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***The Position of Number Forty in the Verses  
and Traditions and Its Moral Impact***

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## **Abstract**

In investigating the position of number forty and its moral impact in Islamic verses and traditions, firstly, number forty in the course of time was gathered by a vast field study, and, secondly, the compilation of number forty was made consistent by a scientific – narration (library) method with reference to Koran’s verses and Muhammad’s (may God bless him) traditions, and, finally, number forty’s moral impact, which describes its impact in the perfection itself in the framework of religious thought and the way of the household of the prophet of Islam (peace be upon them), was taken into consideration.

**Key Words:** Forty, Ethic, Perfection

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# Chapter One

## 1-1. Introduction Generalities of the Research Project

Imam Khomeini (may God bless him) named one of his books “Forty”. As he writes in the book’s introduction, Imam Khomeini (may God bless him) declares that he has written this book in Farsi language, not in Arabic, so that it could be read and used by general Farsi readers, and because of this he had named his book “Forty”. In Imam Khomeini’s (may God bless him) view, number forty is used for self – education as well as self – purification. Similarly, Avicenna, the famous Iranian physician of the early eleventh century, gave the names of “Law” and “Healing” to his books which were on medicine.

From my youth days, I had intended to probe and investigate the relation between number forty and self-education. Finally, the opportunity of probing number forty came to me, the writer of this project, at the end of my post – graduate studies and culminated in investigating number forty in the course of time such as forty traditions, a period of forty days, living the life of a recluse for forty nights, and probing number forty in religious verses and traditions. The results of these primary studies culminated in compiling the book “The Comprehensive Dictionary of Number Forty”; and a collection of number forty in Islamic Verses and traditions is the introduction of the present dissertation – chapter two – which is dedicated to all.

Hail of God and great prophets be to the great soul of the late leader of the Islamic republic of Iran and to martyred Basenjhis during the time of Islamic revolution of Iran and during the Holy Defense (eight – year old war between Iran and Iraq).



## **2-1. Stating of the Problem**

Since the human's final goal is reaching God, human perfection, and to be evolved in the way of God, each of divine schools and religions – and even human schools – have both stated and explained the ways of reaching perfection; and they have named this seeking process “self – education” or “self – purification”. Throughout history, there are persons who have introduced this process of evolution with living the life of a recluse for forty nights or with forty fold ways. We, in this piece of writing, have intended to, firstly, investigate number forty in the course of time as a prerequisite (chapter two) for this research, and, secondly, state and review number forty in the Koran's verses and Islamic traditions (Appendix), and then, deal with the position of number forty in self – education from the viewpoint of verses and traditions and its moral impact. Since we face different and corresponding perceptions on this subject, we have attempted to avoid any analysis and explanation; instead, we have attempted to present the very approaches to the subject. In this paper, we have raised the position of number forty in verses and traditions as well as its moral impact.

**Key words:** The Koran; Tradition; Ethics; Forty

## **3-1. The Background and the Necessity of performing the Research**

The goals of creating men have been their submission to God and their understanding of God; and these goals will not be fulfilled unless the methods and conventions which God Himself has presented to men are obeyed and observed. Therefore, separating what others have

imagined from what Islam has announced would be unavoidable and is of significance in passing the way and in deliberating.

## **4-1. Goals of the Research**

### **1-4-1. General goal**

With the investigation of number forty in the course of time (Appendix one) such as the role of living the life of a recluse for forty nights in self – education, we state the importance of number forty in verses and traditions, and, finally, deal with the position of number forty in verses and traditions as well as its moral impact.

### **2-4-1. specific Goals**

- Explaining the position of number forty
- Separating the viewpoints of others from the theory stated by the Shiite Islam on the above – mentioned subject.

## **5-1. Hypotheses of the Research**

### **6-1. Presuppositions of the Research**

The presupposition in this research would be that the only viewpoint which results in humanity is the Shiite Islam which provides absolute perfection for human kind; therefore; one must learn koranic verses and Islamic traditions.

### **7-1. Limitations of the Research**

In facing different viewpoints, one may perceive new perceptions in the course of time, and this is one of the honors of the substantial religious jurisprudence in Shiite way of thinking; this will sometimes

cause that we even face different views of valuable Islamic scholars; and t his will result in our limitations in arriving at completely clear and single results.

## **8-1. Definitions of Words**

### **1-8-1. The Koran**

Self – explanatory

### **2-8-1.**

By the word “tradition”, it is meant the authentic words of Muhammad (may God bless him), the prophet of Islam, and the holy Imams (Peace be upon them).

### **3-8-1. Ethics**

In the school of Islam, reaching God and the manifestation of God’s names and qualities in mankind is the final aim of creating man; this will be possible by man’s servitude (obeying God) and self – education through moral methods. This is called “ethics” which will result in self – education and reaching human perfection. In this piece of writing, ethics will be taken into consideration from two points of view: 1) personal ethics, and 2) social ethics.

### **4-8-1. Forty; Forty Days; Living the life of a recluse for forty nights**

# Chapter Two

## **1. The literature and the Background of the Research**

## **2. Theoretical Principles of the Research and Its Background**

In the theoretical principles of the research, number forty was investigated in koranic verses and Islamic traditions. As it was mentioned earlier, in the introduction, a collection named “Number forty in Verses and Traditions” will appear in Appendix one.

Number forty and living the life of a recluse for forty days or forty nights have had special positions in the cores of time.

The issue of “forty” was investigated as an introduction to the investigation of the subject in verses and traditions, and in different periods of time being separated as follows: the beginning of the creation of the world, pre – historic period, old and ancient times, the old Testament period, Middle Ages period, the Renaissance period, and the Islamic civilization period consisting of the beginning of Islam and the period affected by it, New Ages period, and the contemporary period. Number forty was investigated in those periods and was compiled and presented in the form of a book named “The Comprehensive Dictionary of Forty”.

# Chapter Three

The Methodology of the Research

## **3. Research Method**

The present research has been performed by a scientific – narration method; we, specifically, have used narration records and documents in a scientific way.

# Chapter Four

## Findings of the Research

### 1-4. Introduction

“Forty” is stated and investigated in Koranic verses and Islamic traditions of innocent Imams (Peace be upon them); the narration citations will be presented hereunder and the moral impact of each will be stated.

### 2-4. Koranic Verses Related to Number Forty

The words “جلا له الله” (Great is God) have been repeated for forty times in the surah of “مجادله” (Mujadeleh) in the Koran; similarly, God Almighty has sworn forty times and has sworn by forty things in the Koran. The Sarah (chapter) “نبا” (Naba) has forty verses and verses 52 to 54 of the surah “قصص” (Qisas) talk about forty persons from Ethiopia who came to the prophet of Islam on Najjashi’s orders and donated their Possessions to Muslims for the war Ohod.

