IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE COMPASSIONATE

THE MERCIFUL

How did Imam Sadeq (peace be upon him) state to say hello to Imam of the age (Mahdi) (peace be upon him) while Imam of the age was not born in the age of Imam Sadeq (peace be upon him)?

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A QUESTION BY; MESHKAT

RESPONSE

At first, the meaning of hello (Salam) is to prey for some body's health and it can be possible to pray for someone who is present or even not exist now. Firstly we should define the meaning of Salam and as it is presented in the Sunnite interpretive and dictionary books, this word means to pray for the health of someone

معنى السلام هو الدعاء بالسلامة

-Al-Izah Fi Olum Al-Balaghe, v 1 p 347

The meaning of Salam is to pray for the health of someone

The same phrase has been mentioned in the below books as well

Al-Tafsir Al-Kabir, v 21 p 202. Al-Kashaf v 3, p 29. Ruh Al-Mani, v 12, p 94. Zad Al-Masir, v 9, p 194. Fateh Al-Bari, v 11, p 13.

Thus when we say hello to someone in fact we pray for his health and in order to pray for someone then there is no need for him to be present. In the majority of the Sunnite narrations, the holy prophet of GOD has prayed for those who were not present at that time

11691 حدثنا عبد الله حدثني أبي ثنا حسن قال سمعت عبد الله بن لهيعة قال ثنا دراج أبو السمح ان أبا الهيثم حدثه عن أبي سعيد الخدري عن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم ان رجلا قال له يا رسول الله طوبى لمن رآك وآمن بك قال طوبى لمن رآني وآمن بي ثم طوبى ثم طوبى ثم طوبى لمن آمن بي ولم يرني قال له رجل وما طوبى قال شجرة في الجنة مسيرة مائة عام ثياب أهل الجنة تخرج من أكمامها

-Mosnad Ahmad Ben Hanbal, v 3 p 71

A man said to the holy prophet of GOD that the heavenly tree of Tuba is for a man who saw you and believed in you (Tuba is a term in the prayer) and His Holiness stated that; this heavenly tree is for whoever saw me and believed in me and the heavenly tree and heavenly tree and heavenly tree are for whoever believed in me while he did not saw me and a man said that; what is Tuba? His Holiness stated that; that is a heavenly tree and its height is around 1000 months way and the heavenly cloths come out from that tree.

This narration has been mentioned in the book Al-Mostadra, v 4, p 96, Sahih Ibn Haban,v 16 p 213, Mosnad Abi Yoli, v 2 p 519 and in further books and most of these books have considered this narration as an authentic saying.

Secondly; in the narration in hand, which has been mentioned in the beginning of the first question, the question is that how will they say hello to His Holiness Valiasr (Imam of the age) in his age? Then His Holiness responded that, you should say; peace be upon you O Baqyat Allah and this is its meaning that; and if you were present at that age you should say like that.

And in addition to this point, with respect to the pilgrimage prayer of Imam of the age (May GOD precipitate his blessing reappearance) which has been presented prior to His Holiness' birth we are going to respond to remove the religious doubt in such a manner.

Thirdly; all of the people have a spiritual existence prior to their birth in this world and are able to figure out these realities and the Sunnites scholars have acknowledged to this fact under this holy verse that.

وَإِذ أخَذَ رَبُّکَ مِن بَنِي آدَمَ مِن ظُهُورهِم ذُرِّيَّتَهُم وَأشهَدَهُم عَلَي أنفُسِهِم ألَستُ بِرَبِّکُم قَالُوا بَلَي (سوره أعراف آيه 172)

While some of the narrations which have been mentioned by them are in contrast to the view of Shiites in some respects but it proves the real existence in the world of Zar.

11190 أنا قتيبة بن سعيد عن مالك عن زيد بن أبي أنيسة عن عبد الحميد بن عبد الرحمن بن زيد عن مسلم بن يسا ر الجهني أن عمر بن الخطاب سئل عن هذه الآية وإذ أخذ ربك من بني آدم من ظهورهم ذريتهم وأشهدهم على أنفسهم ألست بربكم قالوا بلى شهدنا أن تقولوا يوم القيامة إنا كنا عن هذا غافلين فقال عمر سمعت رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم يسأل عنها فقال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم إن الله عز وجل خلق آدم فمسح ظهره بيمينه فاستخرج منه ذرية فقال خلقت هؤلاء للجنة وبعمل أهل الجنة يعملون ثم مسح ظهره فاستخرج منه ذرية فقال خلقت هؤلاء للنار وبعمل أهل النار يعملون ...

-Sonan Al-Nesai Al-Kobra, v 6 p 347

It has been asked from Omar Ibn Khatab pertaining to this verse … then Omar said that; I heard from the holy prophet of GOD (peace and bless of GOD be upon him and his progeny) that they asked such a question from His Holiness then he stated that Allah the Almighty created Adam and then He put His own hand on his shoulder and then He caused to come out from him his descendent then He stated that I created them for paradise and they will do the acts of the heavenly people (good deeds) then He put His hand on his shoulder and then He caused to come out from him a descendent and He stated that I have created them for hell and they will do the acts of the people of hell (bad deeds).

