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"As for this young Ali, one cannot but like him.... Brave as a lion; yet with a grace, a truth, and affection worthy of a Christian knighthood."

Thomas Carlyle

"He united the qualifications of a poet, a soldier, and a saint; his wisdom still breathes in a collection of moral and religious sayings."

Sir Edward Gibbon

"He had contempt of the world, its glory and pomp; he feared God much, gave much alms, was just in all his actions humble and affable."

Dr. Henry Stubble

"His talents as an orator and his intrepidity (fearlessness) as a warrior were grateful to a nation in whose judgment courage was virtue and eloquence was wisdom."

Charles Mills

"His mother was delivered of him at Mecca (in Kaba), in the very Temple itself; which never happened to anyone else."

Simon Ockley

"He possessed the three qualities most prized by the Arabs: courage, eloquence, and munificence."

Washington Irving

"With him perished the truest hearted and best Moslem of whom Mohammadan history had preserved the remembrance."

Robert Durey Osborn

[For more information on this subject, refer to "Statements of scholars and historians about Imam

Ali," Appendix B page 219]

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