**Burial –‘Witness’ document of Belief & Good of deceased**

***From Mafatih al Jinan – Shaikh Abbas Qummi***

Shaykh al-±£s¢ 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:

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| **بِسْمِ ٱللَّهِ ٱلرَّحْمٰنِ ٱلرَّحِيمِ** | In the Name of Allah; the All-beneficent, the All-merciful. |
| **اشْهَدُ انْ لاَ إِلٰهَ إلاَّ ٱللَّهُ** | I bear witness that there is no god save Allah, |
| **وَحْدَهُ لاَ شَرِيكَ لَهُ** | One and Only Lord and having no associate with Him. |
| **وَاشْهَدُ انَّ مُحَمَّداً عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ** | I also bear witness that Mu¦ammad is His servant and messenger, |
| **صَلَّىٰ ٱللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ** | May Allah bless him and his Household. |
| **وَانَّ ٱلْجَنَّةَ حَقٌّ** | [I also bear witness that] Paradise is true, |
| **وَانَّ ٱلنَّارَ حَقٌّ** | Hellfire is true, |
| **وَانَّ ٱلسَّاعَةَ حَقٌّ آتِيَةٌ لاَ رَيْبَ فِيهَا** | the Hour [of Resurrection] is true and is coming; there is no doubt about it, |
| **وَانَّ ٱللَّهَ يَبْعَثُ مَنْ فِي ٱلْقُبُورِ** | and Allah shall resurrect those who are in graves. |

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

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| **بِسْمِ ٱللَّهِ ٱلرَّحْمٰنِ ٱلرَّحِيمِ** | In the Name of Allah; the All-beneficent, the All-merciful. |
| **شَهِدَ ٱلشُّهُودُ ٱلْمُسَمَّوْنَ فِي هٰذَا ٱلْكِتَابِ** | The witnesses whose names are mentioned in this document-paper witness |
| **انَّ اخَاهُمْ فِي ٱللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ…** | that their brother-in-Allah [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **اشْهَدَهُمْ وَٱسْتَوْدَعَهُمْ وَاقَرَّ عِنْدَهُمْ** | has asked them to witness for him, entrusted with them this statement, and confessed in their presence  |
| **انَّهُ يَشْهَدُ انْ لاَ إِلٰهَ إلاَّ ٱللَّهُ** | that he bears witness that there is no god save Allah,  |
| **وَحْدَهُ لاَ شَرِيكَ لَهُ** | One and Only and having no associate with Him, |
| **وَانَّ مُحَمَّداً صَلَّىٰ ٱللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ** | that Muhammad, may Allah bless him and his Household, is His servant and messenger, |
| **وَانَّهُ مُقِرٌّ بِجَمِيعِ ٱلا نْبِيَاءِ وَٱلرُّسُلِ عَلَيْهِمُ ٱلسَّلاَمُ** | that he acknowledges all of the prophets and the messengers [of God], peace be upon them, |
| **وَانَّ عَلِيّاً وَ لِيُّ ٱللَّهِ وَإِمَامُهُ** | that `Al¢ is the representative of Allah and the leader appointed by Him, |
| **وَانَّ ٱلائِمَّةَ مِنْ وُلْدِهِ ائِمَّتُهُ** | that the Imams from `Al¢’s progeny are his leaders, |
| **وَانَّ اوَّلَهُمُ ٱلْحَسَنُ وَٱلْحُسَيْنُ** | that they are in sequence are al-°asan, al-°usayn,  |
| **وَعَلِيُّ بْنُ ٱلْحُسَيْنِ** | `Al¢ the son of al-°usayn, |
| **وَمُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَلِيٍّ** | Mu¦ammad the son of `Al¢, |
| **وَجَعْفَرُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ** | Ja`far the son of Mu¦ammad, |
| **وَمُوسَىٰ بْنُ جَعْفَرٍ** | M£s¡ the son of Ja`far, |
| **وَعَلِيُّ بْنُ مُوسَىٰ** | `Al¢ the son of M£s¡, |
| **وَمُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَلِيٍّ** | Mu¦ammad the son of `Al¢, |
| **وَعَلِيُّ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ** | `Al¢ the son of Mu¦ammad, |
| **وَٱلْحَسَنُ بْنُ عَلِيٍّ** | al-°asan the son of `Al¢, |
| **وَٱلْقَائِمُ ٱلْحُجَّةُ** | and the Rising Argument-person, |
| **عَلَيْهِمُ ٱلسَّلاَمُ** | peace be upon them all; |
| **وَانَّ ٱلْجَنَّةَ حَقٌّ** | and that Paradise is true, |
| **وَٱلنَّارَ حَقٌّ** | Hellfire is true, |
| **وَٱلسَّاعَةَ آتِيَةٌ لاَ رَيْبَ فِيهَا** | the Hour [of Resurrection] shall be coming; there is no doubt about it, |
| **وَانَّ ٱللَّهَ يَبْعَثُ مَنْ فِي ٱلْقُبُورِ** | and Allah shall resurrect those who are in graves; |
| **وَانَّ مُحَمَّداً صَلَّىٰ ٱللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ** | and that Mu¦ammad, may Allah bless him and his Household, is Allah’s servant and messenger; |
| **جَاءَ بِٱلْحَقِّ** | he has come with the truth, |
| **وَانَّ عَلِيّاً وَ لِيُّ ٱللَّهِ** | that `Al¢ is the representative of Allah, |
| **وَٱلْخَلِيفَةُ مِنْ بَعْدِ رَسُولِ ٱللَّهِ** | the vicegerent after Allah’s Messenger, |
| **صَلَّىٰ ٱللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ** | may Allah’s blessings be upon him and his Household, |
| **وَمُسْتَخْلَفُهُ فِي امَّتِهِ** | and the one appointed by Allah’s Messenger to succeed him in his nation, |
| **مُؤَدِّياً لاِمْرِ رَبِّهِ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَىٰ** | carrying out the command of his Lord the All-blessed and All-exalted, |
| **وَانَّ فَاطِمَةَ بِنْتُ رَسُولِ ٱللَّهِ** | that F¡§imah is the daughter of Allah’s Messenger, |
| **وَٱبْنَيْهَا ٱلْحَسَنَ وَٱلْحُسَيْنَ** | her two sons al-°asan and al-°usayn |
| **ٱبْنَا رَسُولِ ٱللَّهِ وَسِبْطَاهُ** | are the sons and grandsons of Allah’s Messenger, |
| **وَإِمَامَا ٱلْهُدَىٰ** | the two leaders to the true guidance, |
| **وَقَائِدَا ٱلرَّحْمَةِ** | and the two principals of mercy,  |
| **وَانَّ عَلِيّاً وَمُحَمَّداً** | and that `Al¢, Mu¦ammad, |
| **وَجَعْفَراً وَمُوسَىٰ** | Ja`far, M£s¡, |
| **وَعَلِيّاً وَمُحَمَّداً** | `Al¢, Mu¦ammad, |
| **وَعَلِيّاً وَحَسَناً** | `Al¢, al-°asan, |
| **وَٱلْحُجَّةَ عَلَيْهِمُ ٱلسَّلاَمُ** | and the Argument-person, peace be upon them all, |
| **ائِمَّةٌ وَقَادَةٌ** | are Imams, leaders, |
| **وَدُعَاةٌ إِلَىٰ ٱللَّهِ جَلَّ وَعَلاَ** | inviters to Allah the All-majestic and All-high, |
| **وَحُجَّةٌ عَلَىٰ عِبَادِهِ** | and arguments [of Him] against His servants. |