Also, in four verses of the Koran (Baqareh: 51; Maa – edeh: 26; A’raf: 142; Ahqaf: 15), number forty has been mentioned to deal with the three general subjects:

- 1) The Perfection of man as well as reason and wisdom in forty tears of age;
- 2) Personal self – education in forty days and forty nights;
- 3) Social Change in forty years;

These three will be discussed briefly hereunder:

#### **1-2-4. The Position of Number Forty in Man's Transcendence and Purification**

”واذ واعدنا موسي اربعين ليله...”

”و واعدنا موسي ثلاثين ليله و اتمناها بعشر فتم ميقات ربه اربعين ليله“

“And we gave our word to meet Moses for thirty nights; and we added ten nights to that, till his God's promise to meet him was completed in forty nights.”

A forty – day meeting place

Explanation:

When God Almighty decided to speak with Moses and to send down Torah to him, He ordered Moses to leave his nation and worship Him for thirty nights in the mountainside of Sine. After the thirty nights were ended, God added another ten nights to that, and Moses' Meeting place with God was Completed in forty nights. According to extant traditions, those thirty nights in which Moses worshipped God in Sina Mountain, was the month of Zel – Qadah, and those ten nights which were added, was the beginning days of the month Zel – Hadjah.

For this reason, mystics have stated that the best time for living the life of a recluse for forty days and forty nights are the months of Zel – Qadah and the first ten days of the month Zel – Hadjah.

Sohreveardi, in this regard, says:

When God decided to make Adam into His successor, He created Adam out of a compound, fermenting and creating Adam in forty days. And on each day of those forty days, God gave Adam a quality which caused him to be attached to the material world. And each attachment turned into a veil of secrecy which caused Adam to get away from the kingdom of Heaven, and caused him to get near to the material world.

When the fortieth day came, the veils became compacted and Adam was created.

The follower, for the sincerity of his doings for God, removes one veil every day, until, at the end of the fortieth day, all veils are removed and divine lights are manifested in him and then he has the honor of meeting the beauty of God. So, the order in these forty days is the opposite of the first order, i. e, in the fermenting stage, veils are piled up and Adam gets away from the kingdom of Heaven and he gets near to the material world; but in the period of living the life of a recluse for forty days and forty nights, the follower removes the veils from the material world and steps into the kingdom of Heaven.

Similarly, the fortieth chapter of Koran is a chapter called “Mo’men” (the faithful). To my way of thinking, the book “The Mysteries of Number Forty” Written by Mr. Mohsen Ashtiani, may refer to the point that” a very ignorant and tyrant person, will, one day, turn into a wise and faithful person, and ...”

#### **2-2-4. The perfection of Man in Forty years of Age**

“ووصينا الانسان بوالديه احسانا حملته امه كرها وضعته كرها وحمله و فصاله ثلاثون شهراحتي اذا بلغ اشده و بلغ اربعين سنة قال رب اوزعني ان اشكر نعمتك التي انعمت علي و علي والدي وان اعلم صالحا ترضيه واصلح لي في ذريتي اني تبت اليك و اني من المسلمين”

and we advised man to do good deeds by his parents; because his mother has suffered a great hardship in her pregnancy period and she has given birth to him with difficulty; and his mother’s period of pregnancy and also man’s suckling period would be thirty months, until her child reaches perfection and the height of physical strength and then reaches



the age of forty. Man says his prayers and asks God to give him three things:

1) O'! Almighty God! Give me the strength to praise Thee for the blessing which You have given my parents and I;

2) Give me the strength to do a good deed, so that it will make Thee satisfied;

3) O God! Perpetuate salvation and goodness in my dynasty and in my children.

To sum up, we come to the conclusion that making such requests from God Almighty in forty years of age are the signs of perfection of wisdom and rationality, considering that we recognize the key role of number forty in man's evolution.

Outer reality of man, too, does confirm the same point mentioned above. It is observed that from forty years of age onwards, the periods of revelry, lechery, and rebellion decline and man gradually begins thinking about God, repentance, giving thanks to God for this blessings, and good deeds.

Generally speaking, characteristics of forty years of age is coincided with becoming perfect and experienced.

### **3-2-4. Social Ethics**

The Position of Number Forty in the Evolution of Society when Moses ordered children of Israel to enter the lands of Palestine, they, because of their fear and their inferiority complex, said; "O Moses! There is a tyrant nation living in the lands of Palestine; so, we will not enter there unless they have gone out of those lands".

For this reason, God said to Moses:

“فانها محرمة عليهم اربعين سنة يتيهون في الارض فلاتاس علي القوم الفاسقين”

“Indeed, children of Israel shall not enter the lands of Palestine and they are forbidden to enter those lands and they will be wandering on Earth for forty years, and O Moses, be not sorry and upset about wrongdoers.”

Aye; forty years must pass until the present generation is destroyed, and a forty – year old generation, who are bold, faithful, with perfect body and soul, comes into being in an atmosphere of freedom and liberty; and with their rising, expel the enemy from the promised land and then enter that land.

### **3-4. Traditions**

Traditions regarding number forty are divided into three groups from the beginning of Islam:

- 1) Traditions told in the verses of the Koran on three subjects
- 2) Traditions on the subject of this dissertation, which are directly related to ethics. In this dissertation, we have just presented them, though we believe that the ways and personalities of innocent Imams (Peace be upon them) were all related to ethics and their ways and personalities have surely had impact on us.
- 3) All the traditions on number forty cited from the innocent Imams (Peace be upon them) which have been presented separately and in order; those which were presented separately in the book “Number Forty in Verses and Traditions”.

### **1-3-4. Traditions Told in the Verses of the Koran**

#### **1-1-3-4. Self – Education**

A tradition has been cited from the prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him); saying that whenever a servant of God moves towards the presence of God in good faith and with good deeds for forty days, the springs of wisdom will be flown from his heart onto his tongue.

And a similar tradition has been cited from Imam Muhammad Baqer (Peace be upon him) saying that if a servant of God Preserves his or her faith in God for forty days, God will give him or her the position of piety, will show their pains and healings to them, will fix wisdom in his or her heart and will make him or her speak according to wisdom.

A tradition has been cited from the prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) saying that if a servant of God does not sin against God, God will give him or her intuition. That tradition is said to have been cited from Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him), too.

