

1. The Pivot of Life

- Engulfed with darkness. In the quest of the center of light, we are searching for the sun¹.
- We are the travelers of midnight. To tread the path, we are gazing at the stars.²
- Thirst is killing us. Harried, we search for the elixir of life while only a few moments of life remains.³
- In the dark and chilly night, we are lost in the desert of calamity and misfortune, striding towards the luminous bonfire on the mountain peak.⁴
- In the barren salt desert, we are looking towards the dark clouds hovering over us and offering a cool shade.⁵
- During the occultation, we are the orphans of Imam (a.s). We are searching for the loving hand of the kind father.⁶
- We are insignificant particles but have heard about the sun. Although, with scarce recognition that we have about him, we are advancing towards it⁷. We are Muslims . To prevent the death of ignorance (i.e. a death of apostasy and hypocrisy), every moment we are in quest of words that will grant us further recognition of our Imam(a.t.f.s.).⁸
- The cold and killing winter of occultation has already set in our hearts. We beseech Allah to send the beautiful spring and invigorating breeze of Imam's (a.t.f.s.) reappearance.⁹
- We know that Imam az-Zamaan (a.t.f.s.) is like the Holy Ka'bah, around whom we must circumambulate¹⁰.

¹. [السلام على شمس الظلام](#). "peace be on the sun of the darkness."– Rabee' al- Anaam, p. 364, 381)

². [يا ابن الانجم الزاهرة](#). " O son of the brilliant stars."–Dua-e-Nudbah, Rabee'al-Abaan, p. 153)

³. (It is an indication towards the last verse of Surah Mulk. In the traditions, Imam Mahdi (a.s.) is referred to as [ماء معين](#) " flowing water.")

⁴. [النار على اليفاع، الحار لمن اصطلى به و الدليل في المهالك، من فارقه فهالك](#) ("The Imam is a bonfire on the mountain, warm for the one who seeks warmth from him and a guide in places of destruction. Whoever separates from him is destroyed."– Kamaal al – Deen, vol. 2, p.677, Tr. No.31)

5. (“The Imam is sweet water for the thirsty ones.” – Kamaal al–Deen, Vol. 2, p. 677. Tr.NO.31)
6. (Imam Hassan Askari (a.s) states, لا يقدر على الوصول إليه، لا يقدر عن إمامه، يتيم أنقطع عن إمامه، لا يقدر على الوصول إليه... “The greatest orphan is he who is isolated from his Imam and does not have access to him...”–Munyah al–Mureed, p. 114, part 4.)
7. (Imam Reza (a.s) says الشمس المضيئة... الامام... “The Imam...is like a brilliant sun.” – Kamaal al –Deen, vol. 2, p. 677, Tr. No.31.)
8. (This refers to the reliable and authentic tradition of the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.a) “He who dies without recognizing the Imam of his age, dies the death of ignorance.)
9. (السلام عليك يا ربيع الانام) “ Peace be on you. O Spring of Mankind. “Ziyaarat of Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s.) in the Celler (Sardaab) at Saamarra.)
10. (مثل الامام كمثل الكعبة، إذ يؤتى ولا يأتي) “ The likeness of Imam is like that of the Ka’bah. He is approached and he does not approach. “ – Behaar al – Anwaar, vol. 36, p. 358)

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