

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH

From Ashura to the Reappearance



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The Interconnections Between Ashura And The Reappearance (Part 1)

The Karbala movement was a seed which was implanted on the day of Ashura, so it can grow with the passage of time and give fruits in the time of the Reappearance. Here are some examples of interconnections between Ashura and the Reappearance;

1- Imam Mahdi (PBUH) the avenger of Imam Hussein (PBUH)

Imam Hussein (PBUH) said to his son Imam Sajjad (PBUH): “My son, My blood will never lose its stirring influence until God assigns Imam Mahdi (PBUH), so he will revenge my blood.”¹

2- The tears before the birth

Before the birth of these two nobles, there were some who cried for them. Before the birth of Imam Hussein (PBUH), many prophets cried for him due to his suffering in Karbala event and also before the birth of Imam Mahdi (PBUH), Ahl al-Bayt cried for his suffering during his Occultation.

¹ Mo'ajam al-Ahadith al-Imam Mahdi (PBUH), volume 3, page 182

The Interconnections Between Ashura And The Reappearance (Part 2)

The Karbala movement was a seed which was implanted on the day of Ashura, so it can grow with the passage of time and give fruits in the time of the Reappearance. Here are some examples of interconnections between Ashura and the Reappearance;

3. The remembrance of Imam Hussein (PBUH) in Nudba prayer

In Nudba prayer and the description of the sorrow of the departure of the promised Mahdi, among hundreds of martyrs of the prophet's progeny, there's only words of the martyr of Karbala...

4. The motto of Imam and his companions

The motto of the global rise of Imam Mahdi (PBUH) and his companions will be:

“يا لثاراتِ الحُسَيْنِ”

(O avengers of Hussain).²

² Najm al-Thaghib, p. 469

The Interconnections Between Ashura And The Reappearance (Part 3)

The Karbala movement was a seed which was implanted on the day of Ashura, so it can grow with the passage of time and give fruits in the time of the Reappearance. Here are some examples of interconnections between Ashura and the Reappearance;

5- Imam Hussein (PBUH) decedents

There are more than 200 narrations referring to Imam Mahdi (PBUH) as the decedent of Imam Hussein (PBUH). For example, Imam Ali (PBUH) said to Imam Hussein (PBUH): “Oh Hussein! Your ninth child, the one who will rise for justice... I swear to God who chose Muhammad (PBUH) for the prophecy and then he chose me to lead all the humans, this incident will happen. But this will happen after the Occultation and a period of perplexity.”³

6- The anticipation of the angels;

In the speech of Imam Sadiq (PBUH), we read that after the martyrdom of Imam Hussein (PBUH), the angels cried and mourned and said that: “Oh God! Are you going to leave the son of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) alone?” Then, God showed them the shadow of Imam Mahdi (PBUH) and said: “I will take revenge against the oppressors and the murderers of Hussein (PBUH) by this Qa'em.”⁴

³ Bihar al-Anwar, volume 51, page 110

⁴ Najm al-Saqib, volume 2, page 65

The Interconnections Between Ashura And The Reappearance (Part 4)

The Karbala movement was a seed which was implanted on the day of Ashura, so it can grow with the passage of time and give fruits in the time of the Reappearance. Here are some examples of interconnections between Ashura and the Reappearance;

7. Ziarat Ashura on the night of Mid-Sha'ban

The recommendation to recite Ziarat of Imam Hussain (PBUH) on the night of the birth of Imam Mahdi (PBUH) is the supreme deed of that night and causes the forgiveness of sins and brings many rewards.

8. Imam Mahdi's call at the time of the Reappearance

Most expressive of all is the word of Imam Mahdi (PBUH) himself after the Reappearance that he stands between Rukn and Maqam and calls: "O the people of the world! Be aware and know that I am the Qa'im Imam and the avenging sword. O the residents of the world! Be aware that my ancestor, Hussain (PBUH) was killed while he was thirsty and his body was left on the ground without dress ..." ⁵

⁵ Elzam al-Naseb, p. 284

The Interconnections Between Ashura And The Reappearance (Part 5)

The Karbala Movement (Neinava) was a seed in which was implanted on the day of Ashura, to grow over time and give fruit in the time of the Reappearance. Here are some examples of connection in between Ashura and the Reappearance:

9- The Raj'at (Return) of Imam Hussain (PBUH)

At the time of Raj'at (Return), Imam Hussain (PBUH) will be the first Imam who returns to the world. He will also be the one who will wash, shroud and bury Imam Mahdi (PBUH)...⁶

10- Laylat al-Qadr (Qadr night)

At the night of Qadr, which is also the night of the perfect human -Imam Mahdi (PBUH)- and the night that angles are granted the honor to be in his noble presence, also Imam Hussain's pilgrimage is recommended.

Many similar evidences, bring closer the mission and responsibility of "the awaiting persons of Imam Mahdi (PBUH) during the Occultation" to the "Companions of Imam Hussain (PBUH) in Ashura"; because the Imam calls for "pure and Godly devotees who would be as faithful as Imam Hussain's companions in Ashura."

