

## **Summer Activities 2010 (age 9 & above)**

- 1) Ramdhan 2010 Quiz Competition for Seniors (age 9 and above)
- 2) Join Quran Club
- 3) Namaz-e- Ghufaila everyday between Maghrib & Isha Prayers
- 4) Namaz-e- Shab esp. on Friday nights
- 5) Recite Surah Fatiha once & Surah Ikhlas thrice every Thursday for Murhoomeen.

## **Ramadhan 2010 Quiz Competition for Seniors (age 9 and above)**

Contest Rules & regulations:

- 1) All participants must register to be in competition.  
(Either by calling 585-589-4094 or send e-mail to Mustafa@ pol.net by July 20<sup>th</sup>)
- 2) Three prizes will be rewarded to top three contestants with best percentage on the quiz.
- 3) Incase of tie winner will be put into drawing
- 4) There are 15 lectures with 114 total questions asked form these lectures.
- 5) Contestants should listen to lectures carefully and answer the questions
- 6) A Quiz based on these questions will be held in center. (Date to be Announced)
- 7) Judges decision will be final
- 8) Lectures are chosen from the Knowing Your Imam (aj) 50 lecture series presented by Sh. Safdar Razi and produced by The Awaited One Foundation. We greatly appreciate their permission to allow us to use the Lectures & questions from Quiz Competition 2009 held by them.
- 9) Lectures can be accessed by clicking the following link

<http://www.awaitedone.org/activities/124-ramadhan-1430-2009-quiz-competition.html>

Please go down to the bottom of the web page and click on the lecture tab.

## Lecture 1 - Knowing Your Imam [aj] Lecture Series Intro

1. Most of the supporters of the Imam will be \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) Muslims
  - b) Shia
  - c) Youth
  
2. When was the 12<sup>th</sup> Imam born?
  - a) 15<sup>th</sup> Ramadhan
  - b) 13<sup>th</sup> Rajab
  - c) 15<sup>th</sup> Shaban
  
3. What is the name of the author of the book which was the main source of the series?
  - a) Mohammad Sadiq ALSADR
  - b) Mohammad Baqir ALSADR
  - c) Baqir Sadiq ALSADR
  - d) Imam Musa ALSADR
  
4. How many volumes does this book have?
  - a) 3
  - b) 4
  - c) 2
  
5. What is the ideology of the 12<sup>th</sup> Imam?
  - a) Muslim ideology
  - b) Shia ideology
  - c) Universal ideology
  
6. How can you hasten his appearance?
  - a) By spreading his name and knowledge
  - b) By reading dua
  - c) By doing charity in his name
  
7. How will the Imam spread global justice?
  - a) Providing solutions to problems
  - b) Fighting with the enemies of Islam
  - c) Divine Help
  
8. The coming of the 12th Imam [aj] is
  - a) An evolution of the universe towards expansion
  - b) An opposite change in the direction of evolution
  - c) The start of the decline of humanity towards the animal stage
  - d) A part or the evolution of the intellectual life from the animal stage to the angelic stage.

9. What is discussed in the 4<sup>th</sup> volume of this book?
  - a) Sign of Reappearance
  - b) History of Imam
  - c) Philosophy of Imam
  
10. Out of the three fundamental factors savior, supporter, and system, two are already there. Which one is missing?

## Lecture 2 - Part 18 - Introduction to the Reappearance 1

1. In which of the following books it is written that the earth will be inherited by the pious servants of Allah [swt]?
  - a) ZABOOR
  - b) TAWRAAT
  - c) INJEEL
  - d) Scriptures of Prophet Ibrahim [as]
  
2. Which Imam has a special rank among all the 12 Imams?
  - a) Imam Mehdi
  - b) Imam Hussain
  - c) Imam Ali
  
3. Which Imam [as] said that if I would have reached him [The Mehdi], I would have definitely served him my entire life?
  - a) Imam Hussain [as]
  - b) Imam As-Saadiq [as]
  - c) Imam Ar-Ridha [as]
  - d) None of the above
  
