

SAY THAT ALLAH, MAY HE BE PRAISED, HAS BEEN REINCARNATED A NUMBER OF TIMES THROUGHOUT THE AGES IN THE FORM OF HIS CREATIONS, AS WHEN HE APPEARED IN THE FORM OF 'ALI, MAY ALLAH BE PLEASED WITH HIM AND IN THE FORM OF A NUMBER OF PROPHETS, SUCH AS PROPHETS SHITH (TN: SOUNDS "SHEETH") SAM, ISHMAEL AND AARON. EACH TIME, HE TOOK A MESSENGER TO PROCLAIM HIS WORDS. 'ALI TOOK MUHAMMAD AND MOSES TOOK AARON, AND SO ON (SIC). SO MUHAMMAD WAS LINKED TO HIM AT NIGHT AND SEPARATED FROM HIM DURING THE DAY, SINCE 'ALI CREATED MUHAMMAD; MUHAMMAD CREATED SALMAN AL-FARISI AND SALMAN AL-FARISI CREATED THE FIVE ORPHANS WHO HOLD IN THEIR HANDS THE KEYS TO THE HEAVENS AND EARTH, TO DEATH AND LIFE.

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THESE ORPHANS ARE: AL-MIQDAD, ABU-DHARR AL-GHUFARI, 'ABDALLAH BIN-RAWAHAH, 'UTHMAN BIN-MAZ'UN AND QANBAR BIN-KADAN. MAY ALLAH'S CURSE BE UPON THE ALAWITE NUSAYRIS, MAY ALLAH'S PEACE AND PRAYERS BE UPON HIS PROPHETS AND MAY ALLAH BE PLEASED WITH THE PROPHET'S NOBLE COMPANIONS.

THE ALAWITE NUSAYRIS BELIEVE IN THE TRANSMIGRATION OF SOULS, AND THIS IS A BELIEF ORIGINATED IN BUDDHISM, WHICH SAYS THAT MEN WERE PLANETS BROUGHT DOWN TO THE LOWER LIFE BY SIN. TO BE PURGED, THESE SOULS MOVE FROM BODY TO BODY SEVERAL TIMES UNTIL THEY ARE PURGED AND THEY RETURN TO HEAVEN.

THE NUSAYRIS DON'T BELIEVE IN THE HEREAFTER, IN THE JUDGMENT OR IN HEAVEN OR HELL. RATHER, THEY BELIEVE THAT HEAVEN AND HELL ARE THIS LOWER LIFE.

NUSAYRIS AGREE WITH MOST SHIITES, EVEN MODERATE SHIITES, ON CURSING (TN: CALIPHS) ABU-BAKR, 'UMAR, AND 'UTHMAN; TALHAH, SA'ID, KHALID BIN-AL-WALID AND MOST CALIPHS, ULEMA AND IMAMS OF THE ISLAMIC SCHOOLS OF JURISPRUDENCE, MAY ALLAH BE PLEASED WITH ALL OF THEM.

TO THE NUSAYRIS, ACTS OF DEVOTION DERIVE IN FORM FROM THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ISLAMIC IMAGE BUT DIFFER FROM THE ISLAMIC ACTS IN PRINCIPLE AND IN PRACTICAL APPLICATION.

THEY PRAY FIVE TIMES BUT THEY DIFFER (TN: FROM MUSLIM PRAYERS) IN THE NUMBERS OF KNEELING AND PROSTRATIONS. THEIR MOST IMPORTANT PRAYER IS THE EVENING PRAYER. THEY DO NOT RECOGNIZE FRIDAY PRAYERS, AND THEY DO NOT APPROACH MUSLIM MOSQUES. THEY HAVE THEIR OWN PURITY (TN: OR "ABLUTION") RULES. SOME OF THEM BELIEVE THAT 'ALI HAS EXEMPTED THEM FROM PRAYER BECAUSE THEY ARE LOYAL TO HIM. RATHER, THEY BELIEVE THAT HE EXEMPTED THEM FROM

ALL ACTS OF DEVOTION. AS FOR FASTING, IT IS AS IT IS WITH THE MUSLIMS. IN ADDITION, THEIR WOMEN GO INTO TOTAL SECLUSION DURING THE MONTH. MOST NUSAYRIS DO NOT OBSERVE RAMADAN.

AS FOR THE ZAKAT, IT IS ESTABLISHED IN THE PRINCIPLES OF (TN: THEIR) RELIGION, PLUS THE FIFTH THAT EXISTS AMONG SOME SHIITE SECTS. THIS ZAKAT GOES TO THEIR SHAYKHS.

ALAWITE NUSAYRIS REJECT AND PROHIBIT THE PILGRIMAGE (TN: OR "HAJJ"), AND THEY HARBOR SPECIAL HOSTILITY TO THE KA'BAH. THEY PROHIBIT VISITS TO THE PROPHET (TN: INTENDING "PROPHET'S GRAVE") BECAUSE THE (TN: GRAVES OF THE) PROPHET'S COMPANIONS ARE NEXT TO IT.

AS IN THE CASE OF THE FOUNDER OF THEIR RELIGION, ALAWITE NUSAYRIS PERMIT ALCOHOL, SODOMY AND SEX WITH SOME UNMARRIAGEABLE FEMALES.

THEY HAVE CERTAIN PRAYERS, RITES, MUMBLED INVOCATIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS THAT INCORPORATE SOME OF THEIR BELIEFS THAT WE HAVE MENTIONED BRIEFLY, AND ALL OF THEM BESPEAK OF INFIDELITY AND UNBELIEF IN ALLAH, MAY HE BE EXALTED. SOME OF THEM ARE OF RECENT ORIGINS AND SOME DATE BACK TO THE DAYS WHEN SULAYMAN AL-MURSHID WAS THEIR DEITY IN 1920, UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE FRENCH.

THIS IS A SYNOPSIS OF THE ALAWITE NUSAYRIS' BELIEFS, RITES AND ACTS OF DEVOTION AS THEY ARE IN THEIR CURRENT REALITY. WHEN WE CITE IBN-TAYMIYAH'S WORDS ABOUT THEM, WE WILL NOTICE THAT THIS CONDITION STEMS FROM THE MISGUIDED PRINCIPLES EXISTING SINCE THIS DEVIOUS GROUP CAME INTO EXISTENCE.

OPINION OF ANCIENT AND CONTEMPORARY MUSLIM ULEMA OF THE ALAWITE NUSAYRIYAH:

TEXT OF FATWA BY SHAYKH AL-ISLAM AHMAD BIN-TAYMIYAH, MAY ALLAH HAVE MERCY ON HIS SOUL, CONTAINED IN HIS BOOK, "JAMI' AL-FATAWA AL-KUBRA (TN: "THE COMPREHENSIVE BOOK OF MAJOR FATWAS"):

"SHAYKH AHMAD BIN-MUHAMMAD BIN-MAHMUD AL-SHAFI'I, MAY ALLAH HAVE MERCY ON HIS SOUL, ASKED SHAYKH AL-ISLAM AND SUNNAH SUPPORTER TAQI-AL-DIN ABU-AL-'ABBAS AHMAD IBN-TAYMIYAH ABOUT THE NUSAYRIS AND MATTERS PERTAINING TO THEM.

"COPY OF THE ASKER'S QUESTION ABOUT NUSAYRIS:

"WHAT DO THE GENTLEMEN ULEMA, THE RELIGION'S IMAMS, MAY ALLAH BE PLEASED WITH ALL OF THEM AND MAY HE HELP THEM AND MAY SHOW THE EVIDENT TRUTH AND EXTINGUISH THE DISSENSION OF THE FALSE — WHAT

DO THE ULEMA THINK OF THE NUSAYRIS WHO PERMIT ALCOHOL, WHO BELIEVE IN THE TRANSMIGRATION OF SOULS AND THE OLDNESS OF THE WORLD, WHO DENY RESURRECTION, PARADISE AND HELL IN THE HEREAFTER AND WHO BELIEVE THAT PRAYERS ARE TANTAMOUNT TO FIVE NAMES: 'ALI, HASAN, HUSAYN, MUHSIN AND FATIMAH?

"IN THEIR OPINION, THE MERE MENTION OF THESE FIVE NAMES EXEMPTS THEM FROM CLEANSING THEMSELVES OF MAJOR RITUAL IMPURITIES, FROM ABLUTIONS AND FROM THE OTHER CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF PRAYER. TO THEM, FASTING IS JUST THE (TN: MENTION OF THE) NAMES OF 30 MEN AND 30 WOMEN LISTED IN THEIR BOOKS, AND FOR WHOM THERE IS NO SPACE HERE TO MENTION.

