

Consent of the Infallible Imam of each era ...

In history of Islam was a sincere man from the offspring of the Prophet (SAWA) called Zayd son of Ali son of Hosain son of Ali son of AbiTalib (SBUT) ... he was a half brother of Imam Baaqer (SBUH).

He truly detested the usurpers of the Allah Bestowed Right of AmirulMo'menin (SBUH) ... and was deeply heart broken from all the injustice imposed by the bani-Umayya upon the AhlulBayt (SBUT) and the rest of the offspring of the Prophet (SAWA) and the people ... his heart restlessly bled from all the injustice and he sincerely gave his life in this very cause ... **but he did not claim to be the fifth Allah Chosen Imam ...**

In the first vol. of the Arabic Osul Kaafi and ..., it is narrated that Zayd ibn Ali ibn Hosain went to see his brother Imam Baaqer (SBUH) while holding letters from people of Kufah asking Zaid to rise against the bani-Umayya and offering to help him in the matter. He told the Imam that people had sent him those letters because they were aware that they were of the offspring of the Prophet and that they had read in the Qur'an that loving and obeying the progeny of the Prophet was incumbent upon them, and that they were also observing all the predicament and inconvenience of the family of the Prophet (SAWA).

The Imam (SBUH) responded that surely obedience of the true Imam had been obligatory in the past and was in the present and would be in the future. The Imam stressed that obeying only ONE of them was obligatory while loving all the offspring of the Prophet was necessary.

[Let us pay attention that Imam Baaqer (SBUH) was clarifying and emphasizing the fact that obedience of all the offspring of the Prophet is not obligatory, only the obedience of the Allah Chosen Infallible Imam of each time is incumbent upon the people.]

The Imam (SBUH) then stated that Allah had always done those things- which were decreed to be inevitable and imperative- with a determined measure and in an orderly limit and a specified time. The Imam then warned Zayd to be careful and **not to be deceived** by unbelieving people who could not help him against God. The Imam also warned him **not to make haste**, for **Allah never did any thing before its decreed time because of people's haste**, and the Imam (SBUH) told him **not to ever take precedence over Allah which would cause him to fall and be entangled in difficulties**.

Zaid stated that the Imam, being of their family, was to be he who fought in the cause of God and protected and defended his family and nation. The Imam then asked his brother Zayd whether he had a proof regarding himself in this matter from the Book of Allah, or from the Prophet, or from a case similar to it [in the lives of Prophets ...]?

Then the Imam clarified that Allah had specified the Halaal and Haraam, and the obligatory and recommended; and that **He had never left His Imam in doubt regarding His commands so that he might do a task before its time or do jihad untimely**.

[A major difference between the Allah Chosen Infallible Imam with the rest of the people (even other offspring of the Prophet, scholars and ...) is that the Infallible Imam is guided by Allah and knows the time and place for every task; thus **taking precedence over the Infallible Imam of each era or falling behind him is the same as taking precedence over or falling behind the commands of Allah. Therefore obviously, only walking with the Infallible Allah-Chosen Imam and doing what he commands is the same as obeying Allah.**]

The Imam (SBUH) then by stating examples from Qur'an in which a time is specified for doing or not doing things- such as **killing animals**, which is not

allowed while being Muhrim in Hajj but allowed afterward, and fighting, which is not allowed during the four Haraam months, and ... - clarified that:

In religion, there is a specified time and place for every action. [Which only Allah and His Chosen Ones have such Knowledge.]

The Imam (SBUH) asked a very profound question from his brother, whether the killing of animals was more significant or the killing of humans which Allah has prohibited?

[It is vital to understand that not all the wars waged in the name of Islam have necessarily been considered as Jihad by Allah! Only when and if the Infallible Proof of Allah at each time gives Divine Permission (based on Divine Knowledge, Benevolence, Wisdom and ...) then originating a battle is allowed and is considered Jihad, otherwise it may be **considered as murder and unnecessary hardship and suffering of the people ...** We cordially invite our friends to read the article "Human life" and the footnote regarding the event of Harrah in the article "Confessions of a British spy" Part 1A in this site: kindfather.com]

The Imam (SBUH) then told Zayd if he truly had any proof from Allah and was sure regarding what he was doing, to do as he wished, otherwise the Imam warned him **not to proceed to do some thing in regard to which he was bewildered and confused about, and not to decide the downfall of a power which its time had not yet come.**

Then the Imam clarified that when truly the time for the downfall of a power comes all binds will be disrupted, matters will become available uninterruptedly, and Allah will disgrace and degrade the holders of power and their followers.

