

TIMELINE OF IMAM HASAN AL-ASKARI (AS)



Father:
Imam Ali al-Hadi al-Naqi (as)

Mother:
Hudayth

Titles:
Al-Hadi, Al-Naqi, Al-Zaki, Al-Askari

Period of Imamath:
6 Years

232-233 AH



232 AH: (Birth)

- Imam Hasan Al Askari (as) was born on the 8th or 10th of Rabi al Akhir, in Medina, Hijaz.

233-253 AH: (The period of surveillance and detention)

- Imam Hasan Al Askari (as) spent 20 years under the guidance of his father. The conditions were made very tough for him and his father as they were in house arrest for a long period of time.

233 AH: Migration (1 year old)

- During the first year of his life, he had to migrate to Samarra, Iraq as the Caliph wanted to put his father Imam Ali Naqi (as) under house arrest in his close proximity.

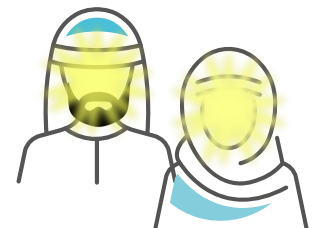


233-253 AH



Year: Unknown (Marriage to a Princess of Rome)

- In his teens, Imam Al Askari (as) got married to the granddaughter of Roman Emperor, name Narjis bint Yashoua. It is narrated in many authentic Hadith that Princess Narjis saw Mary, the mother of Prophet Isa (as), and Fatimah, the daughter of Prophet Muhammad (s), in her dreams wherein they asked for her hand in marriage to Hasan al-Askari (as).



Princess Narjis was a pious woman therefore upon this instruction in her dream, she converted her religion from Christianity to Islam. She further followed the direction, which was given to her in her dream, to meet Imam Ali Al Hadi; after which she got married to Imam Hasan Al Askari (as).

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254-255 AH

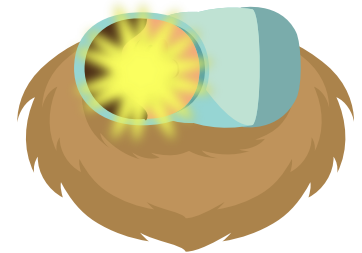
254 AH: (22 years old)

- Imam Ali Al Hadi (as) passed away.
- Imam Hasan al Askari (as) became the 11th Imam.



255 AH: Birth of Al Qaim (aj) (23 years old)

- His wife, Lady Narjis Khatun, gave birth to their only child, Imam al-Mahdi (aj)



Imprisonment:

- Imam Hasan al-Askari (as) was put in prison by the Caliph Al-Mu'tazz , as he became suspicious of his activities.
- Al-Mu'tazz died in this year and Al-Muht'adi took charge.



The uprising of Ali b. Zayd and 'Isa b. Ja'far

- They revolted against the Abbasi Caliph but were suppressed by the government.



Uprising against Abbasid

256 AH

256 AH: (24 years old)

- Al-Muht'adi died only after an year of his rein.
- Al-Mu'tamid became the new Caliph.



- The new Caliph faced the uprising of the Shias in the beginning, so he released Imam Hasan al-Askari(as) from the prison with some restrictions. Imam(as) was allowed to meet the Shias of his time and therefore he started to preach the knowledge of the Ahlulbait(as) amongst them. But because of his house arrest he couldn't move to another city or country.

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257-260 AH



257 AH: (25 years old)

- Imam Hasan Al Askari (as), continued building a stronger shia network by appointing his representatives.
- He helped the shia of his time in improving their beliefs and expanded his underground political activities. The shias started to become socially and financially strong.

The Uprising of Ahmad b. Muhammad b. Abd Allah:

- He made an uprising in Egypt, between Cyrenaica and Alexandria, at the time of Al-Mu'tamid al-Abbasi and claimed the caliphate but he was killed by a government agent.

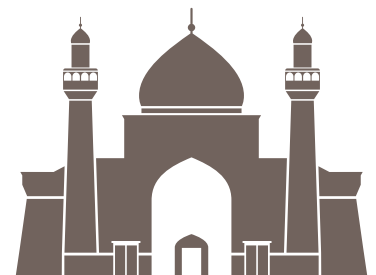
260 AH: (28 years old)



- Imam Hasan Al Askari (as) was re-imprisoned on the orders of Al-Mu'tamid who followed the news about Imam (as) on a routine basis.
- Imam Hasan Al Askari (as) was released after a month from prison but was moved to the house of Hasan b. Sahl (Ma'mun's minister), so that they could keep a closer eye on his activities.

