

Section Twenty-Four

The traditions that mention when the three names, Muḥammad, `Alī, and al-Ḥasan, come after one other, then the fourth of them will be the Qa'im

Comprised of 2 traditions

578. Dal'īl al-imāma¹: Narrated to us Abū I-Mufaḥḥal, from Muḥammad b. al-Ḥasan al-Kāfi, from Muḥammad b. `Abd-Allah al-Farsī, from Ya'qūb b. Maimūn al-Khurāsānī, from `Abd-Allah b. Sinān, from his brother Muḥammad b. Sinān al-Zuhrī, from our master, (Imam) Abū `Abd-Allah Ja'far b. Muḥammad, from his father, from his grandfather, from his father al-Ḥusayn, from al-Ḥasan, from Amīr al-Mu'mīnīn, from the Messenger of Allah, Allah's blessings be on him and his family, who said to `Alī, peace be on him: "O `Alī! When the eleven Imams from your descendants are completed, the eleventh will be the Mahdī from my Ahl al-Bait."

And through the same chain of narrators from the Messenger of Allah, Allah's blessings be on him and his family, who said: "When the four names, Muḥammad, `Alī, and al-Ḥasan come consecutively, then the fourth of them will be the Qa'im, the wished, the awaited."

579. Kamāl al-dīn²: Narrated to us Muḥammad b. Ibrāhīm b. Isḥāq, may Allah be satisfied with him, from Abū `Alī Muḥammad b. Hammām, from Aḥmad b. Mubundūd, from Aḥmad b. Hilāl, from Umayyat b. `Alī al-Qaysī, from Abū I-Haytham al-Tamīmī, from (Imam) Abū `Abd-Allah, peace be on him, who said: "When three names Muḥammad, `Alī, and al-Ḥasan come consecutively, the fourth of them will be their Qa'im."³

¹ Dal'īl al-imāma, chap. "Ma'rifat wujūb al-Qa'im," p. 236, no. 9; Ithbāt al-hudūd, vol. 3, chap. 9, sect. 69, p. 103, no. 832, citing the book Manqib Fātima wa wuldihā through his chain of narrators from Amīr al-Mu'mīnīn, from the Messenger of Allah, Allah's blessings be on him and his family.

² Kamāl al-dīn, vol. 2, chap. 32, p. 334, no. 3 and similar to it, pp. 333-334, no. 2. He has recorded it in the preface of Kamāl al-dīn from ibn Qubba in his answers to the objections of ibn Bashshar: "When the three names Muḥammad, `Alī, and al-Ḥasan come consecutively, the fourth will be the Qa'im" (vol. 1, p. 55); Kifāyat al-athar, p. 280, under the fourth tradition from the chapter on what has come from Imam Abū Ja'far Muḥammad b. `Alī al-Riḍī, peace be on him: "Through his chain of narrators from Abū al-Haytham al-Tamīmī who said that (Imam) Abū `Abd-Allah, peace be on him,

said, ‘When the three names come consecutively, the fourth of them will be their Qim: Muammad, `Al, and al-asan.’”; Ghaybat al-Nu`m, p. 179, no. 26; l`im al-war, p. 403. He has recorded ‘come together’ instead of ‘come consecutively’.

3. It is clear who these names refer to: Muammad refers to Imam Muammad b. `Al b. M al-Ri, `Al refers to his son Imam `Al b. Muammad b. `Al b. M al-Ri, and al-asan refers to his son Imam al-asan al-`Askar, Allah’s blessings be on them all.

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