Regardless of the common narrations pertaining to the world Zar, there are various narrations pertaining to the luminous being of the holy prophet of

GOD (peace and bless of GOD be upon him and his progeny) and Aemah Athar (Imams) (peace be upon them) in the Shiites as well as the Sunnite books.

3609 حدثنا أبو همام الوليد بن شجاع بن الوليد البغدادي حدثنا الوليد بن مسلم عن الأوزاعي عن يحيى بن كثير عن أبي سلمة عن أبي هريرة قال قالوا يا رسول الله متى وجبت لك النبوة قال وآدم بين الروح والجسد قال أبو عيسى هذا حديث حسن صحيح غريب من حديث أبي هريرة لا نعرفه إلا من هذا الوجه

-Sonan Al-Termezi, v 5 p 585

It has been asked from the holy prophet of GOD that when have you been appointed as the apostle of GOD? His Holiness stated that; when Adam was between soul and body (his soul and body were apart from each others) …this narration is a sound and authentic narration.

A man asked the holy prophet of GOD that when have you been appointed as the prophet? His Holiness stated that; I was the apostle of GOD while Adam was between soul and body (his soul and body were apart from one another).

36553 حدثنا أبو بكر قال حدثنا عفان قال حدثنا وهيب قال حدثنا خالد الحذاء عن عبد الله بن شقيق أن رجلا سأل النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم متى كنت نبيا قال كنت نبيا وآدم بين الروح والجسد

-Mosnef Ibn Abi Sheibe, v 7 p 329

I heard from Imam Sajad (peace be upon him) that stated; in fact Allah the Almighty has created Mohammad, Ali and eleven lights from his descendent from His light of magnitude and then He put them as shadows un His own shadow were worshiping Him prior to the creation of the other creatures .

6 - محمد بن يحيى ، عن محمد بن أحمد ، عن محمد بن الحسين ، عن أبي سعيد العصفوري عن عمر [و] بن ثابت ، عن أبي حمزة قال : سمعت علي بن

الحسين عليه السلام يقول : إن الله خلق محمدا وعليا وأحد عشر من ولده من نور عظمته ، فأقامهم أشباحا في ضياء نوره يعبدونه قبل خلق الخلق ، يسبحون الله ويقدسونه وهم الأئمة من ولد رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله.

-Al-Kafi, Al-Sheikh Koleini, v 1 p 530, 531

It has been quoted from Keram that he said; I swore not to eat anything in days (I wanted to observe a fast all days) until the reappearance of Imam of the age then I went to the presence of Imam Sadeq (peace be upon him) then I said to His Holiness that one of your Shiites has dedicated by a woe to do something like that? His Holiness stated that then observe the fast with Ekram (it means that a great reward will be granted to you) but do not observe the fast in the ceremony of Qorban and Fetr and the three days of Haj ceremony and when you are in a journey and when you are sick. And in fact when Imam Hossein (peace be upon him) was martyred in Karbala then the heavens and the earth and their creatures and the angels were crying and they said; O our Lord, let us to destroy the people who have committed such a wicked act and murdering of your appointed men and wipe them from the face of the map then Allah the Almighty revealed to them that My angels and My heavens and My earth calm down then He unveil one of His hidden curtain and there were the holy prophet of GOD (peace and bless of GOD be upon him and his progeny) and the 12 men of his household (peace be upon him) and Allah the Almighty pointed to one of them who was standing among them and then He stated that O My angels and My heavens and My earth I will aid Hossein (peace be upon him) with this man and then repeated this sentence for 3 times thus we can see that to say hello to the hallowed and eminent standing of Baqyat Allah Al-Azam (Imam of the age) was not only possible in the age of Imam Sadeq (peace be upon him) but even possible prior to the prophecy of the holy prophet of GOD (peace and bless of GOD be upon him and his progeny) as well.

And also the Sunnite scholars have narrated under the holy verse of ‘’ and ask those of Our apostles whom We sent before you (The chapter Zukuruf (The Embellishment) verse 45 that the holy prophet of GOD (peace and bless of GOD be upon him and his progeny) stated that; all of the apostles

of GOD have been appointed after me as a result of allegiance to my prophecy and Velayat (Imamate) of Ali Ibn Abi Taleb .

حدثنا أبو الحسن مح مد بن المظفر الحافظ قال حدثنا عبد الله بن محمد بن غزوان قال ثنا علي بن جابر قال ثنا محمد بن خالد بن عبد الله قال ثنا محمد بن فضيل قال ثنا محمد بن سوقة عن إبراهيم عن الأسود عن عبد الله قال قال النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم يا عبد الله أتاني ملك فقال يا محمد وسل من أرسلنا من قبلك من رسلنا على ما بعثوا قال قلت على ما بعثوا قال على ولايتك وولاية علي بن أبي طالب قال الحاكم تفرد به علي بن جابر عن محمد بن خالد عن محمد بن فضي ولم نكتبه الا عن بن مظفر وهو عندنا حافظ ثقة مأمون

-Marefat Olum Al-Hadith, v 1 p 95

This narration adequately imply in the spiritual and hallowed existence of Aemah Athar (Imams) (peace be upon them) even prior to the creation of the apostles of GOD

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