Death by poison:

- On the 8th of Rabi ul Awal, Imam Hasan Al Askari(as) mysteriously passed away due to poison. Multiple narrations indicate that the poison which was given to him were on the orders of the Caliph Al-Mu'tamid.
- He was buried in Samarah, in his house, next to his noble Father's grave.

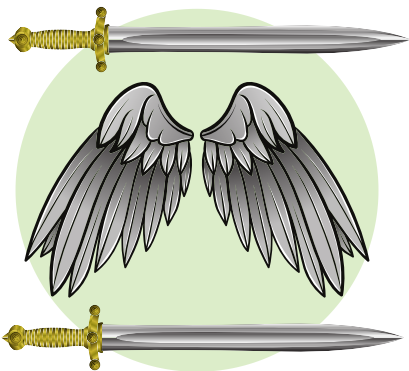


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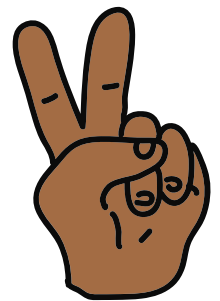


Miracles and Achievements



Why was he called Al-Askari?

The title Askari means "Soldier". It has been narrated that the town Imam Askari lived in was called "Askar" and therefore he got this title. Some narrations mentioned that once the Caliph, Al-Mutawakkil, called him in his palace and ordered his army to march past before him.



The Caliph wanted to impress the Imam by his power or to dissuade the Imam from any thoughts of revolution against the Abbasid Caliphate. When the march was over, Imam asked the Caliph to gaze between two of his fingers. What the Caliph saw was a huge army marching past, a much bigger army than his own. He was astonished at this miracle and called him Askari, i.e. the leader of warrior.



Tafsir Al-Askari

Imam Hasan Al Askari (as) spent most of his lifetime under strict surveillance and imprisonment. However even in those difficult conditions he was able to produce an interpretation of the Holy Quran for his Shias by some accounts.



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Theology and Jurisprudence

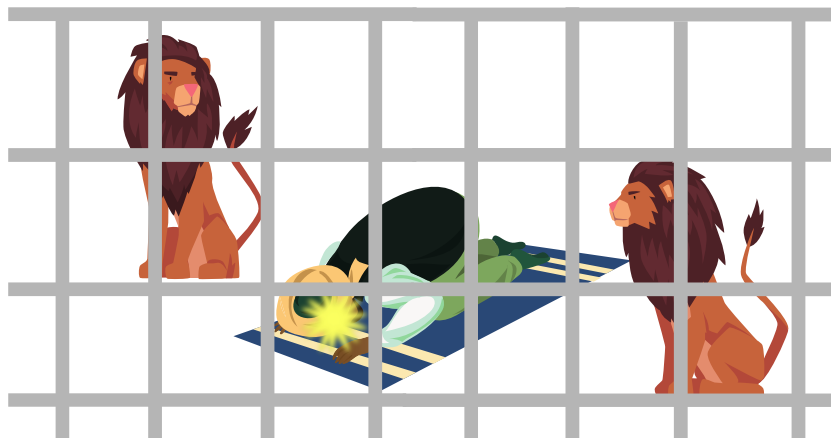
Imam Hasan Al-Askari (as) in his short span of lifetime strengthened the theological beliefs of his shias and also helped them in their jurisprudence issues. He solved issues ranging from the sighting of the moon for the month of Ramadhan and regarding Khums.

His Time in Prison

During his time in prison, Imam always showed his servitude by the use of excessive prayers and fasting. His extreme worship changed the attitude and behavior of the guards and some of them became his devoted followers.

Once during his imprisonment, Imam was transferred to a man named Nahrir who tortured him greatly. A devotee of Ahlul bayt(as) asked him to fear God in his treatment to him.

Nahrir upon hearing that became furious and said: "By God I'll throw him to the wild animals." He asked permission to do that from the Caliph and it was granted. Nahrir put lions in Imam's prison in the hope that they would attack him. When he returned, he saw that Imam was in his prayer position and the lions were calmly sitting around him. When the Caliph heard about this situation, he removed the Imam from the prison. Imam Al Askari (as) was then put in house arrest to further stop the influence of his spirituality on others.



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