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Belief in prophethood:

First, let us define who is prophet. Prophet is a person who is chosen to speak for God and to guide the people. In Islamic concepts, prophets are individuals who are believed to spread God's message on Earth and serve as models of ideal human behaviour. There are about 124000 prophets in Islam.

Distinct Qualities of Prophets.

Allah selects the prophet himself from amongst the people. However, the prophets are exalted and distinguished from others by being commissioned with divine messages. Some of the qualities are defined below.

Prophets are Human Beings.

Prophets were essentially human beings. They were neither angels nor jinn. So that every human aspect of their lives becomes a source of guidance for ordinary people and they may not tend to think that they (prophets) in their natures were different from ordinary people. and therefore it is not possible for them to follow them.

قل انما انا بشر مثلكم يوحى الي انما
الملك اله واحد فمن كان يرموا لقاء
ربه فيعمل عملا صالحا ولا يشرك بعبادة
ربه - اهداه

Say, O Prophet, - I am only a man like you, but it has been revealed to me that your God is only one God. so whoever hopes for the meeting

with their Lord, let them do good deeds
and associate none in the worship
of their Lord.

18:110.

Leaders and Role models

Allah has ordained prophets to be the
leaders and guides whose purpose is to
guide people, prevent them from straying
and lead them to their salvation. The
prophets establish their leadership through
Quran and sunnah.

Allah says in Quran..

لقد كان لكم في رسول الله أسوة حسنة لمن
كان يرجو الله واليوم الآخر وذكر الله
كثيرا.

. Indeed, in the Messengers of Allah you
have an excellent example for whoever
has hope in Allah and the Last Day
and remembers Allah often.

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said in
his sermon that he delivered during
Hajjat-ul-Wada

I am leaving two things among you. The Book of Allah and my examples. Until you keep both in your grasp, you will never be misled.

Knowledge Bestowed by Allah.

The third attribute of the prophets is that whatever they present in the form of faith or law emanates from God. The personal wishes of the messengers and their personal will do not interfere with their message, and they speak and act according to the commandments of Allah. In the Holy Quran, this is made clear in this verse.

وَمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَىٰ

He does not speak at to personal desires but says only what is revealed to him.

Nature of Prophethood:

Prophet is not something which can be acquired by effort. It is bestowed by Allah and is His special blessing on chosen ones, the Prophets. It is bestowed

upon them only. Allah chooses, personally, which means a large number of that persons chosen most suitable for on account of

The Quran

وَقَالَ قُلُوبُ الْوَالِدِينَ
لَا يَسْمَعُونَ كَلِمًا مِنْهُ

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upon them only whom Allah chooses, for
his divinely mission. Allah himself
chooses person for this office. In the
Quranic terminology, it is called 'istafa'
which means 'to choose the best out of a
large number of things'. This word denotes
that persons chosen for prophethood were
most suitable for the great and sacred mission
on account of their multifarious qualities.

The Quran says to this effect

وَسْأَلُوهُ وَيَسْأَلُكَ عَنِ الرُّوحِ قُلِ الرُّوحُ
مِنْ أَمْرِ رَبِّي وَمَا أُوتِيتُمْ مِنَ الْخُبْرِ إِلَّا
قَلِيلًا

They ask you about the spirit.
Say: This spirit is by command
of my Lord, but you have been
given only a little of knowledge.

o Bounty of Allah.

Man can't be offered prophethood on
his own since it is a blessing of Allah,
bestowed on those whom Allah desires
to bestow without regard to human effort
and struggles.

There fore when the infidel made these criticisms regarding Holy prophet (ﷺ) and demanded the right of equality with him. Allah through Holy Quran made this clear judgement.

اللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ يَجْعَلُ الرُّسُلَ

Allah knows best on whom to bestow Prophethood.

Characterful:

A prophet does not err in judgement or thought neither is his conduct or morals open to the slightest criticism. Their souls, feelings, thoughts and conduct are pure and safe from satanic temptation by virtue of divine protection especially conferred upon them for their mission.

Worthy of obedience:

The Quran says that the complete obedience and the exemplar of the prophet is a prerequisite of faith whatever the prophets command in regard to faith and Ummah it is obligatory to

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follow. Although the purport of such actions may not be apparent. However belief in his utterance is a virtue and righteousness and is an obligation for Muslims.

And we did not send any messenger but that he should not be obeyed by Allah's permission.

(An-Nisa 4:64)

Finality of prophet Muh. (PBUH).

→ meaning of 'Khatm' is to stamp a seal, to enclose and to read the end.

Khatam al-Anbiya means that the prophethood that started with Apostle Adam (PBUH) concluded with the mission of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

It means that Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is the last prophet and no other prophet will come after him.

