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### Philosophy of Ziyarat

One of the key philosophy of Ziyarat is to purify human being. Ziyarat is a training program which connects human being to the ocean which purifies her/him. Impure beliefs, distorted and incorrect ideologies accompanied by impure way of life has made our thoughts impure. In reality, as the time is progressing we all are becoming like stinking drains. If we introspect we may dislike ourselves and wonder why our lives are heading this way? Lost in impure thoughts we question ourselves .....What is our real face?

### Philosophy of Azadari

The reason for laying emphasis on performing Azadari and reciting Ziyarat is to purify ourselves of impurities and get rid of uncleanliness which has accumulated in our ideologies and thoughts. This is possible when we connect ourselves with the ocean of purity. Impurity had made us like impure drain water. The drain cannot make the ocean impure but the ocean will purify the drain. Due to lack of proper upbringing we make ourselves dirty and impure while the ocean purifies us. Ahlulbayt (a.s), Karbala and Azadari are like the ocean.

The Azadari which does not purify your thoughts, your beliefs and your way of life is not the Azadari of Imam Husain ibne Ali (a.s). Aim of Azadari is to purify human being and remove false belief and impure ideologies. The way Imam Husain ibne Ali (a.s) sacrificed his life and purified religion, community, people and society. Therefore, it is needed that we find and observe the Azadari that will purify us. If this Azadari is not being observed then we need to search for it.

### Azadari and Imam Khomeini (r.a)

Imam Khomeini (r.a) purified the society and washed away western impurities through Azadari. When we discuss about purity and cleanliness, we assume that clothes have become dirty or impure and they need to be cleansed and purified. However, impurity of thoughts is lot more dangerous than the exterior impurity. A society

which was more polluted than Paris and was corrupt to such an extent that it was difficult for a pious man to leave his house. Pious women did not get out of their house even once in four years. The society was made impure to such a level that – Hijab, conducting Majlis and lectures on Imam Husain (a.s.) was banned. Famous scholars and orators like Shaheed Muttahari (r.a) and Rahbar e Muazzam, who used to purify people through their speeches, were banned. The society was made impure however, Imam Khomeini (r.a) purified the same through Azadari.

### Azadari and Tabarra

Azadari purifies an individual and society and through Azadari we can get rid of impurities. However, while we are purifying ourselves, we need to dissociate and express aloofness from yazid's ideology, beliefs and way of life. This dissociation and aloofness will also purify an individual

### The real meaning of Tabarra

Tabarra is to dissociate or to express aloofness. Tabarra is a part of Islam's training curriculum. What is Tabarra? It is to keep yourself pure from every type of wrong thought, wrong ideology and wrong beliefs. It is not to pollute yourself or your tongue.

When people started abusing and cursing ruler of shaam (Syria) and his army in front of Imam Ali (a.s), he asked them to stop. It is found in Nahjul Balagah's sermon no. 206 that during battle of Siffin, Imam Ali (a.s) was passing by his troops and heard them using filthy language and abusing ameer e shaam's army. Imam Ali (a.s) stopped and said to them:

”إِنِّي أَكْرَهُ لَكُمْ أَنْ تَكُونُوا سَبَّابِينَ

*I dislike you starting to abuse them.*

Tongue should also be pure. It is disliked for you to use filthy language even if it is for shaytan. It is necessary to be an enemy of shaytan. It is necessary to dissociate yourself from shaytan but, to use filthy language even for shaytan would make your tongue filthy. It is not right to purify your soul by making your tongue impure. To reach

the right goals if you use a wrong means then this is against the teachings of Islam.

### The way of Imam Ali (a.s)

Imam Ali (a.s) rejected the caliphate because he did not want it through wrong means. Imam (a.s) could have taken caliphate 13 years earlier but, he refused because he did not want anybody else's life to be an example except that of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.s). Taking someone else as an example was against the principle of Islam hence, he rejected caliphate. This proves that no matter how big or important or holy the goal may be, it cannot be achieved through wrong means. Hence, it is not acceptable in Islam to purify our soul by polluting our tongue. If your aim or goal is pure then it will purify you too. To dissociate yourself from oppression is a good act but, to pollute your tongue with filth is not correct. There is always a way and quality of speech that needs to be adhered to.

Wilayat and Barat which we refer to as Tawalla and Tabarra is an important part of Islam's training institution. The same way belief is an important part. Wilayat and Tabarra are not the tenth part of the branches of Islam but, if they are not in the right place then you will not achieve or understand Towheed (Oneness). If you are not able to say *La Ilaaha* then you will not be able to say *Illallah*. The sweetness of *illallah* can only be tasted if you can say *La Ilaaha*. *Laa Ilaaha* means Tabarra. Tabarra or Baraat is to say *La Ilaaha* and not to abuse idols. Holy Quran has stopped you from abusing the gods of others because this abusing will make your tongue impure.

