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## IMAM MUHAMMAD AL-MAHDI (pbuh)

“And We intend to bestow our favour upon those who were considered weak in the land and to make them the Aimma and to make them the heirs.” 28:5

Imagine that you live your entire life in a place where the sun is always behind the clouds. Your parents and grandparents lived here too, and so did *their* parents and grandparents. You have adequate sustenance and you survive because that is what you have been taught to do. You know that the sun exists because of the very fact that you survive.

*“The world subsists due to his existence, due to his blessings, creation is sustained and on account of his existence – the heavens and earth remain intact”*

### **Dua Adeelah.**

You have been taught the ideology of tawheed and although around you there is ample proof of the existence of Allah, you wish to see and hear



such an individual that will prove conclusively not only to you but to all who have doubted you.

The restlessness and sadness in the soul is the missing of the hujjat of Allah, for **Imam is the sun behind the clouds.**

**We await his Zhuhur for it is the ultimate proof (hujjat) that this world was created by design, and its purpose will indeed be realized - that tawheed WILL prevail and the promise of Allah will be fulfilled.**



## TIMELINE

Date	Age	Event
253 AH 867 CE		<p><b>Marriage of Imam Hasan Al-Askery (pbuh) to Sayyida Narjis Khatoon (pbuh), the grand-daughter of the Emperor of Rum</b></p>
255 AH 869 CE		<p><b>Birth</b>                      Imam was born on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> of Sha’ban, in Samarrah. Sayyida Hakima (sister of 10th Imam) relates that she went to her nephew’s (11th Imam) house after iftar on 14th Shaba’n and was told by him to stay as his son was to be born. Sayyida Hakima stayed for the night and was asked by Imam Hasan Al-Askery (pbuh) to continuously recite Suratul Qadr. At Fajr, Sayyida Hakima was surprised to hear the recitation of Suratul Qadr from the womb of Sayyida Narjis</p>



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		<p>who was feeling uneasy. Imam was born at Fajr on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sha'ban.</p> <p>Sayyida Hakima took him to the 11th Imam to whom the infant recited: <i>"In the name of Allah the most Kind, the most Merciful... and We intend to bestow (our) favours upon those who were considered weak in the land and to make them the Imams, and to make them the heirs "</i></p> <p><b>Quran - Suratul Qasas - 28:5</b></p> <p>To protect the 12th Imam, Imam Hasan Al-Askery (pbuh) did not make public the news concerning the birth. He only disclosed to a few reliable followers. (Abu Hashim Al Jafari Ahmed b Ishaq, Sayyida Hakima, Khadija (another aunt).</p>



Date	Age	Event
258 AH 872 CE	3-4 yrs	Abu Dayan asked the 11th Imam who would be the Imam after him. Suddenly a curtain rose and he saw a young child (3 - 4 years old) with a luminous face. Imam also invited chosen believers from Qum and revealed the birth of the 12th Imam.
260 AH 874 CE	5 yrs	<p><b>Imam Hasan Al-Askery (pbuh) dies</b></p> <p>On 8th Rabi ul Awwal Imam Muhammad Al-Mahdi (pbuh) led the funeral prayers (Salaa alal Mayyit). After leading the prayers the 12th Imam approached a servant of his father's named Adyan and asked for a letter that he had. Adyan handed it over (11th Imam had sent Adyan to Baghdad with an errand and asked him to come back with the reply and if he had died to</p>



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		<p>hand it to the one who lead his funeral prayers who would be his successor and Imam of the time.</p> <p><b>Start of GHAYBATUS SUGHRA</b>  This is when Imam went into the minor concealment and appointed representatives (Naibs, Safirs.....). Imam responded to requests through them by word or signed notes known as "tawqi". His handwriting was well known.</p> <p>There were 4 representatives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Uthman bin Saeed (A.R.)</li> <li>2.Muhammad bin Uthman (A.R.)</li> <li>3.Husayn bin Rawh (A.R.)</li> <li>4.Ali bin Muhammad Samry (A.R.)</li> </ol>



Date	Age	Event
260- 262 AH 874-876 CE	5 – 7 yrs	<p><b>Uthman bin Saeed (A.R.)</b></p> <p>He was the first representative of the Imam. It is said that at the age of 11 years he was a servant in the house of the 9th Imam later to enjoy the confidence of Imam. He occupied the same position of trust with the 10th and 11th Imam who told Shias that after him they would not see the 12th Imam and would have to obey Uthman. After the 11th Imam's martyrdom Uthman moved to Baghdad and disguised as a butter seller, he set up the collection of khums for Imam. He served the 12th Imam for 18 months and received a letter near his death from Imam telling him to appoint his son Mohammed as the next representative and telling him how fortunate his</p>



