



IMAM ALI A.S.

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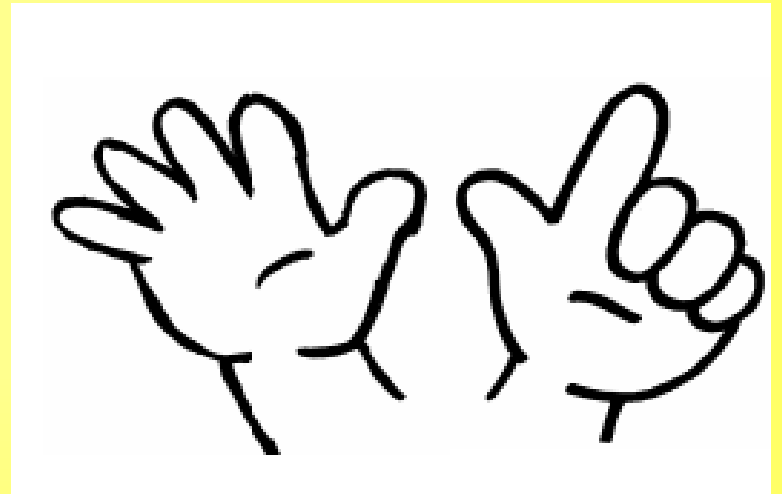
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The Holy Imam (A) was a man who possessed and displayed the greatest character that a human being is capable of achieving. In all fields he has left for his followers a model on which to base their own lives.

The Prophet (S) said
to the Holy Imam (A),
"O

Ali, you will be
engaged in disputes
but you will overcome
them because of
seven qualities that
you have which no one
else has...



...you are the first of those who believed in me, the greatest of them in war,



the most knowledgeable of them in the signs of Allah, the one of them who is most loyal in keeping the covenant (Ahd) of Allah, the most compassionate of them towards people, the most capable of giving equal treatment and the greatest of them in distinction before Allah."



Hereunder, we attempt
to list some of his
outstanding merits.

1. His faith in Allah and the Prophet (S)

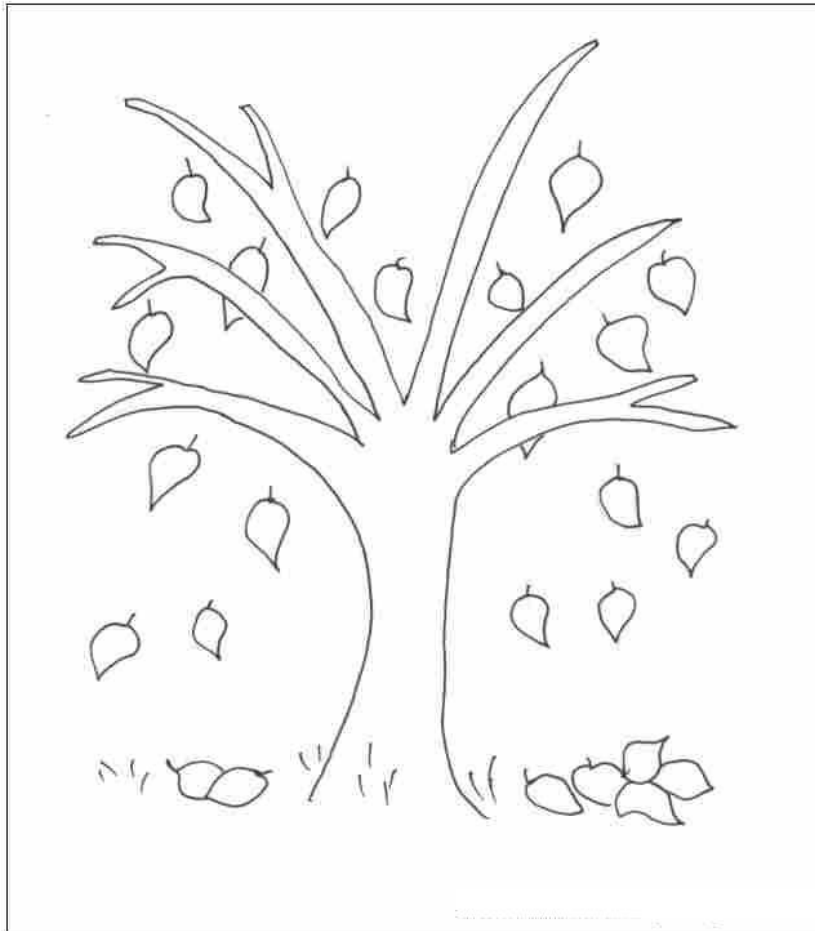
The Holy Imam (A) was the first man to become a Muslim. The Prophet (S) has said, "The angels bless me and Ali for 70 years because, for a time, Ali and I were the only ones who recited the Kalima."



