Ghadir: Declaration of the Truth, from creation ... to eternity

...Every year, eagerly, moments chase nights and days, to reach the dawn of a glorious day, the anniversary of Ghadir, the ever-living day ....... And when the warm kisses of the morning rays, touch the teary cheeks of that pond, from that dream pond, love drops, LONGING FOR ONE EVER-PROMISED DAY, climb up the ladder of the morning rays, ascend toward the heart of skies ....... Then the love drops ride upon the wings of white clouds, fly to far and near skies, to Mecca and Medina, Ah! to Baqi’ in Medina, to Najaf, Koofah and Ah! Karbala, to Kaazemain, Mashhad and Samarra, Ah! Samarra! Broken was that structure on that land, but Ever-Risen, its heart is in the land of hearts ...In search of ONE DAY, they are, those anxious drops from that love Pond, ONE DAY, in the midst of one of these same seemingly wandering days ....... And when they will finally find that DAY, they shall fall with the rain, and kiss the land next to the Ka'bah between the Hajar and Maqaam, where he shall stand and say:.... I AM THE ONE, REMAINED BY ALLAH, I AM MAHDI ...
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Chapter 1

In the first chapter of this book we present the undeniable fact that appointment of Successors of Messengers and Prophets by God and their introduction to people by the Messengers of God (SIBUT) was a Sunnat (tradition, method, way ...) of Allah:

Qur’an 17:77 (This is Our) Way with regard to those of Our Messengers whom We sent before you, and you shall not find a change in Our Way.
God has created humankind a lasting and spiritual phenomenon, not just a terrestrial being whose goal is merely to invent new and improve methods for better eating, sleeping, enjoying and ... . Although all aspects of the needs of human body must be considered, and his desires have to be reasonably met, but the goal for the intelligent humankind should be, moving towards Eternity, not just moving towards death! The Shi’ah believe that Ghadir is the Heart of humankind. But, why Ghadir is so important?

Throughout human history, the heavenly tradition of all holy Prophets (PBUH) had been that they- by Allah's command- appointed their God-Chosen Successors before their departure from this world. This tradition started with Adam (PBUH); by God's command, Adam appointed his son, Shaith- Seth- (Habbatullah), as his Allah-Chosen Successor (Shi’ah documents: al-Kafi, …; sunni documents: Tarikh Tabari, …).

In the Majid Qur’an, we read that Hadrat Moosa- Moses- (PBUH) asked God to appoint Haaroon (Aaron), his brother, as his minister:

(Moosa said:) O' my Lord! Appoint me a minister, from my Ahl (Household ...), my brother Haaroon.

(Qur'an, Surah Taa-Haa (20), Verses 29-30)

But Hadrat Haaroon passed away, while Moosa (PBUH) was still alive. By God's command, then Moses introduced Yoosha' son of Non (Joshua) as his Allah-Chosen Successor.

Yoosha' was a servant of God who accompanied Moses (PBUH) at the Mount Sina (Sinai), while the other Israelites became involved in worshiping the golden calf. Yoosha' was also the young man with Moosa (PBUH) whose name is not mentioned in Qur'an; in the story narrated in Qur'an, Surah Kahf (18), in which, Moosa and Yoosha' set out to find Khezr (PBUH) whose name is not also mentioned. It is noteworthy to call attentions to the Qur'anic fact that the names of many Chosen Ones- such as the Chosen Successor of Prophet Moosa (Surah Kahf), the Chosen Successor of the Prophet Solaymaan- Solomon- (Surah Naml (27)) and …- are not directly mentioned.
in Qur'an, rather clear indications of them are given in the Qur’an; also the Hadiths confirm and express details. The Infallible Imams (PBUUT) are such; i.e. while their names are not explicitly mentioned in Qur’an, but clear indications have been given along with confirming Hadiths.

In the bible, the old testament, book of Numbers, chapter 27, it is written:

15
And Moses spake unto the LORD, saying,
16
Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation,
17
Which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the LORD be not as sheep which have no shepherd.
18
And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him;
19
And set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight.
20
And thou shalt put some of thine honor upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient.
21
And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask counsel for him after the judgment of Urim before the LORD: at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation.
22
And Moses did as the LORD commanded him: and he took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation:
23
And he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

As we see, according to this bible, Moosa the Prophet of Allah (PBUH) asked God to choose a Successor for him, a leader for his people so that the people of God would not be like sheep without a shepherd, after him; i.e. the
Successor of Prophet is to be chosen by Allah, not by the people, in the same manner that the Prophet himself is chosen by Allah, and not by the people.

God commanded Moosa to gather the people and the priests in an assembly, and to place his hand on Yoosha' in front of every one, and to introduce him as his Successor, and ask every one to OBEY Yoosha' as the Chosen Successor of the Prophet.

In addition, in the book of Joshua of the old testament of the bible, chapter 3, it is written:

7 And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee.
8 And thou shalt command the priests that bear the Ark of the Covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan.

As we see, Allah said that He was with the Successor of the Prophet, in the same manner that He was with the Prophet, and Allah made this issue known to the people. But history indicates that people did obey neither Haaroon nor Yoosha', as God and Moses commanded them to; even, one of Moses' wives rose against Yoosha' the God-Chosen Successor of Moosa (PBUT). For more information in this regard, we invite you to read the article "Wives of the Prophets" in this site: kindfather.com

These events led to distortion of the Torah (the Word of God as spoken by Moses). Therefore today, we see that the Almighty God is portrayed as a weak being in the old testament; stories such as God's not seeing the happenings on earth, God’s screaming and alike (we also invite you to read the articles: "Scientists' views", "Mohammad, the Promise of Torah", "What the Bible says about Muhammad", “Story of Fakhr-ul-Islam” and … in this site), stem from the fact that the Prophets’ God-Chosen Successors- who had heavenly Knowledge- were forsaken by the people, and as the result, the unlimited and perfect Word of God was replaced by the limited and imperfect words of, many times malevolent, humans. Therefore today, only a few Rays of the Light of the Truth shine in the so called old and new testaments, in the midst of the darkness of all distortions.
Ah! … How soon they forgot, recommendations of Moses!!!

Prophet Zakariya- Zechariah- (PBUH) also implored God to appoint him a deserving Successor and heir of his Knowledge, Prophetic Heritage (please see article “Names of Mohammad and ‘Ali (SBut) in the Bible” in this site: kindfather.com in regard to an interpretation of the biblical term “instruments of Hamda” as a reference to Heritage of Prophets to their Successors to the Last Prophet and his Successors) and …; his wife- who was unable to bear children- miraculously gave birth to their son, Yahya (John, known as the Baptist):

(Zakaria said to Allah:)... so grant me, a "wali", Successor and heir, from Your Presence; one who shall be heir to me, and heir to the Progeny of Ya'qoob (Jacob), and my Lord! make him one with whom You are well pleased.

(Qur'an, Surah Maryam (19), Verses 5-6)

Again we see that it has been the tradition of all Prophets (PBut), to have Successors chosen by Allah, deserving Successors whom Allah is Pleased with, those worthy to receive Prophetic Inheritance and to lead the people in the same manner that the Prophets did.

Here, it is necessary to mention that in transliteration and translation, the spelling and pronunciation of proper names have changed; for instance, in transliteration from Hebrew, Aramaic and … to Greek (a language many biblical writings were written, while Greek was not the language of Prophets!) and Latin (the old language of the Roman Empire which accepted Pauline christianity in the fourth century C.E. and chose four gospels and burned the rest!), and … 'Y' has changed to 'J' (Ya'qoob to Jacob, Yoosof to Joseph or Josef, and …), even today Spanish speaking people whose language is a Latin based language, in pronouncing the English word 'yes', say 'jes'. Sadly this phenomenon itself has been the root of some of the distortions in the bible …

In the bible, the new testament, gospel of John, chapter 1, it is written:
And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, a stone.

In the gospel of Matthew of the new testament of the bible, chapter 16, it is written:

18 And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

As we see, ‘Eesa son of Maryam- Jesus son of Mary- (PBUUT) commanded Sham'oon son of Hammoon (Simon son of Jona) to be his Successor and again in biblical term, be a shepherd to his sheep, i.e. be a leader to his people; also Jesus chose the nickname Cephas (pronounced Safa in Arabic and translated to Petra in Greek and pronounced Peter in English which means rock and stone) for Simon (Sham'oon) perhaps from one aspect, because of the heavy responsibilities which he had to carry on his shoulder, as Jesus' successor; Peter had the responsibility to be solid and firm as a rock- the rock which Jesus said that he was going to build his church upon- in order to uphold and interpret the traditions established by Jesus, after Jesus (PBUH). But history indicates that Paul overshadowed Peter. Paul- who was a jew, and himself had confessed to the killing of many followers of Jesus, and had never met Jesus, but had a very attractive personality- suddenly claimed to be an apostle, and paved the way for blasphemous concepts such as Trinity and alike (in spite of Peter's disapproval), which were based on ancient Greek and Roman and … polytheistic cultures, and directly against the teachings of Jesus(PBUH). When Peter confronted Paul, Paul- who had become very famous due to his attractive personality and charitable activities- called Peter a hypocrite, and the ignorant people disobeyed God and Jesus, and forsook Peter. As a result, history verifies that over one hundred gospels have been written by different people throughout years after Hadrat ‘Eesa (PBUH), and about four centuries after Jesus, the Church declared most of the gospels as illegal, and only aloud four of them to be propagated, the four which were mostly written under the influence of
the usurper Paul's teachings. Today in the so called new testament there are what is left of those four gospels, while none of which were even written by Peter(Jesus' chosen Successor)! Of course, the ideal case would have been an undistorted Gospel written at time of Jesus by him, but that is not also available! Next to this ideal, would have been a Gospel written by Peter, but that is not available, too!!! Influence of Paul who actually usurped Peter's position, and forsakenness of Peter by the people, and …, caused many distortions in the Word of God. Distortions got to the point where Hadrat ‘Eesa (PBUH) has been considered as God and son of God!!! All these stem from the sad fact that the holy Prophet’s God-Chosen Successor was not obeyed. (We also invite you to read the article: "...Jesus...Mohammad...(PBUT)" in this site: kindfather.com)

Ah! How soon they forgot, recommendations of Jesus!!!

As narrated by ibn Abbas, the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH and HP)- the final holy Prophet and the most perfect creation of God- has said that God had chosen Successors for all Divine Prophets to protect the Word of God from distortions, and to lead people to everlasting salvation, but in every case, people did not remain faithful to the Covenant. The holy Prophet has emphasized that he, by God's command and based on all Prophets' tradition, was establishing the Covenant with the people in regard to ‘Ali son of Abi-Taaleb (PBUH), as his Allah-Chosen Successor. Prophet Mohammad(PBUH and HP) prophesied that most people were not going to remain faithful to this Covenant either, and then the Prophet recited the Word of God:

... then anyone who violates his oath, does so to the harm of his own self, and anyone who fulfills what he has covenanted with Allah, Allah will soon grant him a great reward.

(Qur'an, Surah Fath (48), Verse 10)
(Tafsir Noor al-Thaqalain; Ma'aani al-Akhbaar; …)

Ghadir is the name of the Pond where the most compassionate man of history, the most obedient servant of Allah- Mohammad(PBUH and HP)- by God's command, raised ‘Ali's (PBUH) hand, and formally introduced him and his Infallible sons from the loins of ‘Ali, as his Allah-Chosen Successors until Eternity, in front of over one hundred thousand people … while it was a scene similar to the Prophet Moses' announcement of his Successor …, but with its unique grandeur, magnificence and details.
After the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH and HP)’s Sermon by the pond of Ghadir, a very nice looking and smelling man was observed who said that he had never seen a day like that day, and that the Prophet had emphasized so much upon the matter of his cousin and established such a Covenant for him that only those who disbelieved Allah and the Prophet could had broken it, then he said, woe be unto those who would break that Covenant. ‘Omar son of Khattaab went to the Prophet and asked him whether he had heard that man, the Prophet asked ‘Omar whether he had recognized him, ‘Umar said that he had not, then the Prophet continued that he was the "Rooh al-Ameen" (i.e. a supreme angel- who had observed all previous Prophets and their Successors- had appeared as a man that day). After that the Prophet warned ‘Omar to be careful not to break the Covenant, because if, the Prophet said, he did so, then Allah, the Prophet, the Angels and the Believers would detest him. (Behaar al-Anwaar, vol. 37; …)

That destiny-making event is therefore, called Ghadir. If humankind's destination is toward Eternity, then human obviously has to find the Way to Eternity. Since Eternity is an unknown phenomenon for humankind, therefore, he has to approach it by following and obeying someone with Divinely bestowed Knowledge, someone whom God has shown him the Way.

Successors of all previous Prophets (PBUT) were not obeyed and therefore, the Word of Allah was distorted, and the True Path to Eternity was covered and concealed behind the dark clouds of distortions. Although some fake paths were introduced but the Path to Eternity, only Allah and His Chosen Ones know. After each Prophet came and left, another new Prophet, who tried to correct the distortions which the people of the previous Prophet, by not obeying the Allah-Chosen Successors, had caused in the Word of God; but Mohammad (PBUH and HP) was the Last and most perfect Prophet of Allah, and there was not going to be another Prophet after him; therefore, the responsibility of Mohammad's Successors was the greatest.

‘Ali (PBUH) had to be some one who possessed the Knowledge of all previous Prophets; ‘Ali had to be a perfect and Infallible Servant of Allah; ‘Ali was the Chosen "Wali", and so have been the eleven descendants of the Prophet from ‘Ali and Fatimah (PBUT). Allah chose 12 Successors after his final holy Prophet, so that humankind would not be left without a heavenly leader (Infallible Imam) until Eternity.
That day next to the pond of Ghadir, Mohammad (PBUH and HP) delivered an unforgettable speech in which the Prophet introduced his 12 Infallible Successors, ‘Ali and his infallible descendants throughout the ages, to people. This time if ‘Ali and his descendants were not obeyed, the Word of Allah would have been distorted until the Last Days, because there was not going to be another Prophet. As Mohammad (SAWA) had prophesied, through Shaytan’s (Satan’s) and his followers’ misguidance history repeated itself, and certain undeserving ones usurped the Heavenly bestowed Right of the deserving Successors, and imposed themselves to people as self-appointed successors of the holy Prophet in place of God-chosen ones, and some people—even certain relatives of the Prophet, with worldly ambitions—rebelled against the chosen ones. As if the stories of previous Prophets and their nations were, once more, on the screen of history!

Ah! How soon they forgot, recommendations of Mohammad (SAWA)!!!

Just like the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH and HP) had said, only a few have remained faithful to the Covenant and obeyed the Allah-Chosen Successors; those few have been called the Shi’ah …

Today, we are living in the era of the 12th Successor of the final Divine Prophet, Imam Mahdi (PBUT). In the Last Days, Mahdi, followed by ‘Eesa, (PBUT) shall return and many previous Prophets and blessed ones will also come back, and the Truth shall be manifested for every one. Human's test of his faith during his life period on this earth, is a crucial one; while God is watching, human has to choose, and the consequence of his choice shall be his: To obey Allah or not!

And this is why, the Shi'ah believe that Ghadir is the heart of humankind; Ghadir is the heart of the Word of Allah, the Word which guides humankind to Eternity; the heart which started to beat from the beginning of creation, and on Ghadir, its beating was tuned towards the peak of the celestial Path to the Everlasting harmony of perfection, and with Appearance of Mahdi, Jesus … (PBUT), it shall achieve the perfect Ever-Anticipated harmony, and will beat in everyone's soul, and shall not stop beating until Eternity ….
Chapter 2

In the 2nd chapter of this book we review the vital role of God-Chosen Successors of Prophets (SBUT) in protection and preservation of the genuine Word of God …
Ghadir, heart of Qur'an

Whenever we truly love someone, surely we try to learn about his/her likes and dislikes so that our love may grow into a true and satisfying two way relationship. In loving God, the matter becomes even more personal; because all the pleasure is directed towards us; i.e. when Allah is Pleased, our own souls and hearts become more peaceful, joyful and pleased. If we truly love God, then surely we wish to learn about His likes and dislikes. Indeed those Chosen by Allah are taught by Allah His likes and dislikes, and we are to learn from them whom Allah loves the most; in Qur’an 3:31 Allah instructs His Beloved, Hadrat Mohammad (SAWA), to say:

Say: If you love Allah, then follow me, Allah will love you and forgive you your faults, and Allah is Forgiving, Merciful.