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"IT IS THEIR OPINION THAT THEIR GOD WHO CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH IS 'ALI BIN-ABI-TALIB, MAY ALLAH BE PLEASED WITH HIM. TO THEM, 'ALI IS THE IMAM ON HEAVEN AND ON EARTH, AND IT WAS WISE THAT DIVINE NATURE APPEARED IN THIS MAN SO HE WOULD TAME HIS CREATURES AND HIS SERVANTS AND TEACH THEM HOW TO WORSHIP AND KNOW HIM. TO THEM, A MAN DOES NOT BECOME A NUSAYRI WITH WHOM THEY DRINK ALCOHOL WITH THEM AND TO WHOM THEY REVEAL THEIR SECRETS AND MARRY THEIR WOMEN UNTIL HIS TEACHER ADDRESSES HIM. THE TRUE ADDRESS TO THEM IS TO MAKE HIM SWEAR TO KEEP HIS FAITH SECRET; TO KNOW THE SHAYKHS AND THE PROMINENT PEOPLE OF THEIR CREED; NOT TO ADVISE A MUSLIM OR ANYBODY ELSE, UNLESS A MEMBER OF THEIR FAITH; TO KNOW HIS IMAM AND GOD AS HE APPEARS IN HIS VARIOUS VISIONS AND ROLES; AND TO KNOW THE TRANSFER OF (NAME AND INTENDED?) AT ALL TIMES. TO THEM, THE FIRST MAN IS ADAM, THE INTENDED SHITH; THE NAME YA'QUB (TN: JACOB), THE INTENDED JOSEPH. THEY CITE THIS VIEW WITH EVIDENCE FROM THE GREAT QUR'AN, AS THEY ALLEGE, IN THE STORY OF JACOB AND JOSEPH, PEACE BE UPON THEM. THEY SAY:

"JACOB WAS THE NAME. BUT HE COULD NOT SURPASS HIS STATUS AND HE SAID: I WILL ASK MY GOD TO FORGIVE YOU. AS FOR JOSEPH, HE WAS THE INTENDED, AND HE SAID: YOU ARE BLAMELESS NOW. JOSEPH DID NOT REFER THE MATTER TO ANOTHER POWER BECAUSE HE KNEW THAT HE WAS THE IMAM IN CHARGE. THEY MAKE JOSEPH THE NAME AND YUSHA' THE INTENDED, SAYING THAT WHEN YUSHA' COMMANDED THE SUN IT OBEYED HIM. WOULD THE SUN OBEY ANY BUT ITS GOD? THEY MAKE SULAYMAN THE NAME AND ASIF THE INTENDED, SAYING THAT SULAYMAN WAS UNABLE TO WIN THE KINGDOM OF THE QUEEN OF SHEBA WHEREAS ASIF WAS ABLE TO DO SO BECAUSE SULAYMAN WAS THE IMAGE AND ASIF WAS THE OMNIPOTENT, THE POWERFUL. ONE OF THEM HAS SAID: ABEL, SHEET, JOSEPH, YUSHA'- ASIF, SHAM'UN, AL-SAFA HAYDAR.

"THEY LIST PROPHETS AND MESSENGERS ONE BY ONE IN THIS MANNER

UNTIL THEY REACH ALLAH'S MESSENGER, MAY ALLAH'S PEACE AND PRAYERS BE UPON HIM, SAYING: MUHAMMAD IS THE NAME AND 'ALI THE INTENDED. THEY CONTINUE THE LIST IN THIS MANNER UNTIL THEY REACH OUR TIME. THE TRUE ADDRESS (TN: "MEANING") IN THEIR RELIGION IS THAT 'ALI IS THE GOD, MUHAMMAD THE (CHAMBERLAIN?) AND SALMAN THE GATE. ONE OF THEIR MOST EMINENT MEN ADDRESSED HIMSELF IN THE YEAR 700, SAYING:

"I ATTEST THAT THERE IS NO GOD BUT HAYDARAH AL-ANZA' AL-BATIN;

"THERE IS NO (CHAMBERLAIN?) FOR BUT MUHAMMAD, THE TRUE, THE HONEST;

"THERE IS NO PATH TO HIM BUT SULAYMAN, THE STRONG, THE POWERFUL.

THEY SAY THAT MATTERS HAVE FOLLOWED IN THIS ORDER, AND CONTINUE TO DO SO. THERE ARE ALSO THE FIVE ORPHANS AND THE 12 GUARDIANS (TN: "RUQABA'" IN ARABIC), AND THEIR NAMES ARE FAMOUS AMONG THE NUSAYRIS AND KNOWN IN THEIR WICKED BOOKS. THEY CONTINUE TO APPEAR WITH THE GOD, THE (CHAMBERLAIN?) AND THE GATE EVERYWHERE AND AT ALL TIMES. THEY SAY THAT THE CHIEF SATAN IS 'UMAR IBN-AL-KHATTAB, FOLLOWED IN RANK BY ABU-BAKR, THEN BY 'UTHMAN, MAY ALLAH BE PLEASED WITH ALL OF THEM AND MAY HE HONOR THEM AND RAISE THEM ABOVE THE WORDS OF THE UNBELIEVERS AND ABOVE THE HERESIES OF THE MISGUIDED AND THE CORRUPT.

"THEY CONTINUE TO EXIST, AS ALREADY MENTIONED. THIS ACCURSED SECT HAS GAINED CONTROL OF A LARGE PART OF THE GREATER SYRIA. THEY ARE WELL-KNOWN AND FAMOUS, AND THEY SHOW THEIR CREED. WISE MUSLIMS, ULEMA AND COMMON PEOPLE WHO HAVE MINGLED WITH THEM AND WHO HAVE COME TO KNOW THEM IN THIS AGE HAVE CHECKED INTO THEIR CONDITIONS BECAUSE THESE CONDITIONS WERE SECRET WHEN THE FAILED FRENCH CONTROLLED THE COASTAL AREAS. BUT WHEN MUSLIMS TOOK OVER, THEIR CONDITIONS WERE REVEALED AND THEIR MISGUIDANCE EXPOSED.

"IS A MUSLIM ALLOWED TO MARRY FROM THEM OR MARRY TO THEM? THIS BEING THE CASE, IS IT PERMISSIBLE TO EAT ANIMALS THEY SLAUGHTER OR NOT? WHAT IS THE RULE ON CHEESES PRODUCED FROM ANIMALS THEY SLAUGHTER(???)? WHAT IS THE RULE ON THEIR POTS AND PANS AND CLOTHING? IS IT PERMISSIBLE TO BURY THE NUSAYRIS AMONG MUSLIMS OR NOT? IS IT PERMISSIBLE TO DEPLOY THEM IN MUSLIM OUTPOSTS AND TO PUT THEM IN CONTROL OF SUCH OUTPOSTS? OR SHOULD THE RULER EXCLUDE THEM AND USE OTHER CAPABLE MUSLIMS? IF HE DOES USE THEM AND PUT THEM IN CONTROL, AND DOES NOT EXCLUDE THEM, IS HE ALLOWED TO SPEND FROM THE TREASURY ON THEM? IS IT PERMISSIBLE TO SHED THE BLOOD OF NUSAYRIS AND TO TAKE AWAY THEIR PROPERTY? IF THE RULER, MAY ALLAH AID HIM, FIGHTS THEM, EXTINGUISHING THEIR

FALSEHOOD, KEEPING THEM AWAY FROM MUSLIM OUTPOSTS, WARNING MUSLIMS AGAINST MARRYING THEM AND EATING ANIMALS THEY SLAUGHTER, REQUIRING THEM TO FAST AND PRAY, AND PREVENTING THEM FROM DECLARING THEIR FALSE RELIGION, CONSIDERING THAT THEY ARE THE UNBELIEVERS WHO ARE CLOSEST TO HIM - IF THE RULER DOES ALL THIS, IS IT BETTER AND DOES IT GAIN HIM A GREATER REWARD THAN FIGHTING THE TATARS IN THEIR OWN LANDS AND THAN DESTROYING THE COUNTRIES OF THE (SIS???) AND OF THE FOREIGNERS ON THEIR HEADS?

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"IS THIS BETTER OR IS IT BETTER THAT THE RULER FIGHT THE SAID NUSAYRIS AS A MURABIT (TN: A FIGHTER GARRISONED IN HIS FRONTIER POST)? FOR WHOM IS THE REWARD GREATER: FOR THOSE WHO ARE DEPLOYED IN THE COASTAL OUTPOSTS TO FIGHT THE FOREIGNER'S INTENTIONS OR THOSE WHO FIGHT THE NUSAYRIS? IS IT THE DUTY OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME TO KNOW THE NUSAYRIS AND THEIR DOCTRINES TO EXPOSE THEM, TO HELP NULLIFY THEM AND TO SPREAD ISLAM AMONG THEM, PERHAPS ALLAH WILL GUIDE SOME OF THEM TO ISLAM AND WILL GIVE RISE TO A PROGENY OF MUSLIMS AMONG THEM AFTER THEY ABANDON THEIR GREAT INFIDELITY? OR IS IT PERMISSIBLE TO DISREGARD AND NEGLECT THEM? WHAT IS THE REWARD OF THE MUJAHID WHO PERSEVERES IN EXPOSING AND FIGHTING THEM? PLEASE PROVIDE A SIMPLE ANSWER, AND MAY ALLAH REWARD YOU FOR YOUR EFFORT, AND OF ALL THINGS HE IS CAPABLE. ALLAH SUFFICES US, AND HE IS THE BEST GUARDIAN."

TEXT OF SHAYKH AL-ISLAM'S ANSWER:

1. NUSAYRIS ARE WORSE UNBELIEVERS THAN THE POLYTHEIST JEWS AND CHRISTIANS

SHAYKH AL-ISLAM TAQI-AL-DIN ABU-AL-'ABBAS AHMAD BIN-TAYMIYAH RESPONDED, SAYING:

"PRAISE BE TO ALLAH, LORD OF ALL THE WORLDS. THESE PEOPLE WHO ARE CALLED NUSAYRIS ARE, ALONG WITH THE OTHER VARIETIES OF THE BATINI QARAMITAH (TN: ANOTHER EXTREMIST SHIITE SECT THAT HIDES ITS BELIEFS), ARE WORSE UNBELIEVERS THAN JEWS AND CHRISTIANS AND MUCH WORSE UNBELIEVERS THAN POLYTHEISTS. THEIR HARM TO MUHAMMAD'S UMMAH (TN: NATION), MAY ALLAH'S PEACE AND PRAYERS BE UPON MUHAMMAD, IS WORSE THAN THE HARM OF COMBATANT UNBELIEVERS, SUCH AS TATARS, EUROPEANS AND OTHERS. AMONG IGNORANT MUSLIMS, THE NUSAYRIS PRETEND TO BE SHIITES AND SUPPORTERS OF THE PROPHET'S KINSMEN.

"IN FACT, THEY DO NOT BELIEVE IN ALLAH, HIS MESSENGER OR HIS BOOK. NEITHER DO THEY BELIEVE IN COMMANDMENT, PROHIBITION,

REWARD, PUNISHMENT, PARADISE OR HELL, OR IN ANY MESSENGER BEFORE MUHAMMAD, MAY ALLAH'S PEACE AND PRAYERS BE UPON HIM. THEY BELIEVE IN NO PAST CREED OR RELIGION. RATHER, THEY TAKE ALLAH'S WORDS, WHICH ARE KNOWN TO MUSLIM ULEMA, AND THEY INTERPRET THEM FALSELY, ALLEGING THAT THEIR INTERPRETATIONS ARE PART OF THE HIDDEN KNOWLEDGE (MENTIONED BY THE ASKER?)."