Then the Imam said that he sought refuge **from a leader who did not know the time for his tasks** for that would mean that his followers might be more knowledgeable than him! The Imam then kindly addressed his dear brother and asked **if he really wished to be a cause for glory and might of those who had disbelieved the signs and communications of Allah and followed their desires and opposed the commands of the Prophet of Allah, those who- with no proof and without being appointed by the Prophet- had been claiming to be imams!** [I.e. AbuBakr, ‘Umar and the bani-Umayya ...]

[Let us ponder for a moment ... the Imam (SBUH) is stating that **any untimely move against the oppressors not only will not result in their downfall rather it also adds to the power and glory of the oppressors ...**, perhaps in their own view and in the eyes of their followers and others ...]

Then the Imam told his dear brother that he would confide him to Allah for he was going to be hanged in Kufah ... Tears started to pour from the Imam’s eyes and he said that **Allah would take vengeance from those who** tore the curtain of their sanctity **and denied their Right and revealed their secrets and attributed them to other than their ancestor and said things about them which they did not say those things themselves.**

In another Hadith Abu Ja’far Ahwal (Mohammad ibn ‘Ali No’maani Kufi) known as Mu’min Taq- a companion of Imam Sajjad (Zayd’s father) and Imam Baaqer and one of the most devoted, knowledgeable and praised companions of Imam Saadeq (SBUT)- has said that once Zaid, while reminding him that he was of the offspring of the Prophet (SAWA), asked Ahwal to join him to fight the bani-Umayya. Ahwal kindly refused; he told Zayd that **if on earth was an Allah-Chosen Imam besides him then following Zayd would be the same as falling in perdition, and not following him would be same as attaining salvation.** Ahwal also told Zayd that his father, Imam Sajjad (SBUH), had told Ahwal not to fight the bani-Umayya ...

[Thus Ahwal, a renowned scholar educated by three Imams (SBUT), implicitly and kindly reminded Zayd that obeying the Infallible Allah Chosen Imam was obligatory but following him without the consent of the Infallible Imam was not ...]

Then Zayd informed Ahwal that his Mawla in Medina had told him that he would be hanged in Kufah and that the Imam (SBUH) had a book in which his being killed and hanged was written ...

Ahwal went to see Imam Sadiq (SBUH) during Hajj and told him all that had happened and the Imam said that he surely closed all the possible ways to move for him ... (From Usul Kafi of Shaykh Kolayni, vol. 1; ...)

A similar Hadith has been narrated by Zoraarah ibn A'Yan, another very trusted and highly praised companion of Imam Saadeq (SBUH) in Ehtejaaj of Shaykh Tabresi (second vol. of Persian translation) and ...

In 'Oyun Akhbar al-Riza (SBUH) in the ۷۰th Baab (chapter) and ... it has come that when Zayd son of Musa son of Ja'far was captured and taken to Ma'mun Abbasi because he had burned houses of the offspring of Abbas in Basrah, Ma'mun Abbasi [the self appointed Abbasi ruler of the time] told Imam Reza (SBUH) that he was going to overlook Zayd's actions because he was the Imam's brother.

Ma'moon told the Imam that if his brother Zayd did what he did, Zayd son of 'Ali son of Hosain had also proceeded before him and was killed. Ma'mun continued and told the Imam that if the Imam was not regarded highly by him [!!! so highly regarded that Ma'mun finally killed the Imam!!!] he would have surely killed Zayd because what he had done was not a small matter.

Imam (SBUH) then told Ma'mun not to compare his [Imam Reza's] brother Zayd with Zayd son of 'Ali son of Husain (SBUT) because Zayd son of 'Ali son of Hosain was of the 'Olama (scholars) of the progeny of Mohammad (SAWA) and his anger was for Allah's Pleaseness and he did Jihad with the enemies of Allah until he was killed in the cause of Allah.

