wasa'il ash-Shi'a, Volume 7, Page 327, *hadith* 1

Hadith Number 21: When Will the Time Come?

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ : لَا تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ حَتَّى يَقُومَ الْحَقُّ مِنَّا وَ ذَلِكَ حِينَ يَأْذَنُ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ . فَمَنْ تَبِعَهُ نَجَا وَ مَنْ تَخَلَّفَ عَنْهُ هَلَكَ...

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) has said: “The appointed time (of the Day of Resurrection) will not come until the one from among us (the Ahlul Bayt) will rise with the truth and make his advent [Imam al-Mahdi], and this will take place when Allah, the Noble and Grand permits. So whoever obeys him shall be saved, and whoever goes against him will be destroyed...”

Wasa'il ash-Shi'a, Volume 7, Page 325, *hadith* 6

Hadith Number 22: Brotherhood During the Imam's Advent

قَالَ الْإِمَامُ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَلِيِّ الْبَاقِرُ : ... إِذَا قَامَ الْقَائِمُ جَاءَتْ الْمُرَامَلَةُ (الْمُرَايَلَةُ) وَ يَأْتِي الرَّجُلُ إِلَى كَيْسِ أَخِيهِ فَيَأْخُذُ بِحَاجَتِهِ لَا يَمْنَعُهُ

Imam Muhammad ibn ‘Ali al-Baqir (peace be upon both of them) has said: “ ... When al-Qa'im makes his advent, at that time, friendship and unity will be established to such a degree that a person will be able to put his hand in his brother-in-faith's pocket and take whatever he needs without his brother preventing him from doing so!”

Hadith Number 23: Tranquility and Ease in the Era of the Imam

قَالَ أَمِيرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَلِيُّ بْنُ أَبِي طَالِبٍ : وَ لَوْ قَدْ قَامَ قَائِمُنَا لَأَنْزَلَتِ السَّمَاءُ قَطْرَهَا وَ الْأَرْضُ نَبَاتَهَا وَ لَذَهَبَتِ الشَّحَنَاءُ مِنْ قُلُوبِ الْعِبَادِ وَ اصْطَلَحَتِ السَّبَاعُ وَ الْبَهَائِمُ حَتَّى تَمْشِيَ الْمَرْأَةُ بَيْنَ الْعِرَاقِ إِلَى الشَّامِ لَا تَضَعُ قَدَمَيْهَا إِلَّا عَلَى النَّبَاتِ وَ عَلَى رَأْسِهَا زِيَّيْلُهَا (زَيْنَتُهَا) لَا يَهَيِّجُهَا سُبْعٌ وَ لَا تَخَافُهُ

The Commander of the Faithful, ‘Ali ibn Abi Talib (peace be upon both of them) said: “When our Qa’im makes his advent, the skies will send down their rain; the Earth will bring forth its produce; enmity will be removed from the hearts of the servants; wild animals and beasts will live [in peace] with one another and will not stampede each other; [and life will be such that] if a woman wanted to walk from ‘Iraq to Sham (Syria), then every step that she took will be on luscious, green grass and she will be able to display her adornments (jewelry, etc...) [and not a single person will try and steal them from her] – no animal will attack her, nor will she have any fear about them [the wild beasts].”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 52, Page 316; al-Khisal

Hadith Number 24: Acting by the Command of Allah

قَالَ الْإِمَامُ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَلِيِّ الْبَاقِرُ : يُوحَى إِلَيْهِ فَيَعْمَلُ بِالْوَحْيِ بِأَمْرِ اللَّهِ

Imam Muhammad ibn ‘Ali al-Baqir (peace be upon both of them) has said: “Revelation (from Allah (awj)) will come to him (Imam al-Mahdi) and he will act according to the revelation by the command of Allah.” e to him (Imam al-Mahdi) and he will act according to the revelation by the command of Allah.”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 52, Page 390

Hadith Number 25: No Oppression or Tyranny

قَالَ الْإِمَامُ عَلِيُّ بْنُ مُوسَى الرَّضَا : ... فَإِذَا خَرَجَ أَشْرَقَتِ الْأَرْضُ بِنُورِ رَبِّهَا وَ وَضَعَ مِيزَانَ الْعَدْلِ بَيْنَ النَّاسِ فَلَا ... يَظْلِمُ أَحَدٌ أَحَدًا

Imam ‘Ali ibn Musa al-Ridha (peace be upon both of them) has said: “ ... So when he [Imam al-Mahdi] will make his advent, the Earth will radiate with the celestial illumination of its’ Lord and the scale of justice will be positioned among mankind such that not a single person will oppress another individual ...”

Hadith Number 26: Do Not Despair of Allah's Mercy

قَالَ أَمِيرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَلِيُّ بْنُ أَبِي طَالِبٍ : اِنْتَظِرُوا الْفَرَجَ وَ لَا تَيَأَسُوا مِنْ رَوْحِ اللَّهِ فَإِنَّ أَحَبَّ الْأَعْمَالِ إِلَى اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ اِنْتَظَارُ الْفَرَجِ .

