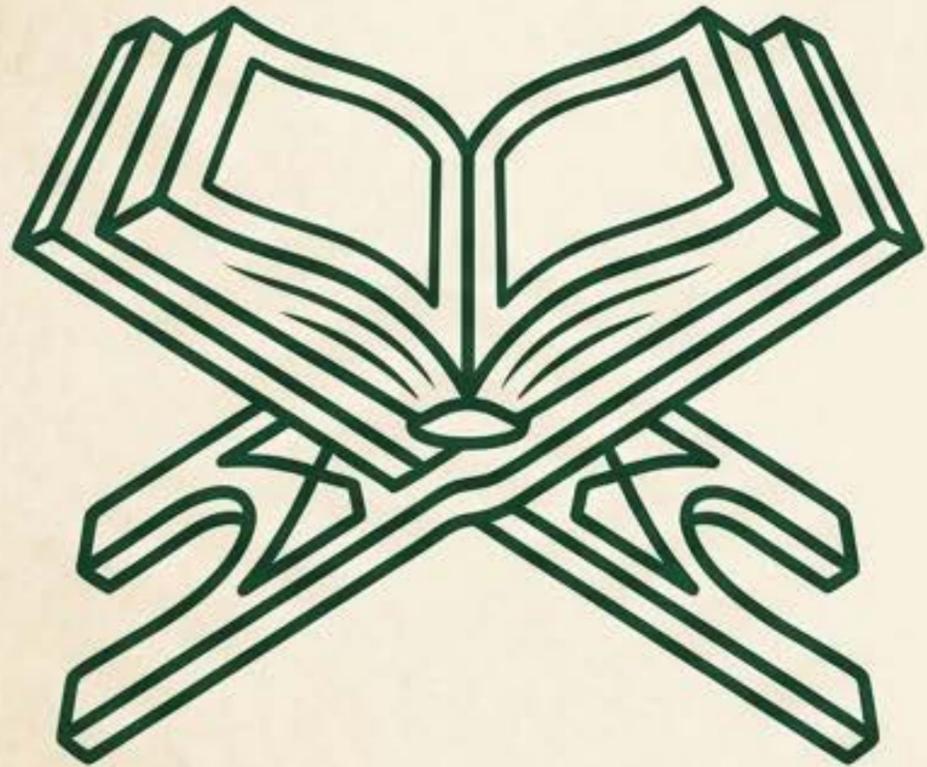


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The Life of Imam Ali (as)

A Journey of Strength, Submission, and Wisdom

"We embark on a journey to explore the life of a personality defined by unwavering justice and total devotion to the Divine."



Who is Imam Ali (as)?

Name: 'Ali ibn Abi Talib (Amīrul Mu'minīn - Commander of the Faithful)

Parents: The son of Abu Talib and Lady Fatimah bint Asad

Key Roles: Cousin, son-in-law, and divinely appointed successor of Prophet Muhammad

Dates: Born 13th Rajab 22 BH (600 AD) | Martyred 21st Ramadan 40 AH (661 AD)

Known as the cousin and successor of Prophet Muhammad, his life was a testament to the values of Islam from the very beginning.

CHARACTER DOSSIER

Name: 'Alī ibn Abī Ṭālib

Titles: Amīrul Mu'minīn, Abū Turāb

Parents: Ḥaḍrat Abū Ṭālib & Lady Fāṭimah bint Asad

Birth: 13th Rajab, 22 BH (600 AD) — Inside the Noble Ka'bah

Ring Inscription: The Kingdom belongs exclusively to Allah.



