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DEDICATION

We dedicate this work to both of our parents to whom we are greatly indebted - our fathers: the late Mr. Mohammad Mehdi Peiravi, and Mr. Charles Henry Morgan, and our mothers who are alive and whom we and our children love and are still under their spiritual protection and loving support: Mrs. Talat Sheikh Peiravi and Mrs. Betty June Morgan.

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TRANSLATORS’ FOREWORD

We thank God the Almighty for the opportunity granted to us to undertake the preparation of Al-Khisal (A Numeric Classification of Traditions on Characteristics) in two volumes after the successful completion of Uyun Akhbar al-Reza (MGB) in two volumes, An Anthology of Islamic Poetry in two volumes, Imam Reza’s (MGB) Pilgrimage Procedures and Prayers, A Divine Perspective on Rights, The Treatise on Rights, Mishkat ul-Anwar Fi Ghurar il-Akhbar and The Islamic Family Structure.

We have exactly cited the references to Holy Quranic verses for coherency using an available translation of the Quran into English by Mr. Abdullah Yusuf Ali (May God Reward Him).

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PREFACE

Al-Khisal is a collection of religious and moral precepts from reliable works on the subject compiled by Sheikh Sadooq. Abu Ja’far Muhammad ibn Ali ibn al-Hussein ibn Musa ibn Babooyeh Al-Qumi nicknamed Sheikh Sadooq[1] was a jurist and a prominent scholar on Shiite traditions. Sheikh Tousi in his Al-Istibsar which is one of the four major Shiite reference books has nicknamed him Imad Al-Din that means the pillar of religion. About his date and place of birth there is no exact information. Ibn Babooyeh was brought up in a learned family in Qum and in his youth was educated by famous teachers of the city. On an unknown date Ibn Babooyeh left Qum for Ray which was the capital of the Buwahids and settled in that city. In 352 A.H. (963 A.D.) with the permission of Rukn ad-Dawlah the governor of Ray, he left for the holy city of Mashhad to perform the pilgrimage to the holy shrine of Imam Reza (MGB[2]). The main characteristic of Ibn Babooyeh is that by stressing on traditions, he explains and proves theological arguments. His jurisprudence is also based on traditions. He considers analogy and deduction not permissible.

Ibn Babooyeh traveled extensively to collect traditions. He met many masters of traditions and he has left behind many works in tradition. His nickname ‘Sadooq’ was due to his authenticity in narrating the traditions. The first person who nicknamed Ibn Babooyeh as ‘Sadooq’ was Ibn Idris.

Ibn Babooyeh was a voluminous writer. He himself mentions that he has compiled more than 245 books. Some of his works are as follows: Al-Iteqadat, Al-Amali, Man La Yahzaroh Al-Faqih, Uyun Akhbar Al-Reza, Al-Faqih, Al-Amali, Ilal Ash-Sharayeh, Al-Tawhid, Thawab Al-Amaal va Uqab al-Amaal, Al-Khisal and a few other manuscripts which are present in several libraries. About 200 books ascribed to him are mentioned in Rijal-i-Najashi and the works of Tousi and Ibn Shahr Aashub.

Sheikh Al-Sadooq, who authored one of the four basic works on Shiite traditions, compiled dozens of authoritative collections of traditions, each of which usually follows a particular theme. His Al-Tawhid collects traditions which illustrate the profession of monotheism. His Uyun Akhbar Al-Reza gathers together everything that has been related about Imam Reza (MGB); the eighth Imam, whose tomb in Mashhad is the holiest pilgrimage site in Iran. The work contains such things as descriptions of the Imam's mother; explanations of the reason why his name was chosen; all the sayings which have been recorded from him; and traditions concerning his death and the miracles which have occurred at his tomb.

The present work that is Sheikh Al-Sadooq's Al-Khisal demonstrates the importance of numbers in the traditions. This has led to a valuable collection of traditions that is very interesting to study. Each part of this book contains several traditions on various issues. His main theme in this book is on ethics, manners and good characteristics. This book covers numbered characteristics.
It starts with one and ends with one million. The traditions are presented with a complete record of transmission. This is the first book of this kind. Sheikh Sadooq himself presented his motivation for compiling Al-Khisal as follows, “I noticed that the previous Sheikhs and scholars have already compiled books on various aspects of knowledge. However, they have neglected to compile a book on numbers and good and bad characteristics. Since this topic is very useful for those who seek knowledge, I decided to compile this book in order to get closer to God, attain divine rewards, prosperity and the Almighty God’s Mercy. I ask God not to turn my hopefulness into hopelessness, since He has power over all things.” Al-Khisal is a great encyclopedia on Islamic knowledge, the forbidden and the allowed acts, historical topics, interpretations on the Holy Quran, philosophical points and political issues. It is one of the most valuable sources of traditions from the members of the Holy Household of the Prophet of God (MGB). It is an authentic source and many authoritative works on Shiite traditions such as Bihar Al-Anwar have cited it as a reference. We have tried to enrich it with many footnotes which explain the concepts and words presented in the text after doing a lot of research so that the interested readers can gain as much benefit from the book as possible.
A SHORT BIBLIOGRAPHY OF THE AUTHOR

The compiler of the book - may God have Mercy upon him is the highly esteemed, noble Abu Ja’far Muhammad ibn Ali ibn al-Hussein ibn Musa ibn Babooyeh al-Qumi known as Sheikh Sadooq. He has such a high rank in knowledge, understanding, realization of the true meaning of traditions, jurisprudence, honesty in speech and extensive highly valuable writings that no one can write about and fully express these. All the knowledgeable people who have either written his biography or used his highly valuable books have tried to praise his works and declare his Divine Leadership and honesty. They have called him 'Sheikh' that is normally the title of native scholars trained in the traditional sciences such as clerical dignitaries, members of a religious order, or professors of spiritual institutions of higher learning that is a master of an order. He has also been called honest and a forerunner.

We can say that he has been one of the signs of God. He passed away at an age over seventy in the year 993 A.D. His publications that were more than 300 in number were like brilliant stars guiding those who sought to follow the Divine Path. Unfortunately, the tragic occurrences in history resulted in the loss of the majority of his works. We can clearly state that not even one tenth of his writings have remained today.

HIS NOBILITY AS EXPRESSED BY NOBLE RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS

There is no need to present any evidence or reasoning to prove his high rank. However, we will briefly mention a few of the remarks of our noble religious scholars about his noble personality here for the readers to get a bit more familiar with him.

Sheikh al-Taefeh (may God have mercy upon him) has called him "of a high position" in his book Al-Fehrest. Then he wrote, "He is the protector of the traditions, aware and informed about the personalities, and is an informed person and a critic on traditions. One has not seen anyone of similar capabilities among the scientists in Qum. He has about 300 publications." He also makes similar remarks about him in his Rijal[3].

Najashi who was a great researcher on "great men" calls him "Abu Ja’far from Qum". He also calls him Sheikh, our jurisprudent, a shining character, and the honor of the Shiites in Khorasan[4]. He wrote, “He was young when he entered Baghdad in the year 968 A.D. The great men of the Shiites listened to him to learn traditions and gain Divine Knowledge. Khatib Baghdadi in his famous book Tarikh-i-Baghdad[5] wrote: He[6] entered
Baghdad and quoted traditions on the authority of his father. He was one of the well-known and noble men of the Shiites, and Muhammad ibn Talha an-Naâli told me about him.

Ibn Edris has praised him in his Saraër and said, "He was honest in speech, noble, informed about the traditions[7], and a critic. He was very knowledgeable about the great men. He had memorized many traditions.” Allamih Hel'li has called him Sheikh, and has said that he is our jurisprudent, our honor, and the bright and real character of the Shiites.

He has been called the following titles by the noble religious Shiite scholars: Ibn Shahr Ashoob; Seyed ibn Tavoos; Fakhr al-Mohaghegin[8]; Shahid-i-Av’val[9]; Re'is al-Mohaditheen; Al-Sheikh al-Ajal; Imam-i-Asreh; Rukni Min Arkan ad-Din[10]; Sadooq al-Muslimeen; Ayatullah fil-Alemin; Al-Sheikh al-A'zam; Al-Sheikh al-Sadooq; Hujatul Islam; Al-Sheikh al-Seghat; Al-Mulood Bid-Da’vat; Al-Sheikh Al-Imam Al-Moghad'dam; Al-Fazil al-Moaz' zam; Umdatal Fuzala; Sheikh minal-Mahayekh; Rukne min Arkan ash-Shari’a; Ash-Sheikh al-Hifzah; Vajhet-Ta’efateh al-Mustahfazeh; Emad id-Din; Al-Sheikh al-Alamat al-Amin, among many other titles.

His Trips

He made many trips to various towns in order to learn nobility and hear the traditions directly from the greatest scholars. He was born in Qum and raised there. He acquired knowledge from the great scholars there. Then, although there were many renowned religious scholars in Ray, he was invited by the people of Ray to go and reside there. Of course, there is no precise mention of the date of his emigration to Ray in the books on Rijal[11] and Tarajim[12]. However, one can conclude from what is written in this book, and Al-Khisl and Al-Amali that his emigration was after the month of Rajab of the year 339 A.H. (950 A.D.), and before the month of Rajab of the year 347 A.H. (958 A.D.) This is because he has cited a tradition he heard from Hamzih ibn Ahmad ibn Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Zayd ibn Ali ibn al-Hussein ibn Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) in the Quran on the first date, and has cited another tradition from Abul-Hassan Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Ali ibn Asad Al-Asady known as Ibn Jaradîh al-Bardaye in Ray on the second date.

He lived in Ray from 347 A.H. (958 A.D.) until he requested permission from Rukn ud-Duwleh, the ruler of the Buya clan, to visit the holy shrine of Imam Reza (MGB) in Mashhad. Then he traveled to Mashhad in 352 A.H. (963 A.D.) and returned to Ray after visiting the holy shrine. According to the way he wrote in this book: "When I asked the successful ruler Rukn ud-Duwleh permission to visit the holy shrine of Imam Reza (MGB), he approved my request in the month of Rajab in the year 352 A.H. (963 A.D.) When I returned home, he called me in again and said, "The place you want to visit is a blessed place of martyrdom. I have visited it myself. When I was there I asked God to fulfill the requests I had in my mind. God answered my prayers and fulfilled them. Therefore, when you get there, remember me, and do not forget to visit on my behalf and pray for me since prayers will be fulfilled by God when they are presented in that holy place." I promised him to do so, and I fulfilled my promise. Upon my return from the blessed town of Mashhad I went to see the ruler.
He asked me if I had prayed for him, and visited the shrine on his behalf. I replied in the positive. He said, "You did well since it has been proven to me that prayers will be accepted there." On this trip to Mashhad that year he entered Neishaboor. He recorded some traditions from the religious scholars there, among whom we can name Abu Ali Hussein ibn Ahmad Beihaqi who narrated several traditions for him in his own house, Abdul Vahed ibn Muhammad ibn Abdus Neishaboory, Abi Mansoor Ahmad ibn Ibrahim ibn Bakr Khor, Abu Saeed Muhammad ibn Fazl ibn Muhammad ibn Ishaq Mozak'kar Neishaboory known as Abi Saeed Mual'lem, Abut-Tayyeb Hussein ibn Ahmad ibn Muhammad Razi and Abdullah ibn Muhammad ibn Abdul Wahab al-Sejezy. Also Abu Nasr Ahmad ibn al-Hussein ibn Ahmad ibn Ubayd al-Zab'by al-Marvani al-Neishaboory cited some traditions for him in Neishaboor. Also a group of people cited traditions for him in the town of Marv al-Ruz among whom we can name the jurisprudent Abul Hussein Muhammad ibn Ali al-Shah, and Abu Yusuf Rafih ibn Abdullah ibn Abdul Malik. In the same year he traveled to Baghdad and heard some traditions from the religious scholars there. He had also gone to Kufa, Fayd, Mavara un-Nahr, Balkh, Samarghand and Furghaneh, and had heard traditions from the religious scholars in these cities.

THE BIRTH OF THE AUTHOR MAY GOD HAVE MERCY UPON HIM

We are not precisely aware of the year in which he has born. None of the biographers have stated his birth date. However, we can draw some conclusions in this regard from his own book Kamal al-Din, and Sheikh Toosi's Ghaybat and Najashi's Fehrest that he was born after the demise of Muhammad ibn Uthman al-Umari - who was the second (of the four) representatives of the twelfth Imam (MGB) - that is in the year 305 A.H. (917 A.D.) at the beginning of the mission of Abil Qasim Hussein ibn Ruh who was the third representative of the twelfth Imam (MGB).

Sheikh Sadooq quoted on the authority of Abu Ja`far Muhammad ibn Ali ibn al-Asvad, "After the demise of Muhammad ibn Uthman al-Umari - may God be pleased with him - Ali ibn al-Hussein ibn Musa ibn Babooyeh[13] asked me to ask Hussein ibn Ruh to ask our master the Imam of Time[14] (MGB) to pray and ask God the Almighty to grant him a son. I did so, and he secretly reported that. He informed me after three days that the Imam (MGB) has prayed for Ali ibn al-Hussein, and that God the Almighty will soon bless him with a son, and will grant him more children thereafter." The above has also been cited by Sheikh al-Ta'feh and Najashi - may God have mercy upon them. What was presented about his birth date were the information available from the great religious scholars and he himself who best knows about his life history. Thus, we can conclude that he was born after the year 305 A.H. (917 A.D.) His birth was a blessing, and he was blessed since he was born due to the prayers of the Imam of Time (MGB). Everyone benefited from him, and his being blessed. That is why he was always very proud and said that he was born due to the prayers of the Imam of Time (MGB). He also said, “There were many occasions when Abu Ja`far Muhammad ibn Ali al-Asvad (who narrated the details about his birth) saw how studiously I attended the classes of our Professor Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid (May God have mercy upon him); and how eager I was to learn and memorize scientific books. He would tell me there is no wonder why I was so eager to acquire
knowledge, since I was born due to the prayers of the Imam of Time (MGB). [15]

THE DEATH OF THE AUTHOR AND HIS SHRINE

He died in 381 A.H. (991 A.D.) after living for seventy years. He was buried in Ray next to the Toghrol Garden, near the shrine of the blessed Abdul Azeem Hassan - may God be pleased with him. His shrine is simple, but spiritual. Many people make pilgrimage to his shrine and receive blessings.

A DEMONSTRATION OF HIS NOBILITY

In the year 1238 A.H. (1822 A.D.), Fath Ali - the King of Ghajar ordered the building of the shrine to be reconstructed. This resulted in a demonstration of nobility. The word spread around among the people, and it was finally approved of by the government officials and the king. The details of this event have been recorded by many authors - may God have mercy upon them. Among them we can mention Ruwzat by Khansari, Qisas al-Ulama by Tonikaboni, Tanqih al-Maql by Mamaghani, Motakhab ul-Tavarikh by Khorasani and Favaéd ar-Razavieh By Qumi. This has been recorded in Ruwzat by Khansari as follows:

This event was a demonstration of the nobility of the Sheikh. It attracted the attention of many people, and was a source of guidance for many and a cause of happiness for many enlightened people. Once there appeared a rupture in the shrine of the noble Sheikh that is located near Ray due to a flood. When they investigated to find out the degree of damage done in order to reconstruct it, they reached a chamber in which he was buried. Once they entered that room they found his body naked, with his private parts covered, and in perfect shape. His face was absolutely peaceful, and they could still see the polish on his nails. The shroud with which his body was wrapped at the time he was buried had worn out, torn into shreds and fallen down on the dirt around his corpse. The news rapidly spread around in Tehran. When Fath Ali - the grandfather of Naser ad-Din - the king of Ghajar heard about this around the year 1238 A.H. (1822 A.D.), he went there in person to investigate. He consulted with the government officials whom he trusted as to whether or not he should enter the tomb in person. They did not recommend that the King enters the tomb, as they thought this was not appropriate for his rule. Then a group of religious scholars and well-known people were then sent into the tomb to check the issue. No doubt was left for the King after many people - who had entered the tomb - all testified to the truth of this issue. Once he was certain about the truth of this issue, he ordered the cavity to be closed off, and the building of the shrine to be reconstructed; and decorated in the best possible fashion using mirror work. And peace be upon him the day he is born, and the day he dies, and the day he is resurrected.
INTRODUCTION

IN THE NAME OF GOD, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL

Praise be to God, who is the Only in terms of Unity, and is singular in Divinity. He has created the servants using His Knowledge. The tongues are dull to describe Him, and the eyes are veiled from seeing Him. It is He who is higher than the characteristics of the creatures. And He is superior to limited concepts. There is no similitude for Him among all the creatures. And there is no god for all the people other than Him. And I witness that there is no god but God - the Only, and there is no partner for Him - being a witness confessing to His Unity; inclined towards His Grace; repenting from his sins. And I witness that Muhammad is His servant and His Messenger - appointed by Him to His Prophethood, and He has entrusted him with the principle features of His religion. He has appointed him with His Book to be a proof for His servants. And I witness that Ali the son of Abi Talib is his Testamentary Trustee. He is the best of the people after him. He is in charge of his affairs. And he is a summoner to his way. And he is the Commander of the Faithful. And he is the master of the Testamentary Trustees. And he is the person of the highest priority to the Prophets.

And I witness that his wife Fatimah Az-Zahra is the master of all the women in the world. And that Al-Hassan, al-Hussein and the Imams who are his offspring are the leaders to guidance. They are signs of piety and the proofs of God to all the people of the world. And I witness that whoever follows them shall be saved, and whoever disobeys them shall be ruined. May God’s Blessings and His Mercy be upon them, their souls and their bodies. Moreover, I noticed that the previous Sheikhs and scholars have already authored books on various aspects of knowledge. However, they have neglected to author a book on numbers, and good and bad characteristics. Since this topic is very useful for those who seek knowledge, I decided to compile this book in order to get closer to God, attain Divine rewards, prosperity and the Almighty God’s Mercy. I ask God not to make me hopeless since He has power over all things.
ورسوله، اصطفاد بر ساله، وأودعه معالم دينه، ويبهله بكتابة حجة على عباده. وأشهد أن محمدًا عبده واشهد أن علي بن أبي طالب وصبه وخير الخلق بعده، والقائم بأمره، والداعي إلى سبيله، وأنه أمير المؤمنين، وسيد الوداعيين، وأولي الناس بالطيبين، وأن زوجته فاطمة الزهرا، سيدة نساء الحسن والحسين والأمة [التسعة] من ولده إسمه الهدى، وأعلام البتقي، وحجج الله على العالمين، وأن أهل الدنيا، وأشهد أن من تبعهم نجا، ومن تخلف عليهم هلك، صنوات الله عليهم وعلى أرواحهم واجسادهم ورحمة الله وبركاته.

يُفنون العلم كتب وأوغفلها قد صنفوا فرحمة الله عليهم -آمًا بعد آمًا، وجدت مشايخ وأسلاف في عن تصفيف كتاب يشمل على الإعداد والخصائص المحمدية والمذمومة، ووجدت في تصفيفها فكثيراً لطاب العلم، والذين في المثير تقربت إلى الله، جل اسمه، بتصريف هذا الكتاب، طلبوا رجوعهما منه بتطوله وملته، إنه لم نوابه، ورغبوا في الفوز بهم، وأرجو أن لا يخيرون في ما أملته وعلي كل شيء قدير.
PART 1- ON ONE-NUMBERED CHARACTERISTICS

The great Sheikh Abu Ja’far Muhammad ibn Ali ibn al-Hussein ibn Musa ibn Babooyeh al-Qumi (Sheikh Sadooq) - the compiler of the book - may God continue his honor compiled the following.

GOD IS ONE AND ONLY

1-1 Abul Abbas Muhammad ibn Ibrahim ibn Ishaq al-Taleqani - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Sa’id ibn Yahya al-Bazury quoted on the authority of Ibrahim ibn al-Haysam al-Baladi, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Al-Muafi ibn Imran, on the authority of Israel, on the authority of Al-Miqdam ibn Sharik ibn Hani, on the authority of his father, “A Bedouin (Arab) stood near the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) on the day of the Battle of Jamal and asked, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! Do you say that God is One?’ The people rushed unto him and said, ‘O Bedouin! Don’t you see the condition of the Commander of the Faithful (MGB)? His mind is busy with several matters. It is not the time to ask such questions.’ The Commander of the Faithful (MGB) said, ‘Leave him alone. This Bedouin wants just what we want from this tribe.’”

1-To say that ‘He is One’ in the sense of counting in numbers. This is not proper since what has no second cannot be counted in numbers. Don’t you see that whoever says ‘God is the third of the three’ is an infidel.

2-To say that ‘He is One’ to imply that He is one of the people implicitly saying that He is of a type of gender. This is not proper either since it is a form of comparison while our Lord the Sublime is too great to make this (comparison).

However, the two implied meanings that hold true are:

3- To say that ‘He is One’ to imply that He is One and there exists nothing similar to Him. Our Lord is like this.

4- To say that ‘He is One’ to imply that He, the Exalted the Sublime, is essentially One. He is not divisible in the outside world, in the mind, or in the imagination. Our Lord, the Exalted the Sublime is like this.”
ABANDONING THE PRESENT TO ATTAIN THE PROMISED

1-2 (The compiler of the book narrated) narrated that his father – may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Muqayryih, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Muslim al-Sakoony, on the authority of As-Sadiq Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of his father, on the authority of his forefathers, on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Blessed be [23] the one who abandons the present lust to attain the unseen promised reward.”

OPPRESSIVE CHARACTERISTICS

1-3 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Jab’bar, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Isma’il ibn Bazi’a, on the authority of Hisham ibn Salim, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “It is one of the oppressive characteristics when one who is riding forcefully takes the right of way of pedestrians.”

CHARACTERISTICS ROOTED IN LOVE FOR RELIGION
1-4 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Ali ibn al-Salt quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Hammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Rub‘ay ibn Abdullah, on the authority of Fuzayl ibn Yasar that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “The love of a man for his brethren is due to his love for religion.”

**ONE CHARACTERISTIC FOR FIVE CHARACTERISTICS**

1-5 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Faz‘zal, on the authority of Asim ibn Hamid, on the authority of Abi Ubaydat al-Haza‘ that Abu Ja‘far al-Baqir (MGB) narrated that God the Exalted the Sublime says, “I swear by My Honor, Beauty, Magnificence, Loftiness that I shall make anyone needless who chooses Me over his selfish desires. I will make him attend to the affairs of his Hereafter. I will protect him from getting ruined. I will establish the heavens and the Earth as guarantees for his share of daily bread. Moreover, I will be far superior to the business of all the businessmen for him.”
A CHARACTERISTIC FOR A CHARACTERISTIC

1-6 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father quoted on the authority of Abdullah ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrih, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Abi Zyad al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father Al-Baqir (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers, on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “If one praises the people but raises God’s Wrath, then God will make the people who praise him to blame him.”

1-7 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Ishaq al-Tajir, on the authority of Ali ibn Mahzyar, on the authority of Fuzalat ibn Ayoob, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Abi Zyad[24], on the authority of Aba Abdullah - Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers, on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “If one wants something and the Almighty God is pleased with him, then God will not take him out of this world until He grants it to him.”

A SAVING CHARACTERISTIC

1-8 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil Khat’tab, on the authority of Ali ibn An-Nue’man who quoted through a chain of narrators that the Prophet (MGB) said, “God the Exalted the Sublime said, ‘O Children of Adam! Obey Me in what I order you to do, and do not teach Me what is best for you.’”[25]

THE LOFTIEST CHARACTERISTIC OF THE RELIGION

1-9 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted on the authority of his father, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Maymun[26], on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad, on the authority of his father, on the authority of his forefathers, on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “God loves the loftiness of knowledge more than the loftiness of worshipping Him. Moreover, the loftiest characteristic in your religion is piety.”

NO TWO THINGS COMBINED WHICH ARE BETTER THAN THE COMBINATION OF TWO CHARACTERISTICS
with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Abil-Hussein al-Farsi, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father, on the authority of his grandfather, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “No two things have been combined together better than knowledge and patience.”

1-11 Suleiman ibn Ahmad ibn Ayoob al-Lakhmy narrated that Abdul Wahab ibn Kharajat
A CHARACTERISTIC THAT IS THE HONOR OF THIS WORLD AND THE HEREAFTER

1-12 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Abdullah Al-Jamoorani[29], on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Abi Hamzih, on the authority of Sayf ibn Umayrih, on the authority of Mansoor ibn Hazim, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The companionship of religious people is the honor of this world and the Hereafter.”

THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSON IS ONE WHO COMBINES ONE CHARACTERISTIC WITH ANOTHER ONE

1-13 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ali ibn Sayf, on the authority of his brother Al-Hussein[30], on the authority of his father Sayf ibn Umayrih, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “The Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) was questioned about the most knowledgeable person. He replied, ‘It is one who combines the knowledge of the people with his own knowledge.’”
THERE IS ONE TRUE PROSPERITY AND ONE TRUE MISERY

1-14 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of his forefathers, on the authority of Ali (MGB), “True prosperity is that man’s deeds result in his prosperity and that true misery is that man’s deeds result in his misery.”

A CHARACTERISTIC FOR WHICH THE PEOPLE DESERVE TO BE REWARDED OR PUNISHED

1-15 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hikam, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Mihzam Al-Asady, on the authority of Abi Hamzih, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hussein (MGB), “Man’s tongue addresses his other organs everyday and asks them how they are. They reply that ‘we would be fine if you left us alone’. They swear by God and ask it to remember God in regards to them. They say that they get rewarded due to it, and they also get punished due to it.”

A CHARACTERISTIC THAT IS THE NOBLEST HOLY WAR

1-16 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quoted on the authority of Harun ibn Muslim, on the authority of Mus’adat ibn Sadaqah: Ja’far ibn Muhammad was questioned about the meaning of a narration on the authority of the Prophet (MGB) that says, “The noblest holy war is to say just words in front of an oppressive ruler.” He replied, “It means that he should instruct him to do as much as he [31] can understand. This much effort is accepted from him. He has no more duties.”

THE HARDEST THING IS ONE CHARACTERISTIC THAT CANNOT BE AVOIDED
UNLESS WE ABANDON ANOTHER CHARACTERISTIC

1-17 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Ali ibn al-Salt quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Yunus ibn Abdul-Rahman, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “The disciples told Jesus[32] - the son of Mary, ‘O Teacher of the good! Teach us what the hardest thing is.’ He (MGB) said, ‘The hardest thing is the Wrath of God the Exalted the Sublime.’ They asked, ‘How can we avoid God’s Wrath?’ He (MGB) said, ‘By not getting angry.’ They asked, ‘What is the root of anger?’ He (MGB) replied, ‘Haughtiness, oppressiveness and belittling the people.’”
A BELIEVER’S HONOR IS IN ONE CHARACTERISTIC AND HIS GLORY IS IN ANOTHER CHARACTERISTIC

1-18 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Musa ibn Ja’far ibn Abi Ja’far al-Kumaydany and Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “A believer’s honor is in night prayers, and his glory is in not bothering the people.”

1-19 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Musa ibn Ja’far ibn Abi Ja’far al-Kumaydany, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Jabal’le, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) told Gabriel, “Advise me.” Gabriel said, “O Muhammad! Live as much as you want. You will finally die. Love whatever you want. You will finally be separated from it. Do whatever you want. You will finally encounter your deeds. A believer’s honor is in his night prayers and his glory is in not bothering the people.”

1-20 Abul-Hassan Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Ali Asad Al-Asady narrated that Muhammad ibn Jarir, al-Hassan ibn Urwah, and Abdallah ibn Muhammad al-Vahby quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Hamid, on the authority of Zafir ibn Suleiman, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ayyene, on the authority of Abi Hazim, on the authority of Sahl ibn Sa’ed, “Gabriel came to the Prophet (MGB) and said, ‘O Muhammad! Live as much as you want. You will finally die. Love whatever you want. You will finally be separated from it. Do whatever you want. You will finally be rewarded for it. Know that a man’s honor is in his staying up at night[33] and his glory is in his independence from the people.’”

1-21 Abul-Hassan Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Ali Asad Al-Asady narrated that Umar ibn Abi Qaylan al-Saqafy and Isa ibn Suleiman ibn Abdul-Malik al-Qurashi quoted on the authority of Isa ibn Suleiman ibn Abdul-Malik al-Qurashi, on the authority of Abu Ibrahim al-Tarjomani, on the authority of Sa’ed ibn Sa’id al-Gorjany, on the authority of Nah’shall ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Al-Zah’hak, on the authority of Ibn Abbas[34] that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The most honorable people in my nation are those who have memorized the Quran, and those who are the people of the night[35].”
ONE CHARACTERISTIC IS THE KEY TO ALL EVIL

1-22 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn al-Hussein al-Sa’ed Abady quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Yunus ibn Abdul-Rahman, on the authority of Davood ibn Farqad that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) on the authority of said, “Anger is the key to all evil.”

A CHARACTERISTIC DUE TO JUSTICE

1-23 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Aba Abdullah Muhammad ibn Khalid al-Barqy, on the authority of Al-Qasim ibn Muhammad al-Juwhary, on the authority of Hubayb al-Khas’ami that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Love for the people what you love for yourselves.”

A CHARACTERISTIC DUE TO WHICH WE ARE INTERESTED IN HOW OTHERS JUDGE ABOUT US

1-24 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of some of the companions that Abu
Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Whoever deals justly with the people will be pleased with how others judge about him.”

1-25 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Saffar quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin'an, on the authority of Al-Mufaz‘al ibn Umar that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) was asked the following question: “What is the minimum right of a believer incumbent upon his brethren?” He (MGB) replied, “That he doesn’t solely dedicate what they need to himself.”

SEEK NEARNESS TO GOD WITH ONE CHARACTERISTIC

1-26 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja‘far al-Homayry quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Umar ibn Yazid that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Seek nearness to God by sympathizing with your brethren.”

GOD HAS NOT TESTED THE SERVANTS WITH ANYTHING HARDER THAN ONE CHARACTERISTIC

1-27 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated
A CHARACTERISTIC THAT IS THE RESULT OF BEING KIND

1-28 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid al-Barqy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Khalaf ibn Himmad, on the authority of Musa ibn Bakr, on the authority of Zurarah, on the authority of Humran ibn A’ayn that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “There is a result for everything. The result of being kind is to speed up turning on the light.” [36]

A CHARACTERISTIC THAT STABILIZES ONE’S FAITH AND ONE THAT MAKES HIM LOSE HIS FAITH

1-29 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Abu Abdullah al-Razi, on the authority of Ali ibn Suleiman ibn Rashid, on the authority of Musa ibn Salam that Aban ibn Savid asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “What stabilizes a servant’s faith?” He (MGB) replied, “What stabilizes his faith is piety, and what makes him lose his faith is greed.”

A CHARACTERISTIC THAT DESTROYS A BELIEVER’S DIGNITY
1-30 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Isa ibn Ubayd, on the authority of Ubaydullah ibn Abdullah al-Dihqan, on the authority of Durost ibn Abi Mansoor al-Vaseti, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Abdul-Hamid that Abil Hassan Al-Kazim (MGB) said, “Walking in a rush will destroy a believer’s dignity.”

A GOOD CHARACTERISTIC WHICH NO OTHER CHARACTERISTIC IS BETTER THAN, AND A BAD CHARACTERISTIC THAT NO OTHER CHARACTERISTIC IS WORSE THAN

1-31 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Al-Abbas ibn Ma’ruf, on the authority of Abi Himam - Isma’il ibn Himam, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sa’id
ibn Qazvan, on the authority of Isma‘il ibn Muslim al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja‘far ibn Muhammad, on the authority of his father (MGB) that the Prophet (MGB) said, “There is one good characteristic that is better than any other good characteristic. However, there are no characteristics better than getting killed in the way of the Honorable the Exalted God. There is some ingratitude that is worse than any other kinds of ingratitude. However, there is no ingratitude worse than killing one’s parents.”

A CHARACTERISTIC THAT GUARANTEES WHO WILL NOT BECOME POOR

1-32 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ali ibn Isma‘il, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Umar, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Ayoob, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Maymun said, “I heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, ‘I guarantee that whoever is frugal will never become poor.’”

THE FORM OF CHIVALRY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOLY HOUSEHOLD

1-33 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Al-Haysam ibn Abi Masruq al-Nehdi, on the authority of Ibn Abi Najran, on the authority of Himad, on the authority of Hurayz that Zurarah said, “I heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, ‘We are members of a Household whose chivalry is to forgive those who have oppressed us.’”

A CHARACTERISTIC DUE TO ONE’S CHIVALRY

1-34 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted on the God’s on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Isma‘il ibn Mihran, on the authority of Salih ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Aban ibn Taqlib, on the authority of Aba Ja‘far al-Baqir (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Considering the public’s interest regarding one’s property is due to manliness.”

A CHARACTERISTIC THAT IS NOT GOOD FOR A DIGNIFIED MAN

1-35 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God have Mercy upon him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr that Muawiyah ibn Wahab said, “Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) saw me carrying some green vegetables in Medina. He said, ‘It is not good for a dignified man to carry lowly things since the people will then dare to disrespect him.’”
GOD LOVES ONE CHARACTERISTIC AND DESPISES ONE CHARACTERISTIC

1-36 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat’tab, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Bashir al-Bajaly, on the authority of Davood al-Raqqy that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Moderation is what God the Honorable, the Exalted loves. Wastefulness is despised by Him even if it is throwing away a date seed that can be used, or throwing away the leftover liquid from your drink.”
ONE WHO HAS THIS CHARACTERISTIC WOULD NOT BE THANKFUL FOR BLESSINGS

1-37 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God have Mercy upon him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Ali ibn Hisan that someone narrated that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Whoever bears oppression would not thank for blessings.” [39]

1-38 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad al-Sayyari, on the authority of Ali ibn Asbat who linked it up to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) saying, “Whoever is not angered when oppressed would not thank for blessings.”

A CHARACTERISTIC DUE TO HUMBLENESS

1-39 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali al-Kufy, on the authority of Uthman ibn Isa, on the authority of Harun ibn Kharija’ that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “It is a form of humbleness to greet everyone you meet.”

A CHARACTERISTIC THAT IS CLOSE TO BLASPHEMY AND A CHARACTERISTIC THAT MIGHT CHANGE DESTINY

1-40 Hamzih ibn Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Zayd ibn Ali ibn al-Hussein ibn Ali ibn al-Hussein ibn Abi Talib (MGB) narrated from Qum in the month of Rajab[40] of the year 339 A.H. (950 A.D.) that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ibn al-Muqayrih, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad, on the authority of his father, on the authority of his forefathers, on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Poverty is close to blasphemy, and jealousy might bring you close to changing destiny.” [41]
A CHARACTERISTIC THAT DESTROYED PREVIOUS NATIONS

1-41 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa‘ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali al-Vasha that Abil-Hassan al-Hiza said, “I heard Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) ask Abil Abbas al-Baqbaq, ‘What prevented you from attending the pilgrimage?’ [42] He replied, ‘The suretyship which I undertook.’ Baqbaq said, ‘What do you have to do with suretyship? Don’t you know that it was suretyship that destroyed previous nations?’”

MARTYRDOM IS EXPIATION FOR EVERY SIN EXCEPT FOR ONE’S DEBT

1-42 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Al-Abbas ibn Ma‘ruf, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Han‘nan ibn Sadeer, on the authority of his father that Abi Ja‘far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “Martyrdom in God’s way is expiation for every sin except for one’s debt which has no expiation. One has to pay it back
either himself[43], or the one who has given him the loan should give it up.”

**GOD THE ALMIGHTY HAS SENT MUHAMMAD (MGB) AND HIS NATION A GIFT THAT HE HAS NOT GIVEN TO ANY OTHER NATION**

1-43 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted on the authority of his father, on the authority of Al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Indeed God the Blessed the Sublime has granted me and my nation a gift that He has not granted to any other nation. This is an honor from God for us.” He was asked, “O Prophet of God! What is it?” He said, “It is breaking the fast and shortening our prayers (while we are) on a journey.” Whoever doesn’t do so has turned down God’s gifts.”

**A CHARACTERISTIC THAT ONE SHOULD HAVE IF HE WANTS TO INCREASE GOODNESS IN HIS HOUSE**

1-44 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Qasim ibn Yahya, on the authority of his grandfather Al-Hassan ibn Rashid, on the authority of Abi Basir, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB) that the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said, “Whoever wants to have an increase in goodness in his house should make ablutions before eating.” [44]
GOD WILL LOOK AT WHOM HE LIKES. ONCE HE LOOKS AT HIM, HE SHALL GRANT HIM ONE OF THREE GIFTS

1-45 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Sindy, on the authority of Ahmad ibn an-Nazr al-Khazzaz, on the authority of Amr ibn Shimr, on the authority of Jabir that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “When God likes someone, He will look at him. When He looks at him, He will grant him one of three gifts: a headache, fever, or eye pain.”

THE HEREAFTER IS THE WEDDING OF THE PIOUS ONES

1-46 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ali ibn Muhammad al-Qashany that someone narrated on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Qasim al-Ja’fari that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “The Hereafter is the wedding of the pious ones.”

1-47 Ja’far ibn Ali ibn al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrih al-Kufy narrated that his grandfather Al-Hassan ibn Ali quoted on the authority of his great grandfather Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrih, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father As-Sajjad (MGB), “A man went to the Prophet (MGB) and asked, ‘Why is it that I do not like death?’ The Prophet (MGB) asked him, ‘Do you have any wealth?’ He replied, ‘Yes.’ The Prophet (MGB) asked, ‘Have you not sent your wealth ahead of you?’ He said, ‘No.’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Then that is why you do not like death.’”

A CHARACTERISTIC THAT IS LIKE ITS OPPOSITE

1-48 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad, on the
authority of Abi Umayr, on the authority of Hamzih ibn Himran that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “God the Exalted the Sublime has not created any certitude in which there is no doubt similar to the doubt about death in which there is no certitude.”

THE MOST WICKED PEOPLE ARE THOSE WHO ARE RESPECTED FOR POSSESSING ONE CHARACTERISTIC

1-49 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God have Mercy upon him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Bakr ibn Salih, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali, on the authority of Abdullah[46], on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Yazid al-Nawfaly, on the
authority of Isma’il ibn Abi Zyad[47], on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad, on the authority of his father, on the authority of his forefathers, on the authority of Ali (MGB) that the Prophet (MGB) said, “The most wicked people in my nation[48] are those who are respected for fear of their wickedness. Whoever the people respect due to fear of his wickedness is not from my nation.”

A CHARACTERISTIC IN THIS WORLD IS ABSTINENCE, AND A CHARACTERISTIC THAT IS GRATITUDE FOR ALL BLESSINGS

1-50 Al-Hussein ibn Ahmad ibn Idris - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Some of the Al-Nojefites and Mohammad ibn Sin’an who linked it up to the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) who said, “Pay more attention to the acceptance of your deeds than the deeds themselves. Abstinence in the world is reducing aspirations. And gratitude for all blessings is avoiding everything which God the Honorable the Exalted has forbidden. Whoever strains his body has pleased his Lord, and whoever doesn’t strain his body has disobeyed his Lord.”

NOTHING DESERVES TO BE RESTRAINED MORE THAN THE TONGUE

1-51 Hamzih ibn Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Alavi - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Zyad ibn Marvan al-Qandi, on the authority of Abi Vaki’a, on the authority of Abi Ishaq that Al-Harith narrated that he had heard the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) say, “Restrain your tongue more than anything else.”

WHOEVER RAISES HIS ASPIRATIONS DOES WRONG

1-52 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Al-Abbas ibn Ma’ruf, on the authority of Abi Himmam Isma’il ibn Himam, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sa’id ibn Qazvan, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father, on the authority of his forefathers that Ali (MGB) said, “Whoever raises his aspirations shall do wrong.”

GOOD DEEDS ARE RECORDED FOR A MUSLIM AS LONG AS HE REMAINS QUIET

1-53 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Musa ibn Umar, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hussein ibn Ribat, on the authority of some of his men
that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Good deeds are recorded for a Muslim man as long as he remains quiet. However, once he starts to talk, good or bad deeds are recorded for him.”

**A CHARACTERISTIC HAVING WHICH WILL RESULT IN GOD SAVING YOU FROM THE FEAR OF THE HEREAFTER**

1-54 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Hamzih ibn Ya’la who linked it up through documents to God’s Prophet (MGB) who said, “Whoever is the enemy of his own self rather than the people will be saved by God from the fear of the Resurrection Day.”
THE MOST INTELLIGENT CHARACTERISTIC

1-55 Suleiman ibn Ahmad ibn Ayoob al-Lakhmy narrated that Abdul Vah’hab ibn Kharajijh quoted on the authority of Abu Kurayb, on the authority of Ali ibn Hafs al-Abasi, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn al-Hussein al-Alavi, on the authority of his father Al-Hussein ibn Zayd, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB), on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Ali [50], on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The most intelligent characteristic after having faith in God the Honorable the Exalted is expressing love for the people.”


1-56 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of Al-Abbas ibn Ma’ruf, on the authority of Abi Shoayb who linked it up to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) who said, “The most pious person is one who stops when in doubt. The best worshipping person is one who performs the obligatory deeds. The most ascetic person is one who abandons the forbidden, and the most hard-working person is one who abandons sinning.”

BECOMING SORRY IS THE SAME AS REPENTING

1-57 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Ali al-Jahzamy that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “Becoming sorry is the same as repenting.”
WHOEVER EARN MORE THAN HIS MEALS FROM THIS WORLD

1-58 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hussein ibn Ribat who linked it up to a man who complained to the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) about his needs. The Commander of the Faithful (MGB) said, “Know that you are only a treasurer for other people for what you earn from this world that is more than your meals.”

A CHARACTERISTIC THAT DESERVES TO BE WILLED

1-59 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn al-Hussein al-Sa’ed Abady quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Mihran, on the authority of Durost ibn Abi Mansoor, on the authority of Isa ibn Bashir, on the authority of Abi Hamzih al-Sumaly that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “When the time of death of the Blessed Ali ibn al-Hussein (MGB) arrived, he hugged me tightly and said, ‘O my son! I advise you to do what my father advised me to do at the time of his death, and reminded me what his father had advised him to do at the time of his death. O my son! I advise you not to oppress anyone who has no helper but God.’”

A CHARACTERISTIC THAT CAUSES ONE TO BE THROWN OUT AND A CHARACTERISTIC THAT CAUSES ONE TO BE JOINED

1-60 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Abu Sa’id al-Adamy, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn al-Hussein al-Lu’lu’ee, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an
that Hazifat ibn Mansoor said that he had heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, “A group of people from the Quraysh tribe reduced their (level of) treatment of the people with moderation, and were thrown out of the Quraysh tribe. And by God, whatever there is in their records is suffering. Another group of people from the Quraysh tribe treated the people with moderation and joined the lofty household (of the Prophet).” Then he added, “Whoever withdraws his hand from the people has withdrawn just one hand, but many hands will be withdrawn from him.”

LOFTY CHARACTERISTICS AND BAD CHARACTERISTICS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD

1-61 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hijal, on the authority of Ala’, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Muslim who said:  

قوته فوق الدمن أصاب من

ثم سعد بن عبد الله، عن يعقوب بن يزيد، عن ابن محبوب، فقال: لقاء منع طلباً يضر ويبدأ انشقاق

عند علي بن الحسين بن ربيعة رفعه قال: شكر الم jakieś إلى أمر المؤمنين عليه السلام الحاجة فقَالَ له:

اعلم أن كل شيء تصيبه من الدمن يفوق قوته فقَدَا أنتَ فيه خالن لا يرك.

بخصائص الوضيعة

 فقال: دعو يا نبي دمحاً نع، يداً دعا نسيحاً نسيحاً نسيحاً نبي يبلغ نبي يغلب نبي يشدو لقاء منع طلباً يضر ويبدأ انشقاق

الفرقين، عن إسماعيل بن مهران، عن درست بن أبى منصور عن عيسى بن بشر، عن أبى حذرة

الثامني، عن أبي جعفر عليه السلام قال: لما حضرت علي بن الحسين عليه السلام الوفاة ضمني إلى صدره ثم قال: يا بني أي صيبي بما أو صانعي عليه أبي عليه السلام حين حضرت عنا الوثيقة وبما ذكر أن

أباه أو صاد به يباين تي إياك وظلم من لا يجد عليه ناصر إلا الله.

مثبته وخصائص الفن يخصائص

فقال: قال: دعو يا نبي دمحاً نع، يداً دعا نسيحاً نسيحاً نسيحاً نسيحاً نبي يلذ لقاء منع طلباً يضر ويبدأ انشقاق

حدثنا الحسن بن الحسين الوليد، عن محمد بن سنان، عن حيديفة بن متنور قال: سمعت أبا عبد

الله عليه السلام يقول: إن قوماً من قريش قالت مهاترهم لا نناس فقَدَا من قريش وأيام الله ما كان

قلنا: من كف يدنا باحبابهم باس. وإن قوماً من غيرهم حين ماتوا هم قد حلووا بنبي البيت الرفيع. قال: ثم

عن الناس فقَدَا يكفت عناهم فيداً واحدة ويكفون عن عناهمك كثيرة.

عليهم خفيفة وخصائص الدمن يا أهل علي ثقات خصائص

فقال: دعو يا نبي دمحاً نع، يداً دعا نسيحاً نسيحاً نسيحاً نسيحاً نبي يلذ لقاء منع طلباً يضر ويبدأ انشقاق

ه الحجال، عن علاء، عن محمد بن مسلم قال: سمعت أبا جعفر علي

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that he had heard Aba Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) say, “Good deeds are as lofty for the people of the world as they are on their balance of deeds on the Resurrection Day. And bad deeds are as bad for the people of the world as they are on their balance of deeds on the Resurrection Day.”

**THERE IS NO HONOR EXCEPT THROUGH ONE CHARACTERISTIC. THERE IS NO NOBILITY EXCEPT THROUGH ANOTHER CHARACTERISTIC**

1-62 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Malik ibn Atiye, on the authority of Abi Hamzih al-Sumaly that Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB) said, “There is no honor for the Quraysh tribe or any other Arabs except by means of humbleness, and there is no nobility except by means of piety. A deed is not a deed unless there is an intention behind it. There is no worshipping except by means of understanding. Beware that the most despised person by God the Honorable the Exalted is the one who considers himself to be the follower of a leader but doesn’t act according to the deeds of his leader.”

1-63 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God have Mercy upon him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat’tab, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Hammad ibn Uthman that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Collyrium helps hair to grow, dry tears, sweeten the saliva, and improve sight.”

**WHEN GOD LOVES A SERVANT HE WILL MAKE HIM SUFFER FROM A GREAT CALAMITY**

1-64 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Sahl ibn Zyd al-Adamy, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn al-Hussein al-Lu’lu’ee, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Zayd Abi Usamah ash-Shaham, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There is a great reward for a great calamity. If he is pleased with the calamity, then God the Honorable the Exalted will be pleased with him. However, if he is displeased with the calamity, then God will be displeased with him.”

**A CHARACTERISTIC THAT LEADS TO HEMORRHOIDS**

1-65 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Abu Sa’id al-Adamy, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn al-Hussein al-Lu’lu’ee, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sa’id ibn Qazvan, on the authority
Sitting on the toilet for too long will lead to hemorrhoids.

A HAND ON WHICH THERE IS AN IRON RING IS NOT CLEAN
there is an iron ring is not clean.” [55]

DO NOT RESPOND TO WHOEVER TALKS BEFORE HE GREETS YOU

1-67 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Yazid al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Abi Ziyad[56], on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Do not respond to whoever talks before he greets you.” He also said, “Do not invite anyone to dine with you unless he greets you.”

A CHARACTERISTIC THAT IF PRACTICED IMPLIES DESPISE FOR MUHAMMAD’S RELIGION

1-68 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Hamzih, on the authority of Abi Basir that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Whoever practices fortune-telling or goes to see a fortune-teller indeed despises Muhammad’s religion.” Then he was asked, “What about physiognomy?[57]?” He replied, “I do not like you to go to see them, even though what they say may be close to reality. Physiognomy is a remnant of Prophethood leftover for the people.”

ONLY ONE OF THE PROVERBS OF THE PROPHETS HAS REMAINED

1-69 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat’tab, on the authority of Ali ibn Asbat, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn al-Jahm that Abil Hassan - the first[58] (MGB) said, “Only one of the proverbs from the Prophets has remained that is, ‘When you have no shame, you will do whatever you wish.’” He also said, “This applies to the Umayyad clan.”
1-70 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Al-Sari ibn Khalid that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “When God wishes a servant well, He will expedite his punishment in this world. However, when God wishes someone bad, He will procrastinate punishing him for the sins he commits until the Resurrection Day.”

1-71 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Muawiyah ibn Wahab, on the authority of Mu’az ibn Muslim that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Be patient with the enemies of the blessings[59]. You cannot treat those who disobey God regarding yourself any better than by obeying God regarding them.”

WHEN GOD WISHES A SERVANT WELL, HE WILL EXPEDITE HIS PUNISHMENT IN THIS WORLD, AND WHEN HE WISHES SOMEONE BAD, HE WILL PROCRASTINATE HIS PUNISHMENT

BE PATIENT WITH THE ENEMIES OF THE BLESSINGS

THE PROPHET (MGB) AND ALI IBN ABI TALIB WERE CREATED FROM THE
SAME ROOT

1-72 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Abu Sa'id Sahl ibn Zyad al-Adamy, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn al-Hussein al-Lu’lu’ee, on the authority of Ali ibn Hafs al-Abasi, on the authority of Al-Salt ibn al-Ala’, on the authority of Abil-Hozoor, on the authority of Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The people were created from several roots. Ibn Abi Talib and I were created from the same root. Ali is my trunk, and Ja’far is my branch.”

A CHARACTERISTIC THAT IS GRATITUDE FOR ALL BLESSINGS

1-73 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Atiye[61], on the authority of Umar ibn Yazid that he had heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, “The gratitude for any blessing - no matter how great it may be - is to praise God the Honorable the Exalted.”

RELIGION IS THE SAME AS LOVE

1-74 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted on the
authority of his father, on the authority of Ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Himran, on the authority of Sa’id ibn Yasar that Abu Abdullah al-Sadiq (MGB) told him, “Is religion anything but love? God the Honorable the Exalted said, ‘Say, ‘If ye do love God, Follow me: God will love you …’’” [62]

WHEN TWO BELIEVERS SHAKE HANDS THEY SHALL DEPART FROM EACH OTHER VOID OF ANY SINS

1-75 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim quoted on the authority of his father, on the authority of Hammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn al-Mukhtar, on the authority of Abi Ubaydat al-Ha’za that Abu Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “Whenever two believers shake hands, they shall depart from each other void of any sins.”

A CHARACTERISTIC THAT REVIVES THE HEARTS

1-76 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Khat’tab ibn Muslimat, on the authority of Al-Fuzayl ibn Yasar that Abu Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) told him, “O Fuzayl! Verily our traditions revive the hearts.”

A CHARACTERISTIC THAT REVIVES THE AFFAIRS OF THE ALMIGHTY GOD’S PROOFS

1-77 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim quoted on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Hamran, on the authority of Khaysamat that Abu Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) told him, “Visit each other in your homes since this will revive our affairs
GOD THE ALMIGHTY HAS NOT CREATED ANYTHING MORE DELIGHTFUL THAN THIS CHARACTERISTIC

1-78 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abil Sahban, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Jamil ibn Salih, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Marvan who narrated that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) told him, “O Muhammad! My father said, ‘O my son! God has not created anything more delightful than concealing of faith for your father.’”

may God forgive anyone who revives our affairs.”
A CHARACTERISTIC THAT CONSTITUTES NINE-TENTHS OF RELIGION

1-79 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted on the authority of Abu Sa’id al-Adamy, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn al-Hassan al-Lu’lu’ee, on the authority of Ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Jundab, on the authority of Abi Umar al-Ajami that Abu Abdullah told him, “O Abu Umar! Indeed nine-tenths of religion is in the concealing of faith. Whoever doesn’t practice the concealing of faith has no religion. There is concealing of faith in everything except in drinking wine and wiping the feet from over foot-wear[64].”

WHOEVER IS PLEASED WITH HIS DESTINY OR IS DISPLEASED WITH IT

1-80 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ayoob ibn Nooh, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Al-Fura that Aba Abdullah Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “What is destined will happen to whoever is pleased with his destiny, and he will be rewarded. However, what is destined will happen to whoever is displeased with his destiny but God will cancel his reward.”

A CHARACTERISTIC FOR WHICH EVEN RED-HAIRED CAMELS ARE NOT LOVED

1-81 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Khalid, on the authority of Abi Hamzih al-Sumaly that Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB) said, “I do not like to possess red-haired camels[65] instead of my being oppressed; and I have never quenched my thirst any better than quenching my wrath over the one I got angry with.”

A CHARACTERISTIC THAT INCREASES THE DAILY BREAD

1-82 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God forgive him - narrated that Al-Hassan ibn Matil al-Daq’qaq quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat’tab, on the authority of Ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Abi Oaf al-Ajali that he had heard Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, “Washing hands before and after every meal will increase your share of daily bread.”

1-83 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr,
on the authority of Al-Fuzayl’s brother, on the authority of Al-Fuzayl that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “A sin that will not be forgiven is one that a person commits and says, ‘I wish I was not questioned about any deeds other than this one.’” [66]

**A CHARACTERISTIC THAT LEADS TO HYPOCRISY AND POVERTY**

1-84 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Mihran ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Pleased with who narrated that he had heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, “Singing will lead to hypocrisy and result in poverty.”

**THE FIRST GIFT GIVEN TO A BELIEVER DUE TO A CHARACTERISTIC**
1-85 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn al-Hussein al-Sa’ed Abady quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Uthman and ibn Abi Hamzih, on the authority of Ishaq ibn Am’mar that he asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “What is the first gift that is given to a believer?” The Imam (MGB) replied, “The forgiveness of those who follow his corpse in his funeral procession.”

A CHARACTERISTIC FOR WHICH ONE WHO HAS NO GOOD DEEDS IS FORGIVEN ON THE RESURRECTION DAY

1-86 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Imran that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “On the Resurrection Day a servant will be brought forward who has no good deeds. He is told to try to remember if he has done any good deeds. He thinks and says, “O my Lord! I have no good deeds, but once when so and so who is one of your believing servants passed by me, I asked him for some water. He gave me water and I made ablutions with it. Then I prayed for Your sake.” Then God the Blessed the Sublime will say, “Indeed I forgave you for My sake. Take My servant to Heaven.”

A CHARACTERISTIC THAT IS THE ROOT OF ALL SINS

1-87 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Durost ibn Abi Mansoor, on the authority of someone that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “The love for the world is the root of all sins.”
HOW Awkward IT IS IF A Man ENTERS HEAVEN HAVING LOST HIS Honor

1-88 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa‘ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ayoob ibn Nooh, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Sa‘ed ibn Abi Khalaf, on the authority of Najm[68] that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) told him, “O Najm! All of you are with us in Heaven. How awkward will it be if a man from among you enters Heaven having lost his honor!” Najm asked, “May I be your ransom! Is this possible?” The Imam (MGB) replied, “Yes. This will be the case if he has not guarded his private parts and his stomach.” [69]

A CHARACTERISTIC DOING WHICH WILL CAUSE THE Almighty God TO HAVE Mercy UPON YOU

1-89 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa‘ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ayoob ibn Nooh, on the authority of Ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Sayf ibn Umayrih, on the authority of Mudrik ibn al-Hazhaz that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “O Mudrik! May God have mercy upon whoever attracts the love of the people to himself, narrates for them what they would understand, and omits what they do not comprehend.”

A CHARACTERISTIC DOING WHICH WILL CAUSE INCREASED GOOD FOR ONE’S House

1-90 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father quoted on the authority of Abi Sa‘id al-Adamy, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn al-
Hussein al-Lu’lu’ee, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sa’id ibn Qazvan, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Abi Ziad, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB) that the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said, “Whoever wants to increase the good in his house should wash his hands before he eats.”

ON HIM WHOSE HEALTH HAS OVERCOME HIS ILLNESS BUT HE TREATS HIMSELF AND DIES

1-91 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted on the authority of Sahl ibn Ziyad, on the authority of Al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Abi Ziyad[70] that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “I despise whoever whose health overcomes his illness, but he treats himself with something and dies.”

A CHARACTERISTIC WHICH A BELIEVER AVOIDS

1-92 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him
NOTHING RUINS FAITH AS MUCH AS ONE CHARACTERISTIC DOES

1-93 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quoted on the authority of Harun ibn Muslim, on the authority of Mus’adat ibn Sadaqah, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Nothing ruins faith as much as greed does. Greed has a crawling similar to the crawling of ants, and it has branches similar to the branches of polytheism.”

ONE WHO LIVES TO SEE HIS SUCCESSOR IS PROSPEROUS

1-94 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Ayooob ibn Nooh, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Musa ibn Bakr al-Vaseti, “I asked Abil Hassan Musa ibn Ja’far al-Kazim (MGB) if he (MGB) saw anything wrong if someone says ‘may my father or mother be your ransom’ to his son or daughter? The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘It is being ungrateful to his parents if they are alive, but it is fine if they have passed away. My father Ja’far (MGB) used to say that whoever lives to see his successor is prosperous. In fact, I swear by God that He has shown me the successor after me.’”

A BELIEVER’S HONOR IS MORE THAN THAT OF THE KA’BA

1-95 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Hammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Umar that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “A believer’s honor is more than that of the Ka’ba.”

IT SUFFICES FOR A BELIEVER TO SEE GOD’S AID IN THE FORM OF HIS ENEMIES ENGAGED IN THE ALMIGHTY GOD’S DISOBEDIENCE
1-96 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ayoob ibn Nooh, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Qutaybat al-A’eshi that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “It suffices for a believer to see God’s aid in the form of his enemies engaged in the Almighty God’s disobedience.” [72]

A GIFT WILL ELIMINATE ANIMOSITIES

1-97 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that
his father quoted on the authority of Sahl ibn Zyad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sa‘id, on the authority of Isma‘il ibn Abi Zyad al-Sakoony that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Giving a gift before asking for something is good. Exchange gifts and be friends since giving gifts will eliminate animosities.”

**PROSPEROUS BE THE ONE WHO IS INDIFFERENT**

1-98 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa‘ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdulla al-Barqy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Sa‘fan al-Jamal that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Blessed be [73] one who looks indifferent. [74] He seems to be with the people, but he doesn’t really follow their deeds. The people know him on the surface but they do not know what goes on within him.”

**A CHARACTERISTIC THAT WILL MAKE ONE POOR IN THE HEREAFTER**

1-99 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abul-Hassan Muhammad ibn Ali ibn Asad Al-Asady quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Aba Ayoob al-Nahravi, on the authority of Ja‘far ibn Sanid ibn Davood, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Yusuf ibn Muhammad ibn Munkadir, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Jabir ibn Abdullah that God’s Prophet (MGB) said that the mother of Solomon the son of David, told Solomon, “Beware that sleeping too much at night will make one poor in the Hereafter.”

**A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO ARE THE MASTERS OF HEAVEN**

1-100 Abul-Hassan Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Ali Asad Al-Asady narrated that his father, Ali ibn al-Abbas al-Bajaly and al-Hassan Ali ibn Nasr al-Toosi quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abdul Rahman ibn Qazvan, on the authority of Abu Sin’an al-Abedi, on the authority of Sa‘fan ibn Saleem, on the authority of Ata ibn Yasar, on the authority of Aba Sa‘id al-Khidry that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Those who know the Quran by heart [75] are the masters of Heaven.”

**GOD’S PROPHET MADE HIS ABLUTIONS ONE ORGAN AT A TIME**

1-101 Abu Ahmad Muhammad ibn Ja‘far al-Bandar al-Furqany in Furqan narrated that Abul Abbas al-Himady quoted on the authority of Abu Muslim al-Kajy, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Vah’hab, on the authority of Abul Rahim ibn Zayd al-Ami, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muawiyah ibn Qarah, on the authority of Ibn Umar that God’s Prophet (MGB) used to make his ablutions one organ at a time.
Abu al-Hassan Ali ibn Abdullah ibn Ahmad al-Asvari narrated that Abu Yusuf Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Qays al-Sejezi [76] al-Mozakar quoted on the authority of Abu Muhammad Abdul Aziz ibn Ali al-Sarakhsi in Marv al-Ruz, on the authority of Abu Bakr Ahmad ibn Umran al-Baghdady, on the authority of Abul Hassan (the first), on the authority of Abul Hassan (the second), on the authority of Al-Hassan (the first), on the authority of Al-Hassan (the second) that Al-Hassan (the third - MGB) said, “The best goodness is being good-tempered.”

THE CHARACTERISTIC THAT IS THE BEST GOODNESS

1-102

Abul Hassan Ali ibn Abdullah ibn Ahmad al-Asvari narrated that Abu Yusuf Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Qays al-Sejezi [76] al-Mozakar quoted on the authority of Abu Muhammad Abdul Aziz ibn Ali al-Sarakhsi in Marv al-Ruz, on the authority of Abu Bakr Ahmad ibn Umran al-Baghdady, on the authority of Abul Hassan (the first), on the authority of Abul Hassan (the second), on the authority of Abul-Hassan (the third), on the authority of Al-Hassan (the second) that Al-Hassan (the third - MGB) said, “The best goodness is being good-tempered.”

**THE PROPHET PUT OFF HIS SPECIAL PRAYER FOR ONE CHARACTERISTIC**

1-103 Abul Hassan Tahir ibn Muhammad ibn Yunus narrated that Muhammad ibn Uthman al-Haravy quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Najda, on the authority of Abu Bashar Khatt al-Muqar’ri, on the authority of Mu’amir ibn Suleiman that he had heard Anas ibn Malik [77] say that he had heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, “Each Prophet has a special supplication which he has said to God and in which he has asked God for something. However, I put off my special supplication to intercede on behalf of my nation on the Resurrection Day.”

**A CHARACTERISTIC THAT IS THE BEST FORM OF WORSHIPPING AND A CHARACTERISTIC THAT IS THE NOBLEST FORM OF BEING RELIGIOUS**

1-104 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad narrated that Ibn Muni’al[78] quoted on the authority of Harun ibn Abdullah, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Abdul Rahman al-Dameshqi, on the authority of Khalid ibn Abi Khalid al-Azraq, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abdul Rahman - whom I suspect to be ibn Abi Layli, on the authority of Nafe’ah, on the authority of Ibn Umar that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The best form of worshipping is to apply yourself to the acquisition of knowledge, and the noblest form of being religious is piety.”

**WHAT IS A LOT BUT ITS DOERS ARE A FEW**

1-105 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad narrated that Ibn Muni’al[79] quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Imran al-Akhnesi in the year 28 A.H. (649 A.D.) in which he died, that he heard Abu Khalid al-Ahmari quote on the authority of Isma’il ibn Abi Khalid, on the authority of Ata ibn al-Sa’eb, on the authority
A CHARACTERISTIC THAT CONSTITUTES HALF OF THE RELIGION

1-106 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad narrated that Ibn Muni’a [80] quoted on the authority of Ali ibn Isa al-Mokhrami in the year 130 A.H. (747 A.D.), on the authority of Khilad ibn Isa, on the authority of Sabit, on the authority of Anas that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Being good-tempered constitutes half of the religion.”

A CHARACTERISTIC THAT IS THE BEST THING GIVEN TO A MUSLIM

1-107 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad narrated that Abul-Abbas al-Suraj quoted on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Ibrahim, on the authority of Vaki’a, on the authority of Mas’ar and Sufyan, on the authority of Zyd ibn Alaqa, on the authority of Usamah ibn Sherik that God’s Prophet (MGB) was asked, “What is the best thing given to a Muslim?” He replied, “A good temper.”

THE PROPHET AND ALI IBN ABI TALIB WERE CREATED FROM ONE LIGHT

1-108 Muhammad ibn Umar al-Hafiz al-Baghdady narrated that Abu Muhammad al-Hassan ibn Abdullah al-Razi quoted on the authority of his father, on the authority of his master Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB), on the authority of his father Musa ibn Ja’far al-Kazim (MGB), on the authority of his father Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father
Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB), on the authority of his father Al-Hussein (MGB), on the authority of his brother Al-Hassan ibn Ali (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Ali and I were created from the same light.”

A SERVANT’S WELL-BEING DEPENDS UPON THE WELL-BEING OF ONE OF HIS ORGANS

I-109 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad narrated that Abu Ja’far Muhammad ibn Ibrahim al-Daybali quoted on the authority of Abu Abdullah, on the authority of Sufyan, on the authority of Mujahid that he heard al-Sha’abi narrated that he heard al-Nue’man ibn Bashir said that he had heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, “There is a delicate organ in man’s body. If it is healthy all his body is healthy. If it gets ill, it will cause the ailment of the rest of the body. That is the heart.”

I-110 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad narrated that Abul Abbas al-Suraj quoted on the authority of Abul Abbas al-Siraj quoted on the authority of Qutaybat, on the authority of Roshdin ibn Sa’ed al-Mesri Abul Hajjaj[81], on the authority of Sharahil ibn Yazid[82], on the authority of Abdullah ibn Umar and Abi
Hurayrih that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “When a man’s heart is healthy, then his body is healthy. If the heart is diseased, then the body will become diseased.”

**A MAN ENTERS HEAVEN FOR ONE CHARACTERISTIC**

1-111 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad al-Sejezy narrated that Ibn Mu’az quoted on the authority of Al-Hussein al-Marvazy, on the authority of Abdullah, on the authority of Yahya ibn Ubaydullah, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Aba Hurayreh that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “A servant (i.e. person) would enter Heaven for having removed a thorn on the path of the Muslims.”

**ONE WHO LIKES TWO CHARACTERISTICS SHALL DO ONE THING**

1-112 Abu Ahmad Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Bandar al-Furqany narrated that Abul Abbas Muhammad ibn Jumhoor al-Himady quoted on the authority of Abu Abdullah Muhammad ibn Ali ibn Zayd al-Sayeq al-Mac’ci in Mecca narrated that Ahmad ibn Shoayb quoted on the authority of his father, on the authority of Yunus ibn Shahab that Anas ibn Malik heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, “Whoever likes an extended share of his daily bread and a delayed death will visit his kin.”

**GOD’S PROPHET FINISHED HIS PRAYERS WITH ONE GREETING**

1-113 Abu Ahmad Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Bandar narrated that Abul Qasim Sa’id ibn Ahmad ibn Abi Salim quoted on the authority of Abu Zakarya Yahya ibn al-Fazl al-Var’raq, on the authority of Ishaq ibn Ibrahim al-Var’raq al-Samarqandi, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Salme, on the authority of Baqiat ibn al-Walid, on the authority of Al-Zayady, on the authority of Al-Zuhra, on the authority of Anas that God’s Prophet (MGB) finished his prayers with one greeting. [85]
عبد الله بن عمر، وأبي هريرة قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: إذا طلب قلب المرء طاب جسد، وإذا خبث القلب خبث الجسد.

بخصوصة بالحجة الرجل دخل

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حدث ناؤ عبد الله قال: أخبرنا أحيى بن عبد الله قال: سمعت أبي يقول: قال: دخل عبد الجنة بغضن من شوك كان على طريق المسلمين فأتراه رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم:

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RECOGNITION OF GOD BY TWO CHARACTERISTICS

2-1 Ahmad ibn Harun al-Fami[86] and Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Masroor - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Muhammad ibn Ja’far ibn Bat’tat quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Hisham ibn Salim, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “I heard my father (MGB) narrate on the authority of his father (MGB) that a man stood in front of the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) and said, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! How did you come to recognize your Lord?’ He (MGB) replied, ‘By the dissolution of intentions and the breach of aspirations. Sometimes I had an aspiration, but He got in the way between me and my aspirations. Sometimes I made some intentions, but destiny opposed my intentions. Thus, I realized that there is some other Planner.’ The man asked, ‘Why did you thank Him for His Blessings?’ He (MGB) replied, ‘I looked at His Calamities which He fended off from me and brought them upon someone else. Thus, I realized that He has Blessed me. Thus, I thanked Him.’ The man asked, ‘Why do you like to meet Him?’ He (MGB) replied, ‘I saw that He has given me the religion of His Angels, Messengers and Prophets. Then I realized that He has honored me with this religion and will never forget me. Therefore, I would like to meet Him.’

ON THE PROPHET’S SAYING, “THERE ARE TWO THINGS WHICH I DO NOT WISH TO SHARE WITH ANYONE”

2-2 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated
that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted on the authority of his father, on the authority of Al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are two things which I do not wish to share with anyone. The first one is my ablutions that are a part of my prayer, and the second one is my charity which I personally like to put in the hands of the needy, since it will be placed in the Hands of the Merciful.”

TWO STRANGE THINGS TO PUT UP WITH

2-3 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are two strange things you must put up with: Accept a wise saying said by a fool, and forgive a foolish saying said by a wise man.”

NOTHING VOIDS ABLUTIONS EXCEPT FOR WHAT LEAVES FROM THE TWO SIDES

2-4 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abi Nasr al-Bazanty, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sama’at, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Miskan, on the authority of Abi Basir al-Moradi: “I asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) regarding having
phlebotomy performed and any blood that flows out of the body. The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘There is no need to make any ablutions since one must only make ablutions due to what leaves from the two sides' by (the mechanisms bestowed to us due to) God’s Blessing.”

The compiler of the book - may God increase his honor - said, “This means defecation, farting, urination, and ejaculation.”

**TWO BLESSINGS BEING DENIED**

2-5 Ja’far ibn Ali al-Kufy - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his grandfather Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrih quoted on the authority of his grandfather Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrih, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Muslim, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Two blessings are taken for granted: Security and health.”

**TWO THINGS WHICH CAUSE TROUBLE FOR MOST PEOPLE**

2-6 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim quoted on the authority of his father, on the authority of Al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are two things which cause trouble for most people: health and leisure.”

2-7 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad narrated that Abu Ja’far Muhammad ibn Mu’az quoted on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn al-Hassan al-Marvazy, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Mobarak and al-Fazl ibn Musa, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Sa’id ibn Abi Hind, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ibn Ab’bas that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are two things which cause sedition for most people: health and leisure.”
NO WORSHIP OF GOD IS BETTER THAN BEING QUIET AND WALKING TO GOD'S HOUSE

2-8 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Ayoob ibn Nooh, on the authority of Al-Rabi’a ibn Muhammad al-Muslimy, on the authority of Abil Rabi’a ash-Shamy, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “No worship of God is better than being quiet and walking to God’s House.”

2-9 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority

[Arabic text]

خُرِج من طِفْرِف يَكُن الَّذِينَ أَنْقُسامُ اللَّهِ بِهِمَا عَلِيكَ

قَالَ مَصْنُوفُ هذَا الْكِتَابُ أَدَامُ اللَّهِ عَزْهُ يُعِني مِن بُولٍ أَو غَيْطٍ أَو رِيحٍ أَو مُنِىٍ

مَكْفُورُونُ نَعْمَةُ

الْكُوفِيِّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: حَدَّثَنَـي جَدِيُّ الْحَسَنِ ابْنِ عِلْيَ عَلِيَّ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ يَلْعَنُ نَبِيِّ رَفْعِيْعِ اِنْشَدَحَ

المَهْرَةَ، عَنْ جَهَدِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ الْمَهْرَةَ، عَنْ إِسْمَاعِيْلِ بْنِ مُسْلِمْ، عَنْ جَهَدِ فِرْعِيْبِ مُحَمَّدٍ، عَنْ أَبِي، عَنْ أَبِاهُ،

عَنْ عَلِيِّ عَلَىٰهُمُ الْسَلَامُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُوَّلُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلهُ: نَعْمَةُ مَكْفُورُونُ: الْإِمَامُ وَالْعَافِيُّ.

فَيَمَا فَتُونُ الْنَّاسُ كَثِيرُ مِنْ نَحْصِلُتَا

نَزَعْنَ عِنْدَ الْبُلْسَلَا نَزَعْنَا، لِيِفْعَنَا نَزَعْنَا، هِيَبَاءْنَا، نَزَعْنَا. هُمْ رَابِبُ نَبِيِّ رَفْعِيْعِ اِنْشَدَحَ

بِفِرْعِيْبِ مُحَمَّدٍ، عَنْ أَبِي، عَنْ أَبِاهُ، عَنْ عَلِيِّ عَلَىٰهُمُ الْسَلَامُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُوَّلُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلهُ:

عَهْدِكُمْ نَعْمَةً مَكْفُورَةً فِيْهَا: الْصَّحِبَةُ وَالْفَرَاغُ

نَسْحَلَا نَبِيُّ سُجَّحْلا اِنْشَدَحَ: لِيِقَذَّعُ نَبِيُّ رَفْعِيْعِ اِنْشَدَحَ

الْمَرْوُزِيِّ، عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ الْمَرْوُزِيِّ، وَالْفَضْلِ بْنِ مُوْسَى قَالَ: أَخَرَجْتُ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ مُهْيَيْنَ أَبِي، هُنَّ،

كُبْرَاءُ مِنْ عَنْ أَبِي، عَنْ أَبِي عَسَّاسَ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُوَّلُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلهُ: نَعْمَةُ مَكْفُورَةً فِيْهَا

الْنَّاسُ الْفَرَاغُ وَالْصَّحِبَةُ.

بِيْتِهِ إِلَى الْمَشْتِيِّ الْصَّمَتِ مِنْ أَفْضِلِ بِشْيَةٍ وَجْلِعُ عَلَى الْعَذْبِ

رَفِضْلَا نَسْحَلَا نَبِيُّ سُجَّحْلا اِنْشَدَحَ: لِيِقَذَّعُ نَبِيُّ رَفْعِيْعِ اِنْشَدَحَ

بِفِرْعِيْبِ مُحَمَّدٍ، عَنْ أَبِي، عَنْ أَبِي عَسَّاسَ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُوَّلُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلهُ: مَعَ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بِشْيَةٍ أَفْضِلُ مِنْ الْصَّمَتِ وَالْمَشْتِيِّ إِلَى بِيْتِهِ.

رِجَالُ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ يَبْعَرُ.
of Yahya al-Tawil al-Basry[90], on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “A believer who accepts advice or an ignorant person who learns will listen to the enjoinment of the good and the admonishment against evil. However, one who has the whip and the sword will not.”

2-10 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Abil Ab’bas Jarif al-Bajaly, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ishaq, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “There are two wings for atheism: the Umayyads and the al-Muhlibs.[91]”

**THE BLESSED THE SUBLIME GOD HAS DIVIDED THE PEOPLE ON THE EARTH INTO TWO GROUPS**

2-11 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abdul Jab’bar, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Faz’al, on the authority of Zarif ibn Nasih, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Yahya, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The Blessed the Sublime God has divided the people on the Earth into two groups and placed me in the better one. Then he divided that group into three parts and I was in the best part. Then he chose the Quraysh from amongst the Arabs, chose the children of Abdul Mutalib from amongst the Hashemites[92], and chose me from amongst the children of Abdul Mutaib.”

**TWO GROUPS IN THIS NATION WHOSE IMPROVEMENT WOULD IMPROVE THE NATION AND WHOSE CORRUPTION WOULD CORRUPT THE NATION**

2-12 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Al-Abbas ibn Ma’ruf, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sa’id ibn Qazvan, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are two groups in this nation whose improvement would improve the nation and whose corruption would corrupt the nation.” He (MGB) was asked, “O Prophet of God! Who are they?” The Prophet (MGB) replied, “The jurisprudents and the chiefs.”

**FEAR GOD REGARDING TWO WEAK ONES**

2-13 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that
Ahmad, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Sindy, on the authority of Uthman ibn Isa, on the authority of Sama’at, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Fear God regarding two weak ones meaning orphans and women.”

THE REWARD OF WHOEVER TAKES CARE OF TWO DAUGHTERS, TWO SISTERS, TWO PATERNAL AUNTS OR TWO MATERNAL AUNTS

2-14 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him -
narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Isa ibn Ubayd, on the authority of Zakariya al-Mumin who linked it up to Abla Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Whoever takes care of two daughters, two sisters, two paternal aunts or two maternal aunts will be safeguarded from the Fire.”

**TWO MEN WILL NOT SENSE THE SCENT OF PARADISE**

2-15 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Al-Sindy, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hikam, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Fuzayl, on the authority of Sharis al-Vabeshy, on the authority of Jabir, on the authority of Aba Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The scent of Paradise can be smelled from a distance of five-hundred years away. However, those damned by their parents and the cuckold will not sense it.” He was asked, “O Prophet of God! Who is a cuckold?” He (MGB) replied, “One whose wife commits adultery and he knows about it.”

**WHAT HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT TWO-FACED PEOPLE [93]**

2-16 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Aba Ja’far Ahmad ibn Aبل Abdullah, on the authority of Abil Jo’aza al-Monabat ibn Abdullah, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Alvan, on the authority of Amr ibn Khalid, on the authority of Zayd ibn Ali, on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “A two-faced person will be presented on the Resurrection Day with his tongue coming out from behind his head and with another tongue sticking out in front. They will bring fire to burn him and proclaim, ‘This is one who had two faces and two tongues in the world. This is how he will be known on the Resurrection Day.’”

2-17 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad narrated that Ibn Muni’a [94] quoted on the authority of Abu Bakr ibn Abi Shoyba’, on the authority of Abu Muawiyah, on the authority of Al-A’amash, on the authority of Abi Salih, on the authority of Abi Hurayrih that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The worst of the
people near the Honorable the Exalted God on the Resurrection Day are the two-faced ones.”

2-18 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad narrated that Ibn Muni’a[95] quoted on the authority of Abu Bakr ibn Abi Shoyba’, on the authority of Abu Muawiyah, on the authority of Sharik, on the authority of Al-Rakin, on the authority of Na’eeem ibn Hanzale’, on the authority of Am’mar that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The people who are two-faced in this world will have two tongues of Fire on the Resurrection Day.”

2-19 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Musa ibn Umar, on the authority of Ibn Sin’an, on the authority of U’an ibn Mu’e’en - the hat-buyer - that Ibn Abi Ya’foor said, “I heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, ‘Whoever meets the believers in one fashion, but gossips about them in their absence in a different fashion will have two tongues of Fire on the Resurrection Day.’”

2-20 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat’tab, on the authority of Ali ibn An-Nue’man, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Miskan, on the authority of Davood ibn Farqad, on the authority of Abi Shaybih az-Zahri that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “A servant who is two-faced and has two tongues is bad. He will praise his believing brother in front of him, but talk badly about him in his absence. He will be jealous of him whenever he gets a blessing and will not assist him when a calamity befalls
him.”

THE PEOPLE ARE IN TWO GROUPS: SOME WHO GET RELIEVED BY OTHERS AND SOME FROM WHOM OTHERS GET RELIEVED

2-21 Al-Hussein ibn Ahmad ibn Idris - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Salim, on the authority of Ahmad ibn an-Nazr, on the authority of Amr ibn Shamr, on the authority of Jibril, on the authority of Abi Ja'far al-Baqir (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The people are in two groups: those who get relieved by others and those from whom others get relieved. Those who get relieved are the believers. Once they die they are relieved of this world and its calamities. Those from whom others get relieved are the unbelievers. Once they die, the trees, the animals and many of the people get relieved from them.”

PEOPLE ARE OF TWO TYPES: THE LEARNED AND THE SEEKER OF KNOWLEDGE
2-22 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil Qasim quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father Muhammad ibn Khalid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr who linked it up to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “The people are in two groups: knowledgeable ones and those acquiring knowledge. The rest of the people are like flies subject to the wind and such people will be thrown into the Fire.”

**TWO CHARACTERISTICS ONE OF WHICH WILL CAUSE FORGETTING SINS AND THE OTHER WILL CAUSE HARDENING OF THE HEARTS**

2-23 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father quoted on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Ishaq al-Tajir, on the authority of Ali ibn Mahzyar, on the authority of Fuzalat[96], on the authority of Isma’il ibn Abi Zyad al-Sakoony, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that his father Al-Baqr (MGB) said, “The Blessed the Sublime God revealed to Moses (MGB), ‘Do not get pleased with the extent of your wealth and do not abandon remembering Me under any circumstances since extensive wealth will cause the forgetting of sins, and abandoning My remembrance will cause the hardening of hearts.’”

**TWO CHARACTERISTICS THAT PROVIDE IMMUNITY TO LEPROSY**

2-24 Ahmad ibn Ali ibn Ibrahim - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father quoted on the authority of his father Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Hafs ibn al-Bakhtari, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Cutting the nails and shaving the moustache every Friday provides immunity to leprosy.”

**ATTEND TO TWO MAJOR ISSUES**

2-25 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Ishaq al-Tajir, on the authority of Ali ibn Mahzyar, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Fuzalat ibn Ayoob, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Abi Zyad[97], on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that his father (MGB) said, “Abuzar - may God have Mercy upon him - cried due to the fear of the Honorable the Exalted God so much that he started to complain about his eyes. He was told: ‘O Abuzar! Pray to God to heal your eyes.’ He said, ‘I am not worried about that. I have more important issues to attend to.’ He was asked, ‘What are you attending to?’ He replied, ‘Paradise and the Hell-fire.’”
2-26 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim quoted on the authority of his father, on the authority of Al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), “Abuzar - may God have Mercy upon him - was standing by the Ka’ba and said, ‘I am Jundab ibn Sakan.’ The people gathered around him. He said, ‘You prepare some things to take along with yourself when deciding to go on a trip. The trip to the Hereafter is upcoming. Don’t you want to prepare some things to take along to benefit you?’ A man went to him and said, ‘Please advise us.’ He said, ‘Fast on hot days as a means of savings for the Resurrection, and perform the Hajj pilgrimage[98] visit for major affairs. Say two units of prayers in the dark of the night for the awe of the grave. Speak fairly[99], give charity to the poor and do not utter wicked words so that perhaps you may be saved from the Day of Hardship (Resurrection). Consider this world to be worth only two Dirhams. Spend one Dirham for your wife and send the second Dirham ahead of you. Any third Dirham is harmful and will not benefit you. Consider this world to be two words. Use one word to earn a legitimate means of

THE WORLD IS JUST TWO WORDS AND TWO DIRHAMS
sustenance and use the second one to attain the Hereafter. The third word is harmful and will not benefit you. Do not go after it.’ He added, ‘The sorrow of the day which I cannot attain kills me.’”

2-27 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Sindy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Amr ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Musa ibn Akeel, “I heard Awa Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, ‘A man would not be knowledgeable (in religion) unless he abandons lust and doesn’t care about what he wears or what he eats to overcome his hunger.’”

2-28 Ja’far ibn Ali ibn al-Hassan al-Kufy - may God have Mercy upon him - narrated that his father Ali ibn al-Hassan quoted on the authority of his father Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrih, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrih, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of his father, on the authority of his forefathers, on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There in no good in life except for two men: a knowledgeable one who is obeyed, and an obedient student.”

2-29 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father and Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah

THERE IS NO GOOD IN THIS WORLD EXCEPT FOR TWO MEN
quoted on the authority of Al-Qasim ibn Muhammad al-Isbahany, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Davood al-Minqari, on the authority of Hafs ibn Qiyath al-Nakha’ee that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There is no good in this world except for two men: a man who does more good deeds every day, and a man who compensates for his sins through repentance. When will he be able to repent? I swear by God that God would not accept his repentance even if he prostrates to God to the extent that his neck falls off, unless by his friendship with us - the members of the Holy Household.”

THERE ARE TWO FORMS OF KNOWLEDGE

2-30 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Al-Ab’bas ibn Ma’ruf, on the authority of Ali ibn Mahzyar, on the authority of Hikam ibn Buhlool, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Himmam, on the authority of Umar ibn Azineh, on the authority of Aban ibn Abi Ayyash, on the authority of Salim ibn Qays al-Hilaly, “I heard Ali (MGB) tell Abil Tufayl Amer ibn Vasele’ al-Kanani: ‘O Abil Tufayl! There are two forms of knowledge: The knowledge over which people must ponder, and that is the knowledge of the religion, and the knowledge which cannot be pondered over, that is the Might of the Honorable the Exalted God.’”

TWO STRANGE CHARACTERISTICS: EATING THE SUSTENANCE PROVIDED BY GOD AND ASCRIBING DIVINITY TO OTHERS THAN GOD

2-31 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father Muhammad ibn Khalid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn (Abi) Zyad, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), ”The Blessed the Sublime God sent down an angel to Earth. He stayed on the Earth for a long time and then returned to the heavens. He was asked, “What did you see there?” He said, “I saw many amazing things there, but the most amazing thing that I saw was someone who abused your blessings. He ate of what You provided for his sustenance, but claimed to be god. I was amazed at his boldness and Your Patience.” God the Almighty said, “You were amazed at My Patience?
I let him live for four-hundred years, and he never got ill. I granted to him whatever he wanted in the world, and I never changed his food and drinks.”

ENJOINING TO DO GOOD AND ADMONISHING AGAINST EVIL ARE TWO OF THE CREATURES OF THE EXALTED THE HONORABLE GOD

2-32 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Yazid who linked it up to Abu Jaf”far Al-Baqir (MGB) saying, “Enjoining to
God will honor whoever helps them, and God will abandon whoever abandons them.”

**THE TWO THINGS WHICH CONSTITUTED MOST OF THE WORSHIPPING OF ABUZAR - MAY GOD HAVE MERCY UPON**

2-33 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Yahya ibn Abi Imran al-Hamedany, on the authority of Yunus ibn Abdul-Rahman, on the authority of several narrators that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Most of the worship of Abuzar - may God have Mercy upon him - were two things: thinking and taking heed.”

**IF A WOMAN HAS HAD TWO HUSBANDS WHICH HUSBAND WILL SHE BELONG TO IN HEAVEN**

2-34 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted on the authority of his father, on the authority of Musa ibn Ibrahim, on the authority of Al-Hassan, on the authority of his father who linked it up to God’s Prophet (MGB), “Umma Salma asked the Prophet (MGB), ‘May my father and mother be your ransom! If a woman has had two husbands who die and enter Heaven, which one will she belong to?’ The Prophet (MGB) answered, ‘O Umma Salma! She will chose the one who was best tempered and loved his wife the most. O Umma Salma! Good temper will result in the best of this world and the Hereafter.’”

**ENEMIES WHO DISPUTE WITH EACH OTHER ABOUT THEIR LORD**

2-35 Abu Muhammad Am’mar ibn al-Hussein al-Asrooshani - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Muhammad ibn Ismat quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad al-Tabary in Mecca, on the authority of Abul Hassan ibn Abi Shoja’ al-Bajaly, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Abdullah al-Hanafy, on the authority of Yahya ibn Hashim, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Jabir, on the authority of Sadaqaht ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Al-Nazr ibn Malik, “I told al-Hussein ibn Ali ibn Talib (MGB), ‘O Aba Abdullah! Tell me about the Honorable the Exalted God’s words, ‘These two antagonists dispute with each other about their Lord…’” He (MGB) replied, ‘It is about us and the Umayyads who dispute with each other about the Honorable the Exalted God. We said that God has told the truth, but they said that God has lied. We are enemies of each other on the Resurrection Day.’”
JAWAD[102] HAS TWO MEANINGS

2-36 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Suleiman, “A man asked Abal-Hassan (MGB)[103] while he was circumambulating (around the Ka’ba), ‘What is the meaning of Jawad?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘There are two meanings in what you are asking about. If you are asking about the creatures, Jawad is him who performs his obligatory deeds and Bakhil is him who is miserly in performing what God has made incumbent upon him. If you are asking about the Creator, then you should know that He is Jawad if He grants and is also Jawad if He withholds. This is because if He grants something to His creatures, then He has granted them what they deserve not, and if He withholds something from His creatures, He has withheld from them what they do not deserve.”

SILVER AND GOLD MONEY ARE DESTRUCTIVE

2-37 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Zyad ibn Marvan, on the authority of Abi Vaki’a, on the authority of Abi Ishaq, on the authority of Al-Harith, on the authority of the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) that
God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Silver and gold money destroyed those before you and they will destroy you, too.”

**GOLD AND SILVER ARE TWO PERVERTING METALS**

2-38 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran[104] who linked up this tradition, “Gold and silver are two perverting metals. Whoever loves them is with them.”

The compiler of the book - may God increase his honor - interprets this to mean that whoever loves them so much that he doesn’t pay the Divinely Ordained dues on them is with them.

**SEEK REFUGE FROM TWO CHARACTERISTICS**

2-39 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Yusuf ibn al-Harir, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Yazid, on the authority of Hayat ibn Sharir, on the authority of Salim ibn Qayla, on the authority of Dur’raj, on the authority of Abil Haysam, on the authority of Abi Sa’ad al-Khidry, “I heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘I Seek refuge in God from disbelief and debt.’ He (MGB) was told, ‘O Prophet of God! Is debt equal to disbelief?’ He (MGB) replied, ‘Yes.’”
TWO CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SHIITES

2-40 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat’tab, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Malik ibn Atiye, on the authority of Abi Hamzih, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hussein (MGB), “I am ready to give my hand for (abolishing) two negative characteristics in the Shiites: impatience and not keeping secrets.”

THERE ARE TWO PLEASURES FOR ONE WHO FASTS

2-41 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Sa’id who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Imam as-Sadiq (MGB) saying, “There are two pleasures for one who fasts: The first pleasure is for when he breaks his fast, and the second one is for when he meets Me and I take him to Paradise.”

FASTING IS FOR GOD

2-42 The Georgian[105] Abu Muhammad Abdus ibn Ali ibn al-Ab’bas in Samarqand narrated that Abul Qasim Abdullah ibn Yaqoob ibn Yusuf al-Razi quoted Muhammad ibn Yunus al-Kadimi, on the authority of Abu Amir, on the authority of Zama’a, on the authority of Sala’ma, on the authority of Akrama, on the authority of Ibn Abbas[106] that the Prophet (MGB) said, “God - the Blessed the Sublime said, ‘All the deeds of the descendants of Adam are for themselves, except for their fasting which is for Me. I Myself am the reward for his fasting. Fasting is a believer’s armor on the Resurrection Day as you guard yourselves with armor in this world. To the Honorable the Exalted God, the smell of the mouth of one who is fasting is better than the smell of musk. There are two pleasures for one who fasts: one is for when he breaks his fast, eats and drinks and the second one is for when he meets Me and I take him to Paradise.”

WHAT HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT THE HONEST VS. THE DISHONEST BUSINESSMEN
2-43 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Al-Hussein ibn Zayd ibn Ali ibn Abi Talib, on the authority of his father Zayd ibn Ali, on the authority of his father Ali ibn al-Hussein (MGB), on the authority of his father Al-Hussein (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The business of any two businessmen who are sincere in dealing with each other will be blessed for as long as they remain honest with each other. Once one cheats the other, their business will no longer be blessed. The two parties to a deal can call off the deal for as long as they remain present.
between them, what the owner says is more acceptable.” [107]

TWO THINGS WHICH PROVIDE US WITH BENEFITS EVERY DAWN AND DUSK

2-44 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Zyad ibn Marvan al-Qandi, on the authority of Abi Vaki’a, on the authority of Abi Ishaq al-Sabi’e, on the authority of Al-Harith, on the authority of the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “I advise you to attend to agriculture and raising sheep, since these would provide you with benefits every dawn and dusk.” The people asked the Prophet (MGB), “O Prophet of God! Then what about raising camels?” The Prophet (MGB) replied, “Camels are the associates of Satan! Their benefits come to us in dangerous ways.” The people said, “O Prophet of God! If the people hear this, they will abandon raising camels.” The Prophet (MGB) replied, “No. The wicked ones will not!”

TWO FORMS OF SHOPPING ARE BAD

2-45 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of Abdul Rahman ibn Himad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) that the Imam (MGB) considered two forms of shopping to be bad: just picking the goods without checking them, and buying goods without having ever seen them.

THERE ARE TWO PRAYERS FOR HIGH QUALITY GOODS AND TWO CURSES FOR BAD GOODS

2-46 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Marvak ibn Ubayd who linked it up through other narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “There are two prayers for high quality goods, and there are two curses for bad goods. People pray for high quality goods and say, ‘May God bless you and the man who sold you to me.’ People curse bad goods and say, ‘May God not bless you and the man who sold you to me.’”

TWO CHARACTERISTICS GRANTED TO WHOEVER HONORS THE RIGHTS OF GOD

2-47 Muhammad ibn Musa al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority
of Muawiyah ibn Wahab that he had heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, “Any believer who honors the rights of God - that is he honors other people’s rights and only takes from others what he deserves - is granted two characteristics: sustenance from the Honorable the Exalted God with which he is content, and God’s Pleasure with which he is saved.”

2-48 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of Abul Qasim Abdul Rahman ibn Himad al-Kufy, on the authority of Abi Muhammad Abdullah ibn Muhammad al-Qaffari, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Ibrahim al-Ja’fari, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Whoever is sympathetic with the poor and treats the people fairly is a true believer.”

2-49 And in another narration we read that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Whoever gets pleased
with his good deeds and feels bad about his bad deeds is a believer.”

**ONE WHO HAS TWO CHARACTERISTICS IS GOOD, OTHERWISE STAY AWAY FROM HIM**

2-50 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God have Mercy upon him - narrated that his father quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali al-Kufy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin'an, on the authority of Umar ibn Abdul-Aziz, on the authority of Al-Khaybari, on the authority of Yunus ibn Zabyan and al-Mufaz'zal ibn Umar, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “One who has two characteristics is good. Otherwise you should avoid him.” He was asked, “What are these two characteristics?” The Imam (MGB) replied, “Being careful to say his prayers on time and being sympathetic with others.”

**TWO THINGS CAN TERMINATE THE WAITING PERIOD OF A DIVORCED WOMAN WHO HAS NOT HAD HER MENSTRUATION IN DUE TIME**

2-51 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abi Nasr al-Bazanty, on the authority of Jameel, on the authority of Zurarah, on the authority of Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “There are two things which can terminate the waiting period (iddah) of a divorced woman who has not had her menstruation in due time. The first one is three months of being clean during which no blood is seen, and the second one is three menstruations between each of which there is no clean period as long as three months.” [108]
SEEK NEARNESS TO THE HONORABLE THE EXALTED GOD WITH TWO CHARACTERISTICS

2-52 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Umar ibn Yazid, on the authority of Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Being kind is different from paying the alms-tax. Seek nearness to the Honorable the Exalted God with kindness and visiting the relations of kin.”

TWO CHARACTERISTICS WHICH ELIMINATE POVERTY, INCREASE LIFE AND FEND OFF SEVENTY HARSH DEATHS

2-53 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Safvan ibn Yahya, on the authority of Ishaq ibn Qalib, on the authority of someone who narrated that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “Kindness and charity eliminate poverty, increase life and fend off seventy harsh deaths.”

TRADITIONS ARE OF TWO TYPES

2-54 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim quoted his father, on the authority of Al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father Al-Baqir (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB) that Ali (MGB) said, “There are two types of traditions. Some traditions are related to the obligatory. Practicing them leads to guidance and abandoning them leads to deviation. Some other traditions are not obligatory. It is better to practice them, but it is not a sin to abandon them.”
DOING GOOD IS ONLY VALUED BY THOSE WHO HAVE TWO CHARACTERISTICS

2-55 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja'far al-Homayry quoted Ahmad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Sayf ibn Umayrih, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Doing good is only valued by those who are honorable or religious.”

FRIENDS ARE OF TWO TYPES

2-56 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Ahmad al-Razi, on the authority of Bakr ibn Salih, on the authority of Isma'il ibn Mihran, on the authority
of Muhammad ibn Hafs, on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Bashir, on the authority of Jabir, on the authority of Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) that a man went to Basra to see the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) and said, “O Commander of the Faithful! Please inform me about my brethren.” The Commander of the Faithful (MGB) replied, “There are two types of brethren: sincere ones and hypocrites. The sincere brethren are similar to one’s hands, wings, and property. Once you find a sincere brother, do not hesitate to help him with your life and wealth. Be friends with his friends and be an enemy of his enemies. Cover up his flaws, and express his good deeds. However, you who ask should know that such friends are as scarce as red matches are. About hypocrites, you should only associate with them on the surface as they do with you. You should not expect anything else from them. Treat them just as they treat you in terms of being polite with and talking pleasantly with them.”

PEOPLE ARE OF TWO TYPES

2-57 Ja’far ibn Ali al-Kufy - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father quoted his father Al-Hassan ibn Ali, on the authority of Al-Ab’bas ibn Amer, on the authority of Salih ibn Sa’id-Sakoony, on the authority of Abi Hamzih al-Sumaly that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “People are of two types: believers and the ignorant. Therefore, do not disturb believers, and do not treat the ignorant ones out of ignorance lest you shall be like them.”

TWO LEADERS WHO ARE NOT IN POWER

2-58 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), who said that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are two leaders who are not in power: The man who is following a corpse in a funeral procession doesn’t have the power to return until the body is buried, and a man who is on a Hajj pilgrimage[110] visit along with a woman doesn’t have the power to leave until she finishes her Hajj pilgrimage.”

TWO THINGS WITH WHICH SOME CORRUPT THEIR PRAYERS

2-59 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abi Nasr, on the authority of Sa’alabat ibn Maymun, on the authority of Maysara[111] that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “There are two things with which some people corrupt their prayers. The first thing is saying ‘tabaraka ismuka wa ta’ala jadduka’ which means ‘Blessed is Thy name and High is
Thy Fortune.’ This is what the genies said about God out of ignorance and God has stated it quoting them. The second thing is saying ‘as-salamu alayna va ala ebadillah as-salihin’ which means ‘Peace be upon us and upon God’s servants - the good-doers’ in the middle of the prayer (since this is said at the end to terminate the prayers).” [112]

NO TWO THINGS ARE LOVED BY THE HONORABLE THE EXALTED GOD MORE THAN THE FOLLOWING TWO

2-60 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa‘ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Sa‘id, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Mansoor ibn Yunus, on the authority of Abi Hamzih al-Somali, that he had heard the Ornament of the Worshippers - Ali ibn al-Hussein (MGB) say, “No two steps are loved by the Honorable the
Exalted God more than the following two steps: The steps taken forward by a believer with which he reinforces the troop lines in a holy war, and the steps taken to reinforce the ties of kinship towards the relations of kin who have broken the ties of kinship. No two sips are loved by the Honorable the Exalted God more than the following two sips: The sips of a believer’s wrath which he quenches and the sip of a believer’s suffering which he takes in with his patience and forbearance. No two drops of tears are loved by the Honorable the Exalted God more than the following two: The drop of blood shed in the way of God, and the drop of tears shed in the middle of the night by one who only sheds it for the Honorable the Exalted God.”

TWO CHARACTERISTICS WHICH SATAN TAUGHT NOAH (MGB)

2-61 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali, on the authority of Aban ibn Uthman, on the authority of Al-Ala’ ibn Syabat that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “When Noah’s (MGB) ark landed, Satan appeared and told Noah, ‘There is no man on the planet Earth who has pleased me more than you have, since you cursed these corrupt people; they were destroyed; and I got rid of them. Do you want me to teach you two characteristics? Avoid jealousy since it was jealousy which caused me to become this way. Also avoid greed since it was greed which resulted in what happened to Adam.’”[113]

TWO CHARACTERISTICS OF WHICH PEOPLE SHOULD BE MOST FEARFUL

2-62 Muhammad ibn Ahmad Al-Asady narrated that Muhammad ibn Abi Imran quoted Abu Mus’ab Ahmad ibn Abu Bakr al-Zahri, on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Ali al-Lahabi, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Munkadir, on the authority of Jabir ibn Abdullah that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “What I am most afraid of for my nation is unattainable aspirations and
unreachable hopes. Aspirations would hinder one from the truth and unreachable hopes would make one forget the Hereafter. The life in this world is to be ended while the life in the Hereafter is ahead of you. Each life has its own children. Try to be of the children of the Hereafter if you can. Try not to be of the children of this world. Today you are alive, can do things and there is no Reckoning. However, tomorrow you will die and will be in the World of Reckoning where you cannot do anything.”

2-63 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Hammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Umar ibn Azineh, on the authority of Aban ibn Abi Ayyash, on the authority of Salim ibn Qays al-Hilaly, on the authority of the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are two groups of scientists. Those who practice their knowledge are prosperous, but those who abandon their knowledge get destroyed. The residents of Hell will be bothered with the bad smell of the scientists who have not put their knowledge into practice. However, there are those who are most sorry. They invite others to God, and their call is accepted by others who then obey God and are taken to Heaven by God. However, the caller himself is taken to Hell by God for not acting (on his own words), and those following their whims will be the most sorry.” Then the Commander of the Faithful (MGB) added, “I fear two things concerning you. The first is following your whims, and the second is having high aspirations since following your whims will prevent you from accepting the truth, and having high aspirations will make you forget the Hereafter.”

2-64 Abu Ahmad Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Bandar al-Shafe’ee al-Furqany in Furqan narrated that Abul Abbas al-Himady quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad al-Shafe’ee, on the authority of his uncle Ibrahim ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Ali al-Lahabi, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Munkadir, on the authority of Jabir ibn Abdullah that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “What I am most afraid of for my nation is unattainable aspirations and unreachable hopes. Aspirations would hinder one from the truth and unreachable hopes would make one forget the Hereafter. The life in this world is to be ended while the life in the Hereafter is ahead of you. Each life has its own children. Try to be of the children of the Hereafter, if you can. Try not to be
of the children of this world. Today you are alive, can do things and there is no Reckoning. However, tomorrow you will die and will be in the World of Reckoning where you cannot do anything.”

TWO CHARACTERISTICS WHICH YOU ARE ADMONISHED AGAINST

2-65 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad Isa and Abdullah ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hikam, on the authority of Sayf ibn Umayrih, on the authority of Muftaz’al ibn Mazid that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “I admonish you against two characteristics which can ruin men: to worship God with a wrong religion, and to advise people on issues you are uninformed about.”

2-66 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted Muhammad ibn Isa ibn Ubayd, on the authority of Yunus ibn Abdul-Rahman, on the authority of Abdul Rahman ibn al-Haj’jaj that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) told him, “I admonish you against two characteristics which can ruin
TWO TYPES OF WATER WHICH DID NOT HEED NOAH’S CALL

2-67 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Noah (MGB) called all waters to assist him during the Flood. All types of water heeded his call except for two: bitter water and sulphate water.”

FAITH CONSISTS OF TALKING AND ACTION

2-68 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Ma’qel al-Qarmaysani said, “I was standing with my father. Abu Salt al-Haravy, Ishaq ibn Rahoyeh and Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Hanbal were also present there. My father said, “Each of you should narrate a tradition for me.” Abu Salt al-Haravy said, “Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB), who I swear by God was really pleasant as his name indicates, quoted on the authority of his father Musa ibn Ja’far al-Kazim (MGB), on the authority of his father Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father Muhammad ibn Ali (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hussein (MGB), on the authority of his father Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Faith consists of talking and action.” When we left Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Hanbal said, “What form of chain of traditions was that?” My father said, “It is the healing medication for the insane. If they treat a mad man using it, he will be healed.”
TWO HUNGRY ONES WHO WOULD NEVER GET SATIATED

2-69 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father Muhammad ibn Khalid (al-Barqy), on the authority of some of his companions who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are two hungry ones who would never get satiated: those who are eager to learn (would never get satiated with knowledge), and those who are greedy for money (would never get satiated with wealth).

TWO CHARACTERISTICS DUE TO TRUE FAITH

2-70 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ali ibn Hisan al-Vaseti, who linked it up to Zurarah, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) who said, “Two characteristics are due to true faith. The first one is that you prefer the truth over the false, even if it may be to your disadvantage. The second one is that what you say is not beyond your intellect.”

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF CHIVALRY

2-71 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Hammad ibn Isa, who linked it up through other narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) in his will to his son Muhammad ibn al-Hanafyeh, “Know that there are two types of chivalry for a Muslim man. One type of generosity is for the home, and the other type is for when you travel. The chivalry for the home is to recite the Quran, associate with the scholars; ponder over religious decrees; and safeguard congregational prayers. The chivalry for when you travel is to give of what you have taken along with you to your travel companions; to minimize disputes with your travel companions; and remember the Honorable the Exalted God when you ascend, descend or sit down.”
2-72 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja'far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB)[114], on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Urinating while standing up without a proper excuse and cleansing oneself with the right hand after defecation are both acts that are harmful to oneself.”

2-73 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that
his father quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Isa ibn Ubayd, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ishaq, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Marvan that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Washing the dishes and sweeping the entrance way of the house would speed up the arrival of the daily bread.”

THE SUBSISTENCE FOR ONE’S SPOUSE IS BETWEEN TWO ABOMINABLE LIMITS

2-74 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ali ibn Isma’il, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Amr ibn Sa’id, on the authority of some of his companions who said that they heard al-Ayashi say, “I asked Al-Reza (MGB) about the subsistence for the spouse. The Imam (MGB) said, ‘It is in between two abominable limits.’ I asked the Imam (MGB), ‘May I be your ransom! I swear by God that I do not know what the two abominable limits are.’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘Yes. May God have Mercy upon you! Don’t you know that God the Honorable the Exalted despises extravagance and miserliness and has said, ‘Those who, when they spend, are not extravagant and not niggardly, but hold a just (balance) between those (extremes).’”

TWO CHARACTERISTICS IN RETURN FOR TWO CHARACTERISTICS

2-75 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Muhammad ibn Abdul Jab’bar, on the authority of Abdul Rahman ibn Abi Najran, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Ribat, on the authority of Abu Bakr al-Hazrami, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Ribat, on the authority of some of his companions that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Be kind to your parents so that your children may be kind to you. Honor the chastity of other men’s women so that they honor the chastity of your women.”

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF SHYNESS

2-76 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted Harun ibn Muslim, on the authority of Mus’adat ibn Zyad, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father Al-Baqir (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are two types of shyness. One is due to being weak and the other type is due to strength, submission to God in Islam and faith.”
WHAT MIGHT CAUSE PARENT'S BEING DAMNED BY THE CHILDREN

2-77 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja'far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father Al-Baqir (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God's Prophet (MGB) said, "Parents might be damned by their children if they do not honor their rights just as children could be damned by their parents should they not honor their parents’ rights."

ON THE PROPHET'S STATEMENT: "I AM THE SON OF THE TWO OFFERINGS"

2-78-A Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Saeed al-Kufy quoted on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hassan ibn al-Faz'zal, on the authority of his father, “I asked Abal-Hassan Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB) about the meaning of the statement: ‘I am the son of the two offerings’ (as expressed by the Prophet (MGB). He (MGB) said, ‘That means that the Prophet (MGB) was the descendant of both Ishmael, the son of Abraham - the friend of God (MGB), and Abdullah - the son of Abdul Mutalib. Ishmael was the patient son that God gave the
glad tidings of his birth to Abraham (MGB). ‘Then when (the son) reached (the age of) (serious) work with him, he said, ‘O my son! I see in a vision that I offer thee in sacrifice. Now see what is thy view!’ (The Son) said, ‘O my father! Do as thou art commanded. Thou will find me, if God so wills one practicing Patience and Constancy!’ When he decided to offer him as sacrifice, God replaced him with a chubby black and white sheep. This sheep had been raised in a fresh green area, and had grazed in the gardens of Heaven for forty years. It had no mother. Rather the Honorable the Exalted God said to it be and it was created so as to be substituted for Ishmael, ‘We but say the word, ‘Be’, and it is.’

Whatever is sacrificed in Mina until the Resurrection Day will be sacrificed on behalf of Ishmael. This is one of the offerings. Now let us consider the second one. Abdul Mutalib grabbed the door knob of the Ka'ba and prayed to God to be granted ten sons. He bet with the Almighty God that he shall offer one of them for sacrifice if his prayer is accepted. When the number of his sons became ten, he took them all inside the Ka'ba and drew lots in their names. The lot fell upon Abdullah's name - the father of the Prophet Muhammad (MGB) - that he loved the most. He drew lots again, and it fell upon Abdullah's name. He drew lots for the third time. Again the lots fell upon Abdullah's name. Then he took him, imprisoned him and decided to offer him for sacrifice. All of the women of the Quraysh tribe got together and

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started crying. Abdul Mutalib's daughter - Ateka said, "Ask the Almighty God to excuse you from offering your son for sacrifice." Abdul Mutalib said, "My daughter! How can I ask for an excuse? You are mature and intelligent." Ateka said, "Draw lots concerning your son, and your camels that are around the Shrine. Increase the number of camels so much that your Lord gets pleased and the lot falls upon the name of the camels." Then Abdul Mutalib sent someone after his camels. They brought them all there. He chose ten of the camels and drew lots. The lot fell upon the name of Abdullah. He chose an additional ten and drew lots again. The lot fell upon the name of Abdullah again. He added to the number of camels and repeated drawing lots until the number of camels reached one-hundred. Then the lot fell upon the name of the camels. The people of the Quraysh became very happy and said God is Great so loud that the Tehamat Mountains started to shake. Abdul Mutalib said, "No. I must draw lots three more times." He drew lots three more times. The lot fell upon the name of the camels all the three times. On the third time, Zubayr and Abu Talib dragged their brother Abdullah away from under Abdul Mutalib's feet. The part of his face that was on the ground got hurt. They lifted him up and kissed him. Abdul Mutalib ordered all the one-hundred camels be taken to Hazvareh and slaughtered there. He stressed that no one should be deprived of the meat. There were five traditions of Abdul Mutalib which the Almighty God continued their practice in Islam as follows:

1- He forbade the (marriage of) the father's ex-wives with the sons. [118]

2- He established one-hundred camels as blood compensation for killing.

3- He circumambulated the Ka'ba seven times.

4- He found a treasure and paid one fifth of it as levy. [119]

5- When he dug up the Zamzam spring, he established it as the supply of water for the pilgrims.

If Abdul Mutalib was not a proof (of the Divine God) and his decision to offer his son as sacrifice was not similar to that of Abraham (MGB) about his son Ishmael, the Noble Prophet (MGB) would not have been proud of being related to them (Abraham and Abdul-Mutalib) and would not have said, "I am the son of the two offerings." The reason God prevented Ishmael from being sacrificed was the same one whereby He prevented Abdullah from being sacrificed. The reason was that the Noble Prophet (MGB) and the Immaculate Imams (MGB) were in their loins. Thus, God prevented their being sacrificed due to the Blessed Prophet (MGB) and the Imams (MGB). Thus, the tradition of offering one's son as a sacrifice did not become popular among the people. Otherwise, it would have become

لا أبت ابنيك بين الله ويج وقل يأب تاعر فما بابك وبي الن لله عر وجل في فق ملك
obligatory for people to offer their sons for sacrifice on the day of celebrating the Eid ul-Azha each year until the Resurrection Day to seek nearness to God. Everything sacrificed on the Eid ul-Azha until the Resurrection Day will be a substitute for Ishmael.

The compiler of the book said, "There are many traditions about the offering. In some traditions we read that Isaac was the one offered for sacrifice. In others we read that Ishmael was the one offered for sacrifice. We cannot reject a tradition that has an authentic documentation. Ishmael was offered for sacrifice. However, later when Isaac was born, he wished that it was he himself who was offered by his father. He would have been patient and would have submitted to the decree of the Almighty God just as his brother did. Then he would have earned the same rank and reward that his brother had earned. God was aware of his intentions. For this reason he called him "the offering" among his angels.

2-78-B It was narrated by Muhammad ibn Ali al-Bishari al-Qazvini - may God be pleased with him - that Al-Muzaffar ibn Ahmad al-Qazvini quoted Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Kufy Al-Asady, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Isma’il al-Barmak, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Dahir, on the authority of Abi Qatadah al-Horani, on the authority of Vaki’a ibn al-Jarah, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Mihran, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB): "What the Prophet (MGB) meant when he (MGB) said, ‘I am the son of the two offerings’ was to call one’s uncle father as the Honorable the Exalted God did in His statement, “Were ye witnesses when death appeared before Jacob? Behold, he said to his sons: “What will ye worship after me?” They said, “We shall worship Thy God and the God of thy fathers, of Abraham, Isma’il and Isaac,- the one (True) God: To Him we bow (in Islam).” [120]"
In this verse God has called Ishmael who was the uncle of Jacob as his father. Likewise, the Prophet (MGB) called uncle as father. Therefore, when the Prophet (MGB) said that he (MGB) is the son of the two offerings he (MGB) is referring to Ishmael and Isaac one of whom, i.e. Isaac is a virtual offering due to the fact that he wished he had been offered as a sacrifice and deserved the reward. Thus, the statement ‘I am the son of the two offerings’ can be interpreted in both ways as said above.

AND THERE IS ANOTHER TRADITION REGARDING THE GREAT OFFERING

2-79 Abdul Vahid ibn Muhammad ibn Abdus Al-Neishaboory Al-Attar narrated that Ali ibn Muhammad ibn Qutaybat Al-Neishaboory quoted on the authority of Fazl ibn Shadan, "I heard Imam Reza (MGB) say that Abraham (MGB) wished
ordered Abraham (MGB) to sacrifice it instead of his son. He wished that he had not been
ordered to sacrifice a sheep instead of his son, so that he could have the feeling a father who
sacrifices his dearest son with his own hands has, and could deserve the highest ranks of reward
for suffering calamities. However, God the Almighty revealed to him: "O Abraham! Who is My
dearest creature for you?" Abraham (MGB) said, "O my Lord! You have not created anyone who
is dearer to me than your friend Muhammad (MGB)." Then God the Almighty revealed to him:
"O Abraham! Do you like him more or do you like yourself more?" He said, "No. I like him
more than I like myself." God said, "Do you like his child or do you like your child more?" He
said, "Yes. His child." God said, "Will the oppressive beheading of his child by his enemies hurt
you more, or your beheading your own child due to your obeying Me?" He said, "O My Lord! Of
course, the beheading of his child by his enemies will hurt me more." God said, "O Abraham! A
group of people who consider themselves to be a part of Muhammad's (MGB) nation out of
animosity and oppression will slaughter his son Hussein (MGB) just like a sheep. Thus, they will
deserve My wrath. Then Abraham (MGB) became really sad hearing this, felt a pain in his heart
and started to cry. Then the Almighty God revealed the following to him, "O Abraham! I
accepted your sorrow and sadness due to the slaughtering of Hussein (MGB) instead of the
sorrow you would have experienced for the sacrifice of your son Ishmael. And I will grant you
the highest rewards for suffering calamities." And this is God the Almighty's words, "And We
ransomed him with a momentous sacrifice." [121]

TWO STANDING, TWO MOVING, TWO DIFFERENT AND TWO OPPOSITE THINGS

2-80 Abul Abbas Muhammad ibn Ibrahim ibn Ishaq al-Taleqani - may God be pleased with him
- narrated that Abdul Aziz ibn Yahya al-Basry quoted Muhammad ibn Atiye, on the authority of
Abdullah ibn Amr ibn Sa’id al-Basry, on the authority of Himad, on the authority of Abdullah
ibn Suleiman who used to read many books as saying, “I have read in one of the Books of the
Honorable the Exalted God that once Zul-Qarnayn finished building the dam he continued his
travels. He ran into a knowledgeable man during his travels with his troops. The knowledgeable
man asked him, ‘Let me know about the two things which are standing ever since the Honorable
the Exalted God created them, the two things which are moving, the two things which are
different from each other and the two things which are opposite of each other.’ Zul-Qarnayn
said, ‘The two things which are standing are the heavens and the Earth. The two things which are
moving are the sun and the moon. The two things which are different from each other and the
two things which are opposite of each other.’ [119]
from each other are the day and the night, and the two things which are opposite of each other are life and death.’ The knowledgeable man said, ‘Go. You are knowledgeable.’”

This tradition is long, but I have only mentioned a short part of it here as deemed necessary. I have narrated it in full in the book Kitab al-Nabuwah.

**THE REWARD OF WHOEVER GOES ON THE HAJJ PILGRIMAGE TWICE**

2-81 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil Khat’tab, on the authority of Al-Hijal, on the authority of Safvan ibn Yahya, on the authority of Safvan ibn Mihran al-Jamal, on the authority of Al-Hijal, on the authority of Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Whoever goes on the Hajj pilgrimage twice would always be in good conditions until he dies.”

**SAYING WHAT IS RIGHT UNDER TWO CONDITIONS**

2-82 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted Harun ibn Muslim, on the authority of Mus’adat ibn Sadaqah, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB) [122], on the authority of his father (MGB) [123], that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Nothing that a believer does is loved by the Honorable the Exalted God more than saying what is right whether he is pleased or angry.”

2-83 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah on the authority of his father, on the authority of Wahab ibn Wahab, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB) [124], on the authority of his father (MGB) [125], “There are two kinds of homicide: unintentional (or semi-intentional) and intentional. There are also two types of fighting: fighting with the rebellious atheists until they submit, and fighting with the Muslim rebels until they stop their rebellion.”
TWO CHARACTERISTICS LOVED BY THE HONORABLE THE EXALTED GOD IN THE HEAVENS AND BY THE PEOPLE ON EARTH

2-84 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Abi Sa‘id al-Adamy, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Davood al-Yaqqoobi, on the authority of his brother Suleiman ibn Davood who linked it up through a chain of narrators to God’s Prophet (MGB) and said, “A man told the Prophet (MGB), ‘O Prophet of God! Please let me know of something which I do and be loved by God in the heavens and by the people on the Earth.’ The Prophet (MGB) told him, ‘Be inclined to what is near the Honorable the Exalted God to be loved by God, and abstain from what is near the people to be loved by the people.’”

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THE PROPHET OF GOD HAD TWO RINGS

2-85 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Aba Abdulla al-Razi, on the authority of Ali ibn Suleiman, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Ubaydullah al-Hashemi, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Abil Balad, (on the authority of his father,) on the authority of Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “The Prophet of God (MGB) had two rings. On one of them it was written in Arabic ‘There is no God but God, Muhammad is the Messenger of God’ and on the other one it was written in Arabic ‘God Speaks the Truth.’”

THERE ARE TWO GIFTS FROM ONE WHO FASTS

2-86 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn al-Hussein al-Sa’ed Abady quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali al-Kufy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Ayoob, on the authority of Abdul-Salam al-Iskafi, on the authority of Umayr ibn Ma’mun whose son was with Al-Hassan (MGB)[126], on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali (MGB), “The gift from a man who fasts is that he puts perfume on his hair and irons his clothes, and the gift from a woman who fasts is to comb her hair and iron her clothes. When Abu Abdullah al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB) fasted, he (MGB) put on perfume and said, ‘Good scent is the gift from one who fasts.’”

THERE ARE TWO SIGNS FOR THE APPROACH OF THE HOUR

2-87 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Al-Abbas ibn Ma’ruf, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Faz’al, on the authority of Zarif ibn Nasih, on the authority of Abil Hassain, “I heard Awa Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say that the Prophet of God (MGB) was questioned about the Hour[127] and the Prophet (MGB) said, ‘It is when the people believe in astrology and deny destiny.’”

IT IS NOT PERMITTED TO GIVE CHARITY TO THE HASHEMITES EXCEPT IN TWO CONDITIONS

2-88 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Yusuf ibn al-Harith, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abdul Rahman al-Arzami, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB)[128], on the authority of his father (MGB)[129], “It is not permitted to give charity to the Hashemites[130] except in two conditions: they can be given water to drink when they are thirsty, and one of the Hashemites can give charity to another one.”
TWO CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LOWLY PEOPLE

2-89 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Al-Sayyari who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) who was questioned about the lowest of the people. The Imam (MGB) said, “They are those who drink and play the Tanbour.”
TWO SINS ONE OF WHICH IS WORSE THAN THE OTHER ONE

2-90 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran, on the authority of Abu Abdullah al-Razi, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn al-Nue’man, on the authority of Asbat ibn Muhammad who linked it up through a chain of narrators to the Prophet (MGB), “Gossiping is worse than committing adultery.” The Prophet (MGB) was asked, “O Prophet of God! How could that be so?” The Prophet (MGB) replied, “One who has committed adultery can repent and God would accept his repentance, but if one who has gossiped repents, God would not accept his repentance until the one he gossiped about forgives him.”

THE TWO BENEFITS OF BRUSHING THE TEETH

2-91 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of Abil Jo’aza al-Monabat ibn Abdulla and Abil Khazraj al-Hassan ibn al-Zebarqan (al-Qumi), on the authority of Fuzayl ibn Uthman, “I heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, ‘Clean your teeth with As-Sa’ed as it would make your mouth smell good and increase your sexual power.’”

EATING SOAP HAS TWO EFFECTS

2-92 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Aba Abdullah al-Razi, on the authority of Abi ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of Al-Hikam ibn Meskin, “I heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, ‘Eating soap would weaken the knees and spoil the semen.’”

2-93 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abdul Jab’bar who linked it up through a chain of narrators to God’s Prophet (MGB), “There are two groups on whose behalf I shall not intercede: friends of oppressive kings and those who transgress beyond the religion due to their being excessively religious.”
USING TWO KINDS OF TOOTHPICKS WOULD LEAD TO LEPROSY

2-94 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ubaydullah ibn Abdullah al-Dehqn, on the authority of Durost ibn Abi Mansoor, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Sin’an that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Do not use sweet basil stems or pomegranate tree twigs as toothpicks as this might lead to leprosy.”

THIS WORLD AND THE HEREAFTER ARE ON THE TWO SIDES OF A SCALE

2-95 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Al-Qasim ibn Muhammad al-Isfahani, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Davood al-Minqari, on the authority of Sufyan ibn Ayyineh, on the authority of Al-Zuhra that he had heard Ali ibn al-Hussein (MGB) [134] say, “Whoever is not calmed by what God has promised would suffer from worldly losses. By God, this world and the Hereafter are like the two sides of a scale. Whichever side is loaded more and goes down, the other side would get lighter and go up.” The Imam (MGB) added, “When the Event inevitable cometh to
pass, i.e. the Hereafter comes, ‘Then will no (soul) entertain falsehood concerning its coming’ (Many) will it bring low; that is God will throw the enemies of God into the Fire, and ‘(many) will it exalt;’ that is God will lead the friends of God into Paradise.”

Then the Imam (MGB) turned towards some of the men present and told them, “Fear God, make brief requests and do not ask for what is not created, since whoever asks for what is not created would suffer from grief and not get what he had asked for.”

Then the Imam (MGB) asked, “How could one obtain what has not been created?”

The man asked, “How could one ask for what has not been created?”

Then the Imam (MGB) said, “By asking for wealth, property and increasing sustenance in order to attain comfort, while comfort is not created in this world and is not for the people of this world. Comfort is created in Paradise and it is for the people of Paradise. Suffering and grief have been created in this world and (they are) created for the people of this world. No one is given anything unless he has some greed for it. Whoever has more belongings in this world is more needy, since he needs the people to protect his wealth. Therefore, all the belongings in this world increase one’s needs. Thus, there is no comfort in this world. However, Satan whispers to the Children of Adam that comfort lies in collecting wealth. Thus, they are led to toil in this world and the consequent Reckoning in the Hereafter.”
Then the Imam (MGB) said, “In this world the Friends of God would never overexert themselves for this world. Rather, in this world they shall strive for the Hereafter.”

Then the Imam (MGB) added, “A sin will be recorded for whoever gets worried about his daily sustenance in this world. Jesus the Messiah (MGB) told his disciples, ‘This world is a bridge. Pass over it but do not build on it.’”

**HE HAS LET FREE THE TWO BODIES OF FLOWING WATER, MEETING TOGETHER: BETWEEN THEM IS A BARRIER WHICH THEY DO NOT TRANSGRESS**

2-96 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Al-Qasim ibn Muhammad al-Isfahani, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Davood al-Minqari, on the authority of Yahya ibn Sa’id al-Qat’an that he had heard Aha Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, “The following words of the Honorable the Exalted God ‘He has let free the two bodies of flowing water, meeting together: Between them is a Barrier which they do not transgress’ [140] refer to Ali (MGB) and Fatimah (MGB). They are like the ‘two bodies of water’ filled with such deep knowledge that neither one of them would transgress to the other one’s side. And the verse ‘Out of them come Pearls and Coral’ [141] refers to Al-Hassan (MGB) and Al-Hussein (MGB).”

**THE PROPHET LEFT TWO THINGS AMONGST HIS NATION**

2-97 Al-Hassan ibn Abdullah ibn Sa’id al-Askari narrated that Muhammad ibn Hamdan al-Qushayri quoted Al-Muqayrih ibn Muhammad ibn al-Muhlib, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Davood, on the authority of Fuzayl ibn Mazooq, on the authority of Atiye al-Oafi, on the authority of Abi Sa’id al-Khidry that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “I have left amongst you two things each of which is longer than the other one. They are the Book of God which is a Rope that extends from the heavens to the Earth and my Itrat. These two shall not be separated from each other until they meet me at the Heavenly Pool.” [142]

(The narrator of this tradition added:) I asked Abi Sa’id (al-Khidry), “Who are the Prophet’s Itrat?” He replied, “They are the members of his Holy Household.”

**WILL BE QUESTIONED ABOUT THE ‘TWO HEAVY THINGS’ [143] ON THE RESURRECTION DAY**
2-98 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat’tab and Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abil Umayr, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Ma’ruf ibn Kharboz, on the authority of Abil Tufayl Amer ibn Vasele, on the authority of Haziqat ibn Asid al-Qaffari, “When God’s Prophet (MGB) returned from the Farewell Pilgrimage we were with him (MGB). When we reached Al-Juhfa, the Prophet (MGB) ordered his companions to relax. Then the people all settled down. Then they said the call to prayer and the Prophet (MGB) said two units of prayers with his companions. Then the Prophet (MGB) turned towards them and told them, ‘The
Graceful, the All-Aware has informed me that I will die and so shall you. Assume that I have answered God’s call. I am held responsible to God regarding what I have delivered to you. Verily, I am leaving behind God’s Book and His Proof. You are held responsible for them. What would you tell your Lord?’ They said, ‘We will say that you fulfilled your mission, gave us advice, and strived. May God grant you the best reward on our behalf.’”

Then the Prophet (MGB) asked them, “Don’t you bear witness that there is no god but One; that I am God’s Prophet sent to you; that Paradise does exist; that Hell does exist; and that there is resurrection after death?” They replied, “We bear witness to this.”

The Prophet (MGB) said, “May God bear witness to what you say. I take you as witnesses and bear witness that God is my Master. I am the Master of all Muslims. Is it not true that my Mastery over the believers is more than that of their own mastery over themselves? Do you believe in this? Will you bear witness to this?” They replied, “We bear witness to this.”

Then the Prophet (MGB) said, “Whoever I am the Master of, Ali is the Master of.” Then he grabbed Ali’s hand and raised it up along with his own hand in such a way that both their underarms could be seen. Then the Prophet (MGB) said, “O my God! Please be the friend of his friends and be the enemy of his enemies. Assist whoever assists him, and abandon whoever abandons him. I shall leave and you will meet me again at the Heavenly Pool[144] later. That is a Pool whose width expands from Bosri to San’a.[145] There are as many silver goblets in it as there are stars in the sky. Then I shall question you about what you bear witness to today when I meet you at my Pool. I will ask you what you did with the Two Heavy Things[146] and how you dealt with what I left behind when you meet me. “

They said, “O Messenger of God! What are the Two Heavy Things?”

The Prophet (MGB) said, “The greater of the Two Heavy Things is the Book of the Honorable the Exalted God. It is a means that is extended from God and I towards you. One side of it is in the Hand of God and the other side is in your hands. The knowledge of the past and what is yet to come up until the arrival of the Hour is in it. And the smaller of the Two Heavy Things is equal to the Quran: It is Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) and his Household (MGB). These Two will be inseparable until they come to me at the Heavenly Pool.”

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Ma’ruf ibn Kharboz said, “I quoted this for Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB). Then the Imam (MGB) said, ‘Abil Tufayl has told the truth. May God have Mercy upon him. I have seen this in Ali (MGB)’s book and I know it.”

A similar tradition has been narrated by my father - may God be pleased with him - who quoted that Ali ibn Ibrahim quoted his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr.

A similar tradition has been narrated by Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Masroor - may God be pleased with him - who quoted Al-Hussein ibn Muhammad ibn Amer, on the authority of his uncle Abdullah ibn Amer, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr.

A similar tradition has been narrated by Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - who quoted Ali ibn al-Hussein al-Sa’ed Abady, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Ma’ruf ibn Kharboz, on the authority of Abil Tufayl Amer ibn Vasele’, on the authority of Haziqat ibn Asid al-Qaffari.

The compiler of the book - may God increase his honor said, “There are many traditions on this issue. I have presented them in the book Al-Ma’refat fi Fazael.

**AL-HASSAN (MGB) AND AL-HUSSEIN (MGB) HAD TWO AMULETS**

2-99 Ali ibn Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Qazvini known as Ibn Muqayrih narrated that Muhammad ibn Abdullah al-Hazrami quoted Ahmad ibn Yahya al-Ahval, on the authority of Khilad al-Muqar’i, on the authority of Qays, on the authority of Abil Hassain[147], on the authority of Yahya ibn Vasab that Ibn Umar said, “Al-Hassan (MGB) and Al-Hussein (MGB) had two amulets[148] which were filled with fuzz[149] from the wings of Gabriel (MGB).”

**DAY NAN NIGHT ARE TWO CARRIAGES**

2-100 Abu Ahmad Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Bandar narrated that Abu Hamid Ahmad ibn Ishaq al-Haravy quoted Abu Hafs Umar ibn al-Hassan ibn Nasr al-Qazi, on the authority of Mo’amil
ibn Ahab, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrij al-Misri, on the authority of Sufyan al-Sowri, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Akrama, on the authority of Ibn Abbas[150] that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Day and night are two carriages.”

TWO MEN TO WHOM GOD HAS GRANTED TWO WINGS WITH WHICH TO FLY IN PARADISE ALONG WITH THE ANGELS

2-101 Ahmad ibn Zyad ibn Ja’far al-Hamedany - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted Muhammad ibn Isa
ibn Ubayd, on the authority of Yunus ibn Abdul-Rahman, on the authority of Ibn Asbat, on the authority of Ali ibn Salim, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Sabet ibn Abi Sofayeh[151] that Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB) said, “May God have Mercy upon Al-Abbas - that is Ibn Ali[152] - who preferred his brother to himself and sacrificed himself for his brother as a result of which both his hands were cut off (by the enemies). God granted him two wings so that he can fly in Paradise along with the angels. God did the same for Ja’far ibn Abi Talib (MGB).

Abbas (MGB) has such a high rank near the Blessed the Sublime God which all the martyrs of Karbala[153] envy on the Resurrection Day.”

This is a long narration. I have only presented a part of it here as needed. I have presented the complete tradition along with other traditions regarding the nobilities of Ab’bas ibn Ali (MGB) in the book Maqtal Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB).

TWO THINGS RUIN THE PEOPLE

2-102 Muhammad ibn Ahmad Abu Abdullah al-Qaza’ee - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abu Abdullah Ishaq ibn al-Ab’bas ibn Ishaq ibn Musa ibn Ja’far quoted his father, on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB) that the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said, “Fear of poverty and arrogance ruin the people.”

WHAT THE COMMANDER OF THE FAITHFUL (MGB) SAID ABOUT TWO PEOPLE WHO BROKE HIS BACK

2-103 Ahmad ibn Harun al-Fami and Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Masroor - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Muhammad ibn Ja’far ibn Bat’tat known as Mil[154] quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, who linked it up through a chain of narrators to the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB), “Two men will break my back in this world: the corrupt but eloquent, and the ignorant worshipper. The first group use their tongue to cover up their corruption and the second group use their worshipping to cover up their ignorance. Therefore, beware of the corrupt scholars and ignorant worshippers. They are the ones who cause all sedition. I heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘O Ali! My nation will be destroyed by eloquent hypocrites.’”

A GREEDY MAN IS DEPRIVED OF TWO CHARACTERISTICS AND HAS TWO CHARACTERISTICS

2-104 Ahmad ibn Harun al-Fami and Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Masroor - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Muhammad ibn Ja’far ibn Bat’tat quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father who linked it up to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “A greedy man is
deprived of two characteristics and has two characteristics. He is deprived of contentment and has lost comfort. He is deprived of being pleased (with God’s Judgement) and has lost certitude.”

**TWO PRAYERS WHICH GOD’S PROPHET (MGB) NEVER ABANDONED SAYING**

2-105 Based on what the jurist Abul Qasim Abdullah ibn Ahmad related to me in Balkh, Ali ibn Abdul Aziz quoted that Amr ibn Oan narrated on the authority of Khalaf ibn Abdullah, on the authority of Abi Ishaq al-Sheibany, on the authority of Abdul Rahman ibn al-Aswad, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ayesha, “God’s Prophet (MGB) never stopped saying two forms of prayers in public or in private**: one was saying two units of prayers after the afternoon prayer, and the other one was saying two units of prayers before the morning prayer.”
2-106 Abul Qasim Abdullah ibn Ahmad narrated that Ali ibn Abdul Aziz quoted Abu Na’eeem, on the authority of Abdul Vahid ibn Aymain, on the authority of his father, ‘I went to see Ayesha and asked her about the two units of prayers after the afternoon prayers. She said, ‘I swear by God who will take away his soul (i.e. the Prophet’s soul), the Prophet (MGB) never stopped saying those two units of prayers until he (MGB) went to meet the Exalted God (perished), except for when he (MGB) was ill and could not say the prayers in a standing position. He said most of his prayers in a standing position.’ I asked her, ‘However, when Umar was in power, he admonished against these prayers.’ She said, ‘You are right. However, God’s Prophet (MGB) never said these prayers in the mosque, since he (MGB) feared that this might place a burden on his nation. Thus, he preferred to hide this from them.’”

2-107 Abul Qasim Abdullah ibn Ahmad narrated that Yusuf ibn Ishaq al-Hazrami quoted Al-Howzi[156], on the authority of Al-Shoa’bat[157], on the authority of Abi Ishaq, on the authority of Masruq, on the authority of Ayesha, “Whenever God’s Prophet (MGB) was with me, he (MGB) said two units of prayers after saying the afternoon prayers.”

2-108 Abul Qasim Abdullah ibn Ahmad narrated that Muhammad ibn Ali ibn Tarkhan quoted Abdullah ibn al-Sabah al-At’ar, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, that is Al-O’aqi, on the authority of Abu Jamreh[158], on the authority of Abu Bakr ibn Abdullah ibn Qays, on the authority of his father that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Whoever says the two prayers at the cool times shall enter Paradise.” This means after the morning and afternoon prayers.

The compiler of the book - may God increase his honor - said, “My intention behind presenting these traditions here is to denounce those who are opposed to saying the extra prayers after the morning and afternoon prayers and that they oppose what the Prophet (MGB) said and did.”

"قال: حرم الحريص خصائصين، ولزمته خصائصين: حرم المقطاعة فافتدت الراحة، وحرم الرضا فافتدت اليقين.
والله عليه الصلاة وأسوره يتركهما من صالات

"نِبِيَّ يَلَِّعَ انْرِيْخُ: بِلَاقَ ذِلْلَيْبَ يَلِزْ مُهْمَّ١ مَفْلَ١ بِدْحَا نِبِيَّ مَلِّا دَبِعَ مِسَاقَانَوَا يَنْرِيْخُ ٢٠٥-
"قال: أَخَوُّ يَا خَلْفُ بِنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ، عَنْ أَبِي إِسْحَاقِ السُّهَيْبِي، عَنْ عُبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ قَالَ: أَحَدَّنَا عَمَّرُ بْنُ عَوْنٍ عِبْدُ الدِّرْحِمِ بْنَ الْسَّوْدَ عَنْ أَبِيِّ، عَنْ عَائِشَةَ فَالَّتِ مَثَلًا لِثُكَارِمَ أُرْسُلَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى الله عليه وَلَيْلَةٍ سِرَّةً وَعَالَادَةً، رَكَّعَ بَعْضَهُ بِالْعَصَرِ وَرَكَّعَ بَعْضَهُ قِبْلَ الْفَجْرِ.

"دَالَّ عَزِيز قَالَ: حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو هُمَيْمٍ بْنُ يَعْوَانُ بْنُ يَعْوَانُ بْنُ زِنَبَةُ بْنَيْنَأ بْنَ أَبِي بْنُ عَمَّرُ بْنُ عَوْنٍ عَنْ أَبِيِّ، عَنْ عَائِشَةَ فَالَّتِ مَثَلًا لِثُكَارِمَ أُرْسُلَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى الله عليه وَلَيْلَةٍ، مَا تِرْكَهَا تَلِقُّى الله عَزَّ وَجَلَّ فَقَأَدُ، فَقَاتَ: إِنِّي لَمْ أَلْعَبْ عَمَّرَ كَانَ وَجِلَّ، وَمَتَّى فَقَأَدُ عَنِ الْصَّلَاةِ، وَكَانَ يَحْلِصُ كَثِيرًا مِنْ صَلَّاتِهِ يَنْهَى عَنْهَا، فَقَاتَ: صَدَقَتُ، وَلَكِنِ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى الله عليه وَلَيْلَةٍ، وَإِنَّ كَانَ لَا يَحَلُّ فِي الْمَسْجِدِ مَخَافَةً كَثِيرًا أَنْ يَتَقَلُّ عَلَى أَمِثَةٍ وَكَانَ يَحْبُّ مَخْفَاتَ عَلَيْهِمْ.
Two groups of people who have not benefited from Islam

2-109 Muhammad ibn Ali ibn Bashar al-Qazvini - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Al-Muẓafʻar ibn Ahmad and Ali ibn Muhammad ibn Suleiman quoted Ali ibn Jaʻfar al-Baghdady, on the authority of Jaʻfar ibn Muhammad ibn Malik al-Kufy, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Rashid, on the authority of Ali ibn Jaʻfar al-Baghdady, on the authority of Jaʻfar ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “The least thing with which a man might lose his faith is to sit down with the Boasters[159], listen to them and acknowledge what they say. My father (MGB) narrated that his father (MGB) quoted on the authority of his grandfather (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘There are two groups of people in my nation who have not benefited from Islam at all. They are the Boasters[160] and the Qadarites[161].’”

2-110 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad narrated that Ibn Muni‘a[162] quoted Ibn Muni‘a, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Arafeh, on the authority of Ali ibn Sabit, on the authority of Isma‘il ibn Abi Ishaq, on the authority of Ibn Abi Layli, on the authority of Nafe‘ah, on the authority of Ibn Umar that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are two groups of people in my nation who have not benefited from Islam at all. They are the Marajites and the Qadarites[163].”

Animosity would bring about two sufferings

2-111 Ahmad ibn Ibrahim ibn al-Walid al-Salmy narrated that Abulfazl Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Katib al-Neishaboory quoted through documents linking up to the Commander of the Faithful Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that he (MGB) told his children, “O my children! Avoid animosity with the people, since they can be divided into two groups. Some of them are intelligent ones who would deceive you and some of them are ignorant ones who would rush to retaliate. What one says is like a male, while what is said in response is like a female. Once they mingle together there would be an inevitable outcome.” The Imam (MGB) then recited the following poem:

Whoever refuses to respond to the ignorant, his honor would be saved
Whoever is moderate with the base people has done the right thing
Whoever honors great men would be honored
Whoever belittles great men would not be honored. [164]

PEOPLE GET OLD, BUT TWO THINGS REMAIN YOUNG WITHIN THEM

2-112 Abu Ahmad Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Bandar al-Furqany in Furqan narrated that Abul Qasim Sa’id ibn Ahmad ibn Abi Salim quoted Abu Zakaryya Yahya ibn al-Fazl al-Varraq, on the authority of Qutaybat ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Abu Awanah, on the authority of Qataadah, on the authority of Anas that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The Children of Adam (people) will get old, but two things still remain young within them: greed for wealth and greed for life.”
2-113 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad al-Sejezy narrated that Muhammad ibn Mu’az quoted Al-Hussein ibn al-Hassan, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Mobarak, on the authority of Sho’abat ibn al-Haj’aj, on the authority of Abi Qatadah, on the authority of Anas ibn Malik[165] that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The Children of Adam (people) will get old or die, but two things still remain young in them: greed and aspirations.”