In Islamic Hadiths, it has been verified that Allah becomes manifest in His Word, for His people. Thus, undoubtedly a sincere person- with all his love-studies the Word of God so that he may establish a heart-warming relationship with his Lord.

On the one hand, the old testament of the bible, book of kings 1, chapter 8, statement 9, indicates that the original Torah of the Prophet Moses (PBUH) was lost about 3000 years ago and never again found, while the book which is presented as torah today is what has been written and rewritten by others over centuries; on the other hand, history- as it is- is not presenting the original Gospel of the Prophet Jesus (PBUH), while over 100 gospels have been written by others throughout the ages. BUT Qur’an is a direct Revelation of Divine Word to the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH and HP); Qur’an is Unique; there exists no other book with this characteristic and significance! We cordially invite readers to also read the article “Names of Mohammad and ‘Ali (SBUT) in the Bible” in this site: kindfather.com, in this regard.

The Majid Qur’an in Surah Hejr (15), Verse 9, indicates that Allah has promised to protect Qur’an from all distortions … Qur’an has a body and a spirit; the body of Qur’an is its Letters and Words which have remained unchanged for over 1400 years; all Muslims around the world have been
reading the same Verses and Surahs of Qur’an for centuries; so from this aspect the promise of Qur’an has been fulfilled.

But Qur’an also has a spirit. In Surah Qiamat (75), Verse 19, Allah SWT says that the clarification of Qur’an is a Divine matter; i.e. not just the Word of Qur’an but also its interpretations are from Allah and no one has the right to interpret Qur’an from himself. In addition, Allah in Surah Nahl (16), Verse 44, told the Prophet Mohammad (SAWA) that he (the Prophet) using the bestowed Divine Knowledge, was to clarify and explain Qur’an to people. Elsewhere in Surah Aal-‘Emraan (3), Verse 7, it is indicated that only Allah and the Raasekhoon into the Knowledge, those who firmly penetrate into the Knowledge, know the original and hidden meanings of Qur’an (Ta’wil); the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH and HP) has clearly clarified that those who firmly penetrate into the Divine Knowledge, and the Knowledge has been bestowed in their hearts (Surah Ankaboot (29), Verse 49), are his God-chosen Successors, the 12 infallible Imams (PBUT). Hadrat ‘Ali (PBUH) also in Sermon 144 of the Nahj al-Balaaghah confirms that the AhlulBayt (PBUT) are the only Raasekhoon into the Knowledge.

By Allah’s command, the Last Prophet of Allah, Hadrat Mohammad (SAWA) in the Majestic Qur’an Surah Loqman (31) Verse 27, Surah Kahf (18) Verse 109 … reminds humankind that if the oceans were as ink for writing Allah’s Word and if the oceans were used and refilled and reused even seven times, still the writing of Allah’s Word would not have been finished! While at the same time Qur’an itself says that nothing has been left out in the Book (Surah An’aam (6) Verse 38 and …)! It is more than obvious that the Majid Qur’an is not merely limited to letters and words printed on papers, rather Qur’an has many hidden secrets; secrets which clarify the words; secrets which keep the Word alive; secrets which only Mohammad and his AhlulBayt (SBUT) Know.

While all Muslims read the same Qur’an, yet the essential differences between the Shi’ah and the sunni are as different as night and day; these all stem from the interpretation of Qur’an; the Shi’ah only gets it from the Prophet and his Allah-Chosen Successors (SBUT), as commanded by Allah SWT.

At Ghadir, the Prophet raised Ali’s (PBUH) hand and in front of over 100000 people, clarified- by Allah’s command- that the only one who knew the clarification and explanation of Qur’an, the only one who held the
secrets of Qur’an in his heart, was ‘Ali after him, and after ‘Ali, his Infallible children from ‘Ali and Fatimah (PBUHT). Ghadir was the public declaration and manifestation of an eternal guarantee. By the Divine placement of the AhlulBayt next to Qur’an, Qur’an was protected from distortions, both its Words and its Interpretations; Ghadir was the means for the Divine Promise to be fulfilled so that mankind - who is in love with his Lord - may never be without the True Word of his Beloved. Qur’an with Mohammad and his AhlulBayt (PBUHT) at its side, will never be distorted and therefore, true Monotheism remains for those who humbly seek the Truth … until the glorious Day when the Truth shall appear with Emergence of Mahdi (SBUH) …

Thus Ghadir is the heart of Qur’an; with the constant beatings of Ghadir throughout the ages, the warm blood of True Monotheism - as taught by all Prophets and perfected by the Last Prophet - has been flowing in the veins of humanity … that is if humankind opens his heart to the Truth …

[It is noteworthy to mention that all verse numbers indicated in this site, for convenience of readers, are based on most published Qur’ans; while the Shi’ah considers “In the Name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful” as a separate Verse for each Surah, as directed by the AhlulBayt (SBUHT); thus the Verse numbers in certain Shi’ah published Qur’ans begin with “In the Name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful” as Verse number 1 and then consecutively the rest of Verses are numbered.]
Chapter 3

In this chapter we will look at the distortions which have occurred within so-called Jewish and Christian calendars and the consequences … One of such consequences is the concealment of the glorious fact that all Prophets, by command of Allah, appointed their Allah-Chosen Successors on the 18th of Dhyl-Hajjah …
Jewish, Christian and Islamic calendars and Ghadir and Aushura (‘Aashoora)!

Part 1

Jewish calendar

It is of utmost necessity to realize that the original biblical calendar was the God Commanded Lunar calendar; i.e. twelve months in each year based on the movement of the moon. The start of every month was marked by the observation of a new crescent moon.

This means that all Prophets (PBUUT) had always commanded the use of God Commanded Lunar calendar, and thus religious occasions were to be marked based on the Lunar calendar. But throughout centuries humankind, for worldly purposes, disregarded many of the teachings of the Prophets and their Allah Chosen Successors (PBUUT). As one direct result this Prophetic command was also disobeyed and thus humankind changed the Lunar calendar to man defined and invented calendars such as lunisolar, solilunar and solar calendars; neglecting the very vital fact that special characteristics of each of God’s days or months is for that specific day or month only, and by moving days, months and thus years, the whole Divine meanings, characteristics, blessings and … of significant times are accordingly lost.

To understand better the gradual process of distortions which has been occurring, it is quite important to pay attention to the historically proven fact that when humankind- misguided by Sheytaan (Satan)- decided to disobey and disregard the Pure Divine teachings of Prophets and their God Chosen Successors (PBUUT), a dark vacuum of knowledge- i.e. in regard to the Pure Divine Knowledge- was created; thus humankind gradually filled the vacuum with human thoughts, myths, philosophies, mysticism, Gnosticism, personal desires and … and in this manner the inauspicious doors to distortions, self interpretations and … of the Word of God were opened, and ignorantly these distorted words and interpretations have been called as: divine knowledge; which in reality is merely impure human knowledge based on fallible human’s’ worldly desires and thoughts, while the True and Pure Divine Knowledge is that which is taught by Allah Himself to
His Chosen and Infallible Prophets and Successors, Anbiya and Awniya (PBUT).

As cited in the English Wikipedia encyclopedia:

“Contemporary scholarship suggests that various schools of Jewish esotericism arose at different periods of Jewish history, each reflecting not only prior forms of mysticism, but also the intellectual and cultural milieu of that historical period.”

“… Kabbalah [Jewish mysticism …] teaches doctrines that are accepted by some Jews as the true meaning of Judaism while other Jews have rejected these doctrines as heretical and antithetical to Judaism. After the Medieval Kabbalah, and especially after its 16th century development and synthesis, Kabbalah replaced "Hakira" (Jewish philosophy) as the mainstream traditional Jewish theology, both in scholarly circles and in the popular imagination …” (Megillah 14a, Shir HaShirim Rabbah 4:22, Ruth Rabbah 1:2, Aryeh Kaplan Jewish Meditation: A Practical Guide pp.44–48)

Distorting the God commanded calendar has been one of the inauspicious results of human deviation from the Pure Divine teachings:

“[Bible, book of] Num 10:10 stresses the importance in Israelite religious observance of the new month (Hebrew: ראש חודש, Rosh Chodesh, "beginning of the month"): "... in your new moons, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt-offerings..." Similarly in Num 28:11. "The beginning of the month" meant the appearance of a new moon. In prophet Amos, the new moon seem to be described simply as Kadosh… According to the Mishnah and Tosefta, in the Maccabean, Herodian, and Mishnaic periods, new months were determined by the sighting of a new crescent, with two eye witnesses required to testify to the Sanhedrin to having seen the new lunar crescent at sunset.” (M. Rosh Hashanah 1.7)

Although the Bible absolutely does not mention the addition of "embolismic" or intercalary months, but since the solar year is about eleven days longer than twelve lunar months, the original Hebrew Lunar calendar was changed to different forms of lunisolar calendars, in order to be conveniently fixed for worldly business purposes:
“Originally the Hebrew calendar was used by Jews for all daily purposes, but following the conquest of Jerusalem by Pompey in 63 BCE, Jews began additionally following the imperial civil calendar, which was decreed in 45 BCE, for civic matters such as the payment of taxes and dealings with government officials … The Hebrew calendar has evolved over time. For example, until the Tannaitic [according to the Webster dictionary, the Tannaitic were one of a group of Jewish scholars, active in Palestine during the 1st and 2nd centuries CE, whose teachings are found chiefly in the Mishnah.] period, the months were set by observation of a new crescent moon, with an additional month added every two or three years to keep Passover in the spring …” (Talmud, Sanhedrin 11b)

“The modern Jewish calendar is a lunisolar calendar, or fixed lunar year, based on twelve lunar months of twenty-nine or thirty days, with an intercalary lunar month added seven times every nineteen years (once every two to three years) to synchronize the twelve lunar cycles with the slightly longer solar year. Each Jewish lunar month starts with the new moon. Although originally the new lunar crescent had to be observed and certified by witnesses, the moment of the new moon is now approximated arithmetically …” (Josephus, Antiquities 3.248-251, Loeb Classical Library, 1930, pp. 437-438)

“Between 70 CE and 1178 CE, the observation based calendar was gradually replaced by a mathematically calculated one.” (Sacha Stern, Calendar and Community)

“… The calendar rules reached their current form by the beginning of the 9th century, as described by al-Khwarizmi in 823 … Most of the present rules of the calendar were in place by 823, according to a treatise by the Muslim astronomer al-Khwarizmi (c. 780–850 CE). Al-Khwarizmi’s study of the Jewish calendar, Risāla fī istikhraj tārīkh al-yahūd "Extraction of the Jewish Era" describes the 19-year intercalation cycle, the rules for determining on what day of the week the first day of the month Tishrī shall fall, the interval between the Jewish era (creation of Adam) and the Seleucid era, and the rules for determining the mean longitude of the sun and the moon using the Jewish calendar. (E.S. Kennedy, "Al-Khwarizmi on the Jewish calendar", Scripta Mathematica 27 (1964) 55–59)
“In 1000, the Muslim chronologist al-Biruni described all of the modern rules of the Hebrew calendar, except that he specified three different epochs used by various Jewish communities being one, two, or three years later than the modern epoch.” (The Remaining Signs of Past Centuries)

I.e. after the previous Prophets (PBUH), in spite of their commands, humankind not only disregarded the observation of a new crescent moon as the beginning of the month and thus actually lost the real start of each month, but also by adding intercalary months, humankind created years with thirteen months, and as the result the number of actual years have also been distorted!!!

**THEREFORE THE DATES OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AS STATED BY THE PEOPLE WHO AFTER MOSES (PBUH) CALLED THEMSELVES JEWS, ARE NO LONGER ACCORDING TO THE ORIGINAL GOD-COMMANDED TWELVE MONTH LUNAR YEARS AND THUS CAN NOT BE CONSIDERED ACCURATE AND VALID.**
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Part 2

Christian calendar

And as for those who -after the time of Prophet Jesus (PBUH) on earth- have called themselves Christians, they -in spite the emphasis on a lunar calendar by all Prophets including Jesus (PBUT)- were misguided by different phenomena specially by Paul, the usurper, who taught that upholding of the Law, including observation of a new moon, was not necessary! Let us not forget that Paul was he who, after claiming that he had a so called vision, declared himself an apostle (book of Acts 22:3-6) and thus usurped the God and Jesus commanded Successorship position of Sham’oon Safa (Simon Peter), the closest disciple of the Prophet Jesus (gospel of Matt. 16:18-19, gospel of John 1:42, 10:11&14, 21:15-17, …).

This is part of what the Prophet Jesus (PBUH) had said regarding the Law, the Shari’at of the Prophet Moses (PBUH):

Gospel of Matt. 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the Law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.
Matt. 5:18 For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the Law till all be fulfilled.
Matt. 5:19 Whosoever, therefore, shall break one of these least commandments and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven.
Matt. 23:23 Woe unto you, … hypocrites! For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these [the Law] ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other [faith and …] undone.

And here is a part of what Paul the usurper taught:
Col. 2:16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:
Col. 2:20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances …

So as a direct result of people’s almost complete forsaking of the teachings of Jesus, the Prophet of Allah, and Sham’oon Safa (Simon Peter, his Allah appointed Successor) the followers of the Prophet Jesus (PBUH) too gradually lost the original Path and instead followed pagan philosophies, myths, mysticism, gnosticism and …; one example of this inauspicious influence of the pagan culture was that the Church adopted the Roman pagan calendar. Such heart-breaking facts have been no secret to many christians:

Here are a few statements of the renowned historian Will Durant from his book: Caesar and Christ. New York: Simon. 1944. Vol. 3 of The Story of Civilization. 11 vols. 1935-75:

“Christianity did not destroy paganism; it adopted it: (Caesar 595)
Durant ties in pagan philosophy with Christianity when he states that the second century Alexandrian Church, from which both Clement and Origen came, “wedded Christianity to Greek philosophy” (Caesar 613)
Durant writes of the famed pagan philosopher, Plotinus, that “Christianity accepted nearly every line of him…” (Caesar 611)
Durant adds that ‘with [Origen] Christianity ceased to be only a comforting faith; it became a full-fledged philosophy … (Caesar 615)
Durant summarizes early Christianity: “In Christ and Peter, Christianity was Jewish; in Paul it became half Greek; in Catholicism it became half Roman” (Caesar 579)

Notice, Durant states that at the beginning Christianity with the teachings of Jesus and Peter, the Prophet and his God Chosen Successor, was in line with the teachings of previous Prophets (before distortions of course), and then Durant states that with Paul, i.e. the usurper, teachings of Jesus and Peter were changed and they became half Greek, and later with the Church, they were distorted further and became half Roman. It is also very important to mention that while for instance the Catholic Church regards Peter very highly, but it too has actually been following the distorted teachings of Paul, philosophy and ,…. Therefore we all must realize that claiming to love Allah, His Prophets and their Successors is sincere when their genuine and pure teachings are followed.
As cited in the English Wikipedia:


And so on …

This is basically how the teachings of Hadrat ‘Eesa -Eisa, Jesus- and Sham’oon Safa -Simon Peter- (PBUT) were eventually distorted, a process which has been ongoing; and the calendar issue has been no exception.