References from Quran.

ما كان محمد اباً احد من رجا كنه ولكن رسول الله
وفاته للمسلمين وكان الله بكل شيء عليماً

Muhammad is not the father of any
man among you, but he is the messenger
of Allah and the seal of the prophets and
Allah is aware of all things. Al-Ahzab 33:40

Hadith:

I am the last prophet and there will be
no prophet after me.

Characteristics:

① Universality:

The prophethood of all other prophets were
for specific nation and for a specific time:
whereas Prophethood of Prophet Muhammad
(PBUH) is for all times and for all nations
till the day of judgement and it is
valid universal and valid for all people, all time
and all climes.

قل يا ايها الناس انى رسول الله لى
جميعاً

Oh Muhammad (PBUH) people!
Prophet sent for all of you.

② Annulment of Previous Shariah.

Allah annulled the shariahs of previous prophets through his beloved prophet Muhammad (PBUH) as the former were for specific times and nations. The Quran says.

ومن يبتغ غير الإسلام ديناً فلن يقبل منه وهو في الآخرة من الخاسرين

And the one who selects religion other than Islam will never be accepted and he will be among the losers in afterlife.

③ Perfection.

The message of prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is complete, perfect and final. God

says

اليوم أكملت لكم دينكم واتممت به نعمتي
وإني راضٍ بما أنزلت عليكم

④ Protection of Holy Book.

Unlike earlier divine books which are completely or partially extinct the Quran is still preserved in its original form since Allah Himself has taken the responsibility of protecting his book.

اننا نحن نزلنا الذكر واننا له حافظون

Certainly, we have revealed this book (Quran) and we will protect it. (Al-Hujr 15:9)

→ one of the articles of Islam.

Belief in Akhirat and its impact

In order to understand the concept of here after, we have to understand the purpose of life. Humans were created in world in order to fulfill the commands of Allah and this life is not permanent when this world ends, all the human beings that died will wake up and their permanent life will start. and their door of repentance is closed

Allah has divided life of a man into two parts this earthly life and eternal life. A man can earn in his earthly world for Akhirat.

The journey of Here after starts immediately after death. There are certain stages on which a muslim must believe; Aalm e Barzakh (life in grave), Resurrection from the grave; Books of deeds and Mezan.

The word Akhirat has a meaning of the ultimate, the ending. In Islam it is used to describe the belief in everlasting life after death.

The belief in here after is really important Allah says in Quran.

اننا لله وانا اليه راجعون

Surely we belong to God (as His creature and servant), and surely to Him we are bound to return". (2:156)

Professor Hafiz Ahmed Yar said Quran has collectively emphasized more on belief in Here after.

Another place Allah say

كل نفس ذائقة الموت ه ه اليها ترجعون

"Every soul will taste death. Then to us will you be returned" (Quran (29:57))

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Life after death

The Quran calls the stage that comes immediately after death *barzakh*. This term signifies the state of human between death and resurrection. This is also called *grave or qabr*. It is a state in which humans are placed after death until their resurrection. Here person is not fully conscious but still does test some punishment here and good people will be in good condition in the state of *barzakh*.

Two trumpets will be blown. The first will end the present world and second will cause a general resurrection of all the dead at once. Then the gathering will be held called *nashr* where all humans will be collected and each individual will be shown the written record of his deeds on this occasion. Those whose virtuous deeds will be more, they will carry their record in right hand and those who will carry record in left hand means their evil deeds are heavier than good deeds.

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The Little Brown Handbook

→ Expressionistic or romantic view of composing: → emphasizes personal expression and importance of self-discovery.

Impact of Belief in Hereafter on individual and society.

There is a great impact due to belief in here after both on individual and society. such a person becomes responsible towards life, he becomes humble, society has spirit of soul work and there is increase in rate of brotherhood.

Impact on individual life and society.

① Responsible and Meaningful approach towards life.

Those believe in hereafter does not deal with existential crisis, they know they have to die and their real purpose of life is to do good deeds and due to this they become responsible of their

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actions. They know they have to answer to Allah for their every action.

* Whether you show what is within yourselves or conceal it, Allah will bring you to account for it. Then He will forgive whom He wills and punish whom He wills, and Allah is over all things competent" (Surah AL Baqarah verse 284)

• strengthening of patience in an individual

Belief in here after enables a man to bear trials and tribulation with patience so that man emerges from such trials shining like gold emerging from furnace. The concept of life hereafter makes a man stronger and he calls Allah in case of any difficulty. It is mentioned in Quran.

