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Introduction

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

We have all at some point in our lives experienced what it is like to have lost a friend, relative, or loved one. Think back to when you lost someone that was close to you, one that you loved immensely. Did you feel pain? Did you wear black, become restless, shed tears or beat yourself, or even lose your appetite and avoid eating and drinking? Did you hold ceremonies in their remembrance, or position a black symbol outside your house to signify that you are in mourning? Did you feed the poor and serve food to your community in memory of your loved one? Did you then follow on to mark the anniversary of their demise each year with more ceremonies?

It is understandable that you would feel wounded by this loss. The way that we react to these situations is natural. But sometimes we are asked why we perform these actions. We reply that we care about the person who passed away; they were our mother, father, a close relative, or friend. Again, we are asked why we react like this. The reason is because we feel attached to them as they sacrificed a lot of their time and comfort to help us. They may have looked after us when we were small or taught us something special. We cannot deny that our loved ones are a part of our lives. They are important to us and this is why we like to frame a photo of them in our home, carry their picture in our purse, or wear it in a locket around our neck.

So, just as we appreciate the importance of losing someone dear to us, it is quite natural to remember someone who not only helped a few people in their lifetime but who gave salvation to the whole of humanity. Listen to your heart for a moment, does it not make sense to commemorate the person who our Prophets Adam (as) to Mohammad (saws) had also cried for?

We should bear in mind that all religions prior to Islam had also given importance to commemorating the lives of their saints and prophets. This is an extensive topic,

but for now I ask you as followers of Islam, the most complete religion, aren't we expected to perform better than the followers of previous religions?

Do we not want to remember someone who had sacrificed himself so that all Godly values could reach us today? Wouldn't we like to remember someone who was so affectionate and compassionate that he never harmed his own enemy? We are talking about a person who gave his own share of water to satisfy the thirst of his enemies and even their horses.

But what did they gift in return? Not only did they prevent a single drop of water from quenching the thirst of his six-month old baby, but they also fired an arrow at this baby who was so parched he couldn't cry! Are you now beginning to realise who this person is? He is none other than Husein ibn Ali ibn Abi Talib.

It has been narrated from the Ahl al-Bayt (as) that no event has ever taken place in our history more devastating than the martyrdom of Imam Husein (as). Thus, no tragedy or loss is comparable to the martyrdom of Imam Husein (as). It has been none other than the Ahl al-Bayt (as) who have helped us spiritually, and so losing them is our greater loss.

In order to bring about certainty and draw a conclusion regarding the commemoration of Imam Husein's (as) Martyrdom, we will now show you what the most knowledgeable people of the Islamic world have said about these practices. We have compiled fatwas from the maraja' and amongst them are the most eminent. As with all aspects of faith, it is incumbent upon us to seek the opinion of these knowledgeable role models and to act in accordance with their judgement.

اللَّهُمَّ اِنِّزْ قَنِي شَفَاعَةَ الْحُسَيْنِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ يَوْمَ الْوُرُودِ

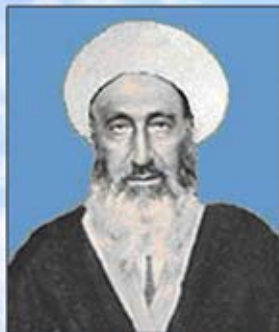
"Oh Allah make the help of Husein (as) available for me on the day that I am risen back to life."

I wish the best of success for you all,

Servant to the Servants of Imam Husein (as), Seyed Mostafa Fasihi.

