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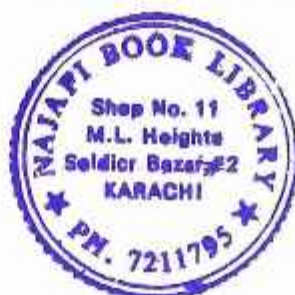
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A BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF THE COMPILER

Alhaji Molana Sayyed Mohammd Abbas "Qamar" Zaidi is better known as Doctor Maulana Sayyed Qamar Abbas Zaidi. He was born in a famous Sayyed family of Behra Sadaat District Muzaffar Nagar (U.P. India.) These Sayyeds are well known as Sadaat-e-Bareha. His father Sayyed Amir Abbas Zaidi was a middle class Zamindar. He was a respectable man and famous Zakir. His mother belonged to a well-to-do family of Kahlawdah District Muzaffar Nagar. She also, came from Sadaat-e-Bareha.

Maulana Zaidi received primary education in his own village and thereafter got further education in Urdu, Arabic, Persian and English in Mansabiyah Arabic College and Faiz-e-Aam Muslim College Meerut (U.P. India.) In 1947 India was partitioned, and, though he had not finished his education he came to Karachi and joined Education Department of the Government of Pakistan.

From boyhood he was fond of oratory and this he diverted to Majalis. As a result, he is now considered a successful Zakir of Imam Husain (A.S.) and every nook and corner of former East Pakistan and present Pakistan acknowledged him as such.

He is also a good writer and his books "Asar-e-Qayamat" (The signs of Doomsday), "Irfan-e-Imamat" (The Recognition of Divine Leadership), "Zaid-e-Shaheed" (Zaid the Martyr) "Qayamat-e-Sughra" (Partial Resurrection) "Shaheed-e-Salis" (The third Martyr) "Miftah-ul-Hajat" (Keys to Wishfulfilment) "Rahbar-e-Hajj wa Ziyarat" (Guide to Hajj and Ziyarat) Rahbar-e-Ma Khumaini (Khumaini our leader), Five weeks in the Iran of Ayatullah Khumaini,

etc. etc. are very popular. Being a religious minded person since his early childhood he visited the holy places five times and in 1974 performed Hajj. After the Islamic revolution in May 1979 he visited Iran as a member of religions delegation and the Secretary General of Matamar-e-Ulama-e-Imamah, Pakistan, and called on Ayatullah Khumaini the great religious leader of Iran.

He has always been in the forefront of religious movements. Not long ago he was the right hand man of Allama Sayyed Mohammed Dehlavi in connection with Shia Demands. The active connection with the movement was however discontinued after the death of Khatib-e-Azam but he does not remain oblivious of the movement.

To serve his community in an active and fruitful manner he established "Anjooman-e-Tanzeem-e-Sadaat-e-Bareha (Regd.) and founded Sadaat-e-Bareha Coop. Housing Society Ltd.

Zaidi Sahib, is presently the Finance Secretary of Tanzeem-e-Khairul Amal (Registered) Sadat Colony, Federal 'B' Area, Karachi and is now devoting his time in the construction of Mosque and Iman Bargah.

Side by side with religious lore he is actively interested in Urdu literature. For a long time he worked as an honorary editor of weekly "Khateeb". Maktab-e-Meraj-e-Adab (Institute For the Advancement of Literature) is also the reflection of the interest of Molana.

He is totally cheerful, sympathetic and amiable, yet being the progeny of Hazrat Zaid Shaheed, he is courageous, straight forward and outspoken. He has intrinsic dislike of flattery, sycophancy and obsequiousness. Being thus unable to fulfil the present day trend of flunkyism and toadyism, his radical nature is sometimes a cause of annoyance and frustration not only to others but his own person also. It has been an obstruction in his rise and advancement.



Al-Hajj Maulana Syeed Mohammed Abbas "Qamar" Zaidi

He practices Homocopa hy in his spare time. His gregariousness has made the dispensary a haunt of the men of varied tastes and as such he always complains that he does not have any leisure.

For us Mr. Zaidi is worthy of hearty congratulations because inspite of being a busy man he continues to write as a service to religion. In fact this is the fountain of goodness. We pray to God through the good offices of Fourteen Infallibles to accept the labours of Molana and grant continuity to his pen —Ameen.

S. Akhtar Mehmood Rizvi,
General Secretary,

MAKTAB-E-MERAJ-E-ADAB.

December, 1975.

N.B.—In the above introduction, the names of last two books and the lines regarding journey of the compiler to Iran after Islamic revolution have been added recently.

“DEDICATION”

The ship of human destiny is gradually nearing its doom in the perilous whirlpool of Materialism. The so called scientific progress has increased the greed of man to such an extent that he lusts to gain control over more. Venus, Moon and Sun. This has made him oblivious of the problems of earth.

The protagonists of culture have degraded humanity so low in the abyss of shamelessness that perhaps the lows of patriarch Adam are wet with sweat of humiliation.

Apparently the world is full of light but dark shadows of ignorance are spreading far and wide. The progeny of shatan (devil) has perfected its design to avenge its dishonour from the progeny of Adam. Horrible circumstances and tumults of crimes have closed the doors of human emancipation. Dark shadows of pessimism are harrowing over humanity.

But, the only ray of hope in this realm of hopelessness is the light of your self which shines inspite of the unseen curtain. I implore you O master! manifest yourself and shorten the moments of our longings for you, lest we lose patience.

Pray, unfold the covering of invisibility and let your light illumine the world. Testify these words of the almighty “God will perfect his light, though the unbelievers be averse” your advent is the sign of the arrival of the day of Resurrection but your absence is no less painful than doomsday. The suffering humanity needs you. I have perfect faith in your coming and hence as a good tiding of your manifestation as well as a form of welcome humbly present this book “Qayamat-e-Sugra” at your holy feet. I hope that you accept me as your humble slave and this might be the mean of my slavation.

Qamar 'Zaidi'

“HELP ONE ANOTHER IN GOODNESS AND PIETY”

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

About a few years ago I compiled auguries about the advent of Imam Mahdi (A.S.) and published them in a book entitled “Qayamat-e-Sugra” in Urdu language. It was the need of the hour and that book became so popular that its fourth edition is now under print. It was my hearts desire to publish this book in English language also so that westernised people as well as the dwellers of European countries may realize the veracity of Islam and the existence of divine leader on earth.

It is evident that the task was a giganitic one, but thank God, the invisible Charismatic Leader extended a helping hand and some earnest, religious minded, well wishes youth carried on this mission. They urged me to keep their names secret so that there might not be any decrease in the divine reward. I express my gratitude for those youug men and pray to God for their material and spiritual advancement. May their efforts see the fruits of fulfilment—Ameen.

I am also thankful to the translator Mr. Raza Husain, and all those who helped me in any manner in the publication of this book. I witness the accelerated pace of the changing circumstances and feel that the hour of advent is nearing. The study of the auguries will add zeal in our seeking so that we may also be counted among the helpers of Imam.

Sayed Mohammed Abbas Qamar Zaidi,
15th September 1979.

O P I N I O N

By Molana Sana-ul-Haq Saheb M.A. (Alig.) translator of "Astronomy for the beginners" by Martin Davidson U,du name "Mah va Najam."

It is incumbent upon every Muslim that he should believe in the Day of Resurrection". The knowledge of consequences prevents a man from wrong doing and as such it has been made a tenet of religion. In many verses of the Holy Quran, Resurrection is mentioned explicitly. In the chapter 'Earthquake' the description is so vivid that even the vibration of the word is sufficient to pass a tremor throughout the body. The belief in Resurrection should not only be a source of fear but a base of character building.

Even if we side track from religious faith, common sense tells us that where there is a beginning there is an end. The great physicist Sir James Jason in his famous book "Mysteries of the Universe" discusses this topic with a purely materialistic view point. The gist of his idea is given here under.

"All our hopes are ultimately doomed to hopelessness. All our victories and triumphs will end with the end of humanity. The universe will then be as if it did not exist at all."

How will Resurrection occur and in what shape is known only to God. We are given only a few hints like great earth-quake etc. It is quite possible that the core of the earth may undergo physical changes of a very high degree which may result in changes on the surface. It is also possible that man himself may ignite the flame of eventual destruction. Perhaps there may occur a change in the planetary system which may destroy earth. The Scientists project

many hypotheses regarding this matter. One such hypothesis is that the sun is a star of the NOVA group. It will expand so much that the earth will merge in its expanse and thus lose its independent identity. This is equal to saying that the sun will descend to the earth and a distance of one and a quarter lance will remain there between them. Any how it is upto God, how He will end His universe. It is sufficient for us to believe that it is surely going to happen and to save ourselves from the shame of sinfulness on the Day of Resurrection we must try our utmost to lead goodly lives. Every great event is followed by certain premonitions. There are therefore portents for this great happening also. Some of the auguries were prophesied by the great prophet of Islam (S.A.) A number of presages have taken place and it is quite possible that other forecasts will also take place in the future sooner or later.

The most conspicuous sign is that the majority of mankind is engrossed in sinful pursuits, and, instead of repentance feels pride in it. Iqbal puts the following words in the mouth of Satan: "The architect is bent upon destroying is on creation". This sign is evident enough and no further portents are required, nevertheless many auguries were forecasted to augment the theory. We may not be able to witness each and every in our life time and future generations will see them. Some sayings regarding the portents of coming of the Day of Resurrection are nevertheless deserving critical analysis. Many of them greatly differ in context and commentary. Any how their purpose remains the same that is to remind man about the Day of Resurrection and there by correct the human behaviour.

The same motive has prompted Moulana Sayyed Mohammed Abbas "Qammar" Zaidi, and, he has compiled the signs of the advent of the Day of Resurrection from cumbersome volumes into a compact pocket book. Being convinced that no theory is accepted as valid unless it is supported by scientific explanation, he has tried to relate the sayings to scientific phenomena.

Moulana Zaidi has bisected "Qayamat" and named his monograph "Qayamat-e-Sughra" that is small Qayamat or 'Partial Resurrection' which is prefatory to Qayamat or total Resurrection. Partial Resurrection is thus a revolutionary process. Deeds done in this life will deserve reward or punishment after total Resurrection and it should be perceived as a conceptual totality.

The readers may perhaps differ with some propositions of Maulana Zaidi, but none may differ with the motive of the writer, that is to mean away mankind from evil and turn it to goodness. This book should be read with this purpose in mind and not just a reading for diversion. If the readers would keep this fact in mind, the purpose of the writer would be served and also there will be an improvement in the character of the readers.

Sana-ul-Haq Siddiqi.

“A PREFATORY NOTE”

“BY HUJJATUL ISLAM TALIB JOUHARI”

In the name of God, the Merciful, the compassionate. I have before me the matter of the book 'Qayanat-e-Sughra'. In it are compiled the portents of the advent of Imam Mahdi (A.S.) a matter of unanimity among the Muslims from the beginning of Islam upto this day. Shia writers have done much in this field and their research is worthy of commendation, but the efforts of Sunni writers are also noteworthy. They have done sufficient work in this matter so as to prove the advent Imam Mahdi (A.S.) in a clear and explanatory manner. Hereunder we give brief reference to their writings :—

	<i>Ahadith</i>
1. Jame Sahih.	13
2. Jame Sahih.	11
3. Jame-e-Sahihain	2
4. Jama bain S'hah Siitta.	11
5. Fazael-us-Sahaba.	7
6. Tafsir	5
7. Gharib-ul Hadis.	6
8. Al-Firdous.	4
9. Musnad-e-Fatima.	6
10. Musnad-e-Ali.	3
11. Al Mubtada.	3
12. Al-Masabih.	5
13. Al-Malahim.	34
14. Book of Hafiz Ibn Mutayyan.	3
15. Ar-Ri'aya-li-Ahli-Riwaya	3
16. Khabar-e-Soteh	2
17. Istiab.	2
	By Mohammad ibn Ismail Bukhari
	By Muslim ibn Hajjaj.
	By Hamidi.
	By Zaid ibn Moaviyah Abdari.
	By Abdul Aziz Abkari.
	By Sualabi.
	By Ibn Qataiba.
	By Ibn Shirviya Daifami.
	By Hafiz Abul Hasan Dargutni.
	By " "
	By Kisai.
	By Husuin ibn Masood Atra.
	By Abul Hasan Manadiri.
	By Mohammad Ibn Ismail Farghani
	By Hamidi.
	By Yousuf ibn Abdul Aziz Numairi.

It should also be noted that during these thirteen centuries there have been some bold men who totally deny even the idea of Imam Mahdi. These people are very small in number. No wonder, some people consider even Yazid to be a rightful Caliph. There might be only two reasons of denying the existence of Mahdi (A.S.). One, if they confirm the existence of Mahdi, enquiries would go further and details about his personality, family, character, role etc. would come into light, and people don't have enough courage to meet plain facts.

The second reason is that there have been a number of Pseudo Mahdis, and, people fed up with these pretenders, see no alternative but to deny even the true Mahdi. This is a form of escapism and it is invalidated in Islam.

We have no concern with refuters of idea of Mahdi due to their hollow and baseless arguments. Had the idea been groundless, there would not be so many Pseudo Mahdis and their supporters. Here we take into account only those person who donned the attire of Mahdihood upon their impure bodies. There were Mahdis among Banu Abbas, Banu Fatima etc. The Indo Pak sub-continent also had its share of Mahdis. History has thus trampled many a Mahdis.

Human nature wonders at and takes interest in novelties, thus the pseudo Mahdis attracted popular attention and benefitted from it. It was said for this tendency that 'Halakal Mustaje'oon—doomed are those who haste for Mahdi.

There are plenty of authentic and compact Ahadith hence there remains no room for pseudo-Mahdis, but the pretenders are clever fellows. They associate a few signs with them and publish the claims. Simple men with insufficient knowledge gather around them and this humbo jumbo continues until the pseudo Mahdi meets his death. It is essential therefore to present before the public knowledge

about true Mahdi in a simple language so as to close the doors of misguidance. The second aspect of the utility of such a publication is that, the innovations of pseudo Mahdis may be solved without resorting to disputes. For example a sect claims that Prophet Jesus and Imam Mahdi is one person. In this matter, if a person knows about the details of the advent of Imam Mahdi (A.S.) and, that Jesus will come to help Imam Mahdi (A.S.) and will offer prayers in the leadership of Imam Mahdi, the matter will solve itself. It would not be out of place here to delve a little deeper. There are two factors for this thought: (1) The promised Messiah will not be Mahdi but he will be similar to it. (2) There is a Hadith "La Mahdi Illa Masih.—There won't be Mahdi without Messiah. Thus Mahdi hood is contained in the self of Messiah.

It is possible to prove any hypotheses as correct by giving so called logical arguments. Wherever there is mention of the advent of Jesus in Ahadis, he is Jesus son of Mary and not any body similar to him. There is no mention of such a Hadith in Shia literature.

It appears in Sunni Hadith literature but eradites term the Hadith as rejected and the Ravi as weak. On the contrary there is a large number of Hadith which propounds Mesiah to be an Israilee and Mahdi to be a progeny of Mohammad. Thus Mahdi and Messiah are two different persons.

False pretenders have done much damage and there would be no surprise if the true Mahdi meets decision. It is therefore necessary to have a sound knowledge of him. Present day world is full of turmoil and strife and at such a time remembering a future deliverer gives solace to the heart. This little book is a link in the chain of knowledge about Imam Mahdi (A.S.) and Molana "Qamar" Zaidi deserve congratulation for his endeavour and professional skill.

Shia literature is replete with Ahadis about Mahdi, and this is the first book of its kind which presents the idea in a compact and comprehensive manner. I have never seen such a book before. It is also note-worthy that most of these Ahadith are narrated by Ahul Bait (A.S.) why not! It is their household affair. Imam Mahdi is the final link of the chain of light which illumined the house of Ahul Bait and on account of that it was the duty of Ahul Bait to give fullest possible information about Mahdi. Some Sunni erudities have confirmed those traditions and consider contradiction to those Ahadith as blasphemy.

Collecting particular Ahadith is not a difficult task but verification is a tough job to handle hence it is essential to give particular attention to these matters.

(1) Kufic script passed through several changes before reaching us. Formerly it was devoid of dots idicative of consonants and signs indicating vowels. There was thus scope of great ambiguity. The copy writers maintained alternate arrangements so as not to distract from originality. The alternate meaning now devived for example of a Hadith is Banners will be burned in the streets of Koofa and or Banners will be torned in the streets of Koofa. Second example. Hadis about Auf-e-salmi, his residence is Tikrit in Kufic it is possible to read it as his residence is in Kuit. Both places are located in Arabia but none can reach certainty about any of it. Adoption of any one form is essential but Kufic originality may be lost.

(2) In narratives, the names of cities and places etc. are given in ancient forms which are out of usage nowadays. It is necessary to give modern names of the places and cities besides ancient ones to make the Hadith explanatory.

(3) Full back ground of the Hadith should be given. Who narrated the Hadith, before whom it was narrated, where it was narrated etc., so that the references given may be easily recognised.

(4) The Infallibles reviewed the final era in different perspectives i.e. social, moral, economic etc. Hence the Ahadis of portents compiled with different perspective headings eases the task of understanding. Also there are four different types, viz. (1) Certain, (2) Non-certain, (3) Special, (4) Common. Those portents which are of certain type will take place under any condition whatsoever. Non-certain portents are conditional. Common portents are to be found every where. Specials are bound with place and time. Classification will thus provide a solution to apparent short comings and contradictions.

(5) The Ahadis of portents require no commentaries and exegesis. Either they have taken place or will take place as narrated originally. Much philosophising will only confuse the matter and would amount to nothing but intellectual masturbation.

I am happy to state that the book of Molana Zaidi meets much of the above mentioned requirements. It is also note worthy that has compiled only future portents—i.e. the insurgence led by a Hasany Sayyed, the mischief of a Sufyani, the destruction of some parts of the Middle East etc.—for which the pseudo Mahdis have not been able to give any exegesis.

Ending the discussion I request the readers to go through the book, not just as a pastime but critical study of the matter with a view to understand appreciate the motive of writing the book. It is proved on the authority of Quran and Ahadis that the existence of a divine leader is essential for the life of the world and that the person who dies without knowing the Imam of the age dies the death of an ignorant person. Knowledge of Imam is thus a mean of emancipation in the Hereafter, hence incumbent upon every man and woman.

Maktab-e-Meraj-e-Adab deserve congratulation for choosing such a nice topic as their first publication.

Talib Jouhari.

“A PREFATORY NOTE : BY THE AUTHOR.”

In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate.

All the intellectuals of the world agree that wisdom is the advisor and guide of man. It guides a man towards goodness and prevents him from evil. It is wisdom that distinguishes man from other animals and makes him the best of creations.

The almighty exhorts mankind to use wisdom and think over problems. It is mentioned in the Holy Book—“We describe our signs for those who think”. Even a terse hint is full of details for a wise man. Blind taqlid and disuse of wisdom makes a man similar to a quadruped, nay worse because such a person is careless about himself. Wisdom without knowledge is useless, because knowledge is the light of wisdom. But, the knowledge is very little compared with the vast expanse of universe. The almighty says, “You are given but very little knowledge” (17:85) Hence it is sheer ignorance to consider our limited knowledge superior to divine laws and to refute whatever we do not properly understand.