The Commander of the Faithful, ‘Ali ibn Abi Talib (peace be upon both of them) has said: “Await the relief and do not despair from the mercy of Allah, because indeed the most beloved of actions with Allah, the Noble and Grand, is awaiting the relief.”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 52, Page 123; al-Khisal

Hadith Number 27: Awaiting the Advent

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ : اِنْتَظَارُ الْفَرَجِ بِالصَّبْرِ عِبَادَةٌ .

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) has said: “Awaiting the relief with patience is (a form of) worship.”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 52, Page 145; Da’wat of Rawandi

Hadith Number 28: Financial Equality

... قَالَ الْإِمَامُ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَلِيِّ الْبَاقِرِ : إِذَا ظَهَرَ الْقَائِمُ ... يُسَوِّي بَيْنَ النَّاسِ حَتَّى لَا تَرَى مُحْتَاجاً إِلَى الزَّكَاةِ

Imam Muhammad ibn ‘Ali al-Baqir (peace be upon both of them) has said: “When al-Qa’im makes his advent ... wealth will be distributed among the people in such an equitable manner that not a single person will be seen in need of zakat...”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 52, Page 390

Hadith Number 29: A Servant of the Imam for Life

قَالَ الْإِمَامُ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَلِيِّ الْبَاقِرِ : ... إِنِّي لَوْ أَدْرَكْتُ ذَلِكَ لَأَبْقَيْتُ نَفْسِي لِصَاحِبِ هَذَا الْأَمْرِ .

Imam Muhammad ibn ‘Ali al-Baqir (peace be upon both of them) has said: “ ... Indeed if I were to live to

see that (the advent of Imam al-Mahdi), then I would have availed myself to serve the Sahib al-Amr (for life).”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 52, Page 234; al-Ghaybah of al-Nu'mani

Hadith Number 30: Preparing the Groundwork

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ : يَخْرُجُ أَنَا مِنْ الْمَشْرِقِ فَيُوطِنُونَ لِلْمَهْدِيِّ سُلْطَانَهُ.

The Messenger of Allah (peace of Allah be upon him and his family) has said: “A group of people will rise up from the East and will prepare the groundwork for the government of al-Mahdi.”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 51, Page 87; Kashful Ghammah

Hadith Number 31: Completion of Wisdom

قَالَ الْإِمَامُ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَلِيِّ الْبَاقِرِ : ... يُؤْتُونَ الْحِكْمَةَ فِي زَمَانِهِ حَتَّى أَنَّ الْمَرْأَةَ لَتَقْضِي فِي بَيْتِهَا بِكِتَابِ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى وَ سُنَّةِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ .

Imam Muhammad ibn ‘Ali al-Baqir (peace be upon both of them) has said: “During the period of his [Imam al-Mahdi’s] government, wisdom shall be disbursed among the people such that a woman sitting in her house [with no ‘formal’ religious training] will be able to pass judgement by the Book of Allah, the High, and the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family).”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 52, Page 352; al-Ghaybah of al-Nu'mani

Hadith Number 32: The State of a Believer During the Occultation

قَالَ الْإِمَامُ جَعْفَرُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ الصَّادِقُ : إِنَّ لِصَاحِبِ هَذَا الْأَمْرِ غَيْبَةً فَلْيَتَّقِ اللَّهَ عَبْدٌ عِنْدَ غَيْبَتِهِ وَلْيَتَمَسَّكَ بِدِينِهِ.

Imam Ja'far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (peace be upon both of them) said: “Surely the possessor of this command (Imam al-Mahdi) will go into an occultation. So the servant should have consciousness (*Taqwa*) of Allah during the period of the occultation and should hold firm to his religion.”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 52, Page 135; al-Ghaybah of al-Nu'mani

Hadith Number 33: Having a Deep Knowledge of the Imam

قَالَ الْإِمَامُ جَعْفَرُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ الصَّادِقُ : إَعْرِفْ إِمَامَكَ فَإِنَّكَ إِذَا عَرَفْتَهُ لَمْ يَضُرَّكَ تَقَدُّمُ هَذَا الْأَمْرِ أَوْ تَأَخُّرُهُ.

Imam Ja'far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (peace be upon both of them) said: “Know your Imam because indeed if you have a deep cognizance of him and this command (his advent) is brought close or delayed, then it will have no effect upon you [and your faith].”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 52, Page 135; al-Ghaybah of al-Nu'mani

Hadith Number 34: The Perpetual Servant of the Imam

قَالَ الْإِمَامُ جَعْفَرُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ الصَّادِقُ : لَا وَلَوْ أَدْرَكْتَهُ لَخَدَمْتَهُ أَيَّامَ حَيَاتِي.

Imam Ja'far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (peace be upon both of them) said: “Indeed if I were to live to see him (al-Mahdi) then I would have been his servant for the duration of my life.”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 51, Page 148; al-Ghaybah of al-Nu'mani

Hadith Number 35: How to Guarantee that One will See the Imam

قَالَ الْإِمَامُ جَعْفَرُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ الصَّادِقُ : مَنْ قَالَ بَعْدَ صَلَاةِ الْفَجْرِ وَبَعْدَ صَلَاةِ الظُّهْرِ: اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَجِّلْ فَرَجَهُمْ لَمْ يَمُتْ حَتَّى يُدْرِكَ الْقَائِمَ مِنْ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ.

