**Burial –‘Witness’ document of Belief & Good of deceased**

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Shaykh al-Tusi has advised that an inscription should be written down on a document as a Witness of the belief & knowing only good of the deceased. This document is made/signed by one witness & further attested by 40 Momins (who can sign despite their knowledge of faults of the deceased).

This document is then folded enveloped & put with the palm-leaf stalk on the right side of the deceased. It is preferably written with camphor (i.e. water with which camphor is mixed) and non-aromatic aloe-wood, must be put on the dead person’s forehead. It is said that HE will forgive the deceased for his faults if 40 momins testify in this way.

BEFORE signing the following dua is to be recited by the first witness:

**Before writing down** this inscription, the writer is advised to say the following words:

In the Name of Allah; the All-beneficent, the All-merciful.

I bear witness that there is no god save Allah, One and Only Lord and having no associate with Him.

I also bear witness that Muhammed is His servant and messenger,

May Allah bless him and his Household.

[I also bear witness that] Paradise is true, Hellfire is true,

the Hour [of Resurrection] is true and is coming; there is no doubt about it,

and Allah shall resurrect those who are in graves.
and the Rising Argument-person,

peace be upon them all;

and that Paradise is true,

Hellfire is true,

the Hour [of Resurrection] shall be coming; there is no doubt about it,

and that Muhammad, may Allah bless him and his Household, is Allah’s servant and messenger;

he has come with the truth,

that ‘Ali is the representative of Allah, the vicegerent after Allah’s Messenger, may Allah’s blessings be upon him and his Household, and the one appointed by Allah’s Messenger to succeed him in his nation, carrying out the command of his Lord the All-blessed and All-exalted, that Fâtimah is the daughter of Allah’s Messenger, her two sons al-Hasan and al-Husayn are the sons and grandsons of Allah’s Messenger, the two leaders to the true guidance, and the two principals of mercy,


In the Name of Allah; the All-beneficent, the All-merciful.

The witnesses whose names are mentioned in this document-paper witness

that their brother-in-Allah [_____________________] has asked them to witness for him, entrusted with this statement, and confessed in their presence that he bears witness that there is no god save Allah, One and Only and having no associate with Him,

that Muhammad, may Allah bless him and his Household, is His servant and messenger,

that he acknowledges all of the prophets and the messengers [of God], peace be upon them, that ‘Ali is the representative of Allah and the leader appointed by Him,

that the Imams from ‘Ali’s progeny are his leaders, that they are in sequence are al-Hasan, al-Husayn, ‘Ali the son of al-Husayn, Muhammad the son of ‘Ali, Ja’far the son of Muhammad, Mûsâ the son of Ja’far, ‘Ali the son of Mûsâ, Muhammad the son of ‘Ali, ‘Ali the son of Muhammad, al-Hasan the son of ‘Ali,
are Imams, leaders, inviters to Allah the All-majestic and All-high, and arguments [of Him] against His servants.

The writer of this document-paper should then address the witnesses with these words:

O Witnesses whose names are mentioned in this document-paper, certify for me this testimony of you so that you will meet me carrying it at the Divine Pond.

As a reply, the witnesses should say:

O [..............................] we entrust you with Allah.

Our testimony, admission, and brotherhood are entrusted with Allah’s Messenger, may Allah bless him and his Household.

We invoke upon you peace,

Allah’s mercy, and His blessings.