Also, the prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) has stated that: “Reform yourself before you reach forty years of age; anyone who reaches forty years of age while his or her good deeds do not exceed his or her bad deeds, Satan will kiss between his or her two eyes, saying: “this is the countenance which will not be saved”.

Also, Muhammad (may God bless him) has stated: “Anyone who passes forty years of age while his or her good deeds do not exceed his or her bad deeds, he or she must prepare himself or herself for the fire of Hell.”

#### **2-1-3-4. Being Forty years of Age**

As it was mentioned above, according to a tradition anyone who reaches forty years of age while his or her bad deeds exceeds his or her

good deeds, Satan will kiss his or her forehead, saying: “this is the countenance which will not be saved.” A similar tradition says that anyone who was not vindicated at the age of forty, Satan will touch his or her face, saying: “your name is in my division’s list”.

It has been cited from Ibn – e- Abbas that the prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) had said:

“Anyone who reaches forty years of age while his or her good deeds do not exceed his or her bad deeds, he or she must be prepared for Hell.” A similar theme has been mentioned in Rouh – al – Maani’s interpretation.

It has been cited from Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him). saying that: “As soon as a servant of God reaches forty years of age, God makes a divine revelation to two of His angels that “I have given this servant of Mine a long age, so, be strict with him or her, and watch him or her very carefully, and record his or her good and bad deeds”.

Also, it has been cited from Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) saying that: “God cherished the people who reach forty years of age.”

Also, Imam Muhammad Ghazali believes that he or she who reaches forty years of age, will gain the perfect wisdom.”

And, above all, the prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) has said:

“ادبني ربي اربعين سنه ثم قال انك لعلي خلق عظيم”

“My God disciplined me for forty years; then He said: “Now, in deed, you have been beautified with great temperament”.

Also, Muhammad (May God bless him) has said:

“Man’s wisdom and rationality is grow able as long as forty gears of age”.

Also, the prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) has said:

”يا انباء الاربعين ماذا اعددتم للقاء ربكم“

“Every night, an angel descends from Heaven and says:” O Forty year – old persons! What have you procured for the day on which you will go to the presence of God?”

### **3-1-3-4. Number Forty in Social Evolution**

It has been cited from Imam Reza (peace be upon him) saying that God Almighty sterilized Noah’s nation and his nation’s women for forty years; so, they became barren and then, they were drowned while they had no children at all.

### **2-3-4. Traditions Related to Number forty from the Beginning of Islam on Ethics**

#### **1-2-3-4. The Twelfth Imam, Mahdi and Apocalypse**

Imam Sadeq (peace be upon him) stated: “Imam Mahdi’s (peace be upon him) age will not exceed forty; that is, he looks forty years of age all the time, and old age does not affect him and will not change his appearance.”

And, Imam Hussain (Peace be upon him) said:

”اذقام قاننما اذهب الله عزوجل عن شيعتنا العاهه وجعل قلوبهم كزبر الحديد وجعل قوه

الرجل منهم قوه اربعين رجلا و يكون حكام الارض و سنامها“

And Hor Aameli (may God bless him) mentions the reason for this in “Esbaat- ol Hoda” which is cited from Imam Hassan (Peace be upon him) saying that: “God Almighty will lengthen his age in the period of his absence; then, He will appear him in the form of a forty – year old

man, so that, everyone knows that God is able to do anything He wishes to do”.

And, also, Abu Basir says that the sixth Imam has stated:”

Sodom (Peace be upon him), in the koranic chapter, verse 81, said to his nation: “I wish I had power against you, so that I could reside in a strong pillar” He meant that Sodom (Peace be upon him) wished to have an upright and upstanding power; and the strong pillars are his friends who one of them has the power of forty men and whose heart is stronger than an iron mountain; and if he passed in front of iron mountains, he will cut them by his sword so that God Almighty will be satisfied.

And, also, the fourth Imam (Peace be upon him) stated:”

When the twelfth Imam, Mahdi (Peace be upon him) appears, God Almighty will wipe out weakness and vice among Shiite people and God will make their hearts strong as iron mountains, and He will give the power of forty men to each man of them and He will make them the emperors on the Earth.”

#### **2-2-3-4. The Evolution of the Universe in Relation to Number Forty**

A man called Sa’sa’eh Ben Souhan asked the first Imam, Ali (Peace be upon him): “What are the signs of apocalypse?”

Imam Ali (Peace be upon him) answered: “There are forty signs for apocalypse to occur”.

And, the prophet of Islam, Muhammad (May God bless him)

Stated; “And when Jesus Christ descends from Heaven and kills the Impostor, you, People, will have a peaceful life on the Earth for forty years”.

### **3-2-3-4. Men’s Deserving for Meeting the Twelfth Imam, Mahdi (Peace be upon him)**

Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) stated: “Anyone who says this prayer (the prayer of allegiance for forty mornings, he or she will be considered one of Imam Mahdi’s (Peace be upon him) friends.

### **4-2-3-4.**

Late Aqa Bozorg Tehrani has mentioned the names of seventy – seven books and essays under the title of “The Forty Traditions” in the book “Azzari’ah”; these traditions are all on the learning of forty traditions and their impact on human’s development and evolution.

Basically, if one learns and understands traditions, he or she will reach perfection and will enter the Heaven; as the prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) has said:

“قال رسول الله من حفظ من امتي اربعين حديثا مما يحتاجون اليه من امر دينهم بعثه الله يوم القيامة فقيها عالما”

If one of my nation recites forty traditions which are needed for his or her religious affairs, God Almighty will put him or her in the line of jurisprudent.

Reciting traditions, too, requires self – education, although, naturally, being aware of the traditions and of the effects of self – education will reveal ethics, and if this is not absolute, it will surely be influential.

#### **5-2-3-4. Forty Days after the Martyrdom of Imam Hussain (Peace be upon him)**

Atieh Koufi has said that forty days after the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (Peace be upon him) had coincided with Jaber – Ibn – e-Abdullah Ansari’s Pilgrimage to Karbala.

Also, Imam Hassan Askari (Peace be upon him) has said that reading the written prayers about forty days after the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (Peace be upon him) is one of the characteristics of faithful men and women.

And, also, Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) has said: “OZaraareh, Truly, the Heaven cried for Hussain (Peace be upon him) for forty days; and the Earth cried for him in darkness for forty days; and the sun cried for him for forty days while being in eclipse and redness; and the mountains were separated from each other; and the seas flew onto the Earth and huge waves were appeared; and all the angels in Heaven cried for Hussain (peace be upon him).

And it has been said that the holy head of Imam Hussain (Peace be upon him) was put and connected to his clean and holy body after forty days after he had been martyred; this is well – known among Imamieh – Shiite.

