

Lady Hakīmah says, "In the next day, I came to offer my greetings to Abu Muhammad. I removed the curtain looking for my Master (Imam Mahdi). Not seeing him, I asked his father, 'May I be your ransom, where is my Master?' He said, 'We entrusted him to the one who the mother of Moses had entrusted Moses to.' When it was the seventh day, I came and greeted and sat. Abu Muhammad said, 'Bring to me my son.' I brought my Master in a wrap. He acted towards his son in the same way he had acted the first time. Then he put his tongue into his mouth; it seemed as if he was feeding him milk or honey. Then he said, 'Talk O' my son!' The blessed infant repeated the same words as before and send a blessing to all Imams until his father. Then he said, 'In the name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate' and recited this verse.

(وَ نُرِيدُ أَنْ نَمُنَّ عَلَى الَّذِينَ اسْتُضْعِفُوا فِي الأَرْضِ وَ نَجْعَلَهُمْ أَثِمَّةً وَ نَجْعَلَهُمُ الْوَارِثِينَ * وَ نُمِّنَ لَهُمْ فِي الأَرْضِ وَ نُرى فِرْعَوْنَ وَ هَامَانَ وَ جُنُودَهُمَا مِنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا يَحْذَرُونَ)

"And we desire to confer kindness upon those who have been enfeebled on earth and make them Imams and make them heirs and give them power on earth and show Pharaoh and Hāmān and their armies from them what they feared to happen to them." (Quran, 28:5-6)

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Imam al-Sādiq narrated from his father when Imam al-Bāqir was asked about the merits of the night before the fifteenth day of Sha'bān as saying.

«هِيَ أَفْضَلُ لَيْلَةٍ بِعْدَ لِيَلَةِ الْقَدْرِ فِيهَا يَمْنَحُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى الْعِبَادَ فَضْلَهُ وَ يَغْفِرُ لَهُمْ بِمَنَّةٍ فَاجْتَهِدُوا فِي الْقُرْبَةِ إِلَى اللَّهِ فِيهَا فَإِنَّهَا لَيْلَةٌ آلَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى نَفْسِهِ أَنْ لَا يَرُدَّ سَائِلًا لَّهُ فِيهَا مَا لَمْ يَشَأَلٌ مَعْصِيَةً وَ إِنَّهَا اللَّيْلَةُ الَّتِي جَعَلَهَا اللَّهُ لَنَا أَهْلَ الْبَيْتِ بِإِزَاءٍ مَا جَعَلَ لَيْلَةَ الْقَدْرِ لِنَبِيِّنَا صَ فَاجْتَهِدُوا فِي الذَّعَاءِ وَ الثَّنَاءُ عَلَى اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَرَّ وَ جَلَّ ...»

"It is the most favorable night after the Qadr Night. At this night, Almighty Allah bestows upon His servants with His favors and grants them His pardon out of His conferral of benefits to them. Therefore, you should exert all efforts to seek nearness to Him at this night, because He has decided not to reject any asker as long as he does not ask for an act of disobedience to Him. Almighty Allah has chosen this night for us (the Ahl al-Bayt) just as He has chosen the Qadr Night for our Prophet. You should thus pray and praise Him the Exalted, the Glorified diligently..."

Bihār al-Anwār, vol. 94, p. 85; Misbāh al-Mutahajjid, p.831.









The Auspicious Birthday of

Imam Mahdi





The birthday of the twelfth Imam (Imam Mahdi) occurred on Friday daybreak, on the 15th of Sha'bān in 255 A.H. (August 2nd 869 A.D.) in Samarra (a town in Iraq). According to a narration quoted by Sheikh al-Sadūq (d.381 A.H./ 991 A.D.) in Kamāl al-Dīn, vol. 2, p. 424-426, Lady Hakīmah, the honorable aunt of the eleventh Imam (Hassan al-'Askarī) says,

"Imam Hassan al-'Askarī sent for me and said, 'O aunt, have your Iftār (dinner) tonight with us. This is the night of mid-Sha'bān and Allah, the High, will bring forth the Hujjah (Imam Mahdi) on this night. He will be Allah's Hujjah (a proof from Allah) on His earth."

Lady Hakīmah says, "I said to him, 'And who is his mother?' and he replied, 'Narjis'. I again uttered, "There is no sign of pregnancy in her." He responded, "It is as I will tell you." Lady Hakīmah said, "I came and when I greeted and sat, Lady Narjis came to take off my shoes and said, 'O my lady! How are you this evening?' I responded, 'Instead, you are my lady and the lady of my household.' She said, 'How did you come here, dear aunt?' I told, 'My dear daughter! Allah, the Exalted, will grant you in this night of yours a boy, a master in this world and in the hereafter.' She sat and felt shy and embarrassed."



When I finished the 'Ishā' prayer and had my dinner, I went to bed and slept. When it was in the middle of the night, I got up to perform midnight prayers. I finished my prayers and she was sleeping and miraculously, there was no sign of any kind of pregnancy in her. I sat saying some supplication, then I went to bed, and then I woke up suddenly and somehow, I was horrified. Lady Narjīs was still asleep. She then woke up and rose and performed prayers and then slept. Lady Hakīmah says, "As doubts came to me, Abu Muhammad (Imam Hassan al-'Askarī who became aware of my thought) called out, 'Do not haste, aunt, the affair has come near.'" I recited Sūrahs Sajdah and Yāsīn and as I was doing that, Lady Narjis woke up suddenly; I rushed towards her and read the name of Allah on her and then I asked, "Do you feel anything?" and she said, "Yes, aunt." I told her "Be prepared and do not be scared. It will be as I told you."

Lady Hakīmah says, "Then faintness overwhelmed me and her. When I recovered, I sensed my Master (Imam Mahdi). I removed the sheet from him, and there he was, prostrating touching the earth with his forehead and palms and knees and toes; I pulled him to myself and there he was pure and clean."

At the same time, Abū Muhammad (the eleventh Imam) called on me, "Bring my son to me, Aunt." I took his son to him. He put his hands under his thighs and back and put the infant's feet on his chest. He then put his tongue in his mouth and touched his eyes, ears, and joints with his hands and said to him "My son, talk." Surprisingly, the newborn baby said, "I bear witness that there is no deity other than Allah, the One without a partner; and I bear witness that Muhammad is Allah's Messenger." He then beseeched blessings for the Commander of the Faithful (Imam Ali) and the Imams until he reached his father and then respectfully stopped.

Abu Muhammad said, "O Aunt! Take him to his mother so he may give her greetings and then bring him to me." I took her to his mother and he greeted her. Then I brought him back to the sitting room. And Abu Muhammad said, "O Aunt! When it is the seventh day, come to us."