He also said, "Ali was the first to believe in me and will be the first to shake my hand in greeting on the Day of Judgement.



He is the greatest testifier of the truth (Siddeeq). He is the chief of the believers."



2. His knowledge

The Prophet (S) said,

"Ali is the most

learned of my

community and the

most capable of

giving legal

decisions after me."

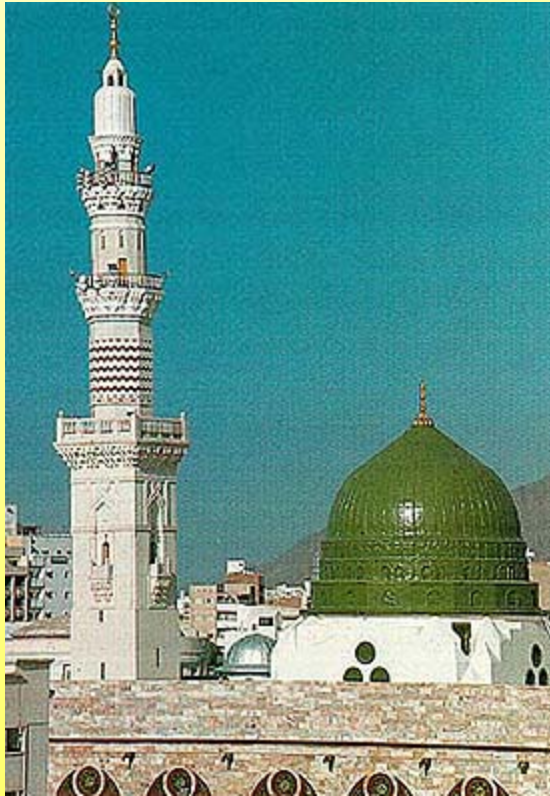
The Holy Imam (A)

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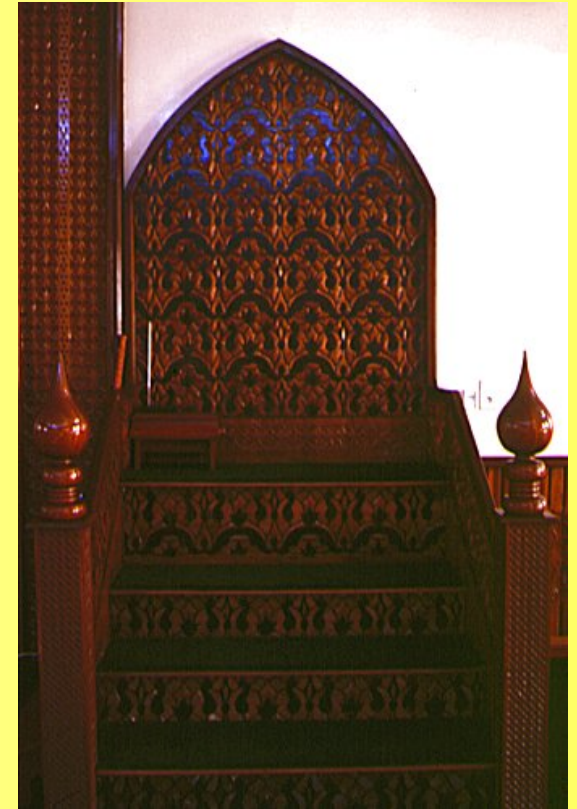
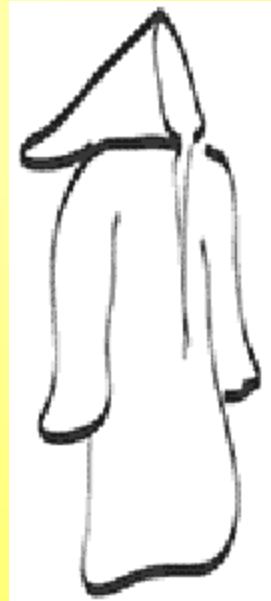
all branches of

knowledge

throughout his life.