**TWO CHARACTERISTICS WHICH CAUSE TWO THINGS**

2-114 Abul-Hassan Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Ali Asad Al-Asady narrated that Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Ameri quoted Ibrahim ibn Ubayd al-Sadoosi, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Amr, on the authority of Yahya ibn Abdullah ibn al-Hassan ibn al-Hassan, on the authority of his mother Fatimah - the daughter of Al-Hussein, on the authority of her father (MGB)[166] that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Inclination towards this world would increase anxiety and grief. Abstinence from this world would comfort the heart and the body.”

**THE TWO THINGS WHICH THE CHILDREN OF ADAM DISLIKE**

2-115 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad narrated that Abul Abbas al-Suraj quoted Qutaybat, on the authority of Abdul Aziz, on the authority of Amr ibn Abi Amr, on the authority of Asim ibn Umar ibn Qatadat, on the authority of Mahmood ibn Lobayd that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are two things which the Children of Adam dislike. They dislike death, while death is the relief of the believers from trials, and they dislike to have little wealth, while having little wealth would reduce the amount of Reckoning.”

**THE PROPHET (MGB) REMAINED SILENT IN TWO INSTANCES**

2-116 Judge Abu Sa’id Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad al-Sejezy narrated that Al-Hassan ibn Himdan quoted Abu Masood Isma’il ibn Masood, on the authority of Yazid - Zari’a, on the authority of Sa’id - who is Abi Urubeh, on the authority of Qatadat, on the authority of Al-Hassan, “Samrah ibn Jundab and Imran ibn Hussayn had a discussion with each other. Samrat narrated that he remembered two instances when the Prophet (MGB) remained silent: once after saying the Takbir (God is Great) in prayer and the second time after reciting the Opening Chapter of the Quran (Al-Fatiha[167]) and before bowing down in prayer.” Qatadat then said that the second instance of the Prophet’s (MGB) silence in what Samurah narrated was after saying ‘Qayr al-Maqzoobe va laz-Zaleen’ (…those whose (portion) is not wrath, and who go not astray)[168].

However, Imran ibn Hussayn rejected this. Then they both wrote a letter in this regard to Abi ibn Ka’ab and asked him about this. Abi ibn Ka’ab replied, “What Samurah has remembered is right.”
The compiler of the book - may God increase his honor - said, “The Prophet (MGB) remained silent for a short while after reciting the verses of the Quran and before saying Allahu Akbar (God is Great) to go into the state of bowing down in prayers so that there is a pause in between them. This means that the Prophet (MGB) neither said Amin (Amen) after reciting the Opening Chapter of the Holy Quran (Al-Fatiha) quietly or loudly. As remaining silent doesn’t imply saying anything, this is a strong proof for the Shiites who oppose saying Amin (Amen) after reciting the Opening Chapter of the Holy Quran (Al-Fatiha). And there is no strength save in God the Sublime the Great.”

2-117 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad narrated that Ibn Sa’ed quoted Al-Ab’bas ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Oan ibn Am’marat al-Etri, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Suleiman, on the authority of Malik ibn Dinar, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Qalib, on the authority of Abi Sa’id al-Khidry that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are two characteristics which cannot co-exist in a Muslim: stinginess and being bad-tempered.”
TWO CHARACTERISTICS WHICH CANNOT CO-EXIST IN ONE’S HEART

2-118 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad-Sejezy narrated that Ibn Sa’ed quoted Ishaq ibn Shahin, on the authority of Khalid ibn Abdullah, on the authority of Yusuf ibn Musa (ibn Bashid ibn Bilal al-Qat’tan), on the authority of Jarir (ibn Abdul Hamid), on the authority of Soheil (ibn Abi Salih), on the authority of Safvan, on the authority of Abi Yazid, on the authority of Abil Qa’aqa ibn al-Lajlah, on the authority of Abi Hurayrih that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Extreme miserliness and faith can never co-exist in one’s heart.”

JEALOUSY IS NOT PROPER EXCEPT IN TWO CONDITIONS

2-119 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad narrated that Abu Ja’far Muhammad ibn Ibrahim al-Daybali quoted Abu Abdullah (who is Al-Hussein ibn al-Hassan al-Marvazy), on the authority of Sufyan, on the authority of Al-Zuhra, on the authority of Salim, on the authority of his father that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “It is not proper to be jealous except in two conditions. The first case is to be jealous of a man to whom God has granted things and he gives some in charity day and night. The second case is to be jealous of a man to whom God has granted the Quran and he recites it during the day and the night.”

THE REASON FOR THE TWOFOLD LOVE OF THE PROPHET FOR AQIL

of Ali ibn al-Hassan, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Rostam, on the authority of Abi Hamzih al-Sakoony, on the authority of Jabir ibn Yazid al-Jo‘afy, on the authority of Abdul Rahman ibn Sabit that God’s Prophet (MGB) told Aqil, “O Aqil! My love for you is twofold. I myself love you and I also love you since Abi Talib loves you.”

THE PROPHET (MGB) WAS PLEASED BY TWO THINGS

2-121 Al-Hassan ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Alavi - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his grandfather quoted on the authority of Davood ibn al-Qasim, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Zayd that he had heard a group of the members of his household say, “When Ja‘far ibn Abi Talib - may God be pleased with him - returned from Ethiopia where he had migrated to, it coincided with the conquering of Khaybar. The Prophet (MGB) stood up in front of him, kissed him on the forehead and said, ‘I do not know what has pleased me more? Is it the return of Ja‘far or is it the conquering of Khaybar by God.’”

(The compiler of the book said,) ‘I have narrated the traditions in this regard in the book Faza‘el Ja‘far ibn Abi Talib.

THE PROPHET GRANTED TWO THINGS TO AL-HASSAN AND AL-HUSSEIN

2-122 Al-Hassan ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Alavi - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his grandfather quoted az-Zubayr ibn Abu Bakr, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Hamzih az-Zubayri, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Ali al-Ra’fe‘ee, on the authority of his father, on the authority of his grandmother Bint Abi Ra‘feh, “When the Prophet of God (MGB) was ill and about to perish, Fatimah (MGB) - the daughter of God’s Prophet (MGB), Al-Hassan (MGB) and Al-Hussein (MGB) were with the Prophet (MGB). Fatimah (MGB) said, ‘O Prophet of God! They are your (grand)children! Grant them something as inheritance.’ The Prophet (MGB) said,
I grant Al-Hassan my majesty and mastery, and grant Al-Hussein my bravery and benevolence.”

2-123 Al-Hassan ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Alavi - may God have Mercy upon him - narrated that his grandfather quoted Muhammad ibn Ali, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Hassan ibn Muhammad and Hussein ibn Ali ibn Abdullah ibn Abi Ra’feh, on the authority of his father, on the authority of one of the elders among the Helpers (Ansar) who linked it up to Zaynab - the daughter of Abi Ra’feh, on the authority of her mother that Fatimah (MGB) said, “O Prophet of God! They are your (grand)children! Grant them something.” The Prophet (MGB) said, “I grant Al-Hassan my majesty and mastery, and grant Al-Hussein my bravery and benevolence.’

2-124 Al-Hassan ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Alavi - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his grandfather quoted Muhammad ibn Ja’far, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Safvan ibn Suleiman that the Prophet (MGB) said, “Regarding

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The text contains Arabic script which appears to be a part of a religious or historical document. The content seems to be a narration from a religious figure, possibly recounting a story or a tradition passed down through generations. The text is written in Arabic script and contains verses that are likely to be part of a holy book or a religious treatise.
Al-Hassan, I have granted him my grandeur and patience, and regarding Al-Hussein, I have granted him my benevolence and compassionateness.”

**IT IS NOT PROPER FOR ONE TO STAY AWAKE AFTER THE NIGHT PRAYER EXCEPT FOR TWO PEOPLE**

2-125 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad narrated that Abul Abbas al-Suraj quoted Abdullah ibn Umar, on the authority of Vaki’a ibn al-Jar’rah, on the authority of Sufyan, on the authority of Mansoor (ibn al-Mua’tamar ibn Abdullah ibn Rabi’ah al-Kufy), on the authority of Khasamat (ibn Abdul Rahman), on the authority of Abdullah (ibn Mas’ood) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “It is not proper to stay awake after the night prayer except for two people: one who wants to pray, and one who is traveling.”

**THE TWO MAIN CAUSES OF GOING TO HELL AND THE TWO MAIN CAUSES OF GOING TO PARADISE**

2-126 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad narrated that Ibn Mu’az quoted on the authority of Al-Hussein al-Marvazy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ubayd, on the authority of Davood al-Awedi, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Abi Hurayrih that the Prophet (MGB) said, “The two main two reasons why some people from my nation will go to Hell are the two cavities.” The Prophet (MGB) was asked, “O Prophet of God! What do you mean by the two cavities?” The Prophet replied, “Stomach and sex.” The Prophet (MGB) added, “And the two main reasons for entry into Paradise are fearing God and having a good temper.”

**THE HONORABLE THE EXALTED GOD WOULD NOT GIVE HIS SERVANTS TWO FEARS AND TWO SECURITIES**

2-127 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad narrated that Ibn Mu’az quoted Al-Hussein al-Marvazy, on the authority of Abdullah, on the authority of (ibn) Oan, on the authority of Al-Hassan that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “God the Blessed the Sublime swore by His Honor and Grandeur that He would not give His servants (that is the people) two fears and two securities. If a person is not afraid of Me in this world, I will scare him on the Resurrection Day, and if he is afraid of Me in this world, I will make him secure on the Resurrection Day.”

**TWO THINGS IMPROVE THIS NATION AND TWO DESTROY IT**
Abul-Hassan Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Ali Asad Al-Asady narrated that Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Ameri quoted Ibrahim ibn Isa ibn Ubayd al-Sadoosi, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Amr, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Hassan ibn Hassan ibn Ali, on the authority of his mother Fatimah - the daughter of Al-Hussein (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB) [171] that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The first two things that would improve this nation are abstinence and certitude, and the last two things that would destroy it are stinginess and having high aspirations.”
PART 3-ON THREE-NUMBERED CHARACTERISTICS

Section 1

THREE WHOM GOD WILL LET INTO PARADISE WITHOUT ANY RECKONING, AND THREE WHOM GOD WILL THROW INTO HELL WITHOUT ANY RECKONING

3-1 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quoted Ibrahim ibn Mahzyar, on the authority of his brother Ali ibn Mahzyar, on the authority of Fuzalat ibn Ayyob, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Durostoyeh, on the authority of Aylan that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There are three groups of people whom God will let into Paradise without any Reckoning, and three whom God will throw into Hell without any Reckoning. The three whom God will let enter Paradise without any Reckoning are just leaders, honest businessmen and elderly men who have spent their whole life in obedience to the Honorable the Exalted God. And the three whom God will throw into Hell without any Reckoning are the unjust leaders, businessmen who lie, and elderly adulterers.”

3-2 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali, on the authority of Ibn Zyad, on the authority of Al-Halabi that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There are three things which God will not question a believer about: the food he eats, the clothes he wears, and a good and helpful wife who helps him, and assists him in guarding his chastity.”

THREE CHARACTERISTICS EACH OF WHICH WOULD CAUSE ONE TO BE UNDER THE SHADE OF THE HONORABLE THE EXALTED GOD’S THRONE

3-3 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Ali ibn al-Salt quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Mihran, on the authority of Othman ibn Jabalat, on the authority of Abi Hamzih Al-Somali, on the authority of Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are three qualities having each of which would cause one to be under the Shade of the Honorable the Exalted God (on the Resurrection Day) on the day in which there is no shade but God’s Shade. The first characteristic is to grant to people what you expect of them. The second characteristic is to only do what pleases God, and not do what would raise God’s Wrath. The third characteristic is not to express the faults of one’s Muslim brothers in their absence, unless one first removes such faults from himself. It is better to attend to the improvement of one’s own faults than to seek out other people’s faults.”
THREE GROUPS OF PEOPLE ARE CLOSEST TO THE HONORABLE THE EXALTED GOD ON THE RESURRECTION DAY

3-4 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat’tab, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Al-Khazr ibn Muslim al-Sayrafi, “I heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say ‘Three groups of people will be under the Shade of the Honorable the Exalted God on the Day in which there is no shade other than God’s Shade. The first group are those who treat the people fairly. The second group are those who only do what pleases God, and do not do anything which would raise God’s Wrath. The third group of people are those who do not express the faults of their Muslim brothers in their absence, unless they first remove such faults from themselves. It is better to attend to the improvement of one’s own faults than to seek out other people’s faults.’”
3-5 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid, on the authority of Uthman ibn Isa, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Moskan, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Muslim that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Three groups of people will be the closest to God on the Resurrection Day until He is finished with the Reckoning of the people. The first group are those who do not oppress their subordinates when they get angry. The second group are those who associate with two people and do not favor one over the other. The third group are those who tell the truth whether it is in their favor or not.”

THE THREE CONDITIONS WHICH IMPLY THE ACCEPTANCE OF ONE’S PRAYERS

3-6 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Al-Hussein ibn Ishaq al-Tajir, on the authority of Ali ibn Mahzyar, on the authority of Ali ibn Hadid who linked it up to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “If your body shakes, your tears flow and you fear (God) wholeheartedly, then you can be hopeful of God’s forgiveness, since you have achieved your goal.”

ONE IS NOT A TRUE BELIEVER UNLESS HE HAS THREE CHARACTERISTICS

3-7 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad [172], on the authority of Sahl ibn Zyad, on the authority of Al-Harith ibn al-Dalhath - a servant of Al-Reza (MGB), “I heard Abal-Hassan (MGB)
say ‘One cannot be a true believer unless he possesses the following three characteristics: one from his Lord, one from his Prophet and one from his Imam. The one from his Lord is guarding secrets as the Honorable the Exalted God said, ‘He (alone) knows the Unseen, nor does He make anyone acquainted with his Mysteries, except an Apostle whom He has chosen.’ [173] However, the one from the Prophet is kind treatment with the people, as the Honorable the Exalted God has ordered His Prophet (MGB) to treat the people with kindness and patience and said, ‘Hold to forgiveness; command what is right; but turn away from the ignorant.’ [174] And the one from the Imams (MGB) is patience and perseverance during times of hardship and calamities. The Honorable the Exalted God says, ‘…and to be firm and patient, in pain (or suffering) and adversity…’ [175]”

THREE CHARACTERISTICS WHICH DO NOT EXIST IN A BELIEVER

3-8 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat’tab, on the authority of Al-Nazr ibn Shoayb, on the authority of Al-Harithi, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), “Anyone who is miserly, jealous and cowardly is not a believer. A believer would not be cowardly, greedy or miserly.”

THE PROPHET ASKED HIS LORD FOR THREE THINGS. GOD GRANTED HIM TWO, BUT DID NOT GRANT HIM THE THIRD

3-9 Suleiman ibn Ahmad ibn Ayoob al-Lakhmy narrated that Muhammad ibn Uthman ibn Abi Shoyba’ quoted Minjab ibn al-Harith, on the authority of Abu Hozayfah al-Sa’labi, on the authority of Zyad ibn Alaqa, on the authority of Jabir ibn Samurah al-Sava’ee, on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “I asked my Lord - the Blessed the Sublime - for three things. He granted me two of them, but did not grant me the third. I said, ‘O Lord! Please do not let my nation be destroyed by hunger’. The Lord said, ‘Let it be so.’ I said, ‘O Lord! Please do not let their enemies - that is the polytheists - take over my nation so as to uproot my people.’ The Lord said, ‘Let it be so.’ I said, ‘O Lord! Please do not let there be any
mischief amongst them.’ The Lord did not grant me this.”

Suleiman ibn Ahmad said, “There have been no other chains of narration of this tradition from Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB). Only Minjab ibn al-Harith has narrated it.”


3-10 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Harun ibn al-Jahm, on the authority of Savir ibn Abi
Fakhteh, on the authority of Abi Jamileh al-Mufaz’zal ibn Salih, on the authority of Sa’ed ibn Tarif, on the authority of Abi Ja’far Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB), “There are three ranks, three expiations, three things which destroy and three things which save. As for the three things which raise the ranks they are greeting aloud, feeding the needy, and praying in the night when the people are asleep. As for the three expiations, they are making ablutions with cold water, going on foot in the day and at night to the prayers, and attending congregational prayers. As for the three things which destroy, they are being really stingy, following selfish desires, and being haughty and selfish. As for the three things which save us, they are fearing God in private and in public; moderation in times of prosperity and poverty; and saying what is fair whether we are pleased or angry.”

3-11 The judge al-Khalil ibn Ahmad al-Sejezy narrated that Ibn Sa’ed quoted Yusuf ibn Musa al-Qat’tan and Ahmad ibn Mansoor ibn Sayyar, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Yunus, on the authority of Ayoob ibn Atbat, on the authority of Al-Fazl ibn Bakir al-Abdi[176], on the authority of Qatadah, on the authority of Anas that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are three things which destroy and three things which save. As for the three things which destroy, they are being really stingy, following selfish desires, and being haughty and selfish. As for the three things which save, they are fearing the Honorable the Exalted God in private and in public; moderation in times of poverty and affluence; and speaking fairly whether you are pleased or angry. As for the three things which destroy, they are being really stingy; following one’s selfish desires; and being haughty and selfish.”

In another tradition that has been narrated on the authority of Imam as-Sadiq (MGB), we read, “Being really stingy implies being suspicious of the Honorable the Exalted God.” I have presented the chain of narrations of this tradition in the book Ma’ani al-Akhbar.

3-12 Abul Hassan Muhammad ibn Ali ibn ash-Shah narrated that Abu Hamid Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn al-Hussein quoted on the authority of Abu Yazid Ahmad ibn Khalid al-Khalidy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Salih al-Tamimy, on the authority of Anas ibn Muhammad Abu Malik, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB), on the authority of God’s Prophet (MGB) in the Prophet’s will to Ali (MGB), “O Ali! There are three ranks, three expiations, three things which destroy, and three things which save. As for the three things which raise the ranks they are making ablutions with cold water; waiting for the next prayers after you pray; and going on foot in the day and at night to the prayers; and
attending congregational prayers. As for the three expiations, they are greeting aloud, feeding the needy, and spend the night in prayer when other people are asleep. As for the three things which destroy, they are being really stingy; following one’s selfish desires; and being haughty and selfish. As for the three things which save, they are fearing God in private and in public; moderation in times of affluence and poverty; and speaking fairly whether you are pleased or angry.”

In another tradition from the Prophet (MGB) when he (MGB) was asked what the great angels asked him about when he was in the Ascension, the Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘They asked me about the ranks and the expiations.’ The Prophet (MGB) added, ‘They asked me about the things that raise the ranks. I told them they are making ablutions with cold water; going on foot to the congregational prayers; and waiting for the prayers after you pray, and being friends with me and the members of my Household until death.’ This is a long tradition. I[177] have presented it along with its chain of narrations in the book Isbat al-Mi’raj.

3-13 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted Harun ibn Muslim, on the authority of Mus’adat ibn Zyad, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB) that the Prophet (MGB) said, “There are three things which destroy. They are breaching transactions, abandoning traditions and leaving the society. There are three things which save. They are watching out what you say, crying over your mistakes, and staying at home.”

THREE THINGS FOR WHICH GOD WOULD MARRY OFF ONE OF THE HOURI-EYED ONES TO YOU
3-14 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Sin’an that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There are three characteristics for which God would marry off one of the Hourî-eyed ones to you. They include withholding your anger, standing up against the swords of the enemies of the Honorable the Exalted God, and abandoning illegitimately earned property for the sake of the Honorable the Exalted God.”

THE THREE PEOPLE WHO WOULD WRONG YOU IF YOU DO NOT EXPRESS YOUR DISCONTENT

3-15 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayrî quoted Al-Fazl ibn Amer on
authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are three people who would wrong you if you do not express your discontent. They are the ignorant ones, your wife, and your servant.”

THREE PEOPLE WOULD NOT GET WHAT IS RIGHTFULLY THEIRS FROM THREE PEOPLE

3-16 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God forgive him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Ubayd, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Alvan, on the authority of Amr ibn Sabit, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB), “There are three people who would not get what is rightfully theirs from three other people. They are the honorable ones (who would not take what is rightfully theirs) from the wicked ones; the patient ones from the ignorant ones; and the good-doers from the evildoers.”

3-17 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of Abil Qasim Abdul Rahman ibn Himad, on the authority of Abi Imran Amr ibn Mus’ab al-Arzami, on the authority of Abi Hamzih al-Somali, “I heard Abi Ja’far al-Ba’qir (MGB) say, ‘One is caught in between three things: calamities, destiny and blessings. It is incumbent upon him to be patient in the face of calamities sent from God. It is incumbent upon him to submit to the destiny determined for him by God. It is also incumbent upon him to be grateful for the blessings sent to him by the Honorable the Exalted God.”

THREE PEOPLE WHO DESERVE MERCY

3-18 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Sin’an, “I heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, ‘Have mercy on three people as they deserve mercy: an honorable one who has been striken with misery and is no longer honored; an affluent person who has suffered and is needy; and a scholar who is belittled by his family members and the ignorant ones.”

THREE PEOPLE WITH WHOM GOD IS ANGRY

3-19 Hamzih ibn Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Alavi - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn
Uthman, “Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, ‘Indeed the Honorable the Exalted God is angry with the oppressive wealthy ones, wicked old men and the arrogant needy ones.’ Then the Imam (MGB) asked, ‘Do you know who the arrogant needy ones are?’ I said, ‘He is one who has little money.’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘No. He is someone who would not spend any of his money in order to get closer to the Honorable the Exalted God.’”

THREE OCCASIONS FOR LYING, THREE OCCASIONS NOT TO TELL THE TRUTH, THREE OCCASIONS NOT TO ASSOCIATE

3-20 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn al-Hussein ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Abil-Hussein ibn al-Hazrami, on the authority of Jamil ibn Dur’raj, on the authority of...
Muhammad ibn Sa‘id, on the authority of Al-Maharebi, on the authority of Ja‘far ibn Muhammad (MGB)[179], on the authority of his father (MGB)[180], on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that the Prophet (MGB) said, “There are three situations in which it is good to lie: when plotting in a war, when promising to your wife, and when interceding between two people to improve their relationship. There are three situations in which it is bad to tell the truth: in gossiping, in informing a man about his wife, and when denying some (bad) news.” The Prophet (MGB) added, “Associating with three groups of people will spoil the heart: associating with mean people, talking with women and associating with rich people.”

THREE CHARACTERISTICS FOR THREE CHARACTERISTICS

3-21 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Muhammad al-Razi, on the authority of Bakr ibn Salih, on the authority of Abi Ayoob, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Muslim that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Whoever tells the truth has purified his deeds. God will increase the share of the daily bread of whoever has good intentions. God will extend the life of whoever treats his wife kindly.”

ONE CHARACTERISTIC RESULTS IN THREE CHARACTERISTICS

3-22 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Abi Sa‘id al-Adamy, on the authority of Abdul Aziz al-Abdi that Ibn Abi Ya’foor said, “I heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, ‘Whoever gets attached to this world has only grabbed onto continual grief, unattainable aspirations and unreachable hopes.’”
THE SIGNS OF GETTING OLD ARE THREE

3-23 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Abdul-Hamid that Al-Sabah - the servant of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “I was accompanying Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) when we reached Mount Uhud. The Imam (MGB) asked me, ‘Do you see the whole in the mountain?’ I replied, ‘Yes, I do.’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘However, I do not see it. There are three signs for getting old. Reduction of sight, bending of the back and shortening of steps.’”

THREE CHARACTERISTICS UNIQUE TO THE PROPHETS, THEIR OFFSPRING AND THEIR FOLLOWERS

3-24 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Al-Hassan ibn Musa al-Khishab, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Mihran, on the authority of Ali ibn Uthman that Abil Hassan Musa ibn Ja’far (MGB) [181] said, “There are three things unique to the Prophets, their offspring and their followers: physical illness, fear of the kings, and poverty.”

THREE CHARACTERISTICS WHICH GOD HATES

3-25 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Musa ibn Ja’far al-Baghdady, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Mo’ala who linked it up through some narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “There are three things which cause the Honorable the Exalted God’s hatred: sleeping when you are not sleepy, laughing without a cause, and eating on a full stomach.”

3-26 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of Mansoor ibn al-Ab’bas, on the authority of Ali ibn Asbat, on the authority of Ahmad
ibn Abdul Hab’bar, on the authority of his grandfather that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There are three kinds of gifts: gifts in return for gifts, gifts for making up and gifts for the sake of the Honorable the Exalted God.”

THREE THINGS THE PROPHETS ARE NOT IMMUNE TO SEE FROM THEIR FOLLOWERS

3-27 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris and Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari who quoted through a chain of narrators that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq

ثلاث الكبر علامات

1- منع طلباً يضر لو لولا نب دمح نب يضم. دمحم اننشد 23-3

2- عقوب بن بر محمد بن أبي عمير، عن إبراهيم بن عبدالله حميد، عن السباح مولى أبي عبد تقب الله عليه السلام قال: كنت مع أبي عبيد الله عليه السلام لما مرداً أحد قال: ترى اللفة، قلت: نعم، قال: أما أنا فلا أستأده، وعلامة الكبيرة ثلاث: كلال البصر، والحناء الظهر، ورقة القدم.

واد بعهم وأولادهم الألد بيها خص خصال ثلاث

3- منع طلباً يضر ياباً اننشد 24-3

4- عل بن عثمان، عن أبي الحسن موسي بن معرف، عن جهمان، حميدة، بن مهرا اللد بيا وولاد الألد بيا وأنا باب الاد بيا خصصاً بثلاث خصال: السقلم في الأد، وخوف السلطان، والفقر.

و تعالى بارك اشمن المقت في خصال ثلاث

5- حديث نما محمد بن محيي الفاطر قال: حدثني منع طلباً يضر ليتشوه نب ىسوم نب دمح اننشد 25-3

6- محمد بن أحمد قال: حدثني نما مسي بن معرف، عبد، على محمد بن المدع، عن أخبره، عن أبي عبد الله عليه السلام قال: ثلاث فيم المقت من الله عز وجل: نوم من غير سهر، وضحك من غير عجب، وأكل على الشبع.

وجه ثلاثة على الديدية

7- نب دمح اننشد 26-3

8- أبي عبيد الله، عن مصطفى بن الحكيم، عن على بن أسياش، عن أحمد بن عمرو بن عبد البار، عن جرد، عن أبي دية الله عز وجل: علي عبد الله عليه السلام قال: الديدية على ثلاث وجوه: هدي مكافة، وهذه مصانعة، وهذه دونه قوم من نبي منها ولي فضل خصال ثلاث

9- نب دمح اننشد 27-3
(MGB) said, “There are three things which the Prophets (MGB) are not immune to see from their followers: being considered to be ill omen, being jealous of and fastidious thoughts about creation.”

The compiler of the book - may God increase his honor - said, “What is meant by ill omen here is that the followers of the Prophets (MGB) considers them to be ill omen. The Prophets (MGB) did not consider them to be ill omen as the Honorable the Exalted God said regarding the people of the Prophet Salih, They said, ‘Ill omen do we augur from thee and those that are with thee’. He said, ‘Your ill omen is with God.’” [182] And as others have told their Prophets (MGB), “for us, we augur an evil omen from you: if ye desist not, we will certainly stone you. And a grievous punishment indeed will be inflicted on you by us.” [183] And regarding envy here is that the Prophets are envied. They do not envy others as the Honorable the Exalted God says, “Or do they envy mankind for what God hath given them of his bounty? but We had already given the people of Abraham the Book and Wisdom, and conferred upon them a great kingdom.” [184]

And regarding deluding thoughts about creation refers to the fact that the Prophets (MGB) encounter people who are fastidious in their thoughts. An example of this is what the Honorable the Exalted God describes about al-Walid ibn al-Muqayrih al-Makzoomi (in the following verses of the Holy Quran), “For he thought and he plotted; And woe to him! How he plotted! Yea, Woe to him; How he plotted!” [185] This means that he had said the following about the Quran, “This is nothing but magic, derived from of old; This is nothing but the word of a mortal!” [186]

THE THREE ROOTS OF INFIDELITY

3-28 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Al-Ab’bas ibn Maruf, on the authority of Bakr ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Abi Basir that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There are three roots for infidelity: greed, haughtiness and jealousy. Regarding greed, when Adam was forbidden to eat of the tree, greed caused him to eat of it. Regarding haughtiness, when Satan was ordered to prostrate, he refused to do so. Regarding jealousy, one of the two sons of Adam killed the other one due to jealousy.”

THE THREE FORMS OF DEBTS

3-29 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Aba Abdullah al-Razi, on the authority of Mansoor ibn al-Ab’bas, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali
أبي عبد الله عليه السلام قال: ثلاث لم يعمر منها نبي من دونه: الطيرة والحسد، والتفكير في الوسومة في الخلق.

مهم فماهم عليهم قال مصنف هذا الكتاب أباد الله عزه: معنى الطيرة في هذا الموضوع فإن ينظر منهم وعازل "قالوا أطلقناك بك من فضلك، فقلت: "أنا أن نحنلن ننحت القلوب، لدنتم عليلهم عظيم"، فاز لدنة فلذون الناس على ما أنتم عليه، فقلت إنهتنا". هو أن يسجدون ما يحشدون غيرهم ويعدونهم بذلك كما قال الله عز وجل

وعا الت الفكر في الوسومة في الخلق فهو واعظ عليهم السلام باتalg "أنا عظيم" وناء الكفر والحممة واتباعهم إذا رأوا كفنة فطر فإنه فطرون وصدى. إن هذا إلا قول النبي. إن هذا إلا سخر يثور. "أرقأ بأنا لاق يعع. "قلت كفنة قد

ثلاثة الكفر أصول

راحصصنا نسخا: نب دمحمان شل دمحمان شل دمحمان شل دمحمان شل

السلام قال: قال: حديث نبيه بن معروف، عن بك بن محمد، عن أبي بصير عن أبي عبد الله عليه اصول الكفر ثلاثة: الحرص ولا سيك بار والهدوا فاما الحرص فام حدن منهم عن الشيء حمله الحرص على أن يعجل منها، واما الا سيك بار فابس دجن ألم نسجود فأم أوأ الحدود فابس ألم

حديد قائل أحماه صاحب به حسدا.

وجه ثلاثة على الدين

نه قال: حديث نما محمد بن يحيى الطاهر، عن محمد بن أحمد، عن أبي عبيدة عن خزيمة يشير، يبنا

الله الرازي، عن منصور بن الهياس، عن الحسن بن علي بن

ibn Yaqtayn, on the authority of Amr[187], on the authority of Khalaf ibn Himmad, on the authority of Muhraz, on the authority of Abi Basir, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are three forms of debt. There are those who give more time to their debtor when they loan money to others, and do not put off the repayment of their own debts to others and pay back their own debts as soon as they can. This would be to their benefit, not to their loss. However, there are those who pay back their own debts when they take back what they have loaned to others. They neither lose or gain. However, there are those who take back what they have loaned to others, but put off the repayment of their own debts. This would be to their loss, not their gain.”

YOU MUST SEEK PERMISSION TO ENTER THREE TIMES

3-30 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ali ibn Asbat, on the authority of his uncle Yaqoob ibn Salim, on the authority of Abi Basir, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “You must ask permission to enter
The first time is to let the residents of the house hear your request. The second request is to let them cover up their bodies (to meet the veiling requirements), and the third request is to give them a chance to grant you permission to enter or deny it. If they do not grant you permission to enter, you must immediately return.”

THREE PEOPLE NOT TO GREET

3-31 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat’tab who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Imam as-Sadiq (MGB) saying, “Do not greet those who are attending a funeral procession, those who are going to the congregational prayers, and those who are in the bath.”

THE BEST THREE PEOPLE

3-32 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Fazl al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Isa ibn Abdullah al-Hashemi, on the authority of Abi Khalid Muhammad ibn Suleiman, on the authority of someone, on the authority of Ibn al-Munkadir who linked it up through documents to God’s Prophet (MGB) who said, “The best of you are those who feed (the needy), greet aloud, and pray (at night) when others are asleep.”
THREE CHARACTERISTICS INDICATE AFFLUENCE, BEAUTY AND DEFEAT OF YOUR ENEMIES

3-33 Hamzih ibn Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Alavi - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB), “Using good scent indicates affluence. Wearing good garments indicates beauty. Having a good temper defeats one’s enemies.”

3-34 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hikam who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “The following are three of the traditions of the Messengers (MGB): putting on perfume, having their hair cut, and making love often.”

THREE THINGS ARE PLEASING TO THE EYES

3-35 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ubaydullah ibn Abdullah al-Dehqan, on the authority of Durost ibn Abi Mansoor, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Abdul-Hamid, on the authority of Abil Hassan - the first (MGB)[189], ‘Looking at greenery, looking at flowing water and looking at a beautiful woman are pleasing to the eyes.’

THREE GOOD CHARACTERISTICS

3-36 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Al-Haysam ibn Abi Masruq al-Nehdi, on the authority of Abdul Aziz ibn Umar, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Umar al-Halabi, “I asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), ‘Which characteristics are better for a man?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘Dignity without being awesome, generosity without demanding something in return, and attending to affairs other than worldly affairs.’”

THREE WASTEFUL ACTS
3-37 Al-Hussein ibn Ahmad ibn Idris - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash'ari linked it up through a chain of narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) who said, “Three things would constitute being wasteful: wearing indecent garments, throwing away a date seed, and pouring away your leftover water.” The Imam (MGB) added, “There is no wastefulness in eating.”

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GOD’S PROPHET (MGB) CURSED THREE PEOPLE

3-38 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Isa ibn Ubayd, on the authority of Ubaydullah ibn Abdullah al-Dehkan, on the authority of Durost ibn Abi Mansoor, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Abdul-Hamid, on the authority of Abil Hassan (MGB), “God’s Prophet (MGB) has cursed the following three: one who eats his foodstuff alone on a trip; one who rides in the wilderness alone; and one who sleeps alone in the house.”

RANKS IN HEAVEN WHICH ONLY THREE PEOPLE CAN ATTAIN

3-39 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God have Mercy upon him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Al-Nazr ibn Soweed, on the authority of Abi Basir, on the authority of Zar’at, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There is a rank in Heaven which no one but a just leader, intimate and kind relative, or a patient husband can attain.”

THREE PEOPLE ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE RULES

3-40 Al-Hassan ibn Muhammad al-Sakoony narrated that Al-Hazrami [190] quoted Ibrahim ibn Abi Muawiyah, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Al-A’amash, on the authority of Abi Zebyan, “An insane woman who had committed adultery was brought to Umar. Umar ordered that she be stoned to death. They took her to Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB). The Imam (MGB) asked, ‘What is going on?’ They said, ‘She is a crazy woman who has committed adultery. Umar has ordered her to be punished.’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘Do not rush to do so.’ Then the Imam (MGB) told Umar, ‘Don’t you know that three people are not subject to the rules? They are children until they mature, crazy people until they become sane, and people who are asleep until they wake up.’”

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “This tradition appeared here this way. The original version of this tradition that has been narrated on the authority of the Divine Leaders (MGB) says, ‘When an insane man commits adultery, he should be punished. However, when an insane woman commits adultery, she should not be punished. That is because an insane man does the act (of adultery), while an insane woman would be the subject (of adultery).”

THREE PEOPLE SWEORE TO KILL THE PROPHET, BUT ALI ROSE UP AGAINST THEM

3-41 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Ma’qel al-Qarmaysani quoted Ja’far al-Var’raq on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Ashj, on the authority of Yahya ibn Zayd ibn Ali ibn al-Hussein (MGB), “One day God’s Prophet (MGB) went out and said the dawn prayer.
Then he (MGB) asked, ‘O people! Which of you will rise against the three people who have sworn to Lat and Uzza to kill me? By the Lord of the Ka’ba! They have lied!’ The people all looked down and no one said anything. The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘I think Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) is not amongst you?’ Amir ibn Qatada said, ‘He (MGB) had a fever at night and did not come out to pray with you. Wil you permit me to inform him?’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Go and do so.’

He went and informed Ali (MGB). Then the Commander of the Faithful Ali (MGB) came out while he (MGB) had tied the two corners of his robe to his neck. He said, ‘O Prophet of God!
What has happened?’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘My Lord has informed me that there are three people who have risen up to kill me, but I swear by the Lord of the Ka’ba that they have lied.’

Then the Commander of the Faithful Ali (MGB) said, ‘I will get ready and go to fight with them by myself.’ Then the Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Fine. Here is my garment, my armor, and my sword.’ The Prophet (MGB) dressed him, put on his own armor on Ali (MGB), gave Ali (MGB) his own sword and put his own turban on Ali’s head. The Commander of the Faithful (MGB) rode his horse and left. Three days passed. Gabriel did not bring any news about Ali (MGB) and there was no other news about him. Fatimah (MGB) brought forth Al-Hassan (MGB) and Al-Hussein (MGB) and said, ‘I hope you have not made these boys orphans!’ The Prophet (MGB) cried and said, ‘I give the glad tidings of Paradise for whoever brings me any news about Ali (MGB).’ The people who were present there started to look around. Then Amir ibn Qatada returned with the news of Ali’s (MGB) return. Then the Commander of the Faithful (MGB) came back with two slaves, three camels and three horses. Gabriel descended to the Prophet (MGB) and informed the Prophet (MGB) about what had happened. The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘O Abal-Hassan! Do you want me to tell you what happened?’ Then the hypocrites said, ‘So far Muhammad was in great pains wondering about Ali’s whereabouts and now he wants to tell us what has happened to Ali (MGB)!’

Then the Prophet (MGB) said, ‘O Abal-Hassan (Ali)! You yourself tell us what happened to you so that you be the witness for these people.’ Ali (MGB) said, ‘O Prophet of God! Yes. Once I got there I found these three people riding on camels. They yelled at me and asked me who I am. I replied, ‘I am the cousin of God’s Prophet!’ They said, ‘We do not know who God’s Prophet is. To us killing you and Muhammad is the same.’ Then this man who was killed attacked me and we had a fight. Then there came a red wind in which I could hear your voice saying, ‘I have cut off the neck of his armour for you. Hit him at the neck!’ I hit him at the neck, but it did not work. Then a black wind started to blow and I heard your voice saying...

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‘I have raised his armour!’ I hit him on the leg and chopped it off. Then I threw him on the ground and chopped off his head. Then the other two said, ‘We have heard that Muhammad is a kind and sympathetic friend. Please do not rush in killing us and take us to him. This friend of ours equaled one-thousand fighters.’ Then the Prophet (MGB) said, ‘The first voice was that of Gabriel, and the second one was that of Michael.’[192] Then the Prophet (MGB) turned to one of the two men and said, ‘Say ‘There is no god but God, and I bear witness that you are God’s Prophet.’”

The man replied, ‘It is easier for me to carry Mount Abi Qays on my shoulders than to say this. The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Then chop off his head.’ They brought forth the other man. The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Say ‘There is no god but God, and I bear witness that you are God’s Prophet.’”

The man said, ‘Let me join my friend.’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘O Abal-Hassan (Ali)! Chop off his head.’ The Commander of the Faithful (MGB) got up to chop off the man’s head. However, Gabriel descended and said, ‘O Muhammad! Your Lord sends you greetings and says ‘Thou shall not kill him since he is good-tempered and kind with his tribe.’ The man who was under the sword asked, ‘Is this the messenger from your Lord who is informing you?’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Yes.’ The man said, ‘I swear by God that I never withheld even a penny from my brethren and I never fled from war. Now I bear witness that there is no god but God and that you are His Messenger.’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘This is a man whose generosity and being good-tempered will take him to Paradise.’”

THREE CHARACTERISTICS IN DOING GOOD TO ONE’S BRETHREN

3-42 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Sahl ibn Zyad al-Adamy, on the authority of someone and Umar ibn Abdul-Aziz, on the authority of Jamil ibn Dur’raj, “Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, ‘The best of you are the generous ones, and the worst of you are the miserly ones. Being good is doing good deeds for your brethren and trying to fulfill their needs. Such deeds will debase Satan, free man from the Fire and take him into Paradise. O Jamil! Relate this to the noble ones from amongst your friends.’”

Jamil ibn Dur’raj added, “I asked, ‘May I be your ransom! Who are the noble ones from amongst my friends?’ Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, ‘They are the ones who are good to their friends both in times of ease and in times of difficulty.’ Then Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) added, ‘O Jamil! This would be easy to do for one who is well-off. The Honorable the Exalted God has praised the act of doing good by those who have very little and has said, ‘… but give
them preference over themselves, even though poverty was their (own lot). And those saved from the covetousness of their own souls,- they are the ones that achieve prosperity.’’ [193]”
3-44 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Abu Yahya Sohail ibn Ziyad al-Vashti who linked it up with a chain of narrators to the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB), “There are three problems in getting exposed to the sun. It causes water to evaporate; it will darken the skin; wear out clothing and make hidden pains apparent.”

**THERE ARE THREE SIGNS FOR ONE WHO IS WASTEFUL**

3-45 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hussein, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Khalid, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Muhammad al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Abi Ishaq who linked it up to Ali ibn al-Hussein (MGB)[194], “There are three signs for one who is wasteful: What he eats, he doesn’t deserve to eat; what he wears, he doesn’t deserve to wear, and what he buys, he doesn’t deserve to buy.”

**ALL EYES WILL WEEP ON THE RESURRECTION DAY EXCEPT THREE**

3-46 Ja’far ibn Ali ibn al-Hassan al-Kufy - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Al-Hassan ibn Ali quoted his grandfather Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrih, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad al-Baqr (MGB), on the authority of his father[195] (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “On the Resurrection Day, all eyes will be weeping except for three pairs of eyes: those which have cried out of fear of God; those which have been held away from looking at what God has forbidden to look at; and those which have not slept for the sake of God.”

**ALL GOOD IS IN THREE TRAITS**

3-47 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim quoted Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Yunus ibn Abdul-Rahman, on the authority of Abi Ayoob al-Khizaz, on the authority of Abi Hamzih, on the authority of Abi Ja’far al-Baqr (MGB) that the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said,
All good is contained in three traits: looking, being quiet and talking. If one doesn’t get admonished when he sees things, he is in error. Not thinking when you are quiet equals ignorance, and any talk in which there is no remembrance of God is in vain. Blessed are those whose consideration teaches them lessons; whose silence causes them to think; whose talking is mention of God; who weep for their sins; and save people from their evil.”

THREE PEOPLE RIDING ON AN ANIMAL IS ADMONISHED AGAINST

3-48 Ali ibn Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy - may God have Mercy upon him - narrated that his father quoted his grandfather Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ali ibn Asbat, on the authority of his uncle Yaqoob ibn Salim who linked up this tradition through a chain of narrators to the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) in a lengthy tradition said, “Three people should not ride on a riding animal together. Should they do so, the one who is sitting ahead of the other two is cursed.”

THE RIGHT OF AN ILL-TRAVELLER UPON HIS TRAVEL COMPANIONS IS TO STAY WITH HIM FOR THREE DAYS
3-49 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father Muhammad ibn Yahya quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of some companions who linked up the tradition to the Prophet (MGB) having said, “The right of an ill traveler upon his travel companions is to stay with him for three days.”

THREE BAD ATTRIBUTES FOR BLACK SHOES AND THREE GOOD FOR YELLOW ONES

3-50 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Musa ibn Umar, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Jabal’le, on the authority of Han’nan ibn Sadeer, “I went to see Aba Abdullah while I was wearing black shoes. He (MGB) asked me, ‘Why are you wearing black shoes?’ Don’t you know that there are three attributes for them?’ I said, ‘May I be your ransom! No. What are they?’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘They will weaken your vision, weaken your sexual drive and make you depressed. Moreover, it is part of the apparel of the oppressors. You should wear yellow shoes, since that would sharpen the vision, improve your sexual drive and reduce your depression. It is part of the Prophets’ apparel.”

LEARN THREE TRAITS FROM THE CROW

3-51 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil Qasim quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah Al-Barqy, on the authority of Ali ibn Muhammad,
on the authority of Abi Ayoob al-Madani, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Ja’far al-Ja’fari, on the authority of Al-Reza (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Learn three traits from the crow: having sex in private, going out after your daily bread early in the morning and being cautious.”

THREE THINGS ARE THE RESULT OF ANOTHER THREE THINGS

3-52 Al-Hussein ibn Ahmad ibn Idris - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Musa ibn Ja’far ibn Wahab al-Baghdady, on the authority of Ubaydullah al-Dihqan, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Umar al-Halabi, on the authority of Zayd al-Qatat, on the authority of Aban ibn Taqlib that he had heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, “Maintaining health is the result of careful examinations, feeling sorry is the result of rushing, and not getting things done on time is the result of not starting on time.”

THERE IS BAD A OMEN IN THREE THINGS

3-53 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Sahl ibn Ziyad al-Adamy, on the authority of Uthman ibn Isa, on the authority of Khalid ibn Najih, “The issue of bad omen was brought up in the presence of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB). The Imam (MGB) said, ‘There is a bad omen in three things: women, riding animals and houses. The thing with bad omen in women is the greatness of the nuptial gift and the displeasure of her husband; the thing with bad omen in riding an animal is in its not being tamed and not giving a ride; and the thing with bad omen in a house is in its small yard, bad neighbors and its many shortcomings.”

THREE GROUPS DISREGARD THE WARNINGS GIVEN TO THEM
3-54 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Sahl ibn Zyad, on the authority of Amr ibn Uthman, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrîh, on the authority of Talha al-Shami, on the authority of Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB), “The Honorable the Exalted God’s words, ‘When they disregarded the warnings that had been given them,...’ apply to three groups of people: those who accepted this and also informed others - they were saved; those who accepted this but did not inform others - their faces were distorted; and those who did not accept this and ordered others not to accept - they were destroyed.”

3-55 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Abu Abdullah al-Razi, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn al-
Hussein al-Lu’lu’ee, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Yusuf, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Zyad al-Attar that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Three groups of people are protected by the Honorable the Exalted God until God gets done with the Reckoning: those who have never committed adultery; those who have never mixed their wealth with usury; and those who have never made any attempts to do these two deeds.”

**WHOEVER IS GRANTED THREE THINGS NOT DEPRIVED OF THREE**

3-56 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Muawiyah ibn Wahab that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) told him, “O Muawiyah! Whoever is granted three things would not be deprived of three things. Whoever is granted ‘the chance to call upon God’ is also granted ‘an answer to his prayers’. Whoever is granted ‘being grateful’ is also granted ‘an increase in favors’. Whoever is granted ‘reliance’ is also granted ‘sufficiency’ as the Honorable the Exalted God says in His Book, ‘…And if anyone puts his trust in God, sufficient is (God) for him…’[199] and says, ‘… If ye are grateful, I will add more (favors) unto you;…’[200]; and says, ‘Call on Me; I will answer your (Prayer):…’[201]

**ADMONISHED AGAINST CONSULTING WITH THREE PEOPLE**

3-57 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Adam, on the authority of his father through a chain of documentations that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “O Ali! Do not consult with a coward since he would hinder your progress. Do not consult with a miser since he would lower your aspirations; and do not consult with a greedy person since he would guide you towards collecting wealth. O Ali! Know that cowardliness, miserliness and greed are of the same nature. They all stem from having a bad opinion about God.”

**THE INTELLECT IS DIVIDED INTO THREE PARTS**

3-58 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of his father Muhammad ibn Khalid who linked it up through a chain of narrators to God’s Prophet (MGB) who said, “The intellect is divided into three parts. Whoever possesses all parts has perfected his intellect. Whoever doesn’t possess all parts has no intellect at all. These parts of intellect are having a good recognition of the Honorable the Exalted God, good obedience to God, and good recognition of His Orders .[202]”
ADAM CHOSE ONE OF THREE CHARACTERISTICS

3-59 Ali ibn Ahmad ibn Abdullah al-Barqy - may God have Mercy upon him - narrated that his father quoted his grandfather, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of Amr ibn Uthman, on the authority of Abi Jamileh al-Mufaz’al ibn Salih, on the authority of Sa’ed ibn Sa’ed ibn Tarif, on the authority of Al-Asbaq ibn al-Nobatat that Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) said, “Gabriel descended upon Adam (MGB) and said, ‘O Adam! I have been ordered to let you choose one of three things. Choose one and let go of the other two.’ Adam (MGB) asked, ‘O Gabriel! What are they?’ Gabriel said, ‘The intellect, shyness and religion.’ Adam said, ‘I choose the intellect.’ Gabriel told shyness and religion to return. They replied, ‘O Gabriel! We are ordered to be wherever the intellect is.’ Gabriel said, ‘Do as you please.’ And then Gabriel returned.”

ONE’S INTELLECT CAN BE MEASURED BY THREE THINGS
3-60 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Sahl ibn Zyad, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Bashar, on the authority of Ubaydullah al-Dibqan, on the authority of Durost ibn Abi Mansoor, on the authority of Abdul Ali - the servant of the Sam Clan - that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “One’s intellect can be measured by three things: long beard, marking on his ring and nickname.”

**OUR FOLLOWERS ARE IN THREE GROUPS**

3-61 Hamzih ibn Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Alavi - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Khalid al-Barqy, on the authority of Khalaf ibn Himmad, on the authority of Muawiyah ibn Wahab that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Our followers can be divided into three groups. There are those who are our true friends. They are from us. There are those to whom we lend beauty, and lend beauty to us. And there are those who attach themselves to us to attain worldly gains. Whoever tries to attain worldly gains by attaching himself to us will get poor.”

**OUR FOLLOWERS WILL BE TESTED UNDER THREE CIRCUMSTANCES**

3-62 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Harun leftover ibn Muslim, on the authority of Al-Laysee that Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Our followers will be tested under three circumstances. They will be tested as how well they guard their prayers. They will be tested as how well they keep our secrets from our enemies. And they will be tested as how they use their wealth to help their brethren.”
WHOEVER POSSESSES THREE CHARACTERISTICS HAS PERFECT FAITH

3-63 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Hisan, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Asim ibn Hameed, on the authority of Salih ibn Maysam that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There are three qualities which if one possess he has perfect faith: perseverance over oppression, quenching one’s anger and leaving it up to God, forgiving and forgetting. Such people would be taken into Paradise without any Reckoning and God would accept their intercession on behalf of as many people as there were in the tribes of Rabiat and Mezr (who were always cited as highly populated tribes).”

3-64 Abul Abbas Muhammad ibn Ibrahim ibn Ishaq al-Taleqani - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Jarir al-Tabary quoted Abu Salih al-Kanani, on the authority of Yahya ibn Abdul Hamid al-Himmani, on the authority of Sharik that Hosham ibn Mu’az said that once he was accompanying the Caliph Umar ibn Abdul-Aziz on a journey to Medina. Then it was announced that whoever has been oppressed can come to see the Caliph. Muhammad ibn Ali al-Ba’qir (MGB) went there. The Caliph was told by his gate-keeper Mozahim that Muhammad ibn Ali al-Ba’qir (MGB) has come to see him. Umar ibn Abdul-Aziz said, “O Mozahim. Please let him in.” Mozahim asked the Imam to enter while Umar was wiping off his tears. Muhammad ibn Ali al-Ba’qir (MGB) asked Umar, “O Umar! Why are you crying?”

Then Hosham (ibn Ma’az) said, “O grandson of the Prophet of God! Such and such are the reasons why he is crying.”

Then Muhammad ibn Ali al-Ba’qir (MGB) said, “O Umar! Indeed this world is only like a shop
in a supermarket. Some people take things from it due to which they suffer a loss. Others take things from it from which they benefit. There are many people who engage themselves in things similar to what we engage in until their time of death arrived and they suffered from a great loss. They left this world in a state of being sorry since they had not hesitated to do bad deeds and had not taken anything for their Hereafter. Those who would not be grateful divided up all the inheritance which they had left behind in this world, but they had to go to Him who would not accept any excuses! It would be advisable to review the affairs of this world and avoid doing wicked deeds. Fear God and be determined to do two things. First try to take some good deeds with you which would be with you when you face your Lord. Secondly, abstain from evil deeds and do not take

with you something which will cause you to be sorry when you face your Lord. O Umar! Fear God the Honorable the Exalted! Open the door and raise the curtain (to let the people in to see you). Assist the oppressed ones and defeat the oppressors.”

Then the Imam (MGB) added, “There are three things which would perfect one’s belief in God.”

Once Umar heard this, he sat down on his knees and asked, “O Member of the Holy Household
of the Prophet! What are they?”

The Imam (MGB) said, “Yes, Umar! That is that once you are pleased, your pleasure doesn’t cause you to engage in wrongful deeds. Also once you are angry, your anger would not lead you to do what is not rightful, and once you are powerful, you do not devour what is not yours.”

Then Umar asked for ink and a quill and wrote, ‘In the Name of God the Compassionate the Merciful. I - Muhammad ibn Abdul-Aziz - hereby return the tract of land called Fadak which belongs to Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB).’”

3-65 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Abi Ayoob al-Khizaz, on the authority of Abi Ubaydat al-Haza’a that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “A believer is one whose pleasure would not lead him into sin and wrongful deeds. A believer is one whose anger would not lead him away from rightful statements. A believer is one whose power would not force him to act unjustly and to acquire what doesn’t rightfully belong to him.”

3-66 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Ali ibn al-Salt quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Faz’al, on the authority of Asim ibn Hamid, on the authority of Abi Hamzih al-Somali, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Hassan, on the authority of his mother Fatimah - the daughter of Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB), on the authority of her father Al-Hussein (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are three characteristics which if one possesses would perfect one’s faith. If one is pleased, his pleasure doesn’t lead him into sin and wrongful deeds; when one is angered, his anger doesn’t lead him away from the right; and when one is in power, his power doesn’t lead him to acquire what doesn’t rightfully belong to him.”
3-67 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Safvan ibn Yahya, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Sin’an, “A believer’s name was mentioned to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB). The Imam (MGB) said, ‘Indeed a believer is one who when angered, his anger would not lead him away from the right. A believer is one who when pleased, his pleasure would not lead him into the wrong. A believer is one who when in power, his power would not lead him to acquire what doesn’t rightfully belong to him.”’

THREE WHOM GOD SHALL NOT TALK TO, LOOK AT, OR PURIFY

3-68 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Khalid al-Tayalesi, on the authority of Abdul Rahman ibn U’an, on the authority of Ibn Abi Najran al-Tamime, on the authority of Asim ibn Hamit al-Hanat, on the authority of Abi Basir: “I heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, ‘There are three to whom God shall not Talk to, Look upon, or Purify on the Resurrection Day. They shall suffer from a great punishment. They are the one who picks at his white beard, the one who masturbates and the one who is gay.’”

3-69 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ali ibn Isma’il al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Abi Malik al-Jihni that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There are three people with whom God shall not Speak to, Look upon, or Purify on the Resurrection Day. There shall be a great punishment for them. They are those who follow leaders whose leadership is not Divinely Ordained by God; those who deny the leadership of Divine Leaders whose Leadership is Divinely Ordained by God the Honorable the Exalted; and those who consider the previous two groups of people to be Muslims.”

3-70 Abu Ahmad al-Qasim ibn Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Abdoyeh al-Siraj - the ascetic in Hamedan in the year 354 A.H. (965 A.D.) on the way back from the House of God narrated that Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Nasr ibn Mansoor al-Toosi quoted Muhammad ibn Uthman ibn Keramat, on the authority of Ubaydullah ibn Musa, on the authority of Sheiban, on the authority of Al-A’amash, on the authority of Abi Salih, on the authority of Abi Hurayrih that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are three people with whom God shall not Speak to, Look upon, or Purify on the Resurrection Day. There shall be a great punishment for them. They are those who pledge allegiance to a leader for the sake of this world such that they adhere
to the leader for as long as the leader attends to their needs, but abandon him once he doesn’t. They are also those who sell goods to others and falsely swear by God the Honorable the Exalted that they have paid such and such an amount for the goods which they are selling and the buyer believes it. They are also those who possess extra drinking water in the desert, but do not let passers-by needing it use that water.”

THE MOST HORRIBLE INSTANCES FOR PEOPLE

3-71 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan[204] - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa'ad ibn Abdallah quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Hamzih al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Yasir - the servant[205] that he had heard Abal-Hassan al-Reza (MGB) say, “There are three days which are the most horrible for man: the day he is born, leaves his mother’s stomach and sees this world; the day that he dies and sees the Hereafter and its people; and the day he is resurrected and sees decrees which he has not seen in this world. In these three instances, the Honorable the Exalted God sends peace on John (Yahya) and says, ‘So Peace on him the day he was born, the day that he dies, and the day that he will be raised up to life (again)!’”[206] Jesus the son of Mary
(MGB) has also sent peace on himself on these three instances and said, ‘So peace is on me the
day I was born, the day that I die, and the day that I shall be raised up to life (again)!’”

THE THREE PARTNERS IN OPPRESSION

3-72 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him -
narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Al-Abbas ibn
Ma’ruf, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Talha ibn Zayd, on the
authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority
of his grandfather (MGB) that Ali (MGB) said, “Those who know about oppression, who assist it
and who are content with it are all partners in it.”

ONE WHO DIVULGES WHAT OTHERS SAY HAS KILLED THREE PEOPLE

3-73 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him -
narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father on the authority of Muhammad ibn
Abi Umayr, who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB),
“One who divulges what others have said has killed three people. He has killed himself. He has
killed the one to whom he divulges what is said, and one whose sayings he divulges.”

THREE PLACES FOR A BELIEVER AND THREE FOR AN INFIDEL

3-74 Hamzih ibn Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Alavi - may God be pleased with him - narrated that
Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Amr ibn Uthman, on the
authority of Ibrahim ibn Abdul-Hamid,
3-72 on the authority of Abil Hassan - the first (MGB) that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “This life is a prison for a believer. The grave is a refugee for a believer, and Paradise is a believer’s Final Abode. This world is Paradise for an infidel. The grave is an infidel’s prison and the Fire is his place of Final Abode.”

THE DAYS OF THE HONORABLE THE EXALTED GOD’S ARE THREE

3-75 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Maysami, on the authority of Masni al-Han’nat that he had heard Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) say, “The days of the Honorable the Exalted God are three: the Day on which the Riser (MGB) shall rise; the Day of Return and the Resurrection Day.”

THREE PEOPLE WILL BE PUNISHED ON THE RESURRECTION DAY

3-76 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quote on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Maysami, on the authority of Hosham ibn Ahmar and Abdullah ibn Miskan, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Marvan that he had heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, “There are three groups of people who will be punished on the Resurrection Day. The first are those who construct the face of an animal. They will be punished constantly until they give it life which they cannot do! The second group are those who make up false dreams. They will be punished until they tie up two pieces of barley which cannot be tied together. The third group are those who eavesdrop on someone while this is considered to be bad
to do. Molten lead (or molten solder) shall be poured into their ears.”

3-77 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad narrated that Abu Ja’far al-Daybali quoted on the authority of Abu Abdullah, on the authority of Sufyan, on the authority of Ayoob Al-Sakhtiani, on the authority of Akrama, on the authority of Ibn Abbas [209] that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Whoever constructs an image shall be punished and will have to give it life which he cannot do. Whoever lies about a dream will be punished until he ties up two pieces of barley which cannot be tied together. On the Resurrection Day, molten lead shall be poured into the ears of whoever eavesdrops on someone as this is considered to be bad to do.” Sufyan said, “Molten lead comes from solder.”

THREE CHARACTERISTICS MAKE YOU IMMUNE FROM HAUGHTINESS

3-78 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Abdul Rahman ibn Abi Najran who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Whoever patches up his collar, mends his shoes and carries his merchandise will be saved from haughtiness.”

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THREE CHARACTERISTICS ENABLE ENJOINING GOOD AND BIDDING EVIL

3-79 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), "The one who has three characteristics can enjoin to do good and admonish against evil. He should be a doer of what he orders others to do and he should abandon what he admonishes others against doing. He should be moderate about ordering to do good and admonishing against evil. He should be kind in ordering to do good and admonishing against evil."

THREE ARE NOT PURE

3-80 Al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn Idris - may God have Mercy upon him - quoted his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali al-Hamedany who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Davood ibn Farqad, on the authority of either Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) or Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), "Three groups of people are not pure: Those whose right eye is blind; those whose pupils are like the stone on a ring, and those who are born as Sindi.[210] (in some versions we read: those who have been born after one year of pregnancy.)[211]"

HAVING THREE CHARACTERISTICS IS ENOUGH FOR ONE TO BE BAD

3-81 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Bakr ibn Salih, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Faz’zal, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Ibrahim, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Zayd, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Indeed the reward of doing good deeds will arrive much sooner than any good deeds, the punishment for doing evil deeds will reach one much faster than any evil deeds. Having three characteristics is enough for one to be bad. These characteristics are: attending to other people’s faults while ignoring your own; admonishing others against evil deeds without being able to abandon them yourself and hurting your companion for nothing.”

THREE REASONS FOR NOT LOVING THE FAMILY OF THE PROPHET
3-82 Al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn Idris - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Abi Nasr al-Baghdady, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Ahmar, on the authority of Isma’il ibn al-Abbas ibn Yazid ibn Jobayr, on the authority of Davood ibn al-Hassan, on the authority of Abi Rafea, on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are three reasons why one may not like my family. Either he is a hypocrite, was born out of adultery or was conceived when his mother was not in a purified state (that is when intercourse is not allowed).”

THE BEST THREE DEEDS IN THE OPINION OF GOD
3-83 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa`ed ibn Abdullah quoted Al-Qasim ibn Muhammad al-Isfahani, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Davood al-Minqari, on the authority of Sufyan ibn Ayyineh, on the authority of Al-Zuhra, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hussein (MGB), “The last advice of al-Khizr (MGB) to Moses - the Son of Imran (MGB) was as follows: ‘Never blame anyone for their sins. The best deeds in the Opinion of God are the following three deeds: moderation at times of being wealthy; forgiving at times of being in power; and being kind to the servants of God (i.e. the people). If anyone treats others with kindness in this world, God the Honorable the Exalted will treat him with kindness on the Resurrection Day. The foremost form of wisdom is fearing the Blessed the Sublime God.’”

FIRE SHALL SPEAK TO THREE PEOPLE ON THE RESURRECTION DAY

3-84 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa`ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Abbas ibn Ma`ruf, on the authority of Abi Himmam - Isma`il ibn Himam, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sa`id ibn Qazvan, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Aba Abdullah Ja`far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that the Prophet (MGB) said, “The Fire shall speak to three people on the Resurrection Day: rulers, knowledgeable ones and the wealthy. The Fire shall tell the ruler, ‘O ye to whom God granted power but you did not act justly!’ Then it will devour him just as a bird devours a sesame seed. The Fire will tell the knowledgeable one, ‘O ye who were proud of yourself near the people and disobeyed God!’ It will devour him also. The Fire will tell the wealthy, ‘O ye to whom God granted a lot of wealth in the world but were greedy and did not even grant a small loan to those who were in need asking you for small loans.’ It will devour him also.”

THREE BACK-BREAKING THINGS

3-85 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abdulhamid, on the authority of Amir ibn Ribah, on the authority of Amr ibn al-Walid, on the authority of Sa`d al-Iskaf that Abi Ja`far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “Three things are back- breaking: overestimating one’s deeds; forgetting one’s sins and being conceited.”
The compiler of the book narrated that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Saifan ibn Yahya, on the authority of Abdul Rahman ibn al-Haj’jaj that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Satan (May God Damn him) told his followers, ‘There are three things which once a man does I will overcome him and not worry about his other deeds. These things are: Overestimating his deeds; forgetting his sins and becoming conceited.’”

GOD HAS HONORED HIS SERVANTS WITH THREE THINGS

Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn Abdul Jab’bar, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Isma’il, on the authority of Ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Hisham ibn Salim that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Indeed God the Honorable the exalted has said, ‘I have honored my servants by granting them three blessings. First, I have made their corpse stink after their soul leaves their body. Had it not been so, no one’s relatives would ever bury their deceased loved ones. I have granted them a relief after mourning. Had it not been so, no one could enjoy life. I have created bugs and gave them dominion over wheat and barely. Had it not been so, the Kings and the rulers would have stored them in their houses just as they store gold and silver.’”

YOU SHOULD ONLY STAY UP LATE AT NIGHT FOR THREE CAUSES

Ja’far ibn Ali ibn al-Hassan al-Kufy - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his grandfather Al-Hassan ibn Ali quoted on the authority of his great grandfather Abdullah ibn al-
Muqayrih, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father Al-Baqir (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “You should only stay up late at night for three causes: studying the Quran; seeking knowledge or taking a bride to her husband.”

WERE IT NOT FOR THREE REASONS, MAN WOULD NEVER BOW DOWN

3-89 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far quoted on the authority of Harun ibn Muslim, on the authority of Mus’adat ibn Zyad, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad As-Sadia (MGB), on the authority of his father Al-Baqir (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Were it not for three reasons, man would never bow down. They are illness, poverty and death. He is subject to all of them and they are with him. Yet, he will not stop boasting.”
THE RULES OF THE RELIGION ARE SUMMARIZED IN THREE THINGS

3-90 Ja’far ibn Ali ibn al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrih al-Kufy narrated that his grandfather Al-Hassan ibn Ali quoted on the authority of Amr ibn Uthman al-Saqafy, on the authority of Sa’id ibn Sharhabil, on the authority of Ibn Lahay’at, on the authority of Abi Malik, “I asked Ali ibn al-Hussein to inform me of all the rules of the religion. The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘Speaking fairly, ruling justly and respecting one’s pledge.’”

THREE SOURCES OF SEDITION

3-91 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn al-Hussein al-Sa’ed Abady quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Zyad ibn al-Monzar, on the authority of Sa’ed ibn Tarif, on the authority of Al-Asbaq ibn al-Nobatat that the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said, “There are three sources of sedition. They are: love for women - that is Satan’s sword; drinking wine - that is Satan’s trap; and love for gold and silver - that is Satan’s bullet! Whoever loves women will not benefit from his life! Whoever drinks wine will not be let into Paradise! Whoever loves gold and silver will be a servant of this world!”

The Commander of the Faithful (MGB) added, “Jesus - the son of Mary (MGB) said, ‘Gold is the ailment for religion! The knowledgeable one is the doctor for religion! Whenever you notice that the doctor is ill, do not expect him to be able to treat you!’”

THERE ARE THREE FRIENDS FOR A MUSLIM

3-92 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quoted Harun ibn Muslim, on the authority of Mus’adat ibn Zyad, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father Al-Baqir (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB) that Ali (MGB) said, “There are three friends for a Muslim. There is a friend who says, ‘I will be with you in your life and death!’ That is his deeds! There is a friend who says, ‘I will be with you until you are put into the grave. Then I will abandon you.’ That is his child! There is a friend who says, ‘I will be with you until your death.’ That is his wealth which will be that of his inheritors once he dies.’”

3-93 Abu Ahmad al-Hassan ibn Abdullah ibn Sa’id al-Askari narrated that Abu Bakr Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Dareed quoted the following on the authority of Abu Hatam (Muhammad ibn Idris ibn al-Monzar), on the authority of Al-Abasi Abu Muhammad Ubaydullah, on the authority of his father. The same was narrated by Abdullah ibn Shobayb al-Basry, on the
authority of Zakariya ibn Yahya al-Monqari, on the authority of Al-Ala’ ibn al-Fazl (ibn Abdul Malik al-Monqari), on the authority of his father, on the authority of his grandfather, on the authority of Qays ibn Asim, “I went to see God’s Prophet (MGB) along with a group of the people of Tamim! Then we entered and Al-Salsal ibn al-Dahms was with the Prophet (MGB). I asked, ‘O Prophet of God! Please give us some advice to use since we are a group of people who live in the desert.’ The Prophet of God (MGB) said, ‘Indeed there is humiliation associated with pride! There is death associated with life! There is the Hereafter associated with this world! There is an accounting for everything! There is a guardian associated with everything! There is a reward associated with every good deed! There is a chastisement associated with every evil deed! There is a set period for everything!

O Qays! There will undoubtedly be a companion with you in the grave! He will be alive when he is buried along with you while you will be dead! If he is noble, he will honor you! However, if he is vile, he will torment you! He will be with you and will be resurrected along with you!

No questions will be put to you; they will all be directed to him. Choose, then a worthy and
righteous companion, for if your companion is righteous he will comfort you, but if he be wicked, you will wish to flee from him in terror. This everlasting companion is nothing but your very own deeds!"

Then I said, “O Prophet of God! I wish these to be put in a few verses of poetry so that I can be honored with them amongst the Arabs!” The Prophet (MGB) called Hisan ibn Sabit to put these into a poetic form. I immediately put them in a poetic form before Hisan came and recited them for the Prophet (MGB) and said that I hope they portray what the Prophet (MGB) had said. The poems are as follows:

Choose a companion from your deeds so that may accompany you in the grave what you prepared!
You have no alternative after death but to be ready for the day on which you are called to him to accept
Engage not in affairs in this world in which there is not God’s contentment
Man will not have a companion after his death and even before death but his own deeds
Indeed man is only a guest of his household
He would spend a short while with them before he departs

GOD REVEALED THREE WORDS TO THE PROPHET REGARDING ALI

3-94 In Kufa in the year 354 A.H. (965 A.D.) Al-Hassan ibn Muhammad al-Sahkooni al-Mazaki[212] narrated that Muhammad ibn Abdullah al-Hazrami quoted on the authority of Al-Qasim ibn Zakaria ibn Dinar, on the authority of Ishaq ibn Mansoor, on the authority of Ja’far al-Ahmar, on the
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بغير الذي يرضي به الله يشتمل
ومن قبله إلا الذي كان يفعل
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فان كانت مشغولا بشيء فلأتكن
فلن يصحب الأدنى من بعد موتاه
ألا إنما الأدنى ضيف لابنه

كلمات ثلاث علي في النبي صلى الله عليه

اشهد: لما في الحال香水 نسيم خو سبأ قيس قيسوفلو بقتلها ينوح سيل دحم نب نسحل انشد 3.94
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authority of Ummi al-Sayrafi, on the authority of Abi Kathir al-Ansari, on the authority of Abdullah ibn As’ad ibn Zurarah that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “When I ascended[213] to my Lord, He revealed to me three words regarding Ali (MGB): he is the leader of the pious ones; he is the master of the believers; and he is the leader of the radiant ones.”

MEN ARE OF THREE KINDS

3-95 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ahmad Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Faz’zal, on the authority of Sa’alabat ibn Maymun that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Men are of three kinds: A man (can be known) by his wealth, a man by his position, and a man by his tongue. And that is the best of the three.”

3-96 And with these same documents he narrated that the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said, “Men are of three types: intelligent, stupid and corrupt. For the intelligent, religion is his way; patience is his nature, and thinking is in his character. If questioned, he will respond. If he talks, he says the right words. If he listens, he perceives. If he speaks, he tells the truth. If someone trusts him, he will be loyal to him. However, if you direct a stupid person to the good, he will neglect it. If he is directed away from the good, he will follow. If he is guided towards ignorance, he becomes ignorant. If he talks, he lies. He doesn’t understand. Even if you try to make him understand, he will not understand. And a corrupt person is such that if you entrust him with something, he will cheat you. If you become his companion, he will debase you. And if you trust him in some affairs, he will not be sincere to you.”

NO ONE DESERVES TO BE A LEADER UNLESS HE HAS THREE CHARACTERISTICS

3-97 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Abdul Samad ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Han’nan ibn Sadeer, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that his father (MGB) said, “No one deserves to be a leader unless he has three characteristics: piety which would hinder him from doing the forbidden deeds; patience which would help him control his anger; and good deputyship over those whom he leads just as if he is their kind father.”

3-98 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil Khat’tab, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abi Nasr al-Bazanty that Abul-Hassan (MGB) was asked, “How can one tell who the next Divine Leader will be after a Divine Leader?”
The Imam (MGB) replied, “Indeed there are certain signs for him (MGB). First of all, he (MGB) shall be the oldest son of the existing Divine Leader. He (MGB) will be the one most deserving that position. He will be so well-known as the trustee of his father that when a group of newcomers to the town ask anyone about the Trustee of the Divine Leader, everyone refers to him (MGB) as the Trustee of the Divine Leader. The position of armaments near us is like that of the coffin near the Israelites [214] that is the Divine Leader is the one who is holding the Prophet’s armaments.”
claims to be a Trustee of the Divine Leader. He should be the closest[215] to the Divine Leader. He should possess the Prophet’s armaments and he should be so clearly the one declared by the Divine Leader to be his Trustee that when you enter the town and ask the children or the common people about whom the Divine Leader has established as his Trustee, everyone refers to him (MGB).”

ON THREE HAJJ PILGRIMAGES [216]

3-100 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Al-Sindy ibn al-Rabi’a, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Qasim ibn Fuzayl ibn Yasar, on the authority of Aiman ibn Mohraz, who quoted on the authority of Al-Qasim and ibn Faz’zal that Harizat said, “Whoever goes on the Hajj pilgrimage[217] for three consecutive years it is as if he has gone on the Hajj pilgrimage every year whether he continues to go on the Hajj or not in the following years.”

The compiler of the book - may God increase his honor - said, “The chain of narrations of this tradition is weak. However, I have cited it as it was in my manuscript. However, there is a correct form of this tradition on the authority of Imam as-Sadiq (MGB) that is cited next.”

3-101 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil Khat’tab, on the authority of Al-Hijal, (on the authority of Safvan ibn Yahya,) on the authority of Safvan ibn Mihran al-Jamal, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Whoever goes on the Hajj pilgrimage[218] thrice will never suffer from poverty.”

3-100-1 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil Khat’tab, on the authority of Al-Hijal, (on the authority of Safvan ibn Yahya,) on the authority of Safvan ibn Mihran al-Jamal, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Whoever goes on the Hajj pilgrimage[218] thrice will never suffer from poverty.”
3-102 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar and Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Abu Abdullah al-Razi, on the authority of Mansoor ibn al-Ab’bas, on the authority of Amr ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Isa ibn Hamzih that Aha Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Any camel on which they go on the Hajj pilgrimage[219] for three years shall be amongst the animals in Paradise.”

In other traditions we read ‘for seven years.’

**ON WHOEVER SENDS THREE BELIEVERS TO THE HAJJ PILGRIMAGE [220]**

3-103 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Salamat ibn al-Khat’tab, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Ali, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Ali al-Daylami - the servant of Al-Reza (MGB) that he had heard al-Reza (MGB) say, “Whoever sends three believers on the Hajj pilgrimage has indeed bought himself from God with that money. God will not ask him where he has brought the money from - whether it is legitimately earned or illegitimately earned.”

**THERE ARE THREE SIGNS IN JOSEPH’S SHIRT**

3-104 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn al-Hussein al-Sa’ad Abady quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Hisham ibn Salim, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “There were three signs in the Prophet Joseph’s (MGB) shirt as God the Honorable the Exalted says, ‘They stained his shirt with false blood…’[221] And God the Honorable the Exalted says, ‘…(thus):- If it be that his shirt is rent from the front, then is her tale true, and he is a liar!’[222] And God the Honorable the Exalted says, ‘Go with this my shirt, and cast it over the face of my father: he will come to see (clearly). Then come ye (here) to me together with all your family.’[223]”

**THERE ARE THREE FORMS OF OPPRESSION**
3-105 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdulllah, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Harun ibn al-Jahm, on the authority of Al-Mufaz’al ibn Salih, on the authority of Sa’ed ibn Tarif, on the authority of Abi Ja’far Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB), “There are three forms of oppression: ones that God the Honorable the Exalted would forgive, ones that God the

Honorable the Exalted would not forgive, and ones that God the Honorable the Exalted would not overlook. The form of oppression which God the Honorable the Exalted would not forgive is associating partners with God the Honorable the Exalted. The form of oppression which God the Honorable the Exalted would forgive is the oppression that one has done to himself which is related to what goes on between a person and God the Honorable the Exalted. The form of
oppression which God the Honorable the Exalted would not overlook is related to oppressing other people."

**THREE WAYS HAVING INTERCOURSE BECOMES LEGITIMATE**

3-106 Ahmad ibn Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father quoted his grandfather, on the authority of Al-Nawfalay, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB)\[224], on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB) that the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said, “There are three ways by which having intercourse becomes legitimate. They are marriage with right to inherit\[225], marriage by possessing the woman (who is a slave), and marriage without the right to inherit\[226].”

**ALL THE NATION BUT THREE CAN HOPE TO BE SAVED**

3-107 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Al-Qasim ibn Muhammad al-Isfahani, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Davood al-Minqari, on the authority of Hafs ibn Qiayth al-Nakha’ee that Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Anyone in this nation who has recognized our right can hope to be saved but three: one who helps the oppressive King; one who follows his selfish desires; and one who engages in corrupt deeds in public.”

**THE WORST THREE TIMES FOR MAN**

3-108 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Al-Qasim ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Davood, on the authority of Abdul Raz’aq, on the authority of Mu’amir, on the authority of Al-Zuhra that Ali ibn al-Hussein ibn Ali ibn Abi Talib (Imam as-Sajjad (MGB)) said, “The worst times for man are three: the time at which the angel of death comes to take his life; the time at which he is risen out of the grave; and the time at which he shall stand before the Honorable the Exalted God to see whether he shall go to Paradise or be taken into Hell.” As-Sajjad (MGB) added, “O Children of Adam! If you are saved at the time of death, then you are saved. Else you shall be destroyed. If you are saved when you are being placed in the grave, then you are saved. Else you shall be destroyed. If you are saved when they are taking the people towards the Bridge\[227], then you are saved. Else you shall be destroyed.”
Then As-Sajjad (MGB) recited the following verse of the Holy Quran: ‘...Before them is a Partition till the Day they are raised up.’  

Then As-Sajjad (MGB) added, “This Partition refers to the grave in which life is hard. I swear by God that the grave can be one of the gardens of Paradise or one of the ditches of Hell!” Then As-Sajjad (MGB) faced a man who was present there and said to him, “Indeed the Residents of the Heavens know the Residents of Paradise and the Residents of Hell! Which group do you belong to? With which of the two shall be your Final Abode?”

**THE WORST THREE DEEDS OF MAN NEAR GOD**

3-109 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Al-Qasim ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Davood, on the authority of several of his companions that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) narrated that the Prophet (MGB) said, “The Children of Adam would not do any deeds that are worse than the following three deeds near the Blessed the Sublime God: When a man kills a Prophet or a Divine Leader; when a man destroys the Ka’ba which God the Honorable the Exalted has established as a turning point to worship Him; or when a man illegitimately has sex with a woman.”

**A MAN WOULD NOT MIGRATE EXCEPT FOR THREE REASONS**
3-110 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Al-Qasim ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Davood, on the authority of several of his companions, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “It is recorded in the Wise Sayings of Alih Davood (MGB) that a man would not migrate except for the following three reasons: to attain the necessities for the Hereafter, to improve the affairs of this life, or enjoy what is not forbidden.” Then he (MGB) added, “Whoever loves this life would be debased.”

THREE BEDS

3-111 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Al-Qasim ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Davood, on the authority of Hammad ibn Isa that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) saw several beds in someone’s house and said, “One bed is for the man of the house. A second bed is for the woman of the house. A third bed is for house guests. Any extra beds would be for Satan.”

3-112 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad al-Sejezy narrated that Umar ibn Hafs quoted Suleiman ibn Ash’as, on the authority of Yazid ibn Khalid al-Ramli, on the authority of Ibn Wahab, on the authority of Abi Hani, on the authority of Aba Abdul Rahman al-Hibli, on the authority of Jabir ibn Abdullah that God’s Prophet (MGB) said the following regarding beds, “A bed for the man and a bed for the woman and a bed for the guest. The fourth bed would be for Satan.”
THE THREE SIGNS

3-113 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Al-Qasim ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Davood, on the authority of Hammad ibn Isa that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) narrated that Luqman told his son, “O my son! There are signs for everything by which they are known and which indicate those things. There are three signs for religion which are knowledge, faith and acting accordingly. There are three signs for knowledge which are knowledge of God, knowledge of what God likes and what God disapproves of. There are three signs for faith which are faith in God, His Book and His Messenger. There are also three signs for acting accordingly which are praying, fasting and paying the alms-tax. There are three signs for one who is a show-off which are quarrelling with ones who are better; speaking out of ignorance; and seeking what is extremely hard to find. There are three signs for the oppressor which are oppressively harming those who are superior; being forceful with those who are inferior; and helping those who are oppressors. There are three signs for the corrupt which are constant disagreement between what he says and what is in his heart; constant disagreement between his heart and his deeds; and constant disagreement between his outward appearance and his inward thoughts. There are three signs for the sinner which are he is treacherous, he lies and he acts opposite to what he says. There are three signs for the show-off which are he is lazy, but he acts as if he is steadfast in public and he always seeks to be praised. There are three signs for the haughty which are he blames others in their absence; he boastfully praises others in front of them; and he blames the events which bring about calamities. There are three signs for the wasteful which are he buys what he doesn’t deserve to have; he wears what he doesn’t deserve to wear; and he eats what he doesn’t deserve to eat. There are three signs for the lazy which are he is so sluggish that he starts to commit criminal acts; he has shortcomings that lead him to being ungrateful; and he wastes things so much that he becomes a criminal. There are three signs for the ignorant which are inattentiveness, playfulness and forgetfulness.” Hammad ibn Isa added that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “For each of these signs there are more than a thousand indications. O Himad! Seek knowledge during the day and the night. Stop being greedy for what others possess, if you wish to be able to see the good in this world and attain the Eternal Abode. Consider yourself to be amongst the dead. Do not consider yourself to be superior to anyone else. Keep your mouth shut and keep your aspirations to yourself.”
THREE SITUATIONS IN WHICH GOD TAKES CARE OF ONE’S AFFAIRS

3-114 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Al-Qasim ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Davood, on the authority of Hammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said, “Luqman has said the following amongst the wise advice he gave his son, ‘O my son! One who is weak in Certitude and whose belief about the provision of his sustenance is weak can be reassured considering the three occasions on which God the Blessed the Sublime would take care of his affairs and provide for his sustenance, while he is not able to do anything and cannot earn his sustenance. The first occasion is during the time he is in his mother’s womb where he has no power to do anything, but God provides his sustenance and maintains him in a safe and stable place where he is protected against heat and cold. The second occasion is after he is born and has no power to do anything, but is fed with his mother’s milk until he grows up and stops being breastfed. The third occasion is after he is no longer being breastfed and has no power to do anything but God provides his sustenance through his father’s earnings and by the love He has placed in his father’s heart, such that he always puts a higher priority to feeding and clothing him than he does to feeding and clothing himself. Then once a man grows up he goes out to work to provide for his sustenance. Whenever he has shortcomings and cannot earn enough, he forgets this and is badly suspicious about God the Blessed the Sublime providing his sustenance and makes life
hard for his spouse and children. O my son! Such a person would be a bad worshipper!"

THREE TYPES OF PEOPLE

3-115 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali al-Vasha, on the authority of Ahmad ibn A’ez, on the authority of Abi Khadijeh that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “The people can be divided into three groups: the knowledgeable scholars, the seekers of knowledge and the scum. We are the knowledgeable scholars. Our followers are the seekers of knowledge and the rest of the people are the scum.”

3-116 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Salamat ibn al-Khat’tab, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Sayf, on the authority of Salih ibn Aqabah that Abi'l Hassan Musa ibn Ja’far al-Kazim (MGB) said, “The people are of three groups: Arabs, friends and the debased. We are the Arabs. The friends are those who love and follow us. However, the debased ones are the Nasabites[229] who dislike us.”

أمره من أحوال ثلاثة في المعمد و resil al-askal

3-115 نب ناليس نع، نب مساقلا نع، نع مسلا دبع نب دعس انشدد براق فنع مسلا، وضير يبما انشدد

السلام قال: قال أمير المؤمنين عليه السلام: داؤد قال: حدثني حميم بن عيسى عن أبي عبد الله عليه

كان فيهما وعظه لقمان ابنه أن قال لى يا بني لي اعتبر من قシン يقينه وضعفت نيته في طلب

الرزق، إن الله تعالى خلقه في ثلاثة أحوال من أمره، واتنازه رزقه، ولم يكن له في واحدة منها

رزقه في الحال الراانية، أما أول فانية كان في رحمه كسب ولا حيلة: إن الله تعالى خلقه

فدركه هناك في أي قرار مكن حيي لا يذوبه حر ولا بارد ثم أخرجه من ذلك واجبره لي رزقه من لينه

هيك بيه ويربى به، ويدعسه من غير حوله ولا قوة، ثم فظ من ذلك فأجره له رزقه من كسب أبويه

لا يمكلان غير ذلك حتى أنهما يقولانه على أنهما فيما في أحوال كثيرة برفقة حميه له من قلوبهم

حتى إذا كبر وعقل واتسب لنفسه ضاقت به أمره وظن النزون بربه وجود الحقائق في ماليه وقبر على

نفسه وعياله خلافة أفكار رزق وسوء يقين بالخلاف من الله تعالى، وتعالي في العاجل والاجل،

ي فنن المعبدها يابن

 ثلاثة الناس

3-116 نب نايم نع، نب مساقلا نع، نع مسلا دبع نب دعس انشدد براق فنع مسلا وضير يبما انشدد

عيسى، عن الحسن بن بن الحسن عن أحمد بن عاشر عن أبي بكر بعده عن أبي عبد الله عليه السلام

المتعلمون وسائر الناس قال: الناس يخدوان على ثلاثة عالم ومتعلم وغثاء، فإن أهل العالم وشيء

غثاء.

3-116 نب نايم نع، نب مساقلا نع، نع مسلا دبع نب دعس انشدد براق فنع مسلا، وضير يبما انشدد

سيف، عن صالح بن عقبة، عن أبي الحسن موسى بن سعيد شفيعهما السلام قال: الناس ثلاثة: عربي

يبلي بصلاوات النار بتن مفج له لما أو يوموم، ويجل، فأما العرب فنحن، وأما المولى فن، وأما ولاودا
3-117 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father Muhammad ibn Khalid, on the authority of Safvan ibn Yahya, on the authority of Abi Ayoob al-Khizaz, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Muslim and others, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Be either a knowledgeable one, a student or a friend of the knowledgeable ones. Do not be of any other group since then you would be destroyed due to their enmity.”

THREE INEXCUSABLE CHARACTERISTICS

3-118 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Musa ibn Ja’far ibn Abi Ja’far al-Kumaydany quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr that Al-Hussein ibn Mus’ab al-Hamedany heard As-Sadiq (MGB) say, “There are three things that no one has any excuses not to do. Return what you are entrusted with whether it belongs to a good-doer or a wicked man. Fulfill your promise whether it be to a good-doer or a wicked man. Treat your parents kindly whether they are good-doers or wicked ones.”

THREE CHARACTERISTICS ONE WOULD SUFFER BEFORE DEATH

3-119 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Malik ibn Atiye, on the authority of Abi Ubaydat that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said that it is recorded in Ali’s Book, “There are three characteristics which if one possesses he shall not die until he suffers from them: Oppression, cutting off ties with the relations of kin and falsely swearing by God which is a form of fighting with God. The best rewarded form of worshipping is having relations with one’s ties of kin. Some people get wealthier even though they are evildoers since they have relations with their ties of kin. Their kindness would increase their life-span. Falsely swearing by God and cutting off the relations of kin would destroy homes and would overburden the wombs which would cause an interruption in the continuation of generations.”

A MUSLIM IS PERFECTED WITH THREE CHARACTERISTICS

3-120 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of Al-Mo’ali ibn Muhammad al-Basry, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Jumhoor al-Ummi,
on the authority of Ja’far ibn Bashiral-Bajaly, on the authority of Abi Bahr, on the authority of Sharih al-Hamedany, on the authority of Abi Ishaq al-Sabi’e, on the authority of Al-Harith al-A’oar that the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said, “A Muslim is perfected by three characteristics: knowledge of the affairs of the religion; moderation in the affairs of life; and patience during calamities.”

THREE ADVICES THE PROPHET GAVE TO ALI

3-121 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Marar, on the authority of Yunus ibn Abdulrahman who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “The following is amongst the pieces of advice given by the Prophet (MGB) to Ali (MGB): ‘O Ali! I admonish you against three major characteristics: jealousy, greed and lying. O Ali! The following three deeds are the master of the deeds: treating
the people fairly; being kind to your brethren for the sake of the Honorable the Exalted God and remembering the Blessed the Sublime God in all circumstances. O Ali! A believer has the following three sources of happiness: visiting his brethren; breaking his fast and praying at the end of the night. O Ali! There are three things lacking which means nothing of what you do is perfected: piety which prevents you from disobeying the Honorable the Exalted God; good temper which assists him to treat the people with moderation and patience which helps him forgive the ignorance of the people. O Ali! Three things are due to real faith: generosity in spite of poverty; recognizing that others are right regarding oneself and teaching knowledge to its seekers. O Ali! Three characteristics are due to nobility: giving to those who have denied things of you; associating with those who have cut-off ties from you and forgiving those who have oppressed you.”

3-122 Abul Hassan Muhammad ibn Ali ibn ash-Shah al-Marv al-Ruzi narrated that Abu Hamid Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn al-Hussein quoted Abu Yazid Ahmad ibn Khalid al-Khalidy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Salih al-Tamimy, on the authority of Anas ibn Muhammad Abu Malik, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that the Prophet (MGB) said, “O Ali! There are three things with which whoever visits God he will be of the noblest of the people. Whoever performs whatever is incumbent upon him would be of the best of the worshippers. Whoever abstains from whatever is forbidden for him to do would be of the most pious ones and whoever is content with whatever sustenance God has provided for him would be of the most needless ones.
O Ali! There are three things which my followers find it hard to do: being sympathetic with their brethren during times of being wealthy; being fair with others regarding themselves and remembering God at all times. This doesn’t mean saying God’s glorifications by saying ‘Subhanallah valhamdulilah va la illaha ilallaho allaho akbar!’ No. It means to fear the Honorable the Exalted God whenever you run across a forbidden deed and abstain from doing that forbidden deed. O Ali! There is fear of insanity in three deeds: sleeping in the graveyard; walking wearing only one shoe and sleeping alone. O Ali! Associating with three groups of people will spoil the heart: associating with mean people, associating with the rich people and talking with women. O Ali! Three things would strengthen memory and fend off ailments: drinking milk; brushing the teeth and reciting the Quran. O Ali! The following three acts are due to obsession: eating clay, biting one’s nails, and chewing one’s beard. O Ali! I admonish you against three characteristics: envy, greed and haughtiness. O Ali! There are three things which would make the heart perish: listening to vain talk; going hunting, and going to the door of the king’s palace. O Ali! Life depends on three things: big house, beautiful woman, and a slim horse."

The compiler of the book - may God increase his honor - said, “A slim horse is a thin horse whether male or female.”

THREE OCCASIONS IN WHICH ONE IS PRAYED FOR IN THE PLURAL

3-123 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat’tab, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Bashir, on the authority of Abi Ayeenat, on the authority of Mansoor ibn Hazim that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “On three occasions one is prayed for in the plural although he is singular. The first occasion is when one sneezes. They tell him ‘Yarhamakumullah that means ‘May God have Mercy upon you’ as if someone else is with him. The second occasion is when one greets others. They return his greeting by saying ‘Assalumalaykum as if others are with him. The third occasion is when one prays for someone else to be healed and says ‘Afakumullah as if he is praying for more than one person.”

The compiler of the book - may God increase his honor - said, “They say ‘Yarhamakumullah to the opponents once they sneeze which refers to the two appointed accompanying angels, but say ‘Yarhamakullah to a believer when he sneezes.”
WHAT IS SAID TO WHOEVER SNEEZES THREE TIMES

3-124 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Wahab ibn Monbat, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB) that Ali (MGB) said, “They say ‘Yarhamakumullah to one who sneezes three times. Any more sneezing is due to the air.”

3-125 In another tradition we read, “If one sneezes for more than three times they tell him, ‘May God heal you!’ since that is due to an illness.”

THREE THINGS GOD NEVER GRANTS A HYPOCRITE OR A CORRUPT

3-126 Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Masroor - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Al-Hussein ibn Muhammad ibn Amer quoted his uncle Abdullah ibn Amer, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Ebad ibn Saheeb that he had heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, “God will never grant a hypocrite or a corrupt person insight, knowledge and
a good-temper."

THREE ARE GOD'S GUESTS AND UNDER HIS PROTECTION

3-127 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil Qasim quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Ebad ibn Saheeb, “I heard Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB) say, ‘Whoever performs the Hajj and the Umra pilgrimage will be the Honorable the Exalted God’s guest until he returns home. Whoever is praying is under the protection of God until he is finished. Whoever goes to visit his believing brother for the sake of the Honorable the Exalted God is as if he has gone to visit God and will benefit from the rewards in the world and the treasures of God’s Mercy.’”

THE BUYER HAS THREE DAYS TO RETURN THE ANIMAL HE BUYS

3-128 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Jamil, on the authority of Fuzayl ibn Yasar that he asked Aba Abdullah Imam as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “What is the condition for dealing when buying an animal?” The Imam (MGB) replied, “The buyer has three days (to return it if he doesn’t want it).” Then he asked, “And what are the conditions for buying things other than an animal?” The Imam (MGB) replied, “Either the buyer or the seller has the right to call off the deal before they separate. Once they separate, they cannot call off the deal unless both sides agree.”
THREE THINGS GOD HAS NOT GIVEN ANYONE ANY EXCUSE NOT TO DO

3-129 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja‘far al-Homayry quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat‘tab, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Malik ibn Atiye, on the authority of Anbast ibn Mus‘ab that he had heard Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, “There are three things that God has not given anyone any excuse not to do:

1- Return what you are entrusted with whether it belongs to a good-doer or a wicked man.

2- Fulfill your promise whether to a good-doer or a wicked man,

3- Treat your parents kindly whether they are good-doers or wicked ones.”

3-130 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa‘ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Zayd al-Shoham that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Nothing is a harder (divine) test for a believer than giving charity from what he has earned from God the Almighty, being just and frequently remembering God.” He (MGB) then said, “I do not mean that you should often recite praises of God, but remember God in what you do regarding what is allowed and what is forbidden.”

THERE WOULD HAVE COME A SEVERE PUNISHMENT FROM GOD WERE IT NOT FOR THE FOLLOWING THREE

3-131 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar and Ahmad ibn Idris quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Mus‘ab that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “God sends down an angel every day to announce: O people! Stop disobedience to God! Were it not for pasturing animals, breast-feeding babies and
bent back white bearded old men there would have come to you such a hard punishment that would utterly destroy you.”

THREE DAMNED ONES

3-132 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ibrahim al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn al-Mukhtar who linked it up through a chain of narrators to God’s Prophet (MGB) who said, “Damned is anyone who has gone blind not being able to see the Trusteeship of the Members of my Household. Damned is anyone who is a slave of gold and silver. Damned is anyone who has sex with beasts.”
THREE THINGS REGARDING WHEN WISE MEN WRITE TO EACH OTHER

3-133 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB) that the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said, “When some of the wise men and the jurisprudents write each other they write about three things as follows. God will provide for the worldly affairs of whoever engages in preparations for the Hereafter. God will purify the appearance of whoever purifies his inner soul. God will improve the relationship between the people and whoever improves his relationship with God.”

THREE CHARACTERISTICS NOT OF A BELIEVER

3-134 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Al-Haysam ibn Abi Masruq al-Nehdi, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Ali ibn Re’ab, on the authority of Al-Halabi that he had heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, “A believer will not engage in lying, miserliness and adultery. It could happen that he turns to these acts, but he will not continue doing them.” The Imam (MGB) was asked, “Will he commit adultery?” The Imam (MGB) said, “Yes. He may fall into that trouble, but he would repent and no child will be born from that sperm.”

3-135 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Ishaq ibn Am’mar, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “God - may His Majesty be Exalted - said, ‘I have divided up the world amongst My servants. I will reward whoever grants Me a loan from it ten to seven-hundred times. I will take a loan by force from whoever doesn’t give me a loan. Instead I will reward him with three things each of which would please the angels if it is granted to them. The three things given as a reward are blessings, guidance and mercy. Regarding the first of these three God has said, ‘Who say, when afflicted with calamity: ‘To God We belong, and to Him is our return’: They are those on whom (descend) blessings from God.’ [230] The second thing is ‘His Mercy’ and the third thing is guidance.’” Then Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) added, “This is for the person from whom something has been taken by force.”

GOD HAS A PARADISE INTO WHICH ONLY THREE GROUPS SHALL ENTER

3-136 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father, may God be pleased with him, narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad
THREE CHARACTERISTICS THAT SHIITES DO NOT HAVE

3-137 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn...
Abdullah quoted on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn al-Nue’man, on the authority of Ali ibn Asbat, on the authority of some of our friends that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Whatever faults our Shiites may have, they do not have any of the following faults: none of them beg, none of them are miserly, and none of them are gay.”

THE HARDEST THREE THINGS FOR THE SERVANTS TO DO

3-138 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrih, on the authority of Abil Sabah al-Kanani, on the authority of Abi Basir that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “The following three are the hardest things to do for a believer: to be fair regarding oneself, to help others, and remember God in all circumstances. One should remember God whenever he is about to commit a sin as the Honorable the Exalted God said, ‘Those who fear God, when a thought of evil from Satan assaults them, bring God to remembrance, when lo! they see (aright)!’ [231].”

3-139 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn al-Hussein al-Sa’ed Abady quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Ali ibn Faz’ zal, on the authority of Ali ibn Aqabah, on the authority of Abil Jarud Zyad ibn al-Monzar that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “The following three are the hardest things to do for a believer: to be fair regarding oneself and not wanting anything for others unless we want that for ourselves too; financially helping our brothers and remembering God in all circumstances - that is not just saying ‘Glory to God, Praise to God, There is no god but God’, but accepting any commands of God and abstaining from what God has forbidden.”

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على كل حال، وهو أن يذكر الله عز وجل عند المعصية بهم ينحو ذكر الله بينه وبين تلك المعصية وهو قول الله عز وجل "بدكروا فإذا هم منصرون إن الذين أنفقو إذا مسهم طائف من الجن"

3-139 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Aba Abdullah Muhammad ibn Khalid al-Barqy, on the authority of Ahmad ibn an-Nazr, on the authority of Amr ibn Shimr, on the authority of Jabir that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “When Noah (MGB) prayed to his Lord - the Honorable the Exalted God - and cursed his nation, Satan - May God damn it - said, ‘O Noah! I am indebted to you and wish to give you a reward.’ Noah said, ‘I swear by God that you do not owe me anything. What could it be?’ Satan said, ‘I am indebted to you since you did me a favour by your praying to God to drown everyone in your nation. Now until there comes another generation, no one is left to need my leading him astray.’ Noah said, ‘Yes. What reward do you want to give me?’ Satan said, ‘Remember me in three situations where I am closest to my servants: whenever you get angry; whenever you want to judge between two people and remember me whenever you are left alone with another unfamiliar woman.’

SATAN’S SAYING THAT THE CHILDREN OF ADAM CANNOT DEFEAT ME IN AT LEAST THREE SITUATIONS

3-141 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Aba Abdullah Muhammad ibn Khalid al-Barqy, on the authority of Abdul Rahman ibn Muhammad al-Arzami, on the authority of Abu Abdullah al-Sadiq (MGB), “Satan - may God damn him - said, ‘The Children of Adam (i.e. the people) will not defeat me in three situations even if they do so in other respects: taking what is not rightfully theirs; blocking someone else’s due rights and spending things not in their due way.’

THREE THINGS THAT ARE REALLY HARD FOR THE PEOPLE

3-142 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Al-Nazr ibn Soweed, on the authority of Durost ibn Abi Mansoor, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Abi Ya’fur that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There are three things that are really hard for the people: forgiving the faults of others;
accepting that others have more wealth than they do; and remembering God often.

THREE ACTS TO PERFECT GOOD DEEDS

3-143 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Sa’dan ibn Muslim, on the authority of Hatam that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Good deeds will not be perfected unless you
do the following three acts: underestimate them, cover them up, and expedite them. They will be well-noticed by those to whom you do a favour once you underestimate them. They will be perfected when you cover them up. And they will be enjoyed by those to whom you do the favour if you expedite them. Otherwise, you would spoil them.”

THE THREE HANDS

3-144 Al-Hassan ibn Abdullah ibn Sa‘id al-Askari narrated that Muhammad ibn Abdul Aziz quoted Al-Hassan ibn Muhammad al-Za‘ferani, on the authority of Ubaydat ibn Hamid, on the authority of Abul Za‘ra[233], on the authority of Abil Ahvas, on the authority of his father Malik ibn Nazlat that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are three hands. First and foremost is the Honorable the Exalted God’s Hand. And the hand of the donor which is near it. And then there is the lower hand which is that of the beggar. Then give in charity (from what is in excess of your and your family’s need) and do not belittle yourself (by overdoing charity such that you yourself become needy.”

3-145 Hamzih ibn Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Alavi - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Maymun al-Qad-dah, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Any good deed is a form of charity. Anyone who guides others to do good is like those who do good. God loves attending to the affairs of the needy.”

THE THREE DONORS

3-146 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Abi Samak, on the authority of Ali ibn Shahab ibn Abdeh Rab’beh, on the authority of his father that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There are three donors: God - the Lord of the Two Worlds: those who own the property given for charity; and those who act as mediators for charity.”

3-147 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Khalaf ibn Himmad, on the authority of Umar ibn Aban al-Kalbi, on the authority of Abi Basir that ABI Ja’far al-Baqr (MGB) said, “There are three donors: God who donates; those who donate from their property; and those who try to donate.”
IT IS NOT PROPER TO BEG UNLESS UNDER ONE OF THREE CONDITIONS

3-148 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Hisham ibn Salim, on the authority of Abdul Hamid ibn Avaz al-Ta’ee that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “It is not proper to beg unless one is in one of three conditions: a large amount of blood-money, extensive debt or extreme poverty.”

3-149 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ibrahim ibn Hashim and Sahl ibn Zyad al-Razi, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Marar and Abdul Jab’bar ibn al-Mobarak, on the authority of Yunus ibn Abdul-Rahman, on the authority of some of his friends that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “A man went to Uthman ibn Affan while he was sitting at the door of the mosque and begged for five Dirhams[234]. He also asked Uthman to guide him towards benevolent people. Uthman pointed to a corner of the mosque where Al-Hassan (MGB), Al-Hussein (MGB) and Abdullah ibn Ja’far were sitting. The man went to them, greeted them and begged of them. Then Al-Hassan (MGB) and Al-Hussein (MGB) told him, ‘O so and so! It is not permitted to beg unless
for one of three reasons: for a large amount of blood-money, heavy debt or extreme poverty. Why are you begging?’ The man said, ‘It is for one of these reasons.’ Then Al-Hassan (MGB) donated fifty Dinars. Al-Hussein (MGB) granted him forty-nine Dinars and Abdullah ibn Ja’far donated him forty-eight Dinars. Then the man left them and went back to Uthman.

Uthman asked him, ‘Well! What did you do?’ The man said, ‘I begged of you but you gave me only a little bit, but did not ask me what I needed that for. However, when I begged of one of those long-haired people, he asked me what I was asking for. He told me that it is not permitted for me to ask unless it was for one of three reasons. I told him my reason and he granted me fifty Dinars. The second man gave me forty-nine Dinars and the third man gave me forty-eight Dinars.’ Then Uthman said, ‘Where else could you find people like them. They have cut off all knowledge and have gathered all good and wisdom for themselves (‘Fatamul Ilm Fatman’).’

The compiler of the book - may God increase his honor - said, ‘What is meant by ‘Fatamul Ilm Fatman’ here is that they have cut off all knowledge from others and have gathered all of it for themselves.’
THREE THINGS WITH WHICH GOD HAS HONORED THE CHILDREN OF ADAM

3-150 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Muhammad ibn Isa al-Ubaydi, on the authority of Zakariya (ibn Muhammad) al-Mumin, on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Na`eem, on the authority of Abi Hamzih that Abi Ja`far al-Baqir (MGB) that the Blessed the Sublime God said, “O Children of Adam! I have honored you with three characteristics: I have covered up some of your ugliness. Had your family known about them, they would not have buried you in the ground. I granted you an extension of sustenance. Then I asked you for a loan. You did not rush to do good. I granted you a choice to make a will as to how one third of your property should be spent after your death. But, you did not rush to do good.”

ONE WOULD NOT BE A POLYTHEIST UNTIL HE DOES ONE OF THREE THINGS

3-151 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Al-Hassan ibn Musa al-Khishab, on the authority of Al-Yazid ibn Ishaq She`r, on the authority of Ab`bas ibn Yazid, “I told Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), ‘The common people think that polytheism is harder to see than the footstep of an ant on a black cloak at night.’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘One would not become a polytheist unless he prays to other than God; makes an offering for other than God; or prays to anyone other than the Honorable the Exalted God.’”

THIS NATION HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN ANY LESS THAN THREE

3-152 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Qasim, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Sin`an, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “My nation has not been given any less than the following three: beauty, a good voice and a good memory.”

THE THREE WORST AFFLICTIONS

3-153 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja`far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The worst three afflictions are: being bent for your head to be chopped off; being a captive in chains; and seeing another man sleeping with your wife.”
THREE THINGS NOT IN MY NATION

3-154 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Abil Jo’aza al-Monabat ibn Abdullah, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Alvan, on the authority of Amr ibn Khalid, on the authority of Zayd ibn Ali, on the authority of his forefathers, on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There is no monastism; tourism, and (fast of) silence in my nation.”

THE ANGELS WOULD NOT ENTER A HOUSE IN WHICH THERE ARE THREE THINGS

3-155 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ayoob ibn Nooh, on the authority of Safvan ibn Yahya,
on the authority of Abdullah ibn Miskan, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Marvan, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Gabriel (MGB) descended down to me and said, ‘We - the angels - will not enter any house in which there is a dog or a statue or a vessel in which they pee.’”

THREE PEOPLE ARE PARTNERS IN ENJOINING TO DO GOOD AND FORBIDDING TO DO EVIL

3-156 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Whoever enjoins to do good or forbids to do evil or guides to goodness or points towards it is a partner in its reward. Whoever orders to do evil, guides one towards evil or points towards it is also a partner in its chastisement.”

3-157 Muhammad ibn Musa al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homyry quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Abi Ayoob al-Khizazz, on the authority of Abdul-Mumin al-Ansari that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “God has granted three things to believers: nobility in the world and his religion; prosperity in the Hereafter; and dignity in the hearts of the people of the world.”

FEAR THREE PEOPLE REGARDING YOUR RELIGION

3-158 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Hammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Umar ibn Azineh, on the authority of
Aban ibn Abi Ayyash, on the authority of Salim ibn Qays al-Hilaly that he had heard the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) say, “Once I heard the Commander of the Faithful Ali (MGB) say, ‘Fear the following three people regarding your religion: One who has learned the Quran, but starts to fight with his neighbour and kills him with the excuse that he is an atheist as soon as the brightness of the Quran lights up his face.’ I said, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! Who is more likely to be a polytheist?’ The Commander of the Faithful (MGB) replied, ‘The one who makes accusations; the one who reinforces what he says and restates the lies; and the man to whom God has granted the rule but considers being obeyed to be God’s obedience and being opposed to be opposition to God - such a person is a liar since neither disobedience to the Creator in obeying a creature is allowed nor is it proper for any created person to like another created person in disobedience to God. You should not obey him in acts of disobedience to God. Obedience is for God, His Messenger and the Trustees in charge of the Affairs. Indeed the Honorable the Exalted God has ordered us to obey His Messenger, since he is pure and immaculate and would not order us to do acts of disobedience. God has also ordered us to obey the Trustees in charge of the Affairs since they are pure and immaculate and would not order us to do acts of disobedience to God.’”

THREE QUESTIONS BY A CHRISTIAN FROM JA’FAR AS-SADIQ

3-159 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Valid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abi-
The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “You can eat any of the sea..."
birds that have gizzards or spur. You can eat birds which flap their wings when they fly. You should not eat birds which glide. Regarding birds that both glide and flap their wings when they fly, you can eat birds which flap their wings more often than they glide. However, you should not eat those which glide more often than they flap their wings.”

**THE WORST THREE THINGS OF WHICH THE EARTH COMPLAINED**

3-160 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn abil-Hassan al-Farsi[238], on the authority of Suleiman ibn Hafs al-Basry, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The three worst things of which the Earth has complained of to God are: undue blood that is shed on it; the washing off after fornication, and sleeping on it (after praying) before the sun rise.”

**THREE PEOPLE WHOM GOD WILL NOT PROTECT**

3-161 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hussein who linked it up through a chain of narrators to God’s Prophet (MGB), “The Honorable the Exalted God will not protect the following three people: those who reside in a ruined house; those who stand to pray on the road; and those who leave their vehicle unlocked.”

**THREE WILL BE UNDER THE SHADE OF THE GOD’S THRONE ON THE RESURRECTION DAY**

3-162 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of Al-Nahikee[239], on the authority of Ali ibn Ja’far[240], on the authority of his brother Musa ibn Ja’far al-Kazim (MGB), “The following three groups shall be under the Shade of the Honorable the Exalted God’s On the Resurrection Day in which there shall be no shade but God’s Shade: those who marry off their Muslim brother; those who help their Muslim brother and those who safeguard the secrets of their Muslim brother.”

**THREE WILL COMPLAIN TO GOD**

3-163 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted (Muhammad ibn) Ahmad, on the authority of Musa ibn Umar (and Sa’ed ibn Abdullah, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah), on the authority of Ibn Fazal,
three from giving God praise and who therefore deserve the worst of punishments.

There are three groups of people who recite the Quran

3-164 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Mihran, on the authority of Ubays ibn Hisham al-Nasheri, on the authority of someone who linked it up through other narrators to Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB), “There are three who will complain to the Honorable the Exalted God: a ruined mosque in which no one prays; scientists caught amongst ignorant people; and the Quran that is left unread with a layer of dust on it.”
“There are three groups of people who recite the Quran. Firstly there are those who have turned the Quran into their source of income. They use it to approach the rulers and act haughty with the people. Then there are those who recite the Quran and memorize it bit by bit, but violate its bounds and do not act accordingly. Lastly, there are those who recite the Quran and use it as a medication for their hearts. They use it at night to say supplications and use it in the daytime while suffering from the thirst of fasting. They use the Quran to worship in the mosque and stay out of their comfortable beds. The Honorable the Omnipotent God fends off calamities for them; takes revenge from the enemies by means of them and sends down rain from the sky for them. I swear by God that such recitors of the Quran are as scarce as red matches are. [241]”

THERE ARE THREE GROUPS OF RECITORS OF THE HOLY QURAN

3-165 Ahmad ibn Zyad ibn Ja’far al-Hamedany - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim quoted his father, on the authority of Ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Hisham ibn Salim, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “There are three groups of people who recite the Quran. First there are those who use the Quran to approach the rulers and act haughty with the people. They are of the residents of Hell. Secondly there are those who recite the Quran and memorize it bit by bit, but violate its limits. They are of the residents of Hell. Lastly, there are those who recite the Quran, develop it in their minds and act according to the strong decrees, believe in the similitudes, practice its obligatory deeds, consider allowed what it has allowed and forbid what it has forbidden. Thus, God protects them from the harms of the occasions of going astray. They are of the residents of Paradise. They can intercede on behalf of whomever they wish.”
YOU SHOULD NOT TRAVEL TO ANY EXCEPT FOR THREE MOSQUES

3-166 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father and Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-As’ari, on the authority of some companions, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali and Abil Sakhr who linked it up through a chain of narrators to the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB), “Do not travel unless to visit three mosques: the Al-Haram Mosque (the Ka’ba), the Prophet’s Mosque and the Kufa Mosque.”

3-167 Ahmad ibn Zyad ibn Ja’far al-Hamedani - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Yasir - the servant (of Imam al-Reza (MGB)) that Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB) said, “You should not travel to any tombs other than our tombs. I have been oppressively poisoned to death and buried in a strange place. I hope the prayers of those who travel to visit my tomb are accepted and also their sins are forgiven.”

THERE ARE THREE BENEFITS IN RADISHES

3-168 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of some companions, on the authority of Han’nan ibn Sadeer, “I was eating at the same table with Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB). He (MGB) gave me some radishes to eat and told me, ‘O Han’nan! There are three benefits in radishes. The leaves help let off internal gas, it helps clean the passageway of urine, and its roots help alleviate the phlegm.’”

THERE IS NO HARM IN THREE THINGS

3-169 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of Al-Nahikee[242], on the authority of Mansoor ibn Yunus that he had heard Abal-Hassan Musa ibn Ja’far al-Kazim (MGB) say, “There are no harms in the following three things: Al-Razeqi grapes, sugar canes and Lebanese apples.”

THE PROPHET GUARANTEES THREE PLACES OF RESIDENCE IN PARADISE FOR WHOEVER ABANDONS THREE CHARACTERISTICS

3-170 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad al-Sejezy narrated that Abul Abbas al-Suraj quoted Qutaybat, on the
authority of Qazat, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Umayat, on the authority of the Jiblat al-Efriqi that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “I guarantee one house in the prairies of Paradise, one in the middle of Paradise and one in the highest parts of Paradise for whoever abandons quarrelling even though he may be right, abandons lying even as a joke, and is good-tempered.”
3-171 Abu Sa’id Muhammad ibn al-Fazl ibn Muhammad ibn Ishaq al-Mozakir narrated that Abu Abdullah al-Ra’avasani quoted Ali ibn Salma, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Bashr, on the authority of Fatr ibn Khalifat, on the authority of Hakim ibn Jobayr, on the authority of Ibrahim (al-Nakha’ee), on the authority of Al-Qamat (ibn Qays) that he had heard Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) say, “I was ordered to fight with the perfidious party, the deviators, and the apostates.”

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “The perfidious party refers to those in the Battle of Jamal. The deviators refers to those who were from Syria and were associated with Muawiyah and the apostates refers to those who were from Nahravan. I have included all that I have seen in this regard in the book Vasfe Qital al-Sharat al-Mareqin.”

THREE CHARACTERISTICS WITHOUT WHICH YOU ARE NOT FROM GOD OR THE PROPHET

3-172 Suleiman ibn Ahmad ibn Ayoob al-Lakhmy narrated that Abdul Wahhab ibn Kharajat quoted Abu Kurayb, on the authority of Ali ibn Ja’far al-Abasi, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn al-Hussein al-Alavi, on the authority of his father Al-Hussein ibn Zayd, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB), “God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘There are three characteristics which whoever doesn’t possess is neither from me nor from the Honorable the Exalted God.’ The Prophet (MGB) was asked, ‘O Prophet of God! What are they?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘Patience with which you forgive the ignorance of the ignorant ones; being good-tempered with the people; and piety which restrains you from rebelling against the Honorable the Exalted God.’”

THREE THINGS TO RESPECT FOR GOD

3-173 Suleiman ibn Ahmad al-Lakhmy narrated that Yahya ibn Uthman ibn Salih, Mutalib ibn Shoayb al-Azodi and Ahmad ibn Rashid - the two from Basra, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Himad, on the authority of Abi Hazim al-Madinee, on the authority of Imran ibn Umar ibn Sa’id al-Mosayeb, on the authority of his father, on the authority of his grandfather, on the authority of Abi Sa’id al-Khidry that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are three things to respect so that God will protect your religion and worldly affairs. And if you disrespect them, God will not protect anything for you. These three things to respect are Islam, me and my Itrat (being God’s Book and my progeny).”
3-174 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa`ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn Abdulhamid, on the authority of Ibn Abi Najran, on the authority of Asim ibn Hamid, on the authority of Abi Hamzih al-Somali, on the authority of Akrama, on the authority of Ibn Abbas[247], “There are three unique things which you should respect regarding God: His Book that is His Light and Wisdom; His House that He has established as a place for people to turn towards (in prayer) and will not accept anyone who turns his face towards anywhere else; and the Household of your Prophet Muhammad (MGB).”

THE TRUTH OF FAITH ARE IN THREE CHARACTERISTICS

3-175 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa`ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil Khat`tab, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Isma`il ibn Bazi’a, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Azafer, on the authority of his father that Abi Ja`far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “God's Prophet ran into a group of camel-riders during one of his trips. They greeted him and he asked them who they were. They said they were believers. The Prophet (MGB) asked them about the truth of their faith. They replied, ‘Contentment with what God has destined, entrusting themselves to God, and
submitting to God's orders.’ Then God's Prophet (MGB) said, ‘These are wise and knowledgeable people with such a high rank, near that of the Prophets.’ Then he (MGB) faced them and said, ‘If you are truthful, do not build what you shall not reside in; do not collect what you shall not eat; and fear God to Whom you shall return.”

3-176 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abi Nasr al-Bazanty, on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Hamzih, on the authority of Abi Basir and Zararah ibn A’ayan that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “One may perform the Hajj pilgrimage in either one of three ways: 1- Hajj Al-Kira’an with the offering; 3- Hajj Ifra’ad without taking the offering and 3- Hajj Tamatu in which the pilgrim puts on Ihram[248] and goes to Mecca during the months of Hajj[249].”

3-177 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abi Nasr al-Bazanty, on the authority of Mufaz’zal ibn Salih, on the authority of Jabir al-Jo’afy, on the authority of Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) that God’s
Prophet (MGB) said, “The Hajj pilgrims can be divided into three groups. The ones who gain the most benefit from the Hajj are those whose past and future sins are forgiven, and God safeguards them from the Fire of Hell. The second group are those whose past sins are forgiven, but are going to be held responsible for their future actions. The third group are those whose wealth and children are protected.”

YOU ARE ADMONISHED AGAINST HAVING THREE CHARACTERISTICS

3-178 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Isa quoted Hammad ibn Isa, who linked it up through other narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that in his will to his son Muhammad ibn al-Hanifeh, the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said, “I admonish you against haughtiness, ill temperedness and impatience since then you will have no friends and everyone will avoid you. Try to be kind with people and be patient with the losses which the people make you suffer. Be generous with your friends regarding yourself and your wealth. Accept the company of your friends and associate with them. Be warm and kind to the general public. Treat your enemy justly. Protect your religion and honor. This is much better for your religion and worldly life.”

THE COLOR BLACK IS DETESTABLE EXCEPT FOR THREE THINGS

3-179 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father Muhammad ibn Yahya quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) who narrated that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The color black is detestable except for three things: for the turban, the slippers and the garment.”

3-180 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abi Nasr al-Bazanty, on the authority of Mufaz’zal ibn Salih, on the authority of Maysar (ibn Abdul Aziz), on the authority of Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB), “Should a pilgrim to this House (of God) lack the following three characteristics his visit shall not be accepted. He is so pious that he is restrained from rebellion against the Sublime God. He is so patient that his anger is controlled. He is friendly with his companions.”

BEING A GUEST IS LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF THREE DAYS

3-181 Al-Hussein ibn Ahmad ibn Idris - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran
al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Aba Abdullah al-Razi, on the authority of Aba Abdullah al-Razi, on the authority of Sajada (al-Abed) - al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Abi Uthman, on the authority of Vasel, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “A guest deserves to be served for one, two or three days at the most. Thereafter, servicing a guest is a form of charity by the host.” He (MGB) then added, “Do not stay in your brother’s home so long as to make him commit a sin.” Then he (MGB) was asked, “How could that be?” The Prophet (MGB) said, “If you stay there so long that he no longer has anything left to spend for you.”
THREE THINGS NO MUSLIMS WOULD EVER DOUBT

3-182 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah Al-Barqy, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abi Nasr al-Bazanty, on the authority of Hammad ibn Uthman, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Abi Yafur that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Once during the Last Pilgrimage to Mecca the Prophet of God (MGB) delivered a sermon in the Al-Khayf Mosque of Mina. He (MGB) started out by saying God’s Praises and His Glorifications. Then the Prophet (MGB) added, “May God assist any servant who hears me, remembers what I say and delivers it to whoever has not heard it. There are many who utter what they do not understand, but there are listeners who benefit from what they have said. There are many knowledgeable ones who state things for people of a better understanding and they benefit more from what is said. There are three things which a Muslim’s heart doesn’t doubt: having sincerity in what you do for the sake of God; being united with the nation’s leaders; and being associated with the Muslims, since inviting the Muslims includes anyone who supports them. Muslims are brothers one to another and their blood is all of the same color. Even the pledge of their youngest one is binding upon them all. All Muslims are united together against their enemies.”

THE PROPHET (MGB) SWEARS THAT THREE THINGS ARE JUST

3-183 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Muhammad al-Hijal, on the authority of Nasr al-Attar who linked it up through a chain of narrators to God’s Prophet (MGB) who told Ali (MGB), “I swear that there are three things that are just: you and the Trustees after you are the ones who teach the way to get to know God. No one can get to know God unless he goes he gets to know you. You are the ones to teach the way to Paradise. No one can get to go to Paradise unless he gets to know you and you get to know them. You are the passage to Hell for the residents of Hell. No one would go to Hell unless he denies you and you deny him.”
ONE WOULD CONTINUE TO BE REWARDED FOR ONLY THREE THINGS

3-184 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Ali ibn Re’ab, on the authority of Al-Halabi that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “No one would get any added rewards after he dies unless for three things: an on-going charity which he has established during his lifetime and is in effect after he dies all the way up until the Resurrection Day; a public donation left which is not to be inherited by anyone; a good rule he has established which he followed and others follow after his demise; and a well-mannered child who prays for his forgiveness.”

3-185 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Sahl ibn Zyad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Zayd[250], on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Monzar ibn Yazid, on the authority of Abu Harun al-Makfoof, “Aboo Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) told me, ‘O Aboo Harun! Indeed the Blessed the Sublime God has sworn by Himself not to be neighbors with treacherous ones.’ I asked, ‘Who would that refer to?’ the Imam (MGB) replied, ‘That refers to anyone who takes even a penny of a believer’s money for himself or deprives him of worldly things.’ I said, ‘I seek refuge in God from God’s Wrath!’ Then the Imam (MGB) added, ‘Indeed the Blessed the Sublime God has sworn by Himself not to house any of the following three groups in Paradise: those who reject God’s judgement; those who reject the judgement of a righteous Divine Leader, and those who disregard a believer’s rights.’ I asked, ‘Should one give a believer what he has a lot more of than his own needs?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘One should not hesitate to do anything for him. Should he hesitate to give him his own self and soul, he is not of his brethren. Rather he would be of the progeny of Satan.’”

The compiler of the book - may God increase his acknowledgement - said, “What is meant here by not hesitating to give from one’s self and soul is to assist him whenever he needs any assistance and to help him to fulfill his needs.”
THE THREE FIRST FATHERS

3-186 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Isma’il, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Zarif, on the authority of Aba Abdul

Rahman, on the authority of Muawiyah ibn Ammar that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There are three first fathers: Adam who had a believing son; John (Yahya) who had both a believing and an infidel son; and Satan who had an infidel offspring who do not reproduce in the usual way. They only lay eggs and a new male is produced. There are no females in their line.”
3-187 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah Al-Barqy, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Abi Ayoob, on the authority of Abdul-Mumin al-Ansari that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “The Honorable the Exalted God has granted the believers three characteristics: honor in this world; prosperity in the Hereafter and grandeur in the hearts of the oppressors.” Then he (MGB) went on and recited the following verse of the Holy Quran, ‘...But honour belongs to Allah and His Messenger, and to the Believers; but the Hypocrites know not.’ [251] And he (MGB) also recited the following verses, ‘The believers must (eventually) win through; - Those who humble themselves in their prayers; Who avoid vain talk; Who are active in deeds of charity; Who abstain from sex, Except with those joined to them in the marriage bond, or (the captives) whom their right hands possess; for (in their case) they are free from blame, But those whose desires exceed those limits are transgressors; - Those who faithfully observe their trusts and their covenants; And who (strictly) guard their prayers; - These will be the heirs, Who will inherit Paradise: they will dwell therein (for ever).’

THE BEST THREE THINGS FOR THE BEST THREE TO WISH FOR

3-188 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Ibn Miskan that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “The misers are the ones most deserving to hope for everyone else to be rich, since then no one would ask them for anything. Those with faults are the ones most deserving to hope for everyone else to be perfect, since then no one else would find faults with them. Those who are ignorant are the ones most deserving to hope for everyone else to be patient, since they are the ones most in need of other’s patience to forgive them. Unfortunately, the misers hope for others to be poor; the faulty hope for others to be faulty; and the foolish hope for others to be foolish, while poverty brings about stinginess, faultiness causes finding faults with others, and foolishness brings about the commitment of sins.”

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عند محمد بن سلامة، عن ابن مسكان، عن أبي عبيدة بن الجراح، عن النبي ﷺ، قال: إن أحق الناس أن يتعذر عليه عيوب الناس، وإذا استغفروا كفروا عن أمرهم، وأحق الناس أن يتعذر عليه عيوب الناس، وإن الناس أن يتعذر عليهم عيوب الناس. لأن الناس إذا صلحوا كفروا عن ترتيب عيوب الناس، وأحق الناس أن يتعذر عليهم عيوب الناس، فإن الناس يجدون إلى أن يعفون عن سلفهم، فأصبح أهل البخل يفرون فقر الناس، وأصبح أهل الناس وأصبح أهل السفه يفرون فقر الناس، وفي الناس الحاجة إلى أهل العيوب يفرون مع البخيل، وفي الفساد طلب عورة أهل العيوب، وفي السفه المكافأة بالذنوب.
Section 3

THE THREE TYPES OF AFFAIRS

3-189 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Ishaq al-Tajir, on the authority of Ali ibn Mahzyar, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Al-Harith ibn Al-Ahval Sahib al-Taq[252] Muhammad ibn Ali ibn al-No’man, on the authority of Jamil ibn Salih, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said as part of a long narration, “There are three types of affairs: ones that are clearly right and you can follow; ones that are clearly wrong and you should avoid; and ones that are doubtful which you must leave up to God.”

THE THREE THIEVES

3-190 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Abu Abdullah al-Razi, on the authority of Ali ibn Suleiman ibn Rashid, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Yaqtayn, on the authority of Yunus ibn Abdul-Rahman, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Kasir ibn Basam that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There are three groups of thieves: those that block the payment of the alms-tax; those who consider it right to devour their wife’s nuptial gift; and those who borrow money and plan not to return it.”

THERE ARE THREE GROUPS OF ANGELS

3-191 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Talha who linked it up through a chain of narrators to the Prophet (MGB), “There are three groups of angels. One group of angels has two wings. Another group of angels has three wings. And a third group of angels has four wings.”

THREE GROUPS OF JINN AND THREE GROUPS OF MEN

3-192 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of someone who narrated on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “There are three groups of genies: those with the angels; those with the birds flying in the sky; and those with dogs and snakes. There are three groups of men: those who will be in the Shade of the Throne on the Day in which there is no shade except for His Shade; those for whom there shall be a Reckoning and punishment; and those whose faces are that of the people, but their hearts are that of the Satans.”
YOU SHOULD NOT STAND TO PRAY BEHIND THREE PEOPLE

3-193 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa‘ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn Isa ibn Ubayd, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Yaqtayn, on the authority of Amr ibn Ibrahim, on the authority of Khalaf ibn Himmad, on the authority of one of our companions called al-Hassan ibn Ali, on the authority of Abi As-Sadiq Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “You should not stand to pray behind three people: an unfamiliar person; someone who ascribes certain boastful attributes to the Divine Leaders, even if he expresses the same beliefs as you do; and one who is corrupt even if he is not boastful about the Divine Leaders.”
THREE THINGS MAKE YOU OBESE AND THREE THINGS MAKE YOU THIN

3-194 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Musa ibn Umar, on the authority of Ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Muawiyah ibn Ammar, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Three things will make you obese and three things will make you skinny. The three things which will make you obese are: taking a bath often, smelling good scents and wearing soft robes. The three things that will make you thin are eating a lot of eggs, fish and fresh dates.”

The compiler of the book said, “What is meant by ‘taking a bath often’ is taking a bath every other day. Should you take a bath every day you would lose weight.”

THREE WAYS BY WHICH ALL MUSLIM DECREES ARE PUT INTO EFFECT

3-195 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdulrahmân al-Barqy, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abi Nasr al-Bazanty, on the authority of Abi Jamileh, on the authority of Ishmael ibn Abi Owais, on the authority of Zamrat ibn Abi Zamrat, on the authority of his father, on the authority of his grandfather that the Commander of the Faithful (MGB) said, “All Muslim decrees are put into effect in either one of the three ways: a just testimony, a definite oath, or the current practice of leaders to guidance.”

THREE THINGS ALONG WITH THREE OTHER THINGS

3-196 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah Al-Barqy, on the authority of Al-Sayyari, on the authority of Al-Harith ibn al-Dalhath, on the authority of his father, on the authority of
Abil Hassan al-Reza (MGB), “Indeed the Honorable the Exalted God has decreed three things which are accompanied by three other things. He has ordered us to pray and give alms. [253] The prayers of whoever prays, but doesn’t give alms is not accepted of him. He also ordered us to thank Him and our parents [254]. Whoever thanks God, but doesn’t thank his parents has not indeed thanked God. God has ordered us to fear God and to visit the relations of kin. [255] Whoever doesn’t visit his relations of kin has indeed not feared God.”

THREE INTERCEDE WITH GOD AND THEIR INTERCESSION ACCEPTED

3-197 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry, on the authority of Harun ibn Muslim, on the authority of Mus’adat ibn Sadaqah, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are three groups who intercede on behalf of someone with the Honorable the Exalted God and their intercession will be accepted: the Prophets, then the scholars; and then the martyrs.”

THE THREE IN WHOSE NAME THE FIRST LOT WAS CAST

3-198 Ahmad ibn Harun al-Fami and Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Masroor - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Muhammad ibn Ja’far ibn Bat’tat quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saf’far, on the authority of Al-Abbas ibn Ma’ruf, on the authority of Hammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Hurayz who linked it up through some narrators to Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB), “The first of the three in whose name the first lot was cast is Mary, the daughter of Imran, as we read in the following words of the Honorable the Exalted God, ‘Thou wast not with them when they
cast lots with arrows, as to which of them should be charged with the care of Mary…’ [256]
There were six arrows in this casting. Then it is the lots cast for Jonah (MGB) when he was
riding the ship with the people and the ship stopped in the tumult. They cast lots for Jonah three
times. Then Jonah went to the front of the ship. Suddenly a large whale opened his mouth and
Jonah jumped into his mouth. The next case is regarding Abdul Mutalib to whom God had
granted nine sons. Abdul Mutalib bet with God that he would offer one of them for sacrifice if he
was granted another son. When the number of his sons became ten with the birth of Abdullah -
the father of God’s Prophet Muhammad (MGB) - it was hard for Abdul Mutalib to offer
Abdullah as a sacrifice. Then he brought ten camels and cast lots for either them or Abdullah.
The lot fell to Abdullah’s name. He increased the number

الحسن الرضا عليه السلام قال: إن الله عز وجل أمر بالصلاة
والزکاة فمن صلى ولم يرك لُم يقبل منه صلاة، وأمر بالشكر له وللاديين، فمن لم يشكر والديه
الله، وأمر بคำตอบ الله وصلة الدم، فمن لم يصل رحمة لم يتق الله عز وجل. لم يشكر

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of the camels to be offered ten by ten and repeated the casting of lots. However, every time the
lot fell to Abdullah’s name. When the number of camels he offered reached one-hundred, the lot
fell in the name of the camels. Abdul Mutalib said, ‘O My Lord! No. It would not be fair to
suffice for this. I must draw lots three more times.’ He drew lots three more times. The lot fell to
the name of the camels all three times. At this time Abdul Mutalib said, ‘Now I know that my
Lord is pleased with this.” And he had their throats cut. [257]

THERE ARE THREE BENEFITS IN QUINCES

3-199 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali al-Basry, on the authority of Fuzalat ibn Ayoob and Wahab ibn Hafs, on the authority of Shahab ibn Abdeh Rab’beh that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Zubayr had a quince in his hand and went to see God’s Prophet (MGB). The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘O Zubayr! What is this in your hand?’ Then he replied, ‘O Prophet of God! This is a quince.’ Then the Prophet (MGB) said, ‘O Zubayr! Eat quinces since they have three good characteristics.’ Zubayr said, ‘O Prophet of God! What are they?’

The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘They will warm up the heart, make a miser benevolent and turn a coward into a bold person.’

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - says, “I heard my elder Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrate that As-Sadiq (MGB) said, ‘Zubayr was one of us until his son Abdullah grew up and turned him against us.’”

THERE ARE THREE CHARACTERISTICS IN ONIONS

3-200 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Ali al-Hamedany, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali al-Kasa’ee [258], on the authority of Maysar (ibn Abdul Aziz) [259] - the seller of black slaves - in the presence of Khalid that I heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, “Eat onions since they have three characteristics: they make your mouth smell fresh; they strengthen your gums; and they increase your sperm and sex drive.”

3-201 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB) that the Prophet (MGB) said, “Using charms is not effective except on three occasions: for biting bugs, sore eyes or blood that will not flow (due to phlebotomy).”
ON THREE TRAITS THAT ARE SIGNS OF THE JURISPRUDENT

3-202 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Musa ibn Abi Ja’far al-Kumaydany quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abi Nasr al-Bazanty that Abul Hassan Al-Reza (MGB) said, “Patience, knowledge and silence are among the signs of the jurisprudent. Silence is one of the gates of wisdom. Silence attracts affection and is a guide for any good affair.”

BLOWING AT THREE PLACES IS DETESTABLE

3-203 Ahmad ibn Muhammad al-Haysam al-Ajali - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Zakaria al-Qat’tan quoted Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Zakaria al-Qat’tan quoted Bakr ibn Abdullah ibn Habib, on the authority of Tamim ibn Buhlool, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Mus’ab that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Blowing at three things is detestable: blowing at a talisman, blowing at food, and blowing at the place of prostration.”

ANYONE POSSESSING THREE CHARACTERISTICS SHALL GO TO HELL
3-204 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Al-Ala’ ibn Fuzayl that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Should anyone possess the following three characteristics, do not hesitate to say that he would go to hell: oppressiveness, cowardliness and miserliness. Should a woman possess the following three characteristics, do not hesitate to say that she would go to hell: scurrility, haughtiness and corruption.”

GOD WILL MAKE THREE THINGS RULE OVER WHOEVER GAINS ILLEGITIMATE PROPERTY

3-205 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn al-Hussein al-Sa’ed Abady quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali ibn Khalid, on the authority of Al-Hussein al-Sa’ed Abady that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “God will make a building, water and clay rule over whoever gains property through illegitimate means.”

THREE SOURCES OF COMFORT FOR A BELIEVER

3-206 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Ali ibn al-Salt quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Ali ibn Khalid, on the authority
of Mansoor ibn al-Ab’bas, on the authority of Sa’id ibn Jinah, on the authority of Motrif - a servant of Ma’an, that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There are three things which comfort a believer: a big house in which he guards his privacy and his bad states of health from the people; a good wife who assists him in the affairs of this life and the Hereafter; and a daughter or a sister who leaves his house either by death or because of marriage.”

**A MAN’S PROSPERITY DEPENDS ON THREE THINGS**

3-207 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn al-Hussein al-Sa’ed Abady quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid al-Barqy, on the authority of Uthman ibn Isa, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Miskan who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB) saying, “A man is prosperous if his business is in his own town; his friends are good; and he has children who assist him.”

**THREE WHOSE PRAYERS WILL NOT BE ANSWERED**

3-208 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abi Nasr al-Bazanty, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Al-Walid ibn Sabih who said, “I was with Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB). A tray of dates was in front of him (MGB). A beggar came and the Imam (MGB) gave him some dates. Another one came and the Imam (MGB) gave him some dates. A third beggar came, but the Imam (MGB) said, ‘May God grant you an increase of sustenance!’ Then the Imam (MGB) told me, ‘If a man has more than thirty or forty-thousand (Dinars) and wishes to give it all away in charity, he can do so, but he will become poor and will be amongst those whose prayers are returned to themselves.’ I asked the Imam (MGB), ‘May I be your ransom! Who are these people?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘They include men to whom God has granted what they prayed for, but spend it all for God’s sake and again say, ‘O God! Please give me more
sustenance!’ They also include men who curse their wives while having treated their wives oppressively. They are told, ‘Have We not entrusted her affairs with you?’ They also include men who sit in their house, pray to seek their sustenance and say, ‘O God! Please deliver my sustenance to me! The Honorable the Exalted God tells them, ‘Have I not established a way for you to obtain your daily sustenance?’”

**FASTING FOR THREE DAYS IN THE MONTH EQUALS FASTING THE WHOLE YEAR**

3-209 Ali ibn Ahmad ibn Musa - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Kufy quoted Musa ibn Imran al-Nakha’ee, on the authority of his uncle Al-Hussein ibn Yazid al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Hamzih on the authority of his father, “I asked...
Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) about the reward for fasting based on the tradition of God’s Prophet (MGB). The Imam (MGB) replied, “All together there are three days in the whole month fasting on which equals fasting the whole year long: the Thursday in the first ten days of the month; the Wednesday in the second ten days and the Thursday in the last ten days. The Honorable the Exalted God said, ‘He that doeth good shall have ten times as much to his credit:…’ [261] Whoever is too weak to fast on these three days can pay one Dirham in charity for each day.”

A BELIEVER’S AMUSEMENT IS IN THREE THINGS

3-210 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Hammad ibn Ya’la ibn Himad, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Hammad ibn Isa al-Jahani, on the authority of Hurayz ibn Abdullah, on the authority of Zurarah ibn A’ayan that Abü Ja’far al-Baquir (MGB) said, “A believer’s amusement is in three things: enjoying his women; joking around with his brethren; and praying at night.”

WHOEVER HAS THREE CHARACTERISTICS HAS THE WHOLE GOOD

3-211 Abul-Hassan Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Ali Asad Al-Asady narrated that Abdullah ibn Suleiman, Abdullah ibn Muhammad al-Vahby, Ahmad ibn Umayr and Muhammad ibn Abi Ayoob quoted Muhammad ibn Bashr ibn Hani ibn Abdul Rahman, on the authority of his father, on the authority of his uncle Ibrahim ibn Aba Ablat, on the authority of Ummal-Derda, on the authority of Abil-Derda that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Whoever wakes up in the morning with a healthy body, peace of mind and availability of that day’s share of food it is as if he has been given the whole good of this world.

O Ibn Khas’am! It suffices to have enough to feed yourself so that you are not hungry, and enough to cover yourself. It would even be better if you have a place to live and a means of transportation, a piece of bread and some water to drink. Whatever goes beyond this, there will be a Reckoning for it or a punishment for you.”

THE PROPHET HIT THE ROCK WITH A PICKAXE THREE TIMES AND SAID ‘GOD IS GREAT’ THREE TIMES

3-212 Muhammad ibn Ibrahim ibn Ahmad ibn Yunus al-Laysee narrated that Abu Abdullah Muhammad ibn al-Faraj al-Sharooty quoted Abu Abdullah Muhammad ibn Yazid ibn al-Molheb, on the authority of Abu Sufyan, on the authority of Oaf, on the authority of Maymun, on the authority of Al-Bara ibn Azib, “When God’s Prophet (MGB) ordered that a ditch be dug, a big boulder appeared across the ditch which could not be
broken with a pickaxe. When the Prophet of God (MGB) came and saw it, he (MGB) took off his shirt, picked up the pickaxe, said God’s name and struck the boulder. One third of it broke up. The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘In the Name of God’ and hit it once. One third of it broke up into pieces. Then the Prophet (MGB) said, ‘God is Great. I have been given the keys to Syria. It is as if I can now see its red palaces’ and hit it a second time. Then the Prophet (MGB) said, ‘God is Great. It is as if I have been given the keys to Persia. I swear by God that I can see the White Palaces in Al-Madaen’ and hit it for the third time. Then the third part of the boulder broke into pieces. Then the Prophet (MGB) said, ‘God is Great. I have been given the keys to Yemen. It is as if I can see San’a - the capital from here.”