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		father was to have a son like him.
262-305 AH 876-918 CE	7 – 50 yrs	<b>Muhammad bin Uthman (A.R.)</b> He continued in his father's footsteps also as a butter seller. In the early years of the reign of Al-Mutadid ,the rulers then started searching for Imam and killed countless mu'mineen with even the slightest resemblance to Imam. Dua Samaat was learnt through Muhammad bin Uthman. As instructed by Imam he appointed Husayn bin Rawh as the next representative after his death in 305 (A.H.). He is buried in East Baghdad (in Khallani).
305-326 AH 918-938 CE	50–71 yrs	<b>Husayn bin Rawh (A.R.)</b> His kuniyya was Abul Qasim. He was from the family of Nawbakhti. His sociable nature won him respect from all. He



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		<p>managed to keep his activities a secret from the rulers whilst maintaining good relations with them. It is to him that we address the 'areeza' to be delivered to Imam. He served faithfully until he died in Sha'ban 326 A.H., revealing the appointment of Ali bin Muhammad Samry after him</p>
<p>326-329 AH 938-941 CE</p>	<p>71 - 74 yrs</p>	<p><b>Ali bin Muhammad Samry (A.R.)</b> He served for only three years. A week before his death he received a letter from Imam telling him of his forthcoming death and that there would be no representative after him. He died on 15th Sha'ban 329 A.H.</p>
<p>329 AH to ..... 941 CE</p>	<p>74 yrs to ...</p>	<p><b>GHAYBATUL KUBRA</b> During ghaibatul Kubra Imam continues to guide his follower. Numerous letters have been written by him to quote a few -</p>



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		<p>Ishaq bin Yaqub, Sheikh Mufid etc...</p> <p>It is reported from Imam Ja'fer As-Sadiq (pbuh) that 30 people all over the world meet with him regularly.</p> <p>They are not necessarily mujtahideen but can be ordinary mu'mineen.</p> <p>Imam is known to meet a believer on 3 occasions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At the time of trouble.</li> <li>2. He is present at every Hajj.</li> <li>3. He attend the funeral of every believer who has no religious obligations pending on him/her e.g. Khums, Salaa, Fasting</li> </ol>



## ZHUHUR

### SO WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

Transport yourself to an era when there will be turmoil and anarchy in the world, an era where there will be a two pronged attack on Islam -

1. From a man appearing righteous but being ruthless within the Middle East (the prophesized Sufyani) who from Palestine will attack and gain control over Syria, Palestine and Jordan – making Damascus his seat of power with his sight on Iraq and subsequently Madina and Makka.
2. Dajjal - meaning deceiver or imposter and as Syed Muhammad Sadr in his book Tareekh Al-Ghaybatul Kubra says, is probably a representation of an ideology which may be subscribed to by many countries rather than a literal person who will attempt to deceive the Muslim world into believing that their economies rely on him/it in order to destroy the Haramayn using Iraq as his/it's foothold to gain entry.



- Baghdad will be occupied by an army from the West and the city will be in a state of anarchy.
- There will be a power vacuum in Saudi Arabia.
- Human beings will have unprecedented power and opportunity through information technology – so much so that an announcement made anywhere in the world will be heard by all in their own tongue and at that very instant.

At the same time, an army from Iran under a descendant of Imam Hasan (pbuh), known in ahadith as Syed Hasani will be mobilised to combat the attacks on Islam and this army will enter Iraq through Basra

313 leaders (amongst them incidentally some 50 women) will share spiritual knowledge with each other, empowering and unifying other individuals everywhere.

Imam Ali (pbuh) in Nahjul Balagha (Sermon 149) says:

Then a group of people will be sharpened like the sharpening of the swords by the blacksmith. Their sight will be brightened by revelation. The



commentary of the Quran will be put into their ears and they will be given drinks of wisdom, morning and evening.

Zhuhur will be in 2 stages

1st Stage

It will start in the month of Dhulhijja when 40 mu'mineen will realise the imminence of zhuhur and not return home from hajj. They will go to the Haram, and plead to Allah near the Ka'ba for an audience with Imam. One of them will be called by Imam and told to represent the group. Through this representative, they will be invited to meet Imam who will ask one of them to make the announcement of his imminent zhuhur at the door of the Ka'ba. The announcer will be killed - He is the Nafse Zakiyya whose blood will touch the Ka'ba mentioned in many prophecies.

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2nd Stage

Not more than 15 days later, with his back to the wall of the Ka'ba, wearing the attire of the Prophet (pbuh) , shaded by a cloud, on the day of 'Ashura in an odd year known only to Allah; Imam



will address the world at dawn in an announcement which will be heard by every human being in his/her own language – “Ya Ayyuhal ‘aalam” (O inhabitants of the worlds)

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Baqiyatullahi khayrul lakum in kuntum mu’mineen.....”