4. Who will give the flag of Imam Hussain to Imam Mehdi?
  - a) Imam Sajjad
  - b) Hazrat Abbas
  - c) Bibi Zainab
  
5. When Imam appears what will be his first mission?
  - a) Rescue Iraq
  - b) Fight Dajjal
  - c) Rescue Palestine
  
6. Who will kill Shaytan?
  - a) Prophet Muhammad
  - b) Imam Ali
  - c) Imam Mehdi
  
7. Which Non-Muslim are also waiting for the awaited ones?
  - a) Hindus
  - b) Zoroastrian
  - c) Budhist

8. In which book this hadith of the Prophet is mentioned, “Whoever denies Mehdi has rejected Islam.”

- a) Sahee- al -Bukhari
- b) Usul- Kafi
- c) Termandi

9. What is the common theme of Imam Hussein and Imam Mehdi for which both are loved?

- a) Spread Islam
- b) Spread Shiaism
- c) Deny oppression

Lecture 3 - Part 20 - General Fundamentals of the Reappearance

Q1) What is our savior waiting for?

- a) Supporters to implement Quran in their own life
- b) Dajjal to come
- c) Devine help

**Q2). Which of the followings Sunni scholars mentions the narration that Imam Mehdi [aj] is from the descendant of Imam Hassan Al-Askari [as]?**

- a) IBN ALARABI
- b) ALHAFIZ ALQANDOOZI
- c) IBN SABAAGH ALMALIKI
- d) ALL OF THE ABOVE

**Q3) Why does the Shia school of thought support the Awaited Imam Mehdi [aj] and embraces his ideology more than the other schools of thought in Islam?**

- a) Because of serious & continuous historical oppression on them
- b) Because the Shia are a majority
- c) Due to the narrations of Imam Mehdi [aj] mentioned in their books only
- d) Because the Shia are a minority

**Q4). The Sunni schools of thought limit their ijtihaad [following in religious matters] to the four Imams only because:**

- a) They have narrations of the Prophet [s] indicating to do so
- b) Their descriptions are indicated in the Quraan
- c) They support the coming of Imam Mahdi [as]
- d) They were the most learned Sunni scholars of Jurisprudence in their time

Q5) Which is the fastest growing religion in world ?

- a) Islam
- b) Christianity
- c) Hinduism

Lecture 4 - Part 21 - Existence of Supporters to Bring Change

Q1) Supporters of Imam Mehdi (as) will be from

- a) Middle East
- b) Arab countries
- c) Every where in the World
- d) Pakistan

Q2) The number of companion of Imam Mehdi (as) is same as those who participated in the battle of

- a) Kerbala
- b) Uhud
- c) Khandaq
- d) Badar

**Q3) During the siege of Mecca by the Prophet Muhammad [s], how did the Prophet [s] deal with the criminals of Mecca who had fought him?**

- a) He released them entirely and gave them amnesty
- b) He killed all the idol worshipers
- c) He ordered the killing of the criminals who fought him like ABU SUFYAN
- e) He forgave the innocents only

Q4) What was the mission of Prophet Muhammad (saw) & Imam Ali (as) ?

- a) Land expansion
- b) Faith expansion
- c) Treasury expansion

**Q5) Which of the following is correct about the supporters of the of the Awaited Imam Mehdi [aj]?**

- a) They are infallible
- b) They are angel type humans
- c) They are united group of people seeking the highest levels of perfection
- d) They are perfect humans

Q6) While waiting for Imam Mehdi (as) what is our first & most important responsibility?

- a) Self perfection
- b) Built relation with Imam
- c) Spread awareness of Imam

Q7) Which one of the following **is prohibited**?

- a) Mentioning the signs of reappearance with the cause of possibility
- b) Relating the appearance with the signs without giving a fixed date
- c) Defining and fixing the date of the appearance precisely
- d) Mentioning the signs found in the narrations

Lecture 5 - Part 24 - The Coming of the Dajjal

Q1 Suffyani is the evil rising from which community?

