Editorial

Dear Readers,

The most important and interesting event, during recent interval, was the anniversary of the birthdate of Imam Mahdi (may God accelerate his return) on May 12, 2018. He is the last and living Imam. His Reappearance and the situation of the world after that is so gorgeous that I would like to tell a few words about that.

When the promised Mahdi, the 12th Shia Imam (p.b.u.h) comes, Jesus Christ will accompany him. He overcomes the evil forces of the world, and will administer the entire world under one Divine government. He will appoint qualified individuals as the governors at different parts of the world; with clear instructions for the peaceful and just ruling of the regions under their control.

The earth will flourish at that time. Then Mahdi will distantly oversee the whole world himself, while the extensive affairs will be accessible to him, as the palm of his hand. His disciples will see and talk to him from remote distances. The entire earth will be filled with justice and equity.

People will treat each other with honesty and sincerity. There will be security and no one will cause harm to another. The economic condition of the human communities will improve greatly. There will be enough rain to cause the earth to become lush with greenery, and all kinds of grains and fruits will be in abundance. Necessary improvements will be introduced to agricultural methods. Islam will become the main

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religion, and people will pay more attention to God's presence than to sins. Regarding the building of the roads, extensive programs will be effected. In building the roads there will be so much diligence that the mosques standing in the middle will be demolished. Footpaths will adorn the streets. There will be prohibitions against constructing open drains and sewage on the streets. The highly decorative and elevated mosques, minarets, and grills, separating the leader of the congregational prayers from the worshippers will be destroyed.

During the age of the Mahdi human reason will become perfected. General information among people will be advanced to such a degree that women will be competent to issue religious *fatwa*, while sitting at their homes. The holy Imam Sadiq has said:

Knowledge is divided into twenty-seven parts. No more than two parts will be acquired by human beings before the Reappearance. When our Qa'im arises he will expose the rest twenty five parts and distribute it among the people. People's thoughts will become excellent, and their hearts will become free from violence and resentment.

(For more details about the prosperous time of Mahdi (a.s.) please refer to volumes 51 and 52 of Bihar al-Anwar, and Nu'mani's Kitab al-Ghaybah. These are just two of more that tens of books including the narratives expressed by the holy Prophet and infallible Imams about the golden time of Imam Mahdi.)

It is our rational and religious duty to pray for the acceleration of Reappearance of Imam Mahdi, since it will bring the rescue and welfare for all of us.

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