2. NUSAYRIS ARE ATHEISTS WHO HAVE NO RELIGION

"THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THEIR ATHEIST USE OF ALLAH'S NAMES AND VERSES, MAY ALLAH BE EXALTED, OR TO THEIR DISTORTION OF ALLAH'S AND HIS MESSENGER'S WORDS. THEIR INTENT IS TO REFUTE FAITH AND ISLAM'S LAWS IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE WHILE PRETENDING THAT WHAT THEY SAY IS FACTS THEY KNOW - FACTS OF THE TYPE THAT THE ASKER HAS MENTIONED. THESE FACTS INCLUDE THEIR WORDS THAT THE FIVE PRAYERS CONSIST OF KNOWING THEIR SECRETS, THAT THE REQUIRED FASTING IS TO KEEP THEIR SECRETS, THAT PILGRIMAGE TO THE ANCIENT HOUSE (TN: MECCA) CONSISTS OF THEIR VISIT TO THEIR SHAYKH, THAT ABU-LAHAB'S HANDS ARE ABU-BAKR AND 'UMAR AND THAT THE GREAT EDIFICE AND THE MIGHTY IMAM IS 'ALI IBN-ABI-TALIB."

3. NUSAYRIS, ISLAM'S ENEMIES, ARE ATHEIST UNBELIEVERS:

"THERE ARE WELL-KNOWN EVENTS AND RECORDED BOOKS ON THE NUSAYRIS' HOSTILITY TO ISLAM. WHENEVER THEY COULD, THEY HAVE SHED MUSLIMS' BLOOD. THEY KILLED HAJJ (TN: OR PILGRIMAGE) LEADERS AND DUMPED THEM IN ZAMZAM WELL. THEY ALSO ONCE TOOK AWAY THE BLACK STONE AND KEPT IT FOR A TIME. THEY HAVE KILLED COUNTLESS MUSLIM ULEMA, SHAYKHS, AMIRS AND TROOPS. THEY HAVE WRITTEN NUMEROUS BOOKS OF THE TYPE THE ASKER HAS MENTIONED, AND OTHERS. MUSLIM ULEMA HAVE WRITTEN BOOKS REVEALING THEIR SECRETS AND TEARING AWAY THEIR VEILS. THESE ULEMA HAVE EXPLAINED THEIR UNBELIEF, FREETHINKING AND ATHEISM. THEY ARE WORSE UNBELIEVERS THAN THE JEWS AND CHRISTIANS AND THAN INDIA'S BRAHMANS WHO WORSHIP IDOLS. WHAT THE ASKER HAS SAID IN DESCRIBING THEM IS BUT A LITTLE OUT OF A LOT THAT ULEMA KNOW ABOUT THEIR CHARACTER.

4. NUSAYRIS ARE THE REASON WHY CHRISTIANS AND TATARS OCCUPIED THE GREATER SYRIA.

"IT IS WELL KNOWN TO US THAT CHRISTIANS GAINED CONTROL OF THE COASTS OF GREATER SYRIA FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE NUSAYRIS, WHO HAVE ALWAYS SUPPORTED ISLAM'S ENEMIES. THEY SUPPORT CHRISTIANS AGAINST MUSLIMS. ONE OF THEIR BIGGEST CATASTROPHES WAS THE MUSLIMS' TRIUMPH OVER THE TATARS. THEIR GREATEST FEAST WOULD COME, ALLAH FORBID, IF CHRISTIANS CONQUER MUSLIM FRONTIERS WHILE STILL IN MUSLIM HANDS. THE MUSLIMS CONQUERED EVEN CYPRUS, MAY

ALLAH FACILITATE ITS IMMINENT RE-CONQUEST, DURING THE CALIPHATE OF AMIR AL-MU'MININ 'UTHMAN BIN-'AFFAN. MU'AWIYAH IBN-ABI-SUFYAN CONQUERED IT IN THE FOURTH YEAR" (TN: OF 'UTHMAN'S CALIPHATE?).

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5. NUSAYRIS ARE THE REASON JERUSALEM FELL TO THE CRUSADERS AND THE REASON WHY THE ABBASIDE CALIPHATE COLLAPSED.

"THESE NUSAYRIS, WHO DEFY ALLAH AND HIS MESSENGER, GREW IN NUMBERS IN THE COASTAL AREAS AND IN OTHER PLACES. SO THE CHRISTIANS SEIZED THE COASTLINE. THEN BECAUSE OF THE NUSAYRIS, THE CHRISTIANS SEIZED THE NOBLE JERUSALEM AND OTHER PLACES. THE NUSAYRIS' POSITION WAS ONE OF THE MAIN CAUSES OF THAT CONQUEST. THEN WHEN ALLAH ESTABLISHED THE MUSLIM KINGS WHO WERE ENGAGED IN THE JIHAD FOR HIS CAUSE, SUCH AS THE MARTYRED NUR-AL-DIN, SALADIN AND OTHERS, THOSE KINGS LIBERATED THE COASTLINE FROM THE CHRISTIANS OCCUPYING IT AND LIBERATED EGYPT, AND THEY REMAINED IN POWER FOR NEARLY 200 YEARS. THE NUSAYRIS COLLUDED WITH THE CHRISTIANS. THE MUSLIMS FOUGHT THEM UNTIL THEY CONQUERED THESE COUNTRIES. THE CALL TO ISLAM SPREAD IN EGYPT AND SYRIA AS OF THAT DATE. MOREOVER, THE TATARS WOULD NOT HAVE ENTERED BAGHDAD AND KILLED THE CALIPH AND OTHER MUSLIM KINGS IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THE NUSAYRIS' ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT. NUSAYR AL-((TUSI)) WAS THE NUSAYRIS' AUTHORITY AND THEIR MINISTER, AND HE IS THE ONE WHO ORDERED THAT THE CALIPH BE KILLED AND THAT ALLEGIANCE BE GIVEN TO THE TATARS.

6. NUSAYRIS HAVE OTHER NAMES AND TITLES THAT ARE KNOWN TO MUSLIMS.

"AT TIMES, THEY ARE CALLED THE ATHEISTS, SOMETIMES THE QARAMITAH AND AT OTHER TIMES THE BATINIYAH, THE ISMA'ILIJAH, THE NUSAYRIYAH, THE KHIRBAWIYAH AND AL-MUHAMMARAH. SOME OF THESE NAMES ARE GENERAL AND SOME APPLY TO CERTAIN FACTIONS AMONG THEM, THE SAME AS WITH ISLAM AND BELIEF. SOME OF THESE NAMES APPLY TO ALL OF THEM AND SOME TO SOME OF THEM, (AS IN ISLAM AND IN FAITH?). SOME OF THEM HAVE THEIR OWN SPECIAL NAMES, ATTRIBUTED TO CREED, TOWN OR SOMETHING ELSE. IT WOULD TAKE LONG TO EXPLAIN THEIR OBJECTIVES.

7. OUTWARDLY, THEIR CREED IS REJECTION AND INWARDLY IT IS PURE UNBELIEF

"ACCORDING TO WHAT ULEMA HAVE SAID ABOUT THEM, THE NUSAYRIS' OUTWARD CREED IS REJECTION AND THEIR INWARD CREED IS PURE UNBELIEF. THE TRUTH IS THAT THEY DO NOT BELIEVE IN ANY OF THE

SENT PROPHETS: NOT IN NOAH, IBRAHIM, MOSES, JESUS OR MUHAMMAD, MAY ALLAH'S PRAYERS BE UPON ALL OF THEM. THEY BELIEVE IN NONE OF THE REVEALED BOOKS: NOT THE TORAH, THE BIBLE OR THE QUR'AN. THEY DO NOT ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE UNIVERSE HAS A CREATOR WHO CREATED IT OR THAT THERE IS A HOME OTHER THAN THIS HOME WHERE PEOPLE ARE REWARDED FOR THEIR DEEDS. AT TIMES, THEY BASE THEIR WORDS ON THE CREEDS OF ARBITRARY OR GODLY PHILOSOPHERS AND AT TIMES ON THE WORDS OF PHILOSOPHERS AND OF ZOROASTRANS WHO WORSHIP LIGHT (TN: SIC, POSSIBLY INTENDING "FIRE"). TO THIS THEY ADD REJECTION, SUPPORTING THEIR ARGUMENT WITH FALSE STATEMENTS THAT THEY CITE. THEY CITE THE PROPHET, MAY ALLAH'S PEACE AND PRAYERS BE UPON HIM, AS HAVING SAID, "THE FIRST THING ALLAH CREATED WAS REASON." THE TRUE HADITH IS, BY THE CONSENSUS OF ULEMA, "WHEN ALLAH FIRST CREATED REASON, HE ASKED IT TO COME, AND IT CAME AND HE ASKED IT GO, AND IT WENT." THE NUSAYRIS DISTORT THE HADITH AND SAY, "THE FIRST THING ALLAH CREATED WAS REASON" TO AGREE WITH THE IDEA OF THE PHILOSOPHERS WHO FOLLOW ARISTOTLE, WHO SAID THAT THE FIRST INEVITABLE EMANATION FROM THE DUTY OF EXISTENCE IS REASON. AS FOR THE PROPHET'S CONFIRMED WORDS, THEY DISTORT THEM THE WAY THE AUTHORS OF "IKHWAN AL-SAFA MESSAGES" AND OTHERS LIKE THEM HAVE DISTORTED THEM. THESE PEOPLE ARE AMONG THE IMAMS OF THE NUSAYRIS, A LOT OF THEIR FALSEHOOD HAS ENCROACHED UPON AND SPREAD AMONG MANY MUSLIMS. THIS FALSEHOOD HAS SPREAD TO THE EXTENT THAT IT HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE BOOKS OF PEOPLE ASSOCIATED WITH LEARNING AND RELIGION, ALTHOUGH THESE PEOPLE DO NOT AGREE WITH THE ULTIMATE PRINCIPLES OF THE NUSAYRI CALL. THIS CALL IS AT NUMEROUS LEVEL, AND THE ULTIMATE LEVEL IS CALLED THE 'BIGGEST MESSAGE AND THE GREATEST LAW.'

