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The Letter Sheen (Sh)

1. Shuja-At (Valor) Of His Eminence

Points pertaining to this discussion have already been presented in the topic of the *Jihad* and battles of His Eminence, and again in the heading of the knowledge of His Eminence, we shall present additional arguments and further clarify the matter.

2. Shafa-At (Intercession) Of His Eminence For Us – If Allah, The High Wills

In *Ghayat al-Maraam* it is mentioned through Sunni channels from Amirul Momineen (as) that he said:

The Messenger of Allah (S) said: “I will be at the *Hauz* (Kauthar) with you, and you O Ali is the dispenser of drinks at the Pool and Hasan is an assistant and Husain is the commander, Ali bin al-Husain the distributor, Muhammad bin Ali is propagator, Ja'far bin Muhammad is mobilizer, Moosa bin Ja'far is counter of the friends and enemies and restrainer of the hypocrites, Ali bin Moosa is the beautifier of the believers, Muhammad bin Ali is the escort of the folks of Paradise to their places and stages, Ali bin Muhammad is the speaker and sermon giver for his Shias and the one who would wed them to the Hoor al-Ein, Hasan bin Ali is the lamp for the people of Paradise through whom they would get light. Mahdi is their intercessor on the Day of Judgment, on the day when the Almighty Allah will not permit intercession except to those He would allow and with whom He is satisfied.”¹

I say: The important point is that intercession is special for our Maula, Hazrat Hujjat (as) – even though all of them (as) are intercessors on the Day of Judgment – their intercession will not be for anyone who is a denier in our master, the master of the time, (thus for them there shall neither be any intercessor nor any helper),² even though they may believe in the Imamate of all the Imams (as). It is from this aspect that in *Kamaluddin* it is narrated from Imam Ja'far Sadiq (as) that he said:

“Whosoever believes in the Imamate of my forefathers and descendants but denies the Mahdi from my descendants is just like one who has faith in all the prophets but denies Muhammad (S).”³

There are other narrations also on this topic that we could have quoted but for the intelligent people this much would be sufficient.

3. Shahadat (Testimony) Of His Eminence For Us

In *Kafi* under the exegesis of the verse:

فَكَيْفَ إِذَا جِئْنَا مِنْ كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ بِشَهِيدٍ وَجِئْنَا بِكَ عَلَى هَؤُلَاءِ شَهِيدًا

“How will it be, then, when We bring from every people a witness and bring you as a witness against these?” (Qur’an, Surah Nisa 4:41)

Abu Abdillah (as) said concerning the above words: “It was sent down especially for the community of Muhammad (S). In every generation of them there will be an Imam from amongst us, who is a witness over them, and Muhammad (S) is a witness over us.”⁴

It is also narrated from His Eminence, that he said:

“And we are witness over mankind. So, on the Day of Resurrection, we shall confirm the truth of those who confirm the truth of us, and, on the Day of Resurrection, we shall attribute untruth to those who attribute untruth to us.”⁵

“I asked Abu Ja’far (as) about the words of Allah, to Whom belong Might and Majesty:

وَكَذَلِكَ جَعَلْنَاكُمْ أُمَّةً وَسَطًا

“Thus we appointed you a midmost people... (Qur’an, Surah Baqarah 2: 143)

He said: ‘We are the mid-most people and we are the witness of Allah, the Blessed, the Sublime, over His creatures, and His Proofs on His earth.’⁶

It is mentioned from Amirul Momineen Ali (as) that he said:

“Verily, Allah, the Blessed, the Sublime, has purified us, made us immaculate and made us witness over His creatures, and His Proofs on His earth. He has linked us with the Qur’an and linked the Qur’an with us. We shall never part from it, nor shall it part from us.”⁷

4. Sharaafat – Nobility Of His Eminence

It is mentioned in *Bihar*, quoting from Nomani through his own chain of authorities that Imam Ja'far Sadiq (as) was asked:

Has the Qaim taken birth? The Imam replied: “No, but if I live till his time I shall serve him all my life.”⁸

I say: Dear intelligent reader, pay close attention to these statements and take heed of these teachings, it should not be, God forbid, that instead of serving the Holy Imam (as) all our life we may cause hurt to him like a sword due to our bad character and acerbic words.

- [1.](#) Ghayat al-Maraam Pg. 692
- [2.](#) Ref. Surah Shuara 26: 101
- [3.](#) Kamaluddin; Vol. 2, Pg. 338
- [4.](#) Kafi, Vol. 1, Pg. 190
- [5.](#) Kafi, Vol. 1, Pg. 190
- [6.](#) Kafi, Vol. 1, Pg. 190
- [7.](#) Kafi, Vol. 1, Pg. 191
- [8.](#) Biharul Anwar; Vol. 51, Pg. 148

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