

THE LOYAL ONES

Book 2



Zithman Bin Saeed

Al-Amri

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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

The life of our twelfth Imam (ajtf) can be divided into 3 distinct phases:-

1) Before Imamate. (When Imam Hasan al-Askari a.s was alive).

2) Ghaibat-e-Sughra or Minor Occultation. (260 AH to 320 AH).



3) Ghaibat-e-Kubra or Major Occultation. (320 AH till to date)

During the period of minor occultation, Imam (ajtf) appointed four worthy individuals to become His emissaries, so that they may act as a medium between Him and His Shias.

Uthman Bin Saeed Al-Amri had the honour of being the first deputy.

About

- 📖 Name: Uthman Bin Saeed Al-Amri.
- 📖 Tribe: Asadi or Banu Asad.
- 📖 He was named Amari after his grandfather.
- 📖 Children: He had 2 sons:
 - Abu Jafar Muhammad bin Uthman.
 - Ahmad bin Uthman.
- 📖 Appellations:
 - 📖 Samman/Zayyat (Oil dealer).
 - 📖 Asadi (Belonged to the Bani Asad clan).
 - 📖 Askari (He resided in Askar).
 - 📖 Abu Muhammad.

Companionship

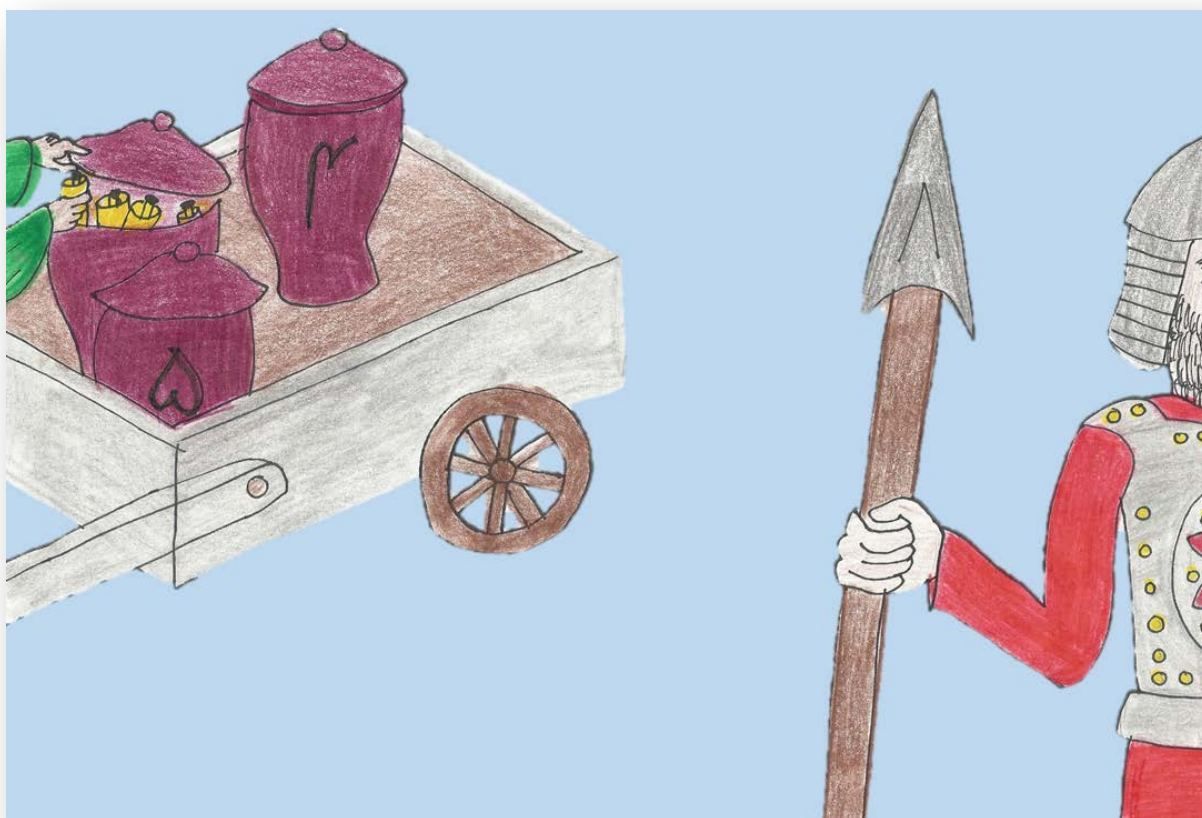
At the age of eleven, he swore allegiance to the 10th Imam a.s and thus had the privilege of being in the company of 3 Imams (the 10th , the 11th , and the 12th ajtf).



