



In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.

THE IMAM OF OUR TIME – IMAM MAHDI (ATFS)

Imamat

Imam Hasan Askari (A.S.) was martyred on the 8th Rabi-ul-Awwal 260 A.H. and the day marked the inception of his son's Imamat and his elevation to the Apostolic office being the source of spiritual guidance for the whole universe.

After the martyrdom of his father, Imam Mahdi (AS) went into Ghaybat e Sughra (Minor Occultation) by Divine Command.

As, according to God's will, all the affairs pertaining to the Holy Imam were to remain strictly behind the curtain, he commissioned some of his deputies and ambassadors, who had been looking after the religious affairs from the time of his father to act as mediators between the people and the concealed Imam. They conveyed the problems and religious queries of the people to the Holy Imam and brought back the verdicts and the answers of the Holy Imam to the people.

It was by the Will of God that he disappeared and will again reappear by the Will of God. This will be a prelude to the Day of Judgment.

Among the companions of Imam-e-Zaman, four became his most famous and confidential representatives.

His representatives (Wukala)

- Uthman Ibin Sa'id Umari was one of the confidant and trusted companions of Imam Mahdi (AS)'s father and grandfather.
- Abu Jaffer Muhammad Ibin Uthman Umari was the son of the first representative
- Abul Qasim Hussain Ibin Ruh Nawbakht
- Abul Hasan Ali Ibin Muhammad Simmari

A few days before the death of Ali Ibin Muhammad Simmari (the fourth representative) in 329/939 an order was issued by the Imam (AS) in which he announced the death of Simmari and the end of the representation.

The last letter of Imam Al Mahdi (AS) to Simmari

“In the name of Allah, the beneficent, the merciful.

You are going to die in six days, may Allah grant patience to your brother's in faith on your departure. So, be prepared, but appoint no one in your place, because from the day of your death the period of my major occultation (al ghaybatul kubra) will begin. Hence forth, no one will see me, unless and until Allah makes me appear.

My reappearance will take place after a very long time when people will have grown tired of waiting and those who are weak in there faith will say: What! Is he still alive?

When men will become cruel and inconsiderate, and the world will be full of injustice and violence. Very soon some men will claim to have seen me. Beware! Anyone who makes such a claim before the coming out of Sufyani and the sound from heaven announcing my reappearance, is a liar and impostor. There is no might nor strength except in Allah.”

The four representatives who were at the highest level of faith and confidence for many years were the blessed mediators between the Imam and the people till in the year 329 A.H. when the representation was closed, and on the basis of the Divine Will the major occultation of Imam Mahdi (AS), commenced.

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