- a) Muslim
- b) Jewish
- c) Christian

Q2) Dajjal is the evil rising from

- a) Muslim
- b) Jewish & Christian
- c) Hindus

Q3) The policy of Imam Mehdi (as) will be

- a) A peaceful policy
- b) To chop the heads of non practicing Muslims
- c) To kill all non Muslims

Q4) How did Islam spread in countries like India & Indonesia ?

- a) By sword
- b) By Missionaries
- c) People were impressed by Islam

Q5) According to narration Suffyani will be from the descendant of:

- a) Mauwiya Ibne Suffyan
- b) Abu lahb
- c) Saddam Hussien

Q6) In this lecture reference of which Surah is given that “people will come & join Islam in groups & groups ?”

- a) Surah Fatha
- b) Surah Nasar
- c) Surah Kafiroon

Q7) According to some narrations what is written in between the two eyes of Dajal ?

- a) He is the Lord
- b) He is a Muslim
- c) He is a disbeliever

Q8) According to Syed Muhammad Sadar what does the “White Mountain” that Dajjal has on his back represent ?

- a) Deceiving economical system
- b) Mount Everest
- c) Just a metaphore

Q9) What will Dajjal claim to be ?

- a) Prophet
- b) Imam
- c) God

Q10) Dajjal is also known as

- a) Anti Christ
- b) Anti Muslim
- c) Anti Shia

Q11) The author of the book consider the Dajjal

- a) An evil materialistic, deceiving system
- b) An evil person with one eye
- c) An evil creature with one eye
- d) None other than the SUFYANI

Q12) Where will Prophet Isa (as) will descent?

- a) Mecca
- b) Damascas
- c) Kufa
- d) Medina

Q13) The Dajjal will be destroyed by Prophet Isa (as)

- a) Before the appearance of Imam Mehdi (aj)
- b) After the martyrdom of Imam Mehdi [aj]
- c) Under the leadership of Imam Mehdi [aj]
- d) None of the Above

**Q14. SHAAM in the narrations relating to the DAJJAL refers to...**

- a) The area including Syria, Palestine, Jordon and Lebanon
- b) Palestine only
- c) Iraq only
- d) Syria only

Lecture 6 - Part 26- The Movement of Sufyani Part 2

Q1) Sufyani will be the representative of :

- a) Dajjal
- b) U.S.A
- c) Saudi Arab

Q2) From where Sufyani will make his appearance?

- a) Madina
- b) Mecca
- c) A slot between Syria & Iraq

**Q3) What is the name of the great battle mentioned in the narrations where thousands will die?**

- a) QARQEESIA
- b) TURKISIA
- c) PERSIA
- d) MALAYSIA

Q4) Who will stop Sufyani from attacking Iran?

- a) Imam Mehdi (as)
- b) Khurasanians
- c) Hazrat Isa (as)

**Q5) How will the SUFYANI respond to the arrival of Imam Mehdi [aj] in Iraq?**

- a) He will fight him
- b) He will leave him alone
- c) He will make a peace treaty with him and later betray him
- d) He will become one of the followers of the Imam Mehdi (as)

Q6) According to narration where will be the army of Sufyani will sink ?

- a) Between Mecca & Medina
- b) Between Iraq & Syria
- c) Between Iraq & Iran

Q7) What is the Ideology of Suffyani ?

- a) Anti Christ
- b) Anti Shia
- c) Anti Jewish

Q8) How many people from the army of suffyani will be safe from sinking?

- a) 3
- b) 6
- c) 9

Q9) How will **Imam Mehdi [aj] leave Mecca without the enemy government stopping him?**

- a) Imam Mehdi [aj] will have a peace treaty with them
- b) MECCA will be for the followers of AHLULBAYT [as] before he appears
- c) There will be thousands of supporters waiting for the Imam [aj] defending him in Mecca when he appears

Q10) Who will put pressure on Suffyani to betray Imam (as)

- a) Dajjal
- b) His relatives
- c) His army

Q11) Where the last battle between Imam(as) & suffyani will take place?