Thus what is approved in the book of nature and divine wisdom and, affirmed by the Holy Prophet's sayings does not become non-existent if we fail to comprehend it. Every one agrees that guess work and imagination is nothing compared with observation and experimentation. Some guesses even become sins. The first one to guess was Satan and he became accursed forever.

In reply to those who guess we have the true knowledge the word of God in form of the Holy Quran. In it is

embodied the description of every thing, but every body can't understand it. Its knowledge is open only to the Holy Prophet and after him to those who are firmly rooted in knowledge whose erudition does not undergo any change. The savants and philosophers who change their hypotheses now and then can not be called firmly rooted in knowledge. They are those who got their knowledge direct from the Holy Prophet and they are none but his successors. They never studies under any body because they are the gates to the knowledge of the Holy Prophet who declared "I am the city of knowledge and Ali is its gate." Thus the knowledge of a divine leader is God given and not acquired through study. His knowledge is unlimited and all embracing.

Thus it is obligatory upon us to firmly believe in something for which there are references in Quran and descriptions of Quaranic references in Ahadis of Holy Prophet and his successors. We must never disbelieve their sayings which we dont fully understand. Disbelief is tantamount to disbelief in Islam.

One of such topic is Qayamat—Resurrection which is a basic tenent of faith in Islam. There are several portents preciding Qayamat. They are mentioned in Quran and Ahadith. Among them the most important one is the advent of Imam Mahdi. This is a unanimous portent indicated in Quaranic Ayats, Ahadith, sayings of erudites, jurists etc. Would it not be an absurdity if some body refutes this proposition on account of his own personal ignorance.

All Muslims believe in the advent of Mahdi, though there are a little differences. Shia Imamites believe that Imam Mahdi is alive and he is in occultation as Prophet Jesus, Ilyas, Khizr etc. Sunnis believe that he is yet to be born and he will manifest himself at the age of forty. Thus forty years of accultation is believed by Sunnis

unanimously while some research scholars have identical views with Shias.

To deny the existence of Mahdi is a proof of Kufr, because the Holy Prophet himself had said, the person who denies the existence of Mahdi is a Kafir. A little thought convinces us that the greatest proof of the existence of Mahdi is the pretension of pseudo Mahdis themselves. Copy is made from the original. If there is no original, there can not be a copy. As the details about true Mahdi are available including portents, family affiliations, physique etc. in old books, they present a standard of distinction between true and fabricated, and thus the truth is revealed.

The pseudo Mahdis nevertheless succeed in beguiling those persons who remain ignorant of the attributes of an Imam and the portents of the advent of Imam Mahdi. Its knowledge is incumbent upon every Muslim and especially during this era of misguidance and lures when the Satan gets success after success it is even more important. Dislike of religion is considered a fashion and the world is rapidly nearing its doom. The portents of Qayamat are manifesting themselves in rapid succession and as such the awaited One will appear in a near future. Therefore for the sake of knowledge of Imam Mahdi I felt that I should gather all the portents that have not taken place, in one place, and this work, if accepted by God and the divine leader as a worthy task will become my mean of salvation in the hereafter. This book, I hope, will strengthen the faith of the readers and be a source of salvation for all.

Eleven years ago I presented my book the Portents of Resurrection the Advent of testimony and thereafter another book The Recognition of Imam." These books were immediately subscribed by Islam loving people. The portents mentioned in those books have been almost fulfilled. Some portents nevertheless did not come under my attention

at that time, but during these years the world has witnessed revolutionary changes unprecedented in history.

With changing circumstances demands of my former books rose again but they were out of stock. I received requests of reprints from every nook and corner and there was left no alternative for me. I, then decided to present a new book comprising all the essential informations of the old book plus other portents of Manifestations not included therein. This book will intensify eagerness for the Awaited One in the hearts of the faithfuls and thus both the writer and the reader may join this noble prayer.

Imam Mahdi wont manifest himself untile there take place violent upheavels and changes bayond imagination. For these reasons I name this book Qayamat-e-Sughra a predecessor to Qayamat itself.

I pray to the Almighty to grant me and the readers guidance to improve our deeds and Qualify ourselves as true Muslims on the Day of Resurrection. O God, O Merciful, O compassionate, O turner of hearts, stablize my heart upon the religion.

I thank those who helped me in any form to publish this book.

“SAYYED MOHAMMED ABBAS ZAIDI”

“NECESSITY OF AN IMAM”

The existence of devil (Iblis) is accepted by all the Muslims, and, nearly all the other religions. Referring to this unholy soul Qur'an warns man that Satan is the sworn enemy of mankind and that he had challenged the Almighty. He wants to misguide total humanity save those people who are sincere servants of God. He is always busy to fulfil his ugly task and courses through human body in form of lust and desires.

Satan is a creature given respite for a time known (only to God). As he is a misguiding soul, there must remain in this world a guiding soul to offset the evil influence of Satan. Man is a creature weak in constitution, hence the presence of a misguiding soul and absence of a guiding soul makes his position critical. There is then every possibility for man to fall into the ditches of darkness and sin. Then, the concept of reward and sin, heaven and hell—all would be useless.

God, therefore, never leaves the world without a guide. In Qur'an, He says: “O Prophet (S.A.), you are giver of good tidings and a warner and for every community there is a guide”. Thus the system of guidance has always been there and will remain for forever. It should also be borne in mind that, man who is himself needy of guidance can not become a Guide. An Imam is divinely guided and free from any type of sin. Every prophet and Imam is a guide thus Hadi and as he is guided by God, he is Mahdi, the chain of guidance which began with the creation of man and still continues. The final ray of the divine light of guidance is our twelfth Imam. Though he is unseen to our eyes, he

sheds "The Light On the Path" while Satan who is also unseen to our eyes continues to misguide people from the "Right Path".

Hadith-e-Sagalain:— It is a very famous Hadith accepted by both Sunnis and Shias.

I dont go into detailed discussion about its context but state precisely that it propounds the necessity of a divine guide. We have before us the Qur'an but we dont have before us the Imam from Ahul Bait. The Hadith of the Holy Prophet cannot be wrong, hence the Imam must be somewhere and he is there unseen from our eyes.

Also there are Abadith in Sunni and Shia Hadith literature that the Holy Prophet had said. "There will be twelve chiefs after me, all from Banu Hashim. This Hadith has its variants like— all from Koraish etc. History is witness that there come many chiefs from Omayyads, Abbasides etc, but none could fulfil the condition of number. Thus only Banu Hashim remains there. Eleven Imam have passed away and as long as there remains Qur-an in this world, our twelfth holy Imam will also remain.

Imam Mahdi mentioned in books of other religions

Study of various books convince us that the world is awaiting a super man to save itself from strifes. World religions are unanimous in this regard. Only the names by which the awaited One is remberred differ. The Farsi book "Noor-ul-Anwar" by Burujardi deals lengthily with this subject. In short the Abrahimic scrolls name him Master, Psalm name him "Self Subsistent" Torah name him Augil, Evangel name him Mohamez, Zorostrian books name him Khushro while some heavenly scrolls name him "word of truth. Sufis know him as Qutab and Ghaus. Bedouin Arabs remember him as Abu Saleh. The variety of names

does not make any deference in the personality of the Awaited One.

Birth : All the Shias and most of the Sunni erudites agree that he is son of eleventh Shite Imam Hasan Askari (A.S.) He was born on 15th Shaban 255 A. H. on Friday at the time of dawn. For details see "Irfan-e-Imamat by the same author.

Physique : Jarood says on the authority of Imam Mohammad Baqar (A.S.) that Amirul Momeneen Ali Ibn Abi Talib once said from the pulpit. "One of my progeny will manifest himself during the last days of this world. His color will be pinkish, thorax and thighs broad, shoulder bones big and muscular, on his back are two freckles one skin coloured and other that of resembling Holy Prophets. His names are two—one open and another secret. The secret name is Ahmed while the open name is M.H. M.D.

From other sayings of holy Imams we get the following discription—round head, beautiful long hairs reaching up to shoulders and centrally combed bright face, broad forehead thick black beard, slender nose, big, bright and well set eyes, broad and bow like eye brows, bright white teeth, a freckle on one check, cheeks are slender, broad and muscular shoulders, medium height with muscular body, palms pink and fleshy.

His physique and behaviour will resemble that of the Holy Prophet.

Occultation

On 8th Rabi-ul-Awwal 260 A. H. Imam Hasan Askari left this earthly about. On 9th Rabi-ul-Awwal, Imam Mahdi became a divine leader in apparant manner. Shias celebrate this day as an auspicious occasion. From this day his lesser occultation began. It lasted for nearly seventy

years and during that interim period, the Imam was represented by four agents and the Imam used to issue verdicts and answer questions through them. The four noble souls were (1) Othman bin Saeed Qmari—the first agent (2) Mohammad bin Otshman—the second agent (3) Shaikh Hussain Ibn Rawh—the third agent (4) Shaikh Ali bin Mohammed Samri—the fourth agent.

The term of the office of Shaikh Ali bin Mohammed Samari lasted for only three years. Before the end of his term he received a letter from Imam, which is famous as "Tauqi" Abu Mohammad Hasan Ibn Maktab reports that once I went to see Shaikh Ali and saw that he was showing the letter of Imam to people.

I give the gist of the letter only. Those who want to read more about the philosophy of occultation and allied matters are requested to see my other books "Asar-e-Qayamat and "Irfan-e-Imamat".

— : In the name of God, the Merciful, the compassionate ! O Ali Samari, may God condole your brethern in religion in the grief of your demise. Finish the pending works of representation because you will die six days after receipt of this letter. Now, none will replace you. I am ordered by the Almighty to go into major occultation. None will see me and I will remain hidden for a very long time. During my occultation, people will turn hard headed, troubles and oppression will increase. Many false claimants will also come into existence. Some Shias will claim meetings with me. Beware ! any body who claims to see me before Sufyanis revolt and the great sound from sky is a false claimant. "Laa Haul Wa La Quwwat Illa Billah".

The major occultation began in 329 A. H. and it still continues.

Points to ponder

During the last few years the world has witnessed major changes. Morality has gone its all time low. Socio political crimes are on increase. A few mintues given to information medias shows us that the governments themselves are supporting crimes. Even sense of guilt feeling has vanished.

In such a critical time, it is our duty as Muslims to remember the sayings of our divine leaders, who predicted the events of present days some thirteen centuries ago. Their predictions have proved their truthfulness day by day because their knowledge was divinely inspired. Their eyes probed into the future. Apparently they were men like our selves but their knowledge was special.

Compared with them we are nothing but dust. We don't know what will happen to marrow, nay even after a moment. It is easy to refute every thing without giving proper thought and say that these are the words of a paticular creed. We request our readers to think objectively, analyse the situation and only then confirm the nobility of the forecasters who usualised the situation more than thirteen centuries ago, the light is there but.....one must have eyes to perceive. Keeping one's eyes closed would amount to remain ignorant purposefully.

The noble divine leaders wanted to purify the characters of Muslims but the Muslims themselves diviated from the ancient teachings. The results are eye opening. A handful of jews defeated the huge armies of Muslims and snatched Jerusalem from them. The occupation of the Holy city is a dagger in the hearts of Muslims but they can't do any thing to regain it. Insha Allah, Jerusalem will be conquered by the Muslims because it is predicted that Imam Mahdi will offer prayers in that city and live there.

As the purpose of writing this book is to impart the knowledge of Imam in the hearts of muslims we give a few guide lines here.

(1) The Holy Prophet had said : "A person dies the death of an ignorant if he does not recognise the Imam of his age."

(2) Qur'an declares : "We shall rise over every community with their Imam."

The existence of an Imam is essential as propounded by Qur'an and Hadith. The Imam of this age is Imam Mahdi hence knowledge about him is incumbent upon all of us. We might be prone to misguidance due to lack of knowledge because there are many so called saviors in this world. In Qadiyan, Mirza Gulam Ahmed produced his tall claims. In Iran Bahauallah and Bab etc. propagated their fascinating theories and lured many. Such false claimants would come and go, but they ruin the faiths of many. Acquiring true knowledge about the institution of Imamate thus becomes a very important obligation upon us.

"QAYAMAT OR FINAL DAY OF JUDGEMENT"

The fifth principle of the faith in Islam—original or Shiaism is the belief in Qayamat. The faith in this principle is compulsory. It is a fixed day to come, the knowledge of which is open only to God and his choosen servants. There are some portents which will proceed the Day of Judgement.

The Holy Prophet is reported to have said : "Ten signs are necessary to appear before the Day of judgement. (1) The revolt of Sufyani. (2) The revolt of Dajjal. (3) Fire and Smoke. (4) Dabbatul Arz. (5) The advent of Qaem. (6) Sunrise from the West. (7) Coming of Eesa from the sky. (8) Land slide in the east. (9) Land-slide in Arabia. (10) Fire in the depths of Aden which will drive people to the Plane of Gathering.

Note : In the words of the Holy Prophet (S. A.) only hints are given. Here under some analysis on modern lines is given.

Fire and smoke might be reference to Bombs which when exploded produced fire and smoke. Fire in the depths of Aden may be reference to fire in the petrol storage tanks or in oil wells of Arabia. The deep soil of Arabia is full of highly inflammable oil. The advent of Qaem is that the Imam Mahdi will appear before the Day of judgement is proved by authenticated and valid traditions. More about it will appear later. The auguries described in the Ahadis provide paints to pander for non-muslims.

There are some mistakes in this work due to derivation from original Arabic. I have given the names of original books and they may be referred to by studious readers. I have done my best with my imperfect knowledge. The readers are requested to send their suggestions.

“THE AUGURIES ABOUT THE ADVENT OF IMAM MAHDI”

I have classified the auguries as under :—

Definite Auguries :

These auguries which will certainly appear before the advent of Imam Mahdi and there is no recouerse.

Conditional Auguries :

They are related to the actions of men. They may or may not appear. Repentence and seeking forgiveness may ward off evil omens. These omens may not take place where only good people live but as the social framework is gradually worsening there is possibility that they might also take place. They might be delayed for some time as the punishment to former communities was delayed.

Common Auguries :

They pertain to social, economic, cultural and moral changes.

Special Auguries :

They pertain to certain communities, particular places, cities etc.

Past Auguries :

Those which have occurred before the writing of this book.

Future Auguries :

Those which are yet to take place.

The givers of the forecasts lived in Arabia and they knew the capacity of the knowledge of their country men, hence most of the forecasts are limited to the area of middle east. Whenever questions were put before them, they answered keeping in mind the knowledge of the questioner. General terms "the earth" is also used in some predictions.

Another point worth remembering is that geophysical as well as geo-political changes have taken place since that time, Names of cities have changed. Cities have been destroyed. New cities have come into being. Earnest readers should consult Webster's Geography or any other good book about old time geography.

Among Arabs it is customary to be known by filial appellations, family and claim affiliations etc. Hence the Arabic system of names in the forecasts.

Common Auguries :

We shall take these omens first because they reflect the marvellous insights of those masters whose eyes saw into the future clearly.

Here we give translation of an address of the Holy Prophet. The original Arabic matter is in Beharul Anwar.

Jabir Ibn Abdullah Ansari is reported to have said : "I performed Hajjatul Wida with the Holy Prophet. After finishing the rituals he said : " People, today I bid final farewell to the Holy Kaaba." Then coming to the gate of Kaaba he told people to gather together. People thronged around the Prophet and he began : "People, may God be merciful to you. You are like the leaves of a thornless tree. This condition would persist for forty years. Then for two years thorns and leaves will live together. After that no leaf would be visible, there will remain only thorns. Listen. I am going to tell you of things to come after me. So those who are present here should convey my words to those who are absent.

The Prophet then began to weep and the whole crowd also wept with him. After a while the Prophet began : "People a time will come, when: (1) The kings and rulers will be tyrannical. (2) Wealthy person will be miserly. (3) Erudites will be greedy for worldly possessions. (4) Beggars will be imposters. (5) Children will lack modesty. (6) Old persons will be wicked.

The Prophet began to weep again, so Salman stood up and asked : "O Master when these things would take place ?"

The Prophet replied : "O Salman, it will happen when. (7) There will be dearth of erudites. (8) Payment of Zakat will be stopped. (9) Things forbidden will be openly practiced. (10) There will be prayer calls from the mosques but people will be too engrossed in worldly matters. (11) Lust for worldly possessions will increase. (12) Religious knowledge will have no value and will be crushed under the feet. (13) People will lie each other in conversation

(14) Back biting will become a source of pleasure. (15) People will not refrain from grabbing illgotten property, but will regard it as booty. (16) The elders won't have any affection for the young and the young also won't have any regard for the old people. So bear in mind that when such a time comes, the curse of God will be upon them. Islam will remain in name only. A storm, red in colour will arise and big hail stones will drop from sky. Faces will be transformed ugly, and there will be frequent earth quakes and landslides. Qur'an says : "Say : "He is able to send forth upon you chastisement from above you or from under your feet and to confuse you—in sects and to make you taste the violence of one another. Behold, how we turn about the signs: this haply they will understand. (6 : 65) Some companions asked : "When will all happen ?"

Prophet (S. A.) replied when—(1) People won't offer prayers in time. (2) People will follow passions. (3) There will be excessive addition to various drinks among people. (4) Parents will be rebuked. (5) Men will obey their women folk. (6) The neighbours will oppress the neighbours. (7) The elders will be no more compassionate. (8) Youngsters will be shameless. (9) People will build palatial and solid residences. (10) Servants will be persecuted. (11) False evidence will be common. (12) One will be jealous of ones own brother. (13) Partners will misappropriate against one another. (14) Mutual sincerity and affection will diminish. (15) Adultery will be much prevalent. (16) Men will regard female attire as graceful for themselves. (17) Modesty among women will cease to exist, giving its place to shamelessness and vanity. (18) Hearts will be full of pride and arrogance. (19) Acts of obliging others would become scarce. (20) Crimes will increase. (21) Men will wish for self praise alongwith wealth. (22) Singing will be considered a form of culture and considerable money would be spent for it. (23)

People will indulge in merry making pastimes and become oblivious to the hereafter. (24) Piousness and self control will wane off. (25) Avarice and greed will increase. (26) There will be numerous strifes and turmoils. (27) Mosques will echo with the call for prayers, but hearts will be devoid of faith. (28) A true momin will be considered a lowly person and an apostate will be considered respectable. (29) The faces of the people will, no doubt, be like the human beings but their hearts would be devilish. The Almighty says in the Holy Qur'an. What did you think that We created you only for sport, and that you would not be returned to us (23 : 115). Had there not been good and pious people among you, He would not send sain upon you and bring forth vegetation. I wonder at people whose wealh is their God. Their desires are long but their lives are short.

The Holy Prophet continued : "There will come a time when (1) The belly will be treated as God (that is people will do any thing and every thing to fill their bellies without any year of God. (2) Women will be the centre of their thoughts) that is men will be subservient to woman and be dictated by them. (3) Money will be their religion, that is wealth and possession will have precedence ove religion, and people won't care for it for the sake of money. (4) Qur'an will be taught as a fashion only. (5) Mosque will be constructed but hearts will lack faith. (6) The scholars will be from amongst the worst people, that is they will show themselves as religious minded, whereas in fact, they will be out and out materialists."

The Prophet then warned : "Remember, when such a time comes, God will entagle people in four afflictions (1) Oppression of the ruling authority (2) Famine and high prices of daily requirements. (3) Persecutions by the administrative officials. (4) Idol worship.

