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## The Ninth Infallible: Seventh Imam Musa Ibn Ja'far (as) and his forty discourses

The Seventh Imam: Imam Musa Kazim (as)

Name: Musa

Renowned Titles: Abd e Saleh, Kazim Babul Hawaij (The gateway of fulfilment of needs)

Sub Title: Abul Hassan, Abu Ibrahim

Father: Imam Ja'far Sadiq (as)

Mother: Hameeda Khatoon

Time of Birth: Sunday morning

Date of Birth: 7th of Safar Year of Birth: 128 Hijrah

Place of Birth: 'Abwa' a place between Mecca & Medina.

Date of Martyrdom: 25th of Rajab

Year of Martyrdom: 18.3 Hijrah

Place of Martyrdom: The Prison of Haroon Rashid in Baghdad (Iraq).

Age: 55 years

Cause of Martyrdom: Poisoned by the order of Haroon.

Tomb: Kazemain, Near Baghdad.

The life duration:

The First era before Imamate spread out from 128 to 148 Hijrah (20 Years).

The Second period following his Imamate from 148 to 183 Hijrah coincident with the ruler's hip periods of Mansoor Duwanaqi, Mahdi Abbasi Hadi Abbasi & Haroon Ur Rashid. The most of his Imamate period was coincident with the era of Haroon, which stretched as long as 23 year, 2 month & 17 days. And Haroon was the fifth caliph of the Abbasade Dynasty during whose period of rule the Imam mostly remained imprisoned.

## **Forty Traditions from Imam Musa Kazim (as)**

1. I found the knowledge of people in four (things) firstly, that you know your lord (recognition of Allah) & secondly that you know it as to what factors He made use of in creating you, & thirdly that you know as to what does he want & intend from you & fourthly that you learn what is it that will expell you from your religion. 1

- 2. Indeed, there are two arguments & proofs from Allah for the people.
- 1. The conspicuous & apparent arguments.
- 2. The esoteric & intrinsic argument (proof) Nonetheless, apparent authorities are the Prophets, apostles & messengers & the Imams (as) However, the esoteric (ones) so these are the (human) intellects (minds). 2

3. O, Hisham! Verily, Luqman said to his son ', adopt humility & humbleness for the right (Allah) you will become the intellectual most of the people, Oh son! World is a deep & profound ocean. Already lot many of the world creations have immersed & sunk into it. So make Piety your ship in it (to sail out safely) & make the faith it's cargo & putting trust in Allah it's sails & intellect (mind & wits) it's sailor (guide &

captain) & knowledge it's guide & patience it's passengers (on board). 3

4. Comprehend & understand the religion of Allah, for jurisprudence is the key to vision & the completion of worship & the cause of reaching the lofty grades & magnanimous stations in the world & here after.

And the superiority & magnanimity of jurisprudent over the adorer & worshiper is like that of the superiority of sun to the stars. And Allah does not get pleased with (accept) any practice of that person who does not achieve the comprehension & understanding of his religion. 4

5. Put in endeavor & exercise effort that your time is scheduled into four hours (parts). An hour (part of it) for the supplication to Allah & an hour (another part) of it for the affairs of economy & livelihood & still another hour (part of it) for social contacts with the brothers & the persons of confidence who may let you learn your short comings & faults & they have a sincere interior (heart) for you.

And a part of it in which you enjoy the unforbidden & lawful entertainments. And with this part of time you get the strength & vigor for the (rest of) three other (parts of) times. 5

6. Oh Hisham! A man is not faithful till such time that he gets fearful, (&) hopeful. And he will not become fearful (&) hopeful unless & until he becomes the conjuror & doer of that which he fears & hopes i.e. (He practices according to the requirement & needs of the fear & hope). 6

7. A man asked Imam Musa Kazim (as), "the holy war & combat against which one of the enemies &

foes is more obligatory?'

The Imam (as) reflected ',The nearest of them to you & those who are the most enemy & doing most of harm to you & their enmity be greatest & severest of all And their existence & is with their closeness & proximity to you, is most hidden & concealed from you. 7

8. Indeed, the greatest & biggest of all the people in worth & value is the person who does not consider the world a station & abode for himself moreover, there is no price & worth of your bodies except the paradise, so, do not sell them without (achieving) it. 8

9. Oh Hisham! Indeed the intelligent & witful one does not converse with the person who, he is afraid, would contradict & falsify him. And does not ask anything from a person who, he is afraid, would refuse him And he does not promise anyone a thing which he does not have the strength for, & does not desire & wish & hope for a thing over which he may be reprimanded & rebuked. And does not take steps towards anything about which he may be afraid that he would fail & become feeble, from achieving it. 9

10. Bad is the person who has two faces & two tongues (double cross & hypocrite). He praises & commends his brother (in faith) in his presence & when he is absent him back bites & slanders him. If he achieves (something) he gets jealous of him & if he is afflicted he leaves & abandons him. (Does not help him) 10

11. And faithful is the real brother of faithful although his parents may not have given birth to him

(Biologically). Cursed is the one who accuses his brother, cursed is the one who plays trickery & treachery with his brother. Cursed is the one who does not admonish & advise his brother. Cursed is that one who back bites his brother. 11

12. The one whose two days are equal is a looser. And the one whose last one of the two days is the evil one of those (two days) is a cursed person. And the person who does not observe any progress & development in himself is a looser & the one who is looser; death is better for him than life. 12

13. The one who turns the light of his meditation & thought, dark through the longevity & plentifulness of hopes, & evades & erases the words of wisdom with his futile & useless talks & extinguishes & puts off the light of lesson taking by the lustful desires of his ego (soul) so, it is like helping his passions in ruining his mind & intellect. And that one whose wits & mind get dislodged both his religion & world get corrupted & ruined.13

14. The more people commit variant sins which were not in practice before (novel sins) the more Allah creates calamities & catastrophe's which they did not know before.