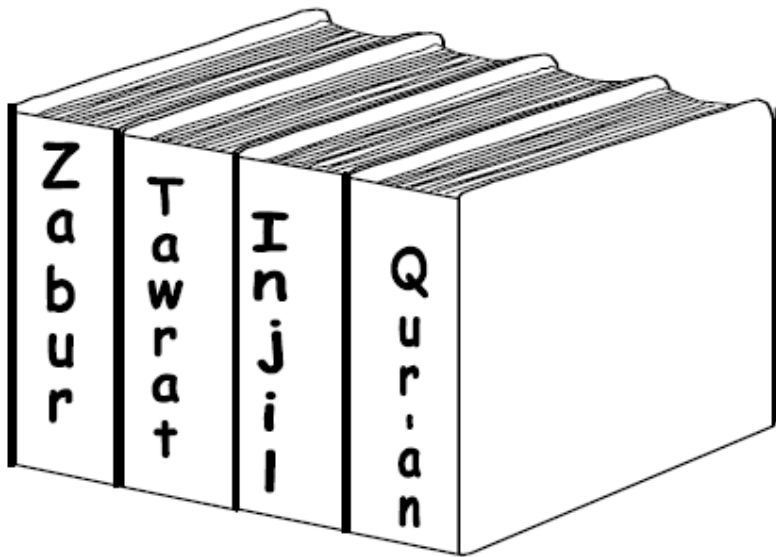


After the death of the Prophet (S), even the Caliphs who had wrongly seized power had to come to the Holy Imam (A) for the solution of their difficult problems.



When he came to power, he put on the cloak and turban of the Prophet (S) and went to the mosque and sat on the pulpit.

After praising Allah and giving guidance to the people, he sat back confidently, knitted his fingers and placed them on his stomach. Then, he said, "Question me before you lose me. Question me, for I have the knowledge of those who came earlier and those who will come later.



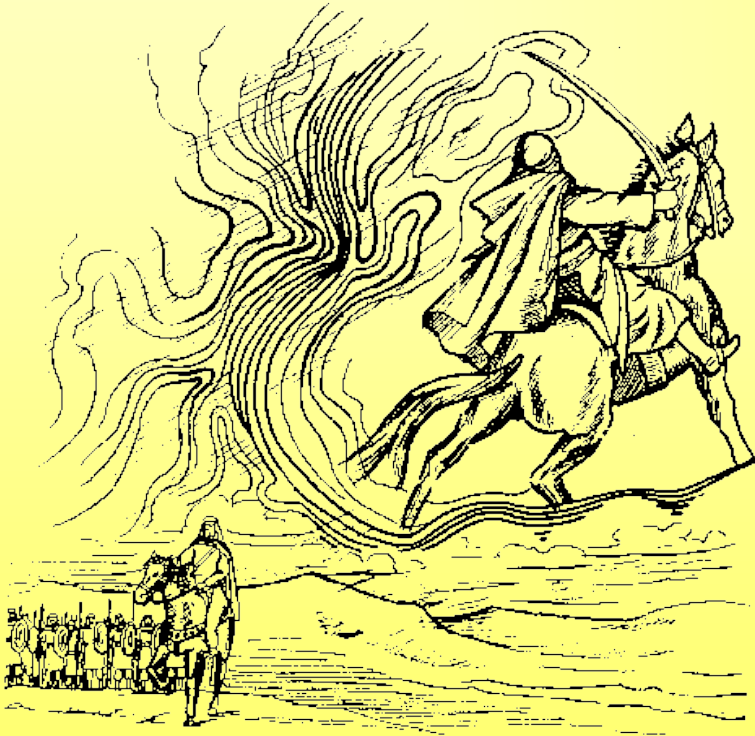
I could give judgements to the people of the Tawrat by their Tawrat, to the people of the Gospels by their Gospels, to the people of the Psalms by their Psalms and the people of the Furqaan (Holy Qur'an) by their Furqaan. By Allah, I know the Qur'an and its interpretation better than anyone who claims knowledge of it."

3. His bravery

The Holy Imam (A) was always at the forefront of the battles of Islam and personally brought about victory for the Muslims in many of them. He was both a great soldier and a great general and was the victor of Badr, Uhud, Khandaq, Khayber and Hunayn.