8. THEY HAVE RIDICULED ALLAH AND HIS 99 NAMES.

"THE PURPOSE OF THE 'BIGGEST MESSAGE' IS TO DENY THE CREATOR, MAY HE BE EXALTED, AND TO RIDICULE HIM AND THOSE WHOM HE HOLDS CLOSE TO SUCH A DEGREE THAT ONE NUSAYRI WROTE ALLAH'S NAMES ON THE SOLE OF HIS FOOT. THE 'BIGGEST MESSAGE' ALSO DENIES ALLAH'S LAWS AND RELIGION AND THE PROPHETS' REVELATIONS. NUSAYRIS ALLEGE THAT THE PROPHETS ARE PEOPLE LIKE THEM WHO HAVE SOUGHT LEADERSHIP, WITH SOME OF THEM HAVING DONE WELL AND SOME HAVING PURSUED IT SO BADLY THAT THEY WERE KILLED.

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"THEY PUT MOSES AND MUHAMMAD WITH THE FIRST GROUP AND JESUS WITH THE SECOND GROUP. THE 'MESSAGE' ALSO RIDICULES PRAYER, ZAKAT, FASTING, AND THE HAJJ, AND PERMITS MARRIAGE TO THE UNMARRIAGEABLE AND MANY OTHER SUCH ABOMINATIONS THAT WOULD TAKE LONG TO DESCRIBE. THEY ALSO HAVE SIGNS AND GESTURES WITH WHICH THEY

IDENTIFY EACH OTHER. IF THEY LIVE IN MUSLIM COUNTRIES WHERE BELIEVERS ARE NUMEROUS, SOME MAY NOT RECOGNIZE THEM. BUT IF THEY GROW IN NUMBERS, EVERYBODY RECOGNIZES THEM.

9. IT IS NOT PERMISSIBLE TO MARRY THEM; MARRYING TO THEM IS LEGALLY NULL AND VOID; ANIMALS THEY SLAUGHTER ARE PROHIBITED; THEY MAY NOT BE BURIED IN MUSLIM CEMETERIES.

"MUSLIM ULEMA HAVE AGREED THAT IT IS NOT PERMISSIBLE TO MARRY THEM, THAT A MAN MAY NOT TAKE A MISTRESS FROM AMONG THEM OR MARRY ONE OF THEIR WOMEN. ANIMALS THEY SLAUGHTER MAY NOT BE CONSUMED. AS FOR OTHER PRODUCTS PRODUCED FROM ANIMALS THEY SLAUGHTER, ULEMA HAVE TWO WELL-KNOWN RULES ABOUT THEM: TREAT THEM THE SAME AS PRODUCTS FROM ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED BY OTHERS OR AS PRODUCTS FROM ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED BY MAZDAISTS AND FOREIGNERS WHO, IT IS SAID, DO NOT IMMOLATE THEIR SLAUGHTERED ANIMALS. AS FOR THEIR POTS AND PANS AND THEIR CLOTHES, THEY FOLLOW THE SAME KNOWN RULES THAT THE MUSLIM UMMAH (TN: NATION) APPLIES TO THOSE OF THE MAZDAISTS. THE SOUND RULE IN THIS REGARD IS THAT THEIR POTS AND PANS MAY NOT BE USED UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN WASHED; THE ANIMALS THEY SLAUGHTER ARE CARRION; THEY MAY NOT BE BURIED IN MUSLIM CEMETERIES; AND NO PRAYERS MAY BE SAID FOR THEIR DEAD. ALLAH, MAY HE BE EXALTED, PROHIBITED HIS PROPHET, MAY PEACE AND PRAYERS BE UPON HIM, FROM PRAYING FOR THE HYPOCRITES, SUCH AS 'ABDULLAH BIN ABI AND OTHERS LIKE HIM. THE HYPOCRITES PRETENDED TO PRAY, PAID THE ZAKAT AND ENGAGED IN JIHAD WITH THE MUSLIMS, AND THEY DID NOT DISPLAY ANYTHING VIOLATING ISLAM. HOWEVER, THEY HARBORED SUCH THINGS SECRETLY. ALLAH HAS SAID, "NOR DO THOU EVER PRAY FOR ANY OF THEM THAT DIES, NOR STAND AT HIS GRAVE; FOR THEY REJECTED ALLAH AND HIS MESSENGER, AND DIED IN A STATE OF PERVERSE REBELLION." (SURAH 9, VERSE 84) THIS APPLIES EVEN MORE TO THESE HERETICS AND HYPOCRITES WHO DISPLAY THEIR UNBELIEF AND ATHEISM.

10. THEY MAY NOT BE EMPLOYED IN THE MUSLIM ARMY OR IN PUBLIC OR PRIVATE JOBS, CONSIDERING THAT THEY ARE MOST EAGER TO HAND OVER MUSLIM FRONTIERS (TN: TO THE ENEMY)

"AS FOR EMPLOYING SUCH PEOPLE IN MUSLIM OUTPOSTS, FORTRESSES OR ARMIES, IT IS A MAJOR OFFENSE. IT IS TANTAMOUNT TO USING WOLVES TO TEND SHEEP. THEY ARE THE WORST CHEATERS OF MUSLIMS AND OF THEIR RULERS AND THE MOST EAGER TO CORRUPT KINGDOM AND STATE. THEY ARE WORSE THAN A (SPY?) (TN: "MUKHAMIR" IN ARABIC) AMONG THE TROOPS. THE SPY EITHER HAS A PURPOSE WITH (TN: LIKELY INTENDING "SERVES") THE TROOPS COMMANDER OR WITH THE ENEMY. THESE NUSAYRIS ARE AGAINST THE CREED, ITS PROPHET, ITS RELIGION, ITS KINGS, ITS ULEMA AND ALL ITS MEMBERS. THEY ARE THE MOST EAGER TO HAND OVER FORTRESSES TO THE ENEMY OF MUSLIMS, TO TURN

THE TROOPS AGAINST THE RULER AND TO DISOBEY HIM. THE PEOPLE IN CHARGE MAY EXCLUDE NUSAYRIS FROM WAR DEPARTMENTS, NOT ALLOWING THEM TO BE DEPLOYED IN OUTPOSTS, OR ELSEWHERE, BECAUSE THEIR HARM IN OUTPOSTS IS WORSE. THE PERSON IN CHARGE MAY USE IN THEIR PLACE ANY MEN HE NEEDS TO USE AMONG TRUSTWORTHY MUSLIMS THAT OFFER ADVICE TO MUSLIM IMAMS AND TO MUSLIMS GENERALLY FOR THE SAKE OF ALLAH AND HIS MESSENGER. IF THE RULER DOES NOT USE PEOPLE WHO DO DECEIVE HIM, EVEN IF THEY ARE MUSLIMS, THEN HOW COULD HE USE THOSE WHO DECEIVE ALL MUSLIMS? WHEN POSSIBLE, THIS DUTY MAY NOT DELAYED. RATHER, IT IS THE RULER'S DUTY TO REPLACE THEM WHENEVER HE CAN. HOWEVER, IF THEY ARE USED AND PERFORM THE REQUIRED WORK, THEN THEY MAY BE PAID THE DECLARED WAGES, OR A SIMILAR WAGE. IF THE CONTRACT IS CORRECT, THEY MUST BE PAID THE RIGHT WAGES. IF THE CONTRACT IS CORRUPT, THEN THEY MUST BE PAID THE WAGE ONE PAYS FOR SIMILAR WORK. IF THEY ARE NOT HIRED BECAUSE OF NECESSITY, THEN THEIR PAYMENT WOULD BE OF THE PERMISSIBLE TYPE. HOWEVER, THESE PEOPLE MAY NOT BE EMPLOYED, AND A CONTRACT WITH THEM IS NULL. THEY ONLY DESERVE THE VALUE OF THEIR WORK. IF THEIR WORK HAS NO VALUE, THEN THEY DESERVE NO PAYMENT.

"11. NUSAYRIS' BLOOD AND PROPERTY ARE FREE FOR MUSLIMS TO TAKE.

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"THEIR BLOOD AND THEIR MONEY ARE FREE FOR YOU. IF THEY SHOW REPENTANCE, ITS ACCEPTANCE IS DISPUTABLE AMONG MUSLIMS. THOSE MUSLIMS WHO ACCEPT THE NUSAYRIS' REPENTANCE, IF THEY ADHERE TO ISLAM, ACKNOWLEDGE IT FOR THEM. AS FOR THOSE MUSLIMS WHO DO NOT ACCEPT THEIR REPENTANCE OR THE REPENTANCE OF THEIR HEIRS, THEN THE NUSAYRIS' PROPERTY SHALL REVERT TO THE MUSLIM TREASURY. HOWEVER, WHEN THE NUSAYRIS' ARE PRESSED, THEY SHOW REPENTANCE BECAUSE THE RULE IN THEIR CREED IS DISSIMULATION AND CONCEALMENT OF THE TRUTH, AND THERE ARE THOSE WHO KNOW THIS AND THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW IT. THEREFORE, THE WAY TO DEAL WITH THIS IS TO BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT THEM.

