An Overview of the Government of Jesus and the al-Mahdi

We (David and Peggy) only recently in 2019 came across this collection of Hadiths. (prophecies from Mohamet, the last prophet who delivered Gods' Final Testament, the Quran to humanity) Once again like the many other prophecies from around the world they are obvious prophetic Proofs from God about all of us and our united mission.

Hadrat (a servant of God) 'Ali said: God will assist Hadrat al-Mahdi through angels, jinn and sincere believers." (He will have the help of jinn like Solomon did!) 27:17 "And there gathered unto Solomon his forces of jinn and humans and birds soldiering in ranks."

Imam as-Sadiq and Imam al-Kazim said: "During the uprising of Hadrat al-Mahdi, he will pass judgment on three cases in such a manner that no one before him had done so. He will execute old adulterers, kill anyone who hinders charity, and give the inheritance of one to another.

Zurarah asked Imam as-Sadiq "Will the approach and policy of Hadrat al-Mahdi be the same as that of the Prophet?" The Imam replied: "O Zurarah! Never; never. He will not adopt the policy of the Prophet (in dealing with enemies). The Prophet used to deal with enemies leniently, gently and kindly in order to win their hearts and for the people to be acquainted with him. Hadrat al-Mahdi, however, will adopt the policy of killing; he will act according to his order accepting no ones repentance. Thus, woe be to anyone who would oppose him!"

A fraud named Rawi said; "They say when the Mahdi appears, all actions and activities will be to his advantage and he will not shed blood." Mohamet said: "It is not so. By God! (It will not be like that) so much so that you and us (resurrected) will shed their blood and wipe the sweat from ourselves" and then he pointed to his forehead with his blessed hand.

Yes. Mohamet adopted leniency and clemency because he knew that after him enemies would prevail over his supporters and sincere believers. The policy of Hadrat al-Mahdi, however, is rage toward them as well as overpowering and subduing them because he knows that after him no one who could prevail over the sincere believers will ever be allowed to exist. None.

Imam al-Baqir said: "If only the people knew what program Hadrat al-Mahdi had and what actions he would take, most of them would wish not to see him at all because he will do a lot of killing and certainly the first killing will occur in the tribe of quraysh. (Made up historically of Arabian merchants) After the quraysh, he will not take anything but the sword or give to them anything but the sword. Hadrat al-Mahdi will act in such a way that most of the people will say, "This person is not from the Progeny of Muhammad and if he were really from the Ahl al-Bayt of the Prophet, he would have been compassionate."

The same Imam also said: "Hadrat al-Mahdi will stage the uprising with a new program (voting with the <u>AAA Ballot</u> via <u>Unidigi</u>), a novel tradition (the classification of 2 groups of people, believers who are much higher than non-believers in all societal respects) and innovative judgment (possibly based upon DNA and/or RH blood typing to eliminate all hybrids). It will be a very difficult moment for the Arabs, and it does not behoove him anything but to kill enemies.

Imam as-Sadiq said: "When the permission (of God) for the appearance and uprising is to be granted to Hadrat al-Mahdi he will recite "God" in His Hebrew name YHWH! (David's been doing this widely and boldly since 2015 when He wrote this blog about it to prove it is the correct and unique Name of God.) At that time his supporters will be readying; they will number three hundred and thirteen who will be scattered like the autumn clouds and they will also be the standard-bearers (his commanders). While resting at night, some of them will disappear and in the morning they will find themselves in Mecca. Others will be seen riding on clouds in the daytime. They will be recognized by their names, their fathers, their families, and their reputations."

It was asked: "What will be some characteristics of the Mahdi?" He said: "He will be separated from his family and relatives; he will be away from his homeland living far from home. (Yep, Chelan is about 800 miles away from his birth town Casper and about 900 miles from his hometown of North Platte, NE) And; "Before the advent of the Mahdi, the world will face two types of death: the "white death" and the "red death". (This ties to Revelations' rider of the white and red horses) The red death is

through the sword (weapon) while the white death is through plague. (i.e. Covid-19 a.k.a. radiation poisoning.)

At the end of time, rain will be scarce or will shower at inopportune times, thus bringing destruction to agriculture. Lakes and rivers will dry up; plants will not bear fruit; and trade will decline. (FYI; Joe Creek on our property dried up in 2018 and 2019 for the first time in known history! Thousands of others around the world have as well.)