"Who, when faced a disaster say, surely to Allah we belong, and to Him, we will all return" (Surah Baqarah)

Sense of eternity.

Despite all the favours to humanity.
God has not compelled people to accept
the faith and follow His commands.
Rather he has set them free to
accept or reject the true religion.
(Al-Baqarah 2:256, 18-29).

Co-operation and Brotherhood.

The faith in hereafter creates brother
hood. In a hadith prophet (P.B.O.H) asks
the believers to treat the guest, visit
the sick and succor the needy if they really
believe in hereafter.

Spirit of social work.

The Holy Quran urges Muslim to do
good (to others).

• "Any person who hopes to meet his
Lord should do good deeds and
should not make anyone partner
in worship" (Al-Kahaf - 18:110).

and
(3) Pondering

(2) To get education
seek and know

every Muslim man and woman
paying right and forbidding wrong

is also a sort of worship
Zakat purifies the wealth

Hajj fasting purifies body &
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belief in here after creates social harmony, make people responsible and accountable for their deeds, there is elimination of evils and create sense of brotherhood.

Belief in Revealed Books.

The concept of revealed books of Allah is one of the Islamic faiths, it is considered as 3rd article of iman after belief in Allah and his angel. Belief in revealed books of Allah is not only restricted on the holy Quran, but it is also extended to other revelations of God in their original forms such as old testament (Tora), New Testament (Injil), Psalm (Zabur) and scrolls of Abraham and Moses (Suhuf Ibrahim wa Musa).

Quran also mentioned about books

"The torah was revealed to Moses" (Quran 3:3, 5:44)

indeed, we have sent Messengers with clear proofs, and revealed with them the Scripture and the Balance (Justice) that mankind may keep up justice. And we brought forth iron where in mighty power in matter of war, as well as many benefits for mankind, that Allah may test who it is that will help him and his Messengers in the unseen. Verily, Allah is All-strong, All-Mighty.

Impact of Revealed books

Revealed books are very much important they guide people individually and collectively in every stage of life.

① Guidance and Mercy for Believers.

Revealed books provide guidance to mankind. Quran says:

This is the Book, in it is guidance, sure, without doubt, to those who fear Allah. (Quran, 2:2)

② Healer:

There is comfort in reading the revealed books especially Quran. They are written in such a way that when a person is in stress, they can just read Quran and their stress will be gone. Surah duha is great example.

“وَلَسَوْفَ يَرْضَىٰ رَبُّكَ فَرِحِينَ”

93:5

“And surely your Lord will give so much to you that you will be pleased.”

③ Miracle:

Revealed books are like miracle. There are many things written in revealed books that are now proven right and this just shock scientist also. Even the black hole, stars, solar system all are mentioned in Quran.

“And He has set the mountains firmly rooted in earth, lest it should shake with you.” Quran 79:32.

Scientifically scientist also says that

mountains also plays great role in stabilizing the earth.

Belief in revealed books is really important article of Islam and they guide muslims in all aspects of life especially Quran.

Belief in Angels

(MalaiKAH of ALLAH)

Belief in the existence of angels is an article of Islamic faith. The non believers considered angels to be deities, and Allah's daughters. The Holy Prophet (PBUH) said that angels have no share in Allah's Divinity.

Famous Angels:

- ① Jibril or Gabriel: Brings down ~~the~~ revelations to the Prophets also called Rook-ul-Amin.
- ② Israfil or Raphael: trumpet blower.
- ③ Mikail / Michael: Angel who delivers rizq and nourishment / rain.

Izrail. / Azrael. Angel of death

Under Munkar and Nakir.. Those who question the dead in grave.

27) Al Karaman - Khatibis.. Recorders. One sits on right shoulder and write good deeds and one who sits on left shoulder writes bad deeds.

A) Ridwan.. chief angel of heaven. ~~failed~~

B) Malik.. Chief Angel of Hell.

Characteristics of Angels

→ They are created from light.

→ They are unseen.

→ They have been given powers to carry out their powers.

→ They have no knowledge except of which Allah has taught them.

→ They are always busy in worshipping God.

Islamic concept of worship

(Ibadah).

According to Ibn Taymiyyah: Ibadah is a term that embodies all words and deeds, whether internal or external, which please God. These include the shahadah, prayer, almsgiving (Zakat), fasting, pilgrimage, and the acts of sunnah.

'I have not created men and jinn, but to worship me' Az Zariyat - 55.

Moulana Mehmoodi: worship is to follow the commandments Allah and fulfillment of rights of people and transparency in commercial transactions.

Types of worship.

① obligatory worship.

Islam mandates certain acts of worship upon its followers. These acts are known as pillars of Islam (Arkan al-Islam).