“… The Church adopted the calendar of the Roman Empire, the civil calendar, as It's own. That happened to be the Julian Calendar. It was not a religious or Christian calendar in any sense, but the system used by the secular (pagan) government to mark the passing of time. The Roman Empire, even after it was Christianized, did not change the name of the months - the names of all of them from January to August remain as reminders of the calendar's pagan ancestry … After all, the latter [lunar calendar] was the calendar that the Lord Jesus Christ observed, by which He lived and accomplished His work …” (Part of a larger work reprinted from the October 1982 issue of the Dawn, published by the OCA Diocese of the South. The Orthodox Church, January, 1983)

“January: Janus (Roman god of gates, doorways, beginnings and endings); February: Februus (Etruscan god of death); March: Mars (Roman god of war); April: "Modern scholars associate the name with an ancient root
meaning 'other', i.e. the second month of a year beginning in March."; May: Maia Maiestas (Roman goddess); June: Juno (Roman goddess, wife of Jupiter); July: Julius Caesar (Roman dictator); August: Augustus (first Roman emperor) …” (B. Blackburn & L. Holford-Strevens, (2003), The Oxford Companion to the Year: An exploration of calendar customs and time-reckoning, Oxford University Press, p. 140; Intercambios: Quarterly Newsletter of the Spanish Language Division of the American Translators, 9(1) (March 2005) 14-15, ISSN 1550-2945 (in Spanish))

“In the year 46 BC, the Greek Sosigenes [astronomer and mathematician] (Eric Weisstein's World of Biography) convinced Julius Caesar to reform the Roman calendar to a more manageable form. At this time, Julius also changed the number of days in the months to achieve a 365 day year. In order to "catch up" with the seasons, Julius Caesar also added 90 days to the year 46 BC between November and February.” (Vardi 1991, p. 238) “The Julian calendar consisted of cycles of three 365-day years followed by a 366-day leap year. Around 9 BC, it was found that the priests in charge of computing the calendar had been adding leap years every three years instead of the four decreed by Caesar.” (Vardi 1991, p. 239) (Vardi, I. "The Julian Calendar." §3.5.1 in Computational Recreations in Mathematica. Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley, pp. 44 and 238-240, 1991.)

Later the Julian calendar was reformed to the Gregorian calendar which is The current internationally accepted civil calendar, also known as the Western calendar, or christian calendar. It was invented in 1582 by Italian astronomer and doctor Alosyius Lilius. Pope Gregory XIII approved it. It was based on this confirmation that this calendar has been called the Gregorian calendar. According to the Webster: “Gregorian: the reformed Julian calendar now in use, according to which the ordinary year consists of 365 days, and a leap year of 366 days occurs in every year whose number is exactly divisible by 4 except centenary years whose numbers are not exactly divisible by 400, as 1700, 1800, and 1900.”

The Gregorian calendar reform contained two parts, a reform of the Julian calendar as used up to Pope Gregory’s time, together with a reform of the lunar cycle used by the Church along with the Julian calendar for calculating dates of certain events. Thus a so called Solilunar calendar was invented, i.e. a solar calendar with certain lunar observations such as the first Sunday after the first full moon after the equinox.
Here are a few statements from the renowned book: Islam in the Bible, by Dr. Thomas McElwain:

"The Christian calendar has so far departed from the Bible that there is no need to examine it. It is a solar calendar with artificial months having more to do with the Roman emperors than with the phases of the moon. The Jewish calendar is more problematical. … That the rabbinical calendar is post-biblical is clear even without a detailed examination of its history, going back to Hillel II. The fact that two thousand years ago there were several competing calendar systems within Judaism speaks for itself. All of them claimed to be Biblical, and none of them are precisely the same as the Jewish calendar presently in use. The Islamic calendar consists of twelve lunar months in one year, established by the sighting of the moon. The Jewish calendar adds a thirteenth month on certain years and does not rely absolutely on the sighting of the moon for the beginning of each month … The Bible mentions only twelve months, and the months are established by the sighting of the moon. The Islamic calendar can be defended on the basis of the fact that out of the scores of dates mentioned in the Bible, including all twelve months of the year, there is no date for any event during a thirteenth month. The thirteenth month is completely unknown to the Biblical record of dates. so we are justified in assuming a year of twelve months for the Biblical year. There are a few texts in the Bible mentioning the new moon, but Psalm 81:3 is most important for establishing the process of sighting and broadcasting the arrival of the new moon. 'Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.' The necessity for giving the signal shows that the new moon was established not by any calculation, but by sight."

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Part 3

Islamic calendar

And as for the calendar used by Arabs before Islam, as stated in the English Wikipedia: “Scholars, both Muslim, al-Biruni [11th century C.E.] and Abu Ma'shar al-Balkhi [9th century C.E.] concur that it was originally a lunar calendar, but about 200 years before the Hijra [Prophet Mohammad’s (PBUH and HP) migration from Mecca to Medina] it was transformed into a lunisolar calendar containing an intercalary month added from time to time to keep the [pagan] pilgrimage within the season of the year when merchandise was most abundant for Bedouin buyers. This intercalation was administered by the Nasa'a of the tribe Kinana, known as the Qalāmis, the plural of Qalammās, who learned of it from the Jews. The process was called Nasi or postponement because every third year the beginning of the year was postponed by one month. The intercalation doubled the month of the pilgrimage, that is, the month of the pilgrimage and the following month were given the same name, postponing the names and the sanctity of all subsequent months in the year by one. The first intercalation doubled the first month Muharram, then three years later the second month Safar was doubled, continuing until the intercalation had passed through all twelve months of the year and returned to Muharram, when it was repeated. Support for this view is provided by inscriptions from the south Arabian pre-Islamic kingdoms of Qataban (Kataban) and Sheba (Saba) (both in modern Yemen), whose lunisolar calendars featured an intercalary month obtained by repeating a normal month.” ("Intercalation of the Ancient Arabs", The Chronology of Ancient Nations, tr. C. Edward Sachau, London: William H. Allen, 1000/1879, 13–14, 73–74; Kitab al-Uluf, Journal Asiatique, series 5, xi 1858, 168+; A. Moberg, "NASI", The Encyclopaedia of Islam VII:977; E.J. Brill's first encyclopaedia of Islam)

Let us pay careful attention to the fact that every Prophet of Allah who came, according to the command of Allah, reemphasized certain Commands which the previous Prophets had commanded, including the command of
using the twelve month Lunar calendar. The pre-Muhammad (PBUH and HP) Arabs still had in their pagan culture, traces of Hadrats Ibrahim’s and Ismael’s (PBUT) teachings, although quite distorted; i.e. they had distorted and paganized the pilgrimage of Ka’bah, the Lunar calendar and …. When the last and most Perfect Prophet of Allah, Prophet Mohammad (PBUH and HP) came, he -by direct command of Allah in Qur’an- again ordained the use of Allah Commanded Lunar calendar and prohibited the practice of Nasi’ (Postponement) or the adding of intercalary months:

Qur’an 9:36 Surely the number of months with Allah is twelve months in Allah's Ordinance since the day He created the heavens and the earth; of these, four being sacred; that is the Right Religion; therefore be not unjust to yourselves regarding them ...

Qur’an 9:37 Verily the Nasi’ (postponing of the sacred months) is an addition in unbelief, wherewith those who disbelieve are led astray; violating it one year and keeping it sacred another, that they may agree in the number (of months) that Allah has made sacred, and thus violate what Allah has made sacred; the evil of their doings is made fairseeming to them; and Allah does not guide the unbelieving people.

This prohibition was repeated many times by Hadrat Muhammad (PBUH and HP) including during the Farewell Hajj (Allah Specified Pilgrimage):

“O’ people! Assuredly time has turned and today it has reached the start of its revolution as it was at the creation of the heavens and the earth. The number of the months with Allah is twelve, as it is written in the Ordinance of Allah in the beginning of the creation of heavens and earth. Among these twelve months four are sacred: Rajab, which is between Jamaadi and Sha’baan, and Dhyl-Qa’dah and Dhyl-Hijjah and Moharram; in these months do not be unjust to yourselves. Postponement and substitution of sacred and forbidden months is certainly an addition to disbelief, wherewith disbelievers have gone astray. One year they make a month Halaal, and Haraam another year, to resemble the number of the months which Allah has declared sacred. In a year which they declared Moharram Haraam, they declared Safar Halaal, and in a year which they declared Safar Haraam, in its place they declared Moharram Halaal.”

(Khesaal of Shaikh Sadooq, vol. 2, p. 487; …)
Also Allah (SWT) in His Book, the everlasting Qur’an, has clearly emphasized upon observing the new crescent moon for determining the times of months; here we mention a sample:

Qur’an 2:189 They ask you concerning the crescent moons. Say: They are appointed times for humankind, and (for) the Hajj ...

Imam Saadeq (PBUH) was asked in regard to the crescent moons mentioned in this verse and he (PBUH) responded: “They are the months of year; so when you see the new moon of the month of Ramadan, fast and when you observe the new moon of the month of Shawwaal, break the fast.”
(Tafsir Borhaan, vol. 1, p. 404; …)

The Hadiths of the Infallible Ones (PBUT) in this regard are many; here we are going to mention another Hadith:

Imam Saadeq (PBUH) was asked in regard to the number of people necessary for sighting the crescent moon, and he (PBUH) said: “The month of Ramadan is an obligatory duty (Waajeb) among obligatory duties before Allah, thus do not perform it based on guessing! And observing a crescent is not that a person in a group of watching people says that he has seen it while others do not see it; when one individual sees it, one hundred persons will see it, and when one hundred persons see it, a thousand individuals will see it. When there is no obstruction in the sky, less than fifty individuals are not enough for sighting the crescent, and when there is an obstruction in the sky, the testimonies of two men leaving the city and returning to it is sufficient.”
(Wasaa’el al Shi’ah, vol. 7, p. 209; …)

The Muslims have to be EXTREMELY careful; unless they follow Qur’an and the Prophet Mohammad’s and his Allah Chosen Successors’, the twelve Infallible Imams’, (PBUT) Allah-Taught interpretations and teachings, the same dark clouds of Successorship usurpation, pagan philosophies, mysticism and … have been casting their satanic shadows on the nation of Islam, and as the result it has been predicted that those Muslims- who have not TRULY followed Qur’an and the Pure teachings of the Prophet Muhammad and his Infallible AhlulBayt (PBUT)- would step into the same dark footsteps of the nations of the previous Prophets (PBUT) and thus would deviate from the Straight Path of Allah to Eternal Salvation; as a sample
Hadith let us look at a saying from the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH and HP) in regard to the verse 84:19:

“You will follow the manner of your previous ones step by step and to a hair … in a way that if they had entered a crocodile hole you will undoubtedly enter into it too!”

The companions asked the Prophet (PBUH and HP) who the previous ones were? And the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH and HP) responded: “The Yahood (jews) and the Nasaara (christians).”


Now as a sample, let us briefly look at how deviations among Muslims - those disregarding the Qur’an and its Divine Interpretation as protected by teachings of the 14 Infallible ones- in regard to the sighting of the crescent moon and thus determining the beginning of each lunar month have been occurring, as indicated in the English Wikipedia:

“In a lunar calendar based on astronomical calculations, each month begins at the time of the monthly calculatable "conjunction", when the Moon is located on a straight line between the Earth and the Sun … but, the lunar crescent becomes visible only some 15–18 hours after the conjunction, and only subject to the existence of a number of favourable conditions relative to weather, time, geographic location, as well as various astronomical parameters.” (Karim Meziane et Nidhal Guessoum: La visibilité du croissant lunaire et le Ramadan, La Recherche n° 316, janvier 1999, pp. 66–71)

As an example, one variable geographic characteristic is due to the fact that the moon sets progressively later than the sun as one goes west, thus western Muslim countries are likely to observe the new moon one day earlier than eastern Muslim countries.

 “[Sunni] jurists Ahmad Muhammad Shakir and Yusuf al-Qaradawi both endorsed the use of calculations to determine the beginning of all months of the Islamic calendar, in 1939 and 2004 respectively.” (Ahmad Shakir : « The beginning of Arab months … is it legal to determine it using astronomical calculations? » (published in Arabic in 1939) reproduced in the Arab daily « Al-Medina », 13 October 2006 (n° 15878)
“Since AH 1419 (1998/99) several official hilal sighting committees have been set up by the government of Saudi Arabia to determine the first visual sighting of the lunar crescent at the beginning of each lunar month. Nevertheless, the [Sunni] religious authorities also allow the testimony of less experienced observers and thus often announce the sighting of the lunar crescent on a date when none of the official committees could see it. The country also uses the Umm al-Qura calendar, based on astronomical calculations … The rules of the Umm al-Qura calendar are essentially the same rules used by [Sunni] Malaysia, Indonesia, and others (except for the location from which the hilal [crescent] was observed) … A number of [Sunni] Muslim countries such as Malaysia, Indonesia, Egypt and … have been applying different astronomy-related rules to determine the beginning of months … .”

“In 2007, the [Sunni] Islamic Society of North America, the Fiqh Council of North America and the European Council for Fatwa and Research announced that they will henceforth use a calendar based on calculations, using the same parameters as the Umm al-Qura calendar, to determine (well in advance) the beginning of all lunar months (and therefore the days associated with all religious observances).” (Ramadan and Eid announcement by the Fiqh Council of North America (revised))

Thus only those humble Muslims- who, without any usurpative, philosophical, mystical and … impositions, justifications, distortions and …- have been trying to follow the Majestic Qur’an as taught and interpreted by the Infallible Prophet Muhammad and his Allah Appointed twelve Successors, while seeking spiritual assistance from them -including specially from their living Imam of Time, the last Infallible one, Hadrat Mahdi-(PBUT), have actually been InshaaAllah endeavouring hard to be steadfast and remain on the Allah Defined Straight Path, be it in regard to the calendar issue and all its parameters as specified in Hadiths, or in regard to all other Religious matters.

THEREFORE THE DATES OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AS STATED BY THE TRUE AND GENUINE ISLAMIC DOCUMENTS NARRATED FROM THE FOURTEEN INFALLIBLE ONES (PBUT) ARE ABSOLUTELY ACCORDING TO THE TWELVE MONTH LUNAR YEARS COMMANDED BY ALLAH SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE CREATION OF THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH, AND THUS ARE ACCURATE AND VALID.
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Part 4

18th of Dhyl-Hajjah

It is very important to mention that using man defined solar calendars and alike for applications such as agriculture are not our concern at all. For instance from ancient times civilizations such as Persians, Egyptians, Romans and ...- who used to think that the earth was the center of the universe and that the sun rotated around the earth- had calendars based on observation of the stars. They used these calendars not only for agriculture and ... but also to define some of their superstitious, mythical pagan beliefs. Here it is also quite noteworthy to mention that the Muslim scholar al-Biruni (11th century C.E.) centuries before the Italian astronomer Galileo (1564-1642 C.E.) had discovered that the earth rotates around the sun.

Rather our concern is when “Allah Defined calendar by His Prophets” and thus sacred occasions, commands, blessings and ... have been misplaced and distorted. As one example from the beginning the month of Ramadan was the chosen month by Allah in which according to Hadrat Mohammad (PBUH and HP) all Divine Books and their related Knowledge, i.e. Sohof of Ibrahim, Torah of Moosa, Enjil (Gospel) of ‘Eesa, Zaboor (Psalms) of Daawood and Qur’an of Mohammad (PBUUT) were revealed to the Prophets an their Allah Chosen Successors (PBUUT), and the nights in which they have been revealed, i.e. respectively the first, sixth, 13th, 18th and the 23rd nights have been special and blessed (from al-Kaaf, vol. 6; ...); and only the true Muslims, following the teachings of Hadrat Mohammad and his Pure AhlulBayt have remained faithful to and benefited from such information.

