

## **LIGHT INSTEAD OF ME**

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*Would you believe that this abominated "fundamentalist" had a soul, which, in gnostic way, sings:*

*"Kiss the hands of Shaykh  
Who accused me of heresy.*

*And caress the patrolman  
Who put me in chains. "*

*Or who would at all, uninformed, believe that this qumi student, then qumi and najafi teacher, that this leader of a revolution that shook the globe, that this religious and political leader - the Imam of millions of Muslims in the twentieth century - wrote in his (Gnostic) loneliness following "heretical", lines:*

*Birthmark on the face chained me, O my Friend, from your lips  
Your sick eye I saw, and felt sic*

*I've lost my mind, but dram I struck, "I am the Truth"  
Like Mansur the buyer of the gallows I became*

*In my soul, the embers dropped me with her sorrow my Beloved  
Up to suffocating eat I, and renowned in the bazaar became*

*Night and day to my image open the door of the tavern  
From Masjid and school fatigued I became*

*Of asceticism and hypocrisy stripped of is to me the dress  
I put on the garment of the Pier of dervish house and got sobered  
up*

*Weary me the occurrence of Preachers full of tips  
From the stained drunkard the help I asked*

*Allow me to mention a temple  
I was at the hands of Idol of the Tavern awoke*

*Thus, one would not believe it, would he! sang, like old Gnostics and Sufis, the most controversial figure in recent centuries of human history. His revolution has brought, among other things, on*

***our doorstep, for centuries the spiritual devastated homeland, piles of books. Each one better than another one. Our honesty, our first infallible teacher in gnosis, was getting helpers. There was nicer and easier to travel along with the models that have from day to day dwelled in our eyes. And lead the one who wanted to go to the station of the Greatest. Up to Owner of The time.***

***The modern world, with Gutenberg, television, the Internet ... like it or not serves his Imam of the time ('a). And with him, with al-Mahdi ('a), with The Guided, with the last teacher and companion, from a given station, travels only one who passed the previous; both levels, and teachers. If someone would ask me now about my condition (and no-one asks), I would eagerly, and with relief replied: Light instead of me!***

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