The companions expressed surprise and said: O Master, what! A Muslim and idol worship?

"Yes replied the Prophet," For them Dirham (Our rupee paisa etc.) will symbolize an idol.

We see actually happening what the Holy Prophet forecasted over thirteen centuries ago. Hazrat Ali (A.S.) in his address (Khutba) known as Al Bayan mentions the portents in detail. Research minded people are requested to see (1) Yanabi-ul-Mawaddah. (2) Bashrat-ul-Islam, by Sayyed Mustafa Al-e-Sayyed Haider al Kazami printed in Baghdad. I have not included it because Allama Majlisi has not taken it in his collection.

Predictions by Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.)

The following is the extract of a talk with Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.) in which he narate the portents of the final era of this world. It is taken from Darul Islam, Beharul Anwar and Rauzatul Kafi. The Ravis are Allama Naraqī and Shaikh Kolaini. The source is Himran.

Imam said:—"Right will be frustrated and rightful people won't be found any where. Oppression and tyranny will rule over the cities. Practical following of Qur'an will be considered old fashioned. Meanings of Quranic verses will be made to suit personal needs, thus Qur'an will be changed from its true meaning. People of injustice will score a victory over people of justice. Mischief will appear from every direction. Shamelessness and misdeeds will prevail. Homosexuality will be common. Momins will not be respected but mean persons will be honoured. Young persons will not honour their elders. Mercy will be an absent virtue. Wicked persons will be praised for their boldness and none will dare oppose them. Men will take delight in taking passive part. Women will marry women. Money will be spent in matters other than permitted by God. Merry making and adultery will be

rampant. Adultery will be considered a hidden virtue. A momin will be debarred from obedience to God. A neighbour will delight in hurting a neighbour. Blasphemous people will enjoy spreading mischiefs. Enjoining good will earn rebukes. Doors to goodness will be closed while to evil open. Kaaba will be useless on account of difficulties to Hajis. People will be forced to forsake pilgrimages. People won't fulfil their promises. Men will take aphrodisiacs to gain strength for sodomy and women will take greasy food to make them fit for fellatio. Some men will earn their living by anus while women will commercialize their vaginas. Women will found their own clubs, institutions etc. Men will be effeminate. Men will beautify themselves like females. Homosexuality will be considered an enviable trait.

Banu Abbas will pay for Sodomy. Women will take pride for extra marital relations and vice versa. Sex will be used as means of material gain. Wealth and not piety will be a standard of respectability. Usuary will be gladly exchanged. False evidences will be accepted. What God has forbidden will be considered lawful and what God has permitted will be considered unlawful. Tenets of religion will be twisted to suit desires. Mischievous people will indulge in evil mongering freely and momins won't have power to forbid evil (Nahy-Anil Munkar). Rulers will prefer Kafirs and dislike momins. Bribery will become an indispensable tool to gain favour with government servants. Men will do sodomy with their wives. People will be murdered on small pretexts and excuses. Men will be derided for contacts with women, they will be encouraged to have relations with men. Men will subsist on income of their wives earned from fornication. Women will rule the household and husbands will obey them as the wives will be bread winners. Women will be offered and

exchanged to gain favours. Swearing, by the name of God will be considered as paltry matter. Gambling and wine will prevail every where. Muslim women will freely mingle with Kafirs and Muslims won't prevent them, nay they won't have guts to do so. Our enemies will get favours with rulers and our friends will be considered so low that their testimonies won't be acceptable. Cheating and perjury will prevail among people. Reading and hearing of Quran will be considered troublesome. Listening to fictions will be preferred by people. A neighbour won't behave well with a neighbour except for the fear of sharp tongue. God's laws won't be valid and culprits won't be punished according to them. Back biting and slandering will be common. Motives of Haj and Jihad will be other than Islamic. Mosques will be embellished with gold. Rulers will consult Momins at the whims of Kafirs. Giving a little less in weight and measure will be a common business practice. Shedding other's blood would not be considered a serious matter. People will brag about their foul tongue to make others fear them.

Imam (A. S.) continued : "People will treat the offering of prayers lightly and ignore it. In spite of having surplus wealth, people would dislike paying poor rate. Coffin cloths will be stolen from the graves and resold. Killing will be so much prevalent that even the animals would begin to murder each other. People would offer prayers in unusual clothes. Eyes and hearts will lose their emotional character. Popular attention will be drawn to wealth only. Exhibitionism will become a feature of prayers. People will acquire religious knowledge only to exploit for worldly purpose. Party affiliations will become a form of life. Seekers of rightful subsistence will beget praise only. Bad deeds will be prevalent even in Mecca and Medina. Dead persons will be derided upon. Year by year condition will deteriorate.

Wealthy persons will be imitated. Poors and needy will be derided upon. Natural calamities like earth quake, downpours etc. will be there but none will fear. A bominable deeds will be performed openly. Parents will disown their children and children will ridicule their parents, and, wish for their death. Women will be indulgent and disobedient to their husbands. A day passed without sin will be considered a day wasted. People in authority would hoard items of daily use and sell them at high prices. Beggars and imposters will befriend each other and indulge in gambling and drinking. Liquor will be used as curative agent. Apostates will be considered authority on subjects and momins as baseless. Payments will be accepted for Calls of Prayer (Azan) and offering prayer. Mosques will be full of people who won't fear God. Half mad and semiconscious people will lead congregational prayers such people will be respected every where and they won't be rebuked.

Special portents.

The Holy Prophet has said: (1) Before the coming of Resurrection, three things will be common. (1) Piles, (2) Accidental deaths, (3) Leucoderma.

(2) One of the condition of the coming of the Day of judgement is fire. It will prevail from East to West.

(3) Women will outnumber men in ratio of fifty to one.

Destruction of different countries :

A great Sunni erudite Mohiuddin ibne Arabi has written in Mohazeratul Abrar and Mosameratul Akhyar, a tradition by Ilyas, the chain of which ends with Hozaiifa, that the Holy Prophet said : Egypt won't be destroyed until Basra is destroyed. Basra will be destroyed due to Iraq, and

Egypt will be devastated due to Nile. Mecca will be ravaged by Ethiopia. Medina will be shattered by floods. Small pox will ruin Yemen. Eela will be annihilated in siege. Persia will be ravaged by Saaleek from. Dailam and Dailam will be sacked by Armenians and they in turn will be revaged by Turks. Turks will be devastated by thunderbolts. Sind will be sacked by India, and India will be toppled by China. China will be overwhelmed by sand or locusts. Rajfa will lay waste Ethiopia, Sufyani will crack down on Zuwwar. Ramha will be destroyed by Half and Iraq will be devastated by famine.

Sixty false prophets :

Abdullah ibn Omar reports that the Prophet said : "Qayamat won't take place unless there appears a Mahdi from my progeny; and he also won't manifest himself unless there appears at least sixty persons who claim to be prophets."

Wahr with whites and destruction :

It is reported in book Aqdud Dur by Auf Ibn Malik that I came to the Holy Prophet when he was sitting in a earth coloured tent. Calmly he performed oblation, and, then adressed me : "Resurrection awaits six portents (1) Rain of pebbles from the sky (Perhaps a reference to bombings and its results). This is one.

I replied : "Yes O master."

The second one continued the prophets is the victory over Jerusalem. Third is mass murder. People will be murdered like goats and sheep. Fourth is excessive wealth which will not be sufficient to fulfill needs. Fifth, a strife will take place and not a single Arab house will remain safe from it sixth, the whites will betray you. They will attack you in eighty battalions and every battalion will have twelve thousand soldiers. (Affermed by Bukhari).

Destruction of some cities :

In Manaqib of Ibn Shahar Ashoob it is recorded from Qatada who reports from Saced Ibn Mosayyab : "Hazrat Amirul Momeneen was once asked to comment upon the verse : not a nation there is, but there passed away in it a warner (35 : 24). Ali gave a lengthy commentary on it and gave tidings about the destruction of several cities. Samarqand, Jaj, Khwarizm, Ispehan and Koofa will be sacked by Turks. (Here Turks mean Russian). Hamadan and Ray will be destroyed by the people of Kazveen. Tabrosa, Medina and the area of Persian Gulf will be ravaged by famines and hunger. Mecca will be devastated by Ethiopia. Basra and Balkh will be drowned, Sind will be sacked by India, India by Tibet, Tibet by China. Armies will trample Badakshan, Saani Kirman and some parts of Syria. Yemen will be revaged by rulers. Sijistan and some parts of Syria will be ruined by gases. Saman will be destroyed by epidemics, and, locusts will lay waste Marv. Serpents will kill creatures in Hirat. Naishapore will be ravaged. Azarbajjan will be sacked by armies and thunder bolts (perhaps due to bombings). Nill will burst. Bokhara will submerge in water. There will be famines and Salam and Bagdad also will be destroyed.

A few more portents narrated by Ali :

Abu Abdullah Jafar ibn Mohammed reports from Imam Husain (A.S) who asked his father : "Please tell us, when will God purify the earth from the wicked people ?

Ali replied : „The earth won't be purified until and unless blasphemous blood is fully shed. Thereafter Ali (A.S.) described the government of Omayyads and Abbasi-des and said : Before the advent of Qaem a Sayed Hasani will station himself in Khorasan. He will conquer Kirman and Multan. Thereafter he will proceed towrrds Basra's hinterland. Then a Qaem from us will manifest himself in Jilan (Sayed Hasani). People of Astrabad and Kazvin will obey him. Then the flags of Turks will appear. Fierce

battles will then take place. Then Basra will be devastated and Arab headquarter will be in Egypt.

Thereafter Ali told a long story narrating an event and said: "Spears will be poised and the mean people would kill good people. (Refers to Killings of Muslims by Russians or by their stooges.)

White and Black Death:— Ali said:—" Before the advent of Qaem, two types of deaths would appear— Red and white. Red denotes blood, that is immenese bloodshed due to wars, And, white death means results of epidemics that spread after wars.

Note: "These short portents indicate that first there will be wars on earth, especially in the Middle East and then epidemics would breakout.

Syria and Iraq:—Ali (A.S.) said: War will break out in Syria and it will be bombed. As a result one lac people will be killed. God will then grace the Momins and punish the Kafirs. Beware at that time.

Horses with yellow flags will come from the West (Iraq is in the West of Syria). They will reach Syria. There is a village named Harsa or Kharsa which will sink into the ground. Beware you then. It is a portant of the revolt of Sufyani who will come from the dry vailey of Palastine. (Old geography books indicate that its place Kharsa or Harsa is near Damascus.

Seige of Koofa :

Asbagh ibn Nabata is reported to have said: "We heard the exegesis of the verse: Then we gave back to you the turn to prevail over them, and We succoured you with wealth and children, and We made you a greater host. 17:6 from Ali (A.S.) who said:—"There are some signs and portents in it. First is the siege of Koofa. Ditches will be dug around the city due to fear of enemies.

Flags will either be torn or burnt in the streets of Koofa. The great mosque of Koofa" will lay useless for forty days as there will be none to offer prayers. Christians will gain control over the area. Three flags will be hoisted near the mosque of Koofa simultaneously. Bloodshed will take place in which the killer and the killed both will go to Hell. A pious man will be murdered in the backskirts of the mosque of Koofa, along with seventy persons. Between Rukn and Maqam another pious man will be murdered (in Macca).

Note : Those who want to see detailed portents should read the adress of Ali (A.S.) 'Al-Makhzoon' in book Basha-ratul Islam printed in Bagdad.

Ten portents described by Ali (A:S.) :

(1) In the streets of Koofa flags will change. (2) Mosques will not be properly used. (3) Roads to Hajj will be closed. (4) Earth will sink in Khorasan. (5) People will change places due to turmoil. (6) A comet will be seen. (7) Some stars will gather at one place. (Formation of constellations indicative of destruction) (8) Intensive and extensive bloodshed will take place. (9) Genocides will take place. (10) Reign of terror and horror will overshadow people. From one portent to another there is surprise to surprise. When these are over, our Qaem will manifest himself.

Two third of world population will be destroyed :

In Oqdatud-Durr it is recorded that Ali (A.S.) said:— Mahdi won't be manifest until and unless one third of world population is murdered and then one third will die a natural death. Thereafter only one third will remain.

Iran :

Imam Husain (A.S.) is reported to have said and two factions will fight in Iran and thousands will be killed.

Eclipses :

Contrary to planetary laws lunar eclipse on 5th. of the month and solar eclipse on 15th. There hasn't occurred such a thing ever since Adam." This report was taken from Imam Mohammad Baqar (A.S.)

Earth Quakes :

Imam Mohammad Baqar (A.S.) has said:—"Qaem won't manifest himself till there overshadows rain of terror all over the world. There will be frequent earth quake and people be miserable. Epidemics would spread. Fierce battles will take place among Arabs. Extreme polemics will rise among people. Religion will be weak. General condition of the society will so deteriorate that people will seek death morning and evening.

False pretenders :

Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.) has said:—"There will be twelve Sayyed pretenders to Mahdihood before the arrival of true Mahdi."

Arab day in Koofa :

Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.) once addressed a boy in Koofa:—"In your city near the mosque four thousand people of Saaboon will be killed by the Gate of Elephants on Arab Day

Definite portents :

These portents will definitely take place before the advent of Imam Mahdi. In this book we give only brief references. Earnest readers are requested to consult Arabic and Persian sources.

The revolt of Suffyani :

A mean, ugly, blister-faced, blue eyed, cross eyed Omayyad man named Othman S/o Utba or Ushba will lead a revolt near Palistine. His revolt will take place after a

great World War. His soldiers will be extremely cruel and blood thirsty. About seventy thousand Jews will join him. All of his soldiers will be bastard. The advent of Mahdi will also take place the same years. He will spread reign of terror over nearly the whole of Arabia. Medina, Syria and Iraq will be trampled. After that he will decide for Mecca. At a place called Beda, in the expanses of the deserts of Medina, the land will tear it self asunder and his whole army will be devoured.

Voice from the sky :

On 23rd of Ramzan Thursday night, before dawn, a very loud voice will be heard. It will reach every nook and corner of the world and understood by every body. It is the voice of Hazrat Jibril (A.S.) He will give the glad tidings of the advent of Imam Mahdi (A.S.) in a melodious voice. After that, in the afternoon a voice similar to it will be heard. This will be the voice of Iblis. The apparant similarity will be enough to misguide many persons.

Note : It is essential to remember this saying because day, date and time of occurance is also given. In this era of electronic mass communication we have nothing to doubt about the voice reaching every where and being understood by each and every person.

Numerous solar ecleipses :

First it will occur in Eastern countries, then in western countries, then in Arabia. (This means three in a year. The world has already seen two eclipses in a year.)

In some *Riwayat* it is recorded that earth quakes will take place in this order. God knows best.

Sunrise from the West :

Some traditionists take this event as an augury of the Day of judgement. Study of other portents showed us that the sun will apper stationary to earth dwellers at the time of

midday. It will remain so till afternoon and then move again as if rising from the West. This portent is hard to digest. Change in the movement of sun may result in devastating changes. I have no mastery of mathematics to explain this phenomena but as the Masters have fortold it, I have perfect faith that it will happen perhaps it may be a final portent.

Dajjal :

It is an Arabic word—derivative of root Dajjal which perfidy, intrigue etc. Thus Dajjal means a great perfidious mischief monger. All those people who are such and also institutions which are perfidious are Dajjals. But the Dajjal mentioned here is an individual named Sayad and his title is Dajjal. He is a great magician. First he will claim to be a prophet and then a god. He will come when the Middle East will be strifetorn by famines continuing for three consecutive years. In the third years sign of green grass would be extremely rare and these will be no rainfull at all.

This one eyed monstor will be twenty meters tall. His right eye is useless and would appear as a lump of red meat. His left eye will shine from the forehead. He will ride a massive, red, hairy donkey whose legs will be black from high bones to knees, and, white from knees to hoofs. Musical sounds will come from his hairs and hairs of his donkey.

Depressed people, women, bedouin Arab and Jews will obey him. He himself will be a jew of Qutama dynasty and due to his filial appellation Abu Yousuf. People will accept him as a prophet.

Being aided by sevenety thousand armed jews he will spread a reign of terror. At that time, the only safe place in the world will be Jerusalem, because this is the place where Hazrat Eesa (A.S.) will descend. Imam Mahdi will

also reach that place. A great battle will then take place and Dajjal will be killed by Prophet Jesus. Jews will be wiped out. Pork eating will be stopped. Sign of cross will be no more. There will be only one religion in the world Islam.

The following narrative is taken from book "Kama-l-uddin" in which Mohammad ibn Ibrahim records an authentic Hadith reported by Ibn Sabra who says:—

"Once Amirul Momeneen (A.S.) addressed us thus:— First be praised God, then invoked peace upon the Prophet (S.A.) and his progeny and then said: "You may ask me what ever you like."

Saasaa ibn Sohan stood up and asked: "Please tell us when will Dajjal come?"

Ali said:—sit down.

Saasaan sat down and Ali began:—"God heard you talk and knows what you want. Portents will appear one after another. May I tell you?"

People said: "Yes"

Ali said: "Remember upon his arrival people will consider prayers as paltry matters. Deposits will be forfeited. Telling a lie would be considered proper. Muslims will begin to take usuary. Bribery will be a customary matter. Palatial buildings will be constructed. Religion will be sold for worldly purposes. Mean and fool hardy persons will made rulers by the people. (As it happens in democratic voting). Men will seek counsels of women. Compassion won't be seen any where. Slavery will be common. Murders and bloodshed will be considered trifles. Men of knowledge will be weak and oppressors will be strong.

Rulers will be corrupt and their ministers oppressive. Soofis and Quran readers will be rascals. False evidences will be given. Quran will be decorated with golden threads. Mosques will be decorated with high domes. Bad people

will be respected. Population will increase but people will be indifferent to each other. Promises and covenants will be broken. Women will share business with their husbands out of greed. Voices of communists and anti-religionists will be powerful every where. They will be listened to by every body. Community leaders will be the meanest persons available. Embezzlers and cheaters will become bankers. Musical instruments will be available in abundance.

Women will take to horse riding and driving vehicles. Imitation of the opposite sex will be considered a fashion. Witness in legal matters will be abundantly available even though they may know nothing about the case or have any connection. Wolves will roam in the garbs of lambs. Hypocrisy will be contagious. Hearts of people will be stinkier than corpses and better than aloe. The best place to live in that time will be Jerusalem. A time will come when a man would wish had he been a dweller of Jerusalem.

Asbagh Ibn Nabata stood up and said : "O Master, tell us who is Dajjal ?

Ali (A. S.) replied : "He is Sayyad. Woe to him who affirms him and lucky is he who disbelieves him. He will emerge from a village called Isbahan from an area called Judea. There will be a blister in his right eye. His left eye will be the forehead shining like a morning star, but upon it there will be a blood drenched flesh piece. Between his two eyes, there will be letters KAFIR (in Arabic) written very conspicuously. He will swim across oceans. Sun will be with him. A cloud of smoke will be in front of him and a white mountain behind him. Famine stricken people will think white mountain as food. His red clouded donkey will take mile long strides and his legs would stretch and shorten according to the surface of ground.

The water crossed by him will dry away till the Day of Resurrection. After that he will shout so loud that his

voice will be heard by all the creatures. He will say "Friends, I am the one you were waiting for. I created you and made you proper. I am your highest provider."

