

Q: Explain the doctrine of prophet hood and its importance in human life?

Ans. Doctrine of Prophethood
and its importance:

→ Introduction:

Prophethood is important component of Islam. Through prophethood, Allah communicates with humanity. Believe in prophethood, preserves the monotheistic belief in the oneness of Allah. From Hazrat Adam (RA) to Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) many prophets had been sent for the islam teaching.

Therefore, doctrine of Islam helps to improve the human society. It protects the society, connect people with Allah Almighty, convey divine knowledge, to get rid from evils, success and direct conveys Allah message. Not only this, it helps in bringing tolerance, peace and serve as role model for humanity.

→ Doctrine:

Doctrine of prophethood is basically believe on muslim prophets. Being a muslim, we believe that Allah created his creatures and for their guidance different

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were sent. It is obligatory to believe in prophets. As it is narrated by Quran:

“Say, O believers, We believe in Allah and what has been revealed to us and what was revealed to Abraham, Ishmael, Issa and his descendants.”

(Al Quran)

Finality of prophethood:

Finality of prophethood is a distinctive feature of Islamic belief. Prophet (PBUH) is the last messenger sent by Allah. Holy prophet (PBUH) completes the Islam and his teaching is the ultimate source of guidance. As prophet (PBUH) says:

“There is no prophet after me.”

Belief in Allah without the belief in prophethood is incomplete. Those who believe in Allah, they also believe in prophethood. Without that Islam is not complete. As it is mentioned in Quran:

"Surely those who deny Allah and his messenger and wish to make a distinction between Allah and his messengers."

(Al-Quran)

Different prophets were sent to different nations. The basic ideology of all the prophets were same i.e Islam. The core ideology of all the prophets were same, But conditions were different. So there is not discrimination among prophets. As described in quran:

"We make no distinction between any of them (prophets). And to Allah we all submit."

(Al-Quran)

→ Importance in human life

Prophet hood is core component of islamic ideology. It helps to improve human society and it impacts the human society in the following way:

1- Prophets are saviors of humanity.

Prophets save the society by providing complete guideline. They save the society from the evil prevailing in the society. Hazrat Musa (S.A.S) was sent to save Bani Israel from the cruelty of pharaoh and his people. As it is explained in quran:

"But it was our will to favor those who were oppressed in the land, making them model of faith as well as successors and to establish them in the land."

(AL-Quran)

2- Prophets help people to connect to Allah SWT:

Prophets are the messengers of Allah. They connect the people with Allah. They convey Allah's message to human. As it is mentioned in the quran:

"We never sent a messenger before you O prophet without revealing to him. There is no god of worship except me."

(AL-Quran)

3. Prophets are only conveyers of Divine Knowledge.

Prophets bring the divine knowledge to humanity. Such a knowledge which can be blindly followed by human society. If Prophets were not sent, human would be deprived of divine knowledge and it will be lost.

4. Prophets help the believers to rid themselves from all evils:

Prophets were sent to society to provide them true knowledge. At that society has high rate of immorality. It teaches them how to keep yourself away from evils. It also teaches to become good person. As it is mentioned in Quran: by writer:

"O King! We were plunged in the depth of ignorance and barbarism; We adored idols, we lived in unchastity... When Allah raised among us a man, of whose birth, truthfulness, honesty and purity."

(The Sealed Nectar)

5- Prophet help the believers to succeed in the life Hereafter.

Being a muslim, its our firm believe that life after this world also exist. This life is permenant. So we will work to improve our hereafter life. Every muslims will work for Jannah. As narrated by hadith:

"Prophet said, " Allah said, I have prepared for my pious worshipers such things as no eye has never seen, no ear has ever heard."

(AL-Hadith)

6- Prophets help to succeed in Dunya:

Prophets explain all the aspects of life. It explains the deen as well as duniya. It explained the morals, values, judiciary, economy and administrative system. They tell us about prayers, Zakat, Ramzan and Namaz.

8- Prophets are the direct Vicegerents of Allah:

Allah messege is conveyed by prophets. They are the messengers

of Allah. They directly convey the Allah's message. As it is narrated as:

"When Allah said that He is creating His vicegerent, He sent Adam (AS)"

(Al-Quran)

8. Prophets are the epitome of tolerance and peace:

Holy prophet (PBUH) was tortured by people of Taif. Holy prophet (PBUH) was bleeding, but still he remained peaceful. So this teaches us that prophets are the epitome of tolerance and peace. As it is narrated as:

"I have been tortured for the sake of Allah as no one else has, and I have suffered fear for the sake of Allah as no one else has."

(Al-Hadith)

9. Prophets Educate and Morally train:

Prophets serve as role models. Through their actions, they educate and train people. They educate masses of people. These masses then form the healthy society. As it is narrated as:

"I was sent to perfect good character."

(Al-Hadith)

10. Relatable Role Models:

Prophets were sent from Adam (A.S) to Prophet (PBUH). They serve as role models for the human. They provide all the knowledge for the survival. This will help us to live according to Islam.

→ Conclusion:

The doctrine of prophethood in Islam provides guidance and moral illumination. From the belief in all prophets, the finality of prophethood. The lives of prophets are explained in Quran and Hadith, serve as timeless models for believers. It helps human by providing basic framework.