Glad tidings to you of the Mahdi from the progeny of Fatimah! He will appear in the west and fill the world with justice. ("the west" of course speaks of the US and it doesn't get more west than our 25 year home of WA state!)

Mohamet said: "After you, there will be a community at whose feet the world will be gathered—they will traverse the world and the doors (borders) of the world will be opened for them, the men and women of Persia (The ancient area of Iraq) will serve them. The earth will be rolled under their steps in such a manner that any of them could cover the distance from east to west within an hour. They will sell neither themselves to the world nor its inhabitants. (They won't do the work for gain) The world is also not their delight nor portion."

Imam as-Sadiq said: "God gave Dhu'l-Qarnayn (Alexander the Great) the option to choose between the wild and gentle clouds. He chose the gentle and it is the cloud without thunder and lightning, and if he had chosen the wild cloud, he would not have been able to utilize it because God has preserved it for Hadrat al-Mahdi."

When the Mahdi appears, he will set out toward Kufah. (*Iraq*) He will rule there for seven years each year of which would be equivalent to ten years of yours. (We began noticing this strange slowing of time in the beginning of 2013. It seems that many of Gods' other servants across history have as well. It may be for the simple reason of having more time to learn and get things done.) Then, he will do whatever God wishes.

In this regard, the Commander of the Faithful said: "...Afterward, Hadrat al Mahdi and his supporters will continue

to move and the walls of every castle of the Byzantines they pass by will crumble with their recitation of "La ilaha illallah" (There is no god but Allah) until such time that they will arrive at the city of Constantinople. (Istanbul)

The Commander of the Faithful said: "The Companions of the Cave (jinn) will come to assist the Mahdi. There are also five whose names are that of the Companions of the Cave; one from Amul; one from Gorgan; one from Damghan; one from Sarakhs; one from Saveh; twenty four from Taleqan; two from Qazvin; one from Fars; one from Abhar; one from Ardebil; three from Maragheh; one from Khuy; one from Salmas; three from Abadan; and one from Kazerun." (These are likely all cities in Antarctica where the jinn have been hiding out for the last couple hundred years while the rest of mankind has been spreading about.)

Then, the Commander of the Faithful said: "The Noble Prophet mentioned to me three hundred and thirteen persons of the supporters of al-Mahdi equal to the number of the supporters in (the Battle of) Badr, and he said: 'God will bring them from the east and the west to the precinct of the Kaabah' faster than the blink of an eye." (It is believed by many that these 313 will be messengers and prophets resurrected or maybe just brought back to this world specifically for the job. We know that some such as Yeshua and Elijah never died but rather were taken up by God. And we also know from the Quran there are many others not documented in scriptures. 4:164 "And other messengers We informed thee of before and messengers We have not informed thee of. And of all God only spoke directly to Moses". Some say the number of messengers is 144,000.) As stated earlier, the soldiers of Hadrat al-Mahdi will gather around him from the corners of the world. The hadiths indicate various means by which the soldiers become aware of the uprising and how they gather in Mecca. Some who are asleep in their beds at night will find themselves in the presence of the Mahdi in the morning. Others will travel by traversing long distances within very short periods of time and come into the presence of the Mahdi. After being informed of the uprising, a certain group will join the Mahdi by riding on the clouds. (All of this "cloud riding" is likely via way of help by the jinn with their "UFOs".)

Mufaddal ibn 'Umar said: "I asked: 'May I be your ransom! Which group has a higher station in terms of faith?' The Imam said: 'They are those who will move on top of the clouds, those who will disappear about whose station the blessed verse of the Quran have revealed: 2:148 "So vie with one another in good deeds then wherever you be God will bring you one and all". And the Messenger of Allah (Mohamet) said: "A community will emerge (be resurrected) after you that will gather the world under their feet, and the world will be spread out for them, while the men and women of Persia will serve them. The earth will be traversed under their steps in less than the blink of an eye in such a manner that anyone of them could cover the distance from east to west in an instant. They are not of this world and the world has also no benefit nor portion for them."

The Mahdi will test his supporters in such a manner in order to be aware of their degree of adherence to him. Thereafter, he will appear between Safa and Marwah (the two hills surrounding the Kaaba) and while addressing his supporters he will say: 'I will not pursue any activity unless you pay allegiance to me under certain conditions, adhere to it and do not violate it in anyway. I am also obliged with respect to eight things.' In reply to him, the Mahdis' supporters will say in unison: 'We do render our total submission to you, follow you, and accept whatever conditions you set. Kindly tell us what those conditions are.