This one eyed rascal is a liar. Beware, most of his followers will be bastards. They will wear colourful silken robes. He will be killed at a place called Aqba in Syria. He will be killed on Friday afternoon by a man in whose lead Prophet Jesus will offer prayer there after something extremely wonder full will take place.

Dabbatul Arz :

Saasaa further adds :—We asked Ali (A. S.) :—"What will happen after wards ?

Ali replied :—Near mount Safa and Marwa Dabbatul Arz will come. He will have the ring of Prophet Soloman and the stick of Moses. He will press the ring to the forehead of a Kafir and lo! there will appear a mark on his forehead indicating his kafirhood.

Dabbatul Arz will then mark the momins also and distinguish them. He will then raise his head to the sky and with the permission of the Almighty see the East and West simultaneously. This event will take place after the sunrise from the West. After that the door to repentence will be closed. Deeds and actions will be of no use. Don't ask me what will happen after that because I have made a covenant with the Holy Prophet not to disclose this save to my successor."

The Ravi of this narrative Turan ibn Sabra asked Saasaa ibn Sohan : What is the meaning denoted by Amir-ul-Momeneen ?

Saasaa replied : "O ibn Sabra, the man behind whom Jesus will offer prayer is the twelfth successor in the line of Ali and ninth in the line of Ali's son Husain. (A. S.) He is the sun who will rise from the West. He will purify

the land between Rukn and Mosque, and, spread justice throughout the world. There will be no oppression afterwards."

Note : I give no comments from me for the above mentioned Khutba least doubts may rise in the minds of those who don't seek guidance. Original Arabic Khutba may be seen in book "Basharatul Islam" printed in Bagdad. The compiler of the Urdu book has a copy of it. Earnest readers may verify.

Arrival of Hazrat Essa from the sky :

It is the belief of every Muslim that Prophet Jesus was neither crucified killed but taken away to high heavens, alive. At an appointed hour he will come down from the sky to Syria. Imam Mahdi (A.S.) will be there in the world. Prophet Jesus will join Imam Mahdi. At the time of prayer Imam Mahdi lead congregational prayer and Prophet Jesus will pray behind him. They will then wage a war against Dajjal and kill him. After that all the Jews and Christians will become Muslims.

The Holy Quran gives detailed account of Prophet Jesus. More details are found in Ahadis. Yet there arose a person who claimed that Jesus was dead and that he himself was Messiah. That was Mirza Gulam Ahmad Qadiani. I don't go into controversial discussion here because the Government of Pakistan had all his myths exploded and his followers were declared non-Muslims by the court for their queer beliefs.

Spread of fire and smoke in the World :

This portent has been described in several Ahadis. There will be excessive smoke in the atmosphere and as a result there will be fires.

Perhaps this portent indicates excessive uses of gases which are inflammable and noxious and fires will be the

indirect result of these gases. Nuclear tests also produce gases and radio activity. There is special reference of fire emerging from the depths of Aden. I have elucidated it in previous pages.

Destruction of Bagdad :

There are predictions about the destruction of some cities but the destruction of Bagdad is emphatically mentioned, and, as such erudites consider it as a sure augury.

Imam Jafar Sadiq (A. S.) had delivered a length speech in this regard. I have mentioned it in my previous book "Asar-e-Qayamat." Ali (A. S.) has also referred to it in his addresses. Here under gist is given.

"There will be founded a city named Bagdad (Perhaps the modern Bagdad Bagdad-e-Jadid). It will be so full of sins that divine punishments will be concentrated there. Unprecedented calamities like epidemics, famines, flood in river Tigris, torrential rains. Cyclones etc. will occur. Destruction of the city will begin when there will gather three types of flags in the city. One yellow flags, other flags from Western areas and third, flags from surrounding areas perhaps it is a sign of civil war.

Revolt led by a Hasani Sayyed :

He will be a handsome youth from the progeny of Imam Hasan (A. S.) In some Ahadis his name is given as Hasan. He will emerge from Dailam (area around Kazvin). He will make no claim of divine leadership but seeing the plight of the society he will call people to shun evil and reform themselves. People of Taleqan will be first to answer his call. They will gather around him and a reformation movement will take place. The Hasni leader will spread his message in the surrounding areas and come to Multan via Kirman. Then he will go upto Basra. All

these areas will accept his tutelage. He will then start for Koofa and there news will reach him that the advent of Imam Mahdi has occurred and the Imam has started for Iraq via Mecca and Medina.

The people of Koofa will be leading unhappy lives at that time. The Hasani Sayed will meet Imam Mahdi to seek miracles of divine leadership. Upon verification he will take oath of allegiance to Imam along with his huge army.

Imam Jafar Sadiq has said: By God, the Hasani Sayyed will be knowing his leader (Imam) but only to assure other people he will seek miracles. Four thousand Zaidi soldiers of Yemen belonging to the army of Hasani Sayyed will refute. They will be claiming Zaid the Martyr as their Imam. Consequently Imam Mahdi will tell the Hasni Sayyed to persuade the Zaidi youths for surrender. Negotiations will last for three days but Zaidis won't budge. At last all of them will be annihilated.

Future Portents :

These thought provoking elements are worth remembering. Here we give short indications and after that some comments.

1. Revolt of Shoaib Ibn Saleh :—He is a good man. He will lead a revolt in Samrqand. Many important event will take place through him. Ahadis indicate that he will be the commander of either the army of Hasni Sayyed or that of Imam Mahdi.
2. Revolt of Auf :—This good man will invite people to his views after a great war. He will lead revolutions from Kowait to Syria and there he will be killed.
3. Revolt of Yamani :—An unknown person will emerge in Yemen only to create strife and turmoil.

4. Maghrebi's tutelage over Egypt;—In Arabic language Algeria, Tunis, Morocco and Lybia are called Maghreb. A man from these areas will come to Egypt and control that area including Syria.

5. Murder of a Pious Soul:—Imam Jafar Sadiq (A. S.) has said : “Fifteen days beofre the advent of Imam Mahdi, a very pious man Mohammed Ibn Hasan Zakia—a chief companion of Imam Mahdi will be killed near Kaaba between Rukn and Maqam.

6. There will arise massive differences among the Abbasides themselves.

7. A pious—man known as Nafs-e-Zakiyya will be murdered along with seventy Sayyed, at the back side of the Mosque of Koofa. This outrage will take place at the hands of the soldiers of Sufyani.

8. A Hashemite pions man will be killed in Mecca itself.

9. The court hall of Koofa will be destroyed along with the wall of the Masque of Koofa.

10. There will be surprizing snowfall over Roman peninsula. Each hail would be the size of an egg.

11. A wonderful comet : A star will rise from the east. Its light would be similar to that of the moon. Its tail would gradually sink and then it would disappear. Comets have come and gone, but none as bright as the moon.

12. Fire in the Atmosphere:—For three or seven consecutive days fire will appear between the sky and the earth. It will be a great source of wonder.

13. Intensely red colour will overshadow the sky.

14. There will be fires in the world and especially in the Middle East. So severe they will be that people would repent for their sins.

15. Arabs will be aimless people. None will render the true help and they will act on their whims.

16. Down fall will come the emperor of Iran. His glory will fade and the empire will cease to exist. Form of government will change.

(In 1978/79 this prophesy has taken place)

17. The chief of the Egyptians will be killed. He will be a man of enormous influence and power.

Note : In Arabic text, the word Sultan or Malik has not been used. The word used in the context is Amir. It indicates that the form of government in Eypil will be different.

18. Devastation in Syria:—The flags from the direction of Egypt will march to Syria, while from the direction of Khorasan one flag will come. All three will claim suzerainty over Syria. They will then fight with each other bringing ruin over Syrian territory.

19. Armies will enter Syria from the Western borders. (Perhaps European armies will enter via Turkey and occupy some portions of Syria)."

20. Black flags will move from Khorasan. (Perhaps a reference to the army of Hasani Sayyed).

21. A new canal will be dug from the river Euphrates. It will pass through Koofa, bringing it prosperity. The city will then grow in size and population. (The prophecy has taken place and completed).

22. Sixty mean and corrupt persons will claim to be prophets. By their charm and wining personality they will

misguide people. (About 58 false claimants have passed away.)

23. Twelve Sayyed Liars : - From the progeny of Abu Talib, twelve persons will claim to be either Imam or vicegerent of Imam or Mahdi. Some of them have passed away while other will come in the future.

24. An honourable person from Banu Abbas will be burnt alive between Jaloola and Khanqueen. (It might be a reference to Abdus Salam Arif who was burnt to death in an air crash there.)

25. New Bridge Over Tigris :—There will be constructed from the side of the locality of Karkh a bridge in Bagdad. (Such a bridge was constructed a few years back. Possibly a new one may be built.)

26. Destruction of Bagdad : - Severe earth quakes will occur in the city killing much of the population. People of Iraq will be at their wits end. Black cyclones will then occur at noon followed by a variety of horrors.

27. Basra will submerge in water followed by tidal waves (Readers are requested to see Nahaj-ul-Balagha for this prophesy.)

28. Plague will take the form of epidemic throughout the world and kill a large number of people.

29. There will be tremendous increase in locust swarms throughout the world.

30. Civil war in Iran :—Though there will be bloodsheds throughout the world, a severe tug of war will take place between two factions in Iran. About eighty thousand persons will be killed. (Perhaps completed in 1978/79).

31. Facial features of people will change from human to that of monkeys and pigs.

32. A hand will appear near the Solar disc. It will remain there for a long time and world population will be wonderstruck at that. (This sign will take place shortly before the advent of Mahdi).

33. There will be unprecedented torrential rains throughout the world beginning from 16th of Jamadi-us-Sani to 10th of Rajab.

34. Dead persons will come to life. (This will take place shortly before the advent of Mahdi. In some books, the names of persons getting life once more are also given.)

35. Mosques will be decorated with gold plates. Similarly Qurans will be decorated by golden threads.

36. Three areas in the earth will sink in landslides alongwith population. First in the Western region, then in the eastern region and after that in Arabia.

37. Islam will grow weak. It will then exist in name only. Religious rituals will disappear. Social intercourses will grow to such an extent that it be difficult to distinguish between a Muslim and a non-Muslim.

38. Kufr will gain predominance over Islam. Muslim countries will imitate non-Muslim countries in every aspect of life. Muslims will require aid of non-Muslims. Muslim countries will vie with one another for the friendship of those countries who reject the idea of God.

39. Hashemite Kingdom :—Ali (A. S.) has predicted that the Hashemite kingdom will cease to exist in world. The last king will be a young boy, weak in will, inexperienced and follower of others advices. (There is only one Hashemite kingdom in the world that is in Jordan).

40. The last thirty years of the century at the end of which Imam Mahdi will manifest are full of wonders and surprises.

Note :—Events from 1370 A. H. deserve analysis, upto this day the world has seen revlutionary changes and violent excitements.

41. Arrival of Turks in the peninsula :—In Ahadis the the words Turk and Jazira are used. Study of other related Ahadis indicate that Turks are Russians and Jazira is Arabia. Thus the arrival of Russians in Arabia is a very important portent. Either it indicates forcible entry by victory or peaceful penetration via other means.

Note :— We see that Russians have infiltrated in Arabian peninsula.

42. Arrival of Englishmen in Palastine. Ahi-e-Room are Englishmen and Rumla is Palastine. Thus there will be conflicts in Arabian peninsula due to power rivalry between Americans original Europeans or Englishmen and the Russians.

43. A much respectable man from Banu Abbas will be drowned in Tigris near new bridge at Bagdad.

44. Village Jabiya near Damascus will sink in the earth.

45. Lake Sawa will again be filled with water. This lake is situated near Qum. It became dry when the Holy Prophet was born. Pilgrims to Masooma-e-Qum may verify the prophesy.

46. Women and children will become rulers.

47. Usual mode of government will give place to new forms. Kingdoms will gradually vanish.

48. Something pillar like of scarlet colour will be seen between the sky and the earth. It will be a sign of wonder especially in the Middle East.

49. A non-believer community will interpose between Saudi Arabia and other Arab countries. (They are either Russinas or Chinese. Russians are already there in some Arab countries).

50. Arrival of Chinese in Arabia is a portent of great war ensuing. The havoc wrought after their arrival is beyond description.

51. An upheaval will start from Azarbaijan and Armenia. It will then stretch up to the red mountain. The events following that will be so terrible that the children will become-aged and the older people will seek death. This turmoil will then reach Koofa via Wast and a sanguine battle will take place around Najaf. The horrors are beyond description. War will take place near Teheran also.

52. Radical measures of birth control and family planning will come into force.

Excerpts from An Arabic Book:

Though all the forecasts described in previous pages are taken from Arabic and Persian sources, the following auguries are taken specifically from a book named "Al-Malahim wal Fetan". The portents were collected by Ali ibn Moosa ibn Jafar ibn Mohamed ibn Taoos Al Hasni wal Husaini. The book was first put into circulation in 604 A.H. and then published for the second time in 1368 A.H. by "Manshooratul atbaatul Haidariyyah at Najaf.

These forecasts were compiled more than seven centuries ago.

(1) The Prophet (S.A.) said: "Beware of the black flags! Their beginning is discord, middle misguidance and their end is blasphemy.

(2) Said the Prophet (S.A.). Be collected yourselves when you see the black flags. Don't move your hands and

stop your spears. A tall statured, unreliable community will come. Their hearts are strong as iron. They will be wealthy yet reluctant to fulfil their commitments. They will exhort people to rightfulness, but they themselves would be devoid of it. Their names will start with their partronymic appellations. Their reasoning and wisdom will resemble those of women. Differences will grow among them and there after God will manifest the Truth.

3. The Prophet (S.A.) advised : "Run for your safety when you see yellow flags in Egypt. When they reach Syria. You must act quickly. Run away to the skies if you can otherwise seek protection elsewhere on Earth.

The above mentioned Hadith was narrated by Hassan.

4. The Rawi says: "I heard Abdullah ibn Omar saying in Kaaba". Black flags will come from eastern sides and yellow flags from western sides. They will clash in Syria. It is indeed calamity and seven catastrophe.

Note : As the speaker spoke in Kaaba, the eastern sides denote Iran and western sides Egypt.

5. Hasan Basri is reported to have said: "From the vicinity of Tehran, a man named Shoaib ibn Saleh Tamimi will lead a revolt. His colour is wheatish, chest broad and beard rough. He will lead four thousand white attired men with black flags. He will have the banner of Imam Mahdi. He will be invincible in battle.

6. Mohamad the Hanafite is reported to have said : "The black flags will first belong to Banu Abbas, and thereafter they will come from Khorasan. Their caps will be black and cloths white. (Perhaps the upper parts of the flag might be black and lower parts white) The leader of that group will be Shoaib ibn Saleh Tamimi. They will defeat the hosts of Sufyani and then reach the city of Jerusalem. They

will then handover the authority to Imam Mahdi and help him. Three hundred Syrians will aid Shoaib ibn Salih. The interim period between the revolt of Shoaib ibn Salih and the advent of Imam Mahdi is seventy two months.

Note : In some narratives seventy three days are given. At the end of Hadith it is recorded that, with that group there will be flags of Amalekas-Kurds. Kurds are descendants of Imlik ibn Adam ibn Sam ibn Nooh. They inhabit border areas of Iran, Iraq and Turkey. Perhaps the Kurds mentioned here are Iranians who will accompany Shoaib ibn Saleh.

7. Makhool reports that the Holy Prophet said, "I think it is more proper to use Turks instead of the term Russians.

The Turks will come twice. First they will come from the direction of Azarbaijan and the next time their armies will pass via river Euphrates. Thereafter they will cease operations.

Note : Two items are worth attention here. The Turks coming from the direction of Azarbaijan are none else but Russians.

8. Hozaiifa Yamani has reported that the Prophet (S.A.) said : Fight the Turks when you see them in Arabia. Fight them till they are defeated. Otherwise, they will spoil your dignity. God's help be with you. This portent indicates the exit of western powers from Arabia.

9. Abu Horaira has reported that the Prophet (S.A.) said : "Resurrection won't take place until and unless a war with Turks does not take place. Those Turks are red faced, small eyed and flat nosed. Their faces are hard like the tempered iron.

10. The Holy Prophet said : The Tuks will make rapid advance towards Tigris. I visualize their quick Yellowish Vehicles marching in lines towards that river.

11. The Prophet said : "I visualize that the Turks are astride on short eared horses and that they have tied their steeds by the bank of the river.

12. Further Identity of the Turks: - The Prophet said: "My followers will have to fight people whose faces are broad, eyes small and features rough and rugged. Three times the encounters will take place. First my people will save themselves by flight. At the second encounter, some of my people will be killed, while others will be spared. In the third encounter, the enemies will score a victory. They are the Turks. By God, their vehicles will be parked around the mosques of the Muslims. My community will be at its wit's end. They will flee in throngs taking their belongings and loading them on whatever they find.

13. Imam Hasan (A. S.) has reported that the Prophet said : "The Day of Judgement won't come before you face an encounter with people of shallow and broad faces followed another encounter with people whose shoes are made of hairs. First ones are Turks while another one are Kurds.

14. Kaab has reported that the Prophet said : "Turks will come to Arabian peninsula. Their horses will drink the water of Euphrates. After that God will entangle them with plague epidemic, and they will be killed. None will be spared from them.

In another Hadith it is mentioned that Turks will come on the left bank of river Tigris. At their place of arrival in Iraq they will be caught in snowfalls and plague. There they will die in large number.

15. Entry of Chinese in Arabia—Abdulla ibn Omar reports that the Prophet said: "Banu Qantura (Chinese) will

rout the people of Khorasan and Sijistan with severity and dishonour. They will advance till they reach a certain place of date groves in Palastine. Thereafter they will issue a warning to the people of Basra to evacuate their lands. Thereafter they will divide themselves in three groups. One group will advance towards west, second group will advance to Syria and the third will maintain defence against the enemies.

16. The Features of Banu Qantoora:—Abu Horaira reports that the invaders will be having eyes like lizards. Their faces will be rugged and tough. They will wage war at three places. First between the areas of Euphrates and Tigris. Second at Mazah-e-Hamar (a village in northern Syria) Third at the bank of Tigris. They will control the cross roads and the passers by will have to pay one hundred dinars for crossing. The amount of duty will increase subsequently.

17. The Prophet (S. A.) said: "During that time, bearers of big flags will tear down small flags. These encounters will continue till there will come a group of people with broad faces and small eyes. Those people are Banu Qantoora (Chinese). They will pass through Kurdistan area of Iraq and rout the Kurds. After that they will challenge the Arabs. Severe battles will take place as a result of which cities will be depopulated. Then earthquakes and landslides will take place and areas will sink. People will flee hither and thither. The area to be destroyed first is the city of Baghdad. Thereafter devastation of Egypt will begin. When you see these portents in Syria understand that it is death every where. After that Europeans will start manouering. They will reach Arabia and sanguine battles will take place.

18. The Prophet said: "The Arab rule will be ended." He said it thrice so the Ravi asked him: "Who will end

the Arab rule?" The Prophet (S.A.) replied (Banu Qantoora) that community whose faces are broad, noses flat, eyes small and features like wrought iron. They will enter Arabia and fierce battles will take place.

"An offer will then come from the Turks for a truce on condition that Arabs should return the non-Arabs to them. Arabs will tell their non-Arab allies to join the Turks. The allies will tell the Arabs." Fie upon you for your turning away from Islam (breaking the alliance).