"12. THEY MUST NOT BE LEFT TO ASSEMBLE AND MUST NOT BE ENABLED TO CARRY ARMS

"THEY MUST NOT BE LEFT TO ASSEMBLE AND THEY MUST NOT BE ENABLED TO CARRY ARMS AND TO JOIN THE FIGHTERS. THEY MUST BE REQUIRED TO OBSERVE ISLAM'S LAWS CONCERNING THE FIVE PRAYERS AND TO READ THE QUR'AN. MEN WHO TEACH ISLAM MUST BE INSERTED AMONG THE NUSAYRIS, WHO MUST BE SEPARATED FROM THEIR NUSAYRI TEACHER. WHEN ABU-BAKR AL-SIDDIQ, MAY ALLAH BE PLEASED WITH HIM, AND THE PROPHET'S OTHER COMPANIONS TRIUMPHED OVER THE APOSTATES, THE LATTER CAME TO

AL-SIDDIQ, WHO SAID TO THEM: CHOOSE EITHER RESOUNDING WAR OR DISGRACEFUL PEACE. THEY SAID: O SUCCESSOR TO ALLAH'S MESSENGER, WE KNOW WHAT RESOUNDING WAR IS. BUT WHAT IS DISGRACEFUL PEACE? HE SAID: YOU PAY THE BLOOD MONEY FOR OUR DEAD, AND WE PAY NOTHING FOR YOUR DEAD; YOU ATTEST THAT OUR DEAD ARE IN PARADISE AND YOURS IN HELL; WE SHARE WHAT PROPERTY WE HAVE TAKEN AND YOU RETURN ALL PROPERTY YOU HAVE TAKEN FROM US; SHIELDS AND WEAPONS WILL BE TAKEN FROM YOU; YOU WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM RIDING HORSES; AND YOU WILL BE ALLOWED TO FOLLOW CAMELS UNTIL THE SUCCESSOR TO ALLAH'S MESSENGER AND THE BELIEVERS DECIDE WHAT TO DO REGARDING YOUR APOSTASY. THE PROPHET'S COMPANIONS AGREED WITH AL-SIDDIQ ON ALL THIS, EXCEPT FOR BLOOD MONEY FOR KILLED MUSLIMS. 'UMAR IBN-AL-KHATTAB SAID: THESE PEOPLE WERE KILLED FOR THE CAUSE OF ALLAH, AND THEIR REWARD IS FROM ALLAH. THIS MEANS THEY ARE MARTYRS, AND NO BLOOD MONEY IS PAID FOR MARTYRS. THEY AGREED WITH 'UMAR ON THIS. WHAT THE PROPHET'S COMPANIONS AGREED IS THE CREED ADOPTED BY THE LEADERS OF THE ULEMA, AND IT IS THE CREED THAT ULEMA DISPUTE. MOST ULEMA BELIEVE THAT NO BLOOD MONEY SHOULD BE PAID FOR A PERSON KILLED BY ASSEMBLED APOSTATE COMBATANTS, AND THIS IS THE BELIEF OF (TN: IMAMS) ABU-HANIFAH AND AHMAD, ACCORDING TO ONE NARRATION, AND THE BELIEF OF (TN: IMAMS) AL-SHAFI'I AND AHMAD, ACCORDING TO THE OTHER NARRATION. WHAT THE PROPHET'S COMPANIONS DID TO THE APOSTATES AFTER THEIR RETURN TO ISLAM SHOULD BE DONE TO WHOMEVER PRETENDS TO BE MUSLIM WHILE THE CHARGE (TN: OF APOSTASY) CLEARLY APPLIES TO HIM. SUCH A PERSON SHOULD BE PROHIBITED FROM HAVING HORSES, WEAPONS AND SHIELDS THAT WARRIORS WEAR. NO JEW OR CHRISTIAN SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN WITHIN THE TROOPS AND SUCH PEOPLE ARE REQUIRED TO ADHERE TO ISLAM'S LAWS UNTIL THEIR GOOD DEEDS AND EVIL DEEDS BECOME EVIDENT. THOSE WHO LEAD THE APOSTATES IN STRAYING FROM THE PATH AND WHO SHOW REPENTANCE MUST BE SEPARATED FROM THE REST AND BANISHED TO MUSLIM LANDS WHERE THE APOSTATES HAVE NO PRESENCE. THUS, EITHER ALLAH WILL LEAD THEM TO THE STRAIGHT PATH, OR THEY WILL DIE IN THEIR HYPOCRISY WITHOUT HARMING MUSLIMS.

"13. FIGHTING THE NUSAYRIS IS A JIHAD SIMILAR TO FIGHTING THE APOSTATES; ESTABLISHING ALLAH'S RESTRICTIONS AGAINST THEM IS ONE OF THE GREATEST ACTS OF DEVOTION TO ALLAH.

"THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT FIGHTING THE NUSAYRIS AND ESTABLISHING ALLAH'S RESTRICTIONS AGAINST THEM IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST DUTIES AND THE GREATEST ACTS OF DEVOTION. IT IS BETTER THAN ENGAGING IN JIHAD AGAINST POLYTHEISTS AND FOLLOWERS OF THE BOOK WHO DO NOT FIGHT MUSLIMS. JIHAD AGAINST THE NUSAYRIS IS SIMILAR TO THE JIHAD AGAINST THE APOSTATES. AL-SIDDIQ AND THE PROPHET'S OTHER COMPANIONS LAUNCHED JIHAD AGAINST THE APOSTATES BEFORE JIHAD

AGAINST THE INFIDEL FOLLOWERS OF THE BOOK. JIHAD AGAINST NUSAYRIS IS TANTAMOUNT TO SAFEGUARDING CONQUERED MUSLIM LANDS AND JIHAD TO KEEP IN ISLAM THOSE WHO WANT TO BREAK AWAY FROM IT. JIHAD AGAINST POLYTHEIST FOLLOWERS OF THE BOOK WHO DO NOT FIGHT US IS JIHAD TO FURTHER SPREAD THE FAITH. PRESERVING CAPITAL TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER PROFIT. MOREOVER, THE HARM OF APOSTATES TO MUSLIMS IS GREATER THAN THE HARM INFLICTED BY NON-COMBATANT POLYTHEIST FOLLOWERS OF THE BOOK. RATHER, THE APOSTATES' HARM IS SIMILAR TO THE HARM INFLICTED BY POLYTHEISTS AND FOLLOWERS OF THE BOOK WHO FIGHT MUSLIMS. THE RELIGIOUS HARM APOSTATES INFLICT ON MANY IS MORE SEVERE THAN THE HARM INFLICTED BY COMBATANT POLYTHEISTS AND FOLLOWERS OF THE BOOK.

"14. EVERY MUSLIM MUST EXPOSE NUSAYRIS' SECRETS AND REPORT THEM TO THOSE ENGAGED IN JIHAD AGAINST THEM.

"A MUSLIM MUST PERFORM THIS DUTY BY INASMUCH AS HE CAN. IT IS IMPERMISSIBLE FOR ANYBODY TO CONCEAL WHAT HE KNOWS ABOUT THEM. RATHER, HE SHOULD EXPOSE AND REVEAL WHAT HE KNOWS SO MUSLIMS WILL KNOW THE TRUE NATURE OF NUSAYRIS. NOBODY IS PERMITTED TO PROHIBIT THE PERFORMANCE OF WHAT ALLAH HAS COMMANDED. THIS PERFORMANCE IS THE GREATEST FORM OF THE PROMOTION OF VIRTUE, PROHIBITION OF VICE AND JIHAD FOR THE CAUSE OF ALLAH. ALLAH, MAY HE BE EXALTED, HAS SAID TO HIS PROPHET, MAY ALLAH'S PEACE AND PRAYERS BE UPON HIM, 'O PROPHET! STRIVE HARD AGAINST THE UNBELIEVERS AND THE HYPOCRITES...' (SURAH 9, VERSE 73)

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"WHOEVER HELPS AVERT THEIR EVIL AND GUIDE THEM TO THE RIGHT PATH SHALL HAVE A REWARD THAT ONLY ALLAH, MAY HE BE EXALTED, KNOWS. THE MAIN PURPOSE IS TO LEAD THEM TO THE RIGHT PATH, AS ALLAH, MAY HE BE EXALTED, HAS SAID IN THE WORDS, 'YE ARE THE BEST OF PEOPLES, EVOLVED FOR MANKIND.' (SURAH 3, VERSE 110). ABU-HURAYRAH HAS SAID, 'YOU HAVE BEEN THE BEST OF PEOPLE FOR NATIONS, BRINGING THEM IN SHACKLES AND CHAINS TO CONVERT THEM TO ISLAM.' WHAT IS INTENDED WITH JIHAD, PROMOTION OF VIRTUE AND PROHIBITION OF VICE IS TO LEAD PEOPLE BY INASMUCH AS ONE CAN TO WHAT IS BENEFICIAL IN THIS LIFE AND IN THE HEREAFTER. HE WHOM ALLAH GUIDES WILL BE HAPPY IN THIS WORLD AND IN THE HEREAFTER. AS TO HIM WHO IS NOT RIGHTLY GUIDED, ALLAH WILL AVERT HIS HARM FROM OTHERS.

"IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT JIHAD, PROMOTION OF VIRTUE AND PROHIBITION OF VICE ARE THE BEST OF DEEDS. THE PROPHET, PEACE AND PRAYERS BE UPON HIM, SAID, 'ISLAM IS THE HEAD, PRAYER THE BACKBONE AND JIHAD THE EPITOME.' A CONFIRMED HADITH RELATES THAT THE PROPHET HAS

SHAYKH MUHAMMAD ((ABU-ZAHRAH))'S OPINION OF THE NUSAYRI ALAWITES:

IN HIS BOOK, ENTITLED "ISLAMIC CREEDS," PAGE 96, SHAYKH ABU-ZAHRAH, MAY ALLAH HAVE MERCY ON HIS SOUL, SAYS: "WHEN NUR-AL-DIN ZANKI APPEARED ON THE SCENE, FOLLOWED BY SALADIN (STD: SALAH-AL-DIN) AND THE OTHERS FROM THE AYYUBI DYNASTY, NUSAYRISM DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT. THEIR EFFORT WAS CONFINED TO PLOTTING CONSPIRACIES AND KILLING PROMINENT MUSLIMS AND GREAT MUSLIM LEADERS WHENEVER THEY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY."