The Mahdi will go to Mount Safa in Mecca and his supporters will also follow him. Addressing them there, he will say: 'I will make a covenant with you under these conditions:

- (1) You shall not desert the battlefield;
- (2) you shall not steal;
- (3) you shall not perform any illegitimate act;
- (4) you shall not commit unlawful acts;
- (5) you shall not do any evil or obnoxious act;
- (6) you shall not unjustly strike anyone;
- (7) you shall not amass gold and silver;

- (8) you shall not hoard food;
- (9) you shall not destroy any mosque;
- (10) you shall not bear witness to falsehood;
- (11) you shall not despise or belittle any believer;
- (12) you shall not commit usury;
- (13) you shall endure adversities and difficulties;
- (14) you shall not curse any monotheist;
- (15) you shall not drink alcohol with others;
- (16) you shall not wear brocade;
- (17) you shall not wear silk clothing;
- (18) you shall not pursue an escapee;
- (19) you shall not shed blood unlawfully;
- (20) you shall not nourish the hypocrite nor infidel;
- (21) you shall not wear fur garments;
- (22) you shall make the soil as your pillow;
- (23) you shall shun unworthy acts; and
- (24) you shall enjoin what is good and forbid what is wrong."

'If you abide with and act upon these conditions, it is incumbent upon me to choose no one but you as my assistants; I have to wear nothing but what you wear; I have nothing to eat but what you eat; I have nothing to ride but what you ride; I should be with you wherever you go; I have to go wherever you set out for; I have to be satisfied and pleased with a small force and fill the earth with justice and equity just as it has been full of injustice and oppression; and I have to worship God as He is worthy to be worshipped. I will remain committed to what I have said while you also have to remain committed to your pledges. "The companions said: 'We are satisfied and we promise to be committed to what you have said.' Then, the Mahdi will shake the hands of each of his supporters (as a sign of allegiance). Of course, it must be noted that the Mahdi will

set these conditions and impose this test on his special forces because they will serve as administrators in his global government and they are ones who, having good deeds, will play crucial roles in spreading justice in the world.

Imam as-Sadiq said: "The supporters of the Mahdi will place their hands on the saddle of his horse and by doing so, they will be asking for blessings. They will form a ring around him and in battles they will offer their bodies and souls for him. They will accept and do whatever he would ask from them." The same Imam also stated the following in describing the supporters of al Mahdi: "He has men whose hearts will seem to be as if they were from pieces of iron... They are more obedient to the Mahdi than a slave girl would be in relation to her master and owner, and they are subservient to his command.

The Commander of the Faithful said: "The supporters of al-Mahdi are all young. There are no old and aged among them but a few who are like antimony for the eye and salt for the food. Of course, the least amount of a thing needed in food is salt." Imam as-Sadiq said: "What Prophet Lut (Lot) meant in his statement addressed to his enemies when he said, 'I wish I had a potent force against you or I can take refuge in a formidable column,' was a force similar to the potent force of the Promised Mahdi and his supporters each of whom has the strength equal to that of forty men. They have hearts firmer than steel and when they traverse mountains, the rocks tremble. They do not sheathe their swords except when God wants and is pleased with it.

Imam al-Baqir said: "It is as if I can see the supporters of al-Mahdi dominating heaven and earth and there is nothing in the world that would not be under their rule and sovereignty. Fierce animals and predatory birds also seek their pleasure. They will be so beloved that everywhere on earth some will brag and boast to another saying: 'Today, one of the supporters of al-Mahdi dropped in and passed by here'."

Regarding the characteristics of Hadrat al-Mahdi, Imam as-Sadiq said: "They have an intense fear of God and they aspire for martyrdom. Their aspiration is to be slain in the way of Allah. Their slogan is 'O avengers of Husayn!' As they move, the fear

and dread of them in the hearts of their enemies move with the distance of one month's travel."

"At the time of his advent, Hadrat al-Mahdi will also deliver a speech to you, which you will not be able to accept. (likely speaking of Davids' irrefutably correct stance on "thou shalt not kill" pertaining to killing healthy animals for food.) Therefore, you will rise up against him in the city of Ramaylah (Palestine) and wage war against him. The Mahdi will also confront you and will kill you, and this revolt will be the last uprising against him."

