

"PREPARE TO RECEIVE THE COMING SAVIOUR"

**Says the President of
Iran Mahammod Ahmadinejad!**

Extraordinary events are happening all over the earth. Mother Nature seems to be angry on the humans. Calamities like water-deluges and earthquakes are striking us ruthlessly; and man-made disasters and destructions are ready to strike at any moment. It is well known that the two are inter-related. The stage is already set for doomsday, it appears. This Issue of Parsi Pukar carries a lot of information on the subject.

However this dark cloud has a golden lining. All Religions proclaim that these calamities are a prelude to the advent of Divine Saviours, who will propel the humanity from its present plight of the devil to the path of God. We ask, are there any people who care for or even think of Religion? Big nations take pride in calling themselves "secular", which means devoid of any God or Religion. The rulers i.e. politicians anywhere are too busy with preserving their "democratic" chairs, to think of God and His saviours to come.

However, there is one country whose Political Chief is openly and repeatedly talking about a Saviour who is coming! Most surprisingly, that Country is IRAN! On 16th November 2005, Iran's President Mahmood Ahmadinejad, in a speech to senior clerics, spoke about his strong and sincere belief that the Shia Muslims' Saviour, **the 12th Imam Mohammad Mahdi** is coming, and called upon Iran to be prepared for Him, reports Paul Hughes in his Reuters dispatch of 17-11-05. "We should define our economic cultural and political policies based on the policy of Imam Mahdi's return", the President said, and added, "We should avoid copying the West's policies and systems". It is reported that since taking office in August 2005 President Ahmedinejad has gone on referring to Imam Mahdi in most of his major speeches including an address to U.N. General Assembly in September, 2005 which flabbergasted the Western Diplomats.

What is the Hon'ble President talking about? A Saviour! Coming Soon! Prepare to receive Him!

Mahammad, the great Holy Prophet of Islam (Homage to Him) was born in 570 AD., (according to some researchers 571 AD.) at Macca. The Holy Shiah Branch of Islam declares that Allah sends His Paigambar as His Representative to proclaim His Divine Message to man. So also Allah ordains that at all times on earth there should be an Imam to represent the Paigambar. Imam-hood "Imammat" is therefore a continuation of the Prophethood and Imam is the Prophet's Deputy. The first Imam after the Prophet was ALI also named as "Amir-al-Muminin", for whom the Prophet, Hazrat Mohammad said "I am the city of knowledge and Ali is the gate"; and "Ali and I are from a single tree and from the same Light". One of Ali's well known maximum is:

"Wisdom and Faith are like twin
brothers neither of whom will be
received by Allah without the other".

Ali was the first of the 12 Imams after the Prophet (between 625 AD. to 868 AD. in the order of their dates of birth). The 12th was Imam Mahdi born in 868 AD. He disappeared in 941 AD. but He is proclaimed to be "the Alive" and "the Awaited". He cannot be communicated, but He Himself comes into communion with the Pious Saints or helps the chosen needy. The Faithful believe without doubt that at the proper time He will reappear. Several signs are enumerated as the predictions for His reappearance. One very significant sign is that there will be "red death" and "white death". The red death is interpreted as the modern warfare; and the White death as epidemics and diseases. The most significant sign however is the appearance of "Dajjal", the personification of the devil, if not as a person, then as the Godless, faithless, cruel and inhuman civilisation, exactly like the present one. (My Khshnoomist friends will remember "Haoma V. Kereysaani") or "Mazdayasni V. Daev-yasni")

Several mysteries surround Imam Mahdi. There is a well near the holy city of Qom, where thousands of pilgrims come to pray before the Imam, and drop, in the well, messages addressed to Him!

In the mountains surrounding the Daemavand peak, there is a place which is one of the nearest

approachable points, from where the peak is visible. Jeep drivers from Rineh village (South of Daemavand) can take the tourists there through a rough rode. A masjid (mosque) stands there alone and aloof in wilderness. It does not seem to be some antique historical structure. It is clean and well maintained. A sympathetic inquiry reveals **that this House of Allah is the place for the future arrival of the Saviour Imam Mehdi! And it is maintained by the Government!**

They also serve who stand and wait!

THAT is the Imam Mahdi (Homage unto Him) whom the President of Iran refers often and often in his Juma Prayer speeches addressed throughout the country. "Our revolutions's main mission is to pave the way for the reappearance of the 12th Imam, Mahdi", he declared and is repeatedly declaring.

. . .

(Parsi Pukar Apr.-May.-Jun. 2005 - Vol. 10; No. 4)