وَلَا تَسُبُّوا الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ فَيَسُبُّوا اللَّهَ عَدْوًا بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ

*And do not insult those they invoke other than Allah, lest they insult Allah in enmity without knowledge. (Al-An'am: 108)*

Even if they don't curse your God, they will stay away from it. If you abuse their Gods then they will distance themselves from our God

### Prevent yourself from being party to sin

If you abuse someone's holy or sacred things, then they will distance themselves from our holy things. We have seen that few from amongst us have started abusing other's holy things due to

which they have started going away from our holy things which is Ahlulbayt (a.s). These individuals are also culprits at some level for keeping others away from Ahlulbayt (a.s). We should accept this disease of keeping others away from Ahlulbayt (a.s), so that it can be cured.

Imam Husain (a.s) sacrificed everything he had and one of the reasons was to Reform the Ummah.

Therefore, we should introspect if we are not part of the party, responsible to keep others away from Ahlulbayt (a.s). Everyone needs purity from Ahlulbayt (a.s). The purity of Imam Husain ibne Ali (a.s) is needed by all.

### Impact of Arbaeen

The worth of every action is measured by its impact. Arbaeen is the first day, when Ziyarat of Imam Husain (a.s) was performed. This ziyarat was done by a great companion of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.s), Janab Jabir ibne Abdullah Ansari (r.a), one who is considered great by both Shias and Sunnis. There are a lot of narrations through him quoted in the books of both Shias and Sunnis. It may have been purity of Janab Jabir ibne Abdullah Ansari's decision and his pure intention that Arbaeen has become such a great day.

### The first Ziyarat with marefat

After the event of Karbala first Ziyarat with Marefat was done on Arbaeen. When the tragic news of Karbala reached Medina, Janab Jabir ibne Abdullah Ansari (r.a) was very old. Despite old age and hardships of journey, Janab Jabir decided to leave for Karbala as soon as he received the news of martyrdom of Imam Husain (a.s). He had lost his vision and set out his slave to make provisions for the journey. Today, when we go for Ziyarat, we have numerous traditions and hadith supporting the same. But when someone is going for the first time then he knows the secret behind this Ziyarat and what it would become.

In 61 Hijri no one knew about the Ziyarat of Imam Husain (a.s). We do not know if Janab e Jabir (r.a) had learnt a secret from Rasool Allah (s.a.w.s) regarding the Ziyarat. What was the reason of going on the Ziyarat is not mentioned in history. We are all aware of the

narration available for Janab Jabir (r.a) where Rasool Allah (s.a.w.s) said to Jabir that you will meet my fifth-generation son Muhammad (a.s) and pass my Salaam to him (a.s). Janab Jabir (r.a) did meet Imam Baqir (a.s) and passed on Salaam of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.s).

It is not recorded in history that Janab Jabir (r.a) learnt any secret from Rasool Allah (s.a.w.s) for the rewards of doing Ziyarat of Imam Husain (a.s) but, it is clear he was aware of the greatness of the act. Despite difficulties like vision, long travel, and dangers from Yazid's government, Janab Jabir (r.a) reached Karbala for Ziyarat on the day of Arbaeen.

Today when 12.5 million people visit Karbala on the Day of Ashura for Ziyarat, 25 million people do Ziyarat on Day of Arbaeen. This is because of the pure intentions of the companion of Rasool Allah (s.a.w.s) – Janab Jabir ibne Abdullah Ansari (r.a). He was the first one to perform Ziyarat of Imam Husain (a.s) with marefat on the Day of Arbaeen.

### Ziyarat e Arbaeen is sign of faith

About Ziyarat Arbaeen, there is a narration from our Eleventh Imam (a.s) in which he considered performing this Ziyarat e Arbaeen as a sign of faith and one of the criteria to become momin. As per narration, there are five signs of a momin.

- He offers 51 rakats (including obligatory and recommended salah) every day
- He prostrates on dust
- He says Bismillah loudly
- He wears a ring on his right hand
- He does Ziyarat e Arbaeen

If one is not able to reach Karbala and Haram of Imam Husain (a.s) then he/she should recite Ziyarat from wherever he/she can on that day. If we want to be close to Husainiyat then we should keep this tradition of Arbaeen alive. That is why it is important to do Ziyarat e Arbaeen be it from far or near.

