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## PREFACE

The prolific Shiite history is an Islamic history full of events. In each and every paper luminous face is shown from men who each one of them during his era was a ship and lamp of salvation of the society and the lost.

The original and straight Islam has always been appearing in the faces of these great men starting from the dreadful valley of plots committed by hypocrites in the early days of Islam until the green plains of world revolution of honourable Imam Mahdi (may God hasten his sacred relief). A long tree of knowledge and virtues of these majestic men was always a shade of tranquility for pedestrians, and this truly brings love and also puts far away the Islam of God and honourable Muhammad (*peace be upon him and his progeny*) from maculation and embezzlement of the oppressors and rebels.

In the horizon of new Islam and Shiite Islam there is a twinkling love and following noticed from stars like Salman, Abu Tharr and Miqdad which commenced from them up to the closest jurisprudents and the delegates of Imam of the time who contains full conditions. Who does not know source of pure belief and work, tides of boundless lake of Prophetic revelation. These people are gratified plains of generosity and hope, branches of trees of leadership and infallibility.

The leadership of the sacred family of Prophet (*peace be upon him and his progeny*) which was guiding the path of the Prophet with its blood and holding on its shoulders sun of Quran and monotheism, is the great saviour of Islam from the hands of embezzlement and thieves of the history.

No one can deny this glimmering truth that has been attached to the forehead of wounded Islam of Muhammad (*peace be upon him and his progeny*) except the blind and those whose eyes see and refuse. Islam which every stone from the sling<sup>1</sup> of its enemies and unbelievers of the time of ignorance pointed towards it or the chests of Shiite leaders or true followers of them.

Impressible size of our great leader was to shield every stone of calamity so that Islam should not break and the valley cruisers without offence and stalks of infidelity and oppression should always take the way of pure spring of true Islam. We have seen that those who are suitable of this way have taken this way of spring even though the enemies did not refrain from any kind of crime. That enlightened spring which is clear sighted for the owners of enlightened hearts was not piled up under the soil and covered under the snows.

Our respectable master (*peace be upon him*) who is the sixth sun of leadership and guardianship is the brightest ribbon of this progeny. The shininess of his knowledge made Islam to shine. More especially the luminosity of Imam Husain's dignity (*peace be upon him*) and brave made Islam to remain.

Our Islam is not of those who violent and plot against the family of prophetic message. We are of Jafar sect and proud of that because if Islam is the holy Islam of Muhammad (*peace be upon him and his progeny*) then we will see its message through the blood of Husain (*peace be upon him*) and teachings of Imam Jafar Sadiq (*peace be upon him*). Our honourable and loved leader, sincere relatives of Muhammad (*peace be upon him and his progeny*) according to our belief possessed the same right of The leader of the believers, Ali's holy war (*peace be upon him*), Imam Hassan Mujtabah's agreement, Imam Husain's holy blood and honourable Zahra and Great Zainab's endless tears of worries. If Islam is the very same Islam which Zahra (*peace be upon her*) was crying for, hence Jafar's Islam is that of Muhammad (*peace be upon him and his progeny*) not the rubiginous Islam which someone snatched and annoyed Fatima Zahra (*peace be upon her*).

Honourable Imam Jafar's movement of knowledge made Islamic knowledge to spread to an extent whereby plots of the successors (caliphs) were not at a position to block the true knowledge. That's why we see that after one generation when our eighth leader honourable Ali son of Mussah Kadh (*peace be upon them*) entered Nishabur thousands of people flocked to him eager to listen to his speech. We can compare this success with the time that our great leader Zainul abidin (*peace be upon him*) with other slaves from the family of Prophetic mission were entering Sham and the people of Sham (as they were told by the false successor who snatched the successor-ship) were

considering them foreigners who rose against Islam, and also compare the distance between Nishabur and Damascus, we shall understand the advancement and influence of Imam Jafar's movement of knowledge.

The leader's big table of grace was not specialized for his followers only but even the opponents were benefiting from it. We all know that the first Sunnite leader of jurisprudence known as Abu Hanifa is proud of being a student of Imam Jafar for two years whereby he called this two years beginning of his jurisprudence, understanding where he said: "If it were not for these two years Numan (Abu Hanifa) would have perished."

It is from Imam Sadiq's school of thought that renowned scholars were trained in different faculties such as: Zurara and Muhammad son of Muslim in jurisprudence. Hisham son of Hakam and Mumin son of Twaqq in theology. Mufadhhal and Salwan in mysticism and other knowledge. Jabir son of Hayyan in mathematics and experimental knowledge and more other scholars who are founders of Islamic skills.

Imam Sadiq's glittering knowledge of theology (scholastic) is so wonderful that after thirteen centuries European scholars started pondering over his scientific teachings and several books pertaining to this fact were written. According to us, all these is just a small and minor endless virtues of the leader because no any wise man who has benefited a little bit from sunlight ever claimed to describe the sun. The booklet in your hands is just a draw of some historical lines

about the life of Imam Sadiq (*peace be upon him*). Making researches about full blessed life history of such a leader is something that no one is capable of. Our aim is to make this writing profitable to the respectable readers so as to find ways to the kings of straight path and shining lamps.

Ambition from you, success from God.

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