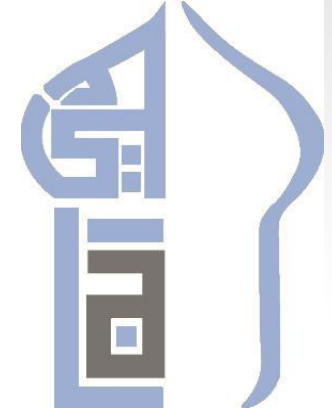




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**ALI 413: Brief Explanation of Du'ā No. 5**  
**From *Sahīfa Sajjādiyya***

**SESSION 2:**

وَكَانَ مِنْ دُعَائِهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ لِنَفْسِهِ وَلِأَهْلِ وَوَلَايَتِهِ

***His Supplication for himself and the People  
under his Guardianship***

**Wednesday Jan 17, 2018**

# Interesting articles on the *Sahīfa*

Read the following articles during the course. You will find them interesting & highly beneficial; they talk about the circumstances that led to the compilation of the work.

1. A H Sheriff, “Saheefa Al-Kamilah: The Perfect Epistle” from *The Light* magazine, available at:

<https://www.academyofislam.com/saheefa-al-kamilah-the-perfect-epistle-by-a-h-sheriff/>

2. “Introduction to Al-Sahifa by the martyred Imam Āyatullāh Sayyid Muhammad Baqir Al-Sadr, available at:

<https://www.academyofislam.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Sahifa-Intro-Sadr.pdf3>

Sayyid Saeed Akhtar Rizvi, “The Illustrious Imamate period of Imam Zaynul ‘Ābidīn,” found online at:

[www.al-islam.org/al-serat/Illustrious.htm](http://www.al-islam.org/al-serat/Illustrious.htm)

# Important points from A H Sheriff

1. A researcher accepted Islam due to *Sahīfa*. Her observation: *no other book would surpass this as it contained the supreme possible human approach towards the Creator Allah.*
2. Quotation from Shaykh al-Islam Tantawi of Egypt. His remarks: *I was deeply impressed by the value and magnificence of these invocations. I wonder how the Muslims have all along been ignorant of such a valuable treasure. They have been in deep slumber for these centuries. They could not even feel that Allah has supplied them with such a precious store of knowledge.*
3. Gift from the 12<sup>th</sup> Imam (af): *In a dream once, the Allāmah requested the 12<sup>th</sup> Imam for a gift of a book from which he could constantly benefit. The Imam recommended Sahīfa telling him that it was a gift from him and he should go and collect the book from a person named at a particular place. Allāmah confirms that in accordance with the advice of the Imam, he collected the Sahīfa from which he benefited a great deal in his exercises of self-purification. The book was cherished as an invaluable gift from the Imam and circulated round among the believers of the place.*

# Article by S. Saeed Akhtar Rizvi

- Challenges faced by the Imam al-Sajjad (a)
- Hajar al-Aswad testified him Imamate
- Using Azaa al-Husayn to unite the Shi'ah
- Using Du'aa to teach Islam: for e.g.
  - Du'aa 20 on what are the best & elevated morals
  - Du'aa 30 on why it is necessary to avoid debts
  - Du'aa 17 against the mischief of Shaytan
  - Du'aa 27 for people facing war & opposition
  - Du'aa 24 on the position of parents
  - And many more supplications

# Efforts to preserve *Sahīfa* - 1

“Behold,” said Yahyā, “I will show you the complete book of prayers which my father preserved from his father, and concerning which my father enjoined upon me by will, to guard it carefully and to deny it to the undeserving.”

“Thereupon.” says Mutawakkil, “I stood up before him and kissed his forehead, and said, ‘By the Lord, O son of the Apostle of God, I seek nearness unto God by loving and obeying you, and I fervently hope that He will bless me with your love in my life and in my death.’ Then he handed over the writing which I had given to him to a boy who was with him, and said, “Transcribe this prayer in a clear and beautiful hand and show it to me, so that I may learn it by heart, for I had asked Ja’far aforetime to let me have it, but he denied it to me.”

# Efforts to preserve *Sahīfa* - 2

‘Then Yahyā called for a bag, and took out from it a book which was covered and sealed; he examined the seal and kissed it with tears in his eyes; then he broke the seal and opened the book, and spreading its pages before him, he caressed it with his face and eyes, saying, “If you had not mentioned the prophecy of my cousin that I shall be killed and crucified, verily I would never have parted with this book, and I would never have given it to you. . . So I am afraid lest such a treasure of divine knowledge might fall into the hands of Banu Umayyah, who might conceal it, and exploit it for their own selfish ends. Therefore, take it from me and guard it with your life, as a sacred trust, to be delivered after the fulfilment of God’ decree concerning that tribe (i. e. the Banu Umayyah) and myself

# About the author of the *Sahīfa*

It is said that when he performed the ceremonial washing before prayer, he used to turn pale for fear of God.

Being questioned as to the cause of this intense feeling, he replied, “*Don’t you know in whose presence I am going to stand?*”

One day, while he was saying his prayers, his house took fire and several voices were heard shouting, “Fire, fire!” but he did not feel at all alarmed and continued to pray as if nothing had happened. In the meantime the fire died out, and when he had finished praying, people said to him, “Son of the Prophet, what made you unmindful of the fire?” “*The fire of hell,*” replied he. So absorbing was his devotion. (Ahmad Ali Mohani, Intro, *Sahifat-ul-Kamila*)



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