15. Oh Hisham! If there be a walnut in your hand & the people say it is a pearl (in your hand) this (saying of theirs) will not provide you any benefit where as you know that, that is a walnut.

And if there is a pearl in your hand & people say 'it is a walnut', there would be no harm to you while you know that, that is a pearl. 14

16. I inform you that the obligatory most right of your brother (in faith) is that you do not hide & conceal anything, which is beneficial & useful for his worldly affairs or affairs of the hereafter, from him. 15

17. be cautious! Never at all be arrogant, for, the one who has a Misqal (unit of quantity) smallest amount of arrogance in his heart, will not enter the paradise. 16

- 18. Oh Hisham! There is a proof & logic for everything & the proof of the intelligent person is his meditation & the proof of meditation is quietness. 17
- 1. History is an evidence to the fact that human races have been practicing variant & different kinds of sins & opposing Allah's law in many ways. Quran describes the deviations of many nations & the punishment awarded to them. Such as the nations of lotus, Hood & SALEH etc. Presently, even in this era, the different famines, diseases like aids. etc., earth quakes, floods, wars & different shapes of tyranny in practice in many parts of the world is certainly a chastisement & warning to humanity.

19. Oh Hisham! Christ Essa (as) said to his disciples ',And the small & little sins are among the deceits & trickeries of Satan. He makes them insignificant for you & belittles them in your eyes.

So those (sins) get accumulated & multiplied & plenty in number thus encompassing & surrounding you.

20. Allah has prohibited heaven for all the users of abusive & obscene language. The shameless person, who does neither care about what he says & nor what is said about him. (Tuhaf al-Uqul P 394)

21.O Hisham! The wise person becomes contented with a little (share) from the world along with wisdom. And does not become satisfied & contented with small portion of wisdom with whole of the world. 19

22. And so combat & fight a holy war) against your ego so as to move it away from it's lust & passions. Because indeed it is obligatory for you like waging holy war against your enemy. 20

23. The one who restrains his anger from reaching people Allah stops chastisement from getting him on the dooms day. 21

24. O, Hisham! Indeed cultivation & growth takes shape in a soft, even land & not in a rocky (barren) land. So similarly, wisdom grows & develops in a humble heart & does not grow in a proud, vain & arrogant heart. 22

25. Do neither tell (promise) your soul about poverty nor longevity of age for the one who promises his soul about poverty commits stinginess & miserliness & the one who tells himself he would live long becomes greedy? 23

26. Oh Hisham! If that (sustenance) which is sufficient for you renders you needless then the most meagre & little of what is in the world can be sufficient for you. And if the limitations of sufficiency does not make you needless & independent then there is nothing in the world which could make you needless. 24

27. be careful & cautious of joke, for, indeed that takes away the light of your faith. 25

28. Oh Hisham! Patience upon isolation is the sign of mental powers. So who ever gets wits & intellect from Allah withdraws from people of the world & those inclined to & loving it. And he gets attached & inclined toward what lies with his lord. And Allah cheers him up & puts him at ease in desolation & becomes his companion.

And becomes the source of his wealth in poverty & adversity & that of his honor & reverence without his having a tribe. 26

29. The one who has not met inequity, oppression, anguish & affliction would not have any room for practicing favor. (He cannot be expected to favor the afflicted ones) 27

30. There is nothing, seen by your eye. But it has a lesson in it. 28

31. Oh Hisham! The one who intends. to achieve self-sufficiency & needlessness short of wealth, & the comfort of heart from jealousy, & the security of religion, so he must humbly supplicate to Allah to complete & mature his mind & intellect, for, the one who becomes intellectual & witful gets contented upon what (sustenance) suffices him. And the one who gets contented upon what is sufficient for him becomes needless & self-sufficient.

The one who does not get contented upon what suffices him can definitely & absolutely not reach the (state of) needlessness & self-sufficiency. 29

32. Beware of not spending in (the course of) Allah's obedience otherwise, you spend twice on the way

of Allah's disobedience (sin, transgression) 30

33. Oh Hisham! Indeed all the people see the stars & but no one gets guided by them except those who know their (star's) courses & stations.

And similarly you teach wisdom but nobody among you gets guided by it except the one who puts it into practice. 31

34. Kill in yourself the avarice & temptation of achievement from creatures (people), since, avarice is the key to humility & disgrace. 32

35. And know it that the word of wisdom is the lost thing of a faithful, so, it is binding upon, & necessary for you to achieve knowledge & learning. 33

36. The worst of the servants of Allah are those whose company is undesirable due to their obscene & filthy language (false, futile & dirty conversation) 34

37. The best things following knowing Allah which proximate & nears a servant to Allah are service (prayers) & nicety & kindness to parents & abandoning jealousy & self-conceit, self-applause, pride, & boasting. 35

38. O' Ishaml the one whose tongue becomes truthful his practice purifies. 36

39. And the person who seeks power & leadership gets perished & that one who enters into self-conceit & self-applause gets annihilated. 37

40. The one who squanders, wastes & spends lavishly, the beneficence's & blessings are abated, terminated & cease to exist with him. 38

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