- a) Mecca
- b) Kufa
- c) Ramala

Q12) What is the first name of Suffyani mentioned in some narrations?

- a) Uthman
- b) Yazid
- c) Mawiya

Q13) In which month Nafs-e- Zakia will be killed?

- a) Dhulhijja
- b) Ramdhan
- c) Muharram

Q14) Where Nafs-e- Zakia will be killed

- a) Masjid-un- Nabi
- b) Masjid Aqsa
- c) Masjid-ul-Haram

Q15) According to narration after how many days of martyrdom of Nafs-e- Zakia Imam(as) will reappear?

- a) 1 Month
- b) 2 Weeks
- c) 1 Year

Q16) Who will send Nafs-e- Zakia to Mecca

- a) Imam Mehdi (as)
- b) Prophet Isa (as)
- c) He will come himself

Lecture 7 – Part 27- Ya Juje & Majuge

Q1 Why Yajuje & Majuje are threat ?

- a) They destroy houses
- b) They eat animals
- c) If they do not find food they will eat humans

Q2) ZULQARNAIN [as] is...

- a) Alexandar the Great
- b) Not Alexandar the Great
- c) Possibly the Alexandar the Great
- d) Korosh the Great

Q3) What are the names of two evil kings at the time of Zulqarnain (as) ?

- a) Firun & Namrud
- b) Firun & Bakhat Nasar
- c) Abraha & Firun
- d) Namrud & Bakhat Nasar

Q4) From which of the following countries human population started ?

- a) Iraq
- b) Saudi Arab
- c) Iran
- d) Pakistan

Q5) ZULQARNAIN [as] agreed to build a wall to help the people afflicted by Ya Juje & Ma Juje...

- a) On the condition that they have to help him
- b) On the condition that they step aside and not interfere in his work
- c) On the condition that if he is attacked by these creatures they will help him
- d) Without any condition

Q6) What are the two metals Zulqarnain (as) used to built the wall ?

- a) Gold & silver
- b) Iron & Brass
- c) Silver & Copper

Q7)What is the true **promise mentioned in the Qur'an regarding the attack of Ya Juje & Ma Juje?**

- a) The coming of the Awaited Imam Mehdi [aj]
- b) The coming of the Day of Judgment
- c) The time of Prophet Jesus [as]
- d) All of the above possibilities are indicated

Q8) How Ya juje & Ma Juje will be destroyed ?

- a) By Dua of Prophet Isa (as)
- b) Imam Mehdi (as) will kill all of them
- c) By Zulqarnain (as)

Q9) According to Syed Muhammad Sadar Ya Juge & Ma Juge could be metaphore for

- a) Some kind of lethal virus
- b) Fairy tale creatures
- c) Alliens
- d) Famine & economical problems

Lecture 8 - Part 29 - Sermon of Imam Mehdi [aj] in Mecca

Q1) How will Imam Mehdi be able to give sermon without being attacked by the enemy?

- a) People will be afraid of him
- b) Allah will protect him
- c) He will have no enemy

**Q2) The Awaited Imam Mehdi [aj] in his first sermon will...**

- a) Seek support for his movement
- b) Mention the conditions for the pledge of allegiance
- c) Mention tyranny and oppression done to Ahlul Bayt and their followers

Q3) Why is Imam Mehdi asking for support?

- a) Because Allah does not change the condition of the community unless they help themselves
- b) Because his army is small
- c) Because he wants to rule the world

Q4) Who will be the first one to give pledge to the 12<sup>th</sup> Imam?

- a) Prophet Isa
- b) Pioneer Supporter
- c) Jibraeel

Q5) According to narration, in which month will the call from heaven come saying “that the Imam has come”?

- a) DhulHajj
- b) Ramadhan
- c) Muharram

Q6) What will be the ethnicity of the supporters of the Twelfth Imam [aj]?

