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Another thing that I have experienced is that African Muslim brothers always ask us this question that; "why do we see sometimes some minor differences in you Shī'ites when performing rituals." For instance, they see us in prayer with the hands not folding, saying bismillāh

for each chapters of the Qur'an, prostrating on stone rather than carpets etc. then they ask us that why do you offer your prayers different from other Muslims? when we want to answer such questions; we usually say that both of us want to follow the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet (s), but the only difference (which is very important and results into different sects) is that we the Shī'ites take the Sunnah of the Prophet through the Ahl al-Bayt (The Household of the Prophet Muhammad) but our Sunni brothers get it through Imam Malik, Abu-Hanifah, Ahmad ibn (i.e. the son of) Hanbal and al-Shaff i. animals or to a some time and This answer is the beginning of a new question. "Who are the Ahl al-Bayt?" This is a frequent asked question that I have always been asked. To meet this question, I decided to write this book and present it to those who like to get their answer and become acquainted with the concept of Ahl al-Bayt." THE CONTRACT OF STREET on to the fact that have not inhaskifi ter bay autolaticents outs ♥500 - 15 above table - and - attractor i attractor LALL A MARKET & SEAL ARRIVE TO A call that I have it are arisable to The First Migrated and a company of the Company of constructed in the experience see some in SHE CONTRACTOR OF FRANK BANK AND A SHEET OF THE SHEET OF

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