Thereafter the allies will fight alone and score a victory over the enemies and destroy them. Seeing the war booties gained by the allies the Arabs will demand a share. The allies will refuse saying: "By God, we won't give you anything because you've jilted us."

Who are Turks ?

Here under is given an abstraction of an article of Stanely Lane Poole. (This article was translated into Urdu by Mr. Naseeb Akhtar M.A. (Karachi).

It is a fallacy to understand that only the inhabitants of modern Turkey are Turks. According to historian Farishta, the origin of Turks go to Prophet Noah whose son Yafis had a son named Turk. Where ever his progeny went they were known as Turks. Another son of Yafis was Cheon. A vast area of land was named after him which is now known as China. This research shows that Chinese and Turks are different.

In Gobi desert two gypsy tribes used to live. One of the tribe was Mongol and another was Turk. Their ancestors were the same. Those Mongols were known as "Yoon". Their descendents reached upto Central Russia. There they were known with different names like Yooji Kushan etc. Chinese continued to call them Yooji.

The tribe began to be known as Turks in the sixth century. One of the offshoots of that tribe settled in Azarbaijan during fifth century. According to some historians they occupied a place called Mahan situated near Marv. Thereafter the tribe dispersed further and occupied what is called modern Turkey. Wherever they went they were known as Turks. This is the reason why there are areas on map called Chinese Turkastan, Russian Turkastan etc. People occupying Chinese Turkastan were blue eyed, red haired and tall. This type of physique does not tally with those of modern Chinese.

The Turks, who destroyed Iran, Iraq etc. were Mongols. The modern Chinese are not similar to Turks and therefore they are known as Banu Qantoora in Ahadis. Thus the term denoted in Hadith as Turks are Russians and Banu Qantoora are Chinese, and Bani Asfar are Europeans. The distinctions are to be kept in mind. It should also be noted that geographical boundaries of modern China does not tally with those of the time of Holy Prophet.

A saying of Imam Mohammed Baqar (A.S.): "This Hadis is taken from Al-Majlis-us-Sannia by Sayyed Mohsin al Amin Al-Husaini al Ameli of Beirut.

Imam (A.S.) said: "Severe discords will occur after the arrival of Russians in Arabia and Europeans in Palastine. These discords will result in the destruction of Syria which will occur after clashes among three rival flags. These flags will belong to (1) Sayyed Hasani, (2) Omayyads, and (3) Bani Qais.

The banner of Sayyad Hasani will come from Iran, Omayyd flag will belong to Syria and the banners of Banu Qais will come from Egypt.

Imam (A.S.) further advised: "Be calm, don't move your hands and feet when you see these signs, but you won't

see them (People of that time) these signs are (1) Arrival of Turks in Azbia, (2) Arrival of Europeans in Palastine, (3) The Turks (Russians) will get warm welcome when they arrive in Arabia. Similarly Europeans will also get warm reception from Jews upon their arrival in Palastine.

Advise of Prophet on self Protection :

Ibn Masood reports that the Prophet (S.A.) said: "Brace up yourselves when you hear some shriek from sky during Ramzan, because there will be upheavels during Shawwal. Tribal wars and blood shed will begin during Ziqad, Murders and loots will start in Zil Hajj. The Moharram is unique one (That is the horrors of Moharram are beyond description).

The Prophet (S.A.) then said three times; "Alas, alas, alas! Innumerable people will be killed that time."

The Ravi asked at that juncture : "O master, what is that shriek from the sky and when will it occur ?

The Prophet (S.A.) said: "It will occur in mid Ramzan at midday. Mindware! This explosion will awaken the sleeping persons and force the standing ones to sit down. After finishing morning prayer on Friday you enter your rooms, close the doors and also all the holes. Cover your ears tightly and stop your breathes. Bow down to God when you feel the shriek and pray "Subhanal Quddus, Rabbonal Quddus." A person doing this will be saved while a shirker will be destroyed.

Note : Particular time, month and day are given in this Hadis, but as it was said in Hijaz, we in Pakistan should calculate the time difference. In some reports of Imams 23rd Ramzan is given which makes the matter even more lucid.

Another point worth remembering is the advice on precaution. Perhaps it is a reference to air raid precaution and steps to be taken when bombs explode with bangs and emit noxious gases.

Vision of hand in sky and face in the Moon :

It is recorded in Majalis-e-Sannia that Moman reports from Imam Jafar Sadiq who said: "Before the shriek of sky there will be seen these signs in the sky. "The Ravi asked : What signs ? Imam replied : "Human face will shine in the moon and hand will be seen in sky".

Note:—Perhaps it is a reference of man's conquest of moon, and space stations.

Sufyanis rise and Fall :

1. Hozaiifa Yamani is reported to have said : "Sufyani will enter Egypt and occupy the country for four months. He will unleash a rain of murders and horrors. Women will weep for the loss of their chastity, their kith and kin and loss of honour. People will cry for death to be relieved from oppression.

In another Hadith it is reported that after the occupation of Egypt, Sufyani will send his army to Medina. Those mercenaries will even surpass the horrors unleashed by Muslim ibn Aqba. After that they will advance towards Mecca. Upon reaching Beda all of them will die in land slides and sink into the earth.

2. Imam Moḥammad Baqar (A.S.) said : "The revolt of Sufyani and the advent of Mahdi will take place the same year".

In another report it is recorded that Sufyani, Yamani and Khorasani all three will emerge the same year.

Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.) had said : "Sufyani will emerge in the month of Rajab and gain control over Damascus, Emessa, Jordan, Palastine and Qansain.

A prediction by Imam Zainul Abeden (A.S.):—He said: "Before the advent of Imam Mahdi, a man named Auf Aslami will emerge from Kuwait. He will be killed in a mosque in Syria. Thereafter Shoaib ibn Saleh will emerge in Samarqand and then Sufyani will emerge in Palastine.

Fire :

1. Imam Mohammad Baqar (A.S.) said : "When see you reddish yellow fire burning for three or seven days continuously in the east take it as a sign of the advent of Imam.

Note : "The fire resulting from nuclear explosion is similar to it. It is assumed that atom bomb will first be used in the east.

2. A huge fire will take place in Hijaz. Even the bells of camels in Syria will be visible in it.

Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.) has also predicted a huge fire taking place in the east.

Prophet Jesus :

It is recorded by Imam (A.S) that Eesa (A.S.) will descend to Baitul Miqdas at the time of morning prayer. People will be preparing themselves to offer prayers. Imam Mahdi will welcome him and say "Come on, lead the prayer." Hazrat Eesa will take Imam (A.S.) to the lead and pray behind him.

2. With Dajjal there will be seventy thousand armed Jews. With a glance from Eesa they will be paralysed. Their will to fight will vanish like salt vanishing in water. He will destroy all the Jews and break the cross. Thus the

return of Jesus on the earth signifies end of Judaism and Christianity.

A Historical Comet :

Jabir Jaafi reports from Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.) that "When the Abbaside Caliph visited Khorasan, the comet "Al Qarb Zushshifa" rose. This star had appeared before the destruction of the Noah's community and they were drowned in the flood. It appeared again when Abraham was thrown into the fire. It was again visible before the destruction of Pharaoh in the time of Moses. It rose again when Yahya ibn Zakaria. (John the Baptist) was murdered. Hence seek protection of God when you see this comet in the sky.

"Its appearance will be preceded by Lunar and Solar eclipses. After the appearance of the comet, a black and white or blue and white flag will appear in Egypt. This is beginning of strifes and turmoils. This star will appear in the month of Safar.

It is also recorded that a two tailed star will appear in the sky before the advent of Imam Mahdi. It will be as bright as the full moon.

Signs continuing for six months :

The Holy Prophet said : "During the month of Ramzan a vertical light will appear stationary between the earth and the sky. Shawwal will be the month of upheavals. There will be riots every where during Ziqad. Caravans of Hajjis will be looted and the roads to pilgrimage will be blocked. This will happen during Zil Hajj while the horrors of Moharram are beyond description.

More about Syria :

1. Hazrat Abdullah ibn Umar has reported that the Prophet said : "The end of the world will begin with

striking of skulls. When this will happen, it is the beginning of the destruction of man.

He was asked as to what was its significance. He replied that it is the destruction of Syria. Destruction will begin from Syria.

2. In book "Al-Malahim wal Fetan" it is written that discords will erupt and subside in Syria like the game of children. No house will remain safe from them. They will continue till the advent of Imam Mahdi.

Famines :

1. People will sell their women folks for a meal before the advent of Imam Mahdi. Even a father will sell his beautiful daughter for this.

Duration of Imam Mahdi's Rule :

"It is reported that the last Hashmite caliph will be Mahdi. He will rule for forty years." He will conquer Rome and Constantinopol.

Similar Hadis was reported by Mohammad the Hanafite adding that Jerusalem will be rebuilt during his rule. Prophet Jesus will arrive after victory over Rome and Constantinopol.

Conquest of India :

Imam Mahdi will dispatch a battalion of his army from Jerusalem to India. The army will conquer India and transfer the buried wealth to Jerusalem. The Holy city will then be decorated. The army will maintain a base in India till the revolt of Dajjal.

Calamities on the Muslims :

1. It is recorded that Abdullah ibn Omar said : "The community of Mohammad will have to face five calamities. Two have passed away and three will occur in future (a)

Troubles by the Russians (b) Troubles by the Europeans (c) Troubles by Dajjal. There will be no difficulty afterwards, but these three troubles are so severe that they will drive men from place to place like animals and they will be slaughtered in great numbers.

(2) The Prophet said : "My community will commit all the sins that were committed by communities of previous prophets.

(3) "Before the advent of Mahdi, said the Prophet the unbelievers will control these five major rivers of the world viz, (1) Saihun, (2) Jaihoon, (3) Tigris, (4) Euphrates, (5) Nile."

(4) Ali (A.S.) has forecasted decline and fall of Hashemite rule before the advent of Imam Mahdi.

(5) Ali (A.S.) said : "These are ten signs of the advent of Imam Mahdi (i) Burning of flags in the streets of Koofa, (ii) Mosques will not be used, (iii) Hajj roads will be blocked, (iv) Some areas will sink in land slides, (v) Severe earth quakes will occur at some places, (vi) People will leave their homes in confusion, (vii) A unique comet will be seen, (viii) Strange constellation will be seen in the sky, (ix) There will be killings and murders, (x) Looting and robberies will be common.

Duration of Human life on Earth :

Hazrat Abdullah ibn Omar is reported to have said : "Man will inhabit the earth for one hundred twenty years after the sunrise in the west.

Emancipation of Women :

It is recorded in Rauzatul Kafi that women will mount the pulpits and adress the gatherings. There will be women rulers and governors. They will take part in husbands businesses. They will ride animals and drive vehicles. They

will found clubs and institutions. They will dress their hairs as if it were camels hump. All these will happen in the last era of the world.

Conflict over Sighting of Moon :

“People will be at variance over the sighting of new moon. They won't observe fast on the first of Ramzan while on Eid day they will be fasting.”

This Hadis is taken from Behar-ul-Anwar. Pakistan has seen these signs.

Musical Instruments :

Will be seen in Mecca and Medina. From Ilzam-un-Naseb, page 183.

Rieh People :

Will go to Hajj for enjoyment while middle class people will go for trading and beggers will do so for accumulating wealth. “Behar-ul-Anwar”.

The Gulf of Aqaba :

In book “Ilzam-un-Naseb”. It is writen that the Land of Aqaba will be red with blood of people fighting with each other.

About Oman :

This saying of Ali (A.S.) is taken from Khutba-e-Bayaniyyah. He said : “I feel sorry for the People of Oman; for they will be Surrounded from all directions. Their men will be killed and women will be captured.

About Tehran :

Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.) has said : “People of Ray (Tehran) will be killed in millions. At that time religions knowledge will be centralized in Qum. This will happen a short time before the advent of our Qaem.

Floods, Snakes and Locusts :

It is written in book Noor-ul-Anwar that Locust swarms are among the portents of advent. (It happened in 1254 A.H. in Arabia, and in 1268 A.H. in Iran. India has also seen its ravages) Also among the portents are floods, and snakes in water. (This happened in 1973 A.d. in West Pakistan).

Strange and wonderful Signs :

The Prophet said to Jabir: "Your life will pass in rightfulness and you will be resurrected as rightful. But, beware of the time, when the conch (Naqus) makes noise and resounds in the world. (i.e. Christianity becomes a world power) and when the buffalo begins to speak. (waves of Independence spread in African countries). Strange things will happen. There will be fire every where (War). Othmani's flag will fly in the black valley. There will be disquiet in Basra. Some People will dominate others. Armies will march in the heart of Taleqan, Shoaib ibn Saleh Tamimi will be obeyed. In Khoozistan, people will take oath of fealty to Saeed Moosvi. The banner of brave Kurds will be founded. (This is a lengthy Hadis. Here only important auguries are given. Earnest readers may refer to book "Basharat-ul-Islam.)

Note : It is very interesting to know that Uganda's president Eidy Amin was a very bulky fellow, he was very talkative. And that country has chosen buffalo as her national animal.

Post Naharwan Prophecy :

Upon his return from the battle of Naharwan, Ali said : "It is surprising and extremely surprising, the events taking place between Jamadi-ul-Akhir and Rajab. There will be disagreements every where. Swords will reap harvests, and sounds after sounds will be heard.

Hadis-e-Mofazzal :

Mofazzal ibn Omar once asked Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.) "O my master, which place is Zoora?"

Imam (A.S.) replied : "It is Bagdad which will be the center of divine punishment and wrath. Alas for that place! Yellow flags will muster there, and thereafter many flags from far and near countries will gather. Divine wrath will then descend upon the city. Unprecedented events will occur which will be neither seen nor heard before that time. Storms of swords will rise. The city will continue to be populated and ruined repeatedly but during the last time, bad deeds will be so much that divine wrath will ensue. The turmoils will continue until there will come a Hasani young man from Kazvin and Dailam with an army astride on white horses. The Chief of his army will be a Tamimi youth named Shoaib ibn Saleh. They will avenge the oppression and quell the fires of discord. After that they will start for Koofa."

Waqt-el-Maaloom :

It is written in book "Kamaluddin" that Husain ibn Khaled asked Imam Raza (A.S.): "Sir what is Waqt-el-Maaloom?"

Imam replied : "Waqt-el-Maaloom is the time of the advent of Qaem."

Khaled enquired : "Who is the Qaem in your Ahlul Bait?"

Imam replied : "He is fourth in my generation. God will remove oppression and injustice from the world through him. As his occultation will be a prolonged one, people will doubt about his birth.

His arrival will be preceded by a voice from the sky which will be heard all over the world. It will inform

people about the arrival of the saviour near Kaaba. His advent will illumine the world. His father's name is Hasan. He will be *Qaem bil Haq* and *Al Muntazar*.

The Ravi asked : "Why his names are such ?

Imam explained : "Many persons believing in his Imamate might have turned apostates. He is the Awaited One, because of the long duration of his occultation, during which even his existence will be confuted by people under various albis, nay, they would even mock at the whole thing. Only a few believers will await for his advent. Those who haste will go waste while true Muslim will get salvation.

MARKS OF ADVENT FROM BOOK 'IRSHAD'

From the signs and auguries about the advent of Imam Mahdi, special ones are given here under :

The revolt of Sufyani, the murder of Hasani, Differences among Banu Abbas for worldly gains. Solar eclipse during Ramzan followed by lunar eclipse at the end of the same month. Beda (a place between Mecca and Medina) will sink in landslide—land will sink down in eastern regions and then in western regions. The sun will appear stationary at Midday and will remain so till the time of afternoon, then it will rise from the west. A pious man will be killed at the backside of Koofa mosque along with seventy men. A hashemite will be slaughtered between Rukn and maqam at Macca. The walls of the mosque of Koofa will fall. Black flags will come from the direction of Khorasan. A man from Yemen will lead a revolt. A Maghrebi will appear in Egypt and gain control there. Russians will arrive in Arabia. Europeans will arrive in Palastine. In eastern regions a comet will be seen. Its lusture will rival that of the moon. Both of its ends will gradually merge. Reddish

hue will be seen over the sky. Gigantic fires will erupt in the middle east lasting continuously from three to seven days. Non Arabs will drive away Arabs from their lands. Rule of the emperor will cease to exist in Iran. Egyptians will kill their chef. Three flags will gather in Syria. Conflicts will arise and Syria will be devastated. The flags of Arabs and Banu Qais will come from Egypt. Banu Kinda's flags will fly in Khorasan. A huge army will pass through Hira. Black banners will arrive from eastern direction. The waters of Euphrates will flow upto the streets of Koofa. Sixty men will claim to be prophets. Twelve Sayyeds will claim to be Imams. A great honourable man from Banu Abbas will be burnt alive near Khanqeen. A bridge will be constructed in Bagdad over the locality of Karkh. There will be sandstorm in Bagdad at the time of morning followed by landslide in which a portion of land in that area will sink. Death and destruction will be so much that people of Iraq will remain awestruck. Factions will fight in Iran. Faces of a community will be mutilated. Slaves will control the lands of the masters. A human form will appear near the sun. Graves will be opened and dead persons will be revised to life. There will be continuous rain for twenty four days which will revive the dead land. The advent of Imam Mahdi would have occurred by that time.

Among the signs and auguries narrated above there are certain signs and also conditional signs. Only God knows what will happen and when.

ELUCIDATION OF SIGNS AND PORTENTS A SUMMARY

A number of books have been written about prophesies, auguries etc. and the signs preceding the advent of Imam Mahdi. The matter is so vast that it is impossible to condense it in a small book like this. Attempt has however

been made to include all the important forecasts. Observation shows that many have taken place while a number of them are yet to take place. Time is gradually ripening for other forecasts to take place. Here under I give my own subjective view point. I don't claim any authority and the knowledge lies with God.

It appears that the form of Islam, nay the form of all the religions of the world will undergo radical change. Popular ideas will tend to be secular. Social and cultural changes will take place. Human character will be ruined. Divine orders will be disobeyed. People will turn to those who disobey God, thus the whole world will be full of horror and oppression. Justice and equity will be wiped out. Sins will be prevalent every where.

Whatever is written in the previous paragraph has taken place. The world thus deserve divine wrath and it will surely come.

The beginning will be made by discords in the middle east, which will eventually spread throughout the world. Ominous constellations will appear on the sky followed by a very bright comet.

Russians will begin to interfere in the affairs of the Middle East. Europeans will meddle in Palastine. War will thus start there and spread throughout the World. Nuclear weapon will perhaps be used there resulting in earth quakes, land slides and destruction of population. Some areas will be wholly wiped out. All the Muslim countries will be affected by it. Fighting will then take the form of World War. Egypt will be completely devastated. Bagdad and Basra will be completely ruined. Flames of fires will rise in Saudi Arabia. Fires will erupt in petrol installations of Aden.

In this World War, destructive weapons will be used. The atmosphere will be full of noxious gases. The intervention of Chinese in this war will be an omen of complete devastation. About one third of the world population will be wiped out in this ruinous war.

The aftermath of the war will be no less devastating. Epidemics will rage throughout the world and these plagues will destroy a number of people. Famines will also destroy many people. About one third of the population will survive these rarages.

