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Section Six

The traditions that mention he is from the descendants of Am□r al-Mu'min□n `Al□ b. Ab□ □□lib, peace be on him

Comprised of 225 traditions

510. Al-Fitan1: Narrated to us Ya□y□ b. al-Yam□n, from Sufy□n, from Ab□ Is□□q, from `□□im, from `Al□, peace be on him, who said: "He [i.e. the Mahd□] is a man from me."

511. Far□'id al-sim□ain2: Through his chain of narrators from Th□bit b. D□n□r, from Sa`□d b. Jubair, from ibn `Abb□s, from The Messenger of Allah, Allah's blessings be on him [and his family], who said:

`Al□ b. Ab□ □□lib is the leader (Im□m) of my nation and my successor upon them after me. From his descendants is the Q□'im—the awaited one—through whom Allah will fill the earth with justice and fairness just as it will be filled with unfairness and injustice. I swear by the One Who rightly sent me as a giver of good news! Surely those who will remain steadfast in believing in him during his occultation will be scarcer than red phosphorus (kibr□t al-a□mar).

J□bir b. `Abd-Allah al-An□□r□ stood up and said, "O Messenger of Allah! Will the Q□'im from your descendants have an occultation?" He answered:

Yes, by my Lord! Through him Allah will certainly sift (layuma□□i□u) the believers and destroy the disbelievers. O J□bir! Surely, this is an affair from the affair of Allah and a secret from the secret[s] of Allah. Its knowledge is concealed from His servants. Have no doubt about him because indeed, having doubt about the affairs of Allah is disbelief (kufr).

512. Dal□'il al-im□ma3: Narrated to us Ab□ l-Mufa□□al Mu□ammad b. `Abd-Allah, from Mu□ammad b. Hamm□m, from Ja`far b. Mu□ammad b. M□lik al-K□f□, from Sufy□n b. al-Mahd□, from Ab□n, from Anas b. M□lik who said:

One day, the Messenger of Allah, Allah's blessings be on him and his family, came to see us and saw

`Al□. He placed his hand on `Al□'s shoulder and said, "O `Al□! If nothing remains from the world but one day, Allah will prolong that day until a person from your descendants rules. He will be called Mahd□ and will guide towards Allah, Mighty and Majestic be He. The Arabs will be guided by him just like you guided the unbelievers and the polytheists from deviation." Then, he said, "It is written on both his palms: 'Pledge allegiance to him because indeed, allegiance is for Allah, Mighty and Majestic be He.'"

513. Ghaybat al-Shaykh4: From A□mad b. Idr□s, from `Al□ b. Mu□ammad b. Qutayba, from al-Fa□l b. Sh□dh□n, from Mu□abbi□, from Ab□ `Abd al-Ra□m□n, from whom he had heard from, from Wahb b. Munabba, from ibn `Abb□s (in a lengthy narration) in which he said, "O Wahb! Thereafter, the Mahd□ will appear." I asked, "[Is he] from your descendants?" He replied, "No, by Allah! He is not from my descendants but from the descendants of `Al□, peace be on him. Salvation is for the one who lives in his era. Through him, Allah will grant relief to this umma until he fills it with fairness and justice . . . (to the end of the narration).

514. Ma`□n□ l-akhb□r5: Narrated to us Ab□ l-`Abb□s Mu□ammad b. Ibr□h□m b. Is□□q al-□□liq□n□, may Allah have mercy on him, from `Abd al-Aziz b. Ya□y□ al-`Alaw□ in Basra, from al-Mughairat b. Mu□ammad, from Raj□' b. Salma, from `Amr b. Shimr, from J□bir al-Ju`f□, from (Imam) Ab□ Ja`far Mu□ammad b. `Al□, peace be on him, who said:

Am□r al-Mu'min□n `Al□ b. Ab□ □□lib, peace be on him, delivered a sermon in K□fa after returning from the Battle of Nahraw□n because he had heard Mu`□wiya was abusing and cursing him and killing his companions. He stood up and said . . . (He then narrates the sermon in which `Al□, peace be on him, mentions the virtues bestowed by Allah upon his Prophet and himself . . . until he says) and from my descendants is the Mahd□ of this nation.

515. Ghaybat al-Shaykh6: Narrated to me a group from Ab□ Ja`far Mu□ammad b. Sufy□n al-Bazaufar□, from A□mad b. Idr□s, from `Al□ b. Mu□ammad b. Qutayba al-Naish□b□r□, from al-Fa□l b. Sh□dh□n, from Na□r b. Muz□□im, from Ab□ Lah□`a, from Ab□ Qubail, from `Abd-Allah b. `Amr b. al-`□□, from the Messenger of Allah, Allah's blessings be on him and his family, who said (in a lengthy tradition):

Then, the Mahd□ will emerge who he is a man from his descendants. (Then the Prophet, Allah's blessings be on him and his family, pointed towards `Al□ b. Ab□ □□lib.) Through him, Allah will destroy falsehood and will conclude the era of hardships. Through him, Allah will remove the disgrace of slavery from your necks. I am the first of this nation, the Mahd□ is its middle, and Jesus is its end and between these is a crooked old man.