- a) Majority of them will be non Arabs
- b) Majority will be Arabs
- c) Number of Arabs and non Arabs will be equal
- d) None of the above

## Lecture 9 - Part 32 - Successful Spread of Global Justice

1. Why were the Muslims defeated in the battle of UHUD?
  - a) Because they were less in numbers
  - b) Because HAMZA the uncle of the Prophet [s] was martyred
  - c) Because the archers disobeyed the Prophet [s]
  - d) Because the Prophet [s] was badly injured in this battle
2. Why will the nations of the world submit to the system of the Awaited Imam [aj]?
  - a) Because Imam Mehdi [aj] will give them money
  - b) Because Imam Mehdi [aj] will provide them with the solutions to everyday problems
  - c) Because Imam Mehdi [aj] will kill and destroy their enemies
  - d) Because Imam Mehdi [aj] will be diverse
3. Two thirds of the world's population will be gone by the time of 12<sup>th</sup> Imam because of
  - a) Terrorist attacks
  - b) Poverty
  - c) Diseases and War
4. The phrase that the coming of the Imam [aj] will be sudden means...
  - a) He will come in a time when no one will know about him
  - b) He will come in a time no one will be expecting him
  - c) He will come in a time the good and bad people will be expecting him but the bad will ignore him and will be heedless of his coming
  - d) He will come in a time where things will be happening suddenly
5. What are the three inevitable signs right before the reappearance of the Imam?
  - a) Call in month of Ramadhan, murder of nafs-zukia, sinking of suffiyani
  - b) Dajjal, Rising of Sufiyani, yajuj and majuj
  - c) Call in month of Ramadhan, Dajjal, Coming of Hazrat Isa
6. Allah will protect Imam through
  - a) Angels
  - b) Believers
  - c) Fear in heart of enemy
  - d) All of the above

7. How much strength each of the 313 pioneer supporters of 12<sup>th</sup> Imam has
- a) 1000 people
  - b) 40 people
  - c) 4 people
  - d) None of the above

Lecture 10 - Part 36 - Descent of Jesus [as] & People of the Book

1. The majority of the world population believes in what religion?
  - a) Islam
  - b) Christianity
  - c) Hinduism
  - d) Judaism
  
2. Who among the following is the anti-Christ?
  - a) The beast or the DAJAAL
  - b) Imam Mahdi [aj]
  - c) Prophet Jesus [as]
  - d) None of the above
  
3. Who will kill Dajal
  - a) Prophet Isa
  - b) Sufiyani
  - c) He will die a natural death
  
4. Who will continue the mission of the 12<sup>th</sup> Imam after his death?
  - a) Imam Ali
  - b) Prophet Muhammad
  - c) Prophet Isa
  
5. How will Imam Mehdi rule over the people of the book after forming his government?
  - a) Embrace Islam and the method of Ahlul Bayt [as]
  - b) They will follow JESUS [as] without following Imam Mehdi [aj]
  
6. How will many of the people of the book believe in the movement of Imam Mehdi?
  - a) Imam Mehdi will ask them
  - b) Prophet Isa will tell them to follow Imam Mehdi
  - c) They will be tired of war and poverty
  - d) All of the above

Lecture 11 - Part 37 - Return of the Infallibles Rajah

1. What does the term RAJAA refer to?
  - a) Return of the dead people back to life
  - b) Return of Prophet Jesus [as]
  - c) Return of Imam Mehdi [aj]
  - d) All of the above
  
2. Which of the following is not an example of Rajaa?
  - a) People of the Cave
  - b) Prophet Uzayr [as]
  - c) Story of the yellow cow of Bani Israel
  - d) Prophet Jesus [as]
  
3. Whose Rajat is only accepted by Syed Muhammad Sadar?
  - a) Imam Ali
  - b) Hazrat Isa
  - c) Imam Hussein
  - d) Prophet Muhammad
  
