

THE CHOSEN FIVE DIGNITARIES
OF ISLAM
A MIRACULOUS DISCOVERY OF SIXTY YEARS AGO

It was in the year 1916 when the first World War was raging in full force when a British military patrol party was passing near a village named Ontra, a few miles from Jerusalem in Palestine.

Suddenly the military party sighted a strange light at a distance in the darkness of the night. It was emanating from a very old small hill of sand and stone. The officer in-charge of this party ordered the digging of this hillock. After reaching a depth of twelve feet, they came across a silver tray about two feet long and eighteen inches wide. When the tray was taken out, its light disappeared.

The party took the tray to their Commander, Major A.N. Grandell who scrutinized it in torch light and was quite wonderstruck.

The border of the tray was inset with precious stones and in the centre of the plate there was something written in gold in some unknown language. Major Grandell sent the tray to the Commander of the British Armies' Lieutenant. General D.O. Gladstone. He in turn sent it to the British Archaeological Department.

At the end of the war in 1919, research regarding this unique plate was commenced. A committee of experts of old languages consisting of British, French, American and others was appointed. After many months of strenuous research, it was held that the inscriptions on the plate were in Old Hebrew language used in the Old Testament of the Bible. On 31st January, 1920 the following translation was submitted:

<u>In Hebrew language.</u>	<u>English Translation</u>
YAH AHMAD MAQZA	Reach O' Ahmad
YAH ELI ANSATAH	O' Ali, help me
YAH BAHTOOL AKASHI	O' Bahtool, keep an eye
YAH HASAN AZOFATA	O' Hazan, be kind
YAH HASIN BA RAFO	O' Husain, grant us happiness
ELI, ELI, ELI	Ali, Ali, Ali.

After the translation by experts, it was decided that the silver tray be kept in the archives of British Imperial Museum for display to the public. When the Lord Bishop of England came to know of it, he sent a directive on 1st March, 1923 that the keeping of this tray in the museum or any other public place would work against Christianity. The tray therefore be kept in some secret Church chambers.

Thus it was kept and it is still there in the same place to this date!

The above mentioned discovery has been quoted from 'The Wonderful Stories of Islam' by Col. P.C. Implay, London (page 249) and by the Late Ahmed Husein Shah, Advocate, in his book 'The Straight Path'.

The holy Prophet Mohammad (s.a.w.) had said that the first thing to be created by God before any creation was his LIGHT (NOOR). And that LIGHT then split to create AHLUL- BAIT, the household members of the Prophet. They are known as the holy PANJ-E-TAN, the chosen and top-most five dignitaries of Islam. They are:

1. Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w.) (also called Ahmad)
2. Imam Ali (a.s.) (also called Haider) the soul of the Prophet and his son-in-law
3. Bibi Fatema (a.s.) (also called Batool) the only beloved daughter of the Prophet
4. Imam Hasan (a.s.) (also known as Shabbar) the son of Ali & Fatema
5. Imam Husain (a.s.) (also known as Shabbir) the son of Ali & Fatema

Their greatness lies not only in being the close kith and kin of the Prophet and being part and parcel of the FIRST CREATED LIGHT of the Prophet, but also in their supreme sacrifices for the cause of Islam.

God Almighty had chosen them as the top-most persons of Islam and informed all the previous Prophets in advance of their supremely high position and their sacrifices in the cause of Islam. The previous Prophets always felt awed by the names of PANJETAN. Whenever they became surrounded by any misfortunes, they prayed for God's deliverance with the help of the holy names of these five dignitaries to come.

No wonder that the silver tray inscribed with the holy names of PANJATAN - the holy five dignitaries of Islam as related above, might have originated from one of the past Prophets and used for invoking Allah's mercy and blessing.

These five personalities are those whom Allah has exclusively ordained to keep them away from all spiritual and physical impurity for ever. They are those who have been infallible and sinless from the very beginning until their divinely destination. Ali, Fatema, Hassan and Husain (a.s.) are those whom the Prophet of Islam had asserted to be the exclusive members of his House and that they are with the Qur'an and the Qur'an with them. They and the Qur'an are the supreme authority in Islam after the Prophet. Whosoever adheres to both the Qur'an and the people of the House will be saved from going astray from the straight and true path of Islam.