What remains with Allah is better for you if you are mu’mineen” 11:86

An announcer will say:

“And Say: The truth has come and falsehood has vanished, Indeed falsehood is a vanishing (thing).” 17:81

Imam will introduce himself – “Anaa Baqiyatullah”

The 313 network will have already arrived pledging their allegiance to him with a covenant of 26 conditions the same covenant given by his ancestor Ali ibn Abi Talib (pbuh) to his soldiers (Kitabe Jahan ba’daz zhuhur pg.125-126)

Not to steal

Not to commit adultery

Not to abuse a Muslim

Not to murder anyone unlawfully

Not to violate anyone’s honour



Not to attack anyone's dwelling  
Not to harm anyone  
Not to hoard gold, silver, wheat and barley  
Not to usurp the property of an orphan  
Not give false testimony  
Not forsake the masjid  
Not drink wine or intoxicants  
Not wear clothing of silk or golden thread  
Not wear a gold belt  
Not indulge in highway robbery  
Not attack travellers and wayfarers  
Not indulge in homosexuality  
Not destroy food stocks  
Be content with little  
Use perfume and fragrance  
Stay away from uncleanness  
Do amr bil ma'ruf and Nahyi anil munkar  
Wear simple clothes  
Rest on an earthen pillow  
Strive in Allah's way as is His right

Imam (pbuh) will promise those who take the covenant that:

He will stay with them

He will dress like them



He will keep a mount similar to them  
He will work according to their will  
He will be content with a little  
He will, with Allah's help fill the world with equity  
and justice  
He will do the ibada of Allah as is His right  
He will give them direct access to him without an  
intermediate

These will keep their communities or networks  
informed and mobilised calling them to Imam.  
Sufyani will put his media machine into action.

Imam's first confrontation will be in Makka where  
he will appoint a Governor, and go towards  
Madina which will be destroyed. Imam will  
restore Madina to its former glory and proceed  
towards Kufa to meet the army of Syed Hasani.

After combating the deception and army of Dajjal,  
possibly in Palestine, they will proceed towards  
Syria in pursuit of Sufyani. He will have escaped  
there when his entire army will have suffered  
immense losses in the desert of Baaida near  
Madina, on the way to Makka.



At the border of Iraq with Syria, Imam will wait for Prophet Isa (pbuh) and just before Fajr, he will descend and Imam will lead Salatul Fajr before they are engaged in combat.

Imam's army will be victorious but Sufyani will escape to Jerusalem. Imam will pursue him and he will be defeated by Prophet Isa (pbuh).

Imam will rebuild Masjidul Aqsa which will have been destroyed.

With the Middle East under Imam's control, he will establish his government in Kufa rebuilding Iraq.

The revolution of Imam will be an intellectual one  
—

Fadhil bin Yasaar heard Imam Baqir (pbuh) say:  
“When our Qaaim rises, he will face more difficulty than the Prophet (pbuh) did during the period of ignorance”

Imam explained: “When the Prophet announced his mission, people worshipped stones and wood – When Imam rises – people will interpret the law of Allah against his interpretation and argue with



him by means of the Qur'an – but his justice will enter their homes just as the heat and cold enter it.”

He will send his helpers/liberators to the east and the west of the world and as both the 5th and 6th Imam have said, they will continue their struggle until Allah's pleasure is acquired.

In other words, until the occupation of the entire world will be to recognise Allah – the quest for Oneness – Tawheed.

Imam Ali (pbuh) in Nahjul Balagha (Saying 20) says:

“The world will bend towards us after having been resistant as the biting she-camel bends towards its young”

#### IMAM'S RULE

A global government will be formed, which will have absolute power and will redefine autocracy. Shaheed Mutahhari in his book 'The Awaited Saviour' says it will be when there will be a:

1. Final victory of righteousness, virtue, peace, justice, freedom and truth over the



forces of egoism, tyranny, deceit and fraud.

2. Establishment of a world government.
3. Reclamation and rehabilitation of the whole earth so that no area remains wasted.
4. Attainment of full rationality by humankind, adherence to ideology and emancipation from animal impulses and undue social restrictions.
5. Maximum utilization of the gifts of the earth.
6. Just distribution of wealth and property among all human beings.
7. Complete eradication of all vices like usury, use of intoxicants, treachery, theft and homicide and total disappearance of abnormal complexes, malice and ill-will.
8. Eradication of war and restoration of peace, friendship, cooperation and benevolence.
9. Complete coherence between man and nature.



## AREEZA

(Translation)

I write to you, O my Master (pbuh) in need of your help – I complain about what has descended on me – seeking refuge with Allah, then with you from affairs which darken my days, occupy my heart, occupy my thoughts, and rob me some of my innermost essence (that which is an important blessing of Allah).

Keep me safe from imagining the coming of problems, free me from what you see of my inclination of devotion (to others) and falling short of protecting myself against the plotting of my own nafs; and my lack of endurance in my patience and strength and so I get torn apart (splintered personality).