The Imam said that his father Moosa son of Ja'far had told him that his father Ja'far son of Mohammad son of 'Ali (SBUT) had said that may Allah be Merciful and bless his uncle Zayd for he called people to "the Approved of the progeny of Muhammad" (SBUT) and if he was victorious he would definitely have been faithful to what he was calling people to.

The Imam then continued that Imam Saadeq (SBUT) had said that when Zayd was emerging he consulted Imam Sadiq and the Imam (SBUH) addressed his dear uncle and said that if it was agreeable to him to be killed and his body hanged in Kufah to go ahead and emerge; then Imam Saadeq had said woe unto whoever hearing his call and not responding.

Then Ma'moon asked Imam Riza, did the Prophet not threatened Divine punishment for any one claiming Imamate unrightfully? The Imam (SBUH) responded that **Zayd son of 'Ali did not make a false claim, he was extremely fearful of Allah and kept away from this matter and claim completely**, rather he told people that he was calling to "the Approved of the progeny of Mohammad" (SBUT) and he did not mean himself, for he knew that his brother was the Rightful Imam.

The Imam (SBUH) continued and said that the threat of torment from the Rasool of Allah (SAWA) was for anyone claiming to be an Allah appointed Imam and then inviting people to other than the Religion of Allah, and causing people to go astray while having no Knowledge himself and without understanding anything, and- due to causing people to confess to his Imamate- taking them out of the Religion.

Then the Imam (SBUH) swore by Allah that Zaid ibn ‘Ali was of those addressed by the noble verse: وجاهدوا في الله حق جهاده

[*Qur’an ٢٢:٧٨ And do jihad in (the way of) Allah, (such) a jihad that is His due; ...*]

Let us pay attention that Imam Rida (SBUH) has clarified that a) **Zayd’s anger was purely for Allah and to Please Allah**; b) **Zayd was extremely fearful of Allah**; c) **Zaid never claimed to be the Allah Chosen Imam**; d) **Zaid, before emerging, had sought the consent of the Infallible Imam**; e) **Zayd had never intended to establish a government** and if he was able to overthrow the bani-Umayya (Which the Infallible Imam with his Divine Knowledge knew that it would not happen at that time) Zayd would have turned every thing to the Infallible Imam; These are among distinguishing factors which set Zayd ibn Ali apart from many who have unrightfully claimed to have risen for Allah and Islam.

It is also noteworthy to mention that the Prophet Mohammad (SAWA) and other Infallible Imams (SBUT) have stated things regarding Zaid son of Ali’s high status and virtues; here as a sample we narrate a Hadith from the Prophet (SAWA):

In Oyoon Akhbar al Riza (SBUH) of Shaykh Sadooq and ... it has been stated that Jaaber ibn Yazid Jo’fi has narrated from Imam Baqir from his fathers from Amir al Mo’menin from the Prophet (SBUT) who addressed his son Imam Hosain (SBUH) and told him that of his offspring would be a man called Zayd, and that he and his companions on the Day of Qiyaamat would walk above the heads and necks of people and would enter Heaven without reckoning.

Here, it is also important to mention that it is narrated in Osul Kafi, Bihar al Anwar and ... that during the thirty four years of the Imamatus of Imam Sadiq (SBUH) the Imam was also approached a few times by different people- whom the Imam was

aware of their insincere and world-seeking intentions, such as AbuMoslem Khoraasaani and AbuSalamah Khallaan- to accept their offer to rise and attain caliphate; they each had told the Imam there were hundreds of thousands of ready Shia which would follow the Imam But the Imam (SBUH) did not welcome them or their offers and even burned their letters, and in one way or another, let those close to him know that they were liars and that not even twenty of the so called ready Shia were sincere!

So let us not forget that approval and disapproval of the ʿ Infallible Ones (SBUT) is as different as Heaven and Hell ...

All the renowned Shi'ah scholars believing in twelve Infallible Imams (SBUH)- such as 'Allaamah Majlesi, Shaikh Mofid and ...- following the lead of the Prophet and the Imams (SBUT)- have stated firmly that Zaid believed in the Imamate of Imams Baaqer and Saadeq (SBUT) and have praised and wrote about Zayd son of 'Ali son of Husain (SBUT). Even contemporary writers still talk about him.