Imam Ja'far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (peace be upon both of them) has said: “A person who says:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَجِّلْ فَرَجَهُمْ.

‘O Allah! Send your blessings upon Muhammad and the family of Muhammad and hasten their succor.’

after his Salatul Fajr and Salatul Zuhr will not die until he sees al-Qa'im from the family of Muhammad, peace be upon them all.”

Safinatul Bihar, Volume 2, Page 49

Hadith Number 36: Death of the Period of Decadence

... قَالَ الْإِمَامُ الْحَسَنُ بْنُ عَلِيٍّ الْعَسْكَرِيِّ : ... مَنْ مَاتَ وَلَمْ يَعْرِفْهُ مَاتَ مِيتَةَ جَاهِلِيَّةٍ

It has been narrated from Imam Hasan ibn ‘Ali al-‘Askari (peace be upon both of them) that “ ... One who dies and does not have a cognizance of him (Imam al-Mahdi) dies the death of the period of decadence (pre-Islamic times) ... ”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 51, Page 160; Kamal ad-Din

Hadith Number 37: The First Ranked Soldiers of the Imam

قَالَ الْإِمَامُ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَلِيٍّ الْبَاقِرُ : ... وَ يَجِيءُ وَاللَّهِ ثَلَاثُ مِائَةٍ وَ بَضْعَةُ عَشْرٍ رَجُلًا فِيهِمْ خَمْسُونَ امْرَأَةً يَجْتَمِعُونَ بِمَكَّةَ ...

Imam Muhammad ibn ‘Ali al-Baqir (peace be upon both of them) said: “ ... Indeed he (al-Mahdi) will come and I swear by Allah that there will be three hundred and ten and some odd number of men with him and among them there will be fifty women who will all gather together in Makkah (to help him) ... ”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 52, Page 223; Tafsir of al-‘Ayyashi

Hadith Number 38: Prepare for the Imam

قَالَ الْإِمَامُ جَعْفَرُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ الصَّادِقُ : لِيُعِدَّنَّ أَحَدُكُمْ لِخُرُوجِ الْقَائِمِ وَ لَوْ سَهْمًا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى إِذَا عَلِمَ ذَلِكَ مِنْ نَبِيِّهِ رَجَوْتَ لِأَنَّ يُنْسَى فِي عُمُرِهِ.

Imam Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (peace be upon both of them) said: “Each one of you must prepare (your weapons) for the advent of al-Qa’im (peace be upon him), even if it be (as little as) an arrow, because when Allah the High, knows that a person has this intention, then He will give him a longer life.”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 52, Page 366; al-Ghaybah of al-Nu’mani

Hadith Number 39: Traits of Those in Waiting for the Imam

قَالَ الْإِمَامُ جَعْفَرُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ الصَّادِقُ : مَنْ سَرَّهُ أَنْ يَكُونَ مِنْ أَصْحَابِ الْقَائِمِ فَلْيَنْتَظِرْ وَ لِيَعْمَلْ بِالْوَرَعِ وَ مَحَاسِنِ الْأَخْلَاقِ وَ هُوَ مُنْتَظَرٌ. فَإِنْ مَاتَ وَ قَامَ الْقَائِمُ بَعْدَهُ كَانَ لَهُ مِنَ الْأَجْرِ مِثْلُ أَجْرِ مَنْ أَدْرَكَهُ.

Imam Ja'far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (peace be upon both of them) said: "A person who would like to be among the companions of al-Qa'im should be in a state of (active) waiting (*Intizar*), and perform all of his deeds with *Wara'* [a level higher than *Taqwa*] and with the most beautiful etiquette and then one will be counted as being in a state of (true) waiting (*Intizar*). Then if such a person was to die and al-Qa'im was to make his advent after this, then that person would receive the reward as the one who witnessed his (al-Mahdi's) advent."

Biharul Anwar, Volume 52, Page 140; al-Ghaybah of al-Nu'mani

Hadith Number 40: How to Die while on the Path of the Imam

قَالَ الْإِمَامُ جَعْفَرُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ الصَّادِقُ : مَنْ مَاتَ مِنْكُمْ وَهُوَ مُنْتَظِرٌ لِهَذَا الْأَمْرِ كَمَنْ هُوَ مَعَ الْقَائِمِ فِي فِسْطَاطِهِ ... لَا بَلْ كَمَنْ قَارَعَ مَعَهُ بِسَيْفِهِ ... لَا وَاللَّهِ إِلَّا كَمَنْ أُسْتُشِّهَدَ مَعَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ

Imam Ja'far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (peace be upon both of them) said: "The person from amongst you who dies while awaiting this command [the advent of Imam al-Mahdi] is like a person who was with al-Qa'im in his tent ... no rather, he would be like a person who was fighting along-side him with his sword ... no rather, by Allah, he would be like the person who attained martyrdom along-side the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family)."

Biharul Anwar, Volume 52, Page 126; al-Mahasin

1. In 'Arabic, the word Qum is the imperative verb meaning to stand up. (Tr.)

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