Regarding the revolt in Ramaylah and its suppression, Ibn Abi Ya'fur said: "I came to Imam as-Sadig while a group of his followers was in his company. The Imam said to me: 'Have you read the Qur'an?' I replied: 'Yes, but only a normal reading.' He said: 'My point was that very (normal) reading.' I said: 'What is meant by this question?' He said: 'Hadrat Musa (Moses) said something (to eat the manna and not the quail which required killing) to his community but they could not endure it, and they rose up against him in Egypt. Musa also fought against them and killed them. "Hadrat 'Isa (Jesus/Yeshua) also said something to his community but they too could not tolerate it, and they also rose up against him in the city of Takrit. (Saddam Husseins' hometown in Iraq) 'Isa also confronted them and eliminated them. This is the meaning of the words of God when He says: **61:14** " Yea a number of the children of Israel believed and a number denied but We strengthen those who heeded Warning against their enemies so they were the ones who become dominant."

After many centuries of waiting and agony, the days of tyranny and darkness will finally come to an end; the rays of the sun of felicity will become visible; and the great personage who, by the help of God, is supposed to wipe out the remnants of tyranny and oppression, will appear. He will affect extensive reforms and fundamental transformations in both the spiritual and material realms, and he will establish order in human society in a manner that will earn the pleasure of Allah. Meanwhile, if certain persons, parties and groups would like to hinder this magnificent uprising by creating problems or slowing down the pace of his uprising by fanning the fire of agitation, they will be considered the staunch enemies of humanity and the divine religion, and they will deserve nothing but annihilation at the

powerful hand of Hadrat al-Mahdi. Saboteurs of the revolution of the Mahdi would be those whose hands are stained with the blood of humanity, the indifferent, who had remained silent with respect to the crimes of the aggressors but raise the banner of opposition against the Imam, or the crooked-minded who regard their understanding as superior to the words of the Mahdi. Naturally, they have to be repressed with the utmost decisiveness so that human society would become forever safe from their mischief. As such, the approach of Hadrat al-Mahdi toward them is decisive and uncompromising.

Wahhab ibn Jami' said: "I asked Imam as-Sadiq: about verses 7:14-15 "And iblis said: Please Thou grant me respite until the Day they (the saints and/or others) are raised up (to fight alongside Al-Mahdi) God agreed: Thou are of those granted respite". Is it specified when that will be? The Imam said in reply: "Have you imagined that it is the Day of Resurrection? Nay! God has only given respite to iblis/lucifer till the day of the uprising of our al-Mahdi. When God commissions him (permits him to stage the uprising), he will go to the Kufah Mosque. At that time, walking on his knees, iblis/lucifer will go there and say: "Woe is me from this day!" Then Hadrat al-Mahdi will take hold of his forehead and slaughter him and that moment is the "appointed time" when the respite given to iblis/lucifer will come to an end.

In the hadiths these changes have been mentioned in such terms as new judgment (the killing of all polytheists and fervent nontheists) new tradition (a full on version of a real "Constitutional, Democratic Republic" for the entire world.), new invocation (likely Davids' version of Abrahams' Contact Prayer) and new book (Davids' English translation of the Quran, the Quran for Christians) which we regard as nothing else but the revival of the Muhammadan Sunnah. However, the magnitude of the transformations will be so far reaching that when people are confronted with them they will say, "He has brought a new religion!" Granting that the hadiths are indeed transmitted from the Infallibles, it is necessary to pay attention to the following pertinent points:

 The conditions for the announcement and implementation of some divine laws will exist during the time of the advent of Hadrat al-Mahdi, notwithstanding their being established by God, and it is he who will announce and implement those laws. (Davids' interpretation of the 10 commandments)

2. With the passage of time, changes and distortions in the divine laws have been made by tyrants and corruptors, and after his advent Hadrat al-Mahdi will rectify and regulate them. In the book, Al-Qawl al-Mukhtasar, it is thus stated: "No innovation will be left unless he removes it (to refashion it) and no tradition unless he revives it. (God has already given David some very excellent ideas about how the world should operate with clean, free energy, organic only agriculture, tight limitations on production of all types of vehicles and machines for best reliability, lifespan and cost/environmentally effective replacement of parts, to mention just a few.)

Imam as-Sadiq said: "During the advent of Hadrat al-Mahdi, he will invite the people to Islam (monotheism) anew and guide them toward it when Islam had faded and become antiquated and the people had drifted away from it." It can be deduced from these hadiths that Imam al-Mahdi will not present a new religion in the world. Instead, since the people would have drifted away from the true Islam (again meaning monotheism practiced by all the messengers and prophets) he will invite them again to the religion just as the Prophet invited them to it.

