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Ziarat / Travelers Guide

Main Ziarats or Sacred places in Iran

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| 1. The Holy Shrine of Imam Reza (AS) | Mashad |
| 2. The Shrine of Hazrat Abdul Azim | Ray (Adjacent to Tehran) |
| 3. The Shrine of Imam Khomieni | Tehran |
| 4. The Shrine of Bibi Masooma (SA) | Qom |
| 5. Masjid-e-Jamkaran | Qom |

ASSALAM-O-ALAIKA – YA ALI IBN-E-MUSA AL REZA (AS)
Blessings of God on you, oh The righteous one, Ali, the son of Imam Musa (AS)

Philosophy

Ziarat has its own philosophy. A person going to Hajj or Umra has so many places to visit in Mecca. One of these sacred places is the place where Hazrat Ibrahim (AS) stood and made footprints on the stone. This was his miracle. God wants to remind his worshippers not to forget the services and sacrifices of his Prophet Ibrahim (AS), whom He gives the title Khalil (the friend). That is why he ordered them to pray on this place, to put their foreheads down on the place where Ibrahim (AS) left his footprints and run between the mountains of Safa and Marwa in the remembrance of sufferings of the family of Ibrahim (AS) as the Holy Quran points out:

*And (remember) when we made the house a resort for mankind and a sanctuary (saying):
"Take as place of prayer the place where Ibrahim stood to pray."*

Holy Quran Ch. 2 Verse:125

In the same way God likes that his worshippers and visitors of his house will pay full importance to the sacrifices and sufferings of his last Prophet Hazrat Mohammad (SAW) and his progeny. It means that Ziarat is a worship, which derives its authenticity from the Holy Quran and towards it, points out the following Verse:

"In houses which Allah has permitted to be exalted, and His name to be remembered therein."

Holy Quran Ch. 24, Verse:36

Some scholars think that the Houses in the above verse are Mosques. But it is not true as mosques are already built to worship God only; there is no need to give special permission. So the Houses means the Holy shrines of the Holy prophet (SAW) and his progeny, the personalities who gives their lives to save the true picture of Islam.

Here I will like to ask a question to my readers, "were the sufferings of Imam Hussain (AS) more than that of Hazrat Ismail (AS)?"

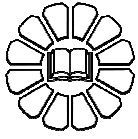
In short we can say that God does not like that his House be visited and The Constructors be neglected. This is the meaning of the tradition of the Holy Prophet (SAW) that One who performs Hajj and did not visited me, insulted me.

Ziarat of Imam Reza (AS)

The Ziarat of Imam Reza (AS) earns a great reward among our Imams. There are so many traditions on the reward of visiting him.



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1. Imam Reza (AS) said :If someone visited me although my house and shrine is far away from him, I will come to visit him on the day of justice three times; when the diaries (of all the doings of man) are given right and left, on the thin bridge of SIRAT and when the good and bad deeds are weighed.
2. Imam Jawad (AS) told the narrator through confirmed sources that Paradise is for one who visited my father.
3. Again Imam Reza (AS) said: I will be given poison by a tyrant, if someone will visit me and he has the knowledge of my rights then God will forgive his previous and coming sins.

Having the knowledge of Imam's right is the basic condition for the acceptance of Ziarat. A visitor or Zair shall be aware of the purpose for which Imam was wanted by the Abbassi Caliph, Ma'moon and how he murdered the Imam while in exile.

Way to Address

The authentic way to address Imam is given in Mafatih-al-Jinan. A Zair shall prefer to read this and when he is unable to perform an action due to overcrowding then he may points towards the given place. A Zair shall take bath for Ziarat reciting the following words:

اللَّهُمَّ طَهِّرْ نِيَّ وَطَهِّرْ لِي قَلْبِي وَاشْرَحْ لِي صَدْرِي وَأَجِرْ
عَلَيَّ لِسَانِي مِدْحَتِكَ وَمُحِبَّتِكَ وَالثَّنَاءَ عَلَيْكَ

Dress himself in a clean suit and when the tomb of Imam is visible shall step with dignity and respect, not looking here and there, reciting the words that there is no God except Allah and Hazrat Mohammad (SAW) is his slave and his Prophet and Ali (AS) is his minister.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ
مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ وَأَنَّ عَلِيًّا وَلِيُّ اللَّهِ

The common Ziarats with which a Zair may address any Imam he wants are:

- 1-Ziarat-e-Aminullah
- 2-Ziarat-e-Jameah
- 3-Ziarat-e-Rajabia (recited on the month of Rajab and has its special importance.)

Tombs Of Ulamas

1. Tomb of Ibn-e-babwaih Qommi, the father of Sheikh Sadooq
2. Tomb of Mohaqqiq Qommi & Zakaria Ibn-e-Adam in the graveyard of Sheikhan.
3. Tomb of Allamah Majlisi in Isphahan
4. Tomb of Fazl ibn-e-Shazan in Neshapoor
5. Tomb of Abu Salt the companion of Imam Reza (AS) in Mashad.
6. Sheikh Sadooq in the city of Ray and Imam Khomieni in the out-skirt of Tehran and so many Ulamas and Late grand Ayatollahs inside the boundary of the shrine of H. Masooma

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