

# THE LOYAL ONES

Book 3



**ABU JAFAR**

**MUHAMMAD BIN UTHMAN**

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*“Indeed these are  
What the followers of Ali are like”*

*Prepared by 'ASR'*

May Allah swt bless us with an opportunity to be a true follower of our Imam (as), Inshallah!!!

## Introduction

- When Imam Mahdi (a.s) went in Ghaibat-e-Sughra, He kept in contact with four men so that the pious shias would benefit from Him through them.
- The first deputy (Uthman bin Saeed ul Amri) has been discussed in ‘The Loyal ones- book 2’.
- When Abu Amri passed away, he was succeeded by his good hearted son, Abu Jafar Muhammad bin Uthman.



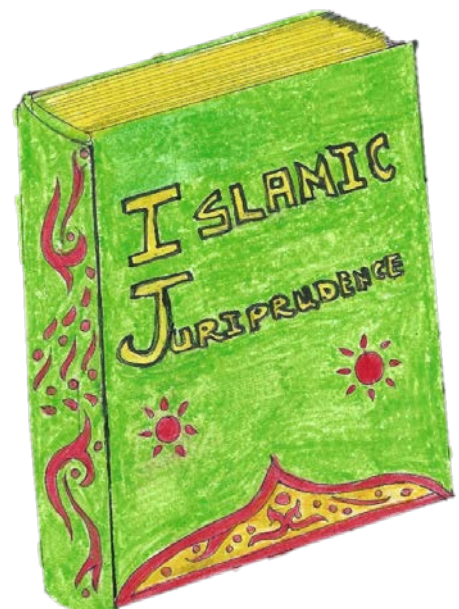
## About

- Name: Abu Jafar Muhammad bin Uthman.
- Tribe: Banu Asad clan.
- Father: Uthman bin Saeed ul Amri.
- Children: He had a daughter named Umme Kulthum.
- Appellations: Amri, Asadi, Kufi, Samman, Al-Askari
- Companionship: He was a companion of the 11<sup>th</sup> Imam and 12<sup>th</sup> Imam (a.s.).



## Life History

- Abu Jafar was a companion of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Imams (as).
- He belonged to the Banu Asad clan.
- He was given the title Abu Jafar.
- Abu Jafar succeeded his father Abu Amri in deputyship.
- He was a loyal, trusted and pious person.
- His deputyship period was very tough.
- Eight other individuals claimed to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> deputy of Imam (a.s).
- They nearly injured Abu Jafar.
- His period of deputyship lasted about 40 years which was the longest out of the four deputies.
- He wrote a book on Islamic jurisprudence based on traditions from his father and the last two Imams.



## Correspondence with Imam (as)

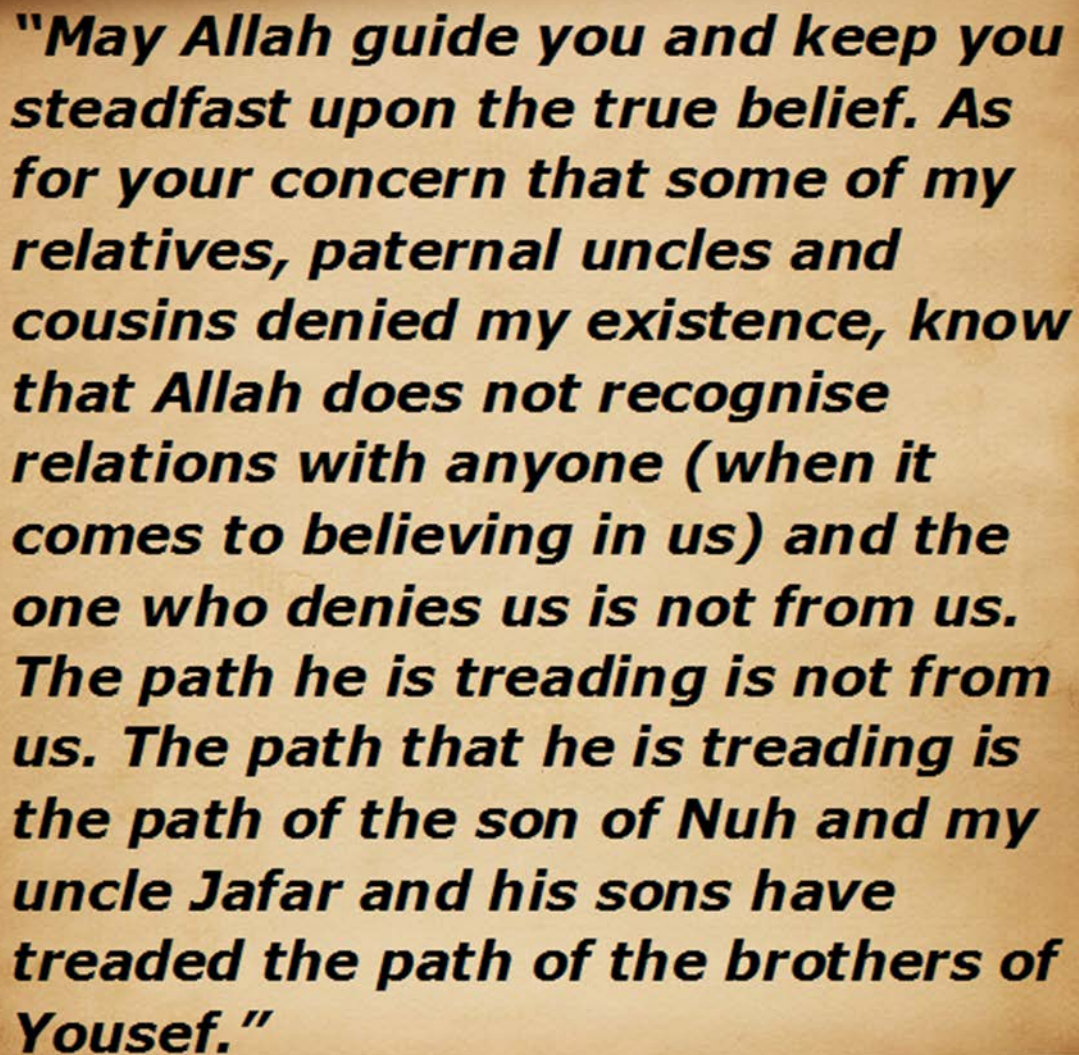
- There were many letters written to him by the Imam (as). We will mention a few.
- Letter 1:

