

Burial – 'Witness' document of Belief & Good of deceased

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Shaykh al-Ṭūsī has advised that an inscription should be written down on a document as a Witness of the belief. This document is made/signed by one witness & further attested by 40 Momins (who can sign despite their knowledge of any faults of the deceased)

This document is then folded enveloped & put with the palm-leaf stalk on the right side of the deceased. It is preferably written with camphor (i.e. water with which camphor is mixed) and non-aromatic aloe-wood, must be put on the dead person's forehead

It is said that HE will forgive the deceased for his faults if 40 momins testify in this way

Before writing down this inscription, the writer/first witness is to **say the following** words:

In the Name of Allah; the All-beneficent, the All-merciful.

I bear witness that there is no god save Allah,

One and Only Lord and having no associate with Him.

I also bear witness that Muḥammad is His servant and messenger, May Allah bless him and his Household.

[I also bear witness that] Paradise is true,

Hellfire is true,

the Hour [of Resurrection] is true and is coming; there is no doubt about it,

and Allah shall resurrect those who are in graves.

THE INSCRIPTION to be written & kept on the Right side of the dead body

In the Name of Allah; the All-beneficent, the

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ
وَرَسُولُهُ

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ

وَأَنَّ الْجَنَّةَ حَقٌّ

وَأَنَّ النَّارَ حَقٌّ

وَأَنَّ السَّاعَةَ حَقٌّ آتِيَةٌ لَا
رَيْبَ فِيهَا

وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ يَبْعَثُ مَنْ فِي
الْقُبُورِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ

All-merciful.

The witnesses whose names are mentioned in this document- paper witness

that their brother-in-Allah [_____]

has asked them to witness for him, entrusted with them this statement, and confessed in their presence

that he bears witness that there is no god save Allah,

One and Only and having no associate with Him,

that Muhammad, may Allah bless him and his Household, is His servant and messenger,

that he acknowledges all of the prophets and the messengers [of God], peace be upon them,

الرَّحِيمِ

شَهِدَ الشُّهُودُ الْمُسَمَّوْنَ

فِي هَذَا الْكِتَابِ

أَنَّ أَخْتَهُمْ فِي اللَّهِ عَزَّ
وَجَلَّ...

أَشْ— هَدَتْهُمْ
وَأَسْتَوْدَعَتْهُمْ وَاقْرَأَتْ
عِنْدَهُمْ

أَنَّهَا تَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا
اللَّهُ

وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ

وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا صَلَّى اللَّهُ
عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ عَبْدُهُ
وَرَسُولُهُ

وَأَنَّهَا مُقَرَّرَةٌ بِجَمِيعِ الْأَ
نْبِيَاءِ وَالرُّسُلِ عَلَيْهِمُ
السَّلَامُ

that `Al¢ is the
representative of Allah
and the leader
appointed by Him,

that the Imams from
`Al¢'s progeny are his
leaders,

that they are in
sequence are al-°asan,
al-°usayn,

`Al¢ the son of al-
°usayn,

Mu¢ammad the son of
`Al¢,

Ja`far the son of
Mu¢ammad,

M£s; the son of Ja`far,

`Al¢ the son of M£s;,

Mu¢ammad the son of
`Al¢,

`Al¢ the son of
Mu¢ammad,

al-°asan the son of
`Al¢,

and the Rising
Argument-person,

peace be upon them
all;

and that Paradise is
true,

Hellfire is true,

the Hour [of
Resurrection] shall be
coming; there is no
doubt about it,

and Allah shall
resurrect those who
are in graves;

and that Mu¢ammad,
may Allah bless him
and his Household, is
Allah's servant and
messenger;