And it has been said that one of the five characteristics of being a Shiite and being a faithful man is the reading of written prayers about forty days after the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (Peace be upon him).

#### **6-2-3-4. Testimony of Forty Faithful Men**

About giving evidence of forty faithful men on a corpse, Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) says: “When a faithful man or woman dies, and forty faithful men gather around his or her body and say; O God! We



know not of him or her but his or her goodness, and O God! you are more aware of him or her than us, God Almighty responses: I accepted your testimony about him or her and I blessed him or her of what you all do not know about him or her.”

Similarly, the prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) said: “If forty persons say their prayers on a corpse, and then, they intercede with God on their behalf, God Almighty will bless that dead person.:

#### **7-2-3-4. The Effects of Drinking Alcoholic Drinks and Eating Forbidden Food for Forty Days**

In a tradition cited from the prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him), we read: “Anyone who eats a morsel of forbidden food, his or her prayer, will not be accepted by God for forty nights, and his or her prayers will not be granted by God.”

And the prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) said to Imam Ali (Peace be upon him): “If a person drinks wine, his prayer will not be accepted by God for forty days”.

And Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) has stated the same thing on the same theme.

And on this matter that why the prayers of someone who drinks wine are not accepted by God, innocent Imam (Peace be upon him) has said: “When a person drinks wine, defilement will remain in the body for forty days; and as much as the wine has been drunk, it will produce defilement as much and defilement will remain in the body of the drinker for forty days.

#### **8-2-3-4. A Forty – Day Hoarding**

On discrediting of hoarding, the prophet of Islam, Muhammad (May God bless him) has said: “Anyone who hoards foods more than forty days, the smell of Heaven which is felt from a five – hundred – year distance, will be forbidden for him or her; this person avoids God and in return, God, too, avoids him or her”.

And Imam Sadeq (peace be upon him) said: “The lawful time for hording grains, at the time of low price, is forty days and at the time of high price, is three days. Therefore, anyone who violates these laws, he or she will be damned by God.”

Similarly, Imam Baqer (peace be upon him) has said: “The prophet of Islam, Muhammad (May God bless him) has said: “Anyone who buys public food supplies and four of the grains consisting of wheat, barley, date, and raisin and hoards them for forty days and intends to sell them for a higher price, and sells them later, but spends the money, he or she gained from selling, in a good way, God will not punish him or her.

#### **4-2-3-4. Giving Priority to others in praying**

It has been cited from innocent Imams (Peace be upon them) that anyone who gives priority to forty of his brothers in his praying and then prays for himself, his prayers for them and for himself will be accepted by God.

Similarly, it has been cited from Imam Sadeq (peace be upon him) that anyone who prays for forty persons before he prays for himself, his prayers for them and for himself will be accepted by God.

And it is better to pray for forty faithful persons when saying prayers; so, it is better to pray for forty of his brothers and it is recommended (not necessary) to say: “I pray for forty persons”; Truly,

one who prays for forty faithful men, his prayers will be accepted by God.

#### **10-2-3-4. Being Chosen as God's Messenger of Muhammad (may God bless him) in forty years of Age**

The prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) was chosen as God's messenger when he was forty years old. And it has been said that most of the prophets had been chosen as God's messengers when they were forty years old.

#### **11-2-3-4. Forty years of Prohibition of Children of Israel's Entering to the Holy land**

Verse "Ma'edah" of Chapter 26 of Koran has reported of forty years of prohibition of children of Israel's entering to the holy land, and also, of wandering of that land on the Earth for forty years. This prohibition occurred when Moses (Peace be upon him) ordered his nation to enter the holy (land, but because a tyrant nation was living there, the children of Israel avoided entering that land and they said to Moses (Peace be upon him) that as long as that tyrant nation was living there, they would not enter that holy land. Also, the story of wandering of the children of Israel has been reported in Torah.

#### **12-2-3-4. The Rights of the Faithful Men**

Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) has said: "Anyone who ruins the rights of the faithful men, he will be deprived of God's blessing in the Judgment Day." Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) adds: "This person will be reproached for forty days and then God will order that he will be taken to Hell."

#### **13-2-3-4. Forty years of Reciting the IZAN**

Bilal, Muhammad's (may God bless him) reciter of the IZAN, has said: "I heard from the prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) that anyone who recites the IZAN for God's satisfaction for forty years, God Almighty will rise his or her from the grave with the God's blessing of forty truthful men in Judgement Day."

And, also, the prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) has said: "Anyone who sincerely recites the IZAN and for Him, God Almighty will give him the God's blessing of forty thousand martyrs; too, by his intermeditation, forty thousand sinners will enter the Heaven."

#### **14-2-3-4. Forty Days of Eating Meat Continuously**

The prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) has said: "Anyone who eats meat for forty days continuously, his or her heart will become cruel and inflexible."

#### **15-2-3-4. Muhammad's (may God bless him) punishment and the great Temperament**

The prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) has said:

“ادبني ربي اربعين سنة ثم قال انك لعلي خلق عظيم”

“My God punished me for forty years, and then He Said: “truly, you have been decorated with a great temperament.”

#### **16-2-3-4. Perception of Forty Days of Group Prayer**

It has been cited from the prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) that anyone who perceives forty days of group prayer, God will clear him of all charges of fire and discord.”

#### **17-2-3-4. Forty Degrees of Rank's Sublimity**

The prophet of Islam, Mohammad (may God bless him) has said: “Anyone who, in the twelfth night of the month Sha’aban, says twelve prayers, and in each prayer, and in each prayer he says the Surah of “Takathor” for ten times, after saying the Surah “Al – Hamd”, God will forgive his or her forty – year old sins, and He will rise him or her for Forty degrees, and forty thousand angels will ask for his or her blessing; and this is the compensation for the one who has perceived the Qadr night.

#### **18-2-3-4. Blessing of Forty Martyrs**

The prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) has said: “Anyone who says six prayers in the fifth night of the month Rajab, and says the Surah” “Towhid” “after saying the surah” “Al – Hamd”, God will give him or her the blessings of forty prophets, forty truthful men, and forty martyrs, and he or she will pass the bridge of “Serat” on a horse of light like a lightning.”

#### **19-2-3-4. Removal of Forty Days of Suffering**

The prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) has said:” whenever a learned or a learning man passed a city of Muslim inhabitants and avoids eating or drinking the food and the drinks offered in that city, and he enters the city from one side and goes out of that from the other side, God Almighty removes forty days of suffering from the people of the graves (those who are dead).”