THEREFORE FOLLOWING QUR’AN WITH THE DIVINE TEACHINGS OF THE FOURTEEN INFALLIBLE ONES, THE PROPHET MOHAMMAD, HIS DAUGHTER FATEMAH AND TWELVE IMAMS, (PBUUT) IS THE LAST CHANCE FOR HUMANKIND TO ACHIEVE THE ETERNAL SALVATION PROMISED BY ALL PROPHETS OF ALLAH.
In order to further comprehend the significance of the calendar issue, let us as a sample explore certain facts surrounding two occasions:

As we have mentioned in chapter 1 of this Ebook, throughout history, the heavenly Tradition and Way of all holy Prophets (PBUT) had been that they- by Allah's command- introduced their God-Chosen successors before their departure from this world.

The Prophet Mohammad (PBUH and HP) has said:

*I am the lord of Prophets, and my Successor (Wasi) is the lord of Successors, and my Successors are the lords of Successors. Adam asked Allah to give him a righteous Successor, Allah told him: I have honored Prophets with Prophethood, and selected My creations and I chose the best of them as Successors. Then Allah- Undefeatable and Grandeur- revealed to Adam to set Sheith as his Wasi who was Habbatollah son of Adam ... Nooh’s Wasi was Saam ... Ibrahim to his son Ismael, and Ismael to Is-haaq, and Is-haaq to Ya’qoob, and Ya’qoob to Yoosof ... and Moosa son of ‘Emraan to Yoosha’ son of Non, and Yoosha’ to Daawood, and Daawood to Soleymaan, and Soleymaan to Aasef Barkhiya ... and ‘Eesa to Sham’oon Safa ... and I (Mohammad –PBUH and HP- give my Wesaayat to you ‘Ali, and you to your Wasi, and he to your Awwsiya from your offspring one after the other, so that It (Wisayat- Successorship-) will reach the best of the people of the earth, after you. O ‘Ali! The Ommat (Ummah, Nation of Islam) will disbelieve in you and differ greatly in regard to you. Whoever remains steadfast with you, has remained with me, and whoever stays away from you, will be in Fire, and Fire is the Abode of disbelievers.*

(Amaali of ‘Allaamah Sadooq, p. 402; Kamaal al Deen, vol. 1, p. 212; Behaar al Anwaar, vol. 23, p. 57; …)

Qur’an in Surah Taa-Haa (20) verses 25 and after confirms that Hadrat Moosa had asked Allah to appoint Hadrat Haaroon (PBUT) as his Wazir (Minister and Helper). Wile that which today is being called Torah and the current old testament of the bible are very much distorted, still rays of the Light of Allah shine in the midst of the darkness of distortions.
In the bible, the old testament, book of exodus chapter 3 it is stated that Allah told Moosa (PBUH) to go to Pharaoh and remind him of Allah and ask him to free the children of Israel of slavery, and in the fourth chapter we are told that Hadrat Moosa (PBUH) asked Allah for help and Allah gave the good news to His Prophet Moosa that his brother Haaroon (PBUT) would be joining and helping him, and that God would be with them:

Exodus 4:15 And thou (Moosa –Moses-) shalt speak unto him (Haaroon, -Aaron-), and put words in his mouth: and I (God) will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do.

Then it is said that by command of God Hadrat Moosa taught all the Knowledge given to him by God- including the miracles stated in the first statements of Exodus 4 such as the “White hand” and …- to Hadrat Haaroon (PBUH):

Exodus 4:28 And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the signs (miracles) which he had commanded him.

Then Moosa and Haaroon (PBUT) stood before the elders and Haaroon (PBUH) revealed his Knowledge and the miracles; and in this manner in a somewhat private declaration Hadrat Haaroon’s (PBUH) exalted position and his status as the God Chosen Minister and Successor of Hadrat Moosa (PBUH) became apparent to the elders of the children of Israel:

Exodus 4:29 And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel:
4:30 And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs (miracles) in the sight of the people.

After the children of Israel were freed from slavery and left Egypt with Hadrats Moosa and Haaroon (PBUT) God called Hadrat Moosa (PBUH) to the Mountain for 30 days, then Allah added an extra 10 days, making it forty days and nights. It is noteworthy to mention that as stated in Exodus 24:14 Hadrat Moosa (PBUH) before his leaving for the Mountain top, again commanded the elders to refer to Hadrat Haaroon during his absence.

During those forty days and nights in which Hadrat Moosa (PBUH) was worshipping Allah, Allah gave him certain commands including the
command of the public appointment of Hadrat Haaroon and his two sons in front of the whole congregation of the children of Israel:

Exodus 29:4 And Aaron and his sons, thou shalt bring unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shalt wash them with water.
29:5 And thou shalt take the garments, and put upon Aaron the coat, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breastplate, and gird him with the curious girdle of the ephod:
29:6 And thou shalt put the mitre upon his head, and put the holy crown upon the mitre.
29:7 Then shalt thou take the anointing oil, and pour it upon his head, and anoint him.
29:8 And thou shalt bring his sons, and put coats upon them.
29:9 And thou shalt gird them with girdles, Aaron and his sons, and put the bonnets on them: and the priest's office shall be theirs for a perpetual statute: and thou shalt consecrate Aaron and his sons.

As we see, Hadrat Haaroon and his sons (PBUT) were Chosen by God. In Exodus 34:32 it is stated that Hadrat Moosa (PBUH) delivered to the congregation all that Allah had commanded and consecrated Haaroon and his two sons and placed the Holy Crown on Haaroon’s head and …; and in this manner Hadrat Moosa sought allegiance from the people for Hadrat Haaroon and his sons (PBUT).

When Imam Hasan (PBUH) was born, Hadrat Ali told Hadrat Fatemah (PBUT) that he would not take precedence over the Prophet in naming the child, the Prophet (PBUH and HP) also said that he would not take precedence over Allah, thus Hadrat Jebra’el descended and by the command of Allah said that the Manzelat (Status) of ‘Ali to Mohammad (PBUT) was same as to the Manzelat of Haaroon to Moosa (PBUH), thus Ali’s first born should be named after Haaroon’s first son. Therefore the name Hasan which is the Arabic translation of Shabar was set for the first grandson of Hadrat Mohammad (PBUH). (Amaali of Shaikh Sadooq, p. 135; Behaar al Anwaar, vol. 43, p. 238; …)

It is noteworthy to mention that the most trusted books by the Sunni such as Sahih Bukhari (Bokhaari), in vol. 5, p. 129 and Sahih Moslem, in vol. 7, p. 120 and … all report that the Prophet (PBUH and HP) had stated the Manzelat (Status) Hadith in regard to Hadrat ‘Ali (PBUH).
‘Allaamah Amini in his renowned book al-Ghadir, first vol., page 291 has reported that on the Day of Ghadir the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH and HP) placed his turban which was named Sahaab on Hadrat Ali’s (PBUH) head leaving the end of it on his shoulder and said that turban was the Crown of Arabs.

Hadrat ‘Ali (PBUH) himself in this regard has said:

*On the Day of Ghadir the Prophet placed a turban on my head hanging one side on my shoulder, and said: Allah on the Day of Badr and Honain helped me with angels wearing such turbans.*

(Asraar Ghadir of M. B. Ansaari, p. 58; …)

Here as a sample let us narrate a traditionally transmitted invocation by the Holy Prophet from Sunni documents:

"O Allah, my brother Musa implored You saying: 'O my Lord, delight my heart and make my task easy and undo the knot in my tongue so that they may understand my talk and appoint from among my kinsmen Harun, my brother, as my wazir and strengthen my back with him and make him participate in my mission.' You inspired him: 'We shall soon strengthen your arm with your brother and make you both dominant.' O Allah, I am Your servant and Your messenger Muhammad. I implore You to delight my heart and make my task easy and appoint from among my kinsmen ‘Ali, my brother, as my wazir."

It is reported that in response to this prayer verse 55 of al Ma-idah [al-Maa’edah (5), the Verse of Wilayat] was revealed. The [Sunni] Abu Is-haq al Thalabi has recorded the above prayer in his Tafsir Kabir while commenting on verse 55 occurring in al Ma-idah. The [Sunni] Al Balakhi in his Yanabi has copied the same version from the Sunni Ahmad bin Hanbal's Musnad. Please also refer to verses 1 to 6 of al Inshirah [al-Ensheraah (94)] which make it known that the Holy Prophet's prayer was accepted by Allah, and in verse 7 He commands the Holy Prophet to establish his Successorship.

It is so sad that with such overwhelming evidence supporting the Prophetic Sunnah of Successorship, including in Sunni documents, still the Allah
Commanded Successorship issue is being denied by the Muslims calling themselves the followers of the Sunnah!!!

For more information in regard to the Allah Ordained Successorship of Prophets (PBUS) we cordially invite our friends to read the article “From Hajj to Ghadir” in this site: kindfather.com

Hadiths from the Infallible ones (PBUH)- which state that the date of formal Appointment and allegiance-seeking for the Successors of Prophets of Allah, such as Sheith Wasi of Adam, Haaroon Wasi of Moosa, Yoosha’ Wasi of Moosa after the martyrdom of Haaroon, Sham’oon Wasi of ‘Eesa and Hadrat ‘Ali and his Chosen descendants Awsiya of Hadrat Mohammad (PBUH), were all on the 18th of the Lunar month of Dhyl-Hajjah, the same day of Ghadir- are the indication of a heart-warming Divine Sunnah. (from ‘Awaaleem al ‘Oloom, vol. 3/15, pp. 209,213; al-Eqbaal of Sayyed ebn Taawoos; Behaar al Anwaar; …)

Here as a sample we present one of these beautiful Hadiths:

Mofazzal has narrated that Imam Saadeq (PBUH) commanded him thrice in one single statement to fast on the Day of Ghadir and then said the following in regard to the virtue of the Day of Ghadir:

Indeed that is the Day in which Allah returned toward Adam, so he fasted that Day to give thanks to Allah- the Sublime-; and indeed that is the Day in which Allah- the Sublime- saved Ibrahim from the fire, so he fasted to thank Allah- the Sublime-for it; and indeed that is the Day in which Moosa installed Haaroon as an ‘Alam (Emblem of Leadership and Guidance ...), so he fasted that Day to give thanks to Allah- the Sublime-; and indeed that is the Day ‘Eesa revealed his Wasi Sham’oon Safa, so he fasted that Day to give thanks to Allah- Mighty and Magnificent-; and indeed that is the Day the Rasool of Allah installed ‘Ali an ‘Alam for the people and in it he made clear his Wasi and his superiority, so he fasted that Day to give thanks to Allah- Mighty and Magnificent-; and indeed that is the Day for fasting and praying and feeding and remaining attached to brothers (in faith) and in it is Allah’s Pleasedness and Shaytaan’s nose rubbing on the ground.

(Eqbaal al a’maal, p. 466; Wasaa’el al Shi’ah, Ketaab of Sawm, Baab 14, Hadith 12, p. 466; …)
I.e. the 18th of Dhyl-Hajjah has been a Chosen Day by Allah from the beginning of the creation of heavens and earth, and only the Shi’ah have remained faithful to it; and perhaps now the statement: Ghadir, from creation to eternity will touch our hearts much closer …

O’ the Almighty and Compassionate Allah! We implore you in the beautiful Names of Your Prophets and Successors, to hasten the glorious Appearance of the last Infallible Successor of Your last Prophet the Beloved Hadrat Mohammad, Hadrat Mahdi, (PBUH) so that Your Everlasting Truth will become manifest and …
Jewish, Christian and Islamic calendars, and Ghadir and Aushura (‘Aashoora)!

Part 5 (last part)

Aushura

And now we wish to briefly explore a calendrical issue regarding the second occasion i.e. Aashoora:

Qur’an 7:142 And We appointed with Moosa a time of thirty nights, and We completed them with ten (more), thus the appointed time of his Lord was completed forty nights. And Moosa said to his brother Haaroon: Take my place among my people, and do right and follow not the way of the mischief-makers.

Many Sunni Tafsirs such as Anwaar al Tanzil wa Asraar al Ta’wil of Bayzaawi (vol. 3, p. 33) and Ahkaam al Qur’an of ebn Arabi (vol. 2, p. 791) indicate that the period of forty nights mentioned in the above Qur’anic verse was during the month of Dhyl-Qa’dah and the first ten nights of Dhyl-Hajjah.

Shi’ah Tafsirs from the Infallible Ones (PBUUT) also confirm this calendrical fact; for instance in Tafsir Jaame’, vol. 2, p. 456 and a Hadith from Imam Reda (PBUH) has been narrated in which the Imam (PBUH) has said:

Allah revealed to Moosa: I will send the Torah, in which are the Ahkaam (religious precepts), in forty days being the month of Dhyl-Qa’dah and the first ten days of Dhyl-Hajjah. ...And when came the tenth of Dhyl-Hajjah, Allah sent the Alwaah (Tablets) to Moosa, within which were the Ahkaam of religion and Tidings and Narratives and Mostahhabat (recommended acts of worship), and every thing they needed; and He Spoke to Moosa and Moosa then returned to his people ...

Also it is noteworthy to mention that in Shi’ah sources such as the Mafaatih al Jenaan of Shaikh Abbaas Qommi and ... a Salaat is recommended in the first ten nights of Dhyl-Hajjah in which the above Qur’anic verse is recited.
As previously mentioned, the current Bible - in spite of all distortions - still mentions the forty days and nights that the Prophet Moosa (PBUH) was on the Mountain during which Allah’s Commands including the Command for announcing the Chosen status of Hadrat Haaroon and his two sons and placing the Holy Crown on Haaroon in front of the congregation of the children of Israel was given to Moosa (PBUT). And also as mentioned, shortly after Moosa (PBUH) descended from the mountain, he (PBUH) did as Allah had commanded.

Now, as mentioned above: According to Qur’an and both Shi’ah and Sunni narrations, the day that Hadrat Moosa (PBUH) descended from the mountain was the tenth of Dhyl-Hajjah. And as also said before Islamic Hadiths confirm that it was eight days later on the 18th of Dhyl-Hajjah when allegiance was sought for Hadrat Haaroon and his two sons (PBUT).

Let us pay careful attention that even the Sunni documents are confirming that the day Hadrat Moosa (PBUH) descended from the mountain with the “Alwaah (Tablets)” was the 10th of Dhyl-Hajjah.

It is also noteworthy to mention that: The Jewish Midrashic literature (Midrash Tanhuma, Tisa 31) relates the 10th day of the 7th month Tishri (Yom Hakippurim - Day of Atonement) to the event of bringing the tablets of the Covenant from Mount Sinai.

Keeping these points in mind, let us read the following article:

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“The Fast of 'Ashura”
Al-Serat, Vol VIII No. 3 & 4
By: Sayyid Saeed Akhtar Rizvi,

Some traditions are found in Sunni books to the effect that the Prophet (s.a.w.) on migrating to Medina found the Jews fasting on the 10th of Muharram.

He asked them why, and was told: "It is an auspicious day; it is the day when God delivered the children of Israel from their enemy (i.e. Pharaoh); and, therefore, Moses fasted on that day." The Prophet (s.a.w.) said, "I am
worthier of Moses than you are." Thereupon, he fasted on that day and ordered (the Muslims) to fast.

1. al-Sahih of al-Bukhari, Vol.3; Egypt ed.; p.54

2. Mishkatul-Masabih; Delhi ed.; 1307 A.H.; p.172

It is noted by the commentator of Mishkatul-Masabih that "it was in the second year, because in the first year the Prophet had arrived at Medina after 'Ashura, in Rabi'ul-awwal."

How much importance was this fast supposed to have may be judged from another tradition narrated in al-Sahih of. al-Bukhari: "The Prophet (s.a.w.) ordered a man from the (tribe of) Aslam: Announce to the people that whoever has eaten should fast the rest of the day, and whoever has not eaten should fast (the whole day), because today is the 'Ashura (10th day of Muharram)."

That very year the fast of Ramadan was ordained and the obligation to fast on 'Ashura was abrogated, as has been claimed in other traditions narrated in the same book. Still, reportedly, it carries much importance as a voluntary fast.

