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Q: Define the doctrine of Prophethood and its importance in human life?

Ans:

1- Introduction:

The doctrine of prophethood revolves around the concept of the belief in all the prophets ^{sent} by Allah Almighty. It is the belief in the Messengers of Allah and the revealed books on them. The belief in the series of prophets which had started from Hazrat Adam (A.S) and concluded with the finality of Holy Prophet (PBUH). The doctrine of prophethood has immense importance in human life as the prophets life were exemplary for the human beings.

2- Elucidating the term "Prophethood";

Prophet is an Arabic language word which means "future teller". There is a prophet on every nation. Similarly, Rusool is derived from "Rusl" which means the messenger. is the one who gives new shariah and book

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and abrogates the old one. The one who disobeys the messengers faces the disasters from Allah Almighty.

3- Nature of Prophethood:

The Prophecy is not something that one acquires through his own human efforts but it is bestowed by Allah Almighty on his chosen ones (the Prophets) for this divine and sacred mission. The prophets were chosen from among a large number of people on the basis of their multifarious qualities. As Allah Almighty described in the Holy Quran

"O Prophet! They ask you about the spirit, tell them its nature is only known to Allah and you (O humanity) has been but little knowledge" (Al-Israa 85)

4- Characteristics of Prophethood:

All the prophets of Allah Almighty has many characteristics but some of them were common in them which are as follows

(a) Must be a Human:

All the prophets of Allah were neither jinn nor any other ~~things~~ creature other than human. So an ordinary people should not think that they can not follow prophets because they were essentially human beings and their every aspect of life was a guidance for the mankind. As their humanity is described in the Holy Quran

"Say O prophet, I am only a human like you" (Al Kahaf 110)

It is also evident from the Hadees of the Holy prophet (PBUH)

"If there was any change in the prayer, I would have informed you, but I am a human being like you and liable to forget things like you" (Ahadees)

(b) Bounty of Allah:

A man cannot achieve prophethood through his own efforts because it is bestowed by Allah on

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those to whom Allah desires to. It is the bounty of the Allah. As it is mentioned in the Holy Quran

"Whenever a sign comes to them, they say, we will never believe until we receive what Allah's messenger has received, Allah knows best where to place his message" (AL-Anaam 124)

(c) Knowledge bestowed by Allah:

Prophets are human beings like other ordinary people but they get divine guidance and propagate the message which emanates from God. Their personal wish and desires do not interfere in the message of Allah. It is evident from the verse of Holy Quran

"He does not speak according to his personal desire but what is revealed to him" (Al-Najm 3-4)

Also it is reiterated from the prayer of Holy prophet (PBUH)

"Allah increase my knowledge about all the

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nature of things" (Ahadees)

d) Role Model for Mankind:

Prophets were role model for the mankind as they guided people towards the right path, and developed in them moral, ethical and societal conduct. As the Holy prophet PBUH said during his last sermon at the time of Hajjat-ul-weda

"I am leaving two things among you, the Book of Allah and my examples. whoever grasp both of them will never be misled" (Ahadees)

(e) Arbitrator and Judge:

The Holy Quran elucidated that the Holy prophet was an arbitrator and judge and many sacred functions were designated to prophets by the Allah Almighty. The Prophets had to establish justice in the society and led the mankind from darkness to light,

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injustice to justice, and slavery to freedom,
for their ultimate salvation in afterlife.

As it is explained in the Holy Quran

“The Quran is a guidance for all nature
of things and

“And we sent down to you the Book
as clarification for all the things and
mercy and good tidings for Muslims”

(Surah Nahal 16: 89)

5. Importance of Prophethood in human Life:

Prophethood has immense importance
in the life of humans as they set
examples for the people in every sphere of
life.

(a) Provider of divine guidance:

Prophets have
direct communication with the Almighty
Allah so they propagate divine message
regarding faith, societal matters and justice.
The people follow them to improve their
conducts in life. As Holy Prophet (PBUH)
said “People, Beware of injustice as

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the injustice shall be darkness on the day of judgment" (Ahadees)

(b) Moral and Ethical framework:

Prophets bring forth moral codes and ethical frameworks that serve as the foundation for their conduct in life. Their teachings promote virtues such as honesty, justice, forgiveness and soon. As ~~it~~ said in the Hadees of the Holy Prophet PBUH:

"Be merciful to others and you will receive mercy, forgive others so you ~~should~~^{can} be forgiven by Allah" (Hadees)

(c) Spiritual Enlightenment:

Prophets provide insights into the nature of divine and their teachings provide spiritual enlightenment to people in order to develop a deeper connection with the divine and know about their actual purpose of life. In

"The Holy Quran it is described in the following words

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"I have not created the jinn, the spirits, nor the human beings for any other purposes except to worship me"

(Al-Quran)

(d) Unity and Community building:

All the prophets emphasized on the importance of community building, ~~and~~ unity, ^{and} cooperation among the people. Their teachings provide the message of brotherhood which leads to unity ~~and community~~. The Last Prophet of Allah says:

"All the believers are like a body and if one part of the body is ill all other parts of the body suffers or become ill"

(Ahadees)

(e) Personal Growth and Transformation of followers:

Indeed all the Prophets sent by Allah Almighty were best in character and every sphere of their life was exemplary for their followers which

helps them to emphasize on their wrongful deeds and transform them in accordance to the divine will. That is the path which leads the followers to personal growth. It is described in the Holy Quran in the following words.

“Indeed in the messengers of Allah you have an excellent example. So whoever has hope in Allah, the Last Day and remembers Allah often”

Explanation of Al-Ahzab: 21

6- Conclusion:

In a nutshell, the doctrine of prophethood is the believe in prophets, their teachings and their practical life. It has a lot of importance in human life because it helps the human beings to transform themselves in accordance to the divine guidance which is the only right way of life.