#### **20-2-3-4. Forty years of Worshipping God**

The prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) has said: “Anyone who goes out of his or her house for gaining knowledge so that he or she directs a misled person to the right path, his or her action will be like a worshipper who has worshipped God for forty years.”

#### **21-2-3-4. Backbiting the Muslims**

The prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) has said: “If anyone backbites a Muslim, his or her saying prayers and fasting will not be accepted by God unless the one has been backbited, forgives him or her.

#### **22-2-3-4. Bestowing Forty Lights**

It has been cited from the prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) that anyone who Fasts on the fifteenth day of the month Ramadan, God will grant all his or her worldly and other – worldly wishes; also, God will bestow him or her the blessing deed of the prophet, and those carrying the heaven will ask for him or her blessing, and in the Judgment Day, God will bestow him or her forty lights: ten lights coming from his right side, ten from his left side, ten from behind and ten from ahead.

#### **23-2-3-4. Forty years of worshipping is Ruined**

The prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) has said: “Anyone who wishes a bad thing for my nation, God will invalidate his or the forty years of worshipping God.”

#### **24-2-3-4. Better Than Raining for Forty Days**

The prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) has Said:

“قال رسول الله (ص): اقامه حد خير من مطر اربعين صباحا”

“Raining which lasts one day, is better than raining which lasts for forty days.”

#### **25-2-3-4. Saying Prayer in Group**

The prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) has said:

“Every single prayer said in group is equal to twenty – four prayers, and every single prayer said in group is more desirable than worshipping for forty years.”

#### **26-2-3-4. The Fair Sultan**

The prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) has said:

“قال رسول الله (ص): يوم واحد من سلطان عادل خير من مطر اربعين يوما”

“Living one day under a fair sultan, will be better than raining for forty days.”

#### **27-2-3-4. On Repentance**

One of Muhammad’s (may God bless him) companions asked him:

“O Prophet of God! why is repenting useful?”

Muhammad (may God bless him) replied: “O Companion! Know that God Almighty creates a door beyond the west; on each pair of the door, there is a big red gold decorated with any kind of jewel; and know that from one pair of the door to the other, there is a forty – year – old distance; and that door will be open until the sun rises from the west ...”

#### **28-2-3-4. On the Virtue of Brushing the Teeth**

The prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him), in his will, said to Imam Ali (peace be upon him): O Ali! I recommend you to brush your teeth; truly, saying your prayers with your teeth brushed, is more acceptable to God than Saying prayers for forty days.”

#### **29-2-3-4. The Blessing of Group Prayer**

The prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) has said: “Anyone who attends forty group prayers, God Almighty will write two exonerations for him or her: one is exoneration from the fire of hell, and the other is exoneration from discord.”

#### **30-2-3-4. The Blessing of Building a Mosque**

The prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) has said: “Anyone who builds a mosque in this world, God will bestow him or her a city in whose course there are forty thousand years of gold and silver, jewel, ruby, and emerald.”

#### **31-2-3-4. On Not Being Present in the circles of Learned Men**

The prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) has said: “O Ali! If a faithful man does not attend the circles of learned men for forty days, his heart will be filled with brutality and he is inclined in doing deadly sins.”

#### **32-2-3-4. Salman’s Prayer in Forty Friday Nights**

It has been cited from Salman Farsi that he says: “Imam Ali (Peace be upon him) says for Muhammad (may God bless him) that if anyone says this prayer on iron sheets, those iron sheets will be melted ... and



anyone who says this prayer for forty times in Friday nights, God Almighty will forgive any sin which are among him and people.”

#### **33-2-3-4. Saying the prayer of Oweiss in Forty Friday Nights**

Imam Ali (Peace be upon him) taught Oweiss Gharny this Prayer, and told him to say this prayer when he asks something form God. And the prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) has said: “I swear to God Almighty who is deserved, if any hungry or thirsty man, says this prayer, God will give him or her food and water, and if anyone says this prayer to anybody else, the latter will obey the first, and if this prayer is said to a crazy person, the crazy person will be cured, and if anyone, says this prayer a pregnant woman, the pregnancy will be easier for her, and if this prayer is said for forty times in forty Friday nights, the sayer’s sins will be forgiven by God, and if this prayer said to a tyrant man, the tyrant man will not be able to do any harm to him, and if the prayer is said at the tine of sleeping, seventy thousand angels whose faces are more brilliant than the sun, will pray for him and ask God to forgive him, and if the sayer dies on that Friday night, he will be considered martyr.”

#### **34-2-3-4. Walking the Blind for Forty Steps**

Imam Ali (Peace be upon him) has said: “If anyone helps and walks a walking blind for forty steps, if all the mountains on Earth are melted to gold, this will not suffice the helper’s blessing and helping that blind person. And if anyone walks a blind person on a dangerous, rough earth, passing the blind person from that dangerous zone, the helper will observe the expanse of the degree of his blessing and good deeds in the Judgment Day and he will be given hundred thousand time blessing

more than he had been given in this world, and the quantity and the weight of his blessings and good deeds will be more than his sins, and his sins will be forgiven, and God Almighty will place him in the highest ranking in the Heaven.”

#### **35-2-3-4. On the Virtue of the surah “Al – Hamd”**

Imam Ali (Peace be upon him) has said: “Imam Hussain (Peace be Upon him) became sick and Fatimah brought him to Muhammad (may God bless him) and told him: “Please Pray for your son so that he will be cured. Then upon this, Gabriel descended and said to Muhammad: O Muhammad! Say the surah Al – Hamd for forty times on a water bowl and then sprinkle the water on the sick man, and you will see that God will cure him; the prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) did as he has been told and Hussain (peace be upon him) was cured.

#### **36-2-3-4. Becoming a Pious Man by Saying Good Prayers**

Imam Baqer (Peace be upon him) has said: “No servant of God will purify his faith to Almighty God for forty days, or no servant of God will not do saying prayers to God in forty days, but God Almighty makes him pious towards this world and show him the pains and cures in this world; therefore, He flows wisdom in his heart and make him speak with that wisdom.”

#### **37-2-3-4. Ayatol – Korsi**

Imam Muhammad Baqer (Peace be upon him) has said: “Anyone who, after his or her ablution, says the prayer “Ayatol – Korsi”, God will bestow him or her the blessing of forty years of worshipping in heaven

and will place him in the fortieth rank in heaven and will cause to associate him with forty angels in Heaven.”