The traditions with the following numbers also show the aforementioned concept: 80, 81, 113, 118, 120, 126, 127, 129, 149, 153, 158, 159, 160, 168, 170, 173, 176, 178, 181, 191, 193, 196, 205–308, 323, 325, 359, 382, 397, 411, 417, 428, 450, 458, 463, 464, 467, 469, 472, 492, 497–499, 502, 506, 516–543, 546–548, 550–572, 588, 589, 597, 600, 608, 612, 623–626, 641, 670, 685, 757, 761, 765, 770, 775, 786–807, 859, 918, 973, 1104, and 1230.

1. Al-Fitan, vol. 5, p. 197; al-Mal□□im wa l-fitan, chap. 189, p. 84.

2. Far□'id al-sim□ain, vol. 2, chap. 61, pp. 335–336, no. 589; Yan□b□`' al-mawadda, chap. 94, p. 424, citing al-man□qib. The same has been narrated in the book Kashf al-yaq□n, pp. 191–192, from al-□□fi□ Mu□ammad b. A□mad b. `Al□ al-Na□anz□—known as N□dirat al-Falak—in his book from Ab□ l-□asan A□mad b. al-□usayn al-Muqri', from `Al□ b. Shuj□` b. `Al□ al-□aiqal□, from al-Shar□f Ab□ l-Q□sim `Al□ b. Mu□ammad b. `Al□ ibn al-Q□sim b. Mu□ammad b. `Abd-Allah b. al-`Abb□s b. `Al□ ibn Ab□ □□lib, peace be on him, from al-□asan b. Ibr□h□m b. Mu□ammad b. Hish□m, from Mu□ammad b. Ja`far al-K□f□, from Mu□ammad b. Ism□`□l al-Barmak□, from Mu□ammad b. al-Fur□t, from Th□bit b. D□n□r, from Sa`□d b. Jubair, from ibn `Abb□s. The same has been narrated by Al-□ad□q in Kam□l al-d□n, vol. 1, p. 287, no. 7, from Mu□ammad b. M□s□ al-Mutawakkil, from Mu□ammad b. Ab□ Abd-Allah al-K□f□, from Mu□ammad b. Ism□`□l al-Barmak□, from `Al□ b. Uthm□n, from Mu□ammad b. al-Fur□t, from Th□bit b. D□n□r, from ibn Jubair, from ibn Abb□s. Sayyid b. □□w□s says:

Whoever ponders over this great tradition which is a proof upon whoever it reaches—and also ponders on the many other narrations that we have mentioned in this book—will know that the Holy Prophet, Allah's blessings be on him and his family, has left no place for any arguments for anybody concerning `Al□, peace be on him and his son Mahd□ and his long-life, peace be on him. This is from the signs of Allah, Majestic be His Majesty, and from the proofs of Mu□ammad, the Messenger of Allah, Allah's blessings be on him and his family. He has informed about the birth of the Mahd□'s forefathers, then he has informed about his long life before anybody knew what would be the condition of the Mahd□ during his occultation. So, for Allah and His Messenger, Allah's blessings be on him and his family, is the clear proof for whomsoever he was sent to in this perishable world and on the Day of Rewarding and Punishing (yum al-jaz□')" (Kit□b al-yaq□n bi ikhti□□□ `Al□ bi-'imrat al-mu'min□n); Bi□□r al-anw□r, vol. 38, chap. 61, pp. 126–127, no. 76, citing Kashf al-yaq□n by al-□□fi□ Mu□ammad b. A□mad al-Na□anz□; Ithb□t al-hud□t, vol. 3, chap. 32, p. 618, no. 177.

3. Dal□'il al-im□ma, p. 250, no. 44; Ithb□t al-hud□t, vol. 3, chap. 32, p. 574, no. 716, which mentions the first part of the tradition.

4. Ghaybat al-Shaykh, p. 187, no. 146; Bi□□r al-anw□r, vol. 51 chap. 1, , p. 76, no. 31; Ithb□t al-hud□t, vol. 3, chap. 32, p. 504, no. 302.

5. Ma`□n□ l-akhb□r, chap. 27, pp. 58–60, no. 9; Ithb□t al-hud□t, vol. 1, chap. 9, p. 488, no. 162.

6. Ghaybat al-Shaykh, p. 185, no. 144; Bi□□r al-anw□r, vol. 51, chap. 1, p. 75, no. 29; Ithb□t al-hud□t, vol. 3, chap. 32, p. 503, no. 300.

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