Man has already reached the moon. Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.) had said that man's face will be seen in the moon, and a hand will be seen in the sky denoting the conquest of space. In spite of all the scientific advances mutual discord and rivalry would bring the world on the brink of ruin. The use of sophisticated weaponry would cause a change in the movement of solar system, particularly the earth. As a result the sun will appear as stationary or the earth will stop moving from midday to after noon. Solar and lunar eclipses will then occur in the same month which is mathematically impossible now.

On Thursday night, 23rd of Ramzan, a shriek will be heard from the sky. This is a positive sign of advent. By that time Middle East would be ravaged by famines and there will emerge the Sufyani. People of Algeria and Morocco will march towards Egypt, carrying yellow flags. A man from the progeny of Imam Hasan will emerge from Taleqan. His Commander-in-Chief will be Shoaib ibn Saleh Tamimi. Their army will ride white horses and carry black and white flags. These two Chiefs will try to reform the degraded ethics of the world. In their crusade they will pass through Kirman and reach Multan. Then taking the route of coastal area they will reach Basra and then March towards Koofa.

A voice announcing the advent of Imam will be heard from the sky. On the same day afternoon a satanic voice imitating the previous voice will also be heard. Many persons will be beguiled by the second voice, but three hundred thirteen men will reach Imam (A.S.) any how and join him at Kaaba. This will happen at the time of dawn.

The army of Sufyani marching towards Kaaba will perish in a land slide in Bada. Only two men will survive. Imam Mahdi will, then, lead his men towards Syria to destroy Sufyani. By that time prophet Jesus would have descended. He will join Imam Mahdi and kill Sufyani.

Imam Mahdi will then go to Koofa. There Sayyed Hasani will receive him and pay homage to him. Four thousand Zaidia soldiers of Hasani's army will disagree and they will be annihilated. Thereafter a court will be held in the mosque of Koofa.

Imam Mahdi will then proceed to Jerusalem and make it his capital. From there he will send governors to various parts of the world. All the world will obey him and there will be only one religion throughout the world. Dajjal will emerge and raise severe difficulties but he will also be eliminated in the course of time.

The government of Imam Mahdi will last for seventy years and the earth will become an abode of peace and prosperity. The globe will then continue to exist for a long time but change in its movement would have occurred. The holy Imams will again come to the earth. After a very long duration 'Qayamat-e-Kubra'—Doomsday will occur. The promise of God will come to its fulfilment. The horrors of Dooms Day are described vividly in the verses of the Holy Quran.

At some places it is written that the rule of Imam Mahdi will last for seven years, but at the same time it is

added that our ten years will equal one year of Imam Mahdi.

The Visions of an American Seeress :

Jean Dixon does not need any introduction. She was born a few years before the Second World war in Germany. Her parents then migrated to California. From her childhood, Jean has been godly and religious minded. She has been endowed with ability to probe into the future. Out of her forecasts 99% have proved to be correct, and thus she became world famous. Among her prophecies are deaths of Gandhiji, Nehru, President Kennedy, and overthrow of President Soekarno, emergence of communist China, etc.

The palm of Jean Dixon shows marvellous lines, which were never seen before. There is a sign like moon on the mount of moon and there is a star on it. Her brain line is double.

A Gypsy woman once saw her when she was child and predicted : "This girl has got unlimited mental power and insight. She will become world famous." That woman then gave a crystal globe to Jean and said: "You deserve it."

Whenever Jean wants to probe into the future she gazes at the globe and her visions begin to occur. Sometimes visions come to her in dreams. Her visions rarely go wrong and thus she has earned renown throughout the world. Her extraordinary ability has woven a legend around her and books about her have been written in many languages. In Urdu language a book named "Jean Dixon Ki Peshin Goyan" was published from 420, The Mall Road, Lahore a few years back. This book is available in the market. Here under we give some excerpts from that book :

Jean Dixon had said : "The arms race would be accelerated in 1968 A. D. and America will have to suffer

in it. By 1970 A. D. Russia would have succeeded in sending man to the moon. China will infiltrate into Russian borders, and U.S. Soviet pact will take place. China will be the first to start germ warfare. World war will start in 1981 A.D. and will continue for twenty years.

One of the famous protheses of Jean is the birth and advent of a super man. The super man has taken birth in the house of a middle eastern farmer at 7.00 AM in 1962 A.D. He is full of knowledge and wisdom. One day he will revolutionise the world and rule it. He will teach wisdom and the concepts of a world religion. People will believe in his words and unite under the banner of a universal religion.

His spiritual powers will be felt throughout the world by 1980 A.D. The world will undergo radical changes in the following ten years. He will become all powerful by 1999 A. D. and the world will affirm his truthfulness. In that year ideal world peace will be achieved. By that time the world would have witnessed spiritual revolution. American will have to fight China. Though Sino-Soviet rifts would not be severe, yet America will have to undergo humiliations on account of her gay abandon enjoyments. The conflicts will take large toll of lives. At last a divine flame will emerge bringing the message of complete peach to the world.

The events following 1980 are full of calamities but this man will conquer all the difficulties. By 1999 he will conquer the whole world in his vast empire.

The compiler of the Urdu book opines that the person referred by Jean is Imam Mahdi, but in my opinion the vision of Jean refers to Sayyed Hasani.

Vision and interpretation of vision are two different catagories. Jean first has a vision and then interprets it.

She had herself admitted that sometimes she makes mistake in the interpretation. According to Islamic belief nobody can claim to have seen Imam and recognise him as such. Vision without recognition is however possible. Jean Dixon therefore made a mistake of interpretation and it is not her fault. The occultation of Imam mahdi is a divine secret and none can become aware of its mystery.

Jean has been objective in her prophesies because she has mentioned Middle East as the birth place of the superman. She belongs to Europe and America and she might have referred to her country as such Jeans objective approach compells us to believe in her prophesies. God knows best who is that superman.

Shah Naimatullah Wali :

He is a famous personality. He was a pious man had travelled through Bokhara, Iran and India. He has composed a famous prophetic encomium. In it he has narrated signs of the advent of Imam Mahdi.

It is believed that people have made additions and alterations in his poetry.

Shah Naimatullah was a great seer and those who know anything about him, praise him for his piety.

Mirza brothers and their wonders :

The Holy Prophet and his successors had said that the advent of Imam Mahdi would not occur until there appear sixty false claimants of prophethood. The saying of the divine leaders can never go wrong and as much the appearance of pretenders have continued. We suppose that the number of pretenders have been over and even if it is not so, it will be finished soon.

The claims of the pretenders did not last long and burst like balloons, because the old timers had active interest in the religion. Nowadays, imitation of European ways have diminished this tendency and people have only passive interest in religion. Every pied piper gets followers. This condition of populace is a fertile ground for pseudo prophets to flourish. Those who harvested this tendency to their utmost benefits were two Mirzas. One charmer was an Iranian. The religion founded by him is known as "Bahai Faith". Another illustrious man was an Indian. His followers are known as Qadiyanis or Ahmediyas.

These two gentlemen were masters in their arts. Their wonderful claims earned them much fame. Mirza Ali Mohammed Bab first declared himself to be an Imam. Thereafter he claimed prophethood. When his hallucinations grew intense he declared himself as god and produced a book named "Al-Bayan."

The Indian pretender first proclaimed himself as Mahdi i.e. Imam, thereafter he called himself Mary, transformed into Jesus—the promised Messiah. These two gentlemen were prolific writers and their claims can be seen in their writings. They reaped a rich harvest of followers and even today they are adored by thousands. It is not surprising because every juggler gathers spectators. Even though people know that there is no reality in the show, they gather to witness it and follow the showman. Then they don't care for wastage of time, money and material. The juggler earns acclaim and the spectators and followers get amusement and peace of mind. Such persons even get backings from government and political leaders for their ulterior motives.

What appears amazing to us is their fertile imagination, their queer researches and their daring. A serious study of these persons show us that to validate their tall claims they interpreted Quran and the tradition to fit their whims.

They and their followers are masters in the art of interpretation. Sometimes the interpretations are so queer that they deserve a horse laugh.

Here under an amusing interpretation is given. The prophesy about Dajjal is an authentic one so the Indian gentleman couldn't escape it. His fertile mind fabricated an interpretation of the tradition. He declared that the prophesy about Dajjal has been fulfilled with his emergence. People asked him: "How?" He replied: "It is train. It has a bright eye in the centre and it is very big. His writings are full of such tall interpretations.

The illustrious pretenders have thus aided in the fulfilment of Prophetic sayings. The signs they tried to stick upon themselves were foretold by the Holy Imams. They interpreted those sayings in a vivid manner and donned the garb of Mahdihood. People were duped by them on account of their lack of knowledge, the purpose of this book is to impart objective knowledge about this very important matter so that people may not be misguided by the imposters.

Some ultra modern Muslims become so bold that they even refute the concept of Mahdi. With this refusal they cease to be Muslims because both Sunni and Shia religious literature provide information about the advent of Mahdi. Belief in the Truth of the Holy Prophet is a basic tenet of Islam and the Holy Prophet himself has prophesied the advent of Mahdi hence every true Muslim must believe.

"They try to extinguish with their mouths, the light of God, but God will perfect his light, though the unbelievers be verse (61 : 9)

Time of Advent :

The sayings of the Holy Prophet and Imam hint that any body trying to fix the time of the advent of Imam Mahdi is a liar and fabricator.

Persons reaching Imam soon after Advent :

It is recorded in "Ghayatul Maram" that Abu Jafar Mohammad Ibn Jarar Tyri took this narrative from "Musnad-e-Fatema" and there it was taken from a saying of Abul Hasan Mohammed ibn Haroon whose chain of Ravis reaches upto Abu Basir, a companion of Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.).

Abu Basir once asked Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.) "May I be ransom for you O master! Did Ali (A.S.) know the names of the companions of Qaem?"

Imam Jafar Sadiq replied : "By God, he knew their names and the names of their parents, their family affiliations, their tribes and their dwelling places. He knew their respective merits also. Whatever Ali knew Hasan Also knew. After Hasan, Hosain had all the knowledge. After him Ali ibn Hosain and then Mohammed ibn Ali, and I also know every thing about them."

Abu Basir asked : "O master, is it in written form?" Imam Jafar Sadiq replied : "Yes, it is written in the book of our heart and there it is indestructible."

Abu Basir requested Imam to dictate the names, so on next Friday Imam (A.S.) dictated the names to Abu Basir and said : "These men will reach Imam Qaem soon after a Call from the sky and gather in Mecca. They are pious, godly men valiant and brave.

Abu Basir was a chief companion of Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.). In this small book we don't give all the names but give the names of their dwelling places. In some Khutbas additional names are found, but the names of the cities are the same every where. Earnest readers are requested to see books (1) Basharatul Islam, and (2) Ghayatul Maram. Hereunder we try to present the information in tabular form.

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Name of City</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Name of City</i>	<i>Persons</i>
1.	Ispehan	1	15.	Bada	1
2.	Abwaz	2	16.	Balorak or Balora	1
3.	Astakhar	2	17.	Balkh	1
4.	Antaqiya	2	18.	Tirmiz	1
5.	Aswan	1	19.	Tarafa	2
6.	Ecla	2	20.	Tarmaza	1
7.	Armenia	2	21.	Alleppo	4
8.	Alegria	2	22.	Haran	2
9.	Bagha	1	23.	Hairuzan	3
10.	Basra	3	24.	Haiwan	1
11.	Bahrain	5	25.	Harr	1
12.	Beirut	2	26.	Halwan	2
13.	Babsanj	4	27.	Hilla	2
14.	Baalceek	1	28.	Emessa	1

S. No.	Name of City	Persons	S. No.	Name of City	Persons
29.	Qalat	1	43.	Sindh. (W. Pak)	3
30.	Khatt	1	44.	Sama Sata	1
31.	Khaiber	1	45.	Sarandeep	4
32.	Damascus	3	46.	Samar Qand	3
33.	Dailum	4	47.	Sammarra	2
34.	Dajeel or Daneel	1	48.	Samawa	1
35.	Ray (Tehran)	7	49.	Sarbēeh	1
36.	Ruqqa	3	50.	Salaat	1
37.	Raba	1	51.	Syria	2
38.	Randa	1	52.	Shiraz	1
39.	Rabat	1	53.	Sanaa	2
40.	Sijistan	3	54.	Sanean	2
41.	Salima	6	55.	Tazmad East	1
42.	Sanjar	4	56.	Toos	5

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Name of City</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Name of City</i>	<i>Persons</i>
57.	Taleqan	24	71.	Qalisa	1
58.	Tabaristan	7	72.	Qalis	1
59.	Tabariyyah	1	73.	Qubba	1
60.	Tripoli	1	74.	Qadsiya	1
61.	Akbera	1	75.	Kiraman	3
62.	Aden	1	76.	Kosha	1
63.	Palastine	1	77.	Koofa	14
64.	Farghand	1	78.	Karbala	3
65.	Qandhar	1	79.	Korca	22
66.	Qaryat	1	80.	Mecca	4
67.	Qoom	18	81.	Mejina	2
68.	Qasat	4	82.	Mervared	2
69.	Qairwan	2	83.	Merv	12
70.	Qazvin	2	84.	Mosul	1

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Name of City</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Name of City</i>	<i>Persons</i>
85.	Moolyan or (Multan)	1	95.	Waseta	1
86.	Madaen	8	96.	Hareb ila Sardariye	1
87.	Maidaniya	1	97.	Hareb min Balkha	1
88.	Mooqan	1	98.	Herat	12
89.	Mauood	8	99.	Hamdan	4
90.	Neshapore	8	100.	Yaram	1
91.	Nasibain	1	101.	Yemen	14
92.	Navi	1	102.	Ashab-e-Kahaf	7
93.	Neel	1	103.	Roman Muslim Fugitives	11
94.	Wadi-ul-Qora	1			

Notes : Antakiy:—"These two persons belong originally to some other place. One is the master and the other is the servant. They will be travelling via Antakiya when *the voice* will be heard.

Sarandeeep : "(Shri Lanka) These persons are Iranian merchants visiting Ceylon for trade.

Qiryat : "This is either the name of some place or it denotes places of villages between Meshed and Qand-har.

Qalceqa : "This is Kurdistan, the area between Iran and Iraq. It is also possible that it is the name of some place.

Mooliyan : "This name is found *one tradition*. At other places it is Multan. Allama Hosain Aameli has written Multan in his book "Darul Majales-us-Siba." Multan appears to be the proper term. Herb ila Sardania : "These are muslim fugitive who fled for their lives from their mother land. At the time of advent they will be in Sardania.

Herb minal Balkh : "These gentlemen will have fled from Balkh due to fear of their family men. They will be called to Imam as soon as they reach some place the name of which is given in Khutba.

Roman Muslim Fugitives : "These persons belong to some other place but they will be residing in Rome (Europe) as political refugees.

In some traditions it is recorded that six *Abdals* will join Imam Mahdi. The names of some *Mawalis* (persons belonging to Maulai Group) are also given. Elsewhere it is also recorded that fifty women from Mecca will also join Imam the original number given is of those persons who will gather at Mecca. Afterwards, the army of Imam (A.S.) will grow upto ten thousand persons or more. Names of

two Indians are also found. One is the South Indian and the other is North Indian. Names given in various books are more than a thousand. In this small book it is impossible to give details. Our Holy Imams have provided us with minute detail of every subject. It is our deficiency of study that we remain ignorant. If found necessary in future, we shall come up with details also. Inshallah.

KHUTABA OF ALI (A.S.) GIVING DETAILS OF 313 MEN

Who will gather before Imam Mahdi In one night :

The following material is taken from "Ghayatul Maraam".

Imam Ali Ameerul Moameneen said: "Upon his emergence Sufyani will start annihilating every person whose names are Mohammed, Ali, Fatema, Hasan, Hosain, Jafar, Moosa, Zainab Maryam, Sakina, Khadija, Roqyya etc. He will then dispatch his mercenaries to various cities and repeat the same outrages there. All this because of his enmity towards the Holy Ahalul Bait.

Thereafter he will come to Koofa, and kill human beings like animals. After that he will go to Medina, and indulge in killing orgies for three days. Doorway gallows will be fixed and a large number of Medinites will be thus eliminated.

Thereafter some factors will arise and Sufyani will be overwhelmed with fear of life. He will flee to Syria where he will not be opposed. He will spread a reign of terror. Bellies of Pregnant women will be torn a part and foetus will be eliminated. None will dare utter a word in his opposition.

His tyranny and oppression will be so much that the angels will feel distress in the Heavens. The almighty will

be angry at his misdeeds and to punish him, He will cause the advent of Imam Mahdi.

The Arch angel Gibril will descend at Bait-ul-Miqdas and proclaim : "The truth has come, and false hood has vanished away : "Surely false hood is ever certain to vanish (Bani Israil 81) Hear, O people of the earth. Mahdi al Mohammadi has appeared in Mecca. Help him and obey him".

At this juncture some erudites rose and asked "O master please describe Mahdi, we are eager to know about him."

Ali (A.S.) replied : "He has a bright forehead and face bright like moon. He will avenge our right from the disbelievers. His name will be the name of the Prophet (S.A.) His father's name is Hasan ibn Ali. He is from the children of Fatema and progeny of Hosian.-Indeed we are the original knowledge. We are the throne of God, We are the sources of action and we are the curtain of the curtains of God, We are divinely guided and we are the best creation.

Upon the advent of Mahdi, people equal in number of the people of Badr will gather around him. His companions will be equal in number to those of Hazrat Taloot. They will be 313 in number. Their hearts will be hard like steel and they won't care even if the mountains obstruct their ways. God has tested their hearts for belief in unity. Their voices are heard remembering God in the dark of night. They observe fasts during the day and offer prayers during whole nights. Their hearts are full of love for us and firm upon our counsels. I know their names as well as the names of their parents."

A group of people then stood up and enquired : "O cousin of the Prophet (S.A.) "Please let us know their

names and their native places. Our hearts are eager to hear your words."

Ali replied: Listen, the first man belongs to Basra and the last one is from Abdals."