#### **38-2-3-4. Visiting a Faithful Man**

It has been cited from Imam Baqer (Peace be upon him) that he says: “Anyone who visits a faithful man, he or she will be drowned in God’s mercy, then, he or she will sit by Him and God Almighty will give him or her His mercy. And when he or she returns from visiting that faithful man, God Almighty will cause seventy thousand angels to protect him or her and those angels ask mercy from God for him or her, will be kind to him or her, and tell them: “Good for you! Heaven be delicious for you and will give him or her a place in heaven where riders will gallop for forty years”.

#### **39-2-3-4. The Commendation of Participating in a Funeral Procession**

Imam Baqer (Peace be upon him) has said: “Anyone who participates in a funeral procession, God Almighty will forgive forty deadly sins done by him or her.”

#### **40-2-3-4.**

This tradition has been cited from Imam Sadeq (peace be upon him) that he says to Imam Ali (Peace be upon him): “There will be no servant of God unless forty graces and good lucks will receive him or her so that he or she commits forty deadly sins; and when he or she commits forty deadly sins, God will remove these graces.”

#### **41-2-3-4. Forty Days of Playing Music in a House**

Translation: ishaaq – ibn – e Jarir has said: “I heard form Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) that there is a satan called “Qafandar”; when music is played in a man’s house for forty days and other men enter that house, the satan will disguise himself as the landlord and then blows himself to them.”

#### **42-2-3-4. Saying the Sourah “Hashr” for forty Times**

Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) has said: “Anyone who says the sourah “Hashr” for the needs to be satisfied for forty days, each saying daily, his or her needs will be satisfied. And if he or she dies, he or she must begin saying the surah again, and anyone who says this surah for forty days repeatedly, his or her needs will be satisfied.”

#### **43-2-3-4. For the Pained Men**

Imam Sadeq (Pence be upon him) has said: “Anyone who has a pain or is sick, if somebody else says the following prayer to him or her and blows it to them for forty days, forty times daily, he or she will be cured.

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم الحمد لله رب العالمين حسبنا الله و نعم الوكيل تبارك الله احسن  
”الخالفين ولا حول ولا قوة الا بالله العلي العظيم.“

#### **44-2-3-4. Afflicting with Calamities on Faithful Men for Forty Days**

Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) has said: “There is no servant of God unless every forty days one calamity receives his or her possessions or to his or her children until after that God Almighty will give them compensation”.

#### **45-2-3-4. Fourfold Doxologies**

Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) has said: “Anyone who says fourfold doxologies for forty times after required prayers and changing his feet before” Tashahhod”, God Almighty will bestow him or her whatever they ask for.”

#### **46-2-3-4. The prayer of Allegiance**

Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) has said; “Anyone who says the prayer of allegiance for forty mornings, he or she will be one of the companions of the twelfth Imam, Mahdi.

#### **47-2-3-4. Forty Candles of Light**

Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) has said: “Whenever a faithful man says the prayer “Ayato – I – Korsi” and put its blessing on the dead persons, God Almighty will turn each letter of the prayer into an angel who God Almighty will praise him till the Judgment Day and give him the compensation of sixty prophets and enter forty candles in each grave from east to west and expand their graves.

#### **48-2-3-4. Saying Prayers for Forty times in “Sajdeh” and After That**

Abdul – Rahmaan Qeisar Says: “I went to the presence of Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) and told him that I have invented a prayer. Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) told me to say that prayer and also told me: “Whenever you have a problem, seek shelter to the prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) ... then, go to “Sajdeh” and say this prayer for forty times, and then put your right cheek on earth and then say this prayer for another forty times and then put your left cheek on earth and say the prayer for forty times, and the prayer is this:

“يا ذوالجلال و الاكرام يا ارحم الراحمين”

#### **49-2-3-4. Avoiding Satan for Forty Days**

Ismaail – ebn – e- Jaaber says: “Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) has told me that if anybody combe his beard for seventy times and counts every combing one by one, Satan will not approach him.”

Interpretation: If anybody combs his beard and counts every combing one by one, insects and beasts will not approach him.

#### **50-2-3-4. Discomfort of Faithful Men**

Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) says: “Forty nights will not pass on a faithful man, unless something happens to him or her and makes them awake and alert.”

#### **51-2-3-4. Forty Deadly Sins**

Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) has said: “Every faithful man who commits forty deadly sins in a day, if he or she says to God: “I want blessing, God, who is not the creator of the world except him, the God who is alive and lasting, the God who is the creator of earth and Heaven, the God who possesses greatness and grace; O God, ask you to accept my repentance; then upon his or her praying, God will bless them. “Then, Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) Said: “Anyone who commits Forty deadly sins in a day, there will be no goodness in him or her.”

#### **52-2-3-4. Following the Required Prayer**

Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) has said: “Anyone who says: “God is immaculate and pure” and “Thank God”, and “There is no God but Him”, and “God is the Great” for Forty times after his or her prayer has been finished, God Almighty will bestow them whatever they ask for.”

#### **53-2-3-4. The Reason for the Decline of Manliness**

Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) says: “If there are forty days of playing music and revelry in a house while people come and go into and out of that house, Satan will affect the soul of the landlord and he will not show manliness anymore.”

#### **54-2-3-4. Forty Days of Saying Prayer of the Faithful**

Imam Sadeq (peace be upon him) has said: “There will be no faithful man to pass on him forty days, unless he says prayers. Thus, he must say two “rak’at” of prayers and he must seek shelter from his temptations to God Almighty.”

#### **55-2-3-4. To Perjure Oneself**

Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) has said: “Anyone who perjures oneself, he must wait for God’s fury for forty days.”

#### **56-2-3-4. Healing on God’s Will**

It has been cited from Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) that anyone who has been afflicted with a physical disease, if he says this prayer for forty times in the morning prayer and then rubs the place which aches, he or she will be healed by God’s will. The prayer is this:

“بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ. حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ. تَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ أَحْسَنُ الْخَالِقِينَ. وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ.”

#### **57-2-3-4. Making people cry over Hussain (Peace be upon him)**

Imam Sadeq (peace be upon him) has said: “If anyone recites a poem on Hussain (Peace be upon him) and make forty persons cry over him, the reciter will go to Heaven.”

#### **58-2-3-4. Deadline for Unjust Swearing**

Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) has said

”اليمين الغموس ينظر بها اربعين ليلة“

“Perjuring oneself and unjust swearing will be given a deadline of forty nights.”

#### **59-2-3-4. On the Benefit of Pomegranate**

Imam Sadeq (peace be upon him) has said: “Anyone who eats a pomegranate after eating soup, his or her heart will be gleaming for forty days.”

#### **60-2-3-4. Suffering a Disaster of Faithful Men**

Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) has said: Faithful men are dearer to God than forty days pass without being wiped of their sins.”