**Birth to
Bi'that**

1

Early Life & Prophetic
Mission Start



**Bi'that to
Hijrah**

2

Supporting the
Prophet



**Hijrah to
Riḥlah**

3

Migration to
Madinah & Battles



**Riḥlah to
Khilāfah**

4

Period after
Prophet's Demise



**Khilāfah to
Martyrdom**

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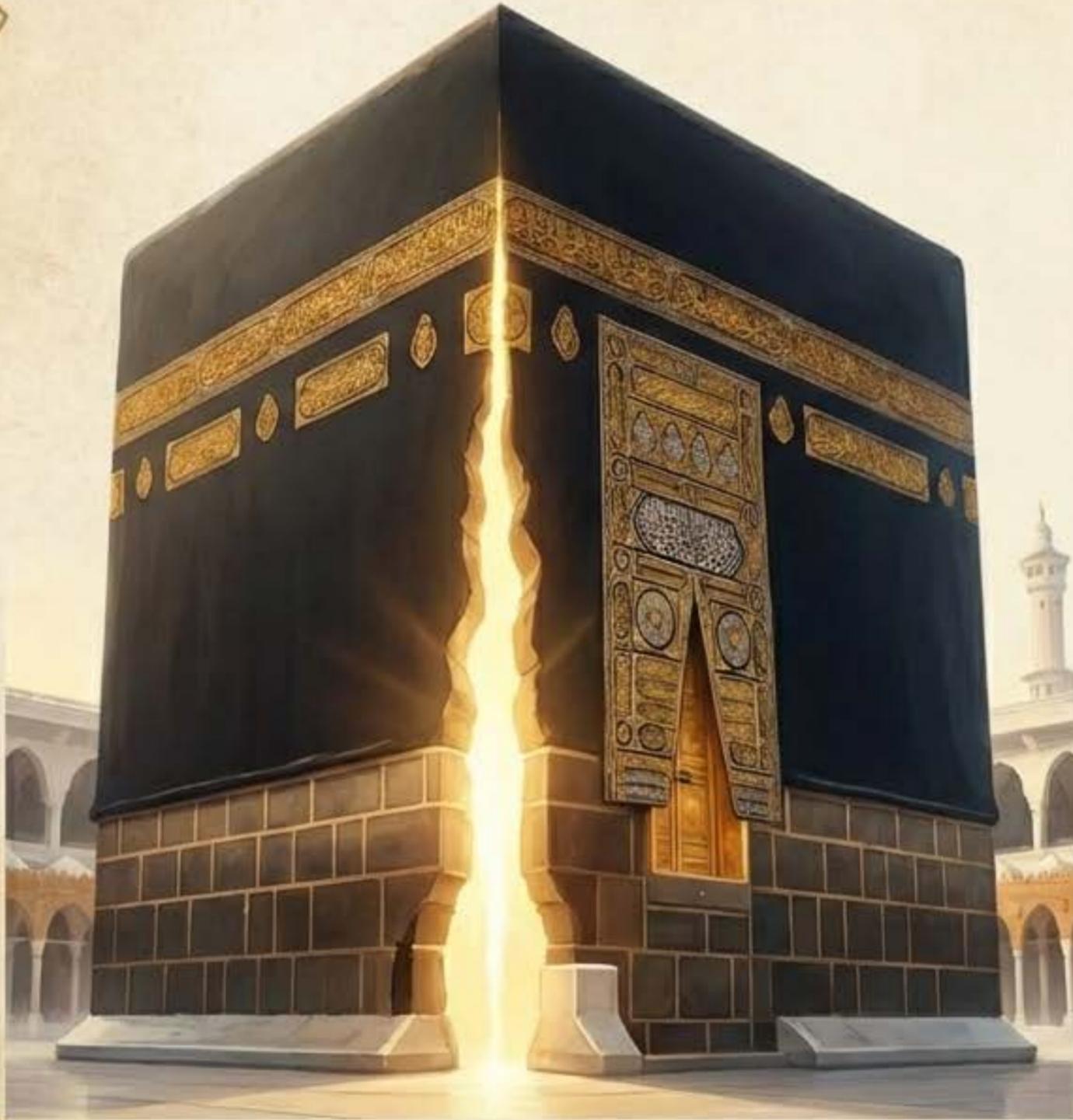
Caliphate &
Final Days

A Divine Birth

The Event: On Friday, the 13th of Rajab, the wall of the Holy Ka'bah cracked open to allow Lady Fatimah bint Asad to enter. She emerged three days later holding her son.

The Name: His name was divinely inspired. A voice called out: 'Name him 'Ali, for surely he is 'Ali (exalted); and Allah says, I have derived his name from My name...'

Significance: He is the only person born inside the Holy Ka'bah.

