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Explain the doctrine of Prophethood and its importance.

Introduction :

In order to accept Tawheed wholeheartedly, believers must have faith in Prophethood and the finality of Prophethood. Prophethood is a distinct character of Islamic belief and Allah has always conveyed His commands through His Prophet in the form of revelation, scriptures and through angels. For every nation there has been a prophet. Maulana Saadullahin Islahi says:

"Every nation has been bestowed with a prophet and it was necessary. Everyone is equal and each prophet brought one message: Submission to Allah."

• Literal meaning of Prophethood:

The literal meaning of Prophethood is "Apostle" or messenger.

• Contextual Meaning of Prophethood.

Contextual meaning of Prophethood is a being who has been sent by God to convey his message.

• Meaning of Prophethood according to Islamic Shariah:

In Islam, Prophethood has been called as "رسل" which means the messenger of Allah who have been sent by Him to convey his message so He may be obeyed. Allah says in the Holy Quran:

"One who obeys the Messenger, obeys Allah."

• Try to add the Arabic of quranic ayats

Doctrine of Prophethood:

Doctrine of Prophethood holds great importance in Islam and it completes

one's faith. Following are the salient features of Islamic Prophethood.

- **Allah chooses a man to be a Prophet:**

Allah has chosen his man as his vicegerent to set a precedent for human beings that how they should deal their life in this world. Moreover, it is easier for human to follow someone who looks like him. Allah says:

He says O Prophet! "I am a man like you."

(Surah Al-Kahf)

- **Doctrine of Prophethood depends on Allah's choice:**

Allah does not randomly bestow Prophethood. Instead, he has chosen his special messengers to convey his message. On top of that, these messengers are pure and best examples for human beings. Allah says in Holy Quran:

“And Allah chooses His messengers and who ever He transpires?”

- A Prophet is sent as a role model:

A prophet is firstly, a man, then he is a role model for human beings. They follow the teachings of Allah and their actions are source of inspiration for mankind. Allah says about Holy Prophet (PBUH) in Holy Surah:

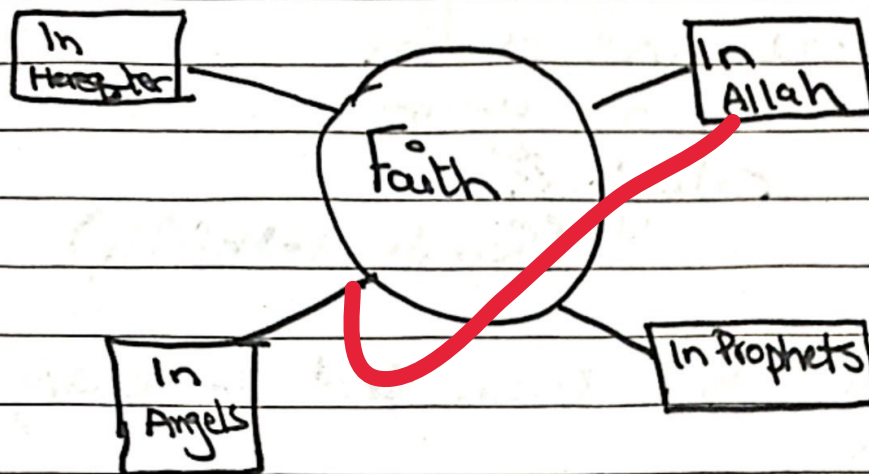
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“Verily, we have sent you (O Muhammad) as a mercy for this world!”

- Allah makes it compulsory for believers to follow Prophethood:

Allah has clearly stated that a

Believer must have faith in following:



Thereby, believing in Prophethood is extremely important for Muslims. Allah says in Holy Quran:

“And obey Allah, and his Messenger, and those in authority over you.”

- The most significant part of Prophethood is to believe in finality of Prophethood:

One who does not have faith in finality of Hazrat Muhammad's Nabuwah, is not considered to be a Muslim. With finality of Prophethood, Allah said in

"I have perfected your religion for you and chosen Islam as your religion".

(Surah Al-Maidah).

- A Prophet has been sent for every nation.

For every nation, Allah has sent a Prophet. For instance, for Jews He sent Hazrat Musa and for Muslims of today, Allah has sent Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW) and Allah has commanded people to wholeheartedly have faith in 1-lac 24 thousand Prophets which He had sent. Holy Prophet said:

"I am leaving with you two things, so you may not go astray; one is Holy Quran and second is my Sunnah".

Importance for human life:

- It guides man how to lead the life of this world:

Man is taught how to lead his life of this world by following the examples of Prophets as they were patient, honest, trustworthy and messengers of Allah. Holy Prophet (PBUH) said:

“Verily, I have been sent as a teacher for mankind.”

- It brings motivation for the people:

Prophets led a very difficult life and their life is a source of motivation for people. Allah himself has narrated the stories of Prophets. He has said in Surah Yusuf:

“And the king said ‘Call Joseph so I induct him to my service’. When Joseph came to the palace, king

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told him "From now on
you are one of the
best vicegerents."

• Prophethood takes humans towards Charity:

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) has emphasized on charity and he himself gave charity on regular basis. He has stated that:

"Even planting a tree
is an act of charity".

Prophet Yusuf has also been the kindest to the mankind and he used to help his companions.

Prophethood brings man closer to Allah:

Prophets used to teach mankind the love for Allah and believing in His Oneness was a criteria to accept Islam. Prophets took his companions closer to Allah by uniting the Muslim Ummah and

Creating sentiments of love for Allah.
Allah says in Quran:

“Verily in the remembrance
of Allah do hearts find
peace”
(Ar-Ra'ad)

• Teaches man humanity:

Humanity has been taught by Holy Prophet in a very comprehensive manner. Whatever humanity exists in the Muslim world today is due to Holy Prophet's (PBUH) teachings. He told his followers:

“An act of kindness towards animals is as meritorious as a good deed done to human beings.”

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Conclusion:

The doctrine of Prophethood holds great significance for human life as it guides man and takes him

out of darkness. It also helps
man to relate difficulties of
life with that of Prophets
sent by Allah. Therefore, to become
a true believer, it is a prerequisite
to have faith in Prophet hood

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