"WHEN THE TATARS RAIDED SYRIA, THE NUSAYRIS SUPPORTED THEM, AS THEY HAD SUPPORTED THE CRUSADERS BEFORE THEM, AND THEY ENABLED THEM TO OPPRESS THE PEOPLE. WHEN THE TATAR RAIDS RECEDED, THE NUSAYRIS RETREATED TO THEIR MOUNTAINS TO AWAIT ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY."

BECAUSE JIHAD IN SYRIA WAS LAUNCHED ON THE HANDS OF SHAYKH MARWAN ((HADID)), MAY ALLAH HAVE MERCY ON HIS SOUL, AND BY THE MUJAHIDUN WHO HAVE FLOWN THE BANNER OF JIHAD IN SYRIA - A JIHAD WHICH THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD THEN TOOK UP AND DECLARED WORLDWIDE - THE NUSAYRI ALAWITE ISSUE WAS RAISED FOR DISCUSSION BY MUSLIM ULEMA BEFORE THE MUJAHIDUN IN SYRIA AND BY THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD AND OTHERS CONCERNED WITH THIS ISSUE. WE CAN SAY THAT THERE HAS BEEN CONSENSUS AMONG THE ULEMA OF THE AGE FROM ALL COUNTRIES AND DOMAINS AND FROM ALL RELIGIOUS AND ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS THAT THE ALAWITE NUSAYRIS OF SYRIA AND LEBANON AND THEIR FOLLOWERS ARE UNBELIEVERS AND THAT THEY MUST BE FOUGHT. PROMINENT CONTEMPORARY ULEMA AND ISLAMIC ACTION LEADERS TRANSLATED THIS CONSENSUS INTO WELL-KNOWN FATWAS BETWEEN 1980 AND 1985, AND INTO MEDIA AND MATERIAL SUPPORT FOR THE MUJAHIDUN IN SYRIA AND FOR ALL THOSE WHO AIDED THEM. PROMINENT ULEMA FROM SYRIA, THE ARABIAN PENINSULA, EGYPT, PAKISTAN, INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES LED IN THIS REGARD. THIS BEING A WELL-KNOWN FACT, IT IS NEEDLESS TO MENTION NAMES HERE. THE PREDECESSORS AND THE SUCCESSORS ARE UNANIMOUS THAT THE ALAWITE NUSAYRIS ARE INFIDELS THAT THEY MUST BE FOUGHT. ONLY THE RULERS' HYPOCRITICAL ULEMA, WHO FAWN UPON THE RULERS IN THEIR COURTS AND WHO MERIT NO CONSIDERATION, DISAGREE WITH THIS CONSENSUS.

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THIS IS ALAWITE NUSAYRISM AS A CREED, AS A HISTORY AND AS A COMMUNITY THAT HAS BETRAYED ISLAM AND THAT IS HOSTILE TO IT IDEOLOGICALLY AND HISTORICALLY.

WE HAVE IN OUR POSSESSION A COLLECTION OF DOCUMENTS ON THE

SAID, 'THERE ARE A HUNDRED LEVELS IN PARADISE. THE DISTANCE BETWEEN ONE LEVEL AND THE OTHER IS LIKE THE DISTANCE BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH, AND ALLAH HAS PREPARED THEM ALL FOR THE MUJAHIDUN FOR HIS CAUSE.' THE PROPHET, ALLAH'S PEACE AND PRAYERS BE UPON HIM, HAS FURTHER SAID, 'TO BE STATIONED WITH THE TROOPS FOR ONE DAY IS BETTER THAN FASTING AND KEEPING NIGHT VIGILS FOR A WHOLE MONTH.' (TN: LOOSE TRANSLATION OF ALL THREE HADITHS). HE WHO DIES STATIONED WITH THE TROOPS DIES A MARTYR. HE IS ENTITLED TO THE MUJAHID'S REWARD; HE IS PROVIDED FOR FROM PARADISE; AND HE IS SECURED FROM PERSECUTION. JIHAD IS BETTER THAN THE HAJJ (PILGRIMAGE), BOTH THE MINOR HAJJ AND THE MAJOR HAJJ. ALLAH, MAY HE BE EXALTED, HAS SAID, 'DO YE CONSIDER THE GIVING OF DRINK TO PILGRIMS, OR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE SACRED MOSQUE, EQUAL TO (THE PIOUS SERVICE OF) THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN ALLAH AND THE LAST DAY, AND STRIVE WITH MIGHT AND MAIN IN THE CAUSE OF ALLAH? THEY ARE NOT EQUAL IN THE SIGHT OF ALLAH, AND ALLAH GUIDES NOT THOSE WHO DO WRONG. THOSE WHO BELIEVE, AND EMIGRATE AND STRIVE WITH MIGHT AND MAIN, IN ALLAH'S CAUSE, WITH THEIR GOODS AND THEIR PERSONS, HAVE THE HIGHEST RANK IN THE SIGHT OF ALLAH. THEY ARE THE PEOPLE WHO WILL ACHIEVE (SALVATION). THEIR LORD DOETH GIVE THEM GLAD TIDINGS OF A MERCY FROM HIMSELF, OF HIS GOOD PLEASURE, AND OF GARDENS FOR THEM, WHEREIN ARE DELIGHTS THAT ENDURE. THEY WILL DWELL THEREIN FOREVER. VERILY, WITH ALLAH IS A REWARD, THE GREATEST (OF ALL).' (SURAH9, VERSES 19-22)

"PRAISE BE TO ALLAH, LORD OF ALL THE WORLDS, AND MAY ALLAH'S PEACE AND PRAYERS BE UPON THE BEST OF HIS CREATION, OUR MASTER MUHAMMAD, AND UPON ALL HIS KINSMEN AND COMPANIONS."

WE ARE FINISHED WITH THE ANSWER OF SHAYKH AL-ISLAM IBN-TAYMIYAH, MAY ALLAH HAVE MERCY ON HIS SOUL.

IMAM ABU-HAMID AL-GHAZALI'S OPINION OF THE NUSAYRIS AND OF THEIR FORMS OF AL-BATINIYAH

IN HIS BOOK, "SCANDALS OF AL-BATINIYAH," PAGE 156, IMAM AL-GHAZALI HAS SAID:

"BRIEFLY, THE BATINIYAH SHOULD BE TREATED THE SAME AS THE APOSTATES IN MATTER OF BLOOD, MARRIAGE, SLAUGHTERED ANIMALS, APPLICATION OF THE LAWS AND THE PERFORMANCE OF ACTS OF DEVOTION. AS FOR THEIR LIVES, THEY ARE NOT TREATED LIKE GENUINE INFIDELS BECAUSE AN INFIDEL IS SUBJECT TO FOUR OPTIONS: GRANT OF PARDON, RANSOM, ENSLAVEMENT OR DEATH. THERE IS NO OPTION FOR APOSTATES. THE DUTY IS TO KILL THEM AND TO PURGE THE EARTH OF THEM."

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NUSAYRIS' PRAYERS AND SUPPLICATIONS THAT EXUDE POLYTHEISM, INFIDELITY AND ATHEISM, AND WE WILL DESIST FROM REVIEWING THEM HERE. WHOEVER WISHES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS APOSTATE FACTION CAN REVIEW THEIR NEWS IN BOOKS ON RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES, CREEDS AND FACTIONS, MOST IMPORTANTLY AL-GHAZALI'S "SCANDALS OF AL-BATINIYAH," IBN-TAYMIYAH'S "MAJOR FATWAS," AL-SHAHRASTANI'S "RELIGIOUS CREEDS AND COMMUNITIES," AL-NUBAKHTI'S "SHIITE FACTIONS," SHAYKH ABU-ZAHRAH'S "ISLAMIC CREEDS," AND "HISTORICAL ROOTS OF ALAWITE NUSAYRISM," AND "THE SIMPLIFIED ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CONTEMPORARY RELIGIONS AND CREEDS."

PART THREE

SELECTIONS FROM THE MODERN HISTORY OF ALAWITE NUSAYRISM IN THE GREATER SYRIA, 1920-2000:

THE ALAWITE NUSAYRIS' HISTORY HAS ABOUNDED THROUGHOUT TIME WITH HOSTILITY TO ISLAM AND MUSLIMS. THEIR BEST-KNOWN CONSPIRACY WAS THEIR COOPERATION WITH AND SUPPORT FOR THE CRUSADERS WHEN THEY INVADED THE ARAB EAST. SALADIN, MAY ALLAH'S MERCY BE UPON HIS SOUL, FOUGHT THEM, AND THEY FLED TO THEIR RETREAT IN THE MOUNTAINS, AWAITING ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY. THEY DID THE SAME WITH THE TATARS, AIDING THEM AND ENABLING THEM TO OPPRESS THE PEOPLE. THEY BECAME INFLUENTIAL AT THAT TIME.

SHAYKH AL-ISLAM IBN-TAYMIYAH DISCUSSED THEIR ISSUE, OF WHICH HE WAS A CONTEMPORARY, IN DETAIL AND MASTERFULLY, LEAVING FOR US COMPREHENSIVE AND BENEFICIAL WORDS ABOUT THEM, WHICH WE WILL DISCUSS LATER. WHEN THE FRENCH INVADED THE GREATER SYRIA IN 1920, THEY DID NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENLIST THE ASSISTANCE OF THESE TRAITORS, ISLAM'S ENEMIES. THE FRENCH BROUGHT THE NUSAYRIS CLOSE TO THEM AND HELPED THEM. THE FRENCH COUNCILOR (TN: POSSIBLY INTENDING "COMMISSIONER") AT THE TIME HELPED A NUSAYRI NAMED SULAYMAN AL-MURSHID WITH HIS CLAIM OF DEITY AND PROVIDED HIM WITH THE MEANS NEEDED TOWARD THIS END SO AL-MURSHID COULD DECEIVE HIS COMMUNITY'S MEMBERS. AL-MURSHID TOOK FOR HIMSELF A MESSENGER NAMED SULAYMAN AL-((MAYDAH)). THIS DEITY USED TO APPEAR BEFORE HIS COMMUNITY WEARING OUTFITS FITTED WITH ELECTRIC BUTTONS TO SWITCH ON LIGHT BULBS IN THOSE OUTFITS SO HIS SUPPORTERS WOULD PROSTRATE THEMSELVES BEFORE HIM. THE FRENCH COUNCILLOR HIMSELF ADDRESSED HIM AS A DEITY.