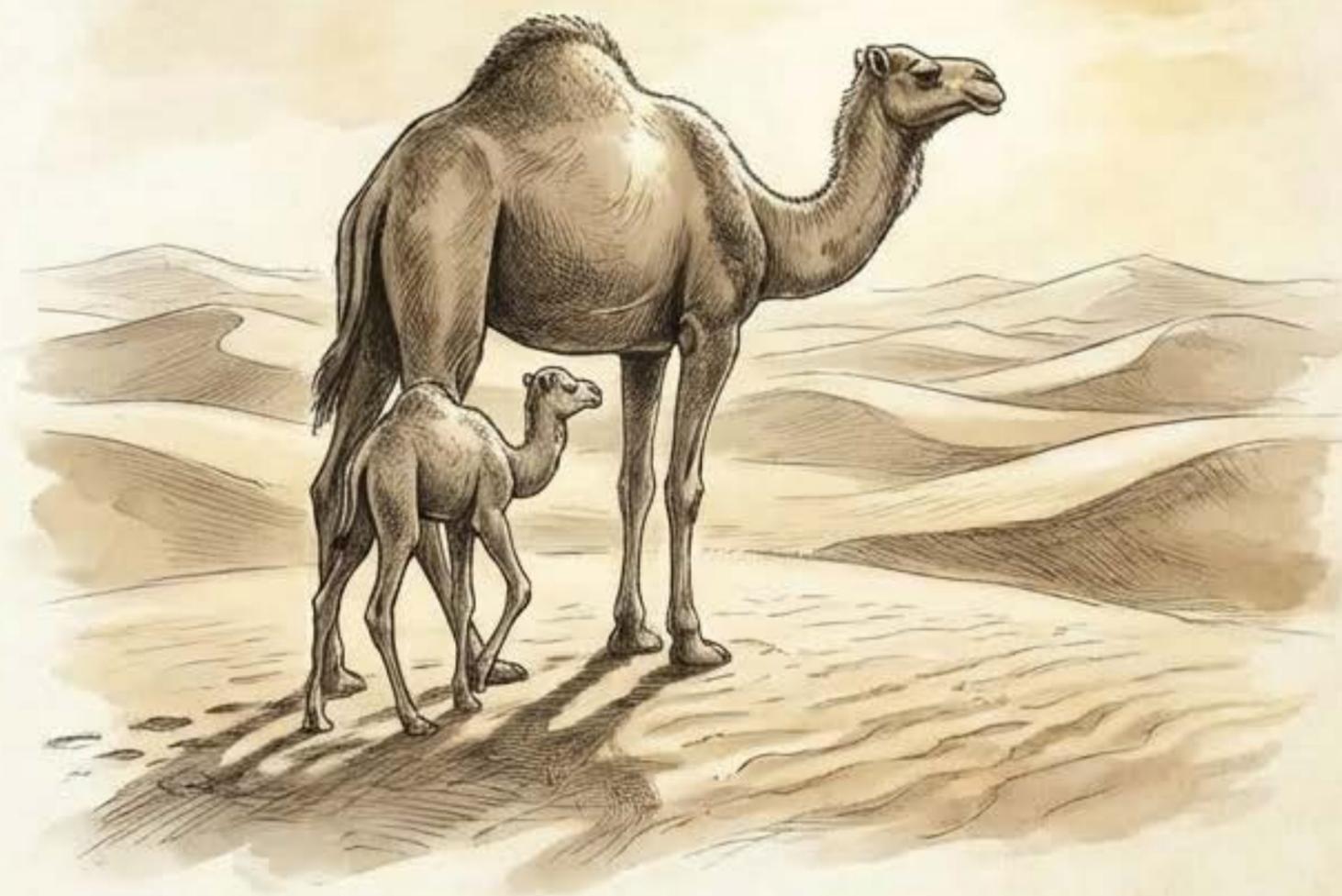


The Sacred Upbringing (Tarbiyah)

Context: At age 6, during a drought in Mecca, Prophet Muḥammad adopted Ali to relieve Abū Ṭālib's financial burden.

Prophet Muḥammad said: "I chose to nurture that individual who Allah chose for me."

Imām 'Alī said: "I followed him wherever he went, just like a baby-camel follows its mother... Each day, I would learn a new aspect about his character."



Nahj al-Balāghah, Sermon 192.

The First Supporter

وَأَنْذِرْ عَشِيرَتَكَ الْأَقْرَبِينَ

The Event: At the age of 10, Ali became the first male to openly embrace Islam.

Steadfastness: From the moment of the Bi'thah (Appointment to Prophethood), he stood by the Prophet's side, establishing and safeguarding the message when few others would.