Mu'adh ibn Kathir reported that Imam as-Sadiq said: "Our sincere believers are at liberty. They are free in the sense that they spend whatever they earn in the way of good and Righteousness, but when our al-Mahdi rises up, it will be unlawful (haram) for every rich man to amass wealth except that he would turn it over to the Mahdi and spend the same in war against the enemy, and this is the statement of God when He says: "But those who amass gold and silver then do not spend it for the Cause of God give them tidings of a Painful Punishment.." 9:30

Regarding the means of transportation at that time, the Messenger of Allah said: "After you, communities shall come, under whose feet the earth can be traversed and for whom the doors of the world will be opened... The earth can be traversed in less than the blink of an eye so much so that if any of them wants to traverse the world from east to west in an hour, they would be able to do this. (Speaking of humanities' inheritance of

all high technology such as soon to include UFOs from the jinn. They, the corrupt among them such as lucifer, are who have supplied our world leaders with most of the technology we see today. There are good jinn who are readying to help, once lucifer, their ruler is overthrown/slaughtered by the Al-Mahdi.)

The following is another collection of Mohamets' hadiths;

The Mahdi: Earths' Awaited Messiah

Among the Major Signs, the most anticipated and central sign that believers around the world are awaiting is the coming of a man known as, "The Mahdi" in Islam. In Arabic, al-Mahdi means, "The Guided One" ¹ He is also sometimes referred to by Shi'a Muslims as *Sahib Al-Zaman* or *Al-Mahdi al-Muntadhar* which translated mean "The Lord of the Age" and "The Guided/Awaited One." The Mahdi is the first of the Major Signs. This is confirmed by Ibn Kathir, the renowned Muslim scholar from the eighth century:

After the lesser signs of the Hour appear and increase, mankind will have reached a stage of great suffering. Then the awaited Mahdi will appear; He is the first of the greater clear, signs of the Hour.²

The coming of the Mahdi is the central crowning element of all Islamic end-time narratives. So central to Islamic eschatological expectations is the coming of the Mahdi, that some Muslim scholars do not even refer to "the Minor Signs" as such, but instead, refer to them as, "The signs accompanying the Mahdi".

³ While there are some variations of belief between the Sunni and Shia' sects of Islam and while certain quarters of Sunnis reject him altogether, general belief in the Mahdi is not a sectarian issue within Islam, but is universal among most Muslims. According to Shaykh Muhammad Hisham Kabbani, chairman of the Islamic Supreme Council of America:

The coming of the Mahdi is established doctrine for both Sunni and Shi'a Muslims, and indeed for all humanity. 4

Ayatullah Baqir al-Sadr and Ayatullah Murtada Mutahhari, both Shia' Muslim scholars in their book, *The Awaited Savior*, describe the Mahdi this way:

A figure more legendary than that of the Mahdi, the Awaited Savior, has not been seen in the history of mankind. The threads of the world events have woven many a fine design in human

life but the pattern of the Mahdi stands high above every other pattern. He has been the vision of the visionaries in history. He has been the dream of all the dreamers of the world. For the ultimate salvation of mankind he is the Pole Star of hope on which the gaze of humanity is fixed... In this quest for the truth about the Mahdi there is no distinction of any caste, creed, or country. The quest is universal, exactly in the same way as the Mahdi himself is universal. He stands resplendent high above the narrow walls in which humanity is cut up and divided. He belongs to everybody. For all that and much more, what exactly is the Mahdi? Surely that is the big question which the thinking people all over the world would like to ask. ⁵

Indeed, just who is this "awaited one" that the Islamic world is longing for, and what is it that he does that has them all in such a state of anticipation? This chapter will attempt to thoroughly answer this question primarily by citing various Islamic traditions and the interpretations of Muslim scholars that study them. I would like to encourage you to take the time to read each and every quote. It is in these references that we find an articulation of one of the central beliefs and passions of many of the 1.6 billion Muslims that we presently share the Earth with. Those of us who desire a greater understanding of one of the primary underlying spiritual factors affecting the world today should pay very close attention...