4. **The Creature walking on the earth before the Day of Judgment indicates a possibility of...**
  - a) The last warning of Imam Ali [as]
  - b) The preaching of the Prophet Muhammad [s]
  - c) The last warning of Jesus [as]
  - d) The last warning of Imam Mehdi [aj]

## Lecture 12 - Part 39 - Divine Planning for the Just Government

1. The plan of Allah [swt] to bring forth an Islamic global society...
  - a) Does not depend on any human factors as whatever Allah [swt] wills will happen
  - b) Depends of the preparation of the mankind
  - c) Depends of the coming of the Awaited Imam [aj] regardless of the human preparation
  - d) Depends totally on the miraculous power of Allah [swt]
2. What is the third type of “will of Allah”?
  - a) Allah said to be and it is done
  - b) Allah commands us to do certain things
  - c) People use laws or will of Allah
  - d) None of the above
3. How can you control nature like laws of gravity, etc?
  - a) Using your power
  - b) Using your intellect
  - c) Memorizing Quran
4. What is the only way to perfect society?
  - a) Have control over nature
  - b) Obey superpower countries
  - c) To learn and act on laws of sharia
5. **ZULQARNAYN visited the people who...**
  - a) Had plenty of gold stored in their houses
  - b) Had satisfaction and a free of crime state
  - c) Use to have houses without doors
  - d) Use to have their graves inside their houses

Lecture 13 –Part 42- The coming of Jesus Part 1

**Q1 ) In which direction has the intellectual life been moving towards since the creation of Prophet Adam [as]?**

- a) It has been going towards perfection
- b) It has been declining towards imperfection
- c) It has not changed and will remain as is
- d) The evolution happens on the physical aspect and not the intellectual

Q2) What is the “Promise Day” ?

- a) Day when people will have peace & global justice.
- b) Day of Judgement
- c) Day of Aashora
- d) All of above

**Q3) What is the stage of the message of Prophet Mohammad [s] in the direction towards the infallible society?**

- a) First stage
- b) Second stage
- c) Third stage
- d) Fourth stage

Q4) When Imam Mehdi (as) will come how long he will wage war ?

- a) 2 years
- b) Eight months
- c) 10 years
- d) 40 days

Q5) In history evil powers are represented by ?

- a) Firun
- b) Abu-Jahal
- c) Yazid
- d) All of above

Q6) Before the birth of Prophet Isa (as) Palestine was occupied by?

- a) Roman Empire
- b) Jews
- c) Christians

Q7) Before the birth of Prophet Isa (as) Palestine has two great problems:

- a) Poverty & corruption
- b) Famine & war
- c) Religious & political problems

Q8) When was Gospel Written?

- a) 80 years after Prophet Isa (as)
- b) Before Prophet Isa (as)
- c) At the time of Prophet Isa (as)
- d) None of above

Q9) What does Christianity say about the concept of the hereafter?

- a) They deny it totally
- b) They accept it entirely as do the Muslims
- c) They accept it in vagueness
- d) They have more detailed descriptions about it than the Muslims

Lecture 14 –Part 46- Just Government Of Imam Mehdi (as) Part 1

Q1) In regards to the government of Imam Mehdi (as):

- a) Depth & details are unknown
- b) Every single Detail has been narrated
- c) Most of the details of his government has been narrated.

**Q2)The source of the laws of the 12th Imam [aj] will be...**

- a) Quraan and the narrations of his grandfather Prophet Muhammad [s]
- b) Revelation from Allah [swt]
- c) IJTIHAAD; deduction and his opinion
- d) None of the above

**Q3) Islam started from...**

- a) Prophet Adam [as]
- b) Prophet Ibrahim [as]
- c) Prophet Musa [as]
- d) Prophet Muhammad [s]

Lecture 15 –Part 50- Maintaining the Infallible Society Part 2

**Q1) The Infallibility of the infallible is...**

- b) An imposed virtue on them where they do not have an option against it (totally by Allah [swt])
- c) A higher level of guidance and application of such guidance by human ( both Allah [swt] and human)
- d) Totally in the hand of mankind regardless of the guidance of Allah [swt] (totally on human)
- e) A revelation and power of Allah [swt] which prevents a human from committing the sins