What is importance of Arbaeen in Islamic culture? On this topic there is an article available which explains the importance of Arbaeen in Islamic teachings and from Quranic ayats and narrations.

### The secret behind daesh's loss

Arbaeen means 40. When Arbaeen gets connected to Imam Husain (a.s) it becomes a great symbol of faith. Over the last 2 years lot of threat were issued to those going for Ziyarat. An atmosphere of fear was created so that people do not go for Ziyarat. But lovers of Imam Husain ibne Ali (a.s) came to Karbala and did Ziyarat e Arbaeen despite of numerous threats. This act sent out a loud message that we know how to crush the morale of falsehood. This year terrorists were forced to run away. This was not because of weapons of Iraqi army and Hashad e Shabi (PMF) but this was effect of Ziyarat e Imam Husain (a.s). Terrorists thought by issuing huge threats they will be able to reduce the number of Zayereen but, Zayereen turned up in such a huge number that morale of terrorists was defeated. In battles attack on morale is more powerful than attack with weapons. InshAllah very soon we will get the news that Iraq and Syria have been cleansed of daesh's impurity.

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### Traslation of Ziyarat e Arabeen

Peace be on the favorite of Allah, Peace be on the beloved friend of Allah, His distinguished hero! Peace be on the choicest confidant of Allah, sincerely attached precisely like his father! Peace be on Husain, who gave his life in the way of Allah, a martyr, underwent untold hardships Peace be on the hostage surrounded by the-tightening circle of sorrow and grief, killed by a horde of savages.

O my Allah I give witness that beyond a shadow of doubt he is Thy favorite and choicest confidant, who enjoys Thy confidence and favor, precisely like his father!

Thou looked upto him and elected him in Thy cause, picked and chose him for the good fortune, selected for him the best purified parents, appointed him guardian, leader, and defender of rights, a true representative (inheritor and progenitor) of guardians, leaders and defenders of rights, gave him much and more from the inheritance of the Prophets, put him forward as a decisive argument, along with the other successors (of the Holy Prophet-the twelve Imams) to the mankind. He met with deadly dangers, acted justly and fairly, made use of everything belonging to him to pay full attention to give sincere advice, took pains, made every effort and put his heart, mind, soul and life at the disposal of

Thy mission to liberate the people from the yoke of ignorance and evil of bewilderment, but an evildoer, deceived with empty hopes of mean and worthless worldly gains, had pressed heavily on him, and sold out his share (eternal bliss) for the meanest and lowest bargain, betrayed his "day of judgment" for a vulgar return, took pride in insolence, fell into the fathom-well of silly stupid follies, provoked Thee and Thy Prophet to anger, did as the harsh discordant, the hypocrite, the heavily burdened bearers of sin, condemned to Hellfire, advised to him, however, he (the Holy Imam), steadily, rightly and justly coped With them, till, in Thy obedience, gave his life after which his family was set adrift.

O my Allah, therefore, condemn them to hell as a denunciation and conviction; and crack-down on them with a painful Punishment. Peace be on you O the son of the Messenger of Allah! Peace be on you O the son of the first of the successors (of the Holy Prophet)! I bear witness that Allah put faith in you like He had full confidence in your father, and that you always looked for and collected good and virtue, lived a highly praiseworthy life and departed from this world a martyr, forsaken and abused; I bear witness that Allah will promptly fulfill the promise, He made to you, and destroy those who left you helpless and punish those who killed you; I bear witness that you kept your promise made with Allah, and strived in His way till what was certain came upon you, so curse of Allah be on those who killed you, curse of Allah be on those who oppressed you, curse of Allah be on the people who came to know and approved.

O my Allah be my witness that I make friends with those who love him and oppose those who deny him. I, my father and mother, are at your disposal O the son of the Messenger of Allah. I know and bear witness that you were "light" in the sublime loins and in the pure wombs, never touched you the dirt of ignorance, nor ever obscurity concealed you in its folds; I bear witness that you are the pillar of "Deen", support of the Muslims, refuge of the faithful; I bear witness that you are a truthful, well-aware, content, intelligent, rightly guided guide (Imam); I bear witness that the Imams among your descendants are the symbols of "conscious piety" and signs of "true guidance", the "safe handle"-Islam, and the decisive arguments over mankind; I declare positively that I have full faith in you and I know for certain that you shall return. I am, fully committed to the laws of my religion, certain of my deeds, my mind and heart ready for your return, and my affairs carried out in the light of your instructions, till Allah gives you permission, together with you, along with you, not at the same time with your enemies. Blessings of Allah be on you, on your souls, on your bodies when you are visible, when you are invisible, on your perceivable aspects, on your innermost genius be it so, O Lord of the worlds