THE THREE DEEDS MOST LOVED BY GOD

3-213 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad al-Sejezy narrated that Abul Qasim al-Boqavy quoted Ali - that is
ibn al-Ja’ed, on the authority of Shu’bat, on the authority of Al-Walid ibn Alizar ibn Hareeth that he had heard Abu Amr al-Sheibany while he was pointing to the house of Abdullah ibn Mas’ood say, “The owner of this house narrated that he asked God’s Prophet (MGB), ‘What are the deeds loved by the Honorable the Exalted God?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘Praying on time.’ Then he asked, ‘What else?’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Being kind to your parents.’ Then he asked, ‘What else?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘Engaging in a holy war for the sake of the Honorable the Exalted God.’ He added, ‘This is what he told me. He would have told me more if I had asked more.’”

THE THREE THINGS I FEAR THE MOST FOR MY NATION

3-214 Abu Ahmad Al-Hassan ibn Abdullah ibn Sa’id al-Askari narrated that Abu Asid Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Asid al-Isbany quoted Ahmad ibn Yahya al-Soofi, on the authority of Abu Qisan, on the authority of Mas’ood ibn Sa’ed al-Jo’afy, on the authority of Yazid ibn Abi Zyad, on the authority of Mujahid, on the authority of Ibn Umar that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “What I fear the most for my nation includes the following three things: making errors by the scholars; attempts to prove what is wrong by using the Quran by the hypocrites; and the world that cuts your necks into pieces. Thus, be pessimistic about the world.”

WHOEVER BELIEVES IN GOD AND THE HEREAFTER WILL NOT DO THREE THINGS

3-215 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad narrated that Muhammad ibn Mu’az quoted Ali ibn Khashram, on the authority of Isa ibn Yunis, on the authority of Abi Mu’amir, on the authority of Sa’id al-Moqbery[262], on the authority of Abi Hurayrith that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Whoever believes in God and
the Hereafter will not sit at a table where wine is being drunk. Whoever believes in God and the Hereafter will not enter a bath without any clothes. And whoever believes in God and the Hereafter will not let his wife go to the bath outside of their house.”

I AM AFRAID OF THREE CHARACTERISTICS IN MY NATION

3-216 Abul Hassan Ali ibn Abdullah ibn Ahmad al-Aswari al-Mozak’kar narrated that Abu Yusuf Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Qays al-Sejezi al-Mozakar quoted Abu Yaqoob, on the authority of Ali ibn Khashram, on the authority of Isa that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “I am worried about three things for my nation after me: to interpret the Quran in a way other than its true meaning; to follow the errors of a religious scholar; and becoming disobedient due to gaining some wealth. You should act according to what is clearly stated in the Quran and believe in what is doubtful in it. You should expect a harsh trial for a religious scholar who has made mistakes and should not follow his errors. You should be grateful for wealth in this world and pay it its right dues.”

THE THREE THINGS THE PROPHET LIKED THE MOST IN THIS WORLD

3-217 Abu Ahmad Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Bandar al-Shafe’ee in Furqan narrated that Abul Abbas al-Himady quoted Salih ibn Muhammad al-Baghdady, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Ja’ed, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Monzar who narrated that he had heard Sabet al-Banany, and had not heard it from anyone else, on the authority of Anas ibn Malik that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “What I love the most in this world are women and perfume. And praying lights up my eyes.”

3-218 Abu Ali al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Muhammad ibn Ishaq al-Salmy at Tormoz quoted Abu Muhammad Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Ishaq ibn Amoli in Amol, on the authority
of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Qalib al-Basry az-Zahed in Baghdad, on the authority of Yasar - the servant of Anas ibn Malik[270], on the authority of Anas ibn Malik that the Prophet (MGB) said, “What I love the most in this world are women and perfume. And praying lights up my eyes[271].”

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “The atheists strongly rely on this narration and say that when the Prophet (MGB) said ‘What I love the most in this world are women and perfume,’ he wanted to go on and say something else for the third, but he became sorry and continued it by saying, ‘And praying lights up my eyes.’ However, these people lie and the Prophet (MGB) had no intentions but to stress just
the importance of marriage in this narration, since he (MGB) has said, ‘Two units of prayers said by a married person is nobler in the Opinion of God than seventy units of prayers said by an unmarried person.’

He (MGB) also said, ‘Two units of prayers said by a person wearing a good perfume is nobler in the Opinion of God than seventy units of prayers said by a person not wearing good perfume.’ God likes one to wear perfume when he wants to pray.”

Then the Prophet (MGB) added, “And praying lights up my eyes. Whoever wears perfume and has a wife but doesn’t pray will not get any divine reward from putting on perfume or making love with his wife.”

**AS-SADIQ (MGB) WAS ALWAYS BUSY DOING ONE OF THREE THINGS**

3-219 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn al-Hussein al-SA’ed Abady quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Abu Ahmad Muhammad ibn Ziad al-Azodi that he had heard the jurisprudent in Medina Malik ibn Anas say, “I went to see Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB) often. He (MGB) put down a cushion for me to rest on and respected me and said, ‘O Malik! I like you.’ I became happy that he (MGB) was so kind to me and praised God so much that he (MGB) was always either fasting, praying or busy mentioning God. He was one of the greatest worshippers and one of the greatest abstainers who feared the Honorable the Exalted God. Ja’far (MGB) knew a lot of traditions. He (MGB) was very pleasant. A lot of people attended his meetings and benefitted a lot from his presence. Whenever he (MGB) mentioned the name of God’s Prophet (MGB), he (MGB) turned so blue or yellow that even those who knew him could not recognize him. Once I attended the Hajj pilgrimage along with him (MGB). He (MGB) was riding on a camel and while trying to say ‘Labayk. Allahuma Labayk’ [272] he could not utter it and dismounted. Then I said, ‘O (grand)son of God’s Prophet! Do you have to say it?’ Then the Imam (MGB) said, “O Ibn Abi Amer! I am afraid of saying ‘Labayk. Allahuma Labayk’ [273] since I fear that the Honorable the Exalted God might respond in the negative and say ‘La Labayk and la Sa’edayk!’.”[274]

**AL-REZA’S (MGB) PILGRIMS WILL BENEFIT ON THREE OCCASIONS**

3-220 Ali ibn Ahmad ibn Musa - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Kufy quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Salih al-Razi, on the authority of Himdan al-Divani[275] that Al-Reza (MGB) said, “On the Resurrection Day, I will come to save whoever visits me despite the far distance to my tomb, until I liberate him from his terrors: 1- When the Letters of Deeds are handed to his right and left hands, 2- At the moment of crossing the Bridge over Hell[276], and 3- At the time when the Scale of Deeds (measuring the amount of good vs. bad deeds) is set up.”
وألا يذكر اليومان. فهذا الخبر إلا الإصالة وقد خصص الله علية وله تعالى ركعتين تصلهما بحبيب الله النبي محمد ﷺ، فكان النور يصلى بهما.

الصلاة وهكذا قال: ركعتين يصلى بها معتز فضروف من بضع بین ركعة يصلى بها غیر معتز، وإذا حسب الله إليه الطيب أيضًا لأجل الصلاة، ثم قال عليه السلام "وجعل فرصة إعبي في الصلاة" فإن فضولاً يجده الجهل فعله وثواب الجهل، ثم لم يلمسه في الترويج والطيب.

خلاصة: إذا ما كانت من بخال واصطحاب كان

3-221 Abul Hassan Muhammad ibn Amr ibn Ali al-Basry narrated that Abul Hassan Ali ibn al-Hassan ibn al-Maysami quoted Abul Hassan Ali ibn Mahraviat al-Qazvini, on the authority of Abu Ahmad al-Qazi, on the authority of Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB), on the authority of his father Musa ibn Ja'far al-Kazim (MGB), on the authority of his father Ja'far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB), on the authority of his father Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB) that he had heard his father Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) say, "Deeds can be classified into three distinct groups: the obligatory deeds; the noble deeds; and sins. The obligatory deeds are done based upon God’s Orders, His Decrees, Pleasure, Volition, His Predetermination, and Knowledge. However, the noble deeds are not done based upon God’s Orders. However, they are done based upon God’s Pleasure, Decrees, Volition, His Predetermination, and Knowledge. And sins are not done based upon God’s Orders. However,
they are done based upon God’s Decrees, Power, Predetermination, Volition and Knowledge. That is why God punishes us for committing them.”

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “When it is said that sins are done based upon God’s Decrees, it implies that God has admonished us against doing them, since the Honorable the Exalted God’s Decrees for His servants regarding sins is to abandon them. What is meant by ‘it is based upon God’s Predetermination’ is that God knows the sin’s amount and extent. What is meant by ‘it is based upon God’s Volition’ means that the Honorable the Exalted God only hinders him from committing sins by means of advice, statements, forbidding and admonishment - not by force and use of power.”

AL-BAQIR ENJOINED HIS SON AS-SADIQ TO DO THREE THINGS AND ADMONISHED HIM AGAINST DOING THREE THINGS

3-222 Abu Ahmad al-Qasim ibn Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Abdoyeh al-Siraj in Hamedan narrated that Abu Bakr Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Zabi quoted Muhammad ibn Abdul Aziz, on the authority of Ubaydullah ibn Musa al-Abasi, on the authority of Sufyan al-Sowri, “Once I met Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB) and asked him, ‘O (grand)son of the Prophet of God! Please give me some advice.’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘O Sufyan! One who is dishonest is not chivalrous. There are no brothers for the monarchical and there is no rest for the envious. There is no mastery for the ill-natured.’ Then I asked, ‘O (grand)son of God’s Prophet! Please tell me more!’ The Imam (MGB) told me, ‘O Sufyan! Trust in God so that you may..."
become a true believer. Be content with whatever God grants to you so that you may become truly needless. Treat your neighbours with kindness so that you may become a true Muslim. Do not associate with a wicked person so that you do not learn his corruption. Seek advice regarding your affairs from those who fear the Honorable the Exalted God.’

Then I said, ‘O (grand)son of God’s Prophet! Tell me more.’ The Imam (MGB) told me, ‘O Sufyan! Whoever wishes to become honored should not be dependent upon his relatives. Whoever wishes to become needless should not be a captive of his desires. Whoever wishes to become majestic should not be associated with the King. He should transfer himself from the debasement of disobedience of God to the honour of His Obedience.’

Then I said, ‘O (grand)son of God’s Prophet! Tell me more.’ Then the Imam (MGB) told me, ‘O Sufyan! My father (MGB) enjoined me to do three things and admonished me against doing three other things. He (MGB) told me, ‘O my son! Whoever associates with a wicked one will not remain safe. Whoever goes to wicked places will not be safe from being accused. And whoever doesn’t control his tongue will become sorry.’ Then the Imam (MGB) recited the following poem:

Accustom your tongue to goodness to be safe
As it would utter what it gets accustomed to.
It utters what you teach it - be it good or evil.
So watch out for what you teach it.”

Once the Riser Uprises, He Will Issue Three Decrees Never Issued Before

3-223 Ali ibn Ahmad ibn Musa - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Hamzih ibn al-Qasim al-Alavi quoted Muhammad ibn Abdullah ibn Imran al-Barqy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali al-Hamedany, on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Hamzih, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) and Abil-Hassan (MGB), “Once the Riser (MGB) uprises, he (MGB) will issue three decrees which no one has issued before him. He will order that any fornicating old man be killed. He will order that anyone who prohibits the alms-tax be killed. And he will order that a man’s brothers should inherit from whatever property that produces a shade.” [278]

The Prophet Told Salman Farsi That He Has Three Characteristics

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WHEN HE GETS ILL

3-224 Muhammad ibn Ali ibn ash-Shah narrated that Abu Hamid quoted Abu Yazid Ahmad ibn Khalid al-Khalidy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Salih al-Tamimy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Hatam al-Qat‘tan, on the authority of Hammad

ibn Amr, on the authority of Ja‘far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his
father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) told Salman al-Farsi, “O Salman! When you become sick, you gain three things: 1- You continually remember God., 2- Your prayers are accepted., and 3- All your sins are pardoned due to that ailment. May God give you good health up to the time of your death.

UMAR SAID HE REPENTS TO GOD FOR THREE THINGS

3-225 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn al-Hassan al-Mo’adab quoted Ahmad ibn Ali al-Isbahany, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Muhammad al-Saqafy, on the authority of Yahya ibn al-Hassan ibn al-Forat al-Qaz’zaz, on the authority of Harun ibn Ubaydat, on the authority of Yahya ibn Abdullah ibn al-Hassan ibn al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB), “When Umar was facing death, he said, ‘I repent to God for the following three actions: 1- Abu Bakr and I took the rule over the people from others; 2- I forced the Caliph on the people; 3- I ranked some people over others.’”

3-226 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn al-Hassan al-Mo’adab quoted Ahmad ibn Ali al-Isbahany, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Muhammad al-Saqafy, on the authority of Al-Mas’oodi, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Himad al-Ta’ee, on the authority of Zya’id ibn al-Monzar, on the authority of Atiye that he thinks that Jabir ibn Abdullah said, “I witnessed that Umar said the following when he faced death: ‘I repent to God for the following three things: 1- Freeing the atheist slaves from Yemen captured by the Muslims; 2- Not obeying Usamah whom God’s Prophet (MGB) appointed as the Chief of the Army; and 3- We pledged to each other not to let any of the Prophet’s (MGB) family succeed the Prophet (MGB) when God took away his life.’”

3-227 By the same documentation on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Muhammad al-Saqafy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Sufyan, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Fazl ibn Zubayr, on the authority of Abu Ubaydat al-Heza’e Zya’id ibn Isa that he had heard Abla Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) say, “When Umar faced death, he said, ‘I repent to God for the following three actions: 1- Fleeing from the army of Usamah whom God’s Prophet (MGB) had appointed as the Chief of the Army; 2- Freeing the atheist slaves from Yemen captured by the Muslims; and 3- I repent to God for what is in our hearts - may God protect us from its harm; and pledging allegiance to Abu Bakr since it was not done with consultation.’”

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WHAT ABU BAKR IS SORRY ABOUT

3-228 Al-Muzaf"far ibn Ja’far ibn al-Muzaf"far al-Alavi al-Samarqandi - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Mas’ood al-Ayashi quoted his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Hatam, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Hamid and Suleiman ibn Ma’abÄd, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Salih, on the authority of Al-Lays ibn Sa’ed, on the authority of Alvan ibn Davood ibn Salih, on the authority of Salih ibn Kaysan, on the authority of Abdul Rahman ibn Hamid ibn Abdul Rahman ibn Oaf, on the authority of his father that when Abu Bakr had a fatal illness, he said, “I am not sorry about anything in this world except for three actions I did which I wish I had never done; for three things I did not do that I wish I had done; and three things which I wish I had asked God’s Prophet (MGB). And the three things I did which I wish I had never done; 1- I wish I had not opened the door of Fatimah’s house even if it was shut in preparation for war. 2- I wish I had not burnt Al-Fuja[279] but killed him or freed him upon victory over him. 3- I wish on the day of the council (Saqifa) of Bani Sa’eda[280] I had given the rule to either Umar or Abi Ubayda and let either one rule and I be their minister. And the three things I did not do but I wish I had done; 1- I wish I had chopped off the neck of Ash’ath ibn Qays on the day on which he was captured and brought to me. I think one doesn’t experience any evil unless he assists an evil one.

2- I wish I had gone to a town near the war front when I sent Khalid to fight with those who had turned back from the religion, so that I could have seen the Muslims’ victory with my very own eyes and could have joined or been of some assistance to the Muslims if there had been any plots against them.
3- I wish when I dispatched Khalid to Syria I had dispatched Umar ibn al-Khat’tab to the east (to Iraq and Iran) and had used both my armies in the way of God. And the three things which I wish I had asked God’s Prophet (MGB) are as follows: 1- I wish I had asked him (MGB) about his successor so that there would be no quarrels about it after his demise. 2- I wish I had asked him (MGB) whether the Helpers (Ansar) had any share in this rule. And 3- I wish I had asked him (MGB) about the inheritance for one’s brother and uncle since I feel I need to know this.”

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “On the day of Qadir Khum, no excuse was left for anyone.’ This is what Fatimah, the Master of the Ladies (MGB), told the Helpers (Ansar) when the tract of land called Fadak was taken away from her. The Helpers (Ansar) replied, ‘O daughter of Muhammad! Had we heard this from you before our pledge of allegiance to Abu Bakr, we would have not pledged allegiance to anyone but Ali (MGB). She (MGB) said, ‘My father (MGB) left no excuse for anyone on the day of Qadir Khum.’”

ON ABDULLAH IBN MAS’OOD SAYING, “THERE ARE THREE GROUPS OF SCHOLARS ON THE EARTH"
3-229 Abul-Qasim al-Hassan ibn Muhammad al-Sakoony al-Mazaki in Kufa narrated that Muhammad ibn Abdullah al-Hazrami quoted Muhammad ibn Maquq, on the authority of Hussein, on the authority of Yahya ibn Salma ibn Kohayl, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Abil Za’era that Abdullah ibn Mas’ood said, “The scholars in the world can be divided into three groups: the scholars in Syria, the scholars in Saudi Arabia, and the scholars in Iraq. The scholar in Syria is Abil Dirda. The scholar in Iraq is your brother in Kufa. The scholar in Saudi Arabia is Ali (MGB). The scholars in Syria[283] and Iraq[285] need the scholar in Saudi Arabia[286], while the scholar in Saudi Arabia doesn’t need them.”

THE THREE WHO DID NOT DENY REVELATIONS EVEN FOR THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE

3-230 Abdullah ibn Muhammad ibn Abdul Vah’hab (al-Isbahany) narrated that Ahmad ibn al-Fazl al-Muqayrih quoted Abu Nasr Mansoor ibn Abdullah ibn Ibrahim al-Isbahany, on the authority of Ali ibn Abdullah, on the authority of Harun ibn Hameed, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Muqayrih al-Shahrzoori, on the authority of Yahya ibn al-Hussein al-Mada’eni, on the authority of Ibn Lahay’at, on the authority of Abil Zubayr, on the authority of Jabir ibn Abdullah that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are three who did not deny revelations even for the twinkling of an eye: the believer of Al-i-Yas[287], Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) and Asia - the wife of Pharaoh.”

THE REWARD OF WHOEVER IS PATIENT WITH THREE DAUGHTERS

3-231 Abu Muhammad Muhammad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Shafe’ee al-Furqany in Furqan narrated that Abu Ja’far Muhammad ibn Ja’far ibn al-Ash’as quoted Abu Hatam (Muhammad ibn Idris ibn al-Monzar), on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abdullah al-Ansari, on the authority of Ibn Jarih, on the authority of Abil Zubayr, on the authority of Umar ibn Nebhan, on the authority of Abi Hurayrih that the Prophet (MGB) said, “Whoever has three daughters and is patient with their upbringing during times of ease and hardship will be protected on the Resurrection Day.”

THE THREE THAT WILL COMPLAIN TO THE HONORABLE THE EXALTED GOD ON THE RESURRECTION DAY

3-232 Muhammad ibn Umar al-Hafiz al-Baghdady known as Ja’abi narrated that Abdullah ibn Bashir quoted Al-Hassan ibn al-Zebarqan al-Moradi, on the authority of Abu Bakr ibn Ayyash, on the authority of Al-Jalah[288], on the authority of Abil Zubayr, on the authority of Jabir, “I heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘Three things shall complain to the Honorable the
Exalted God on the Resurrection Day: 1- The Quran; 2- The mosque[289], and 3- My Household. The Quran will say, ‘O Lord! They misinterpreted me and tore me up.’ The mosque will say, ‘O Lord! They left me unused and wasted me.’ And my Household will say, ‘O Lord! They killed us. They deported us. They made us homeless. The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘I will sit down to judge this case.’ However, God - may His Majesty be Exalted - says, ‘I deserve more to do this.’”

THE PEN HAS BEEN LIFTED UP FOR THREE[290]

3-233 Al-Hassan ibn Muhammad al-Sakoony al-Mazaki in Kufa narrated that Muhammad ibn Abdullah al-Hazrami quoted Ibrahim ibn Abi Muawiyah, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Al-A’amash, on the authority of Abi Zebyan, “An insane woman who had
committed adultery was brought to Umar. Umar ordered that she be stoned to death. They took her to Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB). The Imam (MGB) asked, ‘What is going on?’ They said, ‘She is a crazy woman who has committed adultery. Umar has ordered her to be punished.’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘Do not rush to do so.’ Then the Imam (MGB) told Umar, ‘Don’t you know that three people are not subject to the rules? They are children until they mature, crazy people until they become sane, and people who are asleep until they wake up.’

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “This tradition appeared here this way. The original version of this tradition that has been narrated on the authority of the Divine Leaders (MGB) says, ‘When an insane man commits adultery, he should be punished. However, when an insane woman commits adultery she should not be punished. That is because an insane man does the act (of adultery), while an insane woman would be the subject (of adultery).’” [291]

STINGINESS COUPLED WITH GREED CAUSES THREE BAD CHARACTERISTICS

3-234 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad narrated that Ibn Sa’ed quoted Al-Hassan ibn Arafeh, on the authority of Umar ibn Abdul Rahman Abu Hafs al-Abbar, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Juhadat, on the authority of Bakir ibn Abdullah al-Madani, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Amr that the Prophet (MGB) said, “Be aware of stinginess coupled with greed (covetousness of the soul), since it really destroys those before you. It will instruct you to lie and you will lie; it will instruct you to oppress and you will oppress; and it will instruct you to cut off ties and you will cut off ties.” [292]

3-235 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad narrated that Abul Abbas al-Suraj quoted Qutaybat, on the authority of Bakr ibn Ajlan[293], on the authority of Sa’id al-Moqbery, on the authority of Abi Hurayrih that God’s Prophet (MGB) said,
“Beware of using obscene language, since the Honorable the Exalted God doesn’t like a vulgar person who uses obscene language. Beware of oppression, since oppression in the opinion of the Honorable the Exalted God is like the darkness of the Resurrection Day. Beware of stinginess coupled with greed, since it led those before you to shed blood; severe their bonds of kinship; devour illegitimately earned property; and be overly permissive regarding their women.”

3-236 Abu Ahmad Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Bindar, the jurisprudent in Akhsikth[294] - narrated that Abul Abbas Muhammad ibn Jumhoor al-Himady quoted Abu Ali Salih ibn Muhammad al-Baghdady in Bukhara[295], on the authority of Sa’id ibn Suleiman, Muhammad ibn Bikar and Isma’il ibn Ibrahim, on the authority of Al-Faraj ibn Fuzalat, on the authority of Luqman ibn Amir, on the authority of Abi Imamat, “I asked, ‘O Prophet of God! How was the beginning of your affair?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘The prayers of my (great grand)father Abraham (MGB);[296] the glad tidings of Jesus - the son of Mary (MGB);[297] and the dream of my mother who saw that a ray of light extending out of her body and illuminating the palaces in Syria.’”

THREE THINGS MAKES ONE A PARTNER WITH THE MUSLIMS

3-237 Abu Ahmad Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Bandar narrated that Abul Ab’bas Muhammad ibn Jumhoor al-Himady quoted Salih ibn Muhammad al-Baghdady, on the authority of Al-Ab’bas ibn al-Walid al-Narsi, on the authority of Abdul Rahman ibn Mehdhi, on the authority of Mansoor ibn Sa’ed, on the authority of Maymun ibn Siah, on the authority of Anas ibn Malik[298] that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Whoever faces our Qibla (prayer direction), prays the way we pray, and eats what we slaughter is one of us and is our partner.”

THREE OF THE FORTY-FIVE PARTS OF PROPHETHOOD

3-238 Abu Ahmad Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Bandar narrated that Abul Ab’bas al-Himady quoted Salih ibn Muhammad al-Baghdady, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Bikar, on the authority of Ubaydat ibn Hameed, on the authority of Qaboos ibn Abi Zebyan, on the authority of his father,
on the authority of Ibn Abbas[299] that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “A good attitude, good looks and being frugal are three of the forty-five parts of Prophethood.”

FAITH CONSISTS OF THREE THINGS

3-239 Abu Ahmad Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Bandar narrated that Abul Abbas al-Himady quoted Muhammad ibn Umar ibn Mansoor al-Balkhi in Mecca, on the authority of Abu Yunus Muhammad ibn Yazid ibn Abdullah
al-Jamhi, on the authority of Abdul Salam ibn Salih al-Haravy, on the authority of Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB), on the authority of his father Musa ibn Ja’far al-Kazim (MGB), on the authority of his father Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Faith consists of whole-hearted acceptance, verbal expression, and acting accordingly.”

3-240 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Is, on the authority of Bakr ibn Salih al-Razi, on the authority of Abu Salt al-Haravy, “I asked Al-Reza (MGB) about faith. The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘Faith consists of whole-hearted acceptance, verbal expression, and acting accordingly. Faith is nothing else.’”


3-242 Hamzih ibn Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Alavi - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abul Hassan Ali ibn Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Baz’zaz quoted Abu Ahmad Davood ibn Suleiman al-Qazi, on the authority of Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB), on the authority of his father Musa ibn Ja’far al-Kazim (MGB), on the authority of his father Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB), on the authority of his father Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB), on the authority of his father the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Faith consists of whole-hearted acceptance, verbal expression, and acting accordingly.”

Hamzih ibn Muhammad - may God be pleased with him - and Abdul Rahman ibn Abi Hatam narrated this same tradition on the authority of his father, on the authority of Abu Salt al-Haravy Abdul Salam ibn Salih, on the authority of Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB) with a similar documentation on the chain of narrators. Abu Hatam said, ‘Should you recite the names in this chain of narrators[300] to an insane person, he will be treated.’
THREE WHO WILL NOT ENTER PARADISE

3-243 Abul Abbas Muhammad ibn Ibrahim ibn Ishaq al-Taleqani - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abu Muhammad Yahya ibn Muhammad ibn Sa‘ed in the city of Medina as-Salam quoted Ibrahim ibn Jamil, on the authority of Mo‘tamer ibn Suleiman, on the authority of Fuzayl ibn Maysare, on the authority of Abi Jarir, on the authority of Abi Musa al-Ash‘ari that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The following three groups of people will not enter Paradise: the alcoholics; the magicians; and those who cut off relations of kin. The Honorable the Exalted God will feed whoever dies as an alcoholic from the Al-Qota river.” He (MGB) was asked what Al-Qota river is. He (MGB) replied, “It is a river formed of the detestable things which flow out of the vaginas of sluts and is even bothersome to the people of Hell.”

3-244 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa‘ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Abdullah, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of some men that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “The following three groups of people will not enter Paradise: those who shed blood; the alcoholics; and those who go around to gossip.”
3-245 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad narrated that Al-Mokhledy[301] quoted Yunus ibn Abdul Ali, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Wahab, on the authority of Amr ibn al-Harith, on the authority of Ashanat al-Ma’aferiy[302] that he had heard Aqabah ibn Amer say that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The Honorable the Exalted God has guaranteed Paradise for whoever three of his progeny are crucified for the sake of God.”

THE REWARD FOR THREE THINGS: MAKING ABLUTIONS, EXPRESSING GREETINGS ALOUD, AND GIVING CHARITY IN PRIVATE

3-246 Abul Hassan Muhammad ibn Amr ibn Ali Al-Basry narrated that Abu Abdullah Abdul Salam ibn Muhammad ibn Harun ibn al-Fazl ibn al-Ab’bas ibn Ali ibn Abdullah ibn al-Ab’bas ibn Abdullah al-Ma’mun ibn Harun ar-Rashid ibn Musa al-Hadi ibn Muhammad al-Mehdi ibn Abdullah al-Mansoor ibn Muhammad ibn Ali ibn Abdullah ibn al-Ab’bas quoted Muhammad ibn Aqabah al-Sheibany, on the authority of Abul Qasim al-Khazir ibn Aban, on the authority of Abi Hedyat Ibrahim ibn Hedyat al-Basry, on the authority of Anas ibn Malik[303] that one day God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “O Ans! Make complete ablutions so that you may cross the Bridge[304] just like a cloud; express your greetings aloud so that there are increased blessings in your house; and give a lot of charity in private so as to quench the Honorable the Exalted God’s Wrath.”
THE FOUR BROTHERS WITH A TEN YEAR AGE DIFFERENCE

3-247 Al-Hassan ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Alavi - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his grandfather quoted Al-Hussein ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Ibn Abil Sari, on the authority of Hisham ibn Muhammad ibn al-Sa’eb[305], on the authority of his father, on the authority of Abu Malik al-Janby[309], on the authority of Umar ibn Bashr al-Hamedany, “I asked Abi Ishaq, ‘When were the people debased?’ He replied, ‘Since Al-Hussein (MGB) was martyred; Zyad was ascribed to Abu Sufyan; and the killing of Hujr ibn Uday’.”[310]

PEOPLE WERE DEBASED ON THREE OCCASIONS

3-248 Al-Hassan ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Alavi - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his grandfather quoted Davood, on the authority of Isa ibn Abdul Rahman ibn Salih, on the authority of Abu Malik al-Janby[309], on the authority of Umar ibn Bashr al-Hamedany, “I asked Abi Ishaq, ‘When were the people debased?’ He replied, ‘Since Al-Hussein (MGB) was martyred; Zyad was ascribed to Abu Sufyan; and the killing of Hujr ibn Uday’.”[310]

THERE ARE THREE CHARACTERISTICS IN BEGGING AND THE WORST OF THE PEOPLE ARE THREE

3-249 Muhammad ibn Ali ibn ash-Shah narrated that Abu Hamid quoted Abu Yazid Ahmad ibn Khalid al-Khalidy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Salih al-Tamimy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Hatam al-Qat’tan, on the authority of Hammad ibn Amr, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn Ali Talib (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) told Abuzar - may God have Mercy upon him, “O Abuzar! I admonish you against begging from the people since that implies debasement at the present time, and it will be pursued by poverty. It will also have a lot of Reckoning on the Resurrection Day. O Abuzar! You live alone and you will die alone. You will enter Paradise alone, too. Some of the people of Iraq will be blessed enough to make the ablutions for the deceased for your corpse, shroud you and bury you. O Abuzar! Do not beg, but take what you are given.” Then the Prophet (MGB) asked his companions, “Do you want me to tell you about the most wicked one of you?”
They said, “O Prophet of God! Yes.” The Prophet (MGB) said, “They are those who gossip about other people and cause discord among friends. They are those who wrongfully find fault with the good people.”

IT IS NOT ALLOWED FOR ONE TO BE ON NO TALKING TERMS WITH HIS MUSLIM BROTHER FOR MORE THAN THREE DAYS

3-250 Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Bandar narrated that Abul Abbas al-Himady quoted Muhammad ibn Ali al-Zayeq, on the authority of Al-Qa’nabi[311], on the authority of Ibn Abi Za’eb[312], on the authority of Ibn Shahab, on the authority of Anas ibn Malik[313] that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “It is not allowed for one to be on no talking terms with his Muslim brother for more than three days.”

3-251 Ahmad ibn Zyad ibn Ja’far al-Hamedany - may God be pleased with him - narrated that
Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Himran, on the authority of his father that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “I despise any two believers who are on no talking terms for more than three days.” He (MGB) was asked, “Well. This is fair enough for the oppressor. But what about the oppressed one?” The Imam (MGB) said, “Why doesn’t the oppressed one go to the oppressor and ask him to excuse him so that they are on talking terms as before?”

THREE FORMS OF PROSPERITY FOR A MUSLIM

3-252 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad narrated that Ibn Khozaymeh quoted Abu Musa on the authority of Al-Zah’ak ibn Mokhli’d, on the authority of Sufyan, on the authority of Habib, on the authority of Jameel - the servant of Abdul Harith, on the authority of Nafe’ah ibn Abdul Harith that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Having a large house, a good neighbor and a good vehicle makes for prosperity for a Muslim.”

3-253 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad narrated that Ibn Khozaymeh quoted Abu Musa, on the authority of Abdul Rahman, on the authority of Sufyan, on the authority of Al-A’amash, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Meshar, on the authority of Kharashat ibn al-Hor, on the authority of Abuzar that the Prophet (MGB) said, “God would not speak to three people: the one who mentions it whenever he does someone a favour; the one who is really arrogant and shows it; and the one who falsely advertises his own goods.”

THE THREE TRULY SINCERE BELIEVERS

3-254 Muhammad ibn Ali ibn Isma’il narrated that Al-Nue’man ibn Abil Dalhas al-Baladi quoted Al-Hussein ibn Abdul Rahman, on the authority of Ubaydullah ibn Musa, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali Layli that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The truly sincere believers are three: Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB), Habib - the carpenter[314], and the believer from the family of Pharaoh (Hizkil[315]).”
THE THREE COMPANIONS OF THE MOUNTAIN

3-255 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad narrated that Muhammad Ibn Ishaq al-Suraj quoted Abu Homam al-Walid ibn Shoja’a al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ali ibn Meshar, on the authority of Ubaydullah ibn Umar, on the authority of Nafe’ah, on the authority of Ibn Umar that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Three of the folks that were among you were going somewhere when it suddenly started to rain. They rushed into a cave, but some rocks closed off the cave and trapped them there. One of them told the others, ‘O so and so! I swear by God that only honesty will save us. Each of us should pray to God using what he honestly knows is true.’ Then one of them said, ‘O my God! You well know that I hired someone to do something for me. His wage was a cup of rice which he entrusted me with and went somewhere. I planted it and it grew. I bought a herd of cows with what I harvested. When he returned to me and asked for his cup of rice I told him, ‘Here you go. Look at this herd of cows. Take them. O God! You well know that I did that due to fearing You. So please open the rocks for us.’ Then the rock opened up a little. The second one said, ‘O my God! You well know that I had old parents. I took goat’s milk for them every night. One night I was late and they had fallen asleep when I arrived. I could not give them any goat milk to drink. I did not want to wake them up to drink. I also feared that if I return, they might wake up to drink their milk and not find me there. Therefore, I stayed up all night until they woke up at dawn to drink their milk. You know that I did that due to fearing You. Then please open the rocks for us.’ Then the rock opened up a little bit more such that they could see the sky. The third one said, ‘O my God! You know that I had a niece whom I loved the most. I wanted to
make love to her. She refused and made a condition for me to give her one-hundred Dinars. I worked hard and earned that one-hundred Dinars. I took the money to her and gave it to her. She let me in. Once I was settled in between her legs she said, ‘Fear God and do not unjustly break the hymen.’ I got up and left the money for her. You should know that I did that due to fearing You. Then please open the rocks for us.’ Then the Honorable the Exalted God opened up the rocks for them and they left the cave.”

THE BEST DEEDS IN THE OPINION OF THE HONORABLE THE EXALTED GOD ARE THREE

3-256 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad narrated that Abul Qasim al-Boqavy quoted Ali - that is Ibn al-Ja’ed, on the authority of Al-Shu’bat, on the authority of Al-Walid ibn al-Ayzar ibn Hareeth, on the authority of Aha Amr al-Sheibany, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Masood, on the authority of the Prophet (MGB), “Indeed the best deeds in the Opinion of God are praying, kindness and participating in a holy war.” [316]
THE PEOPLE ARE IN THREE GROUPS

3-257 Abul Hassan Muhammad ibn Ali ibn ash-Shah narrated that Abu Ishaq al-Khavas quoted Muhammad ibn Yunus al-Kadimi, on the authority of Sufyan ibn Vaki‘a[317], on the authority of his father, on the authority of Sufyan al-Sowri, on the authority of Mansoor, on the authority of Mujahid, on the authority of Komayl ibn Zyad, “Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) came to me, took my hand and took me out to the desert (outside of the town of Kufa). He sat down. I sat down, too. Then he (MGB) raised his head up and told me, ‘O Komayl! Remember what I will tell you. The people are in three groups: divine scholars; students seeking to be saved; and the pests in the air which fly in whichever direction the wind blows. They are the ones who have not benefitted from any rays of knowledge and have not sought refuge in any strong base. O Komayl! Knowledge is better than wealth. Knowledge will guard you, but you must guard your wealth. Wealth will be reduced once spent, but knowledge will increase when it is spread. O Komayl! Expressing love by the students for the scholars is in return for what they have borrowed from them (i.e. their knowledge). Students must obey their teachers for as long as they are alive and should honor their names after their death. There will be no return of wealth once it is lost. O Komayl! Those who hoard up wealth are the living dead! The scholars are the ones who are alive. They shall even survive after their death to the end of time. Their bodies shall perish, but their teachings shall be living in the people’s hearts. Yes, there exists in here (while he was pointing to his heart) an endless treasure of knowledge. I wish I could find good students who deserved to receive it. I have a student who learns it, but is not trustworthy. He uses the religion as a tool to gain worldly benefits. He oppresses the servants of God using God’s Proofs and overcomes them using God’s Blessings. He does so to gather the weak and uneducated people around himself to support him, and oppose the true Friend of God. I have another student who is a sincere follower of his teacher, but he is not wise enough to be able to retain his knowledge. He starts to doubt things with the slightest bit of doubt in his heart. I have another student who is neither like the former nor like the latter. However, he delves into pleasure-seeking. He is extremely lustful and in love with worldly treasures. Neither of these can propagate the religion. They are more or less like the four-legged animals. Therefore, knowledge will vanish upon the death of the one who possesses it. I swear by God that the Earth shall not be left void of God’s Proof[318]. It will either be apparent, but oppressed by the oppressors, hidden behind curtains, on deep waves and invisible to the eyes so that God’s Proofs and His Clear Signs do not get destroyed.
How many of them are there? They are small in number, but are always of the highest rank. It is through them that God will retain His Proofs and Clear Signs so that they may entrust them to worthy men like themselves; and can foster them in the hearts of those who are similar to themselves. They have delved deeply into the affairs of the world and have attained the utmost level of certitude. What is extremely difficult for the lovers of this world is easy for them. They are accustomed to what the illiterate ones evade. Their bodies are in this world, but their souls are eager for the heavens. O Komayl! Your masters are God’s successors and the ones who invite others to His Religion. O I am very eager to see them. I beseech God’s forgiveness for both you and I.”

The compiler of this book - may God be pleased with him - said, “I have reported this tradition in many various ways in the book Kamal ad-Din wa Itamam an-Ne`mat Fi Isbat al-Qaybat va Kashf al-Hayrat.”

THE LIGHT THAT IS DIVIDED INTO THREE PARTS

3-258 Abu Ali al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Muhammad al-Attar narrated that Muhammad ibn Ali ibn Isma’il ibn al-Hussein ibn al-Qasim ibn al-Hassan ibn Zayd (ibn al-Hassan) ibn al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) quoted Muhammad ibn Amer al-Nahavandi, on the authority of Amr ibn Abdus al-Mohandis, on the authority of Hani ibn al-Mutevakil, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali ibn Ayaz ibn Abdullah ibn Abi Raf’e, on the authority of his father, on the authority of his grandfather, on the authority of Abi Ayyub Al-Ansari that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “When the Honorable the Exalted God created Paradise, He created it from the Light of the Throne. Then God took some of that Light and spread it. I received one-third of that Light. One-third reached Fatimah (MGB). One-third reached Ali (MGB) and the members of his household (MGB). Whoever is touched by this Light shall fall in love with the Household of Muhammad. Whoever is untouched by this Light is in darkness being outside the friendship of the Household of Muhammad.”

THE THREE REASONS WHY PEOPLE WORSHIP GOD
3-259 Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Senani al-Mokattib - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Harun al-Soofi quoted Ubaydullah ibn Musa al-Hibal al-Tabary, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hussein al-Khisahab, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Mohsin, on the authority of Yunus ibn Zabyan that Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There are three reasons why the people worship the Exalted the Honorable God. Some worship God in order to receive a reward. Such form of worship is that of greedy people. Some worship God out of fear of the Fire. Such form of worship is due to fear. I worship God since I love the Exalted the Honorable God. Such form of worship is that of noble ones. There is security in it as stated by the Honorable the Exalted God, ‘… and they will be secure from terror that Day’[319] and ‘Say: If ye do love God, Follow me: God will love you and forgive you your sins: …. ’[320] Therefore,
the Exalted the Honorable God loves whomever loves God. Whoever the Honorable the Exalted God loves is amongst the secure ones.”

THREE CONDITIONS SET BY THE COMMANDER OF THE FAITHFUL ALI

3-260 Abu Mansoor Ahmad ibn Ibrahim al-Jowzi[321] narrated that Zayd ibn Muhammad al-Baghdady quoted on the authority of Abul Qasim Abdullah Muhammad al-Ta’ee in Basra, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers that a man invited Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) to his house. The Imam (MGB) accepted with three conditions. The man said, “O Commander of the Faithful! What are they?” The Imam (MGB) said, “That you bring nothing for me from outside of the house; that you do not deny me of anything that is in the house; and that you do not burden your wife on my behalf.” The man said, “Fine.” Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) accepted his invitation.

THREE CHARACTERISTICS OF IMAM ALI

3-261 Muhammad ibn Ibrahim ibn Ishaq al-Taleqani - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Al-Hassan ibn Ali al-Ado’we quoted Ebad ibn Saheeb (ibn Ebad ibn Saheeb), on the authority of his father, on the authority of his forefather, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), “A man asked the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) about his medium height, big belly and lack of hair on his forehead. The Commander of the Faithful (MGB) replied, ‘The Blessed the Sublime God has created me neither tall nor short, but of medium height so that I can cut a short enemy into two pieces from head to toe, and cut a tall enemy into two pieces from his waist. My belly is big since the Prophet (MGB) opened up to me a gate of knowledge from which a thousand doors to knowledge shall open up. Therefore, knowledge gathered up in my belly. And the reason why there is no hair on my forehead is that I have always worn a head armor and gone to fight with the enemy.’”

THREE TRADITIONS ESTABLISHED ASCRIBED TO BARIRA - THE FREED MAID OF AYESHA

3-262 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa and Abdullah ibn Muhammad ibn Isa,
THREE PEOPLE ASCRIBED LIES TO GOD’S PROPHET (MGB)

3-263 Muhammad ibn Ibrahim ibn Ishaq al-Taleqani - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdul Aziz ibn Yahya quoted Muhammad ibn Zakariya, on the authority of Ja’far ibn...
Muhammad ibn Am‘marat, on the authority of his father that he had heard Ja’far ibn Muhammad al-Baqir (MGB) say, “There were three people who ascribed lies to God’s Prophet (MGB): Abu Hurayrah, Anas ibn Malik[323], and a woman.”

THREE PEOPLE ARE CURSED: THE RIDER, THE LEADER AND THE DRIVER

3-264 Ahmad ibn Muhammad al-Saqr al-Sa’eq Balari narrated that Abu Hussayn Muhammad ibn Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Zyyad al-Za’ferani quoted Abil Ahvas, on the authority of Abu Bakr ibn Abi Shoybah’, on the authority of Abu Qisan, on the authority of Hamid ibn Abdul Rahman, on the authority of Al-A’amash, on the authority of Amr ibn Mar‘rat, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Harith, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Malik az-Zubaydi, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Umar, “Abu Sufyan was riding on a camel. Muawiyyah was leading the camel, and Yazid was driving the camel. Then God’s Prophet (MGB) cursed the rider, the leader and the driver.”

THREE GREAT OFFENSES

3-265 Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Senani al-Mokattib - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Zakariya al-Qat’tan quoted Bakr ibn Abdullah ibn Habib, on the authority of Tamim ibn Buhlool, on
three prophetic traditions ascribed to Sa'van Al-Jahmi

3-268 Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There are three Prophetic traditions which were
ascribed to the Umayyad Sa'van ibn la-Jahmi. He made seventy shields with fire. The Prophet (MGB) wanted to borrow them from him (MGB). Sa'van asked, ‘O Muhammad! Are you going to take them from me by force?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘No. I will borrow them from you and I will return them to you later.’
There are three ranks for Sa’ed ibn Ma’az in Islam possessing any of which would suffice the whole nation.

THREE GROUPS SEEK KNOWLEDGE

Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn al-Hussein al-Sa’ed Abady quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Abil Jarud Zyad ibn al-Monzar, on the authority of Sa’id ibn Alaqat that the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said, “Those who seek knowledge can be classified into three groups. You can distinguish them from each other by their characteristics and signs. There are those who seek knowledge due to their haughtiness and ignorance. There are those who seek knowledge so that they may rebel and deceive others. There are also those who seek knowledge to learn and become intelligent. Those who seek knowledge due to their haughtiness and ignorance disturb the people with their acts when they are in a group. They have a God-fearing outer look, while they are void of any piety. May God break their backs and cut off their noses! Those who seek knowledge due to their haughtiness and ignorance always rush ahead of their colleagues and make a lot of noise. They bow down to those who are lower themselves but are wealthy. They always feed on them and sell their religion. May God make them blind and uproot them. Those who seek knowledge to learn and become intelligent do not look so well and are sad. They wake up during the darkness of the night to pray. They will bend down while wearing their nightwear. They act with fear and avoid everyone except their brethren to whom they are accustomed. May God strengthen them and save them on the Resurrection Day.”
WHOEVER IS ANTAGONISTIC WITH THREE WILL BE DEBASED

3-271 Ahmad ibn Muhammad al-Haysam al-Ajali - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abul-Ab’bas Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Zakariya al-Qat’tan quoted Bakr ibn Abdullah ibn Habib, on the authority of Tamim ibn Buhlool, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ubaydullah ibn al-Fazl al-Hashemi that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Whoever is antagonistic with the following three people will be debased: his father, the King and the one who has given him a loan.”

PEOPLE ARE DIVIDED INTO THREE GROUPS WHEN CONSIDERING FATE

3-272 Ahmad ibn Harun al-Fami and Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Masroor - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Muhammad ibn Ja’far ibn Bat’tat quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saf’far, Muhammad ibn Ali ibn Mahboob, and Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Abdul-Aziz, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Hammad ibn Isa al-Jahani, on the authority of Hurayz ibn Abdullah, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “The people can be classified into three groups regarding the issue of fate. There are those who think that the Exalted the Honorable God has forced the people to commit sins. Such people have wronged the Exalted the Honorable God with their decree. They are atheists. There are others who think that running all the affairs has been turned over to them. Such people have undermined God’s Kingdom. Thus, they are atheists. There are also those who say, ‘The Honorable the Exalted God has placed such a burden upon His servants that they can bear. God has not overburdened the people to such an extent which they cannot stand. Once they do good, they praise God. And once they do bad, they seek God’s forgiveness.’ Such people are true Muslims. It is God who grants success.
نبي دمحم إن شدج: اليافع ابن منع طالباً يضير رسول الله نب دمحم نب رفاعة، يم أفعلاً نوراً نب دمحم إن شدج. 272-3
جعفر بن بطة قال: حدثنا محمد بن الحسن الصفار، ومحمد بن علي ابن محيوب، ومحمد بن الحسن بن عبيد، عن حماد بن عيسى الجهني، عن عدال الزعتر، عن أحمد بن محمد بن عيسى، عن الحسين بن سحري زبي بن عبد الله، عن أبي عبد الله عليه السلام قال: الناس في القدر على ثلاثة أوجه: يزعم أن الله عز وجل أجر الناس على المعاصر، فهذا قد ظلم الله. عز وجل في حكمه فهو كافر، وجمال يزعم أن طالب فهو كافر، وجمال يزعم: إن الله عز وجل كلف العبد الامر مفعولاً، إليهم فهذا إن ضل وحده في سلماً ما يبطون ولم يكد فهم ما لا يبطون، فإذا أحسن حمد الله. وإذا أساء استغفر الله، فهذا مسلم باللغة، والله الموفق.
PART 4- ON FOUR-NUMBERED CHARACTERISTICS

Section 1

“I WILL INTERCEDE ON THEIR BEHALF ON THE RESURRECTION DAY”

4-1 Abdullah ibn Muhammad al-Wahab narrated that Abu Nasr Mansoor ibn Abdullah ibn Ibrahim al-Isfahani quoted on the authority of Ali ibn Abdullah, on the authority of Davood ibn Suleiman, on the authority of Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are four groups on whose behalf I will intercede on the Resurrection Day: Those who honor the members of my Household after me; those who fulfill their needs; those who try to assist them in times they need them; and those who love them both wholeheartedly and verbally.”

THE PUNISHMENT OF THOSE WHO OBEY THEIR WIVES IN FOUR ISSUES

4-2 Abul Hussein Muhammad ibn Ali ibn ash-Shah narrated that Abu Hamid Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn al-Hussein quoted on the authority of Abu Yazid Ahmad ibn Khalid al-Khalidy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Salih al-Tamimy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Anas ibn Muhammad Abu Malik, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that in his will God’s Prophet (MGB) told him, “O Ali! God will throw those who obey their wives face down into the
Fire of Hell.” Ali (MGB) asked, “What is meant by that obedience?” The Prophet (MGB) replied, “(That obedience is) to permit one’s wife to go to public baths, wedding parties, mourning ceremonies, and wear transparent clothes.”

4-3 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Al-Abbas ibn Ma’ruf, on the authority of Abi Himmam - Isma’il ibn Himmam, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sa’id ibn Qazvan, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB) [330], on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB), “God will throw whoever obeys his wife regarding four issues into the Fire..” He (MGB) was asked, “What are they?” The Imam (MGB) replied, “Regarding wearing transparent clothes, going to public baths, attending wedding parties and going to mourning ceremonies.”

FOUR WHOSE PRAYERS SHALL NOT BE UNANSWERED

4-4 Abul Hussein Muhammad ibn Ali ibn ash-Shah narrated that Abu Hamid Ahmad ibn al-Hussein quoted Abu Yazid Ahmad ibn Khalid al-Khalidy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Salih al-Tamimy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Anas ibn Muhammad Abu Malik, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that in his will to Ali God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “O Ali, the prayers of four classes of people are never unanswered: just rulers, fathers when they pray for their sons, people who privately pray for their brethren, and the oppressed. The Majestic the Glorified God says, ‘I swear by My Glory and Majesty that I will take your revenge (referring to the oppressed) when proper.’”
FOUR ISSUES STRENGTHEN THE RELIGION

4-5 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah Al-Barqy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Jameel ibn Dur’raj, on the authority of Zurarah that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) narrated that the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said, “There are four issues that will strengthen the religion: outspoken scholars who act according to their knowledge; rich folks who are not stingy in assisting those who adhere to God’s Religion; poor folks who do not outsell their religious beliefs to worldly affairs; and ignorant folks who are not too arrogant to quest for knowledge. Once the knowledgeable ones hide their knowledge, the rich are stingy with their wealth, the poor trade their afterlife in exchange for this world and the ignorant are too arrogant to seek knowledge, the world will start to retreat. At that time you should not be fooled by the increasing number of mosques and the many who go there.” The Imam (MGB) was asked, “O Commander of the Faithful! How should one live at that time?” The Imam (MGB) replied, “Associate with the people superficially. One only gets what he earns and will be resurrected with whatever he likes. Await relief to be sent by the Honorable the Exalted God.”

GOD FORGIVES ONE WHO TAKES IT EASY REGARDING FOUR ISSUES

4-6 The jurisprudent at Sarakhs - Abu Nasr Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Tamim al-Sarakhsi narrated that Abu Valid Muhammad ibn Idris al-Shami quoted Al-Hassan ibn Muhammad al-Za’ferani, on the authority of Abdul Vah’hab ibn Ata, on the authority of Israel ibn Yunus, on the authority of Zayd ibn Ata ibn Sa’eb, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Munkadir, on the authority of Jabir ibn Abdullah that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The Honorable the Exalted God forgives one who takes it easy whenever he sells, buys, judges or has a demand.”

THE FOUR DESIRABLE THINGS FOR PEOPLE IN THIS EPHEMERAL WORLD

4-7 Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Al-Hassan ibn Ali al-Askari quoted Muhammad ibn Zakariya al-Juwhary, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Am’marat, on the authority of his father that Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “The people desire four things in this ephemeral world: wealth; comfort; easy life and respect. Wealth comes with contentment. Whoever seeks it in having a lot of wealth shall not find it. Comfort comes
with having fewer worries. Whoever has more things to worry about shall not find it. An easy life comes with having very little work to do. Whoever seeks it in a lot of work shall not find it. Respect comes with obeying the Creator. Whoever seeks it in serving the people shall not find it.”
and I (Muhammad) am God’s Prophet; I have been rightly appointed; there is resurrection after
death; and there is destiny.””

4-9 Abu Sa’id Muhammad ibn al-Fazl ibn Muhammad ibn Ishaq al-Mozakir narrated that Abu
Ja’far Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Sa’id quoted Abu Abdullah Muhammad ibn Muslim ibn
Vareh al-Razi, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Yusuf al-Foryani, on the authority of Sufyan
al-Sowri, on the authority of Isma’il al-Sadi, on the authority of Abdeh Kheyr (ibn Yazid al-
Hamedany), “Ali (MGB) had four rings. A ruby ring for nobility; a turquoise[331] ring for help;
a Chinese iron ring for power; and an agate ring for protection. The engraving on the ruby ring
was ‘Lailaha illallah al-Mulkil Haq al-Mobin.’ The engraving on the turquoise ring was ‘Allah al-
Mulkil Haq.’ The engraving on the Chinese iron ring was Al-Ezatallah jamî’an. The engraving
on the agate ring was in three lines ‘Masha Allah, La quwata illa billah, Istaqfurallah.’”

FOUR CHAPTERS OF THE HOLY QURAN MADE THE PROPHET’S HAIR GREY

4-10 Abul-Hassan Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Ali ibn Asad Al-Asady narrated that Abdullah ibn
Zaydan and Ali ibn al-Ab’bas al-Bajalyan quoted Abu Kurayb, on the authority of Muawiyah ibn
Hisham, on the authority of Shayban (ibn Abdul Rahman al-Tamimy), on the authority of Abi
Ishaq, on the authority of Akrama, on the authority of Ibn Abbas[332] , that Abu Bakr asked the
Prophet, “O Prophet of God! Your hair became grey too fast?” The Prophet (MGB) replied,
“Four Chapters of the Holy Quran made my hair grey. They were Hud[333] , Waqi’a[334] ,
Mursalat[335] and An-Nab[336].”

THE PROPHET PERFORMED THE UMRA HAJJ FOUR TIMES

4-11 Abu Ahmad Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Bandar narrated that Abul Ab’bas al-Himady quoted
Ahmad ibn Muhammad al-Shafe’ee, on the authority of his uncle, on the authority of Davood ibn
Abdul Rahman, on the authority of Amr, on the authority of Akrama, on the authority of Ibn
Abbas[337] that the Prophet (MGB) said, “The Prophet (MGB) performed the Umra Hajj four
times. Once it was the Al-Hudaybiah Umra[338] . Then it was the Umrat al-Qada[339] on the
following year. Then it was the Ja’rana[340] for the third time and finally it was at the Farewell
pilgrimage.”
A DIVINE LEADER CAN BE RECOGNIZED BY FOUR CHARACTERISTICS

4-12 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Walid, on the authority of Hammad ibn Uthman, on the authority of Al-Harith ibn al-Muqayrih al-Nasri, “I asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq, ‘What are the signs with which one can recognize a true Divine Leader?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘Serenity, solemnity, knowledge and will[341].’”

4-13 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Isa, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Abil Jarud, “I asked Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB), ‘May I be your ransom! If the most knowledgeable one from your household perishes, how can one know the Trustee who comes after him?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘Through guidance, serenity, the testimony of the members of the Household of Muhammad (MGB) to his nobility, and his ability to respond to any questions asked.’”

4-14 Abu Ahmad Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Bandar narrated that Mujahid ibn A’ayn Abul-Haj’jaj quoted Abu Bakr ibn Abil Awam, on the authority of Yazid (ibn Muhammad ibn Abdul Samad),
on the authority of Suleiman al-Tamimee (Abdul Rahman), on the authority of Sayyar (Al-Umavi al-Dameshqi), on the authority of Abi Imamat that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “I was honored over the other Prophets by the following four things: the ground was established as the place of prostration and cleansing for my nation. Should any of my followers want to pray and he doesn’t have access to water, he can use dirt with which to purify himself and on which to pray. I was victorious over my enemies by means of their fear of me which affected them one month before encountering them. The war booties became legitimate for my nation. I was sent to all the people of the world.”

4-15 Abu Ahmad al-Hassan ibn Abdullah ibn Sa’id ibn al-Hassan ibn Hakim al-Askari narrated that Abu Masood Abdullah ibn Muhammad quoted Abdan al-Askari, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Suleiman Lavin (Muhammad ibn Suleiman ibn Habib Al-Asady), on the authority of Hiban ibn Ali (al-Anzi), on the authority of Aqeel (ibn Khalid), on the authority of Al-Zuhra, on the authority of Ubaydullah ibn Abdullah, on the authority of Ibn Abbas[342] that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The best number for companions is four. The best number for members for a government is four-hundred. The best number of troops is four-thousand. Twelve-thousand troops would not be defeated by a few if they persevere and sincerely fight.”

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الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: ممّوليد، عن حماد بن عمِّان، عن الحارث بن الأبية النصرية قال: قلّت لا ي بي عبد ال

يعرف صاحب هذا الأمر؟ قال: بالسكةنة والوقار والعلم والصورية.

4-13

م محدّن بن سّنان، عن أبي الفارج، عن أبي جعفر عليه السلام قال: قلّت له: جعلت ف قّال إذا مضى علامة

اهل البيت ف آلي شيء يهورون من يجّد يا، قال: باللهة والإطراف وأقرار السّتة لم بالفتة، لا

يسأل عن شيء مما بي، إن أن يهورون لا يأتي به.

4-14

أب والأحجار قال: حديثنا أبو بكر بن يسّن نبّ دجاجا، عن ابن راشد بن يسّن، حديث نبّ دجاجا، عن

أبي وافر، عن بني إمّامة، عن سيرين، عن أبي عبد الله، قال: رسل الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: في عين يوم مسجد وطهوارة، وأيما رجل عن أمّي

ها وطهوارة، ونصرت بالرعب مسيمة شهر، أراد الأسلام ف لم يجّد وما يوجد الأرض في قد جعلته له مسج

يسيم بن بادي، وواحت له ألقاه، إلى الناس كذالك.

4-15

الله صلى الله عليه والي: خير الصحبة أربعة، وأخى أربعة، الصحبة خير

لا격 يلدِت عن لي لمّينا نبّ نسّرجا نبّ كيدِنها نبّ دجاجا نبّ نسّرجا نبّ الدجاجا انющим ।

وعلَّم الله بن محدّن، عن عبد الله بن عبد الله الأنصاري قال: في حديثنا بن محدّن بن سلاّم لله ورواه قائل: حديثنا أبو عمس

حديث ناحيان بن عَلَّام، عن عقيل بن الأزهر، عن عبد الله بن عبد الله، عن ابن عباس قال: قال رسول

الله صلى الله عليه وآله: خير الصحبة أربعة، وأخى أربعة، الصحبة خير.
WHOEVER IS GRANTED FOUR THINGS WOULD NOT GET DISAPPOINTED WITH FOUR OTHER THINGS

4-16 Abu Ahmad al-Hassan ibn Abdullah al-Askari narrated that Abul Qasim Badr ibn al-Haysam al-Qazi quoted Ali ibn Monzar al-Kufi, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Fuzayl, on the authority of Abil Sabah that Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Whoever is granted four things would not get disappointed with four other things. Whoever is granted the opportunity to supplicate would not be disappointed with its being answered. Whoever is granted the opportunity to ask for God’s forgiveness would not be disappointed with being forgiven. Whoever is granted the opportunity to be grateful would not be disappointed with an increase in his blessings. Whoever is granted the opportunity to persevere would not be disappointed with its reward.”

4-17 Ahmad ibn Zyad ibn Ja’far al-Hamedany - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of A’ez al-Ahmasi that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There are four who hear everyone: The Prophet (MGB), the green-eyed Houries[343], Paradise, and the Fire. In fact, the Prophet (MGB) hears the prayers of whoever sends blessings upon the Prophet Muhammad (MGB), and takes his prayers up to God. When anyone asks God to be married to green-eyed Houries, they will say, ‘O Lord! Please grant your servant what he asks for and marry us to him.’ When anyone asks God to take him into Paradise, Paradise would say, ‘O Lord! Please grant to your servant what he has asked Thou for and let him reside in Paradise.’ When anyone asks God for protection from the Fire, the Fire would say, ‘O Lord! Protect your servant from me.’”

GOD WOULD NOT LOOK AT FOUR PEOPLE ON THE RESURRECTION DAY

4-18 Abu Ahmad Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Bandar narrated that Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Nooh quoted Muhammad ibn Amr, on the authority of Yazid ibn Zari’a, on the authority of Bashir ibn Namir, on the authority of Al-Qasim ibn Abdul Rahman, on the authority of Abi Imamat that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “God would not take a look at the following four people on the Resurrection Day: those who are damned by their parents; those who mention their favors; those who deny predestination; and alcoholics.”

THE FOUR WHO WILL BE RIDING ON THE RESURRECTION DAY

4-19 Abu Bakr Muhammad ibn Ali ibn Isma’il narrated that Abu Muhammad ibn Zaydan al-Balkhi - in what Abul Ab’bas ibn Aqadat recited to him - on the authority of Ali ibn al-Masna, on the authority of Zayd ibn Hobab, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Lahay’at, on the authority of Ja’far
ibn Rabi’a, on the authority of Akrama, on the authority of Ibn Abbas\(^{344}\); “God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘There will be no others who will be riding besides the four of us on the Resurrection Day.’

Abbas asked, ‘Who will they be?’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘I will be riding Al-Boraq. Its face is like that of a man, but its cheeks are like that of a horse. Its wings will be made of woven pearls. Its two ears will be chrysolite\(^{345}\) green. Its eyes will be like Venus. They will shine like two bright stars with rays like that of the sun. It is fat and has long fire and hind legs. Its soul is similar to that of a man. It can hear and understand. It is bigger than a donkey, but smaller than a mule.’

Ab’bas asked, ‘O Prophet of God! Who else?’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘And my brother Salih
who will be riding the Camel of the Honorable the Exalted God which his people had immolated.

Abbas asked, “O Prophet of God! Who else?” The Prophet (MGB) said, “And my uncle Hamzih ibn Abdul Mutalib who was the Lion of God and the Lion of God’s Prophet. He is the Master of the Martyrs who will be riding my camel called Kaswa.”

Abbas asked, ‘O Prophet of God! Who else?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘And my brother Ali who will be riding on one of the camels of Paradise. Its reins will be made of pearls. The people will say, ‘This is either a dispatched Prophet or a nearby-stationed angel.’ Then there will be a call from inside the Threshold saying, ‘This is neither a nearby-stationed angel nor a dispatched Prophet. He is not the Holder of the Throne either. This is Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB). He is the Trustee of the Messenger of the Lord of the Two Worlds. He is the Divine Leader of the pious ones, and the Leader of those with white foreheads.”

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “This is a strange narration since there is a name of Al-Boraq and how it is. There is also a mention of Hamzih ibn Abdul Mutalib in it.”

4-20 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil Khat’tab, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Abdul Rahman al-Asim, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Batil (who is Abdullah ibn Qasim al-Hazrami), on the authority of Amr ibn Abil Miqdam, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Sa’id ibn Jabeer that Ibn Abbas said, “One day the Prophet of God (MGB) came out while holding Ali’s hand and said, “O Helpers! O Hashemites! O Ba’ni Abdul Mutalib! I am Muhammad. I am the Messenger of God. Four of us have been made of Forgiven Clay. That is Ali, Hamzih, Ja’far and me.”
Someone asked, ‘O Prophet of God! Will these be the riders on the Resurrection Day?’

The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘May your mother not experience the sorrow of your death! No one but these four will be riding on the Resurrection Day: Ali, Fatimah, the Prophet Salih and me. I will be riding Al-Boraq. My daughter Fatimah will be riding my camel Kaswa. Salih will be riding the Camel of God which was immolated[350]. Ali will be riding one of the Camels from Paradise. Its reins will be made of pearls. It has two green covers. It will stop between Paradise and Hell. On the day on which the people sweat, there will be a wind from below the Threshold and the people’s sweat will dry up. When the angels, the Prophets and the honest ones see him, they will say, ‘O That is either a nearby-stationed angel or a dispatched Prophet.’ But there will be a caller saying, ‘No. He is neither a nearby-stationed angel nor is he a dispatched Prophet. He is Ali - the brother of God’s Prophet Muhammad in the world and the Hereafter.’

FOUR THINGS WHICH THE OLD ISRAELITE LADY ASKED MOSES FOR

4-21 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Faz’zal, on the authority of Abil Hassan Al-Kazim (MGB), “The moon did not shine for the Children of Israel for some time. God - may His Majesty be Exalted - revealed the following to Moses (MGB), ‘Take the remaining bones of Joseph (MGB) out of Egypt.’ God promised that once the bones were taken out, the moon would shine again. Moses (MGB) sought after someone who knew where they were. He was told that an old lady knows where they are. Moses (MGB) sent after her. They brought him a crippled blind old woman. Moses (MGB) asked her, ‘Do you know where Joseph (MGB) is buried?’ She said, ‘Yes.’ Moses (MGB) said, ‘Then let me know where it is.’ She said, ‘I have four conditions for this. Firstly, you must heal me legs; secondly, you must return my youth; thirdly, you must return my sight; and fourthly, you must take me to Paradise along with you.’ Moses (MGB) thought that these conditions were too much to ask for, but God - may His Majesty be Exalted - revealed to him, ‘O Moses! Give her what she asks as you are doing that on my behalf.’ Moses (MGB) did that and the lady showed him the grave. Moses (MGB) brought it out of a marble coffin on the Nile's coast. Then the moon rose. They took it to Syria, and from then on the People of the Book take their dead
ones to Syria.”[351]

THE FOUR BEST FEMALE RESIDENTS OF PARADISE

4-22 Muhammad ibn Ali ibn Isma’il narrated that Abul Ab’bas ibn Muni’a quoted Sheiban ibn Forookh, on the authority of Davood ibn Abil Forat, on the authority of Al-Ba’e’e ibn Ahmar, on the authority of Akrama that Ibn Abbas[352] said, “God’s Prophet (MGB) drew four lines on the ground and said,
Pharaoh.”

4-23 Suleiman ibn Ahmad ibn Ayoob al-Lakhmy narrated that Ali ibn Abdul Aziz quoted Hijaj ibn al-Minhal, on the authority of Davood ibn Abil Forat al-Kindi, on the authority of Al-ba’e ibn Amhar, on the authority of Akrama, on the authority of Ibn Abbas[355], “God’s Prophet (MGB) drew four lines on the ground and said, ‘The four best women in Paradise are the following: Mary[356] - the daughter of Imran; Khadijah - the daughter of Khuwaylid[357]; Fatimah - the daughter of Muhammad; and Asia - the daughter of Muzahim and the wife of Pharaoh.’”

THE FOUR BACK-BREAKING THINGS

4-24 Muhammad ibn Ali ibn ash-Shah narrated that Abu Hamid quoted Abu Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Salih al-Tamimy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Anas ibn Muhammad Abu Malik, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn Abil Talib (MGB) that in his will to Ali (MGB) God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “O Ali, four issues are back-breaking: a leader who is obeyed while he disobeys God; a wife who is disloyal to her husband while he is considerate of her; poverty which the poor cannot overcome; and a permanently bad neighbor.”

GOD TOOK FOUR LOOKS AT THE WORLD

4-25 Abul Hassan Muhammad ibn Ali ibn ash-Shah narrated that Abu Hamid quoted Abu Yazid Ahmad ibn Khalid al-Khalidy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Salih al-Tamimy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Hatam al-Qat’tan, on the authority of Hammad ibn Amr, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn Abil Talib (MGB) that in his will to Ali (MGB) God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “O Ali! The Honorable the Exalted God took a look at the world and selected me from among all the men in the world. Then He took a second look and selected you from among the men of this world. Then He took a third look and selected the Immaculate Divine Leaders who are your descendants from among the men of this world. Then He took a fourth look and selected Fatimah from among the women of this world.”
THE PROPHET (MGB) TOLD ALI THAT HE HAD SEEN ALI’S NAME ALONG WITH HIS IN FOUR PLACES

4-26 Abul Hassan Muhammad ibn Ali ibn ash-Shah narrated that Abu Hamid quoted on the authority of Abu Yazid Ahmad ibn Khalid al-Khalidy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Salih al-Tamimy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Hatam al-Qat’tan, on the authority of Hammad ibn Amr, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that in his will to Ali (MGB) God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “O Ali! I saw your name along with my name in four places. I was very delighted to see that. When I reached the Holy Shrine in Jerusalem during my Ascension to the heavens, I found the following was written on the Rocks of Jerusalem, ‘There is no god but God and Muhammad is God’s Prophet. I support and back him up with his Vizier’ [358].’ I asked Gabriel who my Vizier would be. Gabriel replied, ‘He is Ali ibn Abi Talib.’ When I arrived at the lote-tree (in the seventh heaven), I found the following written on it, ‘Indeed I am God. There is no god but I alone. Muhammad is My beloved one. I support and back him up with his Vizier.’ Then I asked Gabriel, ‘Who is my Vizier?’ Gabriel answered, ‘He is Ali ibn Abi Talib.’ When I passed by that lote-tree, I came to the (Divine) Throne of the Lord of the Two Worlds - may His Majesty be Exalted. On the supports of that Throne, I found the following written, ‘I am God. There is no god but I alone. Muhammad is My beloved one. I support and back him up with his Vizier.’ When I raised my head up, I saw that the following was written inside the Throne, ‘I am God. There is no god but I alone. Muhammad is My slave
and My Prophet. I support and back him up with his Vizier.”

**ONLY FOUR CAN UNDERSTAND THE SAYINGS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOLY HOUSEHOLD**

4-27 Ali ibn al-Hussein ibn Sufyan ibn Yaqoob ibn al-Harith ibn Ibrahim al-Hamedany narrated in his house in Kufa that Abu Abdullah Ja’far ibn Ahmad ibn Yusuf al-Azodi quoted Ali ibn Bazraj al-Hanat, on the authority of Amr ibn al-Yase’a, on the authority of Shoayb al-Had’dad that he had heard Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB) say, “Indeed our sayings are hard to understand. Only the following four can understand them: either a nearby-stationed angel; a dispatched Prophet; a servant of God whose faith has been tested or a strong town.” Shoayb al-Had’dad asked, “What do you mean by a strong town?” The Imam (MGB) replied, “I mean a heart with a firm belief.”
FOUR THINGS ARE INCUMBENT FOR HIM WHO HAS THREE CHARACTERISTICS

4-28 Abu Mansoor Ahmad ibn Ibrahim ibn Bakr narrated that Abu Muhammad Zayd ibn Muhammad al-Baghdady quoted Abul Qasim Abdullah ibn Ahmad ibn Amir ibn Suleiman at-Ta’ee in Basra, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “A person who has the following characteristics has perfect chivalry and justice: one who doesn’t oppress the people in his dealings with them; one who doesn’t lie when he talks to the people; one who doesn’t act opposite to what he promises. It is incumbent to act like a brother with him; support his justness; respect his manliness; and not gossip about him.”

4-29 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Musa ibn Ja’far ibn Abi Ja’far al-Kumaydany quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Four things are incumbent to do for anyone who has the following three characteristics: one who doesn’t lie to the people when he talks; one who doesn’t oppress the people in his dealings with them; one who doesn’t act opposite to what he promises. Such a person has perfect chivalry and justice. It is incumbent support his justness; to act like a brother with him; support his justness; not gossip about him; treat him like a brother.”

THE POEMS OF SATAN IN REPLY TO ADAM’S POEMS

4-30 Abul-Hassan Muhammad ibn Amr ibn Ali ibn Abdullah al-Basry in Ilaq narrated that the preacher Abu Abdullah Muhammad ibn Abdullah ibn Ahmad ibn Jabalat quoted Abul Qasim Abdullah ibn Amer al-Ta’ee, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB), on the authority of Musa ibn Ja’far (MGB), on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hussein (MGB), on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB), “Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) was in the Jamea Mosque in Kufa. A man from Syria stood up and said, “O Commander of the Faithful! I have several questions.” The Imam (MGB) said, “Ask in order to understand. Do not ask in order to bother us.” One of the questions that he asked was as follows:[359] “Who was the first poet? The Imam (MGB) answered, “It was Adam.” The man asked, “What was the poem about?” The Imam (MGB) said, “When Adam was cast down to the Earth, he saw the extent of the Earth and its atmosphere. When Abel killed Cane, then Adam recited:

لا يتạchم يدادة ملايا دمحم مك برب محبوب؟ مثأر مه على نب دمحم؟ نب دمحم روصن مهية أنشد: 4-28

حصد دمحم نب مكي أستمح يدادة نب محبوب؟ نب دمحم روصن مهية أنشد: 4-28

فيه، عن أبيه، عن علي عليه السلام قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: حصد دمحم نب مكي أستمح.
The land and its residents have changed vastly;
The looks of the Earth have turned black and ugly;
Whatever had a taste and color has changed;
And the freshness of that good looks has diminished;
Then Satan - may God damn him - replied,
Get away from this land and everyone who on it resides
As there is no more room for you anymore in this expanded Paradise
You and your spouse were living in peace
And from the troubles of the world was your heart at comfort.
But you could not escape my tricks and plots
Until you lost that valuable thing
And God gave the people tamarisk\[360] and bitter khamt\[361]
Instead of Paradise and its open gates
And had\[362] I not received the Mercy of the Omnipotent
You\[363] would not have lost Paradise now.”

GOD HAS EMBEDDED FOUR THINGS IN FOUR OTHER THINGS

4-31 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid al-Barqy, on the authority of Al-Qasim ibn Yahya, on the authority of his grandfather Al-Hassan
ibn Rashid, on the authority of Abi Basir, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Muslim, on the 
authority of Abi Ja’far Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali ibn 
al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB), on the authority of his father Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB), on the 
authority of his father the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB), “The Blessed the 
Sublime God has embedded four things in four other things. He has embedded His Pleasure in 
His obedience. Therefore, you should not underestimate obedience to God. It may cause God’s 
Pleasure while you do not know it. God has embedded His Wrath in disobeying Him. Therefore, 
you should not underestimate any disobedience to God. It may cause God’s Wrath while you do 
not know about it. God has embedded His Response to supplications. Therefore, you should not 
underestimate any supplications. It may cause God to respond to you while you do not know 
about it. God has embedded His Friends amongst His Servants. Therefore, you should not belittle 
anyone, since he may be a friend of God and you may not know about it.”

DO NOT CONSIDER FOUR THINGS BAD SINCE THEY HAVE FOUR BENEFITS

4-32 Ahmad ibn Zyad ibn Ja’far al-Hamedany - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali 
ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the 
authority of Qiyath ibn Ibrahim,
on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Do not consider the following four things to be bad since they have four benefits. Do not consider influenza to be bad since it brings security from vitiligo[364]. Do not consider imposthume[365] to be bad since it brings security from leprosy. Do not consider eye pain to be bad since it brings security from going blind. Do not consider coughing to be bad since it makes you secure from hemiplegia[366].”

FOUR CHARACTERISTICS OF IMAM ALI WHICH NO OTHER ARAB HAD

4-33 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Ishaq al-Dinvari al-Qazi narrated that Muhammad ibn Abdulhamid al-Furqany quoted Ahmad ibn Badil, on the authority of Mufaz’zal ibn Salih Al-Asady, on the authority of Samak ibn Harb, on the authority of Akrama, on the authority of Ibn Abbas[367], “The Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) had four characteristics which no other Arab had. He was the first one who prayed with God’s Prophet (MGB). Ali (MGB) held the Prophet’s flag in every battle. And the people escaped on the day of the Battle of Uhud, while Ali (MGB) stayed with the Prophet (MGB). Ali (MGB) carried out the ablutions for the deceased for the Prophet (MGB) and placed him in the grave.”

4-34 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Ishaq narrated that Abu Muhammad Abdullah ibn Salih al-Bokhari quoted Yaqoob ibn Hamid ibn Kasib, on the authority of Sufyan ibn Ayyineh, on the authority of Abi Najih, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Rabi’at al-Jarshi[368], “There was a mention of Ali (MGB) in the presence of Muawiyah when Sa’ed ibn Abi Vaqas was present. Se’ed said, ‘You mentioned Ali’s name. Indeed Ali (MGB) had four characteristics. If I had even one of these qualities, it would be better than everything, even owning a flock of red-haired camels[369].’ Remember that the Prophet said the following in the Battle of Khaybar, ‘Tomorrow I shall hand the flag to the one (whom God and the Prophet love, and he loves God and the Prophet.) Also remember that the Prophet said to Ali (MGB), ‘Your position relative to me is the same as Aaron’s position relative to Moses.’ Sa’ed forgot the fourth.”

MUAWIYAH’S TALK WITH IBN ABBAS REGARDING FOUR CHARACTERISTICS HE LIKED AND FOUR HE DISLIKED

4-35 Ali ibn Ahmad ibn Musa - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Zakariya al-Qattan quoted Abu Muhammad Bakr ibn Abdullah ibn Habib, on the authority of Al-Ab’bas ibn al-Faraj, on the authority of Abu Salmat al-Qaffari, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Ibrahim
ibn Abi Forut, on the authority of Abdul Malik ibn Marvan, “Once I was with Muawiyah and a group of the people from the Quraysh tribe were there. Some of the Hashemites[370] were among them. Muawiyah said, “O Hashemites! Why do you think you are better than us while we both come from the same father and mother, and we both come from the same family and country?”

Ibn Abbas[371] said, “We say we are better than you for the same reason that you say you are better than the Quraysh, and the Quraysh say they are better than the Helpers (Ansar), and the Helpers (Ansar) say they are better than the Arabs, and the Arabs say they are better than the non-Arabs. That is we are proud because of God’s Prophet (MGB). You can neither deny this nor escape from this fact.”

Muawiyah said, “O Ibn Abbas! You have been granted such a convincing tongue with which you press your false accusations over the truth.”

Ibn Abbas said, “Shut up! Indeed falsehood can never overcome the truth. Quit being jealous as
jealousy is bad."

Muawiyah said, “You spoke the truth. I swear by God that I like you for four characteristics and I forgive you for four deeds. The four reasons I like you for are: First of all I like you because of your close relationship to God’s Prophet (MGB). The second reason is that you are a man from my family and from the pure race of Abd Manaf. The third reason is that my father was friends with your father. The fourth reason is that you are the speaker for the Quraysh tribe and you are their learned man. And your four deeds which I forgive you for are: your taking part in the Battle of Siffin along with those who attacked me; your ugly act being not assisting Uthman against the rebels who attacked him, and your attempts against Ayesha, plus your rejection of Zyad being my step-brother.

When I considered your wicked deeds in detail, I found an excuse for your deeds from the Book of the Honorable the Exalted God and one from Arab poems. Your excuse based on the Book (Quran) comes from the following verse, *Others (there are who) have acknowledged their wrong-doings: they have mixed an act that was good with another that was evil. Perhaps Allah will turn unto them (in Mercy): for Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.* Your excuse based on Arab poems comes from the words of the Zebyan tribe who said, ‘Which of your brothers can you find free of faults. You will be left without any friends if you cut off relations for small faults.’ You should know that I have recognized your four good characteristics and have forgiven your four deeds as the poet said, ‘I accept good deeds from my loved ones. I forgive them for whatever else they may have done.’”
When he finished, Ibn Abbas started to respond by first reciting God’s praises and glorifications. Then he said, ‘You mentioned that you like me because I am close to God’s Prophet (MGB). This is incumbent upon you and all Muslims who believe in God and His Prophet (MGB), since this love is the reward which God’s Prophet (MGB) asked for in return for what he brought you in terms of illumination and clear reasoning. The Honorable the Exalted God says,

‘…Say: “No reward do I ask of you for this except the love of those near of kin.’” [376] Whoever doesn’t follow this verse and doesn’t love his near of kin is going to be hopeless, without honor and in Hell.

You mentioned that you like me because I am a man from your family. Well, that is right. You wanted to perform your duty and visit your relations of kin. You seem to be doing a lot of that these days. You are not to be blamed today for your past mistakes.

You mentioned that you like me because my father was friends with your father. That is right and it is certified by what the poet said about it:

*I will strive to be loyal to my friend for as long as he is alive
And shall do so with his relatives should he die and I stay alive
Whoever honors not his pledge, I shall not trust
Since then he shall not pacify my swollen heart.*

You mentioned that you like me because I am the speaker for the Quraysh tribe and I am their learned man. You likewise have a similar rank. However, you are so noble as to mention me to be of such a rank. This is also supported by what the poet said about it:

*Noble ones set other ones up higher than themselves
They honor others though they are nobler themselves*

You mentioned my animosity with you, since I attacked you at Siffin. By God, I would have been amongst the worst creatures in the world had I not done so. O Muawiyah! How could you even imagine that I would abandon my cousin Ali - the Commander of the Faithful and the Master of the Muslims - who was supported by the Emigrants (Muhajerin), the Helpers (Ansar), and the cream of the crop of the freedom-lovers, and join you! O Muawiyah! Then I would have
serious doubts about my faith in my religion, my moral constitution and myself.

You mentioned that I abandoned Uthman. Well, even those who were much closer to him abandoned him and left. I followed his close associates and those who were not so close to him. I never assisted the rebels who revolted against him. I just abandoned him. You mentioned my effort made against Ayesha. You know that she had been ordered by the Sublime God’s Prophet (MGB) to stay behind the veil at home, but she tore the veil, left her house and opposed the Prophet (MGB). The way we treated with her was appropriate.
You mentioned my rejection of your step-brotherhood with Zyad[380]. However, this was not my denial but the Prophet’s denial since he (MGB) has said, ‘the offspring belongs to the owner of the bed and the fornicatress gets stoned.’[381] Now I like to do what would please you, whatever it may be.’

Then Amr Ibn Al-A'as started to talk and said, ‘O commander of the faithful (referring to Muawiyah!) By God, he doesn’t like you and just wants to fool you into thinking that he agrees with you using his sharp tongue. He cited the poems to support this.’

Then Ibn Abbas said, ‘Indeed Amr put himself to great trouble. He should now know that he is facing a strong opponent.’

Then Ibn Abbas added, ‘O Amr! I swear by God that I am opposed to you for the sake of God and I shall not apologize for that. You had said, ‘I hate Muhammad.’ The Honorable the Exalted God revealed, ‘For he who hateth thee, he will be cut off’ (from Future Hope).’[382]

You have been cut off from the religion and the world. You even hated Muhammad in the Age of Ignorance!

Indeed the Blessed the Sublime God says, ‘Thou wilt not find any people who believe in Allah and the Last Day, loving those who resist Allah and His Messenger…’[383] Indeed you have always resisted God and God’s Prophet (MGB). You did whatever you could against the Prophet of God (MGB). You gathered all your forces - on foot or riding - against the Prophet (MGB) until God defeated you, hanged up your sign of deception around your neck, reduced your strength and rejected your way. That is why you turned around and changed your approach and re-directed your plans of animosity with the members of the Holy Household of the Prophet (MGB). Therefore, you united with Muawiyah for this goal. However, you should know that love for the household of Muawiyah and no others is nothing but animosity with the Honorable the Exalted God and His Prophet (MGB). You still have your old animosity with and jealousy of the progeny of Abd Manaf as the poet says,

Amr blamed me but he himself was debased
Near a male lion he turned into a weak hyena[384]
He doesn’t equal me so I shall not fight him
He is not my servant so I can’t punish him!

Amr Ibn Al-A'as wanted to reply but Muawiyah stopped him and said, ‘O Amr! I swear by God that you cannot match him. It would be best for you to stop it.’
Amr Ibn Al-A’as used this opportunity and became silent. Ibn Abbas said, ‘O Muawiyah! Please I beseech by God! Please let him start talking. Then I shall debase him so much that the masters and the slaves cite his case and restate his story in meetings and parties up until the Resurrection Day.’

Then Ibn Abbas started to speak and said, ‘O Amr!’ However, Muawiyah put his hand on Ibn Abbas’s mouth and said, ‘O Ibn Abbas! I swear to you to finish this since I do not like the Syrians to hear this speech.’ Then Ibn Abbas told Amr, ‘O blameworthy servant! Get lost.’ Then they left.”

THE THERE ARE FOUR TYPES OF SIN

4-36 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali Umayr, “During the long time I have associated with Hisham ibn al-Hakam, the most beneficial to me has been what he said regarding the Immaculateness of the Divine Leaders. One day I asked him about the Immaculateness of a Divine Leader. I asked him, ‘Is a Divine Leader Immaculate?’ He replied, ‘Yes, he is.’ I asked him, ‘What does that imply and how can we tell?’ He replied, ‘Indeed all sins are due to the following four (and there is no fifth reason): greed, jealousy, anger, and lustful
desires. None of these exist in a Divine Leader. A Divine Leader cannot be greedy toward this world, since greediness arises from poverty and all the world is under the Imam’s ring and he is the treasurer of the Muslims in this respect. So why should he be greedy? A Divine Leader cannot be jealous, since man would be jealous of what is above him, not what is lower than him. However, there is no one higher than a Divine Leader. So how could he be jealous of anyone who is lower than himself? A Divine Leader cannot get angry at any worldly affairs unless it be for what angers the Honorable the Exalted God. The Honorable the Exalted God has made him responsible to establish the limits. Therefore, it is natural for him to get angry at those who blame him for doing so, and be nice to some regarding their religion so as to uphold the Honorable the Exalted God’s established limits. A Divine Leader cannot follow lusts since he has already preferred the Hereafter over this world. Indeed, the Honorable the Exalted God has shown him the preferable attributes of the Hereafter just as we see the preferable attributes of this world. He looks at the Hereafter the way we look at this world. So how could he then prefer this world over the Hereafter? How could one abandon looking at a beautiful face and look at an ugly face instead? How could one pick a bad tasting dish instead of a delicious one? How could one prefer a rough attire over a soft one? How could one abandon the everlasting blessings of the Hereafter for the ephemeral pleasures of this world?”
THE REWARD OF WHOEVER GOES ON HAJJ PILGRIMAGE FOUR TIMES

4-37 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil Khat’tab, on the authority of Safvan ibn Yahya, on the authority of Mansoor ibn Hazim, “I asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) what the reward of one who has gone on the Hajj pilgrimage for four times will be. The Imam (MGB) said, ‘O Mansoor! Anyone who has gone on Hajj pilgrimage for four times will never bear the pressures of the grave. Once he dies, his visits to the Ka’ba will appear to him to be the most beautiful people in his grave and will pray in the corner of his grave until the Resurrection Day, while he will be rewarded for these prayers. You should know that the reward of each unit of these prayers would equal the reward of one-thousand units of prayers said by men.’”

FOUR WHICH ARE NOT ALLOWED IN FOUR

4-38 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr and Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abi Nasr al-Bazanty, on the authority of Aban ibn Uthman Al-Ahmar that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Spending money gained through the following four ways: treason, obtaining illegitimately earned property, theft and usury is not allowed on the four following occasions: Hajj, Umra, participation in a holy war and giving charity.”

IF FOOD HAS FOUR CHARACTERISTICS IT IS COMPLETE

4-39 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrih, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Muslim al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “If food has the following four characteristics it is complete: It is lawful; many people eat it; it is eaten by mentioning the Blessed the Sublime God’s name; and God is praised after it is eaten.”

THE FOUR SIGNS OF BASTARDS

4-40 Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Masroor - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Al-Hussein ibn Muhammad ibn Amer quoted his uncle Abdullah ibn Amer, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Zyad, on the authority of Sayf ibn Umayrih, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), “Whoever doesn’t care about what he says or what he is told
GOD ADVISED MOSES ON FOUR ISSUES

4-41 Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Sa’id al-Hamdani (al-Kufy) quoted Ali ibn al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Faz’zal, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Harun ibn Muslim, on the authority of Sabet ibn Abi Safiyya, on the authority of

is a sort of partner for Satan. Whoever doesn’t care about what evil deeds he does in front of the people is a sort of partner for Satan. Whoever gossips about a believer unduly is a sort of partner for Satan. Whoever enjoys forbidden love and the lust of adultery is a sort of partner for Satan. The Imam (MGB) then added, “Bastards have definite characteristics: First, they hate us - members of the Household of the Holy Prophet (MGB). Second, they long for the illegitimate way in which they themselves were created. Third, they disparage the religion. Fourth, they mistreat the people. They are only welcomed by those who were conceived through their mother having sex with men other than her husband, or whose mothers conceived them in their periods of menstruation.”
Sa’ed al-Khifaf, on the authority of Al-Asbaq ibn al-Nobatat that the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said, “The Blessed the Sublime God told Moses (MGB), ‘O Moses! Follow my advice to you regarding four issues: First, try not to find faults with others as long as you do not know whether or not your own sins are forgiven; Second, do not worry about your share of daily bread as long as you know that my treasures are not finished. Third, do not place hope in other’s help as long as you know My Kingdom is lasting. Fourth, do not feel secure from the plans of Satan for as long as Satan exists.’”

IMAM ALI HAD FOUR CHARACTERISTICS WHENEVER HE WENT TO A BATTLE

4-42 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil Khat’tab, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Al-Mufaz’zal ibn Umar, on the authority of Jabir ibn Yazid al-Jo’afy, on the authority of Abil Zubayr (Muhammad ibn Muslim ibn Tadras Al-Asady) al-Macci, on the authority of Jabir ibn Abdullah al-Ansari that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “I swear by Him in whose Hands is my soul that whenever I sent Ali to a battle I saw Gabriel along with seventy-thousand angels on his right side and Michael [385] with seventy-thousand angels on his left side. I also saw that the angel of death (Israel) was in front of him and there was a cloud shadowing over his head all the way until he became victorious.”
I WONDER WHY THOSE WHO FEAR FOUR THINGS DO NOT TAKE REFUGE IN FOUR THINGS

4-43 Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Masroor - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Al-Hussein Muhammad ibn Amer quoted his uncle Abdullah ibn Amer, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of a group of the elders including Aban ibn Uthman, Hisham ibn Salim and Muhammad ibn Himran that Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “I wonder why those who fear the following four things do not seek refuge in the following four things. Why doesn't the one who fears take refuge in God's statement?: ‘For us God sufficeth, and He is the best disposer of affairs’, [386] since I heard that God added, ‘And they returned with Grace and Bounty from God; no harm ever touched them.’ [387]

I wonder why doesn't the one who is sad take refuge in God's statement?: ‘There is no god but Thou: Glory to Thee: I was indeed wrong!’ [388] since I heard that God added, ‘So We listened to him: and delivered him from distress: and thus do We deliver those who have faith.’ [389]

I wonder why doesn't one who has been cheated take refuge in God's statement?: ‘My (own) affair I commit to God: For God (ever) watches over His servants’,[390] since I heard that God added, ‘Then God saved him from (every) ill that they plotted (against him).’ [391]

And I wonder why doesn't the one who wants this world and its ornaments seek refuge in God's statement: ‘God's Will (be done)! There is no power but with God!’[392] since I heard that God - may His Majesty be Exalted - added, ‘If thou dost see me less than thee in wealth and sons, it may be that my Lord will give me something better than thy garden.’ [393] “It may be that” in this verse stands for inevitability.

GOD ACCEPTED ALI’S CURSE ON THOSE WHO DID NOT TESTIFY TO HIS MASTERY

4-44 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn al-Hussein al-Sa’ed Abady quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Al-Mufaz’zal ibn Umar, on the authority of Abil Jarud Zyad ibn al-Monzar, on the authority of Jabir ibn Yazid al-Jo’afy, on the authority of Jabir ibn Abdullah Al-Ansari, “Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) delivered a sermon, recited praises and glorifications of God. Then he stated, ‘O people! There are four individuals among the Prophet’s companions here. These four well-known companions of God’s Prophet are Anas ibn Malik[394] , Al-Bara ibn Azib, Ash’ath ibn Qays and Khalid ibn Yazid al-Bajaly. Then Ali (MGB) turned to Anas (ibn Malik) and said, ‘O Anas! You heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘This Ali is the master of whomever I am the master of.’ However, you are not testifying to my
أنتم أهل الفزع لا كيف أربعه من يفزى فمن بالحج

And you O Ash’ath! You heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘This Ali is the master of whomever I am the master of.’ However, you are not testifying to my Mastery today. May God not take away your life before both your eyes go blind!’

And you O Khalid ibn Yazid (al-Bajaly)! You heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘This Ali is the master of whomever I am the master of. O my God! Be friends with whomever is his friend, and be the enemy of whoever is his enemy.’ However, you are not testifying to my Mastery today. May God not take away your life except as it was in the Age of Ignorance!’

And you O Bara ibn Azib! You heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘This Ali is the master of whomever I am the master of. O my God! Be friends with whomever is his friend, and be the enemy of whoever is his enemy.’ However, you are not testifying to my Mastery today. May
God not take away your life except in the place where you emigrated from!"

Jabir ibn Abdullah al-Ansari added, “I swear by God that I saw Anas ibn Malik[396] who had become ill with vitiligo so badly that he could never cover it up with his turban. I saw Ash’ath ibn Qays with both of his eyes blind. He kept on saying, ‘I praise God who fulfilled the curse of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) on me in this world and that Ali (MGB) did not curse me to be tortured in the Hereafter!’ Also when Khalid ibn Yazid (al-Bajaly) died, his next of kin buried him in the house. When the Kondeh tribe heard about this, they brought a horse and a camel and slaughtered both in his house as it was the common practice during the Age of Ignorance!’ And Al-Bara ibn Azib was appointed as the governor of Yemen by Muawiyah. He died in the place where he had migrated from.”

FOUR SAYINGS FOR SECURITY IN THIS WORLD, AND FOUR SAYING FOR SECURITY IN THE HEREAFTER

4-45 The Georgian[397] Abu Muhammad Abdus ibn Ali ibn al-Ab’bas in his house in Samarqand narrated that Abu Muhammad Bindar ibn Ibrahim ibn Isa quoted Am’mar ibn Raja, on the authority of Davood ibn Davood, on the authority of Abu Hormoz Nafe’ah ibn Abdullah al-Khorasani that he had heard Ata ibn abi Ribah quote on the authority of Abdullah Ibn Abbas[398], “Qabisa ibn Mukhariq al-Hilaly came to God’s Prophet (MGB) and greeted him.

Then the Prophet (MGB) asked him, ‘O Qabisa! What have you come here for?’ He said, ‘O Prophet of God! I have become old, lost my power, been belittled near my next of kin, and am unable to do what I used to do. Please teach me some words that I may benefit from God. Please shorten them since I quickly forget. The Prophet (MGB) asked, ‘O Qabisa! What did
you say?” Qabisa repeated his statement. Then the Prophet (MGB) asked him, ‘O Qabisa! What did you say?’ Qabisa repeated. Then the Prophet (MGB) asked him, ‘O Qabisa! What did you say?’ Qabisa repeated. Then the Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Nothing is left around you including all the rocks, trees and stones which have not cried in sympathizing with you. O Qabisa! Learn this from me. For the benefits in this world, you should say the following thrice after your morning prayer, ‘Subhanallah va bihamde, subhanallah al-Azim va bihamde va la hule va la quwata illa billah.’ Once you do that you would be protected against blindness, leprosy, vitiligo[399] and paralysis. And as for the Hereafter you should say, ‘Allahuma ihdani min indeka, vafiz ala min fazlika, vanshur ala min rahmateka, vanzil ala min barakateka.’

The Prophet (MGB) said these supplications and Qabisa counted them with his fingers. Then Abu Bakr and Umar said, ‘O Prophet of God! This uncle of yours counts these four sayings very nicely with his fingers.’

Then the Prophet (MGB) said, ‘On the Resurrection Day, he will not forget these supplications. They shall open up four of the gates of Paradise and he can enter Paradise from any gate he pleases.’ Nafe’ah (ibn Abdullah al-Khorasani) said, ‘I narrated this tradition for one of my neighbors who was a friend of Al-Hassan (al-Basry). He narrated it for Al-Hassan (al-Basry). Al-Hassan (al-Basry) had asked him to bring me to him. I went to see Al-Hassan (al-Basry). He asked me about this narration. I reiterated it. He told me, ‘O (Nafe’ah ibn Abdullah) al-Khorasani! This narration is highly esteemed by me, while it is of little value to you. A man had to drive a camel to Egypt to get this narration from the governor of Egypt who knew it. That man told the governor of Egypt, ‘I have not come to take anything from you. I have just come to hear this narration and return.’

**FOUR CHARACTERISTICS ARE DUE TO OBSESSION**

4-46 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ubaydullah ibn Abdullah al-Dihqan, on the authority of Durost ibn Abi Mansoor al-Vaseti, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Abdul-Hamid, on the authority of Durost ibn Abi Mansoor al-Vaseti, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Abdul Hamid, on the authority of Abil Hassan - the first (MGB)[400], "The following four acts are due to obsession: eating clay, breaking up clay, biting one’s nails, and chewing one’s beard (Trichotillomania)." [401]
FOUR THINGS WILL NEVER BE SATIATED WITH FOUR OTHERS

4-47 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Ubaydullah, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Maymun al-Qad’ dah that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq

(MGB) said, “There are four things which will never be satiated by four other things: the Earth will never become satiated with rain; the eyes will never be satiated with seeing; women will never be satiated with men and scholars will never be satiated with knowledge.”

4-48 Abul-Hassan Muhammad ibn Amr ibn al-Basry narrated that the preacher Abu Abdullah Muhammad ibn Abdullah ibn Ahmad ibn Jabalat quoted Abul Qasim Abdullah ibn Amer al-Ta’ee, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB), on the
authority of Musa ibn Ja’far (MGB), on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hussein (MGB), on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB) that the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said, “The Commander of the Faithful (MGB) told the Syrian man who had asked him several questions in the Jamea Mosque in Kufa, ‘There are four things which will ever be satiated from four things: the Earth will never become satiated from rain; women will never be satiated with men; the eyes will never be satiated from seeing; and scientists will never be satiated with knowledge.’”

FOUR CHARACTERISTICS WITH WHICH ONE WOULD BE IN GOD’S LIGHT

4-49 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Yunus ibn Abdul-Rahman, on the authority of Amr ibn Abil Miqdam, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Whoever has the following four characteristics is in the Great God's light: 1- Witnessing to God's Unity and my Prophethood prevents him from committing sins 2- Saying ‘From God we are and to Him is our return’ in times of calamity 3- Saying ‘Praise be to the Lord of the two worlds’ when he receives some blessings 4- Saying ‘I ask for forgiveness from Allah and repent to him' whenever he commits a sin.”

POSSESSING FOUR CHARACTERISTICS WOULD PERFECT ONE’S ISLAM

4-50 Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Masroor - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Al-Hussein ibn Muhammad ibn Amer quoted his uncle Abdullah ibn Amer, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Abi Ayoob, on the authority of Abi Hamzih that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB), on the authority of Imam Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB), “Possessing the following four characteristics will perfect your Islam and eliminate your sins, and you will meet your Lord while He is pleased with you: 1- Fulfilling your promises to the people, 2- Being honest with the people, 3- Being ashamed of what is shameful in the sight of God and the people, 4- Being good-tempered with your family.”
FOUR WORDS OF WISDOM

4-51 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Kazim (MGB) through a chain of documentation to Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “There is no neighbor for a sea. There are no friends for a King. There is no replacement for health. There are many who receive blessings without knowing about it.”

FOUR CHARACTERISTICS IN RETURN FOR FOUR HOUSES IN PARADISE

4-52 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Muawiyah ibn Wahab that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Who would pledge to abide by four characteristics for whom I shall guarantee four houses in Paradise: spending in charity without fearing to become poor; being fair to the people; greeting aloud; and not arguing although you are right.”

FOUR CHARACTERISTICS FOR WhOSE POSSESSOR THE HONORABLE THE EXALTED GOD WOULD ESTABLISH A HOME IN PARADISE

4-53 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Abi Hamzih al-Sumaly that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “God will establish a home in Paradise for
whoever does the following four things: lodges orphans; is merciful to the weak; is kind to his parents and is kind to his slaves.”

ABANDONING FOUR CHARACTERISTICS WOULD LEAD YOU TO PARADISE

4-54 Ahmad ibn Harun al-Fami - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Ja’far quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saf’far, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn al-Hassan al-Farsi, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Hussein ibn Zayd ibn Ali, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Whoever in my nation abandons the following four characteristics shall go to Paradise: getting deeply involved in this world; following selfish desires; lust for food and lust for sex. And whoever from the women in my nation has four characteristics shall go to Paradise: guards her honor; obey her husband; says the five daily prayers; and fasts for the month of Ramazan[402].”
GOD SHALL LOOK UPON FOUR ON THE RESURRECTION DAY

4-55 Hamzih ibn Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Alavi - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Uthman ibn Isa, on the authority of Sama’at ibn Mihran that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “The Honorable the Exalted God shall look upon four on the Resurrection Day: one who has bought something and has changed his mind, but the seller doesn’t accept; one who has helped a needy one; one who has freed a slave; and one who has helped an unmarried man get married.”

THE SHIITES WILL NEVER SUFFER FROM FOUR CHARACTERISTICS

4-56 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of some companions, on the authority of Ali ibn Asbat, on the authority of some companions that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Our Shiites will never suffer from four characteristics: being born out of adultery; begging; being gay; and being greenish-blue eyed (like cats).”

GOD WOULD PROTECT WHOMEVER HAS FOUR CHARACTERISTICS

4-57 Ahmad ibn Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim narrated that his father quoted his father, on the authority of his grandfather, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Maymun, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Whoever has four characteristics shall be protected by God and taken to Paradise: being good-tempered so as to live amongst the people; sympathizing with the ones who have suffered from calamities; being kind to their parents; and treating servants kindly.”

THE HONORABLE THE EXALTED GOD CHOSE FOUR OF EVERYTHING

4-58 Al-Hussein ibn Ahmad ibn Idris - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Abu Abdullah al-Razi, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Abi Uthman, on the authority of Musa ibn Bakr, on the authority of Abil Hassan - the first (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The Blessed the Sublime God chose four of everything. He chose Gabriel, Michael, Isra’il and the angel of death, i.e. Israel - peace be upon them all - from amongst the angels. He chose four from amongst the Prophets: Abraham - the Sword; David; Moses; and me. He also chose four families and said, ‘Allah did choose Adam and Noah, the family of Abraham, and the family of ’Imran above all people.’ He chose four of the towns. The Honorable the Exalted God said, ‘By the Fig and the Olive, And the Mount of Sinai, And
this City of security.’  

In this verse ‘the Fig’ refers to Medina, ‘the Olive’ refers to Bayt ul-Muqadas (Holy Shrine in Jerusalem) and ‘Mount of Sinai’ refers to Kufa while ‘this city of security’ refers to Mecca. And He chose four women: Mary, Asia, Khadijah (the daughter of Khuwaylid), and Fatimah. And He chose four of the deeds in Hajj: offering; crying out; wearing the Ihram ritual; and circumambulation. And what is meant by ‘offering’ is slaughtering and what is meant by ‘crying out’ is the people’s outcry of ‘Labayk. Allahuma Labayk…’  

And He chose four of the months: Rajab, Shawwal; Dhul-Qadad and Dhul-Hijja. And He chose four of the days of the week: Friday; the day of Al-Tarviat; the day of Al-Arafat; and the day of the offering.”
FOUR CHARACTERISTICS WHICH CAUSE GRIEF

4-59 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar and Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “One day the Commander of the Faithful (MGB) was grieved and said, ‘How come I am sad! I do not remember having sat at the doorstep; having gone in the middle of the herd; having worn my pajamas while standing up; and having cleaned my hands and face with my underwear.’”

FOUR CHARACTERISTICS WILL NEVER VANISH IN MUHAMMAD’S NATION

4-60 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn (Abil) Hussein al-Farsi, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Hafs al-Basry, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Hussein ibn Zayd ibn al-Hussein ibn Ali ibn Abi Talib, on the authority of his father Zayd ibn Ali, on the authority of his father Ali ibn al-Hussein (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Four characteristics will never vanish in my nation until the Resurrection Day: taking pride in their ancestry; challenging the lineage; relying on astrology; and mourning aloud over the dead. If a woman who mourns aloud dies without having repented, she shall be resurrected with a shirt made of tar and an itchy armor.”

THE BODY IS SUSTAINED ON FOUR THINGS

4-61 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Durost, on the authority of Abil Asbaq that Aba
Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, "The body is based on four things: the spirit, the mind; the blood and the breath. Once the spirit departs the body, the mind shall follow it. Once the spirit sees something, it will be saved by the mind and maintained by the blood and the breath."

**MAN’S STRENGTH AND SURVIVAL DEPENDS ON FOUR THINGS**

4-62 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil Khat’tab, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Al-Mufaz’zal ibn Umar, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Man’s strength and survival depends on four things: fire, light, air and water. Eating and drinking are assisted by fire. Man sees and understands by light. Man hears and smells by air. Man enjoys food and drinks with water. If there was no heat form fire in man’s stomach, he could not digest food or drinks. If there was no light for his eyes, he could not see and understand. If air did not exist, his stomach would not get heated. If water did not exist, he could not enjoy eating food and drinking beverages.”

Al-Mufaz’zal ibn Umar added, “I asked the Imam (MGB) about the various types of fire. He (MGB) said, ‘There are four types of fire: fire that eats and drinks; fire that eats but doesn’t drink; fire that drinks but doesn’t eat; and fire that neither eats nor drinks. The first is the fire with which one eats and drinks and that is in men and animals. The fire which eats but doesn’t drink is the fire of wood. The fire that drinks but doesn’t eat is the fire of the trees. The fire that neither eats nor drinks is that of flint stone and a glowworm.[416]”

**FOUR ACTS CORRUPT THE HEART AND DEVELOP HYPOCRISY**

4-63 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Abi Uthman, on the authority of Musa al-Marvazy, on the authority of Abul Hassan - the first (Al-Kazim (MGB)) that God’s Prophet
(MGB) said, “There are four acts which corrupt the heart and develop hypocrisy as water helps a
tree develop: listening to vain or obscene talk; going to the door of the king’s palace, and going
hunting.”

THE PROPHET LIKED FOUR TRIBES AND DISLIKED FOUR TRIBES

4-64 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him -
narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn Isa ibn Ubayd, on the authority of
Suleiman ibn Ja’far al-Ja’fari, on the authority of Al-Reza (MGB), on the authority of his father
(MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), “God’s Prophet (MGB) liked four tribes: the
Helpers (Ansar); Abdul Qyas; Aslam; and Tamim tribe. God’s Prophet (MGB) disliked four
tribes: the Umayyads; the Hanif tribe; the Thaqif tribe; and the Hazil tribe. The Prophet (MGB)
said, ‘My mother who delivered me was not from the Bakr tribe or the Thaqif tribe.’ He (MGB)
also said, ‘There are some noble people in all tribes except for the Umayyads.’”
FOUR ACTS WILL MAKE THE HEART PERISH

4-65 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quoted Harun ibn Muslim, on the authority of Mus’adat ibn Sadaqah, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Four acts will make the heart perish: committing sins continuously; talking with women often; arguing with a fool, (since you keep talking with him, but he will never be guided to the right way), and associating with the dead!” They asked him what he meant by the dead? The Prophet of God (MGB) said, “All the rich who live in ease and luxury.”

THE EARTH SHALL NEVER BE VOID OF FOUR GROUPS OF BELIEVERS

4-66 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil Khat’tab, on the authority of Uthman ibn Isa, on the authority of Khalid ibn Najih, on the authority of one of the Immaculate Imams (MGB), “The Earth will never be void of four groups of believers. Sometimes there will be more than that but it will never be less just as a tent would not stay upright without four ropes and a middle pillar.”

FOUR THINGS WITH WHICH YOU WILL NOT NEED ANY MEDICATION

4-67 Ali ibn Ahmad ibn Musa - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Zakariya al-Qat’tan quoted Bakr ibn Abdullah ibn Habib, on the authority of Uthman ibn Ubayd, on the authority of Hodbat ibn Khalid al-Qaysi, on the authority of Mobarak ibn Fuzalat, on the authority of Al-Asbaq ibn al-Nobatat that the Commander of the Faithful Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) told his son Al-Hassan (MGB), “O my dear son! I will teach you four things by which you become needless of any medication.” He (MGB) said, “O Commander of the Faithful! Yes.” The Commander of the Faithful (MGB) said, “Never eat unless you are not hungry. Stop eating while you are still hungry; chew everything you eat very well; go to the toilet before going to bed. If you follow these instructions you will never need any medication.”

FOUR CHARACTERISTICS NOT ATTRIBUTED TO A BELIEVER

4-68 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Abu Abdullah al-Razi, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Abi Uthman, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Abi Basir, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “There are four characteristics which do not belong to a believer: he is not insane; he doesn’t go around begging at the people’s doors; he is not born of adultery and he is not gay.”
القلب ويمتن خصال أربع

نبر نوراه بن ي cinéma رفعه لب طللا دبع انشد: لب منع طللا يضير يسوم، لب دمحم انشد: 4-65

المؤمنين من أربعة من الأضر تخلو لا

نبر ياطلا يا يا نبر لبيسم لب نبر نبر دمحم نع طللا دبع نبر دبع انشد لب منع طللا يضير يسوم يا انشد: 4-66
وعشان بن عمايّ عن خالد بن نبيج عن أنهم صدّقا مسجد الله تبارك وتعالى: ليس تخلو الأرض من أربعة من عما وناب أن المنفطط لا يقوم إلا أربعة أطبار المؤمنين. وقد يكونون أكثر ولا يكونون أقل من أرب والعمود في وسطه.

الطيب عن بها يستغنى خصال أربع

لاق ناطفلا يا برعلا يا يحي ني نبر دمحم انشد لب منع طللا يضير يسوم. نبر دمحم يبنغ انشد: 4-67
أن السويدي حديث نبر نبر بن عمرو بن عبد الله بن حبيب قال: حديث نبر بن عمرو بن عبد الله بن خالد بن عمايّ عن خالد بن نبيج عن أنهم صدّقا مسجد الله تبارك وتعالى: قال: الله عليه وسلم. يا نبر لا أعلم أربع خصال تستغنى بها عن الطيب. فقال: بلبي الطاعم إلا وناب تشتته. يا نبر بن عمرو بن نبر: لا نجلس على الطعام إلا وناب جائع، ولا نتق من وجود المضغ، وإذا نمت في أفراش نفسك على الخلاء، فذا استعمل هذا استغنى عن الطيب.

مؤمن في تكون لا خصال أربع

لاق دمحم نبر نبر دمحم انشد: لب منع طللا يضير يسوم، لب دمحم انشد: 4-68
علي بن أبي عثمان، عن أبيه، عن أبيه، عن أبيه، عن أبيه، عن عبد الله بن عبد الله بن بني معاذ، عن الحسن بن بن عبد الله عليه السلام قال: أربع خصال لا تكون في مؤمن: لا يكون مجاوز، ولا يرسل عن أبوببه الناس ولا يولد من الزنا، ولا يركب في دهره.
GOD HAS TAKEN A PLEDGE FROM A BELIEVER ON FOUR ISSUES

4-69 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “God has received a pledge from the believer so that his speech doesn’t become accepted, they do not believe his narration, he doesn’t take revenge from his enemy unless he divulges himself because every believer is silent.”

THE FOUR PROBLEMS THAT A BELIEVER ALWAYS FACES

4-70 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil Khat’tab, on the authority of Ali ibn Asbat, on the authority of Malik, on the authority of Mosma’ ibn Malik, on the authority of Sama’at that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “O Sama’at! There are always four problems that a believer faces: 1- A neighbor to bother him 2- Satan tries to deviate him 3- A hypocrite to always follow him and 4- A jealous believer.” He (MGB) then added, ‘O Sama’at! Do you want me to tell you which one is the worst?’ I said, ‘Yes. Which one?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘A jealous believer is the worst, because a jealous believer will say bad things about him, and others will believe him.’”

FOUR INSTANCES WITH A QUICK CHASTISEMENT

4-71 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Al-Hussein ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Sa’id ibn al-Hassan ibn al-Haseen, on the authority of Musa ibn al-Qasim, on the authority of Safvan ibn Yahya, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Bakir, on the authority of his father that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “There are four things for which there will be a quick chastisement. The chastisement for one who does you evil, although you did him well; the chastisement of one whom you did not oppress, but he oppresses you; the chastisement of one who makes a pledge to you with the intention of breaking it, while you intend to honor it; and the chastisement of one whom you visit, but he breaks off the ties of kinship.”

4-72 Abul Hussein Muhammad ibn Ali ibn ash-Shah narrated that Abu Hamid Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn al-Hussein quoted on the authority of Abu Yazid Ahmad ibn Khalid al-Khalidy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Salih al-Tamimy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Anas ibn Muhammad Abu Malik, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of his father
that in his will to Ali (MGB) the Prophet (MGB) said, “O Ali! Four issues are the quickest in punishment: to recompense the favor with mistreatment, to be hostile with one who is not hostile to you; to break the faith of the party who keeps up his faith; and to rupture the relations with the relatives who respect you.”

The Prophet (MGB) then added, “O Ali, rest will depart from him who is predominated by discontent.”

**FOUR THINGS EITHER OF WHICH CAN RUIN A HOME**

(MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that in his will to Ali (MGB) the Prophet (MGB) said, “O Ali! Four issues are the quickest in punishment: to recompense the favor with mistreatment, to be hostile with one who is not hostile to you; to break the faith of the party who keeps up his faith; and to rupture the relations with the relatives who respect you.”
authority of Al-Hussein ibn al-Hassain, on the authority of Musa ibn al-Qasim al-Bajaly who through a chain of narrators linked it up to Ali (MGB), “There are four things either of which can destroy a home: stealing, treason, drinking alcoholic beverages and committing adultery.”

**THINGS EACH OF WHICH ARE BASED ON FOUR PILLARS**

4-74 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil Khat’tab and Ahmad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Faz’zal, on the authority of Ali ibn Asbat, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Zayd, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Salim, on the authority of Sa’ed ibn Tarif, on the authority of Al-Asbaq ibn al-Nobatat that the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said, “Faith is founded on the following four: perseverance; certitude; justice and awaiting. Anyone who is eager for Paradise will not be entrapped in lust. Anyone who fears Hell will abstain from committing forbidden acts. Calamities will be easy to bear for anyone who is pious in this world. Anyone who awaits death will attempt to do good deeds.

There are four pillars of perseverance: courage, fear, piety, and awaiting. Anyone who is eager for Paradise will not be entrapped in lust. Anyone who fears Hell will abstain from committing forbidden acts. Calamities will be easy to bear for anyone who is pious in this world. Anyone who awaits death will attempt to do good deeds.

There are four pillars of certitude: intelligence; foresight; wisdom; preaching lessons; and ways of the people of the past. One who is intelligent would have foresight. One who is wise would recognize things from which he can learn. One who recognizes things from which he can learn would learn the right approach. One who learns the right approach it is as if he is living with the experiences of the people of the past.

There are four pillars for justice: deep understanding, thorough knowledge, good insight and great wisdom. One who understands deeply would explain the knowledge beautifully. One who has thorough knowledge would make acceptable decisions and one who is wise would not neglect anything and live admirably amongst the people.
There are four pillars of struggling in the way of God: enjoining to do good; forbidding evil; persistence at the war front; and hating the corrupt people. One who enjoins to do so strengthens the back of the believers. One who forbids from evil, defeats the hypocrites. One who persists at the war front has done his duty. One who hates the corrupt people and the Honorable the Exalted God’s Wrath would also raise his wrath. This is belief, its pillars and its kinds. This is faith, its pillars and its various types.

Atheism is founded on the following four: corruption; tyranny; doubt and dubiosity.

There are four pillars of corruption: oppression, blind-heartedness, ignorance, and rebellion.

One who is oppressive would belittle the truth; consider knowledgeable ones as his enemies, and insist on committing major sins. One who is blind-hearted would forget God, would follow his suspicions and be defeated by Satan. One who is ignorant would be fooled by high aspirations and would feel sorry when he realizes that these were just mirages. One who is rebellious would be debased by God through God’s Dominio and Majesty since he turns away from God and rebels against the decrees of his Noble Lord.

There are four pillars of tyranny: pickiness; causing conflicts; mental aberration and causing discord.

One who is picky would not adhere to the right. He would only get more drowned in problems. He is always entrapped in seditions and would be deviated away from the religion and would wander about in trouble aimlessly.

One who causes conflicts and fights others would lose his ties with others. He would be in real trouble. Good things will turn into bad for him. Bad things will turn into good. Such people would not be able to find the right way, and it would become hard for them to find their way out.
They would turn away from the religion and follow a path other than that which the believers follow.

There are four pillars for doubt: fear; distrust; hesitation and surrendering. One who bases his religion on doubt would not be able to even sleep until the morning. ‘O those who dispute! ’Then which of the gifts of thy Lord, (O man,) wilt thou dispute about?’[

One who fears what is ahead of him would fall over. One who hesitates in doubt would fall behind others. They will overpass him and would be destroyed under the feet of the devils. One who surrenders would be destroyed between the affairs of this world and the next. Whoever adheres to certitude shall survive. There are four pillars for dubiosity: selfishness; fooling oneself; improper thoughts; and decorating what is indeed wrong in order to make it look right. This is how by selfishness one blocks off what is right. One who fools himself would be entrapped in the fire of lust. Improper thoughts would greatly harm one. Decorating what is wrong to look like
right would cover up things with many layers of darkness. These were the various categories of atheism, its foundations and its various types. Hypocrisy is founded upon four things: selfishness, light-headedness, animosity and greed.

There are four pillars for selfishness: trespassing, animosity, lust and rebellion. One who trespasses would be in a lot of trouble. He would never be calm. One who doesn’t control lust would wade in ice. One who rebels would undoubtedly go astray.

And the various types of light-headedness are: sluggishness, being deceived, postponing deeds to a later time and having great expectations. One who acts sluggishly will not act according to God’s religion. One who postpones the deeds will put them off until he dies. If man did not have any great expectations, he would act according to his duties. If man doesn’t know his duties, he would badly die in fear. There are four types of animosity: haughtiness; pride; supporting one side; and being biased. One who is haughty would fall behind. One who is too proud would become corrupt. One who supports one side would be insisting on sins. One who is biased would be wicked. And greed can be classified into the following four categories: undue happiness and cheerfulness, stubbornness and hoarding up. Undue happiness and cheerfulness are not pleasant in the sight of the Exalted God. Stubbornness is an evil thing which would entrap one in sins. Hoarding up would imply changing what could be useful into what is bad. These were the various categories of hypocrisy, its foundations and its various types.

**NAJDAT AL-HARURI WROTE TO IBN ABBAS ABOUT FOUR ISSUES**

4-75 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad and Abdullah - the sons of Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Hammad ibn Uthman al-Nab, on the authority of Ubaydullah ibn Ali Al-Halabi that Aba Abdullah al-Sadiq (MGB) said, “A foreigner Najdat wrote to Ibn Abbas and asked him about four issues: 1-Does God’s Prophet (MGB) involve women in war? Does the Prophet (MGB) give women any share of the booties? 2-Who is the alms-tax given to? 3-When is an orphan considered to be a grown-up? 4- What about killing the children of atheists?
Ibn Abbas replied, “Regarding what you asked, God’s Prophet (MGB) let women benefit from the booties, but it was not considered as a share. We believe that the alms-tax should be given to us, but some people think that it doesn’t belong to us. Therefore we are patient. An orphan is considered to have grown up when he attains sexual maturity, unless he is retarded or foolish. In such conditions, his custodian would be in charge of his belongings. The Prophet of God would not kill any of the children of the atheists. It was Khizr who killed the atheists and let go of the believers of the children of the atheists. You may act accordingly, if you possess the knowledge which Khizr possessed.”

WHITE HAIR GROWS IN FOUR PLACES

4-76 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Ali ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Abi Ayoob Al-Madini, on the authority of Suleiman al-Ja’fari, on the authority of Al-Reza (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “White hair on the forehead is a sign of prosperity. White hair on the two cheeks is a sign of generosity. White hair on the head is a sign of bravery and white hair on the back of the head is a sign of misfortune.”

THERE ARE FOUR TYPES OF PEOPLE

4-77 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father and Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Al-Haysam ibn Abi Masruq al-Nehdi who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Al-Hassan ibn Ali (MGB), “There are four types of people. Some people are good-tempered but poor. Some people are wealthy but
bad-tempered. Some people are neither good-tempered nor wealthy. They are the worst of the people. However, there are some people who are both good-tempered and wealthy. They are the best of the people.”

A DISTANCE AS SHORT AS FOUR FINGERS BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG

4-78 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Sindy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Amr ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Kiram, on the authority of Maysar ibn Abdul Aziz that he had heard Abu Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) say, “The Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) was asked, ‘How much distance is there between right and wrong?’ He (MGB) replied, ‘As much as four fingers.’ The Commander of the Faithful Ali (MGB) put his hand between his ear and eyes and said, ‘What you see by the eyes is right, but what you hear by the ears is wrong.’”
THE TREASURES OF TWO ORPHANS WERE FOUR PIECES OF ADVICE

4-79 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn Abdul Hamid al-At’tar, on the authority of Al-Ala’ ibn Razin, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Muslim al-Saqafy, on the authority of Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) who said the following regarding the words of the Honorable the Exalted God, ‘…there was, beneath it, a buried treasure, to which they were entitled.’[419] “I swear by God that the treasure referred to here was not gold or silver. Rather it was a tablet on which it was written, ‘Inni ana Allah! La ilaha illa ana! Va Muhammad Rasulil! (Indeed I am God. There are no gods but Me. Muhammad is My Prophet). I wonder how one who believes in death can be happy! I wonder how one who believes in the Reckoning and the Resurrection Day can laugh! I wonder how one who believes in destiny can doubt the fact that God would send down the daily bread! I wonder how one who has seen this world can deny the Hereafter!”

FOUR PEOPLE WHOM YOU SHOULD NOT GREET

4-80 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, who linked it up through a chain of narrators to the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB), “God's Prophet (MGB) forbade greeting four people: a drunk person, a sculptor, one who throws dice, and one who gambles. I will add one case and forbid you to greet one who plays chess.”

FOUR THINGS CHEER YOU UP

4-81 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Himdan ibn Suleiman, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Faz’zal and Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Adamy, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Muslimah, on the authority of Ziyad ibn Bindar, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Sin’an that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There are four things which will cheer you up: looking at a beautiful face; looking at flowing water; looking at green grass; and anointing the eyes with collyrium[420] at bedtime.”

THE FOUR COMPANIONS MOST LOVED BY GOD

4-82 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Sayf, on the authority of his brother Ali ibn Sayf, on the authority of his father Sayf ibn Umayrih, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Musa, on the authority of someone from the progeny of Nofl ibn al-Mutalib, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The companions (on a trip) most loved by the Honorable the Exalted God are four. They will talk a lot and make too much noise if they are more than seven.”
THE FIRE WILL BE FORBIDDEN FOR FOUR ON THE RESURRECTION DAY

4-83 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Al-Abbas ibn Ma’ruf, on the authority of Sa’dan ibn Muslim, on the authority of Sa’dan ibn Muslim, on the authority of Abdu llah ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Do you want me to tell you from whom the fire will be forbidden in the Hereafter? The people said, “O
Prophet of God! Yes.” God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Humble ones; sociable ones; helpful ones; and simple ones.”

FOUR THINGS A LITTLE OF WHICH IS A LOT

4-84 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Salih who linked it up through a chain of narrators to the Divine Leader, “There are four things a little of which is a lot: fire, sleep, disease and animosity.”

USE FOUR THINGS BEFORE FOUR THINGS HAPPEN

4-85 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Musa ibn al-Qasim, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sa’id ibn Qazvan, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Muslim al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq(MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “You should benefit from four things before four things happen: use your youth before you get old; use your health before you get ill; use your wealth before you get poor; and use your life before your death.”

4-86 Muhammad ibn Ali ibn ash-Shah narrated that Abu Hamid Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn al-Hussein quoted Abu Yazid Ahmad ibn Khalid al-Khalidy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Salih al-Tamimy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Anas ibn Muhammad Abu Malik, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that in his will to Ali (MGB) God’s Prophet (MGB) told him, “O Ali! You should benefit from four things before four things happen: use your youth before you get old; use your health before you get ill; use your wealth before you get poor; and use your life before your death.”

ALL THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE PEOPLE IS IN FOUR AREAS

4-87 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Al-Qasim ibn Muhammad al-Isfahani, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Davood al-Minqari, on the authority of Sufyan ibn Ayyineh that he had heard Aba
Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, “I found that all the knowledge of the people is in four areas: 1- to know your Lord; 2- to know what He has done with you; 3- to know what He expects of you; and 4- to know what will deviate you from your religion.”

4-88 Hamzih ibn Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Alavi - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Ali ibn Ma’bad, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Qasim, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Sin’an that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) quoted on the authority of God’s Prophet (MGB), “My nation should always do the following four: 1- They should love those who repent. 2- They should be sympathetic with the weak. 3- They should help the good-doers. 4- They should pray for all the people.”

4-89 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Al-Qasim ibn Muhammad al-Isfahani, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Davood al-Minqari, on the authority of Fuzayl ibn Ayaz, “I asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), ‘Is Jihad recommended or obligatory?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘There are four types of Jihad: Two types are obligatory; one type is
recommended, but it is performed as obligatory; one last type is recommended. The greatest jihad is fighting yourself, trying not to commit any sins. This is obligatory. Fighting with the infidels who attack you is also obligatory. However, the third type of Jihad is fighting against the enemies and it is obligatory for all people. If they abandon it, punishment will descend upon them. This type of Jihad is recommended for the Divine Leader (MGB). At the most, the enemies attack the people, and they will fight back. However, the type of Jihad that is recommended is reviving the traditions. If you decide to establish a good tradition and make an effort in developing it, your deeds are of the best deeds, since it intends to revive the traditions.”

**A SERVANT HAS FOUR EYES**

4-90 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Al-Qasim ibn Muhammad al-Isfahani, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Davood al-Minqari, on the authority of Sufyan ibn Ayyineh, on the authority of Al-Zuhra that in part of a long narration, Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB) said, “God’s servant has four eyes: two eyes with which he sees the affairs of this world and his religion; and two inner eyes with which he sees the affairs of the Hereafter. When God wishes good for His servant, He opens the servants inner eyes which are in his heart, so that he can see the affairs related to the Hereafter. However, when God wishes anything else, He shall close his inner eyes. [422]”
THE FOUR NOBLEST CHARACTERISTICS

4-91 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ali ibn Muhammad al-Qasani, on the authority of Al-Qasim ibn Muhammad al-Isfahani, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Davood, on the authority of Sufyan ibn Najih that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “Solomon - the son of David (MGB) said, ‘We have been granted whatever has been granted to the people or not, and we have been taught whatever the people have been taught or not. We found nothing to be better than fearing God in public and private; frugality both at times of poverty and being wealthy; telling the truth whether it be pleasing to us or to our loss; and supplicating to the Honorable the Exalted God in all circumstances.”

4-92 Ja’far ibn Ali ibn al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrih al-Kufy - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his grandfather Al-Hassan ibn Ali quoted his grandfather, on the authority of his grandfather Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrih, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Abi Zyad (al-Sakoony), on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Women are in four types: Ones with a good sustenance; ones with good springs; ones who are suffocating anguishes and burdening lice-infested parasites.”

The compiler of the book said, “What is meant by ‘ones with a good sustenance’ is women who are good and have a good deal of God-given daily sustenance. What is meant by ‘good springs’ is women who are pregnant, even though they have some children. What is meant by ‘suffocating anguishes’ is women who are bad-tempered with their husbands. What is meant by ‘burdening lice-infested parasites’ is bad women with whom their husbands are stuck. Their husbands are tied up and can neither help themselves not get away from them.”

FOUR OF THE TRADITIONS OF THE PROPHETS

4-93 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Khazzaz, on the authority of Talha ibn Zayd, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB),
on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), and on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The following four characteristics are from the traditions of the Messengers: perfumes, women[423], brushing and putting on Henna.[424]”

**THE PRAYERS OF FOUR ARE NOT ACCEPTED**

4-94 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullaha al-Barqy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali al-Kufy, on the authority of Ibn Biqah, on the authority of Zakaria ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Abdul Malik ibn Abi Umayr that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Prayers of the following four are not accepted: an unjust leader, an unwanted leader, a fugitive slave who has run away from his master unjustly; and a woman who leaves her
husband’s house without his permission.”

FOUR THINGS WILL HAPPEN WHEN FOUR THINGS SPREAD

4-95 Ja’far ibn Ali ibn al-Hassan al-Kufy - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his grandfather ibn Ali ibn Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrij al-Kufy narrated that his grandfather Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrij quoted Ali ibn Hisan, on the authority of his uncle Abdul Rahman ibn Kasir al-Hashemi that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “When there is a lot of adultery, there will be an earthquake. When a lot of people do not pay the alms-tax, quadrupeds will die. When the judges issue unjust decrees, there will be no rain. When the safety of the unbelievers who are under the protection of Islam is denied, unbelievers will defeat the Muslims.”

THE FOUR SIGNS OF MISERY

4-96 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn al-Hussein al-Sa’ed Abady quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of Al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of God’s Prophet (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The following are amongst the signs of misery: solidity of the eye[425], hard-heartedness, excessive greed to gain one’s daily bread and insisting on committing sins.”

4-97 Muhammad ibn Ali ibn ash-Shah narrated that Abu Hamid quoted Abu Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn al-Salih al-Tamimy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Anas ibn Muhammad Abu Malik, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), on the authority of God’s Prophet (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “O Ali! The following are among the signs of misery: solidity of the eye, hard-heartedness, having high aspirations, and the love for a very long life.”
GOD SUMMARIZED EVERYTHING IN FOUR SAYINGS FOR ADAM

4-98 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Ali ibn al-Salt quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Yusuf ibn Imran, on the authority of Maysam ibn Yaqoob ibn Shoayb that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “The Honorable the Exalted God revealed to Adam (MGB) that He would summarize everything for him in four sayings. Adam (MGB) said, ‘O Lord! What are they?’ God said, ‘One of them is for Me; one is for you; one is between Me and you and one is between you and the people.’ Adam (MGB) said, ‘O my Lord! Please tell them to me so that I may learn them.’ God said, ‘The one that is for Me is that you should worship Me and do not ascribe any partners for Me. The one which is for you is to do good deeds and I will reward you for it. The one which is between you and Me is that you should supplicate to Me and I will answer. The one that is between you and the people is that you should accept for yourself whatever you accept for the people.’”

4-99 Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan, Ahmad ibn Muhammad al-Haysam al-Ajali and Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Sin’ani - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Zakaria al-Qat’tan quoted Musa ibn Ishaq, on the authority of Abu Ibrahim al-Tarjomani, on the authority of Salih ibn Bashir Abu Bashar al-Mari [426] that he had heard al-Hassan quote on the authority of Anas ibn Malik [427] quoted that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “God - may His Majesty be Exalted - said, ‘There are four characteristics as follows: one is for Me; one is for you; one is between Me and you and one is between you and My servants. The one that is for Me is that you should worship Me and do not ascribe any partners for Me. The one which is for you is to do good deeds and I will reward you for it. The one which is between you and Me is that you should supplicate to Me and I will answer. The one that is between you and My servants is that you should accept for yourself whatever you accept for people.’” There is no
ADMONISHMENT AGAINST FRIENDSHIP WITH FOUR PEOPLE

4-100 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn Isa ibn Ubayd, on the authority of Al-Qasim ibn Yusuf - the brother of Ahmad ibn Yusuf ibn al-Qasim al-Katib, on the authority of Han’nan ibn Sadeer al-Sayrafi, on the authority of Sadeer al-Sayrafi that Abu Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “Do not associate or become friends with the following four people: stupid fellows; jealous people; cowards; and liars. Stupid fellows wish to help you get some benefits, but they will bring you a loss. Jealous people will take from you, but will not give anything in return. Cowards will run away when you need help. They will even run away from their own parents when they need help. Liars may often tell the truth, but no one would believe them.”
FOUR WILL BENEFIT FROM KNOWLEDGE

4-101 Ja’far ibn Ali ibn al-Hassan ibn al-Kufy - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his grandfather Al-Hassan ibn Ali quoted on the authority of his great grandfather Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrih, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father[428] (MGB), “Knowledge is a treasure, the key for which is asking. Therefore ask, may God have Mercy upon you. Four people shall benefit from knowledge: those who ask questions; those who respond to the questions; those who listen to them; and those who like the above three.”

DO NOT TAX FOUR THINGS

4-102 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father and Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar and Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Isa who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB), “You should not tax four things: slaughtering; burial; buying slaves; and traveling to Mecca.”

4-103 Abul Hussein Muhammad ibn Ali ibn ash-Shah narrated that Abu Hamid quoted Abu Yazid Ahmad ibn Khalid al-Khalidy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Salih al-Tamimy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Hatam al-Qat’tan, on the authority of Hammad ibn Amr, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “O Ali! Do not tax four things: an animal for offering; a coffin; a slave, or driving an animal to Mecca.”

FOUR CAUSES TO GRANT ONE THE PERMISSION TO RETURN A SLAVE WITHIN ONE YEAR

4-104 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ibn Faz’zal who narrated that Abil Hassan - the second - that is Al-Reza (MGB) said, “One can return a slave within one year for the following four causes: insanity; leprosy; vitiligo[429] and blockage of the vagina.[430] ”

THE BEST FOUR FORMS OF WEALTH

4-105 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Yazid al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Muslim al-Sakoony,
on the authority of Ja`far ibn Muhammad (MGB)[431], on the authority of his father (MGB)[432], on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB), “God’s Prophet (MGB) was asked, ‘What is the best form of wealth?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘What one cultivates for himself and has paid its alms-tax when he picks it.’ The Prophet (MGB) was asked, ‘What is the next best form of wealth?’ He (MGB) replied, ‘Flocks of sheep which one herds himself in pastures where he prays, and for which he pays the alms-tax.’ He (MGB) was asked, ‘What is the best form of wealth after sheep?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘Cows which give milk in the morning and at night.’ He (MGB) was asked, ‘O Prophet of God! What is the best form of wealth after cows?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘Tall palm trees which are deeply rooted in the ground. Whoever sells these trees, what he gets in return is as the dust on
top of the mountain which would scatter around with the slightest wind: unless he buys another palm field instead.’ He (MGB) was asked, ‘O Prophet of God! What is the best form of wealth after date palms?’ The Prophet (MGB) remained silent. A man asked, ‘How about camels?’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Owning camels involves a lot of misery, hardship, and exertion. You must take it far away in the morning and night. It lives in the desert. It has no use except for its unfortunate owners to worry that it may be harmed.’”

4-106 Ali ibn Ahmad ibn Musa - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Abūd-Durrah al-Kufy quoted Salih ibn Abī Abī Haḍīm, on the authority of Isma`īl ibn Mihran, on the authority of his father, on the authority of ‘Abd Allāh ibn ‘Abī Mīqdám, on the authority of ‘Abd Allâh as-Sa‘īd ibn Musa, on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of ‘Abd Allâh (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Sheep are profitable whether they face you or turn around. Cows are also profitable whether they face you or turn around. However, camels are from the regions of the satans. They cause a loss whether they face you or turn around. They have no use except for their unfortunate owners who worry that they may get harmed.” The Prophet (MGB) was asked, ‘O Prophet of God! Who should then raise camels?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘Unfortunate owners!’”

Salih ibn Abī Abī Haḍīm added, ‘And then Isma`īl ibn Mihran recited a poem in this respect.’”

4-107 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Hammad ibn ‘Isâ, on the authority of Hurayz, on the authority of Zurara that Abu Ja`far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “There are four prayers which one can say at any time. They are: make-up prayers which are said whenever one remembers to make them up; two unit of the obligatory circumambulation prayer; praying at the time of eclipse; and praying for the deceased. These are prayers which one can say at any time.”
THERE ARE FOUR TYPES OF JUDGES

4-108 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn al-Hussein al-Sa’ed Abady quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr who linked it up to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) saying, “There are four types of judges: 1- There are those who unknowingly judge right. They will go to Hell. 2- There are those who unknowingly judge wrong. They will also go to Hell. 3- There are those who knowingly judge wrong. They will also go to Hell. 4- There are those who knowingly judge right. They will go to Paradise.”

A MAN HAS TO PAY FOR THE EXPENSES OF FOUR

4-109 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father and Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar and Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Musa ibn Umar, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrih, on the authority of Hurayz, “I asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Whose expenses do I have to pay for?” The Imam (MGB) replied, “Your parents, your children and your wife.”

THE FOUR PROPHETS WHO WERE KINGS ON THE EARTH

4-110 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Hisham ibn Salim who quoted someone on the authority of Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) as having said, “Indeed the Blessed the Sublime God did not appoint any of the Prophets after Noah as kings on the Earth except for four: Zul-Qarnayn (the one with two horns)[434] whose name was Ayash; David (MGB); Solomon
And Ayash ruled over the areas between the East and the West. David (MGB) ruled over the area between the Shamat and Astakhr. This was the same as Solomon’s (MGB) territory. Joseph (MGB) ruled over Egypt and the surrounding deserts. His reign did not extend elsewhere.

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him said, “This is the way this tradition has been narrated, but I do not think that Zul-Qarnayn was a Prophet. Rather, I believe that Zul-Qarnayn was a good servant of God who liked God. God also liked him. He worked for the sake of God. So God also helped him. The Commander of the Faithful (MGB) has said, ‘Also you have a Zul-Qarnayn amongst you (meaning himself). Zul-Qarnayn was given the rule by God as He made Saul (i.e. Talut) [435] the King as the Honorable the Exalted God says, ‘Their Prophet said to them: "(Allah)
hath appointed Talut as king over you..." [436] Talut was a king and it is allowed to bring his name among the Prophets since he was like them, although he was not a Prophet. As it is allowed for Satan which is not an angel to be named amongst the angels as the Honorable the Exalted God says, ‘Behold! We said to the angels, "Bow down to Adam": They bowed down except Iblis [437]. He was one of the Jinns…” [438]

4-111 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Musa ibn Ja’far ibn Wahab al-Baghdady, on the authority of Ubaydullah ibn Abdullah, on the authority of Musa ibn Ibrahim al-Marvazy, on the authority of Abil Hassan Musa ibn Ja’far (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are four attributes in sunshine. It changes color; creates a bad smell; wears out the clothes; and causes pain.”

FOUR KINDS OF MEDICAL TREATMENT

4-112 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Hafs ibn al-Bakhtari, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “There are four types of medical treatment. They are cupping, inhaling snuff, inserting a suppository [439], and making an injection.”

FOUR THINGS WILL MODERATE DIGESTION

4-113 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Al-Sayyari, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Aslam, on the authority of Nooh ibn Shoayb al-Neishaboory, on the authority of Abdul Aziz ibn al-Mohtadi who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Four things will moderate digestion: Syrian pomegranates, cooked unripe dates; viola; and chicory.” [440]

THE FOUR CHARACTERISTICS OF LEEKS

4-114 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn Al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali al-Hamedany, on the authority of Umar ibn Isa, on the authority of Forat ibn Ahnaf, “Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) was questioned about leeks. The Imam (MGB) said, ‘They have four characteristics: It makes your mouth smell fresh, it lets off the air from the digestive system; it can stop hemorrhoids, and it can provide immunity from leprosy if you constantly eat it.’”

لا يُمْكِنُ بِذِي بَيْنِي كَمَا يُجَوزُ أَنْ يُذَكَّرَ فِي جَمِيلِ الدِّلَّادِ كَةِ مِنْ لَيْسَ بِمَلْكِ قَالَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ تُأوِهِ الْأَلَّدُ بِيَاءٌ مِّن...
FOUR SIGNS OF BLOOD PRESSURE

4-115 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Marar, on the authority of Yunus ibn Abdul-Rahman that Abil Hassan Al-Reza (MGB) said, “Blood pressure has four signs: itching, pimples; drowsiness, and dizziness.” [441]

THE FOUR HEAVENLY RIVERS

4-116 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Hilal, on the authority of Isa ibn Abdullah al-Hashemi, on the authority of his father, on the authority of his grandfather, on the authority of his forefathers, on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are four
Heavenly rivers: The Euphrates, the Nile, Sihran and Jehran. The Euphrates provides water in this world and the Hereafter. The Nile provides honey. Sehran provides wine and Jehran provides milk.”[442]

FOUR NICKNAMES ADMONISHED AGAINST

4-117 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrih, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB), “The Prophet (MGB) admonished the people against using four nicknames: Abi Isa, Abil Hikam, Abi Malik, and Abil Qasim which is Muhammad’s (MGB) nickname.”