Definition: Bi'thah is the event where Prophet Muhammad received the command to begin his mission.

The Feast of the Relatives

(Da'wat Dhūl 'Ashīrah)

The Command: "And warn your nearest relatives."
(Quran 26:214).

The Miracle: The Prophet invited 40 men from the Banī Hāshim. Despite the small amount of food prepared by Ali, everyone ate to their heart's content, yet the food did not decrease.

The Conflict: The gathering was interrupted by Abu Lahab, but the message could not be stopped.



The Three Calls

First Call

“Who will be my successor?”



Ali stands. Prophet asks him to sit.

Second Call

“Who will be my helper?”



Ali stands. Prophet asks him to sit.

Third Call

“Who will be my brother?”



Ali stands: “I will, O Messenger of Allah.”

The Appointment

“O ‘Alī, you will be my successor after me.” — Prophet Muḥammad

The gathering broke up with the men laughing and mocking Abū Ṭālib, saying he was now commanded to obey his own son.

Stop and Reflect

One argument against Imām ‘Alī was his youth. How does this story show that in the eyes of the Prophet, age did not matter—only faith did?

The Conspiracy of the Tribes



Context: The Quraysh feared the spread of Islam to Medina.

The Plot:

To avoid a tribal war, the Quraysh decided that one man from every tribe would attack the Prophet simultaneously. This way, the guilt of murder would be shared by all tribes, making revenge impossible.

The Strategy of Migration (*Hijrah*)



The Plan

- 1. Revelation:** Allah informed the Prophet of the assassination plot.
- 2. The Decoy:** Ali is to sleep in the Prophet's bed to fool the assassins.
- 3. The Escape:** The Prophet leaves immediately for Medina.

Laylat al-Mabīt:
The Night of Sleeping.

The Night of Sacrifice

The Action: The assassins burst in, swords drawn.

The Reveal: They pulled back the mantle and found Ali, not the Prophet.

The Result: The plot was foiled. The Prophet had escaped safely to Qubā'. The tribes were left furious and confused.

Peace in the Face of Danger



“I never slept as peacefully as I did that one night.” — Imam Ali

- **Pure Intention:** This act was not for fame or personal gain, but purely for the pleasure of Allah.
- **Reflection:** True submission (Islam) is accepting the Divine will above one's own desires and safety.

Guardian of the Message

2 AH: Battle of Badr - Defender



Defender

In battles like Badr, Uhud, and Khandaq, he protected the Prophet when others fled.

3 AH: Battle of Uhud - Protector

Leader

He served as the Caliph and Imam, guiding the Ummah through times of unrest.

