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A Medication For All Diseases And Maladies

Muhammad b. Ja'far b. 'Ali al-Bursi narrated from Muhammad b. Yahya al-Armani – and he was the means of access to al-Mufaddal b. 'Umar, and al-Mufaddal was the access to Abu 'Abd Allah al-Sadiq, peace be upon him – from Muhammad b. Sinan al-Sinani al-Zahiri Abu 'Abd Allah from al-Mufaddaal b. 'Umar from al-Sadiq, Ja'far b. Muhammad, peace be upon him, who said:

"This is the medication of Muhammad, blessings of Allah on him and his family, and it is similar to the medication which Jibra'il, the trusted Spirit, gave to Musa b. 'Imran, peace be upon him, except that this has qualities of treatment and more and less compared to that [previous medicine]. These medications are from the writings of the Prophets and the sages among the successors of the Prophets. If there is an increase or decrease in it, or if one grain is added or taken away from what has been stipulated, the original will be violated and the medication will be spoilt. It will not be successful, because when they contradict it they contradict them [the authorities].

"The medicine is: Put four *ratl* of peeled garlic in a saucepan and pour over it four *ratl* of cow's milk. Put it on a low fire until it absorbs the milk. Then pour over it four *ratl* of the clarified butter from a cow. When it [the garlic] absorbs it and is well cooked, pour over it four *ratl* of honey and put it on a low fire. Add to it the weight of two dirhams of *qurad* [a marine plant]. Stir it vigorously until it thickens. When it thickens and is well cooked, and mixed, transfer it while hot to a container. Fasten its top and bury it in barley or clean earth (*turab*) for the summer. In winter, take of it the equivalent of a large walnut every day in the early morning before breakfast. It is a comprehensive medication for all things big and small, significant and insignificant, and has been tried and is well known among the believers."

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