

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَلِيَّ الْعَصْرِ (ع) أَدْرِكُنَا

Mention of 12 Imams in the Sehaa e Sitta

Since the belief in 12 twelve Imams is the main characteristic of the shia faith, it would be interesting to know that there is mention about this belief in the most reliable books of Ahle Sunnat. We herewith mention not one or two but ten references about 12 Imams from the Sehaa e Sitta, the six most reliable books of Ahle Sunnat scholars. All these narrations are from the Holy Prophet(sawa) of Islam.

Tradition 1 from Sahih-Bukhari:

" يَكُونُ اثْنَا عَشَرَ أَمِيرًا - كُلُّهُمْ مِنْ قُرَيْشٍ "

"There will be twelve Muslim rulers (who will rule all the Islamic world..... All of them (those rulers) will be from Quraish".

(Sahih al-Bukhari 7222, 7223, Book 93, H.82)

<https://sunnah.com/bukhari:7222>

Tradition 2 from Sahih-Muslim:

" لَا يَزَالُ أَمْرُ النَّاسِ مَاضِيًا مَا وَلِيَهُمْ اثْنَا عَشَرَ رَجُلًا " " كُلُّهُمْ مِنْ قُرَيْشٍ "

The affairs of the people will continue to be conducted (well) as long as they are governed by twelve men. ... All of the (twelve men) will be from the Quraish.

(Sahih Muslim 1821b, Book 33, H.6)

<https://sunnah.com/muslim:1821b>

Tradition 3 from Sahih-Muslim:

" لَا يَزَالُ الْإِسْلَامُ عَزِيْزًا إِلَى اثْنَيْ عَشَرَ خَلِيفَةً " ... " كُلُّهُمْ مِنْ قُرَيْشٍ " .

Islam will continue to be triumphant until there have been twelve Caliphs.... He has said that all of them (twelve Caliphs) will be from the Quraish.

(Sahih-Muslim 1821d, Book 33, H.8)

<https://sunnah.com/muslim:1821d>

Tradition 4 from Sahih-Muslim:

" لَا يَزَالُ هَذَا الْأَمْرُ عَزِيْزًا إِلَى اثْنَيْ عَشَرَ خَلِيفَةً " " كُلُّهُمْ مِنْ قُرَيْشٍ " .

This order will continue to be dominant until there have been twelve Caliphs... all of them (Caliphs) would be from the Quraish.

(Sahih-Muslim 1821e, Book 33, H.9)

<https://sunnah.com/muslim:1821e>

Tradition 5 from Sahih-Muslim:

" لَا يَزَالُ هَذَا الدِّينُ عَزِيْزًا مَنِيعًا إِلَى اثْنَيْ عَشَرَ خَلِيْفَةً ... " كُلُّهُمْ مِنْ قُرَيْشٍ "

This religion would continue to remain powerful and dominant until there have been twelve Caliphs. ... all of them will be from the Quraish.

(Sahih Muslim 1821f, Book 33, H-10)

<https://sunnah.com/muslim:1821f>

Tradition 6 from Sahih-Tirmizi:

" يَكُوْنُ مِنْ بَعْدِي اثْنَا عَشَرَ أَمِيْرًا ... " كُلُّهُمْ مِنْ قُرَيْشٍ "

There will be twelve Amir after me.. All of them are from Quraish

(Jami` at-Tirmidhi 2223, Book 33, Hadith 66)

<https://sunnah.com/tirmidhi:2223>

Tradition 7 from Sunan Abi-Dawood:

" لَا يَزَالُ هَذَا الدِّينُ قَائِمًا حَتَّى يَكُوْنَ عَلَيْكُمْ اثْنَا عَشَرَ خَلِيْفَةً ... " كُلُّهُمْ مِنْ قُرَيْشٍ "

The religion will continue to be established till there are twelve caliphs over you... all of them will belong to Quraysh.

(Sunan Abi-Dawud 4279, Book 38, H-1)

<https://sunnah.com/abudawud:4279>

Tradition 8 from Sunan Abi-Dawood:

" لَا يَزَالُ هَذَا الدِّينُ عَزِيْزًا إِلَى اثْنَيْ عَشَرَ خَلِيْفَةً ... " كُلُّهُمْ مِنْ قُرَيْشٍ " .

This religion will continue to be strong till the time of twelve caliphs... All of them will belong to Quraish.

(Sunan Abi-Dawud 4280, Book 38, H-2)

<https://sunnah.com/abudawud:4280>

Tradition 9 from Sahih-Muslim:

The Holy Prophet(sawa) said:

" إِنَّ هَذَا الْأَمْرَ لَا يَنْقُضِي حَتَّى يَمْضِيَ فِيهِمْ اثْنَا عَشَرَ خَلِيْفَةً " ... " كُلُّهُمْ مِنْ قُرَيْشٍ " .

This Caliphate will not end until there have been twelve Caliphs among them... All of them will be from the Quraish.

(Sahih-Muslim 1821a, Book 33, H.5)

<https://sunnah.com/muslim:1821a>

Tradition 10 from Sahih-Muslim:

" لَا يَزَالُ الدِّينُ قَائِمًا حَتَّى تَقُومَ السَّاعَةُ أَوْ يَكُونَ عَلَيْكُمْ اثْنَا عَشَرَ خَلِيْفَةً كُلُّهُمْ مِنْ قُرَيْشٍ " .

The Islamic religion will continue until the Hour has been established, or you have been ruled over by twelve Caliphs, all of them being from the Quraish.

The narrator also heard the Holy Prophet(sawa) say:

إِنَّ بَيْنَ يَدَيِ السَّاعَةِ كَذَّابِينَ فَاحْذَرُوهُمْ "

Before the Day of Judgment there will appear (a number of) impostors. You are to guard against them.

(Sahih-Muslim 1822a, Book 33, H.11)

<https://sunnah.com/muslim:1822a>

The above traditions evidently establish the belief in 12 Imams among all the Muslims. These are however not popularised among the common Muslims thus keeping them away from the truth of the 12 Imams.

In fact, the names of these 12 Imams are also mentioned by the famous Sunni scholar Shaikh ul Islam Hamuii in his book Faraid us Simtain (Vol.2,p.134) as follows:

A jew named Nasal questioned the Holy Prophet(sawa) about his successor. The Holy Prophet(sawa) replied that his successor and Caliph after him is Ali(as) and after him his grandson Hasan(as) and after him Husain(as) and then there would be nine righteous leaders from the progeny of Husain(as).

On being asked to mention the names of these nine leaders he(sawa) said: Husain's son Ali, then Ali's son Mohammad, then Mohammad's son Jafar, then Jafar's son Musa, then Musa's son Ali, then Ali's son Mohammad, then his son Ali, then his son Hasan and then Hujjat the son of Hasan."

Conclusion:

Mention of 12 Imams is found in the most reliable books of Ahle Sunnat scholars and their scholars have even recorded names of these 12 Imams in their books which exactly tallies with the names of the 12 Shia Imams!!

Is any evidence required after this???