AYATAL KURSIY al-Qummi (AR)

There is a very lengthy Hadith from Imam Muhammad Baqir about the verse, *Verily* we have revealed it (Qur'an) in the night of Qadr (power) in which the Imam has said,

- The angels have been mentioned with the revelation so if the people say that there is no one who goes from one part of the heavens to another and goes from obedience to disbelief.
- If some people say that among those who live on this earth there are more dependents, then you tell them it is necessary that He issues decrees for them.
- If they say that undoubtedly it is the Khalifa who rules them then you say, " On my life there is no representative of God between the earth and the heavens excepting him and he is confirmed. Who ever has not acknowledged him is the enemy of God and he stands humiliated. "
- It is imperative that His decrees descend from the heavens through which He rules the creatures of earth and it is esq. dually so that he must have a Wali on earth.

My father quoted Hasan bin Khalid about the manner in which Imam Ridha (AS) recited Ayatal Kursi, None has the right to be worshipped but He, the Ever Living, the one who sustains and protects all that exists. Neither slumber nor sleep over takes Him. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and on earth. Who is there to intercede with Him but with His permission?

He says, *He knows what happens to them*, tells us about the past and, *what will happen to them* about what will come later. *Except that which He wills* the revelations sent to them. *He feels no fatigue*, means the management of the universe is no burden for Him.

In verse 256 He says, *There is no compulsion in religion* means that after clearing the right from the wrong there is no compulsion on religion. Whoever disbelieves in the Taghut (Satan) and this means those who usurp the rights of the Ahlul bait.

Then he has grasped the most trust worthy handhold - and this is the succession of the Messenger. He will never break - means he will never be the loser and this refers to Hazrat Ali and his infallible progeny, the Imams.

In verse 257 He says, God is the protector of those who believe - and this refers to the followers of the progeny of the Messenger. But those who believe in Taghut - are the oppressors of the progeny of the Messenger. They bring them out from light into darkness - are the residents of Hell and they will abide therein forever.

Zurara has quoted Ibn Abdullah about the words *He created the Kursi and the heavens and the earth*. He says, I asked him which is more vast the Kursi, the heavens or the earth? The Imam replied,

Kursi is greater than the heavens and the earth and greater than everything that God has created under the Kursi.