The following list is given in system of Arabic Alphahat, (1) Assir-Miqdad and Haroon, (2) Aremenia Ahmed and Hosain, (3) Ispahan-Younus, (4) Iskandariya-Hasand and Sayyed, (5) Afranj (Europe) Ali and Mohammed, (6) Basra-Feali and Maharib, (7) Barda'a-Yousuf, Dawood and Abdullah, (8) Balkh-Asdaqa, (9) Bilsan-Wareth, (10) Bahrain-Amer, Jafar, Nasir, Bokair, (11), Ballis Mohammed, (12) Bait-ul-Miqdas-Dawwod, Bashir, Imran, (13) Bard (Egypt)-Ujlah and Zira, (14) Badoo Aqil-Subna, Zabit, Irban, (15) Badoo Noman-Omar, (16) Badoo Shaban-Inheras, (17) Badoo Quba-Jabir, (18) Badoo Kelab-Matar, (19) Algiers: "Marooz and Nooh, (20) Jeddah-Ibrahim, (21) Jabal Kaam. Abdullah and Obaidullah, (22) Dasra-Ahmed and Hilal, (23) Dojail. Mohammed, (24) Dina-Shoaib, (25) Dooq-Abdul Ghaffoor, (26) Hajar-Moosa and Abbas, (27) Hamdan-Khalik, Malik, Naufil, Harqil and Ibrahim, (28) Hirash-Nahroosh, (29) Hijr-Abdul Quddus, (30) Wasat Aqil, (31) Zubaida-Hasan, Mahamood and Fahd, (32) Zoorā (Bagdad)-Abdul Mutalib and Ahmed and Abdullah, (33) Zahid Hosain, (34) Hijara-Homair, Malick, Nasir, Abdul Qayyum, Ali, Jahan, Yaglam, Taher, Thoalab and Kasir, (35) Abyssinia Ibrahim, Eesa, Mohammed and Himran, Ahmed and Salam Halla, Mohammed and Ali, (36) Taef, (Yaman) Hilal, (37) Tooka Wasel and Fazal, (38) Tehran (Ray)-Majma, (39) Tabriya-Eilaj, (40) Taef-Ali, Saber and Zakariya, (41) Taleqan-Saleh, Jafar, Mohammed, Yahya, Hood, Saleh, Dawood, Jamil, Fazal, Eesa, Jaber, Khaled, Alwan, Abdullah, Ayub, Salaeb, Hamza, Abdul Aziz, Loqman, Saad, Fizza. Mohjir, Abdoon, Abdul Rahman and Ali, (42) Yamama-Taher, Aqil (Yemen)-Khabir, Hoosh,

Malek, Kaab, (43) Koshan-Abdullah, Obaidullah, Ahmed, Shaban, Amer, Hammad, Fahd, Josh, Kulsoom, Jabir, Mohammed, (44) Kinda-Ibrahim, (45) Kirman-Abdullah, Mohammed, (46) Koofa-Mohammed, and Hood, Gheyas and Obab, (Karbala) Hasan and Hosain, (47) Karkh (Bagdad)-Qasem, (48) Lawcha-Kausar, (49) Maajama, Mohammed, Omar, and Malek (Maada) Sovaid, Ahmed, Mohammed, Hasan, Yaqoob, Abdullah, (50) Mansooriyah-Abdul-Rahman and Abdullah, (51) Mecca-Ibrahim, Mohammed, Abdullah, (52) Medina-Ali, Jafar, Hamza, Abbas, Taher, Hasan, Husain, Qasem, Ibrahim, Mohammed, (53) Maragha Asdaqa, (54) Mosul-Haroon, Fahd, (55) Neshapore-Ali and Mohajir, (56) Nasibain Ahmed and Ali (Najaf) Jafar, Mohammed, (57) Najd-Marwan, Saad, (58) Sind-Abdul Rahman, (59) Sodawah-Ahmed, Yahya and Falah, (60) Samarqand-Ali, Majed, Omar, Yunus, Moammar, (61) Samarra-Moradi, Amer, (62) Sailan-Nooh, Hasan, Jafar, (63) Sanjar-Zibyan, Ali, (64) Sarkhas-Hafas, Nafea, (65) Salmas-Haroon, (66) Samadha Zohaib, Shoaib, Saadan, (67) Afar-Ghaffar, Ahmed, (68) Abooqeen-Abdus. Salaam, Faras, Kolaib, (69) Oman-Mohammed, (70) Saleh, Dawood, Hawael, Kausar, Younus, (71) Aden-Aun and Moosa, (72) Mecca-Mokarram, (73) Asqalan-Mohammed Yousuf, Omar, Fahd, Haroon, (74) Anbarah-Omair, (75) Arfa-Faikh, (76) Abedan-Hamza, Shaiban, Amer, Hammad, Fahd, Hanjrash, Kulsoom, Jaber, Mohammed, (77) Sanaa-Hosain, Jobair, Hamza, Yahya, (78) Sar-Nosair, (79) Saula-Mohassar, (80) Saad-Ali and Saleh, (81) Saraf-Khalifa, (82) Kandhar-Ibrahim and Ahmed, (83) Qarena-Malek, (84) Qarqoof-Shoaib, Bashir, (85) Qazvin-Haroon, Abdullah, Jafar, Saleh, Omar, Lais, Ali, Mohammed, Shalakh, Hasan, (86) Qom-Yaaqoob, (87), Qadsiya-Hafiq, (88) Raqantat-Firaun, Ahmed, Abdus Samad, Younus, Taher, (89) Qadem-Bahroot and Taloot, (90) Rabat-Jafar, (91) Shiraz-Abdul Wahab, (92) Sherwan-Abdullah, Saleh, Jafar, Ibrahim, (93) Shaqa-Haroon, Miqdad, (94) Shos-Shaiban and Abdul Wahab, (95) As Shaheem-Jafar (96) Khorasan-Nakba, Shoot, (97) Khat,

Ambreez, Mark (98) Saghaera-Malek and Yahya, (99) Al Faiz-Alam and Sohail.

Three persons are from the servants of Ahul Bait they are Abdullah, Hanif and Akber.

These persons are from the servants of Prophets — they are Sabbah, Sobaih, Maimoon and Hood.

These are from Kings-Naseh and Abdullah.

There will be six persons whose names will be Abdullah. All these persons will gather to gather before Imam (A. S.) during dawn to dusk,

THE NAMES OF THE COMPANIONS OF

Imam Mahdi (A. S.) According to Imam Sadiq (A. S.).

Imam Jafar Sadiq (A. S.) said to Abu Basir.

“These persons are companions of Your Master. They will reach him in Mecca. They are sincere, pious, faithful and devotional.

The names of those persons along with their fathers name and their native places are given here under. More details can be had from Ghayatul Maram and Basharatul Islam.

(1) Ahwaz:—Hammad ibn Jamhoor, Eesa ibn Tamam Jafar ibn Saeed. (2) Istakhar:—Al Movakkil ibn Obaidullah Hisham ibn Father (3) Antakiya:—Moosa ibn Auf, Solaiman ibn Hara and his Roman Servant (4) Eela—Yahya ibn Bodaail Hawasha ibn Al Fazal (5) Bagha or Baqa:—Selah ibn Haroon, Sarhil al Saadi (6) Bales ibn Safar, Ahmed ibn Muslim, Ali ibn Maad, (7) Basrah:—Abdul Rahman ibn Atef, Ahmed Malih, Hammad ibn Jaber (8) Bab Sakh:—Zaber ibn Omar, He will be famous as Aslah, Talha, ibn Talha, Hasan ibn Hasan, Imran ibn Omar, ibn Hashim. (9) Ba'al bak-Anzal ibn Hasan, Imran ibn Omar, ibn Hashim. (9) Ba'al bak-Anzal ibn Imran, (10) Boda or Bala:—Lorain

ibn Aoeda (11) Ba'al moorak:—Ausaf ibn Saeed, Ahmed ibn Hamid. (12) Bab-ul-Abwab Jafar ibn Abdul Rahman, (13) Balkh:—Naradas ibn Mohammed, (14) Baroora:—Zyed ibn Abdul Rahman, Abbas ibn Fazal, Sohaiq ibn Salaman al Khayyat, Ali ibn Khaled, Salam ibn Saleem, Muhboob ibn Abdul Rahman, Hadir ibn Rustam, Harb ibn Saleh, Ammar ibn Moammer, (15) Tawi:—Laqet ibn Farat : *Jurjan*;—Ahmed ibn Harqil, Zarara ibn Jafar, Al Hosain ibn Ali, Hamid ibn Nafe, Mohammed ibn Khaled, Alan ibn Hamid, Ibrahim ibn Ishaq, Ali ibn Alqama, Salman ibn Yaqoob : Arban al Kheqan, Shoba ibn Ali, Moosa ibn Kurduya, (16) Aleppo:—Yunus ibn Yousuf, Hamidullah Qais, Wasim ibn Mudrik, Saleh ibn Maimoon, Mahdi ibn Hind, Muslim ibn Jawar, (17) Haran:—Zakariya al Sa'adi (18) Hawazan:—Kurd ibn Hanif, Asem ibn Khalil al Khayyat, Zyad ibn Dorain, (19) Halwan:—Maoan ibn Kaseer, Ibrahim ibn Mohammed, (20) China:—Shahed ibn Chin Hua, Bokair ibn Abdullah ibn Abdul wahed, (21) Qalat:—Wahab ibn Harnid. (22) Khyber:—Solaiman ibn Dawood, (23) Damascus:—Nooh ibn Jorair, Shoaib ibn Moosa, Rahjar ibn Abdullah Al-Farawi, (24) Domyat:—Ali ibn Zaeda, (25) Tehran:—Israil-al Qabtan, Ali ibn Jafar, Othman ibn Ali, Muskan ibn Jabal, Kurd ibn Shaiban, Hamadan ibn Kurd, Solaiman ibn Dailami, (26) Rabea:—Aziz ibn Asem, Malih ibn Sa'ad, (27) Ruqqa:—Ahmed ibn Salman, Naufil ibn Omar, Ashash ibn Malik, (28) Roba:—Kamil ibn Ozair, (29) Rabza:—Hammad ibn Mohammed (30) Sijistan:—Al Khalil ibn Nasr. Turkey ibn Shaiba, Ibrahim ibn Ali, (31) Salima:—Alqaama ibn Ibrahim, (32) Sanjar:—Abdullah ibn Zoraik, Shaham ibn Matar, Hibtullah Arbaq, Hnbal ibn Kamel (33) Sind:—Shabal Ibn Abbas ibn Mohammad, Nasar ibn Mansoor, (34) Samsat:—Moosa ibn Zarqan (35) Sarandeeb, (Shri Lanka):—Jafar ibn Zakariya, Daniyal ibn Dawood, (37) Sunder:—Hood ibn Tarkhan, Saeed ibn Ali, Sha ibn Barzakh, a rider who will be unseen on his mount—Munzir ibn Zaid, Hur ibn Sabah, Yousuf ibn Horma (Yousuf—a Syrian dispenser) and Ibrahim a butcher of Soobkan locality, (39) Sanaa:—Fayyaz ibn Zorad, Maisara ibn Munzir. (40)

Saleqan:—Ahmed ibn Omar al Khyyat Ali ibn Abdus Samad merchant, Khalid ibn Saced, (41) Zenad, east:—Bandar ibn Ahmed Subka (a traveller). (42) Taef:—Abdullah ibn Saeed, (43) Toos:—Shahor ibn Himran, Moosa ibn Mahdi, Solaiman ibn Taleeq ibnul Wad (who is buried near the tomb of Imam Raza (A.S.) Ali ibn us Sindi Sairafi, (44) Taleqan:—Ibn Razial Jobelli, Abdullah ibn Omar, Ibrahim ibn Omar, Sohail ibn Mohammad, Mohammed ibn Jabbar, Zakariya ibn Habiba, Baharun ibn Sarah, Rizqullah, Jibril al-Haddad, Ali ibn Ali al Widaq, Ayyara ibn Jamhoor, Jamil ibn Ameer, Khalid and Kasir (Servants of joraid,) Abdullah ibn Farat, Fazarah ibn Bahram, Maaz ibn Salam, Kholaid al Tammar. Hamid ibn Ibrahim Jamiat-ul-Qura, Aziz ibn Afsar, Hamza ibn Abbas, Kaen ibn Jalbad al Zaea, Alqama ibn Mudrak, Maharwan ibn Khalil, Zahoor-son of the servant of ibn Ibrahim, Jamhoor ibnul Hosain, Ryash ibn Sa'ad, (45) Tabariya:—Hoshad ibn Kardom, Bahram ibn Ali, Al-Abbas ibn Hadsam, Abdullah ibn Yahya, (46) At Tai:—Al-Hobab ibn Sa'ad, Saleh ibn Toufur, (47) Akbera:—Zaed ibn Huba, (48) Ghariyat:—Sahooya ibn Hamza, Ali ibn Kulsoom, (49) Palastine:—Sovaid ibn Yahya, (50) Filzim:—Ar Rihya ibn Omar, Shaib ibn Abdullah (51) Qom:—Ghassan ibn Mohammed, Ali ibn Ahmed, Nacem ibn Ya'aqoob, Imran ibn Khaled, Sobail ibn Ali, Abdul Azeem ibn Abdullah, Maska ibn Muslim, Hos ibn Ahmed, Yalil ibn Malik, Moosa ibn Imran, Abbas ibn Zafar, Al-Haris ibn Basheer, Marwan ibn Olaba ibn Juzhuz (He will be a vary welknown person) Dyedheaded Safar ibn Ishaq, Kamil ibn Hisham, (52) Qisat:—Nasar ibn Hawash, Ali ibn Moosa, Ibrahim ibn Siffin, Yahya ibn Nacem, (53) Qarya:—Al Hadisa, (54) Qairwan:—Ali ibn Moosa, Atira ibn Qartaba, (55) Qas:—Mohammed ibn Mohammed, Ali ibn Hamooya (56) Qoomas:—Rabab ibn Jaida, Jalil ibn Sayyed, (57) Qandaeel:—Omar ibn Rarda, (58) Korea-Hanoz ibn Hazwan, (59) Koofa:—Rabia ibn Ali, Tamim ibn ilyas, Asar ibn Eesa, Matraf ibn Omar, Haroon ibn Saleh, Waqa ibn Sa'ad, Mohammed ibn Dawwaha, Hur

ibn Abdullah, Aurtul Aam, Khaled ibn Abdul Quddus, Ibrahim ibn Masood, Ibn Saad, Ahmed ibn Rayyhan, Gharas al Aawani, (60) Karbala, (61) Madina:-Hamza ibn Taber, Sharjeel, Ibn Jameel (62) Marvaid:-Jafar, Insha, Ad-Daqaea, Joz-the servant of Hosaid. (63) Merv:-Nabdar ibn Khalil Attar, Mohammad ibn Omer Saidani, Gharib ibn Obaidullah the servant of Qahtaba, Saad the Roman, Saleh ibn Dajal, Maad ibn Hani, Kros al Azadi, Odhem ibn Jabir, Tashif ibn Ali, Faran ibn Zaid, Javir ibn Ali, Hosbah ibn Jorair, (64) Mosal:-Solaiman ibn Sabih, (65) Qalik:-Kurdween ibn Jabir, (66) Madaen:-Mohammed and Ahmed ihn Manzar (both good men are brothers) Maimoon ibn Haras, Maad ibn Ali, Al Hasas ibn Saeed, Zobair ibn Talba, Nasar ibn Mansoor, (67) Moolbar:-Haider ibn Jbrahim, (68) Mauood:-Majma ibn Jamhoor, Shahed and Shabar ibn Bandar, Dawood ibn Jorair, Khalid ibn Eesa, Zyad ibn Saleh, Moosa ibn, Adroob ibn Kurd (description about him is very long, (69) Neshapore:-Saman ibn Khazir, Abu Lubaba ibn Mudrik Ibrahim ibn Yusuf, Malik ibn Harb, Zardu ibn Soka, Yahya ibn Khaled, Maaz ibn Jibrail, Ahmed ibn Omar, Eesa ibn Moosa-as-Sawaq, Yazid ibn Daulat, Mohammed ibn Hammad, Jafar ibn Toofan, Alan Mahooba, Abu Maryam, Omar ibn Omair, Yalcel ibn Wahaya, (70) Nasibain:-Dawood ibn Mahboor. Hamid Sahib Al Bawari, (71) Naqalbas:-Mohammed ibn Zaid, Hani al Ataridi, Jawad ibn Badr, Salim ibn Wahsad, Fazal ibn Omair, (72) Lokanoba:-Abdullah ibn Mohammed, (73) Neel:-Shaker ibn Obda, (74) Wadi-ul-Qora,-Al-Hur ibn Razzaq, (75) Herat:-Said ibn Othman, Askbar ibn Abdullah (He will be known as Gholam Kindi, Saban al Qassab, Haroon ibn Imran, Saleh Ibn Jorair, Almark ibn Moammer, Obaid-ul-Ali ibn Ibrahim, Nazal ibn Hazam, Saleh ibn Haitham, Adam ibn Ali, Khaled-al Qawas, (76) Hamdan:-Haroon ibn Imran, Taifur ibn Mohammed, Aban ibn Mohammed, Itab ibn Malek (77) Ashab-e-Kahaf--Seven person, Kamsalina and his companions, a Kharji merchant belonging to Antaqiya, Moosa, Ibn Auf, Solaiman ibn Hamd and his Roman Servant, eleven persons,

Mohib ibn Abbas, Jafar ibn Jalal, Zarar ibn Saeed, Hamid al Quddus, Malik Ibn Kholaid, Bokair ibn Hur, Habib ibn Hannan, Jabir ibn Sufyan, (78) Some persons of Shiraz and some fugitives from Sardania, Sanjar, Abdus Samad Qabaeli and some Nasebis. In all they will be three hundred thirteen persons.

Note:—The names of the cities are originally in Arabic language and according to the geography of that time. Now the new cities have come into existence and boundaries of the countries are not as those at the time of the Holy Prophet or the Holy Imams. To be satisfied, readers interested in research, are requested to consult original old sources that I have quoted.

Meetings with Imam during occultation :

We have seen it many times during rainy seasons that the sun is hidden behind the clouds and not visible to naked eye. This phenomena does not make the sun non-existent. Even behind the veil of clouds the sun carries out the functions assigned to him in the solar system, otherwise the whole planetary system would collapse and be destroyed. Our common sense thus makes us believe in the existence of the invisible sun. Similarly the divine leader of mankind—Imam is at present invisible to our eyes on account of a divine plan whose secrets are unknown to us. This invisibility of Imam does not mean that Imam is not there in this world. He is definitely there, giving benefits to mankind. Quite a number of arguments can be given in support of the existence of Imam but the size of this book does not permit.

I have perfect faith that the Imam is there in this world but we are not fit enough to see him. We must begin to improve ourselves from today and become pious and pure. We should then form an intention in mind and begin to follow the regimens advised by Imams. Insha-Allah, we will be granted a meeting with our Imam. There is every possibility that we may not be aware of whom we meet, the awareness of meeting with Imam may occur afterward.

Erudites have written many reports of meetings with Imam. Books are available in Urdu language also.

Here under we give a few regimens.

1. A person should pass forty Thursday nights in Masjid-e-Koofa consecutively or forty Wednesday night in Masjid-Sahla in the same manner. He should remain busy in prayers and supplications, focusing his mind on meeting Imam (A.S.)

2. A person should recite Doa-e-Ahad every morning. He will definitely see Imam (A.S.) during his life. Thi *doa* is printed "Mafateeh-ul-Jenan" printed in Iran.

3. A person performing Amāl-e-Ashoora daily will see Imam (A.S.) before his death.

There are other Amals and duas given in books of supplications. Recently Molana Sayyed Mohammad Saheb Qibla Mujtahed has published a book entitled "Mulaqat-e-Imam" In that book are mentioned many instance giving details of meetings with Imam (A.S.).