#### **61-2-3-4.**

Imam Sadeq (peace be upon him) has said: “Anyone who, after the required prayer, changes the place of his feet in “Tashahhod” and says:

”سبحان الله و الحمد لله و لا اله الا الله و الله اكبر“

And then prays to God, God Almighty will bestow him or her whatever they want.”

#### **62-2-3-4. The Prayer of Repentance**

Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) has said: “If anyone commits forty deadly sins in a day or a night, and then regretfully says:

“استغفر الله الذي لا اله الا هو لحي القيوم بديع السماوات و الارض ذوالجلال و الاكرام و

”اسئله ان تيوب علي

God Almighty will forgive all his or her sins.”



#### **63-2-3-4. The Testimony of Faithful Men**

Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) has said: “If you are told about your faithful brother and if forty persons testified that he has told them something about you and that forty persons have heard that, but the sayer denies that he has said something about you and says that he has not said anything about you, ignore the testimony of those forty persons.”

#### **64-2-3-4. Forty Days of Reproaching**

Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) has said: “O Jonah! Anyone who wastes a faithful man’s rights and does not give his rights to him, God will keep five – hundred years of compensation on his two legs and the herald cries: “This is the tyrant who has wasted God’s rights and he will be reproached after passing forty days and then God will throw him into the Hell.”

#### **65-2-3-4. Perjuring Oneself**

It has been cited from Imam Sadeq (Peace be upon him) that has said: “Anyone who perjures himself will be given a deadline of forty nights and after those forty nights have passed, he will be tortured for perjuring.”

#### **66-2-3-4. On Eating a Pomegranate Before Breakfast on Fridays**

It has been cited from Imam Mousa Kazem (Peace be upon him) that he says: “Anyone who eats a pomegranate before breakfast on Friday mornings, his heart will be gleaming for forty days.”

#### **67-2-3-4. Saying “O the Beginning” for a Thousand Times in Forty Nights**

It has been cited from Imam Ali – ibn – e Mosa Reza (Peace be upon him) that he says: “If anyone wants something from God and he says: “O the Beginning” for a thousand times each night for forty nights, his wish will be granted.”

#### **68-2-3-4. Reading the Koran from the Beginning to the End in the Month of Ramadan**

Ali – ibn – e – Moqaireh says that Abi – el – Hasan (Peace be upon him) says: “My father used to read the Koran from the beginning to the end for forty times in the month of Ramadan, and I did so as my father had done and I often read less or more than my father as long as my job and leisure time allowed.”

#### **69-2-3-4. On Bad Temper**

It has been cited from the innocent Imams (Peace be upon them) that if anyone quits eating meat, he or she will be bad – tempered.

#### **70-2-3-4. Eating Permissible Foods for Forty Days**

Someone has said; “Anyone who eats permissible foods for forty days, God will make his or her heart gleaming.”

#### **71-2-3-4.**

Saying prayers in a group prayer is better than forty times of saying prayers individually at home.

#### **72-2-3-4. On Cutting Extra Hair**

And he said: “Anyone who believes in God and the Judgement Day must not delay cutting his or her pubes more than forty days and if they do not get razor blade after forty days have passed, must borrow a razor blade and do not delay cutting their pubes and It is a bad thing for women who believe in God and the Judgement Day not to cut their pubes after twenty days have passed.”

#### **73-2-3-4. Forgiving of Forty year – Old Sins**

It is in the prayer of each night of the month Ramadan that:

“اللهم رب شهر رمضان الذي” It has been cited from Ibn – e – Abi – Omair who was from the dynasty of the prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) that anyone who says this prayer in the first night of the month Ramadan, his or he forty years – old sins will be forgiven by God. In this prayer, the prayer asks three things:

1. Hail to Muhammad and his family
2. Being gratified to visit Mecca (the God’s House)
3. His or her sins to be forgiven

#### **74-2-3-4. Praying for Forty Faithful Men**

In “Qonout” we pray for forty faithful men. And it is better to pray for faithful brothers and it is better that when praying for forty persons, their names are better said by the prayer one by one, and if the prayer prays for forty faithful men, his prayer will be granted and he will be given what he has asked from God. God Willing.

#### **75-2-3-4. Self – Criticism**

Self – Criticism is better than forty years of worshipping God. If anyone criticizes himself or herself, it is worth more than forty years of worshipping God.

#### **3-3-4. All Traditions with the Subject of Forty**

All traditions concerning number forty cited from innocent Imams (Peace be upon them) were gathered in order and separately, which were presented independently in the book “Number forty in the Verses and in the Traditions”.

# Chapter Five

## Conclusion & Suggestions

### 1-5. Introduction

A vast field study on number forty and number forty in the verses and traditions was carried out. This study led to the compilation of the comprehensive dictionary of number forty in the course of time and also the collection of number forty in the verses and traditions and the impact of number forty in ethics.

### 2-5. Abstract

In investigating the position of number forty in the verses and traditions and its moral impact, I, first, gathered number forty in the course of time, using a vast field study. Then, I, with a narrative – scientific method and with reference to Koranic verses and the traditions cited from the prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) collected the collection of number forty in the verses and traditions, and finally, g considered number forty's moral impact which suggests the impact of number forty in the perfection of religious thought and the way and manners of innocent Imams (Peace be upon then).

### 3-5. Debate & Conclusion

At least, there are two aspects in number forty in religious thought: 1) Visiting, and 2) Perfection. Visiting the twelfth Imam, Mahdi is gained by the capability which exists in self – education which itself leads to the perfection which itself leads to visiting. Therefore, all the dignities of umber forty and its impacts refer to the same self – education and the impact of gaining the visit; as the night of a wedding ceremony,

when the husband and wife celebrate the consummation of marriage in the wedding night, is called “Forty” which seems that it is called “Marriage” because the husband and the wife have reached a perfection (forty days for the perfection of the self and forty years for the perfection of next generation).

#### **4-5. General Conclusion**

Contrary to the primary presupposition which suggested that the moral course in the brief interpretations said by the innocent Imams had been monopolized, it seems that, considering the comprehensiveness of the impact of number forty in self – education, the interpretations and sayings of the innocent Imams (peace be upon them) had been monopolized, it seems that, considering the comprehensiveness of the impact of number forty in self – education, the interpretations and sayings of the innocent Imams can be generalized to living life of a recluse for forty nights in the framework of religious laws, and it can also be concluded that the gained capabilities of living life of a recluse for forty nights is acceptable in the frameworks of Islamic methods; although there are three different views among religious scholars.

