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ABBREVIATIONS

- PBUH Peace be upon him/her (عليه/عليها السلام ~ *alaihi/alaiha as-salam*)
- PBUT Peace be upon them (عليهم السلام ~ *alaihom assalam*)
- PBUHAP Peace upon him and progeny (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم ~ *salla Allahu alayhi wa alihi wa sallam*)
- SWT Praise Him and Exalt Him (سبحانه وتعالى ~ *sobhanahu wa ta'ala*)
- (M) The Mighty and The Majestic (عز وجل ~ *azza wa jal*)
- ﴿ ﴾ Indicate narrations from Ahlul Bayt PBUT
- ﴿ ﴾ Indicate passages from the Bible
- ﴿ ﴾ Indicate verses from the Quran
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In the Name of Allah the Abundantly Merciful, the Intensely Merciful

Praise is due to Allah for his trial and his great favors.

﴿¹⁶⁴ And when a community among them said, “Why do you advise a people whom Allah is to destroy or to punish with a severe punishment?” they said, “To be absolved before your Lord and perhaps they may fear Him.” ¹⁶⁵ And when they forgot that by which they had been reminded, We saved those who had forbidden evil and seized those who wronged with a wretched punishment, because they were defiantly disobedient.﴾*

To the students of the Scientific Hawza in Najaf al-Ashraf and in Qom, and in every spot on this earth: Be just to yourselves, and turn your hearts towards wisdom, and ponder upon my words with a pondering of a just one, and do not neglect the family of Muhammad — for it is hanging on the throne, “O Lord, care for whoever cared for me, and neglect whoever neglected me.”

Which of the two weighty things of guidance have you held onto, the Quran or the progeny? Have you asked yourselves? As for the Quran, you discarded it and turned your backs to it and made it the lightest of the things on your scale. As for the progeny, you have scattered their Yamani wisdom and the divine narrations like scattered chaff in the winds. And you accepted what matches your desires even if its narrators were few, and you discarded what opposes your opinions even if it was frequently narrated from them PBUT. You say that the narrations of theirs in which they describe me are not proof, and that the will of the Messenger of Allah PBUHAF mentioning the Imams and Mahdis is not a proof, and that knowledge of the Quran and the pathways of the skies is not a proof. So how light are Muhammad, the Quran and the progeny on your scale, and how weak are they in your minds.

And the truth I say unto you, that it is written in the Torah,

﴿⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart,

and do not lean on your own understanding.

⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him,

*. Surat *al-Araf* (The Heights) 7:164-165.

and he will make straight your paths.﴾*

And in the Quran, ﴿And those who strive for Us, We will surely guide them to Our ways. And indeed, Allah is with the doers of good.﴾.†

You say, “We accept the testimony of the just ones,” so here is Allah testifying for me, and Muhammad testifying for me, and Ali testifying for me, and Fatima testifying for me, and al-Hassan testifying for me, and al-Hussain testifying for me, and Ali bin al-Hussain and Muhammad and Jafar and Musa and Ali and Muhammad and Ali and al-Hassan and Muhammad testifying for me in hundreds of visions seen by the believers. So do you not accept their testimonies, their words and their advice for you? Did they not tell you that they will gather around the man of truth, when he arrives? And they P^BUT said, ﴿“If you see us gathered around a man, then come to us with your weapons.”﴾.‡

You say that Satan impersonates the Messenger of Allah Muhammad P^BUHAP, ﴿⁸⁹ You have done an atrocious thing. ⁹⁰ The heavens almost rupture therefrom and the earth splits open and the mountains collapse in devastation.﴾.§

And Allah says, ﴿²¹⁰ And the satans have not brought it down. ²¹¹ It is not allowable for them, nor would they be able.﴾.¶

So if Satan cannot pronounce a letter from the Quran, how can he impersonate Muhammad P^BUHAP while he is the entire Quran?

﴿Say, “He in whose hand is the realm of all things — and He protects while none can protect against Him — if you should know?”﴾.**

He in whose hand is the Kingdom of Heavens and the earth. You have not been just toward Allah once you said that the Kingdom of Heavens is in the hand of Satan, and you violated the sanctity of the Messenger of Allah P^BUHAP. And there is no strength or might except with Allah, the High, the Great.

You belittle the people and say to them, “And have you seen the Messenger of Allah so that you may recognize him in the vision?” Exalted is Allah, and has anyone during the time of Imam al-Sadiq P^BUH

*. Proverbs 3:5-6.