When Abu Amri passed away Imam (ajtf) wrote a condolence letter to his son (Abu Jafar) which read:-

***"Indeed we are from Allah and to Him we shall return..... We submit to His command and are satisfied with His decree. Your father has lived in good fortune and has passed away with dignity. May Allah's mercy be on him, he has joined his friends and masters. Your father was always in the affairs of the Imams (A.S.) and whatever would bring him near to Allah. May Allah brighten his countenance! May Allah give you more reward.....and from the success of that departed one it is sufficient that he had a son like you, who would succeed him his place and invoke mercy for him....."***

- Letter 2:-

When Imam Mahdi's paternal uncles started trouble, Abu Jafar wrote a letter in concern and Imam Mahdi (ajtf) wrote a letter in response which read:



***"May Allah guide you and keep you steadfast upon the true belief. As for your concern that some of my relatives, paternal uncles and cousins denied my existence, know that Allah does not recognise relations with anyone (when it comes to believing in us) and the one who denies us is not from us. The path he is treading is not from us. The path that he is treading is the path of the son of Nuh and my uncle Jafar and his sons have treaded the path of the brothers of Yousef."***

## Personality traits

### 1) Preparing for hereafter:

When Abu Jafar found out he was about to die, he dug his own grave and would enter it and recite Quran every day.

### 2) Trustworthiness and Reliability :

- Imam Hasan al Askari (as) and Imam Mahdi (Ajtf) have narrated many traditions stating his reliability and trustworthiness.
- For example, the 11<sup>th</sup> Imam (a.s) said that:  
*“Amri and his son are both reliable and trustworthy, whatever they convey to you, they convey from us”.*

### 3) Relationship with the Imam:

Abu Jafar was very close to the 12<sup>th</sup> Imam (a.s).He served his Imam (ajtf) for a long time and Imam (ajtf) trusted him a lot.