Now let us look closely at these traditions:

First: The Jews had their own calendar and months. There is no logic in saying that they fasted on the 10th of Muharram - unless it could be proved that this date always coincided with a Jewish day of fast.

It was mentioned in my article, "Martyrdom of Imam Husayn and the Muslim and the Jewish Calendars" (Alserat, Vol.VI, No's 3 & 4; Muharram 1401 Nov.1980) that the first month of the Jews (Abib, later named Nisan) coincided with Rajab of the Arabs. W.O.E.Oesterley and Theodore H.Robinson have written that in Arabia "the most important of all the new-moon festivals was that which fell in the month of Ragab (sic), equivalent to the Hebrew month 'Abib, for this was the time when the ancient Arabs celebrated the Spring festival." (Hebrew Religion; S.P.C.K., London; 1955; p.128)
Probably, in ancient times the two branches of Abraham's house followed the same system of intercalating an additional month 7 times in a cycle of 19 years. And in this way the 7th Jewish month, Tishri I, coincided with Muharram. And the 'Ashura of Muharram synchronized with 10th of Tishri I, the Jewish Day of Atonement - a day of fast. In that article, it was observed that the two calendars lost their synchronization when Islam, in the 9th year of hijra, disallowed intercalation. But on deeper consideration it transpired that that parity was lost long before the advent of Islam, because the Arabs did not follow any mathematical calculation in their intercalation. That was why the Muharram of the 2nd year of Hijra began on 5th July, 623 C.E. (Al-Munjid, 21st ed.), months before Tishri I (which always coincides with September-October).

Clearly, 'Ashura of Muharram in that year (or, for that matter, during the Prophet's whole life at Medina) had no significance whatsoever for the Jews.

The question is: Why did they fast on that day?

Second: The Jewish Midrashic literature relates the 10th day of the 7th month (Yom Hakippurim - Day of Atonement) to the event of bringing the tablets of the Covenant from Mount Sinai, as Dr. Mishael Maswari-Caspi has written in his letter, quoted in my previous article, mentioned above.

The question is: If the Jews had wanted to keep the long-lost synchronization of Tishri I and Muharram in view, how was it that they forgot to narrate this tradition to the Prophet?

Third: The month in which God delivered the Israelites from Pharaoh was Abib (i.e. Rajab), as the Bible clearly says: "Observe the month of Abib, and keep the passover unto the Lord thy God: for in the month of Abib the Lord thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night." (Deut., 16:1)

The question is: How could the Jews transfer an event of Abib (originally coinciding with Rajab) to Muharram, in open defiance of their Torah?

And lastly here is a point to ponder for the Muslims: The Prophet (s.a.w.) was sent with a religion to abrogate all previous religions and shari'ah. How was it that he deigned to imitate the custom of the Jews?
It is clear from above-mentioned facts that the Jews had no reason at all to fast on 'Ashura of Muharram at that period; and this story, built on that premise, is just that - a fiction. Obviously, it was invented by a narrator who only knew that once upon a time Muharram coincided with the Jews' Tishri I; but was totally unaware of contemporary Jewish religion and culture.

One feels constrained to mention here that this and other such traditions were forged by camp-followers of the Umayyads, after the martyrdom of Imam Husayn, as a part of their campaign to turn the 10th of Muharram into a day of rejoicing. These traditions are of the same genre as those which say that it was on the 10th of Muharram that Noah's ark rested on Mount Arafat, the fire became cool and safe for Abraham, and Jesus ascended to the heaven. In the same category came the traditions exhorting the Muslims to treat 'Ashura as a festival of joy, and to store one's food-grain on this very day as it would increase one's sustenance and bring the blessings of Allah to the household.

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Now InshaaAllah we appreciate better the profound statements of “Ziyaarat of ‘Aushura” in which it is stated:

... O my Allah! Indeed this is a Day (Day of ‘Aashoora) to which the Bani-Omayyah have sought blessings and bounties ... have rejoiced ...

Let us at this point, as a sample, narrate another Sunni hadith which negates all the above mentioned forged narrations:

The Sunni Jalaludin Syuti writes that Ibrahim [ra] said:

Since the creation of the world, the heaven and the earth have cried for none else other then two men. The people asked him: "Do not the heaven and the earth cry for the Momineen?" He replied: "When they are virtuous his privilege is linked to his status and deeds." He then asked them if they knew how the heaven and the earth cries. The people replied in the negative, therefore he said: "It becomes fiery and red, just as the red boiling oil. The day when Yahya bin Zakarya was martyred the sky had got red and blood was dripping from it and the sky had also got red the day Husayn was martyred."
Sunni Tafseer Dur al-Manthur, Vol 7 page 413 Surah Dokhaan 44 Verse 29

LA’N BE UPON ALL THE ENEMIES OF ALLAH who are THE ENEMIES OF HIS CHOSEN ONES …

May Allah hasten the Ever Promised Appearance of the last Promised-One of Ghadir and the Avenger of Aushura, Hadrat Mahdi (PBUH) … Aameen …
Chapter 4

In this chapter we shall look at the extent of the Wilayat of Hadrat Mohammad and the AhlulBayt (SBUT), and at another Divine Tradition …
Wilayat of Mohammad and AhlulBayt (SBUT), from creation to eternity

Part 1

In chapters 1 to 3 of this book, we, beyond the shadow of a doubt, have shown that Allah (SWT) has Chosen Himself not only His Anbiya (Prophets) but also their Awsiya (Successive Successors). It is also important to remind that Qur’an clearly states that people have absolutely no say in regard to those Allah has Chosen:

Qur’an 28:68 And your Lord Creates and Chooses whom He Wishes; to choose, has not been for them! Glory is to Him! And Sublime is He above those they associate as partners (with Him).

We have also presented that, where commanded by Allah, Anbiya (SBUT) publicly introduced their Allah Chosen Awsiya (SBUT) to their Ommah (Ummah, Nation) and required their obedience after their departure. It is also noteworthy to mention that there have existed special circumstances; for instance in the case of Sheyth- Seth, as transliterated to English-, whose older brother Qaabeel- Cain- had already killed their other brother Haabeel- Abel-, he had to observe Taqiyah. When Hadrat Adam (SBUH) was leaving this world, by command of Allah, he appointed his son Sheyth (SBUT) as his Wasi and left his Allah Bestowed Knowledge with him. After their father, Qaabeel threatened Sheyth that if he would divulge his Position and Knowledge, he would kill him too … .

In addition in other writings in this site- such as “Mohammad, the Promise of Torah”, “Mohammad, the Promise of Enjil (Gospel)”, “AhlulBayt (Salaam Be Upon Them, SBUT), the Promise of Enjil (Gospel)” (the Ebook “Muhammad and the AhlulBayt (SBUT), the Promise of Bible”) and ... - we have proven that Anbiya (SBUT) gave glad tidings in regard to Hadrat Mohammad and the AhlulBayt (SBUT).

In this chapter we are going to, EnshaaAllah, mention another everlasting fact, and that is:
Anbiya (SBUT) not only demanded allegiance for their own Awsiya and made their Wilayat incumbent upon their Nations, but also made obligatory on their Nations the acceptance of the superiority and Wilayat of Mohammad and the AhlulBayt (SBUT) over all creations, and demanded their allegiance.

In this regard, we are going to briefly present parts of the contents of a few Narrations from Imam Hasan Askari (SBUH):

1) The Covenant taken from bani (children of) Israel

Qur’an 2:63 And when We took your Covenant, and lifted the mount Toor over you: Take hold of that which We have given you with firmness, and bear in mind what is in it, so that you may guard (against evil).

Imam Askari (SBUH) in regard to this verse has said that it means that Allah has reminded the bani-Isra’il the Covenant which was taken from them: To act according to the Torah, and to believe in that which was sent to them from Forqan in regard to professing the Prophethood of Mohammad (SBUH and HA) and the Wilayat of Ali and his chosen children (SBUT). The bani Isra’il were commanded to pass on to their children and they to theirs until the end of time that: Mohammad and his Aal-Progeny- (SBUT) are the most honored creations of Allah, and to submit to them.

The Imam (SBUH) has continued that the bani-Isra’il arrogantly refused and did not accept the Covenant. So Allah commanded Jabriel (Gabriel) to lift a piece of the mountain which was one parasang on all four sides over their heads, and Hadrat Moosa (SBUH) told them that if they did not accept that which they were commanded, the piece of the mountain would fall on their heads. Only a few truly accepted, the rest accepted with dissension and abomination … Constantly they were worried that the mountain would fall on their heads … .

(From Tafsir of Imam Hasan Askari; Tafsir Jaame’, vol.1, pp. 178-180; Tafsir Borhaan, p. 232; Behaar al Anwaar, vol. 26, p. 288; …)

It is impossible for a sincere heart to observe all these emphases in regard to conveying the message of the Wilayat and Imamat, and not move deeply and not ponder about these most exalted and unique creations of the Mighty and Majestic Allah: Notice, as mentioned above, the bani Isra’il were
commanded to pass on the message to their children and they to theirs until the end of time, and then again at Ghadir, Allah’s most beloved, the Prophet Mohammad (may our entire existence be sacrificed in his and his AhlulBayt’s cause), reiterated:

“… O people! I leave (the Authority) after me through Imamat (Divinely Ordained Leadership), inherited in my (Chosen) offspring until the Day of Qiyaamat. And most certainly, I have conveyed what I have been commanded to convey, as a Hojjat (Divine Proof) upon everyone present or absent, and upon all, be a direct witness or not, and born or not yet born. Hence, everyone who is present should convey (this Sermon) to those who are absent, every parent should convey it to his/her children, (and they should continue to do so) until the Day of Qiyaamat … .”

May Allah hasten the ever-Promised -from creation to eternity- Emergence of the last remaining Beloved of Allah on earth … .
AAMEEN
2) Bani Israel and worshipping of the gold calf

*Qur'an 2:54* And when Moosa said to his people: O my people! you have surely been unjust to yourselves by taking the calf (for a god); hence turn to your Creator (penitently): so kill your selves, that is good for you by (the view of) your Creator. Then He turned to you (mercifully), for surely He is the Oft-returning) to mercy), the Merciful.

Imam Hasan Askari (SBUH) in regard to this verse has said that Allah commanded Hadrat Moosa (SBUH) to go to the mountain; and Moosa, before his departure, set his brother Haaroon- Aaron- (SBU) as his Caliph (Successor) among his people, and told the people that as commanded by Allah, he was going to the mountain to pray to Allah for thirty days.

When by command of Allah, ten days were added to the absence of Hadrat Moosa (SBUH) from his people, the bani Israel fell for the deceit of the Saameri and the Saameri calf. They disobeyed Hadrat Haaroon (SBUH), and became calf-worshippers.

Upon returning and observing such a disaster, Hadrat Moosa (SBUH) became extremely upset and said to his people that by becoming calf-worshippers, they had done injustice to their souls, and they had to repent and return to God.

The manner of repenting which Allah commanded for those people was that those who had worshipped the one and only Allah and had not worshipped the calf had to put those who had worshipped the calf to the sword.

But those who were commanded to slay others argued that they had not worshipped the calf.
[I.e. they were wondering why they had to be involved in the punishment, while they had not worshipped the gold calf.]
Allah -the Mighty and the Majestic- said to Hadrat Moosa (SBUH) to tell them that He was going to put them to a test.
[As we will see, the test was whether or not both groups -those putting to the sword as well as those being put to the sword- were going to Tawassol …]

Allah told Moosa to ask them why did they not depart from their midst and leave them when they worshipped the calf?
[I.e. those who had not worshipped the calf but remained among the calf worshippers were also at fault. A thought-provoking matter for all of us …]

And Allah told Moosa to tell them that if they prayed and implored Allah in the name of Mohammad and his Aal- Progeny- (SBUT), Allah would relieve their slaying, and they would not feel any pain.

After a number of them were killed, some of them said to some others that had not God set Tawassol (seeking as the means; resorting and appealing) to Mohammad and his Aal (SBUT) as the means (Waseelah) for being saved from anything? Then they wondered why they had not sought them! So they gathered and sighed and cried; they called Allah and said: O God! By the dignity of the Akram (the most munificent, magnificent, benevolent, kind, gracious, merciful, venerable, reverent, …) Mohammad, and by the dignity of the Afd(z)al (the most excellent, virtuous, distinguished, eminent, …) and A’zam (the most superior, supreme, grandest, …) Ali, and by the dignity of the Mokarram (the most Honoured, respected, revered, noble, …) Fatemah, and by the dignity of Hasan and Hosain, the lords and masters of the youth of Heaven, and by the dignity of the Pure and Immaculate descendents from Aal Taa-Haa and Yaa-Syn (the AhlulBayt -SBUT-), pardon us and forgive our sins, and take this slaying away from amongst us.

On a sudden, an announcer from heavens said to Moosa (SBUH) that their slaying was enough, for they implored Allah and prayed Him by Mohammad and his Aal (SBUT) to forgive them.

Allah said that, if they -before worshipping the calf- had prayed and called Him by Mohammad and his Aal (SBUT), He would have certainly protected them from committing sin and polytheism; and that, if Namrud (Nimrod), and Pher’on (Pharaoh), prior to the drowning, too had prayed Him by Mohammad and his Aal, to be saved, He would have also saved them; and
that, if Shaytaan, before disobedience, Had prayed Him by Mohammad and his Aal, He would have guided him too.

[Shaytaan, the bani Israel, Pher’on and … had all been presented with the superiority of Hadrat Mohammad and the AhlulBayt (SBUT) in many occasions- as mentioned in many writings in this site, and one sample is also mentioned in part 1 of this chapter-, but they have refused to submit due to their arrogance …; and their followers are still …]

So bani Israel felt woeful and regretful. They said to themselves that if they had done Tawassol to Mohammad and his Aal (SBUT) from the beginning, Allah would have protected them and saved them from trial and slaying.

(From: Tafsir of Imam Hasan Askari (SBUH); Tafsir Jaame’, vol. 1, pp. 165-168; Tafsir Borhaan, pp. 217, 218; al Noor al Mobin fi Qesas al Anbiya wa al Morsaleen, p. 277; …)

…And the test continues …; if AbuBakr, ‘Umar, ‘Uthman and … and their followers have not arrogantly refused and not been refusing the Allah Bestowed superiority of Allah’s most beloved, Hadrat Mohammad and the AhlulBayt (SBUT), they would have surely been guided too, and still today there is hope, that is if they do submit …; we also cordially invite you to read the article: “Seeking the Waseelah” in this site, kindfather.com

O our beloved Mahdi (SBUT)! We implore Allah in the Names of your Pure fathers, your Immaculate mother Fatemah al Zahra, your forefather the most beloved Mohammad (SBUT), and in your name, to protect us from all sins and faults in these hard times, and we beg Him in your Pure Names to hasten your glorious Appearance … .
Wilayat of Mohammad and AhlulBayt (SBUT), from creation to eternity

Part 3

3) Bani Israel’s passing through the water

Qur’an 2:50 And when We parted the sea for you, so We saved you and drowned the people of Pher’on while you were watching.

Imam Hasan Askari (SBUH) in regard to the above verse has said that when Mooses (SBUH) reached the water, it was revealed to him from Allah the Mighty and the Majestic- to tell bani Israel to renew and revive their affirmation and profession of the Uniqueness of Allah, and to believe in their hearts the Prophethood of Mohammad (SBUH&HA), and to revive in their souls the Wilayat of Ali (SBUH) and the Imams (SBUT) from his descendants, and to supplicate: “O Allah! By the Jaah (dignity, ...) of Mohammad and Aal (Progeny) of Mohammad (SBUT), pass us through this water safely.”, so that the water would split and land would appear, and thus they would pass through.