†. Surat *al-Ankaboot* (The Spider) 29:69.

‡. *Al-Ghayba* by al-Numani page 197.

§. Surat *Maryam* (Mary) 19:89-90.

¶. Surat *ash-Shuara* (The Poets) 26:210-211.

** . Surat *al-Mumenuon* (The Believers) 23:88.

seen the Messenger of Allah PBUHAP, so that Imam al-Sadiq PBUH would say, ﴿“Whoever wanted to see the Messenger of Allah in the vision, let him do such and such”﴾? And there are many narrations in this meaning, so refer to *Dar as-Salam* and other books of narrations.

You say that the vision is only a proof upon its possessor, so you reject the testimony of the just believer who saw and heard the Messenger of Allah PBUHAP in the Kingdom of Heavens and was told the truth by him PBUHAP. So how do you accept his testimony concerning what he saw and heard in this physical world?

﴿That, then, is an unjust division.﴾*

In a hadith narrated from Imam al-Hassan al-Askari PBUH after al-Fathil bin al-Harith saw him in a vision and said to him whatever he said, he PBUH said, ﴿“Our words while asleep are the same as our words while awake.”﴾†

Did the Messenger of Allah PBUHAP not accept the belief of Khalid bin Saeed al-Amawi because he saw a vision? Did the Messenger of Allah PBUHAP not accept the belief of a Jewish man who saw a vision of Moses PBUH saying to him that Muhammad is truth? Did Imam al-Retha PBUH not accept the belief of al-Waqifiyya because they saw a vision that he PBUH is truth? Did Imam al-Hussain PBUH not accept the belief of Wahab al-Nasrani, because he saw a vision? Did Narjis, the mother of Imam al-Mahdi PBUH not go to Imam al-Hassan al-Askari because of a vision she had seen? Did they not, and did they not ... ?

We belong to Allah and to him we shall return. How heavy is this world on your scale, and how light is the Kingdom of Heavens in relation to your desires and opinions? Ponder the condition of the previous nations with their prophets PBUT.

I will advise you and warn you and open the page of al-Hussain peace be upon him as a door to my advice, perhaps among you is a sane one who comes to his senses and saves himself from deteriorating in the abyss of hellfire.

Al-Hussain PBUH is the sacrifice for the throne of Allah SWT, and the divine religion would not have had a clear path and produced the State of Divine Justice in the end times if it had not been for the blood of al-Hussain PBUH. Imam al-Hussain PBUH showed that the divine

*. Surat *an-Najm* (The Star) 53:22.

†. *Safinat al-Bihar* Vol. 10 page 199.

religion would not be straightened except by his sacred blood.

So if it had not been for the blood of al-Hussain PBUH that was shed across the land of Karbala, the efforts of the prophets and messengers would have gone to waste, and the efforts of Muhammad PBUHAP and Ali PBUH and Fatima PBUH and al-Hussain PBUH. And the Imams from the children of al-Hussain PBUH would not have been able to establish the rules of the divine religion, the divine allegiance and the supremacy of Allah SWT.

And whoever tries to make al-Hussain PBUH as just an Imam who was killed in order for people to cry about him, he is a partner in the shedding of the blood of al-Hussain PBUH, and he is from those who try to kill al-Hussain PBUH in this time.

In Karbala, al-Hussain PBUH confronted Satan (may Allah curse him) and all his malicious symbols. Al-Hussain PBUH confronted the rulers who dominated the Islamic nation and breached the supremacy of Allah SWT, and al-Hussain PBUH confronted the non-working clerics, Shuraih al-Qathi, Shabth bin Rabie, Shimr bin Thi al-Jawshan and their likes. And they were the most dangerous links in the [chain of] confrontation, because they unjustly and falsely clothed themselves with the garments of religion, and deluded the people into thinking that they used the sword of Muhammad PBUHAP against al-Hussain PBUH, and they claimed to be representatives of the divine religion, by lying and fabricating upon Allah SWT. And Ahlul Bayt PBUT said about them that they took out his sword by their right hands and used it against him.

And in Karbala, al-Hussain PBUH confronted this world and its ornaments, and no one let go of it and no one joined the convoy of al-Hussain and of the prophets and messengers and the convoy of truth and light except for very few of those who fulfilled the pledge of Allah SWT.