Chapter 1

Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni's ruling on commemorating Imam Husein's (as) Martyrdom



In the name of our forgiving and loving God. I have received your telegraphs and letters containing your questions. Now that I have returned safely to the Holy city of Najaf (by the grace of Allah), I will provide you with the answers to your questions regarding the various mourning methods practiced in commemoration ceremonies held in the first 10 days of Muharram and on Ashura for the martyrdom of Imam Husein (may peace be upon him):

Firstly: *It is evident that during the first 10 days of Muharram there are widespread displays of crowds and groups who mourn on the streets and public roads, and without a doubt these actions are not only permissible but recommended, and have a manifest aim towards the remembrance of The Master of Martyrs. These practices are the best means to promote the cause of Imam Husein ibn Ali (may peace be upon him) in preserving the holy Qur'an and protecting the true faith, both far and wide. However, these actions must be pure from every prohibited and sinful act such as musical songs, playing musical instruments and dancing, arguing and pushing through the crowd, and fighting. However, even if sinful acts were to take place it would not affect the holiness of the actions performed in commemorating Imam Husein's martyrdom (may peace be upon him). For example it remains like this that if a man was to look at an unlawful woman whilst praying, he has committed a sinful act however his prayer is still in order.*

Secondly: It is permissible to hit oneself on the chest or face, even if it causes the body to turn red or black. Likewise, the use of chains (bladed or non-bladed) on the shoulders and back causing the body to turn red or black or even blood to emerge is permissible. With regards to striking oneself with a sword on the head causing blood to emerge, if done without any harm to one's health, it is permissible. Actions that cause blood to emerge from the head should be done so without harming the skull, and normally this is the case, since those who perform this act have the correct skills. If whilst in the state of hitting oneself on the head with a sword, one was sure from past experiences that they would not see any damage, however during this act a lot of blood started to flow, there is no blame on that person and the reward of performing the act has not been reduced. It remains like a person who performs ablution or a purification-washing (ghusl) thinking that using water is not harmful for his body or one who fasts in the holy month of Ramadhan quite sure that fasting will not harm him, but later it transpires that it actually caused harm to his body – he is not to blame and the holiness of these religious actions have not been reduced either. May God protect our dedication towards the right path in this world and the afterlife.

Thirdly: It is permissible to conduct role-plays such as those that have been customary amongst the shi'ite for centuries in which men may dress as women or women dress as men for a short while, in order to mourn and cause others to cry without changing the 'physical' appearance of their body. However, it is prohibited for men to make themselves 'physically' appear as women by changing their bodily appearance and vice versa. One must be careful that they do not perform forbidden acts during religious role-play and even if one was to commit such a sin, the holiness of the religious action has not been undermined, as explained earlier.

Fourthly: The general usage of instruments (such as drums, cymbals and horns) is permissible, if used to make sounds traditionally heard during ceremonies in mourning for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him), like those used widely by Arabs and also in Najaf today.

5th Rabi' al awwal 1345, Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Humble Servant of Allah, Mohammad Husein al-Qaravi al-Na'eni
(May his soul rest in mercy)

Chapter 2

***Fatwa's from Eminent Scholars on Commemorating Imam Husein's (as)
Martyrdom, some referring to Ayatollah Na'eni's Fatwa.***

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Mohsen al Tabatabai al Hakim

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful
That which has been said by our late respected teacher, Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni,
does not require to be approved by any other Scholar.

2nd Muharram, 1367 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Mahmood Shahroodi

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful
That which has been written by the late Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni is correct and true.
I ask Allah to make all Muslims successful in upholding our faith. I hope that Allah
blesses our youth to keep these practices pure and free from sin, as Allah
removes his blessing to perform these practices from those who sin.

30th Dhu al-Hijjah, 1366 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Abd al-Hadi Shirazi

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

All which has been stated by Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni is correct.

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sheikh Mohammad Hasan Mudhafar

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Praised.

That which has been expressed by him (Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni) is correct and there is no error within.

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Husein al Musawi al Hamami

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

That which has been stated by Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni is correct.

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sheikh Kashif al-Ghetaa'

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.
That which has been stated by Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni is correct.

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sheikh Mohammad Kadhim Shirazi

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.
The fatwa which Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni has stated is correct.

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Jamaal al-Deen Golpayigani

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.
That which has been stated by Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni is the same
as my ruling on the matter.

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Ali Behbahaani

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

What our great Scholars, who we lean upon for religious advice, have written regarding the practices in mourning for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him) are correct. May Almighty Allah give us the ability to participate in and uphold these practices and refrain from anything which is sinful during these commemorative gatherings.