Moosa (SBUH) told bani Israel to repeat the supplication and pass through the water. But they said that they had come there escaping death and the evil of Pher’on (Pharaoh). They told Moosa (SBUH) that what he wanted to do was to deceive them with those words and drown them, and lead them to another death after they had escaped that other death!!!

Kaaleb son of Yoohanna (Caleb the son of Jephunneh) who was on a horse asked Moosa (SBUH) whether Allah had commanded him to tell them that if they recited those words they would pass through the water safely and whether he the Prophet of Allah was commanding them to do so. Moosa (SBUH) responded yes. Kaaleb then stood and reaffirmed his profession of the Uniqueness of Allah, the Prophethood of Mohammad (SBUH&HA) and the Wilayat of Ali and the Imams (SBUT), and supplicated: “O Allah! By the dignity of Mohammad and Aal of Mohammad (SBUT), pass me through this water safely.”
He then rode to the water. All of a sudden the water became like a land under the feet of his horse. He rode over and reached the shore, then he returned back from the other side and addressed the bani Israel and told them to obey the command of Allah and the command of Moosa the Prophet of Allah, he told them to be aware that those words were the key to Heaven, the shield from Hell, and the key of sustenance.

But the children of Israel did not accept and said that they had to see the sea dried up.!!

It was revealed to Moosa (SBUH) to strike the sea with his rod and say: "O Allah! By the dignity of Mohammad and Aal of Mohammad (SBUT) part the sea and make the land apparent."

After Moosa (SBUH) recited those words the land immediately became visible. But the bani Israel said that they would not pass until the land would completely dry up, they said that the mud might be adhesive and prevent them from moving!!!

It was revealed to Moosa (SBUH) to say: “O Allah! By the dignity of Mohammad and Aal of Mohammad (SBUT) dry up the mud of this land.” Moosa (SBUH) said so, and Allah sent a wind and it blew at the mud and dried it.

But they did not yet enter the water!!! They told Moosa (SBUH) that they were twelve tribes and they had to pass through in twelve parallel columns!!!

Again it was revealed to Moosa (SBUH) to recite the words and to strike the water with his rod. Moosa (SBUH) did so. Twelve pathways appeared and they passed.

After the last person of bani Israel passed and all the people of Pher’on entered the water, Allah commanded the sea to come together; and the bani Israel watched all the people of Pher’on drown.

Imam Askari (SBUH) has continued that Allah (SWT), at the time of the Last Prophet (SBUH&HA), has addressed the bani Israel and told them that the saving of their forefathers and predecessors from Pher’on and their passing the water was by the means of the Karaamat (honor, munificence,
excellence, venerability, miracle, ...) of Mohammad and Aal of Mohammad (SBUT) and by the means of Tawassol of Moosa (SBUH) to Mohammad and Aal of Mohammad (SBUT); Allah has addressed them that why have they not pondered?! And at this time that they have perceived the presence of Mohammad (SBUH&HA) and observed the Hojaj al Baaleghah (the Ultimate Proofs) of Allah (the AhlulBayt -SBUT-), why have they not believed in Mohammad and Aal of Mohammad (SBUT)?!!!

(From: Tafsir of Imam Hasan Askari (SBUH); Tafsir Jaame’, vol. 1, pp. 164-165; Tafsir Borhaan, pp. 213-215; ...)

O the Most Loving, the Most Benevolent and the Most Giving Allah! We implore You by the Haq (Rightfulness …) of Hadrat Mohammad and his beloved AhlulBayt (SBUT) to take our very weak hands and solve our many problems in these hard times, and heal our broken hearts by hastening the beautiful Appearance of Your beloved Mahdi (SBUH) … .

Aameen
Wilayat of Mohammad and AhlulBayt (SBUT),
from creation to eternity

Last part (4)

4) Superiority of Mohammad and Aal of Mohammad (SBUT)

Ibn Baabway has narrated from Imam Saadeq (SBUH) that he (SBUH) said that a Yahoodi (jewish) man went to the Prophet Mohammad (SBUH&HA), stood in front of him and stared at him. The Prophet (SBUH and HA) asked him what he wanted. He then asked the Prophet (SBUH&HA) whether he was more superior or Moosa son of ‘Emraan (SBUT), whom Allah spoke to, and sent the Torah to, and parted the sea for, and whom the clouds cast their shadow upon, and the rod in his hand became like a snake?

The Prophet Mohammad (SBUH and HA) mentioned that it was not proper for a servant of Allah to admire himself but it was necessary and incumbent upon him to know the Prophet of the Last Days. Then he (SBUH and HA) told him that when Aadam (Adam) made a mistake, he repented to Allah with these words: O Allah! I surely ask You by the Haq (Rightfulness, Truth, …) of Mohammad and Aal of Mohammad to forgive me; and Allah forgave him. And when the Prophet Nooh (Noah) got on board the ark and was worried that the ark might drown, he said: O Allah! I surely ask you by the Haq of Mohammad and Aal of Mohammad to save me from drowning; and Allah saved his ark from drowning. And when the Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham) was thrown in the fire [by Namrood], he said: O Allah! I surely ask you by the Haq of Mohammad and Aal of Mohammad to save me from it; and Allah turned the fire cold and a matter of blessing for him. And when the Prophet Moosa (Moses) threw his rod and was afraid, he said: O Allah! I surely ask You by the Haq of Mohammad and Aal of Mohammad to grant me safety; and Allah told him not to be afraid for he was rightful.

The Prophet (SBUH and HA) continued and told that Yahoodi that if Moosa had been in his (the Prophet Mohammad’s) time and did not believe in his Prophethood, then his (moosa’s) belief would not do him any good and his being a Prophet would not benefit him.
Then the Prophet Mohammad (SBUH&HA) said to that Yahoodi that one of his (Mohammad’s) descendants was Mahdi that when he would Emerge, the Prophet ‘Eesa (Jesus) would descend for his assistance, and he (‘Eesa) would put him ahead and would stand behind him to perform Prayer.

(From: Tafsir Jaame’, vol. 1, p. 150; …)

O the Most Compassionate and the Most Merciful Allah! We humbly ask You by the Haq of Mohammad and Aal of Mohammad (SBUT) to hasten the glorious Emergence of the Promised Mahdi of Mohammad (SBUT) …

AAMEEN
Chapter 5

In this last chapter we shall, with our hearts and souls, study the Last Sermon of the Last Prophet of Allah which is the Declaration of the True teachings of all Prophets and Successors (SBUT) and of their ultimate goal: Establishment of the Divine Kingdom of the True Monotheism and Justice all over …:
Last Sermon/Khotbah of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH&HP),

The Ghadir Sermon

Allaamah Amini in his priceless book, Al-Ghadir, has gathered the Sunni narrators of the "Ghadir Hadith". According to the Sunni, the Hadith regarding the Prophet Mohammad's (PBUH&HP) last Sermon/Khotbah - delivered by the pond of Ghadir - was reported by one hundred and ten of the people who had met the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH&HP) -the Ashaab-, and by eighty seven of those following them -the Taabe'een-, and by about 400 Sunni scholars afterward; and at least twenty six separate books about this subject have been written by Sunni writers throughout the ages; while the entire Sermon has been fully narrated by thousands of Shi’ah scholars. The Prophet, when returning from his last pilgrimage Hajj, the Hajjat-Ol-Wedaa', on the 18th of Dhyl-Hajjah, by the command of Allah, stopped by the pond of Ghadir and in front of over one hundred thousand people delivered the following Sermon; and after the speech, the entire audience pledged their allegiance together as a group, then in addition, the people, men and women, one by one, individually pledged allegiance to the Prophet Mohammad and his Divinely chosen Successor, Ali (PBUUT). The whole procedure took three days.

It is important to remember that in translation the spirit of the text may not be fully transferred, so it is seriously recommended that the Arabic text along with related Hadithes are also studied.

Let us read together, the following English translation of the original Arabic text of the last Sermon/Khotbah of the final Holy Prophet, Muhammad (PBUH&HP), as narrated by Imam Mohammad Baaqer (PBUH) in the highly respected book, Ehtejaaj of Shaikh Tabrasi:
The Ghadir Sermon

Part 1

Praising Allah and Regarding Him Pure

All Praise belong to Allah Who is Exalted in His Oneness, and is Near in His Uniqueness, and is Sublime in His Authority and Lordship, and is Grand in His Arkaan (Omnipotence, ...). His Knowledge encompasses everything while He is in His Status; He subdues all creations through His Might and Proof.

He has always been Praise-worthy and shall always be praised; He is the Maker of what has been elevated (skies, ...), the Expander of what has been spread out (the earth, ...); and He is the Jabbaar (He Who has set right) of the Lands and the heavens.

He is Sobbooh and Qoddoos (Holy and Glorified above all glorifications and purifications and ...), the Lord of angels and the Rooh (the Spirit). He grants to all that he has originated; the Bestower of grace upon whom He has created; He sees all eyes, while eyes do not see Him. He is Bounteous, Forbearing and Patient.

Surely, He has made His Mercy encompass everything (1), and He has favored them by His Blessings.

He does not hasten His avenging, nor does He take the initiative on what (He knows) they deserve of His punishment. Indeed, He comprehends the hidden secrets, and knows what the hearts and consciences conceal. Hidden things are not concealed from Him, nor do the hidden seem to Him in any other manner (than what they really are).

He encompasses all things and He dominates everything, and His (bestowed) power is within all, while He has Power over everything. No thing is like Him (2), while He (Himself) is the Establisher of thing when it was nothing. He is Everlasting, who acts justly; there is no god but He, the Mighty, the
Wise. (3) He is Exalted and Majestic beyond being grasped by visions, while He grasps all visions, and He is All-Kind and Giving, All-Aware. (4)

None can reach His description by seeing Him, nor can any one find out how He is, from a secret or an evident (matter), unless what Allah, the Mighty and the Majestic, Himself, has guided to.

I testify that He is Allah, Whose Holiness overspreads all ages, and Whose Light overwhelms Eternity, and Who enforces His command without consulting an advisor; and there is no partner with Him in (His) planning, nor is there any discrepancy in management. He has shaped whatever He originated without a preexisting model, and has created whatever He created without getting assistance from anyone, or burdening Himself, and needing no stratagem; He has originated it, thus it has come into being, and He has formed it, thus it has become distinct.

So, He is Allah, the One that there is no god but He, Who is Proficient in skill, and Excellent in action. He is the Just Who never oppresses, and the Most Generous to Whom all affairs and Amrs are referred and returned. (5)

And I testify that He is Allah that before His Omnipotence everything is humble, and before His Awe everything is submissive. He is the King and Master of all domains, and the Turner of the heavenly bodies, and the Dominator of the sun and the moon, each of which pursues its course for an appointed time. He makes night overtake day, and day overtake night, (each one) seeking the other rapidly. He is the Destroyer of every stubborn tyrant, and the Annihilator of every rebellious devil.

Neither has there been any opposing power besides Him, nor any peer. He is Unique, Samad (Independent and Impenetrable …). He never begets nor is He begotten, and none can ever be a match for Him. (6) He is the only God, the Glorious Lord, Who wills, and thus carries out; and, Who intends, and thus decrees; and, Who knows, and thus takes to calculation; and He causes death and gives life; and He causes to impoverish and to enrich. (7) He causes smile and happiness, and sadness and tears. (8) He withholds, and grants.

For Him is Sovereignty, and for Him is Praise. In His hand is all goodness, and He is All-Powerful to do everything. (9) He lets night enter the day, and day enter night; there is no god but He, the Undefeatable Almighty, the All-Forgiving. He is the Responder to supplications, and the Bounteous
in granting, the Enumerator of breaths, and the Lord of the Jinn-kind and humankind. Neither does anything bring difficulty for Him, and nor does the cry of those who appeal for help annoy Him, and nor does the insistence of those who insist, force Him to assent.

He is the Protector of the righteous, and the Giver of success to the achievers of salvation. And He is the Mawla and Lord of the worlds, Who deserves that all His creations thank Him and praise Him, I Praise Him in joy and sorrow, and in hardship and comfort; and I believe in Him, His angels, His Books and His Messengers; I listen to His Command and obey Him, and proceed towards whatever pleases Him, and submit to His Decrees, longing to be obedient to Him, and fearing His punishment, for, He is Allah, Whose plans, no one is secure from, nor, injustice from Him, no one is in fear of.
The Ghadir Sermon

Part 2

Preparation for Delivering an Important

Commandment from Allah

I have made firm in my soul, submissiveness (Oboodyyat) for Him, and I bear witness to, Lordship for Him. And I convey what He revealed to me, lest should I not do it, He may allow that a calamity befalls me, that which no one can turn away from me even if he has great schemes. There is no god but He. He has surely informed me that if I do not convey what He has revealed to me, then I have not conveyed His Messengership. Certainly, He, the most holy, the most high, has guaranteed for me, protection, and He is Allah, Who is Sufficient and Bountiful. Thus, He revealed to me: “In the name of Allah, the compassionate, the merciful. O' Messenger! Deliver what has been sent down to you from your Lord regarding Ali -meaning in regard to the Caliphate of Ali Ibn AbiTaalib- and if you do not, you have not conveyed His Messengership, and Allah shall protect you from people.” (10)

O' people! I have not been neglectful of conveying what Allah, the Exalted, sent down to me, and I shall now explain to you the reason behind the revelation of this verse. Verily, Gabriel (Jebraa'eel) came down to me three times and delivered me my Lord's Salaam -and He (Allah) is Salaam (Peace and Security …)-, and His command that I should stand in this scene and inform everyone, white and black: Surely Ali Ibn AbiTaalib is my brother, my executor (Wasi), my successor (Caliph), and the Imam after me; whose position to me is like that of Aaron (Haaroon) to Moses (Moosa) except that there shall be no Prophet after me, and that he is your lord and Authority (Wali) after Allah and His Messenger. And, indeed, Allah, the Most Holy,
the Most High, has sent down to me a verse from His Book about this, saying: “This is it and nothing but this, your Wali is Allah and His Messenger and those of the Believers who perform the Prayers (Salaat) and pay Zakaat while they Rokoo’ (bow down before Allah in Prayers).” (11)

And Ali Ibn AbiTaalib performed Salaat (Prayer), and paid Zakaat (religious financial duties) while bowing down in Rokoo’; he (Ali) seeks and keeps Allah in mind, the Mighty and the Majestic, in all situations.

And, I asked Gabriel to request Allah to excuse me from conveying it to you; O' people! Due to my knowledge on the fewness of the pious, and the numerousness of the hypocrites, and the treachery of the sinful, and the trickery of those who ridicule Islam, those whom Allah has described in His Book as: “they say with their tongues what is not in their hearts,” (12) And: “taking it lightly, while it is a grave matter in the view of Allah.” (13)

And, due to their annoying me on many occasions, so much so that they called me (all) “ear”, claiming I am so because of his (Ali’s) frequent attendance in my presence and my attention to him, until Allah, the Mighty and the Majestic, sent down in this regard, the verse: “And of them are some who annoy the Prophet and say: He is “ear”. Say: One whom you call “ear” is best for you; He believes in Allah, safeguards the believers, and is a Mercy for those of you who Believe. And for those who annoy the Messenger of Allah, there shall be a painful torment.”(14)

And, Had I wished to name them by their names, I would have named; and, to point out towards them, I would have pointed; and, to indicate them with their indications, I would have done so; yet, by Allah, I have indeed dealt with their affairs magnanimously. Nevertheless, Allah is not pleased with me until I convey what He has sent down to me: “O' Messenger! Deliver what has been sent down to you from your Lord with regard to Ali, and if you do not, you will not have conveyed His Messengership, and Allah shall protect you from people.”(15)
The Ghadir Sermon

Part 3

Open Declaration of the Imamat (Divinely Ordained Leadership) of Ali Ibn AbiTaaleb and the Imams after Him (PBUT)

O’ people! Know that Allah has assigned him (Ali) as a Wali and an Imam for you, whose obedience is incumbent upon the Immigrants (Mohaajerin), and the Helpers (Ansaar), and upon those who follow them with goodness and beauty; And upon the nomad, village and city resident; and upon the Arab and the Ajam (non-Arab); the free and the slave; and the young and the old; and upon the white and the black; and upon every monotheist. His (Ali’s) decree is to be carried out, his sayings are permitted (as law), and his command is penetrative and effective.