Earths' Messiah

In the simplest of terms, the Mahdi is the Messiah or Savior of the Bible and Quran. While the actual terms "Messiah" and "Messianism" have very clear Christian and Abrahamic roots, University of Virginia Professor Abdulaziz Abdulhussein Sachedina agrees that these terms are appropriately used in a universal context when referring to the Mahdi. In his scholarly work on the subject, *Islamic Messianism*, Sachedina elaborates thusly:

The term "messianism" in the Islamic context is frequently used to translate the important concept of an eschatological figure, the Mahdi, who as the foreordained leader "will rise" to launch a great social transformation in order to restore and adjust all

things under divine guidance. The Islamic messiah, thus, embodies the aspirations of his followers in the restoration of the purity of the Faith which will bring true and uncorrupted guidance to all mankind, creating a just social order and a world free from oppression in which the Islamic revelation (the Quran) will be the norm for all nations. ⁶

Thus it is fair to say that the "rising" of the Mahdi is to the majority of Muslims what the return of Yeshua is to Christians. While Christians await the return of Yeshua the Messiah to fulfill all of God's prophetic promises to the people of God, Muslims await the appearance of the Mahdi, to fulfill these purposes. Sheikh Kabbani likewise identifies the Mahdi as Islam's primary messiah figure:

The lost tribes of Israel are waiting for the Messiah, Christians are waiting for Yeshua, and Muslims are waiting for both the Mahdi and Yeshua. All religions describe them as men coming to save the world. ⁷

A Universal Leader For All YHWHists (The God of Abraham and Jesus)

Throughout the Islamic world today there is a call for the restoration of the Islamic Caliphate. The Caliph (*Khalifa*) in Islam may be viewed somewhat as the Pope of the Muslims. The Caliph is viewed as the Vice-regent for God/Allah/YHWH on the earth. It is important to understand that when Muslims call for the restoration of the Caliphate, it is ultimately the Mahdi that they are calling for. For the Mahdi is the awaited final Caliph of Islam. As such, Muslims, Christians and soon to be found members of the lost tribes of Israel everywhere will be obligated to follow the Mahdi.

If you see him, go and give him your allegiance, even if you have to crawl over ice, because he is the Vice-regent (*Khalifa*) of Allah, the Mahdi. ¹⁰

He will pave the way for and establish the government of the family [or community] of Muhammad... Every believer will be obligated to support him. ¹¹

The Ruler Of The World

The Mahdi is believed to be a future world leader who will not only rule over the Islamic world, but also the non-Muslim world as well.

The Mahdi is said to lead a world revolution that will establish a new Abrahamic world order throughout the entire earth:

The Mahdi will establish right and justice in the world and eliminate evil and corruption. He will fight against the enemies of the Muslims who would be victorious. ¹²

He will reappear on the appointed day, and then he will fight against the forces of evil, lead a world revolution and set up a new world order based on justice, righteousness and virtue...ultimately the righteous will take the world administration in their hands and Islam will be victorious over all the religions. ¹³

He is the precursor of the victory of the Truth and the fall of all tyrants. He heralds the end of injustice and oppression and the beginning of the final rising of the sun of Islam which will never again set and which will ensure happiness and the elevation of mankind... The Mahdi is one of Allah's clear signs which will soon be made evident to everyone. ¹⁴

The Mahdi's means and method of accomplishing this world revolution will include multiple military campaigns or holy wars (jihad). While some Muslims believe that most of the non-Muslims of the world will convert to Islam peaceably during the reign of the Mahdi, most traditions picture the non-Muslim world coming to Islam as a result of being conquered by the Mahdi. Abduallrahman Kelani, author of *The Last Apocalypse*, describes the many battles of the Mahdi:

Al-Mahdi will receive a pledge of allegiance as a caliph for Muslims. He will lead Muslims in many battles of *jihad*. His reign will be a caliphate that follows the guidance of the Prophet. Many battles will ensue between Muslims and the disbelievers during the Mahdi's reign... ¹⁵

Even Harun Yahya, a moderate and very popular Muslim author refers to the Mahdi's invasion of numerous non-Muslim lands:

The Mahdi will invade all the places between East and West. 16

The Army Of Black Flags

The Mahdi's ascendancy to power is said to be preceded by an army from the east who will be carrying black flags or banners of war. Sheikh Kabbani states:

Hadith indicate that black flags coming from the area of Khorasan will signify the appearance of the Mahdi is nigh. Khorasan is in todays Iran, and some scholars have said that this hadith means when the black flags appear from Central Asia, i.e. in the direction of Khorasan, then the appearance of the Mahdi is imminent. ¹⁷