IN HIS BOOK, ENTITLED "AL-A'LAM" (TN: MEANS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, "THE LUMINARIES"), PAGE 170, AL-((ZARKALLI)) SAYS: "SULAYMAN BIN-MURSHID ((BIN-YUNUS)), AN ALAWITE NUSAYRI FROM JAWBAT BURGHAL VILLAGE, EAST OF LATAKIA, CLAIMED DIVINITY AND CALLED HIMSELF THE DEITY. HE STARTED HIS PROCESSION IN 1920 AND WAS THEN BANISHED

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"HE RETURNED FROM HIS EXILE AND LED THE FOLLOWERS OF HIS NUSAYRI CREED, A BATINI FACTION THAT DEIFIES 'ALI AND BELIEVES IN INCARNATION. SYRIA WAS IN REVOLT AGAINST THE FRENCH WHEN HE RETURNED FROM HIS EXILE. THAT REBELLION CULMINATED WITH THE FORMATION OF A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT ENJOYING A DEGREE OF DOMESTIC AUTONOMY. THE FRENCH WON SULAYMAN OVER, USED HIM AND ESTABLISHED A SPECIAL REGIME FOR THE NUSAYRI TERRITORIES. HE GAINED STRENGTH AND TOOK THE TITLE OF "CHAIRMAN OF THE GHASSANI, HAYDARI ALAWITE PEOPLE'S COUNCIL." IN 1938, HE APPOINTED JUDGES AND COMMANDOS (TN: "FIDA'IYIN" IN ARABIC) AND LEVIED TAXES ON VILLAGES THAT FOLLOWED HIM. HE ISSUED A RESOLUTION IN WHICH HE SAID, "IN VIEW OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT'S AND THE SUNNI PEOPLE'S ENCROACHMENTS AGAINST MY PEOPLE, I HAVE FORMED AN ARMY OF COMMANDOS AND COMMANDERS TO REPEL THIS AGGRESSION." HE DESIGNED SPECIAL MILITARY UNIFORMS FOR THOSE WHOM HE CALLED THE COMMANDOS. MEANWHILE, HE VISITED DAMASCUS AS THE ALAWITES' REPRESENTATIVE IN THE SYRIAN PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY. WHEN SYRIA WAS LIBERATED AND WHEN THE FRENCH EVACUATED FROM IT, THEY LEFT THEIR WEAPONS BEHIND FOR HIM, WHICH INDUCED SULAYMAN TO REBEL. THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT THEN DISPATCHED A FORCE THAT DESTROYED HIS FOLLOWERS AND ARRESTED HIM, ALONG WITH OTHERS. THE GOVERNMENT THEN HANGED HIM IN DAMASCUS IN 1946." END OF QUOTE

WHEN SULAYMAN WAS KILLED, THEY DEIFIED HIS SON MUJIB AL-((MURSHID)), WHO WAS ALSO KILLED AFTERWARD. HE ASSUMED HOLINESS AMONG THE NUSAYRIS, WHO NAMED HIM "AL-MUJIB AL-AKBAR" (TN: OR "THE GREATER RESPONDER"). HIS NAME OCCURS IN MANY OF THEIR PRAYERS FOR THEIR DIVINITY.

AMONG THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY DOCUMENTS, WE FIND IN DOCUMENT NO. 3547, DATED 16 JUNE 1936, THE FOLLOWING PLEA--AS SULAYMAN AL-MURSHID CALLED IT -- THAT THE ALAWITE PEOPLE'S LEADERS SUBMITTED TO THE FRENCH MANDATE GOVERNMENT REQUESTING AN END TO THE MANDATE:

"HIS EXCELLENCY (LEON BLOOM?), THE FRENCH PREMIER,

"THE ALAWITE PEOPLE, WHO HAVE GUARDED THEIR INDEPENDENCE YEAR AFTER YEAR VERY JEALOUSLY AND WITH MANY SACRIFICES IN LIVES, ARE DIFFERENT IN THEIR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS, CUSTOMS AND HISTORY FROM THE MUSLIM (SUNNI) PEOPLE, AND THE ALAWITE PEOPLE HAVE NEVER SUBMITTED TO AN AUTHORITY FROM INSIDE (TN: THE COUNTRY).

"WE CAN SEE TODAY HOW THE CITIZENS OF DAMASCUS PREVENT JEWS LIVING AMONG THEM FROM SENDING FOODSTUFF (TN: AID) TO THEIR UNFORTUNATE JEWISH BRETHREN IN PALESTINE!! THESE GOOD JEWS HAVE BROUGHT CIVILIZATION AND PEACE TO ARAB MUSLIMS AND HAVE SPREAD GOLD AND PROSPERITY IN PALESTINE! THEY HAVE NOT HARMED ANYBODY AND THEY HAVE NOT TAKEN ANYTHING BY FORCE. YET, MUSLIMS HAVE DECLARED HOLY WAR AGAINST THEM DESPITE THE PRESENCE OF BRITAIN IN PALESTINE AND OF FRANCE IN SYRIA. WE APPRECIATE THE NOBLE CHARACTER OF THE PEOPLE WHO SADDLE YOU WITH DEFENDING THE SYRIAN PEOPLE AND THEIR WISH TO ATTAIN THEIR INDEPENDENCE. HOWEVER, SYRIA IS STILL FAR FROM THIS NOBLE GOAL AND IT IS SUBJECT TO THE MUSLIMS' SPIRIT OF RELIGIOUS FEUDALISM. WE, THE ALAWITE PEOPLE, REPRESENTED BY THE SIGNATORIES OF THIS MEMORANDUM, APPEAL TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO GUARANTEE OUR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE. WE PLACE OUR FATE AND FUTURE IN ITS HANDS, CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL FIND IN IT A STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE LOYAL ALAWITE PEOPLE WHO HAVE RENDERED GREAT SERVICES TO FRANCE.

"SIGNED: SULAYMAN ((ASAD)) (THE GRANDFATHER OF CURRENT SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFIZ AL-ASAD); MUHAMMAD SULAYMAN AL-((AHMAD)); MAHMUD AGHA ((HADID)); 'AZIZ AGHA ((HAWWASH)); SULAYMAN ((MURSHID)); MUHAMMAD BAYK ((JUNAYD))."

WE WONDER: HOW MANY PLEAS THAT WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED WERE WRITTEN WITH LACKEY NUSAYRI HANDS TO PLOT AGAINST MUSLIMS WITH THE CRUSADERS, THEN WITH THE TATARS AND THEN WITH ALL OF ISLAM'S ENEMIES UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF THE FRENCH OCCUPATION? THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS PRESERVED FOR US THIS DOCUMENT THAT SYMPATHIZES WITH THE JEWS AND CALLS FOR THE CONTINUED FRENCH OCCUPATION OF SYRIA. TIME WENT BY AND THE BA'TH PARTY TOOK OVER THE BANNER OF LACKEYHOOD IN SYRIA. WITH FOREIGN PLANNING AND NUSAYRI EXECUTION, APPLICATIONS TO JOIN FLOODED THIS PARTY, ONE OF WHOSE FOUNDERS WAS ZAKI AL-((ARSUZI)). NUSAYRI YOUTH RUSHED TO VOLUNTEER INTO THE ARMY AND THE ARMED FORCES SO THE PARTY AND THE ARMY WOULD BECOME THE NEW VEHICLE FOR THE NUSAYRIS TO PLOT AGAINST ISLAM AND MUSLIMS. THIS TIME, THE GOAL WAS BIG: TAKE OVER POWER IN SYRIA AND ASSUME THE TASK OF IMPLEMENTING SCHEMES OF THE ZIONISTS, TO WHOM HAFIZ AL-ASAD'S GRANDFATHER WAS SYMPATHETIC. THE GRANDSON ASSUMED THAT TASK TO HEAD HIS PEOPLE AND ALL THE SYRIAN PEOPLE, AND WE HAVE SEEN WHAT HAS HAPPENED.

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WHAT WAS THEIR SCHEME TO STEAL TO POWER AND TO SEIZE SYRIA AND THEN LEBANON, AND THEN TO SHARE INFLUENCE OVER THE REST WITH THE JEWS AND CRUSADERS?

THE SCHEME DEVISED BY THE ALAWITE NUSAYRIS TO INVADE THE SYRIAN ARMY AND TO CONTROL IT FROM WITHIN BY VOLUNTEERING EN MASSE WAS NOT DRAFTED BY THEIR SHAYKHS AND SAGES. RATHER, IT WAS DRAFTED FOR THEM BY THE FRENCH, BASED ON THEIR PREVIOUS COLONIALIST EXPERIENCE AND ON THE PLAN THEY HAD DRAFTED FOR LEBANON'S MARONITES. THE PLAN WAS BASED ON THE COOPERATION OF THIS SMALL GROUP WITH THE CHRISTIAN FRENCH OCCUPATION, AS IT HAD PREVIOUSLY COOPERATED WITH THE CRUSADES IN THE 11TH CENTURY.

- THE ALAWITE NUSAYRIS EXPLOITED THE SHORT PERIOD OF PARTY FREEDOM (TN: PLURALISM) THAT FOLLOWED SYRIA'S SECESSION FROM UNITY WITH (TN: EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT JAMAL) 'ABD-AL-NASIR TO USE THE SUNNI BLOCS VYING FOR VOTES.

- THEY FOLLOWED THIS BY INFILTRATING THE SOCIALIST ARAB BA'TH PARTY, WHICH WAS FOUNDED BY THE CHRISTIAN SLY DOG MICHEL (('AFLAQ)) WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ZAKI AL-ARSUZI, A WELL-KNOWN NUSAYRI INTELLECTUAL. THE BA'TH PARTY WAS FOUNDED ORIGINALLY ON MINORITIES, ESPECIALLY CHRISTIANS, ISMA'ILIS, DRUZE, NUSAYRI ALAWITES AND SOME AIMLESS APOSTATE SECULARISTS ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWERS OF THE SUNNAH.