A Brief Summary of Signs :

(1) Bagdad will be completely destroyed. (2) Basra will sink. (3) Arabs will be autocrats. (4) The mosque of Borasa (between Bagdad and Kazemain) will deteriorate. (5) There will be many Muslim states and common markets will be created. (6) Qom will be the center of Islamic learning superceding Najaf Religious orders will be issued from there. (7) Railway lines will be put throughout Muslim states. (8) Azarbaijan will be revaged by war. (9) Women will be extremely shameless. (10) Democratic form of Govt. will prevail throughout the world. (11) Abundance of bastard progenies. (12) Prevalence of usuary and interest. (13) Birth of bad females in good families. (14) Lowly people will be able to construct palatial houses. (15) Good and faithful people will seek

death to be relieved of their plights. (16) Children, and ignorant people will mount the pulpit, and be known as Khatibs. (17) Erudites will be inclined towards worldly gains. (18) The purpose of the acquisition of knowledge will be earning money, (19) Instead of salutation, abuses will be exchanged at the time of meeting. (20) People will renounce their religion and creed out of greed. (21) The religion Islam will become weak. (22) Sexual intimacies will be established openly as it is done by animals. (23) Women will comb their hairs in the shape of camels hump. (24) Eclipses or earth quakes will take place first in the east, then in the west and thereafter in Arabia. (25) There will be marked increase in the birth rate of girls. (26) Sodomy and Alcoholism will be common practices. (27) Frequencies of earth quakes will increase, Women will establish their exclusive institutions. Women will have to work side by side with men to earn livelihood. (28) Transportation will become very speedy. (29) Bye road accidents will keep on increasing. (30) Dresses will be shorter in length. (31) Men and women will try to resemble the opposite sex. (32) There will take place unisexual marriages. (33) The populated areas of Koofa and Najaf will be adjacent to one another. (34) Population of Mecca and Madina will increase. (35) Parda (veil) will be out of fashion. (36) Water will begin to fill in the lake of Sawa. (37) A comet will appear near the stars of capricorn. (38) A great number of people will die as a result of wide spread war. (39) The mosques and the Quran will be decorated with gold. (40) A massive fire will erupt in the east. It will continue to burn for three to seven days. It will spread much fear in the hearts of people. (41) Different banners will gather in Koofa resulting in disputes. (42) Emperors rule will cease in Iran. (43) Discords will erupt among Arab countries. Every Arab house and all the Muslim countries will be involved in them. (44) Disbelief will be prevalent every where. Muslims will imitate the culture and civilization

of their enemies. (45) Accidental deaths will increase. (46) Musical instruments will be so widespread that nobody will be safe, from their sound. (47) People will begin to deny the existence of Imam Mahdi. (48) A face will appear near the sun. Its voice will be heard throughout the world. (49) Man will reach the moon. (50) Sufyani will emerge and spread a reign of terror (51) Sayyed Hasani will emerge in Iran. He will reach Multan via Kiramn conquering the whole area. He will reach Imam Mahdi and submit to him. (52) Sixty pretenders will claim prophethood. (53). Prophet Jesus will come down from the sky. (54) Famines and plagues will be wide spread. (55) Nafs ibn Zakiya will be killed in Kaba. (A pious man will be murdered in Kaba). (56) Sun will rise from the west for one day. (57) Russians will reach Arabia and Englishman will arrive in Palastine. They will then clash. (58) Chinese will enter Arabia and thereafter devastation and destruction will be common there. (59) Several cities will be destroyed by different types of calamities. (60) A shreik will be heard from the sky. (61) Emergence of Dajjal. (62) Fires and smoke storms will be common in the world. (63) Rains will occur out of season. (64) Warmth will increase in the atmosphere. (65) A gigantic fire will erupt in the abyss of Aden. (66) Some groups of men will be metamorphosed. (67) Amazing conjunction will appear in capricorn. (68) Chief of Egypt will be killed. (69) Continuous rain will last for twenty four days. (70) The earth will be home of discords, devastation and destruction, etc. etc.

THE PLIGHT OF IRAQIS, RESTRUCTION ON HAJJ

Sayings of Imam Jafar Said (A. S.)

The following authentic report is taken from Majales-e-Toosi. In it Sudir Sairafi is reported to have said :—I was present before Imam Jafar Sadiq (A. S.) A group of

Koofis were also there. Then Imam Jafar Sadiq (A. S.) thus addressed the Koofis :—“Perform Hajj ere you won't be able to do it. Discharge your duty of Hajj before the Barjaniya stops you. Do it before the dismantling of the mosque between Naharwan and Naklistan. Perform Hajj ere the tree from which Maryan got fresh dates is uprooted in Zoora. After that you won't be able to perform Hajj on account of your own inability.

This will happen when the fruits will grow defective and there will be calamities every where. World will experience severe inflations. Rulers will be tyrants. You will be afflicted with difficulties, epidemics famines and tyrannies. Discords from all over the world will engulf you. O people of Iraq ! I am sorry for that time when the banners from Kharasan will come to you. Tehran will have to feel sorrow on account of Russians and Iraq will experience calamity on account of the people of Tehran, and more calamity will come from Shatt.

Sudair asked : “O master ? What is shatt ?

Imam (A. S.) replied : “they are a community. Their ears are short and they are iron clad. They have shall eyes and sparse beards. Their words are satanic. I seek refuge in God from their mischiefs. God will then help the religion and grant it victory through our Mahdi.

Note :—Every word of this tradition is full of points to ponder.

(1) The Arab world is full of turmoils and discords. Particular reference is given to Iraq and Iran. This and other sayings makes sure that the Russians will pass through Khorasan and ruin Tehran. They will then ruin Iraq.

(2) Present day rulers are tyrants.

(3) There is world wide inflation.

(4) The physique of the community that will pass through Shatt—Persian Gulf indicates the entry of Chinese via Persian Gulf into Iraq. Other traditions have elucidated the matter.

(5) Restriction on Haj is a wonderful point to note opinions differ in taking the means of Barjania. Some say that it is Britain, according to some, some what else, but it is accepted by all that land route to Holy Macca will be blocked.

Astrology and the advent of Immm Mahdi:

I am not a believer or follower of astrology but I do believe that efforts put in any direction do not go waste. Astrology in itself is a science based on Mathematic. Astronomy and logic. The interpretive aspect of astrology makes the conclusions vary from one astrologer to another and thus definiteness is lost. It thus becomes unreliable.

Any how a large number of people in the world believe in astrology and seek guidance from astrologers for their interest we give here some excerpts from relevant matters. The readers may see the wonder of the knowledge of non-Muslim savants as well as the marvels of the prophecies of our divine leaders. What the astrologers predict now was said by the Holy Prophet and Imams thirteen centuries ago. This comparative study would be source of strength to faith.

History tells us that they were the astrologers who had presentment about the Prophethood of Mohammed. Nimrod was informed by the astrologers that his fall would occur on account of Ibrahim. The pharaoh was told beforehand that Hazrat Moosa will bring about the doom of his kingdom. Those who take interest in astrology know that the savants have predicted about the advent of great person who will be equal to Jesus in merits.

Sizable material can be available if readers search for the same. I don't advise readers to follow these forecasts religiously but they do possess an intellectual interest. It is seen that even the astrologers agree that the advent of the superman is not very far.

SOTEBA—THE WELKNOWN ARAB ASTROLOGES AND HIS SOOTH SAYINGS

It is written in Beharul Anwar that Kaab ibnul Hars said : "King Shazan was perplexed in some matter, so he summoned the famous astrologes Soteh.

Upon Soteh's arrival the king wanted to test his eruditions so he concealed a deenar under his feet and calling Soteh near him asked : Tell me, what have I hidden ?

Old Soteh replied in an eloquent manner :—I swear by the House and its surroundings (Kaba and Haram) and I swear by the solid stone (Hajr-e-Aswad) and I swear by the night when it becomes dark and I swear by the smiling dawn, and I swear by every eloquent and silent thing, that you want to test my knowledge and for it you have hidden a deenar under your feet.

The king was very happy. He asked : "O Soteh, how did you get this knowledge ?

Soteh replied : "I have a brother who lives with me all the time. He gives me knowledge and I make it known".

The king asked : "Tell me what will happen in the future ?

Soteh replied : "Listen O king! A time will come when good people will cease to exist in this world. Mischief mongers will rule the roost. False reports con-

cerning divine will, will prevail. Shamelessness and ruthlessness will be common. Respect will be attributed only to the wealthy fellows. Bad people will be so powerful that they will introduce changes in the religion at their will as a result the religion will lose its place from the hearts of the people.

All this will happen when an ainous star will rise in the sky. It will appear as a comet. People of western regions will be perplexed by it. Rain fall will stop followed by steep rise in the commodity prices. Berbers will then enter Egypt riding yellow vehicles. A descendent of Sakhar will then emerge. This follow will transform black banner into red. He will legalise the forbidden and violate the modesty of women to such an extant that he will hang them by their bosoms. This is the man who will ruin Koofa, beautiful women will be raped so violently that their backs will break due strain to and they will be way laid on the roads. Their husbands will be butchered.

At such a critical time—a progeny of the Holy Prophet Mahdi will emerge. This will happen when a victim will be murdered in Medina and his cousin will be killed in the sanctuary of Mecca. Hidden things will be manifest. The Europeans will become powerful and there will be killings and lootings every where. Explises will occur repeatedly. Wars will then break out. A ruler will emerge in Yemen. His colour will be white like cotton, His name will be either Hasan or Husain. Upon his emergence discords will be quelled. The auspicious Mahdi will then become manigest. He will bring peace and pleasure to the world. The darkness of the world will be dispelled by his light. The occult TRUTH will manifest itself. Distribution of wealth will take place with justice. Sword will be sheathed in the scabbards. There will be peace and calm

every where. People will get their due rights and the virtue of hospitality will flourish every where. The great master will fill the world with peace, justice and love.

THE ANCIENT IRANIAN ASTROLOGES JAMASP

And the Advent of a Super King :

This matter is taken from Jamasp nama. It is recorded that king Gustashp once asked the wiseman Jamasp : When will there be the salvation of animals and men and what are the signs of it ?

The savant Jamasp replied : Let the king and his ministers know that the future will be dreadful and fear-some. The wolfish Russians will attack Iran in large numbers. Good people will become weak. Many creatures of God will be killed. Life will become boring and burdensome. Unprecedented tyranny and oppression will prevail throughout the world. Great wars will be fought near the banks of river Euphrates and Tigris between Nazis, Russians and Europeans. The king of religion will then manifest himself in the strife-teorn world. After his advent God will answer the prayers, and supplications of mankind.

O king ! A time will come during which ill behaviour will prevail in the world. Men will derive sex satisfaction from men and women will gratify their carnal desires from women. Accidental deaths will occur often. At such a critical juncture the advent of the pious holy man will occur. His help and guidance will remove the filth of misguidance from Iran. True religion will prevail throughout. Those refuse to comply with the true religion will have to face doom of earthquakes. There will be down-pour of blood from the sky and world wide famine. After

that God will shower his graces upon the world. The knowledge lies with God, and he only has the knowledge of the unseen.

That great Pahlavi sage had composed some poems in which he had described the future movements of the stars and their effects. Here under we give the gist of some of his prophecies.

Jamasp predicted that : There will emerge a one eyed man in Arabia. First he will proclaim himself as a prophet, and, afterwards he will claim to be God. He will murder a large number of people. This fellow is termed as Dajjal in Muslim traditions.

In another poem the savant Jamasp had predicted the end of emperor's rule in Iran. After that he has predicted ruin of Iran as a result of attacks from Russia and China and also the arrival of Mahdi the master of the age.

(I am very sorry to state that the highly technical Persian poems were found to be untranslatable.R—aza).

Mr. Chris Shavyl and His Prophecies:

Mr. Chris is an American savant. He has got marvellous insight and 86% of his forecasts have proven to be correct. Here under we give purport of some of his prophecies with the courtesy of 'Dastan Digest', July, 1973.

He says that the future ten years will bring the message of death devastation and ruin to the world. Human beings will have to face calamities from the sky as well as from the earth. The earth will emit fires from its cleft and boiling demons of destruction will rush from it. Gigantic flames of fires will issue forth from the depths of the seas. Noxious gases of the atmosphere will suffocate the world.

The dwellers of other planets will visit our earth and make homes here. Heavenly bodies will begin to collide into each other and produce light similar to that of day light or even brighter. The heat, produced by collision, will surpass the heat of the sun.

The poisonous gases of earths atmosphere will contaminate all the vegetation. Living, laughing, flourishing cities will be dead within three days. Neither man nor animal will be alive by then. Atom bombs will be used upon such unfortunate cities to get rid of corpses.

Unprecedented gigantic storms will occur in the seas. Billions of Asians, Australians and Japanese will be destroyed by these storms. Never and never epidemics will take tolls in India. Man will hate man and the emotion of love will become extinct. So worst famines will occur that parents will devour their children, and, the strong will devour the weak to satisfy their hunger.

Dislocation will occur in the axis of the earth, and, after that it will be a captive in the magnatic field of Mars. Notable persons will be killed in every country. Lootings and killings will rage throughout the world. The tiny man of the twentieth century, adapted to comforts and luxuries, won't be able to survive the onslaught of miseries.

Up to this day we have seen the glimpses of the above mentioned forecasts. Mr. Chris has said that he had no good tidings for mankind for those ten years. Any how he has given a warning about the future calamities so that mankind may prepare itself to meet the odds.

Jean Dixon Recalled :

In previous pages we have introduced the American seeress to our readers. In these pages we give more of her forecasts taken from an Urdu Weekly Akhbar-e-Jahan of 23rd September 1973.

She says :—My vision shows me the year 2000 A. D. the Mongol and Chinese armies launch repeated attacks on Middle east. Sanguine war is being fought on the east bank of river Jordan. This war will cause great loss to the countries of Middle East. Armed conflicts will occur in Africa and Latin America also.

I visualize that the political machinery in New York is creating humbojumbo of socio religious prostitution in America, thus preparing the ground for the advent of Anti Christ. This fellow will pollute the world of erudition and construct a hodge podge of socio religious and ethicophilosophical ideologies. This mixture will appear so charming to the world at large that the beliefs of the faithful people will be severely tested. Its effects will be world wide. U. S., and other corrupt governments of the world will gladly welcome these ideologies.

Side by side with this, I visualize that a progeny of patriorch Abraham has taken birth in 1962 A.D. in Middle East. He will introduce much needed reforms to the world. Different religions of the world will gather together to form a world religion. By 1980, his powers will be felt on a universal scale. From then, onwards he will achieve success after success. By 1999, he will become the absolute ruler of planet earth. The world might have experienced a spiritual revolution by that time. Afterwards none would be able to oppose him and his rule would be the supreme.

This boy would resemble Jesus in most of his traits but his religion would be different from the religion of Christianity. At present this boy lives in a bush green area protected by active powers. His advent will cause spiritual awakening in the Arab world. From his headquarter in Jerusalem he will spread faith in God over the whole world.

I visualise many heavenly and earthly revolutions occurring in this century. Also, innumerable geographical changes will occur. The shape of the globe will undergo many changes. Earth quakes will be so many that some rivers will become quite dry while several rivers will change their courses. Many new rivers will also begin to flow. Their courses will be so rapid that they will destroy whatever coming in their ways.

The present day generation which has moved away from its spiritual heritage will have to bear innumerable difficulties and calamities. These unprecedented hardships will be the fruits of their own actions.

I visualise also, that people will talk more and more about spiritualism during coming ten years. Interest in parapsychology will go on increasing.

We will have to face a catastrophic war in which precious lives of men and animals will be lost. The damage and destruction will be so much that it will be made up only after the advent of the awaited spiritual leader.



COMPILERS NOTE

(POINTS TO PONDER)

About Auguries Mentioned in Previous Pages

1. *Fire and Smokes* :—These two items are posing major problems to the civilization. During the two World Wars and Indo-Pak Wars of 1965 and 1971 A.D. bombs were used, and, as a result the atmosphere was filled with smoke. Petrol pumps had caught fire and our skies were full of reddish glow and smoke for days. It is sure that fires and smokes will prevail more in the future.

Also, vehicles of various types using wide variety of materials as fuel goes on increasing. They emit noxious fumes. The chimneys of factories also pollute the atmosphere with smokes. These are very harmful to health of human beings, and as such warnings are given about them in Ahadis.

2. *Land slides* :—It is possible due to frequent occurrences of earthquakes and also as result of the use of sophisticated weaponry. These will occur first in the eastern areas and there after in the Arabian peninsula. Landslides have occurred in Iran hence now it is the turn of Arabia.

3. *Prevalence of Homosexuality* :—This evil is not yet commonly accepted. Eventually it will be.

4. *Woman marrying a woman* :—The urdu daily "Agaz" reported this in 1973 A. D.

5. *Momins will be obstructed in their obedience to God* :—This augury is pending. Nowadays Momins have begun to be ridiculed for their piety and religious attitudes but not fully stopped from observing religious duties. In future, this also will happen.

6. *Prohibition on Hajj and Pilgrimages* :—This augury is also pending, though hindrances of various kind have begun to appear. Eventually there will be complete blockade.

7. *Signs of Heavenly Punishments* :—These warnings such as cyclones, hurricanes etc. are generally ignored by people and scientific explanations are projected for their occurrence. Gradually they will become severer and fiercer so as to generate fear in the minds of people.

8. *World Wide Price Likes* :—This is too evident to need any comprehension nowadays. It is quite possible that prices may go still higher. People must girdle up their loins.

9. *Sudden Deaths* :—Diseases like piles and leucoderma will increase, also accidents.

10. *Bitter Wars in Arabia* :—This is a gradual augury, we have seen some of its glimpses. There is much more to follow.

11. *Black, red and blue flags* :—Different types of flags will be responsible for the destruction of this world see the flags of various countries and think for yourselves. Red is the colour of communist countries. The flags of America and Israil are blue while the flags of Arab countries are mostly black. This discussion I purposefully have aside so that the readers may themselves comprehend the world situation and secondly to avoid making the book lengthy.

Concluding Discussions by the compiler :

Before I put an end to the subject matter, I was discussing with, I felt it better to print to the readers that its really amazing that by now, when this book is under printing process many auguries published in the first edition have been witnessed as fulfilled. Among them are Napam bomb, Woman's marriage with a woman, legal sanction was granted to sodomy in Britain, a brother married his own sister in Bonn—Germany in 1973. Legal protection to homosexuality was extended in America and Britain in 1973, Middle East War took place. Ban on Hajj via land route was imposed. Earth quakes at various places on earth has become frequent, accidental deaths had become common. Orice likes has become a day to day affair. Floods occur now and then.

I will not ludge from the mission of my life as long as I live and I shall publish the remaining relevent material as part two of this book. I am very happy to note that, after the publication of this book, 'no leader of those self styled Qadianis or Bahais could done to interpret any Hadis in a wrong manner. It also became evident that our divine leader possessed the knowledge of all times. My soul felt assense of relief seeing thaI I have diseminated the knowledge of the superiority of Ahlul Bait among non-Muslims also. It is immaterial whether they confirm it verbally or not.

I urge the readers to make a contemporary study of this book and the world events and see for themselves. This is a period of transition and surprizing events are likely to take place. Also, as far as possible, give this book to non-Shias and non-Muslims to read so that they might also realize the veracity of the holy Ahlul Bait. If possible, get this book translated in other languages with my permission.

I, also pray to the Almighty with utmost humility that he should grant guidance to us all and keep us immune from the lures of misguidance. Our sixth apostelic Imam Jafer Sadiq (A. S.) had said :—"The people of the world will soon be engrossed in doubts, because their Imam will be invisible from them. Those who seek to remain safe from doubts should recite "Doa-e-Ghareeq" and pray for safety?"

A person asked : " Sir, what is Doa-e-Ghareeq ? Imam (A. S.) replied "Say" Ya Allaho, Ya Rahmano, Ya Raheemo, Ya Maqallebal Qalob, Sabbit Qalabi ala deenaka".

Concluding the discussion, I affirm before the readers that I am but a student and mistakes committed by student are common. If they find any mistakes in the context they should inform me. so that I may correct my mistakes and the future edition may be flawless.

I confes all my faults before the Almighty and pray that may he accept my humble endeavour and remove oppression and injustice from this world through Imam.

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