The Living Imam



Hadith on Imam al-Mahdi (a) in Sunni books

All Muslims believe that the Holy Prophet (s) had spoken about Imam al-Mahdi (a). Even the Sunni Muslims who do not believe in the twelve Imams, have Hadith in their books about al-Mahdi (a). Many of their reliable books and narrators of Hadith have reported Hadith from the Holy Prophet (s) about a leader named al-Mahdi who would establish the rule of Allah on earth.

The following Hadith have been narrated by Sunni narrators. Most of them are from the Holy Prophet (s) unless otherwise stated.

- 1) Even if the entire duration of the world's existence has already been exhausted and only one day is left (before the day of judgment), Allah will expand that day to such a length of time, as to accommodate the kingdom of a person from my Ahlul-Bayt who will be called by my name. He will fill out the earth with peace and justice as it will have been full of injustice and tyranny. Sahih al-Tirmidhi, v2, p86, Sunan Abu Dawud, v2, p7
- 2) Al-Mahdi is one of us, the members of the household (Ahlul-Bayt)." **Sunan Ibn Majah, v2, Tradition #4085**
- 3) The Mahdi will be of my family, of the descendants of Fatimah Sunan Abu Dawud, English version, Ch. 36, Tradition #4271, Sunan Ibn Majah, v2, Tradition #4086
- 4) The Mahdi will appear in my Ummah. He will appear for a minimum of 7 or a maximum of 9 years; at that time, my Ummah will experience a bountiful favor like never before. It shall have a great abundance of food, of which it need not save anything, and the wealth at that time is in great quantities, such that if a man asks the Mahdi to give him some, and the Mahdi (as) will say: Here! Take!"

Sunan Ibn Majah, v2, Tradition #5083

5) The world will not perish until a man among the Arabs appears whose name matches my name.

Sunni reference: Sahih al-Tirmidhi, v9, p74

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