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Q: Define doctrine of Hereafter and its impacts on individual and society?

Ans:

1- Introduction to Hereafter:

The doctrine / concept ^{of hereafter} revolves around the ~~comp~~ belief in life after death. According to Islam, It is the belief in the life which begins with death but its complete manifestation takes place later when one's actions take their final shape and he will receive reward or punishment accordingly. The belief in hereafter imparts various ^{positive} impacts on individual as well as societal life because it is the belief which makes a man conscious about his actions.

2- Elucidating the term "Hereafter":

These are various definitions of Hereafter which defines the essence of this concept.

Oxford Dictionary:

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Oxford dictionary of Islam "Hereafter or Al-Akhirah is the concepts of muslims about death the end of this world, where all the ~~humans~~ ^{human beings} ~~muslims~~ will have to face the God and account for their deeds, good and bad. God will Judge them accordingly, assigning reward or punishment"

Collins Dictionary:

According to collins dictionary "Hereafter is the future life after death or from this time onwards"

Scholarly Definition:

According to Komar Oriah Komaruzamran "Hereafter is the life or world of retributions, reward and punishment of reaping what has been sown here on earth"

3- Importance of Hereafter in the Light of Quran and Ahadees:

No doubt, the belief in hereafter is of utmost importance which can be concluded from the verses of Holy Quran and from

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Ahadees.

"and have faith in hereafter"

(Al-Baqarah 2:4)

In another place the Holy Quran described in the following words

"Every soul will taste death and then to us you will be returned" (Al-Ankaboot)

Again ~~one more~~ many times the concept of hereafter is described in the Holy Quran.

"Surely to Allah we belong and to Him we will all return" (Al-Baqarah)

Similarly, the Holy Quran elaborated the concept of hereafter in Surah Al-Jammah

"The death you are summing away from will inevitably come to you. And then you will be returned to the Knower of Seen and unseen. He will inform you of what you used to do"

(Al-Jammah 62)

In the same way, the Holy prophet (PBUH) also described the hereafter

"You will ~~have~~ die, as you sleep and you have to get up, as you wake up"

(Ahadees)

In another place the Holy prophet (PBUH) said
"Whoever believes in Allah and the last day should not hurt his neighbour and serve his guest generously. And whoever believes in Allah and the last day should speak what is good or remain silent"

4. Impacts of Hereafter on individual life:

The belief in the hereafter has various positive impacts on the life of individual.

(a) Sense of responsibility:

The belief in hereafter produces ^{develops} a sense of responsibility in individual and gives him a distinct outlook of life, success or failure and justice and injustice. He takes care of his actions as he knows that he will be answerable to God.

"The worldly life is no more than play and amusement. But the Hereafter life is indeed the real life. If only they knew"

(Al-Ankaboot 29)

(b) Inculcates a sense of bravery:

The belief in hereafter inculcates a strong sense of ~~hereafter~~ bravery in an individual. because he gets to He becomes fearless and fights for the promotion of justice and doesnot fear from sacrificing anything for the right path and rejects the false one.

"Surely to Allah we belong and to him we will all return"

(c) State of contentment:

Contentment is the impact of the belief in hereafter on an individual because he becomes satisfied of what he has and donot desire for greater amount of things. They realize this world is temporary and the hereafter life is permanent.

As mentioned in the Holy Quran

"This worldly life is a ~~play~~ no more than play and amusement. But the Hereafter [life] is Indeed the real life, if only they knew"

(d) Concept of Reward and Punishment:

The believers who believe in hereafter gets to know about the right and wrong actions which will ~~get~~^{lead} them to reward or punishment in hereafter. So a believers spends his life in the way of God to achieve more rewards in permanent life.

As the Holy Quran described this concept "Every soul will taste death. And we will test you with Evil and with Good as trial. And to us you will be returned" (Al-Ambiya 35)

Impacts of Hereafter in Societal life:

The belief in hereafter has positive impacts not only in individual life but also in collective or societal life.

(a) Spirit of generosity:

Believers who believed in hereafter spent their life according to the codified law of Allah.

The spirit of generosity is developed in them as they know the permanent life is hereafter and they please their God in order to

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get reward in hereafter. It is evident from the Hadees of the Holy prophet (PBUH)

“This world is a prison for the believers and a paradise for the unbelievers”

(Ahadees)

(b) Ideal Society is developed:

The belief in hereafter creates an ideal society as all the people live pious life and take care of their actions. As a result, the mischief will disappear and ideal virtuous society emerges. This thing is said by Holy prophet in following words

“And Allah will talk to everyone directly without a translator. The person will look to his right and will not see anything but his deeds” (Ahadees)

(c) Eternal Salvation Sense in believers:

The eternal salvation of society depends on the good deeds of believers who believe in the hereafter and the concept of reward and punishment. They render meritorious services for the welfare of his brethren in

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faith and humanity. As one time Holy Prophet (PBUH) said

“Entreat the guests, visit the ill and succor the needy if you really believe in hereafter” (Ahadees)

(d) Sense of equality:

Belief in hereafter also inculcates a sense of equality in a person as they know they are the creature of one Lord and they^{all} will die and buried in this world. So they don't do any kind of discrimination in society. It is mentioned in the Holy Quran in following words

“O Humanity! Be Mindful of your Lord who created you from a single soul - - - - -”

(Al-Qum)

5- Conclusion:

Thus, it can be seemed up, that a ~~believer who believes in~~ belief in hereafter creates a sense of responsibility in life and develops bravery and containment in believer leading to the creation of an ideal society

and equal society in which people have
a spirit of generosity and a sense of
eternal salvation due to believe in hereafter.