And in Karbala, al-Hussain PBUH confronted the "I". And the knight of this confrontation after al-Hussain PBUH, and the finest of those who went through its chaos is al-Abbas bin Ali PBUH when he threw the water away and drew from the Quran, ﴿but [they] give [others] preference over themselves, even though they are in deprivation﴾.*

And what deprivation was the deprivation of al-Abbas PBUH and

*. Surat *al-Hashr* (Exile) 59:9.

what preference of others over himself was it?! And was it a preference, or a matter that words cannot describe?

And in Karbala, al-Hussain PBUH confronted Iblis (may Allah curse him), the old enemy of the children of Adam, who promised to misguide them from the straight path and throw them into the abyss of hellfire.

And al-Hussain PBUH and his companions PBUT were victorious in this confrontation.

As for the oppressive rulers, al-Hussain PBUH killed them and clarified the invalidity of the supremacy of people in all its forms, whether it was by shura among them (the elections) or by appointment by the people. And al-Hussain PBUH clarified that supremacy is for Allah SWT because He is the Owner of sovereignty, so He SWT can appoint and people must accept his appointment. And whoever rejects the appointment of Allah SWT has left the worshipping of Allah SWT like Iblis did, may Allah curse him, when he objected over the appointment of Adam PBUH, the successor of Allah on His earth, and refused to obey him and submit to him. So do not let Iblis pull you in by his call, and do not be infected with his plague. The Almighty said,

﴿Say, "O Allah , Owner of sovereignty, You give sovereignty to whom You will and You take sovereignty away from whom You will. You honor whom You will and You humble whom You will. In Your hand is [all] good. Indeed, You are over all things competent."﴾*

As for the non-working clerics, al-Hussain PBUH exposed them and removed the mask of false sainthood from their dark and filthy faces, and the stance of al-Hussain PBUH in Karbala remained to be the scale of truth, justice and monotheism, and it is used by whoever wishes to use it in every era, to see through it the disfigured faces of the non-working clerics of misguidance behind the masks of fake sainthood.

As for this world, al-Hussain PBUH and his companions let go of it and walked with the convoy of truth and into the divine light and this is the second scale which was established by al-Hussain PBUH with his sacred blood, and with action and not with words. So he PBUH showed, by his action, that this world and the hereafter are two rivals that do not gather in the heart of a person. So if one of them were to enter the heart of a person, the other would walk out. And if a person were to

*. Surat *Aal-e-Imran* (The Family of Imran) 3:26.

walk toward one of them, he would be walking away from the other. So one who wants Allah SWT and the hereafter has no option but to let go of this world.

As for the “I”, it is enough to say that generosity by giving one’s self is the ultimate generosity. The “I” was greatly fought in Karbala and humanity triumphed over the “I” in Karbala, a victory established as a just and divine scale that gives every rightful person their right, the scale of the testimony testified by al-Hussain PBUH and his companions PBUT with their blood, that there is no god but Allah.

As for Iblis, may Allah curse him, in the battle of Karbala, al-Hussain PBUH chained his hands and his legs and planted a spear in his chest. So he is still scrambling in his blood, in pain from that great calamity that struck him, until the Riser strikes his neck in the Mosque of al-Kufa.

Al-Hussain PBUH paved the way for the State of Divine Justice, as if al-Hussain PBUH was slaughtered in Karbala in order for the Riser PBUH from his children to rule, and as if al-Hussain PBUH was a sacrifice for the State of Divine Justice and for the Sovereignty of Allah SWT, ﴿And We ransomed him with a great sacrifice﴾.*

And this way, this sacrifice was the clearest of the signs of the path to Allah SWT, and the non-working clerics of misguidance, over the ages, could not assassinate al-Hussain PBUH or erase him, and he still remains and will remain a flag in the sky for whoever requests the truth.

And we do not fear for al-Hussain PBUH when it comes to the voices of the donkeys, the Almighty said, ﴿The example of those who were entrusted with the Torah and then did not take it on is like that of a donkey who carries volumes [of books].﴾.†

And the Almighty said, ﴿The most disagreeable of voices is the voice of donkeys.﴾‡ or say the non-working clerics who decided to assassinate al-Hussain PBUH thus said that al-Hussain supports the supremacy of the people, while he was killed to negate the supremacy of the people and establish the supremacy of Allah SWT.

And by their actions and their claims to represent him PBUH, they say that al-Hussain PBUH submits and appeases the Americans, while

*. Surat *as-Saffat* (Those Who set the Ranks) 37:107.

†. Surat *al-Jumua* (Friday) 62:5.