Life History

- 📖 Named after his grandfather, Jafar bin Amari.
- 📖 His association with Ahlebait started at the age of 11 years with allegiance to the 10th Imam (as).
- 📖 He held a high position in the eyes of the Imam (as).
- 📖 He assumed deputyship with the Imam (ajtf) for about ten years.
- 📖 At that time, the situation was very tense and especially during the rule of Banu Abbas and Mutawakil; the tyrant Abbasids were very cruel and atrocious in their behaviour.
- 📖 Uthman bin Saeed served the holy mission of Imamate and Wilayat and posed as an oil vendor.
- 📖 In this disguise, he became a link between Shias and their Imam (ajtf).
- 📖 The Shias sent their religious payments and Khums along with their queries.
- 📖 He put them in oil containers and delivered them

to Imam al-Hadi (a.s), and after that to Imam Hasan Askari (a.s); and after those two, he was blessed with the honour to serve the last Imam (ajtf).



- 📖 When Imam al-Askari (a.s) passed away, Uthman bin Saeed attended his funeral and participated in the rituals of shrouding and burial.
- 📖 The Imams spoke very highly of him. Various authentic narrations support this.

📖 The blessed grave of Uthman Bin Saeed Al-Amri is in Baghdad rasafa.

📖 Sheikh Tusi says,

“We used to visit the grave of Uthman bin Saeed Al-Amri and the ziyarat was performed openly. This practice continued from the time I arrived in Baghdad 408 A.H. until the year 430 A.H.”

Sheikh Tusi


385 to 460 AH


Sheikh Tusi was one of the very bright luminaries of the Islamic world. He wrote many books. His book on fiqh “Al-Nihayeh” was used as a text book in the seminaries. He founded a seminary at Najaf-e-Ashraf. He is buried in precincts of his own residence in Najaf, Iraq.


Condolence


📌 After the death of Uthman bin Saeed Al-Amri, His Eminence, Imam Mahdi (ajtf) sent a condolence letter to his knowledgeable son, Muhammad bin Uthman as follows:

"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....."

 Just as the sorrowful statements of His Eminence, the Master of the age, proved the trustworthiness and elevated status of Uthman bin Saeed Al-Amri; in the same way they confirm the reliability and trustworthiness of his son, Muhammad bin Uthman, who also possessed great merits and good manner.

 Uthman bin Saeed Al-Amri had to face the task of Jafar's (the uncle of Imam Mahdi ajtf) false claim of Imamate, his standing to lead the funeral prayers of Imam Hasan Askari (a.s) and creating doubts about Imamate of Imam-e-Zamana (ajtf).

 He provoked the government of the time to help him in his cause. He imprisoned Ahlebait and persecuted them and sought khums and zakat from people.

 Under these circumstances, Uthman bin Saeed Al-Amri; with the help of Imam-e-Zamana (ajtf);

humiliated Jafar and protected the status of Imamate and Imam-e-Zaman (ajtf).

- ✍️ He moved to Baghdad from Samarra by the order of the Imam(as). This made it relatively convenient for people to stay in touch with the Imam ajtf.



Personality traits

1) Trustworthiness and reliability :

Ahmed bin Ishaq Qummi states:

“I was in the presence of the tenth Imam (a.s.). I said “O’ my master! At times I have the good fortune of meeting you and at times I am deprived of this blessing. It is not always possible for me to be in direct contact with you. Under such circumstances, who should I contact and whose commands should I obey?”

Imam replied,

“This man Abu Amr is a reliable and trustworthy person. Whatever he relates to you is from my side and whatever he gives you is from us.”

After the tenth Imam passed away I went to the eleventh Imam and posed the same question. He replied,

“This man Abu Amr is a reliable and trustworthy person. He was dependable for the previous Imam and for me in my life time or even after my death.

Whatever he conveys to you is from our side and whatever he gives you is from us”.

This event shows the level of trust and reliability the Imams had on him.

2) Appointment of deputyship:

📖 When the eleventh Imam (as) was going to announce his successor, he appointed Uthman bin Saeed Al-Amri as the first deputy of Imam(as).






3) Patience



- 📖 The life of a deputy of Imam was very tough.
- 📖 They had to serve the Imam bearing all the hardships posed by the tyrants and cruel rulers.
- 📖 It needed a lot of tolerance and sabr; Uthman bin Saeed Al-Amri proved to be worthy of his status.



4) Standing with the truth

-  Jafar, the uncle of Imam (ajtf) falsely claimed Imamate with the help of the government.
-  Al-Amri confronted him with a lot of courage.
-  Jafar's relation to the eleventh Imam would have caused confusion. Uthman bin Saeed Al-Amri made the right choice of supporting the truth; the truth of the rightful Imamate and Wilayat of the twelfth Imam ajtf.

