

## Section Eleven

The traditions that indicate he is the ninth descendant of (Imam) al-ʿusayn, peace be on him

Comprised of 160 traditions

533. Kifāyat al-athar<sup>1</sup>: Abū ʿAlī Muḥammad b. [Faī b.] Fayyā al-ʿIjlī al-Sawwī, from Muḥammad b. Aḥmad b. ʿMir, from ʿAbd-Allah, from Rukain, from al-Qasim b. ʿasan, from Zaid b. Thabit who recounts:

I heard the Messenger of Allah, Allah’s blessings be on him and his family, say, “The world will not come to an end until a person from the loin (ʿulb) of al-ʿusayn, peace be on him, will rise with the affairs of my nation. He will fill it with justice just as it will be filled with injustice.” We asked, “Who is he, O Messenger of Allah?” He replied, ‘He is the ninth Imam from the loin of al-ʿusayn, peace be on him.’”

534. Kifāyat al-athar<sup>2</sup>: Muḥammad b. Wahb b. Muḥammad al-Nahbānī al-Baʿrī, from al-ʿusayn b. ʿAlī al-Bazafarī, from ʿAlī b. al-ʿAbbās, from ʿAbd b. Yaʿqūb, from Mismar b. Nuwayra, from Abū Bakr b. ʿAyyūsh, from Abū Sulaimān al-ʿabbā, from Abū Umama who said:

The Messenger of Allah, Allah’s blessings be on him and his family, said, “The Hour will not be established until the Qʿim from us rises with the truth. This will occur only when Allah, Mighty and Majestic be He, permits. Whoever follows him will be saved and whoever remains behind will be destroyed. O servants of Allah! Be aware O servants of Allah! Go to him even if [you have to trek over] ice, for he is Allah’s caliph.” We asked, “O Messenger of Allah! When will the Qʿim from you rise?” He replied, “When the world falls into chaos and confusion. He will be the ninth from the loin of al-ʿusayn, peace be on him.”

535. Kifāyat al-athar<sup>3</sup>: Muḥammad b. ʿAbd-Allah al-Shaibānī, from Muḥammad b. al-ʿusayn b. ʿafī al-Khathʿamī al-Kifī, from ʿAbd b. Yaʿqūb, from ʿAlī b. Hishim, from Muḥammad b. ʿAbd-Allah, from Abū ʿUbaidat b. Muḥammad b. ʿAmmār, from his father, from his grandfather ʿAmmār who recounts:

I was with the Messenger of Allah, Allah's blessings be on him and his family, during one of the battles in which `Alī, peace be on him, had killed the standard-bearers and scattered them. He had killed `Amr b. `Abd-Allah al-Jumāhī and Shaibat b. Nafi'. I came to the Messenger of Allah, Allah's blessings be on him and his family, and said to him, "O Messenger of Allah! `Alī has fought for Allah a worthy fight."

He replied, "That is because he is from me and I am from him. He will inherit my knowledge, repay my debts, fulfill my promises, and will be my successor after me. If it was not for him, the pure believer would not be recognized after me. His war is my war and my war is Allah's war. His peace is my peace and my peace is Allah's peace. Know that he is the father of my two grandsons and the Imams after me. Allah, the Exalted, will bring out from his loins the rightly guided Imams. From them is the Mahdī of this nation."

I said, "May my father and my mother be sacrificed for you, O Messenger of Allah! Who is this Mahdī?" He replied, "O `Ammār! Know that surely Allah, Blessed and High be He, has promised me that nine Imams will emerge from the loins of al-`usayn. The ninth of his descendants will become concealed from the people. This is [the meaning of] the saying of Allah, Mighty and Majestic be He, 'Say: Have you considered if your water sinks in the ground, who is it then that will bring you flowing water?'"<sup>4</sup>

He will have a lengthy occultation in which some people will stop believing in him while others will remain steadfast about him. Then, he will emerge in the end of times and will fill the world with fairness and justice. He will fight in accordance with the interpretation [of the Holy Quran] like I fought in accordance with its revelation. His name will be my name and he is the most similar of people to me . . ."

536. Muqtaḥab al-athar<sup>5</sup>: Narrated to us Abū `Alī Aḥmad b. Ziyād al-Hamdānī, from `Alī b. Ibrāhīm b. Hāshim, from his father, from `Abd al-Salām b. `Alī al-Harawī, from Wakīl b. al-Jarrāḥ and al-Rab` b. Sa`d, from `Abd al-Raḥmān b. Salīm, from `usayn b. `Alī, peace be on him, who said:

From us are twelve Mahdīs (guided ones). The first one is Amīr al-Mu'minīn `Alī ibn Abī Ḥabīb, peace be on him, and the last one is my ninth descendant. He is the one who will rise with the truth. Through him, Allah will give life to the earth after its death. Through him, Allah will dominate religion [i.e. Islam] over all religions even if the polytheists detest it. He will have an occultation in which some people will apostate and others will remain steadfast in religion. They [i.e. the steadfast] will be harassed and will be asked [tauntingly], "If you are truthful, [then tell us] when will this promise happen?"<sup>6</sup> He who is patient during his occultation—with all the tortures and denials—is like those who fight with their swords before [i.e. alongside] the Messenger of Allah, Allah's blessings be on him and his family."