37 AH: Battle of Şiffīn - Leader

Character

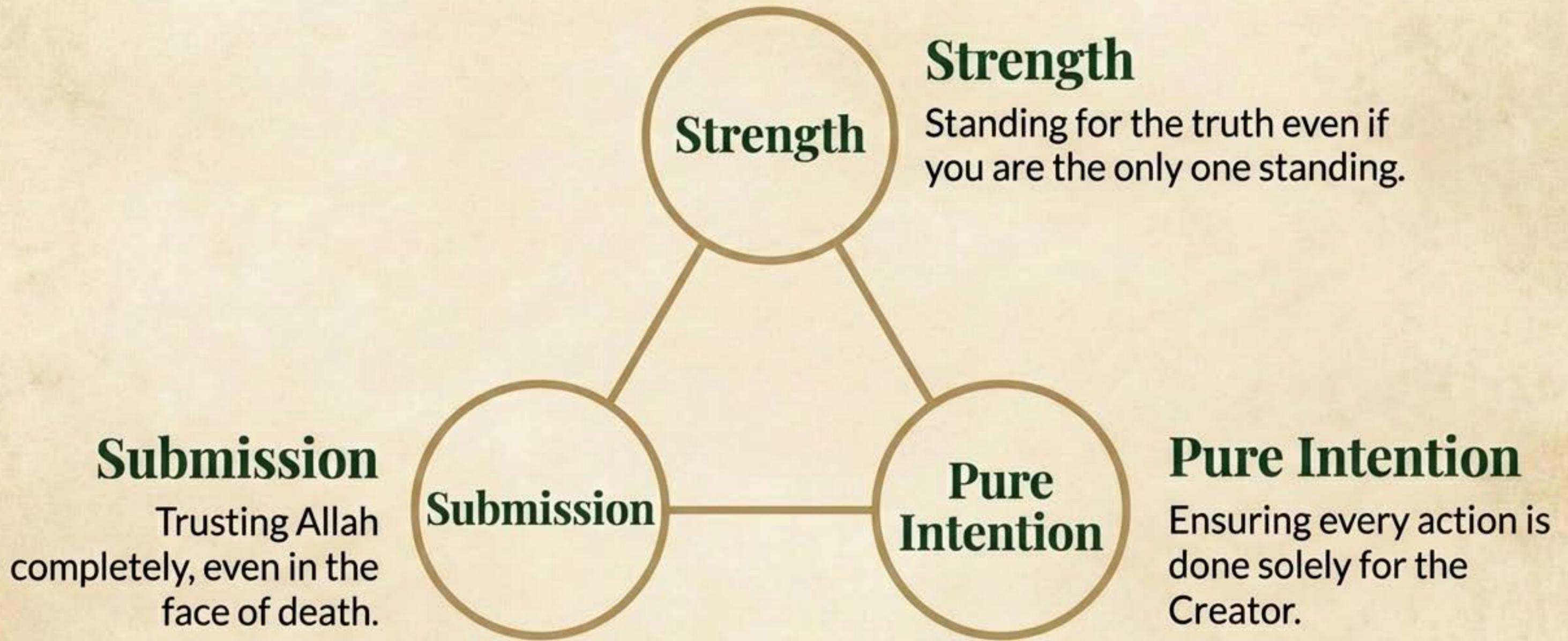
He was the 'Gate of the City of Knowledge' and a father to the orphans.

Martyrdom



- ◆ **The Event:** On the 19th of Ramadan, 40 AH, Imam Ali was struck while offering Fajr prayers in Masjid al-Kufa.
- ◆ **The Passing:** He attained martyrdom on the 21st of Ramadan.
- ◆ **Burial:** He is laid to rest in Najaf al-Ashraf, Iraq.
- ◆ **Final State:** He lived his life in submission to Allah, and he returned to Allah in the state of prayer.

Lessons from His Life



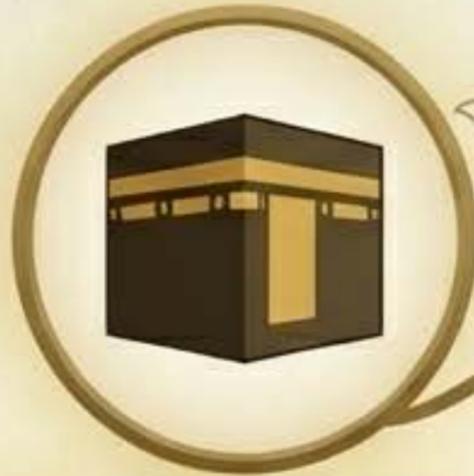
A Timeless Legacy

"Live amongst people in such a manner that if you die they weep over you, and if you are alive they crave for your company."

— Imam Ali (as)

May we strive to embody the patience, justice, and devotion of the Commander of the Faithful.

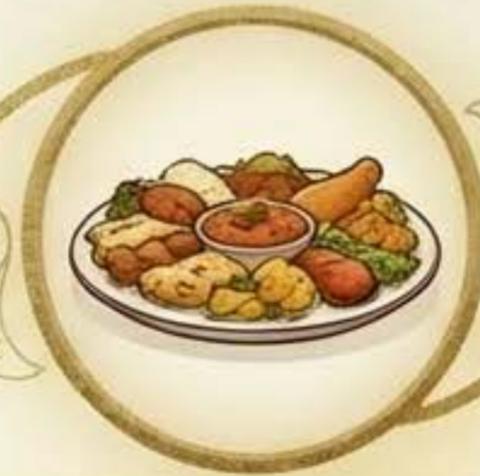
Defined by Submission



Selection: Born in the House of Allah.



Upbringing: Nurtured by the Prophet.



Courage: The First to Stand.



Sacrifice: The Night of Hijrah.

The true meaning of Islam is complete submission. Imām 'Alī did not just speak of Islam; he lived it through unwavering obedience.

Stop and Reflect

Reflect on how to purify your own intentions.