THE BEST AND THE WORST FOUR NAMES

4-118 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted his father, on the authority of Ahmad ibn an-Nazr, on the authority of Amr ibn Shimr, on the authority of Jabir, on the authority of Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) that on the pulpit God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Indeed the best four names are Abdullah, Abdul Rahman, Haritha and Himam. And the worst four names are Zarar, Marrat, Harb and Zalim.”

THE FORBIDDANCE OF USING FOUR THINGS AND FOUR DISHES

4-119 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homeyry quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Khalid ibn Jarir, on the authority of Abi Rabi’a ash-Shamy, “I asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) about chess and backgammon. He (MGB)
said, ‘God’s Prophet (MGB) said, Do not play them.’ I asked, ‘What about listening to songs?’ He (MGB) said, ‘There is no use in it. Do not listen to them.’ I asked, ‘What about drinking date wine?’ He (MGB) replied, ‘God’s Prophet (MGB) has forbidden drinking any intoxicator. All that is intoxicating is forbidden.’

I asked, ‘What about using the dishes in which wine is made?’ He (MGB) replied, ‘God’s Prophet (MGB) has forbidden four kinds of them which are: Daba, Mazqat, Hantam and Naqir.’ I asked, ‘What are these?’ He (MGB) replied, ‘Daba refers to squash skin. Mazqat refers the potter’s vat. Hantam refers to grey colored pots and Naqir refers a wooden dish which was carved out until its middle became empty during the Age of Ignorance and they filled it with dates. Some have said that Hantam refers to green pots.’”

4-120 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Abi Ishaq Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Hussein ibn Zayd ibn Ali ibn al-Hussein ibn Ali Abi Talib, on the authority of his father, on the authority of his forefathers, on the authority of Ali (MGB), “God’s Prophet (MGB) ordered us to bury the following four things: hair, teeth, nails and blood.”

FOUR OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROPHETS

4-121 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him -
narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Aban, on the authority of Al-Halabi that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Indeed perseverance, kindness, patience and being good-tempered are of the characteristics of the Prophets.”

FOUR WHO CANNOT SHORTEN THEIR PRAYERS

4-122 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Musa ibn Ja’far ibn Abi Ja’far al-Kumaydany quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Hammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Hurayz, on the authority of Zurarah that Abi Ja’far al-Ba’qir (MGB) said, “The following four people cannot shorten their prayers whether they are at home or on a journey: quadruped keepers who rents them; those who drive the rented quadrupeds; the (long-distance) couriers; and the desert shepherds.”

The compiler of the book said, “Courier refers to a postman.”
DO NOT SHORTEN PRAYERS ON FOUR OCCASIONS DUE TO GOD’S TREASURE

4-123 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn al-Nue’man, on the authority of Aba Abdullah Al-Barqy, on the authority of Ali ibn Mahzyar and Abi Ali ibn Rashid, on the authority of Hammad ibn Isa that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “One should not shorten his prayers on four occasions due to the Honorable the Exalted God’s Treasure. They are: the Honorable the Exalted God’s Shrine (the Ka’ba); the Shrine of God’s Prophet (MGB); the Shrine of the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB), and the Shrine of Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB).”

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “What is meant here is that one should not shorten his prayers in these holy shrines by the usual practice by intending to stay there for less than ten days for one who travels.”

THE FOUR VERSES TO PROSTRATE AFTER

4-124 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abi Nasr al-Bazanty, on the authority of Davood ibn Sarhan that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “You must prostrate whenever you read either of the following four Quranic Chapters: Al-Alaq, ‘Proclaim! (or read!) in the name of thy Lord and Cherisher, Who created…’ (‘Iqra Bisme Rabika Al-azi Khalaq)[443]; An-Najm[444], Tanzil al-Sajdah[445]; and Ha-Mim as-Sajdah.”[446]

ONE CANNOT MOVE ON THE RESURRECTION DAY UNTIL ASKED ABOUT FOUR THINGS

4-125 Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Ali Al-Asady narrated that Roqaya - the daughter of Ishaq ibn Musa ibn Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Ali ibn al-Hussein ibn Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) quoted her father - Ishaq ibn Musa ibn Ja’far, on the authority of his father Musa ibn Ja’far (MGB), on the authority of his father Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “A servant will be asked about four (things) on the Resurrection Day before he can move: how he spent his lifetime; what he used his youth for; how he earned his income; and how he spent it; and about our love - the love for the members of the Holy Household.”
4-126 Ali ibn Muhammad ibn al-Hassan, known as Ibn Muqayrih al-Qazvini narrated that Ubaydullah ibn Abdul Rahman ibn Vaqid in Baghdad quoted Isma’il ibn Musa, on the authority of Sharik, on the authority of Abi Rabi’a al-Ayadi, on the authority of Ibn Barida, on the authority of his father that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Indeed the Honorable the Exalted God ordered me to love four people.” He (MGB) was asked, “O Prophet of God! Who are they?” The Prophet (MGB) replied, “Ali is one of them. I was also ordered to love Salman, Abuzar and Miqdad. I was told that God also loves them.”

4-127 Abu Abdullah al-Hussein ibn Muhammad al-Ashnani - the judge in Balkh - narrated that
his grandfather quoted Ibrahim ibn Nasr, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sa`id, on the authority of Sharik, on the authority of Abi Rabi`a al-Ayadi, on the authority of Ibn Barida, on the authority of his father that God`s Prophet (MGB) said, “The Honorable the Exalted God ordered me to love four of my companions. I was also informed that God loves them.” He (MGB) was told, “O Prophet of God! Who are they? We love to be amongst them.” The Prophet (MGB) said, “Ali (MGB) is one of them.” They he (MGB) became silent. Then he (MGB) went on saying, “Ali (MGB) is one of them. The rest are Abuzar, Salman and Miqdad ibn al-Aswad al-Kindi.”

THE FIRST FOUR TO ENTER PARADISE

4-128 Ali ibn Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Qazvini narrated that Abdullah ibn Zaydan quoted Al-Hassan ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Hassan ibn Hussein, on the authority of Yahya ibn Mosavir, on the authority of Abi Khalid, on the authority of Zayd ibn Ali, on the authority of his forefathers that Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) said, “I complained to God`s Prophet (MGB) about those who envied me. The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘O Ali! Are you not happy that the first ones who go to Heaven are me and you. Then our offspring will enter from the back. Then our followers will come from the right and left.’”

THE FOUR CHARACTERISTICS OF A HYPOCRITE

4-129 Al-Hassan ibn Abdullah ibn Sa`id al-Askari narrated that the judge - Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Walid quoted Yahya ibn Hatam, on the authority of Yazid ibn Harun, on the authority of Shu`bat, on the authority of Al-A`amash, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Mar`rat, on the authority of Masruq, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Masood that the Prophet (MGB) said, “Whoever possesses four characteristics is a hypocrite. Even if one has only one of these characteristics he is a hypocrite, unless he gives up that characteristic: one who lies when he talks; one who breaks his promises; one who breaks his pledges; and one who cheats when he fights.”

4-126 أَرْبَعَةَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْنِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالْأَمْرُ أَيْمَنَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْنِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالْأَمْرُ أَيْمَنَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْنِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالْأَمْرُ أَيْمَنَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْنِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالْأَمْرُ أَيْمَنَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْنِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالْأَمْرُ أَيْمَنَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْنِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالْأَمْرُ أَيْمَنَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْنِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالْأَمْرُ أَيْمَنَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْنِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالْأَمْرُ أَيْمَنَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْنِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالْأَمْرُ أَيْمَنَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْنِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالْأَمْرُ أَيْمَنَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْنِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالْأَمْرُ أَيْمَنَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْنِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالْأَمْرُ أَيْمَنَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْنِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالْأَمْرُ أَيْمَنَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْنِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالْأَمْرُ أَيْمَنَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْنِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالْأَمْرُ أَيْمَنَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْنِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالْأَمْرُ أَيْمَنَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْنِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالْأَمْرُ أَيْمَنَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْنِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالْأَمْرُ أَيْمَنَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْنِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالْأَمْرُ أَيْمَنَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْنِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالْأَمْرُ أَيْمَنَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْنِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالْأَمْرُ أَيْمَنَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْنِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالْأَمْرُ أَيْمَنَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْنِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالْأَمْرُ أَيْمَنَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْнِ
THE FOUR KINGS OF THE EARTH: TWO BELIEVERS AND TWO ATHEISTS

4-130 Ali ibn Ahmad ibn Abdullah ibn Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy narrated that his father quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of his father Muhammad ibn Khalid who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), "There were four kings on the Earth: two of the believers and two of the atheists. The two of the believers were Solomon - the son of David (MGB) and Zul-Qarnayn. The name of Zul-Qarnayn was Abdullah ibn Zahhak ibn Ma’d. The two atheists were Nimrood and Bakht ul-Nasr."

THE FOUR WAYS THE PROPHET’S TRADITIONS REACH THE PEOPLE

4-131 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Hammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Umar al-Yamani and Umar ibn Azineh, on the authority of Aban ibn Abi Ayyash, on the authority of Salim ibn Qays al-Hilaly, “I once asked the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB), ‘O Commander of the Faithful! I have heard from Salman, Miqdad and Abuzar some interpretations (of the Quran) and traditions from the Prophet (MGB) which differ with what is in the hands of the people. Then I heard that you acknowledged what I had heard from the people. There are many things in the hands of the people including interpretations of the Quran and traditions of the Prophet (MGB) with which you disagree and consider invalid. Do you think that the people falsely ascribe these traditions to God’s Prophet (MGB) and interpret the Quran as they wish?’ Then Ali (MGB) faced me and said, ‘You asked. Now try to understand the answer. In fact, what exists in the hands of the people includes truth and falsehood; right and wrong; etc. During the Prophet’s lifetime, they ascribed so many lies to
him that he was forced to stand up and say, ‘O people! The lies ascribed to me have become too much. Whoever intentionally ascribes lies to me will go to Hell.’ However, there were a lot more lies ascribed to him. Indeed the Prophet’s narrations only reach you from four persons. Firstly, narrations may reach you from a hypocrite who claims to believe in public, but has not hesitation whatsoever to ascribe lies to the Prophet (MGB). The people would not accept his lies, if they know that he is a hypocrite. However, the people believe what he says, because they think that he has seen the Prophet (MGB) and has heard what he says from the Prophet (MGB). They do not really know him. However, the Honorable the Exalted God has informed us about the hypocrites and their characteristics and said, ‘When thou lookest at them, their exteriors please thee; and when they speak, thou listest to their words…’

Such hypocrites existed even after the Prophet (MGB). They got close to the leaders who misled the people and invite to the fire, and spoke in favor of them so that they may be hired to fill
major positions. The people usually follow their leaders, unless they are saved by God.

Secondly, narrations may reach you through a man who has heard something from God’s Prophet (MGB), but has not memorized it. He has no intentions of lying but he has not understood it well. He possesses incorrect narrations. He instructs others to follow them and follows them himself. He narrates them for others and says that he has heard it from God’s Prophet. If the Muslims know that it is wrong, they would not accept it from him. It may even be the case that he might discard it, if he knew it was wrong.

Thirdly, narrations may reach you from someone who has heard that God’s Prophet (MGB) has issued an order, but has not heard that God’s Prophet (MGB) himself has later issued an opposite order. Or he may have heard that God’s Prophet (MGB) has admonished against something, but has not heard that God’s Prophet (MGB) himself has later advised it. He remembers it one way but he has either not heard or doesn’t remember it the other way. If the Muslims knew that such and such an order has later been dismissed, they would abandon it.

Fourthly, narrations may reach you from someone who has not ascribed lies to the Prophet of God (MGB). Rather he hates to lie since he fears the Honorable the Exalted God and honors God’s Prophet (MGB). Such a person may have memorized whatever he has heard from God’s Prophet (MGB) and may restate his words in exactly the same way that he has heard them. However, it may be the case that they use one decree and not use its opposite. The decrees of the Prophet (MGB) are similar to the verses of the Quran. There are ones that are opposite to the previous ones (to cancel or change them). The Prophet (MGB) had many such statements. We must accept what the Prophet (MGB) has said, and abandon what he has withheld as the Honorable the Exalted God said in His Book, ‘…So take what the Messenger assigns to you, and deny yourselves that which he withholds from you. And fear Allah for Allah is strict in Punishment.’

Whoever doesn’t realize what God and the Prophet (MGB) meant would fall into error. It is not the case that all the companions of the Prophet (MGB) could give the proper answer to whatever they may be asked. Some of them asked some questions, but never tried to understand the answer. It seemed hard for them to understand things. They waited for a Bedouin to come and ask questions from the Prophet (MGB), so that they may hear the
Prophet’s response. I always had an especial time during the day and at night with the Prophet (MGB). He (MGB) let me be with him (MGB) during these times. All the companions of the Prophet (MGB) knew well that he (MGB) never treated anyone else this way. Sometimes the Prophet (MGB) came to see me in my house. Sometimes I went to see the Prophet (MGB) in his house. He (MGB) would then tell his wives to leave the room and have a private meeting with me. When the Prophet (MGB) came to see me in my house, he (MGB) would not tell Fatimah (MGB) or any of my children to leave. He (MGB) responded to whatever I asked. He (MGB) talked whenever I finished asking questions and remained silent. He (MGB) would clearly recite to me whatever Quranic verse which was revealed to him (MGB), so that I may write it in my own handwriting. He (MGB) taught me their interpretation and the other related issues. He (MGB) asked God to help me memorize it. I have not forgotten any of the verses of the Holy Quran and any of the knowledge which he (MGB) stated to me and I wrote it down. The Prophet (MGB) did not withhold anything from me and taught me whatever God had taught him including issues such as the legitimate and the illegitimate; obligatory and forbidden deeds; books of the previous Prophets; their enjoining to do good deeds and admonishing against evil deeds. I memorized everything and did not forget anything. Then he put his hand on my chest and asked God to fill up my heart with knowledge, understanding, wisdom and light. I said, ‘O Prophet of God! May my parents be your ransom! I have forgotten nothing and have written all of that which you taught me since the time you prayed to God for me. Are you worried that I may forget them?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘No. I am not worried about that at all.”

4-132 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Abu Sa`id Sahl ibn Zyad al-Adamy, on the authority of Ja`far ibn Bashar al-Vaseti, on the authority of Ubaydullah ibn Abdullah al-Dihqan, on the authority of Durost ibn Abi Mansoor al-Vaseti, on the authority of Umar ibn Azineh, on the authority of Zurarah ibn A`ayan, on the authority of Abi Ja`far al-Baqir (MGB) that the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said, “It is enough to do as much good in return for a favor as has been done for you. If you do more than has been done to you, then you are being grateful. One who is grateful is also generous. One should recognizes that whatever good he does, he indeed does it for himself. Thus, one will no longer expect anyone to return his favors, nor will he expect any friendship in return for his friendly deeds. Do not demand anything from others in return for what you do for yourself so as to guard your own honor. Anyone who asks you for something from you has indeed disregarded his own honor. So do not disregard your own reputation and fulfill his request.”
4-132 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abi Sufyan bin al-Hasan, on the authority of Abu Hanifa the scholar, on the authority of His Excellency the Prophet, may God be pleased with him, that he heard Abu Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) say, “The world is making progress. Whatever you earn in this world, you earn it despite your weaknesses. Yet, you may lose something and not be able to hold on to them with all your strength.”

He (MGB) then added, “Whoever forgets about what he has lost is in comfort, and whoever is pleased with what he has been granted will be cheerful.”

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4-134 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abi Nasr al-Bazanty, on the authority of a man from Khoza’at, on the authority of Aslami, on the authority of his father that Aba Abdulla as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “You should learn Arabic since it is the language with which God has spoken to His servants. Utter the words properly.”

The compiler of the book - Muhammad ibn Ali ibn al-Hussein - may God be pleased with him - said, “This narration has also been narrated by Abu Saeed Adami who has added the following at
4-135 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Abi Ayoob al-Khizaz, on the authority of Abi Ja’far Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB), “God’s Prophet (MGB) addressed the people on the last Friday of the Arabic month of Sha’ban. He glorified God, praised Him, and then said, ‘O People! Indeed, a month has come in which each night is better than a thousand months. It is the month of Ramazan. God has prescribed fasting during it for you. Whoever stays up one night during that month and prays will receive the reward of one who has stayed up for seventy nights in other months and prayed. If you do any good deeds during that month, you will receive the reward of one who has done seventy good deeds in other months. If you perform any obligatory deeds in that month, your reward will be that of seventy similar cases in other months. It is the month of patience. The reward of patience is Paradise. Ramazan is the month of sympathy. It is the month in which God increases the share of a believer’s daily bread. Whoever feeds another believer (to break his fast) shall be given the reward...
of freeing a slave. His past sins will also be forgiven.' It was said to him (MGB), ‘O Prophet of God! Not all of us are able to feed another believer to break his fast!’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Indeed the Honorable the Exalted God is generous. He would even give this reward to those of you who have nothing but a cup of milk, some juice, water or a date to feed another believer to break his fast. Whoever helps his slave with his duties during this month will be rewarded by God with an easier Reckoning. It is the month whose beginning is mercy, whose middle is forgiveness, and whose end is answering and releasing from the Fire. In it you are in need of four qualities: two qualities with which to please God, and two qualities with which you ask for the fulfillment of your own needs. The two qualities with which to please God are: testify that there is no god but God, and that I (Muhammad) am God’s Prophet. And the two qualities with which you may ask for the fulfillment of your needs are: Ask God for your needs and Paradise during that month. Also ask God to protect you from the Fire of Hell.”

ANIMALS CAN RECOGNIZE FOUR THINGS

4-136 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Al-Abbas ibn Ma’ruf, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Ali ibn Re’ab, on the authority of Abi Hamzih that Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB) said, “Animals can recognize four things: their Lord - the Blessed the Sublime; death; male and female; and pastures.”

GOD CREATED HORSES FROM FOUR THINGS

4-137 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father and Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris and Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hussein, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Ali, on the authority of Abi Khalid Zayd ibn Mihran, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abdul Jab’bar, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Zayd, “It has been reported to me that the Honorable the Exalted God has created horses from four things: the great ocean encompassing the world; fire; tears of an angle called Ibrahim and a clean well.”

This is a part of a long narration. Here only a short part of it is cited due to its length.

THE FOUR WINDS

4-138 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Al-Abbas ibn Ma’ruf, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Ali ibn Re’ab and Hisham ibn Salim, on the authority of Abi Basir, “I asked Aba Ja’far al-
رسول الله: ليس كأننا قدر عند الله عزوجل عتق قلبة، ومعفرة لذنوبه في ماضيه. فقيل له: يا علٍى ان يقطر صادما. فقيل: إن الله تبارك وتعالى كرم يعطي هذا الثواب متقدمًا من لا يقدر إلا على منقة من الل يقطر بها صادما، أو شربة من ماء عنب، أو تميرات لا يقدر على أكثر من ذلك. ومن خفف ووسع مغرفة، واخذه إجاباً والعتيق من النار، فيه عن مملوكه خفف عنه حسابه، وهو شهر أوله رحمه، ولا خذب به من في عن أربع خصائص. تهدى تين ضرتوه الله بهما، ودخلت تين لا خذب بهما، وما المكان ترتوون الله بهما. فشهد أن لا إله إلا الله وأني رسول الله، وأنا الملاط لغى بهم عنهم. سألون الله فيه العاصفة، وتعذون به من النار. فسألون الله فيه حاور حكم والجنة. ورغم أن الهياء لم يفهم ملأ

رافضى نسجلا نب دمحم انشد بلاغ من غل فاك الذي يضرب دولولا نب دمحم انشد 136

ربنا، عن أبي حمزة عن علي بن الحسن عن المعيس بن معرف، عن الحسن بن محبوب، عن علي بن علمه أنه مسلم أنه كان يقول: ما بهم الهاشمة، فإنه لم يفهم عن أربعة: معرفة بالرب تبارك وتغلب. وتعذون، ومعرفة بالموت، ومعرفة بالاندلس في الذكر، ومعرفة بها بالمرء الخصب.

اشتري أربعة من الخيل وجلع أطفال

د بن الحسن رضي الله عنهما قالا: حدثنا أحمد بن إدريس محمد بن يحيى حدب. يبدأ أن نشد 137

العالج جعماً قالا: حدثنا أحمد بن إدريس محمد بن يحيى حدب. يبدأ أن نشد

عن أبي حمزة ذياب بن مهان قال: حدثنا أحمد بن عبدالمجبار عن الحسن بن زياد قال: بلغني أن الله عز الدير من أربعة أشياء: من البحر الأعظم المحيط بالدرب، يا، من النار، ومن دمع مكاب يقال له وجل خلق.

إبراهيم، ومن بن يراك مطية والحديث طويل لاختذته منه مو ضع الحافة.

الربع الأرجاح

نبع سابعا نع رافضيل نسجلا نب دمحم انشد بلاغ من غل الذي يضرب دولولا نب دمحم انشد 138

بن محبوب، عن علي بن رباح، وهشام بن معرف، عن الحسن

Baqir (MGB) regarding the four winds: the North wind; the South wind; the Eurus wind from the East[450]; and the Zephyr wind from the West[451]. I told him, ‘The people say that the North wind blows from Paradise and the South wind blows from Hell. He (MGB) replied, ‘The Honorable the Exalted God has troops of winds with which He chastises the disobedient ones which He pleases to chastise. An angel is appointed to each wind. Whenever the Honorable the Exalted God wishes to impose a certain form of chastisement to a nation, He would inspire that appointed angel with what kind of chastisement He wants to be imposed upon them. The angel would issue an order to the wind to blow and the wind will roar like a lion. Each wind has a name. Consider what the Honorable the Exalted God said, ‘The Ad (people) (too) rejected (Truth): then how terrible was My Penalty and My Warning?’[452] And God mentions a wind to torture them as we read, ‘For We sent against them a furious wind, on a Day of violent Disaster, plucking out men as if they were roots of palm-trees torn up (from the ground).’[453] When the people talk of the North wind, the South wind, the Eurus or the Zephyr, they ascribe these winds
to their appointed angels.”

PEOPLE ARE IN FOUR GROUPS

4-139 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abdul Rahman al-Muqar’ri narrated that Abu Amr Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Muqar’ri al-Gorjany quoted Abu Bakr Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Mooseli in Baghdad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Asim al-Tarifi, on the authority of Abu Zayd Ayash ibn Zayd ibn al-Hassan ibn Ali al-Kihal - the servant of Zayd ibn Ali, on the authority of Zayd ibn al-Hassan, on the authority of Musa ibn Ja’far (MGB), on the authority of his father Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), “People are in four groups: ignorant people who get ruined by obeying their whims; haughty worshippers who get haughtier as they worship more; scholars who want to have more followers and be admired; and knowledgeable ones on the right path who wish to follow that path but cannot. The last group are the best people in your era and they have the most wisdom.”

THE FOUR TYPE OF SLEEPING

4-140 Abul-Hassan Muhammad ibn Amr ibn Ali ibn Abdullah al-Basry in Ilaq narrated that the preacher Abu Abdullah Muhammad ibn Abdullah ibn Ahmad ibn Jabalat quoted Abul Qasim Abdullah ibn Amer al-Ta’ee, on the authority of Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB), on the authority of Musa ibn Ja’far al-Kazim (MGB), on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB), on the authority of al-Hussein ibn Ali (425)
ibn Ali (MGB), “The Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) was in the Jamea Mosque in Kufa. A Syrian man came up to him and asked some questions including the following. He asked, ‘Tell me about sleeping. How many kinds of sleeping are there?’ He (MGB) replied, “There are four kinds of sleeping: the sleeping of the Prophets who sleep on their backs; the sleeping of the faithful believers who sleep on their right sides; the sleeping of the rulers and their offspring who sleep on their left sides so that they may digest all that they have eaten; and the sleeping of Satan, his brethren, and the insane ones who sleep on their stomachs.”

SATAN CRIED OUT FOUR TIMES

4-141 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Faz’zal, on the authority of Ali ibn Aqabah, on the authority of some companions that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Satan cried out four times. Firstly, it was on the day on which it was cursed. The second time was when it was sent down to the Earth. The third time was when Muhammad (MGB) was appointed to the Prophethood at the end of the Prophethood chain. Then it was when the Fatiha Chapter of the Quran was revealed. Satan was pleased twice: when Adam (MGB) ate of the forbidden tree, and when Adam (MGB) was sent down to the Earth.”

FOUR THINGS ARE VAIN TO DO

4-142 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Musa ibn Ja’far ibn Abi Ja’far al-Kumaydany quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hikam who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “O Ali! Four things are done in vain: eating after (attaining) satiety; lighting a lamp in moonlight; planting seeds in salty ground; and doing a favor for people who are not worthy of it.”

4-143 Muhammad ibn Ali ibn ash-Shah narrated that Abu Hamid quoted Abu Yazid Ahmad ibn Khalid al-Khalidy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Salih al-Tamimy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Hatam al-Qat’tan, on the authority of Hammad ibn Amr, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that the Prophet (MGB) in his will to Ali (MGB) said, “O Ali! Four things are done in vain: eating after (attaining) satiety; lighting a lamp in moonlight; planting seeds in salty
ground; and doing a favor for people who are not worthy of it.”

AS-SADIQ SAID THAT THE MUSLIMS HAVE FOUR FESTIVE DAYS
4-145 Ali ibn Ahmad ibn Musa - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Kufy quoted Al-Hussein ibn Ubaydullah al-Ash‘ari, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Isa ibn Ubayd, on the authority of Al-Qasim ibn Yahya, on the authority of his grandfather Al-Hassan ibn Rashid, on the authority of Al-Mufaz‘zal ibn Umar, “I asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), ‘How many festive days do the Muslims have?’ He (MGB) replied, ‘Four.’ I said, ‘I know about the two Eids (Festivals) and Fridays.’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘Even nobler and greater than them is the eighteenth day of Dhul-Hijja. That was the day on which God’s Prophet (MGB) raised Ali (MGB) up and appointed him as the Master of the people.’ I asked, ‘What should we do on that day?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘It is incumbent upon you to fast in gratitude and recite glorifications for God, even though God deserves to be thanked all the time. The Prophets (MGB) appointed their Trustees in the same manner. You should fast on the day on which the Trustee was appointed and consider it as a day of festivity. For whoever fasts on that day, it would be considered to be more rewarding than doing good deeds for sixty years.’

**REGARDING GOD’S WORDS TO ABRAHAM (MGB), ‘TAKE FOUR BIRDS. TAME THEM TO TURN TO THEE…’**

4-146 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted Abu Samina Muhammad ibn Ali al-Kufy, on the authority of Musa ibn Sa’edan, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Qasim, on the authority of Salih ibn Sahl that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said the following regarding the Honorable the Exalted God’s words, ‘Take four birds. Tame them to turn to thee. Put a portion of them on every hill and call out to them. They will come to thee (flying) with speed. Then know that God is Exalted in Power, Wise.’[454]

The Imam (MGB) said, “Abraham (MGB) took a hoopoe, a shrike, a peacock and a crow. He chopped them into pieces and mixed them up. Then he placed a part of their mixed flesh on top of (each of) the ten hills

4-147: إِنَّمَا أَوْلَىٰ مِنَ اللَّهِ الْمُسَلِّمُونَ وَلِلَّهِ الْقُرْءَانُ وَلِلَّهِ الْأَمَامُ وَلِلَّهِ الْعَلِيُّ وَلِلَّهِ الْمُسْلِمُونَ
around there. He held each bird’s beak in his hand. He placed some seeds and water near himself and called out to them. The various parts of each bird started to fly towards each other and formed a perfect body. Each body went towards its own head and joined it to become a live bird. Then Abraham (MGB) let their beaks go. The birds flew and then landed. They drank the water and ate some seeds and said, “O Prophet of God! You have revived us. May God revive you.” Abraham (MGB) said, “It is God who revives and takes away life. He has power over all things.”

This is the superficial interpretation.”

The Imam (MGB) added, “However, the deep interpretation of this verse is as follows: Find four of the wise people. Teach them your knowledge. Send them around the world to invite the people to worship God.”

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “I believe that Abraham (MGB) was ordered to do both things. The birds which he was ordered to catch were: a peacock, an eagle, a rooster and a duck. I heard Muhammad ibn Abdullah ibn Muhammad ibn Tayfur say the following regarding the following verse of the Holy Quran, ‘Behold! Abraham said, “My Lord! Show me how Thou givest life to the dead.” He said, “Dost thou not then believe?” He said, “Yea! but to satisfy My own undertaking.”’ He said, "Yea! but to satisfy My own undertaking.” He said, "Take four birds; Tame them to turn to thee; put a portion of them on every hill and call to them: They will come to thee (Flying) with speed. Then know that Allah is Exalted in Power, Wise.”” [455]

“Indeed the Honorable the Exalted God ordered Abraham to visit one of His good servants. When Abraham saw him, the man told him, ‘Indeed the Blessed the Sublime God has a servant in this world called Abraham whom He has taken as His friend.’ Abraham asked him, ‘What are the signs of this servant?’ The man said, ‘God will bring back to life the dead for him.’ Then Abraham had doubts that he himself may not be that servant. That is why Abraham asked God to bring the dead back to life for him. ‘He said, "Dost thou not then believe?” He said, "Yea! but to satisfy My own undertaking.”’ [456]

That was when he was ordered to offer his son Ishmael. Indeed the Honorable the Exalted God ordered Abraham (MGB) to offer four birds - a peacock, an eagle, a duck and a rooster. The
peacock referred to the adornments of this world. The eagle referred to great expectations. The duck referred to being needy, and the rooster referred to lustfulness. Indeed, in order to revive Abraham's heart, the Honorable the Exalted God told him that he should abandon these four characteristics, since as long as he have them you cannot be with God.”
نَقَّى يَخَّة نُكَي مِلُونِ: اِمْلَوْتُ قَطْفُ عَلَيْهِ.َََّت لاَذ هُدَّ رَفَاظُ نَكَّ "رَبَّ أَرْثِي كَيْفْ تُخْبِي النَّمُوْتِ" "أَنَا لَمَا قَالَ: بِسَرْهٕ وَحَّالَهُ، فَقَالَ:

فَقَرَرَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ بِسُوَاءِ عَنْهُ إِسْقَاطًا لِلْكَيْرِهِ عَنْهُ وَتَنْزِيَهَا لِمِنْ الشَّكَّ.

فِي هَٰيْكَ مِنْ وَجَلَّ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ يَغْلِبُ خَصَالٌ أَرْبَعَ.

سَابِعًا نَبِّيّ قَرْحَانَّ وَقَرْحَانَّ عَلِيّ نَبِيّ عُلِيّ رَبّ نَبِيٕ عُلِيّ غَمِّي نَبِيّ مَيْسِرَانَّ مَيْسِرَانَّ سَلَّمُ الْلَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَرَحْمَتُهُ عَلَيْهِ: ۴-۱۴۷

المَرْوَزيَّ قَالَ: حَدَّثَنَا يَحْيِي بْنُ نَعْمَانُ بْنُ حَجَرُ قَالَ: حَدَّثَنَا وَرْقَاءُ بْنُ عَمَرُ بْنُ عَمَرُ بْنُ عَمَرُ بْنُ عَمِّ مُخْرَجُ. بنعَمْانَ سَلَّمُ الْلَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَرَحْمَتُهُ عَلَيْهِ: إِنِّي عَزُوْلَ جِلْبُ يَغْلِبُ بِغْلَ مِنْ الْقَافِحِ.

السَّلَّامُ عَلَيْهِ وَرَحْمَتُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ.
PART 5-ON FIVE-NUMBERED CHARACTERISTICS

THE HEAVIEST FIVE THINGS ON THE BALANCE OF DEEDS

5-1 Abu Ahmad Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Bandar narrated that Abul Abbas al-Himady quoted Muhammad ibn Ali al-Sa’eq, on the authority of Amr ibn Sahl ibn Zanjelat al-Razi, on the authority of Al-Walid ibn Muslim, on the authority of Al-O’za’ee, on the authority of Abi Salam al-Aswad, on the authority of Abi Salim - the Prophet’s shepherd - that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The heaviest five things on the Balance of Deeds are Subhanallah, Valhamdulillah, La Ilaha illallah, Allaho Akbar and a good child who is patient when a Muslim dies.”

THE FIVE THINGS GOD ORDERED ONE OF HIS PROPHETS TO DO

5-2 Abul Fazl Tamim ibn Abdullah ibn Tamim al-Qurashi al-Hayri narrated that Abu Ali Ahmad ibn Ali al-Ansari in Neishaboort quoted his father, on the authority of Abul Salt Abdul Salam ibn Salih al-Haravy, that he had heard Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB) say, “The Honorable the Exalted God revealed the following to one of His Prophets: When you leave the house in the morning, eat the first thing that you encounter, hide the second thing, accept the third thing, do not disappoint the fourth and escape from the fifth. When he first left the house in the morning, he encountered a big black mountain. He said to himself that God -may His Majesty be Exalted- had ordered him to eat it, and he wondered how to do it. Then he thought that God would not order him to do what was beyond his power. So he moved towards the mountain. The closer he got to the mountain, the smaller
it became. When he finally reached it, it had turned into a small bite to eat. He ate it, and it was really delicious. He continued to go on until he reached a golden pan. He said to himself that the Honorable the Exalted God had ordered him to hide it. He dug a ditch, threw the golden pan in the ditch, covered it up with dirt, and started to go on his way again. However, then he noticed that the pan was visible out of the surface of the ground. He said to himself that he had done what the Honorable the Exalted God had ordered him to do and continued to go on. Then he suddenly saw a bird being pursued by a falcon trying to hunt it. The falcon was flying around the bird. The Prophet (MGB) remembered that God had ordered him to accept this one. He opened his sleeve, and the bird entered it. The falcon told the Prophet (MGB), ‘You have caught the prey that I was after for a few days.’ Then he remembered that the Honorable the Exalted God had ordered him not to disappoint this one. Then he cut a piece of the bird's leg and threw it to the falcon. He continued to go on, and saw a piece of rotten meat. He remembered that the Honorable the Exalted God had ordered him to escape from this one, and he escaped from it.

When he returned home and went to sleep, he had a dream. He was told, ‘You performed your mission, and did whatever you were instructed to do. Do you know what the philosophy behind all these issues is?’ He said, ‘No.’ He was told, ‘That mountain was anger. Whenever one gets angry, he doesn’t see himself and doesn’t realize his situation. If he restrains himself, recognizes his position and quenches his anger, the end is like a delicious bite which he eats. The golden pan is indeed man's good deeds which are better to hide, but God will make them apparent so that he is adorned by them, and he receives the reward in the Hereafter. However, the bird is like a man who advises you, and you should accept his advice. The falcon is like a man who comes to you and asks you to fulfill his needs. You should not disappoint him. The rotten meat is like gossip which you should avoid.’”

THE FIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF COMBING

5-3 Isma’il ibn Mansoor ibn Ahmad al-Qisar in Furqani narrated that Abu Abdullah Muhammad ibn al-Qasim ibn Muhammad ibn Abdullah ibn al-Hassan ibn Ja’far ibn al-Hassan ibn al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) quoted Ahmad ibn Ali al-Ansari Abu Ali, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid al-Barqy, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Faz’zal, on the authority of Sa’alabat ibn Maymun, on the authority of Abdul Rahman ibn al-Hajjaj, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) regarding the following words of the Honorable the Exalted God, ‘O Children of Adam! Wear your beautiful apparel at every time and place of
prayer: eat and drink: But waste not by excess, for Allah loveth not the wasters.' [458] He said, 'Combing attracts the daily sustenance; it improves the hair; it fulfills the needs; it increases the amount of semen; and it reduces the phlegm.' [459] He continued, 'God’s Prophet (MGB) combed his beard forty times upwards and seven times downwards and said, 'This will improve the mind and stop the phlegm.'"

THE FIVE SIGNS OF A BELIEVER

5-4 Abdullah ibn al-Nazr ibn Sam’an al-Tamimy - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abul Qasim Ja’far ibn Muhammad al-Maliki quoted Abul Hassan Abdullah ibn Muhammad al-Kharani, on the authority of Salih ibn Zyad, on the authority of Abi Uthman Abd ibn Maymun al-Sakoony, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Mo’an al-Azodi [460], on the authority of Imran ibn Suleiman [461], on the authority of Tavoos ibn al-Yaman, “I heard Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB) say, ‘There are five signs for a believer.’ I asked the Imam (MGB), ‘O son of God’s Prophet! What are they?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘Piety in private; charity at times of poverty; perseverance at times of calamity; patience at times of anger; truthfulness at times of fear.’”

FIVE THINGS ARE IMPOSSIBLE FROM FIVE
5-5 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn al-Hussein al-Sa’ed Abady, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Five things are impossible from five: good advice from a jealous person; mercy from an enemy; sanctity from a corrupt person; loyalty from a woman; and grandeur from a poor person.”

FIVE AS FIFTY

5-6 Abu Ahmad Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Bandar narrated that Abul Qasim Sa’id ibn Ahmad ibn Abi Salim quoted Abu Zakarya Yahya ibn al-Fazl al-Var’raq, on the authority of Yahya ibn Musa, on the authority of Abdul Raz’zaq, on the authority of Mu’amir, on the authority of Al-Zuhra, on the authority of Ans, “On the night of Ascension it became incumbent upon the Prophet (MGB) to say fifty units of prayers. Then it was reduced to five units. There came a call saying, ‘O Muhammad! My Orders should not be changed. Saying five units of prayers is as if saying fifty units.’”

5-7 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quoted Muawiyah ibn Hakim, on the authority of Ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Abil Hassan al-Azodi that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “When the Honorable the Exalted God lightened the prayers to five units for the Prophet (MGB), God revealed to him (MGB), ‘O Muhammad! Five is as fifty.’”
THE FIVE WORDS BY WHICH ADAM REPENTED

5-8 Abul Hassan Ali ibn al-Fazl ibn al-Ab’bas al-Baghdady narrated that Ali Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Suleiman al-Harith quoted Muhammad ibn Ali ibn Khalid al-At’tar, on the authority of Hussein al-Ashqar[462], on the authority of Amr ibn Abil Meqdam, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Sa’id ibn Jabir, on the authority of Ibn Abbas[463], “I asked the Prophet (MGB) about the words by which Adam’s prayers were accepted when he repented. The Prophet (MGB) replied, “Adam (MGB) asked God to accept his repentance by the rightfulness of Muhammad, Ali, Fatimah, Al-Hassan and Al-Hussein!” This narration has also been recorded by the author in his Interpretation of the Quran.

FIVE THINGS WHICH COULD RESULT IN VITILIGO [464]

5-9 Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Masroor - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Al-Hussein ibn Muhammad ibn Amer quoted his uncle Abdullah ibn Amer, on the authority of Abu Ahmad Muhammad ibn Zyad al-Azodi (who is Ibn Abi Umayr), on the authority of Aban ibn Uthman al-Ahmar, on the authority of Aban ibn Taqlib, on the authority of Akrama, on the authority of Ibn Abbas that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are five things which could result in vitiligo: applying depilatory[465] on Wednesdays and Fridays; making ablutions or performing the major ritual ablutions (ghusl) using water that has been heated in the sun; eating when you are in a state of major ritual impurity; making love to women during their period; and eating after becoming full.”

AS-SADIQ (MGB): FIVE THINGS ARE AS I SAY THEY ARE

5-10 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Musa ibn Umar, on the authority of Abi Ali ibn Rashid who linked it up through a chain of
narrators to Imam as-Sadiq (MGB), “There are five things which are as I say. Greedy persons have no comfort. Jealous persons have no pleasure. Rulers are not loyal. Liars are not manly. Fools will not become masters.”

**FIVE TRADITIONS RELATED TO THE HEAD AND FIVE TO THE BODY**

5-11 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Faz‘zal, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn al-Jahn, on the authority of Abul Hassan Musa ibn Ja‘far (MGB), “Five traditions are related to the head, and five traditions are related to the body. The five related to the head are: brushing the teeth; shaving the moustache; parting one’s hair; gargling; and taking water into the nose. The five traditions related to the body are: circumcision; shaving pubic hair; trimming underarm hair; clipping one’s nails; and washing up after going to the toilet.”
THE PROPHET: I SHALL NOT ABANDON FIVE THINGS UNTIL MY DEATH

5-12 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn al-Hussein al-Sa’ed Abady quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr and Safvan ibn Yahya, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Mus’ab that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) narrated that he (MGB) had heard his father (MGB) quote on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are five things that I will not abandon until my death. They are: eating on the ground along with other people; riding saddled donkeys, personally milking she-goats; wearing woolen clothes and greeting children. This is done so that these become common practice for them after me.”

5-13 Muhammad ibn Umar al-Baghdady al-Hafiz narrated that Abul Qasim Ishaq ibn Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya ibn Abdullah ibn Muhammad ibn Umar ibn Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) quoted Abi Ja’far ibn Muhammad al-Alavi, on the authority of Ali ibn Muhammad al-Alavi - known as Moshilil, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Muhammad al-Qurashi, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Abi Zyad al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father Muhammad ibn Ali al-Ba’qir (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are five things that I will not abandon until my death. They are: wearing woolen clothes; riding saddled donkeys; eating along with other people; mending my shoes with my own hands; and greeting children. This is done so that these become common practice after me.”

FIVE THINGS ARE BAD OMENS FOR A TRAVELER

5-14 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Bakr ibn Salih, on the authority of Suleiman al-Ja’fari that he had heard Abal-Hassan (MGB) say, “The following five things are considered to be a bad omen if they appear along the path of a traveler: crows making sounds from his right side; a wolf sitting on its tail and howling in his face, while first raising and then lowering its voice for three times; a deer coming from the right side and going to the north; a screaming owl; the private parts of a grey-haired woman; a female donkey whose tail has been chopped off. Anyone who runs into one of these and gets worried should say, ‘O my Lord! I seek refuge in You from the evils which I find within me. So please protect me from them.’”
THE FIVE WHO CRIED

5-15 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Al-Abbas ibn Ma’ruf, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sahl al-Bahrani who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “There are five who cried: Adam (MGB); Jacob (MGB); Joseph (MGB); Fatimah - the daughter of Muhammad (MGB); and Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB).” Adam (MGB) cried over Paradise so much that his tears flowed like a creek on his face.

Jacob (MGB) cried for Joseph (MGB) so much that he became blind and he was told, ‘By Allah, (never) wilt thou cease to remember Joseph until thou reach the last extremity of illness, or until thou die!’ [466]

And Joseph (MGB) cried for Jacob (MGB) so much in the prison that the other prisoners asked him to either cry in the daytime or at night. He (MGB) accepted and only cried once every twenty-four hours.

And Fatimah (MGB) cried over God’s Prophet (MGB) so much that the residents of Medina got
upset and told her that her crying is bothering them. Then she left the town every day and went to the graveyards of the martyrs, where she cried and then she returned. Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB) cried over Al-Hussein (MGB) for twenty of forty years. He (MGB) cried whenever he wanted to eat or drink until his servant told him, “O (grand)son of God’s Prophet! May I be your ransom! I fear that you may perish!” As-Sajjad replied, ‘I shall take my sorrow and complaint to God. I know what you do not know. Whenever I remember the martyrdom of the children of Fatimah (MGB) I cry.’

THE FIVE MAJOR SINS

5-16 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ayoob ibn Nooh and Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of some companions, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that he had seen the following in Ali’s (MGB) Book, “There are five major sins: associating others as partners with the Honorable the Exalted God; damnation of parents; usury after having clear proof of its forbiddance; escaping from a holy war and emigration from an Islamic environment.”

5-17 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Abdul Aziz al-Abdi, on the authority of Ubayd ibn Zurarah, “I asked Aba...
Abdullah as-Sadiq to tell me about the major sins. The Imam (MGB) told me, ‘They are related to the following five which God has made incumbent not to do upon you. The Honorable the Exalted God has said, ‘Those who unjustly eat up the property of orphans, eat up a Fire into their own bodies: They will soon be enduring a Blazing Fire!’ God has also said, ‘O ye who believe! when ye meet the Unbelievers in hostile array, never turn your backs to them.’ God has also said, ‘O ye who believe! Fear God, and give up what remains of your demand for usury, if ye are indeed believers.’

**GOD APPOINTED MUHAMMAD (MGB) WITH FIVE SWORDS**

5-18 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Al-Qasim ibn Muhammad al-Isfahani, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Davood al-Minqari, on the authority of Hafs ibn Qiyath on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “A man asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) about the battles of the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB). The man was one of those who love us. Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) told him, ‘Indeed the Honorable the Exalted God appointed five swords to Muhammad (MGB). Three of them were never besheathed until the wars are over in the world. The wars in this world will not end until the sun rises from where it sets. On the day the sun rises from the west, everyone will be safe all over the world. On that day, the belief of those without a previous record of belief or have not done any good deeds, while they had belief would not do them any good. One of those swords is wrapped up and the other one is sheathed. It is meant to be drawn for others, but its control has been entrusted with us. And the other three swords are as follows. The first is the sword drawn upon the Arab unbelievers. The Blessed the Sublime God said, ‘But when the forbidden months are past, then fight and slay the Pagans wherever ye find them, an seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem (of war); but if they repent, and establish regular prayers and practise regular charity, then open the way for them: for Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.’ Nothing is accepted from these pagans unless they are killed by the sword, or accept Islam. Once they get killed, their wealth is seized and their children are captured. When the Prophet (MGB) captured any of them, he (MGB) forgave them and took some money for ransom and freed them. The second sword is that which is used for the people who are under the protection of Islam. The Honorable the Exalted God says, ‘… speak fair to the people…’ This was changed later and the following verse was revealed,
Fight those who believe not in God nor the Last Day, nor hold that forbidden which hath been forbidden by God and His Apostle, nor acknowledge the religion of Truth. (even if they are) of the People of the Book, until they pay the Jizya with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued.' [473] Those of them who live in a Muslim country should pay the Jizya [474] (the poll-tax [475]) or be killed. If they agree to pay the poll-tax then they cannot be taken as captives; their property is to be safeguarded; and we can marry their women. We cannot accept any poll-tax from those of them who live in an enemy country that are at war with us. We can shed their blood and seize their property, but cannot marry their women. They should either be killed or accept Islam. And the third sword was drawn upon the non-Arab atheists - that is the Turks, the Deilams and the Khazars. The Honorable the Exalted God says, ‘Therefore, when ye meet the Unbelievers (in fight), smite at their necks; At length, when ye have thoroughly subdued them, bind a bond firmly (on them): thereafter (is the time for) either generosity or ransom: Until the war lays down its burdens. Thus (are ye commanded): but if it had been Allah's Will, He could certainly have exacted retribution from them (Himself)…’ [476] This implies that they should be killed unless they sign a treaty with you and pay ransom. As long as they are at war with the Muslims, no one can marry their women. And the sword that is wrapped up is the sword of the rebellious ones whose deeds would end up in war as the Blessed the Sublime God says, ‘If two parties among the Believers fall into a quarrel, make ye peace between them: but if one of them transgresses beyond bounds against the other, then fight ye (all) against the one that transgresses until it complies with the Command of God...’ [477] the Honorable the Exalted. Once this verse was revealed, the Prophet of God (MGB) said, 'There is someone who is going to fight against
those who transgress after me amongst you.’ He was asked, ‘Who is that?’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘The one who mends his shoes’ while he (MGB) was referring to the Commander of the Faithful Ali (MGB). Am‘mar ibn Yasir said,\[478\] ‘I have fought along with the Prophet (MGB) and his household with three groups of unbelievers under this flag and this is the fourth group with whom I fight. I swear by God that even if they drive us back as far away as the date plantations of Hajar.\[479\] we are sure that we are rightful and they are deviated. The way the Commander of the Faithful (MGB) treated the rebellious ones was the same as that of God’s Prophet (MGB) with the people of Mecca at the time he (MGB) conquered Mecca. The Prophet (MGB) did not capture their offspring and ordered that anyone who sits in his home and puts his armaments aside is safe; anyone who had entered the house of Abu Sufyan\[480\] is safe. This was the same way that the Commander of the Faithful

Ali (MGB) ordered in Basra during the Battle of Jamal: do not capture the rebellions’ offspring; do not kill their injured ones and do not pursue those who escape. Whoever closes the door of his house\[481\] and puts his armaments aside is safe. And the sword which is left in its sheath is the sword with which punishment by the law of retaliation is to be performed as the Honorable the Exalted God says, ‘…Life for life…’.\[482\] This sword is meant to be for the relatives of the person who has been killed, but the ruling over it has been entrusted with us. These were the swords which the Honorable the Exalted God appointed to His Prophet. Whoever denies them or denies any of the decrees regarding them has indeed rejected whatever God has revealed to Muhammad (MGB).’
THE FIVE CONDITIONS OF FRIENDSHIP

5-19 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Al-Haysam ibn Abi Masruq al-Nehdi quoted Abdul Aziz ibn Umar al-Vaseti, on the authority of Abi Khalid al-Sejestani, on the authority of Yazid ibn Khalid al-Neishabooriy that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Friendship has certain conditions. Do not consider one who doesn’t have these conditions to be your perfect friend. Whoever doesn’t have any of these conditions has no basis for being your friend. The first condition is that he should be so honest with you that his hidden personality and his evident personality are the same for you. The second condition is that he should consider your good name as his own good name and your badness as his own badness. The third condition is that he should not change when he gets some wealth or a position. The fourth condition is that he should not withhold from you what he can. And the fifth condition is that he should not leave you alone at times of hardship.”

A BELIEVER ROLLS IN FIVE TYPES OF LIGHT

5-20 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrih, on the authority of A-Muqayrih, on the authority of Talha ibn Zayd, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB) that Ali (MGB) said, “A believer rolls in five types of light: There is light from where he comes; there is light from where he leaves; there is light in his knowledge; there is light in his speech and there is light in him on the Resurrection Day.”

THE FIVE PILLARS UPON WHICH ISLAM IS FOUNDED

5-21 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Qasim ibn al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Yaqtayn, on the authority of Ibn Abi Najran, and Ja’far ibn Suleiman, on the authority of Al-Ala’ ibn

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Razin, on the authority of Abi Hamzih al-Sumaly that Abu Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “Islam is founded upon five pillars: saying the prayers; giving the alms-tax; going on the Hajj pilgrimage to the House of God; fasting in the month of Ramazan; and the Mastery of us - the members of the Holy Household. God has granted permission regarding four of them, but has not granted any permission regarding Mastery. Whoever doesn’t have any property doesn’t have to pay the alms-tax. Whoever doesn’t have any money doesn’t have to go on the Hajj pilgrimage. Whoever is ill can postpone saying his prayers and not fast during the month of Ramazan. However, our Mastery holds whether you are ill or not and whether you have property or not, it is necessary (and incumbent.)”

**THE FIVE NAMES OF MECCA**

5-22 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abi Nasr al-Bazanty, on the authority of Aiman ibn Mohraz, on the authority of Muawiyah ibn Ammar that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Mecca has five names. They are, ‘Ummul Qura[483]’ Mecca, Becca, Bassasa since anyone who performed any acts of oppression there was deported from it and destroyed, and ‘Umma Ruhm[484] since they had mercy with whomever took refuge there.”

**GOD MADE IT INCUMBENT UPON HIS SERVANTS TO PRAY FIVE TIMES**

5-23 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Al-Qasim ibn Muhammad al-Isfahani, on the authority
of Suleiman ibn Davood al-Minqari, on the authority of Hammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “In fact, the Honorable the Exalted God has made it incumbent upon you to pray five times at the noblest times. I advise you to say supplications after you say your prayers.”

THE FIVE WHO MADE FUN OF GOD’S PROPHET

5-24 Ahmad ibn Zyad ibn Ja’far al-Hamedany - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Aba ibn (Uthman) al-Ahmar who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Al-Saqafy, “Those who made fun of God’s Prophet (MGB) were five: They were al-Walid ibn Muqayrih al-Makhzoomi, al-As ibn Va’el al-Sahmi, Al-Aswad ibn Abdeh Yaqouth al-Zohri, Aswad ibn Abdul Mutalib and al-Tala’talat al-Saqafy.”

5-25 Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Abul Qasim Abdul Rahman ibn Muhammad al-Hassani quoted Abul Abbas Muhammad ibn Ali al-Khorasani, on the authority of Abu Sa’id Sahl ibn Salih al-Ab’basi on the
authority of his father and Ibrahim ibn Abdul Rahman al-E’lee[485], on the authority of Musa ibn Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Ali ibn al-Hussein ibn Ali ibn Abi Talib, on the authority of his father Muhammad ibn Ali, on the authority of his father Ali ibn al-Hussein (MGB), on the authority of his father Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB) that in response to a question asked by a Syrian Jew who was one of the learned men of the Syrian Jews, the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) told him, “Regarding those who make fun of us it is enough to note what the Honorable the Exalted God says, ‘For sufficient are We unto thee against those who scoff’[486] God killed all five of them on one day. One day Al-Walid ibn Muqayrih passed a man from the Khaza’eh clan who had spread his arrows on the ground and was sharpening them. One of the arrows flew up, hit him, cut his jugular vein and blood ran down his neck until he died, while he was yelling ‘Muhammad’s God killed me!’ Al-As ibn Va’el al-Sahmi went out of his house to Arafat[487] in order to fulfill his needs. A pebble rolled under his foot and he fell down. He died while he was yelling ‘Muhammad’s God killed me!’ Al-Aswad ibn Abdeh Yaqouth went out with his servant to meet his son Zameh. He rested under the shadow of a tree which was on the slope of a hill. Gabriel (MGB) came down, grabbed his head and beat it against the tree. Then he told his servant, ‘Save me from this man!’ His servant replied, ‘I do not see anyone there. You are beating your head on the tree yourself.’ He died while he was yelling ‘Muhammad’s God killed me!’

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, ‘In another tradition it has been narrated that the Prophet (MGB) had cursed Al-Aswad (ibn Abdeh Yaqouth) and had wished that God make him blind and kill his child. On the day when he reached that place, Gabriel (MGB) touched him with a green leaf which made him blind. He survived until the Honorable the Exalted God took away the life of his son in the Battle of Badr and then he himself died.’

And Al-Harith ibn al-Tala’talat left his house when a hot wind was blowing. The wind blew upon him until he became like an Ethiopian man since he had become very black-faced. When he returned home, he was asked, ‘Who are you?’ He said, ‘I am Al-Harith.’ However, they did not believe him. They became so angry with him that they killed him. He died while he was yelling ‘Muhammad’s God killed me!’

Al-Aswad ibn Abdul Mutalib[488] ate a salty fish. He became very thirsty. He drank a lot of water and his stomach swelled up. He died while he was yelling ‘Muhammad’s God killed me!’

All this happened at the same time. That was because they had gone to God’s Prophet (MGB) and said, ‘If you
put aside what you claim until noon, it is fine. If not we will kill you.’ The Prophet (MGB) returned home while he was sad and had locked himself up. At that time, Gabriel (MGB) descended to him and said, ‘O Muhammad! God greets you and says “Openly attend to what you have been ordered to do.” This means that he (MGB) should publicly announce his call to the people of Mecca and “turn away from the atheists.” The Prophet (MGB) had said, ‘O Gabriel! How should I deal with those who make fun of me and those who are my enemies?’ Gabriel (MGB) had replied, ‘The Exalted God says, “For sufficient are We unto thee against those who scoff.”’ Then the Prophet (MGB) said, ‘They were all with me recently and threatened me.’ Gabriel (MGB) said, ‘We will get rid of them!’ It was then that the Prophet (MGB) openly invited people to Islam.”

This is a long narration. I have already included as much of it as necessary here. I have presented the full tradition at the end of the fourth section of my book Kitab al-Nabuwat.
THERE ARE FIVE TAKBIRS IN THE PRAYER OVER THE DEAD

5-26 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hikam, on the authority of Umair ibn Abdul-Malik al-Hazrami, on the authority of Abu Bakr al-Hazrami, “Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) asked me, ‘O Abu Bakr! Do you know how the prayer over the dead is?’ I answered, ‘No.’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘There are five Takbirs (saying God is Great) in the prayer over the dead. Do you know why there are five?’ I said, ‘No.’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘The five has been derived from the five daily prayers - one Takbir from each.’”

5-27 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa and Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Faz’al, on the authority of Yunus ibn Yaqoob, on the authority of Sufyan ibn al-Samt that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “When Adam (MGB) became ill, he asked for some fruit. His son Seth[490] entitled Habbatullah went to find some fruit for him. Then Gabriel (MGB) went to him and asked, ‘Where are you going?’ Seth replied, ‘Adam is ill and wants some fruit.’ Gabriel told him, ‘Return home since the Honorable the Exalted God already took his life.’ Seth returned and saw that the Honorable the Exalted God had taken away his father’s life. The angels performed the ritual ablutions (wuzu) for the deceased, and placed his corpse near Seth. Seth was ordered to stand in the front and pray over the corpse. He stood in front and the angels stood behind him and prayed for Adam (MGB). The Honorable the Exalted God revealed upon Seth to say five Takbirs (God is Great) for him, dictate to him (Talqin).[491] put him (MGB) in the grave and even out the grave with the soil. Then God said, ‘Always treat your dead ones this way.’”

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THE FIVE FORMS OF FEAR

5-28 There are five types of fear: ‘fear’; ‘truly fear’; ‘Feeling a tremor in one’s heart’; ‘Reverence’; ‘Awesomeness.’ Fear is for those who commit sins. ‘Truly fearing’ is for the knowledgeable ones. ‘Feeling a tremor in one’s heart’ is for those inclined to God. ‘Reverence’ is for the worshippers and ‘Awesomeness’ is for the learned ones. Regarding fear, the Honorable the Exalted God says, ‘But for such as fear the time when they will stand before (the Judgment Seat of) their Lord, there will be two Gardens.’[492]

‘Truly fear’ refers to the fact that they consider themselves to be at fault as the Honorable the Exalted God says, ‘Those truly fear God, among His Servants, who have knowledge:…’[493]

‘Feeling a tremor in one’s heart’ is for when one has not been of enough service as the Honorable the Exalted God says, ‘… those who, when God is mentioned, feel a tremor in their hearts,…’[494]

‘Reverence’ implies that one sees himself to be at fault as the Honorable the Exalted God says, ‘… they used to call on Us with love and reverence,…’[495]

‘Awesomeness’ is for witnessing the truth when God’s secrets are clarified and found out from the hearts of the learned ones. And what the Honorable the Exalted God said, ‘…But God cautions you (to remember) Himself…’[496] also refers to this point.

It has been narrated that the Prophet’s heart could be heard that sounded like the boiling of a pan due to God’s fear when he (MGB) prayed. Abu Muhammad Abdullah ibn Hamed has also cited a similar narration which he has linked up through a chain of narrators to some of the good-doers.

FIVE CHARACTERISTICS WHICH GOD AND HIS PROPHET LOVE

5-29 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah Al-Barqy, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Hisham ibn Salim, on the
authority of Abi Ubaydat al-Haza’a that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “They brought several captives to the Prophet (MGB). He ordered all but one off them to be killed. That captive asked, ‘O Prophet of God! Why did you free me from amongst us?’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Gabriel informed me that God - may His Majesty be Exalted - said that you have five characteristics which God and His Prophet (MGB) love: serious zeal about your family, generosity, being good-tempered, honesty, and bravery.’ When the man heard this, he accepted Islam and became a good Muslim. He accompanied the Prophet in a holy war, really fought hard and was martyred.”

WEALTH CANNOT BE ACCUMULATED WITHOUT FIVE CHARACTERISTICS

5-30 Ahmad ibn Harun al-Fami - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Ja’far ibn Bot’tat quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Isma’il ibn Bazi’a that he had heard Al-Reza (MGB) say, “Wealth cannot be accumulated unless through five deeds: extreme jealousy; high aspirations; a lot of greed; cutting off ties of kinship; and preferring this world to
THE REWARD OF PERFORMING THE HAJJ PILGRIMAGE FIVE TIMES

5-31 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Mu’azi, on the authority of Muhammad Khalid al-Tayalesi, on the authority of Sayf ibn Umayrih, on the authority of Abu Bakr al-Hazrami, “I asked Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), ‘What is the reward of someone who performs the Hajj pilgrimage five times?’ He (MGB) replied, ‘God will never punish one who performs the Hajj pilgrimage five times.’”

GOD WILL TRY FIVE GROUPS OF PEOPLE ON THE RESURRECTION DAY

5-32 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ali ibn Isma’il, on the authority of Hammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Hurayz, on the authority of Zurarah that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “The Honorable the Exalted God would try the following five groups of people on the Resurrection Day: children who have died; those who died during the period of time between two consecutive Prophets (and were not given an ultimatum); those who lived at the time of the Prophet (MGB), but did not have enough intellect (to recognize his religious duties); the deaf; the dumb; and the insane ones. Each of these will ask the Honorable the Exalted God for a Proof on the Resurrection Day. God will then appoint a Prophet for them who shall light a fire and tell them, ‘God has ordered you to go through the fire.’ The fire will cool down for anyone who goes through it and he will come out of it healthy. However, those who rebel would go to Hell.”

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “Some of the learned men deny this tradition and say, ‘There shall be no duties and trials imposed on the Resurrection Day in the final abode.’ However, the final abode for the believers is Paradise and that of unbelievers is Hell. However, the trials of these people by the Honorable the Exalted God mentioned above is neither in Paradise nor Hell. Thus, God will not charge them to perform some acts in their final abode. Rather God tries them to see whether they obey Him or disobey Him. Therefore, there is no basis to deny the above tradition. There is no power but in God.
EATING FIVE PARTS OF SHEEP IS DISLIKED

5-33 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Hilal, on the authority of Isa ibn Abdullah al-Hashemi, on the authority of his father, on the authority of his grandfather, on the authority of his forefathers that Ali (MGB) said, “God’s Prophet (MGB) disliked eating five parts of sheep: the spleen; the penis; the balls; the vagina; and the corners of the heart.”

ONE WHO LACKS FIVE CHARACTERISTICS SHALL NOT BE BENEFICIAL

5-34 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Abu Abdullah al-Razi, on the authority of Sajada, on the authority of Durost, on the authority of Abi Khalid al-Sejestani that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “One who doesn’t have the following five characteristics shall not be beneficial: being loyal; being a good manager; being modest; having a good temper and the last one is being a freedom-lover which is the combination of all the previously mentioned characteristics.”

5-35 He (MGB) also said, “Anyone who doesn’t have one of the following will always have an incomplete life; be unwise and always worried: health, security; abundance of daily bread; a
sympathetic companion.” He (MGB) was asked, “Who would constitute a sympathetic companion?” He (MGB) replied, “A good wife; a good child or a good friend. And the last thing which includes all the others is comfort.”

THE FIVE INSTANCES FOR RENEWING ONE’S PRAYER

5-36 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Hammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Hurayz, on the authority of Zurarah that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Do not say your prayer again except for five issues: purity; proper time; the proper direction (of the Qibla) to which you turn to pray; the bowing down; and the prostration.” Then he (MGB) added, “Reciting, the Tashahhud[497] and the Takbir (saying God is Great) are due to the Prophet’s tradition. What is done based on the Prophet’s tradition is not contradictory to God’s ordinance.”

5-37 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Uthman ibn Isa, on the authority of Uthman ibn Isa, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Miskan that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “No less than five characteristics are distributed among the servants of God: certitude, contentment, perseverance, gratitude, and intelligence which perfects them all.”
SATAN CANNOT CONTROL FIVE

5-38 Ahmad ibn Harun al-Fami - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Ja’far ibn Bat’tat quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah Al-Barqy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Safvan ibn Yahya who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “The damned Satan says that there are five types of people which he cannot deceive while he has full control over others. The first type consists of those who sincerely take refuge in God and rely on Him in all their affairs. The second type consists of those who recite the praises of their Lord often in daytime and at night. The third type are those who like for their believing brothers whatever they like for themselves. The fourth type consists of those who do not lose their calmness at times of calamities. The fifth type are those who are content with what God has given them and do not grieve about their share of daily bread.”

A BUSINESS MAN MUST AVOID FIVE THINGS

5-39 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Whoever engages in buying and selling should avoid the following five things. He should not do any business if he cannot do so. They are as follows: usury; swearing to something or someone; covering up the defects of his goods; praising the goods while selling them, and finding faults with goods while buying them.”

FIVE THINGS WILL BREAK ONE’S FAST

5-40 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father Muhammad ibn Khalid who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Five things will break one’s fast: to eat; to drink; to have sexual intercourse; to
submerge the whole body in water; and to ascribe lies to God, His Prophet (MGB) and the Immaculate Imams (MGB).”

**ALI (MGB) SAID FIVE THINGS ARE ESPECIALLY FOR THEM**

5-41 Abul Abbas Muhammad ibn Ibrahim ibn Ishaq al-Taleqani - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abu Sa’id al-Hassan ibn Ali al-Ado’we quoted Muhammad ibn Khalil ibn Ali al-Ab’basi, on the authority of Abi Khalilan, on the authority of his father, on the authority of his grandfather, on the authority of his forefathers that Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) said, “Five things are especially ours: eloquence in speech, beautifulness, generosity, nobility and benefiting from women.”
FIVE GROUPS HAVE A NAUGHTY NATURE

5-42 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father and Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar and Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-As’ari who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Five groups have a naughty nature: those who are unusually tall, those who are unusually short; the dark-eyed ones whose eyes are somewhat green, those born with an apophysis, and the deformed ones.”

FIVE GROUPS OF PEOPLE TO AVOID UNDER ALL CONDITIONS

5-43 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Sahl ibn Zyad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Ubaydullah ibn Abdullah al-Dihqan, on the authority of Durost, on the authority of Abi Ibrahim Al-Kazim (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “You should avoid the following five groups of people under all circumstances: those who have leprosy; those who have vitiligo; the insane; those born of adultery; and the Bedouin Arabs.”

THE FIVE RANKS OF KNOWLEDGE


FIVE JOBS ARE UNDESIRABLE

5-45 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ubaydullah al-Dihqan, on the authority of Durost, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Abdul-Hamid, on the authority of Abil Hassan Musa ibn Ja’far al-Kazim (MGB), “A man went to see the Prophet (MGB) and
said, ‘O Prophet of God! I have taught my son how to write. What should he engage in now?’

The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘Have him do any job but the following five: selling shrouds for the dead; working as a goldsmith[499]; slaughtering quadrupeds; selling wheat; and selling slaves. The reason behind this is as follows. One who sells shrouds for the dead would wish the death of his people, while even a baby from my followers is superior to all the people on the Earth in my sight. A goldsmith would plan to have the people lose their money. When a slaughterer of quadrupeds kills the quadrupeds, he will not forgive others wholeheartedly. A wheat-seller would hoard up the wheat and withhold it from my followers. It would be better if one has stolen something when he meets God, than having hoarded up food for forty days (in order to sell it at a higher price). Selling slaves is a bad job since once Gabriel descended to me and said, ‘Those who sell slaves are the worst people amongst your followers.’”

**FIVE PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN ALMS**
5-46 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Abi Ishaq Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Abi Talib Abdullah ibn al-Salt al-Qumi, on the authority of some companions who linked it up to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Five people should not be given alms as follows: one’s offspring; one’s parents; one’s wife and one’s servant, since one must pay for their expenses anyways.”

A CONGREGATION IS NOT FORMED WITH LESS THAN FIVE

5-47 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad Abi Nasr al-Bizanti, on the authority of Asim ibn Abdul Hamid al-Han’nat, on the authority of Abi Basir that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “A congregation is not formed with less than five.”

THERE ARE FIVE HEAVENLY FRUITS IN THIS WORLD

5-48 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Suleiman al-Kufy, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Yahya al-Tahan, on the authority of someone who quoted Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “There are five heavenly fruits in this world. They are pomegranates, apples, quince, grapes, and ripe dates.”

THE PROPHET HAS ADMONISHED AGAINST FIVE THINGS

5-49 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father -may God be pleased with him- narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad and Abdullah
لا يجوز [الرجل] على النفقة عليهم.

خمسة من بأقل جماعة يكون لا

5-47 نع، يبيع نبا دم، نب دم، نب دم، نب دم. استدح: لائق من نبا يضير يبأا. أسلم قال: لا تكون جماعة بأقل من خمسة.

الد يافي الحجة فاكية من خمس

5-48 نع، يبيع نبا دم، نب دم، نب دم. استدح: لائق من نبا يضير يبأا. أسلم محمد بن سليمان الكوفي، عن أحمد بن يحيى الطحان، عن حدثه عن أبي عبد الله عليه السلام من فاكية الحجة في الدن坝: الدن ود الإسمسي والتفاح، والمسفر، والرع، والزلف، والرتب المشان. قال: خ

5-49 نب دم، نب دم، نب دم، نب دم، نب دم. استدح: لائق من نبا يضير يبأا. أسلم محمد بن عثمان بن الحمد بن أبي عيسى، عن محمد بن أبي عمر بن حماد.

ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Hammad ibn Uthman, on the authority of al-Halabi, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that Ali (MGB) said, “The Prophet (MGB) has admonished us (Imams) against five things. I am not saying that he (MGB) has admonished you against them. They are as follows: wearing a gold ring on the fingers; wearing silk clothes from Egypt; wearing red clothes; using highly reddish blankets; and reciting the Quran while bowing down.”

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “What is meant by silk clothes from Egypt is clothes made from a fabric which is woven with silk and comes from Egypt.”

NO ONE IS AWARE OF FIVE THINGS

5-50 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Abdul Rahman ibn Himad, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Abdul-Hamid, on the authority of Abi Usamah, “Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) asked me, ‘Do you want me to inform you about five things which no one is aware of? I said, ‘Yes.’ He (MGB) replied, ‘Verily the knowledge of the Hour is with God (alone). It is He Who sends down rain, and He Who knows what is in the wombs. Nor does anyone know what it is that he will earn on the morrow: Nor does anyone know in what land he is to die. Verily with God is full knowledge and He is acquainted (with all things).’” [500]

THE PERFECTION OF A MUSLIM’S FAITH CAN BE RECOGNIZED BY FIVE THINGS
5-51 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn Al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja'far al-Homayry quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Abi Vilad (al-Hinat), on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB) said, “Indeed the perfection of a Muslim’s faith can be recognized by the following five things: not saying absurd things; quarrelling rarely; having perseverance; being patient and being good-tempered.”

**ON WHAT REQUIRES THE ONE-FIFTH LEVY (KHUMS)**

5-52 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Ammar ibn Marvan, “I heard Ama Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, ‘There is one-fifth levy on what is extracted from mines and the sea; on booties; on what is illegally obtained and is mixed with what is legally earned and no one knows its owner; and on treasures.’”
5-53 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Al-Abbas ibn Ma’ruf, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Yazid al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Al-Yaqoobi, on the authority of Isa ibn Abdullah al-Alavi, on the authority of his father, on the authority of his grandfather, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Ali As-Sadiq (MGB), “I swear by God - the One that has no substitute to be worshipped - who made charity illegal for us that He has established the one-fifth levy for us. Therefore, giving charity to us is forbidden, giving the alms to us is obligatory, and giving gifts to us is allowed.”

5-54 Ahmad ibn Zyad ibn Ja’far al-Hamedany - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of several others that Aba Abdulla as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There is one-fifth levy on five things: treasures, mines, what is extracted from the sea; and booties.” Ibn Abi Umayr forgot the fifth.

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “I think that the fifth item which Ibn Abi Umayr had forgotten is what a man inherits, but knows that it consists of both legally earned and illegally earned wealth and he doesn’t know the owner of what is illegally earned. Also the illegal property is not exactly known. That is why he pays the one-fifth levy on it.”

THE FIVE RIVERS WHICH GABRIEL MADE FLOW WITH HIS FEET

5-55 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Hafs ibn al-Bakhtari that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Indeed Gabriel made the following five rivers flow with his feet and the head of the rivers followed him: the Euphrates, the Tigris, the Nile, the Indus, and the Oxus river. The Imam (MGB) possesses wherever they water and the oceans around the world.”

THE OFFERING OF A COW SUFFICES FOR FIVE AS THOSE OF THE ISRAELITES WHOM GOD ORDERED TO OFFER A COW WERE FIVE

5-56 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn al-Hussein al-Sa’ed Abady quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdulla al-Barqy, on the authority of Ali ibn Ma’bad, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Khalid, “I asked Abal-Hassan Al-Kazim (MGB), ‘For how many people does the offering of a camel suffice?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘One person.’ Then I asked him (MGB), ‘What about..."
The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “I included this narration here since there was a mention of five in it. However, my own decree on the issue of offering is that one camel or one cow suffices for seven persons, even if they are not the members of one family. This decree is the subject of another narration and it is not contradictory with this narration. In this narration it is stated that the offering of a camel is sufficient for one person, while it is stated in another narration that it is sufficient for seven persons. What would suffice for seven persons would also suffice for one, and what would suffice for five persons would also suffice for one person.”

THE PROPHET HAS BEEN GRANTED FIVE THINGS NEVER GRANTED TO
5-57 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar and Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa and Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Khalid al-Barqy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Zyad ibn al-Monzar Abil-Jarud, on the authority of Sa’id ibn Jabeer, on the authority of Ibn Ab’bas that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “I have been granted five things which had not been granted to anyone before me: all the Earth has been established as a mosque and all its dirt has been declared to be pure. I have been assisted by being awesome. War booties have become lawful for me. I have been given the most complete sayings. I have also been granted the right to intercede.”

GOD GRANTED FIVE THINGS TO THE PROPHET AND FIVE THINGS TO ALI

5-58 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Abdullah ibn Musa ibn Harun al-Mufti, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abdul Rahman al-Arzami, on the authority of Al-Mo’ala ibn Hilal, on the authority of Al-Kalbi, on the authority of Ali Salih, on the authority of Ibn Abbas that he had heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, “God granted me five..."
things and granted Ali (MGB) five things. He gave me the most complete sayings and granted Ali (MGB) the most complete knowledge. He appointed me to the Prophethood and appointed Ali (MGB) to be my Trustee. He granted me the Al-Kauthar[505] and granted Ali (MGB) the Al-Salsabil (with fresh cool water)[506]. He sent me revelations and inspired him. He took me on the Ascension to the Heavens and opened the Heaven doors for him (MGB) so that he (MGB) may see what I saw.”

This is part of a long narration. I have recorded as much as needed here and I have quoted it in the book of Ascension or Al-Mi’raj.

**FIVE THINGS CONSTITUTE BEING SHY IN FRONT OF GOD**

5-59 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Maymun al-Qad-dah, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “You should be shy in front of God as He deserves.” He (MGB) was asked, “What should we do?” The Prophet (MGB) said, “If you do so, none of you will go to sleep without seeing your death with your own eyes. You should guard your mind and whatever goes on in it. You must guard your stomach and whatever goes into it. You should remember your grave and the fact that your body will spoil there. Whoever wants the Hereafter should abandon the adornments of the life of this world.”

**GOD WOULD ACCEPT THE PROPHET’S INTERCESSION FOR FIVE PERSONS**

5-60 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Abu Muhammad al-Fazl al-Yamani, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Jumhoor, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ali ibn Hadid, on the authority of Abdul Rahman ibn al-Haj’jaj, on the authority of Harun ibn Kharijah that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Gabriel descended to God’s Prophet (MGB) and said, ‘O Muhammad! God has accepted the Prophet’s intercession on behalf of five persons: the lady who delivered you in her womb being Amina bint Wahab ibn Abd Manaf; the father who gave birth to you being Abdullah ibn Abdul Mutaib; the man who took care of you - Abd Manaf ibn Abdul Mutaib whose nickname is Abu Talib; the brother and companion whom you had in the Age of Ignorance and was generous and fed the people.’”

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “The name of this brother is Al-
PARADISE IS GUARANTEED FOR FIVE THINGS

5-61 Abdul Rahman ibn Muhammad ibn Hamid al-Balkhi narrated that Abul Fazl al-Abbas (ibn Tahir) ibn Tahir ibn Zahir whom God the most mercied quoted Al-Nasr ibn al-Asbaq ibn Mansoor al-Baghdady who resided in Balkh, on the authority of Musa ibn Hilal, on the authority of Hisham ibn Hisan, on the authority of Al-Hassan, on the authority of Tamim (ibn Oas ibn Kharija) al-Dari, “God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘I will guarantee Paradise for whoever accepts five things.’ They asked him (MGB), ‘What are those things?’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Being sincerely obedient to God; well-wishing for the Prophet (MGB); preaching the Quran and God’s religion and well-wishing for the Muslims.’

THE PROPHET WOULD BE ASSISTED BY ALI IN FIVE CIRCUMSTANCES
In the year 354 A.H. (965 A.D.) in what Abul Ab’bas al-Fazl (ibn al-Fazl) ibn al-Ab’bas al-Kindi al-Hamedany reported to me in Hamedan - he narrated that Muhammad ibn Al-Zah’hak quoted Mujalid al-Nibal, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Farkhan, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Abi Suleiman ibn Abdul Rahman, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abdul Rahman, on the authority of Ibn Abi Suleiman, on the authority of Atiye, on the authority of Abi Sa’id al-Khidry that the Prophet (MGB) said, “I shall be assisted by Ali (MGB) in five circumstances. The first circumstance is that he will be the one who buries me. The second one is that he will be the one who pays back my debts. The third is that he will be the one who helps me in the long line on the Resurrection Day. And the fourth circumstance is that he will be the one who will assist me next to my Pool (Al-Kauthar)! And the fifth is that he is the only one I have no fear of becoming an infidel after he believes, or committing adultery.”

**BLESSED BE** [507] **THOSE WHO HAVE FIVE CHARACTERISTICS**

Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quoted Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Maymun [508], on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers, on the authority of Ali (MGB) that Jesus the son of Mary (MGB) said, “Blessed be those who have five characteristics. Blessed be those who think when they are silent; who get advice by looking; who sit at home and cry over their sins; and do not bother the people with their hands or tongues.”

**THE FOLLOWERS OF JA’FAR HAVE ALL THE FOLLOWING FIVE CHARACTERISTICS**

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Khalid, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Al-Mufaz’zal ibn Umar, on the authority of Abu Abdullah Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), “Indeed the followers of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB) are those who do not eat unlawful foods; do not commit adultery; are assidious; work for the sake of God and hope to be rewarded by Him; and are afraid of God’s chastisement. Such people are the followers of Ja’far ibn Muhammad.”

I have written what has been narrated on this issue in the book Sefat-i-Shiah.

FIVE PEOPLE CANNOT SLEEP

5-65 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Musa ibn Ja’far al-Baghday, on the authority of Ubaydullah ibn Abdullah ibn Urwah, on the authority of Shoayb, on the authority of Abi Basir that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Five people cannot sleep: those who are planning to shed someone’s blood; those who have too much money, but no one to entrust it with; those who want to gain worldly goods by lying and cheating; those who have a great deal of debt, but have no money to pay it back; and those who have a friend who is about to part with them.”

THE MILL IN HELL WHICH GRINDS FIVE GROUPS OF PEOPLE

5-66 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quoted Harun ibn Muslim, on the authority of Mus’adat ibn Zyad, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority...
of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), “Ali (MGB) said, ‘There is a mill in Hell which grinds five. Don’t you wish to ask me what it grinds?’ They asked him (MGB), ‘What does it grind?’ Ali (MGB) said, ‘It grinds wicked wise men; corrupt Quran recitors; wicked oppressors; dishonest ministers; and gnostics who lie. There is a town in Hell which is called Hasineh. Don’t you wish to ask me what is in it?’ They asked him, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! What is in it?’ He (MGB) replied, ‘The hands of the perfidious party (Nakiseen).’”

ADMONISHING AGAINST KILLING FIVE AND ORDERING TO KILL FIVE

5-67 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ad ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah Al-Barqy, on the authority of Ali ibn Muhammad al-Qasani, on the authority of Abi Ayoob al-Madini, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Ja’far al-Jafari, on the authority of Al-Reza (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) admonished against killing the following five: (fasting) shrikes, hoopoes, bees, ants, and frogs, and ordered to kill the following five: crows, kites, snakes, scorpions, and mordacious dogs.
The compiler of the book said, “This is a form of permission and not an obligation.”

THE FIVE CURSED ONES

5-68 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Al-Hassan ibn Ali al-Kufy, on the authority of Ishaq ibn Ibrahim, on the authority of Nasr ibn Qaboos that he had heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, “The following people are cursed: an astrologer; a Jewish priest; a magician; a female singer and those who give them a place to live and earn an income from their work.”

As-Sadiq (MGB) added, “An astrologer is like a priest; a priest is like a magician; a magician is like an atheist and an atheist goes to Hell.”

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “What is meant by ‘an astrologer is damned’ is that the astrologer who claims that the universe has always existed, denies its Creator and doesn’t believe in the Honorable the Exalted God is damned.”

NOTHING IS BETTER THAN THE FOLLOWING FIVE ON THE EID UL-AZHA

5-69 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn al-Hussein al-Sa’ed Abady quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Ayadi, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Amr ibn Shmir, on the authority of Aban ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB), “Nothing is better than the following five on the day of Eid ul-Azha: offering (an animal); visiting one’s parents; re-establishing ties of kinship with those relatives with whom such ties are broken and being kind to them, greeting them and assisting them with one’s extra income; eating some of one’s own offering and feeding the rest to the orphans, the needy, the slaves and the helpless neighbors; visiting imprisoned persons and being kind to them.”

NO ONE CAN BENEFIT FROM THOSE WHO LACK FIVE CHARACTERISTICS

5-70 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Isma’il ibn
Qutaybat al-Basry, on the authority of Abi Khalid al-Ajami that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “No one can benefit from those who lack five characteristics: religion; intellect; politeness; freedom-loving; and a good temper.”

THE FIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF A WHITE ROOSTER

5-71 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Hamuye, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Isa al-Yaqtn, on the authority of Al-Reza (MGB), “A white...
rooster has five of the characteristics of the Prophets as follows: it recognizes the times of prayer; it has zeal; it is generous; it is brave and it copulates with his hen spouse a lot.”

THE FIVE WHOSE SUPPLICATIONS ARE NOT ANSWERED

5-72 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Ali al-Kufy and Muhammad ibn al-Hussein, on the authority of Muhammad ibn of Ahmad ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Himad al-Harithi, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The supplications of five people will not be answered: a man whose wife bothers him and he doesn’t divorce her, even though he can pay the expenses of divorcing her; a man whose slave has escaped three times, but still he doesn’t sell him; a man who passes by a semi-broken down wall and the wall falls upon him, and he doesn’t escape; a man who has given a loan to another one, and has not taken anyone as a witness for it; and a man who sits in his house and says, ‘O God! Please grant my daily bread!’ and who does not go to work.’

5-73 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad al-Sayyari who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Abi Hamzih al-Somali, “I told Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB), ‘You say that we should praise God with five sentences. What are they?’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘When you say Subhanallah va bihamdeh you have raised up the Blessed the Sublime God to a higher rank than what the atheists say. When you say La illaha illalah vahdahu la sharika la you have expressed the words of sincerity. Anyone who utters this and is not one of the haughty oppressors shall be saved from the Fire by God. When you say la hule va la quwata illa billah you have entrusted your affairs to God. When you say Istaqfurallah va Atubo ellayh it implies that you are not haughty and oppressive. One who is too haughty would insist on committing sins and his selfish desires overwhelm him. He favors the affairs of this world over those of the Hereafter. When you say alhamdulil-lah, you have thanked for the blessings which God has sent for you.’”

THE FIVE PROPHETS WHO ARE THE OWNERS OF SHARI’A

5-74 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Al-Hussein ibn al-Hassan ibn Aban, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Orame, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali al-Kufy, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abi Nasr, on the authority of Aban ibn Uthman, on the authority of Isma’il al-Jo’afy that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “There are five Prophets who are the owners of Shari’a as follows: Noah (MGB), Abraham (MGB), Moses (MGB), Jesus (MGB) and Muhammad (MGB).”
FIVE PEOPLE’S CORPSES SHOULD NOT BE BURIED UNTIL THE CONDITION OF THEIR BODY CHANGES

5-75 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn Isa ibn Ubayd, on the authority of Yunus ibn Abdul-Rahman, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Abdul Khaliq ibn Akhi Shahab ibn Abdeh Rab’beh that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Five people should not be buried until the condition of their body changes as follows: people who have been drowned; those who have been stricken by lightning; those who have been stricken by intestinal problems; those who have been stricken by epilepsy; and those who have died from diseases of the anus.
been buried under a building and those who have been choked with smoke.”

THE FIVE BLESSED AND THE FIVE CURSED MOSQUES IN KUFA

5-76 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Abi Ishaq Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Amr ibn Uthman, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Azafer, on the authority of Abi Hamzih al-Somali, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Muslim that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “There are five blessed and the five cursed mosques in Kufa. The blessed mosques are: the Qena Mosque which has a straight direction to the Qibla and clean soil. A believing man has built it. This world will not end until two springs emerge from it and two gardens will grow there. However, those who attend that mosque are damned and the mosque hates them. The other ones are the Bani Zafar Mosque, the Al-Sahleh Mosque, a mosque in Al-Khamra, and the Ja’fi Mosque - not the mosque that exists today since that mosque has been ruined. The five cursed mosques are: the Saqif Mosque, the Mosque of Al-Ashas (ibn Qays Al-Kindi. It is said that he had built a pulpit in that mosque and continuously insulted Ali (MGB) from it), the Jarir al-Bajaly Mosque, the Samak Mosque and a Mosque in Khamra which was built upon the grave of one of the Pharaohs.”

PRAYING IN FIVE OF THE MOSQUES IN KUFA IS ADMONISHED AGAINST

5-77 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil Khat’tab, on the authority of Safvan ibn Yahya, on the authority of someone who quoted on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “The Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) admonished against praying in five of the mosques in Kufa: the Mosque of Al-Ashas ibn Qays al-Kindi; the Mosque of Jarir ibn Abdullah al-Bajaly; the Mosque of Samak ibn Makhrama; the Mosque of Sheis ibn Robee and the Mosque of Tayyim. Whenever Ali (MGB) passed by the Mosque of Tayyim, he (MGB) said, ‘This is Tayyim’s site.’ His intention was that they built this mosque to gather there and oppose him (MGB). May God damn them.”
FIVE SHOULD SAY THE COMPLETE PRAYERS WHILE ON A JOURNEY

5-78 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn al-Hussein al-Sa’ed Abady quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father Muhammad ibn Khalid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “The following five groups of people should say the complete prayers whether they are on a journey or at home: quadruped keepers who rent them; those who drive the rented quadrupeds; the (long-distance) couriers; the desert shepherds and a ship’s crew since these are their job.”

IT IS FINE TO SEE FIVE PARTS OF THE BODY OF AN UNFAMILIAR WOMAN

5-79 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Marvak ibn Ubayd, on the authority of some companions that he asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “What is fine for a man to see of a woman, if he is unfamiliar to her?” The Imam (MGB) told him, “The face, the two palms of her hands, and the two feet.”

THE GATES OF THE HEAVENS OPEN AT FIVE APPOINTED TIMES

5-80 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ibn Yahya, on the authority of his grandfather Al-Hassan ibn Rashid, on the authority of Abi Basir and Muhammad ibn Muslim, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB) that from amongst what the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) taught his companions, he (MGB) said, “The gates of the heavens open at five appointed times. At the time of descending of rain; at the time of a
holy war; at the time of the general call to prayer; at the time of reading of the Quran; at the time of the disappearance of the sun and at the time of the rise of the dawn.”

PARADISE IS EAGER FOR FIVE

ONE CAN DIVORCE WOMEN IF THEY ARE IN THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS

5-82 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Hammad ibn Uthman that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “A woman can be divorced by her husband if she is in any of the following five conditions: a pregnant woman, a menstruating woman, a woman whose husband has not had sex with her; a woman whose husband is absent and a girl who has not attained puberty.[521]”

THE FIVE SIGNS OF THE COMING OF THE RISER (MGB)

5-83 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quoted Ibrahim ibn Mahzyar, on the authority of his brother Ali ibn Mahzyar, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Safvan ibn Yahya, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Hakim, on the authority of Maymun al-Ban that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There following five are the signs before the coming of the Riser (MGB): the appearance of al-Yamani; the appearance of al-Sufyani; the appearance of the caller from the heavens who calls out; land-sliding in al-Beyda[522] and the murder of Nafs-i-Zakiya.[523].”

THERE CAN BE NO OATH OF CONDEMNATION[524] BETWEEN FIVE TYPES OF WOMEN AND THEIR SPOUSES

5-84 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad and Abdullah - the sons of Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Abbas ibn Ma’ruf, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Yazid al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Ali ibn Davood al-Yaqoobi, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Hafs al-Basry, on the authority of Aba Abdullah - Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB) that Ali (MGB) said, “There can be no oath of condemnation[525] between five types of women and their spouses: a Jewish woman and her Muslim husband; a Christian woman and her Muslim husband; a slave woman and her freed husband who claims that she has committed adultery; a freed woman who has a slave husband and claims that he has committed adultery; and a husband who has been punished for accusing his wife of having committed adultery as the Honorable the Exalted God says, ‘… and reject their evidence ever after…’[526]; and a dumb woman since she cannot take the oath of condemnation and it must be done verbally.”
THE SAYINGS BY WHICH GOD TESTED ABRAHAM (MGB)

5-85 Ali ibn Ahmad ibn Musa - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Hamzih ibn al-Qasim al-Alavi al-Ab’basi quoted Ja’far ibn Malik al-Kufy al-Fazari, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Zyad al-Zyat, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Zyad al-Azodi, on the authority of Al-Mufaz’zal ibn Umar, “I asked Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), ‘What is meant by Abraham was tried by God in the following words of the Honorable the Exalted God, And remember that Abraham was tried by his Lord with certain commands,…’”

The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘This refers to the sayings which God heard from Adam and accepted Adam’s (MGB) repentance. Adam beseeched to God by Muhammad (MGB), Ali (MGB), Fatimah (MGB), Hassan (MGB) and Hussein (MGB) to accept his (MGB) repentance and God accepted it as He is the One who accepts repentance and is the Merciful.’

I asked the Imam (MGB), ‘O (grand)son of the Prophet of God! What is God’s intention in saying, ‘…He fulfilled…’’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘This implies that God completed the names of the Imams up until the twelfth Imam nine of whom are from the progeny of Al-Hussein (MGB).’

I asked the Imam (MGB), ‘O (grand)son of the Prophet of God! Please inform me about the meaning of the following words of the Honorable the Exalted God, ‘And he left it as a Word to
endure among those who came after him,…’ [529]

The Imam (MGB) said, ‘This implies that God established Divine Leadership in the progeny of Al-Hussein (MGB) up until the Resurrection Day.’

I asked the Imam (MGB), ‘O (grand)son of the Prophet of God! Please tell me why was the Divine Leadership established in the progeny of Al-Hussein (MGB), but not in the progeny of Al-Hassan (MGB) who was the older son even though both of them were the grandsons of God’s Prophet (MGB) and were both considered to be the Masters of the Youth in Paradise?’

The Imam (MGB) said, ‘Moses (MGB) and Aaron (MGB) were both appointed Prophets and were also brothers. God established the Prophethood in the progeny of Aaron (MGB), but not the progeny of Moses (MGB). No one can question why God did that. Divine Leadership is also a form of Caliphate from the Honorable the Exalted God. No one can say why God placed it in the progeny of Al-Hussein (MGB), but not in the progeny of Al-Hassan (MGB). Indeed God is Wise in what He does. He cannot be questioned regarding what He does, while the people will be questioned regarding what they do.’
There is another interpretation of the following sayings of the Blessed the Sublime God, ‘And remember that Abraham was tried by his Lord with certain commands, which he fulfilled…’ [530] What was said above is the main interpretation. There are two forms of trials. One is befitting for the Sublime God, but the other one is not. What is not befitting for God is to say that God tries something to find out the results which He knows not. That is to discover through practical experimentation. This is inapplicable to God since He is the All-Knower of everything that is hidden. What can be said about God is for Him to try a servant, so that he may persevere at times of hardship and become worthy of a rank. It also serves as a means of teaching for others, so that they may look at him and follow him. And they may know that the Honorable the Exalted God would not grant the position of Divine Leadership unless out of His Wisdom and would only bestow it upon one who deserves that rank. His worthiness of that rank shall be discovered later. This was one interpretation of God’s words. Another interpretation of these words could be in reference to certitude as the Honorable the Exalted God says, ‘So also did We show Abraham the power and the laws of the heavens and the Earth, that he might (with understanding) have certitude.’ [531]

And another interpretation of these words could be in reference to God’s recognition - to know that God is Pure, One, and without any similitude as Abraham looked at the stars and the sun and discovered that they are all created since they set. Then God taught him that the decrees of the astrologers is wrong as the Honorable the Exalted God says, “Then did he cast a glance at the Stars. And he said, "I am indeed sick (at heart)!"’ [532] God expressed his one glance since the first glance is not considered wrong. Rather, it is the second glance that would constitute an error as the Prophet (MGB) told Ali (MGB), ‘O Ali (MGB)! The first glance is yours, but the second glance opposes you.’

And another interpretation could be bravery that is clear by what happened to the idols as the Honorable the Exalted God says, “Behold! he said to his father and his people, ‘What are these images, to which ye are (so assiduously) devoted?’ They said, ‘We found our fathers worshipping them.’ He said, ‘Indeed ye have been in manifest error ye and your fathers.’ They said, ‘Have you brought us the Truth, or are you one of those who jest?’ He said, ‘Nay, your Lord is the Lord of the heavens and the Earth, He Who created them (from nothing): and I am a witness to this (Truth). And by God, I have a plan for your idols after ye go away and turn your backs’...So he broke them into pieces, (all) but the biggest of them, that they might turn (and address themselves) to it.’ [533]
Standing single-handed against a lot of the enemies of the Honorable the Exalted God by Abraham is a sign of his utmost bravery.

Then it refers to his forbearance which is implied in what the Honorable the Exalted God says, ‘For Abraham was, without doubt, forbearing (of faults), compassionate, and given to look to God.’ [534]

Then it refers to his generosity which can be seen from the stories regarding the noble guests of Abraham (as we can see from the following, ‘Has the story reached thee, of the honored guests of Abraham?’) [535]

Then it refers to his isolation from the members of his family and clan as we can conclude from the following, ‘And I will turn away from you (all) and from those whom ye invoke besides God: I will call on my Lord: perhaps, by my prayer to my Lord, I shall be not unblest.’ [536] And enjoining to do good and admonishing against evil as we understand from the following words of the Honorable the Exalted God, ‘…‘O my father! why worship that which heareth not and seeth not, and can profit thee nothing? O my father! to me hath come knowledge which hath not reached thee: so follow me: I will guide thee to a way that is even and straight. O my father! serve not Satan: for Satan is a rebel against (God) Most Gracious. O my father! I fear lest a Penalty afflict thee from (God) Most Gracious, so that thou become to Satan a friend.’ [537]

And responding to wickedness with goodness as we read in his response to his father after the father said, ‘(The father) replied, ‘Art thou shrinking from my gods, O Abraham? If thou forbear not, I will indeed stone thee. Now get away from me for a good long while!’’ [538] Abraham (MGB) replied, ‘…I will pray to my Lord for thy forgiveness: for He is to me Most Gracious….’ [539]

And it also refers to his reliance as we read, ‘Who created me, and it is He Who guides me; Who gives me food and drink; And when I am ill, it is He Who cures me; Who will cause me to die, and then to life (again); And who, I hope, will forgive me my faults on the Day of
Then it also refers to wisdom and requesting to be of the righteous ones as we read, ‘O my Lord! Bestow wisdom on me, and join me with the righteous;’ [541] This refers to the righteous ones who only judge based on the Honorable the Exalted God’s decrees and not their own personal opinion or innovations. This was so that the Proofs of God that will come later on testify to his sincerity as we understand from his words, ‘Grant me honorable mention on the tongue of truth among the latest (generations);’ [542]

Here he was referring to this noble nation. God accepted his prayer and established a representative for him and the rest of the Prophets and granted him an ‘honorable mention on the tongue of truth among the latest (generations);’ [543] which refers to Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) as the Honorable the Exalted God says, ‘And We granted them lofty honor on the tongue of truth.’ [544]

Then it refers to a trial in his life when he was put in a catapult [545] and thrown into the fire. Then it refers to a trial in his son when he was ordered to offer his son Ishmael. Then it refers to his trial through his family when the Honorable the Exalted God freed his wife from the hands of Azarat al-Qabti mentioned in history. Then it refers to his patience with the bad-temperedness of (his wife) Sarah. Then it refers to him underestimating his own degree of obedience as we read, ‘And let me not be in disgrace on the Day when (men) will be raised up;’ [546]

Then it refers to his true faith as the Honorable the Exalted God says, ‘Abraham was not a Jew nor yet a Christian; but he was true in Faith, and bowed his will to God's (Which is Islam), and
he joined not gods with God.’ [547]

Then it refers to the complete obedience in his words as we read, "Truly, my prayer and my service of sacrifice, my life and my death, are (all) for God - the Cherisher of the Worlds: No partner hath He: this am I commanded, and I am the first of those who bow to His will." [548] All the conditions of obedience are integrated into his words, ‘my life and my death, are (all) for God - the Cherisher of the Worlds.’ He has not missed the least bit and has not covered up any minute points.

Then it refers to the fact that God fulfilled his supplications when he said, ‘My Lord! Show me how Thou givest life to the dead…’ [549] This could have two different meanings. One could think that he was asking God to show him how the Honorable the Exalted God gives life to the dead. It is not wrong for one who doesn’t know something to ask about it. It would not imply that his belief in monotheism is questionable. Then the Honorable the Exalted God asked him, ‘Dost thou not then believe? He said, ‘Yea!...’ [550] This is required of anyone to answer if asked ‘Dost thou not then believe?’ as Abraham (MGB) did. This is as the Honorable the Exalted God asked all the spirits from the progeny of Adam (MGB) “Am I not your Lord (who cherishes and sustains you)?” They said, ‘Yea!…’ [551] The first one to answer in the positive was Muhammad (MGB) being a pioneer in that. He (MGB) became the Master of those of the earlier times and those of the later times. He (MGB) became the noblest of the Prophets and the Messengers. Whoever doesn’t mention this response of Abraham (MGB) has indeed turned away from the religion of Abraham as the Honorable the Exalted God says, ‘And who turns away from the religion of Abraham but such as debase their souls with folly? ...’ [552]

Then the Honorable the Exalted God appointed Abraham (MGB) in this world and he (MGB) shall be from the good ones in the Hereafter as the Honorable the Exalted God says in the rest of that same verse, ‘...Him We

مَكَثَهُ فِي الْوَلَدِ حَنِيرٌ امْرَأَتِهِ وَالْمَكَثَهُ فِي الْذِّلِّي فِي الْأَنْفُسِ حِينَ جُرِّحُهُ فِي الْمُنْجَدِ يِنْفَضُ بِهِ فِي الْنَّارِ... ثمَّ الْإِسْمَاعِيلَ,... ثمَّ الْمَكَثَهُ فِي الْأَنْفُسِ حِينَ خَلَصَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجِلَ مَرَحَمَتَهُ مِنْ عَزَازَةَ الْقَبْلَيْيْنِ الْمَكَثُورِ فِي هَذِهِ الْقَصَاةِ. ثُمَّ الصَّيِّرُ عَلَى سُوءَ مَا كَانَ " تَمَّ الْمَزَااهُ فِي قُوَّةِ عَزَّ وَجِيلَ "ولا تَخَرَّيْنَيْ بَيْوُمَ بِيْعَتِنَ" خَلَقَ صَارَةً، ثُمَّ أُسْتَقْصَرَ النَّفْسُ فِي الطَّالِعَةِ فِي قُوَّةِ إِنَّ "قلَّ يَلِدَ الْعُرْفُ لِأَشْرَاطِ الْكَلَّامِ فِي قُوَّةِ "يَهُودُوْيَ وَلَا نِصْرَانِيًا، وَلَكَنْ حَنِيفًا مَّسْلَمًا وَمَا كَانَ مِنْ المُشْرِكِينَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ مَخْيَاتٍ "أَفْقَدْ جَعَلَهُ فِي قُوَّةِ "لَا أُولُو الْمُسْلِمِينَ صَلَاتِي وَسَكَى وَمَخْيَاتٍ وَمَخْيَاتٍ، وَمَثَّلَ اللَّهُ رَبِّ الْعَالمِينَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَلِذَّلِكَ امْرَتَ وَأَنَّ ثُمَّ أَسْتَجِبَ اللَّهُ. جَمِيعُ أَشْرَاطِ الْعَلَامَاتِ كُلَا حِينٍ لَا تَعْبِرُ عَنْ عَزَازَةِ وَلَا تَغْيِبُ عَنْ مَعَانِيَهَا غَامِبَةً "وَمَثَّلَ اللَّهُ رَبِّ الْعَالِمِينَ ثُمَّ أَسْتَجِبَ اللَّهُ، جَمِيعُ أَشْرَاطِ الْعَلَامَاتِ كُلَا حِينٍ لَا تَعْبِرُ عَنْ عَزَازَةِ وَلَا تَغْيِبُ عَنْ مَعَانِيَهَا غَامِبَةً "وَمَثَّلَ اللَّهُ رَبِّ الْعَالِمِينَ، ثُمَّ أَسْتَجِبَ اللَّهُ...
chose and rendered pure in this world: And he will be in the Hereafter in the ranks of the Righteous." [553] The Righteous ones are the Prophets and the Imams - may God bless them all - who received orders from the Honorable the Exalted God as to what is good and what is evil. They all asked God for improvements. They all avoided personal opinions and innovations in His Religion as God says, “Behold! his Lord said to him: 'Bow (thy will to Me):' He said, 'I bow (my will) to the Lord and Cherisher of the Universe.'” [554] Then all the other Prophets followed him as the Honorable the Exalted God says, “And this was the legacy that Abraham left to his sons, and so did Jacob; "Oh my sons! God hath chosen the Faith for you; then die not except in the Faith of Islam.” [555] Also the Honorable the Exalted God tells His Prophet, “So We have taught thee the inspired (Message), "Follow the ways of Abraham the True in Faith, and he joined not gods with God.” [556] And as the Honorable the Exalted God says, “…it is the cult of your father Abraham. It is He Who has named you Muslims, both before” [557]

The conditions for Divine Leadership have been obtained from the necessities of this world and the Hereafter.

And in what Abraham (MGB) said, “…from my offspring!” [558] ‘from’ implies a form of distinction, since some of his progeny did not deserve to be a Divine Leader, and some did. They were Muslims and unbelievers. It was impossible for Abraham (MGB) to pray for those who were either Muslims or unbelievers to be Divine Leaders. Therefore, it must be concluded that Abraham (MGB) took into consideration the Muslims and even the especial Muslims who were sincere believers which had abandoned unbelief. Then he (MGB) took into consideration a smaller group of them who were just ones who had abandoned major sins. Then he (MGB) took into consideration a smaller group of them who were Immaculate and never even thought of committing any sins. If there were any more conditions they would also be included in the conditions for Divine Leadership.

The Honorable the Exalted God has mentioned Jesus (MGB) to be of the progeny of Abraham (MGB) even though Jesus (MGB) was in the line of Abraham (MGB) through Abraham’s great grand-daughter (i.e. Mary (MGB)). As God has considered those born in the line of a great grand-daughter to be of Abraham’s progeny, and Abraham (MGB) had prayed for Divine Leadership to continue through his progeny, it is incumbent upon Muhammad (MGB) to follow Abraham (MGB). Muhammad established the line of Immaculate Divine Leadership in his progeny through his daughter, since the Honorable the Exalted God had ordered him to follow Abraham (MGB) as we read, “So We have taught thee the inspired (Message), Follow the ways of Abraham the True in Faith, and he joined not gods with God.” [559]
من هو كمال الإيمان؟ نعم، كمال الإيمان هو الشيء الذي يحقق الفضيلة. وقوله عز وجل:

"أومن ذرتني"، وقول إبراهيم عليه السلام من لا يستحق الإمامة، هذا من جملة المسلمين، وذلك أنه يستحق أن يدعو إبراهيم بالإمامة لذكراه أو ض وقع على خواص المؤمنين والخواص إما لمسلم الذي ليس بمعصوم، فصحيح أن باب التبعي صاروا خواص بالبعد عن الكفر، ثم من أجمل الكبار رصار من جملة الخواص أخص، ثم المعصوم يعبّد الخاص الأخص وهو كان للاختصاصية صورة أربي على جعل ذلك من أو صاف الإمام.

قد سمي الله عز وجل عيسى من ذرة إبراهيم وكان ابنه من بعد، ولما صحب ابن البنت ذريّة ودعا إبراهيم لذرية ب фильм الإمامة وجب على محمد صلى الله عليه وسلم إقامة في وطع الإمام في

ثم أُوحيَ إلى الله "بقوله المعصومين من ذريتهما" حذو مفعول بالفعل بعدما أُوحي الله عز وجل إليه وحكم عليه زمع ملوك يف الخادن لقائلاً فسواح ولو "أن أُوحيَ ملة إبراهيم خُفيفًا وما كان من المسلمين".
PART 6-ON SIX-NUMBERED CHARACTERISTICS

THERE ARE SIX CHARACTERISTICS IN THIS NATION

6-1 Muhammad ibn Ali ibn ash-Shah Abul Hussein, the jurisprudent in Marv al-Ruz - narrated that Ibrahim ibn Abdul Raz‘zaq Abu Ishaq al-Antaki quoted Yahya ibn al-Mostafad, on the authority of Yazid ibn Salma al-Namiri, on the authority of Isa ibn Yunis, on the authority of Zakariya ibn Abi Za‘deh, (on the authority of Za‘deh), on the authority of Zadan, on the authority of Zar ibn Habaysh that he had heard Muhammad ibn al-Hanafy - may God be pleased with him - say, “There are six characteristics in us which did not exist in anyone (who came) before us, and shall not be in anyone who comes after us. Muhammad - the Master of the Messengers and Ali - the Master of the Trustees are from us. Hamzih - the Master of the Martyrs[580], Al-Hassan and Al-Hussein - Masters of the Youth in Paradise are from us. Ja‘far ibn Abi Talib who will be adorned with two wings in Paradise is from us. The Al-Mahdi of this nation behind whom Jesus - the son of Mary (MGB) shall pray is from us.”

THERE ARE SIX CHARACTERISTICS IN ADULTERY

6-2 Upon his return from Hajj, Abul Ab‘bas al-Fazl ibn al-Fazl al-Kindi from Hamedan narrated that Abul Hassan Ahmad ibn Sa‘id al-Dameshi quoted Hisham ibn Am‘mar, on the authority of Muslimat ibn Ali (ibn Khalf al-Khashani), on the authority of Al-A‘amash, on the authority of Shaqiq, on the authority of Haziqat ibn al-Yaman that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “O groups of Muslims. I admonish you against adultery since it has six characteristics: three in this world and three in the Hereafter. Those in this world are: it would take away happiness; bring poverty; and shorten one’s life. And those in the Hereafter are: it causes the Wrath of the Lord; it would make the Reckoning hard; and it results in residing in the Fire.”

Then the Prophet (MGB) added, “Protect yourselves from God’s Wrath descending upon you and permanent residence in Hell.”
6-3 Muhammad ibn Ali ibn ash-Shah narrated that Abu Hamid quoted Abu Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Salih al-Tamimy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Anas ibn Muhammad Abu Malik, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB) that in his will to Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB), the Prophet (MGB) stated, “O Ali! There are six characteristics in adultery: three in this world and three in the Hereafter. Those in this world are: it would take away happiness; speed up destruction; and cut off one’s daily sustenance. And those in the Hereafter are: it would make the Reckoning hard; cause the Wrath of the Merciful Lord; and result in residing in the Fire.”

6-4 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted Muhammad ibn Ali al-Kufy, on the authority of Ibn Fazal, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Maymun that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There are six characteristics for an adulterer three of which are in this world and three in the Hereafter. Those which are in this world are: the brightness of his face would fade away; he will inherit poverty and his destruction will be speeded up. And the three which are for the Hereafter are: the Wrath of the Lord - may His Majesty be Exalted; a hard Reckoning; and residing in the Fire.”

IF YOU DO SIX THINGS, YOU WOULD BE ADMITTED TO PARADISE

6-5 Abul Abbas Muhammad ibn Ibrahim ibn Ishaq al-Taleqani - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abu Ja’far Ahmad ibn Ishaq ibn Buhlool - the judge in his house at Madinatus-Salam - quoted Ali ibn Yazid as-Sada’ee, on the authority of Abi Shoyba’, on the authority of Anas ibn Malik that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Promise me you will do the following six things, then I will promise you that you will go to Paradise. Do not lie when you quote something. Never break your promise. Return what you are entrusted with. Do not look at what
is forbidden to see. Guard your honor. Do not bother the people physically or verbally.

THE SIX THINGS DOING WHICH WOULD END UP INTO PARADISE

6-6 Abu Ahmad Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Bandar narrated that Abul Ab’bas Muhammad ibn Muhammad ibn Junhoor al-Himady quoted Abu Ali Salih ibn Muhammad al-Baghdady in the town Bukhara[582], on the authority of Amr ibn Uthman ibn Kasir ibn Dinar al-Hamasi, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Ayash, on the authority of Sherhabin ibn Muslim[583] and Muhammad ibn Zyaad, on the authority of Aba Imamat that he had heard God’s Prophet say, “O people! There will be no Prophet after me and there will be no nation after you. Thus, worship your Lord. Say your five times of prayers. Fast during your month of fasting. Go on the Hajj pilgrimage of the House of your Lord! Pay the alms-tax on your property thereby purify yourselves and obey those in charge of your affairs and enter the Paradise of your Lord!”
THE SIX PROPHETS WITH TWO NAMES

6-7 Abul-Hassan Muhammad ibn Amr ibn Ali ibn Abdullah al-Basry narrated that the preacher Abu Abdullah Muhammad ibn Abdullah ibn Jabalat quoted Abul Qasim Abdullah ibn Ahmad ibn Amer al-Ta’ee, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB), on the authority of Musa ibn Ja’far al-Kazim (MGB), on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB), on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB), “The Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) was in the Jamea Mosque in Kufa. A Syrian man came up to him and asked some questions including the following. He asked, ‘Please inform me about the Prophets who had two names.’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘Yooshai ibn Noon who was also called Zol-Kafal; Jacob who was also called Israel; Khizr who was also called Heliqa; Jonah who was also called Zul-Noon; Jesus who was also called the Messiah, and Muhammad who was also called Ahmad - may God bless all of them.’”

SIX THINGS WHICH WERE NOT IN THE WOMBS OF THEIR MOTHERS

6-8 Abul-Hassan Muhammad ibn Amr ibn Ali al-Basry narrated that the preacher Abu Abdullah Muhammad ibn Abdullah ibn Ahmad ibn Jabalat quoted Abul Qasim Abdullah ibn Ahmad ibn Amir al-Ta’ee, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB), on the authority of Musa ibn Ja’far al-Kazim (MGB), on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB), on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB), “The Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) was in the Jamea Mosque in Kufa. A Syrian man came up to him and asked some questions including the following. He asked, ‘Please inform me about the six things which were not in the wombs of their mothers.’

The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘They were Adam, Eve, Abraham’s ram; the cane of Moses; the she-camel of Salih, and the bat which Jesus - the son of Mary (MGB) made of clay and gave it life with the Honoroble the Exalted God’s permission.’ [584] ”

SIX CHARACTERISTICS BENEFICIAL FOR A BELIEVER AFTER HE DIES

6-9 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn Isa ibn Ubayd, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Shoayb al-Sayrafi, on the authority of Al-Haysam Abi Kahmas that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB)
Six things will benefit a believer after his death: 1. A child who seeks God for his parent’s forgiveness; 2. A book which he has left behind; 3. A tree which he has planted; 4. A water well which he has dug up; 5. Charity which he has established; and 6. A good tradition from him which is acted on after him.”

SIX THINGS ARE WRITTEN ON THE GATES OF PARADISE

6-10 Abu Ali al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Muhammad ibn (Ali ibn) Amr al-Attar in Balkh whose grandfather Ali ibn Amr was one of the companions of Ali ibn Muhammad al-Askari (MGB), on the authority of Suleiman ibn Ayoob al-Matlab, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Muhammad al-Mesri, on the authority of Musa ibn Isma’il ibn Musa ibn Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Ali ibn al-Hussein ibn Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “I went to Paradise and saw that the following was written in gold on the gate, ‘La illaha illallah Muhammadan habibullah Alian valiullah Fatimah Ummatal val-Hassan val-Hussein”
safvatallah ala mobqazayahum la’natallah.’” [585]

**SIX FORMS OF GENEROSITY**

6-11 Abu Mansoor Ahmad ibn Ibrahim ibn Bakr al-Khowzi narrated that Abul Qasim Abdullah ibn Ahmad ibn Amir ibn Suleiman at-Ta’ee in Basra, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Abul Hassan Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are six forms of chivalry. Three of them are for when you are at home and three others are for when you are traveling. The three for when you are at home are: reciting the Honorable the Exalted God’s Book; building God’s mosques; and making friends for the sake of the Honorable the Exalted God. The three for when you are traveling are: to give others from your own travel provisions; being good-tempered and joking regarding things other than acts of disobedience.”

**THE ALMS IS DIVIDED UP INTO SIX PARTS**

6-12 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ali ibn Isma’il, on the authority of Safvan ibn Yahya, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Miskan, on the authority of Abil Ab’bas, on the authority of Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that Zakaryia ibn Malik al-Jo’afy, “Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) was asked about the following words of the Honorable the Exalted God, ‘And know that out of all the booty that ye may acquire (in war), a fifth share is assigned to God, and to the Apostle, and to near relatives, orphans, the needy, and the way-farer.’”[586]
He (MGB) said, “The one-fifth share of the Honorable the Exalted God is for the Prophet of God. He may spend it in whatever way he pleases. The one-fifth share of the Prophet is for his intimate relatives. And the one-fifth share of the near relatives belongs to those intimate relatives of the Prophet. And the one-fifth share of the orphans belongs to the orphans of the Prophet’s Household. These four shares are especially for the Prophet’s household. And about the share of the poor, the needy and the way-farers as you know we do not accept charity. Charity is not for us. It is for the poor and the way-farer.”

SIX THINGS OUT OF OUR CONTROL

6-13 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Musa ibn Ja’far al-Baghday, on the authority of Aba Abdullah Al-Isbahany, on the authority of Durost, on the authority of someone, on the authority of someone who quoted on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “The following six are out of your control: 1. recognition (of God), 2. ignorance, 3. contentment, 4. anger, 5. sleeping, 6. waking up.”

GOD WOULD PUNISH SIX GROUPS OF PEOPLE FOR SIX REASONS


SIX CHARACTERISTICS WHICH A BELIEVER DOESN’T HAVE

6-15 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that
Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat’tab, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Bashir, on the authority of Aban ibn Uthman, on the authority of Al-Harith ibn al-Muqayrij al-Nazri that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There are six characteristics which a believer doesn’t have: poverty; being unknown; being stubborn; telling lies; being jealous and transgression of people’s rights.”

**YOU SHOULD NOT GREET SIX PEOPLE**

6-16 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid -may God be pleased with him- narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted

6-16 "..."
Banan ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrih, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), “You should not greet six people: Jews, Christians; Magians; one who is in the toilet; those who drink alcoholic beverages; poets who accuse innocent women; and those who make jokes by insulting their mothers.”

I WONDER ABOUT SIX THINGS

6-17 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn al-Hussein al-Lu’lu’ee, on the authority of Ishaq al-Zah’ak, on the authority of Monzar al-Javan, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that Salman - may God have Mercy upon him - said, “I wonder about six things. Three of them make me cry and the other three make me laugh. The three which make me cry are: separation from the friends of Muhammad (MGB) and his fans; fear of death; and the Resurrection and standing in front of the Honorable the Exalted God. The three which make me laugh are: the state of the one who seeks this world, while death pursues him; the state of an ignorant one who is being watched over by the guardians; and the state of the one who laughs while he doesn’t know whether God is satisfied with him or is angry at him.”

ADMONISHED AGAINST KILLING SIX ANIMALS

6-18 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Ishaq, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Zyad, on the authority of Davood ibn Kaseer al-Roqee, “Once when we were in the presence of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), a man passed by with a swallow in his hand having its head chopped off. The Imam (MGB) stood up, took it from his hand, threw it on the ground and said, ‘Have your learned men or jurisprudents told you to do this? My father (MGB) has narrated to me on the authority of my grandfather (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) has admonished the people against killing the following six: bees; ants; frogs; shrikes; hoopoes and swallows.

He (MGB) admonished the people against killing honey bees because they eats pure and good-smelling flowers which the Honorable the Exalted God has revealed to them to do so. They are neither of the genies nor of the men.

He (MGB) admonished the people against killing ants because of the following. Once when there was famine in Solomon’s (MGB) time, the people
set out to the fields to pray to God to send down rain. They saw an ant which was standing up on its two feet with its hands raised up towards the sky and saying, ‘O my God! We are of your creatures! We need your blessings. Please grant us our daily bread and do not chastise us because of the sins of the foolish children of Adam.’ Then Solomon told the people, ‘Go back to your homes since the Blessed the Sublime God will send down rain for you as a result of the supplications of others.’

He (MGB) admonished the people against killing frogs because of the following. When they lit a fire to burn Abraham (MGB), all the creatures of the world complained to the Honorable the Exalted God and asked Him to grant them permission to throw water over the fire. The Sublime God did not give permission to any of them except for the frog to do that. The frog threw water over the fire, but two-thirds of its body got burnt and only one third of its body was left. And He (MGB) admonished the people against killing hoopoes because a hoopoe was Solomon’s guide to the territory of Belqays.

He (MGB) admonished the people against killing shrikes, because a shrike guided Adam for one month from the Andalib Mountain to the city of Jedda.

He (MGB) admonished the people against killing swallows, since they fly around the sky for the
sorrow of the wrongs done to the Household of Muhammad (MGB) and say Valazzalin (who go not astray)[587] at the end.”

**SIX CHARACTERISTICS CONSIDERED TO BE UNDESIRABLE FOR THE PROPHET (MGB), HIS TRUSTEES, AND HIS FOLLOWERS**

6-19 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Al-Hassan ibn Musa al-Khishab, on the authority of Qiyath ibn Ibrahim, on the authority of Ishaq ibn Am’mar, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The Honorable the Exalted God has considered six characteristics to be undesirable for me, my Trustees from amongst my progeny, and their followers: playing while praying; coition when fasting; mentioning acts of charity; going to the mosque in a state of major ritual impurity[588]; looking into other people’s homes; and laughing in the graveyard.”

**THE EASY RELIGION OF MUHAMMAD HAS SIX CHARACTERISTICS**

6-20 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Sahl ibn Zyad al-Adamy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Al-Mufaz’zal ibn Umar, on the authority of Yunus ibn Abi Zebyan, “Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) told me, ‘O Yunus! Fear God and believe in His Messenger.’ I said, ‘I believe in God and His Messenger.’”
Then he (MGB) said, “The easy religion of Muhammad has six characteristics: saying prayers; paying the alms-tax; fasting in Ramazan; going on Hajj pilgrimage to the Ka’ba; obeying the Divine Leaders; honoring the rights of the believers. Anyone who doesn’t honor the right of a believer shall be held waiting for five-hundred years on the Resurrection Day until rivers flow out of his sweat. Then a caller from near the Honorable the Exalted God will announce: ‘This is a cruel one who has not honored God’s rights.’ He shall be blamed for forty more years and then he will be ordered into Hell.’”

**SIX TRIBES ARE NOT MODEST**

6-21 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Sa’eed ibn Jinah who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Six tribes are not modest: the Sandi, the Zanji, the Turkish, the Kurdish, the Khuzestani and those who reside in the hills of Ray.”

**HOARDING APPLIES TO SIX ITEMS**

6-22 Hamzih ibn Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Alavi - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted on the authority of his father, on the authority of Al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad[590], on the authority of his father, on the authority of his forefathers, on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Hoard (which is bad) implies hoarding any of six items: wheat; barley; dates; raisins; cooking fat and oil.”

**IT IS FINE TO WITHDRAW IN SIX CASES**

6-23 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Qasim ibn Yahya, on the authority of his grandfather[591], on the authority of Yaqoob al-Ja’fari that he had heard Abal-Hassan (MGB) say, “It is fine to withdraw during intercourse in six cases: from a woman you are sure will not get pregnant; an old woman; a lewd woman; a shameless woman; a woman who will not nurse her child; and a slave woman.”

**SEEK REFUGE FROM SIX CHARACTERISTICS**

6-24 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him -
narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Musa ibn Ja’far al-Baghdady, on the authority of Ali ibn Moábad, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Ishaq, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Sin’an that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Seek refuge from six characteristics every day: doubt; associating partners with God; undue bias; anger; transgression and jealousy.”
SIX ILL-GOTTEN PROPERTIES

6-25 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Musa ibn Umar, on the authority of Ibn al-Muqayrih, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB), “The following are ill-gotten property: money paid for dead animals; money paid for dogs; money paid for wine; the dowry of the fornicatress; the bribes for the judge; and the money paid for fortune-telling.”

6-26 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Abi Ayoob, on the authority of Am’mar ibn Marvan, that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There are many types of ill-gotten properties. They include: what is earned by oppressive rulers including what judges earn and what prostitutes earn; money earned from wine; intoxicating drinks; usury after it was disallowed. O Am’mar (ibn Marvan)! You should know that taking a bribe for judgement is equal to atheism and denying God’s Prophet (MGB).”

LIKING SIX THINGS CAUSE COMMITTING SINS IN GOD’S PRESENCE

6-27 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Ali ibn Mae’bad, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Qasim, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “What would cause committing sins in the presence of the blessed the Sublime God is liking 6 things: liking this world, liking leadership, liking food, liking women, liking to sleep, and liking comfort.”

THE SIX RIGHTS OF A QUADRUPED INCUMBENT UPON ITS OWNER

6-28 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB) [593], on the authority of his father, on the authority of his forefathers, on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “A quadruped has six rights incumbent upon his owner. When he stops, he should feed it first. He should give it water whenever it passes by water. He should not hit it on the face, since it glorifies God with its face. He should not ride on its back, unless it is in the way of God.[594] He should not overload it beyond its capability. He should not force it to walk more than it can.”

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YOU SHOULD NOT GREET SIX; SIX WHO DO NOT DESERVE TO LEAD THE PRAYER; AND SIX DEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF LOT

6-29 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Abbas ibn Ma’ruf, on the authority of Abi Jamileh, on the authority of Sa’ed ibn Tarif, on the authority of Al-Asbaq ibn al-Nobatat that he had heard Ali (MGB) say, “There are six groups of people who do not deserve to be greeted. There are six people who do not deserve to lead the prayer and there are six acts which are those that the people of Lot did. Those who do not deserve to be greeted are: Jews; Christians; chess players; backgammon players; alcoholics; people who play the Barbat and Tanbour; those who joke around by swearing at each other's mother; and poets. Those who do not deserve to lead prayers are: those who are born as a result of fornication; those who have abandoned the religion; those who emigrate from an Islamic environment; those who drink wine; those punished for violating Islamic decrees; and those who are not circumcised. And the following are things that the people of Lot did: shooting
round bullets using a kind of sling; chewing gum; walking with their clothes hanging out and running around with pride; and leaving their shirt's unbuttoned (so that their chest is seen)."

THE INTERPRETATION OF THE LETTERS WHICH MAKE UP THE ALPHABET

6-30 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat’tab and Ahmad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Faz’zal, on the authority of Ali ibn Asbat, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Zayd, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Salim who linked it up through a chain of narrators to the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB), “Uthman ibn Affan asked the Prophet (MGB), ‘O Prophet of God! What is the interpretation of ‘Abjad?’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘You should know the interpretation of ‘Abjad since all the wonders lie in it. Shame on a scholar who doesn’t know its interpretation!’ He asked, ‘O Prophet of God! What is the interpretation of ‘Abjad?’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘And the ‘alif is the first letter in Allah. It is one of the letters of His Name. And the ‘ba is the first letter in the Arabic ‘Behjat Allah which means God’s Pleasure. And the ‘jim is the first letter of the Arabic words ‘jinnah Allah which mean God’s Paradise; ‘jamal Allah which means God’s Beauty and ‘jalal Allah which means God’s Majesty. And the ‘dal is the first letter in the Arabic words ‘Din Allah which mean God’s Religion.'
About ‘hawaz’, you should know that the ‘ha is for fear of Hell. Shame on him who is thrown into the Fire of Hell. And the ‘wa is the second letter in the Arabic words ‘fawayl le ahlen Nar which means shame on in ‘Shame on the residents of the Fire.’ And the ‘za is the first letter in the Arabic word ‘zaviaa which refers to a corner - God forbid - from the various corners of Hell. The ‘hta is the first letter in the Arabic word ‘hutut which refers to the shedding down of the sins of those who repent on the Night of Power on which Gabriel and all the angels pray all night until dawn. And about the ‘T in ‘Fatooba lahum va hosne ma’ab (Usually translated as ‘Blessed be’) you should know that Tooba is a tree which the Honourable the Exalted God planted with his own Hand, and blew into it from His own Spirit! Tooba is the name of a Heavenly tree which is rooted in the Prophet’s (MGB) house. Its branches can be seen from the outside the walls around Paradise. And about the ‘Ya it refers to ‘Yadullah - that is God’s Hand which is above all His creatures. He is Glorified, and Sublime and has no partners. And the ‘kaf in ‘kalman refers to ‘Kalamullah implying that there can be no changing of God’s sayings and there are no protectors other than God. And the ‘lam in ‘kalman refers to the associations of the residents of Paradise; their visiting one another; and their greeting each other. It also refers to the mutual blaming of the residents of Hell. And the ‘mim in ‘kalman refers to God’s Dominion which never ends and God’s Persistence which never ends. The ‘nun in ‘kalman refers to ‘Nun. By the Pen and the (Record) which (men) write.’ And the Pen is from Light; the Record is from Light. They are on a Tablet that is safeguarded. The nearby-stationed angels are witnesses to it. Their testimony suffices for God. The ‘sad in ‘safas refers to ‘sa which means a scale by which everything you do is measured. Indeed God would not stand any oppressions be done to the people. The ‘qarasht means that God will resurrect them and bring them all back on the Resurrection Day and judge them.”

Sadooq added, “I have compiled whatever is related to the meaning of the letters of the alphabet in ‘Abjad in my book Ma’ani al-Akhabar.”

THE SIX CHARACTERISTICS OF AN INSANE ONE

6-31 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn al-Hassan ibn al-Farsi, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Ja’far al-Ja’fari, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Zayd ibn al-Hussein ibn Ali ibn Abi Talib, on the authority of his father Zayd ibn Ali, on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority...
of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB), “The Prophet of God (MGB) passed by a group of people and asked them, “Why have you gathered together here?” They said, “O Prophet of God! This is an insane epileptic and we have gathered around him.”

The Prophet (MGB) said, “This man is not insane. He is ill.” Then the Prophet (MGB) said, “Do you want me to tell you who a real insane one is?”

They said, “O Prophet of God! Yes.” The Prophet (MGB) said, “A true insane is one who walks with pride; looks at the people from the corners of his eyes; shakes his shoulders due to haughtiness; he wishes to go to Heaven although he commits sins; people are not secure from his wicked deeds; there is no hope that he will do a good deed. Such a person is insane. This poor fellow is just ill.”

ATTENTIVENESS IS RECOMMENDED AT THE BEGINNING OF SIX PRAYERS

6-32 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - in what he wrote to me emphasized that attentiveness at the beginning of six prayers is recommendable. They are the first unit of the night prayer; one unit of Al-Vatr prayer[599] ; the first unit of the noon’s supererogatory prayer; the first unit of the Ihram prayer; the first unit of the evening supererogatory prayers; and the first unit of the obligatory prayers.”

SIX THINGS OF A MARTYR SHOULD BE NOT BURIED WITH HIM

6-33 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn al-Hussein al-Sa’ed Abady quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Abil Jo’aza al-Monabat ibn Abdullah, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Alvan, on the authority of Amr ibn Khalid, on the authority of Zayd ibn Ali, on the authority of his forefathers (MGB),
on the authority of Ali (MGB), “They take off the fur garment, shoes, hat, cloak, turban and the underwear from the martyr’s body, unless his underwear is bloody in which case it is not taken off. Then they unbutton any buttons or unzip zippers and bury him.”

THE PEOPLE ARE IN SIX GROUPS

6-34 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Sahl ibn Zyad, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Sa’id al-Alhavazi, on the authority of Ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Himad, on the authority of Al-Halabi that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “The people are divided into six groups: weak people; those who accept the religion; those who are unstable; those who confess to their sins; the Nasabites[600]; and the believers.”
ANYONE WHO LIKES SOMEONE WILL NOT DO SIX THINGS TO HIM

6-35 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Aba Abdullah al-Razi, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Uthman, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Nooh, on the authority of a man, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that Al-Harith al-A’oar swore by God and told the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) that he likes him. The Commander of the Faithful (MGB) told him, “O Harith! You should not act as my enemy, if you like me. You should not play with me; overtake me; tease me; belittle me; quarrel with me or act proudly with me if you like me.”

GOD SENT ABRAHAM A RING ON WHICH SIX ITEMS WERE INSCRIBED

6-36 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali al-Sayrafi, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Khalid, “I asked Abul Hassan Musa ibn Ja’far al-Kazim (MGB), ‘What was the design of Adam (MGB)’s ring?’ He (MGB) replied, ‘The engraving on his ring was ‘Lailaha illalah Muhammadn rasullahallah (There is no god but God. Muhammad is His Messenger). Adam had brought it down with him from Paradise. When Noah was aboard his Ark the Honorable the Exalted God revealed to him, ‘O Noah! If you fear that you may be drowned, say ‘Lailaha illalah (There is no god but God) one-thousand times and ask me to rescue you and those who accompany you.’ When Noah and those who accompanied him sailed on board the Ark, a tornado started. Noah got afraid that they may drown. He did not have enough time to say the Lailaha illalah one-thousand times and said Haleluya alfa alfa yamaria atqan in Syriac language. The strong waves came to a rest and the Ark came to a calm position. Noah said, ‘I should not lose the words which saved me from drowning.’ Then he engraved the following on his ring, ‘Lailaha illalah one-thousand times. O My Lord! Please improve my affairs!’ The engraving on Solomon’s (MGB) ring was ‘Subhana minaljam al-jinn bekalamatehi.’ Gabriel became angry when they put Abraham (MGB) in the catapult to throw him in the fire. The Honorable the Exalted God revealed to Gabriel, ‘O Gabriel! Why did you become angry?

Gabriel said, ‘O my Lord! Abraham is Your friend. There is no one but him on the Earth who worships You. You have dominated your own and his enemy over him.’ God revealed to him, ‘Be silent. A servant hurries who is afraid like you. I am in control of everything. Abraham is My servant. I can rescue him whenever I wish.’ Gabriel calmed down, turned towards Abraham
6-36 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Abu Sa‘id al-Adamy, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad al-Sayyari (al-Basry), on the authority of Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Khazzaz, on the authority of someone who linked it up through some narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Indeed the Honorable the Exalted God protects our followers from six characteristics: insanity, leprosy, vitilig, being born out of adultery, having a child born out of adultery, and begging from the people.”

6-37 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Abu Sa‘id al-Adamy, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad al-Sayyari (al-Basry), on the authority of Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Khazzaz, on the authority of someone who linked it up through some narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Indeed the Honorable the Exalted God protects our followers from six characteristics: insanity, leprosy, vitilig, being born out of adultery, having a child born out of adultery, and begging from the people.”
children born out of fornication; and going door to door to beg.”

**IMAM ALI (MGB) SUPERCEDED OTHERS IN SIX**

6-39 Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn al-Hussein ibn Yusuf al-Baghdady narrated that Ahmad ibn al-Fazl al-Ahwazi quoted Bakr ibn Ahmad al-Qasri, on the authority of Zayd ibn Musa, on the authority of Abi Musa ibn Ja’far (MGB)[607], on the authority of his father Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of his father Muhammad ibn Ali (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali ibn al-Hussein (MGB), on the authority of his father Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB), that his father Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) said, “Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, Talha, Az-Zubayr, Saëd, Abdul Rahman ibn Oaf and some others were looking for the Prophet (MGB) in the house of Umma Salma. They found me sitting at the door. They asked me about him (MGB). I said, ‘The Prophet (MGB) will come out in a moment.’ The Prophet (MGB) came out, padded me on the shoulder and said, ‘O son of Abi Talib! I hope that you do not die. You have superseded others in six
There are no characteristics. There is no one else among the Quraysh with such qualities. You are the first man who believed in God. You have been the firmest of them all in doing the orders of the Honorable the Exalted God. You have been the most loyal to your pledge to God. You have been the kindest person with the people. You are the most knowledgeable regarding judicial decrees. You have been the most fair person in equally dividing up the possessions. You are the noblest of them all to the Honorable the Exalted God.”

6-40 Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Baghdady has narrated that Ahmad ibn al-Fazl al-Ahwazi quoted Bakr ibn Ahmad al-Qasri, on the authority of Abu Ahmad Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Abdullah ibn Musa, (on the authority of his father), that his father Musa (Al-Kazim (MGB)), narrated a similar narration on the authority of his father Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB).

THERE ARE SIX WHOSE PRAYERS WILL NOT BE ANSWERED

6-41 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Ayoob ibn Nooh, on the authority of Al-Rabia’ ibn Muhammad al-Moslemi, on the authority of Abdul Ali, on the authority of Noof:[608] “I spent one night with the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB). He was praying all night long. He went out every hour, looked up at the sky and recited the Quran. When some of the hours of the night had passed he told me, “O Noof! Are you sleeping or are you awake?” I said, “O Commander of the Faithful! Yes, I am awake and I am looking at you,” He said, “O Noof! Blessed be[609] those who abstain from this world, and are inclined to the Hereafter. They are the ones who have established the Earth as their carpet, and have established its dirt as their bed, and its water as their perfume. They constantly read the Quran, and praying is their custom. They have cut off themselves from the world as did Jesus the son of Mary (MGB). Indeed God the Honorable the Exalted revealed to Jesus the son of Mary: Tell the elders from the Children of Israel: “Do not enter any of My houses without having a pure heart, humble eyes, and clean hands.” Also tell them: “Know that I will not answer the prayers of anyone amongst you. Neither will I answer the prayers of anyone who is indebted to any of my creatures. O Noof! Beware not to become a customs official, a poet, a policeman, chief (of a village), or one who plays the Tanbour[610], or the drum since the Prophet (MGB) came out one night, looked at the sky and said, “This is the hour in which no one’s prayers are rejected except the prayers of a chief (of a village), or the prayers of a poet, or the prayers of a customs official, or a policeman, or one who plays the Tanbour[611], or one who plays the drum.”

6-40 نب ركب ان شدد لب يزاودا لب دمحم ان شدد لب يدادغىلابا دمحم ان شدد 40-6
THERE ARE SIX WHO ARE DAMNED

6-42 Hamzih ibn Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Alavi - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Sa’id al-Hamedany quoted on the authority of Yahya ibn al-Hassan ibn Ja’far, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Maymun al-Khazzaz, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Maymun, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad[612], on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hussein[613] (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are six damned by God and all the Prophets (whose call is accepted): Those who add to God’s Book; those who deny the Divine decree; those who abandon my traditions; those who allow what God has forbidden regarding my Itrat[614]; those who take power by force to debase those whom God has honored; and honor those whom God has debased; those who dedicate the Muslim’s booties to himself, and make them legitimate for himself to use.”

A MAN’S PERFECTION LIES IN SIX CHARACTERISTICS

6-43 Ahmad ibn Ibrahim ibn al-Walid al-Salmy narrated that Abulfazl Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Katib al-Neishaboory quoted through documents linking up to the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) saying, “A man’s perfection lies in six characteristics: two minor ones, two major ones, and two influential ones. And the two minor ones lie in his heart and tongue in that he fights with his heart, and he expresses his words with his tongue. And the two major ones lie in his intellect and determination. And the two influential ones lie in his wealth and beauty.”

THE PEOPLE ARE IN SIX GROUPS
Ja'far ibn Muhammad ibn Masroor - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ja'far ibn Bat'tat quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father who linked it up to Zurarah ibn Oa'fi, “I went to Ali ibn al-Hussein (MGB) and he said, ‘O Zurarah! The people at these times are in six groups: lions, wolves, foxes, dogs, pigs and ewes. As for the lions, they are the Kings of the world whichever one loves to can conquer and not get defeated. As for the wolves - they are your businessmen. They find faults when they want to buy, and they praise when they want to sell. And as for the foxes, they are those who use their religion as a means to eat. What they describe by their tongues is not in their hearts. And as for the dogs, they are those who growl at the people with their tongues, and the people honor them due to fear of their tongues. And as for the pigs, they are the effeminate ones, and their look-alikes who never refuse to participate in acts of corruption when they are invited. And as for the ewes, they are the believers whose hair is shaved, whose meat is eaten, and whose bones are broken just as when ewes are caught in between lions, wolves, foxes, dogs and pigs.”
PART 7 - ON SEVEN-NUMBERED CHARACTERISTICS

Section 1

THE PROPHET ORDERED SEVEN THINGS OF MAN TO BE BURIED

7-1 Abu Ahmad Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Bandar narrated that Abu Bakr Mosadat ibn Asma’e quoted on the authority of Abu Hamid Ahmad ibn Ishaq al-Haravy, on the authority of Al-Fazl ibn Abdullah al-Haravy, on the authority of Malik ibn Suleiman, on the authority of Davood ibn Abdul Rahman, on the authority of Hisham ibn Urwah, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ayesha that God’s Prophet (MGB) ordered seven things of man to be buried: the hair, the nails, the blood, the menses, the placenta, the teeth, and the bones.”

THE PROPHET ADMONISHED AGAINST SEVEN THINGS AND ADVISED TO DO SEVEN

7-2 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad ibn Ahmad al-Sejezy narrated that Abul-Abbas al-Saqafy quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Sabah, on the authority of Jarir, on the authority of Abi Ishaq al-Sheibany, on the authority of Ash’as ibn Abil-Sa’es’a al-Maharebi, on the authority of Muawiyah ibn Sowayd ibn Maqran, on the authority of Al-Bara ibn Azib that God’s Prophet (MGB) admonished the people against seven things and advised the people to do seven things. He (MGB) prohibited us from wearing golden rings; and drinking in golden or silver vessels. He (MGB) said, ‘Whoever drinks in such vessels in this world will not do so in the Hereafter.’ The Prophet (MGB) also advised us against riding on a silk saddle; wearing Egyptian silk clothing; wearing silk garments, fine (colored) silk brocade, and thick brocade.

The Prophet (MGB) also ordered us to attend funeral processions; visit the ill; say ‘God bless you’ to one who sneezes; assist the victims of injustice; greet others aloud; accept invitations; and honor our oaths.

Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad (al-Sejezy) added, “It is better to say honor your promise.”

SEVEN THINGS FROM THE SHEEP THAT ARE FORBIDDEN

7-3 Abul-Hussein Muhammad ibn Ali ibn al-Shah narrated that Abu Hamid quoted on the authority of Abu Yazid Ahmad ibn Khalid al-Khalidy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Solh al-Tamimy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Hatam al-Qat’tan, on the authority of Hammad ibn Amr, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad[619], on the authority of his father, on the authority of his grandfather, on the
authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said in his advice to him, “O Ali! Seven things from the sheep are forbidden: the blood, the genitals, the urinary bladder, the bone marrow, the glands, the spleens, and the gall bladders.”