وَأَنَّ عَلِيًّا وَلِيُّ اللَّهِ
وَأَمَامُهَا

وَأَنَّ الْأَئِمَّةَ مِنْ وَلَدِهِ
أَئِمَّتُهَا

وَأَنَّ أَوَّلَهُمُ الْحَسَنُ
وَالْحُسَيْنُ

وَعَلِيُّ بْنُ الْحُسَيْنِ

وَمُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَلِيٍّ

وَجَعْفَرُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ

وَمُوسَى بْنُ جَعْفَرٍ

وَعَلِيُّ بْنُ مُوسَى

وَمُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَلِيٍّ

وَعَلِيُّ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ

وَالْحَسَنُ بْنُ عَلِيٍّ

وَالْقَائِمُ الْحُجَّةُ

عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ

وَأَنَّ الْجَنَّةَ حَقٌّ

وَالنَّارُ حَقٌّ

وَالسَّاعَةُ آتِيَةٌ لَا رَيْبَ
فِيهَا

وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ يَبْعَثُ مَنْ فِي
الْقُبُورِ

وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا صَلَّى اللَّهُ
عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ عَبْدُهُ

he has come with the
truth,

that `Al¢ is the
representative of
Allah,

the vicegerent after
Allah's Messenger,

may Allah's blessings
be upon him and his
Household,

and the one appointed
by Allah's Messenger
to succeed him in his
nation,

carrying out the
command of his Lord
the All-blessed and All-
exalted,

that F;Simah is the
daughter of Allah's
Messenger,

her two sons al-°asan
and al-°usayn

are the sons and
grandsons of Allah's
Messenger,

the two leaders to the
true guidance,

and the two principals
of mercy,

and that `Al¢,
Mu¢ammad,

Ja`far, M£s;,

`Al¢, Mu¢ammad,

`Al¢, al-°asan,

and the Argument-
person, peace be upon
them all,

are Imams, leaders,

inviters to Allah the
All-majestic and All-

وَرَسُولُهُ

جَاءَ بِالْحَقِّ

وَأَنَّ عَلِيًّا وَلِيُّ اللَّهِ

وَالْخَلِيفَةُ مِنْ بَعْدِ

رَسُولِ اللَّهِ

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ

وَمُسْتَخْلَفُهُ فِي مَمَّتِهِ

مُؤَدِّيَا أَمْرِ رَبِّهِ تَبَارَكَ

وَتَعَالَى

وَأَنَّ فَاطِمَةَ بِنْتُ رَسُولِ

اللَّهُ

وَأَبْنَاهَا الْحَسَنُ وَالْحُسَيْنُ

أَبْنَا رَسُولِ اللَّهِ وَسِبْطَاهُ

وَأَمَامَا الْهُدَى

وَقَائِدَا الرَّحْمَةِ

وَأَنَّ عَلِيًّا وَمُحَمَّدًا

وَجَعْفَرًا وَمُوسَى

وَعَلِيًّا وَمُحَمَّدًا

وَعَلِيًّا وَحَسَنًا

وَالْحُجَّةَ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ

أَئِمَّةً وَقَادَةً

وَدُعَاةً إِلَى اللَّهِ جَلَّ وَعَلَا

high,
and arguments [of
Him] against His
servants.

وَحُجَّةٌ عَلَى عِبَادِهِ

The writer of this document-paper address the
witnesses with these words:

O whose names are
mentioned in this
document-paper,

يَا... وَيَا... الْمُسْتَشِينِينَ فِي هَذَا

الْكِتَابِ

certify for me this
testimony of yours

أُثْبِتُوا لِي هَذِهِ الشَّهَادَةَ

عِنْدَكُمْ

so that you will meet
me carrying it at the
Divine Pond.

حَتَّى تَلْقَوْنِي بِهَا عَلَى

الْحَوْضِ

As a reply, the witnesses say:

O [.....]we
entrust you with Allah.

يَا... نَسْتَوْدِعُكَ اللَّهُ

Our testimony,
admission, and

وَالشَّهَادَةُ وَالْإِقْرَارُ

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are entrusted with Allah's
Messenger,

may Allah bless him and
his Household.

We invoke upon you
peace,

Allah's mercy, and His
blessings.

وَالْإِخَاءُ

مَوْدُوعَةٌ عِنْدَ رَسُولِ

اللَّهِ

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ

وَنَقَرَا عَلَيْكَ السَّلَامَ

وَرَحْمَةَ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتِهِ

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا لَا نَعْلَمُ مِنْهَا إِلَّا خَيْرًا وَأَنْتَ

أَعْلَمُ بِهَا مِنَّا

O Allah, we know nothing except good about
him , while You know him better than we do.

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