Far from Allah's Mercy (Mal’oon) is whoever opposes him, blessed with Mercy (Marhoom) is whoever follows him. And indeed, Allah forgives those who acknowledge and accept him, and those who listen to him and obey him.

O’ people! This is the last stand I make in this gathering; thus listen, and obey, and submit to the command of your Lord, for surely, Allah, the Mighty and the Majestic, is your Mawla and your God, then under Him, Mohammad His Messenger, standing and addressing you, is your Wali.

Then after me, Ali is your Wali and your Imam, by the command of Allah, your Lord.

Then Imamat shall be in my progeny from his offspring, until the Day you will meet Allah and His Messenger.

Nothing is lawful and permissible (Halaal) except what Allah has declared as Halaal; and nothing is unlawful and forbidden (Haraam) except what Allah has declared as Haraam; Allah the Mighty and the Majestic, has made known to me the Halaal and the Haraam, and I have made known to him
(Ali) what my Lord has taught me of His Book, and His Halaal, and His Haraam.
O’ people! There is no knowledge except that Allah has surely recorded its account in me, and I have recorded the account and details of all the knowledge that I was taught, in the "Imam of the pious" (Ali); And, there is no knowledge except that I have taught it to Ali, and he is the "Mobin (Evident) Imam".  (16)

O’ people! Do not stray from him, and do not flee from him, and do not arrogantly refuse his Welaayat (Wilayat: Allah-ordained authoritative lordship and guardianship); for he is who guides to the Truth and acts upon it, and crushes falsehood and forbids it; and in the cause of Allah, the blame of blamers do not hold him back.
And, He is the first to believe in Allah and in His Messenger; and he is who offered his life as a sacrifice for the Messenger of Allah; and he was with the Messenger of Allah when no one among men worshiped Allah in the company of His Messenger other than him.
O’ people! Consider him superior and prefer him (over all others), for Allah has indeed preferred him, and accept him, for Allah has indeed appointed him.

O’ people! He is an Imam from Allah, and Allah shall never turn to anyone (in Mercy) who denies his Wilayat, and nor shall He ever forgive him; this is a decisive decree by Allah that He shall do so to anyone who opposes His command about him, and shall torment him with the most painful torment, forever and ever, and for all times. Hence, beware lest you oppose him, then will enter Fire whose fuel is people and stones, prepared for the disbelievers. (17)

O’ people! By Allah, all previous Prophets and Messengers have given the glad tidings about me. I am the Khaatam (ending seal) of the Prophets and the Messengers, and the Proof (Hojjat of Allah) over all the creatures, from the inhabitants of the heavens and the earths.

So, he who doubts this, is indeed a disbeliever, with the disbelief of the early era of Jaaheliyat (ignorance); and, he who doubts anything of this saying of Him, has indeed doubted all that is from Him; and anyone who doubts this, then Fire shall be for him.
O' people! Allah, the Mighty and the Majestic, has bestowed upon me, this virtue, as a grand favor and blessing from Him upon me, and as a kindness from Him toward me. And there is no god but He. Behold! My praise is for Him forever and ever, and for all times, and in all circumstances.

O people! Prefer Ali (over all others), for surely he is the best and most superior of the people, from men and women, after me, so long as Allah sends down His sustenance and (and so long as) the creation exists.

Away from Allah's Mercy (Mal'oon), (and again) away from Allah's Mercy (Mal'oon), under Wrath (Maghdoob) under Wrath (Maghdoob), is he who rejects this saying of mine and does not agree with it.

Behold! Certainly, Gabriel has informed me of this from Allah, the Most High, and said: “Anyone who bears enmity against Ali and refuses his Wilayat, for him shall be My La'n (away from My Mercy).” Thus, every soul should look to what he has sent forth for the tomorrow; and, Taqollah! (Be watchful of your duties towards Allah!), lest you should oppose Him and (your) foot should slip after its stability. Verily, Allah is well-aware of that you do. (18)

O' people! Surely he (Ali) is “the Janb of Allah” that is mentioned in His Book. And, He, the Exalted, says: “Lest a soul should (then) say: Alas! Woe onto me that I abused and neglected (my duties towards) the Janb of Allah.” (19)

O' People! Ponder on the Qur'an and understand its verses; and Look into it through its Mohkamaat (clear and firm verses), and do not follow its Motashaabeh (ambiguous verses); for, swear by Allah, none shall be able to clarify and explain to you its (Quran's) warnings and its mysteries, nor shall anyone clarify and describe its interpretation, other than he whom I have grasped his hand, and brought up beside myself, and lifted his arm, and I am letting you know that surely "whomever I am his Mawla (Allah-Chosen Wali and lord and Master), this Ali is his Mawla"; and he is Ali Ibn AbiTaalib, my brother, my Wasi, whose Mowaalaat (matter of attachment and adherence to Wali and Wilayat) has been sent down to me from Allah, the Mighty and the Majestic.

O' people! Verily, Ali and the pure ones from my offspring, they are the lesser Weight, and the Qur'an is the greater Weight. And each one informs
about the other and agrees with it. They shall never ever part until they return to me at the Pool (of Al-kawthar on the Day of Judgment). They (the Ahl-Ol-Bayt) are the trustees of Allah amongst His creations, and His people of wisdom on His earth.

Indeed now I have performed my duty, and indeed I have conveyed. Indeed I have made you hear, and indeed I have explained. Indeed Allah, the Mighty and the Majestic, has said, and so have I, on behalf of Allah, the Mighty and the Majestic, that there is no AmirulMo'menin (Commander of the Faithful) save this Brother of mine; the Commandership over the Believers is not Halaal after me for any one except him.

-Thereafter, Allah's Messenger (PBUH&HP) took his upper arm by his hand, raised it, and lifted him until his foot was by the Messenger's knee, and said:-

O' people! This Ali is my brother, and my Wasi, and the container of my Knowledge, and my Successor (Caliph) over my nation (Ummah), and over the interpretation of the Book of Allah, the Mighty and the Majestic, and the true inviter to Him, and the doer of what Pleas His enemies, and causes adherence and attachment to His obedience, and advises against His disobedience (He is) the Successor and Caliph of the Rasool (Messenger) of Allah, and the Amir and Commander of the Believers (Mo'menin), and the guiding Imam, and the killer of the Oath-breakers (Naakethin), and the Transgressors (Qaasetin), and the Apostates (Maareqin), by Allah's Command.

I say: The word with me shall not be changed (20), by the Command of my Lord, I say: O' Allah! Be the Wali of him who adheres to him; and be the enemy of him who bears enmity against him; and La'n him who rejects him; and be wrathful towards him who denies his Right.
The Ghadir Sermon

Part 4

Announcing the Perfection of Religion Due to Ali's Imamat and Reminding the People of His Virtues

O' Allah! Surely during my clarifying this and appointing him, You have sent down to me that, certainly the Imamat after me is for Ali Your Wali, therewith You have perfected for Your servants, their religion, and You have completed Your favor and blessing upon them, and You have become Pleased of Islam (perfected by the Imamat of the Messenger's Chosen Successors) being Religion for them. (21) And You said: “If anyone seeks a religion other than Islam, never shall it be accepted from him, and in the Hereafter, he shall be one of the losers.” (22) O' Allah! Indeed, I implore You to witness that I have certainly conveyed and delivered, and You suffice as a witness.

O' people! This is it and nothing but this, that Allah, the Mighty and the Majestic, has indeed perfected your religion through his (Ali's) Imamat (Allah Ordained Leadership). Thus, whoever does not follow him and my sons from his loins (Solb), who will take his position, until the Day of Qiyaamat (Resurrection), when deeds are presented before Allah, the Mighty and the Majestic, “Then, they are the ones whose deeds fall and become vain and fruitless in the world and the Hereafter, and they shall abide in Fire forever.” (23) “Their torment shall not be lightened, nor shall they be respited.” (24)

O' people! This is Ali, the greatest aid and help for me amongst you, the most rightful of you to me, the closest in relation with me, and the dearest to me. Both Allah, the Mighty and the Majestic, and I are pleased with him. And no verse has been sent down expressing (Allah's) Pleasedness except that (in its absolute sense) it is about him (Ali); and, nor has Allah addressed with honor, those who Believe, but that He meant him first; and, nor has any verse of praise been revealed in the Qur'an but that it is in his honor; and, nor did Allah testify to Paradise in (the Surah starting with) “has not passed over man a long period of time ...” (25) but for him; and He did not reveal it for other than him, nor did He mean to praise, by it, other than him.
O' people! He is the helper of the Religion of Allah, and the one who argues on behalf of the Messenger of Allah. And, he is the pious, the pure, the guide, and the rightly guided. And, your Prophet is the best Prophet, and the Wasi over you, is the best Wasi, and his sons are the best Awsiya (plural of Wasi).

O' people! The progeny of every prophet was from his own Solb(loins) whereas my progeny is from the Solb of Ali.

O' people! Surely, Eblis (chief evil Jinn) caused Adam to be dismissed from the Garden through jealousy. Thus, do not be jealous of him (Ali), for, your deeds shall be nullified and your feet shall slip. Verily, Adam was sent down to earth only because of one mistake, while he was Chosen by Allah, the Mighty and the Majestic; how, then, will be your condition, while you are who you are, and among you, are the enemies of Allah?!

Behold! Surely none hates Ali but a wretched person, and none keeps himself attached to Ali but a pious person, and none believes in him but a sincere Believer.

And in the honor of Ali, by Allah, was the Surah Asr revealed: “In the name of Allah, the compassionate, the merciful. Swear to Asr (Era)! Most surely man is in loss, except those who Believe, and do Saalehaat, Righteous Deeds, and exhort each other earnestly to the Truth, and exhort each other earnestly to patience and constancy.” (26)

O' people! I have sought Allah to be my witness and have conveyed my Resaalat (Mission, Messengership) to you, “and it is not upon the Messenger but to convey clearly.” (27)
O' people! “Have Taqwa (be fearful and cautious of your duties) of Allah, the Taqwa that He deserves and is His Right, and do not die except while you are Muslims.” (28)
The Ghadir Sermon

Part 5

Referring to the Aims of the Hypocrites

O people! Believe in Allah and His Messenger and the Light that was sent down with him (29).
“before we alter faces then turn them on their backs or La’n them (Curse them to be totally away from Mercy).” (30)

O people! The Light which is from Allah (created by Allah), the Mighty and the Majestic, has been placed in me, then in Ali Ebn AbiTaaleb, then in his (selected) descendents up to Al-Qaa’em al- Mahdi, he who shall take back and re-establish the Right of Allah and all the Rights which are ours. Allah, the Mighty and the Majestic, has surely made us (His) Chosen Proofs against the neglectful, and the stubborn, and the adversaries, and the treacherous, and the sinful, and the unjust, from all worlds.

O people! I warn you that I am surely the Messenger of Allah; certainly, there have been Messengers before me who have come and gone. Then, should I die or be killed, will you turn back on your heels? And whoever turns back on his heels shall not harm Allah in the least, and Allah shall soon reward the grateful (31)
Behold! Ali is surely he who has been attributed and described with patience and gratefulness, so are after him my offspring from his Solb.

O people! Do not think that you are doing a favor to Allah by your (acceptance of) Islam, lest His Wrath should descend upon you, and (lest) He should afflict you with a Torment from Him; surely your Lord is ever-watching. (32)

O people! There shall soon be imams (leaders) after me who shall invite (people) to the Fire, and on the Day of Qiyaamat (Judgment) they shall not be helped. (33)
O people! Indeed, Allah and I both dissociate ourselves from them. O people! They, and their supporters, and their adherents, and their followers shall be in the lowest depths of the Fire; and evil indeed, is the abode of the arrogant. (34)

Behold! These are, indeed, the Companions of the Sahifah (the document signed by hypocrites, including the immediate future imams of Fire who were implicitly mentioned by the Prophet in this Sermon); so, let each one of you look into his sahifah (document of deeds)!

-(Imam Baaqer PBUH) said: Except for a small group, the rest forgot the issue of the Sahifah.-

O people! I leave (the Authority) after me through Imamat (Divinely Ordained Leadership), inherited in my (Chosen) offspring until the Day of Qiyaamat.

And most certainly, I have conveyed what I have been commanded to convey, as a Hojjat (Divine Proof) upon everyone present or absent, and upon all, be a direct witness or not, and born or not yet born. Hence, everyone who is present should convey (this Sermon) to those who are absent, every parent should convey it to his/her children, (and they should continue to do so) until the Day of Qiyaamat.

But, they shall soon replace it (the Imamat) by kingdom and usurpation. Behold! Allah La’ns the usurpers, and the transgressing- oppressors.

And, then We will soon settle your affairs, O Thaqalaan (the two …)! (35)

And, on you, shall be launched a flame of fire and (a flash of) molten brass, thus you shall never prevail.” (36)

O people! Surely Allah, the Mighty and the Majestic, does not leave you in the state you are now, until He will distinguish and separate the evil ones from the good ones. And nor has He informed you of the Ghayb (unseen). (37)

O people! There shall surely be no (wrongful) community but that Allah shall perish it due to its rejection by its people; and such is what Allah the Exalted, has mentioned (in His Book) as to how He annihilates the wrongful societies, while they are oppressors. (38)

And this is Ali, your Imam and your Wali, and these are Allah’s Promises; and verily Allah fulfills what He has Promised to him.
O people! Indeed most of the early ones before you have strayed, and surely, Allah annihilated the early ones, and He shall be He who annihilates the later ones.

Allah, the High, has stated: “Did We not destroy the former ones? So shall We follow the same for them, the later (generations). Such is how We treat the guilty. Woe on that Day to the rejecters.” (39)

O people! Surely Allah has commanded and prohibited me, and I have certainly commanded and prohibited Ali; therefore, he (Ali) has the knowledge of commandments and prohibitions from his Lord, the Mighty and the Magnificent.

Thus, listen to his (Ali’s) commands so that you remain safe; and obey him so that you are guided; and leave what he prohibits so that you grow in guidance; and conform to his wishes; and do not let different paths separate you from his Path. (40)
The Ghadir Sermon

Part 6

Adherents to the AhlulBayt (Pbut) and Their Enemies

O people! I am "the Straight Path" of Allah whom He has commanded you to follow (41), and such after me also is Ali, and then my offspring from his Solb, the Imams of Guidance who guide to the Truth, and therewith, they do justice.” (42)

"In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful; All Praise be for Allah, the Lord of the worlds; the Compassionate, the Merciful; the Master of the Day of Judgment; You alone We worship and serve, and from You alone We seek aid; guide us to "the Straight Path"; the path of those upon whom You bestowed blessings and favors, not of those upon whom Your Wrath is brought down, nor of those who go astray." (43)

This (Surah) was revealed in my honor, and in their (the Imams’) honor, it was revealed; and, generalizes for them, and particularizes only them.