‡. Surat *Luqman* (Luqman) 31:19.

he PBUH is the Rejecter of Injustice who raised his sword in the face of injustice and corruption until the last moment of his life PBUH. And they said that al-Hussain supports the freedom and democracy of America while al-Hussain PBUH is a worshipper of Allah SWT and did not know except to worship Allah SWT and to submit to His commands and orders SWT.

These non-working clerics disbelieved in the supremacy of Allah SWT and believed in democracy (the democracy of America) and called it freedom.

And the truth I say unto you, that these non-working clerics who support the freedom of America and its democracy are free people, for if they were slaves of Allah, they would have had shame in front of Allah.

The freedom known by al-Hussain PBUH and his pure fathers and children PBUT is the disbelief in slavery for the tyrant and belief in the slavery for Allah SWT, ﴿So whoever disbelieves in tyranny and believes in Allah has grasped the most trustworthy handhold﴾.*

Be fair to yourselves and turn your hearts toward wisdom.

Do not participate in the assassination of al-Hussain PBUH, do not beat the chests and tear the clothes and shed the tears in pretense and in lies and falsehood, do not set up the gatherings for al-Hussain PBUH so that you kill al-Hussain PBUH anew, do not say what you do not do, ﴿² O you who have believed, why do you say what you do not do? ³ Great is hatred in the sight of Allah that you say what you do not do.﴾.†

If you want to set up gatherings for al-Hussain PBUH, let your souls set it up before your bodies, and let your blood cry over him before your tears. Do you not see that this world has turned away and that the hereafter has approached, and the land and sea were dominated by the most evil, corrupt and unjust of Allah's creation, the Americans and their disbelieving followers, ﴿Corruption has appeared throughout the land and sea by what the hands of people have earned so He may let them taste part of what they have done that perhaps they will return.﴾.‡

The sanctity of Islam was violated, and Islam was fought in length and width, so what more?

If you truly and honestly say to al-Hussain PBUH, "We wish we

*. Surat *al-Baqara* (The Cow) 2:256.

†. Surat *as-Saff* (The Ranks) 61:2-3.

‡. Surat *ar-Room* (The Romans) 30:41.

were with you so that we could win a great winning,” here is al-Hussain PBUH among you with his son Imam al-Mahdi PBUH, seeing you and observing your actions and anticipating your support and calling you, “Will you fail us and turn away from our support? Allah is sufficient for us, and He is the finest to rely upon.” So do you use taqiyya as an excuse to fail the progeny of Muhammad PBUH, or is it the scarcity of your number and equipage? Did Saul not fight the army of Goliath with scarcity in number and equipage, in spite of the large size of their army and the enormity of their equipage? Did Muhammad PBUHAP not fight with scarcity of number and equipage in Badr, and Allah SWT made them victorious? Does the Quran not call out to your hearing, ﴿How many a small company has overcome a large company by permission of Allah. And Allah is with the patient.﴾.*

O you who fail to support Imam al-Mahdi PBUH, do you wait for nothing but to align with al-Sufyani (may Allah curse him), the inheritor of Yazid son of Muawiyah (may Allah curse him) after you aligned with the greatest Dajjal (America)? Thus be promised of fire ﴿whose fuel is men and stones, prepared for the disbelievers﴾.†

What will you say? “We cried and beat our chests over al-Hussain PBUH”? The answer of al-Hussain PBUH will come to you, “You are from those who participated in [spilling] my blood, as you fought my son al-Mahdi.” What more? Will you say, “We take a neutral stance”? Then the answer to you is, “May Allah curse a nation that heard about that and was satisfied with it.”

Let each sane one revise himself, as chances pass by like clouds. If you request the truth, support al-Hussain PBUH in this time and do not fear ﴿So do not weaken and do not grieve, and you are the higher ones if you are believers.﴾.‡

Do not fear those who kill the body, but fear who can make both the body and the spirit perish in hellfire.

If your decision is to fail al-Hussain PBUH in this time, and if you choose to be unjust to your selves, I warn you and I caution you of the torment of Allah SWT in this world and the hereafter, and there is no excuse for you, and no excuser.

And I, and I seek refuge in Allah from the “I”, will not pray that the

*. Surat *al-Baqara* (The Cow) 2:249.

†. Surat *al-Baqara* (The Cow) 2:24.

‡. Surat *Aal-e-Imran* (The Family of Imran) 3:139.

torment hastens and is sent down upon you, even though I see that it has shadowed you. And I will be patient for a thousand years if Allah wished, until Allah accomplishes a matter that was already destined.