Jamadi al-thaani, 1402 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah Al-Udhma Sayed Abul Qasim al Khoei

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

I agree with the ruling of Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni, which his peers have also acknowledged, regarding upholding the practices in commemorating the martyrdom of Imam Husein (may peace be upon him) and may Allah increase His blessings on them all.

3rd Rabi' al-thani, 1400 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sheikh Hashim Ameli

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

I agree with the rulings of Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni.

7th November 1959

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Mahdi Langaroodi

(May Allah grant him a long life)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

I approve of that which Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni has ruled regarding mourning practices for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him).

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Ali Madad Ghaayeni

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful. Whatever has been presented by Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni is correct to the extent that it cannot be doubted unless by a sceptic or misled and misinformed person.

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sheikh Mohammad Ali Araki

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

I have examined the rulings given by jurisprudential Scholars (Maraaja') regarding practices commemorating the Master of Martyrs, Imam Husein (may peace be upon him). As it will take time to answer each question related to this matter individually, I refer you to the answers previously provided by all the Ulema, of the past and present, especially that of Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni – and my opinion is in accordance with theirs.

18th Jamadi al-thani, 1401 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Sadiq Roohani

(May Allah grant him a long life)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

Whatever Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni has written is quite acceptable and clear. His ruling does not require anyone's approval, but for the sake of avoiding any misunderstandings I declare that whatever he has written is correct and within the boundaries of Islam.

23rd Jamadi al-awwal, 1400 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sheikh Mortadha Ha'eri

(May his soul rest in mercy)



Whatever that has been written by Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni regarding this matter has already been approved by past and present scholars, and also meets my approval. Muslims and our brothers in faith should be aware of the reasoning behind the rulings in order to aid their understanding. In concise I refer you to volume 10 of Bihar al-Anwar written by Allamah Majlisi in which he provides almost 50 narrations about the reward of crying for Imam Husein and the rest of the Ahl al-Bayt (may peace be upon them all). One gathers evidence that this and all other actions related to the mourning of Imam Husein, such as donating possessions to be solely used for the purpose of commemoration is a highly recommended religious act.

In addition it is necessary to acknowledge the status of Imam Husein, our oppressed Master (may peace be upon him), in interceeding between us and Allah, and we must show our loyalty to him and the Ahl al-Bayt (may peace be upon them). Likewise we must also denounce their oppressors in order to effectively prevent injustice. May God give strength to all pious people to uphold the commands of the Ahl al-Bayt (may peace be upon them), and reward us greatly.

5th Dhu al-Hijjah, 1400 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Abdullah Shirazi

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful
All great Scholars have approved the fatwa and in my humble opinion it is
approved and correct also.

24th Dhu al-Qi'dah, 1401 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sheikh Bahaa' al-Deen Mahalaati

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted

I was in Najaf when Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni provided his ruling. All the
Scholars at the time accepted and approved his ruling. I also give my approval.

15th Dhu al-Qi'dah, 1400 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sheikh Husein Vahid Khorasani

(May Allah grant him a long life)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

I approve the writings of Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni regarding the practices in commemoration of the martyrdom of Imam Husein (may peace be upon him).

12th Rajab 1403, Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Ali Seestani

(May Allah grant him a long life)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

That which has been stated to be performed in the mourning of Imam Husein (may peace be upon him) is highly encouraged, as is denouncing the enemies of Imam Husein (may peace be upon him).

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sheikh Jawad Tabrizi

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

In my opinion the rulings of Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni are correct and there is no problem in performing them.

18th Jamadi al-awwal, 1401 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Nasrollah Mostanbat

(May his soul rest in mercy)



That which Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni replied to the people of Basra is very respectful and it is necessary to consider those who carry out these acts of worship (the practices) as people with pure intentions, keeping alive the commemoration of the martyrdom of Imam Husein (may peace be upon him).

12th Rajab 1403, Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Mohammad Mufti al Shi'a

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

The writings of Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni are confirmed by all of the Scholars and myself. However, I would like to add that it is necessary for all the followers of the Ahl al-Bayt (as) to be aware of any conspiracies that the enemies plan in degrading the status of the Ahl al-Bayt (as) and belittling the good actions of the mourning we perform.