7-4 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Harun, on the authority of Abi Yahya al-Vaseti who through a chain of narrations linked it up to the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) who went to the butchers and admonished them against selling seven parts of sheep: The blood; the glands; the corners of the heart; the spleens; the bone marrow; the balls and the penis.” One of the butchers told him (MGB), ‘O Commander of the Faithful! The spleens and the liver are the same.’

The Commander of the Faithful (MGB) told him, ‘O liar! You are lying! Bring me two bowls of water so that I may show you the difference between them.’ He brought two bowls of water. The
Commander of the Faithful (MGB) took a liver and a spleen and put each one in one of the bowls of water. He (MGB) then squashed each one of them with his hand. The liver got squashed but no blood came out of it, but the spleen did not. There was a lot of blood in it which all came out into the water, and all that was left of it was the veins and the skin that was in it. Then the Commander of the Faithful (MGB) said, “This is the difference between the liver and the spleens. The first one is a form of meat, but the second one is just blood!”

THE SEVEN CHARACTERISTICS GRANTED TO ALI (MGB)

7-5 Muhammad ibn Ali ibn al-Shah narrated that Abu Hamid quoted on the authority of Abu Yazid Ahmad ibn Khalid al-Khalidy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Salih al-Tamimy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Hatam al-Qat’tan, on the authority of Hammad ibn Amr, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad, on the authority of his father, on the authority of his grandfather, on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB), on the authority of God’s Prophet (MGB) in the Prophet’s will to Ali (MGB), “O Ali! Indeed the Blessed the Sublime God has granted me seven characteristics similar to you. You will be the first one whom the grave will push out of the ground (on the Resurrection Day) along with me. You will be the first one to stop on the Bridge[620] with me. You will be the first one to be dressed when they dress and are brought back to life when they are brought back to life. You will be the first one to reside with me in the highest Heaven. You will be the first one to drink the sealed nectar drink of Paradise with me which is sealed by musk.”
THE PROPHET SAID: ‘BLESSED BE THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN ME WITHOUT HAVING SEEN ME’

7-6 Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Bindar narrated that Abul-Abbas al-Himady quoted on the authority of Abu Ja’far al-Hazrami, on the authority of Hodbat ibn Khalid, on the authority of Homam ibn Yahya, on the authority of Qitadeh, on the authority of Aymen, on the authority of Abi Imamat that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Blessed be those who believe in me without having seen me.” He (MGB) then repeated it seven times.

SEVEN PEOPLE WILL BE IN THE SHADE OF GOD’S THRONE ON THE RESURRECTION DAY

7-7 Al-Khalil ibn Ahmad narrated that Ibn Muni’a quoted Mus’ab, on the authority of Malik, on the authority of Aba Abdul Rahman, on the authority of Hafs ibn Asem, on the authority of Abi Sa’id al-Khidry, or Abi Hurayrih that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “God - the Honorable the Exalted will put His Shade over seven people on the day in which there is no shade except for His Shade: just leaders; young people who have grown up in the worship of the Honorable the Exalted God; men whose heart is with the mosque when they leave it until they return to it; two men who gather together in the mosque in order to obey the Honorable the Exalted God and stay there until they part; men who remember the Honorable the Exalted God when they are alone and cry due to the fear of the Honorable the Exalted God; men invited by a beautiful woman with a good reputation, but do not accept her invitation and say that they fear the Honorable the Exalted God; and men who give charity in private in such a way that no one finds out.”

7-8 Al-Muzaf’far ibn Ja’far (Ibn al-Muzaf’far) al-Alavi al-Umari al-Samarqandi - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Masood al-Ayashi quoted his father, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Ishkeeb, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali al-Kufy, on the authority of Abi Jamileh Al-Asady, on the authority of Abu Bakr al-Khizermi, on the authority of Salma ibn Kohayl who linked it up to Ibn Abbas[622] that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Seven people will be in the Shade of the Honorable the Exalted God’s Throne on the day in which there is no shade except for His Shade: just leaders; young people who have grown up in the worship of God; men who give charity in private such that even their left hands do not realize what they gave with their right hands (stressing the fact that they give charity such that no one else sees it); men who remember the Honorable the Exalted God when they are alone and cry due to the fear of the Honorable the Exalted God; men who upon seeing their believing brethren say, ‘I like you for the sake of the Honorable the Exalted God’; men who intend to return to the mosque whenever they leave it; men invited by a beautiful woman, but do not accept her invitation and say that they fear the Lord of the Two Worlds.”
THERE ARE SEVEN CHARACTERISTICS IN RAISINS

7-9 Abu Mansoor Ahmad ibn Ibrahim ibn Bakr al-Khowzi narrated that Zayd ibn Muhammad al-Baghdady quoted on the authority of Abul Qasim Abdullah ibn Ahmad al-Ta’ee, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Abul Hassan Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “I advise you to eat raisins since that will cure biliousness; alleviate the phlegm; strengthen your nerves; relieve your fatigue; improve your temper; purify yourself; and fend off your grief.”

SEVEN MOUNTAINS WERE MOVED FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER PLACE DURING THE TIME OF MOSES (MGB)

7-10 Abu Ahmad al-Qasim ibn Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Abdoiyeh al-Siraj in Hamedan
narrated that Abul-Hassan Ali ibn al-Hassan ibn Sa`id al-Baz’zaz quoted Hameed ibn Zanjooyeh, on the authority of Abdallah ibn Yusuf, on the authority of Khalid ibn Yazid ibn Sabeeh, on the authority of Talha ibn Amr al-Hazrami, on the authority of Ata ibn Abi Ribah, on the authority of Ibn Abbas [623] that the Prophet (MGB) said, “Seven mountains were moved from their original place and joined Saudi Arabia [624] and Yemen. These mountains are Ahad and Varqan which are in Medina; Sowr, Sobayr and Hira which are in Mecca; Sabre and Hazur which are in Yemen.”

7-11 Abul Hassan Muhammad ibn Amr ibn Ali ibn Abdullah al-Basry in Ilaq narrated that the preacher Abu Abdullah Muhammad ibn Abdullah ibn Ahmad ibn Jabala quoted on authority of Abul Qasim Abdullah ibn Ahmad ibn Amer al-Ta’ee, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB), on the authority of his father Musa ibn Ja’far (MGB), on the authority of his father Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of his father Muhammad ibn Ali (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali ibn al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB), “Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) was in the Jamea Mosque in Kufa. A man from Syria got up and asked him several questions amongst which was the following, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! What are the colors of the seven heavens and what are their names?’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘The lowest heaven is called Raf’a made of smoke and water. The second heaven is called Faydoom and it is the same color as copper. The third heaven is called Maroom and it is the same color as brass. The fourth heaven is called Arfoloon and it is the same color as silver. The fifth heaven is called Hayoon and it is the same color as gold. The sixth heaven is called Aroos and it is the same color as green chrysolite. [625] The seventh heaven is called Ajma and it is the same color as a white pearl.’”

This has been a part of a longer narration. Only a part of it has been presented here as needed.
GOD’S PROPHET (MGB) GAVE ABUZAR SEVEN PIECES OF ADVICE

7-12 Abu Ali al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Muhammad al-Attar narrated that Muhammad ibn Mahmood quoted on the authority of Abu Suleiman Muhammad ibn Mansoor al-Faqqee, Isma’il al-Maleki and Hamdan, on the authority of Al-Makeki ibn Ibrahim, on the authority of Hisham ibn Hisan and al-Hassan ibn Dinar, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Vase’a, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Samet, on the authority of Abuzar, “God’s Prophet (MGB) gave me seven pieces of advice. The Prophet (MGB) advised me to always consider the situation of the people who are in an inferior position than I am. The Prophet (MGB) advised me never to consider the position of those who are in a better position than I am. The Prophet (MGB) advised me to like the poor and associate with them. The Prophet (MGB) advised me to tell the truth even though it may be unpleasant. The Prophet (MGB) advised me to visit my relations of kin, even if they may have cut off relations with me. The Prophet (MGB) advised me not to fear the blame of those who blame me for the sake of God. The Prophet (MGB) advised me to say ‘There is no power nor any strength save in God the Sublime the Great’ often as it is one of the treasures of Paradise.”

7-13 Abu Muhammad - Muhammad ibn Abdullah al-Shafe’ee in Furqana narrated that Mujahid ibn A’ayn quoted Abu Yahya Abdul Samad ibn al-Fazl al-Balkhi, on the authority of Macci ibn Ibrahim, on the authority of Hisham ibn Hisan and al-Hassan ibn Dinar, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Vase’a, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Samet, on the authority of Abuzar, “God’s Prophet (MGB) gave me seven pieces of advice.”

The rest of this narration is similar to the one above.

THE BELIEF OF ONE WHO HAS SEVEN CHARACTERISTICS IS COMPLETE

7-14 Abul-Hussein Muhammad ibn Ali ibn al-Shah narrated that Abu Hamid Ahmad ibn
Muhammad ibn al-Hussein quoted on the authority of Abu Yazid Ahmad ibn Khalid al-Khalidy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Salih al-Tamimy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Anas ibn Muhammad Abu Malik, on the authority of his father, on the authority of his grandfather, on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that in his will to Ali (MGB), the Prophet (MGB) told him, “O Ali! The belief of one who has the following seven characteristics is complete and the gates of Paradise shall open up for him: to perform the (ritual) ablation properly; to say the prayers properly; to pay the alms-tax; to quench one’s anger; to control one’s tongue; to seek God’s forgiveness for the sins; and to (follow and) give advice according to the way of the Prophet’s Household.”

GOD GIVES SEVEN THINGS TO ONE WHO FASTS IN RAMAZAN

7-15 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Ali
ibn al-Hussein al-Req’qi, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Jabal’lat, on the authority of Muawiyah ibn Am’mar, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Abdullah, on the authority of his forefathers, on the authority of his grandfather Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Abi Talib, on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB), “God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘The Blessed the Sublime God would give seven things to any believer who fasts during the month of Ramazan for the sake of God as follows: God would melt down any flesh that may have grown on his body due to eating illegitimate food; the Honorable the Exalted God would make him closer to His Mercy; his act would be considered as an expiation for the sin of his great forefather Adam (MGB); God would ease the hardships of death for him; he shall be immune from thirst and hunger on the Resurrection Day; the Honorable the Exalted God would feed him with pure Heavenly foods; and the Honorable the Exalted God would grant him immunity from the Fire (of Hell).’ I said, ‘O Muhammad! You speak the truth.’”

SEVEN PEOPLE SHALL RECEIVE THE HARDEST PUNISHMENT ON THE RESURRECTION DAY

7-16 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Al-Abbas ibn Ma’ruf, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Hanan ibn Sadeer, that one of the companions of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said that he had heard him say, “Seven people who shall receive the hardest punishment on the Resurrection Day are as follows: Adam’s son who killed his brother (MGB); Nimrood who argued with Abraham (MGB) about God; two of the Israelites one of whom made the Israelites Jewish and the other one who made the Israelites Christian; the Pharaoh who said, ‘I am your Lord, Most High’ [626]; and two of the followers of the Muslim nation.”

THE OPENING ALLAHU AKBARS (GOD IS GREAT) ARE SEVEN

7-17 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Abdullah al-Khalijee, on the authority of the father of Ali al-Hassan ibn Rashid, “I asked Al-Reza (MGB) about the number of times the Allahu Akbars (God is Great) are said before the start of the prayer. He (MGB) replied, ‘It is seven times.’ I said, ‘It has been narrated that God’s Prophet (MGB) said it only once.’ The Imam replied, ‘God’s Prophet (MGB) said it loudly once and said it quietly the other six times.’”
ٍٍٙح ىدع ٕد ىّفأ ٕع ،ٙ١دأ ٕع ،ّٕحٙ ٕد ّ١ٙحٍدا ٕد ١ٍع حٕعىف :ٍحم ٕٙع ٍٍٙح ١ٍٝ ١دأ حٕعىف 7-18 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted on the authority of Ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Bakir that Zurarah said, “I saw Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) and heard him start his prayer with seven continuous Takbirs (saying God is Great).”

7-19 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Himad, on the authority of Al-Halabi, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Whenever you are the prayer leader it suffices that you say the opening Takbir (God is Great) once aloud and say the rest in a low voice.”

7-20 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Hammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Hurayz, on the authority of Zurarah that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “The minimum number of the opening Takbirs (saying God is Great) before the start of the prayer is 1. It may be said three times. It is even better to say it five or even seven times.”

The compiler of the book added, “I have compiled the reasons behind the seven opening Takbirs in my book Elal al-Shar’ye val Asbab.”

SEVEN INSTANCES TO RECITE AL-IKHLAS AND KAFIRUN
7-21 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ayoob ibn Nooh, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrih, on the authority of Mu’az ibn Muslim, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Never abandon reading the Al-Ikhlas[627] and the Kafirun[628] Quranic Chapters in the following seven instances: in the two units of recommendable (Nafila) prayers before dawn prayers; in the two units of recommendable (Nafila) prayers at sunset; in the two units of recommendable (Nafila) prayers after the evening prayer; in the first two units of the night prayer; in the two units of Ihram prayer; in the two units of the morning prayer; and in the two units of the Ka’ba circumambulation prayer.”

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “The instruction above for reciting the above-mentioned two Quranic Chapters in these seven instances is a recommendation. It is not an obligation.”

A WISE MAN PURSUED ANOTHER WISE MAN FOR SEVEN-HUNDRED FARSAKHS[629] FOR SEVEN PIECES OF ADVICE

7-22 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih -may God be pleased with him- narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Abu Abdullah al-Razi, on the authority of Sajjada.
- who is al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Abi Uthman whereas Abi Uthman is Habib, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Hamzih, on the authority of Muawiyah ibn Wahab, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “A wise man pursued another wise man for seven-hundred Farsakhs\[630\] for seven pieces of advice. Once he met him he asked, ‘O Sir! Please tell me what is higher than the sky; what is wider than the Earth; what is deeper than the sea; what is harder than the rocks; what is hotter than fire; what is colder than bitter cold; and what is heavier than the mountains?’ The wise man replied, ‘Truth is higher than the skies; justice is wider than the Earth; self-contentment is deeper than the sea; an atheist’s heart is harder than rocks; the greed of a miser is hotter than the fire; disappointment for obtaining God’s Mercy is colder than bitter cold; and finally accusing an innocent person is heavier than the mountains.’”

**SEVEN SPOIL THEIR DEEDS**

7-23 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Abu Abdullah al-Razi, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Abi Uthman, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Umar al-Hilal, on the authority of Yahya ibn Imran al-Halabi that he had heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, “The following seven people spoil their deeds.

1- A wise highly knowledgeable man who doesn’t teach his knowledge to the people and is unknown to the extent that nobody mentions his name

2- A wise man who entrusts his wealth to wicked liars who would not return it to him

3- Those who trust mischievous and disloyal people

4- Noble people who are not compassionate to others

5- Mothers who do not protect the secrets of their offspring and divulge them

6- Those who rush to blame their companions and brethren
7- Those who continually quarrel with their colleagues and brethren.”

THE PROSTRATION ON SEVEN BONES

7-24 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Himad, on the authority of Zurarah that Abi Ja’far al-Ba’qir (MGB) said, “You perform the prostration on seven bones: the forehead; the palms of the hands; the ends of the knees; the big toes of the feet; and the tip of the nose. The first seven is a must but touching the tip of the nose to the ground during prostration is just recommendable.”

THE PROPHET (MGB) HAS CURSED SEVEN GROUPS

7-25 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Abil Qasim al-Kufy, on the authority of Abdul-Mumin al-Ansari, on the authority of Abi Ja’far al-Ba’qir (MGB), “God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘I have
cursed seven groups. God and all the other Prophets (MGB) whose prayers are sure to be fulfilled have also cursed them.’ They asked him (MGB), ‘Who are they?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘They are those who add things to the Quran; those who deny Divine Destiny; those who oppose my traditions; those who allow what has been forbidden regarding my Itrat; those who come into power by force so as to debase those who are endear by God, and to endear those who are debased by God; those who consider lawful what the Honorable the Exalted God has established to be unlawful.’”

7-26 Muhammad ibn Umar al-Hafiz quoted on the authority of Abu Ja’far Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Hafs al-Khas’ami, on the authority of Sabit ibn Qarim al-Sanjari, on the authority of Abdul Malik ibn Valid, on the authority of Amr ibn Abdul-Jab’bar, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Zyad, on the authority of Zayd ibn Ali, on the authority of his father, on the authority of his grandfather, on the authority of Ali (MGB) that the Prophet (MGB) said, “God and all the Prophets (MGB) whose prayers are sure to be fulfilled have cursed seven groups of people. They are those who change the Quran; those who deny Divine Destiny; those who change the tradition of God’s Prophet; those who allow what has been forbidden regarding my Itrat; those who come into power by force so as to debase those who are endear by God, and to endear those who are debased by God; those who consider lawful what the Honorable the Exalted God has established to be unlawful; and those who are too proud with those who worship the Honorable the Exalted God.”

THE SEVEN RIGHTS OF BELIEVERS INCUMBENT UPON OTHER BELIEVERS

7-27 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn Abdul Jab’bar, on the authority of Al-Hassan Ali ibn Fazal, on the authority of Solabat ibn Maymun, on the authority of some companions, on the authority of Al-Moála ibn Khanees, "I asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), ‘What are the rights of the believers incumbent upon other believers?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘There are seven rights for any believer that are incumbent upon other believers to honor. All seven are obligatory. If you do not honor any of these rights, you have left the domain of divine friendship and God's obedience.’"
I asked the Imam (MGB), ‘May I be your ransom! What are these seven rights?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘Excellent O Moála! The simplest right is that you should like for them what you like for yourself, and dislike for them what you dislike for yourself. The second right is that you must assist them in fulfilling their needs, please them and not oppose what they say. The third right is that you must use your soul, wealth, tongue, hands and feet to assist them. The fourth right is that you must be like their eyes, their guide, their mirror, and their clothing. The sixth right is that if you have a wife and a servant, and your brother doesn’t, you must send your servant to his house to wash his clothes, prepare his food and make his bed. These are all established duties between you and him. The seventh right is that you must accept his oath and his invitation. You must attend his burial ceremony. You should go to visit him if he gets ill, and make all efforts to fulfill his needs. You should not let him beg you for help, but immediately fulfill his needs. Once you do this, you have tied his friendship and yours together, and have tied your friendship to the Almighty God's friendship.’

7-28 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quoted Harun ibn Muslim ibn Sa’edan, on the authority of Mus’adat ibn Sadaqah al-Rub’ee, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), “The Honorable the Exalted God has established seven rights for each believer incumbent upon any other believer as follows:

1- He must honor him in his sight.

2- He must love him wholeheartedly.

3- He must help him.

4- He should consider to be good for him whatever he considers to be good for himself and should not gossip about him.
5- He should visit him when he gets ill.

6- He should attend and escort his funeral procession.

7- He should only speak good of him after his death.”

AN ATHEIST EATS WITH SEVEN INTESTINES

7-29 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Harun ibn Muslim, on the authority of Mus’adat, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), “The atheists eat with seven intestines. [632]”

7-30 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of some companions, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “A believer eats with one intestine, but an atheist eats with seven intestines.”
A BELIEVER IS ONE WHO HAS SEVEN CHARACTERISTICS

7-31 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Yahya, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad and others who linked it up through a chain of narrators to the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB), “A believer is one whose business is legitimate; is good-tempered; has a good soul; gives charity from his excessive wealth; doesn’t talk a lot; the people are secure with him; and he treats others fairly.”

THERE ARE SEVEN RANKS FOR A BELIEVER

7-32 Al-Hussein ibn Ahmad ibn Idris - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Ahmad quoted Ahmad ibn Awa Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Awa Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “There are seven ranks for a believer. None of them would go beyond their rank. Those with a given rank may get honored by the Honorable the Exalted God and be promoted, but they would never achieve a different rank. One group are God’s witnesses for His creatures. One group are the noble ones. One group are the examined ones. One group are the brave ones. One group are the patient ones. One group are the pious ones and one group are those who seek forgiveness.”

SEVEN HEARTS WOULD NOT TASTE THE SWEETNESS OF BELIEF

7-33 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Sahl ibn Zyad, on the authority of Mansoor, on the authority of Nasr al-Kowsaj, on the authority of Motrif - a servant of Ma’an, on the authority of Awa Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Seven hearts would not taste the sweetness of belief: the Sandi; the Zanji; the Khuzestani; the Kurdish; the Bedouins; those who reside in the hills of Ray[633]; and those born of adultery.”

SEVEN GROUPS OF LEARNED MEN SHALL GO TO HELL

7-34 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Musa al-Khishab, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Mihran, and Ali ibn Asbat, on the authority of some men that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “A group of learned men like to pile up their knowledge like a treasure and not let the people use it. They shall be on the first floor of Hell. Some of the learned men get insulted when they are given some advice and have a hard time giving advice to others. They shall be on the second floor of Hell.”
Some of the learned men consider only the rich and the elite to be worthy of learning, and do not consider the poor and the needy to be worthy of teaching. They shall be on the third floor of Hell. Some of the learned men are oppressive like the rulers and the kings. They would get angry if you object to them or fail to carry out any of their orders. They shall reside on the fourth level of Hell. Some of the learned men seek to acquire the narrations of the Jews and the Christians in order to serve as a source of pride and honor for them and increase their body of knowledge of traditions. They shall reside on the fifth level of Hell. Some of the learned men assume themselves as being the reference for religious decrees, and say that others should ask them even though they have not even learned a single word! God doesn’t like such people and they shall reside on the sixth level of Hell. Some of the learned men use their knowledge as a means of...
showing off their intellect and manliness. Such people shall reside on the seventh level of Hell.”

**SEVEN CREATURES WHICH GOD CREATED BUT NOT BORN OF THEIR MOTHER’S WOMB**

7-35 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted Al-Ýashkari[634]. on the authority of Abi Ahmad Muhammad ibn Zyad al-Azodi, on the authority of Aban ibn Uthman, on the authority of Aban ibn Taqlib, on the authority of Sufyan ibn Abi Layli, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Ali Talib (MGB) that it has been recorded as a part of a long narration in which the Imam (MGB) responded to the Roman Emperor who had asked him about the seven creatures which God created but not born of their mother’s womb as follows: “They are Adam, Eve, Abraham’s ram, the she-camel of Salih, the snake in Heaven, the raven which God sent for Cain to scratch the ground and show him how to bury his brother Abel[635] , and the damned Satan - may the Blessed the Sublime God curse him.”

**GOD THE SUBLIME HAS PARTITIONED ISLAM INTO SEVEN PARTS**

7-36 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa”ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Am”mar ibn Abil Ahvas, “Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) was asked, ‘There are people amongst us who believe in the Caliphate of the Commander of the Faithful (MGB), and consider him to be superior to all people, but do not believe in your nobility as we do. Should we be friends with them?’ Imam as-Sadiq (MGB) replied, ‘Yes, absolutely. Is it not true that God has things that the Prophet of God doesn’t have? Is it not true that the Prophet of God has things that we do not have? Is it not true that...”
we have things that you do not have? Is it not true that you have things that others do not have? God the Blessed the Sublime has partitioned Islam into seven parts, and has distributed them amongst the people. These are perseverance, honesty, certitude, contentment, loyalty, knowledge, and patience. Whoever possesses all seven has perfect faith and is strong. He gave some people just one, some just two, some just three, some just four, some just five, some just six, and some all seven of these. Therefore, you should not expect one who has only been given one part of the faith to be responsible for two parts. You cannot burden one who has been granted only two parts of the faith with what you would ask from those who have three parts of faith. And so on. If you expect too much of them, they will be overburdened and might turn away from the religion. Instead you should be patient and treat them with kindness, and make things easy for them. Now I will cite an example for you. There was a Muslim man with an infidel neighbor who was his friend. The man wished to help his friend become a Muslim. He kept trying to show him how nice Islam was, and insisted on his becoming a Muslim. Finally, he managed, and the man accepted Islam. The next morning the man went to his neighbor's house, and asked him to accompany him to the morning congregation prayer. They went there and when the prayer ended he told the new Muslim man to sit down and recite the Quran until sunrise. They stayed there, and continued reciting until sunrise. Then he told him it was nice to fast that day and study the Quran until noon. The new Muslim agreed. After the noon and afternoon prayers, he suggested to the new Muslim man to stay there until dawn, to say their prayers in the mosque and then go home at night. He agreed. They did their night prayer, got up and went home. The next morning the man went to his neighbor's house again and asked him to go to the mosque. The man said, 'Leave me alone. This religion is too difficult. I cannot stand it.' Therefore you should learn not to pressure the people. Do you know that the rule of the Umayyad clan was based upon force, the sword and oppression? However, we rule the people's hearts with patience, kindness, concealing of faith, good association, piety, and struggling. Try to attract the people to your religion.'”

**GOD HAS GRANTED HIS PROPHET SEVEN CHARACTERISTICS**

7-37 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Jabal’le, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Abdullah, on the authority of his forefathers, on the authority of his grandfather Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) in a long narration, “One of the Jews went to see God’s Prophet (MGB) and asked him (MGB) several
questions among which he asked, ‘Please inform us of seven things which God has especially
rewarded you from amongst all the Prophets and has especially granted your nation from amongst
the nations.’

The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘The honorable the Exalted God has granted me the Opening Chapter
(Al-Fatiha[636]), the general call to prayer (azan), the congregational prayers in the mosque, the
Friday prayer, the prayer for the deceased ones; permission to say three prayers aloud[637]. God
has granted my nation permission to break their fast during illness or on a journey; and the
possibility of my intercession on behalf of those who commit a major sin.’

The Jew asked, ‘O Muhammad! You are right! What would be the reward of one who recites the
Opening Chapter (Al-Hamad)?’ God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘The Honorable the Exalted God
would grant whomever recites the Opening Chapter of the Book (Al-Fatiha[638]) the reward of
reciting as many as the number of verses which have been revealed from the heavens. And the reward for those of my nation who say the azan would be being resurrected amongst the Prophets, the honest ones, the martyrs and the good-doers. And the reward for the congregational prayer is that the lines of those of my nation who stand to say the congregational prayer is like the line of the angels in the heavens. Each unit of prayer said in a congregational prayer is worth more than twenty-four units of regular prayers. Each unit of congregational prayers is liked by the Honorable the Exalted God more than forty years of worship. And Friday is the day on which God would bring about those of the latter and those of the former times for the Reckoning.

The Honorable the Exalted God would give a discount to any believer who goes to the Friday congregational prayers and would reduce his fears on the Resurrection Day and would reward him with Paradise. And the reward for saying the prayers aloud is that the Fire would be put out for as far away as the voice of the one who says the prayers goes. He will also cross the Bridge and have a pleasant entry into Paradise.

Regarding the sixth it should be stated that the Honorable the Exalted God would diminish the amount of fear on the Resurrection Day for those of my nation as mentioned in the Holy Quran. God would make entry into Paradise a certainty for any believer who prays for the deceased unless he is a hypocrite or damned by his parents. Moreover, my intercession for the major sins excludes those who are oppressors and those who associate partners with God.

He accepted Islam and then brought out a piece of white paper in which all that the Prophet (MGB) said.
was already written. He said, ‘O Prophet of God! I swear by Him who appointed you to the position of Prophethood that I have copied this material from the Tablets which the Honorable the Exalted God had sent to Moses - the son of Imran. I have read in the Torah that no one but you can give the right answers to these questions. O Muhammad! I have read so much about your nobilities in the Torah that I doubted it. I tried to eliminate your name from the Torah for forty years, but it still remains there. I have also read in the Torah that at the time of answering these questions Gabriel shall be on your right side, Michael [642] shall be on your left side, and your Trustee shall be in front of you.’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘You are right! This is Gabriel on my right side. This is Michael on my left side. And this is my Trustee Ali ibn Abi Talib who is in front of you.’ The Jew truly accepted Islam.

THE OFFERING OF A COW OR A CAMEL IS ACCEPTED FROM SEVEN PEOPLE

7-38 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Banan ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Yunus ibn Yaqoob, “I asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), ‘How many people would the offering of a cow or a camel be accepted from?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘It would be accepted from seven people.’”

7-39 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat’tab, on the authority of Vaheeb ibn Hafs, on the authority of Abi Basir that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “The offering of a cow or a camel would be accepted from seven people whether they be from the same family or not.”

THE SUN AND THE MOON HAVE SEVEN LAYERS

7-40 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Isa ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Ali ibn Mahzyar, on the authority of Ali ibn Hisan, on the authority of Abi Ayoob, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Muslim, “I asked Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB), ‘May I be your ransom! Why is the Sun hotter than the moon?’ Then he (MGB) replied, ‘Indeed the Blessed the Sublime God created the Sun from layers of the light of fire and pure gaseous water one layer of each upon the other until the seventh layer which can be seen and is made of fire. Thus, the heat of the Sun is more than that of the moon.’ I asked, ‘How about the moon?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘The Sublime God has made the moon from layers of the light of fire and gaseous vapors one upon another for seven layers and has covered up the seventh layer with water. That is why the moon is cooler than the Sun.’
There are seven territories in the world

7-41 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Abi Yahya al-Vaseti who linked it up through a chain of narrators to As-Sadiq (MGB), “The world is divided into seven territories: Yajoj; Majooj; Rome; China; Blacks; the tribe of Moses; and the Babel's territories.”

7-42 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ibrahim ibn Ishaq, on the authority of
Muhammad ibn Isma’il ibn Bazi’a who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB), “It is not necessary to make any especial supplications in seven instances: prayer for a deceased one, Qunut [643] in the Al-Mustajar [644]; Safa and Marva; Arafat and in the two units of circumambulations prayer.”

7-43 Hamzih ibn Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Alavi - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrih, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB), “Seven persons should not recite the Quran: one who is bowing down; one who is prostrating; one who is in the toilet; one who is in the bath; one who is in a state of major ritual impurity; a woman who is in childbed; and a menstruating woman.”

The author of this book - may God be pleased with him - said, “This indicates that this is detested, not that it is absolutely forbidden. As you know it is absolutely forbidden for one who is in a state of major ritual impurity [645] and a woman who is menstruating to recite the Quran. There are four Quranic Chapters which require prostration as follows: Luqman; Ha-mim; An-Najm; and Iqra. It has also been narrated that one can recite the Quran in the bath if his recitation is not meant to be a form of singing and his private parts should also be covered. One should not recite the Quran while bowing down or prostrating since they are meant for glorifications, except for praying for a need in which it is allowed. One should not recite the Quran in the toilet. A woman who is in childbed is like one who is menstruating.”

THE QURAN WAS REVEALED IN SEVEN LETTERS

7-44 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Al-Abbas ibn Ma’ruf, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Yahya al-
Sayrāfi, on the authority of Hammad ibn Uthman that he told Aba Abdullāh as-Sadiq (MGB), 43-45 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Hilal[648], on the authority of his forefathers (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Gabriel was sent to me by the Honorable the Exalted God and told me, 'God has ordained that you recite the Quran in one letter only.' I said, ‘O God! Please be more lenient with my nation.’ Then Gabriel said, ‘The Honorable the Exalted God ordained that you recite the Quran in seven letters.’”

7-45 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Hilal[648] — on the authority of Isa ibn Abdullah al-Hashemi, on the authority of his father, on the authority of his forefathers (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Gabriel was sent to me by the Honorable the Exalted God and told me, ‘God has ordained that you recite the Quran in seven letters.’”

7-46 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Abil Khat’ tab, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abdullah ibn Hilal, on the authority of Al-Ala’ ibn Razin, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Muslim that he had heard Aba Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) say, “Since the Honorable the Exalted God created the Earth, He has created seven groups of learned men who were not the offspring of Adam. He also created all of them on the Earth and placed each group in the time and the place assigned to them. Then God created Adam who is
the father of all the people and created his Household. I swear by God that ever since Heaven was created it has been used by the spirits of the believers. Ever since Hell was created, it has also been always occupied by the spirits of the sinful unbelievers. Perhaps you think that once the Resurrection Day arrives and God takes the bodies and souls of the believers to Paradise, and the bodies and souls of the residents of Hell to Hell, then there shall be no one left on the Earth to worship, glorify and bear testimony to the Unity of the Honorable the Exalted God. The Honorable the Exalted God will create another world with a new set of monotheistic people without any male or female distinction to worship, glorify and bear testimony to the Unity of God. God will create another Earth for them to live in and will create another sky to cast a shadow upon their heads. As the Honorable the Exalted God said, ‘One day the Earth will be changed into a different Earth, and so will be the heavens’ [649] The Honorable the Exalted God also said, ‘Were We then weary with the first Creation, that they should be in confused doubt about a new Creation?’ [650]

NOTHING IN THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH EXCEPT DUE TO SEVEN THINGS
7-47 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Aba Abdullah Al-Barqy, on the authority of Abil Hassan - the first (MGB) [651], “Nothing will be found in the heavens and the Earth except as a result of the following: fate; destiny; will; volition; written record; death; and permission. Whoever says anything else has indeed ascribed lies to the Honorable the Exalted God.”

**THE PROPHET SAID ALLAHU AKBAR SEVEN TIMES WHEN AL-NAJASHI DIED**

7-48 Muhammad ibn al-Qasim al-Astar Abady - may God be pleased with him - quoted on the authority of Yusuf ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Ali ibn Abdullah ibn Abdur Rahman, on the authority of Ali ibn Ahmad ibn Hamdan, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB), on the authority of his father Musa ibn Ja’far (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers, on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “When Gabriel brought the news of the death of Al-Najashi to God’s Prophet (MGB), he (MGB) cried very hard for him and said, ‘Your brother whose name is Al-Najashi has died.’ Then the Prophet (MGB) went to the desert and said Allahu Akbar seven times. Then God evened out all the hills for him so that Muhammad (MGB) could see Al-Najashi’s corpse in Ethiopia.”

**GOD WOULD SEND SEVEN CALAMITIES UPON THE PEOPLE IF HE GETS ANGRY AT THEM AND DOESN’T DESTROY THEM**

7-49 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Al-Abbas ibn Ma’ruf, on the authority of someone, on the authority of Mandel ibn Ali al-Enzi, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Motrif, on the authority of Mosma’, on the authority of Al-Asbaq ibn al-Nobatat, on the authority of the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “If the Honorable the Exalted God becomes angry with a nation and doesn’t destroy them, He will bring about inflation; shorten their lives; bring loss to their trade; reduce the amount of fruit grown on their trees; reduce the amount of water flowing in their streams; withhold rain from them; and the wicked ones will overcome them.”

**LOVE FOR THE PROPHET AND HIS HOUSEHOLD IS BENEFICIAL ON SEVEN OCCASIONS**

7-50 Al-Hassan ibn Abdullah ibn Sa’id al-Askari narrated that Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Hamdan al-Qushayri quoted Al-Muqayrih ibn Muhammad ibn al-Muhlib, on the authority of Abdul Qaf’far Muhammad ibn Bakir al-
Kalabi al-Kufy, on the authority of Amr ibn Sabet, on the authority of Jabir, on the authority of Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Love for me and my Household would be beneficial on seven occasions: time of death; in the grave; at the time of Resurrection; at the time of receiving one’s Record of Deeds; at the time of Reckoning; at the time of examining the good and bad deeds; and at the time of crossing the Bridge[653].”

WHAT HAS BEEN PASSED ON BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC SAYING THAT THE EARTH HAS BEEN CREATED FOR SEVEN

7-51 Muhammad ibn Umar al-Baghdady al-Hafiz narrated that Ahmad ibn Abdul-Karim Abu Abdullah quoted I’tab - that is ibn Saheeb, on the authority of Isa ibn Abdullah al-Umari, on the authority of his father, on the authority of his father, on the authority of his grandfather, on the authority of Ali (MGB), “The Earth is created for seven persons. God grants your daily bread,
rain falls upon you, and you become triumphant over your enemies due to them. They are Abuzar, Salman, Miqdad, Ammar Yaser, Hazifeh, Abdullah ibn Masood and I am their leader. They were the ones who were present for praying over the corpse of Fatimah (MGB).”

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “Saying the Earth has been created for seven persons is not meant from the first day of creation until the last day of creation. Rather its intention is that those who said prayer over Fatimah’s corpse will benefit from the Earth.”

**THERE ARE SEVEN GATES FOR HELL**

7-52 Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Zakariya al-Qat’tan quoted Bakr ibn Abdullah ibn Habib, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abdullah, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hikam, on the authority of Aban ibn Uthman, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Fazeel al-Rizqi, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), “There are seven gates for Hell. One gate is for Pharaoh, Haman[654] and Qarun (Korah)[655] to enter. The second gate is for the polytheists and the atheists to enter Hell who did not believe in God even for the twinkling of an eye. The third gate is especially for the Umayyad clan to enter. No one else will be there. That is the blazing gate. It is the burning gate. It is the swallowing gate which takes them into a depth of seventy Kharives each of which equals eighty years. It pulls them down into the depth of Hell. Once in the depth of Hell there shall be a big smoldering in Hell and they will be thrown back the same distance. This will be repeated continuously and they shall abide therein forever. The fourth gate is especially for our enemies; those who fought with us and those who refused to help us. This gate is the greatest of all and it is the most aflame.”
Muhammad ibn al-Fazeel al-Rizqi added, “I told Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), ‘Is the gate which you quoted your father on the authority of your grandfather as saying that the Umayyads shall enter meant for those who died as atheists or does it also include those of the Umayyads who accepted Islam?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘O may you lose your mother! Did you not hear that there is an especial gate for the atheists and the polytheists to enter! This gate is for every atheist and polytheist who doesn’t believe in the Resurrection Day and the Reckoning of Deeds. However, there is an especial gate for the Umayyad clan to enter. That gate belongs to Abu Sufyan, Muawiyah and the household of Marvan. They shall enter Hell from that gate and they shall be tortured by its fire such that they cannot breathe. In fact, they are neither dead nor alive there.”[656]

ON THE RESURRECTION DAY ALI (MGB) SHALL EVALUATE THE PEOPLE USING SEVEN CHARACTERISTICS

7-53 Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Zakaria al-Qat’tan quoted Bakr ibn Abdullah ibn Habib, on the authority of Tamim ibn Buhlool, on the authority of Abdul Rahman ibn al-Aswad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abdullah ibn Abdul Rahman ibn Mu’amir, on the authority of Am’mar ibn Yasir, on the authority of Jabir ibn Abdullah that God’s Prophet (MGB) told Ali (MGB), “I shall reason with you on the Resurrection Day using my Prophethood. You shall reason with the people with the following seven things: establishment of prayers; payment of the alms-tax; enjoining to do good; admonishing against evil; just treatment of the people; fair division of the wealth; and being careful to carry out the decrees of the Honorable the Exalted God. O Ali! You should know that on the Resurrection Day, the Prophet Abraham (MGB) will sit face to face with us. They will call him and place him on the right side of the Empyrean[657]; dress him up with Heavenly attire; ornament him with Heavenly ornaments; a Heavenly golden gutter will flow for him from which Heavenly water - sweeter than honey, whiter than milk, and colder than snow - shall pour from it. Then they will place me on the left side of the Empyrean[658] and treat me just as they treated Abraham. Then O Ali (MGB)! They shall then call you and treat you in the same way. Don’t you like it that they...
call you and ornament you just as they do me. God has ordered me to always keep you near myself and teach you gently. You must learn what I teach you. I must obey the Blessed the Sublime God’s orders.”

7-54 Ali ibn Ahmad ibn Musa - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Hamzih ibn al-Qasim al-Alavi al-Ab’basi quoted Ja’far ibn Malik al-Kufy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Hamid, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Abdul Qoddoos, on the authority of Al-A’amash, on the authority

7-55 Al-Hassan ibn Muhammad al-Sakoony al-Mazaki al-Kufy in Kufa narrated that
Muhammad ibn Abdullah al-Hazrami quoted Khalaf ibn Khalid al-Abdi, on the authority of Bashr ibn Ibrahim al-Ansari, on the authority of Soor ibn Yazid, on the authority of Khalid ibn Me’dan, on the authority of Mu’az ibn Jebal that the Prophet (MGB) told Ali (MGB), “I consider you to be in charge of my Prophethood as there shall be no more Prophets after me. You shall argue with the people using the following seven characteristics as none of the people from the Quraysh except for you possess them. The first is faith; loyalty to God’s pledge; adherence to God’s decrees; fair division of wealth; just treatment with the people; wisdom in judgements; and having the most reward near God.”

THE SEVEN SISTERS IN PARADISE

7-56 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abi Nasr al-Bazanty, on the authority of Asim ibn Hamid, on the authority of Abi Basir that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “God is kind to Heavenly sisters.” Then he (MGB) said their names as follows: Asma’, the daughter of Amis, from the Khasam clan and the wife of Ja’far ibn Abi Talib; Salmi, the daughter of Amis, and the wife of Hamzih; and five from the Hellal clan: Maymuna - the daughter of Al-Harith[659] and the wife of the Prophet; Umm Al-Fazl Hind - the wife of Abbas ibn Abdul Mutalib; Qamisa - the mother of Khalid ibn Valid; Ezzat who was in the Saqif clan - the wife of Hajjaj ibn Qalaz; and Hamideh who did not have any children.”

THE SEVEN MAJOR SINS

7-57 Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Zakaria al-Qat’tan quoted Bakr ibn Abdullah ibn Habib, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abdullah, on the authority of Ali ibn Hisan, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Kasir that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There are seven major sins which have been revealed regarding us (the twelve Imams) and are associated with not honoring us. The first one of them is associating partners with God; killing which God has forbidden; devouring an orphan’s properties; damnation of parents; accusing pious women...
of fornication; escaping from a holy war; and denying our rightfulness. Regarding associating partners with God there are several verses revealed by the Honorable the Exalted God regarding us, and the Prophet (MGB) has also made clear announcements in this regard. They have denied God and His Prophet and have thus associated partners with the Honorable the Exalted God. They prescribed ‘killing’ which God has forbidden and killed Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB) and his companions. Regarding ‘devouring the properties of an orphan’, they took the one-fifth share that was ours and gave it to others. Regarding ‘damnation of parents’ we know that the Honorable the Exalted God revealed the following in His Book, ‘The Prophet is closer to the Believers than their own selves, and his wives are their mothers…’[660] And God’s Prophet (MGB) damned them regarding his progeny, and their mother being Khadijah damned them regarding her progeny. Regarding ‘accusing pious women of fornication’, they surely accused Fatimah (MGB) of such acts from their pulpits. Regarding ‘escaping from a holy war’, they first pledged allegiance to the Commander of the Faithful Ali (MGB) with their own free will and without being pressured, but then they fled from him and abandoned him. And regarding ‘denying our rightfulness’ which is an indisputable certainty.”

7-58 Abu Nasr Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn al-Hassan al-Daylami al-Juwhary narrated that Muhammad ibn Yaqoob Al-Asim quoted Al-Rabi’a ibn Suleiman, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Wahab, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Bilal, on the authority of Soor ibn Yazid, on the authority of Abil Qays,[661] on the authority of Abi Hurayrih, “God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Avoid seven destructive things.’ I asked him, ‘O Prophet of God! What are they?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘Associating partners with God; practicing witchcraft; killing which God has forbidden except in certain rightful ways; usury; devouring an orphan’s properties; fleeing from a holy war; and denying our rightfulness.’
a holy war; and accusing pious women of fornication.”

GOD WILL TEST THE TRUSTEES OF THE PROPHETS ON SEVEN OCCASIONS IN THE PROPHET’S LIFETIME AND SEVEN TIMES AFTER HIS DEATH

7-59 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father and Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn al-Hussein ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad al-Nowfali, on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Abu Abdullah Ja’far ibn Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa ibn Muhammad ibn Ali ibn Abdullah ibn Ja’far ibn Ali Talib, on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Abdullah al-Kufy, on the authority of Musa ibn Ubaydah, on the authority of Amr ibn Abil Miqdam, on the authority of Abi Ishaq, on the authority of Al-Harith, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hanifa –
(MGB) when he (MGB) returned from the Nahravan Battle. Ali (MGB) was sitting in the Kufa Mosque. He said, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! I wish to ask you several questions regarding things which only the Prophets or their Trustees would know.’ The Commander of the Faithful (MGB) said, ‘O Jewish brother! Ask whatever you want to ask.’

The Jew said, ‘We have seen in our religious books that whenever the Honorable the Exalted God appoints someone as a Prophet (MGB), He orders him to choose a member of His Household as his Trustee to be in charge of the affairs of his nation after him.

God tests the Prophets’ (MGB) Trustees during their life, and also tests the Trustees (MGB) after the death of the Prophets (MGB). Tell me that how many times are the Trustees tested during the Prophets' (MGB) lifetimes, and how many times are they tested after their death. If the Trustees do well in these tests, what will be their end?’

Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear by the right of God who split the sea for the Israelites and sent the Torah to Moses (MGB)! Will you confirm the truth if I say it?’ The Jew replied, ‘Yes; I will.’

Again Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear by the right of God who split the sea for the Israelites and sent the Torah to Moses (MGB)! Will you submit to Islam if I tell the truth?’ Again the Jew replied, ‘Yes; I will.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘Indeed the Honorable the Exalted God would test the Trustees of the Prophets on seven occasions during the lifetimes of the Prophets in order to see their obedience. Then if God is pleased with their obedience, God will advise the Prophets to establish their Trustees as their friends during their lifetimes, and as their Trustees after their demise. God will make it necessary for all the nations who follow the Prophet to obey his Trustee as they obeyed the Prophet. Then God would test the Trustees on seven occasions after the demise of the Prophet in order to test their perseverance and tolerance. Then when God is satisfied with them, they will have a prosperous ending and will join the Prophets. Indeed they will attain perfect prosperity.’

The head of the Jews said, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! You are right! Please tell me how many times did God test you during the lifetime of Muhammad (MGB) and how many times will God test you after his death? What will be your ending?’
Arabic text: 

If he said to him: ‘O Allah! I am afraid that you cannot tolerate to hear this. ’ They said, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! Please also inform us of the subject. I swear to God that we believe that there is no Trustee on the Earth for the Prophet (MGB) but you. We believe that God will not send a Prophet after our Prophet. It is incumbent upon us to obey you and obeying you is connected to obeying our Prophet (MGB).’ Ali (MGB) accepted Malik Ashtar’s request. Then Ali (MGB) sat down facing the Jew and said, ‘O Jewish brother! Indeed the Honorable the Exalted God tested me on seven occasions during the lifetime of the Prophet (MGB).’

The Commander of the Faithful (MGB) said, ‘The first occasion was when the Honorable the Exalted God sent down revelations to the Prophet (MGB) and appointed him as the Prophet. As the youngest man in the house, I was with him and served him by doing whatever he ordered me to do. He (MGB) proposed to all the small and old men of the Abdul Mutalib household to submit to Islam by bearing testimony that ‘There is no god but God’ and that ‘He (MGB) is the Prophet of God’. They all rejected this subject and confronted him. They cut off associating with him. They turned away from and abandoned him. Other people also abandoned him and argued with him. They considered what had been suggested to them too great, since they could not tolerate it and their minds could not understand it. I was the only man who rushed to accept him through my belief and let no doubt in my heart. We had this belief for three years. No one except the Prophet (MGB), me and Khadijah - the daughter of Khuwaylid [662] existed on the Earth who prayed and testified to the Prophethood.’

English text: 

Ali (MGB) extended his hand; took the Jew’s hand and said, ‘O Jewish brother! Please let’s go so that I may inform you about this subject.’ A group of Ali (MGB)’s companions ran ahead and said, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! Please let us be with him and hear the answer.’

The Commander of the Faithful (MGB) said, ‘I am afraid you cannot tolerate to hear this.’ They said, ‘O Commander of the Faithful (MGB)! Why?’ He (MGB) replied, ‘Since I have seen and heard a lot about you.’ Then Malik Ashtar stepped forward and said, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! Please also inform us of the subject. I swear to God that we believe that there is no Trustee on the Earth for the Prophet (MGB) but you. We believe that God will not send a Prophet after our Prophet. It is incumbent upon us to obey you and obeying you is connected to obeying our Prophet (MGB).’ Ali (MGB) accepted Malik Ashtar’s request. Then Ali (MGB) sat down facing the Jew and said, ‘O Jewish brother! Indeed the Honorable the Exalted God tested me on seven occasions during the lifetime of the Prophet (MGB). I say this without praising myself. God found me obeying God’s blessing.’ The Jew said, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! On what occasions did God test you?’

The Commander of the Faithful (MGB) said, ‘The first occasion was when the Honorable the Exalted God sent down revelations to the Prophet (MGB) and appointed him as the Prophet. As the youngest man in the house, I was with him and served him by doing whatever he ordered me to do. He (MGB) proposed to all the small and old men of the Abdul Mutalib household to submit to Islam by bearing testimony that ‘There is no god but God’ and that ‘He (MGB) is the Prophet of God’. They all rejected this subject and confronted him. They cut off associating with him. They turned away from and abandoned him. Other people also abandoned him and argued with him. They considered what had been suggested to them too great, since they could not tolerate it and their minds could not understand it. I was the only man who rushed to accept him through my belief and let no doubt in my heart. We had this belief for three years. No one except the Prophet (MGB), me and Khadijah - the daughter of Khuwaylid [662] existed on the Earth who prayed and testified to the Prophethood.’
Then Ali (MGB) turned towards his companions and asked, ‘Was it not so?’ They replied, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! Yes, it was so.’ Then the Commander of the Faithful (MGB) said, ‘O Jewish brother! And about the second occasion I should say that the Quraysh always plotted and tried to find ways to kill the Prophet (MGB). Finally their decision was to take part in a consultation session in one of the homes with the presence of the damned

Satan who had participated there looking like a one-eyed man from the Al-Saqaf. They collectively voted that each sect of the Quraysh should dispatch one man as their representative. Each one should take a sword and collectively attack the Prophet (MGB) and kill him. They thought that this way each of the sects of the Quraysh would support its representative and not surrender him to be punished and thus Muhammad’s blood would be shed without any punishment for it. Then Gabriel (MGB) descended down to the Prophet (MGB) and informed him of the plot of the Quraysh and the night they plan to attack and the hour of their attack. Gabriel ordered the Prophet (MGB) to leave his house at that time and go and hide in a cave. God’s Prophet (MGB) called me in and told me the news. He (MGB) ordered me to sleep in his bed and risk my life for him. I immediately accepted this and was happy to be killed instead of him (MGB). The Prophet (MGB) went away and I slept in his bed and encountered the men of the Quraysh who thought they were going to kill the Prophet (MGB). They entered the house and
I unsheathed my sword when I faced them in the house I was in, and fought them as God and the people know.’

Then Ali (MGB) turned towards his companions and asked, ‘Was it not so?’ They replied, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! Yes, it was so.’

Then the Commander of the Faithful (MGB) said, ‘O Jewish brother! And about the third occasion I should say that the two sons of Rabia[663] and the son of Ataba[664] were from the strongest men of the Quraysh. They entered the battlefield during the Battle of Badr and challenged us, but no one from the Quraysh was able to face them. God’s Prophet (MGB) sent me and two of my friends[665] - may God be pleased with them - to fight with them. I was the youngest of them and the least experienced one in fighting. However, the Honorable the Exalted God had Valid (Ibn Ataba) and Shayba (Ibn Rabia) killed by my hand. Moreover, I killed and captured many more of the strong men of the Quraysh. Many more than any of the other fighters were killed or captured on that day. However, my cousin Ubayda ibn Harith was martyred on that day.’

Then Ali (MGB) turned towards his companions and asked, ‘Was it not so?’ They replied, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! Yes, it was so.’

Then, the Commander of the Faithful (MGB) said, ‘O Jewish brother! And about the fourth occasion I should say that all the people of Mecca set out to attack us. They even used all the Arab and Quraysh tribes under their influence in this attack in order to avenge for their losses in the Battle of Badr. Gabriel descended upon the Prophet (MGB) and informed him about
this issue. The Prophet (MGB) set out and set up his army in the valley that is in front of the mountain of Uhud. The polytheists carried out a surprise attack against us. Many Muslims were martyred and the rest fled. I remained with the Prophet (MGB) while the Emigrants (Muhajerin) and their Helpers (Ansar) returned to their homes in Medina. They all said that the Prophet (MGB) and all his companions were killed. Then the Honorable the Exalted God did not let the polytheists to succeed. I suffered from more than seventy injuries several of which can be seen.’ Then he pushed his cloak aside, touched his injuries and said, ‘What I did on that day is to be rewarded by the Honorable the Exalted God - if He wills.’

Then Ali (MGB) turned towards his companions and asked, ‘Was it not so?’ They replied, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! Yes, it was so.’

Then the Commander of the Faithful (MGB) said, ‘O Jewish brother! And about the fifth occasion I should say that the people of the Quraysh tribe and the Arabs gathered together and a covenant was established between them not to stop fighting us until they kill the Prophet (MGB) and all the Muslims of the household of Abdul Mutalib.

Then they came with all their weapons and armaments and laid siege to Medina. They were sure they would win. Gabriel descended to the Prophet (MGB) and informed him (MGB). The Prophet (MGB) dug a trench around himself and those of the Emigrants (Muhajerin) and their Helpers (Ansar) who were with us. The Quraysh tribe moved forward, and settled down around the trench and surrounded us. They considered themselves to be strong and considered us to be weak. Thus, they were roaming all around. The Prophet (MGB) invited them to the Honorable the Exalted God’s religion and beseeched their ties of kinship, but they did not listen and refused his invitation. The Prophet’s invitation of them to Islam made them more vicious. On that day the strong man of the Arabs was Amr ibn ‘Abd Wudd who kept yelling like a drunk camel and challenging someone to fight with him.[666] He showed off his spears and sword but no one dared go fight him. God’s Prophet (MGB) had me stand up, wrapped his turban around my head, and handed me this sword.’ (At this time Ali (MGB) touched his sword). ‘Then I set out to fight with him. All the women in Medina were crying since they were worried about me getting killed in fighting with Amr ibn ‘Abd Wudd. However, the Honorable the Exalted God had him killed by my hands. The Arabs who considered no one but him to be a strong man hit me on the head with this blow!’ (And Ali (MGB) pointed to his head). ‘God had all the Arabs and the Quraysh run away due to the blow delivered to me.’
Then, Ali (MGB) turned towards his companions and asked, ‘Was it not so?’ They replied, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! Yes, it was so.’

Then, the Commander of the Faithful (MGB) said, ‘O Jewish brother! And about the sixth occasion I should say that I accompanied God’s Prophet (MGB) in an attack against your brethren in the oasis of Khaybar[667] and other strong men from the Quraysh tribe.[668] There appeared a lot of men on horses and on foot with perfect armaments against us just like a mountain. They possessed strong forts and were superior to us both in terms of military power and their number. Each one of them attacked us and challenged someone to go fight him. All my companions who went to fight with them were killed. Gradually the war became heated; the eyes became like bowls filled up with blood and everyone thought for himself. Some of my companions looked at others and said, ‘O Abal-Hassan! O Abal-Hassan! Move!’ Then God’s Prophet (MGB) dispatched me to the front of their fort. I killed everyone who came out. I tore up all the strong men who showed up to demonstrate their physical strength. I attacked them just like a lion. Then they hid in the fort. I broke down the gate of the fort and entered the fort by myself. I killed every man who showed up, and captured every woman until I conquered the fort. There was no one but God there to assist me.’ Then Ali (MGB) turned towards his companions and asked, ‘Was it not so?’ They replied, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! Yes, it was so.’

Then the Commander of the Faithful (MGB) said, ‘O Jewish brother! And about the seventh occasion I should say that when God’s Prophet (MGB) decided to conquer Mecca, he (MGB) did not wish to leave any excuses for them. Therefore, he (MGB) wrote them a letter in which he
(MGB) invited them towards God just as he (MGB) had done on the very first day. The Prophet (MGB) admonished them and frightened them about God’s torture. He (MGB) gave them the glad tiding of becoming forgiven and assured them of having hope for God’s forgiveness. He (MGB) wrote the Blessed Quranic Chapter of Bara’at (Declaration of Immunity) for them to be read for them at the end of the letter. He (MGB) suggested to his Companions to take the letter. Everybody refrained from doing so until someone accepted. The Prophet (MGB) sent the letter with him. Then Gabriel descended and said, ‘O Muhammad! Either you or one of the members of your household should deliver this letter.’ Then God’s Prophet (MGB) had me deliver the letter. Therefore, I went to Mecca. You all know the people of Mecca well. Each one of them was willing to spend all his wealth, family and life to tear me up into pieces and place each part of me on top of a different mountain. I delivered the letter of the Prophet (MGB)
(MGB) and found me obedient on every occasion due to the honor which He had granted me. No one else is like me in this respect. I could praise myself for this but the Honorable the Exalted God has admonished the people against this.’

Then the Jew said, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! You are right! I swear by God that the Honorable the Exalted God has made you superior because you are a relative of the Prophet (MGB). God has made you prosperous because of being his brother and has credited you a position in relation to him just like that of Aaron to Moses (MGB). He has also honored you by examining you on these horrifying occasions which you mentioned on which you superseded all the other Muslims. None of the Muslims was like you on these frightening occasions in which you have participated, and you were the most virtuous one in those frightening occasions in which you participated. None of the Muslims is like you. Anyone who has seen you with the Prophet (MGB) during his lifetime or has looked at you after the death of the Prophet (MGB) has this same belief. O Commander of the Faithful! Now please tell me how you were tested after the demise of God’s Prophet and how you were patient and persevered. We more or less know the answer and can report it, but want to hear it from yourself as we heard those related to the lifetime of the Prophet (MGB).’ Then the Commander of the Faithful Ali (MGB) said, ‘O Jewish brother! Indeed God tested me on seven occasions after the demise of His Prophet (MGB) and found me obedient and persevering on every occasion due to the honor which He had granted me.

O Jewish brother! About the first occasion I should say that in this world I had no one to associate with, be friends with, trust, rely upon or make any pledges with amongst the Muslims, but the Prophet (MGB). The Prophet (MGB) was my only shelter. He fostered me since my childhood and supported me in my adulthood. He (MGB) did not let me grow up like an orphan. He (MGB) alleviated my worries; made me needless of working to seek my share of daily bread; prevented me from engaging in business by...
providing for my family and me. These were only his worldly aids to me. However, my spiritual gains and benefits from him through which I attained high ranks near the Honorable the Exalted God are much greater than this. When the Prophet (MGB) died I became so sad that I do not suppose all the mountains could withstand. All the members of my household became very impatient. They had lost their control. They could not tolerate this heavy burden of grief because it had made them impatient and put them out of their minds. They neither understood anything nor demanded anything. They could neither hear or speak. Other people were all influenced by this horrible situation. Some expressed condolences and sympathized with us, while others were impatient and mourned for us. I was the only one who did not lose my patience. I controlled myself and carried out the orders of the Prophet (MGB). I lifted his body; performed the ritual ablutions (wuzu) for the dead; performed the embalming; shrouded the corpse; performed the prayer for the deceased; placed his body in the grave; and compiled the Quran and God’s decrees regarding the people. A lot of weeping, heart-aching mourning and the greatness of the calamity could not prevent me from performing my duty. I fulfilled my duties towards the Honorable the Exalted God and the Prophet (MGB) and completely performed whatever he (MGB) had ordered me to do. I was patient and I persevered.’

Then Ali (MGB) turned towards his companions and asked, ‘Was it not so?’ They replied, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! Yes, it was so.’

Then the Commander of the Faithful (MGB) said, ‘O Jewish brother! And about the second occasion I should say that God’s Prophet (MGB) established me as his Trustee during his lifetime. He (MGB) had all the people who were present pledge allegiance to me so that they would listen to and obey my orders. He (MGB) instructed all who were present there to declare this to all who were absent. It was always me who informed all others of his commands while I was with the Prophet (MGB). It was always me who was the head of those who accompanied me when we traveled. I never considered anyone to be more deserving than me for anything during the lifetime of the Prophet (MGB) and after his demise.

When God’s Prophet (MGB) became ill which finally resulted in his demise, he (MGB) ordered that an army be dispatched out of Medina under the command of Usamah ibn Zayd. He (MGB) dispatched anyone from the Quraysh; Aws and Khazraj etc. whom he thought might break their pledge of allegiance to me; anyone who might be hostile with me since I had killed their father, son, brother or a relative of theirs; the Emigrants (Muhajerin)
The last thing which the Prophet (MGB) said regarding the management of his nation’s affairs was that the army of Usamah should be dispatched to war and no one under his command should disobey his orders. He (MGB) stressed this. However, once the Prophet (MGB) passed away, the very same men under whom the Prophet (MGB) had dispatched with Usamah left their posts; abandoned him; opposed the orders given by God’s Prophet (MGB); and ignored all the recommendations of the Prophet (MGB) about accompanying and helping Usamah’s army. They abandoned him and retreated to Medina to break their pledge of allegiance to me which they had made with the Prophet (MGB); break their pledge with the Honorable the Exalted God and the Prophet (MGB); and yell out in order to choose a leader for themselves without the participation or involvement of any of the members of the household of Abdul Mutalib. Their main goal was to break their pledge of allegiance which they had made to me. They were doing this while I was busy with the burial rites and rituals for the Prophet of God (MGB) and could not do anything else since attending to the Prophet’s corpse was more important than anything else. O Jewish brother! This act of the people abandoning me at this hard time burnt my heart the most. I was patient although I was mourning and had suffered from the great calamity of the loss of God’s Prophet (MGB) who was the only one I could trust besides God. I persevered on this occasion
which happened immediately after the previous one.'

Then Ali (MGB) turned towards his companions and asked, ‘Was it not so?’ They replied, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! Yes, it was so.’

Then the Commander of the Faithful (MGB) said, ‘O Jewish brother! And about the third occasion I should say that the one who sat in the Prophet’s (MGB) place was a fair man who came to see me everyday and apologized saying that he was ashamed that he had broken his allegiance to me, and had usurped my right. He respected me and asked for forgiveness. Based on this, I thought to myself that my God-given rights would be returned to me after him in a pleasant way. I thought that I should not wage a war in the new Islamic society that is still suffering from the remains of the ignorance of the past. I thought I should not argue so as to have some side with me and others oppose me, since then the quarrel may turn into a battle. A group of the special companions of the Prophet whom I knew well and are sincere believers in God, the Quran and the religion associated with me, invited me to claim my right in public and private. They were ready to sacrifice their lives so as to help me and honor their pledge of allegiance to me. I advised them to be calm and patient and that God may give
back my due rights without any fighting or blood-shed. Many people started to doubt the religion after the demise of the Prophet (MGB), and many worthless greedy individuals were after the power to rule as the Caliph. Each tribe vociferously announced that the Caliph should be someone chosen from amongst them. What they all implied was that the affairs of the state must be in the hands of someone other than me.

When the first Caliph (who is Abu Bakr) was about to die, he entrusted the affairs to his friend to be in charge after him. This was another hardship that pursued the previous one and usurped my God-given right to the position of Caliphate for the second time. Again some of the companions of the Prophet which are either dead or alive now gathered around me and repeated their concerns about my Caliphate. Again I invited them to patience and calmness so that the Islamic society may be protected, and the society which the Prophet (MGB) had formed with a lot of hardship not become disunited. The Prophet (MGB) had established the Islamic society with a genuine policy. He (MGB) had been easy-going at some times, and stern at other times. He (MGB) forgave sometimes and unsheathed his sword at other times. The Prophet (MGB) was very sympathetic with the people. He (MGB) fed them and pleased them just as soon as they approached Islam and were about to run away from it. He gave them clothing, carpets and beds even though we ourselves as the members of the household lived in homes without roofs and doors. The walls of our homes were made of date palm branches and leaves. We neither had any carpets or any blankets. Several of us shared one dress and took turns to pray with it. We remained hungry around the clock. The Prophet (MGB) even gave away the one-fifth levy that was our God-ordained rightful share to others and assisted the wealthy and materialist Arabs with it. I had to maintain the society which had been formed with this much hardship and could not lead it into the verge of separation and dispute. If I uprose and invited the people to help me, they had only one of two choices. They would either obey me and fight the opponents on my behalf and get killed, or abandoned me and become unbelievers for committing the sin of disobeying me. They all knew that their position relative to me is like the position of the people of Moses as opponents of Aaron. They knew that they would suffer a similar catastrophe like that which the people of Moses suffered due to their disobedience of Aaron. I thought that just being sorry and patient would increase my reward near the Honorable God until God ordains what He wills. “...And the command of Allah is a decree determined.” [669] This would also be easier for the Islamic society which I described for you.
لَيْتَ بْيَتُ مُحَمَّد صَلِّي اللَّه عَلَيْهِ وَلَيْسَ قُوْفَ لَهُ مِنَ الْيَوْمِ الْأَخِرِ، وَلَا أَبْوَابٌ لَا سُقُوطُ إِلَّا الأَجْرَانُ، وَمَا أَشْيَهُ الْأَجْرَانُ، وَلَا رَبُّ مِنَ الْمَيْلِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْأَخِرِ، وَلَا أَيْمَامٌ عَلَى الْحَقَّ.
Section 2

O Jewish brother! It would have been right for me not to have paid attention to these points and demanded my rights. All the companions of the Prophet (MGB) including those who have now passed away and those who are present here acknowledge that my power is more than others; my tribe is nobler than all the other tribes; my followers are loftier and more obedient than others; the motivation of my followers to support me is higher and their nobilities and background are more outstanding as others as me myself have a good background of association with the Prophet (MGB), closeness to the Prophet (MGB), and I am the Trustee of the Prophet (MGB). Moreover, I deserve to be in charge of the position of the Caliphate due to the explicit will of the Prophet (MGB) and the pledge of allegiance which they had made to me. When the Prophet (MGB) passed away, the rule of the affairs was in the hands of his family - not their hands or that of their families. The members of the household of the Prophet (MGB) which had been purified by God deserved more to run the affairs of the state than others. They possessed all the necessary characteristics for the position of the Caliphate.

Then Ali (MGB) turned towards his companions and asked, ‘Was it not so?’ They replied, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! Yes, it was so.’ Then the Commander of the Faithful (MGB) said, ‘O Jewish brother! And about the fourth occasion I should say that the one was put in charge after Abu Bakr consulted with me from the beginning to the end of everything he wanted to do and issued all decrees according to my opinion. He always sought my opinion regarding tough issues and acted accordingly. My companions and I do not know of anyone else whose counsel he seeks. No one but me was eager to become the Caliph after him. When he was attacked and about to die without any previous illnesses, I had no doubts that I was going to regain my right of Caliphate without any problems; that the future would be as I wished it to be; and that God would bring about a good future. However, he named six persons as candidates for the position of the Caliphate at the end, and I was named as the last one. He did not even consider me to be equal to them. He did not remember the fact that I was the Prophet’s relative and Trustee. He did not even remember that I was the Prophet’s groom. None of the candidates had the brilliant background and good service to Islam as I had. He let us consult amongst ourselves and chose one as the future Caliph with the majority vote. He ordered his son to cut off our necks if we disobeyed him or failed to choose one from amongst ourselves as the future Caliph.

O Jewish brother! This was bitter enough for me! This group of candidates tried as hard as they could to deliver lectures and lobby on their own behalf.
while they could. I remained silent until they asked my opinion. I then presented my background and explained to them what they clearly knew. I proved my rightfulness and their unrightfulness for them. I reminded them of the Prophet's will and their pledge of allegiance to me. However, their love for getting into office; ordering the people around; their attachment to this world; and following in the footsteps of the previous Caliphs led them to demand an undue right for themselves. Whenever I had a chance to be alone with any of them I reminded them of the Reckoning on the Resurrection Day, and frightened them of the result of their unjust demand. They would agree with me on the condition that I turn the Caliphate position over to them after myself. They knew well that I could not do so and act against the Quran and the decree of the Prophet (MGB), and turn over to them what God had withheld from them. Then one of the radical persons in the council made a radical move, took the affair out of my hands, and turned the position of the Caliphate over to Uthman, although he never matched any of the members of the council since he was a wealthy and materialist person. He never paid any attention to the people's noble character and religious beliefs. He ignored all spiritual noble characteristics for which God had honored the Prophet (MGB) and his Holy Household. I do not even think that the very same members of the council who appointed Uthman to the position of the Caliphate became sorry for their choice before the night of that very same day, and started to blame one another. No long time passed before they who had empowered the dictator denounced and abandoned him. Uthman got worried. He went to his supporters and his other companions and asked that they accept his resignation. He expressed his sorrow and repentance. O Jewish brother! This was even a harder calamity than the previous ones! I hoped it had never happened. I was under so much pressure for this event that it cannot be described in words. However, I had no choice but to be patient! On the very same day of pledging allegiance to Uthman, the members of the council came to me and apologized for having opposed me. They asked me to revolt against Uthman and put him out of office. They all pledged allegiance to me and promised that they would sacrifice their lives to achieve this end. However, I put things off whenever they came by and had them attend to something else. For example, once I asked them to go shave their heads before we revolt. At another time I asked them to arrange for a private meeting
such and such place. This way I kept them busy and divulged their secrets.’

O Jewish brother! I swear to God that the very same considerations which had prevented me from doing anything in the past were again obstacles which
said ‘yes’ nor did I say ‘no.’

Then the nation rushed to the door of my house. God knows that I hated the Caliphate, since I knew that the very same people who insist in making me the Caliph are used to collecting worldly goods and having fun. Although they well knew that I would be hard on them and not fulfill their greediness, they had gotten used to rushing in doing things and could not be soothed. They hurriedly chose me by insisting a lot but when they realized that they could not gain anything from me they started to oppose and criticize me.’

Then Ali (MGB) turned towards his companions and asked, ‘Was it not so?’ They replied, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! Yes, it was so.’

Then the Commander of the Faithful (MGB) said, ‘O Jewish brother! And about the fifth occasion I should say that when the ones who pledged allegiance to me realized that I would not fulfill their personal aims, they rebelled against me with the help of that woman (i.e. Ayesha). They placed her on the back of a camel and turned her around in the frightening deserts and wide valleys even though I was in charge of her as the Trustee of the Prophet (MGB). The dogs at Huab barked at her and she felt sorry Yet she followed a group of people who had pledged allegiance to me both
at the time of the Prophet (MGB) and later on, and continued opposing me until she entered upon
the people of Basra whose hands were short, their beards were long, their intellectual capacity
was low, and their thoughts were corrupt. These people were light-headed desert dwellers. This
woman took control of these unwise people and they unsheathed their swords, threw their spears
and arrows without any knowledge. I had two problems with them. If I did nothing in response to
them, they would not follow the intellect and put their rebellion and corruption aside. If I fought
with them, then there would be a lot of blood shedding which I never wanted. I was both
apologetic to them and gave an ultimatum by threatening them. I suggested to that woman to go
home. I also suggested to the group who had brought her to honor their pledge of allegiance to
me and not to break their covenant with the Honorable the Exalted God.

I offered them as much as I had the power to. I even talked to some of them[672]. He returned. I
talked with others in the same way but their ignorance, rebellion and deviation became even
more than before. I fought with them since they insisted on that. I defeated them in the war and
they became sorry. Many of them were killed on the battlefield. I fought them since I had no
other choice. Had I postponed fighting, they would have done things which would have
prevented me from forgiving them as I did after the war.

If I had not blocked them I would have been disloyal to myself and the nation and would have
become a partner in the sins which they had decided to commit as follows:

1- They had planned to extend their rebellion in the surroundings of the Islamic country to
whatever extent they could and do acts of corruption.

2- They had planned to kill and shed the blood of the citizens.

3- They had planned to subject the rules of Islam and the laws of justice according to the
opinions of a low-minded and unintelligent women and follow the old Roman nation; Yemen
and destroyed nations of the past in this respect. Had I hesitated to fight, I would have ultimately
been forced to fight with them and would also be ashamed of the evil deeds and crimes which
that woman and her troops would have committed. Still I did not start the battle without
hesitation. First, I gave them an ultimatum and postponed the war as much as possible. I was
calm. I negotiated with them several times. I even sent several mediators to them. I made them
several offers which were to their benefit. However, they turned me down on every occasion.
They made me helpless, forced me to start a war, and end the issue as God willed. Given all that
was done before the war they had been given enough ultimatum.'
Then Ali (MGB) turned towards his companions and asked, ‘Was it not so?’ They replied, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! Yes, it was so.’

Then the Commander of the Faithful Ali (MGB) said, ‘O Jewish brother! And about the sixth occasion I should say that it was the arbitration council and the Battle with the son of the liver-eater[673] Hind (Muaviyah). This man had been an enemy of God, His Prophet (MGB), and the believers from the day on which God appointed Muhammad (MGB) to Prophethood until the city of Mecca was conquered by the force of the Muslims’ swords.

Muaviyah and his father Abu Sufyana had pledged allegiance to me on that very same day and on three other occasions. His father was the first person who greeted me using the title of ‘the Commander of the Faithful.’ He was the one who constantly encouraged me to fight for my due rights and renewed his pledge of allegiance to me every time he met me.

The strangest of all is that when Muawiyah realized that the Blessed the Sublime God had returned my right to me and had strengthened my position, he lost all hopes of becoming the fourth Caliph and ruling in our government. He turned to the disobedient Amr al-As and was generous with him so that he accepted his invitation. Amr became his fan when Muawiyah entrusted the governorship of Egypt to him, although it is forbidden for him to use even one Dirham of the taxes collected from Egypt as it was so for Muawiyah to give him any more than his own share. Then he rebelled and acted oppressively in the Islamic country. He was kind to anyone who swore allegiance to him and fended away anyone who opposed him.

He joined the perfidious party (Nakiseen)[674] in an attack against Islamic territories and looted the east, the west, the north and the south. I received the news and the reports of their deeds until the one-eyed Saqafy (Al-Muqayrih) proposed that I make peace with Muawiyah and appoint him to the governorship of the territories that were under his control. This opinion was a good one in terms of politics, but I could not bring any excuses for doing this in God’s presence and could not take responsibility for Muawiyah’s acts of oppression. I thought about this proposal and consulted with reliable people who were God-fearing and followed the Prophet (MGB). They had the same opinion as I did regarding the son of the liver-eater lady. May God not bring the
day on which I use any of the oppressors as my aids.

I once dispatched Jarir al-Bajaly and dispatched Abu Musa al-Ash’ari to him on another occasion. They both followed their worldly desires, their
conditions which were not acceptable by God, the Prophet and the Muslims.

In one of his letters he made it a condition that we should surrender a group of the Prophet’s best companions to him including Ammar Yasir so that he could hang them in retaliation for the blood of Uthman. Where can you find someone like Ammar? I swear by God that he was always the sixth person present whenever five of us gathered around the Prophet (MGB). He was also the fourth person present whenever four of us gathered around the Prophet (MGB).

He wanted to retaliate for the blood of Uthman even though he, his colleagues and his damned family who were branches of the Cursed Tree as mentioned in the Holy Quran[675] made the people rebel against Uthman and caused him to be killed. He attacked me since I did not accept his unreasonable conditions and he was proud of his rebellion. He gathered a group of the Homayr tribes who had neither any intellect nor any insight in religion around himself and led them astray so as to follow him. He fooled them with worldly possessions and attracted them to himself.

We set the Honorable the Exalted God as the judge and set out to fight him in order to stop him. We fought with him after giving him an ultimatum, so that he may have no excuses left. God made us victorious over His enemies and ours as usual.

We were holding the flag of God’s Prophet (MGB) under which God had always killed the followers of Satan, but Muawiyah was holding the flag of his father under which his father had fought with God’s Prophet (MGB).

He was about to die with no way out. He rode his horse, saw that his flag had fallen down and felt hopeless. He sought the help of Amr al-As. Amr al-As advised him to bring out many copies of the Quran, place them on top of their spears and to ask for the arbitration of the Quran. He told Muawiyah that since the son of Abu Talib, his followers and the rest of the...
Household of the Prophet (MGB) are religious and had invited you to arbitration of the Quran in the beginning, they would accept its arbitration from you at the end.

Muawiyah accepted the idea proposed by Amr al-As since he was helpless and had no way out of war and getting killed. He placed many copies of the Quran on the spears and had them held up thinking that he was inviting the people to abide by the Quran. I had lost many of my good friends and sincere companions. The rest of the people were inclined to accept the Quran’s arbitration and stop the war. They thought that since the son of the liver-eater Hind (Muawiyah) is adhering to the rules of the Quran, he would honor them. They welcomed his call and all accepted his suggestion.

I announced to them that this was a deception which Muawiyah had plotted using Amr al-As and that they would not adhere to it. However, they did not believe me and did not obey my orders. They insisted on accepting his suggestion. Whether I liked it or not, things became so bad that some of them said that we should kill Ali just like Uthman or turn him and his family over to Muawiyah if he doesn’t accept Muawiyah’s suggestion.

God knows best that I did my best and tried as hard as I could to convince them to follow me, but they would not obey me. I even asked them to give me a little time - as much as milking a camel or running a horse so that I may complete the work. However, they did not accept it except for this man (while Ali (MGB) was pointing to Malik al-Ashtar), his followers, and a group of my own household. I swear by God that what hindered me from following my own idea was my fear of these two being killed (while Ali (MGB) was pointing to Al-Hassan (MGB) and Al-Hussein (MGB) with his hand), and the cessation of the lineage of God’s Prophet (MGB). It was also due to my fear of these two being killed (while Ali (MGB) was pointing to Abdullah ibn Ja’far and Muhammad ibn Hanifeh - may God be pleased with them - with his hand), since I knew that they were only endangered because of me. Therefore, I was forced to accept God’s destiny and accept the demands of the people. Once the battle was stopped and the swords were no long pointed at them, they demanded that they themselves be the arbiters instead of the Quran. They took over the rules of the Quran and put its decrees aside. I never considered anyone to be able to arbitrate on behalf of God’s religion since man’s arbitration in God’s religion is undoubtedly wrong. However, the people did not accept anything but arbitration.

I wanted to have a knowledgeable person from my household or some of the other tribes who was wise, reliable and religious to arbitrate on my behalf. The son of Hind[676] disagreed with whomever I named. He did not accept any
of my rightful proposals. He oppressed us through my own companions. When they insisted and wanted to force me to accept the arbitration, I sought refuge in the Honorable the Exalted God and left this up to themselves. Then they chose a man who was deceived by Amr As, and the world got filled with the shame of this act. They themselves became sorry about it.' Then Ali (MGB) turned towards his companions and asked, ‘Was it not so?’ They replied, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! Yes, it was so.’

Then the Commander of the Faithful (MGB) said, ‘O Jewish brother! And about the seventh I should tell you that in his will to me, God’s Prophet (MGB) had informed me that I would fight with a tribe of my own companions near the end of my life, although they fast during the days, worship God at night and read the Quran but have put aside the religion by arguing and fighting with me just like an arrow which flies from a bow. Zul-Sadiyyeh is going to be amongst them. I will have a prosperous end after killing them. When I returned after the arbitration, some of the people started to blame each other as to why the Battle of Siffin ended by arbitration.

They found themselves no solution but to except to criticize the leader and said, ‘Our leader should not have obeyed our wrong opinion. Since he was certain about our fault, he must kill either himself or those who were faulty. Since he obeyed us, he has become an unbeliever. Therefore, it is lawful for us to kill him and shed his blood now.’ They united concerning this
issue, left my army rapidly and yelled ‘There is no arbiter but God!’

Then they divided up. One group of them stayed in Nakhileh while a second group went to Hurura. Yet a third group of them went to the east beyond the Dijla river. They tired every Muslim they ran into by forcing him to deny me. If he argued with them, they would let him go. Otherwise they killed him. I went to see the first and the second groups and invited them to obey the Honorable the Exalted God, accept the truth and to return towards God. They did not accept anything but fighting with swords and they were not content with anything else. Since I found no other solution, I surrendered the first two groups to God’s decree. Therefore, I killed them. O Jewish Brother! I am so sorry about them. Had they not chosen this destructive route they would have not been killed. Then imagine how strong a castle could have been formed for Islam. However, God willed no other end but this unpleasant one for them. Then I wrote a letter to the third group and sent several delegates. The delegates were chosen ones. They were all God-fearing and ascetic. However, it was of no use. They did nothing but follow what the other two groups did. They hurriedly

killed the Muslims who did not agree with them and continuously killed good people. I attacked them myself and blocked off the Euphrates river from their access. Again I sent trustworthy delegates and advisors to them and made all attempts to accept their apologies by means of those men (while Ali (MGB) was pointing at Malik Ashtar; Al-Ahnaf ibn Qays; Sa’id ibn Qays al-
Arhabi; and Al-Ash’as ibn Qays al-Kindi). O Jewish Brother! Since they accepted no solution except fighting, I fought with them until all of them were killed. O Jewish brother! They were all killed - all being more than forty-thousand of them. Not even one of them could flee. Then I pulled out the man who had breasts just like women have\[677\] from amongst the dead corpses in front of these very same men that you see. He had breasts just like women do. Then Ali (MGB) turned towards his companions and asked, ‘Was it not so?’ They replied, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! Yes, it was so.’

Then the Commander of the Faithful (MGB) said, ‘O Jewish brother! And about the seventh. I was faithful to all seven and just one rank remains which is undoubtedly near.’ Then the companions of Ali (MGB) cried. The head of the Jews also cried and said, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! Tell us another one!’ Then the Commander of the Faithful (MGB) said, ‘And the last is that this (while referring to his head) shall become filled with the blood of this (while he was pointing to his crown)’. All of a sudden all the people in the Jamea Mosque started to cry and mourned so loudly that the people from all the houses in Kufa left their homes crying. Then the head of the Jews accepted Islam right then by the hand of the Commander of the Faithful (MGB) and lived in Medina until the Commander of the Faithful (MGB) was murdered by Ibn Muljam’s sword - may God damn Ibn Muljam.

When the head of the Jews heard the news, he went to Ali’s (MGB) house and stood in front of Al-Hassan (MGB), while the people had gathered around him (MGB). They brought Ibn Muljam with his hands tied there. The head of the Jews said, ‘O Abu Muhammad!![678] Kill him! May God kill him. I have seen in the books which were revealed to Moses (MGB) that in the sight of the Honorable the Exalted God this crime is much greater than the crime committed by Adam’s son when he killed his brother, and the crime of those who treated the she-camel of Thamud clan wrongfully.’[679]

ON WHAT HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT THE DAYS OF THE WEEK

7-60 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ali ibn Abdullah ibn Ishaq al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Habib al-Sejestani, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-
Sadiq (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Fridays are days of worship. Thus, worship the Honorable the Exalted God. Saturdays are for the members of the Holy Household. Sundays are for their followers. Mondays are for the Umayyads. Tuesdays are easy days. Wednesdays are for the Abbasids and their victory. Thursdays are blessed days. For my followers its dawn is blessed.”

WHAT HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT SUNDAYS AND OTHER DAYS AFTER IT

7-61 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn al-Hussein ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Asad al-Basry, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Sa’id, on the authority of someone who narrated on the authority of Khalaf ibn Himmad, on the authority of someone who quoted Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) passed by a group of people who were having blood-letting done for them. He (MGB) told them ‘What would have happened if you had postponed it until Sunday night as that would be more effective in alleviating one’s pains.’”

7-62 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Sahl ibn Zyad al-Adamy, on the authority of Abul Hassan Amr ibn Sufyan al-Gorjany who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “As-Sadiq (MGB) asked one of his friends, ‘O so and so! Why you did you not go out today?’ He replied, ‘May I be your ransom! Because it is Sunday.’ The Imam (MGB) asked him, ‘So what? What is wrong with Sunday?’ The man said, ‘It has been narrated on the authority of God’s Prophet (MGB) to have said, ‘Beware of Sundays as they are as sharp as a sword!’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘No that is not so. They have lied about the Prophet (MGB) having said that since Ahad which means Sunday is one of the Names of the Honorable the Exalted God.’ The man said, ‘May I be your ransom! What about Mondays?’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘It has been named after those two.’ [680] The man said, ‘But Monday was known as Monday before those two.’ Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) told him, ‘Once you are told something try to understand it! Indeed the Blessed the Sublime God already knew the day on
which He would appoint His Prophet (MGB), and the day on which the Prophet’s Trustee (MGB) would be oppressed. Thus, it was named after those two.’ The man said, ‘What about Tuesdays?’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘God created Hell on a Tuesday as the Sublime God says, ‘(It will be said,) ‘Depart ye to that which ye used to reject as false! Depart ye to a Shadow (of smoke ascending) in three columns, (Which yields) no shade of coolness, and is of no use against the fierce Blaze.’’”[681]

The man said, ‘What about Wednesdays?’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘The four pillars of Fire were made on a Wednesday.’

The man said, ‘What about Thursdays?’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘God created Paradise on a Thursday.’

The man said, ‘What about Fridays?’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘The Honorable the Exalted God gathered the people together on Fridays to acknowledge our Mastery.’

The man said, ‘What about Saturdays?’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘It was on a Saturday that the
angels attended to their Lord and realized that He has always been the One.”

7-63 Abul-Hassan Muhammad ibn Amr ibn Ali ibn Abdullah al-Basyr in Ilaq narrated that the preacher Abu Abdullah Muhammad ibn Abdullah ibn Ahmad ibn Jabalat quoted Abul Qasim Abdullah ibn Ahmad ibn Amer al-Ta’ee, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB), on the authority of Musa ibn Ja’far al-Kazim (MGB), on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB), on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB) that the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said, “Saturdays are for deceit and trickery. Sundays are for planting and building. Mondays are for war and bloodshed. Tuesdays are for traveling and making requests. Wednesdays are for pessimism and bad omen. Thursdays are for visiting the chiefs and Fridays are for proposing to marry and getting married.”

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, ‘Monday is the day for traveling to where you pray to God for rain.’

7-64 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Sindy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Amr ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Yunus ibn Yaqoob that he had heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, “God’s Prophet (MGB) had blood-letting performed on Mondays and gave wheat to the person who performed the phlebotomy on him.”

7-65 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn al-Hussein al-Lu’lu’ee, on the authority of either or both Muhammad ibn Isma’il and Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Maysami, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Mihzam that someone had narrated that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “God’s Prophet (MGB) had blood-letting done on Monday afternoons.”
7-66 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa‘ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Yazid and Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat‘tab, on the authority of Hammad ibn Isa, on the authority of someone who had narrated that Aba Abdulllah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “It was the Prophet (MGB)’s custom was to have blood-letting done for him on Monday afternoons. He (MGB) used to say, ‘Having phlebotomy done on Monday afternoons would immediately relieves one’s pains.’”

7-67 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash‘ari, on the authority of Al-Abbas ibn Ma’ruf, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Abi Hamzih, on the authority of Aqabah ibn Bashir al-Azodi, “I went to see Abi Ja‘far al-Baqir (MGB) on a Monday. He (MGB) said, ‘Have something to eat.’ I replied, ‘I am fasting.’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘Why did you fast on this day?’ I said, ‘Because the Prophet (MGB) was born on this day.’ He (MGB) said, ‘You do not know on which day the Prophet (MGB) was born on. That is the day on which the Prophet (MGB) perished. Therefore, you should neither travel nor fast on that day.’”

7-68 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa‘ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Musa ibn al-Qasim al-Bajaly, on the authority of Ali ibn Ja‘far (MGB), “A man had gone to see my brother Musa ibn Ja‘far al-Kazim (MGB) and said, ‘May I be your ransom! I have planned to go on a trip. Please pray for me.’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘On which day are you planning to go?’ The man said, ‘On Monday.’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘Why do you go on Monday?’ The man said, ‘I go on that day to seek blessings since that is the Prophet’s birthday.’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘No, they lie. The Prophet’s (MGB) birthday is on a Friday. No day is more wicked than Monday. It was on that day the Prophet (MGB) perished and heavenly revelations ceased to descend. It was on that day that they usurped our rights by force. Do you want me to guide you to an easy day on which God softened iron for David (MGB)?’ The man said, ‘May I be your ransom! Yes.’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘Go on a Tuesday.’”
ON WHAT HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT TUESDAYS

7-69 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Abil Khazraj (al-Hassan ibn al-Zebarkan al-Qumi), on the authority of Suleiman, on the authority of Abi Na’zrat, on the authority of Abi

 حدثنا أبي رضي الله عنه قال: حدثنا مصعب بن عبادة قال: حدثني يعقوب بن يزيد، ومحمد بن الحسن بن أبي الخطاب، عن حماد بن عيسى، عن ذكره عن أبي عبيد الله عليه السلام قال:

 الحجامة يوم الأثنين من آخر المهر تصل إليها سنة من السنة.

7-66 ه عنة قال: حدثنا محمد بن يحيى المطابر قال: حدثنا محمد بن أحمد لزى يضن نسحاً يبدع: حدثنا محمد بن يحيى بن عمران الأشعري، عن المعز بن مومن، عن محمد بن أبي عمرو، عن أبي محمد، عن رجل ينعيه:

 بن شرير الأزدي قال: جئت إلى أبي جعفر عليه السلام يوم الأثنين فقال: إننا صادمي:

 قلت: يرسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم فيه، فقال: أما موالدي فيه فلا قال، وكيف صمت؟ قال:

 تعلمون، وأما مسألتي فيه فكلمثم قال: فكلا صمت ولا تسامى فيه.

7-67 وسماع نبى دمحم نبياً دمحم لاق طللا دمحم نبى دمحم لاق طللا يضرب يوماً يباد يامدح: لاق طللا يضرب يوماً يباد يامدح:

 عرف قال: جاء رجل إلى أبي موسى بن جعفر عليه السلام، فكمل له، وجاء إلى أبي داود: يوم الأثنين، فقال له: ودمم تخرج يوم الأثنين؟ قال: أطلب فيه الجملة، وما من يوم أعظم مما من يوم الأثنين، فقال: كذبه وذده رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم، وأдается عليه وسلم، ولهما: هما تبركا، والذين أدرك على يوم سهر لين آن الله لاداود عليه السلام في الحديث؟ أو قال الرجل: بنى جهلته فذاك، ما أدرك فذاك؟: يخرج يوم

7-68 ما ذلت يوم في جيماً

7-69 إيا يا نبى دمحم انشده لاق طللا دمحم نبى دمحم لاق طللا يضرب يوماً يباد يامدح: لاق طللا يضرب يوماً يباد يامدح:

 عبد الله البرقي، عن أبي الخزرج، عن سليمان، عن أبي نضرة

Sa’ed al-Khidry that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Whoever has phlebotomy done for him on the Tuesday of the seventeenth, nineteenth days or the twenty-first day of each month shall be relieved of every ailment up until the next year. If he does so on a different day, he shall be relieved of headaches, toothaches, insanity, leprosy and vitiligo.”[683]

7-70 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Al-Qasim ibn Muhammad al-Isfahani, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Davood al-Munqeri, on the authority of Hafs ibn Qiyath al-Nakha’ee, on the
authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Whoever wants to travel, it is better for him to go on a trip on Saturdays because if a stone becomes separated from the mountain, God will return it to its place on that day. It is better for those who have some need, to ask for it on a Tuesday since that is the day on which God softened iron for David (MGB).”

ON WHAT HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT WEDNESDAYS

7-71 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of some friends, “I went to see Ali ibn al-Hassan Al-Askari (MGB) on a Wednesday while he was having phlebotomy performed. I told him, ‘The residents of the two Harams (implying Mecca and Medina) narrate on the authority of God’s Prophet (MGB) that whoever has phlebotomy done on Wednesdays shall suffer from white pigments and has no one but himself to blame.’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘No, they lie. This could only happen to those whose mothers got pregnant with them when they were menstruating.’”

7-72 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Abdul Rahman ibn Amr ibn Aslam, “I saw Abal-Hassan Musa ibn Ja’far al-Kazim (MGB) perform phlebotomy on a Wednesday while he had a fever. The fever did not end until Friday when he had the phlebotomy done again.”

7-73 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya Al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Al-Sayyari, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Daq’qaq al-Baghdady, “I wrote a letter to Abal-Hassan - the second - that is Al-Reza (MGB) and asked him about traveling on the last Wednesday of the month. He (MGB) replied, ‘Whoever travels on the last Wednesday of the month in order to invalidate the claim of those that this act has bad omen will be safe from all calamities.”

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God shall fulfill his needs.' I wrote another letter to him (MGB) and asked him about blood-letting on the last Wednesday of the month. He (MGB) replied, 'Whoever has phlebotomy done for him on the last Wednesday of the month in order to invalidate the claim of those that this act has bad omen will be safe from any calamities or ailments. The place of blood-letting shall not turn green."

7-74 Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Baghdady al-Var`raq narrated that Ali ibn Muhammad ibn Ja`far ibn Ahmad ibn Anbasta - the servant of Ar-Rashid quoted Darim ibn Qabaysat narrated that Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB) [684] said that he (MGB) had heard his father (MGB) quote on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baquir (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali ibn al-Hussein (MGB), on the authority of his father Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that God`s Prophet (MGB) said, "The last Wednesday of every month is always one with bad omen."

7-75 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa`ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Sa`id, on the authority of Fuzalat, on the authority of Aban, on the authority of Abi Ja`far al-Ahwal, on the authority of Bashar ibn Yasar, "I asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), ‘Why do you always fast on Wednesdays?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘Since the Fire (of Hell) was created on a Wednesday.’"

7-76 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Abu Sa`id al-Adamy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat `tab, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin`an, on the authority of Hazifat ibn Mansoor, “I saw Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) had phlebotomy performed on him on a Wednesday afternoon."
Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Ishaq, on the authority of Al-Qasim ibn Yahya, on the authority of his grandfather Al-Hassan ibn Rashid, on the authority of Abi Basir, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB), “Do not perform phlebotomy or depilatory on Wednesdays since Wednesdays are always with bad omen. Hell was created on a Wednesday.”

Men should not apply depilatory on Wednesdays since it is always an unlucky day.
preacher Abu Abdullah Muhammad ibn Abdullah ibn Ahmad ibn Jabalat quoted Abul Qasim Abdullah ibn Ahmad ibn Amer al-Ata’ee, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB), on the authority of Musa ibn Ja’far al-Kazim (MGB), on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hussein (MGB), on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB), “A man stood up in the Jamea Mosque in Kufa and asked the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB), ‘O Commander of the Faithful (MGB)! Please tell me why Wednesday are considered to be unlucky days and how serious is that? Which Wednesday is meant?’

The Commander of the Faithful (MGB) said, ‘It was on the last Wednesday of the month on which Abel killed Cane. Abraham (MGB) was cast into fire on a Wednesday. The catapult[687] (with which Abraham was thrown into the fire) was built on a Wednesday. God drowned the Pharaoh on a Wednesday. On Wednesday the Honorable the Exalted God destroyed the land of the people of Lot. On Wednesday the Honorable the Exalted God sent the fiery winds to the people of Ad. On Wednesday their gardens turned black and fell down. On Wednesday the Honorable the Exalted God made a mosquito overcome Nimrood. On Wednesday Pharaoh called in Moses (MGB) in order to kill him. On Wednesday the roof collapsed over their head. On Wednesday Pharaoh ordered the boys of the Israelites to be killed. On Wednesday the Holy Shrine (Bayt ul-Muqadas) in Jerusalem was destroyed. On Wednesday the Mosque of David - the son of Solomon (MGB) was put on fire. On Wednesday Yahya - the son of Zakariya was killed. On Wednesday the first shadow of punishment descended upon the people of Pharaoh. On Wednesday God had Qarun (Korah)[688] sunk into the Earth. On Wednesday God had Ayoob (MGB) suffer from the loss of wealth and children. On Wednesday Joseph (MGB) entered jail. The Honorable the Exalted God said on Wednesday ‘that We destroyed them and their people, all (of them).’[689] On Wednesday they were caught by the cries. On
Wednesday they slaughtered the she-camel. On Wednesday “stones of baked clay” fell over them.[690] On Wednesday the Prophet (MGB) was injured and his tooth broke. On Wednesday the coffin[691] was stolen from the Israelites.”

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “It is fine for one who needs to travel to travel on Wednesday or one who has to have phlebotomy done on Wednesday to have it done. There is no bad omen in such an act especially for those who do so to discredit the claim of those who consider this to be unlucky. However, it is better not to go on a journey or have phlebotomy done on Wednesday, if it is not absolutely necessary.”

**ON WHAT HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT THURSDAYS**

7-80 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Marvan ibn Ubayd, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Ma’tab ibn al-Mubarak, “Once I went to see Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) on a Thursday. He was having phlebotomy performed. I asked him, ‘O (grand)son of the Prophet! Are you having phlebotomy done on a Thursday?’ He (MGB) replied, ‘Yes, It is fine for anyone to have phlebotomy done on a Thursday since there is some movement of blood on Friday nights due to the fear of the Resurrection which doesn’t return to its original place until Thursday morning.’ He (MGB) then faced his servant Rabih (who was performing the phlebotomy) and told him, ‘O Rabih! Stick in the phlebotomy tool firmly, cup slowly and cut lightly.’ Then he (MGB) said, ‘Pain would totally leave the body of whoever has phlebotomy done early in the morning on the last Thursday of the month.’”

7-81 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Al-Hussein ibn Aban quoted Al-Hussein ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Abi Ayoob, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Muslim that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “When the Prophet (MGB) had been appointed to Prophethood he (MGB) fasted day after day so much that they thought he will no longer break his fast. He (MGB) sometimes did not fast for so many days that they thought he (MGB) will no longer fast. Then he (MGB) started to fast one day and not fast the other days like the fasting of David (MGB). He (MGB) later stopped this and fasted on two Thursdays and a Wednesday in between them each month.”

7-82 By the same documentation it is narrated that Al-Hussein ibn Sa’id quoted Al-Nazr ibn Soweed, on the authority of Hisham ibn Salim, on the authority of Al-Ahval that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “God’s Prophet
(MGB) was questioned about fasting on two Thursdays and on the Wednesday in between them He (MGB) replied, ‘Thursdays are the days when our deeds are presented and Wednesday is the day on which Hell was created. Fasting is an armor against the Fire.’"

7-83 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Abu Abdullah Al-Razi, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abdullah, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Aqabah, on the authority of Zakariya, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Yahya that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “God would fend off poverty from whoever cuts his nails on Thursdays and leaves one to be cut off on Fridays.”

ON WHAT HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT FRIDAYS
7-84 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn Isa ibn Ubayd, on the authority of Zakaria al-Mumin, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ribah al-Qula, “I saw that Aba Ibrahim Al-Kazim (MGB) had phlebotomy done on a Friday. I asked, ‘May I be your ransom! Are you having phlebotomy done on a Friday?’ He (MGB) replied, ‘I recite the verse of the Throne (Ayat al-Kursi)’. You should have phlebotomy done whenever you have high blood pressure and recite the verse of the Throne.’”

7-85 Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Baghdady al-Var’aq narrated that Ali ibn Muhammad - the servant of Ar-Rashid - quoted Darim ibn Qabaysat narrated that Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB) quoted on the authority of his father Musa ibn Ja’far al-Kazim (MGB), on the authority of his father Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of his father Muhammad ibn Ali (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali ibn al-Hussein (MGB), on the authority of his father Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB), that the Prophet (MGB) said, “The Resurrection Day shall come between the times of the noon and afternoon prayers on a Friday.”

7-86 And Al-Sakoony narrated that Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB) quoted his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “You should take some meat and fruits to your family on Fridays so that they are happy. The Prophet (MGB) used to leave his room to rest in the summer on Thursdays. He (MGB) used to return to the room on Friday nights due to the cold in the winter. It has also been narrated that he (MGB) always left the room and returned to it on Fridays.”
7-87 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil Khattab, on the authority of Salih ibn Aqabah, on the authority of Abi Kahmas, “I asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), ‘Please teach me some supplications which would expedite the provision of one’s sustenance.’ The Imam (MGB) told me, ‘Shave your moustache and cut your nails. Do this on Fridays.’”

7-88 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Atibat, on the authority of Abi Ayoob al-Madini, on the authority of Ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Hashim ibn Salim that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Cutting the nails on Fridays would protect one from leprosy, vitiligo[693] and blindness. One can also file them.”

Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Whoever cuts his nails and shaves his moustache every Friday and says, ‘Bismillah va Billah va Ala Muhammad va Ali Muhammad (In the name of God and by God and to Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad) would be granted the reward of freeing as many slaves from the progeny of Ishmael as the pieces of hair and nails cut off.”

7-88 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Hisan al-Razi, on the authority of Abi Muhammad al-Razi, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Yazid, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “God would take away pain from the hands of whoever cuts his nails on Fridays and would heal them.” It has also been narrated that he would be immune from insanity, leprosy and vitiligo[694].

7-89 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Bakr ibn Salih, on the authority of Al-Ja’fari that he had heard Abal-Hassan Al-Kazim (MGB) say, “Cut your nails off on Tuesdays, go to the bath on Wednesdays and have phlebotomy done on Thursdays if you wish. Put on your best perfume on Fridays.”

7-90 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of
Muawiyah ibn Hakim, on the authority of Mu’amir ibn Khilad that Abil Hassan al-Reza (MGB) said, “It is not good for man to abandon putting on perfume on himself. He should at least put on perfume once every other day if he can. Or at least he should put on perfume every Friday if he can. He should not abandon this.”
the servant of Anas ibn Malik[696], on the authority of Anas[697] that the Prophet (MGB) said, “Friday day and night is twenty-four hours. The Honorable the Exalted God frees six-hundred thousand sinners from the Fire of Hell each hour on Friday.”

7-93 Ahmad ibn Zyad al-Hamedany - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr and Ali ibn al-Hikam, on the authority of Hisham ibn al-Hakam that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “In you want to do some good deed such as giving charity, fasting or a similar deed it is best to do it on a Friday since then it would be rewarded twice.”

7-94 Ahmad ibn Zyad ibn Ja’far al-Hamedany - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim quoted on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Abil Balad, who quoted that someone quoted on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Whoever recites a poem on Friday will receive the same as reward for that day. God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘If you see a Sheikh narrate a tradition of the Age of Ignorance on Friday you should hit him on the head even if it be with just a small pebble.’”

7-95 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ayoob ibn Nooh, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Whoever says the following supplications at the end of the prostration of the recommendable (Nafila) prayer after the eve of Friday night, ‘O my Lord! I beseech you by your Noble Face and Grand Name that you send blessings
upon Muhammad and his household and that you forgive my major sins’ for seven times would be forgiven by God just when he lifts his head off from the position of prostration.’’

Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) also said, “Angels who carry golden pens and silver tablets descend to the Earth on Thursday nights and Fridays. They only record the reward of sending blessings upon Muhammad and his household on Thursday nights and Fridays. It is not recommendable to go after your needs on Fridays before the Friday prayer, but it is fine to do so afterwards.’’

7-96 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Abi Ayoob Ibrahim, "Uthman al-Khazzaz asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) about the words of God the Honorable the Exalted, ‘And when the prayer is finished, then may ye disperse through the land, and seek of the Bounty of God.’” The Imam (MGB) said, ‘What is meant is to pray on Fridays and go after work on Saturdays.’ He (MGB) added, ‘Shame on a Muslim who doesn’t allocate Fridays for his religious affairs.’”

ON WHAT HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT SATURDAYS

7-97 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Al-Qasim ibn Muhammad al-Isfahani, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Davood al-Munqeri, on the authority of Hafs ibn Qiyath al-Nakha’ee, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Whoever wants to go on a journey should start on Saturday since God would return any rocks that may get loose and are about to separate from the hills to their original location on Saturdays.”

7-98 Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Baghdady al-Var’raq narrated that Ali ibn Muhammad ibn Ja’far ibn Anbasat - the servant of Ar-Rashid quoted Darim ibn Qabaysat narrated that Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB), on the authority of his father Musa ibn Ja’far al-Kazim (MGB), on the authority of his father Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB), on the authority of his father Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB) that he had heard his father Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) say, “God’s Prophet (MGB) prayed and said, ‘O God! Please bless Saturday mornings and Thursday mornings for my nation.’”
By the same documentation, the Prophet (MGB) said, “Go after your needs in the mornings since they will be easier to do then. Whenever you write a letter throw some dirt over it so that it may be more effective[699]. Seek good near the beautiful ones.”

7-100 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Hisan, on the authority of Abi Muhammad al-Razi, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Yazid al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Whoever cuts off his nails and shaves his moustache on Saturdays or Thursdays shall be immune from toothache and eye pains.”

7-101 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of some other people that Abla Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Saturdays are for us. Sundays are for our followers. Mondays are for our enemies. Tuesdays are for the Umayyads. Wednesdays are the days for taking medicine. Thursdays are for taking care of the sick and protecting them.”
of your needs. Fridays are for leaning up and putting on perfume. Fridays are the holidays for the Muslims. They are even better than the Eid ul-Fitr and Eid ul-Azha. The Day of Eid ul-Qadir is the noblest of the holidays. It is on the eighteenth day of the month of Dhul-Hijja. Our Riser (MGB) - the Riser (MGB) from the Members of the Holy Household - will rise on a Friday. The Resurrection Day will be on a Friday. No deeds are better on Fridays than sending God’s Blessings upon Muhammad (MGB) and his Household.”

DO NOT BE HOSTILE WITH THE DAYS SO THAT THEY ARE NOT HOSTILE WITH YOU

7-102 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted Abdullah ibn Ahmad al-Mooseli, on the authority of Al-Seqr ibn Abi Delph al-Kurkhi, “When al-Mutevakil arrested our master Abal-Hassan Al-Askari (MGB) and sent him to jail, I went to find out some things about him. Razeqi who was the gate-keeper for Al-Mutevakil looked at me and ordered that I be taken to his presence. Once I entered, he asked me, ‘O Seqr! What do you want?’ I said, ‘Sir. It is good!’ He said, ‘Be seated!’ I told myself that I had made a mistake and was going to be captured, too. Once the others present left and when he found some time he looked at me and said, ‘How are you doing? What do you want here?’ I said, ‘I have come for a good deed.’ He
said, ‘Perhaps you have come to ask about the news of your master?’ Then I said, ‘Who is my master? My master the Commander of the Faithful (Referring to Al-Mutevakil.)’ Then he said, ‘Be quiet! Your master is the one who is rightful! Do not be afraid of me. I follow the same beliefs as you do.’ Then I said, ‘Thanks God!’ He said, ‘Do you wish to see him?’ He said, ‘Then be seated until the postman leaves him.’ Then I sat down and waited until the postman left him. Then he told his servant, ‘Take Seqr’s hand and guide him to the room in which that Alavite is imprisoned and leave them alone.’ The servant took me to the jail and showed me the room. When I entered the room, I saw that the Imam (MGB) was sitting on a piece of straw mat with a dug up grave in front of him. I greeted and the Imam (MGB) responded and asked me to sit down. I sat down. The Imam (MGB) said, ‘O Seqr! Why have you come here?’ I said, ‘O my Master! I have come here to get some news about you.’ I looked at the grave and cried. The Imam (MGB) looked at me and said, ‘O Seqr! Do not worry! They cannot mistreat me now.’ I said, ‘Praise be to God!’ Then I added, ‘There is a narration on the authority of the Prophet (MGB), the meaning of which I cannot understand.’ The Imam (MGB) asked, ‘Which one?’ I said, ‘The one in which he (MGB) said, ‘Do not be enemies with the days so that they do not be your enemies.’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘We are the days and we shall be for as long as the heavens and the Earth are there! Sunday refers to the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB). Monday refers to Al-Hassan (MGB) and Al-Hussein (MGB). Tuesday refers to Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB), Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB) and Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB). Wednesday refers to Musa ibn Ja’far al-Kazim (MGB), Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB), Muhammad ibn Ali al-Jawad (MGB), and I. Thursday refers to my son Al-Hassan ibn Ali (MGB) and Friday refers to my grandson who shall gather all the followers of the truth together as a single party and fill the Earth with justice after it has become full of oppression. This is what ‘days’ refers to. Do not be our enemies so that we may not be your enemies in the Hereafter!’

The he (MGB) said, ‘Say goodbye and leave. You are not secure here.’

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “The days of the week are not really the same as the Divine Leaders. Here the Prophet (MGB) has used it as a symbolic reference to the Divine Leaders just as the Imam (MGB) said so that those who are not on the right path do not understand it. This is similar to the use of ‘By the Fig and the Olive, And the Mount of Sinai, And this City of security’ by the Honorable the Exalted God in reference to the Prophet (MGB), Ali (MGB), Al-Hassan (MGB) and Al-Hussein (MGB). This is similar to when the Honorable the
Exalted God used ‘sheep’ in reference to ‘women’ as supported by some interpreters in the story of David and the two who went to see him. This is also similar to the use of ‘travel through the Earth’ in the Quran. As-Sadiq (MGB) was asked about the following words of the Honorable the Exalted God, ‘Do they not travel through the Earth?’ [702] He (MGB) replied, ‘What is meant is would you not delve into the meaning of the Quran as in the following verse the Honorable the Exalted God has used ‘a secret covenant’ to refer to having sex, ‘But do not make a secret contract with them’ [703] or used ‘to eat’ to refer to having to go to the toilet in ‘They had both to eat their (daily) food’ [704] when referring to Jesus (MGB) and his mother Mary (MGB) or used ‘the Bee’ in ‘And thy Lord taught the Bee’ [705] to refer to the Prophet (MGB). There are many similar instances.”

**ADAM AND EVE WERE IN PARADISE FOR SEVEN HOURS**

7-103 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father and Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Sa‘ed ibn Abdullah and Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy and Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat’tab, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ishaq, on the authority of Abi Ja’far Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Adam and Eve dwelled in Paradise for seven hours according to our time before God sent them down to the Earth on that very same day.”

**THERE ARE SEVEN CHARACTERISTICS IN A SHIITE**
7-104 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Al-Abbas ibn Ma'ruf, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Faz'zal, on the authority of Zarif ibn Nasih, on the authority of Amr ibn Abil Miqdam that Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB) said, “Indeed our followers are those who sacrifice their lives for loving us; become friends with each other due to loving us; visit each other to revive our traditions; do not oppress anyone if they get angry; do not go beyond bounds if they like some thing; do not waste; are blessings for their neighbors; and are a source of peace and comfort for those with whom they associate.”

I have explained this in more detail in Sifat ul-Shia.

THE PROPHET CURSED ABU SUFYAN ON SEVEN OCCASIONS

7-105 Ali ibn Ahmad ibn Musa - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Musa al-Daq’qaq quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn
Davood al-Hanzali, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Abdullah al-Jo’afy, on the authority of Al-Hikam ibn Meskin, on the authority of Abil Jarud, on the authority of Abil Tufayl Amer ibn Vasele’, “God’s Prophet (MGB) cursed Abu Sufyan on seven occasions. He should not have done anything else. The first occasion on which God and the Prophet (MGB) cursed Abu Sufyan was when the Prophet (MGB) was emigrating to Medina. Abu Sufyan cursed the Prophet (MGB), and wanted to hit the Prophet (MGB) when he ran into the Prophet (MGB) on his way back from Syria. However, God fended off his attack.

The second occasion was on the day of the Battle of Badr in which he fled from the Badr well, and God and the Prophet (MGB) cursed him.

The third occasion was on the day of the Battle of Uhud when after the Battle Abu Sufyan shouted, ‘Show your superiority, Hubal’[706] and the Prophet of God (MGB) replied, ‘God is the Most High and the Most Glorious.’[707] Then Abu Sufyan said, ‘We have Uzza and you do not.’ Then the Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘God is our friend but you have no friends.’

The fourth occasion was on the day of the Battle of the Trench when Abu Sufyan had come to fight the Muslims accompanied by all of the Quraysh tribe. However, the Honorable the Exalted God had them return angry and defeated. They had no gains from this Battle and the Honorable the Exalted God revealed two verses to the Prophet (MGB) from the Holy Quran in the Al-Ahzab Chapter.[708] Abu Sufyan and his companions were called atheists, and Muawiyah was called a polytheist and an enemy of God.

The fifth occasion was on the day of the Treaty of Hudaybiyyah in which the Quraysh intercepted the Muslims who wanted to offer animals for sacrifice and did not let them reach the place of offering. They also did not let the Prophet (MGB) reach the Holy House. Thus, they had to abandon their sacrificial animals, and the Prophet (MGB) had to return without having performed the circumambulations of the Ka'ba. Then the Honorable the Exalted God and the Prophet (MGB) cursed Abu Sufyan.

The sixth occasion was on the day of the Battle of Confederates[709] when Abu Sufyan leading the Quraysh, Amer ibn al-Tofeyl leading the Havazan and Ayineh ibn Hasin leading the invaded Medina with the Ghatafans assisted by the Jewish Qurayzah[710] and Nadir tribes[711] and attacked Medina. The Prophet (MGB) cursed their leaders and their followers and said, ‘If there are any believers amongst those who follow them, they shall not be cursed. However, there are no believers or noble ones amongst the leaders of this group and there are none to be saved.’

The seventh occasion was on the day on which they plotted and attacked the Prophet (MGB) in a group of twelve people from the Umayyads headed by Abu Sufyan and five other ones. Thus, the
Prophet (MGB) cursed them. Moreover, the camel, its leader, and its rider also cursed them.’
that in a long narration he (MGB) said, “O Ishaq! Indeed there is a desert called Seqr in Hell. It has not breathed since the day in which God created it. Should the Honorable the Exalted God order it to breathe, it would burn everything that is on the Earth even if it breathes through a small hole the size of the head of a needle. The residents of Hell try to find protection against the burning; the bad scent; the evilness and the tortures of this area. There is a mountain in that desert in which those who want to find protection from its burning; bad scent; evilness and tortures go. There is a valley in that mountain in which those who want to find a protection from its burning; bad scent; evilness and tortures go. There is a snake in that well to which those who want to find a protection from its burning; bad scent; evilness and tortures go. There are seven cases in the belly of that snake which contain five people from the former nations and two of the people of this nation.”

Ishaq (ibn Am’mar al-Sayrafi) added, “I asked the Imam (MGB), ‘May I be your ransom! Who are those five people and who are the two from this nation?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘The five people are Cain who killed Abel; Nimrood who argued with Abraham (MGB) regarding God and claimed that he was the one who gave life and death; Pharaoh who claimed ‘I am your Lord, Most High’[712]; the Jew who innovated Judaism; Bolis who innovated Christianity[713] and the two people from this nation who are two Arab Bedouins.’”

**JOB SUFFERED FOR SEVEN YEARS WITHOUT HAVING COMMITTED ANY SINS**

7-107 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali al-Khazzaz, on the authority of Fazl al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn al-Mukhtar, on the authority of Abi Basir that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Job (MGB) suffered for seven years without having committed any sins.”[714]
7-108 Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Al-Hassan ibn Ali al-Askari quoted Muhammad ibn Zakariya al-Juwhary, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Am’marat, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB) that his father Al-Baqir (MGB) said, “Job (MGB) suffered for seven years without having committed any sins. The Prophets (MGB) do not commit any sins, since they are immaculate and pure. They have no deviations. They do not even think of committing any sins whether it be a minor or a major one. Job (MGB) did not look bad or smell bad even though he suffered from a lot of calamities. He did not even have any puss or bleeding, even as small as the size of the tip of a pen. No one found him filthy and no one was afraid of him (MGB). There were no insects growing anywhere in or on his body. This is how the Honorable the Exalted God treats His dear Prophets (MGB) and noble friends in times of hardship. The people did not associate with Job (MGB) because he (MGB) was poor and weak and out of their ignorance. They did not know what a great rank he (MGB) had near his Sublime Lord! The Prophet (MGB) said, “The people who suffer the worst hardships are the Prophets, then those next in rank, then those after them, and so forth.”

The Honorable the Exalted God had Job (MGB) suffer so much that he was belittled in the eyes of the people so that they would not worship him (MGB) when they see the endless blessings of God in his hands. This was done so that the people realize that there are two kinds of rewards and punishments from the Sublime God: One in an especial way as a grant and the second way due to worthiness and servitude. This was done so that the people never belittle the poor or the ill. This was done so that the people realize that God would make ill anyone whom He wills and treats anyone whom He wills by any means which He wills. This was done so that it may serve as a lesson to learn from for some people; as a means of destitute and hardship for some other people; and as a means of prosperity for some other people. He is Just in all of his Judgements and Wise in all of his Deeds. He would not do anything to any of His servants unless it was the best thing for them. There is no power save in Him.”

THE SEVEN GROUPS OF ANGELS AND THE SEVEN TYPES OF VEILS
They asked the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) about the power of the Honorable the Exalted God - may His Majesty be Exalted. Then he stood up and delivered a sermon. He praised God, expressed God's glorifications and said, 'The Blessed the Sublime God has many angles. Some of them are so big that if any of them comes down to Earth, the Earth cannot house them in it due to their extensive size and great amount of feathers and large wings. Some of the angles are so stout and handsome that if all the genies and men cooperate with each other, they cannot describe them. Some of the angles are so big that it would take seven hundred years to travel the distance between their two shoulders or the distance between their two earlobes. Some of the angels are so tall that when they stand up the heavens are below their belly buttons. Some of them are such that they can step on no support on the inner layers of the Earth and all of the Earth is only as high as their knee. Some of them are...
so large that just the back of their large nail can house all the waters in the oceans of the Earth. Some of the angels are so large that they can house as many ships as there ever will be in their eyes and they can sail there forever. Blessed be the Best of the Creators.” Then he (MGB) was asked about the veils. He (MGB) said, “There are seven types of veils. The thickness of each veil is the distance of a five-hundred year journey, and the distance from one veil to the next is five-hundred years. The second veil includes seventy-thousand veils with the distance from one veil to the next is five-hundred years, and the thickness of each veil is the distance of a five-hundred year journey. There are seventy-thousand angels as the gate-keepers for each veil each as powerful as all the genies and the men. Some of the veils are darkness, some are light. Some of the veils are fire, some are smoke. Some of the veils are clouds, some are lightening. Some of the veils are thunder, some are illumination. Some of the veils are pebbles, some are hills. Some of the veils are dust. Some of the veils are water and some are creeks. They are a variety of veils the thickness of each is the distance of a seventy-thousand year journey.

Then there are the pavilions of majesty which are sixty in number. There are seventy-thousand angels in each pavilion. The distance between each pavilion is the distance of a five-hundred year journey. Then there is the pavilion of glory. Then there is the pavilion of grandeur. Then there is the pavilion of magnificence. Then there is the pavilion of holiness. Then there is the pavilion of almightiness. Then there is the pavilion of pride. Then there is the pavilion of white light. Then there is the pavilion of Unity which is as large as a square each side of which measures the distance of a seventy-thousand journey. Then there is the Imperial Veil.”
Then, Ali (MGB) ended his speech and stopped talking. Umar said, “O Abal-Hassan! I could not survive even for one day without you.”

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “These veils are not covering up the Honorable the Exalted God since the Sublime God cannot be said to be confined in a place. However, they are placed upon the great world which He has created and no one but the Blessed the Sublime God knows its size.”

**IMAM ALI IBN ABI TALIB PRAYED SEVEN YEARS BEFORE OTHERS**

7-110 Abu Ahmad Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Bandar al-Furqany in Furqan narrated that Abu Bakr Mosadat ibn Asma’ quoted Ibrahim ibn Ishaq al-Zahri, on the authority of Ubaydullah ibn Musa, on the authority of Israel, on the authority of Abi Ishaq, on the authority of Al-Minhal ibn Amr, on the authority of Ebad ibn Abdullah (Al-Asady al-Kufy), on the authority of Ali (MGB), “I am God’s servant and the Prophet (MGB)’s brother. I am the greatest friend. No one will claim that he has this rank after me unless he is a liar. I have prayed for seven years before other people did.”

**THE EVIL ONES DESCEND UPON SEVEN OF THE BOASTERS [715]**

7-111 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father and Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar and Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Faz’zal, on the authority of Davood ibn Abi Yazid, on the authority of someone who narrated that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said the following regarding the following words of the Honorable the Exalted God, ‘Shall I inform you, (O people!), on whom it is that the evil ones descend? They descend on every lying, wicked person.’[716] “The evil ones descended upon seven people as follows: Al-Muqayrih, Binan, Sa’ed, Hamzih ibn Am’marat al-Barbari, Al-Harith al-Shami, Abdullah ibn al-Harith and Abul Khat’tab.”

**SEVEN CHARACTERISTICS GOD GRANTED TO THE FOLLOWERS OF ALI**

7-112 Abu Muhammad Am’mar ibn al-Hussein - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Muhammad ibn Ismat quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad al-Tabary in Mecca, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn al-Lays al-Razi, on the authority of Shayban ibn Farookh al-Abali, on the authority of Homam ibn Yahya, on the authority of Al-Qasim ibn Abdul Vahid, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Muhammad ibn Aqil, on the authority of Jabir ibn Abdullah al-Ansari, “One day I was with the Prophet (MGB). Then suddenly he turned his face towards Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) and said, ‘O Father of Hassan! Do you want me to give you glad tidings?’ (Imam) Ali (MGB)
Omar bin 纳f the Prophet (MGB) continued, “God - may His Majesty be Exalted - informed me by Gabriel that He granted seven things to your lovers and your followers. They will have: 1- gentle treatment at the time of death, 2- a companion at times of fear, 3- light at times of darkness, 4- security at the time of Resurrection, 5- justice at the time of Reckoning, 6- permission to pass through the passage (to Heaven), 7- entry to Heaven before other people, with the light (of their faith) shining in front of them and on their right side.”

ONE SAID THERE WERE SEVEN PEOPLE PRESENT WHEN THE VERSE OF PURIFICATION WAS REVEALED
7-113 (The compiler of the book narrated that) my father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn al-Hassan al-Mo’adab quoted Ahmad ibn al-Iṣbahany, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Muhammad al-Saqafy, on the authority of Mukhāval ibn Ibrahim[717], on the authority of Abdul Ja’bar ibn Ab’bas al-Hamedany, on the authority of Am‘mar ibn Muawiyyah al-Dahani, on the authority of Umrat ibn Af’ee that he had heard Umma Salma say, “The following verse (of Purification) was revealed in my house, ‘...And God only wishes to remove all abomination from you, ye members of the Family, and to make you pure and spotless.’[718] There were seven people present as follows: God’s Prophet (MGB), Gabriel, Michael[719], Ali (MGB), Fatimah (MGB), Al-Hassan (MGB) and Al-Hussein (MGB) and I was standing at the door. Then I asked, ‘O Prophet of God (MGB)! Am I not one of the members of the Family?’ The Prophet (MGB) told me, ‘You are one of the Prophet’s wives.’ He (MGB) did not say, ‘You are one of the members of my Family.’”

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “This is a strange narration which has not been cited anywhere except here. What is generally known is that when the verse of purification was revealed, five members of the Prophet’s Household were present (including the Prophet (MGB)) and Gabriel was the sixth one there.”

SEVEN GROUPS OF PEOPLE SHOULD NOT SHORTEN THEIR PRAYERS

7-114 Ja’far ibn Ali ibn al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Abdullah ibn al-Muqayriḥ al-Kufy - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his grandfather Al-Hassan ibn Ali quoted on the authority of his great grandfather Abdullah ibn al-Muqayriḥ, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Abi Zyad[720], on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), “Seven groups of people should not shorten their prayers as follows: Those who collect tax; the commanders who move around in the province under their command; merchants who go from town to town; shepherds; Bedouins[721] who are always looking for water and plants; men who go to hunt as a hobby and bandits[722] who steal from travelers.”
REMEMBRANCE OF GOD IS ENTRUSTED TO SEVEN PARTS IN THE BODY

7-115 There are seven parts of the body entrusted with remembrance of God: the tongue, the soul, the spirit, the intellect, the wisdom, the head, and the heart one of which needs to persevere. The tongue's perseverance is attained through honesty in uttering words. The soul's perseverance is attained through presence of one's mind. The spirit's perseverance is attained through sincerity in repentance. The heart's perseverance is attained through properly begging for pardon. The intellect's perseverance is attained through properly learning from one's mistakes. The wisdom's perseverance is attained through proper pride, and the head's perseverance is attained through awareness of the secrets of the world. Thus, the remembrance of God is equal to uttering praises of God for the tongue; struggling and hard work for the spirit; fear and hope for the soul; honesty and sincerity for the heart; exaltation and shyness for the intellect; submission and contentment for the wisdom; and witnessing to and approaching God for the head."

This has been narrated by Abu Muhammad ibn Abdullah ibn Hamid who has linked it up to some of the good-doers - may God bless them.

THERE ARE SEVEN CHILDREN FOR THE PROPHET OF GOD (MGB)

7-116 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father and Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Sa`ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Hamzih, on the authority of Abi Basir, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “The Prophet brought six offspring from Khadijah - two boys named Qasim and Tahir who was also called Abdullah and four daughters who are Umm Kulthum, Ruqayah, Zaynab and Fatimah. Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) married Fatimah (MGB). Abul As ibn Rabia, who was one of the Umayyads, married Zaynab. Uthman ibn Affan married Umm Kulthum but she died before the marriage was consummated. When Uthman went to the Battle of Badr, the Prophet (MGB) (670)
married off Ruqayah to him. The Prophet (MGB) also had a son named Ibrahim from Maria al-Qibyiyya who is also called Umma Ibrahim and Um'ma Valad[723].”

7-117 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muammar ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid, on the authority of Abu Ali al-Vaseti, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Ismat, on the authority of Yahya ibn Abdullah, on the authority of Amr ibn Abl Miqdam, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Once when

God’s Prophet (MGB) entered his house, he (MGB) heard that Ayesha was yelling at Fatimah (MGB). She was saying, ‘O Khadijah’s daughter! I swear by God that you believe that your mother was better than us. What was in her that made her nobler than us?’ Fatimah who was listening to her cried when she saw the Prophet (MGB). The Prophet (MGB) looked at her and asked, ‘O daughter of Muhammad! Why are you crying?’ She replied, ‘Ayesha mentioned my
mother’s name with disrespect and I cried.’ The Prophet of God (MGB) became angry, turned to Ayesha and said, ‘O Homeyra! Be silent. The Blessed the Sublime God has honored kind women who give birth to children. Khadijah - may God may have mercy upon her - has brought two sons from me. The first one is called Tahir, Abdullah or Mutah‘har. The second one is called Qasim. Khadijah has delivered four daughters for me who are Fatimah (MGB), Ruqayah, Umm Kulthum and Zaynab. However, you are one whom God has made barren and have not given birth to any child for me.’

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PART 8-ON EIGHT-NUMBERED CHARACTERISTICS

A BELIEVER SHOULD HAVE EIGHT CHARACTERISTICS

8-1 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Jameel ibn Salih, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Qalib that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “A believer should have eight characteristics: 1- He should maintain his dignity when calamities befall him. 2- He should be patient when he is in trouble. 3- He should be grateful when he has plenty of blessings. 4- He should be content with his share of God-given daily bread. 5- He should not oppress his enemies. 6- He should not be a burden on his friends. 7- He should use his body (to perform his duties). 8- The people should be safe from him. Knowledge is like a believer's friend. Patience is like his prime minister, and perseverance is like the head of his army. Kindness is like his brother, and gentleness is like his father.”

8-2 Abul-Hussein Muhammad ibn Ali ibn al-Shah al-Faqih narrated that Abu Hamid Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn al-Hussein quoted on the authority of Abu Yazid Ahmad ibn Khalid al-Khalidy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Salih al-Tamimy, on the authority of his father, who quoted on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad
ibn Hatam al-Qat’tan, on the authority of Hammad ibn Amr, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that in his will to Ali (MGB), God’s Prophet (MGB) told him, “O Ali! A believer should have eight characteristics: 1- He should maintain his dignity when calamities befall him. 2- He should be patient when he is in trouble. 3- He should be grateful when he has plenty of blessings. 4- He should be content with his share of God-given daily bread. 5- He should not oppress his enemies. 6- He should not be a burden on his friends. 7- He should use his body (to perform his duties). 8- The people should be safe from him.”

EIGHT GROUPS OF PEOPLE WHOSE PRAYERS ARE NOT ACCEPTED

8-3 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris and Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Aba Abdullah (MGB) who narrated that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are eight groups of people whose prayers are not accepted by God; 1. A run-away slave until he returns to his master, 2. A woman who doesn’t give in to her husband and he is not happy with her, 3. One who doesn’t pay the alms-tax, 4. One who doesn’t make ablutions, 5. An adult girl who prays without a veil, 6. A prayer leader whose followers consider him not to be trustworthy, 7. One who has to go to the toilet, but doesn’t do so, and 8. One who is drunk.”

EIGHT WILL CARRY THE THRONE

8-4 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Al-Qasim ibn Muhammad al-Isfahani, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Davood al-Munqeri, on the authority of Hafs ibn Qiyath al-Nakha’ee that he had heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, “There are eight who will carry God’s Throne. Each one of them has eight eyes each of which equals all this world.”

8-5 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted As-Sadiq (MGB) as having said, “There are four who will carry God’s Throne. One of them is like a human being who asks God for the daily bread of Adam’s offspring (the people). The second one is like a rooster who asks God for the daily bread for birds. The third one is like a lion who asks God for the daily bread for beasts. The fourth one is like a cow
who asks God for the daily bread for quadrupeds. The cow that carries God’s Threshold has held his head down due to shame, since the Israelites worshipped a calf. The ones who carry God’s Threshold shall be eight on the Resurrection Day.”

EIGHT PAIRS

8-6 Davood al-Ruqi narrated, “One of the Kharajites[724] asked me about the meaning of the following verse from the Honorable the Exalted God’s Book, ‘(Take) eight (head of cattle) in (four) pairs: of sheep a pair, and of goats a pair; say, hath He forbidden the two males, or the two females, or (the young) which the wombs of the two females enclose? Tell me with knowledge if ye are truthful: Of camels a pair, and oxen a pair;’[725]

His question was, ‘Which of these has God made lawful and which of them are forbidden.’ I did not know the answer to his question. Therefore, I went to see Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) during my Hajj pilgrimage trip and asked him about it. The Imam (MGB) said, ‘The Blessed the Sublime God has allowed the offering of an oxen or a domestic sheep at Mina, but has forbidden their offering of a wild cow or sheep. And regarding camels and cows, the Sublime God has allowed the offering of Arab camels at Mina but has forbidden the offering of wild camels. God has allowed the offering of a domesticated cow but He has forbidden the offering of a wild cow.’

I delivered this reply to the man who had asked about it from me upon my return. He said, ‘You
have learned this from Hijaz."

THE EIGHT GATE TO PARADISE

8-7 Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Zakaria al-Qat’tan quoted Bakr ibn Abdullah ibn Habib, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abdullah, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hikam, on the authority of Aban ibn Uthman, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Fuzayl al-Rezqi, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB) that Ali (MGB) said, "There are eight gates for Paradise. One of these gates is for the Prophets (MGB) and the honest ones. One is for the martyrs and the good ones. Five of them are for our Shiites and those who like us. I will always be standing at the Bridge, praying and asking God, 'O My Lord! Please grant peace and health to my followers, friends and those who have recognized my Mastery on the Earth.' There shall be a reply from within God’s Threshold which says, ‘Indeed your supplications are fulfilled.’

Anyone of my followers, those who have accepted my Mastery, helped me, or fought with my enemies - verbally or physically - may intercede on behalf of seventy-thousand of his relatives or neighbors. The last gate is for the entry of all other Muslims who bear testimony that 'There is no god but God' and there is not the least bit of hatred of the members of our Holy Household in their hearts.'
8-8 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa`ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ahmad ibn al-Nazr al-Khazzaz, on the authority of Amr ibn Shimr, on the authority of Jabir al-Jo’afy that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “Have a good opinion about God and know that there are eight gates for Paradise each of which has a width which would take forty years to traverse.”

THE HEIGHT OF A RESIDENTIAL UNIT SHOULD NOT EXCEED EIGHT ZAR’AS

8-9 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Isma’il, on the authority of Abi Muhammad al-Ansari, on the authority of Aban ibn Uthman, “A man complained to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) and said, ‘The genies bother my family.’ The Imam (MGB) asked him, ‘How tall is the ceiling of your house?’ He answered, ‘It is ten Zar’as.’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘You should not build a house with a ceiling higher than eight Zar’as. You should have the verse of the Throne (Ayat al-Kursi) [728] inscribed as a decoration around it. Any room that is taller than eight Zar’as would be occupied by genies.’”

EIGHT WHO ARE NOT CONSIDERED TO BE OF THE PEOPLE

8-10 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father and Muhammad ibn al-Hassan- may God be pleased with them - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar and Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of some companions that is Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Ubaydullah, on the authority of Abi Yahya al-Vaseti, “Someone asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), ‘Do you consider all who are created to be of the people?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘I do not consider the following to be of the people: those who do not brush their teeth; those who sit with their legs crossed in a narrow place; those who interfere in affairs which are none of their business; those who argue over what they are not knowledgeable about; those who pretend to be ill; those who are worried without being in hardship; those who unduly oppose their friends; and those who are proud of their fathers without having benefited from any of the good characteristics of their fathers. Such people are similar to a plant which should be peeled off until you reach the meat. They are an example of those referred to by the Honorable the Exalted God in the following verse, ‘Or thinkest thou that most of them listen or understand? They are only like cattle; nay, they are worse astray in Path. [729] ’”
THOSE WHO GO TO THE MOSQUE OFTEN SHALL ACQUIRE ONE OF EIGHT CHARACTERISTICS

8-11 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Abdul-Hamid, on the authority of Sa’ed al-Iskaf, on the authority of Zyad ibn Isa, on the authority of Abil Jarud, on the authority of Asbaq ibn al-Nobatat that the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said, “Those who go to the mosque often shall acquire one of the following eight characteristics: brotherhood for the sake of God; new knowledge; certain verses; awaited Mercy or words to save them from destruction; hear words of guidance; and abandon sins out of fear of God or shame.”

8-12 In what Ibrahim ibn Muhammad ibn Hamzih ibn Am’marat al-Hafiz wrote me, he narrated that Hussein ibn Abdullah quoted Musa ibn Marvan, on the authority of Marvan ibn Muawiyah, on the authority of Sa’ed ibn Tarif, on the authority of Umayr ibn Ma’moon, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali (MGB) that he had heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, “Those who go to the mosque often shall acquire one of the following eight characteristics: brotherhood for the sake of the Honorable the Exalted God; new knowledge or words of guidance; or something which may save them from destruction; awaited Mercy; or shyness or fear due to which they abandon sins.”
THE EIGHT CLASSES OF PEOPLE WHO SHOULD BLAME NO ONE BUT THEMSELVES IF THEY ARE INSULTED

8-13 Abul-Hussein Muhammad ibn Ali ibn al-Shah al-Faqih, the jurisprudent in Marv al-Ruz - narrated that Abu Hamid Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn al-Hussein quoted Abu Yazid Ahmad ibn Khalid al-Khalidiy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Salih al-Tamimy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Hatam al-Qat’tan, on the authority of Hammad ibn Amr, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that in his will to him God’s Prophet (MGB) told him, “O Ali! The following eight have no one but themselves to blame if they are insulted: those who attend a banquet without being invited; those who order their hosts around in a party; those who expect goodness from their enemies; those who seek favors from lowly people; those who interfere in other people’s private affairs without being asked to do so; those who mock at rulers; those who sit in a position which they do not deserve; and those who converse with people who do not listen to them.”
GUARD THE MOSQUES FROM THE FOLLOWING EIGHT THINGS

8-14 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Al-Hassan ibn Musa al-Khishab, on the authority of Ali ibn Asbat, on the authority of some men who narrated that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Guard your mosques from the following eight things: selling goods; buying goods; insane people; children; feeble ones; making judgements; executing punishments; and speaking in a loud voice.”

FAITH CONSISTS OF EIGHT CHARACTERISTICS

8-15 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Uthman, on the authority of Abi Basir, “Once when I was with Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) a man told him, ‘May God improve you! There are some people in Kufa who have certain beliefs which they relate to you.’ The Imam (MGB) asked him, ‘What are those beliefs?’ The man said, ‘They say that belief is different from Islam.’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘Yes. That is true.’ The man asked, ‘How come?’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘Anyone who bears testimony that ‘There is no god but God. Muhammad is God’s Prophet’; believes in what Muhammad (MGB) has brought from God; establishes prayers; gives the alms; fasts in the month of Ramazan and goes on pilgrimage to Hajj is a Muslim.’ I (Abu Basir) asked, ‘Then what is belief?’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘Anyone who bears testimony that ‘There is no god but God. Muhammad is God’s Prophet’; believes in what Muhammad (MGB) has brought from God; establishes prayers; gives the alms; fasts in the month of Ramazan; goes on pilgrimage to Hajj; and doesn’t meet God with a sin for which the punishment of the Fire (of Hell) has been declared is a believer.’ I (Abu Basir) asked, ‘May I be your ransom! How could we find someone who meets God without having committed a sin for which the punishment of the Fire has been declared?’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘It is not so. The intention from this saying is that he commits a sin which for which the Punishment of the Fire has been declared and he doesn’t repent for committing it.’”

THE EIGHT MAJOR SINS

8-16 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan and my father - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat’tab, on the authority of Al-Hikam ibn Meskin al-Saqafy, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Zarif, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Muslim, “I asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), ‘May I be your ransom! Why do we believe that our opponents are
atheists and will go to Hell, but we do not believe that we ourselves and our companions are going to go to Paradise?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘That is due to your own weakness. You should know that you will go to Paradise, if you do not commit any major sins.’ I asked, ‘What are the major sins?’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘The greater of the major sins are associating others as partners with the Honorable the Exalted God; emigration from an Islamic environment; damnation of parents; accusing pious women of fornication; fleeing from a holy war; oppressively devouring the properties of an orphan; usury after having clear proof of its forbiddance; and murdering a believer.’ I asked the Imam (MGB), ‘What about adultery and stealing?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘They are not like the above.’”

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “The various narrations in this book which differ in the quantity of major sins are not really that different from each other, although some state that there are five major sins, while others have stated that there are seven, eight and even more major sins. However, these are not different from each other since after the sin of associating partners with God which is the greatest major sin, the other sins are somewhat greater than the following ones, and every other major sin is less than the sin of associating a
THE EIGHT CHARACTERISTICS OF ALI (MGB)

8-17 Muhammad ibn Ibrahim ibn Ishaq al-Taleqani - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abu Sa’id al-Hassan ibn Ali al-Ado’we quoted Umar ibn al-Mukhtar, on the authority of Yahya al-Himani[731], on the authority of Qays ibn al-Rabi’a, on the authority of Al-A’amash, on the authority of Ababiat ibn Rub’ee Al-Asady, on the authority of Ayoob al-Ansari, “Fatimah (MGB) visited the Prophet (MGB) when he (MGB) became so ill that he was about to die. When she saw that he (MGB) was so ill, tears poured down her cheeks from her eyes. The Prophet (MGB) told her (MGB), ‘O Fatimah! God - Exalted is His Remembrance - took a close look at the Earth and chose your father (MGB) from amongst all of the people on it. Then He took another close look at the Earth and chose your husband Ali (MGB) and inspired me to marry you off to him (MGB). O Fatimah! You should know that out of God’s generosity He joined you in marriage to the one whose belief is the greatest of all people; who is the most patient of all; and whose knowledge is the most of all.’ Fatimah (MGB) became happy after hearing this. Then the Prophet (MGB) decided to tell her about the best thing which God had granted Muhammad (MGB)
and his Holy Household. Thus, he (MGB) added, ‘O Fatimah! Ali (MGB) has eight characteristics as follows: his belief in God and His Prophet (MGB); his knowledge; his wisdom; his wife (MGB); his two sons who are Al-Hassan (MGB) and Al-Hussein (MGB); his (MGB) enjoining other people to do good deeds; his (MGB) admonishing other people against evil; and his (MGB) judgement which is based upon God's Book. O Fatimah! We are the Members of a Holy Household and have been given seven characteristics as follows which has never been granted to anyone in the past and will not be given to anyone in the future. Our Prophet (MGB) who is your father is the best of all the Prophets (MGB); his Trustee who is also your husband is the best of all the Trustees; our martyrs are the Master of the Martyrs (MGB) who are your father’s uncle Hamzih, and Ja’far who will have two wings with which to fly in Paradise; the sons of this nation who are your two sons are from us.’”
PART 9-ON NINE-NUMBERED CHARACTERISTICS

NINE CHARACTERISTICS WHICH GOD GRANTED HIS PROPHET

9-1 Isma’il ibn Mansoor al-Qas’sar narrated that Abu Abdullah Muhammad ibn al-Qasim ibn Muhammad ibn Abdullah ibn al-Hassan ibn Ja’far ibn al-Hassan (ibn al-Hassan) ibn Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) quoted Suleiman ibn Abdul Rahman al-Dameshqi, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Aban, on the authority of Abdul Aziz ibn Musa ibn Ubaydat, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Dinar, on the authority of Umma Hani - the daughter of Abi Talib that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The Blessed the Sublime God propagated Islam by me. God descended the Quran to me. And the Ka’ba was conquered with my hands. And God honored me above all His creatures. And God established me as the Master of the Children of Adam in this world. And God established me as the adornment of the Hereafter. And God forbade the entry of all the Prophets into Paradise before my entry. God forbade the entry into Paradise for all nations until after my nation enters Paradise. God established the Caliphate after me in my Household until the Trumpet is blown.”[732] Whoever denies what I said has indeed denied the Majestic God.”