537. Kashf al-astar<sup>7</sup>: Abū Muḥammad al-Faḥr b. Shādhān al-Nasībī— who passed away during the lifetime of (Imam) Abū Muḥammad al-`Askarī, peace be on him—has recorded in his book al-Ghayba: Narrated to us al-`asan b. Maḥbūb, from `Alī b. Riḥab, from Abū `Abd-Allah, peace be on him, a lengthy tradition from Amīr al-Mu'minīn `Alī, at the end of which he said:

Then, there will be enmity between the Arab and non-Arab rulers because of their differences. It will be

like this until the affair reaches a person from the descendants of Abū Sufyān . . . thereafter the king of the kings, the slayer of the unbelievers, the desired ruler, and the one during whose occultation intellects (uqūl) will be baffled, will appear. He is the ninth from your descendants, O ʿUsayn. He will emerge from between the two rukns [of Kaʿba] and he will be victorious over the humans and the Jinn . . . Salvation is for the believers who realize his time, reach his era, witness his days, and meet his followers.

538. Kamāl al-dīn<sup>8</sup>: Narrated to us Ahmad b. Ziyād b. Jaʿfar al-Hamdānī, may Allah be satisfied with him, from `Alī b. Ibrāhīm b. Hāshim, from his father, from `Alī b. Maʿbad, from al-ʿUsayn b. Khālid, from Imam `Alī b. Mūsā al-Riḍā, from (Imam) Mūsā b. Jaʿfar, from his father (Imam) Muḥammad b. `Alī, from his father (Imam) `Alī b. ʿUsayn, from his father (Imam) al-ʿUsayn b. `Alī, who said:

My father Amr al-Muʿminīn `Alī b. Abū Ḥabīb said to me, “O ʿUsayn! The ninth from your descendants is the one who will rise with the truth, manifest religion, and spread justice.” I asked him, “O Amr al-Muʿminīn! Will this [really] happen?” He replied, “Yes, I swear by the One Who sent Muḥammad with prophethood and selected him from all the creatures; but [this will happen] only after an occultation and bewilderment in which no one will remain steadfast in his religion except the sincere ones—those who are inseparable from the spirit of certainty. They are the ones from whom Allah, Mighty and Majestic be He, has taken the covenant of our mastership (wilāya), has written faith in their hearts, and has assisted them with a Holy Spirit from Himself.”

539. Kamāl al-dīn<sup>9</sup>: Narrated to us al-Muʿaffar b. Jaʿfar b. al-Muʿaffar al-ʿAlawī al-Samarqandī, may Allah be satisfied with him, from Jaʿfar b. Muḥammad b. Masʿūd, from his father, from Jabraʿīl b. Ahmad, from Mūsā b. Jaʿfar al-Baghdādī, from al-ʿAsan b. Muḥammad al-ʿAirafī, from ʿAnṣ b. Sadīr, from his father Sadīr b. ʿAkīm, from his father, from Abū Saʿd `Aqīl who said:

When (Imam) al-ʿAsan b. `Alī signed the peace treaty with Mu`āwiyat b. Abū Sufyān, people came to meet him and some of them criticized him [for signing] the treaty. He replied, “Woe to you! You do not know what I know [or what I have done]. By Allah, what I did was best for our followers—whether they be where the sun rises or it sets.

Don’t you know that I am your Imam whose obedience is obligatory upon you and that I am one of the [two] masters of the youths of Paradise—just as the Messenger of Allah, Allah’s blessings be on him and his family, has said about me?” They all replied in the affirmative. He then said, “Do you know that when [the Prophet] Khīr, peace be on him, drilled a hole in the boat, erected the wall, and killed a child, all these actions angered Moses because the wisdom behind these acts were hidden from him? These three acts were regarded by Allah, High be His Remembrance, as nothing but wise and right?

Do you not know that there is no one from us but that on his neck is the allegiance of the tyrants of his time, except the Qaʿim behind whom Jesus, son of Mary, Allah’s Spirit, will pray? Allah, Mighty and Majestic be He, has concealed him and his birth so that he will not have an allegiance on his neck when he emerges. He is the ninth descendant of my brother al-ʿUsayn, the son of the Master of the Women

of the Universe. Allah will prolong his age during his occultation, then, He will manifest him with His power in the form of a young man of less than forty years of age. And this is because it should be known that Allah is Powerful over all things.”

