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1 –Narrated to us my father and Muhammad bin Hasan –May Allah be pleased with them – they said: Narrated to us Saad bin Abdullah; and Abdullah bin Ja'far Himyari and Muhammad bin Yahya al–Attar and Ahmad bin Idrees all of them said: Narrated to us Ahmad bin Abi Abdullah Barqi: Narrated to us Abu Hashim Dawood bin Qasim Ja'fari from Abi Ja'far the second, Muhammad bin Ali (a.s.) that he said:

Amirul Momineen (a.s.) entered Masjidul Haraam accompanied by Imam Hasan (a.s.) and leaning on the hand of Salman; and he sat down (in the Masjid). A man of elegant appearance and nice dress entered and saluted Amirul Momineen (a.s.). His Eminence returned his salutations. He said, "O Amirul Momineen (a.s.) I wish to ask you about three things. If you give me correct replies I would know that those who claimed caliphate before you were false and that their world and the hereafter are not safe. If you do not reply correctly I will know that your path is the same as those who preceded you. Amirul Momineen (a.s.) said: "Ask me whatever you like". He asked, "When a person dies, where does his soul go?"

"How does man remembers one thing and forgets the other?"

"Whom does a child resemble more, the paternal uncles or the maternal."

His Eminence told Imam Hasan (a.s.) to reply the queries. Imam Hasan (a.s.) replied the questions as follows:

As for your question that where does the soul of man goes when he is asleep, the reply is that his soul is related to the breeze/wind. And breeze is related to the air till the time the one who is asleep begins to wake up. And when the Almighty Allah permits, his soul is returned to his body. In this way the soul is pulled out from the breeze. And the breeze is pulled out from the air. And the soul comes and stays in

the body of its owner. If the Almighty does not allow that the soul may be restored to its owner, the air pulls the breeze and the breeze pulls the soul.

And then the owner of the soul will not be restored his soul till the time of resurrection.

As for your next question that how does a man remember and how does he forget, the heart of man is in a casket which is covered with a tray. If he recited complete Salawat on Muhammad and Aale Muhammad the tray moves away from the casket and he recalls whatever he has forgotten. But if he does not recite the Salawat on Muhammad and Aale Muhammad or recites an incomplete Salawat the tray covers the casket and his heart remains in darkness, thus he forgets whatever he has been told.

As for your question that how does a man resemble his paternal or maternal uncle, the reply is that when a man goes to his wife with tranquility, rested nerves and comforted body, and his seed stays restfully in her womb, the child resembles its parents. But if the man approaches his wife in a disturbed state the seed will rest on one of the nerves of the wife. If those are related to paternal side the child will resemble the paternal uncle and if the nerves are concerned with the maternal side the child will resemble the maternal uncle.

The man said, "I bear witness that there is no god except Allah and I have always borne witness thus. And I bear witness that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah and I have always testified to it. And I bear witness that you are the legatee of the Messenger (S), and one who establishes his proof and evidence (pointing towards Amirul Momineen (a.s.) he said, "I have always testified this." Then indicating towards Imam Hasan (a.s.) he said, "I bear witness that you are the legatee of Amirul Momineen (a.s.) and one who shall establish his proof and evidence.

That is you and the one who proves the prophethood of the Messenger of Allah (S). And I bear witness that Husain bin Ali (a.s.) is the legatee of his brother and he is the one to establish the proof after him. And I bear witness that Ali bin al-Husain (a.s.) after the Imamate of Husain (a.s.) is the proof of Allah.

Then Muhammad bin Ali, after him Ja'far bin Muhammad, then Musa bin Ja'far, then Ali bin Musa, then Muhammad bin Ali, then Ali bin Muhammad, then Hasan Ibne Ali. After that I bear witness that that person is the Divine Proof who is the son of Hasan bin Ali whose name and patronymic (Kunniyat) will not be revealed till the time he fills the earth with justice and equity like it would have been fraught with injustice and oppression. And peace be on you, O Amirul Momineen (a.s.)!" After that he arose and departed from there.

His Eminence told Imam Hasan (a.s.), "O Aba Muhammad, go after him and see where he goes." Imam Hasan (a.s.) went out and returned after a moment and said, "He placed one foot outside the Masjid and after that I don't know where he disappeared." Amirul Momineen (a.s.) said, "O Aba Muhammad, do you know who it was?" Imam Hasan (a.s.) replied "Allah, His Messenger and Amirul Momineen (a.s.) know better." Ali (a.s.) said, "He was Khizr."

2 – Narrated to us Muzaffar bin Ja'far bin Muzaffar Alawi Samarqandi (r.a.): Narrated to us Ja'far bin Muhammad bin Masud from his father: Narrated to us Jibraeel bin Ahmad from Musa bin Ja'far Baghdadi: Narrated to me Hasan bin Muhammad Sairafi from Hanan bin Sadeer from his father Sadeer bin Hakim from his father from Abi Saeed Aqisa that he said:

"When Hasan bin Ali (a.s.) signed the peace treaty with Muawiyah some people came to him a condemned him for making peace. So he said: Woe be on you, you don't know why I did that. By Allah whatever I have done is better for my followers (Shias) than everything. Don't you know that I am your Imam whose obedience is incumbent on you?

And on the basis of the statement of the Messenger of Allah (S) I am one of the chiefs of the youths of Paradise? All said: Yes, indeed it is so. The Imam said: Don't you know that when Khizr (a.s.) made a hole in the boat, repaired the wall and killed a boy, Musa bin Imran (a.s.) did not like it since he was unaware of the wisdom behind those actions, even though all those actions were according to the dictates of divine wisdom?

Do you know that there is none among us who did not have the allegiance of the tyrant ruler of his time around his neck, except for Qaim, behind whom the Spirit of Allah, Isa bin Maryam will pray? Indeed, Allah, the Mighty and the Sublime has kept his birth secret and his person unseen. When he reappears, he would not have the allegiance of anyone upon his neck.

He is the ninth descendant of my brother, Husain. He is the son of the best of the maidservants. The Almighty Allah will prolong his age during the occultation, then He would, through His power, make him appear as a youthful man of less than forty years of age so that it may be known that the Almighty Allah is powerful over everything."

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