GOD GRANTED THE FOLLOWERS OF ALI NINE CHARACTERISTICS

9-2 Abu Muhammad Am’mar ibn al-Hussein al-Astrooshani - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Muhammad ibn Ismat quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad al-Tabary in Mecca, on the authority
of Al-Hassan ibn al-Lays al-Razi, on the authority of Shayban ibn Farookh al-Abali, on the authority of Homam ibn Yahya, on the authority of Al-Qasim ibn Abdul Vahid, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Muhammad ibn Aqil, on the authority of Jabir ibn Abdullah al-Ansari, “One day I was with the Prophet (MGB). Then suddenly he turned his face towards Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) and said, “O Father of Hassan! Do you want me to give you glad tidings?” (Imam) Ali (MGB) said, “Yes, O Prophet of God!” The Prophet (MGB) continued, “God - may His Majesty be Exalted - informed me through Gabriel that He granted nine things to your lovers and your followers. They will have: 1- gentle treatment at the time of death, 2- a companion at times of fear, 3- light at times of darkness, 4- security at the time of Resurrection, 5- justice at the time of Reckoning, 6- permission to pass through the passage (to Heaven), 7- entry to Heaven before other people, 8- with the light (of their faith) shining in front of them and 9- on their right side.”

THE DAUGHTER OF MUHAMMAD (MGB) - FATIMAH (MGB) - HAS NINE NAMES NEAR GOD

9-3 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn al-Hussein al-Sae’ed Abady quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Abdul Azeem ibn Abdullah al-Hassani - may God be pleased with him, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Abdullah ibn Yunus, on the authority of Yunus ibn Zabyan that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There are nine names near the Honorable the Exalted God for Fatimah (MGB). They are Fatimah, Sadiqa, Mobarakah, Tahera, Zakiya, Razia, Marzia, Mohadesa, and Zahra.” He (MGB) then continued, “Do you understand the interpretation of the name Fatimah?” I (Al-Hassan ibn Abdullah ibn Yunus) said, “No. My Master! Please let me know.” The Imam (MGB) said, “She has been totally purified from wickedness.”

GOD HAS GIVEN NINE THINGS TO IMAM ALI WHICH HE HAS NOT GIVEN TO ANYONE OTHER THAN MUHAMMAD

9-4 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn al-Hussein ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Ibrahim and Ahmad ibn Zakariya, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Na’eeem, on the authority of Yazdad ibn Ibrahim, on the authority of some companions, on the authority of Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said, “I swear by God that the Blessed the Sublime
God has granted me nine things which He has not given to anyone other than the Prophet (MGB) as follows: All the roads are open for me; I know all the races; the clouds would flow for me; I know about the deaths and the calamities; and the Divine Decrees. Once I look at the heavens, I know about everything from the past to the future with the Permission of God; And that through my Mastery (of the religion) God has perfected the religion of this nation and perfected His Blessings upon them and wished their Islam for them. As on the Day of Mastery (Day of Qadir Khum) He said, 'O Muhammad! Inform them that today I have perfected their religion and have wished for them Islam as their religion. I have completed my Blessings for them. All of these are honors from God bestowed upon those who praise Him.'
Hassan ibn Atiye, on the authority of Atiye, on the authority of Zayd ibn Arqam that God’s Prophet (MGB) told Ali (MGB), “O Ali! God has granted me nine things due to you: three are for this world; three are for the Hereafter; two are for you and one is what I fear for you. And the three for this world are: you are my Trustee; you are my Caliph reigning over my people; and you are the judge of my religion. And the three for the Hereafter are: when I am given the Flag of Praise (‘Leva ul-Hamd’) in the Hereafter, I will place it in your hand and Adam and his progeny will be under my flag; you will assist me at the gates of Paradise; and you will ask me to intercede on behalf of whomever loves you. The two that are for you are that you will not become an unbeliever nor will you go astray after me. O Ali! What I fear for you is that the Quraysh will act treacherously with you after me.”

9-6 Al-Hussein ibn Yahya al-Bajaly narrated that Abu Zar’at quoted Ahmad ibn al-Qasim, on the authority of Qatn ibn Naseer, on the authority of Ja’far, on the authority of Yaqoob ibn al-Fazl, on the authority of Sharik ibn Abdullah ibn Abdul Rahman al-Mozani, on the authority of his father that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “I have been granted nine characteristics due to Ali (MGB): three are for this world; three are for the Hereafter; two are for him and one is what I fear for him. And the three for this world are: he will be the one to cover up my private parts; he will be the one in charge of my death; and he will be the one to ask me to intercede on behalf of whomever loves me. The two that are for him are that he will not become an unbeliever nor will he go astray after me. O Ali! What I fear for him is that the Quraysh will act treacherously with him after me.”
of the affairs of my Household; and he will be my Trustee in my family. And the three for the
Hereafter are: when I am given the Flag of Praise (‘Leva ul-Hamd’[738]’ in the Hereafter, I will
grant it to him to carry and I will lean on it at the time of the Rising for Intercession; and he will
assist me at the gates of Paradise. The two that are for him are that he will not turn into an
unbeliever or go astray after me. And the one I fear for him is that the Quraysh will act
treacherously with him after me.”

NINE THINGS CORRUPT NINE

9-7 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated
that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah and Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quoted Harun ibn Muslim, on the
authority of Mus’adat ibn Sadaq al-Rub’ee, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq
(MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the
authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “What corrupts speech is lying. What
corrupts knowledge is forgetting. What corrupts patience is foolishness. What corrupts
worshiping is laziness. What corrupts circumstances is boasting. What corrupts bravery is
transgression. What corrupts generosity is mentioning it. What corrupts beauty is haughtiness.
What corrupts lineage is pride.”

9-8 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated
that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Abu Sa’id al-Adamy, on the authority of Ali ibn al-
Zyat, on the authority of Ubaydullah ibn Abdullah, on the authority of someone who linked it up
to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said, “I
was with the Prophet (MGB) when Abdul Qays’s representatives came with a sac full of dates
and placed it in front of the Prophet (MGB). Then the Prophet (MGB) asked, ‘Is this charity or a
gift?’ They replied, ‘O Prophet of God! It is a gift.’ He (MG) asked them, ‘What kind of dates is
it?’ They said, ‘It is Al-Barni dates.’ Then the Prophet (MGB) said, ‘There are nine
characteristics in dates. Indeed Gabriel informed me that eating dates has nine benefits: 1. It
eliminates pain. 2. It makes your breath smell good. 3. It helps digest food. 4. It improves
hearing and vision. 5. It increases sex drive. 6. It strengthens the back. 7. It cuts off the hands of
Satan. 8. It brings man closer to God. 9. It takes man farther away from Satan.’”

THE DECREES FOR NINE THINGS HAVE BEEN SAID FOR THIS NATION

9-9 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that
Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Hammad
ibn Isa, on the authority of Hurayz
ADMONISHMENT AGAINST DOING NINE THINGS

9-10 Abu Ishaq Ibrahim ibn Muhammad ibn Hamzih ibn Am’marat al-Hafiz said in what he wrote to me that Salim ibn Salim and Abu Aroobat narrated that Abul-Khat’tab quoted Harun ibn Muslim, on the authority of Al-Qasim ibn Abdul Rahman al-Ansari, on the authority of Abdul Rahman al-Ansari, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali Al-Baqir (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB), “When the Prophet (MGB) conquered the Fort at Khaybar, he (MGB) asked them to fetch his bow and leaned on its handle. Then he praised God and recited God’s glorifications. He mentioned that God had brought this victory and triumph. Then the Prophet (MGB) admonished us against doing nine things: dowry of the fornicatress[739]; renting a male quadruped to copulate with female quadrupeds; wearing
gold rings (for men); money paid for buying dogs; and violet saddles for riding animals (which Abu Aroobat has said, ‘red saddles’); wearing certain clothes called Al-Qasi which were made in Syria; eating the meat of beasts of prey; exchanging some gold with more gold and silver with more silver[740]; and looking at the stars.”

A SINNER IS GIVEN NINE HOURS

9-11 Al-Hassan ibn Muhammad ibn Sa’id al-Hashimi narrated that Forat ibn Ibrahim ibn Forat al-Kufy quoted Muhammad ibn Zahir, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali al-Abdi known as Ibn al-Qari, on the authority of Sahl ibn abdul vah’hab, on the authority of Abdul Qod’doos, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Mihran that Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “When a person intends to do a good deed, a good deed is recorded for him. Once he engages in doing that good deed, ten good deeds are recorded for him. Once a person intends to do an evil deed, nothing is recorded for him. If he acts upon an evil deed he has nine hours. If he gets sorry, asks for forgiveness and repents within nine hours, nothing will be recorded for him. However, if he doesn’t get sorry and doesn’t repent within nine hours, then one evil deed is recorded for him.”

NINE DIVINE LEADERS FROM THE PROGENY OF AL-HUSSEIN

9-12 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Sa’id ibn Qazvan, on the authority of Abi Basir that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “There will be nine Divine Leaders after Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB). The ninth one of them will be their Riser (MGB).”
THE PROPHET HAD NINE WIVES WHEN HE DIED

9-13 Muhammad ibn Ibrahim ibn Ishaq al-Taleqani - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Al-Hussein ibn Ali ibn al-Hussein al-Sokri quoted Muhammad ibn Zakariya al-Juwhary, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Ammarat, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Aba Abdullah Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), “God’s Prophet (MGB) married fifteen women, and consummated the marriage with thirteen of them. He (MGB) had nine wives when he (MGB) died. The two with whom he had not slept with were Omra and Sina. The thirteen wives with whom he (MGB) consummated his marriage were: first Khadijah - the daughter of Khuwaylid; second Sorat - the daughter of Zam’a; third Umma Salma whose name was Hind - the daughter of Abi Umayya; fourth Umma Abdullah Ayesha - the daughter of Abu Bakr; fifth Hafsah - the daughter of Umar; sixth Zaynab - the daughter of Khuzayma ibn al-Harith; seventh Zaynab - the daughter of Aba Sufyan; eighth Umma Habiba Ramlat; ninth Maymuna - the daughter of Al-Harith; tenth Zaynab - the daughter of Amees; eleventh Jowayreeyat; twelfth Safiyya - the daughter of Huyayy ibn Akhtab. And the wife who had devoted herself to the Prophet (MGB) was Khule - the daughter of Hakim al-Salmy. He (MGB) also had two slave-wives called Maryam Qibtiyah and Rayhana al-Khandaqiya with whom he took turns sleeping every so many nights just like his other wives. And the nine who were still alive when he (MGB) died were: Ayesha; Hafsah; Umma Salma; Zaynab - the daughter of Ja’sh; Maymuna - the daughter of Al-Harith; Umma Habiba - the daughter of Abu Sufyan; Safiyya - the daughter of Huyayy ibn Akhtab; Jowayreeyat - the daughter of Al-Harith and Sorat - the daughter of Zam’a. Their noblest one was Khadijah - the daughter of Khuwaylid. Then the next noble one was Umma Salma - the daughter of Al-Harith.”

THE NINE THINGS SAID BY THE COMMANDER OF THE FAITHFUL
9-14 Abu Muhammad al-Hassan ibn Hamzih al-Alavi - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Yusuf ibn Muhammad al-Tabary quoted Sahl abi Umar, on the authority of Vaki’a, on the authority of Zakariya ibn Abi Za’edeh, on the authority of Amer al-Sha’abi, “The Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) has said nine sayings which have amazed many eloquent ones. You wonder what jewels of wisdom are include in these pearls which none of the masters of eloquence could not even say some thing similar to them. Three of these are in the form of supplications; three are words of wisdom and the other three are about culture. The three words of wisdom are as follows: ‘The value of each person is based on what he has learned. Whoever recognizes himself shall not be destroyed. Man is known by what he says.’ The three sayings which are about culture are: ‘Whoever treats someone well will become his master. You become a slave of whoever who you ask to fulfill your needs. You are equal to whoever you are not needy of.’ And the three which are in the form of supplications are as follows: ‘O My God! It is enough of an honor for me to worship Thee. It is enough of a source of pride for me to be nourished by You. You are just as I wish. Thus, make me just as perfect as
you wish.”

A WOMAN REACHES PUBERTY AT NINE

9-15 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Safvan ibn Yahya, on the authority of Musa ibn Bakr, on the authority of Zurarah that Abi Ja’far al-Ba’qir (MGB) said, “Do not consummate (the marriage with your) female slave until she reaches the age of nine or ten.” He added, “I either heard nine or ten.”

9-16 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Hammad ibn Uthman, on the authority of Ubaydullah ibn Ali al-Halabi that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Whoever has sexual intercourse with his woman before she reaches nine years old and she gets hurt is responsible for it.”

ONE WHO DIVORCED FOR NINE TIMES CAN NEVER BE RE-MARRIED

9-17 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of several others that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “The age of puberty for women is nine.”

9-18 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Khalid al-Barqy, on the authority of Al-Qasim ibn Muhammad al-Juwhary, on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Hamziah, on the authority of Abi Basir, “I asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) about one who divorces (his wife), then returns to her and divorces her again. The Imam (MGB) said, ‘She will no longer be permissible for remarrying him until after she marries someone else.’ And a woman whose husband divorces for the third time, and she marries another man and gets divorced from him and re-marries her
first husband; and gets divorced by him thrice and marries another man; gets divorced again and re-marries her first husband again and gets divorced thrice and gets married again, can never again re-marry with her first husband.[757] And one can never marry with a women who has taken the oath of condemnation[758] after she has taken it.”

**ALMS-TAX ON NINE THINGS**

9-19 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Musa ibn Umar, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Abi Sa’id al-Qimah, on the authority of someone who linked it up to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “God’s Prophet (MGB) established the alms-tax upon nine things and he forgave other things. They are: wheat, barley, dates, raisins, gold, silver, cows, sheep and camels.” Someone asked, “How about corn?” The Imam (MGB) became angry and said, ‘I swear by God that in the Prophet's (MGB) lifetime sesame seeds, corn and birds’ seeds were all available.’ He was told, ‘It is said that these did not exist at the time of the Prophet (MGB). That is why he (MGB) has only established the alms-tax on those nine items.’ The Imam (MGB) became angry again and said, ‘They lie. The Prophet's (MGB) explicit order was to forgive everything else. One may only forgive what exists. I swear by God that the alms-tax has been made obligatory on nothing else but these nine things. Whoever wishes can accept it and anyone who doesn’t wish can deny it and become an atheist.’”

9-20 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abi Nasr al-Bazanty, on the authority of Jameel, “I asked Abdullah...
as-Sadiq (MGB) about how many items require alms-tax. The Imam (MGB) said, “Nine things require alms-tax which God’s Prophet (MGB) has established. He (MGB) has forgiven tax on other things.” One of those present called al-Tayyar said, “We plant some thing which we call rice.” The Imam (MGB) said, “We plant a lot of things, too.” He asked, “Is there any alms-tax on rice?” The Imam (MGB) said, “Did I not say that God’s Prophet (MGB) has forgiven tax on anything else. These nine things include gold and silver. They also include three animals that are camels, sheep and cows. The rest are from things which grow on the Earth and are wheat, barley, raisins and dates.”

**NINE DO NOT HAVE TO SAY THE FRIDAY PRAYERS**

9-21 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Abdul Rahman ibn Abi Najran and al-Hussein ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Hammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Hurayz, on the authority of Zurarah ibn A’ayn that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “Indeed the Honorable the Exalted God has made thirty-five prayers...
obligatory from one Friday to another Friday one of which must be said in an assembly that is the Friday prayer. However, the following nine groups of people are permitted not to say their Friday prayers: children; old men; the insane; the travelers; the slaves; women; the ill; the blind; and those who are two Farsakhs away from the location of the Friday prayer. Two Quranic Chapters (Al-Fatiha and one of the Chapters) must be recited aloud in the Friday prayer. It is incumbent to do the major ritual ablutions (ghusl) for that prayer. And the prayer leader should say the Qunut twice. One should be said in the first unit of prayer before bowing down and one should be said in the second unit of prayer after bowing down."

**NINE THINGS CAUSE FORGETFULNESS**

9-22 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ubaydullah ibn Abdullah al-Dihqan, on the authority of Durost ibn Abi Mansoor, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Abdul-Hamid, on the authority of Abil Hassan - the first (i.e. Al-Kazim) (MGB), “Nine things cause forgetfulness: eating sour apples; eating coriander and cheese; eating remainders of mice; urinating in stagnant water; reading the writings on the tombs; going in between two women; killing lice; and cupping at the pit of the head.”

9-23 Abul Hassan Muhammad ibn Ali ibn ash-Shah narrated that Abu Hamid Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn al-Hussein quoted Abu Yazid Ahmad ibn Khalid al-Khalidy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Salih al-Tamimy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Anas ibn Muhammad Abu Malik, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that in his will to him God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “O Ali! Nine things will cause forgetfulness: eating sour apples; eating coriander and cheese; eating remainders of mice; urinating in stagnant water; reading the writings on the tombs; going in between two women; killing lice; and cupping at the pit of the head.”
THE NINE MIRACLES GOD GRANTED TO MOSES

9-24 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat’tab, on the authority of Abu Ishaq - whose nickname was al-Yazid ibn Ishaq She’r, on the authority of Harun ibn Hamzih al-Qanavi al-Sayrafi, “I asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) about the nine signs given to Moses (MGB). The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘They were the locusts; the lice; the frogs; the blood (in the Nile); the storm; (the splitting of) the sea (so that Israel clan could pass through it); the stone; the cane (which turned into a snake); and his hand (which shone like the moon).’”

9-25 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Nue’man, on the authority of Salam ibn al-Mostanir, on the authority of Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) regarding the following words of the Honorable the Exalted God, ‘To Moses We did give Nine Clear Signs’ [762] The Imam (MGB) said, ‘They were the storm; the locusts; the lice; the frogs; the blood (in the Nile); the stone; (the splitting of) the sea (so that Israel clan could pass through it); the cane (which turned into a snake); and his hand (which shone like the moon).’”

WHEN THE RISER (MGB) IMAM APPEARS, NINE TRIBES WILL JOIN HIM

9-26 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Mus’ab ibn Yazid, on the authority of Al-Awam ibn Zubayr that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “The Riser (MGB) shall come with forty-five men who are from nine tribes. There will be one from one tribe; two from a second tribe; three from a third tribe; four from a fourth tribe; five from a fifth tribe; six from a sixth tribe; seven from a seventh tribe; eight from an eighth tribe, and
finally nine from a ninth tribe which adds up to forty-five.”
PART 10-ON TEN-NUMBERED CHARACTERISTICS

THE TEN NAMES OF THE PROPHET (MGB)

10-1 Abul Hussein Muhammad ibn Ali ibn al-Shah narrated that in Ahmed Abu Bakr Muhammad ibn Ja'far ibn Ahmad al-Baghdady quoted his father, on the authority of Ahmad ibn al-Sakht, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Aswad al-Warraq on the authority of Ayoob ibn Suleiman on the authority of Abil Bakhtari, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Hamid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Munkadir, on the authority of Jabir ibn Abdullah that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “I am the most similar person to Adam. Abraham is the most similar to me in face and character amongst all the people. The Honorable the Exalted God gave me ten names from above His Throne. God has described me and has given the glad tidings of my coming by every Prophet that He has appointed over the people. He has mentioned My name in the Torah and has made me popular amongst the followers of the Torah and the Bible. He taught me His Book, and raised me up to His Heavens. He chose for me and gave me some of His Own names. He called me Muhammad and He is Mahmood (the Praised One). He brought me forth from the best of my nation. He established my name as Ahid (which comes from Towhid meaning monotheism) in the Torah. It is Unity by which the Fire became forbidden for the bodies of my Nation’s people. He established my name as Ahmad in the Bible as I am praised by the Residents of the Heavens, and God established my Nation as the ones who praise (Hamedin). God established my name as Mah in the Psalms (of David) as the Honorable the Exalted God who will wipe out idol-worshipping on the Earth by my name. God established my name as Muhammad in the Quran as I am the praised one in all of the Resurrection at the time of Judgement. No one but I can intercede. God established my name as Al-Hashir on the Day of Resurrection, since the people will be resurrected by my steps. God established my name as Al-Moqif, since God - may His Majesty be
Exalted - shall stop the people in front of me. God distinguished my name as Al-Aqib, since I am the last of the Prophets and there will be no other Prophets after me. God established me as the Prophet of mercy, the Prophet of repentance, the Prophet of war, and the last Prophet who shall be the end of all Prophets. I am the perfect trustee. My Lord has honored me and said, ‘O Muhammad! May God’s Blessings be upon you! All the Prophets were sent to their nations to speak in their own tongue. However, I have sent you to all my people - be they red or black. I have assisted you with an awesomeness with which I have never assisted any of my other Prophets. I have made such a great amount of booties allowed for you which I had never allowed for anyone else before. I have granted you and your nation one of the treasures of my Throne being the Opening Chapter (Al-Fatiha[763]) and the end part of the Baqara Chapter of the Quran. I have established all the Earth as a mosque and have declared all its dirt as pure. I have granted you and your nation the Takbir (saying God is Great). I have established your name to be close to mine. None of the members of your nation may mention my name without mentioning your name. O Muhammad! May you and your nations be blessed.’” [764]
not in the Quran are Al-Fatih; Al-Khatam; Al-Kafi; Al-Muqfi and Al-Hashir.”

TEN CASES OF GOING TO HOUSE DOORS

10-3 Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Sa’id al-Hamedany quoted Ali ibn al-Hassan ibn Faz’zal, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Marvan ibn Muslim, on the authority of Sabit ibn Abi Safiyeh, on the authority of Sa’ed al-Khifaf, on the authority of Al-Asbaq ibn Nobatat that the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said, “The wise men in the past said that going to and coming from doors of houses should be for one of ten reasons.

1- To go to the door of the House of the Honorable the Exalted God to perform the Hajj pilgrimage; fulfill His right and do what He has made obligatory upon you.

2- To go to the doors of the just kings obeying whom is an extension of obeying the Honorable the Exalted God. Their right is an obligatory right; their benefit may be great; and their loss may also be great.

3- To go to the doors of the houses of wise men who can be used to gain religious knowledge.

4- To go to the doors of the houses of the generous people who grant their possessions to gain a good reputation and hope to get rewarded in the Hereafter.

5- To go to the doors of the houses of the unwise people whom you may need at times of disaster or seek refuge to when you need it.

6- To go to the doors of the houses of the noble men to ask them for gifts, chivalry or the fulfillment of your needs.

7- To go to the doors of the houses of those whose opinion is asked and are consulted with to reinforce alertness and request grants to fulfill needs.

8- To go to the doors of the houses of religious brothers to associate with and visit the relations of kin to fulfill their rights.

9- To go to the doors of the houses of the enemies whose wickedness will be fended off by treating them with patience, wisdom and kindness.

10- To go to the doors of the houses of those from whose association and good manners we can benefit.”
GOD HAS REINFORCED THE INTELLECT WITH TEN THINGS

10-4 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abdul Rahman al-Marvaziy al-Muqar’ri narrated that Abu Amr Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Muqar’ri al-Gorjany quoted Abu Bakr Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Mooseli in Baghdad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Asim al-Tarifi, on the authority of Abu Zayd Ayash ibn Zayd ibn al-Hassan ibn Ali al-Kihal -the servant of Zayd ibn Ali, on the authority of Zayd ibn al-Hassan, on the authority of Musa ibn Ja’far (MGB), on the authority of his father Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB), on the authority of his father Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The Honorable the Exalted God created the intellect from light which was hidden in His treasure of Knowledge from before; and none of the appointed Prophets or nearby-stationed angels had any access to that treasure. God then established knowledge as its life, understanding as its soul, abstinence as its head, shame as its eyes, wisdom as its tongue, kindness as its concern, and mercy as its heart. Then he strengthened it with certitude, faith, honesty, tranquility, sincerity, kindness, generosity, contentment, submission and perseverance. Then the Honorable the Exalted God ordered it to go back and it did. Then God ordered it to come forward, and it did. Then God ordered it to talk. It said, “Praise be to God, who has no one to oppose Him, no one to equal Him, no one to be like Him and no one to match Him - the One to whom everything is humble, and everything is in humility”. God then said, “I swear by My Majesty and Honor and I have not created any creatures better, nobler, dearer, or more obedient than you. I am recognized to be the only One to be worshipped by you.
I am called by you. I am the place for the people to turn to for hope due to you. The people will fear Me and are cautious due to you. Reward and punishment is given by you.”

The intellect was proud of hearing these words and fell prostrate in worship. This prostration in worship lasted one-thousand years. Then the Blessed the Sublime God said, “Now raise your head and ask Me to grant you something, and that your intercession to be accepted by Me.” Then the intellect raised its head and said, “I ask You to accept my intercession on behalf of anyone who is intelligent.”

God - may His Majesty be Exalted - told the angels, “Bear witness that I have accepted its intercession on behalf of anyone to whom I grant intelligence.”

TEN OF THE ESPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF A DIVINE LEADER (IMAM)

10-5 Ahmad ibn Muhammad al-Haysam al-Ajali - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Zakaria al-Qat’tan quoted Bakr ibn Abdullah ibn Habib, on the authority of Tamim ibn Buhlool, on the authority of Abu Muawiyah, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Mihran that Aba Abdullah Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “The following ten characteristics are especial attributes of a Divine Leader. Immaculateness; knowledge that is
being the most knowledgeable of the people; being the most pious of the people; being the most knowledgeable of the people regarding the Quran; being the known Trustee of the previous Divine Leader; his miracle; reasoning; he goes to sleep, but his heart will not go to sleep; he doesn’t have a shadow; he sees the back as well as he sees the front.”

The compiler of the book - may God have Mercy upon him - said, “The miracle and the reasoning of the Imam are indeed his knowledge and the fulfillment of his supplication. And the fact that sometimes a Divine Leader foretells future events before they occur, is due to what he has received from God’s Prophet (MGB). He doesn’t have a shadow since he has been created from the light of the Honorable the Exalted God. He sees the back as well as he sees the front due to the insight as the Honorable the Exalted God says, ‘Behold! in this are Signs for those who by tokens do understand.’”

**TEN CHARACTERISTICS OF ALI FROM GOD’S PROPHET (MGB)**

10-6 Abul Hassan Ali ibn Muhammad ibn al-Hassan, known as Ibn Muqayrih al-Qazvini known as - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abu Abdullah Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn al-Mo’mel quoted Muhammad ibn Ali ibn Khalaf, on the authority of Nasr ibn Mozahim Abul Fazl al-At’tar, on the authority of Amr ibn Khalid, on the authority of Zayd ibn Ali, on the authority of his father, on the authority of his grandfather (MGB) that the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said, “I have ten characteristics of the Prophet of God (MGB) each of which is dearer to me than everything upon which the sun shines. God’s Prophet (MGB) told me, ‘(O Ali!) You are my brother in this world and the Hereafter. You are going to be the closest person to me standing at the Threshold of the Omnipotent on the Resurrection Day. You are my Vizier, Trustee and Caliph reigning over my Household and property. You are the one to uphold my flag in this world and the Hereafter. Your friends are my friends. My friends are considered to be God’s friends. Your enemies are my enemies. My enemies are considered to be God’s enemies.’”
Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted Muhammad ibn Ali al-Kufy, on the authority of Nasr ibn Mozhaim al-Menqari, on the authority of Abi Khalid, on the authority of Nasr ibn Mozahim al-Menqari, on the authority of Abu Ali al-Kufy, on the authority of the Prophet, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hussein, on the authority of his forefathers, on the authority of Ali (MGB), “I have ten characteristics of the Prophet of God (MGB) which he (MGB) has given to no one before or after me. God’s Prophet (MGB) told me, ‘(O Ali!) You are my brother in this world and the Hereafter. You are going to be the closest person to me at the Threshold of the Omnipotent on the Resurrection Day. Your house and my house will be across from each other in Paradise as two brothers’ houses. You are my Trustee. You are my Caliph. You are my Vizier. Your enemies are my enemies. My enemies are considered to be God’s enemies. Your friends are my friends. My friends are considered to be God’s friends.’”

Ahmad ibn Muhammad al-Saqr al-Sa’eq Baleri narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Abbas ibn Basam quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Khalid ibn Ibrahim, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Musa al-Saqafy, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Muhammad, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Amr ibn Shimr, on the authority of Jabir ibn Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB) that Ali (MGB) said, “I have ten characteristics of the Prophet of God (MGB) each of which would please me more than everything upon which the sun shines. God’s Prophet (MGB) told me, ‘(O Ali!) You are my Trustee. You are my Vizier. You are the Caliph reigning over my Household and property. Your friends are my friends. Your enemies are my enemies. You are the master of the Muslims after me. You are my brother. You are going to be the closest person to me at the Threshold of the Omnipotent on the Resurrection Day. You are the one to uphold my flag in this world and the Hereafter.’”

The compiler of the book narrated that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Ishaq ibn Sa’ed, on the authority of Bakr ibn Muhammad al-Azodi, on the authority of some companions, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said, “I have ten characteristics of the Prophet of God (MGB) each of which would please me more than everything upon which the sun shines. God’s Prophet (MGB) told me, ‘(O Ali!). You are my
brother in this world and the Hereafter. You are going to be the closest person to me standing at the Threshold of the Omnipotent on the Resurrection Day. Your house and my

house will be facing each other in Paradise just like two brothers’ houses. You are the one to uphold my flag in this world and the Hereafter. You are my Trustee; my inheritor the Caliph reigning over my Household and property. Your intercession would be my intercession. Your friends are my friends. My friends are considered to be God’s friends. Your enemies are my enemies. My enemies are considered to be God’s enemies.”

GLAD TIDINGS OF TEN CHARACTERISTICS FOR ALI’S FOLLOWERS

10-10 The following tradition has been reported by Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qattan, Ahmad ibn Muhammad al-Haysam al-Ajal, Ali ibn Ahmad ibn Musa, Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Senani, al-Hussein ibn Ibrahim ibn Hisham al-Mokattib[767] and Ali ibn Abdullah al-Var’raq - may God be pleased with them - who narrated that Abul-Ab’bas Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Zakariya al-Qat’tan quoted on the authority of Bakr ibn Abdullah ibn Habib, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Zakariya, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Zah’hak, on the authority of Zayd ibn Musa ibn Ja’far, on the authority of his father, on the authority of his grandfather, on the authority of his
father Ali ibn al-Hussein (MGB)[768], on the authority of his father (MGB)[769], on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB)[770]. It was also narrated by Bakr ibn Abdullah ibn Habib, on the authority of Tamim ibn Buhlool, on the authority of Sa’eed ibn Abdul Rahman al-Makhzoomi, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Zayd, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “O Ali! Give glad tidings of ten characteristics to your helpers and followers: The first is their being born legitimately. The second is their good belief in God. The third is the Honorable the Exalted God's love for them. The fourth is the ease and comfort in their grave. The fifth is a bright light illuminating their path when they want to cross the Bridge[771]. The sixth is the elimination of poverty from their sight and the enrichment of their hearts. The seventh is God's animosity towards their enemies. The eight is that they will be immune from leprosy (plus vitiligo[772] and insanity). O Ali! The ninth is that sins and wickedness will be shed from them. The tenth is that they shall be with me in Paradise, and I shall be with them.”

TEN CHARACTERISTICS DUE TO NOBILITY

10-11 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quoted Yazid ibn Ishaq, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Atiye[773] that Aba Abdullah
as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “The following ten characteristics are due to nobility. Try to attain them if you can. They may exist in a father, but not exist in his son. They may exist in a son but not exist in his father. They may exist in a slave, but not in a free person. They are: courage in a battle; honesty in speech; returning what you are entrusted with; visiting the relations of kin; entertaining the guests; feeding the beggars; returning favors; respecting and being kind to neighbors; respecting and being kind to friends; and above all being modest.”

10-12 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Uthman ibn Isa, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Miskan that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Indeed the Blessed the Sublime God has granted God’s Prophet (MGB) noble characteristics. Try to attain them if you can. If you have them, praise the Honorable the Exalted God and try to reinforce them in yourself. They are as follows: certitude; contentment; perseverance; gratitude; contentedness; being good-tempered; generosity; zeal; bravery and chivalry.”

THE HOUR SHALL NOT COME UNTIL TEN SIGNS APPEAR

10-13 It has been narrated by Abil Tufayl on the authority of Haziqat ibn Asid, “God’s Prophet (MGB) overheard from his own room while we were talking about the Hereafter. Then God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The Hour shall not come until ten signs appear as follows: 1- The Dajjal (Arabic for ”The False Messiah” or Anti-Christ), 2- Smoke, 3- Rise of the sun from where it usually sets, 4- Beast of the Earth, 5 and 6- Gog and Magog, 7, 8 and 9- Land-sliding in three places: one in the East; one in the West and one in the Arabian Peninsula, and 10- Fire will burn forth from the Palace in Adan (in Yemen) which would drive the people to the place of their final gathering; stop wherever they stop; and rest wherever they rest.”

GOD HAS PUT TEN CHARACTERISTICS TOGETHER IN THE PROPHET AND THE MEMBERS OF THE HOLY HOUSEHOLD

10-14 Ali ibn Ahmad ibn Musa - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Hamzih ibn al-Qasim al-Alavi quoted Muhammad ibn al-Ab’bas ibn Basam, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Khalid ibn Ibrahim al-Sa’edi, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Abdullah al-Yamani, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Abbas al-Muqar’ri, on the authority of Hammad ibn Amr al-Naseebi, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Borqan, on the authority of Maymun ibn Mihran, on the authority of Abdullah Ibn Abbas[774], “God’s Prophet (MGB) stood amongst us and gave a lecture. In the
end of it, he (MGB) said, ‘The Honorable the Exalted God has put ten characteristics together in...
10-15 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Al-Abbas ibn Ma'ruf, on the authority of Sa'dan ibn Muslim - whose name was Abdul Rahman ibn Muslim, on the authority of al-Fuzayl ibn Yasar that Abi Ja'far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “Anyone who meets God while having ten characteristics shall go to Paradise. They are bearing witness to the fact that ‘There is no god but God’; bearing witness to the fact that ‘Muhammad is God’s Prophet’; confessing to what the Prophet (MGB) has brought from God; saying his prayers; giving the alms-tax; fasting in the month of Ramazan; going on the pilgrimage to the House of God; accepting the Mastery of the Divine Leaders; condemning God’s enemies; and avoiding all intoxicating drinks.”

10-16 Muhammad ibn Ibrahim ibn Ishaq al-Taleqani - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abu Sa'id al-Hassan ibn Ali al-Adowe quoted Saheeb ibn Ebad, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ja'far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB). “Anyone who meets God while having ten characteristics shall go to Paradise. They are: bearing witness to the fact that ‘There is no god but God’; bearing witness to the fact that ‘Muhammad is God’s Prophet’; confessing to what the Prophet (MGB) has brought from God; saying his prayers; giving the alms-tax; fasting in the month of Ramazan; going on the pilgrimage to the House of God; accepting the Mastery of the Divine Leaders; condemning God’s enemies; and avoiding all intoxicating drinks.”

A BELIEVER WITHOUT TEN CHARACTERISTICS IS NOT INTELLIGENT

10-17 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa'ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Hilal, on the authority of Umayat ibn Ali, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrih, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Khalid, on the authority of Abi Ja'far al-Baqir (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The Honorable
the Exalted God has not been worshipped by anything better than the Intellect. A believer is not intelligent unless he has ten characteristics. They are: he should be good; others should be safe from his wickedness; he should highly value whatever goodness he receives from others; he should consider a lot of his own goodness to others to be a little; he should not become tired of acquiring knowledge during all of his lifetime; he should not become sad due to the requests of the needy ones from him; debasement should be better in his opinion than honor; poverty should be better in his opinion than being wealthy; his share of this world should only be his daily sustenance; and the tenth characteristic is that he should consider everyone he sees to be more pious and better than himself. Indeed people are only of two kinds. The first group are those who are really better than he is, and the second group are those who are more wicked than he is. He should be humble when he meets someone who is better and more pious than himself, until he attains his rank. When he meets someone who is more wicked than himself, he should say that person is a good person so as to end up wickedness. Should he behave this way, he will become honorable and will be the master of his own time.”

**TEN PARTS OF SHEEP NOT TO EAT**

10-18 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of some of our companions that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “You should not eat ten parts of a sheep as follows: the feces; the blood; the spleens; the bone marrow; the glands; the penis; the balls; the womb; the vagina; the veins or the blood vessels.”

**TEN CLEAN PARTS OF A DEAD CORPSE**

10-19 Ali ibn Ahmad ibn Abdullah ibn Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy narrated that his father quoted on the authority of his grandfather, Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of who linked it up to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Ten parts of a dead corpse are clean as follows: the bones; the hair; the wool; the wing; the horn; the hoof; bird’s eggs; the breast; the milk; and
of Yahya ibn Imran al-Halabi that he had heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, “Proud people should not expect to gain a good reputation. An imposter should not expect to have many friends. A bad-tempered person should not expect to be honored. A miser should not expect to
have relatives visit him. One who makes fun of others should not expect to have real friends. One who knows little about decrees should not expect to judge. One who gossips should not expect to remain safe. One who is jealous should not expect comfort. One who underestimates minor sins should not expect to become a master. A selfish inexperienced person should not expect to be the chief.”

**TEN PLACES NOT TO PRAY**

10-21 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Fazl, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “You should not pray in ten places as follows: in mud; water; the bath; the middle of the road; ants’ nests; camel way-station; water streams; salty lands; in snow and in Zajnan. [775]

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “If one can say his prayer in another place, he should not say it in these places. However, if one is stuck in water or mud and is worried that his prayer may get too late, he can say his prayers in water and mud and just point with his head instead of bowing down and bend it down more instead of prostration. It doesn’t matter if one says his prayers on the side of the road, but he should not do so where there is traffic. One should not say his prayers in the bath. However, he can say it in the dressing room. One should never say his prayers on the ants’ nest, since then the ants will interfere with his prayer. One should not say his prayers in the camel way-station, unless he is worried that thieves might steal his belongings that are being carried by the camels. It is okay to pray in the sheep stable. One should never pray where the water may flow, since then he might get drowned. The restriction of praying in the salty land applies only to the Prophet and the Divine Leaders. If a normal person clears the place where he wants to prostrate by seriously banging on it so that there is a clean place to put his forehead on, then he can pray there. One should not pray in places like Zajnan which is located near Mecca and other similar locations, since there are snakes and other evils there.”

**TEN WHO SHALL NOT ENTER PARADISE**

10-22 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn al-Hassan al-Farsi, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Hafs al-Basry, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-
القلميل التجربة المعجب برأيته في رئاسة
فهي يتصلي لامواضع عشيرة
ثم أنا بيد رضي الله عنه قال: يد رضي الله عن محمد بن عياد الله، عن أحمد بن أبي عياد الله البرقي، عن دح
أبيه، عن عميد الله بن القدر، عن حديثه، عن أبي عياد الله عليكم السلام قال: عشيرة مواضع لأي صلى
الصبح فيه: الطين، والماء، والحمم، ومنس النطاق وقدرى النمل، ومعاتنة الإبل، ومجري الدماء، و
والشبل، ووادي ضجنان.
قال المصنف هذا الكتب رضي الله عنه: هذه المواضع لأي صلى فيها الإنسان في حال الاختيار فإذا
حصل في الدماء والطين واضطر إلى الصلاة فيه فإنه يصلي إيماء ويكون ركوعه أخص فمن سجوده،
jواد فإما على الجواد فلا يصلي، وإذا لم أباً على الطريق فإنه لا يصلي فإن يصلي على الظواهر التي بين
الحمم فإنه لا يصلي فيه على كل حال فإما مسلخ الحمام فلا يصلي بالصلاة فيه لأنه ليس بحمم،
وجمال النمل فلا يصلي فيه إلا لا يصح من الصلاة كثرة ما يدب عليه من المتم في يؤذيه
بها إلا إذا خاف على مئاعة الدمعة فلا يصلي بحمم ويضحك عليه من المتم في يؤذيه
بالصلاة فيها وما مراد من الفراش فلا يصلي بالصلاة فيها، وإذا مجرد الدمعة فإنه على كل
حال لأنه لا يؤمن أن يجري الدمع إلا وهو في صلاته، وإنما المسجد فإنه لا يصلي فيه إلا في وصي
ان سجوده حتى تتم الكنيفة فيه مستوية في سجوده في ما، نبي، وإذا ما رحفا فإنه إذا مدى مكان
وجمال النمل فإنه مهبط الإنسان إلى الصلاة عليه فإنه يديه موضع جبهته حتى يستوي عده في
سجوده وما وادي ضجنان وجمب النودة فلا تجوز الصلاة فيه إلا لا يد لها أوى الحيات والشปรากฏ.
الخئة يدخلون لا عشيرة

10-21 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father and Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may
God be pleased with them - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris and Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar
quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Muhammad
ibn al-Hussein who linked it up through a chain of narrators to God’s Prophet (MGB), “The
Honorable the Exalted God created Paradise from two adobes: a golden adobe and a silver one.

10-22 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father and Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may
God be pleased with them - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris and Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar
quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Muhammad
ibn al-Hussein who linked it up through a chain of narrators to God’s Prophet (MGB), “The
Honorable the Exalted God created Paradise from two adobes: a golden adobe and a silver one.
He created the walls from ruby, the ceiling from chrysolite, and the pebbles from pearl, and its soil from with saffron and a very good-smelling musk. Then God ordered it to speak. Hence Paradise said, ‘There is no god but You. You are the Everlasting the Eternal. He who enters me will surely be blessed.’ The Honorable the Exalted God then said, ‘I swear by My Glory and Majesty that the alcoholics; the haughty ones; the tale-bearers; those whose hair never turns grey or white; the pimps; the detectives; the effeminate; those who steal the shroud from the corpse; the tithers; those who disregard their relatives; and the Qadarites.

ONE’S SAFETY LIES IN TEN THINGS

10-24 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Al-Ab’bas ibn Ma’ruf, on the authority of Ali ibn Mahzyar who linked it up through a chain of narrators, “A time shall come when one’s safety depends on ten things. Nine of these ten are in staying away from the people and the tenth is in being quiet.”

TEN WHO PUT THEMSELVES THROUGH HARDSHIPS

10-25 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father and Sa’id ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Abi
Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Abi Uthman, on the authority of Musa ibn Bakr, on the authority of Abil Hassan - the first (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB) that the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said, “There are ten groups of people who put themselves as well as others through hardships: those who know very little but want to teach a lot to the people; those patient, knowledgeable ones who are not smart; those who pursue things which they would not attain, since they do not deserve it; those who suffer a lot of pain and are not calm; those who are calm, but do not have any knowledge and insight; those who are learned but not concerned with improving things; those who are concerned with improving things but are not knowledgeable; those who are knowledgeable but are materialists; those who are kind to the people, but are stingy with what they themselves own; those who seek knowledge, but argue with the people who are more knowledgeable than they are; and those who do not accept what they are taught.”

THERE ARE TEN RANKS OF ABSTINENCE

10-26 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Al-Qasim ibn Muhammad al-Isfahani, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Davood al-Munqeri, on the authority of Ali ibn Hashim ibn al-Barid, on the authority of his father Ali ibn al-Hussein (MGB), “A man went to see Imam As-Sajjad (MGB) and asked, ‘What is abstinence?’ Imam As-Sajjad (MGB) said, ‘There are ten ranks of abstinence. The highest rank of abstinence is the lowest rank of piety. The highest rank of piety is the lowest rank of certitude. The highest rank of certitude is the lowest rank of contentment, and all abstinence is summarized in just one of the verses of God's Book: ‘In order that ye may not despair over matters that pass by you, nor exult over the favors bestowed upon you. ’”

TEN OF YOUR FEMALE SLAVES ARE FORBIDDEN TO SLEEP WITH

10-27 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quoted Harun ibn Muslim on the authority of Mus’adat ibn Zyad that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Ten categories of female slaves are unlawful for their masters. Do not have sex with both a mother and her daughter (who are both your slaves); do not have sex with both of two sisters (who are both your slaves). Do not have sex with your female slave who is impregnated by another man, until she gives birth to her baby. Do not have sex with your female slave if she is the wife of another man. Do not have sex with your female slave who is your foster sister. Do not have sex with your female slave who is your foster
paternal aunt. Do not have sex with your female slave who is your foster maternal aunt. Do not have sex with your female slave who is menstruating, until she becomes clean. Do not have sex with your female slave who has breastfed you. Do not have sex with your female slave whom you possess in partnership with someone else.”

**THERE ARE TEN PARTS IN LUST**

10-28 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Abi Khalid al-Qamat, on the authority of Zaris that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “The Blessed the Sublime God has made lust in ten parts, nine of which is in women and one is in men. Were it not for the fact that the Honorable the Exalted God has granted women as much shame as lust, there would have been nine women hanging over every man.”

**THERE ARE TEN PARTS IN SHAME**

10-29 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris
quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad and others who linked it up through a chain of narrators to As-Sadiq (MGB) saying, “There are ten parts in shame. Nine parts are in women, and one in men. A girl will lose one part of her shame when she starts to have her periods, and loses another part when she gets married. She loses another part when she sleeps with her husband, and loses another part when she delivers a child. Then she will be left with five parts. If she loses her chastity, she will lose all her shame; and if she remains chaste, she will maintain all the remaining five parts.”

SEPARATE THE BEDS OF BOYS FROM GIRLS WHEN THEY ARE TEN

10-30 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Ubaydullah al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Maymun al-Qad’dah, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), “You should separate the beds of boys from that of other women when they become ten years old.”

WOMEN HAVE THE PATIENCE OF TEN MEN

10-31 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quoted Harun ibn Muslim, on the authority of Mus’adat ibn Sadaqah, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), “The Blessed the Sublime God has made women ten times more perseverant than men. Women will have the strength of ten men when they become pregnant.”
TEN THINGS EACH OF WHICH IS HARDER THAN THE OTHER

10-32 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abi Nasr al-Bazanty, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sama’at, on the authority of Ishaq ibn Ammar that he had heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “The Honorable the Exalted God has made women ten times more perseverant than men. Women will have the strength of ten men when they become excited.”

10-33 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted on the authority of his father, on the authority of Abdul Rahman ibn Abi Najran, on the authority of Asim ibn Hamid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Qays that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “Once when the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) was in a courtyard, the people had gathered around him (MGB). Someone wanted to ask about a decree, another one had a complaint, and was expressing his conditions. Suddenly a man came to him and said, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! Peace be upon you as well as God’s Mercy and His Blessings.’ Then the Commander of the Faithful (MGB) looked at him with his two big eyes and replied, ‘And peace be upon you as well as God’s Mercy and His Blessings. Who are you?’ The man said, ‘A man and I are from your people, and I am a resident of one of your towns.’

The Commander of the Faithful (MGB) said, ‘You are not one of my people and are not a resident of one of our towns. I would not have forgotten it, even if you had greeted me once.’

Then the man said, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! Please grant me immunity.’ Then the Commander of the Faithful (MGB) asked, ‘Have you committed a crime in my town since you came here?’

The man replied, ‘No.’ The Commander of the Faithful (MGB) asked him, ‘Then are you a
soldier?” The man replied, ‘Yes.’ Then the Commander of the Faithful (MGB) said, ‘Now that there is a peace treaty in effect, it doesn’t matter.’

The man said, ‘I am one of the agents of Muawiyah. I was sent here in a disguise in order to ask you questions which Ibn al-Asfar (who is the Emperor of Rome) asked Muawiyah. The Emperor replied that if Muawiyah is the real ruler and the Caliph after Muhammad (MGB), he should be able to answer these questions. Then the Emperor would pledge allegiance to Muawiyah and pay him remuneration. Since Muawiyah could not answer the
questions he has dispatched me to ask them from you.’ Then the Commander of the Faithful Ali (MGB) said, ‘May God kill the offspring of the liver-eater Hind. How deviated and blind he and his companions are! I swear by God that he freed his female slave and did not understand how to join her in marriage. God will rule between me and this nation. They cut off my bonds of relationship; wasted my time; usurped my rights; belittled my grand position and united against me. O Qanbar! Bring Al-Hassan (MGB), Al-Hussein (MGB) and Muhammad (MGB) to me.’ The sons came by him. Then the Commander of the Faithful (MGB) said, ‘O Syrian man! These two are the (grand)sons of God’s Prophet (MGB) and this one is my own son. Ask your questions from any of them as you wish.’ The Syrian man said, ‘I will ask my questions from the long-haired one that is Al-Hassan (MGB) who is young. Then Al-Hassan (MGB) told him, ‘Ask me whatever you wish to ask.’

Then the Syrian fellow asked, ‘What is the distance between right and wrong? How much is the distance between the heavens and the Earth? How much is the distance between the East and the West? What is Qus and Qazah (the bow and the rainbow)? Where is the place in which the unbelievers’ souls reside? Where is the place in which the believers’ souls reside? What does Al-Mo’anlas refer to? What are the ten things each of which is harder than the other?’ Then Al-Hassan ibn Ali (MGB) said, ‘The distance between right and wrong is just four fingers. Whenever you yourself see is right, but most of whatever you hear may be wrong.’ The Syrian fellow said, ‘You are right!’ Al-Hassan (MGB) said, ‘The distance between the heavens and the Earth is the supplication of the oppressed one and the closing of the eyes. Anyone who says anything else has lied.’ The Syrian fellow said, ‘O (grand)son of the Prophet! You are right!’ Al-Hassan (MGB) said, ‘The distance between the East and the West is just the duration of time needed for the rotation of the sun from where it rises to where it sets during one day.’ The Syrian man said, ‘You are right! Then what is Qus and Qazah (the bow and the rainbow)?’ Al-Hassan ibn Ali (MGB) said, ‘Shame on you! Do not say Qus and Qazah since Qazah is the name of Satan. It is Qus Allah and it is a sign of abundance and immunity of the people of the Earth from drowning. The place in which the unbelievers’ souls shall reside is called Barahut. And the place in which the believers’ souls shall reside is called Salma. And Al-Mo’anlas refers to one whose gender cannot be recognized. Once he or she grows up, it is a male if he ejaculates and it would be a female if she menstruates and the nipples grow. If its gender is still not distinguishable with these two signs, it should be asked to urinate towards a wall. It would be a male, if the urination...
is fast flowing and it reaches the wall, while it would be a female if the urination just flows out like that of a camel. The ten things each of which is harder than the other are as follows. The hardest thing which the Honorable the Exalted God has created is the stone. However, iron is even harder than stone since it cuts the stone. Fire is even harder than iron since it can melt the iron. Water is even harder than fire since it can extinguish it. Clouds are even harder than water since they move it around. Winds are even harder than clouds since they move the clouds around. Yet the angel who dispatches the winds is harder than the wind itself. And the angel of death is even harder than the angel which dispatches the winds since it can take away its life. And death is even harder than the angel of death, since it takes away the angel of death. Yet harder than all of these is the order of God - the Lord of the Two Worlds - which can take away death itself. Then the Syrian fellow said, ‘I bear witness that you are the (grand)son of God’s Prophet (MGB). You are right! And I bear witness that Ali more deserves to rule than Muawiyah.’
Then the Syrian fellow wrote down these answers and went to Muawiyah with them. Muawiyah wrote these answers to (Ibn Al-Asfar) the Emperor of Rome. Then Ibn al-Safar wrote the following back to Muawiyah, “O Muawiyah! Why do you use other people’s sayings and answer me with other people’s responses? I swear by Jesus that these are not your answers. Rather they have come from the treasury of Prophethood and the seat of messengership. And I will not even give you one Dirham if you ask for it.”

10-34 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Harun ibn Muslim, on the authority of Mus'adat ibn Sadaqah, on the authority of Ja'far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB) that the Prophet (MGB) said, “The Honorable the Exalted God has not created anything without having another creature overpowering it. When the Blessed the Sublime God created the seas they became proud and flooded and said, ‘Is there anything to overpower us?’ Then the Honorable the Exalted God created the orbit which overpowered the seas. Then the Earth became too proud and said, ‘Is there anything to overpower me?’ Then God created the mountains and established them on the back of the Earth to hold it down. Then the mountains became too proud and said, ‘Is there anything to overpower us?’ Then God created iron which cuts down the mountains and overpowers them. Then iron became too proud and said, ‘Is there anything to overpower me?’ Then God created the fire which melts iron. Then fire became ablaze, roared, became proud and said, ‘Is there anything to overpower me?’ Then, God created water which...
extinguishes fire. Then water became too proud, flooded and said, ‘Is there anything to overpower me?’ Then God created the wind which moved the waves of water and overcame the powers within it. Then the wind became proud, turned into a storm, spread about and said, ‘Is there anything to overpower me?’ Then God created man who designed and made a house in which he was safe from the wind and other things. Then man rebelled and said, ‘Is there anything to overpower me?’ Then God created death for him which overpowered and belittled man. Then death became proud of itself. Then God - may His Majesty be Exalted - said, ‘Do not be proud of yourself, since I shall keep you between the residents of Hell and residents of Paradise and will never give you life. Thus, death was belittled and frightened.’”

**EAT MELONS SINCE THEY HAVE TEN CHARACTERISTICS**

10-35 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father Muhammad ibn Khalid, on the authority of Ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of someone who quoted on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Eat melons since they have ten characteristics. First of all they are the fat from the Earth and cause no pains or harms. They are food and beverage at the same time. They are fruit, flowers, cleansing the teeth, and like bread for the stew. They improve sexual ability. They wash out the bladder and act as an aquaretic.”

10-36 Another tradition was narrated by Ahmad ibn Zyad ibn Ja’far al-Hamedany - may God be pleased with him - on the authority of Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Amr ibn Uthman, on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Hamzih, on the authority of Yahya ibn Ishaq that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) which is similar to the above.

10-37 In another tradition we read that they also help eliminate bladder stones. God’s Prophet (MGB) used to eat melons with dates. In another tradition it is reported that the Prophet (MGB) used to eat melons with sugar. As-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Eating melons for breakfast would cause hemiplegia.”

**THERE IS PLEASURE IN TEN THINGS**

10-38 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of someone who quoted Ja’far ibn Khalid that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There is pleasure in ten things: walking, riding, swimming, looking at greenery, eating and drinking, looking at beautiful women, having sexual intercourse, brushing your teeth, and associating with other men.”
Muhammad ibn Ibrahim ibn Ishaq al-Taleqani - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abu Sa‘id al-Hassan ibn Ali al-Adavi quoted Saheeb ibn Ebad, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), “There is pleasure in ten things: walking, riding, swimming, looking at greenery, eating and drinking, having sexual intercourse, brushing your teeth, washing your head with mallow, looking at beautiful women, and associating with other men.”

THE TEN TYPES OF PRAYERS
10-40 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Hammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Hurayz, on the authority of Zurarah ibn A’ayan that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “The Honorable the Exalted God made prayers incumbent and God’s Prophet (MGB) established ten forms of it. These are praying while staying somewhere; praying while on a journey; praying due to fear on three occasions; praying for the eclipse of the Sun; praying for the eclipse of the moon; praying on the two Holy Eids; praying for rain; and praying over the dead.”

THE TEN CHARACTERISTICS OF SHIITES

10-41 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Abi Muhammad al-Ansari, on the authority of Amr ibn Abil Miqdam, on the authority of his father, “Abu Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) told me, ‘O Abil Miqdam! Indeed Ali’s followers are pale due to abstinence; slim and with dry lips. Their lips are fasting; their stomachs are thin and their color is changing because of God’s fear and their faces are yellow. When the night comes they sit on the ground and put their foreheads on the ground. They prostrate a lot; they often shed tears; they make supplications often; they cry a lot; and the people are happy, while they are sad.’”

THE PROPHET CURSED TEN PEOPLE IN RELATION WITH WINE

10-42 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ahmad ibn an-Nazr al-Khazzaz, on the authority of Amr ibn Shimr, on the authority of Jabir al-Jo’afy that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “God’s Prophet (MGB) cursed ten groups of people in association with wine: those who plant the grape vine; those who take care of it to grow; those who squeeze the grapes; those who drink the wine; those who serve it; those who carry it; those by whom it is carried; those who buy it; those who sell it and those who spend money that is paid for it.”
THE REWARD OF ONE WHO FASTS FOR TEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS DURING THE MONTH OF RAMAZAN

10-43 Abul Hassan Ali ibn al-Faraj al-Mu’azin - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hussein al-Karkhi had heard Al-Hassan ibn Ali (MGB) tell a man in his house, “O Aba Harun! Whoever fasts for ten consecutive years during the month of Ramazan shall enter Paradise.”

THE REWARD OF ONE WHO GOES ON PILGRIMAGE TEN TIMES

10-44 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Mu’azi, on the authority of Muhammad Khalid al-Tayalesi, on the authority of Sayf ibn Umayrih, on the authority of Abu Bakr al-Hazrami that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There will be no Reckoning by God for whoever goes on the Hajj pilgrimage ten times.”

THE TEN PARTS OF BLESSEDNESS

10-45 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn
Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Sahl ibn Zyad, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Yazid, on the authority of Sufyan al-Jariri, on the authority of Abdul-Mumin al-Ansari, on the authority of Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “There are ten parts in blessedness. Nine-tenths are in commerce and the next one-tenth is in the skin.”

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - asked, “What is meant here by the skin is the skin of sheep. This is certified by another narration which has been cited on the authority of God’s Prophet who said, ‘The nine portions of one’s sustenance comes from commerce and the last part is in the skin - that is the skin of sheep.’”

10-46 A similar account was narrated by Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan who narrated that Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Zakaria al-Qat’tan quoted Bakr ibn Abdullah ibn Habib, on the authority of Tamim ibn Buhlool, on the authority of Sa’id ibn Abdul Rahman al-Makhzoomi, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Zayd, on the authority of his father Zayd ibn Ali, on the authority of his father Ali ibn al-Hussein (MGB), on the authority of his father Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Nine-tenths of the daily bread is in commerce and last tenth is in the skin - that is the skin of sheep.”
THE TEN SIGNS BEFORE THE HOUR

10-47 Al-Hassan ibn Abdullah ibn Sa’id al-Askari narrated that the judge - Abdullah ibn Muhammad ibn Hakim quoted Al-Hussein ibn Abdullah ibn Shakir, on the authority of Ishaq ibn Hamzih al-Bokhari and my uncle, on the authority of Isa ibn Musa Qanjar, on the authority of Abi Hamzih, on the authority of Roqbat - i.e. ibn Mosqalat al-Sheibany, on the authority of Al-Hakam ibn Atibat, on the authority of someone who had heard Haziqat ibn Asid say, “I heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘There are ten signs before the Hour - five in the East and five in the West.’” He (MGB) mentioned the following: 1- Beast of the Earth, 2- The Dajjal (Arabic for "The False Messiah" or Anti-Christ), 3- Rise of the sun from where it usually sets, 4- The return of Jesus - the son of Mary (MGB), 5- Gog and Magog and the victory over them and their being drowned in the sea.” He (MGB) did not say the rest.

ISLAM IS FOUNDED UPON TEN PILLARS

10-48 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Ishaq, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Khalid al-Barqy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Ibn Bakir, on the authority of Zurarah, on the authority of Abu Ja’far al-Baqqir (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Islam is founded upon ten pillars as follows: bearing witness that ‘There is no god but God’ - that is the basis of a Muslim’s nationality; prayer which is an obligatory deed; fasting which is a shield against the fire; payment of the alms-tax which purifies one’s possessions; going on the Hajj pilgrimage which is a decree; participating in holy war which is an honor; enjoining to do good deeds which is persistence in belief; admonishing against the bad deeds which is giving an ultimatum; attending congregational prayers which results in mutual sympathy; and avoiding sins which is the basis of obedience.”

THE TEN RANKS OF BELIEF

10-49 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of ABA Abdullah al-Razi, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Abi Uthman, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Himad al-Khazzaz, on the authority of Abdul Aziz al-Qaratisi, “Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) told me, ‘O Abdul Aziz! There are ten ranks of belief just like the steps of a ladder which one must climb up one after the other. One who has attained two of these ranks should not say to the one who has only attained the first rank, ‘You do not have faith.’ The same thing holds true up until the tenth
rank. You should not consider anyone who has attained a rank lower than yourself to lack faith, so that those who have attained a higher rank than you have, do not consider you to lack faith. When you see someone who is in a lower rank than you are, kindly assist him up to your rank. Do not force upon him what he cannot tolerate, since you may hurt him this way. One who hurts a believer should help him get unhurt. Miqdad was in the eighth rank. Abuzar was in the ninth rank and Salman had attained the tenth rank of faith.”

10-50 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Al-Hassan ibn Muawiyah, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Himad the brother of Yusuf ibn Himad al-Khazzaz, on the authority of Abdul Aziz al-Qaratisi, ‘I went to see Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) and told him (MGB) about some of the issues of the Shiites, their beliefs and speech. The Imam (MGB) said, ‘O Abdul Aziz! Belief has ten ranks just like the steps on a ladder. One must climb a ladder one step at a time. One who has attained two of these ranks should not say to the one who has only attained the first rank, ‘You do not have faith.’ One who has attained three of these ranks should not say to the one who has only attained the first two ranks, ‘You do not have faith.’ The same thing holds true up until the tenth
rank. Salman had attained the tenth rank of faith. Abuzar was in the ninth rank and Miqdad was in the eighth rank. O Abdul Aziz! You should not consider anyone who has attained a rank lower than yourself to lack faith, so that those who have attained a higher rank than you have do not consider you to lack faith. When you see someone who is in a lower rank than you are, kindly assist him up to your rank. Do not force upon him what he cannot tolerate, since you may hurt him this way. One who hurts a believer should help him get unhurt. If you place the load that you would normally place on a nine-year old camel on a baby camel, you would break its back and kill it.”

THE REWARD OF ONE WHO SAYS THE AZAN[792] FOR TEN YEARS FOR GOD'S SAKE

10-51 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali al-Kufy, on the authority of Mo’ab ibn Salam al-Tamimy, on the authority of Sa’ed ibn Tariq, on the authority of Abi Ja’far Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB), “God would forgive the sins of whoever says the general call to prayer for ten years for the sake of God. God will forgive his sins for as far as he can see and as far away as his voice goes. Whoever hears him will acknowledge him. He will have a share of the reward of whoever prays with him in his mosque, and whoever prays due to hearing his call to prayer.”
10-52 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn al-Hussein al-Lu’lu’ee, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Yusuf, on the authority of Mu’az al-Juwhary, on the authority of Amr ibn Jamee’a who linked it up to the Prophet (MGB) through a chain of narrators, “Brushing the teeth has ten characteristics as follows: It cleans the mouth. It pleases the Honorable Exalted God. It increases the reward for good deeds seventy times. It is also one of the traditions of God’s Prophet (MGB). It cleans the teeth. It whitens the teeth. It strengthens the gums. It eliminates the phlegm. It improves the sight. It increases the appetite.”

THE TEN SIGNS OF THE HOUR

10-53 Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Ibrahim narrated that Abu Abdullah al-Var’raq Muhammad ibn Abdullah ibn al-Faraj quoted Abul Hassan Ali ibn Bayan al-Muqar’ri, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sabeq, on the authority of Za’ede, on the authority of Al-A’amash, on the authority of Forat al-Qazaz, on the authority of Abil Tufayl Amer ibn Vasele’, on the authority of Haziqat ibn Asid al-Afari, “We were a group in Medina and were sitting under the shadows of a garden and God’s Prophet (MGB) was in a room. The Prophet (MGB) noticed us and asked, ‘What are you thinking about?’ We replied, ‘We are talking.’ The Prophet (MGB) asked, ‘What are you talking about?’ We replied, ‘About the Hour.’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘The Hour shall not come until ten signs appear as follows: 1- Rise of the sun from where it usually sets, 2- The Dajjal (Arabic for "The False Messiah" or Anti-Christ), 3- Beast of the Earth, 4, 5 and 6- Landsliding in three places: one in the east; one in the west and one in the Arabian Peninsula, 7- The return of Jesus - the son of Mary (MGB), 8 and 9- Gog and Magog, and 10- Fire would burn forth from the Palace in Adan (in Yemen.) which would drive the people to the place of their assembly, stop wherever they stop and rest wherever they rest and drive them all to the place of Resurrection.’”

THE PROPHET CIRCUMAMBULATED AROUND THE KA’BA SEVENTY TIMES EACH DAY

10-54 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ibrahim ibn Mahzyar, on the authority of his brother Ali ibn Mahzyar, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Safyan (ibn Yahya) and al-Qasim, on the authority of Al-Kaheli, on the authority of Abil Faraj, “Aban asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) about the well-known practice of God’s Prophet (MGB) when he (MGB) was in Mecca. The Imam (MGB) said,
‘God’s Prophet (MGB) circumambulated around (the Ka’ba) seventy times (in ten rounds each consisting of seven times) each day and night. He (MGB) performed three rounds in the beginning of the day; three rounds at the end of the night; two rounds in the mornings and two rounds in the afternoon. He rested in between these times.’

**A MAN WHO MAKES LOVE TO A WOMAN TEN TIMES ON ONE OF THE DAYS OF THE MONTH OF FASTING**

10-55 Abu Talib al-Muzaf’far ibn Ja’far ibn al-Muzaf’far al-Alavi al-Samarqandi - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Masood quoted on the authority of his father Abil Nazr Muhammad ibn Masood al-Ayyashi, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Ali ibn Muhammad ibn Shoja’i, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Uthman, on the authority of Homayd ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Salih, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Al-Fath ibn Yazid al-Gorjany, “I wrote a letter to Abil Hassan Al-Kazim (MGB) and asked about a man who makes love to a woman ten times - whether it be legitimate or not - on one of the days of the month of fasting - Ramazan. He
(MGB) replied, ‘He has to pay ten times the expiation: an expiation for each time, and if he eats or drinks anything he should also pay for the expiation of one day.’”

TEN PIECES OF ADVICE

10-56 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Aban ibn Uthman, “A man went to see Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) and said, ‘O may my parents be your ransom! Please advise me.’ Then the Imam (MGB) said, ‘When you know that the Blessed the Sublime God has promised to give you your share of daily bread, why are you so worried about earning it? When you know that you have a certain portion of daily bread, why are you so greedy? If you know that the Reckoning is right, why do you gather so much wealth? If you know that God will reward you, then why are you so miserly? If you know that there will be a punishment in the Fire, why do you commit sins? If you know that certainly you will die, why are you so happy? If you know that God sees all your deeds, why do you plot? If you know that you must cross the Bridge[793], why are you selfish? If you know that everything is due to Divine destiny, why are you sad? If you know that this world is ephemeral, why do you rely on it?’”
TEN GROUPS OF THIS NATION DISBELIEVE IN THE ALMIGHTY GOD

10-57 Abul-Hussein Muhammad ibn Ali ibn al-Shah narrated that Abu Hamid Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn al-Hussein quoted on the authority of Abu Yazid Ahmad ibn Khalid al-Khalidy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Salih al-Tamimy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Anas ibn Muhammad Abu Malik, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Salih al-Tamimy, on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that in his will to Ali (MGB), God’s Prophet (MGB) told Ali (MGB), “O Ali! Ten groups of people in this nation disbelieve in the Almighty God. They are as follows: the tale-bearers; murderers; magicians; pimps; those who illegitimately copulate with a lady in the anal area; those who copulate with animals; those who copulate with familiar women (to whom they are forbidden to marry)[794] ; those who cause sedition; those who sell weapons to the enemies who are at war with Muslims; those who refrain from defraying the alms-tax; and those who die without going on Hajj pilgrimage although they are wealthy enough to do so.

THE DIVINATORY ARROWS[795] WHICH THE PEOPLE IN THE AGE OF IGNORANCE HAD DIVIDED INTO TEN PARTS

10-58 Ahmad ibn Zyad ibn Ja’far al-Hamedany, al-Hussein ibn Ibrahim ibn Ahmad ibn Hisham ibn al-Mo’adab, Ali ibn Abdullah al-Var’raq, Hamzih ibn Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Zayd ibn Ali ibn al-Hussein ibn Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim who in the year 307 A.H. (919 A.D.) narrated that his father quoted Abi Ahmad Muhammad ibn Zyad al-Azodi, Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abi Nasr al-Bazanty, on the authority of Aban ibn Uthman al-Ahmarr, on the authority of Aban ibn Taqlib, on the authority of Abi Ja’far Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB) who said the following regarding the following verse from the Honorable the Exalted God, “Forbidden to you (for food) are: dead meat, blood, the flesh of swine, and that on which hath been invoked the name of other than God; that which hath been killed by strangling, or by a violent blow, or by a headlong fall, or by being gored to death; that which hath been (partly) eaten by a wild animal; unless ye are able to slaughter it (in due form); that which is sacrificed on stone (altars); (forbidden) also is the division (of meat) by raffling with arrows: that is impiety. This day have those who reject faith given up all hope of your religion: yet fear them not but fear Me. This day have I perfected your religion for you, completed My favor upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion. But if any is forced by hunger, with no inclination to transgression, God is indeed Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.” [796]
The Imam (MGB) replied, “What ‘dead meat, blood, the flesh of swine’ refer to here are well-known already. However, ‘that on which hath been invoked the name of other than God’ refers to what has been slaughtered as an offering for the idols. And ‘that which hath been killed by strangling, or by a violent blow, or by a headlong fall, or by being gored to death’ refers to the fact that the Magians did not eat the meat of animals whose head was cut off. Rather they killed it unlawfully and ate it. They choked cows and sheep and ate them when they died. Sometimes they placed a cloth in front of the animal’s eyes and threw it down from the roof and ate it when it died. At other times they made the ewes fight with each other with their horns, and ate the one that got killed. And ‘that which hath been (partly) eaten by a wild animal; unless ye are able to slaughter it (in due form);’ refers to the fact that sometimes they ate what has been attacked by wolves and lions. God forbade eating such things. And ‘that which is sacrificed on stone (altars);’ refers to what the people used to sacrifice in a fire-house. The Quraysh used to worship trees and rocks and slaughter for them. Thus ‘(forbidden) also is the division (of meat) by raffling with arrows’ refers to the practice of the Quraysh who divided up a slaughtered camel’s corpse into twenty-eight shares, gathered around it, drew lots with ten arrows, and gave it to men. There were ten lottery arrows. Seven of them had shares and three of them had no shares. The seven that had shares had the names Fach; Tawam; Musbil; Nafis; Hilis; Raqib; Mu’alli. Fach had one share; Tawam had two shares. Musbil had three shares. Nafis had four shares. Hilis had five shares. Raqib had six shares. Mu’alli had seven shares. The last three arrows which did not have any shares were called Samih, Manih, and Waghd, had no share at all. Those who got the arrows which did not have any shares had to pay for the camel. This is considered to be
WHAT EACH MUSLIM SHOULD SAY BEFORE THE RISING OF THE SUN AND BEFORE ITS SETTING

10-59 Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Zakaria al-Qat’tan quoted Bakr ibn Abdullah ibn Habib, on the authority of Tamim ibn Buhlool, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Isma’il ibn al-Fazl that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) was asked regarding the following words of the Honorable the Exalted God, ‘… and celebrate (constantly) the praises of thy Lord, before the rising of the sun, and before its setting;…’[797] He (MGB) said, “It is incumbent upon every Muslim to say the following ten times before the rising of the sun, and before its setting: ‘There is no god but God. There is no partner for Him. To Him belongs the Rule and praise is for Him. He revives and deadens. He is the Living Who never dies. All good is done by His Hand. And He is the One who is able to do everything. (‘La illaha illalah vahdahu la sharika la halul molk va halolhamd yohee va yomit va huwa hayuun la yamut beyadehil khayr va huwa ala koleshayen qadir.’ I repeated it but had doubts whether to say ‘yohee va yomit’ or ‘yomit and yohee’ and said “There is no god but God. There is no partner for Him. To Him belongs the Rule and praise is for Him. He revives and deadens. He is the Living Who never dies. All good is done by His Hand. And He is the One who is able to do everything. (‘La illaha illalah vahdahu la sharika la halul molk va halolhamd yohee va yomit va huwa hayuun la yamut beyadehil khayr va huwa ala koleshayen qadir.’ I repeated it but had doubts whether to say ‘yohee va yomit’ or ‘yomit and yohee’ and said “There is no god but God. There is no partner for Him. To Him belongs the Rule and praise is for Him. He revives and deadens. He is the Living Who never dies. All good is done by His Hand. And He is the One who is able to do everything. (‘La illaha illalah vahdahu la sharika la halul molk va halolhamd yohee va yomit va huwa hayuun la yamut beyadehil khayr va huwa ala koleshayen qadir.’ I repeated it but had doubts whether to say ‘yohee va yomit’ or ‘yomit and yohee’ and said “There is no god but God. There is no partner for Him. To Him belongs the Rule and praise is for Him. He revives and deadens. He is the Living Who never dies. All good is done by His Hand. And He is the One who is able to do everything. (‘La illaha illalah vahdahu la sharika la halul molk va halolhamd yohee va yomit va huwa hayuun la yamut beyadehil khayr va huwa ala koleshayen qadir.’ I repeated it but had doubts whether to say ‘yohee va yomit’ or ‘yomit and yohee’ and said “There is no god but God. There is no partner for Him. To Him belongs the Rule and praise is for Him. He revives and
THE TEN SONS OF ABDUL MUTALIB AND ABBAS

10-60 Ahmad ibn Zyad ibn Ja’far al-Hamedany - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Aban ibn Uthman al-Ahmar that he had heard Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB) narrate on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of Jabir ibn Abdullah al-Ansari, “The Prophet (MGB) was asked about the number of the sons of Abdul Mutalib[798]. He (MGB) replied, ‘There were ten of them and Abbas.’” [799]

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “They were Abdullah; Abu Talib; Az-Zubayr; Hamzih; Harith who was the eldest; Qaydaq; Muqum; Hijl; Abd al-Aza who is the same as Abu Lahab[800]; Zarrar and Abbas. Some people say that Muqum is the same as Hijl. Abdul Mutalib had ten names by which the Arabs, the Roman Emperors and the Persian and Ethiopian Kings knew him. These names were: Amir; Shaiba-ulhamd; Sayyid Batha; Saqi Hujjaj; Saqi Muqays; Qays ul-vara fil-am ul-Judab; Abul Sadat ulashrat; Abdul Mutalib, Hafir Zamzam. Nobody had any of these names before him.”

الزبير وحمزة والحارث وهو أصدق ولقب مصنف هذا الكتب رضي الله عنه: وهم عبد الله وأبوباطب و
والله يدايق والدقم وحجل وعبد الهازى وهو أبو لهب وضرار والهباس، ومن أصلهم من يقول: إن المقوم هو حجل وولد المطلب عشرة أسماء تعرفه بهادى العرب وملوك الأقیا صرة وملوك المجمع وملوك الحبشة،
حجيج، وساقی المغتیث، وعیت البوری فی فم أسماءه عنبر، وشیبة البعد، وسیدبنطحاء، وساقی ال
العم الجدب، وابوالسادة العشرة، وعیت المطلب، وحاوى رمز، ولي丝 ذلك لمن تقدما.
PART 11-ON ELEVEN-NUMBERED CHARACTERISTICS

NAMES OF THE ELEVEN STARS WHICH JOSEPH SAW PROSTRATING TO HIM

11-1 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Ali ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Zyad al-Minqari, on the authority of Amr ibn Sh ihrer, on the authority of Isma’il ibn al-Sadi, on the authority of Abdul Rahman ibn Sabit al-Qurashi, on the authority of Jabir ibn Abdullah al-Ansari, “Regarding what God said about Joseph (MGB)

11-2 Abu Muhammad Abdullah ibn Hamid narrated that Abu Bakr Muhammad ibn Ja’far quoted ibn Arafat, i.e. Al-Hassan, on the authority of Al-Hikam ibn Zahir, on the authority of Al-Sadi, on the authority of Abdul Rahman ibn Sabit al-Qurashi, on the authority of Jabir ibn Abdullah, “A Jew called Bostan went to see the Prophet (MGB). Bostan asked the Prophet (MGB), “O Muhammad! Can you tell me the names of the stars which Joseph (MGB) saw prostrating to him?” The Prophet (MGB) did not respond to him on that day until Gabriel (MGB) descended down and informed the Prophet (MGB) about the names of the stars. Then the Prophet (MGB) called Bostan in. When he came in, the Prophet (MGB) asked him, ‘Will you submit to Islam if I inform you about the names (of the stars)?’ Bostan replied, ‘Yes.’ Then the Prophet (MGB) said,
‘Jirban, Al-Tariq, Al-Zial, Zulkanafan, Qabis, Vas’sab, Amoodan, Al-Faylaq, Al-Misbah, Al-Zaruh, Zul-Qar’e, Al-Zia’e and Al-Nur were the stars which he (MGB) saw in the sky prostrating to him. When Joseph (MGB) told Jacob (MGB) about that, Jacob (MGB) replied, ‘This is an affair which Honorable the Exalted God shall take care of in the future.’ The Jew called Bostan said, ‘I swear by God that these were the names of those stars.’”

**THE ELEVEN NAMES OF ZAMZAM**

11-3 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abi Nasr al-Bazanty, on the authority of Aiman ibn Mohraz, on the authority of Muawiyah ibn Am’mar that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “The names of Zamzam are Rokzat Gabriel; Hafirat Ishmael; Hafirat Abdul Mutalib; Zamzam; Berat; Al-Mazmounat; Al-Rava’e; Shob’at; Ta’am; Mot’am; and Shafa Saqam.”
محمد بن عيسى، عن أحمد بن دمآن، عن حفيدة نبى الله، عن أبي هريرة، عن عائشة بنت أبي بكر، عن النبي محمد صلى الله عليه وسلم، قال: "إسماء زمزم، ركضه جبريل، وحُرَّت فَيْرا إسماعيل، وحُرَّت فَيْرا عبدالمطلب، ومزَمزم وبيرة والمطرون والمذوى والحَرْاء، وشَفيه وطعام ومطعوم وشفاء ساقٍ".
PART 12-ON TWELVE-NUMBERED CHARACTERISTICS

ON FROM ONE TO TWELVE CHARACTERISTICS

12-1 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Abu Abdullah al-Razi, on the authority of Abil Hassan Isa ibn Muhammad ibn Isa ibn Abdullah al-Muhammad - one of the offspring of Muhammad ibn al-Hanifat, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Jabir, on the authority of Ata that Tavoos said, “A group of Jews went to see Umar ibn al-Khat’tab when he was in charge of the people. They told him, ‘You are in charge of the affairs after your Prophet (MGB). We have come here to ask you several questions. Should you give us the correct answers we will believe in you, accept your religion and follow you.’ Then Umar told them, ‘Ask whatever you wish to ask.’ They said, ‘Inform us about the locks of the seven heavens; the grave which carried its resident around; the one who admonished his own nation, but was neither of the genies nor of the men; the place on which the Sun shone only once and never again; the five creatures which were not created in the womb; of the one, the two, the three, the four, the five, the six, the seven, the eight, the nine, the ten, the eleven and the twelve.’ Umar looked down, opened his eyes and said, ‘You have asked Umar ibn al-Khat’tab things which he doesn’t know. However, the Prophet’s cousin will answer all your questions.’ Then he sent after Ali (MGB). When Ali (MGB) came there, he told him, ‘O Abal-Hassan! This group of Jews have asked me questions none of which I could answer. They have pledged to believe in the Prophet (MGB), if we give them the right answers.’

Ali (MGB) told them, ‘O group of Jews! Present your questions.’ They related to him what they had asked Umar.

He (MGB) asked them, ‘Do you have any other questions?’ They said, ‘No, O the father of Shabar and Shobayr! [801]’ Then Ali (MGB) told them, ‘The locks of the heavens are associating partners with God, and the keys to them are saying ‘There is no god but God.’ And the grave which carried its resident around was the large whale which moved around at sea when Jonah was in its stomach. The one who advised his people which was neither of the genies nor of men was the ant which spoke with Solomon - the son of David (MGB). And the place where the Sun shone only once and
never again was in the depth of the sea which the Honorable the Exalted God split up for the Children of Israel to pass [802] (when they were escaping from Egypt and chased by Pharaoh) and where Pharaoh and his soldiers were drowned. [803]

The five creatures which were not created in the wombs were Adam; Eve; the cane of Moses; the she-camel of Salih; and Abraham’s ram. And the One is the Honorable the Exalted God for whom there are no partners. And the two are Adam and Eve. And the three are the angels Gabriel, Michael [804] and Isra’i [805]. And the four are the Torah; the Bible; the Zabur (Psalms of David) and the Quran. And the five are the five prayers made obligatory upon the Prophet (MGB). And the six are the six days during which God created the heavens, the Earth and whatever lies in between as we read in what the Honorable the Exalted God says, ‘We created the heavens and the Earth and all between them in Six Days.’ [806] And the seven refers to the seven firmaments which the Honorable the Exalted God says in the following verse, ‘And
And the twelve refers to the twelve times Moses was advised to strike at the rock by the Honorable the Exalted God, ‘…Strike the rock with thy staff.’ Then gushed forth there from twelve springs,…’[812] The Jews faced Ali (MGB) And said, ‘We bear witness that there is no god but God; Muhammad is God’s Prophet and you are the Prophet’s cousin.’ Then they faced Umar and said, ‘We bear witness that this Ali (MGB) is the brother of God’s Prophet (MGB) and is more deserving for your rank than you are.’ Everyone who was with them sincerely accepted Islam.”

12-2 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Sa’id al-Hashemi al-Kufy in Kufa narrated that Forat ibn Ibrahim ibn Forat al-Kufy quoted Ubayd ibn Kasir, on the authority of Yahya ibn al-Hassan, Ebad ibn Yaqoob, and Muhammad ibn al-Jonayd, on the authority of Abdul Rahman ibn al-Masoodi, on the authority of Al-Harith ibn Usayrat, on the authority of Al-Sakhr ibn al-Hikam al-Farazi, on the authority of Hayan ibn al-Harith al-Azodi, on the authority of Al-Rabi’a ibn al-Jameel al-Zabi, on the authority...
of Malik ibn Zamrat al-Ravasi, “When Abuzar was deported he had a get-together with Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB), Al-Miqdad ibn al-Aswad, Ammar ibn Yasir, Haziqat ibn al-Yaman and Abdullah ibn Mas’ood.

Abuzar - may God have Mercy upon him - said, ‘Cite a narration in remembrance of God’s Prophet (MGB) so that we may bear witness to it, pray and recognize God’s Unity.’ Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘You know that it is not the proper time now for me to cite a narration.’ They said, ‘You are right.’ Then they said, ‘O Haziqat! Tell us a narration.’ Haziqat said, ‘You well know that I always asked about the difficulties in the affairs and learned them. I never asked about anything else.’ They said, ‘You are right.’

They asked Ibn Mas’ood, ‘O Ibn Mas’ood! Tell us a narration.’ He said, ‘You well know that I am an expert in the Quran and no one asks me about anything else. You are the ones who cite narrations.’ They said, ‘You are right.’ Then they asked Miqdad, ‘O Miqdad! Tell us a narration.’ He said, ‘You well know that I am a warrior and no one asks me about anything else. You are the ones who cite narrations.’ They said, ‘You are right.’ Then they asked Ammar, ‘O Ammar! Tell us a narration.’ He said, ‘You well know that I am forgetful. I will remember things which you remind me of.’

Then Abuzar - may God have mercy upon him - himself started to talk and said, ‘I shall tell you a narration which you yourselves have heard from the Prophet (MGB) and others have heard from you. God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Are you not the ones who bear witness that there is no god but God; that Muhammad is God’s Prophet; that the Hour is sure to come and there is no doubt in it; that God shall resurrect you from the graves; that it is a truth that the dead shall be brought back to life; that Paradise is a truth; that Hell is a truth?’ They all said, ‘Yes, we do.’ Then the Prophet (MGB) said, ‘I also bear witness to these things.’

Then the Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Are you not the ones who bear witness that the twelve of the worst people include six from the people of the past and six from the latter times. The six from the people of the past are the son of Adam who killed his brother; the Pharaoh; Haman[813]; Qarun (Korah)[814]; Sameri[815]; Dajjal[816] who has been one of the people of the past, but shall come back in the future.[817] The six from the people of the latter times are Na’sal (Uthman ibn Affan); Pharaoh who is Muawiyah; the Haman[818] of this nation who is Zyad; the Qarun (Korah)[819] of this nation who is Sa’ed; the Sameri of this nation who is Abdullah ibn Qays who said that we should not fight just as the Sameri of the people of Moses (MGB) said; and Amr ibn al-‘As.’ Abuzar asked, ‘Do you bear witness to this?’ They said, ‘Yes,
we do.’ Then he said, ‘I bear witness to that, too.’ Then Abuzar added, ‘Do you bear witness that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘I shall stand at the Heavenly Pool (Al-Kauthar) and my nation shall enter each group under a certain flag. The first group to enter will be under the flag of that fox-like long-bearded man. I shall stand up and take his hand. Once I take his hand, his face and his companions’ faces will turn black. Their feet will shake and their hearts will be in pain. I shall ask them, ‘What did you do with the Two Heavy Things[820] after me?’

They will say, ‘We denounced the greater one and tore it down, and forced the smaller one to stay at home and usurped its rights.’ I shall tell them, ‘Go to the left.’ They will return tired, thirsty and with a black face without having even taken a sip of the Heavenly Pool’s water. Then the flag of the Pharaoh of my nation shall enter. Most of the people are under that flag. Those who have changed their religion are amongst them. Those who get angry for the sake of this world and those who get happy for the sake of this world are amongst them. I shall stand up and take his hand. Once I take his hand, his face and his companions’ faces will turn black. Their feet will shake and their hearts will be in pain. I shall ask them, ‘What did you do with the Two Heavy Things[821] after me?’ They will say, ‘We denounced the greater one and tore it down, and fought with the smaller one and killed it.’ I shall tell them, ‘Go on the path of your friends!’ They will return tired, thirsty and with a black face without having even taken a sip of the Heavenly Pool’s water. Then the flag of the Haman[822] of my nation shall enter. I shall stand up and take his hand. Once I take his hand, his face and his companions’ faces will turn black. Their feet will shake and their hearts will be in pain. I shall ask them, ‘What did you do with the Two Heavy Things[823] after me?’ They will say, ‘We denounced the greater one and opposed it, and belittled the smaller one and disobeyed it.’ I shall tell them, ‘Go on the path of your friends!’ They will return tired, thirsty and with a black face without having even taken a sip of the Heavenly Pool’s water. Then the flag of the Abdullah ibn Qays[824] who is the leader of fifty-thousand people of my nation shall enter. I shall stand up and take his hand. Once I take his
hand, his face and his companions’ faces will turn black. Their feet will shake and their hearts will be in pain. I shall ask them, ‘What did you do with the Two Heavy Things[825] after me?’ They will say, ‘We denounced the greater one and disobeyed it, and belittled the smaller one and pushed the people away from it.’ I shall tell them, ‘Go on the path of your friends!’ They will return tired, thirsty and with a black face without having even taken a sip of the Heavenly Pool’s water. Then the flag of the Al-Makhdaj shall enter. I shall stand up and take his hand. Once
Then Abuzar asked, ‘Don’t you bear witness to this?’ They said, ‘Yes, we do.’ Then he said, ‘I bear witness to that, too.’ Yahya and Ebad said, ‘Bear witness before the Honorable the Exalted God that Aba Abdul Rahman narrated this narration for us.’ Aba Abdul Rahman said, ‘Bear witness before the Honorable the Exalted God that Al-Harith ibn Hasira narrated this narration for me.’ Al-Harith said, ‘Bear witness before the Honorable the Exalted God that Sakhir ibn al-Hakam narrated this narration for me.’ Sakhir ibn al-Hakam said, ‘Bear witness before the Honorable the Exalted God that Hayyan narrated this narration for me.’ Hayyan said, ‘Bear witness before the Honorable the Exalted God that Al-Rabi’a ibn Jameel narrated this narration for me.’ Al-Rabi’a ibn Jameel said, ‘Bear witness before the Honorable the Exalted God that Malik ibn Zamre narrated this narration for me.’ Malik ibn Zamre said, ‘Bear witness before the Honorable the Exalted God that Abuzar al-Qaffari narrated this narration for me.’ Abuzar al-Qaffari said a similar thing indicating that God’s Prophet (MGB) had narrated that for him and added that God’s Prophet had said that Gabriel had narrated this on the authority of the Blessed Sublime God.’

THE WAY TO RECOGNIZE THE NOON IN EACH OF THE TWELVE MONTHS BY MEANS OF MAN’S SHADOW

12-3 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn
Musa al-Khishab, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ishaq al-Tamimy, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Akhi al-Zabi, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Sin’an that he had heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, “The shadow will be half of a foot in the middle of the first month of the summer at the beginning of noon. It will be one and a half feet in the middle of the fourth month - Tammuz[829] : two and a half feet in the middle of the month of Av; three and a half feet in the middle of Elul; five and a half feet in the middle of the first Tishrei; seven and a half feet in the middle of the last Tishrei; five and a half feet in the middle of Shevat, three and a half feet in the middle of Adar, two and a half feet in the middle of Nisan; one and a half feet in the middle of Lyar and half a foot in the middle of the first month of the summer.”[830]

THE TWELVE PERSONS WHO OPPOSED THE RULE OF ABU BAKR BEFORE ALI IBN ABI TALIB (MGB)

12-4 Ali ibn Ahmad ibn Abdullah ibn Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah Al-Barqy narrated that his father quoted his grandfather Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah Al-Barqy, on the authority of Al-Nahiki, on the authority of Abu Muhammad Khalif ibn Salim, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ja’far, on the authority of Al-Shu’bat, on the authority of Uthman ibn al-Muqayrih, on the authority of Zayd ibn Wahab, “Those who were opposed to the rule of Abu Bakr before Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) were twelve persons from the Emigrants (Muhajerin) and the Helpers (Ansar). The ones from amongst the Emigrants (Muhajerin) were Sa’ed ibn Al-As; al-Miqdad ibn al-Aswad; Abi ibn Ka’ab; Ammar ibn Yasir; Abuzar al-Qaffari; Salman al-Farsi; Abdullah ibn Mas’ood; and Baridat al-Aslami. And those who were from the Helpers (Ansar) were Khazimat ibn Sabit Zulshahadatein; Sahl ibn Hanif; Abu Ayoob Al-Ansari; Abul Haysam ibn al-Tayhan and others.

When Abu Bakr sat on God’s Prophet’s (MGB) pulpit as the Caliph they consulted with each other in regard. Some of them said, ‘Let us go and force him down from the pulpit.’ The others said, ‘This would be like contributing to our own destruction and the Honorable the Exalted God has said, ‘And make not your own hands contribute to (your) destruction;’[831] It is better that we all go to see Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) and consult with him to see what he says.’

Then they all went to see Ali (MGB) and said, ‘O the Commander of the Faithful! You have given up your position and your due right. We do not want to take Abu Bakr down from the pulpit without consulting with you.’

Ali (MGB) told them, ‘A war would break out if you do so. You are nothing when compared with them in terms of force. The people have agreed to his
Caliphate now and have not acted according to what the Prophet (MGB) said. They have denied their Lord! I consulted with my family on this issue. They believe that there is no solution except being silent since these people hate the Honorable the Exalted God and the Prophet’s Household. They want to retaliate for the blood shed in the Age of Ignorance. I swear by God that if you do so, they will unsheathe their swords and become ready for a battle as they quarreled with me so much that they defeated me; dominated over me; surrounded me and said, “Either you pledge allegiance or we will kill you.” I had no way except to protect myself since I remembered the words of God’s Prophet (MGB) who told me, ‘O Ali! If these people did not let you become the Caliph; disagreed with you and disobeyed my orders regarding you, you must be patient until God descends an order for you. Beware that they will certainly deceive you. You should not give them any excuses, since then they will belittle you and shed your blood. Gabriel has informed me on the authority of the Blessed the Sublime God that the nation will break their pledge of allegiance after me.’ You should all go to that man and tell him what you have heard from your Prophet, (MGB), so that he may have no doubts in what he is doing. It would be best to give him an ultimatum so that he deserves a greater punishment from his Lord, since he has disobeyed God’s Prophet (MGB) and has acted against his orders.’

Then they all waited until Friday when they surrounded the pulpit of God’s Prophet (MGB). The
Helpers (Ansar) told the Emigrants (Muhajerin), ‘Indeed the Honorable the Exalted God has preferred you to the Helpers and said, ‘Allah turned with favor to the Prophet, the Muhajers and the Ansar …’ [832] Therefore, you may speak first. Because of this the first one who stood up and started to speak was Khalid ibn Saeed ibn Aas with the support of the Umayyads. He said, ‘O Abu Bakr! I admonish you to fear God. You well know what God’s Prophet (MGB) has said about Ali (MGB). Don’t you know that on the day of the Battle of the Qariza clan, (when we were all around him) faced the noble ones of us - and said, ‘O Emigrants (Muhajerin) and Helpers (Ansar)! I have a recommendation to you which you must honor. I have an order which you must obey. Beware that Ali (MGB) is your Commander and my Trustee after me. My Lord advised me so. If you do not respect my will in this regard, and do not support and assist him, you will fall into disunion regarding your decrees. Your religious affairs will be in a mess, and the most wicked ones amongst you will take charge of your affairs. The members of my Household are in charge of the affairs after me. They are to run the affairs of my nation after me. O my Lord! Please include anyone who honors my will regarding Ali (MGB) to be amongst those who are resurrected along with me. Also grant them some of my Friendship with which they can become prosperous in the Hereafter. O my God! Please forbid Paradise which is wider than the heavens and the Earth for whoever mistreats my Household.’
When Khalid said this Umar ibn al-Khat‘tab yelled and said, ‘O Khalid! Shut up. You are not one of the members of the council or the ones on whose sayings we could rely.’

Then Khalid said, ‘O Ibn al-Khat‘tab! You should shut up. I swear by God that you well know that you are not just saying what you yourself think. Rather, you are defending other people’s interests. I swear by God that all of the Quraysh know that my lineage is nobler than everyone else. I am the most literate, the most well-known one and expect the least from God and His Prophet (MGB), but you are of the worst lineage, the most infamous one that is much more distant from the Honorable the Exalted God and His Prophet (MGB). Indeed you are a coward in fighting, stingy at times of drought, and of a base lineage. You have nothing to be proud of amongst the Quraysh.’ Thus, Khalid silenced him and sat down.

Then Abuzar - may God have Mercy upon him - stood up, praised God, expressed God’s glorifications and said, ‘O group of the Emigrants (Muhajerin) and the Helpers (Ansar)! You and the good ones amongst you all know well that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘The Rule over the affairs belongs to Ali (MGB) after me. After him, it belongs to Al-Hassan (MGB) and al-Hussein (MGB). Then after them it belongs to the members of my Holy Household from the progeny of Al-Hussein (MGB). You have ignored what God’s Prophet (MGB) said. You have become materialists and have forgotten what God’s Prophet (MGB) said. You have forsaken the permanent blessings of the Hereafter which is everlasting and never ends or gets ruined where the residents neither grieve nor die. You have become just like the deviated nations who changed the orders of their Prophets after them. Soon you will be bitterly punished for your deeds. God doesn’t oppress His servants.’

Abuzar finished his speech and then Salman al-Farsi - may God have Mercy upon him - stood up and said, ‘O Abu Bakr! Who do you cite when you issue your judgements and to whom do you seek refuge when you are asked things which you do not know? Who is more knowledgeable in the nation than you are? Who is closer to God’s Prophet (MGB) than you are? Who has a more extensive background with God’s Prophet (MGB) than you do? You have ignored the Prophet’s orders which he (MGB) issued when he (MGB) was alive. You have forgotten the Prophet’s (MGB) will. Soon everything...
will become very clear for you when you die and enter the graveyard with a heavy load of sins and wicked deeds. When you enter your grave you will find exactly what you sent ahead of yourself. If you pay attention to the truth and be fair and acknowledge the right of the just ones, it will save you on a Day on which you will be in need of your own deeds and when you will be left alone in your grave with your (own) deeds. You have heard what we have heard and you have seen what we have seen. Why do these remarks not prevent you from doing what you are doing? I beseech you by God to consider God. Whoever ponders over things in advance would act according to what is right.”

Then Al-Miqdad ibn al-Aswad - may God have Mercy upon him - stood up and said, ‘O Abu Bakr! First measure yourself and see how much you measure up to. Sit in your own house and cry over your sins, since that would be better for you in this life and after your death. Return the position of the Caliphate to the one whom God and His Prophet (MGB) have already determined. Do not rely on this world as your supporter and do not let these lowly people deceive you. Soon the world will end for you and you will be taken to your Lord to be rewarded for what you have done. You know well that the position of the Caliphate belongs to Ali (MGB). He (MGB) is the one to whom it belongs to after God’s Prophet (MGB). I have only advised you. You may accept it or not as you please.”

Then Barideh Aslami stood up and said, ‘O Abu Bakr! Have you really forgotten things or do you pretend to have forgotten? Are you deceiving yourself? Don’t you remember that God’s Prophet (MGB) ordered us to greet Ali (MGB) as the Commander of the Faithful during his lifetime. Fear God and get a grip on yourself before it gets too late. Save yourself from destruction! Leave the position of Caliphate and entrust it to the one who deserves it. Do not go astray. Return while you still can. I have only advised you and did my best. You may accept it or not as you please. You will become triumphant and prosper if you accept it.’

Then Abdullah ibn Mas’ood stood up and said, ‘O the Quraysh clan! You and all the good ones amongst you well know that the members of the Household of your Prophet are closer to God’s Prophet (MGB) than you are. If you claim the position of the Caliphate to be for the relatives of God’s Prophet (MGB) and say you have a background in Islam, then the members of the
Household of God’s Prophet (MGB) are closer to him (MGB) than you are. They are closer to God’s Prophet (MGB) and have a more extensive background with him. Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) is in charge of this after your Prophet (MGB). Therefore, entrust to him what God has already entrusted him with and do not step backwards, since then you may experience a detrimental ending.’

Then, Ammar ibn Yasir stood up and said, ‘O Abu Bakr! Do not grasp by force the right which God has granted to someone else. Do not be the first one to disobey God’s Prophet and oppose him regarding his Household. Return the right to its owner. Lighten the load and burden on your back and meet God’s Prophet in such a manner that he (MGB) may be pleased with you. Then you may go to the Merciful God for the Reckoning of your deeds and asking you about what you have done.’

Then Khuzayma ibn Sabit Zul-Shuhadatayn stood up and said, ‘O Abu Bakr! Don’t you know that God’s Prophet accepted my testimony alone and did not ask for anyone else’s testimony?’
Abu Bakr replied, ‘Yes.’ Khuzayma said, ‘I swear by God and bear witness that I heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘The members of my Household are the ones who distinguish the difference between right and wrong. In fact, they are the Divine Leaders whom you must follow.’’

Then Abul Haysam ibn al-Teehan stood up and said, ‘O Abu Bakr! I bear witness to the Prophet (MGB) and his Holy Household that God’s Prophet (MGB) raised up Ali (MGB) by his arm.’

Then the Helpers said, ‘The Prophet (MGB) indeed raised him up by his arm for the position of Trusteeship.’ Others said, ‘The Prophet (MGB) raised him up so that the people could know who is the Master of whomever the Prophet (MGB) is the master of and that the Prophet (MGB) had said, ‘Beware that the members of my Household are the stars on the Earth! Honor them and do not surpass them.’’

Then Sahl ibn Hanif stood up and said, ‘I bear witness that I have heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say the following from the pulpit, ‘Your Divine Leader after me will be Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB). He is the one person who is the most caring of the nation!’’

Then Abu Ayoob al-Ansari stood up and said, ‘Fear God regarding the members of the Holy Household of your Prophet and return this Rule to them. You should listen and obey as we did from the Prophet (MGB) in one position after another as they are more deserving for that rank than you are.’ Then he sat down.

Then Zayd ibn Wahab stood up and spoke. Then a group of people stood up after him and spoke likewise saying similar things.

It has been reported on the authority of one of the trustworthy companions of God’s Prophet that after this session Abu Bakr stayed in his house for three days. On the third day Umar ibn al-Khat’tab, Talha, Zubayr, Uthman ibn Affan, Abdul Rahman ibn Oaf, Sa’ed ibn Abi Vaq’qas, Abu Ubaydat ibn al-Jarah each accompanied with ten men armed with swords went to his house and took him to the pulpit. One of them announced, ‘Should any of you say what he said before, we shall tear him into pieces with our swords.’ Thus, they stayed home and did not say anything any more.
GOD BROUGHT ABOUT TWELVE CLANS FROM THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL AND TWELVE CLANS FROM AL-HASSAN AND AL-HUSSEIN

12-5 Al-Hassan ibn Abdullah ibn Sa‘id al-Askari narrated that Abul-Hussein al-Nesabat Muhammad ibn al-Qasim al-Tamimy al-Sa‘edi quoted Abul Fazl Ja‘far ibn Muhammad ibn Mansoor, on the authority of Abu Mahkam Muhammad ibn Hisham al-Sa‘edi, on the authority of Ubaydullah ibn Abdullah ibn al-Hassan ibn Ja‘far ibn al-Hassan ibn al-Hassan ibn Ali that he asked Ali ibn Musa ibn Ja‘far Al-Reza (MGB) regarding what is said about the Al-Aftas clan. The Imam (MGB) said, “The Honorable the Exalted God brought about twelve clans from the Children of Israel - that is Jacob the son of Isaac the son of Abraham (MGB). God established Prophethood and the Book amongst them. God also generated twelve clans from the progeny of Al-Hassan (MGB) and Al-Hussein (MGB) - the sons of the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) and the Blessed Fatimah (MGB) who was the daughter of God’s Prophet (MGB).” Then the Imam (MGB) added by naming the twelve clans from the Children of Israel as follows, “Reuben - the son of Jacob; Simeon - the son of Jacob; Judah - the son of Jacob; Issac - the son of Jacob; Zebulun - the son of Jacob; Joseph - the son of Jacob; Benjamin - the son of Jacob; Naphtali - the son of Jacob; Dan - the son of Jacob.” [833]

He (MGB) added, “And six clans were brought about from the progeny of Al-Hassan (MGB). They are the clan of Al-Hassan ibn Zayd ibn al-Hassan ibn Ali; the clan of Abdullah ibn al-Hassan ibn al-Hassan ibn Ali; the clan of Ibrahim ibn al-Hassan ibn al-Hassan ibn Ali; the clan of Al-Hassan ibn al-Hassan ibn al-Hassan ibn Ali; the clan of Davood ibn al-Hassan ibn Ali; and the clan of Ja‘far ibn al-Hassan ibn al-Hassan ibn Ali. All the progeny of Al-Hassan ibn Ali (MGB) come from them. Then he (MGB) counted the clans brought about from Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB) as follows: the clan of Muhammad ibn Ali al-Ba‘qir ibn Ali ibn al-Hussein; the clan

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ibn Yahya, on the authority of Hasheem, on the authority of Mu Jalid, on the authority of Al-Sha’abi, on the authority of Al-Masruq, “A young fellow came when we were comparing and correcting our versions of the script of the Quran with Abdullah ibn Masud and asked him, ‘Hasn’t your Prophet given you news about the number of the Caliphs to come after him?’ Abdullah answered, ‘You are very young! No one has ever asked this question before. Yes, the Prophet has given us news that there will be twelve Divine Leaders after him just as there were twelve Israelite Chiefs after Moses (MGB).’”

12-7 Abu Ali Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Abu Abdullah Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Ibrahim ibn Abil Rajal al-Baghdadi quoted Muhammad ibn Abdus al-Harani, on the authority of Abdul Qaf’far ibn al-Hikam, on the authority of Mansoor ibn Abil Aswad, on the authority of Motrif, on the authority of Al-Sha’abi, on the authority of his uncle Qays ibn Abd, “We were sitting in a circle and Abdullah ibn Masood was sitting there with us. A Bedouin (Arab) came in and asked, ‘Are you Abdullah ibn Masood?’ Abdullah replied, ‘Yes, I am Abdullah ibn Masood.’ The man asked, ‘Has your Prophet (MGB) advised you as to how many Caliphs there will be after him?’ Abdullah ibn Masood said, ‘Yes. He (MGB) has said that there will be twelve - as many as the Chiefs of Israel.’”

12-8 The following has been narrated by Abul-Qasim At’tab ibn Muhammad al-Varaminy al-Hafiz who narrated that Yahya ibn Muhammad ibn Sa’ed quoted Ahmad ibn Abdul Rahman ibn al-Fazl and Muhammad ibn Ubaydullah ibn Savar, on the authority of Abdul Qaf’far ibn al-Hikam, on the authority of Mansoor ibn Abil Aswad, on the authority of Motrif, on the authority of Al-Sha’abi. The same has been narrated by At’tab ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Ishaq ibn Muhammad al-Anmati, on the authority of Yusuf ibn Musa, on the authority of Jarir, on the authority of Ash’as ibn Savar, on the authority of Al-Sha’abi. The same has been narrated by At’tab ibn Muhammad and al-Hussein ibn Muhammad al-Harani on the authority of Ayoob ibn Muhammad al-Vazan, on the authority of Sa’id ibn Moslemat, on the authority of Ash’as ibn Savar, on the authority of Al-Sha’abi. All of the above narrated on the authority of Al-Sha’abi’s uncle - Qays ibn Abd. Abul Qasim At’tab narrated that Motrif said, “We were sitting in the mosque and Abdullah ibn Masood was sitting there with us. A Bedouin (Arab) came in and asked, ‘Is Abdullah ibn Masood with you?’ Abdullah replied, ‘Yes, I am Abdullah ibn Masood. What do you want?’ The man asked, ‘O Abdullah! Has your Prophet (MGB) advised you as to how many Caliphs there will be after him?’ Abdullah ibn Masood said, ‘Yes. You have asked me a question which no one has ever asked me since I came to Iraq. The Prophet (MGB) has said that there will be twelve Divine Leaders after him - just as many as the chiefs of Israel.’” In another version we read, ‘Yes, as many as the chiefs of Israel.’”
Jarir narrated that Al-Ash‘as quoted ibn Masood on the authority of the Prophet (MGB), “The Caliphs after me will be twelve - as many as the chiefs of Israel.”

At‘tab ibn Muhammad al-Varaminy al-Hafiz narrated that Yahya ibn Muhammad ibn Sa‘ed quoted the following tradition on the authority of Yusuf ibn Musa, on the authority of Abdul Rahman ibn Meqra, on the authority of Mujalid, on the authority of Amer, on the authority of Masruq, on the authority of Atab ibn Muhammad. The same tradition has been narrated on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hussein, on the authority of Hafs, on the authority of Hamzih ibn U‘an, on the authority of Abi Usamah, on the authority of Mujalid, on the authority of Amer, on the authority of Masruq, “A man went to see (Abdullah) ibn Masood and asked him, ‘Has your Prophet told you how many successors he will have after him?’ He replied, ‘Yes. No one had asked me this question before. You asked it although you are the youngest of them all. The Prophet (MGB) has said, ‘There will be twelve successors after me - as many as the Israeliite chiefs after Moses (MGB).’”

Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Al-Nue‘man ibn Ahmad ibn Na’eem al-Vaseti quoted Ahmad ibn Senan al-Qat’tan on the authority of Abu Usamah, on the authority of Mujalid, on the authority of Amer, on the authority of Masruq, “A man went to see Abdullah ibn Masood and asked him, ‘O Aba Abdul Rahman! Has your Prophet told you how many successors he will have after him?’ He replied, “Yes. No one had asked me this question before. You asked it although you are the youngest of them all. The Prophet (MGB) has said, ‘There will be twelve successors after me - as many as the Israeliite chiefs after Moses (MGB).’”
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12-13 Ahmad ibn Al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Abu Bakr Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Ubaydah al-Neishaboori quoted Abul Qasim Harun ibn Ishaq, i.e. al-Hamdani, on the authority of his uncle Ibrahim ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Zyad ibn Ilaqa and Abdul-Malik ibn Umayr,

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lowered his voice. I asked my father, ‘What did he (MGB) say when he lowered his voice?’ My father said, ‘The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘They are all from the Quraysh.’’

12-14 Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Abu Ali Muhammad ibn Isma’il al-Yashkari al-Marvazy quoted Sahil ibn Ammar al-Neishaboory, on the authority of Umar ibn Abdullah ibn Razin, on the authority of Sufyán, on the authority of Sa’id ibn Amr ibn Ashva’e, on the authority of Al-Sha’abi, on the authority of Jabir ibn Samurah, “I went to the mosque with my father when the Prophet (MGB) was delivering a sermon. I heard the Prophet (MGB) say, ‘There will be twelve Leaders after me.’ Then the Prophet (MGB) lowered his voice such that I could not understand what he (MGB) said. I asked my father, ‘What did he (MGB) say when he lowered his voice?’ My father said, ‘The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘They are all from the Quraysh.’’’

12-15 Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Abul Hussein Tahir ibn Isma’il al-Khas’ami quoted Abu Kurayb - Muhammad ibn Ala’ al-Hamedany, on the authority of his uncle Ibn Ubayd al-Tanafesi, on the authority of Samak ibn Harb, on the authority of Jabir ibn Samurah, “I heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘There will be twelve Leaders after me.’ Then the Prophet (MGB) lowered his voice. I asked my father, ‘What did he (MGB) say when he lowered his voice?’ My father said, ‘The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘They are all from the Quraysh.’’’

12-16 Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Ali ibn Al-Hassan ibn Salim quoted Muhammad ibn al-Walid - al-Basry, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ja’far - Qandar, on the authority of Shu’bat, on the authority of Samak ibn Harb, on the authority of Jabir ibn Samurah, “I heard the Prophet (MGB) say, ‘There will be twelve Leaders after me.’ Then the Prophet (MGB) (lowered his voice and) said something which I could not hear. I asked, ‘What tribe?’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘They are all from the Quraysh.’’’

12-17 Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Abu Ali Muhammad ibn Isma’il al-Marvazy in Ray quoted Al-Fazl ibn Abdul Jab’bar al-Marvazy, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hassan - that is ibn Shaqiq, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Vaqid, on the authority of Samak ibn Harb, on the authority of Jabir ibn Samurah, “I went to see the Prophet (MGB) and heard him say, ‘This Rule will not end until twelve Caliphs come.’ He (MGB) then said something in a low voice which I could not understand. I asked my father, ‘What did he (MGB) say?’ My father said, ‘The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘They are all from the Quraysh.’’’
Abdul Rahman ibn Abi Hatam quoted Al-Ala’ Ibn Salim, on the authority of Yazid ibn Harun, on the authority of Sharik, on the authority of Samak, Abdullah ibn Umayr and Haseen ibn Abdul Rahman, on the authority of Jabir ibn Samurah, “My father and I went to see God’s Prophet (MGB). The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘The rule of this nation will not terminate and it shall overcome its enemies until there come twelve Leaders all of whom are from the Quraysh.’”

Samurah went to see him (MGB) in private and asked, “What will happen after them?” The Prophet (MGB) replied, “Then there will be chaos.”

12-20 Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Abdul Rahman ibn Abi Hatam quoted Al-Ala’ ibn Salim, on the authority of Yazid ibn Harun, on the authority of Sharik, on the authority of Samak, Abdullah ibn Umayr and Haseen ibn Abdul Rahman, on the authority of Jabir ibn Samurah, “My father and I went to see God’s Prophet (MGB). The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘The rule of this good nation will not terminate and it shall overcome its enemies until there come twelve Caliphs after me.’ Or he (MGB) said, ‘… until there come twelve Caliphs after me.’ Then the Prophet (MGB) said something quietly. I asked my father, ‘What did he (MGB) say?’ My
father said, ‘The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘They are all from the Quraysh.’”

12-21 Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Abdul Rahman ibn Abi Hatam quoted Abu Sa’id al-Ashj, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Muhammad ibn Malik ibn Zayd al-Hamedany, on the authority of Zyaq ibn Alaqa and Abdul Malik ibn Umayr, on the authority of Jabir ibn Samurah, “My father and I were with the Prophet (MGB). I heard the Prophet (MGB) say, ‘There will be twelve Leaders after me.’ Then the Prophet (MGB) lowered his voice. I asked my father, ‘What did he (MGB) say when he lowered his voice?’ My father said, ‘The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘They are all from the Quraysh.’”

12-22 Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Abul Qasim Abdullah ibn Muhammad ibn Abdul Aziz al-Baqavy quoted Ali ibn al-Ja’ed, on the authority of Zahir, on the authority of Samak ibn Harb, Zyaq ibn Alaqa and Haseen ibn Abdul Rahman on the authority of Jabir ibn Samurah that God’s Prophet (MGB)
said, ‘There will be twelve Leaders after me.’ Then the Prophet (MGB) said something which I could not understand.” In some traditions we read, “I asked my father…” and in some other traditions we read, “I asked my father (or I asked the people), ‘What did he (MGB) say? My father (or they) said, ‘The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘They are all from the Quraysh.’”

12-23 Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Abu Bakr Abdullah ibn Suleiman al-Ash’as quoted Ali ibn Khashram, on the authority of Isa ibn Yunis, on the authority of Imran - that is ibn Suleiman, on the authority of Al-Sha’abi, on the authority of Jabir ibn Samurah that he had heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, “The rule of this esteemed nation will not terminate until there come twelve Caliphs.” Then the Prophet (MGB) said something quietly which could not be understood. I asked someone who was close to the Prophet (MGB) ‘What did he (MGB) say?’ He said, ‘The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘They are all from the Quraysh.’”

12-24 Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Abdul Rahman ibn Abi Hatam quoted Ishaq ibn Ibrahim ibn Abdul Rahman Abu Yaqoob al-Sameen al-Baqavy, on the authority of Ibn Eliyeh (who is Isma’il ibn Eliyeh), on the authority of Ibn Oan, on the authority of Al-Sha’abi, on the authority of Jabir ibn Samurah, “My father and I were with the Prophet (MGB). I heard the Prophet (MGB) say, ‘This religion will always be dear and invulnerable and shall overcome anyone who opposes it until there come twelve Caliphs.’ Then the Prophet (MGB) said something which could not be heard due to the noisy people there. I asked my father, ‘What did he (MGB) say when he lowered his voice?’ My father said, ‘The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘They are all from the Quraysh.’”

12-25 Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Abdul Rahman ibn Abi Hatam quoted Ahmad ibn Salamt ibn Abdullah Al-Neishaboory, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Mansoor, on the authority of Mobashir ibn Abdullah ibn Razin, on the authority of Sufyan ibn Hussein, on the authority of Sa’id ibn Amr ibn Ashva’a, on the authority of Amer al-Sha’abi, on the authority of Jabir ibn Samurah al-Sava’ee, “I was in the mosque with my father when the Prophet (MGB) was delivering a sermon. I heard the Prophet (MGB) say, ‘There will be twelve Leaders after me.’ Then the Prophet (MGB) lowered his voice such that I could not understand what he (MGB) said. I asked my father, ‘What did he (MGB) say when he lowered his voice?’ My father said, ‘The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘They are all from the Quraysh.’”

12-26 Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Abu Bakr Abdullah ibn Suleiman al-Ash’as quoted Ahmad ibn Yusuf ibn Salim al-Salami quoted

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PART 13-ON THIRTEEN-NUMBERED CHARACTERISTICS

THE THIRTEEN TRANSMUTED GROUPS

13-1 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein, on the authority of Ali ibn Asbat, on the authority of Ali ibn Ja’far, on the authority of Muqayrih, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), “The transmuted Children of Adam (i.e. the people) are in thirteen groups. They include monkeys, swine, bats, lizards, bears, elephants, leeches, seals, scorpions, Canopus, Venus, spiders, and porcupines. The ‘monkeys’ refers to a tribe from the Children of Israel who lived by the sea. They violated the Shabbat[866] and fished on Saturdays. Then God transmuted them into monkeys. The ‘swine’ refers to a group of the Children of Israel who were cursed by Jesus - the son of Mary (MGB). Then God transmuted them into swine. The ‘bat’ refers to a woman who exploited her wet-nurse by using magic. Then God transmuted her into a bat. And ‘lizard’ refers to a Bedouin Arab who killed anyone he saw. Then God transmuted him into a lizard. And ‘bear’ refers to a man who robbed the pilgrims. Then God transmuted him into a bear. And ‘elephant’ refers to a woman who made love to beasts. Then God transmuted him into an elephant. And ‘leech’ refers to an adulterer who did not forsake of anything. Then God transmuted him into a leech. And ‘seal’ refers to a man who was a slanderer. Then God transmuted him into a seal. And ‘scorpion’ refers to a man who was a backbiter. Then God transmuted him into a scorpion. And ‘Canopus’[867] refers to a tax collector whom God transmuted into a star. And ‘Venus’[868] refers to a woman with whom Harut and Marut practiced black witchcraft.[869] And ‘spider’ refers to an ill-natured woman who disobeyed her husband. Then God transmuted her into a spider. And ‘porcupine’ refers to an ill-natured man. Then God transmuted him into a porcupine.

13-2 Abul Hassan Ali ibn Abdullah ibn Ahmad al-Aswari al-Mozak’kar narrated that Maki ibn Ahmad ibn Sa’duyeh al-Barza’ee quoted Abu Muhammad Zakariya ibn Yahya ibn Ubayd ul-Attar in Damietta, on the authority of Al-Qalanesi, on the authority of Abdul Aziz ibn Abdullah al-Owaysi[870], on the authority of Ali ibn Ja’far, on the authority of Ma’tab - the servant of Ja’far, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB),
on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB), “I asked God’s Prophet (MGB) about the transmuted ones. The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘They are in thirteen groups. They are elephant, bear, swine, monkey, seal, lizard, bat, leech, scorpion, spider, rabbit, Canopus and Venus. Then I said, ‘O Prophet of God! What was the reason they were transmuted?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘The one who was transmuted into an elephant was a man who made love to almost anything.

The one who was transmuted into a bear was a shemale who invited men to herself. And the ones that were transmuted into swine were a Christian tribe who asked their Lord to descend water for them. Then when it rained, they blasphemed more and denied God more strongly than before.

And the ones that were transmuted into monkeys were a tribe who violated the Shabbat. And the one that was transmuted into a seal was a pimp who invited men to make love to his own wife.

And the one that was transmuted into a lizard was a Bedouin Arab who robbed the pilgrims’ crosiers. And the one that was transmuted into a bat was a man who robbed the fruits from the top of palm
trees.

And the one that was transmuted into a leech was a slanderer who caused disunion between loved ones.

And the one who was transmuted into a scorpion was a vulgar man who bothered everyone with his tongue.

And the one who was transmuted into a spider was a woman who was disloyal to her husband.

And the one that was transmuted into a rabbit was a woman who would not purify herself after menstruation etc.

And the one who was transmuted into Canopus was a tax-collector in Yemen.

And the one who was transmuted into Venus was a Christian woman who was from some of the Israel monarchs with whom Harut and Marut practiced black witchcraft. Her name was Naheel but the people called her Naheed.

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “The people made a mistake about Venus and Canopus and said that they were stars while it was not so. They were transmuted into two aqueous creatures
from the sea which were named after two stars from the sky: just as some of the stars in the sky are named after some of the animals on the Earth such as Aries (the Ram), the Taurus (the Bull), Betelgeuse, Cancer (the Raven), Scorpion (the stag), Neptune (the Whale), Capricorn (the goat).

Thus, a mistake was made regarding Venus and Canopus since the people cannot see them given that they are two aqueous creatures which exist in the sea and the Honorable the Exalted God would not distort His enemies into the form of bright stars which would illuminate forever. The perverted would not live for more than three days. They will not reproduce either. There are no perverted creatures on the Earth these days. Animals like monkeys, pigs, bears or other similar animals are not perverted themselves, but are similar to those who were cursed and transmuted by the Honorable the Exalted God for denying the Unity of God and denouncing the Prophets. The Blessed the Sublime God has made it forbidden to eat their flesh. I heard this narration from Abil Hussein Muhammad ibn Ja’far Al-Asady - May God be pleased with him.

**BOYS ATTAIN PUBERTY AT THIRTEEN**

13-3 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abi Nasr al-Bazanty, on the authority of Abil Hussein al-Khadim - the pearl seller, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Sin’an that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “My father asked the following question from the Imam (MGB) in my presence, ‘When would an orphan attain the age of puberty?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘When he reaches sexual maturity.’ My father asked, ‘What is the decree in case a boy more or less reaches eighteen but doesn’t attain sexual maturity?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘He will be held responsible for his
actions as soon as he attains thirteen years of age whether or not he attains sexual maturity, unless he is retarded or insane.”

13-4 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali al-Vasha, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Sin’an that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “When a boy reaches thirteen years of age and goes into his fourteenth year, whatever is incumbent upon the sexually mature individual will become incumbent upon him whether or not he is sexually mature. His good and bad deeds shall be recorded. He is also allowed to control whatever is in possession, unless he is retarded or insane.”

THIRTEEN NOBILITIES OF THE COMMANDER OF THE FAITHFUL ALI

13-5 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him -
narrated that Abdullah ibn al-Hassan al-Mo’adab quoted Ahmad ibn Ali al-Ishahany on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Muhammad al-Saqafy, on the authority of Ja’far ibn al-Hassan ibn Ubaydullah ibn Musa al-Abasi, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali al-Salami, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Muhammad ibn Aqeel, on the authority of Jabir ibn Abdullah al-Ansari, “I heard God’s Prophet (MGB) mention several nobilities of Ali (MGB). If anyone had even one of those nobilities, it would suffice for his mastery over the other people. God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Whoever I am a Master of, Ali is the Master of.’ God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Ali’s position relative to me is the same as Aaron’s position relative to Moses.’ God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Ali is from me and I am from Ali.’ God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Ali to me is like me myself. Obeying him equals obeying me and disobeying him equals disobeying me.’ God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Fighting with Ali equals fighting with God and making peace with Ali equals making peace with God.’ God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Ali’s friends are God’s friends and Ali’s enemies are God’s enemies.’ God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Ali is God’s Proof, and His Caliph reigning over His servants.’ God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘The love for Ali constitutes faith and the hatred for Ali constitutes atheism.’ God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Ali’s party is God’s Party. The party of the enemies of Ali is Satan’s party.’ God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Ali is with the truth and truth is with him. They will not separate from each other until they meet me (God’s Prophet (MGB)) at the Pool[875].’ God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Ali (MGB) is the Qasim or the one who divides up Paradise and Hell?’ God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Whoever cuts off from Ali (MGB) has cut off from me. Whoever cuts off from me has indeed cut off from the Honorable the Exalted God.’ God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘The followers of Ali shall all be prosperous on the Resurrection Day.’”

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PART 14- ON FOURTEEN-NUMBERED CHARACTERISTICS

THE FOURTEEN CHARACTERISTICS OF DYE

14-1 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Ishaq al-Nahavandi, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baghdadi, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Mobarak, on the authority of Abdullah ibn

Zayd who linked it up through a chain of narrators to the Prophet (MGB), “It is better to spend a single Dirham for dye than to spend one-thousand Dirhams for the sake of God, since it has fourteen characteristics. It releases the wind from the ears, it improves the sight. It softens the nasals. It scents the flavor, and makes your breath smell fresh, strengthens the gums, and eliminates weakness. It lessens Satanic inspirations, gladdens the angels, delivers glad tidings to the believers, and enrages the disbelievers. It is both one’s ornament and scent. It would make the questioning angels (Nakir and Munkar) feel shy.”

14-2 Muhammad ibn Ali ibn ash-Shah narrated that Abu Hamid quoted Abu Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Salih al-Tamimy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Anas ibn Muhammad Abu Malik, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB), that in his will to Ali (MGB), God’s Prophet (MGB) told him, “O Ali! It is better to spend a single Dirham for dye than to spend one-thousand Dirhams for the sake of Allah since it has fourteen characteristics. It releases the wind from the ears, it improves the sight. It softens the nasals. It scents the flavor,
strengthens the gums, and eliminates weakness. It lessens Satanic inspirations, gladdens the angels, delivers glad tidings to the believers, and enrages the disbelievers. It is both one’s ornament and scent. It would make the questioning angels (Nakir and Munkar) feel shy.

That would constitute one’s innocence in the grave.”

14-3 Abu Ahmad Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Bandar al-Shafe’ee al-Furqany in Furqan narrated that Abu Bakr Mosadat ibn Asma’ quoted Abu Amr Ahmad ibn Hazim ibn Muhammad ibn Yunus ibn Muhammad ibn Hazim Abi Qarzat al-Qaffari - a companion of the Prophet of God, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Kanasah Abu Yahya Al-Asady, his father, on the authority of Hisham ibn Urwah on the authority of Uthman ibn Urwah, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Az-Zubayr ibn al-Awam that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Dye your hair in such a way that you do not look like the Christians or the Jews.”

14-4 Abu Muhammad - Muhammad ibn Abdullah al-Shafe’ee in Furqana narrated that Abu Ja’far Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Ash’as quoted Abu Hatam Muhammad ibn Idris, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abdullah al-Ansari, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Amr ibn Al-Qamat, on the authority of Abi Salma, on the authority of Abi Hurayrih that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Dye your hair in such a way that you do not look like the Christians or the Jews.”
The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “I heard these two last traditions regarding the use of dye from Zubayr (ibn al-Awam) and Abi Hurayrih. The Nasabites\[879\] denounce this act of the Shiites in use of dye for the hair. However, they cannot deny these two narrations that are cited from themselves.

PERFORM MAJOR ABLUTIONS IN FOURTEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

14-5 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abi Nasr al-Bazanty, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “One should make major ritual ablutions (ghusl) in fourteen circumstances: 1- For the deceased. 2- After becoming impure due to sexual intercourse. 3- Once you perform the major ritual ablutions (ghusl) for the deceased and shroud the corpse, or when you touch the corpse after it gets cold. 4- On Fridays. 5- On the day of Eid ul-Azha. 6- On the day of Eid ul-Fitr. 7- On the day of Arafat.\[880\] 8- On the day of wearing the Ihram (Taharrum)\[881\] and entering the House of God. 9- Upon entering the Ka’ba. 10- Upon entering the Shrines in Mecca and Medina. 11- On the pilgrimage day. 12- On the night of the 19th of Ramazan (on which one’s destiny is recorded). 13- On the night of the 21st of Ramazan (on which the Trustees of the Prophets have died, Jesus - the son of Mary (MGB) was raised up to Heaven and Moses (MGB) died). 14- On the night of the 23rd of Ramazan (which is hoped to be the Night of Power).”\[882\]

14-6 Ahmad ibn Muhammad al-Haysam al-Ajali - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Zakaria al-Qat’tan quoted Bakr ibn Abdullah ibn Habib, on the authority of Tamim ibn Buhlool, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Fazl al-Hashemi, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Zyad ibn al-Monzar, on the authority of a group of the elders, on the authority of Haziqat ibn al-Yaman, “Those who startled the Prophet’s she-camel upon his return from the Battle of Tabuk\[883\] were the following fourteen:

Abul Sharur, Abul Davahi, Abul Ma’azif and his father, Talha, Sa’ed ibn Abi Vaqas, Abu Ubayda, Abu Oar, Al-Muqayrih, Salim - the servant of Ibn Haziqat, Khalid ibn Valid, Amr ibn As, Abu Musa al-Ash’ari, and Abdul Rahman ibn Oaf. They are the ones about whom the Honorable the Exalted God revealed the following, ‘…and they meditated a plot which they were unable to carry out.’\[884\]”
موطن ناربة أربعة في الغسل

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الغسل في أربعة عشر مئات: غسل الميبل، وغسل الجنبد، وغسل من غسل الميبل، وغسل الجمعية،

والعوائد، ويوم عرفة، وغسل الإحرام ودخول الكعبة، ودخول الكعبة، ودخول الحرم، والزيارة، وليلة

تسع عشرة، واحد وعشرين، وثلاث وعشرين من شهر رمضان.

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بلاط بن عبد الله الفضل البهذي، عن أبيه، عن زيد بن المتندر، قال: حدثني جمعة من المشيهة، عن

البن نفأ قال: الذين نرووا برسول الله ﷺ نافذ كله في منصرفه من تبوك أربعة عشر: أبو ودورة،

أبو والدواهي، أبو والمعازف، أبو و phêة، وسعد بن أبي وأبي وقاص، وأبو وميدا، وأبو وأبو الأعور، والمغيرة،

ي، وعبد الرحمن بن عوف، وسلم مولى أبي حذافة، وخالد بن هانيد، وعمر بن الخطاب، وأبو موسي الإشتر،

وهذنما لم ينطلقوا"وهم الذين آتى الله عز وجل فيهم".
PART 15-ON FIFTEEN-NUMBERED CHARACTERISTICS

CALAMITIES WILL COME IF THE PEOPLE DO FIFTEEN THINGS

15-1 Al-Hassan ibn Abdullah ibn Sa’id al-Askari narrated that Muhammad ibn Abdullah al-Baz’zaz quoted on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Ibrahim al-Ar’tar, on the authority of Abul-Rabi’a Suleiman ibn Davood, on the authority of Faraj ibn Fuzalat, on the authority of Yahya ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hanafyat, on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “My nation may experience serious trouble if they practice fifteen things.” He (MGB) was asked, “O Prophet of God! What are these things?” He (MGB) replied, “They are the following: the nation's capital is controlled by a few special people; people do not honor what they are entrusted with; people consider the payment of the alms-tax as a form of loss; men obey their wives but they disobey their mothers; people are kind to their friends but they hurt their fathers; the worst people in the society run the affairs of the people and the best of the people fear the one who runs the affairs and his wicked deeds; the mosques get filled with loud (forbidden) sounds; people wear silk clothes; people play musical instruments and hire singers; the latter people in the nation curse the former ones. In this situation you can expect red winds, landslides[885], and drastic changes in the people.

15-2 Abu Sa’id Muhammad ibn al-Fazl ibn Muhammad ibn Ishaq al-Mozakir narrated that Abu Yahya I-Baz’zaz al-Neishaboory, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Hisan ibn Imran al-Balkhi, on the authority of Qutaybat ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Faraj ibn Fuzalat, on the authority of Yahya ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali Balqir (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “My nation may experience serious trouble if they practice fifteen things.” He (MGB) was asked, “O Prophet of God! What are these things?” He (MGB) replied, “They are the following: the nation's capital is controlled by a few special people; people do not honor what they are entrusted with; people consider the payment of the alms-tax as a form of loss; men obey their wives, and disobey their mothers; people are kind to their friends, but they hurt their fathers; the mosques get filled with loud (forbidden) sounds; the worst people in the society run the affairs of the people; people play musical instruments; and those of the latter ones of this nation curse those of the former ones. In this situation you can expect red winds, landslides[886], and drastic changes in the people.”
The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “What the Prophet (MGB) meant by saying ‘those of the latter ones of this nation curse those of the former ones’ is the Kharajites who cursed the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) who was the first of the nation who believed in the Honorable the Exalted God and His Prophet (MGB).”

A CHILD SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO FAST WHEN HE IS FIFTEEN OR SIXTEEN

15-3 Ja’far ibn Ali ibn al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrih al-Kufy - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father Ali ibn al-Hassan quoted his father Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrih al-Kufy, on the authority of Al-Ab’bas ibn Amer al-Qasbani, on the authority of someone who quoted Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “A child should be instructed to fast when he is fifteen or sixteen years old.”

SAYING TAKBIRS IN MINA AFTER FIFTEEN UNITS OF PRAYERS ON THE DAYS OF AL-TASHRIQ

15-4 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Al-Abbas ibn Ma’ruf, on the authority of Ali ibn Mahzyar, on the authority of Hammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Hurayz ibn Abdullah, on the authority of Zurarah ibn A’ayn, “I asked Abi Ja’far As-Sadiq, ‘Are the Takbirs on the days of Tashriq to be said after fifteen units of prayers?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘You must say the Takbirs after fifteen units of prayers in Mina and after ten units of prayers elsewhere. On the day of the offering and after the noon prayer you must say, ‘Allahu akbarullahu akbarullahu akbar, La ilaha illallah Allahu akbar Allahu akbar va lillahi-
hamd Allahu akbar Ala mahadana Vallahu Akbar Ala Ma Razaqna Men Bahimat al-An’am.’ This is to be said after ten units of prayers elsewhere since the people start to move from Mina (on the 12th day of Dhul-Hijja) and those who are at Mina should say these Takbirs until the last person.

15-5 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Al-Hussein ibn Ishaq - the merchant, on the authority of Ali ibn Mahzyar, on the authority of Hammad ibn Isa and Fuzalat, on the authority of Muawiyah ibn Ammar that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) was questioned about the saying of Takbirs on days of Al-Tashriq[891] for the people not in Mina. The Imam (MGB) said, ‘On the day of the offering, the Takbirs must be said after the noon prayer and for those at Mina the Takbirs must be said after fifteen units of prayers.’
THE REWARDS OF FASTING IN THE MONTH OF RAJAB

15-6 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abi Nasr al-Bazanty, on the authority of Aban ibn Uthman, on the authority of Kasir al-Nava that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Noah (MGB) rode his Ark on the first day of Rajab. He ordered everyone who was with him to fast on that day and said, ‘The Fire shall go to a distance of ten years away from whoever fasts on this day. Seven gates of Hell shall be closed for anyone who fasts for seven days during this month. Eight gates of Paradise shall open up to anyone who fasts for eight days during this month. The Honorable the Exalted God will grant more rewards to whoever fasts more than this.’”

15-6 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Al-Hassan ibn al-Hussein ibn Abdul Aziz ibn al-Mohtadi quoted Sayf ibn al-Mobarak ibn Yazid - the servant of Abil Hassan Musa (MGB), on the authority of his father Al-Mobarak, on the authority of Abil Hassan (MGB), “Noah (MGB) boarded his ark on the first day of Rajab.” He continued the rest of the tradition just as in the above tradition. I have included what I have found on the rewards for fasting in the month of Rajab in the book Faza’el Rajab.

APPLYING DEPILATORY ONCE EVERY FIFTEEN DAYS

15-7 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father and Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of some friends that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Applying depilatory once every fifteen days is a tradition. You should borrow money for doing so, if you cannot apply depilatory for twenty-one days. You are neither a Muslim nor a believer, if you do not apply depilatory for more than forty days. You are not honorable either.”
أخرجت ما رويته في ثواب صوم رجب في كتاب فضائل رجب.

يوما عشر خمسة كل في النورة في السنة

هذا دين نبذ نب عيسى عليه السلام عن محمد بن عيسى، عن محمد بن أبي عمير، عن بعض أشخاص، عن أبو عبيد الله عليه السلام، عن أبي عن أبي عبيد الله عليه السلام، عن عبد الله بن عيسى، عن عبد الله بن أحمد بن عيسى، عن عبد الله بن أحمد بن محمد بن عيسى، عن محمد بن أبي عمير، عن بعض أشخاص.

فليست كابن على الله عز وجل ولدي تنور، ومن كابن عليه أربعون وما ولم يتنور في ليس بمؤمن ولا مسلم ولا كرام.
PART 16- ON SIXTEEN-NUMBERED CHARACTERISTICS

THE SIXTEEN RIGHTS OF A SCHOLAR

16-1 Abul Qasim al-Hassan ibn Muhammad ibn Sa’id al-Hashemi al-Kufy in the Kufa Mosque narrated that Muhammad ibn Ibrahim al-Qat’tani quoted Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Hisham al-Warraq, on the authority of the

jurisprudent - Ali ibn Muhammad al-Sadoosi, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Alvan, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Hassan ibn al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Abi Talib, on the authority of his father, on the authority of his grandfather, on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB), “The rights of a scholar include the following: You should not ask him too many questions. You should not rush to answer questions before he does. You should not insist when he doesn’t want to respond. You should not be pushy with him (pull on his clothes) when he gets tired. You should not point at him with your fingers. You should not wink at him. You should not whisper in someone’s ears in his class. You should not seek his faults. You should not talk too much or argue with him saying that others have said things opposite to his views. You should not divulge his secrets. You should not gossip about anyone in front of him. You should support him both in his presence and in his absence. When you go to see him with some people present there, you should greet all of them and express especial greetings for him. You should sit in front of him. You should rush to supersede others in fulfilling his needs whenever he needs something. Do not get upset if you have to wait a while to talk with him, since his case is similar to the case of a palm tree. That is, you have to wait for a while before you can get some dates. A scholar is just like one who fasts, stays up at night and strives in the way of God. Once a scholar dies it causes a gap in Islam which can never be filled up until the Resurrection Day. In fact, there are seventy-thousand special heavenly angels appointed to follow those who seek knowledge.
SIXTEEN CHARACTERISTICS CAUSE POVERTY AND SIXTEEN CHARACTERISTICS CAUSE AN INCREASED SHARE OF DAILY BREAD

16-2 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted Muhammad ibn Ali al-Qurashi al-Kufy, on the authority of Abu Zyad Muhammad ibn Zyad al-Abasy, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Abdul Rahman al-Madani, on the authority of Šabib ibn Abi Sofayat al-Somali, on the authority of Soor ibn Sa’id, on the authority of his father Sa’id ibn Alaqt, “I heard the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) say, ‘The following deeds are all causes of poverty: not dusting off the spider webs from the walls of the house; peeing in the bath; eating food before purification of the body after having sex; associating with people who always waste their time with vain talk; combing hair while standing up; not taking the trash out of the house; false swearing; fornication; greed; sleeping between the evening and the night prayer; sleeping before sunset; becoming a liar; listening to music too much; chiding away a poor man who remembers God at night; improper spending; and cutting off relations from relatives.’”
Imam Ali (MGB) then said, ‘Do you want me to tell you what will increase your share of daily bread?’

The people said, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! Yes.’

He (MGB) said, ‘The following deeds will increase your share of daily bread: saying your noon and afternoon, or evening and night prayers one right after the other; saying some supplications after the night and morning prayer; visiting the relatives; sweeping the entrance of the house; sympathizing with your believing brothers; getting up early in the morning and going out to work to earn the daily bread; asking God for forgiveness; being trustworthy; saying what is right; going to pray when the call to prayer is announced; not talking in the toilet; not being greedy; being grateful to the Owner of the blessings; avoiding false swearing; making ablution before eating; eating what might fall off of the table-cloth[893]. In addition, God the Almighty will fend off seventy types of calamities from whoever praises God thirty times each day - the simplest of which being poverty.”

SIXTEEN CHARACTERISTICS DUE TO WISDOM


SIXTEEN GROUPS FROM THE NATION OF MUHAMMAD (MGB) WHO DO NOT LOVE THE MEMBERS OF THE HOLY HOUSEHOLD BUT DESPISE THEM AND HAVE ANIMOSITY TOWARDS THEM [894]

16-4 The following tradition has been narrated by Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan and Ali ibn Ahmad ibn Musa - may God be pleased with them - who narrated that Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Zakaria al-Qat’tan quoted Abu Bakr - Bakr ibn Abdullah ibn Habib, on the authority of Tamim ibn Buhlool, on the authority of Abu Muawiyah al-Zarir, on the authority of Al-A’amash, on
the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB). The same has also been narrated by Bakr ibn Abdullah ibn Habib who quoted Abdullah ibn Muhammad ibn Nataviat, on the authority of Ali ibn Abdul Mumin al-Zaferan al-Kufy, on the authority of Muslim ibn Khalid al-Zanji, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq(MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB). The same tradition has been narrated by Bakr ibn Abdullah ibn Habib, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Sanán, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Khalid al-Barqy, on the authority of Muslim ibn Khalid that Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB) said:

“Thirteen groups (Tamim said sixteen groups) of the nation of my grandfather (MGB) do not like us. They do not teach the people to love us. They detest us. They do not follow us. They abandon us and advise the people to abandon us. They are truly our enemies and they deserve the Fire of Hell.”

