

Explain the doctrine of Prophethood and its importance in human life. (2024)

1. Introduction

Believing on the Prophethood is one of the faiths in Islam. It ensures Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammed S.A.W.W was the last prophet of Allah. An individual spending life on the directions and patterns of Holy Prophet brings closer to Allah Almighty. Believing on the doctrine of Prophethood gives various benefits in human lives. It makes one virtuous and upright, recalcitrates bravery and courage and eliminates human inequality within the society.

2. Literal Meaning of Propheth

The word Prophet (Nabi) comes from the Arabic language which means news or message.

3. Contextual Meaning of Prophet

A prophet is the one who conveys divine guidance and message to the humanity.

4. Doctrine of Prophethood

Prophethood is the appointment of a chosen human being by Allah Almighty

to convey His message, to guide mankind and serve as a model of righteousness. Therefore, Allah Almighty has sent and chosen Hazrat Muhammed S.A.W.W as a last messenger of Allah. On this Allah says in the Quran that:

"But he is the Messenger of Allah and seal of the Prophet"
Al-Azab 33:40

Allah has sent over 124,000 prophets to every nation to guide the mankind. Those prophets were sometimes in angels and sometimes in men. As Allah mentioned in the Quran that.

"Allah chooses Messengers from among angels and from among men. Verily Allah is All-hearing, All-seeing."
Al-Hajj 22:75

5. Belief in the Finality of Prophethood

After sending Prophet Muhammed S.A.W.W, Allah says "there will be no prophet". To ensure that per mankind follow the steps of Holy Prophet, Allah has bestowed Him every distinct qualities to verify that all human understand easily. Holy Prophet

also acted as exemplary model, so that muslim can follow him.

Indeed in the Messenger of Allah (Muhammad) you have a beautiful example for whoever hopes in Allah and the last day"

Al-Ahzab 33:21

Doctrine

6 Characteristics of the ~~Finality~~ of Prophethood:

6.1 Prophets are Human Beings

In order to better communication with mankind, Allah has chosen human beings so that the message of Allah is to be perceived easily. Allah has also choose a pious person to received His Holy Qur'an. Allah says in the Qur'an that:

"Say, I am only a man like you, to whom has been revealed that your God is one God."

Al-Kahf 18:110

6.2 Knowledge Bestowed by Allah

Prophet does not speak on other than

what Allah commands them. It shows that they are true prophet chosen by Almighty. It also ensures that ^{Holy} Books revealed on prophet are also source of guidance for the mankind.

"**Not** does he (Muhammad) speak from his own desire. It is nothing but revelation revealed."

Quran 53:3-4

6.3 Prophets for Every Nation

Allah has sent prophets to every nation to show them right and virtuous path. Some nation followed while other goes astray. Those who follow righteous path will be shown mercy and those who stray will be shown punishment in the day of judgement. Prophet were there to show right path in every nation.

"And there was never a nation but a warner had passed among them."

Fatir 35:24

7. Doctrine of Prophethood: Importance in Human life

7.1 Doctrine of Prophethood makes one virtuous and upright.

following the path of Prophethood will lead to righteousness and it is basically a road to jinnah. A person who follows this path will not fear or grieve from any thing in the life. It gives a sense of direction to the mankind.

“Indeed, those who have said, our lord is Allah and then remained steadfast. upon them will be no fear, nor shall they grieve.”

Al-Ahqaf 46:13

7.2 Source of Hope

Doctrine of Prophethood plays important part in human life as all prophets ~~was~~ faced difficulties in the life. For example, Hazrat Yusuf was thrown into well by his own brother, Hazrat Mize was inside the fish hoping and praying Allah to escape him out of fish. Henceforth, incidents faced by prophets gives hope to mankind to pray Allah in difficult time & have mercy and Allah is all-knowing and all-seeing.

“Do not despair of the mercy of Allah. Indeed, Allah forgives all sins.”

Az-Zumar 39:53

7.3 Prophethood Doctrine ^{inculcates} ~~includes~~ Human Equality

All prophets ensured that there is no discrimination between ~~man~~^{man} and women. Each prophet ensured every human is treated with just, respect and humanity. ~~Holy Prophet~~ The concept of human equality shows that mankind should treat each with fairness without any humiliation. On this Holy Prophet ~~also~~ emphasised in his last sermon that:

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"No Arab has superiority over non-Arab,
No white has superiority over a black,
except piety."

Holy Prophet - last sermon

7.4 Prophethood: Promotes peace and Justice

All prophets showed and worked towards establishment of peace and just society. Even Holy prophet sent letters to emperors for peace agreement. This shows that human should establish peace with others and justice must prevail. In this context, Afghanistan and Pakistan along with India must establish peace agreement so that the rivalry and enmity should come to an end.

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"Indeed, Allah commands justice, good conduct

and giving to relatives and forbids
immorality, bad conduct and oppression."

An-Nahl 16:90

8. Conclusion

Doctrine of prophethood plays a vital role in the human life. It not only ~~see~~ provide guidance at an individual life, but also provide a road map on how to deal with community problems and issues. Prophethood was a way to teach and guide human mankind regarding good deeds and forbid bad & deeds.