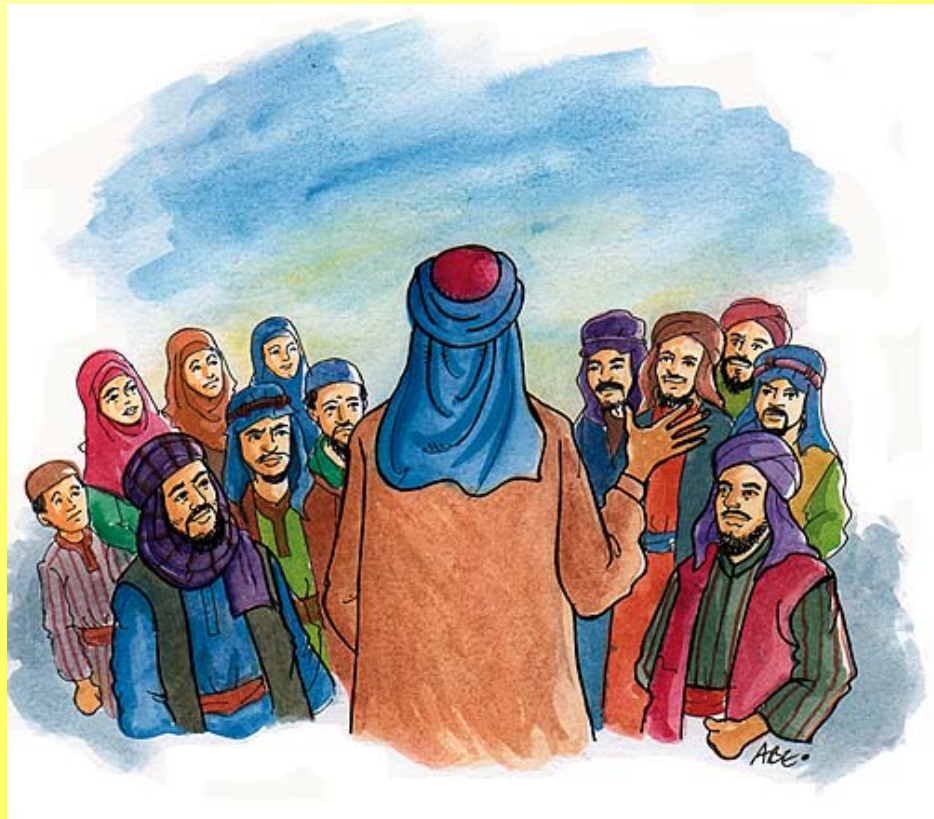


Not only was he unstoppable in the battlefield, he also taught his friends and enemies how to conduct themselves in war. His bravery extended to his general dealing with the people and he never hesitated in saying or doing something in the cause of Islam, no matter what the opposition.

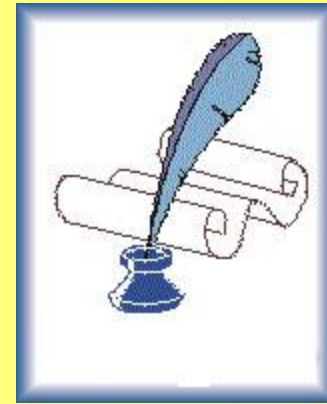


4. His eloquence

The Holy Imam (A) had a total command over the Arabic language.



During the time when others wrongfully occupied the Caliphate he busied himself in writing various books. He compiled the Holy Qur'an and also regulated the syntax and grammar of the Arabic language. Some of his lectures and words are contained in the book Nahjul Balagha, which contains the best examples of Arabic oratory.



5. To love the Holy Imam (A) and to be his Shia

The Holy Imam (A) once said, "The Prophet, may Allah bless him and his family, told me that only believers will love me and only hypocrites will hate me." Therefore, one of the ways in which the faith of a Muslim can be judged is by examining his feelings towards the Holy Imam (A).



When Umme Salama, a wife of the Prophet (S), was asked about the Holy Imam (A), she replied, "I heard the Apostle of God say that Ali and his Shia will be the successful ones."



The Prophet (S) once said, "70,000 of my community will enter Heaven without any reckoning or punishment against them." Then he turned to the Holy Imam (A) and said, "They are your Shia and you are their Imam. "



Another time the Prophet (S) said to the Holy Imam (A), "Both I and you have been created from one piece of clay. Part of it was left over and from that Allah created our Shia. On the Day of Resurrection all the people will be called by the names of their mothers except our Shia. They will be summoned by the names of their fathers because of their good birth."



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Once when the Prophet (S) was with a group of Muslims he said to them. "O People of Ansar, instil in your children the love of Ali bin Abu Talib (A). Whoever loves him should know that he is rightly guided and whoever hates him should know that he is in error."

May Allah SWT raise us on the
Day of Judgement at the side of
Imam Ali A.S.