He was asked, ‘O (grand)son of God’s Prophet (MGB)! May God fend them off from you. Who are they?’

He (MGB) said, “They are the following:

(1) Those who have an extra organ. You cannot find any one who has an extra organ but that he is an enemy of us and he does not show loyalty to us.
(2) Those who are born defective. There are none whom the honorable the Exalted God has created to be defective who are not opposed to us in their hearts.

(3) Those who are one-eyed from birth (the right eye in specific). You will not find anyone whom God has created to be blind but that he fights against us and he is on peaceful terms with our enemies.

(4) The men with ever-lasting black hair - those whose hair never turns grey no matter how long they live. Their beard stays black like the neck of a crow. They always raly the people against us and increase the number of our enemies.

(5) Men who are really dark. You will not find anyone of them but that he curses at us and praises our enemies.

(6) Bald men. You do not see any bald men but that he slanders, defames, and goes about with slander against us.

(7) The men who are greenish. Although they are many, no one of such men but that he welcomes us in our presence but defames us in our absence (i.e. two-faced), seeking to betray us.
O son, beware of these peoples. Beware of them! If two of them can put a hand on one of us, they will definitely intend to kill him. ” [895]
بذلنا بزعمه عن سواء الأس

والمجذوم وه كل ساب حسب هم لها واردوء، والمذكور فلا ترى منهم أحدا إلا وجدته يتعطى بهجاء نا ووذب علينا.

وأهلي مدينة تدعى سجستان هم لنا أهل عداوة ونصب وه شر الخلق والخليقة، عليهم من العذاب ما على فرعون وهمان وقاؤون.

ناء رسوله وأعده أهل بيته برون حرب أهل بيته رسول الله صلى واهل مدينة تدعى الدري هم أعداء الله وأع الله عليه وأله جهادا، ومالهم غنم، فلهم عذاب خفي في الحياة الدنيا والآخرة وله عذاب مقيم.

وأهلي مدينة تدعى الموصل هم شر من على وجه الأرض.

وي تقربون ببغضنا، يا دلنا وأهل مدينة تسمى الزوراء تبني في آخر الزمان يستحقون بالدنا في عداوتنا، وبرون حربنا وقنا فقا والنا اهتما.

يا بني فاحذروا هؤلاء، ثم احذروهم، فإنه لا يخلو أثنا منهم بأحد من أهلك إلا هو بقتله. والل مفظول تقيم من أول الحديث إلى آخره.
PART 17-ON SEVENTEEN-NUMBERED CHARACTERISTICS

ONE SHOULD MAKE GHUSL FOR SEVENTEEN OCCASIONS

17-1 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Hammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Hurayz ibn Abdullah, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Muslim, on the authority of Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB), “One should make major ritual ablutions (ghusl) for seventeen occasions: 1. On the night of the 17th of Ramazan which is the night on which the army of Islam encountered the army of Quraysh in the Battle of Badr. 2. On the night of the 19th of Ramazan on which one’s destiny is recorded. 3. On the night of the 21st of Ramazan on which the Trustees of the Prophets have died, Jesus - the son of Mary (MGB) was raised up to Heaven and Moses (MGB) died. 4. The night of the 23rd of Ramazan which is hoped to be the Night of Power. [896]

In another tradition narrated by Abdurrahman Ibn Aba Abdallah Basry we read that he had heard Abu Abdallah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, “You should also make major ritual ablutions (ghusl) on the night of the 24th of Ramazan. It is best to perform the major ritual ablutions (ghusl) on both nights.”

Now returning to the tradition above narrated by Muhammad ibn Muslim, on the authority of Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB): 6- On the day of Eid ul-Azha. 7- On the day of Eid ul-Fitr. 8 and 9 - Upon entering the shrines in Mecca and Medina. 10- On the day of wearing the Ihram (Taharrum). [897] 11- On the pilgrimage day. 12- On the day of entering the House of God. 13-
On the day of Al-Tarviat. [898] 14- On the day of Arafat. [899] 15- Upon performing the major ritual ablutions (ghusl) for the deceased. Once you perform the major ritual ablutions (ghusl) for the deceased and shroud the corpse, or when you touch the corpse after if gets cold. 16- On Fridays. 17- If on total eclipse of the sun you wake up and you had not said the prayers for the eclipse of the sun, then you should make major ritual ablutions (ghusl) and say the prayers.
PART 18-ON EIGHTEEN-NUMBERED CHARACTERISTICS

THE EIGHTEEN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE COMMANDER OF THE FAITHFUL ALI (MGB)

18-1 Abu Abdullah al-Hussein ibn Muhammad al-Ashnani al-Razi in Balkh - narrated that his grandfather quoted Muhammad ibn Qaf’far, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Salih al-Muqar’ri, on the authority of Israel, on the authority of Hakim ibn Jobayr, on the authority of Mujahid, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Shadad ibn al-Had, on the authority of Ibn Abbas [900], “The Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) had eighteen characteristics. He would have attained prosperity even if he (MGB) only had one of them. No one in this nation has even one of these eighteen characteristics.”

GOD CONSIDERS EIGHTEEN-YEAR OLDS BLAMEWORTHY

18-2 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) who said, “What is meant by ‘long enough life’ in the following words of the Honorable the Exalted God, ‘Did We not give you long enough life so that he that would should receive admonition?’ [901] is eighteen years.”
طِلْبًا دَبْعُ يِبَاءُ رَبَّ دَمْجًا اِنْشَدَحَ لَلَاقُ طِلْبًا دَبْعُ رَبَّ دَعْسَ اِنْشَدَحَ لَلَاقُ مِنْعُ طِلْبًا يَضِرُّ يِبَاءُ اِنْشَدَحَ نِبَالُ خَيْبَاتُ لَلَاقُ "أَوْلَمْ نَعْمَرْكَمُ مَا يَتَذَكَّرُ"ِ إِسْتَنادًا رَفْعَهُ إِلَى أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ عِلْيَهُ الْسَلَامُ فِي قَوْلِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وُجُلَّ الْقُرْآنُ "بَرَّ يَبْعَثُ ثُمَانِيَةً سَنَةً".
PART 19-ON NINETEEN-NUMBERED CHARACTERISTICS

NINETEEN WORDS WITH WHICH ANY PRAYERS WOULD BE ACCEPTED

19-1 Abu Ahmad Hani ibn Mahmood ibn Hani al-Abdi narrated that his father quoted Abul Hassan Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Qaderi, on the authority of Abu Muhammad Abdus ibn Muhammad al-Bolghashazi, on the authority of Mansoor ibn Asad, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Abdullah, on the authority of Ishaq ibn Yahya, on the authority of Khasif ibn Abdul Rahman, on the authority of Sa’id ibn Jobayr that Ibn Abbas[^902] said, “Once Ali (MGB) faced the Prophet (MGB) and asked him something. Then the Prophet (MGB) told him, ‘O Ali! I swear by Him who appointed me to the Prophethood that I have more or less some things which my friend Gabriel has brought for me and said, ‘O Muhammad! This is a gift for you from the Honorable the Exalted God who has honored you with it and which He has not given to any of the Prophets before you. It is nineteen words of supplications which are sure to be effective for anyone who has hurt feelings; is involved in difficulties; is sad or frightened by the thieves and fire; or is frightened by a ruler. God would give relief to any such persons who use these supplications. These nineteen supplications are as follows: four of them are written on Isra’fil’s forehead;[^903] four of them are written on Michael’s forehead; four of them are written around the Throne; four of them are written on Gabriel’s forehead and three of them are written where God has willed.’ Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) asked, ‘How can we supplicate using them?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘You should say:

O Support of him who lacks support; O Hoard of him who lacks hoard; O Prop of him who lacks prop; O Shelter of him who lacks shelter; O Aid of him who is ailless; O Treasure of him who has no treasure; O Might of him who wants might; O He Who pardons generously; O He Who overlooks excellently; O Help of the weak; O Treasure of the poor; O He Who is greatly

[^902]: mani.
[^903]: ben.
hoped; O savior of the drowned; O rescuer of the perishing; O All-munificent; O All-benevolent; It is You alone before Whom the darkness of night has prostrated. So have the light of day, the brightness of moon, the radiance of sun, the rustle of trees, and the murmur of water. O Allah; O Allah; O Allah. There is no god save You alone without having any partner. O my Lord; O Allah; (please do) bless Muḥammad and the Household of Muḥammad and do to us all that which suits You. Then you should ask God for what you need. It is hoped that God willing, it be fulfilled.”

NINETEEN ORDERS ISSUED FOR WOMEN

19-2 Abul Hussein Muhammad ibn Ali ibn ash-Shah narrated that Abu Hamid Ahmad ibn al-Hussein quoted Abu Yazid Ahmad ibn Khalid al-Khalidy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Salih al-Tamimy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Anas ibn Muhammad Abu Malik, on the authority of Jaʿfar ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that in his will to Ali (MGB), God’s Prophet (MGB) told him, “O Ali, it is not obligatory upon women to attend the Friday or the congregational prayers; recite the azan[904] or the iqamah[905] visit the ill; participate in funeral processions; walk between Safa and Marva; kiss the Black Stone, or shave their hair (as a ritual of the Hajj). It is not obligatory upon women to assume the position of a judge or a consultant. They do not have to slaughter animals except in emergencies, recite the Talbih[906] aloud, stay at the grave, listen to the sermons (of the Friday Prayers), and manage marriage ceremonies. Women should not leave their husband’s house without their husband’s consent. Should they do so, God, Gabriel, and Michael[907] will curse them. They should not give away anything from their husband’s house without their husband’s consent. Women should not even let a night pass while their husbands are angry with them, even if their husbands are in the wrong.”

NINETEEN QUESTIONS THAT AS-SADIQ (MGB) ASKED THE INDIAN DOCTOR IN MANSOOR’S PRESENCE

19-3 Abul Abbas Muhammad ibn Ibrahim ibn Ishaq al-Taleqani - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abu Saʿid al-Hassan ibn Ali al-Ado’we quoted Ebad ibn Saheeb, on the authority of his father, on the authority of his grandfather, on the authority of Al-Rabi’a - the companion of al-Mansoor, “One day Jaʿfar Ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB) went to see Mansoor when an
Indian doctor who read medical books was there. The Imam

(MGB) was listening. When the Indian doctor finished reading, he asked the Imam (MGB), O Aba Abdullah! Do you want me to teach you medicine?” As-Sadiq (MGB) replied, ‘No. Since what I know is better than what you know.’ The Indian doctor said, ‘What do you know?’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘I treat heat with cold, cold with heat, moisture with dryness and dryness with moisture. I leave the rest of the affairs to the Honorable the Exalted God and rely on the Prophet’s saying ‘that the stomach is the center of all ailments and abstinence is the best treatment for all ailments. The body should be given time to get used to things.’ The doctor said, ‘Medicine is nothing else but this.’ As-Sadiq (MGB) said, ‘Do you think that I have learned these things from books on medicine?’ The Indian doctor said, ‘Yes, I do.’ As-Sadiq (MGB) said, ‘No. I swear by God that I have only learned these from the Glorified God. Am I better in
medicine or you? The Indian doctor said, ‘I am better.’

As-Sadiq (MGB) said, ‘O Indian! May I then ask you a few questions?’ He said, ‘Go ahead and ask.’ As-Sadiq (MGB) said, ‘O Indian! Why is the skull made of several pieces?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’ The Imam (MGB) asked, ‘Why is there hair on the skull?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’

The Imam (MGB) asked, ‘Why is there no hair on the forehead?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’ The Imam (MGB) asked, ‘Why are there lines and wrinkles on the forehead?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’ The Imam (MGB) asked, ‘Why the two eyes are shaped like almonds?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’ The Imam (MGB) asked, ‘Why is the nose placed in between them?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’

The Imam (MGB) asked, ‘Why is the hole in the nose located beneath it?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’ The Imam (MGB) asked, ‘Why is there a lip and the moustache above the mouth?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’

The Imam (MGB) asked, ‘Why do men have beards?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’

The Imam (MGB) asked, ‘Why are the front teeth sharp, the grinding teeth are wide and the canine teeth are tall?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’

The Imam (MGB) asked, ‘Why is there no hair on the palm of the hand?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’ The Imam (MGB) asked, ‘Why are the nails and the hair not alive?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’

The Imam (MGB) asked, ‘Why is the heart shaped like a pine seed?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’ The Imam (MGB) asked, ‘Why do the lungs have two divisions which move in place?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’ The Imam (MGB) asked, ‘Why is the liver curved?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’
(MGB) asked, ‘Why does the kidney look like a bean?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’ The Imam (MB) asked, ‘Why do the two legs not bend backwards?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’ The Imam (MGB) asked, ‘Why are the feet curved?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’

As-Sadiq (MGB) said, ‘But I know.’

The Indian doctor said, ‘So please tell me.’

As-Sadiq (MGB) said, ‘The skull is made of several pieces since it is hollow. It would break up, if it was not made up of several pieces. It lasts longer since it is made up of several pieces. There is hair on top of the skull so that the oil from the base of the hair can reach the brain, and evaporation can take place from the tips of the hair to let off the heat of the brain. There is no hair on the forehead so that light can reach the eyes. There are lines and wrinkles on the forehead to block the sweat from the head, so that it doesn’t reach the eyes long enough for one to wipe it off. It is similar to the river beds on the Earth which hold the water. The eyebrows are placed above the eyes to control the amount of light that reaches the eyes.

O doctor! Have you not noticed that when there is too much light, people hold their hand above their eyes so as to limit the amount of light which reaches the eyes. The nose is placed in between the two eyes so as to equally divide the light into them. The two eyes are shaped like almonds so that drops of medication can stay in them and not fall off. The holes in the nose are located beneath it, so that the waste stuff from can leave the skull through it and the smell of things can be sensed by it. If the holes were placed above it neither could the waste stuff leave the skull nor could you smell anything. A lip and the moustache are placed above the mouth so as to hold the waste stuff leaving the skull through the nose and so as not to pollute the food and drinks until one can wipe the lip and the moustache off. Men have beards so that they may be distinguished from women. The front teeth are sharp to make it easier to bite and chew. The grinding teeth are wide so that it is easier to break down the food which we chew and the canine teeth are high to reinforce the grinding teeth just as pillars which are used in buildings. There is no hair on the palm of the hands so that one can feel what he touches with them. Were there any hair on the palms of the hands, nothing could be felt by touching. The nails and the hair are not alive, since they look awkward when they grow and they look better when they are trimmed or cut. However, if they were alive one would feel pain. The heart is shaped like a pine seed because it is upside-down. Its top is narrower so that it can fit on between the lungs, and the lungs are cooled..."
while it pumps and the brain doesn’t burn out due to heat. The lungs have been made in two divisions which move in place so that it may encompass the heart and get cooled with its beating. The liver is curved so that it may encompass the stomach with its weight placed on the stomach\[908]\ in order that the stomach’s vapors may leave it. The kidney is shaped like a bean so that it affects the flow of the sperm through its passage (vas deferens) to be a drop at a time. Were it like a rectangle or a circle, one could not feel the joy of ejaculation. Once semen leaves the seminal vesicle\[909]\ in the back it goes through with a spring like action into the ejaculatory duct. The two legs bend the way they do, since we normally walk forward and our movements are balanced. Were it otherwise, we would fall down when we walked. Our feet are curved, since once we step on the ground we do not feel all the weight. This is similar to a millstone. If a millstone is placed on its round edge even a child can turn it. However, if it falls on the ground even a strong man cannot move it.’

The Indian doctor asked, ‘Where did you learn this knowledge from?’ As-Sadiq (MGB) replied, ‘I learned these from my forefathers who had learned it from God’s Prophet (MGB). God’s Prophet had learned it from Gabriel who had learned it from God the Lord of the Two Worlds – may His Majesty be Exalted, who created the body and the soul.’

The doctor said, ‘You are right. I bear witness that there is no god but God and Muhammad is God and His servant and you are the most knowledgeable man of your time.’"
مضاغطها في تروح عنه بحركتها، وكان الكبيرة جدا لا يسق ثقل الموتة ووقع جميع عليها في عصرها. في أول خروجها من الأرض، وجعلت الكلية كحب اللونيا فإن عليها مصب المني نقطة بعد نقية كانت مربعة أو نورا احتسب نقطة الأولي إلى الثانية، فليست بخريجها الحي، إذ الله ينزل من فكرة الظهر إلى الكلية فهي كالدودة تنقص وتنقصون رضيه أولاً فاً واً في النورة كح نمية من حركات ودولاً ذلك القوس وجعل إلى الركبة إلى حلفان الأمس ومشي إلى بين يديه فاعاد الوضع في المشي وجاهز القدم مختصرة لأن المشي إذا وقع على الأرض جميع ثقل كثقل حجر الرحى، فإذا كان على حرفه رفعه الصبي وإذا وقع على وجهه صعبه قلبه على الأرجح.

سول فقال له الهندي: من أين لك هذا العلم؟ فقال عليه السلام: أخذته عن أبي بكر بن سулما، عليه السلام. فقال له الهندي: صدقين يا أنا أشهد أن لا إله إلا الله وأن محمد رسول الله وعبده، وأنا أعلم أهله زمانك.
PART 20-ON TWENTY AND ABOVE-NUMBERED CHARACTERISTICS

TWENTY CHARACTERISTICS IN LOVE FOR THE HOLY HOUSEHOLD

20-1 Muhammad ibn al-Fazl ibn Zaydoye al-Jalab al-Hamedany in Hamedan narrated that Ibrahim ibn Amroos al-Hamedany quoted Al-Hassan ibn Isma’il, on the authority of Sa’id ibn al-Hikam, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Al-O’za’ee, on the authority of Yahya ibn Abi Kasir, on the authority of Abi Sa’ed al-Khidry that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Whomever God has bestowed with the love of the Divine Leaders (MGB) from my Household has received the prosperity of this world and the Hereafter. He should have no doubt that he will go to Heaven. There are twenty properties in the love of my Household: ten for this world and ten for the Hereafter. The ten for this world are: abstinence; eagerness to acquire knowledge; piety in religion; inclination to worship; repentance before death; pleasure with staying up at night (for praying or supplications); not being envious of what other people own; abiding by what is divinely right and wrong; dislike of this world; and generosity. And the ten for the Hereafter are: there will be no Reckoning for him; his deeds will not be measured; his record of deeds will be given to his right hand (implying that he is saved); freedom from the Fire of Hell will be promised for him; his face will be white; he will be wearing Heavenly garments; he will be given the right to intercede on behalf of one-hundred members of his family; God the Almighty will look upon him with His Mercy; he will be wearing a crown - one of the Heavenly Crowns; and he will enter Heaven without any
Reckoning. Then blessed be[910] those who love the Members of my Household.”

TWENTY CHARACTERISTICS OF ONE WHO BELIEVES IN GOD

20-2 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abdullah ibn Mihran, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hussein ibn Ubaydullah al-Yashkari, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Masna al-Hazrami, on the authority of Uthman ibn Zayd, on the authority of Jabir ibn Yazid that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “There are twenty rights for a believer incumbent upon the Honorable the Exalted God. It is incumbent upon the Blessed the Sublime God not to put him through such a trial which would force him out of the religion. It is incumbent upon God not to leave him without any food or clothing. It is incumbent upon God not to let him be blamed by his enemies. It is incumbent upon God not to debase or belittle him. It is incumbent upon God not to divulge his secrets. It is incumbent upon God not to take away his life by drowning or burning. It is incumbent upon God not to have anything overtake him or for him to overtake something. It is incumbent upon God to help him out of the plots of those who plot. It is incumbent upon God to safeguard him from being overpowered by the oppressors. It is incumbent upon God to associate him with us in this world and the Hereafter. It is incumbent upon God not to give him a disease that would make His creation look bad. It is incumbent upon God to safeguard him from vitiligo[911] and leprosy. It is incumbent upon God not to take away his life after having done a major sin. It is incumbent upon God to remind him of his sins so that he may repent. It is incumbent upon God not to deny him of the knowledge of His Proof. It is incumbent upon God not to make what is wrong dear in his heart. It is incumbent upon God to resurrect him along with us on the Resurrection Day with the light of his
faith shining in front of him. It is incumbent upon God to make him succeed in all good affairs. It
is incumbent upon God not to make him subdued by his enemies and be belittled. It is incumbent
upon God to have him end up securely and with faith and join him up with us in the Highest
Paradise. These are the Honorable the Exalted God’s conditions for believers.”

THE REWARD FOR PERFORMING HAJJ PILGRIMAGE TWENTY TIMES

20-3 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him -
narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on
the authority of Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Mu’azi, on the authority of Muhammad Khalid al-
Tayalesi, on the authority of Sayf ibn Umayrih, on the authority of Abu Bakr al-Hazrami that
Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “A person who has gone on the Hajj pilgrimage for twenty
times will not see Hell nor will he hear its roaring sounds.”

TWENTY-THREE PRAISEWORTHY CHARACTERISTICS OF AS-SAJJAD

20-4 Al-Muzaf’far ibn Ja’far (ibn al-Muzaf’far) ibn al-Alavi al-Samarqandi - may God bepleased with him - narrated that Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Mas’ood al-Ayashi quoted his father,
on the authority of Abdullah ibn Muhammad Khalid al-Tayalesi, on the authority of his father,
on the authority of Muhammad ibn Zyad al-Azodi, on the authority of Hamzih ibn Himran, on
the authority of his father Humran ibn A’ayn, on the authority of Abi Ja’far Muhammad ibn Ali
al-Baqir (MGB), “Ali ibn al-Hussein (MGB) said one-thousand units of prayers each day and
night as the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) did. He (MGB) had five-hundred date
palms and used to say two units of prayers under each of them.

When he (MGB) prayed, he stood very humbly and his color changed due to his fear of God. He
prayed as if a lowly servant was praying in front of a Majestic King. His organs shook as he
prayed out of fear of the Honorable the Exalted God. He prayed like one who was saying
farewell to praying and that this was going to be his last prayer. One day his cloak fell off his
shoulder as he was praying. He did not correct this until after he finished saying his prayers.

Some of his companions asked him about the reason for this. He (MGB) replied, ‘Woe to you!
Do you know who I was standing before? Indeed only as much of a person’s prayer is accepted
that he concentrates on.’ Then the man said, ‘O thus we are all ruined!’

Then, the Imam (MGB) said, ‘No! Indeed the Honorable the Exalted God would perfect your
prayers with the recommendable (Nafila) prayers which
In the darkness of the night, the Imam (MGB) walked out with a bag on his back, carrying coins. He even carried food and wood on his back. The Imam (MGB) covered up his face when giving things to the poor so that they could not recognize him. Only when he died did they recognize that it had been him. Once they performed the ritual ablutions (wuzu) for the deceased, they noticed that the bag had become rough like a camel’s knees due to carrying heavy loads.

One day he went out and was carrying a fur cloak. A beggar hung onto it. The Imam (MGB) gave it to him and left. He bought fur clothes in the winter and sold them in the summer to give away the money in charity. He saw a group of people begging on the day of Arafat. He said, ‘Woe to you! You should not ask for things from others on this day! Even babies in their mother’s wombs are hoped to be fortunate on this day.’

The Imam (MGB) abstained from eating food with his mother. They asked him, ‘O son of God’s Prophet (MGB)! You always do good deeds and have good relationships with your next of kin. How come you do not eat any food with her?’ He (MGB)
replied, ‘I do not like to reach out for what her eyes may have sought.’ A man asked him (MGB), ‘O son of God’s Prophet! Indeed I really like you for God’s sake, while you despise me.’ He (MGB) went on the Hajj pilgrimage twenty times riding a female camel, and he (MGB) never cracked the whip at it! When the female camel died, he (MGB) ordered that it be buried under the ground so that the beasts do not eat it. Once they asked his female slave about him (MGB). She said, ‘Should I give you a short answer or a long one?’ They said, ‘Give a short reply.’ She said, ‘I never fed him during the day, and never spread out his bed for him at night.’ He ran into a group of people who were gossiping about him. He (MGB) stood in front of them and told them, ‘May God forgive me if you are saying the truth, and may God forgive you if you are lying.’ Whenever a seeker of knowledge came to him, he (MGB) said, ‘Hail to what is recommended by God’s Prophet.’ Then he (MGB) said, ‘Indeed when a seeker of knowledge leaves his house and walks on wet or dry things, everything as deep down as the seventh level beneath the Earth will say glorifications for him.’ He (MGB) used to feed one-hundred poor families in Medina. He (MGB) liked the orphans, the helpless ones, the weak and the helpless beggars to sit at his table-cloth. He fed them with his own hand and gave the married ones some food to take for the wives. He (MGB) never ate anything unless he (MGB) gave the equal of it in charity. He (MGB) prayed so much that the places of his body where he prostrated peeled off seven times each year. He collected them and these were buried with him when he died. He (MGB) cried twenty years for his father Al-Hussein (MGB). He cried every time they brought him some food. Once his servant said, ‘O son of God’s Prophet! Your sorrow is endless and I am afraid that you may die.’ He (MGB) said,
‘Woe to you! Indeed the Prophet Jacob (MGB) had twelve sons. God made one of them absent. He (MGB) cried so much for him that his eyes turned white and all the hair on his head got white due to grief. Moreover, his back was bent in his sorrow while his son was alive in this world. However, I have seen my father, my brother, my uncle and seventy members of my family get killed. How can I overcome my grief.’

WHAT HAS COME ABOUT THE 21ST AND 23RD NIGHTS OF RAMAZAN

20-5 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Hammad ibn Uthman, on the authority of Al-Fuzayl ibn Yasar, “On the 21st and 23rd nights of the month of Ramazan, Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said supplications from the beginning of the night until midnight, and then started to pray from midnight.”

20-6 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Al-Hussein ibn al-Hassan ibn Aban quoted Al-Hassan ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Suleiman al-Ja’fari that Abul Hassan Al-Kazim (MGB) said, “Say one-hundred units of prayers on the 21st and 23rd nights of the month of Ramazan. Say the Opening Chapter (Al-Fatiha) [913] once in each unit and say the Al-Ikhlas [914] Chapter ten times in each unit of these prayers.”

20-7 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat’tab, on the authority of Ibn Faz’zal, on the authority of Abi Jamileh, on the authority of Refa’at that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “The Night of Power is the beginning of the next year and the end of the current year. Our elders - may God be pleased with them - all agree that the Night of Power is the night of the 23rd of the month of Ramazan. On that night ritual bathing may be performed from the beginning of the night up until the end of the night.”

20-8 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hikam, on the authority of Sayf ibn Umayrih, on the authority of Hisan ibn Mihran, “I asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) about the Night of Power. The Imam (MGB) said, ‘Seek it on the nights of the twenty-first and the twenty-third of Ramazan.’”
20-9 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn al-Hassan al-Qurashi, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Hafs al-Basry, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Hussein ibn Zayd ibn Ali ibn al-Hussein ibn Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “O my nation! The Honorable the Exalted God dislikes twenty-four characteristics in you and admonishes you against them. He detests that you play when you pray; to mention it when you give charity; to laugh in the graveyards; to spy on houses; and to look at women’s genitals, for this may cause blindness. He detests that you talk when you make love, and said that it could lead to dumbness in the child. He detests that you dose off before the last night prayer. He detests that you talk after the last night prayer. He detests that you bathe in the open without a towel. He detests that you engage in sexual intercourse in the open. He detests that you go into the river without any clothes. He detests that you sail at sea when it is stormy. He detests that you sleep on unfenced roofs and said, ‘No one is to be held responsible for whoever sleeps on unfenced roofs.’ He detests a man to sleep alone in the house. He detests a man to approach his wife while she is having her menstruation, since that would lead to a child who has leprosy or vitiligo and there would be no one but himself to blame. He detests a man who has had a wet dream to have intercourse with his wife before washing himself, since then a child might be born who is insane and then there will be no one but himself to blame. He detests a man to talk to a man infected with
leprosy, unless there is a distance of an arms length between him and the infected man. He said, ‘Escape from a person infected with leprosy as you would escape from a lion.’ He detests that you urinate in a river or flowing creek. He detests building a toilet under fruit trees which bear fruits. He detests a man to put his shoes on while he is standing up. He detests a man to enter a dark house, unless he has a light to see his way. He detests blowing at the place of the prayer.”

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS ARE TWENTY-FIVE RANKS HIGHER THAN INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS

20-10 Abul Qasim Abdullah ibn Ahmad, the jurisprudent in Balkh - narrated that Abu Harb quoted Muhammad ibn Aheed, on the authority of

Ibn Abi Isa al-Hafiz, on the authority of Abul Qasim Muhammad ibn Ibrahim, on the authority of Ibn Bakir, on the authority of Al-Lays, on the authority of Ibn al-Had, on the authority of
Abdullah ibn Khabab, on the authority of Abi Sa`id al-Khidry that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Congregational prayers are twenty-five times better than individual prayers.”

He added, “In his writings to me, my father - may God be pleased with him - said, ‘Congregational prayers have twenty-five higher ranks in Paradise over individual prayers.’”

**THERE ARE TWENTY-NINE CHARACTERISTICS IN PRAYERS**

20-11 Abul Abbas Muhammad ibn Ibrahim ibn Ishaq al-Taleqani - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Sa`id al-Hamedany - a servant of the Hashemites [919] - quoted Al-Monzar ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Ja’far (ibn Soma’at), on the authority of Aban al-Ahmar, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Alvan, on the authority of Amr ibn Sabet, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Zamrat ibn Habib, “I asked the Prophet (MGB) about praying. The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Praying is one of the religious principles. There lies the Honorable the Exalted God’s Pleasure in it. It is the way of the Prophets. There is the love of the angels for the prayer niche. The following are the results of praying: guidance; faith; light of recognition; increase in daily sustenance; comfort for the body; hatred of Satan; an armor against the atheists; acceptance of supplications; acceptance of deeds; something put aside for the Hereafter; an intercession between one and the angel of death; a companion in the grave; a resting place in one’s grave; an answer for the questioning angels (Nakir and Munkar [920]); a crown on a believer’s head and a light upon his face at the time of Resurrection; a dress upon a believer’s body at the time of Resurrection; a veil between a believer’s body and the Fire; a proof between a believer and his Lord - may His Majesty be Exalted; a savior of one’s body from the Fire; a certificate to go over the Bridge [921]; one’s key to Paradise; a believer’s nuptial gift for the Houries [922]; the price (paid by a believer) for Paradise; the means by which a servant can attain high ranks, since prayers consist of glorifications, praises, saying ‘God is Great’, and saying ‘There is no god but God’, sanctifications, promises and calls.’”

**KNOWLEDGE HAS TWENTY-NINE CHARACTERISTICS**

20-12 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Isa ibn Ubayd al-Yaqtyayni who narrated a group of friends who linked it up to the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali.
(MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Acquire knowledge since learning is a good deed, teaching equals saying God’s glorifications, and discussing about knowledge equals participating in a holy war. Teaching knowledge to the one who doesn’t know it is giving charity. Granting knowledge to the proper persons brings God’s pleasure, since one knows the lawful and the unlawful using knowledge and knowledge would lead its seeker to Paradise. Knowledge is a guide in case of fear; it is a companion in case of loneliness; it is a guide in case of hardships; it is a weapon against the enemies; and an ornament in the presence of friends. God promotes some people by means of knowledge to such a high rank that they are the leaders of goodness and must be obeyed. Their deeds must be taken into consideration and their works must be followed. The angels are inclined to be their friends and they anoint them with their own wings while they pray. Everything including the fish in the sea, the beasts in the desert and the quadrupeds ask for forgiveness for them since knowledge brings life to the hearts and light to the eyes and power against sluggishness. God opens the doors to the homes of the good people for the learned men. He grants them association with the good ones in this world and in the Hereafter. God is obeyed and served by means of knowledge. God is recognized as One by means of knowledge. The bonds of relationsh
of Al-Hussein ibn Ibrahim Abu Ali, on the authority of Yahya ibn Sa’id al-Basry, on the authority of Ibn Jarih, on the authority of Ata, on the authority of Ubayd ibn Umar al-Laysee, on the authority of Abuzar, “I went to see God’s Prophet (MGB). He (MGB) was sitting alone in the mosque. The Prophet (MGB) was alone so I enjoyed his company in private. He (MGB) told me, ‘O Abuzar! The mosque has certain salutations.’ I asked, ‘What is the mosque’s salutation?’ He (MGB) said, ‘Two units of prayers.’ I said, ‘O Prophet of God! You are ordering me to say prayers. What are prayers?’ He (MGB) said, ‘It is the best thing. Anyone who wants to say more of it can do so and anyone who wishes to say less of it can do so.’ I said, ‘O Prophet of God! What is most loved by the Honorable the Exalted God?’ He said,
Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘The one in which one rides his own horse and fights until his blood is shed.’ I asked, ‘Which of the verses of the Holy Quran which God has sent upon you is greater?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘The verse of the Throne (Ayat al-Kursi).’

Then The Prophet (MGB) added, ‘O Abuzar! The seven heavens compared to the Throne are like a ring that has fallen in a broad region of space and the size of the Empyrean Heaven compared to the Throne is like that of a desert in comparison with a ring.

I asked, ‘O Prophet of God! How many Prophets were there?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘There have been one-hundred twenty-four thousand Prophets.’ I asked, ‘How many of them were Messengers?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘Three-hundred and thirteen of them that is a large number.’ I asked, ‘Who was the first Prophet?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘Adam.’ I asked, ‘Was he one of the Messengers?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘Yes. God created him with His own Hand and gave to him of His own Spirit.’ Then the Prophet (MGB) added, ‘O Abuzar! Four of the Prophets spoke in Syriac language namely Adam (MGB); Shees (MGB); Akhnoook - that is Idris (MGB) who is the first to inscribe with a pen and Noah (MGB). Four of the Prophets have been Arabs. They were Hood, Salih, Shoayb and your Prophet Muhammad! The first of the Prophets from the Children of Israel was Moses (MGB) and the last of them was Jesus (MGB). Six-hundred Prophets were from the Children of Israel.’ I asked, ‘O Prophet of God! How many Books did God reveal?’

The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘God revealed one-hundred and four Books. God revealed fifty leafs (Sahifa’s) to Shees, thirty leafs (Sahifa’s) to Idris, twenty leafs (Sahifa’s) to Abraham. God also revealed the Torah, the Bible, the Psalms of David and the Quran.’ I asked, ‘O Prophet of God! What was the leaf sent to Abraham about?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘It all contained proverbs and pieces of advice such as ‘O proud king! I did not appoint you to collect worldly wealth! Rather I appointed you so that you do...’
not let the oppressed ask me for their needs! I shall not turn down the prayers of the oppressed even if they are atheists. A wise man whose mind has not been overwhelmed should divide up his time into three portions. He should supplicate to his Honorable and the Exalted Lord in one portion of his time. He should reckon his deeds in another portion of his time. And in the third portion he should ponder over what the Honorable the Exalted God has created. He should also spent some time in private to enjoy the lawful pleasures. This would assist him in the performance of what he has to do in the other portions of his time. It would calm his heart and prepare him for the rest of his deeds.

A wise man should see his life’s condition, recognize his own position and keep his tongue in his mouth. One who considers what he says as a part of his deeds would speak a little and only when it would benefit him. A wise man should always seeks three things. He should either improve his life, provide the savings for the Hereafter, or enjoy the lawful things.’

I asked, ‘O Prophet of God! What was the leaf revealed to Moses about?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘It was all in Hebrew. It contained advice such as, ‘I wonder how one who believes in death can be happy! I wonder how one who believes in the Reckoning and the Resurrection Day can laugh! I wonder how one who has seen this world and its vicissitudes can trust it! I wonder how one who believes in destiny can exert useless efforts! I wonder how one who believes in the Reckoning of deeds doesn’t do anything for his eternity?’

I asked, ‘O Prophet of God! Do we have any of what God revealed to Moses and Abraham in what God has revealed to you?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘O Abuzar! Read: ‘He is successful who growth, And remembereth the name of his Lord, so prayeth. But ye prefer the life of the world although the Hereafter is better and more lasting. Lo! This is in the former scrolls: The Book of Abraham and Moses.’ [928]

I said, ‘O Prophet of God! Please give me some advice.’

The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘I advise you to fear God as that is the utmost important issue.’ I said, ‘O Prophet of God! Give me more advice.’

The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘I advise you to recite the Quran, remember God often as possible, since then you will be remembered in the Heavens and your light shall shine upon the Earth.’

I said, ‘O Prophet of God! Please give me more advice.’

The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘I advise you to be as quiet as possible, since that would fend off Satan who is the main enemy of your religion.’
I said, ‘O Prophet of God! Give me more advice.’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘I admonish you against laughing a lot, since that would cause the heart to perish and the light of your face to fade.’ I said, ‘O Prophet of God! Please give me more advice.’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘I advise you to always consider the situation of the people who are in an inferior position than you are, not those who are in a better position than you are. This way you will be more grateful for what God has bestowed upon you.’ I said, ‘O Prophet of God! Please give me more advice.’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘I advise you to visit your relations of kin even if they may have cut off from you.’ I said, ‘O Prophet of God! Please give me more advice.’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘I advise you to like the poor and associate with them.’ I said, ‘O Prophet of God! Please give me more advice.’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘I advise you not to fear the blame of those who blame you for the sake of God.’ I said, ‘O Prophet of God! Please give me more advice.’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘I advise you that what you know about yourself should hinder you from finding faults with others.’ Then the Prophet (MGB) said, ‘It is bad enough for one to have three characteristics: to know faults in others while he himself has them and is unaware of them; to feel ashamed of what others do while he himself has those characteristics to be ashamed of; and unduly hurt his companions.’ Then the Prophet (MGB) added, ‘There is no intellect better than moderation; there is no piety like abstinence from the acts that God has forbidden; and there is no good thing like being good-tempered.’
PART 21-ON THIRTY AND ABOVE-NUMBERED CHARACTERISTICS

THE THIRTY SIGNS OF A DIVINE LEADER

21-1 Abul Abbas Muhammad ibn Ibrahim ibn Ishaq al-Taleqani - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Sa’id al-Kufy quoted Ali ibn al-Hassan Ibn Faz’al, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Abil Hassan Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB), “There are certain signs designating the Imam. He is the most knowledgeable, the wisest, the most pious, the most patient, the bravest, the most generous, and the person who worships the most among the people. He was born circumcised. He is pure and clean. He sees the back as well he sees the front. He has no shadow. When he fell out of his mother's uterus onto the ground, he fell onto the palms of his hands and loudly declared the two

testimonial declarations (that there is no god but God, and that Muhammad is God’s Messenger). He has no nocturnal pollution. His eyes go to sleep, but his heart will not go to sleep. He is inspired[929]. The armor of God's Prophet (MGB) fits him. His urine and feces cannot be seen since the Almighty God has appointed the Earth to swallow whatever he excretes[930] even though it smells like musk. He has power over the people, although he is kinder to them than their own parents are. He is the humblest of all people before the Almighty God. He acts upon what he advises the people to do more than anyone else. He abstains from what he admonishes the people against. His prayers are accepted such that if he wishes a rock to be divided into two parts, it will. He has the weapon of the Prophet of God (MGB). He has his sword - the Zul-Faqar[931]. He has a list of the names of his followers up until the Resurrection Day. He has a list of the names of his enemies up until the Resurrection Day. He possesses Al-Jame’a - that is a
nearly thirty-five meter long text which encompasses all of the needs of the human beings. He also possesses the Jafr-i-Akbar and Jafr-i-Asqar that are a goat-skin and a ram-skin which include all knowledge - even the punishment for a scratch or one, a half or a third of a crack of a whip. He also possesses the Blessed Fatimah's (MGB) Mushaf. [932]

21-2 And in another tradition we read, “The Imam is certified by the Holy Spirit. There is a column of light between him and God with which he sees the deeds of the people. He is informed about what he needs by it.

As-Sadiq (MGB) said, “This column of light is sometimes opened up to us and we get to know and it sometimes gets closed and we no longer know. The Imam is born. He also has children. He gets ill and he gets cured. He eats and drinks. He urinates and defecates. He gets sad. He laughs and cries. He lives and then dies. He is buried and the people go to visit his shrine. These conditions for him are general. There are two specific and important signs for him: his knowledge and the fulfillment of his prayers. He has heard the news that he gives about the events in the future from his grandfather and they do so from the Prophet of God (MGB). The Prophet of God (MGB) has heard them from Gabriel. Gabriel has heard them from the Almighty God. All the eleven Imams after the Prophet (MGB) were martyred. Some were martyred by the sword - that is the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) and Al-Hussein (MGB). The rest of them were poisoned by the disobedient rulers of their time. The martyrdom of the Imams has been a real issue - not the way the Boasters believe and those who believe in turning over the authority believe [934] - May God's Curse Be on Them. They say, ‘In fact, they were not killed. The people thought they were. They are liars. May God’s Wrath be upon them. There are
no cases of the Prophets and the Imams in which the people just thought they were killed, but they were not; except for Jesus the son of Mary (MGB), since he was taken up alive from the Earth. His spirit was taken away in between the heavens[936] and the Earth. Then he was taken up to the heavens where his spirit was returned to him. The followings Words of the Almighty God refer to this, “Behold! God said, O Jesus! I will take thee and raise thee to Myself and clear thee (of the falsehoods) of those who blaspheme.”[937] The Almighty God also expressed what Jesus (MGB) will say on the Resurrection Day as follows, “... And I was a witness over them whilst I dwelt amongst them. When Thou didst take me up, Thou was the Watcher over them, and Thou art a witness to all things.”[938] And the people who have transgressed beyond bounds regarding the Immaculate Imams (MGB) say, “If it is allowed for the people to think Jesus (MGB) who was not killed was killed, why should a similar issue not hold true for the Imams?” Their reply is, “Jesus (MGB) was created without a father. Why is it not allowed that the Immaculate Imams (MGB) be also created without having a father?” They will not dare express their opinion on this issue. May God Damn Them! When all the Prophets, Messengers and Imams after Adam have been created from a father and a mother - with Jesus being the only exception having only a mother - it is allowed for the people to think he was killed while he was not. This doesn’t hold true for other Prophets and Imams. The Almighty God wished to establish Jesus (MGB) as a sign and a symbol for us to know that God is able to do anything.

21-3 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah, Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry, Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar and Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa and Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat’tab, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Hazifat ibn Mansoor, on the authority of Mu’az ibn Kasir, on the authority of Mu’az ibn Muslim al-Hara that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “The month of Ramazan is thirty days. I swear by God that it never is less.”

21-4 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Yasir - the servant (of Imam Al-Reza (MGB)), “I asked Al-Reza (MGB), ‘Would the month of Ramazan ever be twenty-nine days?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘No. The month of Ramazan will never be less than thirty days.’”

21-5 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Abil Hassan Ali ibn al-Hussein al-Reqqi,
3-1. On the authority of Abdullah ibn Jaballe, on the authority of Muawiyyah ibn Ammar, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Abdullah, on the authority of his forefathers, on the authority of his grandfather Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB), “Several Jews went to see the Prophet of God (MGB) and one of them asked him several questions which included the following question, ‘Why has God made it incumbent upon your nation to fast for thirty days while He has made it incumbent for other nations to fast for more days?’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Indeed when Adam ate from the tree, the fruit remained in his stomach for thirty days before it was digested. That is why the Honorable the Exalted God made it incumbent upon his offspring to abstain from eating and drinking for thirty days. What they are allowed to eat and drink during these thirty days is due to the Honorable the Exalted God’s Nobility. God has imposed the same restrictions on my nation that He imposed on Adam (MGB). Then the Prophet (MGB) recited the following verse, ‘Fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, that ye may (learn) self-restraint,- (Fasting) for a fixed number of days;’ [939] The Jew said, ‘O Muhammad! You are right!’”

21-6 Muhammad ibn Musa ibn al-Mutevakil - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Kufy quoted Musa ibn Imran al-Nakha’ee, on the authority of
his uncle Al-Hussein ibn Yazid al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Ali ibn Hamzih, on the authority of Abi Basir, “I asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) about the meaning of ‘the prescribed period’ in the following words of the Honorable the Exalted God, ‘(He wants you) to complete the prescribed period…’ [940] The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘Thirty days.’”

21-7 (The compiler of the book narrated) that my father and Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Walid - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat’tab, on the authority of Muhammed ibn Isma’il ibn Bazi’a, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Yaqoob ibn Shoayb, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that in a part of a long narration he (MGB) said, “The month of Ramazan is thirty days as the Honorable the Exalted God says, ‘(He wants you) to complete the prescribed period…’” [941] Here complete means thirty full days.”

21-8 Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Zakaria al-Qat’tan quoted Bakr ibn Abdullah ibn Habib, on the authority of Tamim ibn Buhlool, on the authority of Abu Muawiyah, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Mihran that he had heard Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB)

say, “I swear by God that God has not placed a burden on His servants more than they can bear. He has only required that they pray five times each day and night; has established only twenty-
five Dirhams of alms-tax for each one-thousand Dirhams; has only required them to fast for thirty days during a year; and has only required them to go on the Hajj pilgrimage once in their lifetime.”

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “The Shiites and their wise men consider Ramazan as never being less than thirty days. The narrations which have been written in this chapter are in agreement with the Quran but against the public opinion (that sometimes the month of Ramazan may be less than thirty days). Those people with little faith in the Shiites who have maintained that Ramazan is thirty days every now and then, and twenty-nine days every now and then, have resorted to the concealment of faith. They have supported the general viewpoint of the public. There is no power nor any strength but in God.”[942]

THE THIRTY FOUR WOMEN MARRYING WHOM IS FORBIDDEN

21-9 Abu Muhammad al-Hassan ibn Hamzih ibn Ali ibn Abdullah ibn Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn al-Hussein ibn Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) narrated that Muhammad ibn Yazdad quoted Abdullah ibn Muhammad al-Kufy, on the authority of Abu Sa’id Sahib ibn Salih al-Ab‘asi, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Abdul Rahman al-Amoli, on the authority of Musa ibn Ja’far al-Kazim (MGB), “My father Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB) was asked about women having intercourse with whom the Honorable the Exalted God has declared unlawful in the Holy Quran, and women having intercourse with whom the Prophet of God (MGB) has declared unlawful in his traditions. He (MGB) replied, ‘There are thirty-four groups of women with whom having intercourse has been forbidden. Seventeen cases have been declared forbidden in the Holy Quran, and seventeen cases have been declared forbidden in the traditions. What has come in the Quran is as follows. The first case is adultery as the Honorable the Exalted God has says, ‘Nor come nigh to adultery…’ [943] The second case is marrying women whom one’s father has married as the Honorable the Exalted God says, ‘And marry not women whom your fathers married…’[944] And the other cases are as follows, ‘Prohibited to you (For marriage) are:- Your mothers, daughters, sisters; father’s sisters, mother’s sisters; brother’s daughters, sister’s daughters; foster-mothers (who gave you suck), foster-sisters; your wives’ mothers; your stepdaughters under your guardianship, born of your wives to whom ye have gone in, no prohibition if ye have not gone in; (Those who have been) wives of your sons proceeding from your loins; and two sisters in wedlock at one and the same time, except for what is past;’ [945]
And the other cases also include women in their period of menstruation as the Honorable the Exalted God says, ‘And do not approach them until they are clean.’ [946]

And the other cases also include associating with women while we are in retreat in the mosque as the Honorable the Exalted God says, ‘But do not associate with your wives while ye are in retreat in the mosques.’ [947]

The cases that have been declared forbidden in the traditions are as follows. The first case is having intercourse during the days of the month of Ramazan. The second is marrying with a woman who has taken the oath of condemnation after she has taken it. The third case is marrying women during the period of prohibition: having intercourse while in the state of ritual consecration (Ihram); marrying familiar ones to whom you are forbidden to marry (since that would constitute incest); marrying a woman who has been divorced by Zihar before the payment of expiation; marrying unbelieving women; for a man to ever again marry a woman after he has divorced her nine times; marrying a slave after marrying a free woman; marrying your wife’s paternal or maternal aunts; marrying a slave girl without the consent of her master; marrying a slave girl by a man who can afford to marry a free woman; marrying a captured female slave before her being assigned to be in someone’s possession; marrying an unbelieving woman; having sex with a bought female slave before her being purified by Istebra; and having sex with a ransomed slave woman after some of the ransom money has been paid.’’

GOD HAS MADE THIRTY-FIVE PRAYERS INCUMBENT UPON THE PEOPLE FROM ONE FRIDAY TO THE NEXT

21-10 Ahmad ibn Zyad ibn Ja’far al-Hamedany - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Hammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Hurayz, on the authority of Zurarah that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “God has made it incumbent upon the people to say thirty-five prayers from one Friday to the next. It has
been made obligatory for one to attend a congregational prayer, and that is the Friday prayer.”
PART 22-ON FORTY AND ABOVE-
NUMBERED CHARACTERISTICS

THE PRAYER OF THE DRUNKEN IS NOT ACCEPTED FOR FORTY DAYS

22-1 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Muawiyah

In another tradition we read, “The prayers of whoever drinks wine would be wandering between the heavens and the Earth. They are ascribed to him once he repents.”

THE FORTY TYPES OF FASTING

22-2 (The compiler of the book narrated) that my father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Al-Qasim ibn Muhammad al-Isfahani, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Davood al-Munqeri, on the authority of Sufyan ibn Ayyineh, on the authority of Al-Zuhra, “I went to see Ali ibn al-Hussein (MGB). The Imam (MGB) asked, ‘Where do you come from?’ I said, ‘I am coming from the mosque.’ The Imam (MGB) asked, ‘What were you talking about?’ I said, ‘We were talking about fasting. My friends and I reached the conclusion that there are no other obligatory fasts except that of the month of Ramazan.’

The Imam (MGB) said, ‘O Al-Zuhra! It is not so. There are forty types of fasting. Ten of these
types are obligatory fasts like that of the month of Ramazan. Ten of these types are forbidden. Fourteen of these types are such that one who is of age can either fast on those days or break them. Also there are three types of fasting with permission: fasting for learning; permitted fasting; and fasting during illness or on a journey.’

I said, ‘May I be your ransom! Please explain these for me.’

The Imam (MGB) said, ‘The obligatory fasts are the fasting for the month of Ramazan; and fasting for two consecutive months as a compensation for intentionally breaking one’s fast during the month of Ramazan; fasting for two consecutive months as a compensation of unintentionally killing a believer in case one cannot find a slave to free. As the Honorable the Exalted God says, ‘Never should a believer kill a believer; but (If it so happens) by mistake, (Compensation is due): If one (so) kills a believer, it is ordained that he should free a believing slave, and pay compensation to the deceased’s family, unless they remit it freely. If the deceased belonged to a people at war with you, and he was a believer, the freeing of a believing slave (Is enough). If he belonged to a people with whom ye have treaty of Mutual alliance, compensation should be paid to his family, and a believing slave be freed. For those who find this beyond their means, (is prescribed) a fast for two months running…”[958]. Another obligatory fasting is for two consecutive months as a compensation for divorcing one’s wife by Zihar[959] in case one cannot find a slave to free as the Blessed the Sublime God says, ‘But those who divorce their wives by
Zihar, then wish to go back on the words they uttered, (it is ordained that such a one) should free a slave before they touch each other: Thus are ye admonished to perform: and God is well-acquainted with (all) that ye do. And if any has not (the wherewithal), he should fast for two months consecutively before they touch each other.’ [960]

Three days of fasting is obligatory for the compensation for a deliberate oath for the person who cannot feed the poor people as the Blessed the Sublime God says, ‘Allah will not call you to account for what is futile in your oaths, but He will call you to account for your deliberate oaths: for expiation, feed ten indigent persons, on a scale of the average for the food of your families; or clothe them; or give a slave his freedom. If that is beyond your means, fast for three days. That is the expiation for the oaths ye have sworn. But keep to your oaths. Thus doth Allah make clear to you His signs, that ye may be grateful.’ [961] This fasting should be performed continuously and it cannot be done on various scattered days.

Then there is the fasting for shaving the hair on the head before the offering reaches the place of sacrifice as the Blessed the Sublime God has ordained, ‘And complete the Hajj or Umra in the service of Allah. But if ye are prevented (from completing it), send an offering for sacrifice, such as ye may find, and do not shave your heads until the offering reaches the place of sacrifice. And if any of you is ill, or has an ailment in his scalp, (necessitating shaving), (He should) in compensation either fast, or feed the poor, or offer sacrifice…’ [962] One is free to perform either of the above three, but if he decides to fast he should fast for three days. [963]

Then there is the fasting as a compensation for not affording to make an offering for Hajj in which case one must fast for three days during the Hajj and seven days upon his return making it ten days of fasting in all as the Blessed the Sublime God says, ‘...He must make an offering, such as he can afford, but if he cannot afford it, he should fast three days during the Hajj and seven days on his return, making ten days in all.’ [964]

Then there is the fasting as a compensation for the intentional killing of game while in the sacred precincts or in pilgrim garb as the Blessed the Sublime God says, ‘O ye who believe! Allah doth but make a trial of you in a little matter of game well within reach of your hands and your lances, that He may test who feareth him unseen: any who transgress thereafter, will
have a grievous penalty. O ye who believe! Kill not game while in the sacred precincts or in pilgrim garb. ‘If any of you doth so intentionally, the compensation is an offering, brought to the Ka’ba, of a domestic animal equivalent to the one he killed, as adjudged by two just men among you; or by way of atonement, the feeding of the indigent; or its equivalent in fasts…’[963]

Then the Imam (MGB) asked, ‘O Al-Zuhra! Do you know how ‘its equivalent in fasts’ can be measured?’ I replied, ‘No. I do not know.’ The Imam (MGB) said, ‘They should determine the price of the game (that has been killed) and measure its equivalent in wheat using As-Sa’[964]. They must fast one day for each half of one As-Sa’.

Then there is the obligatory fasting for a vow and seclusion in the mosque (I’tekaf).

And the fasts that are forbidden are: fasting on the Eid ul-Fitr; fasting on Eid ul-Azha; fasting on three days of Al-Tashriq[965]; fasting on a day which is doubtful whether it is the end of Sha’ban or the start of Ramazan. We have been ordered to fast on that day with the intention that it is the last day of Sha’ban. We have been admonished against fasting on that day as one of the days of the month of Ramazan when the people are in doubt about that day.”

Then I asked, ‘May I be your ransom! What should one do who has not fasted at all during the month of Sha’ban?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘He should make the intention to fast for the last day of Sha’ban on that night. This would be fine if it turns out to be the first day of Ramazan. He would have nothing to lose if it turns out to be the last day of Sha’ban.’

Then I asked, ‘How would a recommendable day of fasting be counted for an obligatory day of fasting?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘If anyone unknowingly intends to make a recommendable fast on one of the days of the month of Ramazan and then he finds out that it has been in the month of Ramazan, that day of fasting counts as fasting on an obligatory day since the fasting on that very same day has been obligatory for him.’

It is also unlawful to join two consecutive days of fasting together - that is fasting during one day and not eating at night and then fasting on the following day. It is unlawful to observe silence fasting. It is unlawful to observe fasting for a vow regarding a sin. It is unlawful to observe fasting all year long.
Then there are the optional fasts which are fasting on Fridays, Thursdays and Mondays and fasting on three days in the middle of each lunar month; fasting on six days in the month of Shawwal (except for the first of Shawwal)

which is Eid ul-Fitr); fasting on the Day of Arafat on the ninth of Dhul-Hijja; and fasting on the day of Ashura that is the tenth day of Muharram. One is free to fast or not on these days.

And then there is the case of fasts which require permission to do. Wives cannot fast unless with
the permission of their husbands; slaves cannot fast unless with the permission of their masters; and guests cannot fast unless with the permission of their hosts. Regarding a guest who should not fast except with the permission of his host God’s Prophet (MGB) has said, ‘One who is a guest somewhere should not fast without the consent of his host.’ Fasting for learning refers to when a child who is nearly of age is asked to fast in order to learn how to do so. This is considered for learning and is not obligatory. Or the case of one on a journey who eats in the morning then he abstains from eating during the rest of the day. This is a form of fasting that is not obligatory.

And ‘permitted’ fasts refers to the case of the fasting of one who eats or drinks unintentionally (for having forgotten that he is fasting), or one who vomits unintentionally during his fast. He shall receive the reward of having fasted.

In the case of fasting while you are on a journey or when you are ill, there is some disagreement in public opinion. Some say that one should fast while others say one should break his fast. Still another group say that one is free to chose. He can either fast or break his fast in these conditions. However, we say that one should break his fast in both cases. If onefasts during a journey or when he is ill, he must make it up later as the Honorable the Exalted God says, ‘But if any of you is ill, or on a journey, the prescribed number (should be made up) from days later.’

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**PRAYING FOR FORTY BRETHREN BEFORE PRAYING FOR ONESELF**

22-3 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Muhammad ibn Abdul Jab’bar, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of several of our companions that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “The prayers of whoever prefers forty of his brethren to himself and prays for them before he prays for himself would be accepted.”

**ONE TO WHOSE GOODNESS FORTY BELIEVING MEN TESTIFY**

22-4 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Miskan that
Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “What would happen when a believer dies and forty believing men stand over his corpse and they say, ‘O God! We know nothing but good things about him and You know him better than we do’ is that the Blessed the Sublime God will say, ‘I accepted your testimony regarding him and forgive him regarding whatever I know, but you do not know about him.’”

ADMONISHMENT AGAINST NOT SHAVING THE PUBIC HAIR FOR MORE THAN FORTY DAYS

22-5 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted Harun ibn Muslim, on the authority of Mus’adat ibn Sadaqah, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Anyone who believes in God and the Hereafter should not postpone shaving the pubic hair for more than forty days. If he doesn’t have a razor after forty days, he should borrow one and not put it off.”

THE EARTH WOULD BECOME FILTHY FOR FORTY DAYS DUE TO THE URINATION OF ONE WHO IS NOT CIRCUMCISED

22-6 (The compiler of the book narrated) that my father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted on the authority of his father, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Yazid al-Nawfaly, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Muslim al-Sakoony, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad, on the authority of his father, on the authority of his forefathers, on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Circumcise your child on the seventh day after his birth. That is much better and it would heal faster. In fact, the
Earth becomes filthy for forty days due to the urination of one who is not circumcised."

ON ONE WHO TAKES A FEMALE SLAVE AND DOESN'T HAVE SEXUAL INTERCOURSE WITH HER ONCE EVERY FORTY DAYS AS A RESULT OF WHICH SHE COMMITS A FORBIDDEN ACT

22-7 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ibrahim, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn al-Mukhtar who linked it up through a chain of narrators to Salman - may God have Mercy upon him, “If one takes a female slave and doesn’t have sex with her once every forty days resulting in her committing a forbidden act, he would be held responsible for her sin.”
Uthman ibn Isa who linked it up through a chain of narrations to Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “If one takes a female slave and doesn’t have sex with her once every forty days, he would be held responsible for her sins.”

**BLOOD-MONEY FOR A HUNTING DOG**

22-9 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Faz‘zal, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Bakir, on the authority of Abdul Ali ibn A’ayn, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “It is recorded in Ali’s (MGB) book that the blood money for a hunting dog is forty Dirhams.”

22-10 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Abdul Hamid, on the authority of Al-Walid ibn Sabih that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “The blood-money of a hunting dog is forty Dirhams as the Prophet (MGB) ordered the Khozayma tribe.”

**GOD GRANTED A FORTY YEAR RESPITE TO PHARAOH BETWEEN TWO WORDS (BLASPHEMOUS SENTENCES)**

22-11 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ibrahim ibn Mahzyar, on the authority of his brother, on the authority of Ali ibn Mahzyar, on the authority of Isa ibn Muhammad, on the authority of some of our companions, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Abi Jamileh, on the authority of Zurarah that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “The Honorable the Exalted God granted Pharaoh a forty year respite between saying the following two blasphemous statements, ‘I am your Lord, Most High’[969] and ‘No god do I know for you but myself.’[970] ... Then God seized him for the punishment of the world and the Hereafter. And there passed forty years from the time when God, the Almighty and Glorious, said to Moses and Aaron, ‘Accepted is your prayer’[971] until the time when God drowned Pharaoh.”

Then the Imam (MGB) added, “Gabriel said, “I pleaded with my Lord strongly in the matter of Pharaoh and I said, ‘O Lord, do you leave him alone while he says, ‘I am your Lord, Most High’[972] ? God replied, ‘He is only saying it. He is just another creature like you.’”

22-8 رافضلا نسحا نب دمحم انشدد لاق منع طللا يضر ديلولا نب دمحم انشدد نب نسحا نب دمحم انشدد 8-22

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A FORM OF REPENTANCE BY WHICH FORTY MAJOR SINS ARE FORGIVEN

22-12 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his uncle Muhammad ibn Abil-Qasim quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah al-Barqy, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Hisham ibn Salim that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “God would forgive the sins of any believer who has committed forty major sins in a day and night, but is sorry and repents by saying, ‘I ask for forgiveness from God for which there are no partners; who is Living and Eternal; who has created the heavens and the Earth; Possessor of Grandeur and Honor. I beseech Him to accept my repentance.’”

As-Sadiq (MGB) then added, “There are no hopes for one who commits more than forty major sins in a day and night.”

22-13 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali al-Vasha, on the authority of Abil Hassan Al-Reza (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “When I was taken up for the Ascension, I saw that a womb was hanging from God’s Throne and was complaining to God about another womb. I asked it, ‘How much is the distance between you and him?’ The womb replied, ‘We are related to each other in the fortieth father in our lineage.’”
WHEN THE RISER (MGB) COMES EACH SHIITE WOULD BE GRANTED THE
STRENGTH OF FORTY MEN BY GOD

22-14 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrih al-Kufy, on the authority of Al-Abbas ibn Amer al-Qasbani, on the authority of Rabi’ah b. Murrah b. Muqayrih, on the authority of Al-Muslemi, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Sowir ibn Abi Fakhte, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB), “When our Riser (MGB) comes, the Honorable the Exalted God would remove any weaknesses from the Shiites, strengthen their hearts to be as strong as a mountain, and would grant each Shia man the strength of forty men. They will become the rulers and the noble ones on the Earth.”

REGARDING ANYONE WHO REMEMBERS FORTY TRADITIONS

22-15 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ali ibn Isma’il, on the authority of Ubaydullah al-Dihqan, on the
authority of Musa ibn Ibrahim al-Marvazy, on the authority of Abil Hassan (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “On the Resurrection Day, God shall raise anyone in my nation as a learned scholar who remembers forty traditions in order to fulfill the needs of the people relating to their religious deeds.”

22-16 The jurisprudent Abul Hassan Tahir ibn Muhammad ibn Yunus ibn Hayat - narrated in Balkh that Muhammad ibn Uthman al-Haravy quoted Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Sawar, on the authority of Ali ibn Hijr al-Sae’di, on the authority of Sa’id ibn Najih, on the authority of Ata ibn Abi Ribah, on the authority of Ibn Abbas[973] that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “I would intercede on behalf of whoever from my nation who memorizes forty traditions.”

22-17 Abul Hassan Tahir ibn Muhammad ibn Yunus narrated that Muhammad ibn Uthman al-Haravy quoted Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Sawar, on the authority of Isa ibn Ahmad al-Asqalani, on the authority of Urwah ibn Marvan al-Barqy, on the authority of Ribah ibn Badr, on the authority of Aban, on the authority of Anas[974] that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “On the Resurrection Day, the Honorable the Exalted God shall raise anyone in my nation who remembers forty traditions regarding his religious affairs for the sake of God and the Hereafter as a learned scholar.”

22-18 Ahmad ibn Muhammad al-Haysam al-Ajali, Abdullah ibn Muhammad al-Sa’eq and Ali ibn Abdullah al-Var’raq - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Hamzih ibn al-Qasim al-Alavi quoted Al-Hassan ibn Matil al-Daq’qaq, on the authority of Abu Abdullah Ali ibn Muhammad al-Shazi, on the authority of Ali ibn Yusuf, on the authority of Han’nan ibn Sadeer that he had heard Awa Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, “On the Resurrection Day, God shall resurrect as a learned scholar whoever memorizes forty traditions regarding what is forbidden and what is allowed and shall not punish him.”

22-19 Ali ibn Ahmad ibn Musa al-Daq’qaq, al-Hussein ibn Ibrahim ibn Hisham al-Mokattib[975] and Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Sin’ani - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Muhammad ibn Awa Abdullah Al-Asady al-Kufy Abul Hussein quoted Musa ibn Imran al-Nakha’ee, on the authority of his uncle Al-Hussein ibn Yazid, on the authority of Isma’il ibn al-Fazl al-Hashemi and Isma’il ibn Abi Ziyad, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB), on the authority of his father Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB) that in some advice to Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB), God’s Prophet (MGB) told him, “O Ali! On the Resurrection Day, God shall resurrect amongst the Prophets, the honest ones, the martyrs, and the good-doers whoever memorizes forty traditions for the sake of God and the Hereafter. How good companions they are!”
Then, Ali (MGB) asked, “O Prophet of God! Would you tell me what these traditions are?” The Prophet (MGB) said, “They are regarding believing in the One God for whom there are no partners; worshipping God and no one else; establishing prayers having made ablutions at the proper times; not postponing the prayers unduly as that would cause the Wrath of the Exalted God; paying the alms-tax; fasting during the month of Ramazan; going on the Hajj pilgrimage to the House of God (Ka’ba) when you have the means to do so; not causing your parents to damn you; not oppressively devouring an orphan’s properties; not drinking wine or any other intoxicating drinks; not committing adultery or being gay; not slandering; not falsely swearing by God; not stealing; not bearing any false testimony for anyone whether familiar to you or not; accepting the truth whether it be from a young person or an older one; not trusting any oppressors even if they are closely associated with you; not acting according to your lustful desires; not accusing pious women of fornication; not being hypocritical as the least amount of
hypocrisy equals associating partners with the Honorable the Exalted God; not finding faults with other by telling a short person that he is short or by telling a tall person that he is tall; not making fun of any of God’s creatures; being patient at times of difficulty and calamities; being grateful when you are granted blessings; not feeling secure from God’s Chastisement for committing sins; not losing hopes in God’s Mercy; repenting to the Honorable the Exalted God for the sins which you have committed as one who repents from committing a sin is like one who has not committed that sin; not insisting on committing sins and asking for God’s forgiveness; not acting like those who make fun of God, His Signs and God’s Prophets (MGB); knowing that you are sure to get what is meant for you and you are sure to lose what is not meant for you; not raising God’s Wrath in order to please His creatures; not preferring this world over the Hereafter as this world is ephemeral while the Hereafter is perpetual; not being greedy of what your brethrens have; having the same inner and outward appearance; not having a good outward appearance while possessing an evil inner self as then you would be of the hypocrites; not telling lies or associating with liars; not becoming angry when you hear the truth; fostering politeness in yourself, your wife, your children and your neighbors as much as you can; acting according to what you know; not dealing with anyone of the Honorable the Exalted God’s creatures unfairly; behaving well with both the kin and the strangers; not being oppressive or mean to anyone; often reciting God’s glorifications, praises and supplications; remembering death often and remembering the life after death including Resurrection, Paradise and Hell; reading the Quran

often and acting accordingly; valuing treating the believers whether they are men or women with
kindness and nobility; not wanting for any other believers what you do not want for yourself; not getting tired of doing good deeds; not placing your own burden on the shoulders of other people; not mentioning any act favors to others; considering this world as a prison for yourself until God grants you residence in Paradise. These are the forty traditions. Anyone who maintains them and keeps them for me to be presented to my followers will have God's Mercy and entry into Paradise. He will be considered the most beloved person in the sight of God after the Prophets and their Trustees. God will resurrect him amongst the Prophets, the honest ones, the martyrs and the good-doers on the Resurrection Day. How good companions they are!

THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF A MOSQUE AND ITS PRECINCTS ARE FORTY ELLS AND FORTY HOUSES IN EACH DIRECTION

22-20 Al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn Idris - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father quoted on Muhammad ibn Ali ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hassan, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Faz’zal, on the authority of Ali ibn Aqabah ibn Khalid, on the authority of his father Aqabah ibn Khalid, on the authority of Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB) that the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said, “The neighborhood zone of a mosque is forty ells, and the precincts of a mosque span out to forty houses away in each direction.”

ON THOSE WHO LIVE FOR FORTY YEARS OR MORE

22-21 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali al-Muqar’ri, on the authority of Yahya ibn al-Mobarak, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Jabal’le, on the authority of Ishaq ibn Ammar, on the authority of Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB), on the authority of Ali (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “God will protect anyone who attains the age of forty from insanity, vitiligo and leprosy. God will ease the Reckoning of anyone who reaches the age of fifty. God will grant anyone who reaches the age of sixty opportunity to repent. God and the companions of the heavens love anyone who reaches the age of seventy. God will order the good deeds to be recorded, and the bad deeds to be eliminated for anyone who reaches the age of eighty. Whenever a man reaches the age of ninety, God will forgive all his past and future sins. He will be considered to be one of the slaves of God on Earth.”
22-22 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Salamat ibn al-Khat’tab, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Abdul Rahman, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Abdul Khaliq, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Talha that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “The Honorable the Exalted God honors those who reach forty years of age and is shy before those who reach eighty years of age.”

22-23 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Sindy, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hikam, on the authority of Davood ibn al-Nue’man, on the authority of Sayf al-TAmmar, on the authority of Abi Basir that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, When a servant reaches the age of thirty-three, he has reached perfect maturity. When he reaches the age of forty years, he has attained his ultimate progress. Hence as he enters forty one his powers are on decline, and it is befitting for one at fifty to consider himself like someone in his death throes.”

22-24 It has been narrated with these documentations and on the authority of Davood ibn al-Nue’man, on the authority of Sayf, on the authority of Abi Basir that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Verily, a man has an amplitude [of freedom] until forty years; but when he reaches forty, God the Almighty and Glorious, reveals to His angels, ‘Verily, I have made My servant come of age, so now be strict and severe with him and record and write down his every action, whether it is a minor one or a major one, and whether his works are abundant or sparse.’”

He added, “Abu Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, ‘When a person reaches forty years of age he is told to watch his actions since he no longer has any excuses. Those who are forty years old do not
deserve to bring excuses like those who are only twenty-years old. What seeks either of them is the same thing[980]. It is not sleep. Therefore, talk less and work hard due to the fear of death which is approaching.”

22-25 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad, on the authority of Al-Abbas ibn Ma’ruf, on the authority of Abdul Rahman ibn Abi Najran, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Qasim, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Muqayrih that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) quoted on the authority of the Prophet (MGB), “The Honorable the Exalted God will protect anyone who attains the age of forty from three diseases: insanity, vitiligo[981] and leprosy[982]. God will ease the Reckoning of anyone who reaches the age of fifty. God will grant anyone who reaches the age of sixty opportunity to repent. The companions of the heavens love anyone who reaches the age of seventy. God will order the good deeds to be recorded, and the bad deeds to be eliminated for anyone who reaches the age of eighty. Whenever a man reaches the age of ninety, God will forgive all his past and future sins.
He will be considered to be one of the slaves of God on Earth."

In another tradition we read, “When he reaches the age of one-hundred he has reached the worst age.”

In another tradition we read, “When one reaches his worst age, his intellect is like that of a seven year old child.”

22-26 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Salamat ibn al-Khat’tab, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hussein[983], on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad al-Mo’adab, on the authority of Asim ibn Hamid, on the authority of Khalid al-Qalanesi that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “When they bring an old man on the Resurrection Day for Reckoning, and hand him his Record of Deeds with the side of it showing his sins and evil deeds facing the people, time will pass very slowly for him. He will say, ‘O my Lord! Do you order that I be taken to Hell?’ God - may His Majesty be Exalted - says, ‘O old man! I feel too shy to punish you, since you prayed when you were living in the world. Take My servant to Paradise!’”

22-27 Abu Sa’id Muhammad ibn al-Fazl ibn Muhammad ibn Ishaq al-Mozakir narrated that Abul Ab’bas Muhammad ibn Yaqoob al-Asim quoted Bakr ibn Sahl al-Damyati, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Muhajir (ibn al-Rabih al-Najibi)[984], on the authority of Ibn Wahab, on the authority of Hafs ibn Maysara, on the authority of Zayd ibn Aslam, on the authority of Anas that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The Honorable the Exalted God will protect anyone who attains the age of forty from the three diseases: insanity, vitiligo[985] and leprosy[986]. God will ease the Reckoning of anyone who reaches the age of fifty. God will grant anyone who reaches the age of sixty an opportunity to repent as God likes him/her and is pleased with him/her. God and the companions of the heavens love anyone who reaches the age of seventy. God will order the good deeds to be recorded, and the bad deeds to be eliminated for anyone who reaches the age of eighty. Whenever a person reaches the age of ninety, God will forgive all his past and future sins. He will be considered to be one of the slaves of God on Earth, and his intercession on behalf of his family members would be accepted.”
22-28 Abu Ahmad Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Bandar, the jurisprudent in Furqan - narrated that Abul Ab’bas al-Himady quoted Muhammad ibn Ali al-Sa’eq al-Maki in Mecca, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Monzar al-Haza’ami,[987] on the authority of Abdullah ibn Muhammad ibn al-Hussein, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abdullah ibn Umar ibn Uthman, on the authority of Anas ibn Malik[988] that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The Honorable the Exalted God will protect anyone who attains the age of forty from the three diseases: insanity, vitiligo[989] and leprosy. God will ease the Reckoning of anyone who reaches the age of fifty. God will grant anyone who reaches the age of sixty opportunity to repent as the Honorable the Exalted God wills. God and the companions of the heavens love anyone who reaches the age of seventy. God will order the good deeds to be recorded, and the bad deeds to be eliminated for anyone who reaches the age of eighty. Whenever a man reaches the age of ninety, God will forgive all his past and future sins. He will be considered to be one of the slaves of God on Earth and his intercession on behalf of his family members would be accepted.”

22-29 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil Khat’tab, on the authority of Abi Ja’far Muhammad ibn Hafs al-Khas’ami, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Abdul Vahid, on the authority of Ahmad ibn al-Taqlabi, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Abdul Hameed, on the authority of Hafs ibn Mansoor al-At’tar, on the authority of Abu Sa’id al-Var’raq, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), “When Abu Bakr became the Caliph and the people pledged allegiance to him and abandoned Ali (MGB), Abu Bakr treated Ali (MGB) pleasantly and with a smiling face, but Ali (MGB) did not show happiness. This was hard on Abu Bakr. Therefore, he wanted to visit Ali (MGB) in private, ask him the reason for this, apologize to him for the people having gathered around him and having delegated the task of 

THE REASONING OF IMAM ALI WITH ABU BAKR CITING FORTY-THREE ISSUES

22-30 Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Abdul Rahman ibn Muhammad al-Hassani quoted Abu Ja’far Muhammad ibn Hafs al-Khas’ami, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Abdul Vahid, on the authority of Ahmad ibn al-Taqlabi, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Abdul Hameed, on the authority of Hafs ibn Mansoor al-At’tar, on the authority of Abu Sa’id al-Var’raq, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), “When Abu Bakr became the Caliph and the people pledged allegiance to him and abandoned Ali (MGB), Abu Bakr treated Ali (MGB) pleasantly and with a smiling face, but Ali (MGB) did not show happiness. This was hard on Abu Bakr. Therefore, he wanted to visit Ali (MGB) in private, ask him the reason for this, apologize to him for the people having gathered around him and having delegated the task of
Caliphate for him. He wanted to tell Ali (MGB) that he had just obeyed them in accepting the rule over the nation, and that he was not that eager to do so. Thus, Abu Bakr went to see Ali (MGB) in private and said, ‘O Abal-Hassan! I swear by God that I had no plans for the Caliphate nor did I have any desires for it. I am not eager for that position and do not trust myself to be able to fulfill the needs of this nation. I have no wealth or power; do not have a supporter; and I did not want to get it from someone by force. Why are you upset with me? Why do you look upon me with disdain?’ Then Ali (MGB) told him, ‘If you had no desire for the position of Caliphate and you were not sure whether you could carry it out, then why did you accept the responsibility for being the Caliph?’

Abu Bakr said, ‘The reason for this was a narration which I had heard from the Prophet (MGB) who said, ‘Indeed God would not let all my nation unite on an issue that opposes guidance’ I accepted the call of the nation. Had I known that there was someone who opposed me, I would
not have accepted.’

Ali (MGB) said, ‘You cited a narration from the Prophet (MGB) stating ‘Indeed God would not let all my nation unite on an issue that opposes guidance’. But wasn’t I one of the members of this nation or not?’

Abu Bakr said, ‘Yes, you were.’

Ali (MGB) added, ‘What about the others who opposed you such as Salman, Ammar, Abuzar, Al-Miqdad, Ibn Ebada and those of the Helpers (Ansar) who were with him?’

Abu Bakr said, ‘Yes. They were all members of the nation.’

Ali (MGB) said, ‘Then how could you rely on that narration from the Prophet (MGB) and the like, while you knew well that the people who opposed you were all of the great companions of the Prophet (MGB)? They are recognized by the nation and have never neglected in wishing well for the cause of the Prophet (MGB).’

Abu Bakr said, ‘I did not know at the beginning that they are opposed to me. Later on, after I took charge of the affairs I realized that they are opposed to me. However, I feared that the people might turn back from the religion if I resign. I thought that it would be easier to change your mind and bring you in line with me, rather than have an outbreak of a civil war and some of the people return to atheism. I knew that you are not any less interested in protecting the Muslims and their religion than I am.’

Ali (MGB) said, ‘Fine. Can you tell me what attributes should the person who is worthy of the position of Caliphate have?’
Abu Bakr said, ‘He should be a well-wisher and loyal person, and he should not be unduly generous. He should be polite, just, knowledgeable of the Book, the traditions and the Divine Decrees. He should abstain from the world with little interest in it. He should take the rights of the oppressed from the oppressors, whether they be his relatives or strangers.’

Then Abu Bakr remained silent.

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘O Abu Bakr! I swear to you by God! Do I possess these attributes or do you?’

Abu Bakr said, ‘O Abal-Hassan (Ali)! Certainly you possess them.’

Ali (MGB) said, ‘O Abu Bakr! I swear to you by God! Was it I who accepted the Prophet’s invitation to Islam before anyone else considered Islam or was it you who did this?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, it was you.’

Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Was it you who accepted God’s Prophet’s (MGB) call to Islam before any other men or was it you?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, it was you.’

Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Was it you who recited the Bara’at Chapter (Declaration of Immunity) for the pilgrims and the whole nation during the Hajj season, or was it you who did it?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, it was you.’

Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Was it I who sacrificed myself to protect the life of God’s Prophet (MGB) when he (MGB) took refuge in a cave, or was it you who did it?’ Abu
Bakr said, ‘Of course, it was you.’

Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Was it I who is the subject of the following verse regarding giving my ring in charity ‘your real friends are (no less than) Allah, His Messenger, and the (fellowship of) believers,- those who establish regular prayers and regular charity, and they bow down humbly (in worship)’[991] or was it you?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, it was revealed regarding you.’

Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Am I the Master of you and all the Muslims according to what God’s Prophet (MGB) said on the Day of Qadir Khum, or you?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, you.’

Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Am I the Prophet's vizier[992] and do I have the same rank as Aaron had to Moses (MGB) in relation to the Prophet (MGB), or do you have it?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course for you.’

Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Did the Prophet (MGB) take me, my family and my children out for the imprecation of the Christian unbelievers, or did he take you and your family out for the imprecation of the unbelievers?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, you.’
Then, Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Was the verse of purity from all abominations ‘...And God only wishes to remove all abomination from you, ye members of the Family, and to make you pure and spotless’[993] revealed for me, my family and children, or was it revealed for you and your family?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, it was revealed for you and the members of your family.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘O Abu Bakr! I swear to you by God! On the Kasa assembly day did the Prophet (MGB) supplicate for me, my family and my children and say, ‘O God! These are the members of my Family! Please keep them far away from the fire’ or did he supplicate for you?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course the Prophet (MGB) supplicated for you, your family and children.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘O Abu Bakr! I swear to you by God! Does the following Quranic verse refer to me ‘They perform (their) vows, and they fear a Day whose evil flies far and wide’[994] or does it refer to you?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, it refers to you.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘O Abu Bakr! I swear to you by God! Are you the knight about whom the following was announced from the Heavens ‘There is no sword like Zulfaqar and there is no true knight but Ali’, or me?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, it refers to you.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘O Abu Bakr! I swear to you by God! Were you the person who missed his prayer so the sun was returned for you to pray, and then it set, or was it me?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, it was you.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘O Abu Bakr! I swear to you by God! Were you the person to whom God’s Prophet (MGB) handed his flag on the day of the Battle of the Trench and by whom God brought victory in that Battle, or was I that person?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, it was you.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘O Abu Bakr! I swear to you by God! Were you the person who relieved
the Prophet’s sorrow by killing Amr ibn ‘Abd Wudd[995], or was I that person?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, it was you.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘O Abu Bakr! I swear to you by God! Were you the person whose leadership of the genies God’s Prophet (MGB) acknowledged and the genies accepted it, or was I that person?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, it was you.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘O Abu Bakr! I swear to you by God! Were you the person whose legitimacy the Prophet praised from Adam to his own father by saying ‘Your lineage and mine starting from Adam to Abdul Mutalib and are all the result of wedlock’, or was I that person?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, it was you.’
Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘O Abu Bakr! I swear to you by God! Was I the person who was chosen by God’s Prophet (MGB) to whom he (MGB) married off his daughter Fatimah and said, ‘God married you off’, or was it you?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, you.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘O Abu Bakr! I swear to you by God! Am I the father of Al-Hassan and Al-Hussein who are the two sweet basils of the Prophet (MGB) about whom he (MGB) said, ‘These two are the Masters of the Youth in Paradise. Their father is better than them’, or are you?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, you.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘O Abu Bakr! I swear to you by God! Is the person who is adorned with two wings with which he flies in Paradise along with the other angels your brother or my brother?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course he is your brother.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘O Abu Bakr! I swear to you by God! Was it I who pledged to pay off the Prophet’s obligations and declared that during the Hajj pilgrimage season or was it you?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, you.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘O Abu Bakr! I swear to you by God! Was I the person about whom God’s Prophet (MGB) prayed to ‘O my Lord! Please send me your most beloved creature to share this bird with me’ when he (MGB) wanted to eat a roasted bird, or was it you?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, it was you.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘O Abu Bakr! I swear to you by God! Was I the person about whom the Prophet (MGB) brought the good news of killing the perfidious party (Nakiseen), the deviators, and the apostates[996] according to the interpretations of the Quran, or was it you?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, it was you.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘O Abu Bakr! I swear to you by God! Was it you who heard the last words of God’s Prophet (MGB), performed his ritual ablutions (wuzu) for the dead, and buried him (MGB) or was it me?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, you.’
Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Were you the person about whom God’s Prophet said, ‘Ali is the best of the judges amongst you’, or did that refer to me?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, you.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘O Abu Bakr! I swear to you by God! Was I the person about whom the Prophet (MGB) ordered his companions to call as the Commander of the Faithful during his own lifetime, or was it you?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, you.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘O Abu Bakr! I swear to you by God! Were you closer in ties of kinship to God’s Prophet (MGB), or was I?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, you.’
Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘O Abu Bakr! I swear to you by God! Were you the person who gave a Dinar to the Prophet (MGB) when he (MGB) needed it and Gabriel pledged allegiance to you? Were you the one who kept the Prophet (MGB) and his family as guests, or was that me?’ Then Abu Bakr cried and said, ‘Of course, you.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘O Abu Bakr! I swear to you by God! Were you the person whom the Prophet (MGB) put on his shoulders to bring down and break the idols of the Ka’ba and could even extend his hands to the heavens if he willed, or was it me?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, you.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘O Abu Bakr! I swear to you by God! Were you the one about whom God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘You are the one to uphold my flag in this world and the Hereafter’, or was it me?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, you.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘O Abu Bakr! I swear to you by God! Were you the one whose door was left open from the mosque when all the other doors of the companions of family members of the Prophet were shut and the Prophet (MGB) allowed what God had allowed for him, or was it me?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, you.’

Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Was it you who gave charity before having a private consultation with God’s Prophet (MGB), or was it me? It was at that time that the Honorable the Exalted God blamed a group of people and revealed the following verse, ‘Is it that ye are afraid of spending sums in charity before your private consultation (with him)? If, then, ye do not so, and God forgives you, then (at least) establish regular prayer; practise regular charity; and obey Allah and His Messenger. And Allah is well-acquainted with all that ye do.’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, you.’
Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘O Abu Bakr! I swear to you by God! Were you the person about whom God’s Prophet (MGB) explicitly referred to in what he (MGB) told Fatimah, ‘I married you off to the first person to have believed and his faith is the most superior of all’, or did that refer to me?’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Of course, you.’

Then Ali (MGB) kept on mentioning the characteristics which the Honorable the Exalted God had given to him and no one else and Abu Bakr kept on saying, ‘Of course, you.’

Abu Bakr said, ‘That is right. Such are the required characteristics for one to be in charge of the affairs of the nation of Muhammad (MGB)!’

Then Ali (MGB) told him, ‘Then what fooled you so much that you turned away from God, His Prophet (MGB) and His religion? You lack what those who abide by His religion need.’
Then Abu Bakr cried and said, ‘O Abal-Hassan!. You are right. Give me today to think about my affairs and what you said.’ Then Ali (MGB) told him, ‘O Abu Bakr! Fine. Do as you wish.’

Then Abu Bakr left Ali’s presence. He went home and closed the doors upon himself and did not let anyone come in until night time. Umar kept walking amongst the people, since he had heard that Abu Bakr and Ali had held a private meeting.

When Abu Bakr slept he dreamed of the Prophet (MGB) who was sitting in his own place. Abu Bakr rushed to the Prophet (MGB) to greet him, but the Prophet (MGB) turned his face away from him. Abu Bakr asked, ‘O Prophet of God! Have you issued any orders which I have not followed?’ God’s Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘You want me to greet you back even though you act against God and His Prophet? And even though you act against the one who is the friend of God and His Prophet? Return the right to its possessor!’ Abu Bakr asked, ‘Who is its possessor?’ The Prophet (MGB) answered, ‘It is the same person who blamed you. It is Ali.’ Abu Bakr said, ‘O Prophet of God! I shall entrust the Caliphate to him according to your orders.’

Then when the morning came Abu Bakr cried and told Ali (MGB), ‘Give me your hand.’ Then Abu Bakr pledged allegiance to him and entrusted the Caliphate to him and told him (MGB), ‘I shall go to the Prophet’s mosque, inform the people about the dream I had last night and tell them what was exchanged between me and the Prophet (MGB) in my dream. I shall resign from the position of the Caliphate in the presence of the people and submit the affairs to you.’ Then Ali (MGB) told him, ‘Fine.’

Abu Bakr left while he was pale and ran into Umar who was looking for him. Umar told him, ‘O Caliph of God’s Prophet! How are you?’ Then Abu Bakr informed him of what had been exchanged between him and Ali (MGB). Then Umar said, ‘O Caliph of God’s Prophet (MGB)! I swear to you by God not to be deceived by the Hashemites[999] witchcraft! This is not the first time which they have used witchcraft.’ Umar kept tempting him until he changed his mind, gave up his decision, and became inclined to rule. Umar forced him to return and keep his previous position. When Ali (MGB) went to the mosque at the appointed time he (MGB) did not see either one of them and realized their wicked plans. Then he (MGB) went and sat at the grave of God’s Prophet (MGB). Umar passed by and said, ‘O Ali! You will never get what you want.’ Thus, Ali (MGB) realized what he had done. He (MGB) got up and returned home.’
IMAM ALI'S ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE PEOPLE ON THE CONSULTATION DAY

22-31 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father and Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat’tab, on the authority of Al-Hikam ibn Meskin al-
Saqafy, on the authority of Abil Jarud, Hisham Abi Sasan and Abi Tareq al-Suraj, on the authority of Amer ibn Vaselat, “On the day on which the (Caliphate) council was set up, I was in the house in which the six-member council held a gathering. I heard Ali (MGB) say, ‘The people established Abu Bakr as the Caliph while by God it was my right to be in charge of the affairs and I was more deserving for that position than he was. Moreover, Abu Bakr put Umar in charge of the Caliph while by God it was my right to be in charge of the affairs and I was more deserving for that position than Umar was. Now Umar has placed me as the sixth member of a six-member council without recognizing my nobility over them. If needed, I can bring arguments for them which the Arabs, the non-Arabs, the ones who have pledged, and the atheists cannot deny and I can change everything around with them.’

Then Ali (MGB) added, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you who has accepted the Unity of God before me?’ They replied, ‘By God; no. It was you.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you about whom God’s Prophet (MGB) has said, ‘Your relationship to me is like that of Aaron’s relationship to Moses (MGB) except that there will be no Prophets after me’ other than you?’ They replied, ‘By God; no. It was you.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you with whom God’s Prophet (MGB) has shared his offering for the Lord of the Two Worlds other than you?’ They replied, ‘By God; no. It was you.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you about whom God’s Prophet (MGB) said the following when Umar returned from Fort Khaybar and his companions called him a coward and he called his companions cowards, since he had been defeated there, ‘Tomorrow I shall give this flag to one who is not going to flee, whom God and God’s Prophet
love, and he loves God and God’s Prophet. He shall not return until by God’s help he conquers the Fort.’ Indeed the next morning he (MGB) said, ‘Bring Ali (MGB) to me.’ They told him (MGB), ‘O Prophet of God! His eyes hurt so much that he cannot even wink.’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Bring him to me.’ When I went to see God’s Prophet (MGB), he spit his blessed saliva into my eyes and said, ‘O God! Please cool its heat and heat its coolness.’ I swear by God that I have not had any more pains in my eyes since then. I took the flag, and God defeated the atheists. Was that me, or someone other than me?’ They replied, ‘By God; no. It was you.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you who has a brother like my brother Ja’far who is adorned with two wings in Paradise with which he can go anywhere he wishes to?’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you who has an uncle like my uncle Hamzih who is the Lion of God and God’s Prophet, and the Master of the Martyrs?’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you who has offspring like mine being Al-Hassan and Al-Hussein who are the (grand)children of God’s Prophet (MGB) and the Masters of the Youth in Paradise?’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you who has a wife like mine being Fatimah - the daughter of God’s Prophet (MGB) who is a piece of the Prophet’s own flesh and blood, and the Master of the Ladies in Paradise?’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you about whom God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Whoever abandons you will abandon me. Whoever abandons me has indeed abandoned God’, other than me?’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’
Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you about whom God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘The Walia clan[1001] must stop, else I shall dispatch a man towards them who is just like me myself. Obeying him is like obeying me and disobeying him is like disobeying me. He shall kill them with the sword!’, other than me?’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you about whom God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘If my love touches the heart of any Muslim, all his sins shall be wiped out by God. Whoever loves me also loves you. Whoever thinks that he loves me, but dislikes you is telling a lie’, other than me?’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’
in my absence. Your enemy is my enemy and my enemy is indeed God’s enemy. Your friend is my friend and my friend is God’s friend’, other than me?’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you about whom God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘O Ali! Mercy shall overtake whomever loves you and becomes your friend. Damnation shall overtake whomever despises you and becomes your enemy’, other than me?’ On that occasion Ayesha said, ‘O Prophet of God! Would you please pray for my father and I not to be amongst those who dislike him and are his enemies?’ Then the Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Be quiet! If you and your father be amongst those who love him and are his friends, then mercy shall overtake you. However, if you and your father be amongst those who despise him and are his enemy, then damnation shall overtake you. Indeed you and your father are wicked. Your father shall be the first one to usurp his rights and oppress him and you shall be the first one to fight him.’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you about whom God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘O Ali! You are my brother and I am your brother in this world and in the Hereafter. Your house and my house will be facing each other in Paradise just like two brothers’ houses are’, other than me?’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you other than me about whom God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘O Ali! Indeed God has allocated something to you and has honored you with something. No deed is more loved by God than abstinence in this world. You shall not gain anything in this world. Nothing in this world can get a hold of you either. Abstinence shall be the adornment of the good-doers near the Honorable the Exalted God on the Resurrection Day. Then blessed be[1002] the ones who love and acknowledge you. Woe be to the ones who despise and deny you.’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you whom God’s Prophet (MGB) sent after water other than me? I went, filled up the water container, and put it on my back to carry it back. On the way back a wind started to blow forcing me to turn back and sit down. Then I stood up. Again a wind started to blow forcing me to turn back and sit down. Then I stood up again. Another wind started to blow forcing me to turn back and sit down. Then I stood up and went to the Prophet (MGB) and
told him (MGB) what had happened. The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Gabriel informed me about this. The first wind was Gabriel accompanied by one-thousand angels who greeted you. The second wind was Michael[1003] accompanied by one-thousand angels who greeted you. The third wind was Isra’il[1004] accompanied by one-thousand angels who greeted you.’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you other than me about whom Gabriel said, ‘O Muhammad! Do you see how Ali (MGB) cooperates?’ Then the Prophet (MGB) said, ‘He is from me and I am from him.’ Then Gabriel added, ‘And I am from you.’”

They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you who has the following honor other than me? Once when I was recording down something for the Prophet of God (MGB), the Prophet (MGB) closed his eyes. I thought that he was telling me things and I kept taking them down. However, when the Prophet (MGB) woke up, he (MGB) asked me, ‘O Ali! Who dictated things for you up until this point?’ I said, ‘O Prophet of God! It was you who dictated it to me.’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘No. It was Gabriel who dictated it to you.’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you about whom the caller from the Heavens has announced, ‘There is no sword like Zulfaqar and there is no true knight but Ali’, other than me? They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you about whom God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘If I were not afraid that the people would start to pick up the dirt under your feet and save it for their progeny I would have said something about you and then everyone would pick some dirt up from under your footsteps’ other than me?’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’
Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you other than me about whom God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Protect my house and do not let anyone come to me since the angels come to visit me.’ Then Umar came three times and I returned him telling him that the angels which are so many in number are visiting God’s Prophet (MGB). Then I granted him permission to enter. Once he saw the Prophet (MGB) he told him, ‘O Prophet of God! I came to visit you several times, but Ali (MGB) did not let me in and said that you are having so many angels visit you. How could Ali (MGB) see the angels and how did he know how many of them there were?’ Then the Prophet (MGB) faced me and asked, ‘O Ali! He
they are a contentious people. He was no more than a servant, We granted Our favor to him, and We made him an example to the Children of Israel. And if it were Our Will, We could make angels from amongst you, succeeding each other on the Earth.'[1005] They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you about whom God’s Prophet (MGB) said, Tooba[1006] is the name of a Heavenly tree which is rooted in Ali’s house. There are branches of this tree in the homes of all the believers’ other than me?’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you about whom God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘You fight according to my tradition and compensate for my obligations’, other than me?’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you who has gone to God’s Prophet (MGB) when the Prophet’s head was on Gabriel’s lap about whom Gabriel told the Prophet (MGB), ‘Go to you cousin since he is closer to you than I am’ other than me?’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you who has the opportunity of holding the Prophet’s head on his lap (while the Prophet (MGB) was asleip) and not said the afternoon prayers until sunset. Then when the Prophet (MGB) woke up and asked, ‘O Ali! Did you say the afternoon prayer?’ and I replied, ‘No’ the Prophet (MGB) prayed and then the light of the sun returned allowing me to say my prayer and then it set other than me?’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’
Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you with the following honor. When God’s Prophet (MGB) sent the Bara’at Chapter (Declaration of Immunity) with Abu Bakr, the Honorable the Exalted God sent Gabriel and said, ‘O Muhammad! No one but either you or someone who is from your own family should propagate this chapter.’

Then God’s Prophet (MGB) sent me to take it from Abu Bakr. I went, took it from Abu Bakr and propagated it. God has considered me to be of the Prophet’s family. Has anyone else amongst you attained this nobility other than me?’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you about whom God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘You are the Divine Leader of whomever obeys me. You are the source of light for my friends. You are the word to which the pious ones are accustomed’, other than me?’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you about whom God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Whoever likes to live as I live, die as I die, reside in Paradise which my Lord has promised - the Paradise in which God has planted the trees with His own Hands - should love Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) and his progeny who shall be the Divine Leaders and the Trustees to whom God grants my knowledge and understanding. They shall not let you enter the gates of loss and shall not let you leave the gates of guidance. You should not try to teach them their duties since they will be more knowledgeable than you are. The truth shall be wherever they are’, other than me?’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you about whom God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘It has been decreed and recorded that no one but believers shall love you and no one but atheists shall detest you’ other than me?’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you about whom God’s Prophet (MGB) said something similar to what he (MGB) said about me, ‘On the Resurrection Day, those who are your friends shall rise up from their graves and ride white camels with the fasteners of their saddles being bright lights, and the roads will be paved for them. All difficulties will be eased for them. They shall be granted immunity. They will have no sorrow until they reach the Threshold of the Merciful. A table shall be spread out in front of them from which they..."
can eat until the Reckoning ends. The people shall be frightened while they will not. The people shall be sad while they will not.” They replied, ‘By God; no.”

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you who has the honor of being married to Fatimah the way I was? As you know when Abu Bakr went to ask the Prophet (MGB) to allow him to marry Fatimah (MGB), the Prophet (MGB) turned him down. Also when Umar went to ask the Prophet (MGB) to allow him to marry Fatimah (MGB), the Prophet (MGB) turned him down. Then when I asked the Prophet (MGB) to allow me to marry Fatimah (MGB), the Prophet (MGB) married her off to me. Then both Abu Bakr and Umar went to see the Prophet (MGB) And said, ‘You did not marry her off to us, but you married her off to him!’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘I did not turn you down and I did not marry her off to Ali. It was God who turned both of you down and married her off to Ali.’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Have you heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘All ties of kinship and nationality will be cut off on the Resurrection Day except for ties of kinship with me and my nation.’ Which ties are better than mine and which nationality is better than mine? My father and the Prophet’s father were brothers. My two (grand)sons of the Prophet Al-
Hassan (MGB) and Al-Hussein (MGB) (the Masters of the Youth in Paradise) are my sons. Fatimah (MGB) who is the daughter of God’s Prophet (MGB) and the Master of the Ladies in Paradise is my wife. Is there anyone amongst who with a better nationality and ties of kinship than me?’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you other than me about whom God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Indeed God created the people and has divided them up into two groups. He has placed me in the better of the two groups. Then God divided up the people into several branches and placed me in the best branch. Then He divided them up into many tribes and placed me in the best tribe. Then He divided them up into many families and placed me in the best family. Then God chose me and He chose Ali and Ja’far from my family and made me the best of the three. I was sleeping between the two sons of Abi Talib (i.e. Ali and Ja’far) when Gabriel came along with an angel. The angel asked Gabriel, ‘To which of the three have you been sent?’ Gabriel replied, ‘To that one.’ Then Gabriel took my hand and had me sit down.’’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you other than me whose door (of his house) was left open from the mosque when all the other doors were shut. On that occasion Abbas and Hamzah went to see God’s Prophet (MGB) and said, ‘You forced us out and let him stay in the mosque?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘I did not force you out and
I did not let him stay. It was God who forced you out and let him stay. The Honorable the Exalted God revealed the following to my brother Moses (MGB), ‘Prepare a pure mosque and house yourself, Aaron and Aaron’s children in it.’ The Honorable the Exalted God revealed the following to me too, ‘Prepare a pure mosque and house yourself, Ali and Ali’s children in it.’” They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you about whom God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘The truth is with Ali (MGB) and Ali (MGB) is with the truth. These Two will be inseparable until they come to me at the Heavenly Pool’, other than me?’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you who protected the life of God’s Prophet (MGB) with his own life when the polytheists came and wanted to kill the Prophet (MGB) other than me? I slept in his bed and God’s Prophet (MGB) went to the cave of Sowr. When the polytheists came to his house, they suspected that I was Muhammad (MGB). They woke me up from sleep and asked, ‘What happened to your cousin?’ I said, ‘I do not know.’ They beat me up to the point of death.’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you about whom God’s Prophet (MGB) said what he (MGB) said about me as follows, ‘Indeed God has ordered me about the Mastery of Ali. His Mastery is the same as my Mastery. My Mastery is the same as the Mastery of my Lord! This is a covenant which my Lord has made with me and has made me responsible to declare it to you? Did you hear it?’ The people said, ‘Yes, we heard that.’ Then the Prophet (MGB) said, ‘However, there are those amongst you who say ‘we heard’ with his tongue, but carried the people on his shoulders and acts out of enmity with Ali.’ The people said, ‘O Prophet of God! Please introduce them to us.’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘Indeed my Lord has ordered me to turn away from them due to what is destined and each one of you should suffice with what truly goes on in your hearts.’’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you who killed nine of the champions of the Abduldar clan?’ Their slave Sawab al-Habashi went to the field and yelled, ‘I swear by God that I shall kill Muhammad in revenge for the blood of my masters.’ Water was running out of his mouth and his eyes looked like two bowls filled with blood due to anger. Everyone was scared of him and stayed back. I went in front of him. He was as tall as a castle. There were two strikes of swords exchanged between the two of us and I cut him up into two pieces from his belly. The lower half of his body was still standing on his two feet, and all the Muslims were looking on and laughing at him.’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

*لهما: "ما أنا أخْرِجُ تَكْمَيمُ وَأَسْكَنْتُهُ، بِلَّاَلَّهِ أَخْرِجْكُمُ وأَسْكَنْتُهُ إِنَّ الَّلَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ أَوْحَى إِلَى أَخْيِي مَوْضِعَ يَعْمَلُ عَلَيْهِ رُوْنَ وَأَبْنَا هَارُونَ وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ أَوْحَى إِلَيْهِ أَنْ أَتَخْذُ مَسْجِدًا عَلَى مَسْجِدِ الدِّيَارِ وَأَسْكَنْتُهُ إِذَا أَتَتْ وَهَا*
Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you who has killed as many polytheists from the Quraysh as I have?’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you who went to fight with Amr ibn ‘Abd Wudd[1009] when he came into the field and challenged someone to fight with other than me? You were all scared. It was I who stood up. God’s Prophet (MGB) asked me, ‘Where are you going?’ I replied, ‘To fight this corrupt person!’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘This is Amr ibn ‘Abd Wudd!’ I said, ‘O Prophet of God! If he is Amr ibn ‘Abd Wudd, I am Ali ibn Abi Talib.’ The Prophet (MGB) said the same thing to me again. I gave him (MGB) the same response. Then the Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Go in the name of God!’ Once I went there and approached him, he asked me, ‘Who are you?’ I said, ‘I am Ali ibn Abi Talib!’ He said, ‘O cousin! You are a noble fighter. Please return! I was friends with your father and I was his companion. I do not like to kill you.’ I told him, ‘O Amr! You have made a covenant with god to honor one of three proposals presented to you by anyone.’ Amr said, ‘Go ahead and propose!’ I said, ‘Bear witness that there is no god but God, Muhammad is God’s Prophet and confess to what he has brought to us from God.’ Amr said, ‘Present your second proposal.’ I said, ‘Return to your own house.’ Amr said, ‘By God, the women of Quraysh are going to say that I was scared and ran away from the battlefield.’ Then I said, ‘Get off your horse and let’s fight.’ He accepted this proposal and got off his horse. We started to fight and two strikes were exchanged between us. His strike ruptured my armor and his sword reached my head, but I chopped off his legs with my strike. God had him killed by my hands. Is there anyone amongst you to have done
this?’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you who dared to face Marhab when he stepped forward and said, ‘I am he whose mother has named him Marhab. I am a well-experienced champion - armed from head to foot. I attack, sometimes with the spear and sometimes with the sword,’ other than me? He struck me and I struck him. On his head was a covering carved from stone, since his head was so big that his helmet did not fit his head. I split open this covering and my sword hit his head killing him. Is there anyone amongst you who has performed such a feat?’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you about whom God revealed the following known as the verse of purity upon His Prophet (MGB), ‘…And God only wishes to remove all abomination from you, ye members of the Family, and to make you pure and spotless’[1010] and then, the Prophet (MGB) took his cloak and covered me under it along with Fatimah (MGB), Al-Hassan (MGB) and Al-Hussein (MGB) and said, ‘O my Lord! These are the members of my Family. Please remove all abomination from them and make them pure and spotless.’” They replied, ‘By God;
no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you about whom the Prophet said, ‘I am the Master of all the Children of Adam. O Ali! You are the Master of the Arabs’ other than me?’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you who has been the subject of the following. Once when God’s Prophet (MGB) was looking at the sky when he was in the mosque, he (MGB) saw that they were bringing something. Then he (MGB) saw that they were bringing something there. He rushed to that direction. His companions reached there after him. There were four black fellows who were carrying a coffin. The Prophet (MGB) told them, ‘Put it down.’ They put the coffin on the ground. The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Open it up.’ They opened it up. There was a black slave in the coffin who had iron chains on his neck. God’s Prophet (MGB) asked, ‘Who is this?’ They answered, ‘He is a wicked and corrupt slave of the Riyaaheen who has fled. We have been ordered to bury him with these chains on his neck as you can see.’ I looked at him and said, ‘O Prophet of God (MGB)! Whenever he saw me he said, ‘I swear by God that I love you. I swear by God that only believers love you and only atheists detest you.’ God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘O Ali! He has attained such a great reward from God just due to this belief that now seventy different tribes of angels each of which has one-thousand branches are praying over his corpse.’ God’s Prophet (MGB) opened up the chains from around his neck, prayed over his corpse and buried him.’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you about whom God’s Prophet (MGB) has said about me, ‘Last night I was granted permission to supplicate. My Lord granted to me everything which I asked for. I asked God to grant you whatever I asked Him to grant me.’ Then I said, ‘Praise be to God.’’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Do you know that after God’s Prophet (MGB) dispatched Khalid ibn al-Walid to the Jadhimah clan and he did to them what he did, God’s Prophet (MGB) climbed up the pulpit and said the following thrice, ‘O my Lord! I am disgusted with what Khalid ibn al-Walid did.’ Then he (MGB) said, ‘O Ali! You go.’ Then I went and gave
them compensation, and asked them by God to tell me if there was anything else to be compensated for? They said, ‘Yes. Since you asked us by God to tell you, the compensation for the dishes for our dogs and the knee-caps for our camels is still left.’ Then I gave them compensation for that, too. I also gave them a lot of gold which I had and told them, ‘This is expiation from God’s Prophet (MGB) to compensate for whatever you know or do not know and for any fears that your women and children may have experienced.’ Then I returned to God’s Prophet (MGB) and informed him (MGB) of what I had done. The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘I swear by God that I am more pleased of what you have done than red-haired camels.[1012]’’ They replied, ‘By God. Yes.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Did you hear God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘O Ali! They had my nation march in front of me last night. Once those who carry the flags passed by me, I prayed to God to forgive you and your followers.’’ They replied, ‘By God. Yes.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Did you hear God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘O Abu Bakr! Go and chop off the neck of the person who is in such and such place.’ Then when Abu Bakr returned, the Prophet (MGB) asked him, ‘Did you kill him?’ Abu Bakr replied, ‘No. I found him praying.’ Then the Prophet (MGB) said, ‘O Umar! Go and kill him.’ Then when Umar returned the Prophet (MGB) asked him, ‘Did you kill him?’ Umar replied, ‘No. I found him praying.’ Then the Prophet (MGB) said, ‘I ordered you to kill him and you come back telling me that you found him praying?’

Then the Prophet (MGB) said, ‘O Ali! Go and kill him.’ Once I started to go, the Prophet (MGB) told me, ‘Kill him if you find him there.’ Once I returned I said, O Prophet of God (MGB)! I did not find anyone there.’ Then the Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Would you have killed him if you found him there?’’ They replied, ‘By God. Yes.’

Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Is there anyone amongst you about whom the Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Your friends are in Paradise and your enemies are in Hell’, other than me?’ They replied, ‘By God; no.’
Then Ali (MGB) said, ‘I swear to you by God! Do you know that Ayesha told God’s Prophet (MGB), ‘Ibrahim (the son of Mariya al-Qabti) is not your son. He is the son of so and so Al-Qabti.’ The Prophet (MGB) told me, ‘O Ali! Go and kill him!’ Then I asked God’s Prophet (MGB), ‘Are you sending me there as a heated iron to execute this decree as soon as I get there, or do you want me to discover the truth?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘No. Go and discover the truth.’ Then I went after that Al-Qabti man. Once he saw me, he ran away into a garden. I followed him into the garden. Then he climbed up a date palm tree. I pursued him to the top of the tree. Once he realized that I was chasing him, he took off his under shorts and I noticed that he had been totally castrated. Then I returned and told the Prophet about it. The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Thanks God for removing this accusation from the Household.’ Wasn’t it done by me?’ They replied, ‘By God. Yes.’
ف صعد على نخل وصعد خلفه. فلما رأى قذ صعدت رمي بإزاره، فإذا ليس له شيء مما يكون عليه واله. فقل: الحمد لله الذي صرف عنا السوء أهله للرجال. فجئت فأخبرت رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم؟ فقلوا: اللهم نعم.

فقال: اللهم أشهد.
PART 23-ON FIFTY AND ABOVE-NUMBERED CHARACTERISTICS

THE FIFTY RIGHTS WHICH THE MASTER OF THE WORSHIPPERS ALI IBN AL-HUSSEIN (MGB) WROTE TO SOME OF HIS COMPANIONS

23-1 Ali ibn Ahmad ibn Musa - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn AOAubdullah Al-Kufy quoted on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Malik Al-Fazari, on the authority of Khayran ibn Daher, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Ali ibn Suleiman al-Jabali, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Fuzayl that Abi Hamzih al-Sumaly said that the following is the Treatise of Ali ibn al-Hussein (MGB)\[1013\] to some of his companions:

“Know that God the Honorable the Exalted has rights incumbent upon you and that these encompass you in every motion through which you move, every rest which you take, every way-station in which you reside, every limb which you employ, and every instrument which you use.

And the greatest of God’s rights incumbent upon you is what He has made incumbent upon you for Himself from His rights: that which is the root of all rights. Then there are those that God the Honorable the Exalted has made incumbent upon you in yourself, from your head to your foot, according to the diversity of your organs. Then the Honorable the Exalted God has established for your tongue a right incumbent upon you, and for your hearing a right incumbent upon you, and for your sight a right incumbent upon you, and for your hands a right incumbent upon you, and for your legs a right incumbent upon you, and for your stomach a right incumbent upon you, and for your private parts a right incumbent upon you. These are the seven organs through which deeds take place.

Then the Honorable the Exalted has established for your deeds rights incumbent upon you. Then He established for your ritual prayer a right incumbent upon you, and for your fasting a right incumbent upon you, and for your charity a right incumbent upon you, and for your offering a right
incumbent upon you, and for your deeds a right incumbent upon you. Then the rights extend out from you to others who have rights incumbent upon you.

And the most incumbent of them incumbent upon you are the rights toward your leaders, then the rights toward your subjects - those whom you teach and those whom you own. And then the rights toward your relations of kin. And from these rights other rights branch out.

The rights of your leaders are threefold: The one most incumbent upon you is the right of him who trains you through authority, then the right of him who trains you through knowledge - as the uneducated is subject to the learned.

And then there is the right of those who are your subjects through property, such as wives and those owned by the right hand. And the rights of your relations of kin hold according to the degree of closeness of the relationship. Then the most incumbent one upon you is the right of your mother, then the right of your child, then the right of your brother, then the next nearest, and then the next nearest, and the most worthy, and then the next most worthy.

Then there is the right of your master who favors you, then the right of the slave, the servant whose favors reach you, then the right of him who treats you kindly, then the right of your caller to prayer, then the right of your prayer leader, then the right of your sitting companion, then the right of your neighbor, then the right of your companion, then the right of your partner, then the right of your property, then the right of the debtor who must pay you back, then the right of the one who has given you a loan who demands his debt to be paid back, then the right of your associate, then the right of your adversary who has a claim against you, then the right of your adversary against whom you have a claim, then the right of him who seeks your advice, then the right of him whose advice you seek, then the right of him who seeks your counsel, then the right of him whose counsel you seek, then the right of him who is older than you are, then the right of him who is younger than you are, then the right of him who begs from you, then the right of him from whom you beg, then the right of him who wrongs you either verbally or physically, then the right of him who does something to make you happy either verbally or physically whether intentionally or unintentionally, then the right of the people of your creed, then the right of those under the protection of Islam, then the rights which are
incumbent upon you according to the vicissitudes of life and the availability of means. Therefore blessed be [1017] the one whom God helps fulfill the rights that He has made incumbent upon him and whom He grants success therein and guides him.

Then the greatest right of God incumbent upon you is that you worship Him without associating anything with Him. When you do that with sincerity, He has made it binding upon Himself to give you sufficiency in the affairs of this world and the next.

And the right of yourself incumbent upon you is that you employ it in obeying the Honorable the Exalted God. And the right of the tongue is that you consider it too noble for obscenity, accustom it to good, do not use it except in situations of needs and benefits, use it to be kind to the people and talk to them nicely. And the right of hearing is to keep it pure by not listening to gossip and not listening to what is not allowed to be heard. And the right of your sight is that you lower it before everything which is unlawful to you and that you abandon using it except in situations in which you can take heed.

And the right of your hand is that you do not stretch it towards that which is unlawful to you. And the right of your legs is that you do not walk with them toward that which is unlawful to you. Then use them to stop on the way and look out so that they do not slip and you fall into the Fire. And the right of your stomach is that you do not make it into a container for that which is
unlawful, and that you do not overeat. And the right of your private parts is that you should protect them from adultery and guard them from being looked upon.

Then the right of your ritual prayer is that you should know that it is an arrival at the threshold of the Honorable the Exalted God and that through it you are standing before the Honorable the Exalted God. And when you realize that, then you will stand in the station of him who is lowly, vile, beseeching, trembling, hopeful, fearful, and abased. And you will magnify Him who is before you with stillness and humbleness, and accept Him wholeheartedly, and consider His bounds and His rights. And the right of pilgrimage [1018] is that you should know that it is an arrival at the threshold of your Lord and a flight to Him from your sins; and through it your repentance is accepted and you perform an obligation made incumbent upon you by God.

And the right of fasting is that You should know it is a veil, which God has set up over your tongue, your hearing and your sight, your private parts and your stomach, to protect you from the Fire [1019]. Should you break your fast you have pierced the veil which God has placed upon you. And the right of charity is that you should know that it is a storing away with your Lord the Honorable the Exalted, and a deposit for which you will have no need for witnesses. Then once you know this, you will be more confident of

كؤٓخ كن الله ح٫ًزَ ػِ٤ي كؤٕ طؼزيٙ ٫ طَ٘ى رٚ ٗ٤جخ، كبًح كؼِض رخ٫ه٬ٙ ؿؼَ ُي ػِ٠ ٗلٔٚ
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وحق الصدقنة أن تعلم أنها ذخرك عند ربك عز وجل، ووديعها الک الذي لا تحتاج إلى الا شهاد عليها فاذذا علمت ذلك كنت بما تستودع سرا أو لديك بما تستودعه.

it, if you donate it in secret than if you donate it in public. You should know that your charity would fend off calamities and ailments from you in this world, and fend off the Fire from you in the Hereafter. And the right of the offering is that through it you purify your will toward God the Honorable the Exalted. You should not make the offering for the eyes of His creatures. If this is so, you will neither expose yourself to God’s Mercy, nor benefit from the saving of your spirit on the Day on which you shall meet Him.

Then the right of the possessor of authority is that you should know that God has established you as a trial for him. God is testing him through the authority the Honorable the Exalted God has given him over you. And you should not quarrel with him while he has complete dominance over you, for thereby you cause your own destruction and his, too. Should you do so, you will deserve to be considered to be his assistant acting against yourself and as his partner in what he does to you.

And the right of the one who trains you through knowledge is glorifying him; respecting his meetings; listening well to him; being responsive to him; not raising your voice over his voice; not answering anyone who asks him before he answers; not talking while you are in his meeting; not gossiping about anyone in his presence; defending him if someone gossips about him near you; covering up his faults and publicize his outstanding traits; not associating with his enemies; and not being an enemy of his friends. Should you do so, God’s angels would witness on your behalf that you went to him and acquired his knowledge, and God would exalt his name amongst the people.

And the right of him who trains you through property is that you should be subordinate to him and not disobey him - unless obeying him would displease God - for there can be no obedience to a creature when there is disobedience to God.”

Then the right of your subjects through authority is that you should know that they have been made subjects through their weakness and your strength. Hence it is incumbent upon you to act with justice toward them and to be like a compassionate father towards them. You should forgive them because of their ignorance, not hurry to punish them, and thank God for the power over them which He has given to you.

And the right of your subjects through knowledge is that you should know that the Honorable the Exalted God established you over them through what He has granted you of knowledge, and what He has granted authority over His Treasures of Wisdom. If you do well in teaching the people, not treating
them roughly or annoying them, then God will increase His bounty toward you. However, if you withhold your knowledge from people or treat them roughly when they seek knowledge from you, then it will be God’s right to deprive you of the knowledge and its splendor, and make you belittled in the people’s eyes.

And the right of your subject through matrimonial contract[1024] is that you should know that the Honorable the Exalted God has made her a repose, and a companion for you. Then you should know that this is God’s blessing for you. Then you should honor her and treat her gently. Yet your right over her is more incumbent. You must treat her with compassion, since she is your prisoner whom you feed and clothe. If she is ignorant, you should pardon her.

And the right of your subject through being your slave is that you should know that he is a creature of your Lord and is made of the same flesh and blood.[1025] And you only own him, but you are very inferior to God and you have not created him.[1026] And you have not created
any of his organs, nor do you provide his daily sustenance; rather it is the Honorable the Exalted God who gives you sufficiency for that. Then He subjugated him to you, entrusted him to you, and provisionally consigned him to you. So protect him there, and treat him well just as well as God has treated you. And if you dislike him, you ought to let him go and replace him, but do not torment God’s creature. And there is no power but in God.

Then the right of your mother is that you should know that she carried you where no one carries anyone, and she fed you with the fruit of her heart that which no one feeds anyone, and she protected you with all her organs. She did not care if she went hungry as long as you ate, if she was thirsty as long as you drank, if she was naked as long as you were clothed, if she was in the sun as long as you were in the shade, if she was deprived of sleeping as long as you were resting. She protected you from the heat and the cold of this world. Then you should thank her for all that. You will not be able to show her gratitude unless through God’s help and His granting you success.

And the right of your father is that you should know that he is your root. And without him, you would not be. Whenever you see anything in yourself which pleases you, you should know that your father is the root of its blessing upon you. So praise God and thank Him in recognition of that. And there is no power but in God.

And the right of your child is that you should know that he is from you and he will be ascribed to you in this world due to both his good deeds and his
evil deeds. And you are responsible for what has been entrusted to you in teaching him good conduct, and guiding him toward his Lord - the Honorable the Exalted - and helping him to obey Him. Then regarding his affairs, act like one who knows that he would be rewarded for treating him with kindness and punished for maltreating him.

And the right of your brother is that you should know that he is your hand, your support, and your power. Take him not as a weapon with which to disobey God, nor as a means with which to oppress God’s creatures. And do not neglect to help him against his enemy, and give him good counsel. If he obeys God, it is fine. Else God should be more preferable and more honorable to you than he is. And there is no power but in God.

Then the right of your master who has favored you is that you should know that he has spent his property for you and has brought you out of the abasement of slavery and its desolation, and has brought you into the honor of freedom and its sociability. And he has freed you from the captivity of his own possession, has released the bonds of his slavery from you, has given you ownership of yourself, and has given you the freedom to worship your Lord. Then you should know that he is the closest creature to you in your life and after your death. It is incumbent upon you to assist him and he is more meritorious than yourself to receive your assistance and support regarding what he needs. And there is no power but in God.

And the right of the slave whom you have favored is that you should know that the Honorable the Exalted God has made your freeing him a means of access to Him and a veil against the Fire. Your immediate reward is to inherit from him - if he doesn’t have any relatives - as a compensation for the property you have spent for him, and your ultimate reward is the Garden.

And the right of him who treats you kindly is that you should thank him and acknowledge his kindness; spread the good word around about him; and sincerely pray for him between you and the Honorable the Exalted God the Praised One. Then if you do that, you have thanked him both in private and in public. Then if you are able to practically recompense him, do recompense him.

And the right of your caller to prayer is that you should know that he is reminding you of your Lord - the Honorable the Exalted - calling you to your good fortune, and helping you to accomplish what God has made obligatory upon you. So thank him for that just as you thank one who does good to you.
And the right of your leader in your ritual prayer is that you should know that he has taken on the role of a mediator between you and the Honorable the Exalted God; he speaks for you, but you do not speak for him; he supplicates for you, but you do not supplicate for him. And he has spared you the anxiety of standing before the Honorable the Exalted God. Should he perform the prayer imperfectly, he is held responsible for that. However, should he perform it perfectly, you are considered to be his partner. There is no superiority in this for him over you, or for his prayer over yours. Therefore, thank him for this.

And the right of your sitting companion is that you should treat him gently, warmly welcome him, be fair while talking with him, and not leave him without his permission. If he is the first one to come and sit with you, he can leave you when he wishes to. You should forget his mistakes and remember his good qualities, and you should tell nothing about him but good. There is no power but in God.

And the right of the companion is that you should act as his companion with nobility and fairness
and honor him as he honors you. Be like mercy upon him, and not as a chastisement. And there is no power but in God.

And the right of the partner is that you should take care of his affairs in his absence. And you should treat him equally when he is present. And you should not make any decisions on your own without considering his opinion. And you should not act according to your own opinion before discussing it with him. You should safeguard his property, and not cheat him in this regard, whether there is honor or disdain in it. Indeed it has been transmitted to us: “The Blessed the Sublime God’s hand is with partners as long as they do not cheat.” And there is no power but in God.

And the right of your property is that you should not attain it except by legitimate means and you should only spend it for legitimate causes. You should not spend it improperly. You should not prefer to use it for one who doesn’t show gratitude, instead of using it for yourself. Use it in ways which are considered to be obedience to your Lord. Do not be miserly with it or else you will suffer from grief and sorrow with their consequences. There is no power but in God.
And if you are in straitened circumstances, you satisfy him with good words and send him away with gentleness.

And the right of the associate is that you should not fool him, trick him or deceive him. You should fear the Blessed the Sublime God regarding his affairs.

And the right of the adversary who has a claim against you is that if his claim against you is true you give witness to it against yourself. You do not wrong him and you give him his full due. If what he claims against you is false, you act with kindness toward him and you show nothing in his affair other than kindness. You do not displease your Lord in his affair. And there is no power but in God.

And the right of the adversary against whom you have a claim is that if your claim against him is true, you maintain polite moderation in speaking to him and you do not deny him his right. If your claim is false, you fear the Honorable the Exalted God, repent to Him, and abandon your claim.

And the right of him who seeks your advice is that you should exert all efforts to advise him if you can provide him with good advice. However, if you do not have any good advice for him, you should refer him to someone else whom you know and trust his advice yourself.

And the right of him whose advice you seek is that you should not accuse him when he gives you advice that doesn’t confirm your own opinion. And if it was appropriate for you, you should thank the Honorable the Exalted God for it.

And the right of him who seeks your counsel is that you should give him your counsel. You should choose having mercy and kindness as your course of action.

And the right of your counselor is that you should be whole-heartedly attentive to him, and listen to him. If what he presents to you is right, you should praise the Honorable the Exalted God for it. However, if what he presents to you doesn’t agree with you, you should be kind to him and make no accusations against him. And you should know that if he is wrong, you should not hold him responsible in this regard. However, if he deserves to be accused, you should not trust him under any circumstances. And there is no power but in God.

And the right of him who is older than you are is that you should respect him because of his age, and honor his submission to God if he is one of the noble ones in Islam. You should recognize his seniority and stop confronting

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him in disputes and should not surpass him or walk ahead of him. And you should not treat him foolishly. If he should treat you foolishly, you should put up with him and honor him to respect his being an older Muslim.

And the right of him who is younger than you are is to be friendly with him, train and educate him, pardon him, cover up his faults, and be patient with him and help him.

And the right of him who begs from you is that you give to him in the measure of his need.

And the right of him from whom you beg is that you should accept from him whatever he grants you with gratitude and acknowledge his nobility. And you should accept his excuse if he withholds and think well of him.

And the right of him by which the Sublime God makes you happy is that you first praise the Honorable the Exalted God, then thank that person.

And the right of him who wrongs you is that you pardon him. However, if you know that your pardon will harm him, you should defend yourself. The Blessed the Sublime God says, “But indeed if any do help and defend themselves after a wrong (done) to them, against such there is no cause of blame.” [1033]

And the right of the people of your creed is that you should whole-heartedly provide safety for them; gently show them mercy; treat their wrongdoers with patience; treat them with friendliness; seek their welfare; and thank those of them who do good to you and to themselves. And keep harm away from them. You should love for them what you love for yourself and
dislike for them what you dislike for yourself. Their old men stand in the place of your father, their youth in the place of your brothers, their old women in the place of your mother, and their young ones in the place of your children.

And the right of those under the protection of Islam is that you should accept from them what the Honorable the Exalted God has accepted from them, do not oppress them and fulfill what God has established for them under His Protection and Covenant.

**FIFTY CHARACTERISTICS OF TRUE BELIEVERS**

23-2 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar and Ahmad ibn Idris said that Muhammad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash'ari quoted Al-Hassan ibn Ali, on the authority of Abi Suleiman al-Halvani or someone who quoted him - that Aba Abdullah[^1034] (MGB) said, “A believer’s characteristics include strength of religiousness; limited gentleness; certitude.
in belief; eagerness in understanding the religion; liveliness in guidance; constant in kindness; being shut-eyed at lustfulness; knowledgeableness accompanied with patience; gentleness in gratitude; proper generosity; frugality at times of being wealthy; patience at times of poverty; forgiveness at times of being in power; obedience to his leader; eagerness to piety; wanting to attend holy war; praying even though he is busy; patience at times of difficulty; strength at times of calamities; patience with disagreeable things; thankfulness when receiving blessings; not backbiting; not being haughty; not oppressive; patience when oppressed; not cutting off ties of kinship; not lazy; not bad-tempered; not hard-hearted; his eyes are not after lust; doesn’t overeat; will not be overcome by lust; doesn’t get jealous of the people; is neither too stingy, nor a spendthrift - rather he is frugal; assists the oppressed; has mercy with the indigent; exerts himself for the sake of others, while others are in comfort due to him; is not attached to this world; doesn’t complain to the people about the hardships of this world; others are after their own business, but he doesn’t get too involved with his business; doesn’t get weary of being patient; doesn’t get feeble in his opinion; would never spoil his religion; would guide whoever consults with him; would assist whoever assists him; abstains from what is vain, insulting and out of ignorance. These are a believer’s characteristics.”

THE REWARD OF WHOEVER GOES ON HAJJ PILGRIMAGE FIFTY TIMES

23-3 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat’ tab, on the authority of Ali ibn Sayf, on the authority of Abdul Moe’min, on the authority of Harun ibn Kharijah, that he had heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, “God will build a city in Paradise for whoever goes on the Hajj pilgrimage fifty times. In that city there will be one-hundred thousand palaces, and there will be one of the houri-eyed women of Paradise[1035] and one-thousand women in each palace. He will be one of Muhammad’s (MGB) friends in Paradise.”
والمخزني والجهل فهذه صفة المؤمن، ويكون من الباطل

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يبدأ نبي نبي نبي نبي دينه إن شاء الله: "لائق منها، دبع نب دبع نبي دبع إن شاء الله: يضير يبنا إن شاء الله: 23 خارجة، عن أبي عبد الله عليه السلام قال: الخطاب. عن علي بن سيف، عن عبد الرحمن بن هزير بن سماحة يقول: من حج خمسين حجة بن علي بن الربيع. له مدينة في جنة عدن في بها مادة ألف قصر في كل قصر حور من حور العدين وألف زوجة، ويجعل من رقية محمد صلى الله عليه وآله في الجنة."
PART 24-ON SEVENTY AND ABOVE-NUMBERED CHARACTERISTICS

IMAM ALI HAS SEVENTY CHARACTERISTICS WHICH NONE HAVE

24-1 Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan, Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Senani, Ali ibn Musa al-Daq’qaq, al-Hussein ibn Ibrahim ibn Hisham al-Mokattib[1036] and Ali ibn Abdullah al-Warraq - may God be pleased with them

- narrated that Abul-Ab’bas Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Zakaria al-Qat’tan quoted on the authority of Bakr ibn Abdullah ibn Habib, on the authority of Tamim ibn Buhlool, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Hakeem, on the authority of Soor ibn Yazid, on the authority of Makhul, “The Commander of the Faithful Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) said, ‘Indeed those companions of the Prophet who know the whole Quran by heart all know that there is no one amongst them who has any virtues which I do not have, or I may even be surpass him in that respect. However, I have seventy virtues which none of them has.’

I asked, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! Please inform me about those virtues.’ Then Ali (MGB) said,

‘1- I never associated any partners with God - even for a twinkling of an eye. I never worshipped Lat and Uzza. [1037]

2- I never drank any alcohol.

3- I have been with God’s Prophet since my childhood when God’s Prophet (MGB) asked my father to become my guardian. From then on I have been with him, eaten and drank with him,
associated and talked with him.

4- I am the first person to believe in and submit to Islam.

5- God’s Prophet (MGB) told me, ‘O Ali! Your relationship to me is like that of Aaron’s relationship to Moses (MGB) except that there will be no Prophets after me.’

6- I was the last person who separated from God’s Prophet (MGB) and placed him in his grave.

7- When God’s Prophet (MGB) wanted to go to the cave of Sowr, he put me to sleep in his own bed and covered me up with his blanket. When the polytheists came to his house, they suspected that I was Muhammad (MGB). They woke me up from sleep and asked, ‘What happened to your friend?’ I said, ‘He (MGB) went to take care of something.’ They said, ‘If he had escaped, then Ali would have escaped along with him.’

8- God’s Prophet (MGB) taught me one-thousand gates of knowledge each of which opens up to one-thousand other gates.

9- God’s Prophet (MGB) told me, ‘When the Honorable the Exalted God resurrects the first up to the last of the people on the Resurrection day, He will install a pulpit for me above that of all the other Prophets and install a pulpit for you above that of all other Trustees. Then you shall climb up it.

10- I heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘O Ali! I have not been given anything in the Hereafter unless I asked for the like of it for you.’

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11- I heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘O Ali! You are my brother and I am your brother. Your hand is in my hand until you enter Paradise.’

12- I heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘O Ali! Your similitude in my nation is like that of Noah’s Ark which whoever boarded was rescued, and anyone who did not was drowned.’

13- God’s Prophet (MGB) fastened his blessed turban with his own blessed hands on my head. He also prayed for my victory over God’s enemies and thus I was able to defeat them with God’s Permission.

14- Once God’s Prophet (MGB) told me to touch the dried nipples of a calf so that it may give some milk. I told him (MGB), ‘O Prophet of God! It would be better if you do it.’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘O Ali! What you do is just like what I do.’ Then I touched its nipple and it gave some milk. I gave some milk to God’s Prophet (MGB). Then an old woman came and lamented from thirst. I gave her some milk to drink. God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘I asked the Blessed the Sublime God to bless your hand and he accepted my supplication.’

15- God’s Prophet (MGB) made me his Trustee and told me, ‘O Ali! No one but you can perform the ablutions for the burial for me. No one but you can see my genitals. Should anyone else see them, their eyes will come out of their eye-sockets.’

I asked, ‘O Prophet of God! How can I turn you around by myself?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘You will be assisted by the invisible.’ I swear by God that whenever I wished to turn one part around (during the ablutions for the deceased), it turned around by itself.
16- When I wanted to undress the Prophet’s corpse to perform the ritual ablutions (wuzu) for the deceased for the Prophet (MGB), there came a voice which announced, ‘O Muhammad’s Trustee! Do not undress him. Perform the ritual ablutions (wuzu) with his clothes on.’ Thus, I performed the ritual ablutions (wuzu) for him from over his clothing. I swear to God who honored him with Prophethood that I did not see his private parts. Thus, God made me especial in this regard amongst the Prophet’s companions.

17- Even though Abu Bakr and Umar had asked for Fatimah (MGB) to be married to them, the Honorable the Exalted God married her to me from above the seventh heaven. God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘O Ali! May this blessing be pleasant for you. The Honorable the Exalted God has married Fatimah (MGB) who is the Master of Women in Paradise and of my own flesh and blood to you.’ Then I asked, ‘O Prophet of God! Am I not of your flesh and blood, too?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘O Ali! Yes you are from me and I am from you just like the right hand and the left hand. I am not independent of you in this world and the Hereafter.’
18- God’s Prophet (MGB) told me, ‘O Ali! You will be the one carrying the flag called ‘Leva ul-Hamd’ in the Hereafter. You will be the one sitting closest to me on the Resurrection Day. They will spread a seat for me and a seat for you. I will be amongst the Prophets and you will be amongst the Trustees. They will put a crown of light and nobility on your head. Seventy-thousand angels will surround you until the Honorable the Exalted God finishes the Reckoning of the creatures. You will be the first man whose grave will be split apart (for the Resurrection) along with me. You will be the first one to stop on the Bridge (of Al-Sirat) with me. You will be the first one to be dressed when they dress, and brought back to life when they bring back to life. You will be the first one to reside with me in the uppermost Heaven. You will be the first one to drink the sealed drink of Paradise with me which is sealed by musk.’

19- God’s Prophet (MGB) told me, ‘You will fight with the perfidious party, the deviators, and the apostates in the near future. For everyone of them who fights with you, you shall intercede on behalf of 100,000 of your followers.’ I asked, ‘O Prophet of God! Who are in the perfidious party?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘They are Talha and Zubayr who pledge allegiance to you in Hijaz, but breach it in Iraq. When they do that, you should fight them until the residents of the Earth get rid of them.’ I asked, ‘Who are the deviators?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘Muawiyah and his companions.’ I asked, ‘Who are the apostates?’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘They will be the companions of Zil-Sadiyeh who will run away from the religion as a bow runs away from an arrow. You should kill them since that would constitute a relief for the residents of the Earth, an abrupt chastisement for them and a savings for you near the Honorable the Exalted God for the Resurrection Day.’

20- I heard from the God’s Prophet (MGB) who said, ‘Your similitude in my nation is like that of the door of Hetteh amongst the Children of Israel. Whoever enters into friendship with you, it is as if he has entered the gate which the Honorable the Exalted God has ordered (people) to enter.’

21- I heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘I am the city of knowledge, and Ali is its portal. Whoever wishes to gain knowledge should go through that portal.’ Then he (MGB) added, ‘O Ali! Soon you will observe my promise and fight in the same manner as I do, but my nation will disagree with you.’

22- I heard God's Prophet (MGB) say, ‘The Blessed the Sublime God has created my two (grand)children Al-Hassan and Al-Hussein (MGB) from a light which he has induced into you and Fatimah. They shine just like two earrings that shake in the ear while hanging from the ears. Their brightness is seventy times that of the brightness of martyrs. O Ali! Indeed the Honorable the Exalted God has given promised me to honor them such as He has never honored anyone else except for the Messengers and the Prophets.’
23- God’s Prophet (MGB) gave me his ring, armor and sword-belt in his lifetime and fastened his sword to my waist himself when all his companions and my uncle Abbas were present. Thus, the Honorable the Exalted God has made me especial in this respect, and not them.

24- When the Honorable the Exalted God revealed the following verse, ‘O ye who believe! When ye consult the Messenger in private, spend something in charity before your private consultation.’[1042] I had a gold coin. I sold it for ten Dirhams and gave it away in charity before my private consultation with God’s Prophet (MGB). I swear by God that none of the companions of the Prophet (MGB) did that either before or after me. Then the Honorable the Exalted God revealed the following verse to the Prophet, ‘Is it that ye are afraid of spending sums in charity before your private consultation (with him)? If, then, ye do not so, and God forgives you, then (at least) establish regular prayer; practise regular charity; and obey God and His Apostle. And God is well-acquainted with all that ye do.’[1043] Is it not that ‘and God forgives you’ refers to a sin committed for which God forgives them.

25- I heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘Paradise is forbidden for the Prophets to enter before I enter it, and it is forbidden upon the Trustees to enter before you enter it. O Ali! The Blessed the
Sublime God has given me glad tidings about you which He has not given to any of the Prophets who came before me. He has given me glad tidings that you will be the Master of the Trustees and your two sons Al-Hassan and Al-Hussein (MGB) will be the two Masters of the Youth in Paradise on the Resurrection Day.'

26- My brother Ja’far will be adorned with two wings made of pearl, ruby and chrysolite and fly along with the angels in Paradise. [1044]

27- My uncle Hamzih will be the Master of the Martyrs in Paradise.

28- God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘The Blessed the Sublime God has given me a promise about you which will be fulfilled. God has established me as a Prophet and has established you as a Trustee. Soon you shall experience from my nation the same treatment which Moses (MGB) experienced from Pharaoh. However, be patient and consider it to be from God until you see me again. I am the friend of your friends and I consider your enemies to be my enemies.’

29- Indeed I heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘O Ali! You are the Owner of the Heavenly Pool[1045]. No one else will own it. Then some people will come to you and ask for water. You will turn them down and say that there is not even a sip of water. They will return with a black face. Then my followers and yours will enter. You will say, ‘return while satiated with water.’ They will return with a white face.’
30- I heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘My nation will be resurrected and become united on the Resurrection Day with five flags. The first flag which will come will be the flag of Muawiyah who is the Pharaoh of my nation. The second flag will be that of Amr ibn al-A’as who is the Sameri of the nation. The third flag will be that of Abu Musa Ash’ari who is like the Catholic Archbishop (Al-Jaseliq) of this nation. The fourth flag will be that of Abil A’oar al-Salmy. Yours will be the fifth flag under which all the believers will be gathered while you are their Leader. Then the Blessed the Sublime will tell those four groups: ‘Turn back and seek brightness.’ Then a wall will be erected in front of them which has a door. In it there is mercy who are my friends and followers. Then those who fought me along with the Kharajites, those who broke their pledge and the people misled from the straight path will knock at that door - that is the door of mercy being my followers. They will cry out, ‘Were we not we with you?’ They will reply, ‘Yes, you were. However, you deceived yourselves, you were hindered, you doubted and worldly aspirations deceived you until God's order (i.e. death) arrived and pride (i.e. Satan) deceived you. Today nothing will be accepted of you as recompense.’ Nothing will be accepted of those who rejected faith, either. Your place shall be in the Fire. It will be the place you shall turn to. What a bad destiny that is! Then my nation and my followers will come to drink and they get satiated from Muhammad’s (MGB) Heavenly Pool. A cane will be in my hand made of boxthorn wood with which I drive God’s enemies away just as people push others’ camels away from drinking water.

31- Indeed I heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, “Were it not from the fear of what the Boasters might say about you similar to what the Christians say about Jesus - the son of Mary (MGB), I would have expressed one of your virtues and then anyone who passed by you would take a piece of the dirt from under your feet for healing.”

32- Indeed I heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, “The Blessed the Sublime God helped me regarding fear of enemies. I asked God to help you in the same way in this regard.”

33- God’s Prophet (MGB) put his head to my ear and taught me whatever has been and whatever there will be up until the Resurrection Day. The Honorable the Exalted God has let me hear this from His Prophet’s (MGB) tongue.