5) Sincerity:

-  Uthman bin Saeed Al-Amri had immense love of ahlulbayt in his heart.
-  His sincerity and loyalty earned him the opportunity to serve the tenth and eleventh Imams concluding his lofty status of being the first deputy of Imam-e-Zamana (ajtf).

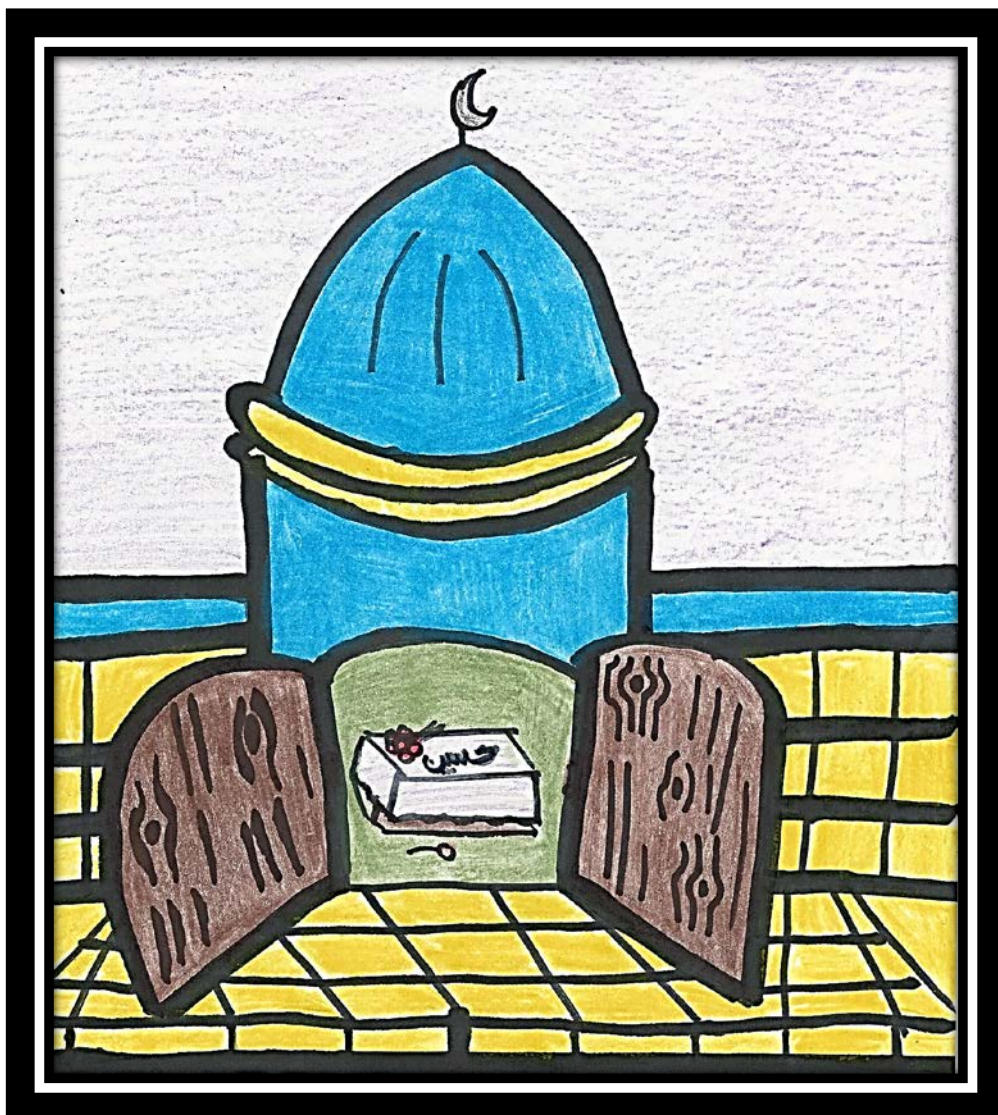
6) Relationship with the Imam:

- 📖 His relationship with the Imams was based on trust, love, reliability and sincerity.



Martyrdom

- 📖 Abu Amri lived the life of a momin and finally attained martyrdom.
- 📖 He died in 264 or 265 A.H. He is buried near western Baghdad.
- 📖 There is a market there today.
- 📖 His deputyship lasted about 10 years.



Quotes about his status

The 11th Imam(as) said,

**“Amri and his son are both reliable and trustworthy.
Whatever they convey they convey from us.”**

The 11th Imam (as) also said,

**“He is the deputy of your Imam and deputyship is for
him alone.”**

Conclusion

Abu Amri led a successful life committed to the Imam of the time. May God bless his soul, Inshallah.



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