24th Dhu al-Hijjah, 1422 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Najafi Mar'ashi

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

Whatever Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni, one of the greatest shi'ite scholars to ever live, has stated is correct and true.

Shabaan 1400, Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sheikh Ridha Madani Kashani

(May Allah grant him a long life)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

Mourning for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him), may our souls be sacrificed for him, is not only a highly praised action but is recommended if not obligatory - especially during this age where people are more opposed to the Shi'ite beliefs.

Mourning in any form like beating on the chest, the use of chains (bladed or non-bladed) and using a sword on the head has absolutely no objections whatsoever in the same way Ayatollah Na'eni has said. It is better for men to avoid acting as women in role-plays and vice versa, and the use of unlawful musical instruments should be completely avoided.

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Mohammad Shahroodi

(May Allah grant him a long life)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

Whatever Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni has written is higher than that to require anyone's approval.

8th Dhu al-Hijjah, 1400 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Murtadha Firooz-Abaadi

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah the Exalted.

I agree with the ruling issued by Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni regarding the mourning for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him) such as beating on the chest and similar practices as mentioned in his ruling, which has the support of all the great Scholars.

14th Jamadi al-thani, 1400 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Hasan Tabataba'i Qummi

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent the Merciful.

I approve what other scholars have said about the various ways we may mourn for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him), but we must make sure not to spoil these actions with sin.

Dhu al-Qi'dah, 1400 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Ridha Sadr

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

The rulings of this great Scholar are higher than that to require anyone's approval.

The ruling has already been accepted by all great Scholars.

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Mohammad Shirazi

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

The ruling of Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni is correct and meets the approval
of Islamic Scholars.

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Sadiq Shirazi

(May Allah grant him a long life)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni's ruling is correct and those who carry out
these actions are rewarded highly.

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Taqi Tabataba'i Qummi

(May Allah grant him a long life)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

I approve the ruling of Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni regarding practices in mourning for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him) and striking the head with a blade.

8th Shabaan, 1400 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Mahdi Akhawan Mar'ashi

(May Allah grant him a long life)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted

Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni's ruling regarding mourning practices for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him) is correct and has been agreed by all Scholars, and is liked by Imam Zaman (may Allah hasten his reappearance).

29th Dhu al-Qi'dah, 1400 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Mohammad Baqir Sultani

(May his soul rest in mercy)



By the name of Allah, the best of all Names.

What Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni has ruled regarding the mourning practices of Imam Husein (may peace be upon him) is approved by all great Scholars and myself. Allah rewards those who perform these actions, so may Allah give us all the strength to perform our duty.

3rd Dhu al-Hijjah, 1400 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Kadhim Akhawan Mar'ashi

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

That which has been stated by Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni regarding mourning practices for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him) is correct and accurate and our brothers-in-faith should perform these actions.

15th March 1959

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Mohammad Vaheedi

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

I approve the ruling of Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni regarding mourning practices for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him) as has been approved by all the other great Scholars. It is necessary for all the believers to make sure there are no shortcomings in upholding these mourning practices more so than before, as in this age the enemies of Islam have many conspiracies to prevent us from mourning for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him).

25th Jamadi al-awwal, 1400 Hijri Lunar Calendar

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sheikh Mohammad Ridha Tabasi

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

I have already previously approved that which Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni has ruled on the issue of mourning practices for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him), and I emphasise on its importance.

May Almighty Allah increase his blessings upon you.

23rd Jamadi al-thani, 1400 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Ahmad Shahrestani

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

The ruling of the great Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni shouldn't need my approval, but since you have asked I will give you my opinion. The late Kashif al-Ghetaa', in the book 'Aayaatol Bayenaat', has proven that there is no harm in striking oneself on the head with a sword and it is not considered to be an act of "harming oneself". This has also been narrated in other books, including the "*Resaaleh Igaale al-Aaasir fi Ighaamah al-Sha'aa'er*" and "*Mostataab Ighnaa'il Laa'im ala Ighamatil maa'tam*" and others and the need for the performance of mourning for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him) is proven and explained.