34- When the Christians challenged the Prophet (MGB), the Honorable the Exalted God revealed the following in this regard, ‘If anyone disputes in this matter with thee, now after (full) knowledge Hath come to thee, say:
"Come! let us gather together,- our sons and your sons, our women and your women, ourselves and yourselves: Then let us earnestly pray, and invoke the curse of Allah on those who lie!"[1051] Here ‘ourselves’ referred to God’s Prophet (MGB) himself, ‘our women’ referred to Fatimah (MGB), ‘our sons’ referred to Al-Hassan (MGB) and Al-Hussein (MGB). Then the Christians felt sorry and asked God’s Prophet (MGB) to forgive them and he (MGB) forgave them. I swear by Him who revealed the Torah to Moses (MGB), and the Quran to Muhammad (MGB) that they would have all been transmuted into monkeys and pigs, if they had engaged in invocation with us.”

35- At the Battle of Badr God’s Prophet (MGB) sent me to bring him a handful of pebbles. I held the pebbles and smelled them. They smelled like musk. I gave them to the Prophet (MGB). He (MGB) took them and threw them at the atheists. Four of them were from Paradise. One was from the East. One was from the West. And another one was from beneath the Throne. There were one-hundred thousand angels who accompanied each of them to assist us. The Honorable the Exalted God has not honored anyone else with this either before or after that day.

36- I heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘O Ali! Woe to your murderer! He is more wretched than Nimrood, more wretched than those who ham-strung the she-camel[1052]. The Throne of God the Merciful will be shaken up due to your murder. O Ali! I give you glad tidings that you are
going to be amongst the sincere friends, martyrs and good-doers.’

37- The Blessed the Sublime God has chosen me amongst the companions of Muhammad (MGB) to know the abrogated and the abolished; the firm and the dubious; and the especial and the general rules. This is an honor granted by God to me and His Prophet (MGB). God’s Prophet (MGB) told me, ‘O Ali! The Honorable the Exalted God has ordered me to make you near to myself and not to keep you at a distance from me, to teach you and not to speak harshly with you. It is incumbent upon me to obey my Lord and it is incumbent upon you to guard what you learn.’

38- God’s Prophet (MGB) chose me for a battle, made supplications for me and made me informed about the affairs that would follow after him. Some of his companions felt bad about this and said, ‘If Muhammad had the power he would even establish his cousin as a Prophet.’ The Honorable the Exalted God honored me by informing me of this issue from the Prophet’s tongue.

39- Indeed I heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘Whoever thinks that he loves me but he dislikes Ali is lying. My love and Ali’s love will not be united except in a believer’s heart. O Ali! Indeed the Honorable the Exalted God has established those who love me and you as the first people in Paradise. God has also established those who hate me and you as the first group of my nation who will be in Hell.’
40- In one of the battles, God’s Prophet (MGB) sent me after water to a well, but it had no water in it. I returned and reported that to him. He (MGB) asked, ‘Does it have any mud?’ I replied, ‘Yes.’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Just bring some of its mud.’ Then I brought some mud from the well. The Prophet (MGB) said something to the mud and told me to dump it in the middle of a well. I threw the mud in the well. Suddenly water gushed out from the Earth and the well filled up. I went to the Prophet (MGB) and informed him about what had happened. The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘O Ali! You succeeded and the water gushed out due to your blessing. This was an especial honor for me and no other one amongst the companions of the Prophet (MGB).

41- Indeed I heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘O Ali! I give you the glad tidings that Gabriel (MGB) came to me and said, ‘O Muhammad! Indeed the Blessed the Sublime God looked favorably upon your companions and considered your cousin and the husband of your daughter Fatimah to be the best of your companions. God established him as your Trustee and your messenger.’

42- Indeed I heard God’s Prophet say, ‘O Ali! I give you the glad tidings that your home in Paradise will be in front of my home and you will be with me in the uppermost resting-place in the highest Heaven.’ I said, ‘O Prophet of God! What is the uppermost Heaven?’ He (MGB) replied, ‘It is a cupola made of white pearls with 70,000 doors. O Ali! That shall be the place of residence for you and I.’

43- Indeed God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘The Honorable the Exalted God has firmly established my love as well as your love in the hearts of believers as He established my hatred as well as yours in the hearts of the hypocrites. Only pious believers love you and only hypocrite unbelievers despise you.’

44- Indeed I heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘None of the Arabs but those born out of fornication despise you. None of the Persians but the miserable ones despise you. None of the women except those with anal hemorrhage despise you.’

45- Indeed God’s Prophet (MGB) called me in when my eyes hurt and threw his saliva into my eyes and said, ‘O God! Please cool its heat and heat its coolness.’ I swear by God that I have not had any more pains in my eyes since then.

46- God’s Prophet (MGB) ordered all his uncles and companions to shut all the doors from the
mosque to their homes, except for the one to my house as ordered by the Honorable the Exalted God. No one else has received such an honor.

47- In his will to me God’s Prophet (MGB) ordered me to pay back his debts and fulfill his promises. I said, ‘O Prophet of God! You know that I do not have any wealth.’ The Prophet (MGB) replied, ‘God will help you.’ God made it easy for me to pay back all his debts and fulfill all his promises. Once I counted that it exceeded eighty-thousand (Dirhams). Then I made a will to my son Al-Hassan (MGB) to fulfill what had been left.

48- God’s Prophet (MGB) came to my house. We had not had anything to eat for three days. The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘O Ali! Do you have anything to eat?’ I said, ‘I swear by Him who honored you with His Nobility and appointed you to Prophethood that it has been three days now that me, my wife and my children have not had anything to eat.’ He (MGB) looked at Fatimah (MGB)
and said, ‘Go into the room and see if there is anything to eat there?’ She (MGB) said, ‘I have just come out of there now. There is nothing there to eat.’ I said, ‘O Prophet of God! Should I go?’ He (MGB) said, ‘Go in the Name of God.’ So I went in and saw that there was a tray of fresh dates in the middle of the room and a bowl of crumbled bread next to it. I brought them to God's Prophet (MGB). The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘O Ali! Did you see the one who brought this food?’ I said, ‘Yes, I did.’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Can you describe him for me.’ I said, ‘Yes. He had some redness, greenness and yellowness.’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘These are the colors of Gabriel’s wings which have tassels made of pearls and rubies.’ We ate from the crumbled bread in broth until we became full. Yet our hands were perfectly clean and there was nothing in them except the lines of our palm and our fingers. Thus, the Honorable the Exalted God honored only me with this Generosity from amongst the companions of the Prophet.

49- The Blessed the Sublime God appointed His Prophet (MGB) to the Prophethood mission and His Prophet (MGB) appointed me to the mission of Trusteeship. Anybody who loves me is fortunate and will be united amongst the Prophets on the Resurrection Day.

50- Indeed God’s Prophet (MGB) sent Abu Bakr to propagate the Chapter Bara'at (Declaration of Immunity). Once he left, Gabriel (MGB) came down and said, ‘O Muhammad! Only someone who is from yourself should propagate this chapter.’ Then the Prophet (MGB) sent me on his own camel which was called Kaswa. I found Abu Bakr in Zilhalifa and took that chapter from him. Indeed God honored me in this way.

51- On the day of Qadir Khum God’s Prophet (MGB) appointed me as the Master of all the people and said, ‘Whoever I am the Master of, Ali is the Master of. May the oppressive people go far away and be destroyed.’
52- Indeed God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘O Ali! Don’t you want me to teach you the words which Gabriel (MGB) has taught me?’ I replied, ‘O Prophet of God! Yes.’ He (MGB) said, ‘Then say ‘O the Sustainer of the poor! O the Kind to the poverty-stricken! O the Most-Hearing of those who hear! O the Most-Seeing of those who see! O the Beneficent the Merciful! Have mercy upon me and give me my share of daily bread.’

53- Indeed the Blessed the Sublime God will not destroy this world until the Riser (MGB) who is from our progeny rises up. He (MGB) will kill our enemies. He (MGB) will not accept any poll-tax (Jizya). He (MGB) will break the crosses and idols. He (MGB) will end the world war, seize the possessions and divide them up equally and treat the peasants with justice.

54- Indeed I heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘O Ali! Soon the Umayyads will curse you, but God’s angels will return their curse one-thousand fold. When our Riser (MGB) uprises, he (MGB) will curse them for forty years.

55- God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Several tribes from my nation will be tried regarding you. They will say, ‘Why has God’s Prophet (MGB) made Ali (MGB) his Trustee although he left nothing? Is not the Book of my Lord - the Glorious Quran the best things after the Honorable the Exalted God? I swear by Him who appointed me rightfully that if you do not compile the Quran, it will never be compiled.’ Thus, did the Honorable the Exalted God honor me in such a way that none of the other companions of the Prophet (MGB) have been honored.

56- The Blessed the Sublime God has granted me the characteristics of those who love Him and obey Him and established me as Muhammad’s Trustee. Let this please whomever it may and dismay whomever it may.’ He was pointing at Medina with his fingers when he said this.

57- God’s Prophet (MGB) faced drought in one of the battles. He (MGB) told me, ‘O Ali! Stand up to that rock and say, ‘I am the messenger of God’s Prophet’s! Give me water.’ I swear by Him who honored the Prophet (MGB) with Prophethood that once I delivered this message to that rock, there appeared several cow’s and water flowed out of each nipple. When I saw this I rushed to the Prophet (MGB) and reported it. He (MGB) said, ‘O Ali! Go and fetch water from them.’ I went there and other people also came and filled their water-skins with water, fed their quadrupeds, drank themselves and made ablutions. Thus, the Honorable the Exalted God has honored me in such a way that none of the other companions of the Prophet (MGB) have been
58- Water became scarce in one of the battles. God’s Prophet (MGB) told me, ‘O Ali! Bring a bowl.’ I brought a bowl to him. Then he (MGB) placed his right hand along with my hand in the bowl and said, ‘Give water!’ Water gushed out from the middle of our fingers.

59- In the Battle of Khaybar God’s Prophet (MGB) sent me to conquer the castle. When I reached the door of the castle, I saw that it was closed. I shook it hard, pulled it off of its place, threw it forty steps away and entered the castle. Marhab came to fight with us. Even though two of the companions of the Prophet (MGB) fought with him and returned defeated, I fought...
with him. I killed him and the ground got filled with his blood.

60- I killed Amr ibn ‘Abd Wudd who was as strong as a thousand men. [1054]

61- I heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘O Ali! Your parable among my nation is like that of the verse, ‘Qul Huallahu Ahad.’ [1055] Whoever loves you wholeheartedly it is as if he has read one-third of the Quran. Anyone who loves you wholeheartedly and also helps you is like one who has read all of the Quran.’

62- I accompanied God’s Prophet (MGB) everywhere and was with him in all the battles. His flag was in my hand.

63- I never fled from the battlefield, killed everyone who fought with me, and filled the Earth with their blood.

64- They brought a roasted heavenly chicken for the Prophet (MGB) from Paradise. He (MGB) asked God to bring the most beloved of his people there. Then the Honorable the Exalted God granted me the Grace to go there and share that chicken with the Prophet (MGB).

65- I was praying in the mosque when a beggar came and asked for something. I gave him my ring which was on my finger. Then the Blessed the Sublime God revealed the following verse, ‘Your (real) friends are (no less than) Allah, His Messenger, and the (fellowship of) believers, those who establish regular prayers and regular charity, and they bow down humbly (in worship).’ [1056]

66- The Blessed the Sublime God returned the Sun for me twice which He never did for anyone in the nation of Muhammad (MGB).

67- God’s Prophet (MGB) call me ‘The Commander of the Faithful’ during and after his life. He never called anyone else with that title.

68- God’s Prophet (MGB) told me, ‘O Ali! There shall be a call from the inside of the Throne on the Resurrection Day asking, ‘Who is the Master of the Prophets?’ Then I will step forward. Then there will be a call asking, ‘Who is the Master of the Trustees?’ and you will step forward. Then Rizvan shall bring me the keys to Paradise, and Malik shall bring me the keys to Hell. They will say, ‘God - may His Majesty be Exalted - has ordered us to bring you these keys so that you may hand them over to Ali ibn Abi Talib.’ O Ali! You will be the Qasim or the one who divides up Paradise and Hell.’
99- Indeed I heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘O Ali! Were it not for you, the believers could not be distinguished from hypocrites.’

100- Indeed God’s Prophet (MGB) put me, my wife Fatimah (MGB) and our two sons Al-Hassan (MGB) and Al-Hussein (MGB) under a cloak and the Blessed the Sublime God revealed the following verse, ‘...And Allah only wishes to remove all abomination from you, ye members of the Family, and to make you pure and spotless.’ [1057] Gabriel (MGB) said, ‘O Muhammad! I am also with you.’ Thus, Gabriel became the sixth of us.

24-2 Muhammad ibn Ibrahim ibn Ishaq al-Taleqani - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdul Aziz ibn Yahya al-Jaloodi quoted Abu Hamid al-Taleqani, on the authority of Abdul Aziz ibn al-Khat’tab, on the authority of Tolid ibn Suleiman, on the authority of Layth, that Mujahid said, “Seventy verses (of the Holy Quran) have been revealed about Ali (MGB) in which none of the other noble ones have any part.”
THE REWARD OF ONE WHO IMPLORES FORGIVENESS SEVENTY TIMES IN THE QUNUT[1058] OF AL-WITR PRAYER

24-3 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Umar ibn Yazid, on the authority of someone, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Whoever says the Al-Vatr prayers[1059] at the end of the night and says ‘I ask God for forgiveness and I repent’ (‘Istaqfurullah va Atubo ellayh) seventy times while standing up and perseveres thereon for one year will be recorded amongst those who ask for forgiveness at dawn by God and his forgiveness by God becomes certain.”

THE REWARD OF WHOEVER ASKS FOR GOD’S FORGIVENESS SEVENTY TIMES AFTER THE DAWN PRAYER

24-4 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Ali ibn al’Sindy, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Amr ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Amr ibn Sahl, on the authority of Harun ibn Kharijah, on the authority of Jabir al-Jo’afy that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “Whoever asks God for forgiveness seventy times after the dawn prayer will be forgiven by God on that day even though he commits seventy-thousand sins on that day. However, it will not benefit anyone who commits more than seventy-thousand sins on that day.”

In another tradition we read seven-hundred sins instead of seventy-thousand sins.”
THE REWARD OF WHOEVER ASKS FORGIVENESS FROM THE EXALTED GOD
SEVENTY TIMES ON EACH DAY OF THE MONTH OF SHA’BAN

24-5 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Musa ibn Ja’far al-Baghdady, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Jumhoor, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Abdul Rahman, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Hamzih, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “Whoever says ‘I ask for forgiveness by God - who is the Beneficent the Merciful the Living the Standing and I repent to Him (“Istaqfurallah al’lazi la illaha illahuval Rahman ar-Rahim al-Hayel Qayyum va Atubu ellayh”) seventy times on every day of the month of Sha’aban, his name will be recorded on the Clear Horizon.\textsuperscript{[1060]}”

The narrator said, “I asked, ‘What is the Clear Horizon?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘It is a plain in front of the Throne where there are many streams in which is poured as many cups as there are stars.’”

24-6 Al-Muzaf’far ibn Ja’far ibn al-Muzaf’far al-Alavi al-Samarqandi narrated that Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Mas’ood quoted his father, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Faz’zal, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Walid, on the authority of Al-Ab’bas ibn Hilal, “I heard Abal-Hassan Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB)\textsuperscript{[1061]} say, ‘Whoever fasts on one day of the month of Sha’aban to gain the reward of the Honorable the Exalted God will go to Paradise. Whoever asks for God’s forgiveness seventy times on every day of the month of Sha’aban would be resurrected amongst the nation of God’s Prophet (MGB) on the Resurrection Day, and his being honored becomes certain by God. Whoever gives charity during the month of Sha’aban, even if it be as little as half a date, God will make forbid the Fire from burning his body. Whoever fasts for three days during the month of Sha’ban and continues on fasting into the month of Ramazan, God will record the reward of fasting for two consecutive months.”

THE SEVENTY LONG NARROW PIECE OF THE FLAG OF PRAISE (LIWA UL-HAMD)

24-7 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him -
narrated that Al-Hassan ibn Ahmad al-Askif al-Qumi linked up this tradition to Muhammad ibn Ali who narrated that Muhammad ibn Hisan al-Qoosi quoted Ali ibn Muhammad ibn al-Ansari al-Marvazy, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Abdul Karim al-Razi known as Abi Dor’at, on the authority of Abdul Hamid al-Himmani, on the authority of Layth, on the authority of Mujahid, on the authority of Ibn Abbas that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Gabriel came to me while he was very happy. I asked, ‘O my friend Gabriel! As happy as you are please tell me what you have to say so that I know what the place of my brother and cousin Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) is in God's presence?’ Gabriel said, ‘I promise by Him who appointed you to the Prophethood and chose you for that mission that I have only descended down to the Earth for that very same issue. O Muhammad! The Sublime God sends greetings to both of you and says, ‘Muhammad is the Prophet of My Mercy and Ali is the Upholder of My Proof. I will not torture anyone who loves Ali even if he commits sins, and I will not have mercy upon Ali’s enemies even if they obey Me.’”
Ibn Abbas added that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “When the Resurrection Day comes, Gabriel will come to my presence with the Flag of Praise (‘Leva ul-Hamd) which has seventy long narrow pieces each of which is wider than the Sun and the Moon. He will come to me when I am sitting on one of the chairs in Paradise atop one of the many sacred pulpits. I will take the flag and entrust it to Ali ibn Abi Talib.” Then Umar ibn Khattab jumped from his place and said, “O Prophet of God! How could Ali stand to hold it with it having seventy pieces each of which is wider than the Sun and the Moon?” Then the Prophet (MGB) replied, “When the Resurrection day comes God will grant Ali (MGB) powers similar to the powers of Gabriel, light similar to the light of Adam, patience similar to the patience of Paradise, beauty similar to the beauty of Joseph, a good voice like the voice of David. Were it not that David is going to be the speaker of Paradise, God would have given David’s voice to Ali (MGB). Indeed Ali will be the first person to drink from the fresh cool water (Salsabil) and ginger (Zanjbil) Pool. When Ali takes one step on the Bridge[1064] his other foot will be held firmly on it. There is such a position and rank for Ali and His followers in God’s presence that the people of the past and the people of the latter times would envy.”

THE SEVENTY PARTS OF USURY

24-8 Muhammad ibn Ali ibn ash-Shah narrated that Abu Hamid quoted Abu Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Salih al-Tamimy, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Anas ibn Muhammad Abu Malik, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that in his will to Ali (MGB) God’s Prophet (MGB) told him, “O Ali! Usury is of seventy parts. The punishment of the easiest of which is the same as punishment for committing incest with one’s own mother inside the Holy House of God. O Ali! A single Dirham of usury is more horrible in the sight of God than seventy times of committing incest inside the Holy House of God.”

[1064]
THE SERVANT WHO STAYS IN THE FIRE FOR SEVENTY LIFETIMES

24-9 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali al-Kufy, on the authority of Al-Abbas ibn Amer, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Rezq, on the authority of Yahya ibn Abi-Ala’, on the authority of Jabir that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “A servant of God will stay in the Fire for seventy lifetimes - each lifetime being seventy years. Then he will call out to the Honorable the Exalted God by Muhammad and his Holy Household to have mercy upon Him. Then the Honorable the Exalted God would reveal to Gabriel to go to His servant and take him out (of Hell). Then Gabriel would ask, ‘O my Lord! How can I descend into Hell?’ God would say, ‘I shall make the fire cool and (a means of) safety for you.’ Gabriel would ask, ‘O my Lord! I do not know where he is?’ God would say, ‘He is imprisoned in a pit.’ Gabriel would cover up his face, descend into Hell and pull him out.

Then the Honorable the Exalted God would say, ‘O My servant! For how long did you stay in the stay in the Fire and call out to me?’ The servant would say, ‘O my Lord! You know best.’ God would say, ‘I swear by My Majesty that I would forgive all the sins of my servants who call me by Muhammad and his Holy Household to have mercy upon them - all that only they themselves and I know about. And I forgive your sins today.’

THE NATION WILL DIVIDE UP INTO SEVENTY-TWO SECTS

24-10 Abu Ahmad Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Bandar al-Shafe’ee in Furqan narrated that Mujahid ibn A’ayn ibn Davood quoted Muhammad ibn al-Fazl, on the authority of Ibn Lahay’at, on the authority of Sa’id ibn Abi Hilal, on the authority of Anas ibn Malik [1065] that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “After Jesus (MGB) the Children of Israel divided up into seventy-one sects. Seventy sects will be ruined and only one will be saved. My nation will divide up into seventy-two sects. Seventy-one sects will be ruined and only one sect will be saved.” They asked, “O Prophet of God! Who are the sect that will be saved?” The Prophet (MGB) replied, “The assembly.” And repeated it three times.

The compiler of the book - may God be pleased with him - said, “What is meant by ‘the assembly’ here is the true men of God even though they may only be a few as it has been narrated on the authority of the Prophet (MGB) who said, ‘A believer is by himself a proof and a
believer is by himself the assembly.’

**THE NATION WILL DIVIDE UP INTO SEVENTY-THREE SECTS**

24-11 Ahmad ibn Muhammad al-Haysam al-Ajali - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abul-Ab’bas Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Zakariya al-Qat’tan quoted Bakr ibn Abdullah ibn Habib, on the authority of Tamim ibn Buhlool, on the authority of Abu Muawiyah, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Mihran, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), on the authority of his father Al-Hussein ibn Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that he (MGB) had heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, “Indeed the nation of Moses (MGB) divided up into seventy-one sects after him. One sect shall be saved and the other seventy sectors will go to Hell. The nation of Jesus (MGB) divided up into seventy-two sects after him. One sect shall be saved and the other seventy-one sects will go to Hell. My nation will be divided up into seventy-three sects after me. One sect will be saved
and the other seventy-two sects will go to Hell.”

SEVENTY-THREE DECREES REGARDING WOMEN DIFFERING FROM THOSE FOR MEN

24-12 Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Al-Hassan ibn Ali al-Askari quoted Abu Abdullah Muhammad ibn Zakariya al-Basry, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Ammara, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Jabir ibn Yazid al-Jo’fy that he had heard Aba Ja’far Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB) say, “Women are not required to say the general and the specific calls to prayer. They are not required to attend the Friday or the congregational prayers. Women are not required to visit the ill, nor are they required to attend funeral processions. Women are not required to say the Takbirs aloud nor are they required to run between the Saffa and the Marva hills in Mecca. Women are not required to kiss the Black Stone nor are they required to enter the Ka’ba. Women are not required to shave their heads. Rather, they may shorten their hair. Women should not be in charge of the position of the judge nor should they be in charge of leadership or counselor. Women should not slaughter unless at times of necessity. Women should start to make ablutions by washing from the interior part of the hand while men should wash the exterior part. Women are not required to wash their feet and head as men do when making ablutions. Rather, they should uncover their head for washing their hair as part of the ablutions for prayer for the morning and evening prayers, and only put their hands under their veils to wet their hair for making ablutions for other prayers. When women stand up to say their prayers they should put the two feet together and stick their upper arms to their breast. They should stick their two hands to their thighs when
bowing down. When they want to go to the position of prostration, they should sit down first and then they should stick to the ground when they prostrate. When they lift their head up from prostration, they should first sit down and then attempt to stand up. When they sit down to say the Tashahhud, they should stick their thighs together. Women should count the glorifications which they say using their fingers since they are responsible. When women want to ask the Honorable the Exalted God for something, they can go to the roof of their house, say two units of prayers, and raise their head up towards the sky. Once they do that the Honorable the Exalted God would not turn them down and fulfill their needs. Women are not required to perform the Friday ritual ablutions (wuzu) while they are on a journey. However, they should not abandon it when they are in their homeland. Women cannot be relied upon as witnesses in any issues punishable by religious law[1066]. Women cannot be relied upon as witnesses in issues regarding divorce or seeing the new moon. However, they could be relied upon as witnesses in other affairs in which men are not allowed to investigate by looking (such as the issue of menstruation or virginity). Women should not walk in the middle of the walkways. Rather they should walk on the sides. Women are not allowed to settle in the upper chambers over-looking the roads. It is not necessary for women to learn how to write. It is good for them to learn wheel-spinning and the Chapter Nur.[1067] It is not advisable for them to learn the Chapter Yusuf.[1068] If a woman commits apostasy[1069] and renunciates her religious faith, then she should be asked to repent. It would be fine if she repents. However, if she doesn’t accept to repent, then she should be held in custody. She should not be killed as men of a similar status should be. She should be forced to work hard in prison and given minimal nourishment of food and water. She should be given rough clothes to wear and beaten up until she prays and fasts. Women are not required to pay the Jizya[1070] (the poll-tax[1071]). Other women should be asked to leave the room when the time for giving birth to a child arrives for a woman, so that they do not unnecessarily look at her private parts. It is not proper for women who are menstruating or impure due to sex be present when a dead person is being dictated to (Talqin)[1072] since the angels would be disturbed. It is also not proper for such women to place the dead in the grave. A man should not sit at the place where a woman has been sitting before some time passes by, and that place is no longer warm due to her sitting there.

The holy war for a woman is to take good care of her husband. A woman’s husband has the most rights incumbent upon her than anyone else. A woman’s husband is the best person to say prayers upon her (his wife) dead
body. It is not allowed for a Muslim woman to become naked in front of a Jewish or Christian woman, because they may describe her looks for their husbands. A woman is not allowed to put on perfume when she leaves home. It is not allowed for a woman to make herself look like men, since God’s Prophet (MGB) has cursed men who make themselves up to look like women and women who make themselves up to look like men. A woman should not remain without an adornment even if it be just a string which she wears on her neck. A woman should not leave her fingers plain white and should at least dye them with henna[1073]. However, a woman should not dye her hands while she is menstruating since there is the fear that Satan may bother her. When a woman has a need during her prayers she should clap her hands together. However, when a man needs something during his prayers he can point at it with his head and hand and say God’s glorifications. A woman is not allowed to pray without a veil except for a female slave who can say her prayers without a veil. Women are allowed to put on fine silk and heavy brocade clothes when they are not praying or not in a state of ritual consecration wearing the Ihram.[1074] However, men are forbidden to do so unless they are attending a holy war. Women are allowed to wear gold rings and pray with them on. However, men are forbidden to do so (unless they are attending a holy war).

The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘O Ali! Do not wear gold since that is what will be your adornment in Paradise. Do not wear silk clothes since that will be your clothes in Paradise.’ A woman is not allowed to give charity of free her own slaves unless with her husband’s permission. A woman is not allowed to fast the recommendable fasts unless with her husband’s permission. A woman is not allowed to shake hands with unfamiliar men unless her hands are covered up. A woman is not allowed to make pledge of allegiance with her hands unless her hands are covered up. A woman is not allowed to go to recommendable Hajj without her husband’s permission. A woman should not go to a bath house since this is forbidden for her. A woman should not ride on a saddle unless it is absolutely necessary or on a trip. A woman’s inheritance will be half of that of a man. The blood money for a woman will be half of that of a man. In retribution for injury to, or loss of, bodily organs men and women shall be treated equally unless the blood money for the lost organ is a third or more than a third of the full blood money, in which case a woman’s blood
money shall be half of a man's.

When a woman stands to pray alone with a man she should stand up behind him not by his side.

When a woman dies they should pray for her while standing at her chest whereas when a man dies they should pray for him while standing at his head. When they place a woman in the grave her husband should stand in a place from which he can take her thighs and bury her. There will be no intercession on behalf of a woman with her Lord unless her husband is pleased with her.

When Fatimah (MGB) passed away, the Commander of the Faithful (MGB) stood up next to her and said, 'O God! I am pleased with her - the daughter of your Prophet. O God! Indeed I am Fearful. So please calm her down. O God! She departed us to join him (MGB). O God! She was oppressed. You be the Judge as you are the best of all the judges!'

GOD GRANTED THE INTELLECT SEVENTY-FIVE TROOPS AND GRANTED IGNORANCE SEVENTY-FIVE TROOPS

24-17 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah and Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homyary quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid al-Barqy, on the authority of Ali ibn Hadid, on the authority of Soma’at ibn Mihran narrated that once he and some friends of Imam as-Sadiq (MGB) were with Imam as-
Sadiq (MGB) when they started to talk about intelligence and ignorance. Imam as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Get to know intelligence and its troops, and ignorance and its troops to be guided.” Soma’ at said, “O! May I be your devoted servant. We know nothing except for what you teach us.” Imam as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “God, Exalted is His Praise created the intellect. It was one of His first creatures which He created using His own Light from the right side of the Throne. Then He ordered it to go back, and it did. Then He ordered it to come forward, and it did. God said, “I created you as a great creature, and honored you above all My creatures.” Then God created ignorance and told it to go back and it did. Then God ordered it to come forward, but it did not accept. God said, “You rebelled.” Then God cursed it. God then established seventy-five troops for the intellect. When ignorance saw God’s grant to the intellect, it became its enemy and said, “O’ God! You created it and honored it and strengthened it. It is a creature like me. I am opposed to it and have no power over it. So please grant me of the troops you grant it.” God said, “Ok I will, but if you disobey I will throw you and your troops out of the domain of My Mercy.” Ignorance said it was pleased, and it was also granted seventy-five troops. The seventy-five troops are as follows: Goodness is the minister for the intellect, and evil is the minister for ignorance; faith for the intellect, and infidelity for ignorance; acceptance for the intellect, and rejection for ignorance; hope for the intellect, and despair for ignorance; justice for the
ignorance; gratitude for the intellect, and ingratitude for ignorance; lack of hope (in God’s Mercy) for the intellect, and greed for ignorance; kindness for the intellect, and ruthlessness for ignorance; mercy for the intellect, and anger for ignorance; knowledge for the intellect, and ignorance for ignorance; understanding for the intellect, and stupidity for ignorance; chastity for the intellect, and vulgarity for ignorance; abstinence for the intellect, and materialism for ignorance; kindness for the intellect, and violence for ignorance; solemnity for the intellect, and insolence for ignorance; humbleness for the intellect, and haughtiness for ignorance; kindness for the intellect, and violence for ignorance; humbleness for the intellect, and arrogance for ignorance; right for the intellect, and wrong for ignorance; health for the intellect, and affliction for ignorance; love for the intellect, and hate for ignorance; honesty for the intellect, and corruption for ignorance; trustworthiness for the intellect, and treason for ignorance; sincerity for the intellect, and corruption for ignorance; bravery for the intellect, and stupidity for ignorance; understanding for the intellect, and ignorance for ignorance; recognition for the intellect, and denial for ignorance; putting up with other people’s minor mistakes for the intellect, and divulging other people’s minor mistakes for ignorance; keeping other’s secrets for the intellect, and divulging other people’s secrets for ignorance; engaging in Jihad (Holy War) for the intellect, and refusal to testify for
ignorance; pilgrimage for the intellect, and breaking covenant for ignorance; keeping secrets for the intellect, and slandering for ignorance; being kind to parents for the intellect, and being cursed by parents for ignorance; truth for the intellect, and hypocrisy for ignorance; good for the intellect, and evil for ignorance; covering oneself for the intellect, and playing up a woman’s charms for ignorance; covering up for the intellect, and making up oneself for ignorance; concealment for the intellect and divulging for ignorance; being fair for the intellect, and siding with the wrong for ignorance; making up for the husband for the intellect, and fornication for ignorance; cleanliness for the intellect, and filthiness for ignorance; shyness for the intellect, and taking off clothing for ignorance; assuming a mediators position for the intellect, and aggression for ignorance; comfort for the intellect, and hard work for ignorance; easiness for the intellect, and hardship for ignorance; abundance of blessings for the intellect, and scarcity for ignorance; health for the intellect, and affliction for ignorance; reasonable wealth for the intellect, and hoarding for ignorance; wisdom for the intellect, and selfish desires for ignorance; dignity for the intellect, and humility for ignorance; prosperity for the intellect, and ruin for ignorance; repentance for the intellect, and insistence on sin for ignorance; asking for forgiveness for the intellect, and being too proud for ignorance; protection for the intellect, and neglect for ignorance; performing supplications for the intellect, and abandoning supplications for ignorance; joy for the intellect, and boredom for ignorance; happiness for the intellect, and sorrow for ignorance; intimacy for the intellect, and anger for ignorance; generosity for the intellect, and stinginess for ignorance.

All the characteristics which are the troops of the intellect will only be present in the Prophet (MGB) or the Imams (MGB) or a believer who has tested his heart with faith. However, other friends of ours have some of these and can slowly attain the rest and avoid the troops of ignorance. Then they will reach the high ranks of the Prophets and the Imams. This prosperity is only obtained by the recognition of the intellect and its troops, and by avoiding ignorance and its troops. May God assist both you and us in obeying and pleasing Him.
PART 25-ON EIGHTY AND ABOVE-NUMBERED CHARACTERISTICS

EIGHTY VERSES OF THE QURAN WERE REVEALED REGARDING IMAM ALI AND NO ONE ELSE

25-1 Muhammad ibn Ibrahim ibn Ishaq al-Taleqani - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Abdul Aziz ibn Yahya al-Jolodi in Basra quoted Ahmad ibn Aban, on the authority of Yahya ibn Salma, on the authority of Zayd ibn al-Harith, on the authority of Abdul Rahman ibn Abi Layli, “Eighty verses of the Honorable the Exalted God’s Quran were revealed just regarding the characteristics of the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) and no one else in this nation.”

25-2 Abu Yusuf Rafe’a ibn Abdullah ibn Abdul Malik at Marvrud narrated that Yusuf ibn Musa quoted Abu Zakarya Yahya ibn Uthman, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ibn Lahay’at, on the authority of Khalid ibn Yazid al-Jomhi, on the authority of sa’id ibn Abi Hilal al-Laysee, on the authority of Nayebat ibn Wahab al-Abdo’ee, on the authority of Muhammad ibn al-Hanafyye, on the authority of his father Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB), “The Prophet decreed the striking of eighty lashes as the punishment for drinking wine.”

THERE ARE NINETY-FIVE TAKBIRS IN THE FIVE DAILY PRAYERS

25-3 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash’ari, on the authority of Musa ibn Umar, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Muqayrih, on the authority of Al-Misbah al-Mazny, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) that the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said, “There are ninety-five Takbirs in the five daily prayers including the ones said in the Qunut. [1075]

THE NINETY-NINE NAMES FOR THE BLESSED THE SUBLIME GOD

25-4 Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan narrated that Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Zakaria al-Qat’tan quoted Bakr ibn Abdullah ibn Habib, on the authority of Tamim ibn Buhlool, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Abil Hassan al-Abdi, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Mihran, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqr (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB), on the authority of his father Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Indeed there are there are ninety-nine names for the Honorable
the Exalted God, one-hundred minus one. Whoever recites them would go to Paradise. They are as follows: 1- Allah; 2- the God; 3- The One; 4- The Unique; 5- The Self-Sufficient; 6- The First; 7- The Last; 8- The All-hearing; 9- The All-seeing; 10- The Omnipotent; 11- The Subduer; 12- The Most High; 13- The All-high; 14- The Ever-enduring; 15- The Fashioner; 16- The Originator; 17- The Most Noble; 18- The Manifest; 19- The Hidden; 20- The Ever-living; 21- The Wise; 22- The All-knowing; 23- The Forbearing; 24- The Preserver; 25- The Truth; 26- The Reckoner; 27- The All-praiseworthy; 28- The Entertaining; 29- The Sustainer; 30- The All-beneficent; 31- The Most Merciful; 32- The Producer; 33- The Provider; 34- The Watchful; 35- The Clement; 36- The Giver of peace; 37- The Giver of security; 38- The Prevailer; 39- The Almighty; 40- The Overwhelmer; 41- The Tremendous; 42- The Sovereign; 43- The Glorified; 44-
The Witness; 45- The Truthful; 46- The Maker; 47- The Pure; 48- The Just; 49- The Pardoner; 50- The All-forgiving; 51- The Needless; 52- The Aide; 53- The Maker; 54- The Single; 55- The Judge; 56- The Cleaver; 57- The Eternal; 58- The King; 59- The Most Holy; 60- The Strong; 61- The Nigh; 62- The Self-Existing; 63- The Constrictor; 64- The Reliever; 65- The Fullfiller of Needs; 66- The Glorious; 67- The Lord; 68- The Benefactor; 69- The All-Inclusive; 70- The Maniester; 71- The Nourisher; 72- The Fashioner; 73- The Generous; 74- The Grand; 75- The Sufficer; 76- The Revealer of Harms; 77- The One and Only; 78- The Light; 79- The Bestower; 80- The Helper; 81- The All-Comprehending; 82- The Loving; 83- The Guide; 84- The Honest; 85- The Guardian; 86- The Inheritor; 87- The Good; 88- The Resurrector; 89- The Acceptor of Repentance; 90- The Majestic; 91- The Magnanimous; 92- The All-aware; 93- The Creator; 94- The Best of Helpers; 95- The Master; 96- The Grateful; 97- The Magnificent; 98- The Subtly-Kind; 99- The Curer.

Sadooq said, “I have explained these names in Kitab al-Tawhid and have narrated this tradition in various ways and with somewhat different words.”

THE REWARD FOR SAYING THERE IS NO GOD BUT ALLAH AND ASKING HIS FORGIVENESS ONE-HUNDRED TIMES

25-5 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Aba Abdullah, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Hisham ibn Salim and Abi Ayoob al-Khizaz that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Whoever says ‘There is no god but God’ (La illah illalah) one-hundred times on that day, unless someone else says it more times than that.”
25-6 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Sayf, (on the authority of Sayf,) on the authority of Salam ibn Qanim that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “God will construct a house in Paradise for whoever repeats ‘There is no god but God’ one-hundred times when he lays down in his bed. The sins of whoever asks for God’s forgiveness one-hundred times when he lays down in his bed would fall off from him as the leaves fall off from a tree.”
PART 26- ON FROM ONE TO ONE-HUNDRED NUMBERED CHARACTERISTICS

THE QUESTIONS OF THE JEW FROM IMAM ALI

26-1 Ali ibn Ahmad ibn Musa - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Zakariya al-Qat‘tan quoted Bakr ibn Abdullah ibn Habib, on the authority of Abdul Rahim ibn Ali ibn Sa‘id al-Jabali al-Seidani and Abdullah ibn al-Salt, on the authority of Al-Hassan (Muhammad) ibn Nasr al-Khazzaz, on the authority of Amr ibn Talha ibn Asbat ibn Nasr, on the authority of Akrama, on the authority of Abdullah Ibn Abbas[1096], “Two Jewish brothers who were from the Jewish elders came to Medina. They asked the Muslims, ‘Has there come a Prophet in Tahameh who considers the Jewish people to be light-headed and admonishes them against their religion? We are worried that he may turn us away from the religion of our forefathers. Which one of you is that Prophet? If he turns out to be the one whom David (MGB) has previously given us glad tidings of his coming, we will believe in and follow him. However, if he turns out to be just an eloquent speaker who uses poetry and convinces the people with his talks, we will fight with him with our lives and property. Where is this Prophet?’

The Emigrants (Muhajerin) and their Helpers (Ansar) all said, ‘The Prophet (MGB) has passed away.’ The two Jewish men praised God for hearing the news of the death of the Prophet. Then they asked, ‘Each Prophet (MGB) has a Trustee whom is in charge of religious duties after him. Which one of you is his Trustee?’ The Emigrants (Muhajerin) and their Helpers (Ansar) all faced Abu Bakr and said, ‘He is his Trustee.’ The Jewish men told Abu Bakr, ‘We will ask you some questions which should be asked from the Trustees. Please respond to them if you are the Trustee.’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Fine. Go ahead and ask. God willing I will respond.’ One of
them asked, ‘What are you and I considered to be before the Honorable the Exalted God? What is the living creature which was placed in another living creature without there being any ties of kinship between them? Which grave was the one which took what it contained on a trip? From where does the Sun rise? To where does the Sun set? Where was that place upon which the Sun shone only once and never again? Where is Paradise? Where is Hell? Does your God carry loads or does He become loaded? To which direction does your God face? Who are the two things that are always present? What are the two things that are always absent? What are the two things which cannot both be at once? Who is the one? Who are the two? What are the three? What are the four? What are the five? What are the six? What are the seven? What are the eight? What are the nine? What are the ten? What are the eleven? What are the twelve? What are the thirty? What are the forty? What are the fifty? What are the sixty? What are the seventy? What are the eighty? What are the ninety? What are the one-hundred?’”

Ibn Abbas added, “Abu Bakr could not answer. We became frightened that the people might turn away from the religion. I went to see Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) and told him, ‘O Ali! Some of the Jewish chiefs have come to Medina. They met Abu Bakr and asked him some questions, but Abu Bakr was unable to respond.’ Ali (MGB) smiled and said, ‘This is the day which the Prophet of God (MGB) had foretold.’ Then Ali (MGB) walked ahead of me just as the Prophet (MGB) did and sat in the Prophet’s place. He requested the two Jewish men, ‘Come to me and present to me the questions which you asked this old man.’ The two Jews asked, ‘Who are you?’ He (MGB) replied, ‘I am Ali Ibn Abi Talib - the brother of the Prophet (MGB), the husband of Fatimah, the father of Hassan and Hussein, the Prophet’s Trustee in all issues, and the one who knows all of the Prophet’s secrets.’ One of the two Jews asked, ‘What are you and I considered to be before the Honorable the Exalted God?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘I have been a believer since I have known myself, and you have been an unbeliever since you have known yourself. I do not know about your destiny in the future.’

26-2 The Jew asked, ‘What is the living creature which was placed in another living creature without there being any ties of kinship between them?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘It was the Prophet Jonah (‘Yunus) who was eaten up by a large whale.’

The Jew asked, ‘Which grave was the one which took what it contained on a trip?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘It was the large whale which moved around at sea when Jonah was in its stomach.’
The Jew asked, ‘From where does the Sun rise?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘From between the two horns of Satan?’

The Jew asked, ‘To where does the Sun set?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘It sets in a hot spring. My friend, i.e. God’s Prophet (MGB) told me not to pray at the times of sunrise or sunset when it is below the size of one or two spears.’

The Jew asked, ‘Where was that place upon which the Sun shone only once and never again?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘It was in the depth of the sea which God split up for the Children of Israel to pass[1097] (when they were escaping from Egypt being chased by Pharaoh, and where Pharaoh and his soldiers were drowned.)’[1098]

The Jew asked, ‘Does your God bear things or is He carried?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘My God bears everything and nothing has the endurance to bear the greatness of His load.’

The Jew asked, ‘Then what is meant by the following words of the Honorable the Exalted God, ‘And the angels will be on its sides, and eight will, that Day, bear the Throne of thy Lord above...’

[1097] The Children of Israel passed through the Red Sea, which was divided by God, when they were being pursued by Pharaoh and his army, who were drowned in it.
[1098] This verse refers to the time when the Children of Israel crossed the Red Sea, which was split by God, allowing them to escape from Pharaoh and his army who were drowned in it.
them.’ [1099] Ali (MGB) replied, ‘Don’t you know that whatever exists in the heavens and the Earth and in between them and under the Earth belongs to God. Everything is established upon the Earth and the Earth is established upon God’s Power and it is indeed His Power which bears everything.’

The Jew asked, ‘Where is Paradise? Where is Hell?’ Ali (MGB) replied ‘Paradise is in the heavens and Hell is on the Earth.’

The Jew asked, ‘To which direction does your God face?’ Ali ibn Abi Talib told me (Ibn Abbas), ‘O Ibn Abbas! Bring some wood and make a fire.’ I brought some wood and kindled it. Ali (MGB) put some wood on the fire. Then he (MGB) asked the Jew, ‘To which direction does this fire face?’ The Jew said, ‘It doesn’t face any specific direction.’ Ali (MGB) said, ‘This is similar to the case of the Honorable the Exalted God. To Him belong both the East and the West. To every direction you look, God is there.’

The Jew asked, ‘What are the two things that are always present?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘They are the heavens and the Earth which never disappear.’

The Jew asked, ‘What are the two things that are always absent?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘They are life and death which no one can ever see.’

The Jew asked, ‘What are the two things which cannot both be at once?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘They are day and night.’

The Jew asked, ‘Who is the one?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘The Honorable the Exalted God.’
The Jew asked, ‘Who are the two?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘Adam and Eve.’

The Jew asked, ‘What are the three?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘The Christians have ascribed lies to the Honorable the Exalted God and said, ‘Allah is one of three in a Trinity…[1100] ’ But God has no companions or sons.’

The Jew asked, ‘What are the four?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘They are the Quran, the Zabur (Psalms of David), the Torah and the Bible.’

The Jew asked, ‘What are the five?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘They are the five obligatory prayers.’

The Jew asked, ‘What are the six?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘They are the six days during which God created the heavens, the Earth and whatever lies in between.’

The Jew asked, ‘What are the seven?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘They are the seven gates of Hell which are identical.’ [1101]

The Jew asked, ‘What are the eight?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘They are the eight gates of Paradise.’ [1102]

The Jew asked, ‘What are the nine?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘They are nine men (of the Thamud clan) who made mischief in the land, and would not reform.’ [1103]

The Jew asked, ‘What are the ten?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘They are the 10 days of a third of a month.’

The Jew asked, ‘What are the eleven?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘They refer to the ‘eleven stars’ about which Joseph told his father as we read in the Holy Quran, ‘Behold! Joseph said to his father, ‘O my father! I did see eleven stars and the sun and the moon: I saw them prostrate
themselves to me!” [1104]

The Jew asked, ‘What are the twelve?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘They are the twelve months in a year.’

The Jew asked, ‘What are the twenty?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘That refers to the twenty Dirhams with which Joseph was exchanged.’

The Jew asked, ‘What are the thirty?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘Those are the thirty days of fasting in the month of Ramazan which is obligatory for every believer unless he is ill or on a journey.’

The Jew asked, ‘What are the forty?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘It refers to the term of communion of Moses with his Lord which was thirty nights, and was completed with ten more to become forty nights.’ [1105]

The Jew asked, ‘What are the fifty?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘This refers to the appointment of Noah to his people which was for a thousand years less fifty.’ [1106]
The Jew asked, ‘What are the sixty?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘This refers to the ‘sixty days of consecutively fasting’ or the ‘feeding of sixty indigent ones’ (for Zihar) that the Honorable the Exalted God has established as the expiation of men who divorce their wives by calling them their mothers (Zihar) before they can touch each other.’ [1108]

26-3 The Jew asked, ‘What are the seventy?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘This refers to the seventy persons which Moses chose from amongst his family to take to the place of meeting his Lord - the Honorable the Exalted God.’ [1109] The Jew asked, ‘What are the eighty?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘Eighty here refers to the name of a village in an island where Noah boarded his ark and then landed on Judi[1110] and God drowned his tribe.’

The Jew asked, ‘What are the ninety?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘It refers to the Ark in which Noah built ninety compartments for living creatures.’

The Jew asked, ‘What are the one-hundred?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘David’s (MGB) life was only sixty years, but Adam (MGB) donated forty years of his own life to David (MGB). When Adam’s time of death arrived, he denied it. It was from then on that denying the truth passed on from him unto his progeny.’ The Jew said, ‘O young fellow! Please describe Muhammad for me as if I am looking at him myself so that I may believe in him.’ The Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) cried and said, ‘O Jew! You have renewed my sorrow. My friend Muhammad - the Prophet of God - was a large-foreheaded man; with joined brows; black eyes; smooth cheeks; a cute nose; tiny lips; dense beard; shiny teeth; with a silver color neck; and a line of hair from the throat down to his belly button like a camphor branch with no hair elsewhere. He was neither too tall nor too short. When he walked his light encompassed everyone around him: he walked firmly as if he was climbing a hill or going down a hill; He had round heels, delicate feet and a thin waist. His turban was As-Sahab; his sword Dhul Fiqar[1111] ; his mule was Doldol[1112] ; his donkey was Ya’fur; his camel was Kaswa; his horse was Lizaz; and his staff was al-Mamshuq. He (MGB) was the kindest person with other people. He (MGB) was the most gentle person with other people. The seal of Prophethood was placed between his two shoulders. There were two lines written on that seal. The first line read, ‘There is no god but God’ and the second line read, ‘Muhammad is the Prophet of God. Well. Dear Jewish fellow! These were his characteristics.’ The two Jewish men said, ‘We bear witness that there is no god but God; Muhammad is the Prophet of God; and you are the Trustee of Muhammad.’ They became true Muslims and became companions of Ali (MGB). They were with him (MGB) until the Battle of Jamal when they accompanied Ali (MGB) to Basra. One of
them was killed there and the other one survived until he accompanied Ali (MGB) in the Battle of Siffin and was killed in that battle.”

26-4 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa‘ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn al-Hussein ibn Sa‘id, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Ja‘far ibn Yahya, on the authority of his father who linked it up to some of the trustworthy followers of the Household of Muhammad (MGB), “Two Jewish men from Khaybar came (to Medina) with an open Torah. They wanted to see the Prophet (MGB). The people told them that the Prophet (MGB) had passed away. They went to see Abu Bakr and said, ‘We had come here to see your Prophet and ask him a few questions. However, we realized that he has passed away.’ Abu Bakr asked them, ‘What are your questions?’ They said, ‘Please let us know what does one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, twenty, thirty, forty, fifty, sixty, seventy, eighty, ninety and one hundred refer to?’ Abu Bakr told them, ‘I do not have the answer to these questions. Go to see Ali ibn Abi Talib.’ The Jews went to see Ali (MGB) and told him what had happened while they held the Torah open in their hand. The Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) asked them, ‘Will you accept Islam if I give you the answer to these questions?’
They replied, ‘Yes.’ Ali (MGB) said, ‘One refers to God who is only One and He doesn’t have any partners. Two refers to what the Honorable the Exalted God said in the following verse, ‘Take not (for worship) two gods, for He is just One God.’ Three, four, five, six, seven, eight and nine refer to what the Honorable the Exalted God has said in His Book in the Chapter Al-Kahf as follow, ‘(Some) say they were three, dog being the fourth among them; (others) say they were five, dog being the sixth, doubtfully guessing at the unknown; (yet others) say they were seven, dog being the eighth. Say thou: ‘My Lord knoweth best their number; It is but few that know their (real case).’ Enter not, therefore, into controversies concerning them, except on a matter that is clear, nor consult any of them about (the affair of) the Sleepers.’

And nine refers to what the Honorable the Exalted God says in His Book, ‘There were in the city nine men of a family, who made mischief in the land, and would not reform.’

And ten refers to what the Honorable the Exalted God said (regarding fasting in case one cannot afford an offering for Hajj), ‘…making ten days in all.”

And twenty refers to what the Honorable the Exalted God says in His Book, ‘If there are twenty amongst you, patient and persevering, they will vanquish two-hundred,'
Thirty and forty refer to what the Honorable the Exalted God says in His Book, ‘We appointed for Moses thirty nights, and completed (the period) with ten (more), thus was completed the term (of communion) with his Lord, forty nights…’ [1118]

Fifty refers to what the Honorable the Exalted God says in His Book, ‘The angels and the spirit ascend unto him in a Day the measure whereof is (as) fifty-thousand years:’ [1119]

Sixty refers to 'sixty days of consecutively fasting’ or the ‘feeding of sixty indigent ones’ that the Honorable the Exalted God has established as the expiation for men who divorce their wives by calling them mothers (Zihar), before they can touch each other as the Honorable the Exalted God says in His Book, ‘But if any is unable to do so, he should feed sixty indigent ones…’ [1120]

Seventy refers to the seventy persons which Moses chose from amongst his family to take to the place of meeting his Lord as the Honorable the Exalted God says in His Book, ‘And Moses chose seventy of his people for Our place of meeting…’ [1121]

Eighty refers to the punishment for unduly accusing women of adultery as the Honorable the Exalted God says in His Book, ‘And those who launch a charge against chaste women, and produce not four witnesses (to support their allegations),- flog them with eighty stripes;…’ [1122]

Ninety refers to the story of the two disputant brothers who went to seek his judgement regarding their ewes as the Honorable the Exalted God said in His Book, ‘This man is my brother, He has nine and ninety ewes,…’ [1123]

And one-hundred refers to the punishment for adultery or fornication as the Honorable the Exalted God said in His Book, ‘The woman and the man guilty of adultery or fornication,- flog each of them with a hundred stripes:…’[1124]’

**THE PROPHET (MGB) ASCENDED TO THE HEAVENS ONE-HUNDRED AND TWENTY TIMES**

26-5 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Al-Hassan ibn Matil al-Daqqaq quoted Salma ibn al-Khat’tab, on the authority of Muni’a ibn al-Haj’jaj, on the authority of Yunus, on the authority of Sabah al-Mazny that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “The Prophet (MGB) ascended to Heaven one-hundred and twenty times. Every time, the Honorable the Exalted God recommended the love for Ali (MGB) and the Immaculate Divine Leaders (MGB) more than He recommended the obligatory deeds.”
ONE-HUNDRED AND TWENTY KINDS OF FRUITS

26-6 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father and Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Sa’e’d ibn Abdullah And Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, that someone quoted on the authority of A’ba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “When the Honorable the Exalted God sent Adam (MGB) down from Heaven to the Earth, He sent down one-hundred and twenty branches with him forty of which are both edible inside and outside; forty of which are edible outside but not edible inside; and forty of which are edible inside but not edible outside. God also sent down to Earth a large sack with him full of every kind of seeds.”

THE PEOPLE OF HEAVEN ARE ONE-HUNDRED AND TWENTY GROUPS

26-7 Abu Ahmad Muhammad ibn Ja’far al-Bandar al-Shafe’e in Furqan narrated that Abul Abbas al-Himady quoted Salih ibn Muhammad al-Baghdady, on the authority of Ubaydullah ibn Amr al-Qavariri, on the authority of Mu’mel ibn Isma’il, on the authority of Sufyan al-Sowri, on
the authority of Alqamat ibn Morsed, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Barida, on the authority of his father that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The people of Heaven are divided into one-hundred and twenty groups, eighty of which are my followers.”

ANYONE WHO MEMORIZES THE QURAN ENTIRELY RECEIVES TWO-HUNDRED DINARS FROM THE TREASURY

26-8 Abul Hassan Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn al-Hussein al-Bazzaz narrated that Abu Hamid Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Hamuye quoted Abu Ja’far Muhammad ibn Sa’id al-Razi, on the authority of Al-Abbas al-Hamzih, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Ibrahim al-Doraqi, on the authority of Al-Rabi’a ibn Badr, on the authority of Abil Ash’hab al-Nakha’ee that Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) said, “Any Muslim who is ready to memorize the Quran deserves to receive two-hundred Dinars from the Muslims' treasury every year. If this is withheld from him in this world, he will receive it on the Resurrection Day when it will even be more beneficial for him.”

THERE ARE THREE-HUNDRED AND SIXTY DAYS IN A YEAR

26-9 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn al-Hussein ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Ali ibn Yaqtayn, on the authority of Bakr ibn Ali ibn Abdul Aziz, on the authority of his father, “I asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq how many days there are in one year. He (MGB) replied, ‘There are three-hundred and sixty days in a year. God created this world in 6 days. That is why this was subtracted from three-hundred and sixty. Hence there are three-hundred and fifty-four days in a (lunar) year.” [1125]
CIRCUMAMBULATING THREE-HUNDRED AND SIXTY TIMES

26-10 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Al-Hussein ibn al-Hassan ibn Aban quoted Al-Hussein ibn Sa'id, on the authority of Fuzalat ibn Ayoob, on the authority of Muawiyah ibn Ammar that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “It is recommended to perform the seven round circumambulation (of the Ka’ba) three-hundred and sixty times - that is as many days as there are in a year. However, one may perform the seven round circumambulation (of the Ka’ba) as many rounds as he can.”

SOME OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF RELIGIOUS DECREES

26-11 Ahmad ibn Muhammad al-Haysam al-Ajali, Ahmad ibn al-Hassan al-Qat’tan, Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Sin’ani, al-Hussein ibn Ibrahim ibn Ahmad ibn Hisham al-Mokattib,[1126] Abdullah ibn Muhammad al-Saeq and Ali ibn Abdullah al-Var’raq - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Abul Abbas Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Zakarya al-Qattan quoted Bakr ibn Abdullah al-Habib, on the authority of Tamim ibn Buhlool, on the authority of Abu Muawiyah, on the authority of Al-A’amash that Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “These are the religious decrees. God guides whoever decides to adhere to them. Make ritual ablutions (wuzu) just as the Honorable the Exalted God has commanded in His Speaking Book.[1127] (O ye who believe! when ye prepare for prayer,) wash your faces, and your hands (and arms) to the elbows; Rub your heads (with water); and (wash) your feet to the ankles…) This is allowed once or twice.

Ritual ablutions (wuzu) will only be defiled by defecation, farting, urination, ejaculation, menses and spotting. Whoever washes his feet (during ablutions) from over the slippers God, His Prophet and His Book. His ablutions are not correct and his prayer is not accepted. There are various forms of ritual bathing (ghusl) like bathing after the major ceremonial impurity (caused by sexual intercourse or the ejaculation of semen)[1128]; wet dreams; menstruation; touching
the dead after it gets cold; for having washed the dead; on Fridays; on the two Eids; upon entering Mecca; upon entering Medina; going on pilgrimage; entering the state of ritual consecration (or Ihram); on the day of Arafat; on the first night of the (Arabic) month of Ramazan; on the 17th night; the 19th night; the 21st night, and the 23rd night of Ramazan. (All these are based on traditions.) However, the ritual bathing for major ritual impurity is obligatory as is the ritual bathing for menstruation.

26-12 The obligatory prayers include the noon prayer that is four units; the afternoon prayer that is four units; the evening prayer that is three units; the
state of fear. Two units that are to be said while sitting after the night prayer - though they are considered to be one unit. Eight units are the night prayers to be said at dawn. Two units - even (Al-Shaf‘a) and one unit - odd (Al-Vatr)[1132] are to be said in the morning, and two units for the morning prayer to be said after the one odd unit. Eight units are to be said before the noon prayer, and eight units are to be said before the afternoon prayer. Prayers said at the onset of their established times are nobler. The reward for congregational prayers is twenty-four times that of individual prayers. Do not pray behind a sinful congregational prayer leader. Pray only behind congregational prayer leaders who believe in Divine Leadership[1133]. Do not pray while you are wearing the skins of a dead animal[1134], even if it has been tanned seventy times. Do not pray while you are wearing skins of beasts. Do not prostrate on anything but the Earth, or what grows on it except for what is edible, cotton and linen[1135]. In the opening of the prayer you should say, ‘Ta’ala arshak. It is not permitted to say “Ta’ala jaddak.’ It is not permitted to say “As-salamu alaina va ala ebadillah is-saleheen” in the first Tashahhud of the prayer since saying so implies termination of the prayer, and once you say that your prayer ends. Shortening the prayers is valid after you travel eight Farsakhs (round trip) or four Farsakhs[1136] away from your home - that is two way-stops. When prayers are shortened while on a journey, fasting should be broken. It is not acceptable not to shorten the prayers while you are on a journey, since that is similar to adding on something to what God has prescribed.

Qunut[1137] in all the obligatory prayers should be said before bowing down and after reciting the (required) verse (of the Holy Quran) in the second unit of the prayer.

There are five times of saying God is Great[1138] required in funeral prayers. Whoever says it fewer times has opposed the tradition. When the corpse of a man is being put into the grave, they should deliver it slowly with its feet going in first. But when the corpse of a woman is being put into the grave, they should deliver it from her head going in first. Graves should be leveled. Their surfaces should not be tilted.

One should say - ‘In the Name of God’ - aloud in his prayers. There are seven requirements for prayer. They are: the proper time; ablutions; attentiveness; the proper direction (or the Qibla), bowing down; prostration; and supplications.
The obligatory alms-tax on Dirhams (silver money) is five Dirhams if it reaches a total of two-hundred Dirhams. And if the quantity of silver doesn’t reach the aforesaid amount, it is not obligatory to pay any alms-tax on it. It is not obligatory to pay any alms-taxes, unless one whole year is passed from the time of ownership. Alms-tax should only be paid to the needy ones who are followers of the Divine Mastery and Divine Recognition. One should pay alms-tax on gold when gold reaches twenty mithqals (one mithqal being equal to 3.456 grams). Then the amount of alms-tax to be paid is one-half a Dinar. One should pay alms-tax on wheat, barley, dates and raisins when they reach the amount of five Wasq[1139]. The alms-tax would be one-tenth of it if it is irrigated by rain water and it would be one-twentieth of it if it has been irrigated by a well. Each Wasq equals four as-Sa’s while each as-Sa equals four mad’s. One should pay alms-tax on sheep when the number he owns reaches forty-one. Then one sheep should be given as alms. If they reach one-hundred and twenty-one in number, one should give two sheep as alms. If they reach two-hundred and one in number, one should give three sheep as alms. If they reach three-hundred and one in number, one should give four sheep as alms. For each one-hundred more sheep one should give another sheep as alms.

One should pay alms-tax on cows when the number he owns reaches thirty. Then a one-year old cow should be given as alms. If they reach forty in number, he should give a female calf which has entered its third year of life as alms. If they reach sixty in number, he should give two calves which have entered the second year of their life. If they reach ninety in number, he should give three calves which have entered their second year of life as alms. And similarly, as the number of the cows increases, he should calculate either in thirties or in forties or from thirty and forty, and should pay the alms in accordance with the rule explained above. [1140]

One should pay alms-tax on camels when the number he owns reaches five. Then one sheep should be given as alms. When the number of camels he owns reaches ten he should give two
sheep as alms. When the number of camels he owns reaches fifteen he should give three sheep as alms. When the number of camels he owns reaches twenty he should give four sheep as alms. When the number of camels he owns reaches twenty-five he should give five sheep as alms.

When the number of camels he owns is one more - that is it reaches twenty-six, then he should give a camel that has entered its second year of life as alms. When the number of camels he owns reaches thirty-five and a new one is added - that is it reaches thirty-six, then he should give a camel that has entered its third year of life as alms.

When the number of camels he owns reaches forty-five and a new one is added - that is it reaches forty-six, then he should give a camel that has entered its fourth year of life as alms.

When the number of camels he owns reaches sixty and a new one is added - that is it reaches sixty-one, then he should give a camel that has entered its fifth year of life as alms. When the number of camels he owns reaches seventy-five and a new one is added - that is it reaches seventy-six, then he should give two camels that have entered their third year of life as alms. When the number of camels he owns reaches ninety and a new one is added - that is it reaches
ninety-one, then he should give two camels that have entered their fourth year of life as alms. When the number of camels he owns reaches ninety and a new one is added - that is it reaches ninety-one, then he should give two camels that have entered their fourth year of life as alms. If the number of camels he owns reaches one-hundred and twenty-one camels and above, he should either calculate the camels on group of forty each, and give for each set of forty camels a camel which has entered the third year of its life as alms; or calculate them on groups of fifty each and give for every fifty camels, a camel which has entered the fourth year of its life as alms, or he may calculate them in the groups of forty and fifty.[1141] Payment of the alms-tax for fasting is obligatory for everyone, whether they are young or old; free or a slave; male or female. It equals four handfuls of wheat, barley, dates and raisin. That is a whole grain dry measure being called one ‘as-Sa. This should be given to the needy ones who are followers of the Divine Mastery and Divine Recognition.”

**MENSTRUATION IS TEN DAYS MAXIMUM AND THREE MINIMUM**

26-13 A woman’s menstruating days is a maximum of ten days and a minimum of three days. A semi-menstruating woman should use cotton pads and perform the ritual bathing before she performs any prayers. The menstruating woman quits saying her prayers, and doesn’t have to make up the prayers that she misses during her period of menstruation. She quits fasting, however, she should make up for the days of fasting that she misses.

Fasting should be observed during the (Arabic) month of Ramazan only when the new moon is seen, and should be stopped when the new moon (of the next month) is seen. It is invalid to offer the recommendable prayers in congregations as this would be an innovation (in religion). All innovations in religion result in our loss and we end up in the Fire. It is a recommendable tradition to fast during three days of every month: two Thursdays with a Wednesday in between. The first Thursday would be during the first ten days. The Wednesday would be during the middle ten days, and the next
Thursday would be during the last ten days of the month. It is recommendable for anyone who can fast, to fast during the (Arabic) month of Sha’ban because good people fast or wish to fast during that month. God’s Prophet (MGB) fasted during the two months of Sha’ban and Ramazan. It is acceptable to make up the missed days of fasting of Ramazan in different days, but it would be better if you could make them up successively. The performance of the Hajj pilgrimage to the Ka’ba is obligatory upon everyone who has the ability to do so. This ability applies to the provisions for the expenses for the trip (to Mecca), the means to take the trip (riding on an animal, by vehicle, or by airplane), healthiness, maintenance to be left for one’s household and the provisions for returning from Mecca to one’s homeland.

Any form of Hajj except for that of Tamatu Hajj is not allowed[1142] (except for the people of Mecca and those present there.) It is also not allowed to opt for Hajj Ifra’ad or Hajj Al-Kiran except for the people who live around the Al-Haram Mosque. Entering the state of ritual consecration (or wearing Ihram[1143] ) is not allowed before reaching the miqat. It is also not allowed to put off entering the state of ritual consecration after reaching the miqat unless it be due to illness or concealing faith[1144] . The Sublime God says, “And complete the Hajj or Umra in the service of God…”[1145] What is meant by ‘complete the Hajj’ in this verse is not sleeping with one’s spouse, not telling lies and not fighting. It is not allowed to offer a castrate sheep for sacrifice because it is imperfect. It is permissible to offer for sacrifice a sheep with damaged testicles only if you cannot get any others. The following are the obligatory acts during the Hajj pilgrimage: the state of ritual consecration (Ihram), Talbih that is saying: (Here I am, O Allah, at Thy service. Here I am, Thou art without partner, here I am. All Praise and blessings are thine, and Dominion! Thou art without partner!)

And circumambulating around the Ka’ba during the Umra (supererogatory) pilgrimage is obligatory.[1147] And saying two units of prayer at the Station of Abraham is obligatory. Walking between Safa[1148] and Marva[1149] is obligatory. [1150] Circumambulation of the
Hajj is obligatory. Saying two units of prayers at the Station is obligatory. Then walking between Safa and Marva is obligatory. The Al-Nisa Circumambulation\[1151\] is obligatory. Saying two units of prayers at the Station is obligatory. There is no more walking between Safa and Marva. Stopping at the Mash'ar (Sacred Monument) is obligatory. Offering for sacrifice is obligatory for anyone who goes on the Tamatu Hajj. Staying in Arafat is obligatory.\[1152\] And cutting the hair is a tradition.\[1153\] Stoning at the Devil (Jamrah) is a tradition.”\[1154\]

Jihad (the Holy War) is obligatory only under the leadership of a just leader. Whoever gets killed for defending his wealth is considered to be a martyr. It is not allowed to kill any atheists or imposters during their concealment of the faith, except for murderers or aggressors who cause corruption; and only when you have no fear for the safety of yourself and your companions guaranteed from the aftermath. The concealment of faith is obligatory when needed. There is no expiation for telling lies in order to fend off oppression from oneself as a part of concealment of
faith.

Divorce is valid only when it is implemented according to Islamic laws that the Honorable the Exalted God mentioned in His Book, or according to the tradition of the Prophet (MGB). Any other form of divorce is invalid, including the forms that oppose the Book. Similarly, any form of marriage that opposes the Book is invalid. It is not allowed for a man to marry more than four free women at the same time. You cannot re-marry your wife if you divorce her thrice, until after she marries someone else. Moreover, the Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Stay away from women who were divorced three times at once, for they are still married women.’ [1155]

It is obligatory to send blessings upon the Prophet (MGB) in every situation, including when one sneezes, the blowing of the wind, and so on. [1156]

It is obligatory to cherish the friends of the Sublime God and to hate and disavow their enemies who oppressed the members of the Household of Muhammad (MGB), tore their curtain of respect; took the tract of land called Fadak[1157] away from Fatimah (MGB); withheld her inheritance from her; usurped her right and her husband's right by force; tried to put her house on fire; established oppression; and changed the traditions of the Prophet of God (MGB). It is obligatory to hate the perfidious party, the deviators, and the apostates[1158].

It is obligatory to hate those guilty of perjury in Jamal, oppressors in the Battle of Siffin, and those who abandoned the religion in Nahravan. It is obligatory to hate the murderers - from the first to the last. It is obligatory to hate those who mistreated the she-camel send to the Thamud clan.[1159] It is obligatory to hate the murderer of the Commander of the Faithful (MGB).

It is obligatory to hate all those who murdered the members of the Household of the Holy Prophet (MGB). It is obligatory to love those believers who did not turn away from the religion after the demise of the Prophet (MGB) such as: Salman Farsi; Abuzar Qaffari; Miqdad ibn al-Aswad al-Kindi; Ammar ibn Yaser; Jabir ibn Abdullah Ansari; Haziqat ibn al-Yaman; Abil Haysam ibn Tayhan; Sahl ibn Hanif; Abi Ayoob Al-Ansari; Abdullah ibn Samet; Ebadat ibn Samet; Khuzayma ibn Sabit Zul-Shuhadatayn; Abi Sa'id al-Khidry; and others who followed their way and acted as they did. It is obligatory to love those who used them as their models and followed them.
26-14 Doing good to one’s parents is obligatory. However, if they are polytheists, do not obey either of them nor anyone else regarding sins, because there is no necessity to obey people by disobeying the Creator! The Prophets and their Trustees never commit any sins, since they are sinless and innocent.

The two temporary issues which the Prophet established are both legitimate since the Honorable the Exalted God revealed them in His Book and God’s Prophet practiced them. They are the temporary Hajj or Mutat al-Hajj and the temporary marriage with women that is Mutat al-Nisa. The inheritance laws are as ordained by the Blessed the Sublime God. Boys and girls should be shaved when they are seven days old. On the seventh day after their birth, they should be named, their head should be shaved and alms in the form of silver or gold equal in weight to their hair should be given as charity. The Honorable the Exalted God doesn’t place a burden on anyone more than he/she can bear.

God has measured the servants (people’s) voluntary acts but he has not established them. God is the creator of everything. There is neither authorization, nor predestination. (Rather there is something in between.) The Honorable the Exalted God would not call to account an innocent person for the deeds of a sinful person. The Honorable the Exalted God would not punish a child for the crimes committed by his father as He has said in His strong Book, ‘…no bearer of burdens can bear the burden of another…’

The Honorable the Exalted God has also said, ‘That man can have nothing but what he strives for; That (the fruit of) his striving will soon come in sight:

The Honorable the Exalted God forgives and grant favors. The Honorable the Exalted God
would not oppress. The Honorable the Exalted God has not demanded His servants to obey an oppressor whom God knows would fool and oppress you. God would not chose as a Messenger or appoint as a Prophet one whom He knows to be an unbeliever and has chosen the servitude of Satan instead of God's servitude. God would not establish anyone as His Proof unless he is innocent and immaculate.

Being Muslim is different from being Mu'min. All believers are Muslims, but all Muslims are not believers. A thief is not a believer while he is stealing. An adulterer is not a believer while he is committing adultery. Those who receive Divinely ordained punishments (are punished by religious decrees) are Muslims, but they are neither believers nor unbelievers.

The Blessed the Sublime God has promised Heaven to the believers. God would not take them to Hell. God would never take unbelievers out of Hell, since He has promised to take them to Hell. God would forgive any sins other than unbelief for anyone He wishes.
Those who are subjected to the Divinely ordained chastisements are neither believers, nor unbelievers. They will not stay in Hell forever. One day they will be taken out of Hell. They can benefit from intercession on their behalf. So can the oppressed people if the Honorable the Exalted God is pleased with their religion. The Quran is God’s sayings; it is neither the Creator nor the created. Today Muslim countries are considered to be Darotaqieh (that is where one must conceal his faith). They are Daroislam (home of Islam). They are neither Darolkofr (home of unbelief) nor are they Daroliman (home of faith).

Enjoining good and admonishing against evil is obligatory upon whoever has the means to do so.

Faith consists of performing the obligatory deeds and abstaining from the major sins. “Faith consists of whole-hearted acceptance, verbal expression, and acting accordingly. It also consists of belief in and testifying to the torture of the grave, Munkar and Nakir[[1164]], Resurrection after death, the Reckoning, the Bridge[[1165]], and the Balance (of Deeds). You cannot have faith unless you hate the enemies of the Honorable the Exalted God.

It is obligatory to say the Takbir prior to the start of the prayers on the prayers of the two Eids. It should be said after the five prayers which begin with the night prayer of the evening of Eid ul-Azha and end with the afternoon prayer of the Eid ul-Azha. It consists of saying, “God is Great, God is Great, God is Great. There is no god but God, God is Great, God is Great, and to Him goes all gratitude and thanks.’ This is done since God has guided us since the Honorable the Exalted God said, ‘(He wants you) to complete the prescribed period, and to glorify Him in that He has guided you; and perchance ye shall be grateful.’[[1166]]

It is obligatory to say the Takbir after the prayers on the prayers of the Eid ul-Azha. On Eid ul-Azha, in towns away from Mecca, it should be said after ten prayers which begin with the prayer before the Eid day and end with the morning prayer of the third day, while in Mina it should be said after fifteen prayers which begin with the noon prayer of the Eid day and end with the morning prayer of the fourth day[[1167]]. Moreover, the following should be added to the Takbir of Eid ul-Azha prayers, ‘Allah is the Greater for what He has given us from the cattle,’ at Mina.

Women should not rest in childbed for more than twenty days. They may even get purified earlier than that. If you do not become purified by then you must perform the major ritual ablutions (ghusl) and act as menstruating women do.

Drinking wine and anything which makes you drunk is forbidden - whether it be a little or a lot.
It is forbidden to eat the meat of any beast that has a canine tooth or any bird that has claws. It is forbidden to eat the spleen since there is blood in it. It is also forbidden to eat all floating (dead) fish, eels, sheatfish[1168], and scaleless fish. It is allowed to eat eggs whose tips are not the same, but it is forbidden to eat eggs whose tips are the same. It is allowed to eat any locusts which can fly. However, it is forbidden to eat any sea locusts which cannot fly. For fish and locust to be allowed for eating they must be caught alive.

26-15 “And the major sins are as follows: associating partners with the Honorable the Exalted God; murdering someone which is prohibited by the Honorable the Exalted God; disrespecting parents’ rights; fleeing from holy war; oppressively devouring an orphan’s property; taking usury after knowing its unlawfulness; unduly ascribing adultery to chaste women; committing adultery; sodomizing; stealing; eating flesh of dead animals; drinking blood; eating pork; eating what has been offered for anyone other than God; eating ill-gotten property[1169]: selling underweight goods; gambling; falsely testifying; losing hope in God’s Forgiveness; feeling secure from God's Plots; abandoning helping of the oppressed; relying on oppressors; false swearing; blocking (people’s due) rights; Haughtiness; oppressing one’s inferiors; telling lies; wastefulness; overspending; treachery; underestimating the Hajj pilgrimage; fighting with the friends of the Honorable the Exalted God. Moreover engaging in whatever would keep one far from God's
remembrance such as singing or playing musical instruments and persisting in doing minor sins is admonished against.”

Then As-Sadiq (MGB) added, “This is sufficient for the servants who are obedient.”

The compiler of the book added, “There are seven absolutely major sins. However, the sins mentioned thereafter are more major than minor sins, and are less severe than the major sins. This is what As-Sadiq (MGB) intended to say by naming more than seven major sins here. There is no power save in God.”

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PART 27-ON FOUR-HUNDRED-NUMBERED CHARACTERISTICS

IN ONE MEETING, IMAM ALI TAUGHT FOUR-HUNDRED THINGS EACH OF WHICH IS VERY USEFUL FOR A MUSLIM’S LIFE AND RELIGION

27-1 (The compiler of the book said) my father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn Isa ibn Ubayd al-Yaqtayni, on the authority of Al-Qasim ibn Yahya, on the authority of his grandfather Al-Hassan ibn Rashid, on the authority of Abi Basir and Muhammad ibn Muslim, on the authority of Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), on the authority of his grandfather (MGB), on the authority of his forefathers (MGB) that in an assembly the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) taught his companions four-hundred things each of which is very useful for a Muslim’s life and religion. What he (MGB) taught is as follows.

Blood-letting[1170] improves physical health and strengthens the intellect.

Putting perfume on the moustache is one of the traditions of the Prophet (MGB) and of the Honorable Recorders (Kiraman Katibin)[1171].

Brushing the teeth is one of the things that pleases the Honorable the Exalted God. It is also one of the traditions of God’s Prophet (MGB). It cleans the mouth.

Soap makes the cuticle soft, increases intelligence, facilitates the flow of water in the body, takes away dryness of the skin and improves the color of the face.

Washing the head takes away dirtiness and cleans dust and rubbish.

Gargling with water and pulling water up into the nose is a tradition. It cleans both the mouth and the nose.

Drawing snuff[1172] into the nose clears up the head, cleans the body and alleviates any headaches.

Applying depilatory cream or powder[1173] brings happiness and cleans the body.

Keeping the shoes in proper order helps maintain the body and helps with cleanliness and prayer.

Cutting the nails prevents major ailments, increases one’s sustenance and expedites the arrival of
one’s share of daily bread.

Shaving the underarm fights bad odor. It is a part of cleanliness and a custom which the clean Prophet (MGB) has ordered.

Washing the hands before and after every meal causes an increase in one’s share of daily bread. It also prevents one’s clothes from getting oily and improves one’s sight.

Staying up at night (to worship God) would improve your health, cause the pleasure of the
Honorable the Exalted Lord, is a means of seeking His Mercy, and is a way of following behavior of the Prophets.

Eating an apple is good for the stomach.

Chewing gum would strengthen the teeth, eliminate phlegm and remove bad odor of the mouth.

It is much better to sit in the mosque after dawn until sunrise than to go around and work to earn a living.

Eating quinces would strengthen a weak heart, clean the stomach, improve spiritual strength, convert a scared person to a brave one, and result in the production of a better child.

Eating twenty-one raisins with breakfast every morning would cure all the pains except death.

27-2 It is recommended for Muslim men to have intercourse with their wives on the first night of the month of Ramazan since the Blessed the Sublime God said, ‘Permitted to you, on the night of the fasts, is the approach to your wives…’ [1174] And approach in this verse means having sexual intercourse.

You should only wear silver rings since God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Any hand on which there is an iron ring is not clean.’

If God’s name is inscribed on your ring, you should take it off when you want to wash your hand.

Whenever you look at yourself in the mirror you should say, ‘Thanks God who has created me as an excellent creation, has made me beautiful, has adorned me like no one else, and has honored me due to Islam.

When your brethren come to see you should adorn yourselves as if you would for a stranger, so that he may see you in your best form.

Fast for three days each month, that is fast for one Wednesday in between two Thursdays. Fasting in the month of ‘Shā’ban would fight off temptations and concerns of the heart.

Cleansing yourself with cold water after defecation would help prevent hemorrhoids.

Washing the clothes would eliminate sadness and is a part of cleansing for prayer.
You should not pull out grey hairs since they are the light of a believer.

The white hair of whoever spends his youth for Islam will become his light on the Resurrection Day.

A Muslim should not go to sleep while he is in a state of major impurity.

A Muslim should not go to sleep until he gets cleaned. If he doesn’t have access to water, he should make ablutions with dirt since a believer’s spirit goes up to God in his sleep and the Blessed the Sublime God accepts it and blesses it. If the time of his death has come, then his spirit will be placed in the Treasury of God’s Mercy. However, if the time for his death has still
not arrived, then his spirit will be returned with trusted angels and placed back in his body.

A believer should not spit in the direction of the Qibla (prayer direction). Should he unintentionally do so, he should ask for forgiveness from the Honorble the Exalted God for that.

You should not blow at the place of prostration.

You should not blow at your food or your drink.

You should not blow at your charm.

You should not sleep on the passage-ways.

You should not urinate in the air.

You should not urinate in flowing water. Should you do so and get hurt, you have no one but yourselves to blame since there are residents in water and air.

You should not sleep on your face. If you see someone sleeping on his face, wake him up and do not let him to do this again.

You should not do your prayers lazily and while dozing off.

You should not think about yourself while you are praying since then you are standing in the presence of your Honorble Exalted Lord. For one’s prayer to be accepted it must be said wholeheartedly.

Eat whatever falls off of the table-cloth[1175] because it is the cure for every pain with the permission of the Honorble the Exalted God. He can cure anyone with it whom He Wills. When you eat a meal and lick your fingers with which you ate, the Honorble the Exalted God would says, ‘May God bless you with that.’

Wear cotton clothing because it was God’s Prophet’s (MGB) clothing and it is our clothing. He never wore clothing made from animal’s hair and wool, except for a reason. For sure the Magnificent and the Exalted God is beautiful and likes to see the effect of his blessing in his servant. Be kind to your family members although it be by just greeting them. The Blessed the Sublime God says, ‘…reverence God, through whom ye demand your mutual (rights), and (reverence) the wombs (that bore you), for God ever watches over you.’ [1176]
Do not waste your time with vain talk or vain plans since there are certain angels which are appointed to record your deeds.

Remember God everywhere since He is with you.

Greet Muhammad (MGB) and his Household (MGB) so that the Honorable the Exalted God may accept your supplications through Muhammad’s remembrance and supplicating for him (MGB).

Let your hot food cool down before you eat it since God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Whenever they bring you hot food, let it cool down before you eat it. The Honorable the Exalted God doesn’t wish us to eat hot food. There are blessings in cooled food.’

You should not urinate in the air or in the wind.

You should teach your children things by which they may earn Godly benefits, so that they may not be taught erroneous beliefs by others.
Watch your tongue and greet the people politely.

Return what you are entrusted with to its possessor, even if he may be the murderer of the Prophet’s offspring (MGB).

Whenever you enter a market and see that the people are busy doing their own affairs you should remember God as that would constitute an atonement for your sins and an increase in your good deeds. Thus, your name will not be recorded along with the ignorant ones.

You should not travel when the month of fasting comes because God said, ‘… So everyone of you who is present (in his home) during that month should spend it in fasting…” [1177]

There is no concealment of faith regarding drinking alcoholic beverages and washing the feet from over the foot-wear[1178] .

27-3 I admonish you against boasting about us. You should say that we are servants of God, but you may state our virtues.

Whoever loves us should act as we do. You should seek the assistance of piety, since it is the best assistant in the affairs of this world and the Hereafter.

Do not associate with those who try to find fault with us. Do not praise us in front of our enemies. Do not express our love publicly, since then you may become despised by the kings.

Adhere to righteousness since it will save you.

Be inclined to what is near the Honorable the Exalted God. Try to obey God. Persevere in obeying God.

How awkward would it be for a believer to enter Paradise without dignity.

لا تقتريعوا نهاركم بكذا وبكذا وفدتنا كذا وكذا، فإن معكم حفظة يهدفون علينا وعليكم.
اذكروا الله في كل مكان فإن له معكم.
كم عند ذكر محمد ودعان كله وحفظكم إياه صلى صلى على محمد وآله محمد، فإن الله عز وجل يقبل دعاء الله عز وجل وآله.
در بيبي تحدو رقا لا فقمائهه يلبب رقبتنا هو يلعب الله لرس الله لو سرن إذا قرونا الحار حتى يبرد ويكن أن له ما كان الله عز وجل نيطعنا النار، والبركة في البارد.
إذا بال أهديكم فلا يطمحن ببوله في الهواء ولا يستقبل الريح.
You should not just be hopeful of our intercession on your behalf on the Resurrection Day. You should make an effort yourself to do good deeds.

You should not disgrace yourself in front of your enemies in the Hereafter. You should not deny your own rank near God in front of your enemies for this lowly world.

You should forget about trying to get what others own due to God’s commands. Have you not heard that God’s Prophet (MGB) has informed us that what is near God is better and more permanent. Should a believer receive the glad tidings from the Honorable the Exalted God, he would be delighted and interested in visiting God.

Do not belittle your weak brethren. The Honorable the Exalted God will not unite whoever belittles a believer with that believer in Heaven, unless he repents. You should help fulfill the needs of your brethren as soon as you realize that he needs something before he asks. Be friends for each other. Be kind to each other. Give gifts to one another. Do not be like a hypocrite who says something, but doesn’t act accordingly.

Get married as this is a tradition of God’s Prophet (MGB). He (MGB) said, ‘Whoever likes to follow my traditions should get married, since getting married is one of my traditions.’ You
should also try to have children, since then your large nation will be proud in the Hereafter.

You should not feed your babies with an adulterer’s milk or an insane woman’s milk, since milk could transfer a mother’s illness to the child. You should not eat any birds which do not have a gizzard, a spur on its feet, or a craw.[1179] You should not eat any wild animals that have canine teeth and or birds that have claws. You should not eat a spleen since it spoils the blood. You should not wear black clothes since that was how Pharaoh dressed. You should not eat any meat glands since this may cause leprosy. You should not make comparisons regarding religious affairs as that doesn’t hold. Those who do so are the enemies of the religion. It was Satan who did so first.

Do not wear rectangular shoes since Pharaoh’s shoes were that way. Pharaoh was the first person who wore such shoes.

You should oppose wine-drinkers. I advise you to eat dates since they are the cure of every pain. You should obey the sayings of God’s Prophet (MGB) who said, ‘God will open a door of poverty to anyone who opens up the door of a question to himself.’ You should ask God for forgiveness often, since that would expedite the arrival of your daily sustenance. You should rush to do good deeds, so that you may benefit from them in the Hereafter.

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I admonish you against arguing because it causes doubt. If you have any needs from the Honorable the Exalted Lord, you should choose any of the following three times to ask Him for it: sometime on Fridays; at the time of sunset; when the wind blows - that is at times when the gates of Heaven are opened and Mercy descends; when the birds sing and at the last hours of night when the dawn comes at which time two angels announce, ‘Is there anyone who repents whose repentance is accepted of him? Is there anyone begging for anything so that it be granted to him? Is there anyone asking for forgiveness so that he be forgiven? Is there anyone asking for anything to be given to him?’ and one responds, ‘Yes. Here I am! I am responding to the Supreme God’s invitation.’

Ask (God) for your share of daily bread from dawn until sunrise. This would be better than going around after work, since this is the time at which God divides his servants’ share of daily bread.

27-4 Be hopeful. Do not lose hopes in God’s Mercy. The best deed in the sight of the Honorable the Exalted God is being hopeful for relief so that one can survive with that hope.

You should seek God’s help by reliance on Him when you say your morning prayers, since that is the time when the rewards are bestowed.

Do not enter a shrine with a sword.

You should not put the sword in front of you while you pray, since the Qibla (prayer direction) is a secure turning point.

Whenever you go on the Hajj pilgrimage, you should also go and visit the shrine of God’s
Prophet (MGB). It would be ungrateful not to do so.

You should also visit other shrines which the Honorable the Exalted God has made it incumbent upon you to visit. You should ask for your share of daily bread there.

Do not underestimate minor sins since they might lead to major sins.

Lengthen your prostration because nothing is harsher for Satan to bear than to see the prostration of man, since Satan was ordered to prostrate but he disobeyed and man was ordered to prostrate and he obeyed and was saved.

You should often remember death and your departure from the grave and standing up in front of God so that difficulties become easy for you.

Whenever you get a pain in the eye you should recite the verse of the Throne (Ayat al-Kursi) hoping that you get better if God wills. I advise you to abstain from committing sins since any calamities, restrictions in your share of the daily bread, scratches, or bruises are due to committing sins.
The Honorable the Exalted God said, ‘Whatever misfortune happens to you, is because on the things your hands have wrought, and for many (of them) He grants forgiveness.’ [1182] You should often remember God when you eat food. You should not rebel since the food is also one of God’s blessings, and it is a part of your daily bread. It is incumbent upon you to thank and praise God for it.

It would be better if you are grateful for the blessings when you get them and before they are gone. Blessings will testify as to how their owner treated them.

God would be pleased with a little bit of good deeds of anyone who is pleased with a little bit of daily bread from God.

I admonish you against immoderation as it will result in regret when there is no use in regret.

When you are in the battlefield and you encounter your enemies, you should talk less and remember God a lot. You should not flee since then you will face God’s Wrath. When you encounter your wounded brethren you should rescue them. You should do as many good deeds as you can so as to be saved from a bad death.

If you wish to know about your rank in the sight of God, you should consider God’s rank in your sight when you are committing sins. This would be your rank in the sight of the Blessed the Sublime God.

The best thing you can get in your house for your wife is a sheep. The angels would sanctify you once a day, if you have one sheep in your house. They would sanctify you twice a day if you have two sheep in your house. They would sanctify you three times, if you have three sheep in your house.

Whenever a Muslim gets weak, he should eat meat and dairy products[1183] since the Honorable the Exalted God has placed strength in them.

Whenever you decide to go on the Hajj pilgrimage, you should prepare for the trip in advance as the Honorable the Exalted God says, ‘If they had intended to come out, they would certainly
have made some preparation.’ [1184]

27-5 When you sit in the sun, sit with your back towards the sun so that it doesn’t cause inner pains to appear.

When you go on the Hajj pilgrimage, look at the house of Ka’ba a lot since the Honorable the Exalted God has established one-hundred and twenty forms of Mercy at His House, sixty of which is for those who circumambulate the Ka’ba, forty of which is for those who pray there and twenty of which is for those who look at the House of Ka’ba.
Confess to your sins which you remember or you do not, at the Multazim[1185] and say, ‘O God! Please forgive those sins that your guards have recorded and I have forgotten’, since it is on the Honorable the Exalted God to forgive the sins of those who confess to their sins there, count them, remember them and ask God for forgiveness.

Say supplications before calamities fall upon you.

The gate to heavens open at five times: when it rains; when the holy warriors attack; during the recitation of the azan[1186], when the Quran is recited; at sunset and at sunrise.

Whoever performs the major ritual ablutions for the deceased should perform the major ritual ablutions himself after he shrouds the corpse.

Do not put any perfumes on the corpse except for camphor, since a dead person is considered to be intimate[1187].

You should advise your folks to speak fairly about the dead ones, since when the father of Fatimah (MGB) died and all of the Hashemite women mourned in sympathizing with her, Fatimah (MGB) called them all in and said, ‘I invite you not to mourn and cry, but to say supplications.’

Visit the graves of relatives since they become happy when you visit them.

You should supplicate upon your parents’ graves and ask God for the fulfillment of your needs after what you ask of God for them.

A Muslim should act like a mirror for his Muslim brethren[1188].

Whenever you notice a slippage or fault from your believing brother, you should not attack him. You should be kind to him, advise him and guide him.

Avoid disputes so that you are not scattered about.

I advise you to be moderate so that you may make progress.

Whenever you reach your destination after having ridden a quadruped you should first give it some water and grass.

You should not beat quadrupeds on the face since they glorify their Lord.
Whenever you get lost and frightened while you are traveling, you should say, ‘Ya Salih Aqsani’, since one of your genie brothers called Salih is always moving around and would help you find your way and would stop a fleeing quadruped upon hearing your call.

Whenever you are frightened for yourself or your sheep from a lion, you should draw a line around yourself and say, ‘O God! O Creator of Daniel and the den[1189], Lord of all the lions! Please protect me and my sheep.’

Whenever you become frightened by a scorpion you should recite the verses: ‘Peace and salutation to Noah among the nations! Thus indeed do we reward those who do right. For he was one of our believing Servants.’ [1190]
Whenever you get frightened from becoming drowned you should read ‘...In the name of Allah, whether it move or be at rest! For my Lord is, be sure, Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful!’ [1191]

You should shave the hair of your children when they are seven days old. Their head should be shaved and alms in the form of silver or gold equal in weight to their hair should be given as charity to Muslims. This is what God’s Prophet (MGB) did the same with Al-Hassan (MGB) and Al-Hussein (MGB) and his other offspring (MGB).

Whenever you give something to a beggar ask him to pray for you. His prayer for you would be accepted, although since hey lies, his prayer for himself would never be accepted.

You should kiss the hand with which you give something to a beggar, since the Honorable the Exalted God receives it before it reaches the beggar’s hand. The Honorable the Exalted God says, ‘Know they not that God doth accept repentance from His votaries and receives their gifts of charity...’ [1192]

You should give charity at night since that would extinguish God’s anger - may His Majesty be Exalted.

You should consider whatever you say to be a part of your deeds.

Speak as little as possible except for fair speech.

Give in charity from what God has given you, since the position of one who gives charity is like that of one who fights in the way of God. Anyone who is sure that God will reward him would give charity and anyone who is not sure would withhold it.

Anyone who is sure and then doubts should maintain his certitude because doubt would not invalidate certitude.

27-6 Do not give false testimony.

Do not sit at a table at which alcohol is served since you never know when you will die.

When you go to the table to eat, sit like a good servant of God. Do not sit with your legs crossed, since God doesn’t like this kind of sitting and considers those who sit that way to be His enemy.
The Prophets dined after dusk.

Do not forgo eating dinner since that would ruin the body.

Fever is the forerunner for death. It is God’s prison on the Earth. Whenever God wants to imprison someone on the Earth, he would get a fever. Fever would shed one’s sins as leaves fall off a tree in the fall.

All illnesses are internal except for wounds and fever that enter the body.
Lessen the burning of fever with violet and cool water, since such a burning is from hell.

Do not treat a Muslim until illness overtakes him.

Saying supplications would change destiny. Use it as a tool for defense.

There are ten good aspects of making ablutions after cleaning one’s self.

Do not be lazy since a lazy person would not honor the Honorable the Exalted God’s rights.

You should renew your ablutions when you let out bad-smelling air.

Cleanse yourself since the Honorable the Exalted God doesn’t like a filthy person and anyone who sits with him would hate him.

You should not play with your beard while you are saying your prayers. You should not play with anything else either while you are praying.

Strive to do good deeds before you get busy with other work.

A believer is one who suffers himself while others are comfortable with him.

The best of your sayings are the remembrance of the Honorable the Exalted God.

Do not commit sins since that would imprison your share of daily bread.

Treat the patients in your family by giving charity, and guard your property by paying the alms-tax.

Prayer is the tool for becoming near to God for all pious people.

Hajj is the weak people’s holy war.

The Holy War for a women is taking good care of her husband.

Poverty is the greatest death.

Having a small family is a type of wealth.

Destiny is half of life.

Sadness is half of oldness.
No one who is moderate will ever become poor.

Whoever seeks advice regarding his affairs would not get harmed.

Kindness is good to noble or religious men.

There is a fruit for everything. The fruit of good deeds lies in hurrying up in doing them.

Anybody who is certain that God will give in return would give charity.

The reward of one who doesn’t do anything in times of difficulty will be ruined.
The best deed for man is waiting for the arrival of the Relief (i.e. the Riser (MGB)) from the Honorable the Exalted God.

He who makes his mother and father sad has become disobedient of them.

Expedite the arrival of your sustenance by giving charity.

Fend off calamities by saying supplications before the calamities arrive.

I swear by Him who splits up a seed and creates man, the speed with which poverty and calamities rush towards a believer is more than the downward speed of the flood from the top of the mountain and the running speed of camels.

Ask God for protection against calamities since hard disasters can take away one’s religion.

27-7 Whoever learns a lesson from other people’s conditions would prosper.

Foster good behavior in yourself. A Muslim can attain good behavior by staying up at nights in worship and fasting.

God would feed anyone - who drinks alcohol and knows that it is forbidden – with the stinky
blood of the people of Hell, although he is forgiven.

You should not make a bet regarding what would constitute sin. You should not swear to cut off your relations of kin either.

One who invites others to do good deeds but doesn’t himself do good deeds is like a person who wants to shoot an arrow without a bow.

A Muslim woman should put on perfume only for her husband.

Anyone who is killed for keeping his property is considered to be a martyr.

One who is ripped off (in a deal) is neither praiseworthy nor is he to be rewarded.

An offspring’s testifying without his father’s permission and a wife’s testifying without her husband’s permission is not correct.

Not speaking for a whole day from the morning until night is not good unless one is busy remembering the Honorable the Exalted God.

There is no emigration from an Islamic environment. There will be no migration after victory.[1193] Do business so that you do not become needy of people, since the Honorable the Exalted God likes honest businessmen.

Nothing is dearer to the Honorable the Exalted God than prayer. Worldly affairs should not prevent you from praying on time because the Honorable the Exalted God has complained about such people and said they are those ‘Who are neglectful of their prayers…”[1194] This means that they are neglectful and do not pay enough attention to the prayer times.
Know that your enemies are hypocrites when doing a good deed. The Honorable the Exalted God would not grant them success and would not accept anything but a sincere deed.

Goodness doesn’t become old. Sins would not be forgotten. The Majestic God is with those who have piety and do good.

A believer would not trick his brother, betray him, debase him or have bad suspicions of him. He would not tell him, ‘I hate you’.

Seek a maiden for your brother to marry, but if you did not find one, seek a pious woman for him to marry.

It is easier to destroy a mountain than it is to abolish the rule of an emperor whose life has not ended yet. Seek help from God and be patient, since God would grant the Earth as inheritance to those of His servants whom He wills. There is a good ending for the pious ones.

Do not hurry before it is the right time, since then you may become sorry. Do not put things off
too much, since then your hearts may get hardened.

Have mercy upon the weak ones and seek the Honorable the Exalted God’s Mercy for yourself by having mercy upon them.

I admonish you against gossiping about a Muslim, since a Muslim would not gossip about his brethren. The Honorable the Exalted God has admonished against this and said, ‘Would any of you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother?…’ [1195]

A Muslim would not hold his hands together in prayer while he is standing in front of the Honorable the Exalted God. This would be like what the unbelievers, i.e. the Magians do

You should sit down like a servant of God when you want to eat. Eat on the ground and do not drink while standing up.

Whenever you encounter a biting living creature while you are praying, you should bury it under the ground, spit on it, or wrap it up in some cloth until you finish saying your prayer.

Turning the head away from the direction of the Qibla (prayer direction) would invalidate the prayer. Whoever does so should say his prayer again including the azan[1196], the iqamah[1197] and the Takbirs.

The properties of whoever recites the Chapter Al-Ikhlas[1198] eleven times before sunrise would be safe.

Whoever recites the Chapter Al-Ikhlas[1199] (and the Chapter Al-Qadr[1200] ) before sunrise would be safe from committing any sins on that day no matter how hard Satan tries.
You should take refuge in God from any deviation in religion and domination of men. Whoever opposes us would get destroyed. Tucking up the clothes helps to keep them clean as the Blessed the Sublime God said, “And thy garments keep free from stain!”[1201] Thus, God has ordered us to tuck up our clothes.

One spoon of honey is the treatment for all ailments. The Blessed the Sublime God said, “…there issues from within their bodies a drink of varying colors, wherein is healing for men…”[1202] That includes reciting the Quran.

27-8 Chewing gum could reduce the phlegm.

Start your meals with a little bit of salt. If you only knew the benefits of salt, you would prefer it to any antidotes. Seventy pains plus what no one but the Honorable the Exalted God knows of would be fended off of anyone who starts his meals by taking a little bit of salt.

Pour some cool water on a head with fever in the summer in order to reduce the fever.

You should fast three days each month. The reward would equal that of fasting your whole life. You should fast on two Thursdays in between which there is a Wednesday on which to fast. The Honorable the Exalted God created Hell on a Wednesday.

Whenever you need something you should go out after it at the dawn of a Thursday since God’s Prophet (MGB) said, ‘O God! Please bless the dawn of Thursdays for my people.’ When you
leave the house you should recite the end of the Chapter Al-Imran and the verse of the Throne (Ayat al-Kursi)[1203] and Inna Anzalnahu and the Opening Chapter (Al-Fatiha[1204]) with the hope that his worldly needs and those of the Hereafter be fulfilled.

You should wear thick clothing since those who wear thin clothing have a weak faith. You should not stand to pray in front of God - may His Majesty be Exalted - wearing thin clothing.

Repent to the Honorable the Exalted God and enter His circle of Love since the Honorable the Exalted God loves those who repent, those who are clean and the believers who repent.

Whenever a believer insults his believing brother their relationship will be hurt. If one calls another one an unbeliever, then one of them would become an unbeliever. Once one accuses another Muslim, the faith in Islam melts in his heart as salt would dissolve in water.

The doors of repentance are open to anybody who wants to repent. Repent to God sincerely. Maybe your Lord would cover up your sins.

You should honor your covenants. Blessings and happiness would not be destroyed except by the sins which you commit.
God would not oppress his servants. The people would not have faced any calamities if they supplicated. Blessings will depart when calamities befall. Cry at the Threshold of the Honorable the Exalted God with good intentions and then God will amend things and give back the good things.

Whenever things become hard to do, a Muslim should ask the Honorable the Exalted God for help since the key to everything is in His hands.

There are three characteristics in every man. They are evil omen; pride or haughtiness; and high aspirations. Whenever you feel an evil omen, you should ignore it and mention the Honorable the Exalted God. Whenever you fear that you are becoming haughty, you should eat along with your servants, and milk the calf. When you feel that high aspirations are driving you crazy, you should ask the Honorable the Exalted God not to leave you alone with your disobedient self to be led to sins.

Associate with people based on what are generally accepted norms, not on what they do not believe in. Do not force anything upon us or yourselves. Indeed our affairs are difficult and no one but the nearby-stationed angels and persons whose wholehearted faith God has tested can withstand it.

When Satan tempts you, you should take refuge in God and say, ‘I believe in Allah and in His Messenger, with pure sincerity in the religion.’

Whenever the Honorable the Exalted God grants a believer some new clothes, he should perform the ritual ablutions (wuzu) and say two units of prayers in which he recites the Mother of the Book (i.e. the first Chapter of the Holy Quran), the verse of the Throne (Ayat al-Kursi), Qul Hoallahu Ahad (Al-Ikhlas), and Inna Anzalnaho fi laylatul Qadr (Al-Qadr). Then he should praise God who has covered up his private parts and adorned him amongst the
people and say the following many times, ‘There is no power nor any strength save in God the Sublime the Great.’

He should not commit any sins wearing those clothes. There are as many angels as there are yarns in those clothes who ask God for his forgiveness and God’s Mercy.

27-9 Do not be pessimistic about each other since the Honorable the Exalted God has prohibited it.

I will be along with God’s Prophet at the Heavenly Pool[1209]. My household and my grandsons will be with me. Whoever wants us should follow our sayings and deeds. There are good folks in every family for whom we shall intercede. We shall also intercede on behalf of those who love us.

Therefore you should compete with each other for seeing us at the Heavenly Pool. We shall block off our enemies from access to it and shall satiate our lovers with it.
Anyone who takes a sip of the Heavenly Pool’s water will never become thirsty. There are two Heavenly Creeks flowing into our Pool. One of them is called Tasnim and the other one is called Mo’een. There is saffron dirt on the side of the Pool with pearls and rubies as pebbles. This Pool is called Al-Kauthar.

The good flow of affairs is up to the Honorable the Exalted God. It is not based upon the will of the people. Were it based upon the will of the people, they never would have chosen others (to follow) instead of us. However, God wants to make certain people especial as He wills. You should thank God since He has made you especial with a great blessing being that you are born legitimately.

On the Resurrection Day every eye will be crying and sleepless except for the eyes of those whom God has made especial through His Nobility and have cried over the calamities imposed upon Al-Hussein (MGB) and the Holy Household of Muhammad (MGB).

Our followers[1210] are like honey bees. If people knew (about the sweetness of) what they believed in, they would eat them up.

You should not rush to eat until you get finished. You should also not rush when you are in the toilet.

When you wake up from sleep, you should say ‘There is no god save Allah, the All-clement, the All-Noble, the Ever-living, the Self-Subsisting. He has power over all things. All glory be to the Lord of the Prophets and the God of the Messengers. All glory be to the Lord of the seven heavens, the seven layers of the earth, and whatever is between them, and the Lord of the Great Throne. All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds.’

Once you sit down you should say the following before you stand up, ‘Sufficient to me is Allah. Sufficient to me is the Lord against the servants (of Him). Sufficient to me is He Who has been always sufficient to me. Sufficient to me is Allah, and He is the best of all guardians.

When you wake up at night you should look at the stars in the sky and recite the last four verses of the Chapter Al-i-Imran as follows, ‘Men who celebrate the praises of Allah, standing, sitting, and lying down on their sides, and contemplate the (wonders of) creation in the heavens and the Earth, (with the thought): ‘Our Lord! not for naught Hast Thou created (all) this! Glory to Thee! Give us salvation from the penalty of the Fire. Our Lord! any whom Thou dost admit to the Fire, Truly Thou coverest with shame, and never will wrong-doers Find any helpers! Our Lord! we have heard the call of one calling (Us) to Faith, ‘Believe ye in the Lord,’ and we have believed. Our Lord! Forgive us our sins, blot out from us our iniquities, and take to Thyself our souls in the company of the righteous. Our Lord! Grant us what Thou didst promise unto us through Thine apostles, and save us from shame on the Day of Judgment: For Thou never breakest Thy promise.’ [1211]
The Zamzam well can take away pains. Drink its water. The well is located at the Rukn where the Hajar ul-Aswad[1212] is located since there are four Heavenly creeks flowing under the Hajar ul-Aswad called Al-Forat, Al-Niel[1213], Al-Seihan[1214], and Al-Jeihan[1215] which are in two streams.

A Muslim should not go to fight along with one in whose orders there can be no assurance of and who may not abide by the Decrees of the Honorable the Exalted God regarding booties. Should one die in these conditions, he would be considered to be an aid to our enemies for having usurped our rights and having shed our blood. Such a death is similar to death in the Age of Ignorance.

The remembrance of us - the members of the Holy Household - is the treatment for pains, illnesses and the temptations of hearts. Our friendship brings the satisfaction of the Honorable...
the Exalted Lord.

Anyone who follows our orders is going to be with us in the Holy Presence. Anyone who awaits our Rule is like a person whose blood is shed in the way of God.

God will throw into the Fire anyone who participates in a war against us or who hears our cry for justice but doesn’t help us.

27-10 We are the gates to safety. We save whoever is oppressed, has no way to flee and calls out for justice. We are the gates of peace. Whoever enters the, shall be saved and whoever disobeys us will be destroyed.

God starts with us. God destroys by us what He wishes to destroy. God establishes everything through us. God will fend off hard times from you due to us. God will descend rain due to us. You should not be deceived and turn away from God due to your pride.

There has been no drops of Mercy from the Heavens since the Honorable the Exalted God closed the gates of Heaven. Once our Riser (MGB) uprises, there will come down drops of rain from the heavens; plants will grow out of the ground; hatred will be removed from the hearts of the people; beasts and other animals will be in peace with each other such that a woman can walk from Iraq to Syria stepping on greenery all the way with her adornments on and no beasts would frighten her.

You would be amazed if you knew the rank you attain when you stand up against your enemies.

Once you lose me, you will see many things from the hands of the unbelievers, the enemies, the selfish people who will belittle God’s right and threaten your life. Then you will wish death. Once this happens you should unite together and do not divide up into several groups. You should adhere to God’s Strong Rope.
I advise you to be patient, to pray and be pious. You should know that the Blessed the Sublime God despises hypocritical people. Therefore, do not deviate from what is right.

Do not give up friendship with the righteous ones. Whoever prefers others to us will be destroyed. He will also be at a loss in this world. He will leave it (i.e. die) with regret.

When you enter your house, greet your family by saying ‘Peace be upon you.’[1216] If no one is at home, say, ‘peace be upon us from our Lord.’ [1217]

You should recite the Chapter Al-Ikhlas[1218] while entering your house, since that would eliminate poverty.

Teach your children how to pray and question them about it when they become eight years old.

Do not get near dogs. Anybody who touches a wet dog should make ablutions. Anyone who touches a dry dog should sprinkle water on his clothes.

If you hear a tradition from us which you do not understand, compare it with other works by us, and ponder over it until the truth becomes known to you.

Do not be one who rushes to divulge the secrets.

The people who have boasted about us should return to the limits of our instructions, and the people who have neglected us should join us.

 Whoever adheres to us will reach the goal. However, whoever follows ways other than our way will be drowned.

There are flocks of God’s Mercy for our friends, and there are flocks of God’s Wrath for our enemies.
Moderation is our way, and there is progress in following our orders.

Doubting about which units you are saying will invalidate the following prayers: the Al-Vatr prayers[1219], the Friday prayers, in the first two units of all prayers, the dawn prayer and the evening prayer.

When you are not clean you should not recite the Quran until you make ablutions.

When you are saying your prayers you should honor and perform any necessary prostrations and bowings for the Chapters which you recite.

You should not pray in such clothing that the people of Lot wore.

27-11 A man can say his prayer in a piece of clothing which he fastens up to his neck and in a shirt which he buttons up.
اعطوا كل سورة حظها من الركوع والضحى.

إذا كنت في الصلاة لا يصلي الرجل في قميص متو شجاع بفانه من أفعال قوم لوط. 11-27
PART 28-ON MORE THAN ONE-THOUSAND NUMBERED CHARACTERISTICS

28-1 Ali ibn al-Fazl al-Baghdady known as Abil Hassan al-Khayooti narrated that Abul Hassan Ali ibn Ibrahim quoted Abu Ja’far ibn Qalib ibn Harb al-Zabbi al-Tahami and Abu Ja’far Muhammad ibn Uthman ibn Abi Shoyba, on the authority of Yahya ibn Salim ibn Umar, al-Hussein ibn Salih, on the authority of Mas’ar, on the authority of Atyie, on the authority of Jabir that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Two-thousand years before the creation of the heavens and the Earth it was recorded on the door of Paradise, ‘La illaha illa Allah ‘Muhammadan Rasul Allah Ali Akhu Rasul Allah’ meaning ‘There is no god but God, Muhammad is God's Prophet, and Ali is the brother of God's Prophet.’”

FOUR-THOUSAND GATES TO PRAYER

28-2 (The compiler of the book narrated) My father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar and Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Imran al-Ash‘ari, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Abdullah, on the authority of Adam ibn Abdullah al-Ash‘ari, on the authority of Zakariya ibn Adam that he had heard Abil Hassan Al-Reza (MGB) say, “Prayer has four-thousand gates.”

WHAT WAS WRITTEN AT THE BASE OF GOD’S THRONE SEVEN-THOUSAND YEARS BEFORE THE CREATION OF ADAM (MGB)

28-3 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’eed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn Abdul Hamid al-At’tar, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Rashid al-Barmaky, on the authority of Umar ibn Sahl Al-Asady, on the authority of Sahl ibn Qazvan al-Basry that he had heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, “A female genie called Afra’ used to go to the Prophet (MGB), hear his sayings, go to the good genies, invite them to Islam. They accepted Islam due to her efforts. She did not go to the Prophet (MGB) for a few days. The Prophet (MGB) asked Gabriel about her condition. Gabriel replied, ‘She has gone to visit one of her believing sisters.’ The Prophet (MGB), ‘Blessed be those who make friends in the way of the Blessed the Sublime God. God The Exalted has created a pillar from red ruby in Heaven upon which there are seventy-thousand palaces each with seventy-thousand rooms. God has created them for those who make friendship for the sake of God and visit each other.’ When Afra’ went to see the Prophet (MGB), he asked her, ‘O Afra’! What did you see?’ She replied, ‘I saw many strange things.’ The Prophet (MGB) asked, ‘What
was the strangest thing?’ She replied, ‘The strangest of all was that I saw that Satan was sitting on a white stone in a green sea and had raised his hands to the sky and said, ‘O my God! When you fulfill your promise and throw me into the Fire of Hell, I beseech you in the rightfulness of Muhammad (MGB), Ali (MGB), Fatimah (MGB), Al-Hassan (MGB) and Al-Hussein (MGB) to release me from the Fire of Hell and unite me with them on the Resurrection Day.’ Afra’e added, ‘I told Satan, ‘O Satan! What are these names with which you beseech God?’ Satan replied, ‘I saw them on the foreleg of God’s Throne seventy-thousand years before God created Adam and I knew that they are the dearest of the creations to God. That is why I beseech God by their rightfulness.’ The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘Whenever the people on the Earth beseech God using these names, God would fulfill their supplications.’”

GOD HAS TWELVE THOUSAND WORLDS
28-4 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Al-Hussein ibn Abdul Samad, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Ali ibn Abi Uthman, on the authority of Al-Ebad ibn Abdul Khaliq, on the authority of someone who narrated that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “The Honorable the Exalted God has created 12,000 worlds each of which is more extensive than the seven heavens and the seven Earths. None of these worlds know that God the Honorable the Exalted has any other worlds except their own world. However, I am a proof for all of them.”

THERE WERE TWELVE THOUSAND COMPANIONS OF THE PROPHET

28-5 Ahmad ibn Zyad ibn Ja’far al-Hamedany - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Hisham ibn Salim that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There were twelve-thousand companions for God's Prophet (MGB). Eight-thousand of them were from Medina, two-thousand of them were from Mecca and another two-thousand of them were the free atheist who had become Muslims. There were no Qadarites[1254], Marajites, Kharajites[1255], schismatics (Mo’tazelites), nor any who act according to their own opinions. They cried day and night and said, ‘O God! Please take away our souls before we eat barley bread.’”[1256]

A LIGHT NEAR GOD FOUR THOUSAND YEARS BEFORE THE CREATION OF ADAM

28-6 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn Khalid al-Hashemi quoted Al-Hassan ibn Himad al-Basry, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Abil Jarud, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abdullah, on
the authority of his father, on the authority of his forefathers that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Both Ali and I were a single light near God four thousand years before he created Adam. When God created Adam, God placed this light in his loins and transferred it through him from one generation to the next generation until it reached the loins of Abdul Mutalib (the Prophet’s grandfather). Then God took it out of Abdul Mutalib’s loin; divided it into two parts; placed one part in Abdullah’s (the father of Muhammad (MGB)) loins; and placed the other part in Abi Talib’s (the father of Ali (MGB)) loins. Thus, Ali (MGB) is from me and I am from Ali (MGB). His flesh is from my flesh and his blood is from my blood. Whoever loves me will also love Ali (MGB). Whoever is Ali’s enemy will be my enemy.”

A WRITING IN BETWEEN THE ANGEL MAHMOOD’S TWO SHOULDERS TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND YEARS BEFORE THE CREATION OF ADAM

28-7 Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Masroor - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Al-Hussein ibn Muhammad ibn Amer quoted Al-Mo’ali ibn Muhammad al-Basry, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abi Nasr al-Bazanty, on the authority of Ali ibn Ja’far that he had heard Abal-Hassan Musa ibn Ja’far al-Kazim (MGB) say, “One day when God’s Prophet (MGB) was sitting an angel who had twenty-four faces came down. The Prophet (MGB) said, ‘O my friend Gabriel! I have never seen you in this state.’ The angel said, ‘I am not Gabriel. I am Mahmood. The Honorable the Exalted God has sent me down to unite in marriage one light with another light.’ The Prophet (MGB) asked, ‘Who are they (to be united?)’ The angel replied, ‘Fatimah (MGB) with Ali (MGB).’ When the angel turned back, it was written in between his two shoulders, ‘Muhammad is God's Prophet (MGB) and Ali (MGB) is his Trustee.’ God’s Prophet (MGB) asked, ‘Since when has this been written in between your two shoulders?’ The angel replied, ‘From twenty-two-thousand years before the Honorable the Exalted God created Adam.’”

GOD HAS CREATED ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND PROPHETS AND ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND TRUSTEES
Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Baghdady narrated that Ali ibn Muhammad - the servant of Ar-Rashid - quoted Darim ibn Qabaysat ibn Nahshal ibn Majmaula’eh, on the authority of Ali ibn Musa al-Reza (MGB), on the authority of his father Musa ibn Ja’far al-Kazim (MGB), on the authority of his father Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB), on the authority of his father Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB), on the authority of the Commander of the Faithful Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The Honorable the Exalted God has created one-hundred twenty-four thousand Prophets. I am the dearest of all in the presence of God and I do not boast about this. The Honorable the Exalted God has created one-hundred twenty-four thousand Trustees. Ali is the dearest and the best of all Trustees in the presence of God.”
28-9 Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Baghdady narrated that Abdullah ibn Muhammad ibn Suleiman ibn Abdullah ibn al-Hassan quoted his father, on the authority of his grandfather, on the authority of Zayd ibn Ali, on the authority of his father Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB), on the authority of his father (Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB)), on the authority of the Commander of the Faithful Ali ibn Abi Talib (MGB) that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “The Honorable the Exalted God has created one-hundred twenty-four thousand Prophets. I am the dearest of all in the presence of God and I do not boast about this. The Honorable the Exalted God has created one-hundred twenty-four thousand Trustees. Ali is the dearest and the best of all Trustees in the presence of God.”

GOD ADDRESSED MOSES WITH ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND WORDS

28-10 Abul-Hassan Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Ali Asad Al-Asady known as Ibn Jaradat al-Barza’ee in the town of Ray in the month of Rajab of the year 347 A.H. (958 A.D.) narrated that Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Ameri quoted Harun ibn Sa’id al-Eeli, on the authority of Abdullah and Harun ibn Sa’id al-Eeli, on the authority of Abu Ja’far, Abdullah ibn Wahab (Abu Muhammad al-Misri), on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad, on the authority of Juybar (ibn Sa’id Abul Qasim al-Balkhi), on the authority of Al-Zah’hak, on the authority of Ibn Abbas[1257] that God’s Prophet (MGB) said, “Indeed the Honorable the Exalted God addressed Moses (MGB) with one-hundred twenty-four thousand words during a period of three days and nights. Moses neither ate nor did he drink anything during these three days and nights. Having felt the sweetness of the Honorable the Exalted God’s speech in his ears, he felt human speech was bad upon his return to the Children of Israel.”

28-11 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa and Muhammad ibn Abdul Jab’bar, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Khalid al-Barqy, on the authority of Fuzalat ibn Ayoob, on the authority of Sayf ibn Umayrih, on the authority of Abu Bakr al-Hazrami, on the authority of his servant Hamzih ibn Rafe’a, on the authority
of the Prophet’s wife - Umma Salma that when the Prophet (MGB) was so ill that he (MGB) was about to die, he (MGB) said, ‘‘Call in my friend.’’ Then Ayesha sent someone after her father (Abu Bakr). When Abu Bakr came in, God’s Prophet (MGB) turned his face around and said, ‘‘Call in my friend.’’ Then Abu Bakr returned and Hafsah (the daughter of Umar) sent someone after her father (Umar). When Umar came in, God’s Prophet (MGB) turned his face around and said, ‘‘Call in my friend.’’ Then Umar went back and Fatimah (MGB) sent someone after Ali (MGB). When he (MGB) came, God’s Prophet (MGB) stood up. Ali (MGB) entered. Then the Prophet (MGB) covered Ali (MGB) with his own cloak. Ali (MGB) said, ‘‘The Prophet (MGB) told me one-thousand traditions each of which would produce another thousand traditions until the Prophet (MGB) and I both sweat so much that our perspiration wetted each other.”

28-12 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn Isa ibn Ubayd, and Ibrahim ibn Ishaq ibn Ibrahim, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Himad al-Ansari, on the authority of Sabah al-Mazny, on the authority of Al-Harith ibn Hasira, on the authority of Al-Asbaq ibn al-Nobatat that he had heard the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) say, “God’s Prophet (MGB) taught me one-thousand gates to the forbidden and the legitimate, what has been and what shall come all the way up until the Resurrection Day. Each of these gates opened one-thousand gates, so that they turned into one million gates. Thus, I acquired the knowledge of deaths, calamities and the Divine Decrees.”

28-13 Ali ibn Ahmad ibn Musa - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn al-Hassan al-Hassanjani quoted sa’id ibn Kasir ibn Afir, on the authority of Ibn Lahay’at and Rashdayn ibn Sa’ed, on the authority of Hurayz ibn Abdullah, on the authority of Aba Abdul Rahman al-Habali, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Amr, “When God’s Prophet (MGB) was so ill that he
(MGB) was about to die, he (MGB) said, ‘Call in my friend.’ They sent someone after Ali (MGB). When Ali (MGB) came in, the Prophet (MGB) and Ali (MGB) turned their faces towards the wall and pulled their cloak over their heads. The people were standing still outside the door until Ali (MGB) came out. A man asked him (MGB), ‘Did God’s Prophet (MGB) disclose any secrets to you?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘Yes. The Prophet (MGB) disclosed to me one-thousand gates each of which opens up to another one-thousand gates.’ The man said, ‘Did you memorize them?’ Ali (MGB) replied, ‘Yes. Moreover I understood them.’ The man asked, ‘What is the blackness that is in the moon?’ Ali (MGB) replied, “Indeed the Exalted God said, ‘We have made the Night and the Day as two (1125) 

(of Our) Signs: the Sign of the Night have We obscured, while the Sign of the Day We have made to enlighten you; that ye may seek bounty from your Lord, and that ye may know the number and count of the years: all things have We explained in detail.” [1258] The man told him, ‘O Ali! You truly understood it.’”

28-14 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Miskan, on the authority of
Musa ibn Bakr, “I asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), ‘How much of one’s obligatory prayers must be compensated for if a person goes into a coma for one, two, three, four or more days?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘I will give you a general instruction which covers this subject and whatever else of a similar nature. In any issue in which God prevents His servants from doing their duty, God accepts His servant’s excuse.’”

Other narrators of this tradition have added that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) added, “This is from those chapters which result in one-thousand chapters. This is one of the gates which opens up to one-thousand gates.”

28-15 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ahmad ibn Idris quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil Khat’tab, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Abi Nasr al-Bazanty, on the authority of Umar ibn Azineh, on the authority of Bakir ibn A’ayn, on the authority of Salim ibn Abi Hafasa that he had heard Aba Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) say, “God's Prophet (MGB) taught Ali (MGB) one-thousand chapters each of which can open another one-thousand chapters. Bakir says, “Some of our companions went to the see Aba Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) and repeatedly inquired about (the validity of) this narration. It became clear that Salim (of Salim ibn Abi Hafasa) had told the truth. Bakir added, “The person who had heard this narration from Aba Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) narrated it for me. He (MGB) had said, ‘Out of these one-thousand chapters no more than one or two chapters has reached the people's hands.’ More likely he (MGB) had said, ‘Only one chapter has reached the people’s hands.’”

28-16 Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Masroor - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Al-Hussein ibn Muhammad ibn Amer quoted Mo’ali ibn Muhammad al-Basry, on the authority of Bastam ibn Marat, on the authority of Ishaq ibn Hisan, on the authority of Al-Haysam ibn Vaqid, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hassan al-Abdi, on the authority of Sa’ed ibn Tarif, on the authority of Al-Asbaq ibn al-Nobatat, “The Commander of the
Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) ordered us to emigrate from Kufa to Madaen (in Persia). We left Kufa on Sunday. Amr ibn Harith and seven others stayed behind. They went to a place called Khoranq which is in Hireh. They said, ‘We will amuse ourselves here and move on Wednesday and join the Commander of the Faithful Ali (MGB) before he says the Friday prayers. While they were eating lunch, they saw a lizard. They hunted the lizard and Amr ibn Harith took it by hand, opened his palm and jokingly said, ‘This is the Commander of the Faithful! Pledge allegiance to him.’ Those seven individuals pledged allegiance to the lizard and Amr ibn Harith himself was the eighth person who pledged allegiance to the lizard. They returned on Wednesday night and arrived at Madaen on Friday. They did not disperse and were all together. The Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) was delivering the Friday prayer sermon at the mosque. Once they came into the mosque, Ali (MGB) looked at them and said, ‘O people! God’s Prophet (MGB) disclosed one-thousand narrations to me each of which has one-thousand gates each of which has one-thousand keys. I heard God - may His Majesty be Exalted - say, ‘One day We shall call together all human beings with their (respective) Imams…’ [1259] I swear by God that there will be eight people who shall be resurrected with their leader which will be a lizard. I could name them one by one for you if I wish.’

Asbaq added, “I saw that Amr ibn Harith had become so sorry and ashamed that he held his head down just like a date palm branch.”

28-17 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn Isa ibn Ubayd, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Hamzih al-Adowi, on the authority of Aban ibn Uthman, on the authority of Zurarah that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) had said, “God’s Prophet (MGB) taught Ali (MGB) a gate which opens up to one-thousand gates each of which opens up to another thousand gates.”

28-18 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa and Abdullah ibn Amer ibn Sa’ed, on the authority of Abdul Rahman ibn Abi Najran, on the authority of Safvan ibn Yahya, on the authority of Bashir al-Dahan that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “When the Prophet (MGB) was so ill that he (MGB) was about to die, he asked for Ali (MGB) and once Ali (MGB) came in, the Prophet (MGB) whispered things in his ears. When Ali (MGB) came out, they (i.e. Abu Bakr and Umar) asked Ali (MGB), “What did your friend (MGB) tell you?” Ali (MGB) said, “He taught me one gate which opens up to one-thousand gates each of which opens up to another one-thousand gates.”
28-17 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa'ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad and Abdullah - the sons of Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Hisham ibn Salim, on the authority of Abi Hamzih al-Somali, on the authority of Abi Ishaq al-Sabi'e, on the authority of one of the trustworthy companions of the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) that he had heard Ali (MGB) say, “There is a lot of knowledge in my heart which God’s Prophet (MGB) has taught me. I would have taught it to others if I could have found people who were trustworthy enough. I would have taught them so that they may acquire some knowledge since this knowledge is the key to every gate and each gate opens up to another thousand gates.”

28-18 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father and Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn Isa ibn Ubayd and Ibrahim ibn, on the authority of Ishaq ibn Ibrahim, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Himad al-Ansari, on the authority of Sabah al-Mazny, on the authority of Harith ibn Hasira, on the authority of Al-Asbaq al-Nobatat that he had heard the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) say, “God’s Prophet (MGB) taught me one-thousand gates to the forbidden and the legitimate, what has been and what shall come all the way up until the Resurrection Day. Each of these gates opened up to one-thousand gates, so that they turned into one million gates. Thus, I acquired the knowledge of deaths, calamities and the Divine Decrees.”
28-21 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father, Muhammad ibn al-Hassan and Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullaha, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn al-Hussein al-Lu’lu’ee, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Jabir, on the authority of Abdul Karim ibn Amr, on the authority of Abdul Hameed ibn Abil Daylam that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “God’s Prophet (MGB) advised Ali (MGB) about one-thousand gates. Each gate opens up to one-thousand gates.”

28-22 Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khattab, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Bashir al-Bajaly, on the authority of Abi Yahya Mu’amir al-Qat’tan, on the authority of Bashir al-Dahan, on the authority of Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “When the Prophet (MGB) was so ill that he (MGB) was about to die, God’s Prophet said, ‘Call my friend in.’ The two wives (Ayesha and Hafsah) of the Prophet (MGB) sent someone
after their fathers, i.e. Abu Bakr and Umar. However, when the Prophet (MGB) saw them, he turned his face around and said, ‘Call in my friend.’ They sent someone after Ali (MGB). When Ali (MGB) came in, he faced Ali (MGB) and conversed with him. When Ali (MGB) came out, these two persons (i.e. Abu Bakr and Umar) asked Ali (MGB), ‘What did he (MGB) tell you?’ Ali (MGB) said, ‘He (MGB) told me about one-thousand gates each of which opens up to one-thousand gates.’”

28-23 Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted his father, on the authority of Yahya ibn Imran al-Hamedany, on the authority of Yunus ibn Abdul-Rahman, on the authority of Hisham ibn al-Hakam, on the authority of Umar ibn Yazid, “I asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), ‘Is what we have heard being God's Prophet (MGB) taught Ali (MGB) one-thousand gates each of which opens all other gates true?’ The Imam (MGB) replied, ‘Yes, It is true.’ The Imam (MGB) told me, ‘The Prophet (MGB) taught him (MGB) a single gate which opens up to all of one-thousand gates each of which opens up to another one-thousand gates.’

28-24 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Yaqoob ibn Yazid and Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Ibrahim ibn Abdul-Hamid, on the authority of Abi Hamzih al-Somali, on the authority of Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) that Ali (MGB) said, “God’s Prophet (MGB) taught me one-thousand gates each of which opens up to another one-thousand gates.”

28-25 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father, Muhammad ibn al-Hassan and Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Fazal, (on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Fazal), on the authority of Abdullah Bakir, on the authority of Abdul Rahman ibn Aba Abdullah that he had heard Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, “Indeed God's Prophet (MGB) taught Ali (MGB) a gate which opens up to one-thousand gates each of which would open up to another one-thousand gates.”

28-26 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Muhammad ibn Abdul Jab’bar, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Muhammad al-Hijal, on the authority of Sa’alabat ibn Maymun, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Hilal that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “God’s Prophet (MGB) taught Ali (MGB) a gate to knowledge which opens the doors to one-thousand gates to knowledge each of which opens up to the gates to another one-thousand gates.”
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28-27 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father and Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Sa`ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Sa'id, on the authority of some friends, on the authority of Ahmad ibn Umar al-Halabi, on the authority of Abi Basir, “I went to see Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) and said, ‘The Shiites say that God’s Prophet (MGB) taught Ali (MGB) a gate to knowledge from which one-thousand gates to knowledge are opened.’ Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, ‘O Aba Muhammad! I swear by God that God’s Prophet (MGB) taught Ali (MGB) one-thousand gates. Each gate opens up to one-thousand gates.’ I said, ‘By God! This is true knowledge!’ Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, ‘This is solely for Ali (MGB) and no one else.’”

28-28 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father, Muhammad ibn al-Hassan and Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Sa`ed ibn Abdullah quoted Sandi ibn al-Muhammad al-Baz’zaz, on the authority of Safvan ibn Yahya, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Bashir, on the authority of his father Bashir al-Dahan that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “When God’s Prophet (MGB) was so ill that he (MGB) was about to die, he (MGB) said, ‘Call my friend in.’ The two wives of the Prophet (MGB) sent someone after their fathers, i.e. Abu Bakr and Umar. However, when the Prophet (MGB) saw them, he turned his face around and said, ‘Call in my friend. They sent someone after Ali (MGB). When Ali (MGB) came in, He faced Ali (MGB) and conversed with him. When Ali (MGB) came out, these two persons (i.e. Abu Bakr and Umar) asked Ali (MGB), ‘What did he (MGB) tell you?’ Ali (MGB) said, ‘He (MGB) told me the gates which open to one-thousand
gates. Each gate opens up to one-thousand gates.”

28-29 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father, Muhammad ibn al-Hassan and Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Marazim ibn Hakim al-Azodi that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “God’s Prophet (MGB) taught Ali (MGB) one-thousand gates each of which opens up to another one-thousand gates.”

28-30 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father, Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad al-Walid and Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat’tab, on the authority of Al-Harith ibn al-Muqayrih that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “When the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) buried Fatimah (MGB), Abu Bakr and Umar went to see him. During a long speech he (MGB) told them, “Considering your complaint concerning why I did
not call you in for the task of the ritual ablutions of the dead (ghusl) for the Prophet (MGB), I should tell you that the Prophet (MGB) had told me that except for me whoever sees the Prophets (MGB) private parts would become blind. That is why I did not inform you. However, the reason I put my head near his ear was because the Prophet (MGB) taught me one-thousand letters each of which would explain one-thousand other letters. Since this was a Prophetic secret, I did not want you to become informed about it.”

28-31 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father, Muhammad ibn al-Hassan and Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Yaqoob ibn Yazid, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Mansoor ibn Yunus, on the authority of Abu Bakr Muhammad ibn al-Hazrami[1260] that Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) said, “Indeed God’s Prophet (MGB) taught Ali (MGB) one-thousand letters each of which open up to one-thousand letters. Each of these letters open up to one-thousand letters.”

28-32 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father, Muhammad ibn al-Hassan and Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hikam, on the authority of Ali ibn Abi Hamzih, on the authority of Abi Basir that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “There was a booklet in the cover of the sword of God's Prophet (MGB).”

Abi Basir asked Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB), “What was written in that booklet?” The Imam (MGB) replied, “There were letters each of which opened up to one-thousand letters.”

Abi Basir added, “Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Only the interpretation of two of those letters has become clear up until now.”

28-33 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father, Muhammad ibn al-Hassan and Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat’tab, on the authority of Musa ibn Sa’edan, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Qasim al-Hazrami, on the authority of Malik ibn Atiye, on the authority of Aban ibn Taqlib that Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “Three-hundred and thirteen people (companions of the Riser
Al-Mahdi (MGB)) will soon come to your mosque - that is in Mecca. The people of Mecca know they are not from their own race or that of their fathers and grandfathers. Each of them will have a sword in his hand. On each sword a word is illustrated that would open up to one-thousand words. A wind will blow in each valley and proclaim that this is Mehdi - the Savior (MGB). He will appear and judge based on truth like the family of David (MGB). He will not be asked for any witnesses.” [1261]

28-34 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father, Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid and Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Muhammad ibn Isa ibn Ubayd, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Sin’an, on the authority of Isma’il ibn Jabir and Abdul Karim ibn Amr, on the authority of Abdul Hameed ibn Abil Daylam that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “God’s Prophet (MGB) entrusted Ali (MGB) with a thousand doors each of which opened up to one-thousand words and doors.”

28-35 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father and Muhammad ibn al-Hassan - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Abdullah ibn Ja’far al-Homayry quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat’tab, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Bashir al-Bajaly, on the authority of Zarih al-Maharebi that Aba Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) said, “God’s Prophet (MGB) honored Ali with a cloak and then taught him a thousand words.”

28-36 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father, Muhammad ibn Musa al-Mutevakil, Muhammad ibn Ali Majiluyih, Ahmad ibn Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim, Hamzih ibn Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Alavi, al-Hussein ibn Ibrahim ibn Natanat, al-Hussein ibn Ahmad ibn Hisham al-Mo’adab and Ahmad ibn Zyad ibn Ja’far al-Hamedany - may the Sublime God be pleased with them - narrated that Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim quoted hi father, on the authority of Abdullah ibn al-Muqayryih that had heard Abi Ja’far Muhammad ibn Ali al-Sani (MGB) say, “God’s Prophet (MGB) taught Ali (MGB) one-thousand words. Each word opened up to one-thousand new words.”
28-37 Al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn Idris - may God be pleased with him - narrated that his father quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, Ali ibn Isma’il ibn Isa, and Ali ibn Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad ibn Ubaydullah, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Maymun al-Qad’dah, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad As-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father (MGB), “God’s Prophet (MGB) taught Ali (MGB) one-thousand words each of which opened up to one-thousand new words. He did not tell the people what the Prophet (MGB) had taught him.”
when he (MGB) was on the pulpit and asked, ‘O Commander of the Faithful! Will you let me say what I have heard Ammar ibn Yasir quote on the authority of God’s Prophet (MGB)?’ Then the Commander of the Faithful (MGB) said, ‘Fear God and do not ascribe to Ammar anything other than what he said.’ Ali (MGB) repeated this thrice. Then Ali (MGB) told the man, ‘Express what you heard him say.’ The man said, ‘I heard Ammar say that he had heard God’s Prophet (MGB) say, ‘I fight the polytheists with Revelations while Ali (MGB) fights them with interpretation of Revelations.’’ Then the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) said, ‘Ammar spoke the truth. By the Lord of the Ka’ba this is just one of the thousand words entrusted to me.’”

28-39 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father, Muhammad ibn al-Hassan and Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa and Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Ali ibn Fazzal, on the authority of Abil Miqra Hameed ibn al-Masna al-Ajali, on the authority of Zarih ibn Muhammad ibn Yazid al-Maharebi, “I heard Abu Abdullah as-Sadiq (MGB) say, ‘We are the successors of the Prophets.’” Then he (MGB) added, ‘God’s Prophet (MGB) honored Ali (MGB) with a cloak and then taught him (MGB) one thousand words which open up to the doors to all words.’”

28-40 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Yaqoob ibn Yazid and Ibrahim ibn Hashim, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Abi Umayr, on the authority of Mansoor ibn Hazim, on the authority of Abi Hamzih al-Somali, on the authority of Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB), “God’s Prophet (MGB) taught Ali (MGB) one thousand words which open up to the doors to all words (each of which open up to the doors to all words).”

28-41 Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Walid - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Saffar quoted Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Sa’id, on the authority of Al-Hussein ibn Zakwan, on the authority of Sa’ed
ibn Tarif, on the authority of Al-Asbaq al-Nobatat that he had heard Ali (MGB) say, “God’s Prophet (MGB) told me one-thousand narrations each of which has one-thousand chapters.”

28-42 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father, Muhammad ibn al-Hassan ibn Ahmad ibn al-Valeed and Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Attar - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdallah quoted Muhammad ibn al-Hussein ibn Abil-Khat’tab, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Bashir al-Bajaly and al-Hassan ibn Fazal, on the authority of Al-Masni ibn al-Valeed al-Han’nat, on the authority of Mansoor ibn Hazim, on the authority of Bakr ibn Habib, on the authority of Abi Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB), “When God’s Prophet (MGB) was so ill that he (MGB) was about to die, he (MGB) said, ‘Call in my friend.’ Then both Ayesha and Hafasa sent someone after their fathers (Abu Bakr and Umar). When they came in, God’s Prophet (MGB) covered up his face. Then Abu Bakr and Umar returned. Then the Prophet (MGB) uncovered his face and said, ‘Call in my friend.’ Again both Ayesha and Hafasa sent someone after their fathers - Abu Bakr and Umar. When they came in, God’s Prophet (MGB) covered up his face again. Then Abu Bakr and Umar said ‘We do not think that God’s Prophet (MGB) wants to see us.’ Ayesha and Hafasa said ‘When the Prophet (MGB) said ‘Call in my friend’ we hoped that he (MGB) wants to see you.’ Meanwhile the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali (MGB) came in. When the Prophet (MGB) saw Ali (MGB), he hugged him and whispered one-thousand narrations to him each of which has one-thousand chapters.”

28-43 Ali ibn Ahmad ibn Musa, Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Senani al-Mokattib, al-Hussein ibn Ibrahim ibn Hisham al-Mo’ad’dag and Ali ibn Abdullah al-Var’raq - may God be pleased with them - narrated that Ahmad ibn Yahya ibn Zakaria al-Qat’tan quoted Bakr ibn Abdullah ibn Habib, on the authority of Tamim ibn Buhool, on the authority of Abu Muawiyyah, on the authority of Suleiman ibn Mihran, on the authority of Ja’far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (MGB), on the authority of his father Muhammad ibn Ali al-Baqir (MGB), on the authority of his father Ali ibn al-Hussein as-Sajjad (MGB), on the authority of his father Al-Hussein ibn Ali (MGB), on the
authority of his father Ali ibn Talib (MGB), “When it was time for the death of God’s Prophet (MGB), the Prophet (MGB) called me in. When I went to see him, the Prophet (MGB) told me, ‘O Ali! You are my Trustee and my successor over my Household and my Nation both during my life and after my death. Your friends will be my friends and my friends are God’s friends. Your enemies will be my enemies and my enemies are God’s enemies. O Ali! Whoever denies your mastery after me, it is as if he has denied my Messengership during my life. You are from me and I am from you.’ Then the Prophet (MGB) asked me to get close to him and taught me one-thousand gates of knowledge each of which opens up to one-thousand gates.”

GOD HAS CREATED ONE MILLION WORLDS AND ONE MILLION BREED OF HUMANS

28-44 (The compiler of the book narrated) that his father - may God be pleased with him - narrated that Sa’ed ibn Abdullah quoted on the authority of Muhammad ibn Isa, on the authority of Al-Hassan ibn Mahboob, on the authority of Amr ibn Shimr, on the authority of Jabir ibn
Yazid that Aba Ja’far al-Baqir (MGB) was asked about the following words of God the Honorable the Exalted, ‘Were We then weary with the first Creation, that they should be in confused doubt about a new Creation?’ [1262]

The Imam (MGB) replied, “O Jabir! Its interpretation is that when the Honorable the Exalted God destroys this creation; this world and houses; the people of Heaven in Heaven; and the people of Hell in Hell, then the Honorable the Exalted God will create another world with a new set of monotheist people without any male or female distinction to worship Him. God will create another Earth for them to live in and will create another sky to cast a shadow upon their heads. Maybe you believe that the Honorable the Exalted God has not created any other world and has not created any other humans than you? Indeed, I swear by God that the Blessed the Sublimed God has created a million worlds and a million breeds of humans, and you are in the very end of these worlds and of the last breed of human beings.