

ALI 387:  
The Theological Doctrine of  
*Imamah*

Part II

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# Divine Leadership [*Imamah*]

- All Muslims believe in the necessity of leadership after the Prophet (s).
- The debate is in regards to whether leadership is appointed by God or by the people.
  - Intellectual Evidences
  - Quranic Evidences
  - Hadith Evidences



# Intellectual Evidences of *Imamah*

- ***Aqli vs. Naqli Evidences?***
- Is it rational that the Prophet would not appoint a successor?

# Qur'anic Evidences of *Imamah*

-Qur'an (21:73) **وَجَعَلْنَاهُمْ أَئِمَّةً يَهْدُونَ بِأَمْرِنَا وَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْهِمْ فِعْلَ الْخَيْرَاتِ وَإِقَامَ الصَّلَاةِ وَالزَّكَاةِ وَكَانُوا لَنَا عَابِدِينَ**

- "And We made them Imams who guided (people) by Our command, and We revealed to them the doing of good and the keeping up of prayer and the giving of the alms, and Us (alone) did they serve;"

-Qur'an (32:24) **وَجَعَلْنَا مِنْهُمْ أَئِمَّةً يَهْدُونَ بِأَمْرِنَا لَمَّا صَبَرُوا وَكَانُوا بِآيَاتِنَا يُوقِنُونَ**

- "And We made of them Imams to guide by Our command when they were patient, and they were certain of Our communications."

-Qur'an (28:5) **وَنُرِيدُ أَنْ نَمُنَّ عَلَى الَّذِينَ اسْتُضِعُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَنَجْعَلَهُمْ أَئِمَّةً وَنَجْعَلَهُمُ الْوَارِثِينَ**

- "And We desired to bestow a favor upon those who were deemed weak in the land, and to make them the Imams, and to make them the heirs,"

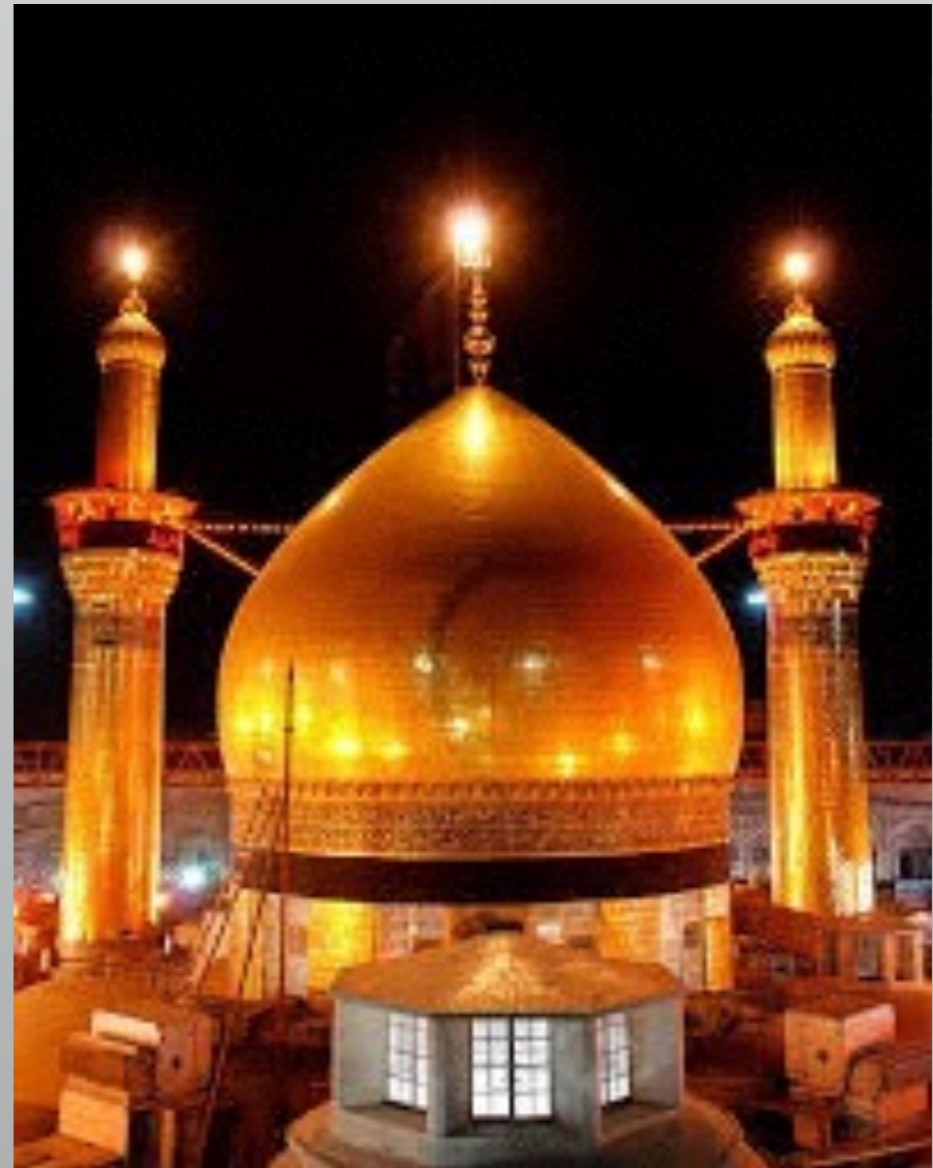
# Evidences of *Imamah* from Hadith



- Hadith al-Ghadeer [Of whomsoever I am the Master...]
- Hadith al-Thaqalayn [Two Weighty Things].
- For References: <https://www.al-islam.org/principles-faith-usul-al-din-husayn-vahid-khorasani/divine-leadership-imatat#arbitration-sunnah-traditions>

# Evidences of *Imamah* from Hadith (II)

- Hadith al-Manzala [You are to me like Aaron was to Moses].
- “Ali is with the Qur’an and the Qur’an is with ‘Ali. They will not part from each other until they meet me on the Pool.





# Evidences of *Imamah* from Hadith (III)



- [Narrated in Sahih Muslim]
  - I heard the Messenger of Allah (S) saying: 'Islam will keep its honor through twelve caliphs.' Then, he said a statement which I failed to catch. So I asked my father, "What did he (S) say?" He (my father) replied that he (S) said: "All of them will be from Quraysh."

# Useful References

- <http://introducingislam.org/info/muzaffar/chapter4.php>
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