⁶ Bihar al-Anwar, v. 53, p. 46, 103

What Kind Of Person Is He For Whom The Lives Would Sacrifice...

When Prophet Abraham (PBUH) passed the test of sacrificing his child and God sent him a lamb to be slaughtered in place of Ishmael (PBUH), he asked Allah: “O God! What did I neglect carrying out this test that I didn’t succeed to sacrifice my child to endure the greatest of the tragedies?” Allah answered him: “Oh, Abraham! Do you like yourself more or the last prophet?” He answered: “I like him more.” Allah said: “Do you like your own child more or the child of the last prophet?” Abraham said: “I like the child of the last prophet who is the master of all the martyrs more than my own child, Ishmael.”

Then Allah said: “Oh, Abraham! Neither are you capable of enduring the greatest of the tragedies, nor is the sacrifice of Ishmael the greatest of the tragedies. Rather, one who can endure the greatest of the tragedies is Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) and the greatest of the tragedies is the tragedy of the master of all the martyrs (Imam Hussein (PBUH))!”

Yes! The angels are developing with the tragedy of Imam Hussein (PBUH) and they’re waiting... On the day of Ashura, thousands of angels descended to the earth to assist the Imam. But, they arrived while Imam Hussein (PBUH) was on the ground (he was martyred) and his family were taken captives! Therefore, dusty and in mourning, they stopped at his grave so that they can assist the avenger of the Imam after the Reappearance...

Readiness And Awaiting...

Special companions of Imam Mahdi (PBUH) will gather in Mecca as soon as they hear the sign of his Reappearance because of their readiness. They are ready to join and help their Imam regardless of what is going on in their lives.

May he always be brought happily to mind..., I am talking about Muslim ibn Awsaja; he was heading to the bath when he encountered Habib ibn Madhahir. While he became aware of his Imam, he did not even get back to home and they both went to Karbala.

In the way towards Imam, we should sacrifice all we have...

Imam Hussein (PBUH) And The Days Of Allah

Interpreting the narrations, the Days of Allah include three occasions: the Reappearance, the Raj'a (return of a group of people after the Reappearance), and the Day of Judgment. All of these three events revolve around the Day of Imam Hussein (PBUH).

In the day of Reappearance, the slogan of Imam Mahdi's (PBUH) army will be "Ya Letharat al-Hussein" (in revenge for the blood of Hussein (PBUH)). During the Raj'a, the first person to return is Imam Hussein (PBUH), and in the Day of Judgment, those who go to heaven will gather under the flag of Imam Hussein (PBUH).

Essentially, one who understands the event of Ashura with all of its details and magnitude, ensures that at the end of this path, there is nothing but the assistance of God. And definitely, it'll have a happy ending. "...And the outcome is for the cautious" (Al-Araf: 128).

Where Do We Stand On The Issue Of Hypocrisy?

One of the factors that caused some people to leave Imam Hussein (PBUH), was the test of choosing between this world and the Hereafter. Some of them hid the problem and said: “we are not with Imam nor with Ibn Ziyad.” Proceeding between the course of the Truth and Falsehood is a kind of hypocrisy, and this very hypocrisy caused them gradually went ahead of each other in committing crimes against Ahl al-Bayt. Because they failed to observe the discrimination between the Truth and Falsehood.

Also, in the Reappearance era, hypocrisy in people will become clear in proceeding towards the Reappearance. So, we need to kill the hypocrisy in our hearts, in order to reach the Reappearance {hypocrisy is the same as dissimulation and deception}.

The Freedom Versus The Stupidity...

Some people in Karbala chose ibne Ziad army with this imagination that if a crime does not happen, going in his army will not be a guilt. But they did not know that even their mere presence in Ibne Ziad army, is drawing the border line in between the right and the wrong. (The example of the stupidity)

Amongst all those people, Hurr ibn al-Riahi went towards the Right, so he could prove the miracle of selecting the Right till the end of the history. (The example of freedom)

Today; one of the duties of the people who are awaiting for Imam Mahdi`s (PBUH) Reappearance, is “being ready for the Reappearance” and we should stay careful about our selections in our lives. How many times, truly, we have to make selections in between the Yazid and the Imam Hussein (PBUH) of our ego?

Hussein and Mahdi...

Among Imam Hussein (PBUH) and Imam Mahdi (PBUH), in addition to some similar attributes and characteristics like “infallibility, knowledge, kindness, courage, wisdom...”, there are some other ties and similarities which are worth to think about!

Titles like Gharib (stranger), Tarid (left alone) and Sharid (displaced) which are ascribed to both of them, are among these similarities. Imam Hussein’s pilgrimage prayers are among the prayers of the night of the middle of Sha’baan month (which is the birth date of Imam Mahdi); maybe this prayer is there to tell the “people of the Occultation era” that Imam Hussein was Imam of those people who called him in “al-Ajal” (rush), but in the end, they left him alone and martyred him while being abandoned! Lest the “Awaiting Persons” do the same!

We should be aware! That the power, money, pretense and lust will make Imam's blood easy to be shed! Existence of these ego’s desires will not be ineffective to Imam Mahdi's loneliness and exile! ”Let’s fight our ego’s desires, to hasten the Reappearance”