THE PARTY EXPLOITED THE WRATH OF SOME RURAL CITIZENS AT THE DEPRIVATION THEY SUFFERED ON THE HANDS OF INFLUENTIAL POLITICIANS FROM AMONG INTELLECTUAL URBAN CITIZENRY AND FEUDALISTS BELONGING TO THE SUNNI SECT. FROM ITS ONSET IN 1947 AND UNTIL THE MID-1950'S, BY 1957, THE PARTY WAS FLOODED BY APPLICATIONS FROM NUSAYRIS TO JOIN IT. THEY FOLLOWED THIS WITH THE PREMEDITATED PLAN TO INVADE THE ARMY BY VOLUNTEERING EN MASSE, AS WE HAVE ALREADY NOTED.

- THE PARTY TOOK OVER POWER IN THE COUNTRY IN A COUP ON 8 MARCH 1963.

- ON 23 FEBRUARY 1966, A COUP WAS STAGED WITHIN THE PARTY. CONSEQUENTLY, THE PARTY SPLIT INTO A RIGHTIST FACTION THAT FLED TO IRAQ WITH PARTY FOUNDER MICHEL 'AFLAQ AND THEN SYRIAN PRESIDENT AMIN AL-((HAFIZ)) AND THEIR FOLLOWERS; AND A LEFTIST FACTION THAT STAYED IN SYRIA UNDER NUSAYRI CONTROL. NUR-AL-DIN AL-((ATASI)), THE GHOST OF AN OLD SUNNI MAN, WAS INSTALLED PRESIDENT SO THE PARTY NUSAYRIS AND THE ARMY WOULD RULE FROM BEHIND THE SCENES UNDER THE COMMAND OF SALAH ((JADID)), THE ALAWITE NUSAYRI STRONGMAN. THE CUNNING HAFIZ AL-ASAD ASSUMED THE POST OF DEFENSE MINISTER.

- THIS IS HOW THE THE REAL THEATRICAL ACTS STARTED. HAFIZ AL-ASAD WAS A FANATIC NUSAYRI WHO HARBORED THE SYRIAN SOCIALIST

PARTY'S IDEAS. THERE ARE NUMEROUS TALES ABOUT HOW HE HAD BEEN PREPARED FOR THE ROLE THAT HE PLAYED THROUGH A SIX-MONTH MILITARY MISSION ON WHICH HE WAS SENT TO LONDON, WHERE ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE WITH JEWS, AND BY WORLD CRUSADERS, FOR HIS AND HIS SECT'S FUTURE ROLE. THE FIRST ACT IN THIS ROLE STARTED IN THE 5 MAY 1967 BATTLE (TN: SIC, PRESUMABLY MEANING 5 JUNE 1967 WAR).

- AT THE TIME, DEFENSE MINISTER HAFIZ AL-ASAD SUPERVISED THE HANDING OVER OF AL-MASHRIQ MILITARY FORTRESS AND ITS STRONG DEFENSE LINES, THE TOWN OF AL-QUNAYTIRAH AND THE GOLAN HEIGHTS TO THE ISRAELI ARMY WITHOUT FIGHTING. THE STORY ANNOUNCING THE FALL OF AL-QUNAYTIRAH, CONTAINED IN DEFENSE MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE NO. 66 AND THE ORDER GIVEN TO THE SYRIAN ARMY TO WITHDRAW FROM THE BATTLE LINES 17 HOURS BEFORE THE ISRAELI ARMY ENTERED THE TOWN ON 11 JUNE 1967, HAS BECOME A WELL-KNOWN STORY. NUMEROUS WESTERN POLITICIANS HAVE MENTIONED THIS STORY IN THEIR MEMOIRS AND NUMEROUS SYRIAN, EGYPTIAN AND JORDANIAN ARMY OFFICERS WHO EXPERIENCED THAT PHASE HAVE RECOUNTED IT IN DETAIL.

AN EXAMPLE IS WHAT SA'D ((JUM'AH)), THE THEN PRIME MINISTER OF JORDAN, MENTIONED IN HIS BOOK, "THE MAJOR CONSPIRACY AND THE FATEFUL BATTLE," IN WHICH HE SAYS:

"AT NOON ON 5 JUNE, THE AMBASSADOR OF A MAJOR POWER IN DAMASCUS TELEPHONED A HIGH-RANKING SYRIAN OFFICIAL AND INVITED HIM TO HIS HOME FOR AN URGENT MATTER! THE MEETING TOOK PLACE IMMEDIATELY, AND THE AMBASSADOR CONVEYED TO THE SYRIAN OFFICIAL THE TEXT OF AN URGENT CABLE FROM HIS GOVERNMENT, ASSERTING THAT THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE HAD TOTALLY DESTROYED THE EGYPTIAN AIR FORCE; THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI BATTLE HAD BECOME EVIDENT; THAT ISRAEL DID NOT INTEND TO ATTACK THE SYRIAN REGIME AND THAT IT WAS ULTIMATELY A 'SOCIALIST' COUNTRY THAT EMPATHIZED WITH THE BA'THIST SOCIALIST EXPERIENCE (ESPECIALLY THE ALAWITE BA'THIST EXPERIENCE). THEREFORE, IT WAS IN SYRIA'S INTEREST, AND IN THE INTEREST OF THE PARTY OF THE REVOLUTION'S GAINS FOR SYRIA TO CONTENT ITSELF WITH SOME SMALL SKIRMISHES SO AS TO ENSURE ITS SAFETY. THE SYRIAN OFFICIAL WENT TO PRESENT WHAT HE HAD JUST HEARD TO THE COMRADES IN THE REGIONAL AND NATIONAL COMMANDS. IN NO TIME, A SYRIAN ENVOY WENT BACK TO TELL THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE PARTY, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMANDS RESPONDED TO THE CONTENT OF THE URGENT CABLE, AND THEY DID."

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THERE IS ABUNDANT EVIDENCE IN CONTEMPORARY BOOKS AND IN THE MEMOIRS OF LEADERS, AS WE HAVE ALREADY SAID.

- THE NUSAYRIS DID THEIR PART ON THE HANDS OF THEIR LEADER, THE DEFENSE MINISTER. SOME REFERENCES SAY THAT HE CONCLUDED A DEAL THAT PROVIDED IN PART FOR HIM TO COLLECT 300 MILLION DOLLARS, AS WELL AS A PLEDGE FROM THE JEWS AND THE CHRISTIAN COUNTRIES TO MAKE HIM PRESIDENT AND TO ENABLE THE ALAWITE NUSAYRIS TO RULE SYRIA.

- WITH UTTER IMPUDENCE, IBRAHIM ((MAKHUS)), SYRIA'S BA'THIST FOREIGN MINISTER AND A MEMBER OF THE DRUZE SECT, DECLARED IN A SPEECH: "IT IS NOT IMPORTANT IF THE ENEMY OCCUPIES DAMASCUS, OR EVEN HIMS OR ALEPPO BECAUSE ALL THESE ARE TERRITORIES THAT CAN BE REGAINED AND BUILDINGS THAT CAN BE RESTORED. BUT IF THE BA'TH PARTY, WHICH IS THE NATION'S HOPE, IS DESTROYED THEN HOW COULD IT BE REPLACED?! DON'T FORGET THAT THE MAIN TARGET OF THE ISRAELI ATTACK IS TO TOPPLE SYRIA'S PROGRESSIVE REGIME. WHOEVER DEMANDS THAT THE BA'TH PARTY BE REPLACED IS AN AGENT OF ISRAEL'S."

- THROUGHOUT THREE YEARS, ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR THE THEATRICAL ACTS TO DECLARE THE OCTOBER 1970 CORRECTION MOVEMENT, WHICH TOOK AL-ASAD TO THE PRESIDENCY THROUGH A WHITE COUP. THUS, THE THEATRICAL REACHED ITS FINAL ACT. IF A RESEARCHER WISHES TO INVESTIGATE THE HISTORY OF SYRIA, LEBANON AND THE GREATER SYRIA WITH THE ALAWITE MARCH FROM OCTOBER 1970 TO JUNE 2000, HE WOULD NEED NUMEROUS DARK VOLUMES WITH WHICH TO BLACKEN THE FACE OF THIS REGION'S HISTORY (SIC). HOWEVER, WE WILL CONTENT OURSELVES WITH PAUSING BEFORE THE FOLLOWING STATIONS OF THE BITTER HARVEST OF THE PAST 30 YEARS:

1. THE CAMPAIGN TO OUST AND LIQUIDATE ALL THE POLITICAL, PARTY AND MILITARY LEADERSHIPS PROVEN TO BELONG TO THE SUNNI SECT. AS FOR THOSE PROVEN TO BE RELIGIOUS, THEIR FATE WAS EXECUTION OR INCARCERATION, OR AT LEAST BANISHMENT.
2. THE NUSAYRI ELEMENT'S FULL CONTROL OF THE FUNDAMENTAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES, THE ARMY'S LAND, AIR AND NAVAL CORPS, THE POLICE, THE VARIOUS BRANCHES OF SECURITY, THE INTELLIGENCE AND THE BORDER GUARD.
3. (NUSAYRI) CONTROL OF TOP GOVERNMENT POSITIONS, OF CABINET PORTFOLIOS AND OF THE POSITIONS OF GOVERNOR AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS, LEAVING OTHER FORMAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE TO FOLLOWERS OF OTHER SECTS, SUCH AS ISMA'ILIS, DRUZE, CHRISTIANS AND SOME SUNNI BA'THIST APOSTATES WITH DEEPLY ROOTED SECULARIST TENDENCIES.
4. A BLACK RECORD ABOUNDING WITH CORRUPTION, GRAFT, MISMANAGEMENT AND FRAGMENTATION OF THE SYRIAN ARMY'S AND