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Preface

'Abdul Salām al-Harawī quoted from Imam Riḍā (pbuh) saying, "May God have mercy upon the one who revives our lifestyle and manner." Al-Harawī asked, "How should one revive your lifestyle and manner?" The Imam said, "He should learn our knowledge and teach it to people. If people get informed of the virtue of our words, they would follow us."¹

Wasail al-Shi'ah, vol. 27, p. 92

One of the great blessings of God the Almighty to us is that He put the infallible Imams (pbuh) amongst us to learn how to live a God-centered life through observing their lifestyle and to achieve eternal bliss through practicing their useful guidelines.

1. عَنْ عَبْدِ السَّلَامِ الْهَرَوِيِّ عَنِ الرَّضَا عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ قَالَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْدَا أَخِيَا أَمَرْنَا نَسْتَكْبَحُكُمْ كَيْفَ يُخَيَّرُ أَمْرُكُمْ قَالَ يَتَعَلَّمُ عُلُومَنَا وَ يُعَلِّمُهَا النَّاسَ فَإِنَّ النَّاسَ لَيَتَّبِعُونَا مَخَافَتِ كَلَامِنَا لَا تَتَّبِعُونَا الْخُلْدِيَّةَ



Mashhad is a piece of paradise where [the shrine of] the son of the Messenger of Allah (pbuh), the eighth star in the sky of Imamate, is located and every year from various parts of Iran and the world, millions of fascinated pilgrims visit this heavenly shrine to quench their thirsty soul from the limpid spring of the infallible Imams' (pbuh) knowledge.

The servants of this shrine - Āstān Quds Raḍawī, are all by some means in the service of the pilgrims of Imam Ridā (pbuh) so that they can make a pilgrimage with peace of mind and receive many benefits from this heavenly shrine.

"The Management of Foreign Pilgrims of Āstān Quds Raḍawī" also has been trying in various forms to introduce culture, manners, and activities of the Infallibles (pbuh) - especially Imam Ridā (pbuh) to the lovers and enthusiasts of this school.

The affairs of this management are in line with the Supreme Leader of Iran's (May God prolong his life) statements, running the commands of the custodian of Āstān Quds

Raḍawī as well as Āstān Quds Raḍawī 20-year vision plan for disseminating Islamic culture and civilization in accordance with needs of non-Iranian pilgrims in order to create insight and spiritual growth in them.

Some good examples of these programs done in line with serving non-Iranian pilgrims of Imam Riḍā (pbuh) in the international arena are as following; organizing special cultural programs, insight circles, professional meetings, scientific conferences, educational classes and workshops, cultural competitions, poetry nights, conversion ceremonies, expert panels and advisory boards, as well as responding to letters, sending books and cultural products around the world, answering religious and theological questions, and also Razavi Talk chat rooms, production and translation of pure Islamic teachings into various language.

It is true time that the call of Islam is going not only to return the people - who have fallen from their origin in every corner of the world - to the truth but also to return the Islam seeking





and truth seeking hearts to the [Islamic] sublime and magnanimous teachings which are spreading in the world. It is wished that in such days, reading this book would be found useful for the truth seekers and it would be regarded as a forward step for giving insight to the pilgrims and lovers of the Infallibles (a.s.) as well as gaining the satisfaction of God.

"O' God bless Muḥammad and Muḥammad's Household, give me to enjoy a sound guidance which I seek not to replace a path of truth from which I swerve not, and an intention of right conduct in which I have no doubts! Let me live as long as my life is a free gift in obeying Thee."^{1,2}

The Management of Foreign Pilgrims of Āstān Quds Raḍawī

1. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ، وَتَعَنَّى بِهَدْيِ صَالِحِي لَا أُسْتَبَدِّلُ بِهِ، وَطَرِيقَهُ حَقٌّ لَا أَرِيقُ عَنْهَا، وَيَقْدِرُ شَيْءٌ لَأَشْكُ فِيهَا، وَغَيْرِي مَا كَانَ عُمْرِي بِذَلِكَ فِي طَاعَتِكَ.

2. *Shāḥiḥa al-Sajjādiyya*, Supplication 20