2nd Shabaan, 1400 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sheikh Mohammad Ridha Mohaghegh Tehrani

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

Mourning for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him), is permitted, if not recommended. That which Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni has stated regarding mourning for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him), is correct and approved.

13th March 1959 Solar Calendar

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Mostafa Khonsari

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

Mourning for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him), the leader of the youth of paradise, is highly recommended and if Islam is still alive today it has been through mourning for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him). In fact, Ayatollah al-Udhma Ha'eri would always choose one of his students to recite the tragedy of Karbala before he began teaching his students. Regarding mourning for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him), that which Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni has ruled and all other Scholars have approved, I also approve. I pray for all those who uphold and participate in the practices in mourning for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him).

17th Jamadi al-awwal, 1404 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sheikh Mirza Mohammad Baqir Ashtiani

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni's ruling on mourning for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him), which has been approved by other great Scholars, also meets my approval. May Allah give us the opportunity to perform these practices.

Shabaan, 1400 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sheikh Yahya Noori Tehrani

(May Allah grant him a long life)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

Regarding the ruling issued by Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni on mourning practices for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him), I would like to say that

I have previously approved it and I state again that it is correct.

27th Shabaan, 1400 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sheikh Ali Namazi Shahroodi

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

That which Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni has written and other Scholars have approved meets my approval. May Almighty Allah increase our ability to perform these practices.

Shabaan, 1404 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sheikh Mohammad Karami Ahwazi

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

That which Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni and all the great Scholars have written regarding upholding the mourning practices for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him) are correct and I approve of them. My ruling is the same as Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni's ruling.

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sheikh Mostafa Aameli Dezfooli

(May his soul rest in mercy)



I approve that which Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni has written regarding upholding the mourning practices for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him) such as beating on the chest, the use of chains (bladed and non-bladed) and such similar practices and that which other great Scholars have approved such as the late Ayatollah Mar'ashi Najafi.

14th Safar, 1421 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Abul Qasim Faghih Arsenjaani

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

I approve the ruling regarding the practices of mourning for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him) that have been given by Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni and the other Scholars.

25th Rajab, 1404 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Karamatollahi Malik al-Huseini

(May Allah grant him a long life)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

The ruling of Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni on mourning for Imam Hussein (may peace be upon him) has been approved by all great Scholars. May Almighty Allah accept us as mourners of Imam Husein (may peace be upon him).

4th February 1960 Solar Calendar

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Yousuf Madani Tabrizi

(May Allah grant him a long life)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

I approve of Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni's ruling on mourning practices for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him) and the performance of striking oneself on the head with a blade, beating one's chest and the use of chains on one's own body.

24th March 1960 Solar Calendar

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Mohammad Husein Arab-Zaade Hamadani

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

We should participate in all of that which Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni has stated regarding mourning practices for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him), and uphold them in order to avoid them being forgotten.

9th Shawwal, 1405 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Abul Hasan Isfahani

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

A person by the name of Mohammad Ridha Tabasi Najafi who was close to Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Abu al-Hasan Isfahani explained that on the day of Ashura he was in the shoe storage area of the Haram of Hazrate Abbas (may peace be upon him) when he saw people ask Ayatollah al-Udhma Isfahani whether it is permissible to strike oneself on the head with a sword in mourning for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him). Ayatollah al-Udhma Isfahani replied that it is permissible.

25th Dhu al-Hijjah, 1400 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Abd al-Alaa Sabzwary

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

On the condition that the practices are performed in accordance with the rules of Islam, then it is permissible and holds great reward.

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sheikh Jaafar Saboori Kaashani

(May Allah grant him a long life)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

The ruling of Ayatollah Hajj Sheikh Abd al-Kareem Ha'eri regarding mourning for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him) is correct and does not require my approval because it was Hazrat Zainab (may peace be upon her) who performed this very same action and caused blood to flow from her own head.

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sheikh Ridha Ansari Hamadani

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

That which Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni has stated regarding mourning practices for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him) has already been approved by other great Scholars and is also approved by me.