The majority of religious scholar’s reject and object to ascetics and the methods of living the life of a recluse for forty nights. For example, Mullah Mohsen Feiz Kashani’s response to Sufis is as follows:

:بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ. سبحانك هذابتهان عظيم“

“I strongly deny and reject and object to such worshipping which has not been allowed by the Koran and in any traditions; and such worshipping has not been prescribed by the innocent Imams (peace be upon them), and such worshipping is not permissible and lawful in

Islam; instead, God has send verses against this kind of worshipping in the Koran:

“ادعو ربكم تضرعا و خيمه انه لا يحب المعتدين”

“Call for your own God secretly and sweepingly; truly, God Almighty does not like those who deviate from the way of moderation.”

And, some where else in the Koran, He Says:

“ادعو ربكم تضرعا و خيمه و دون الجهر من القول”

“Call for your own God secretly and sweepingly and more quietly than saying aloud.”

And it has been cited from the prophet of Islam, Muhammad (may God bless him) that he prevented his companions from crying out loud arrogantly; he also has said: “Do not call someone who cannot hear or is away from you.”

And in “Kashf – ol – Mahjoub” someone says: “They asked the great sage: “Why have you not worn cloak?” He answered: “It is a discord to wear like dervishes but not behave like them. Thus, if you wear clothes to be known by God, He will know you without wearing any clothes; and if you wear clothes to be known by people, it will be a discord, and this is a very dangerous way.:

Anew number of religious scholars, who have followed the methods of asceticism, believe in the living of the life of a recluse for forty nights; among them is Sadr – ol – Mote’ahelin Shirazi who says: “Only the divine prophets and the divine holy people are aware of the mystery of number forty.”

Late Seyyed Ali Qaazi and Hassan Zadeh Amoli have said that the one who lives the life of a recluse for forty nights, God will flow the springs of knowledge from his or her heart onto their tongue.

And Sorevardi, in the philosophy of living the life of a recluse for forty nights, writes: “When God Almighty decided to choose Adam to reign on the Earth and make him the maker of this world, He bestowed him a special compound and fermented him in forty days and on each day of these forty days, there appeared a single quality in Adam, which caused Adam to be connected to this world and each connection in Adam turned into a veil which deprived him of observing the beauty of God Almighty and each veil caused him to stay away from the invisible world and every single farness of Adam from the invisible world caused him to approach the Judgement Day; so , the veils became compacted in forty days and finally Adam was created by God Almighty. And within these forty days of seclusion, the pious man removes a veil every day till he removes all the veils in the fortieth day and the lights of God Almighty appear in him and he is able to see the beauty of God Almighty. Therefore, the philosophy in determining the forty days of seclusion is just the opposite way of the first order.”

In answering the question why dervishes choose forty days for seclusion, Mohaddath Nouri says: “One of the issues the mystics and religious scholars have reached a consensus is minding a special action in these forty days and there are many sayings suggesting that performing an action – either good or bad – repeatedly in forty days will affect the man’s being and will change him to act in a negative or positive way.”

Also, some religious scholars, like Imam Khomeini (may God bless him), have taken the agnostic position in clarifying the issue of living the life of a recluse for forty days or nights. Imam Khomeini (may God bless him) has said: “And one of the important issues which needs minding and the faithful brothers and specially religious scholars should take into



consideration is that if these groups of people heard something from religious scholars and jurists that is not familiar to them and of which they do not know anything, do not reject that unreasonably and do not belittle or insult the sayers and do not praise unreasonably someone who talks of the self degrees and the rankings of innocent Imams and the mystics and God's manifestations and love and affection and so forth and so on; instead, he or she must accept or reject anything reasonably. It has been cited from Imam Sadeq (peace be upon him) that anyone who rejects his or her self and selfishness and wants his or her essence and person to be destroyed, they possess, healthy, humble, and peaceable character and heart. Have you ever thought about "Shaabanieh" Prayer told by Imam Ali (Peace be upon him) and other innocent Imams (Peace be upon them)? Have you said this prayer repeatedly? Did you know that the exceeding longing of the mystics and the followers is this part of that prayer?

الهي هب لي كمال الانقطاع اليك وانرا بصار قلوبنا بضياء نظرها اليك حتي تخرق  
"ابصار القلوب حجب النور فتصل الي معدن العظمه و تصير ارواحنا معلقه بعز قدسك

What is meant by dependence on holy honorableness?

Nothing is meant by that but being beside oneself because of visiting the beauty of God Almighty so that the follower cannot speak any more. Which mystic's sayings is higher than this holy tradition which has been cited in authentic Shiite and Sunni books, saying:

ما يتقرب الي عبد من عبادي بشي احب الي مما افترضت عليه و انه يتقرب الي بالنافله  
حتي احبه فاذا اجتبه كنت اذا سمعه الذي سميع به بصره الذي يبصر به ولسانه الذي ينطق به  
"ويده لذي يبطش بها ان دعاني اجتبه و ان سألني اعطيته.

And my intention of prolixity is that I make my faithful brothers more understand of insights and perceptions and remove their pessimism

about the great scholars of Islam that has been produced in their minds. These great scholars are all chaste and god-fearing people who never commit sins, and by being belittled and insulted, no one is belittled in the presence of God Almighty only if he or she is chaste and god-fearing; our intent is to make the readers pay more attention to divine insights and perceptions and self – purification, all of which are of the important matters of being chosen as God’s messengers. Thus, be careful not to be tempted by Satan; be content with what you already possess; move on and get out of the veil of ignorance and deliberate over your behavior and your inner – self and habituate yourself to the great men’s sayings, so that if you listen to their sayings and act upon them, you will be blessed by God Almighty. If you do not know any of the mystics, follow those religious scholars who are known by other scholars like the mystic and our leader seyeyed – ibn – e Tavous (may God bless him) and like the mystic Sheikh Jalil Bahaa’ee (may God bless him) and like Sheikh Mohaddath and his respected son, the mystic late Majlesi (may God bless him).

Study the book of our leader Majlesi, which is one of the precious and honorable books in Farsi language and if you studied the book and did not understand it, go and ask your questions from religious scholars; that is a book of enlightening insights and perceptions.

Also, go and study the honorable books of Sheikhs Teraafian who are of contemporary religious scholars, and also study the books of our honorable sheileh, the mystic of God Haadj Mirza Javad Tabrizi (may God bless him), may be you will be directed by them, God willing.

#### **5-5. The Research’s suggestion**

It seems that to come to a brief conclusion on the subject, requires inquiring thinkers' and scholars' views and thoughts, which I hope to accomplish that in another opportunity.

Praise be to God, who is the God of two worlds.

*The End*