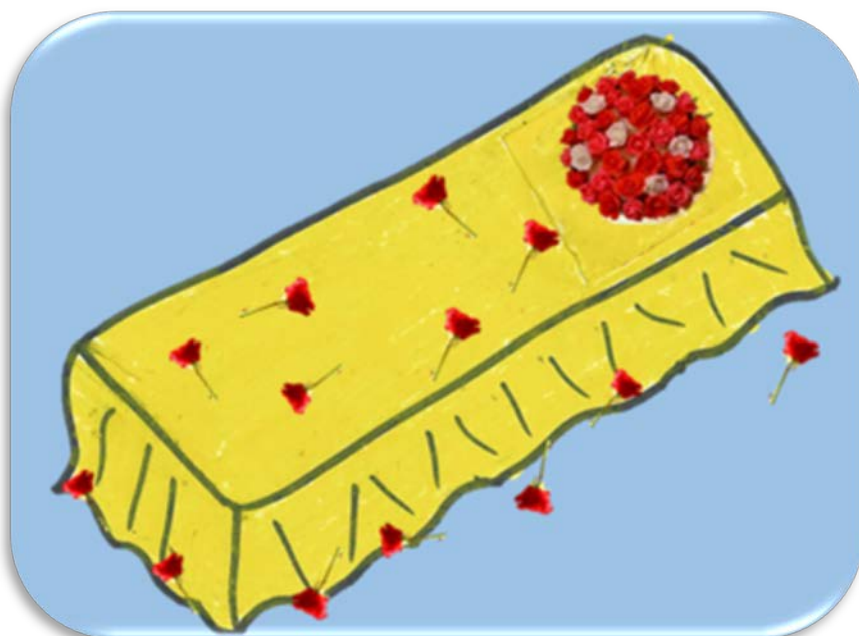


#### 4) Patience :

- Just as Abu Amri had a tough period of deputyship, his son had a tough time as well.
- He had to be very secretive and on top of that, eight other individuals claimed to be Abu Amri's successor.

## Martyrdom

- After living a hard committed life to the Imam (as), Abu Jafar passed away.
- His deputyship lasted about 40 years.
- He passed away in Jamadi ul Awwal at the end of 305 AH.
- He was buried in Baghdad.
- He died of illness.
- He was succeeded by Hussain bin Rauh Nawabakhti.



## Quotes about his status

- Imam Mahdi (ajtf) said:  
*“And as for Muhammad bin Uthman Amri, may God be pleased with him, he is my trustworthy and reliable associate and his writing is my writing.”*
- Imam Mahdi (ajtf) also said:  
*“He is for us trustworthy and reliable from the time of his father”.*



## Conclusion

- Abu Jafar led a long committed life to the Imam (as) of the time and served him well.
- May God bless his soul. Inshallah.



## How much do you remember???

1. What is the name of the second deputy?

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2. What tribe was he from?

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3. Name three appellations he had?

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4. How was he related to the first deputy?

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5. How long did his deputyship last?

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6. Who succeeded him?

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7. What did he do to prepare for the hereafter?

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Let me tell you about  
the second deputy of  
Imam Mahdi (ajtf)...



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Abu Jafar

Imam Mahdi

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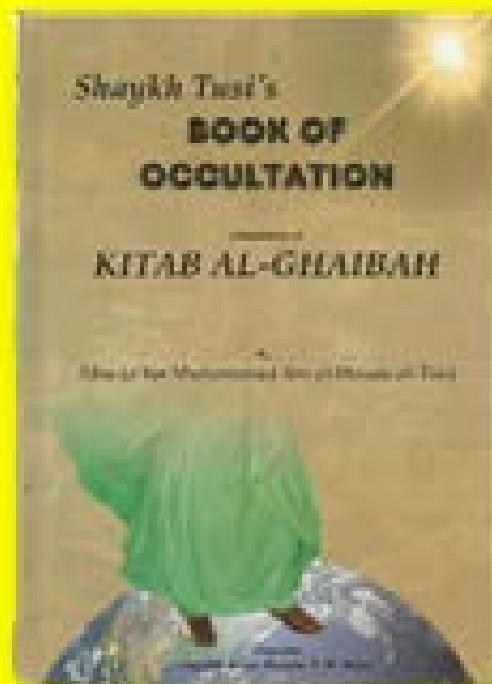
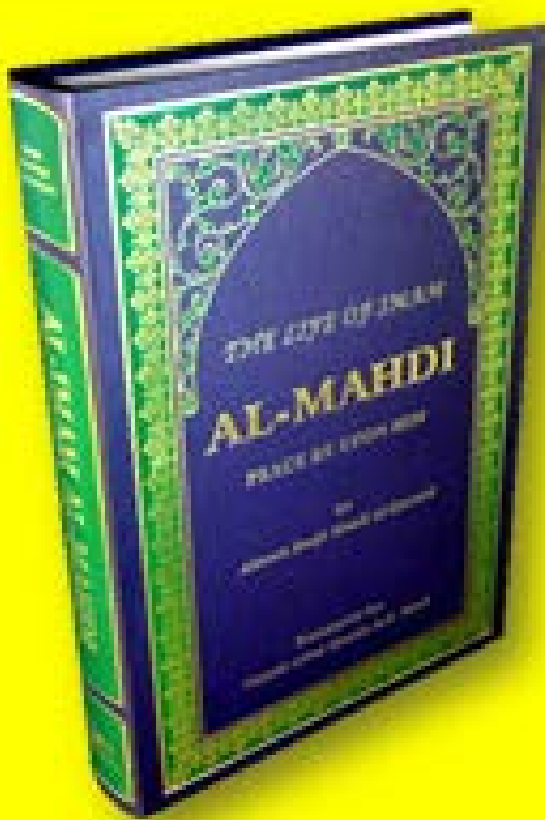
Patience

Companion

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