And I trust in the wisdom of Allah – praise be to Him and you in the planning about me – the knowledge of your status is with Allah – the Rabb of the worlds, the Guardian of all arrangements, the Master of all affairs, confident with you in speeding up intercession to Him – Praise be to Him in all my affairs.



I am certain in the answer from Allah – to You (Allah) alone do I present my pleas; and you are Ya Mawlaya, I know one who can actualize my needs, put effect my thoughts and verify my hope in you for my affairs

WRITE HAJAAT HERE

This (that written above) is what I have no strength to bear and no patience for. And if I deserve it (my plight), and weak because of my ugly deeds and neglect in my waajibaat with Allah – So I plead to you in helping me – O my Master with my longing and present my asking to Allah in my affairs before the arrival of wreckage and the gloating of enemies – so to you I clearly declare the blessings of Allah – and I ask Allah for help, honour and a manifest near victory in achieving that which I hope for and the best of beginnings and the competition of all my actions – and safety from fear in everything.

Indeed He is great in praise in whatever He does and He is enough and the best of Guardians in origins and conclusions.



## DUA FOR THE SAFETY OF IMAM MAHDI (PBUH)

اللَّهُمَّ كُنْ لَوْلِيِّكَ الْحُجَّةِ بْنِ الْحَسَنِ  
صَلِّوْا ثَبَاتَكَ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آبَائِهِ  
فِي هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ وَفِي كُلِّ سَاعَةٍ  
وَرِيًّا وَحَافِظًا وَقَائِدًا وَنَاصِرًا  
وَرَدِيًّا وَعَيْنًا حَتَّى تُسْكِنَهُ أَرْضَكَ طَوْعًا وَتُمَتِّعَهُ فِيهَا  
طَوِيلًا

O Allah, be, for Your representative, the Hujjat (proof), son of Al Hasan, Your blessings be on him and his forefathers, in this hour and in every hour, a guardian, a protector, a leader, a helper, a proof, and an eye until You make him live on the earth, in obedience (to You), and cause him to live in it for a long time.



## DUA FOR FULFILMENT OF NEEDS

يَا أَبَا صَالِحٍ الْمُهْدِي

**Ya Aba Salih, Al Mahdi**

Oh father of righteousness, Al Mahdi (the guided one)



## DUA FARAJ

*It is reported in the book 'Kumuz ul Najat' by Shaikh Fazil bin Hasan Tabrisi, that a man called Abul Hasan Muhammad bin Abul Laith was at one time hiding in a graveyard in Baghdad out of fear for his life.*

*Imam taught him this duas which saved his life. He said that when the phrase – Ya Sahibuz Zaman was recited – Imam pointed to himself which not only proved his identity but indicated that our minds should be directed towards Imam when we recite it.*

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, The Merciful

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

O Allah, send blessings on Muhammad and aali  
Muhammad



إِلَهِي عَظُمَ الْبَلَاءُ وَبَرِحَ الْخَفَاءُ

O Allah, trials are great, fear has increased,

وَأَنْكَشَفَ الْغَطَاءُ وَأَنْقَطَعَ الرَّجَاءُ

the cover has been removed, all hopes have been  
cut off ,

وَضَاقَتِ الْأَرْضُ وَمُنَعَتِ السَّمَاءُ

the earth has shrunk (with very little to spare for  
us), the heavens are withholding blessings

وَأَنْتَ الْمُسْتَعَانُ وَإِلَيْكَ الْمُسْتَكِي

we call upon You for help, we direct our complain  
to You,

وَعَلَيْكَ الْمُعْوَلُ فِي الشَّدَّةِ وَالرَّخَاءِ

we have total faith in you in times of distress  
and well being.



اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

O Allah, send blessings on Muhammad and aali  
Muhammad

أُولِي الْأَمْرِ الَّذِينَ فَرَضْتَ عَلَيْنَا طَاعَتَهُمْ

وَعَرَّفْتَنَا بِذَلِكَ مَنْزِلَتَهُمْ

the Ulil Amr - obedience to whom has been made  
obligatory, through which their high status has  
been made known.

فَفَرِّجْ عَنَّا بِحَقِّهِمْ فَرَجًا عَاجِلًا قَرِيبًا كَلِمَحِ الْبَصْرِ أَوْ هُوَ

أَقْرَبُ

Therefore let there be joy after sorrow for us in  
their name, right away, in the twinkle of an eye  
more rapidly.

يَا مُحَمَّدُ يَا عَلِيُّ يَا مُحَمَّدُ

O Muhammad, O Ali, O Ali, O Muhammad





الْعَجَلِ الْعَجَلِ الْعَجَلِ

Be quick, Be quick, Be quick,

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ بِحَقِّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ

O the most Merciful!

In the name of Muhammad and his pure progeny.