**Q2) Can a person other than the Infallibles become Infallible?**

- a) Yes, absolutely
- b) No, absolutely not
- c) Yes, if they follow the guidance, and create love of Allah [swt]
- d) Infallibility is limited to the representatives of Allah [swt] only

**Q3) After attainment of Infallibility there is still room for perfection**

- b) True
- c) False

**Q4) A true 100% flawless democracy can only be possible if the society...**

- a) Was infallible and pious
- b) Was filled with westerners
- c) Was under the supervision of a jurist
- d) Had an infallible Imam [as] amongst it

## NAMAZ-E-GHUFAYLA

Fazilat of Namaz-e-Ghufayla

From the recommended prayers that are emphasized is Namaz-e-Ghufayla also.

The Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.s.) said:

Recite the recommended prayer in the time of carelessness (Ghaflat) even if it be two rakats because this two rakat namaz enables one to enter the Paradise. It was asked: O Messenger of Allah! What is the time of carelessness? He replied: The time between Maghrib and Isha prayer.

Namaz-e-Ghufayla is two rakats which is recited between the Maghrib and Isha Prayer. It has tremendous effect and great merits in the fulfillment of the desires in this world and in the hereafter.

Once a man came to Imam Zainul abideen عليه السلام and Bibi Zainab عليها السلام and said to Him, ya Imam, i am one of those that killed your father in Karbala and i wish to be forgiven, what can i do? Imam عليه السلام thought about it and replied, to pray salatul ghufayla.

The man was happy and left. Bibi Zainab عليها السلام asked the Imam عليه السلام, how can such a sin be forgiven? Imam عليه السلام replied, it cannot, and Allah (swt) will make it such that this man won't have the ability ever to perform this salah.

## METHOD OF NAMAZ-E-GHUFAYLA

Salatul Ghufailah consists of two rak'at, and in the first rak'at, after al - Hamd, the following ayah is to be read:

﴿ و ذا النون اذ ذهب مغاضبا فظن ان لن نقدر عليه فنادى في الظلمات ان لا اله الا انت ﴾

﴿ سبحانك اني كنت من الظالمين فاستجبنا له و نجيناه من الغم و كذلك ننجي المؤمنين ﴾

"And Dhun - Noon, when he went forth enraged and thought that We would have no power over him; then he called out in the darkness: "There is no god but You, Glory be to You, I was one of the unjust. " So We answered him, and delivered him out of grief. Thus do We deliver the believers."

And in the second rakat, after al - Hamd, the following ayah is read:

﴿ وَ عِنْدَهُ مَفَاتِيحُ الْغَيْبِ لَا يَعْلَمُهَا اِلَّا هُوَ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا فِي الْبُرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ وَمَا تَسْقُطُ مِنْ وَرَقَةٍ اِلَّا يَعْلَمُهَا وَلَا حَبَّةٌ فِي ظِلْمَاتِ الْاَرْضِ وَلَا رَطْبٌ وَلَا يَابِسٌ اِلَّا فِي كِتَابٍ مَبِينٍ ﴾

"With Him are the keys of the unseen; none knows them but He . He knows what is on the land and on sea; not a leaf falls, but He knows it. Not a grain in the earth's darkness, not

anything wet or dry, but it is in a book manifest."