They are the Awliya (plural of Wali) of Allah, for whom there shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve. (44)

Behold! Truly, it is the Party of Allah who are the prevailers. (45) Lo! Surely Ali’s enemies, they are adherents to dissentency and hypocrisy; and the opposers, and they are the adversaries; and the brethren of Shaitaans (devils) some of whom inspire others with embellished vain discourses, out of arrogance. (46)

Behold! It is their close adherents whom Allah has mentioned in His Book, and, the Mighty and the Majestic, has said: “you will not find any group of people who (truly) Believe in Allah and in the Last Day, yet they love and follow those who have opposed Allah and His Messenger, even though they’ve been their (own) fathers, or their sons, or their brothers, or their kinsfolk; those are the ones in whose hearts He has written and impressed the Eemaan (Faith …).” (47)
Lo! Their close adherents are those whom Allah, the Mighty and the Majestic, has described as: “And those who Believe and do not cover their Eemaan (Faith) with injustice, are the ones for whom is the safety and security (from Hell Fire), and they are the rightly guided.” (48)

Lo! Their close adherents shall certainly enter Paradise with security and safety; and the angels shall receive them with greetings and Salaam that, happy and well you are, so enter into it to dwell therein forever. (49)

Behold! Indeed, their close adherents are those about whom Allah, the Mighty and the Majestic, has said, they shall enter Heaven, in it, they shall be receiving sustenance, without calculation. (50)

Lo! Their enemies are indeed those who shall arrive at Hell. Behold! Indeed, their enemies are the ones who shall hear the (terrible) drawing in of Hell’s breath as it blazes forth, and for it, there shall be the heaving of sighs and sobs. (51)

Behold! Their enemies are surely those about whom Allah has stated: “whenever a nation enters, it shall La’n and curse its peer.” (52)

Lo! Certainly their enemies are those whom Allah, the Mighty and the Majestic, has stated: “Every time a group is cast therein, its keepers shall ask them, ‘Did no warner come to you?’ They shall say, ‘Yes indeed. A warner came to us, but we rejected (him) and we said, Allah has not revealed anything; you are but in a grand state of aberration and error.’” (53)

Behold! Their (AhlulBayt’s) close adherents are, indeed, ones who fear their Lord in secret; for them is forgiveness and a grand reward! (54)

O people! What a difference it is between HellFire and Heaven! Our enemy is whom Allah censures and La'ns (keeps His Mercy away from), and our adherent friend is whom Allah praises and loves.

O people! Behold! And I am surely a Warner and Ali is a Guide. (55) O people! Indeed I am a Prophet and Ali is my Wasi.
The Ghadir Sermon

Part 7

Mentioning Imam Mahdi (PBUH)

Behold! Surely the last of the Imams from among us shall be the Qaa’em, the Mahdi.

Behold! He shall, most certainly, prevail over (all) religions. Behold! He shall certainly be the avenger against the oppressors. Behold! He shall surely be the conqueror of the strongholds and their annihilator.

Behold! He shall, indeed, be the killer of every group among the people of polytheism.

Behold! He shall be the attainer for the (unrightfully wasted) blood of all Awliya of Allah, the Mighty, the Majestic.

Behold! He shall certainly be the supporter and helper of the Religion of Allah.

Behold! Indeed he shall bring out big portions from a very deep ocean (of Knowledge …).

Behold! He shall certainly identify each man of distinction by his distinction and every man of ignorance by his ignorance.

Behold! Indeed he is the choicest elite of Allah, and chosen by Him. Behold! He shall indeed be the heir of all knowledge, and the one who shall encompass it.

Behold! He shall surely advise and inform on behalf of his Lord, the mighty and the majestic, and shall remind about the matters pertaining to His Faith.
Behold! Certainly, he shall be the Rashid (perfect guide ...), the firm.  
Behold! Indeed in him (Authority ...) shall be vested.  
Behold! Surely all former ones before him (Prophets, Successors ...), had given glad tidings about him.

Behold! Certainly he shall be the Remanent Hojjat (of Allah), after whom there shall be no (new) Hojjat (Proof); and no Truth shall there be, except with him; nor there shall be any Light (of guidance ...) unless with him.

Behold! None, indeed, shall overcome him, and none shall be supported and helped against him.

Behold! Indeed he shall be the Wali of Allah on His earth, His judge over His creation, and His trustee in His secrets and in what He has made evident.
The Ghadir Sermon

Part 8

Exhorting People to give their Pledge

O people! I have, indeed, clarified and explained for you and made you comprehend, and it is this Ali that shall make you comprehend, after me. Behold! And indeed, at the end of my Sermon, I shall call upon you to shake hands with me as the oath of allegiance to him and the acknowledgement of him, and to shake hands with him afterwards.

Behold! I have indeed sworn allegiance to Allah, and Ali has surely sworn allegiance to me, and on behalf of Allah, the Mighty and the Majestic, I require you to swear the oath of allegiance to him; “(Allah has said:) Verily those who pledge allegiance to you (the Prophet), they indeed pledge allegiance to Allah; the Hand of Allah is over their hands. Thus, anyone who breaks and violates his oath has indeed violated his (own) soul, and anyone who fulfills the Covenant he has made with Allah, He shall soon grant him a grand reward.” (56)
The Ghadir Sermon

Part 9

Finality of the Religious Laws and the Role of the Imams (PBUT)

O people! "Surely the Al-Safaa and Al-Marwah are among the Emblems of Allah; thus, whoever goes to visit the House (Ka’bah) in the Hajj season, or performs the 'Omrah, he has not made a mistake when he goes them round both. (57)

O people! Do the Hajj of the House, for, no members of a family went there except that they became free of need; and none failed to go there except that they were impoverished.

O people! No believer stands at the standing place (at the 'Arafaat desert) except that Allah forgives all his past sins until then; thus, once his Hajj pilgrimage is over, (recording of) his actions are resumed.

O people! The pilgrims shall be assisted, and their expenses shall be reimbursed; and Allah shall not waste the reward of those who do well. (58)

O people! Perform Pilgrimage to the House with Perfection of the Religion and with deep understanding, and do not leave the sacred places except after repenting and desisting (from all that is forbidden).

O people! Uphold the Salaat (Prayers) and pay the Zakaat as Allah, the Mighty and the Majestic, has commanded you.

And, if time lapses and you fall short or forget, then Ali is your Wali, and shall clarify and explain for you.

He (Ali) is whom Allah, the Mighty and the Majestic, appointed for you after me, and whom Allah chose as Caliph; he is from me and I am from him.
He shall inform you of anything you ask about, and shall clarify what you do.

Behold! Certainly, the Halaal and Haraam are more than that I could enumerate, and make them known and urge to Halaal or advise against Haraam, all in one place; therefore, I have been commanded to take an oath of allegiance from you and to make a covenant with you in accepting what I brought you from Allah, the Mighty and the Majestic, regarding Ali, the Amir-Ol-Mo’menin (the Commander of the Believers) and the Imams after him who are from me and from him; the Imams -until the Day of Qiyaamat- whose Qaa'em (Riser) shall be Mahdi, he who shall judge based on the Truth.

O people! (By this appointment) I have directed you to every Halaal and prohibited you from every Haraam. And certainly I shall never take (my word) back, and nor shall I replace it.

Behold! Hence, remember it, and safeguard it, and advise each other to it, and never substitute nor alter it. Behold! And I certainly repeat the saying:

Behold! Uphold the Salaat, pay the Zakaat, exhort earnestly to the Ma'roof (specified good deeds), and forbid the Monkar (specified evil deeds); and behold! Surely The head of (the uppermost important) enjoining Ma'roof and forbidding Monkar is, resorting to my saying, and conveying it to whoever is not present, and urging him to accept it, and advising him against violating it, for, it surely is a Command of Allah, the Mighty and the Majestic, from me.

And there is no enjoining Ma'roof and forbidding Monkar except with (the obedience of) a Ma'soom (Infallible) Imam.

O people! The Qur'an makes it known to you that the Imams after him (Ali) are his descendants, and I have made known to you that they surely are of me and of him; where Allah says in His Book, "And He made it a Remaining Kalemah (Word …), in his posterity." (59)

And I said: "you will never go astray so long as you adhere to both (the Qur'an and my AhlulBayt)." (The Hadith of Thaqalain)
O people! (Observe) Taqwa (Piety …)! (Observe) Taqwa! And be wary of
the Hour as Allah, the Mighty and the Majestic, has said, "Surely the Quake
Hour shall be a tremendous thing." (60)
Remember death, the reckoning, the scales (of justice) (61), and the call to
account -before the Lord of the Worlds- and the reward and punishment.

Thus, whoever comes with a righteous deed, shall be rewarded for it, and
whoever comes with an (unforgiven) sin, shall not have any share in the
gardens. (62)
The Ghadir Sermon, Last Part

Part 10

Pronouncing the Covenant and Taking the Oath of Allegiance

O people! There surely are too many of you to shake my hand at one single time, and certainly Allah, the Mighty and the Majestic, commanded me to seek from your tongues, the acknowledgement of what I have finalized regarding Ali, the Commander of the Believers, and about those of the Imams from me and him, who shall come after him, according to what I have informed you that my offspring are from his Solb. Therefore, pronounce this in one voice: "Surely we hear, obey, are pleased, and are bound to what you have conveyed to us from our Lord and your Lord with regard to the Amr (matter of Commandership …) of Ali, and the Amr of the Imams, your sons from his Solb.

We pledge allegiance to you in this regard with our hearts, and our souls, and our tongues, and our hands.

According to this, shall we live, and shall we die, and shall we be esurrected.

We shall not alter, and nor we shall substitute, and nor shall we doubt, and nor we shall distrust; and we shall not withdraw from the Covenant, and nor shall we breach the pact.

And we obey Allah and we obey you that Ali is the AmirulMo'menin, and his sons are the Imams whom you mentioned to be of your offspring from his Solb after Al-Hasan and Al-Hossain.
The two whom I (the Prophet PBUH&HP) have made known to you, their place from me, and their status next to me, and their position, from my Lord, the Mighty and the Majestic.
Most certainly I have conveyed this to you; and certainly those two are the lords of the youth of Paradise; and surely they are the Imams after their father Ali, and I am their father before him.

And say:

We obey Allah about this, and (we obey) you and Ali and the Imams you mentioned; a Covenant and a Promise regarding the AmirulMo'menin is taken from our hearts, and our souls, and our tongues, and through the shaking of our hands.
-Anyone who reached the two of them (the Prophet and Ali PBUT), (pledged) with his hand, and acknowledged them by his tongue.-
And we shall not seek any substitute for it, and nor shall we ever see in our souls any diversion from it.
We take Allah as witness to this, and surely, Allah suffices as witness. And you are also witness over us; and so are anyone who has obeyed, from those who are apparent, and concealed, and Allah’s angels, and His troops, and His servants. And Allah is greater than every witness.

O people! What do you say?! Verily, Allah is well-aware of every voice and the secrecy of every soul.

“So he who accepts guidance, it is to the benefit of his own soul, and he who goes astray, does so only against it (his own self).” (63)
Those who pledge fealty, they indeed pledge fealty to Allah; the Hand of Allah is over their hands.” (64)

O people! Thus Taqollah (Fear Allah …), and pledge your oath of allegiance to Ali, Amir-Ol-Mo'menin, and to Al-Hasan and Al-Husain, and to the Imams, a pure, Remaining Kalemah. (65)

Allah shall let whoever acts treacherously to perish, and shall have Mercy on whoever remains loyal.

“Thus, anyone who violates his oath has indeed violated his (own) soul, and anyone who fulfills the covenant he has made with Allah, He shall soon grant him a grand reward.” (66)
O people! Say what I told you, and greet and Salaam Ali as the “Amir-Ol-Mo'menin”.

And say: “We listened, and we obeyed, and Your forgiveness (do we seek), our Lord, and towards You (Your reward and punishment) is the eventual course.” (67)

And say: “All Praise be to Allah who has guided us to this. And never were we guided had Allah not guided us.” (68)

O people! Indeed, the merits and virtues of Ali Ibn AbiTaaleb by (the view of) Allah, the Mighty and the Majestic, which are indeed revealed in the Qur'an, are more numerous than I could recount in one time; thus, whenever someone informs you of them, and makes them known, accept him.

O people! Whoever obeys Allah, and His Messenger, and Ali, and the Imams that I mentioned, has indeed achieved a grand Salvation. (69)

O people! The foremost from among you in paying homage to him, and adhering to his Wilayat, and Salaaming him as the Amir (Commander) of the Believers, they are the winners in the gardens of blessings.
O people! Say of the sayings that which by it, Allah becomes pleased with you; and (know that) if you and everyone on earth disbelieve together, then never shall it harm Allah a thing.

O Allah! Forgive the Believers, and let Your Wrath descend upon the disbelievers; and all Praise belong to Allah, the Lord of the worlds.
Notes:

1. cf. Qur'an, Surah 40, verse 7
2. cf. Qur'an, Surah 42, verse 11
3. cf. Qur'an, Surah 3, verse 18
4. cf. Qur'an, Surah 6, verse 103
5. cf. Qur'an, Surah 57, verse 5
6. cf. Qur'an, Surah 112
7. cf. Qur'an, Surah 39, verse 52
8. cf. Qur'an, Surah 53, verse 43-44
9. cf. Qur'an, Surah 64, verse 1; and Surah 3, verse 26
10. cf. Qur'an, Surah 5, verse 67
11. Qur'an, Surah 5, verse 55
12. Qur'an, Surah 48, verse 11
13. cf. Qur'an, Surah 24, verse 15
14. Qur'an, Surah 9, verse 61
15. cf. Qur'an, Surah 5, verse 67
16. cf. Qur'an, Surah 36, verse 12
17. cf. Qur'an, Surah 2, verse 24
18. cf. Qur'an, Surah 59, verse 18 and Surah 16, verse 94

19. Qur'an, Surah 39, verse 56

20. cf. Qur'an, Surah 50, verse 29

21. cf. Qur'an, Surah 5, verse 3

22. Qur'an, Surah 3, verse 85

23. cf. Qur'an, Surah 2, verse 217

24. cf. Qur'an, Surah 3, verse 88

25. cf. Qur'an, Surah 76, verse 7-22

26. Qur'an, Surah 103

27. Qur'an, Surah 24, verse 54

28. Qur'an, Surah 3, verse 102

29. cf. Qur'an, Surah 64, verse 8, and Surah 7, verse 157

30. cf. Qur'an, Surah 4, verse 47

31. cf. Qur'an, Surah 3, verse 144

32. cf. Qur'an, Surah 89, verse 14

33. cf. Qur'an, Surah 28, verse 41

34. cf. Qur'an, Surah 4, verse 145, and Qur'an, Surah 39, verse 72

35. Qur'an, Surah 55, verse 31

36. Qur'an, Surah 55, verse 35

37. cf. Qur'an, Surah 3, verse 179
38. cf. Qur'an, Surah 11, verse 102,...
39. Qur'an, Surah 77, verse 16-19
40. cf. Qur'an, Surah 6, verse 153
41. cf. Qur'an, Surah 6, verse 153
42. cf. Qur'an, Surah 7, verse 181
43 Qur'an, Surah 1, verses 1 to 7
44. cf. Qur'an, Surah 10, verse 62
45. cf. Qur'an, Surah 5, verse 56
46. cf. Qur'an, Surah 6, verse 112
47. Qur'an, Surah 58, verse 22
48. Qur'an, Surah 6, verse 82
49. cf. Qur'an, Surah 39, verse 73
50. cf. Qur'an, Surah 40, verse 40
51. cf. Qur'an, Surah 67, verse 7, and Surah 11, verse 106
52. Qur'an, Surah 7, verse 38
53. Qur'an, Surah 67, verses 8 & 9
54. cf. Qur'an, Surah 67, verse 12
55. cf. Qur'an, Surah 13, verse 7
56. Qur'an, Surah 48, verse 10
57. cf. Qur'an, Surah 2, verse 158
58. cf. Qur'an, Surah 11, verse 115
59. Qur'an, Surah 43, verse 28
60. Qur'an, Surah 22, verse 1
61. cf. Qur'an, Surah 21, verse 47
62. Qur'an, Surah 27, verse 89-90
63. cf. Qur'an, Surah 39, verse 41
64. cf. Qur'an, Surah 48, verse 10
65. cf. Qur'an, Surah 43, verse 28
66. Qur'an, Surah 48, verse 10
67. cf. Qur'an, Surah 2, verse 285
68. Qur'an, Surah 7, verse 43
69. Qur'an, Surah 33, verse 71