In a book written by Mr. Mohammad Hakimi called "Dar Fajr-e-Sahel" which has been translated to English by us with the title "In the Shore Aurora" and published by Afagh publishing company, Tehran, the author mentions Zayd ibn Ali and states that Zaid rose so that no one could say why the children of Hadrat 'Ali (SBUH) did not rise against all the oppression. I.e. Zayd, while being told of his martyrdom and thus rising knowingly, was given permission to fight by the Infallible Imam (SBUH) perhaps so that all proofs and arguments may be completed for all (Itmam Hojjat), meaning that no one will ever have any excuse anymore ...

I.e. if people say why the Imams did not rise ... Hadrat Ali (SBUH) called people to rise against the usurpation of AbuBakr and 'Umar, and the Imam while being accompanied by Hadrat Fatemah and Imams Hasan and Hosain (SBUT), even went door to door and reminded people the event of Ghadir- during which over one hundred thousand people had pledged their allegiance- of all those people forty

promised to join him but only four people showed up ... Imam Hasan (SBUH) called people to fight Mu'awiah but the Imam was left all alone ... Imam Hosain (SBUH) responding the invitation of people stood against Yazid but of the tens of thousands of people inviting him only tens of people remained faithful ... and if people ever say why the rest of the offspring of Muhammad and Ali (SBUT) did not rise ... Zayd, with permission, rose but of the tens of thousands of people promising to help him only couple of hundred showed up ... Alas!!! **How insincere and world seeking humankind is ...**

Others say that perhaps Zayd was given permission so that every one may know that the Imams were under so much pressure and absolutely did not approve of the usurpers ...

ALLAH KNOWS BEST ... AND ALLAH DOES AS HE WISHES, HE IS HAKIM AND 'ALIM, ALL-WISE AND ALL-KNOWING ...

Mr. Hakimi in his book "In the Shore Aurora" first depicts the dark world that we have been living in, then using Hadiths from the Infallible Ones (SBUT) portrays the beautiful and magnificent world after the Emergence of Hadrat Mahdi (SBUH). The author also by presenting statements from non-Muslim scholars reminds all of us that the Anticipation for the Saviour is an innate anticipation ...

We cordially invite our friends to read the article "Lost Beloved"- which is the translator's introduction to "In the Shore Aurora"- and the article "Innate Anticipation"- which presents a quotation from "In the Shore Aurora"- in this site, kindfather.com

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In this world filled with all kinds of injustice, firstly we must not fall for seeming justice, a justice-oid with deceptive appearance! We invite our friends to read the article “Justice-oid” in this site.

Secondly in hardships which are widespread in these times of Occultation, we must not forget that we are not alone and that we can call, moment by moment, upon the last living Infallible Imam, Hadrat Mahdi (SBUH), who is among us and is aware of our conditions, and ask for his assistance; we invite all in need to read the articles “Seeking the Waseelah”, “The sole Redressor” and ... in this site.

And thirdly, even in the midst of injustice, fighting is not always the answer; only the Infallible Imam of each era knows that which is best for the Ummah (nation of Islam) and can help to Insha’Allah reduce the pressure ... we invite you to read “Miracle of pomegranate” in this site.

SO WE MUST PURIFY OUR HEARTS, INTENTIONS, BELIEFS, ACTIONS AND ... AND ALWAYS REMAIN ATTACHED TO THE INFALLIBLE IMAM OF OUR TIME AND NEVER DO ANY THING WITHOUT HIS CONSENT ... WE MUST REMEMBER THAT HE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS AUTHORITY FROM ALLAH AND WHAT HE DOES OR DOES NOT DO IS WHAT ALLAH WISHES ... WE MUST ALSO BE AWARE OF LIARS ... WE MUST NEVER TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER HIM ... WE MUST WHOLEHEARTEDLY AND PATIENTLY AND EAGERLY PRAY FOR HIS EMERGENCE AND GLORIOUS APPEARANCE ... AND MAY WE HAVE A PART IN THAT REAL JIHAD AND GOVERNMENT WITH HIM ...

For the “Allahumma Asleh” supplication which is highly recommended to be recited at all times especially in Qonut of Friday noon prayers, we cordially refer sincere Anticipators to the article “Qonoot of Anticipators” in this site, kindfather.com ...

... And let us all start reciting this supplication daily until he comes ...