Another tradition states that:

The Messenger of Allah said: The black banners will come from the East and their hearts will be as firm as iron. Whoever hears of them should join them and give allegiance, even if it means crawling across snow. ¹⁸

In Islam there are two flags. One is white and one is black. Written across both flags in Arabic are the words, "There is no God but Allah and Muhammad is his Messenger". The white flag is called *Al-Liwaa* and serves as the sign for the leader of the Muslim army and is the flag of the Islamic State. The black flag is called *Ar-Raya* and is used by the Muslim army. It is also called the flag of jihad, and is carried into battle. One flag is governmental and the other is a military flag. ¹⁹ When Muhammad returned to his home city of Mecca after being exiled for eight years, he returned as a conqueror. With him were ten thousand Muslim soldiers. They carried with them black flags. On the flags was one word written in Arabic: *punishment*. ²⁰

I was once talking to a group of young Muslim men and asking them some questions. I asked them if the obvious superior militaries of America and Israel compared to the militaries of any Islamic nations were a source of difficulty for many Muslims. One of these men then became very angry at my question and snapped out, "You Americans and Zionists better get ready, because the black flags are coming!" At the time, I had no idea what he was talking about. Later I learned the meaning.

The Conquering Of Israel

Islamic tradition pictures the Mahdi as joining with the army of Muslim warriors carrying black flags. The Mahdi will then lead this army to Israel and re-conquer it for Islam. The jews and their supporters will be slaughtered until very few remain and Jerusalem will become the location of the Mahdi's rule over the Earth.

Rasulullah [Muhammad] said: "Armies carrying black flags will come from Khurasan. No power will be able to stop them and they will finally reach Eela (*Baitul Maqdas* in Jerusalem) where they will erect their flags." ²¹

It is important to note here the reference above to "Baitul Maqdas". In Arabic this means "the holy house". This is referring to the Dome of the Rock Mosque and is located on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

In a particularly venomous manner, Egyptian authors, Muhammad ibn Izzat and Muhammd 'Arif comment on the above tradition:

The Mahdi will be victorious and eradicate those faggots and maggots and the idols of this time so that there will once more be a caliphate based on prophethood as the hadith states...

Jerusalem will be the location of the rightly guided caliphate and the center of Islamic rule, which will be headed by Imam al-Mahdi... That will abolish the leadership of the jews... and put an end to the domination of the satans (human/jinn hybrids from the nephilim of Gen 6:4) who spit evil into people and cause corruption in the earth, making them slaves of false idols and ruling the world by laws other than the Shari'a Law of the

Lord of the worlds. [Gods'/Allahs'/YHWHs' Laws and Teachings of how we're supposed to live] 22

There is a very famous tradition that is often quoted throughout the Islamic world that speaks of the Mahdi's military campaign against Israel. The tradition is both strong and very sobering:

The Prophet said... The last hour would not come unless the Muslims will fight against the jews and the Muslims would kill them until the jews would hide themselves behind a stone or a tree and a stone or a tree would say: "servant of Allah, there is a jew behind me; come and kill him..."

The Miraculous Provider Who Will Be Loved By All

It is said that the Mahdi will have control over the wind and the rain and the crops. Under the Mahdi's rule, the world will live in prosperity. Islamic tradition relates that Muhammad once said:

In the last days of my Ummah [universal community of believers], the Mahdi will appear. God/Allah/YHWH will give him power over the wind and the rain and the earth will bring forth its foliage. He will give away wealth profusely, flocks will be in abundance, and the Ummah will be large and honored... ²⁴

In those years my community will enjoy a time of happiness such as they have never experienced before. Heaven will send rain upon them in torrents, the earth will not withhold any of its plants, and wealth will be available to all. A man will stand and say, "Give to me Mahdi!" and he will say, "Take." ²⁵

As a result of the numerous benefits that the Mahdi brings, it is said that all the inhabitants of the Earth will be possessed with a deep love of him:

Allah will sow love of him in the hearts of all people. 26

Al Mahdi appears, everyone only talks about Him, drinks the love of Him, and never talks about anything other than Him. ²⁷