And I will not complain about you to Allah, rather my grandfather the Messenger of Allah PBUHAP will do so, because he mentioned me in his will and mentioned my name, lineage, and attributes, and my fathers the Imams PBUT will do so because they mentioned me by my name, lineage, attributes and residence. And the blood of al-Hussain which was shed in Karbala for Allah, for my father PBUH and for me will complain about you. And Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, Jesus and John the Barbarian will complain about you because they clarified my matter to the people of the earth many years ago. And the Torah, the Gospel and the Quran in which I was mentioned will complain about you. All this, yet you fail me. I want you to live and I want you to survive, so support me against your selves.

Blessed is he who slaughters himself between the hands of his Lord. Blessed is he who breaks through the difficult pass. Blessed is he if not stumbled by me. Blessed are the ones strange and mad to the people of the earth, and sane to the people of the sky. And I, and I seek refuge in Allah from the “I”, the poor worshipper between the hands of his Lord, I call every sane one who requests the truth to carry an axe like Abraham PBUH did and to demolish all the idols worshipped without Allah, including the one that lies within him, which is the “I”, and to remember Allah SWT greatly, and know that however greatly you remember him, you will not surpass the negligent ones until you support the supporter of Allah and become from the prostrating ones, and lessen your consideration of this world, and know that no matter how much you abstain from it, you are still eager for it, until you break through the difficult pass and free your neck from the fire of this world and the hereafter,

﴿But he has not broken through the difficult pass. And what can make you know what is [breaking through] the difficult pass?﴾.*

Obban bin Taghlab said, ﴿“I asked Imam Abu Abdullah PBUH, ‘May my soul be in sacrifice for you, [what is the meaning of] His saying, ﴿But he has not broken through the difficult pass﴾?’ He PBUH said, ‘One who was favored by Allah with the allegiance to us has bro-

*. Surat *al-Balad* (The City) 90:11-12.

a shield for David ؑ, and he used it as an armor in Uhud, and he folded it in his right hand in Siffeen.”

Whoever has ears, let him listen: This is the creature of the earth that speaks to the people, and this is Ali bin Abi Talib that is intended to come, ﴿And when the word befalls them, We will bring forth for them a creature from the earth speaking to them, that the people were, of Our verses, not certain.﴾.*

O Allah, witness that I have informed, O Allah, witness that I have informed, O Allah, witness that I have informed.

In the name of Allah, the Abundantly Merciful, the Intensely Merciful.

﴿¹ *Alif, Lam, Meem, Sad.* ² A Book revealed to you, [O Muhammad] — so let there not be in your chest distress therefrom — that you may warn thereby and as a reminder to the believers. ³ Follow, [O mankind], what has been sent down to you from your Lord and do not follow other than Him any allies. Little do you remember. ⁴ And how many villages have We destroyed, and Our punishment came to them at night or while they were sleeping at noon. ⁵ And their declaration when Our punishment came to them was only that they said, “Indeed, we were unjust!” ⁶ Then We will surely question those to whom [a messenger] was sent, and We will surely question the messengers. ⁷ Then We will surely relate [their deeds] to them with knowledge, and We were not absent. ⁸ And the weighing [of deeds] that Day will be the truth. So those whose scales are heavy, it is they who will be the successful. ⁹ And those whose scales are light, they are the ones who lost themselves due to the injustice they committed toward Our verses. ¹⁰ And We have certainly empowered you on the earth and made for you therein ways of livelihood. Little are you grateful. ¹¹ And We have certainly created you, and given you an image. Then We said to the angels, “Prostrate to Adam”; so they prostrated, except for Iblis. He was not of those who prostrated.

¹² He [Allah] said, “What prevented you from prostrating when I commanded you?” [Iblis] said, “I am better than him. You created me from fire and created him from clay.” ¹³ [Allah] said, “Descend from it, for it is not for you to be arrogant therein. So get out; indeed, you are

*. Surat *an-Naml* (The Ant) 27:82.

of the debased.”¹⁴ [Iblis] said, “Reprieve me until the Day they are resurrected.”¹⁵ [Allah] said, “Indeed, you are of those reprieved.”¹⁶ [Iblis] said, “With that by which You put me in error, I will surely sit in wait for them on Your straight path.”¹⁷ Then I will come to them from before them and from behind them and on their right and on their left, and You will not find most of them thankful.”¹⁸ [Allah] said, “Get out of it, reproached and expelled. Whoever follows you among them, I will surely fill hell with you, all together.”^{*}

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*. Surat *al-Araf* (The Heights) 7:1-18.