540. Kamāl al-dīn<sup>10</sup>: Narrated to us `Abd al-Wāḥid b. Muḥammad b. `Abdīs al-`Aḥḥadī, from Abū `Amr al-Kashshī (or al-Laithī), from Muḥammad b. Mas`ūd, from `Alī b. Muḥammad b. Shuj`ā, from Muḥammad b. `Ḥsī, from Muḥammad b. Abū `Umair, from `Abd al-Raḥmān b. al-`Ajājī, from al-`Ḥḥadīq Ja`far b. Muḥammad, from his father (Imam) Muḥammad b. `Alī, from his father (Imam) `Alī b. al-Ḥusayn, from (Imam) al-Ḥusayn b. `Alī —peace be upon them— who said: “My ninth descendant will have a similarity with Yūsuf and a similarity with Moses, son of `Imrān, peace be on them both. He is the one who will rise from us Ahl al-Bait. Allah, Blessed and High be He, will set right his affairs in one night.”

541. Kamāl al-dīn<sup>11</sup>: Narrated to us Aḥmad b. Muḥammad b. Isḥāq al-Mu`adhī (or al-Mu`arrī), may Allah be satisfied with him, from Aḥmad b. Muḥammad al-Hamdānī al-Kāfī, from Aḥmad b. Mūsā b. al-furḥī, from `Abd al-Wāḥid b. Muḥammad, from Sufyān, from `Abd-Allah b. al-Zubayr, from `Abd-Allah b. Sharḥk, from a person, from Ḥamdān, from al-Ḥusayn b. `Alī ibn Abū Ḥalīb, peace be on him, who said: “The Q`īm of this nation is the ninth from my descendants who will have an occultation. He is the one whose inheritance will be divided while he is [still] alive.”

The traditions with the following numbers also show the aforementioned concept: 205–308, 543, 550, 551, 558–571, 608, 612, 641, 786–807, 859, 918, 973, 1104, and 1230.

<sup>1</sup> Kifāyat al-athar, chap. 12, p. 97, no. 3; Biḥār al-anwār, vol. 36, chap. 41, p. 318, no. 169; al-Ḥirḥī al-mustaqīm, vol. 2, chap. 10, pp. 115–116, sect. 3. He writes: “Al-Ḥusayn b. `Alī al-Raḥīq has narrated the same concept which ends like this: ‘From the Loin of al-Ḥusayn will emerge righteous infallible Imams. From them will be the Mahdī of this nation behind whom Jesus, son of Mary, will pray. He is the ninth from the loin of al-Ḥusayn, peace be on him.’”

<sup>2</sup> Kifāyat al-athar, chap. 12, p. 106; Biḥār al-anwār, vol. 36, chap. 41, p. 322, no. 172; al-Ḥirḥī al-mustaqīm, vol. 2, chap. 10, p. 116, sect. 3, which is a short version.

I say: In Biḥār al-anwār, it is ‘Maimān b. Abū Nuwayra’ and in some copies, it is ‘Mismarat b. Abū Nuwayra’. In the source, al-Hunḥī has been mentioned but al-Nahbānī is correct.

<sup>3</sup> Kifāyat al-athar, p. 120, no. 1; Biḥār al-anwār, vol. 36, chap. 41, pp. 326–328, no. 183; al-Ḥirḥī al-mustaqīm, vol. 2, chap. 10, p. 118, sect. 3, which is a short version.

<sup>4</sup> Quran 67:30.

<sup>5</sup> Muqtaḥab al-athar, p. 23; Kifāyat al-athar, pp. 231–232, chap. 31, no. 2; Kamāl al-dīn, vol. 1, chap. 30, p. 317, no. 2; Biḥār al-anwār, vol. 36, p. 385, chap. 43, no. 6 and vol. 51, chap. 3, p. 133, no. 4; Iḥḥāḥ al-hudḥī, vol. 2, chap. 9, p. 133, no. 134.

<sup>6</sup> Quran 36:48.

<sup>7</sup> Kashf al-astar, p. 180 (1318 AH) and p. 221 (in the new edition); al-`Arba`īn (Kifāyat al-Muḥḥadī), p. 31, under no. 1.

<sup>8</sup> Kamāl al-dīn, vol. 1 chap. 26, , p. 304, no. 16; Biḥār al-anwār, vol. 51, chap. 2, p. 110, no. 2; Iḥḥāḥ al-warḥī, pp. 400–401.

<sup>9</sup> Kamāl al-dīn, vol. 1, chap. 29, p. 315–316, no. 2; Kifāyat al-athar, chap. 30, pp. 224–226, no. 4. He has mentioned: “the ninth descendant of my brother —al-Ḥusayn—the son of the Master of the Maids”; Iḥḥāḥ al-warḥī, p. 401; al-Ḥḥījī, vol. 2, p. 288.

<sup>10</sup> Kamāl al-dīn, vol. 1, chap. 30, pp. 316–317, no. 1; Biḥār al-anwār, vol. 51, chap. 3, p. 132–133, no. 2; Iḥḥāḥ al-warḥī,

p. 401.

[11.](#) Kamāl al-dīn, vol. 1, chap. 30, p. 317, no. 2; Bīr al-anwār, vol. 51, chap. 3, p. 133, no. 3; Iʿlām al-warā, p. 401.

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