Al-Mahdi, The Rider On A White Horse

The Mahdi is believed to ride on a white horse. Whether or not this is symbolic or literal is hard to say. Quite interestingly, this tradition is based on the Muslim interpretation of christian scriptures. Despite the fact that Muslims view the Bible as having been changed and corrupted by jews and christians, they claim to believe that some portions of the "original" inspired books are still to be found within the "corrupted" Bible. As such there exists a tradition within Islamic scholarship that seeks to extract those portions of the Bible that Muslims feel may be untainted by the corrupting influence of jews and christians. These judeo-christian traditions are called by Muslims, isra'iliyyat. One such transmitter of biblical traditions is Muslim scholar Ka'b al-Ahbar. He is viewed among Muslims as a trustworthy transmitter of Hadith as well as isra'iliyyat. 31 Ka'b al-Ahbar is supported in his view that this description of the rider on the white horse as found in the Book of Revelation is indeed the Mahdi by two well known Egyptian authors, Muhammad Ibn 'Izzat and Muhammad 'Arif in their book Al Mahdi and the End of Time. 'Izzat and Arif quote Ka'b al Ahbar as saving:

I find the Mahdi recorded in the books of the Prophets... For instance, the Book of Revelation says: "And I saw and behold a white horse. He that sat on him...went forth conquering and to conquer." ³²

'Izzat and 'Arif then go on to say:

It is clear that this man is the Mahdi who will ride the white horse and judge by the Qur'an (with justice) and with whom will be men with marks of prostration on their foreheads [Marks on their foreheads from bowing in prayer with their head to the ground five times daily]. ³³

It is said by some that it was for this reason that Saddam Hussein had numerous murals painted all over Baghdad portraying himself as a Muslim Knight on a white horse with sword drawn doing valiant battle against the infidels. ³⁴

Al-Mahdi the Miraculous Archaeologist

In one final very interesting series of traditions regarding the Mahdi we find that he is said to produce some previously undiscovered Bible scrolls and even the Ark of the Covenant:

Ka'b al-Ahbar says, "He will be called "Mahdi" because he will guide (*yahdi*) to something hidden and will bring out the Torah and Gospel from a town called Antioch." ³⁵

At the hands of the Mahdi the Ark of the Covenant will be brought forth from the Lake of Tiberias, taken and placed in Jerusalem." 36

Ad-Dani said that he is called the Mahdi because he will be guided to a mountain in Syria from which he will bring forth the volumes of the Torah with which to argue against the jews and at his hands a group of them will become Muslim believers in God/Allah/YHWH. ³⁷

Apparently, the purpose of finding these "lost" portions of the Old and New Testaments as well as the Ark of the Covenant is to help the Mahdi win converts from corrupted christianity prior to "eradicating" the remainder who do not convert to Islam.

Summary

After reviewing the various Islamic traditions and opinions of Muslim scholars, let's now review and walk through a list of what we have learned about the person and the mission of the Mahdi as he exists in the minds of many of the 1.6 billion Muslims worldwide.

- 1. The Mahdi is Islam's primary messiah figure.
- 2. He will be a descendant of Muhammad and will bear in simile Muhammad's name (i.e. David, the beloved one).

- 3. He will be a very devout Muslim (believer in God/Allah/YHWH).
- 4. He will be an unparalleled spiritual, political and military world leader.
- 5. He will emerge after a period of great turmoil and suffering upon the earth.
- 6. He will establish justice and righteousness throughout the world and eradicate tyranny and oppression.
- 7. He will be the Caliph and Imam (vice-regent and leader) of believers worldwide
- He will lead a world revolution and establish a new world order.
- He will lead military action against all those who oppose him.
- 10. He will invade many countries.
- 11. He will make a seven year peace treaty with one of priestly lineage.
- 12. He will conquer Israel for Islam and lead the "faithful Muslims" in a final slaughter/battle against jews and their supporters.
- 13. He will establish the new worlds' headquarters from Jerusalem.
- 14. He will rule for seven years (possibly as much as eight or nine).
- 15. He will cause Islam (*Peaceful worship of God/Allah/YHWH*) to be the only religion practiced on the earth.
- 16. He will appear riding a white horse. (Autos, Plane?)
- 17. He will discover some previously undiscovered biblical manuscripts that he will use to argue with the jews and their supporters and cause some of them to convert.
- 18. He will re-discover the Ark of the Covenant from the Sea of Galilee, which he will bring to Jerusalem.
- 19. He will have supernatural power from God/Allah/YHWH over the wind and the rain and crops.
- 20. He will posses and distribute enormous amounts of wealth.
- 21. He will be loved by all the people of the earth.

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