And in the qunut, this dua' is read:

﴿اللَّهُمَّ اني اسألك بمفاتيح الغيب التي لا يعلمها الا انت ان تصلي علي محمد و آل محمد  
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﴿اللَّهُمَّ انت ولي نعمتي والقادر علي طلبتي تعلم حاجتي فأسألك بحق محمد و آل محمد عليه  
و عليهم السلام لما قضيتها لي﴾

"O'Allah! I ask You, by the keys of the unseen that none knows but You, to bless Muhammad and his household, and do for me [ask for your wishes].“O Allah, You are my benefactor and capable of fulfilling my requests; You know my wishes. So I ask you to bless Muhammad and his household when You fulfill my wishes”

## Salat-al-Lail

In many of the verses of the Qur`an, the performance of Salat al-Lail and staying awake a portion of the night - after midnight - in the worship of Allah (Glory and Greatness be to Him) has been mentioned, of which, we present some of these verses:

{ وَمِنَ اللَّيْلِ فَتَهَجَّدْ بِهِ نَافِلَةً لَّكَ . }

“Say your special (tahajjud) prayer during  
some part of the night...”

{ وَالَّذِينَ يَبِيتُونَ لِرَبِّهِمْ سُجَّدًا وَقِيَامًا }

“And they who pass the night prostrating  
themselves before their Lord and standing.”

In the ahadith from the Ahl al-Bait (peace be upon all of them), it has been emphatically mentioned that:

- 1)Salat al-Lail protects one during the daytime.
- 2) Salat al-Lail is a Kaffarah for the sins committed in the day.

3) That house in which Salat al-Lail is recited beams with light for those who are in the heavens just as the stars beam with light for those who are on earth.

4) The great and noble people of our nation are those who are protectors of the Qur`an and who stay awake the night in worship.

5) There are three things which raise a person's rank and station:

a) Initiating the greeting to a fellow Muslim,

b) Feeding poor people,

c) Salat in the darkness of the night when all other people busy sleeping.

6) Salat al-Lail makes one's face beautiful; beautifies one's etiquette; gives a pleasant smell to one's body and increases one's daily sustenance. It also removes sorrow and grief and gives strength to the eyes.

7) One who does not read the Salat al-Lail is not considered as a Shi`a of the Ahl al-Bait (as)

### The Concise Method of Reciting Salat

Salat al-Lail is 11 Rak`at in which:

1. The first 8 Rak`at are prayed in four Salat of two Rak`at each with the intention of *Salat al-Lail* (after each two Rak`at, give the Salam, finish the Salat and then stand for the next set of Salat.)

2. Following this, two Rak`at would be read with the intention of Salat ash-Shaf` (this Salat is performed exactly as Salatul Fajr).

3. Once this is recited, one Rak`at with the intention of Salat al-Witr would be recited. In this Salat, recite Surah Al-Fatiha once, Surah al-Ikhlās three times followed by Surah al-Falaq and Surah al-Nas once each.

Once this part of the Salat is finished, we raise our hands in Qunut such that our palms are facing the sky and our hands are level with our eyes and perform the following.

1) Recite the following 70 times:

(i) **أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ**

*“I seek repentance from Allah, my Lord and to Him I turn back.”*

2. Followed by reciting the following seven times:

(ii) **أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ**

*“I seek repentance from Allah the One whom there is no god except Him, the Living and Self-Subsisting and to Him I turn back.”*

3) One of the most important acts in the Qunut of the Salat al-Witr is supplication for forty believers (men or women) amongst one’s family, friends, those who have asked to be prayed for, the deceased and the Shi`a of Amir Al-Mo`minin `Ali ibn Abi Talib (peace be upon him). Whosoever does this will be assured that his supplications are answered.

4) One should then say the following three hundred times:

**b) اَلْعَفْوُ**

*“I ask for forgiveness.”*

5. Following this, the following should be said once:

(i) رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَارْحَمْنِي وَتُبْ عَلَيَّ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ

*“Lord, please forgive me and have mercy upon me and turn back towards me. Verily You are the Oft-Turning back, Most Merciful”*

Please do not forget all of the believers throughout the world in your Salat al-Lail, especially those downtrodden and oppressed Muslims of Palestine, Iraq, Kashmir, Chechnya, Bosnia, and all over the globe – this humble servant of Allah (Glory and Greatness be to Him) as well.

**May Allah (Glory and Greatness be to Him) hasten the advent of the 12th Imam (may Allah hasten his return) to fill this world with justice and equality.**