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

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| **يَا… وَيَا… ٱلْمُسَمَّيْنَ فِي هٰذَا ٱلْكِتَابِ** | O whose names are mentioned in this document-paper, |
| **اثْبِتُوٱ لِي هٰذِهِ ٱلشَّهَادَةَ عِنْدَكُمْ** | certify for me this testimony of yours |
| **حَتَّىٰ تَلْقَوْنِي بِهَا عَلَىٰ ٱلْحَوْضِ** | so that you will meet me carrying it at the Divine Pond. |

As a reply, the witnesses say:

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| **يَا… نَسْتَوْدِعُكَ ٱللَّهَ** | O [……………………we entrust you with Allah. |
| **وَٱلشَّهَادَةُ وَٱلإِقْرَارُ وَٱلإِخَاءُ** | Our testimony, admission, and brotherhood |
| **مَوْدُوعَةٌ عِنْدَ رَسُولِ ٱللَّهِ** | are entrusted with Allah’s Messenger, |
| **صَلَّىٰ ٱللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ** | may Allah bless him and his Household. |
| **وَنَقْرَاعَلَيْكَ ٱلسَّلاَمَ** | We invoke upon you peace,  |
| **وَرَحْمَةَ ٱللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتِهِ** | Allah’s mercy, and His blessings. |

اَللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا لاَ نَعْلَمُ مِنْهُ إِلاَّ خَيْراًوَانْتَ اعْلَمُ بِهِ مِنَّا

O Allah, we do not know about him but goodness, while You know him better than we do.

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