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Foreword

Salman e Farsi was from Fars (i.e. Persia, Iran); but the Grand Ayatullah Khameneie, the venerable leader of Iran has said: **"Fars is from Salman"** because the Persians gave up Zoroastrianism & became Muslims through Salman Farsi, who had learnt Islam directly from the holy Prophet (SA). Thus Iran, although far away from Arabia, is the follower of true Islam.

Salman, although from Iran, had attained the highest degree of faith, so he was given the privilege of inclusion with Ahle Bayt of God's messenger (S.A). Abuja'ib, nor other idolaters could attain this privilege nor could they reach the 10th degree of faith.

Salman was in quest of truth, so he had escaped from the prison of his Zoroastrian parents, and took asylum with Christian Priests & then went to Syria. He learnt from a Christian priest about the **prophecy of Jesus (A.S)** regarding God's messenger who would appear in Arabia. Salman was keen to discover the truth but he could not pay his fare to reach Medina, then he was sold by a merchant to a Jew businessman to take him to Medina, where he was extremely happy to meet God's final messenger (S.A) with all the signs as described by the Christian priest. Mohammad (S.A) personally paid the ransom & released him from the slavery of the Jew merchant.

*Salman was taught everything about Islam, the religion finalized by God, directly from Hazrate Mohammad (S.A) & he became a lover of Mohammad & his Aal. Then Salman played a key role in making **his countrymen** to follow true Islam. Thus **Persia or Fars is the cradle of true Islam although far away from Arabia.***

It is said that Salman became the lover (shia) of Mohammad and his Aal and attained the tenth degree of faith but Abuzar could reach only up to the 9th degree of faith because he lacked the talent and capacity for it and would have fought & quarreled with Salman, who could not therefore pull him up to the 10th degree of faith.

*Salman was a special follower and lover of Mohammad (S.A) and his **ahle bayt** (the twelve imams). Salman, Abuzar, Meqdad and Ammar Yaser were all shias of God's best messenger (S.A) whereas some other sects of Islam follow the conduct or Sunnah of the rulers or caliphs who were much inferior to God's best messenger and sometimes even preferred the Sunnah of caliphs against the Sunnah of the best messenger (S.A), therefore Tejani, a well-known author, has named shias as the real sunnies of the holy prophet Mohammad (S.A).*

Note: minor differences in 'azan' and 'qunut' should not be given much importance as they are not 'rukn' i.e. pillars of 'Salat' and can even be omitted without making the 'Salat' invalid. e.g. 'Assalamu khairun min annoam' is added to azan of morning prayers it does

not make the morning 'salat' invalid.

Similarly 'qunut' is not a 'rukn' and can be recited even in one's own language in 'salat'.

An English author has written: "For what are men better than beasts if knowing God they lift not hands for prayers." Qunut means lifting up hands during the second rak'at of Salat.

*Ignorance, injustice, "truthphobia" (i.e. Islamophobia) and suppressive Might shall dominate over wisdom, Justice, Truth. Right as long as rulers are tyrannical & barbarous and reliant on their own power instead of **God, the Most Supreme, Strategic and All-knowing.***

*The enemies of God not only try to 'divide and rule' but also they create and support the most deviant sects (e.g. Wahhabism and Bahaism) and misguide mankind from leading a good virtuous life and encourage the deviant sects to lead a life full of vice, sin and crime. Although enemies of God try to magnify differences between the main sects in Islam and fill the world with tyranny and oppression, finally **Imam Mahdi (A.F)** who is awaited by the oppressed people all over the world shall be welcomed and Jesus (A.S) shall pray behind him to establish the universal Kingdom of God's justice.*

*The rulers and kings regard all the wealth and natural resources as their own property to plunder it as they like, but **God regards it as public treasury for all mankind.** God's divine personalities are superior to kings, philosophers, oracles and intellectuals although intellect is also a gift of God.*

Imam Ali (A.S) is well-known for justice in distribution of public treasury and even a Christian author, George Jordan, has appreciated it in 'voice of justice' his book about Imam Ali's justice. Salman's date of birth is uncertain, so his exact age is not known.

Salman prepared himself for death by perfuming himself with 'musk' and made his surroundings fragrant and said, "those who approach me do not eat food but are pleased with sweet smell (angels).

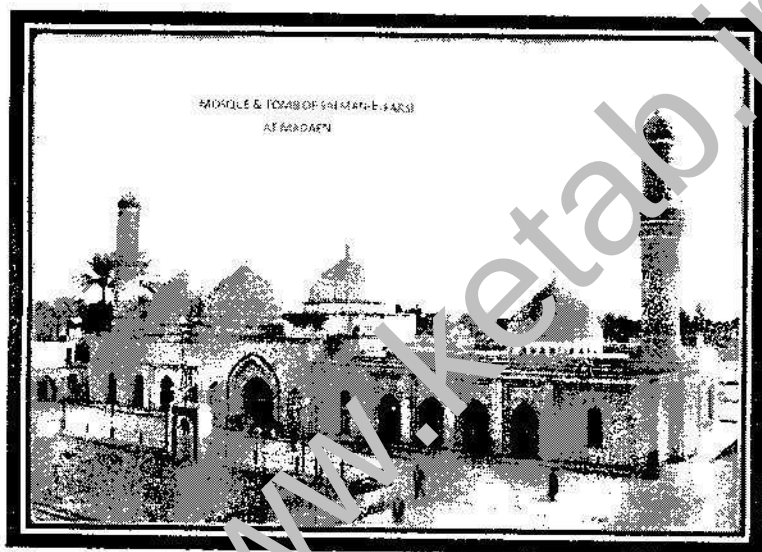
Salman died in Madaen in 35 A.H. and his funeral rites were performed by Imam Ali (AS), who came by 'Tayyel Arz' from Madinah and returned to Madinah the same night.

Imam Ali (A.S) said funeral prayers for Salman with ten persons including Khizr (4 C) and Jafar bin Abitalib and thousands of Angels.

Note: Tayyel Arz is mentioned in the holy Quran during Ascension of Mohamad (S.A) ², also Asef Barqia, the vazier of prophet cum king Solomon, when he brought the throne of Queen Bilqees in a wink's time (from Saba in Yemen to Palestine).

Salman's last words before death were: "O God! I return to you with no provision for the eternal life hereafter" (to carry food is a great folly when a person is invited by a generous person, so Salman returned to God hoping He will generously forgive all his sins although he was at the highest degree of faith which no other person had attained.

A tomb was built on Salman's grave, much later between 203 to 232 AH and pilgrims recite Ziarat for him. Salman was really a prominent personality, who cannot be forgotten by Iranians who have learnt true Islam because of Salman e Mohammadi, the lover of Mohammad (SA) & his Ahle Bayt.



Please recite a 'fatiha' for Salman Farsi.

Sayyed Hadi Hassan Abedi and his daughter Mrs. Sanjeedeh Meftagh have translated Salmane Farsi's book into Urdu and English languages respectively. I was asked to edit the English version and to conform it with the original.

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English is an international language and it contains words of other languages too, so some Arabic words are used as such instead of their translations which sometimes do not convey the same meaning as in Arabic. Translations are sometimes literal that is word by word and sometimes the meaning or gist only.

Some notes have been added by the editor where necessary.

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