10th Shawwal, 1405 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Mohammad Ridha Boroujerdi

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

I approve of that which Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni has written regarding the performance of practices in mourning for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him) and it is a form of protecting our faith. All the various forms of practices are approved and those who consider themselves to be a believer should perform them. They are so highly recommended that it is almost obligatory and those who do not perform them are in danger of losing their faith.

14th Shabaan, 1402 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sheikh Mohammad Husein Bahari Hamadani

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

That which Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni has ruled regarding mourning practices for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him) has been approved by other Scholars and myself.

9th Shawwal, 1405 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Jaafar Moravvej Ahwazi

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

I approve the ruling of Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni regarding the performance of mourning practices such as striking oneself with a blade on the day of Ashura.

Those successful in upholding these practices are of the blessed ones.

23th Dhu al-Qi'dah, 1409 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sheikh Ahmad Sibt al-Sheikh Ahwazi

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

I agree with and am not opposed to that which has been written by Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni regarding mourning practices in Muharram.

26th Muharram, 1402 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sheikh Mojtaba Hatemi Lankarani

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

The ruling provided by the great Scholars Ayatollah Na'eni and Ayatollah Khoei regarding the various practices performed in mourning for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him), are correct and performing them is permissible, if not highly recommended, in fact so highly recommended that it is almost obligatory.

Shabaan, 1400 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Abd al-Husein Dastghaib

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

I approve that which the great Scholars have written regarding mourning practices for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him).

14th Dhu al-Qi'dah, 1400 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Husein Khademi Isfahani

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

The ruling of Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni is approved by all Scholars and Allah highly rewards those who perform these mourning practices.

11th Dhu al-Qi'dah, 1400 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Mohammad Ali Kadhimi Boroujerdi

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Praised and Exalted.

That which Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni has stated regarding the practices used to mourn for Imam Hussein (may peace be upon him) is approved by all Scholars and myself.

12th Jamadi al-thani, 1406 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Ali Allameh Faani

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

I approve of that which Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni has ruled regarding practices in mourning for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him).

12th Jamadi al-awwal, 1400 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Abul Qasim Kowkabi Tabrizi

(May Allah grant him a long life)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

The ruling given by Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni regarding mourning practices for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him) is approved by myself.

2nd August 1978 Solar Calendar

Ayatollah al-Udhma Hajj Sheikh Abd al-Kareem Ha'eri

(May his soul rest in mercy)



Question: Is it permissible to strike the head with a blade on the day of Ashura?

Answer: On the condition that there is no harm to the body, it is permissible.

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Mohammad Ridha Musawi Golpayigani

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

If one has no reason to believe that it will cause harm, then it is not forbidden.

28th Rajab, 1409 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sheikh Mohammad Tahir Aale Shabir Khaaghaani

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

There is no problem with performing the practices related to mourning for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him) that my teacher Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni has said is correct. Performing these actions has a great effect on our spiritual development and guidance, and is a way of showing that the Ahl al-Bayt (peace be upon them) were oppressed.

11th Dhu al-Qi'dah, 1400 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

AyatollaAyatollah al-Udhma Sheikh Kadhim Daamghaani

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Exalted.

That which Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni has written regarding the mourning practices of Imam Husein (may peace be upon him) is correct and is above that which requires approval and I fully support it

19th Jamadi al-thani, 1401 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sheikh Mirza Khaleel Kamare'ei Tehrani

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

In response to the ruling of Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni on mourning for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him), I would like to say that all other Scholars have provided their approval and so do I.

4th Dhu al-Qi'dah, 1400 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

Ayatollah al-Udhma Sayed Mostafa Mahdavi Isfahani

(May his soul rest in mercy)



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

Ayatollah al-Udhma Na'eni's ruling regarding mourning practices for Imam Husein (may peace be upon him) has been approved by all the Scholars of his time and after, and all their opinions are correct. May Almighty Allah give us the strength to perform these practices as they have stated.

11th Shawwal, 1401 Hijri (Lunar Calendar)

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