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"Explain the Doctrine of Prophet hood and its importance in Human Life"

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A-Introduction

The belief in the finality of Prophethood bears as much importance as other convictions of faith, because without verbal acceptance and inner conviction of faith, entering in the fold of Islam is invalid. Prophets have been sent to all mankind for all the times to come. They have been sent to save humanity from all evils, wrong deeds and to get them on the right path as according to the teachings of Quran and Sunnah. Prophets help people to succeed in this life and the life hereafter and teach them morally to be patient and tolerant in the time of hardships. Moreover, the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) is the last Messenger of God, who was sent to all mankind. As per the saying of Allah (SWT) in Quran:

"Say (O Muhammad), O Humankind!
I am the Messenger of God to
you all."
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B- Belief in Prophethood

Prophets are the men sent by Allah (SWT) for all mankind. As a Muslim, it is obligatory to believe in all Prophets who were sent by Allah (SWT). Different Prophets have been sent with different codes but their core ideology remained the same. As per the saying of Allah (SWT) in Quran:

"Say, O believers! We believe in Allah and what has been revealed to us, and what has been revealed to Abraham, Ismael, Issac, Jacob and his descendants and what has been given to Moses, Jesus and other Prophets from their Lord."

(Al-Quran)

Every Prophet came only with Islam and no other religion. Their core ideology was Islam but they have been given different codes according to the demands of time. Muslims believing in all the Prophets and what has been revealed on them

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is able to come under the fold of Islam. It should not be the faith of Muslim to discriminate between any of the Prophets. As per the saying of Allah (SWT) in Quran:

"We make no distinction between any of them, and to Allah we all submit." (Al-Quran)

Quran is the divine message for all people for all time to come, though its first addresses had to be specific people, in a specific context of time and space.

C- Finality of Prophethood

Muslims believe that Prophethood has been sealed by Allah (SWT), and Prophet Muhammad (SAW) is Allah's last Messenger. There is no new Prophet after him. Anyone who believes that Prophethood has not been sealed and new Prophets can come will not be considered a Muslim. There is a consensus between entire Muslim Ummah that Prophethood

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has been sealed and no new Prophet would come. As per the saying of Allah (SWT) in Quran

"Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but is the Messenger of Allah and seal of Prophets, and Allah has perfect knowledge of all things."
(Al-Quran)

Prophet Muhammad (SAW) himself told the entire Muslim Ummah that he is the last Prophet and no new Prophet would come after him. As per the saying of Prophet (SAW):

"Indeed, the Messenger-ship and Prophethood has been terminated, there shall be no messenger after me, nor a Prophet."

(Al-Hadith)

Without the belief in finality of Prophethood, and considering Muhammad (SAW) as the ^{last} Messenger of Allah (SWT), a Muslim cannot be considered a Muslim.

D-Importance of Prophethood in Human Life.

(a) Prophets are The Saviors of Humanity:

Allah (SWT) sent 1,24,000 Messengers for the betterment of mankind, to teach them the right path for their entire lives. As Allah (SWT) sent Prophet Muhammad (SAW) to save humans from the cruelty of rulers and Musa (AS) to save Bani-Israel from the cruelty of Pharaoh. As per the saying of Allah (SWT) in Quran:

'But it was Our will to favor those who were oppressed in the land, and making them models, as well as successors, and to establish them on the land and to show Pharaoh and Haman and their soldiers the fulfillment of what they have feared'

(Al-Quran)

Allah had shown the Pharaoh and his soldiers, the reality and power of Islam through sending Musa (AS) on land to save Bani-Israel.

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(b) Prophets Help People to Connect to Allah (SWT):

Prophets help Muslims to connect to Allah (SWT) by teaching them the ways to worship Allah (SWT) and live their life according to Quran and Sunnah. As per the saying of Allah (SWT) in Quran:

"We have never sent a Messenger before you, O Prophet - without revealing to him, "There is no God worthy of worship except Me, so worship Me alone."

(Al-Quran)

Allah (SWT) has told the Prophets to teach humanity to worship Him alone, as Allah has created all mankind for no other purpose except worshipping Him.

(c) Prophets are the Only Conveyers of Divine Knowledge:

As divine knowledge is only revealed on Prophets. Without them humanity would never be able to have access to it. Allah (SWT) has

has revealed all the divine knowledge on Prophets and Prophets transferred this knowledge to Mankind for their betterment. As per the saying of Allah (SWT) in Quran:

"Say, O believers! We believe in Allah and what has been revealed to us and what has been revealed to Abraham, Ismael, Issac, Jacob and his descendants and what has been given to Moses, Jesus and other Prophets from their Lord." (Al-Quran)

Allah (SWT) told believers to believe in all Prophets and to believe in the divine knowledge revealed on Prophets.

(d) Prophets Help People to Succeed in This Dunya and the Life Hereafter:

All the Prophets encouraged their nations for Jannah. They emphasized on performing good deeds and staying away from evils as per the orders of Allah (SWT), so they can succeed in both the lives.

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As per the saying of Allah (SWT) in Quran:

"Say, O' Prophet! Shall I inform you of what is better than all of this? Those mindful of Allah will have Gardens with their Lord under which rivers flow, to stay there forever, and pure spouses by the pleasure of Allah" (Al-Quran)

Moreover, Holy Prophet (SAW) taught his Ummah to succeed in this life by establishing various rules of administrative, judicial and social perspectives.

(e) Prophets are the Epitome of Tolerance and Patience:

All the Prophets are the role models of tolerance and patience for their nations. They taught their nations to face hardships with patience and belief on God. Holy Prophet (SAW) himself is a role model for entire nation. As per the saying of Holy Prophet (SAW):

"I have been tortured for the sake of Allah as no one else has, I have suffered fear for the sake of Allah as no one else has." (Al-Hadith)

Moreover, at the time of ~~Gha~~ Battle of Uhud, his tactics and patience along with the help of Allah (SWT) gave give to the Muslims, when non-Muslims were about to suppress Muslims. Hence, they are the epitome of tolerance and patience of entire Muslim Ummah.

(f) Prophets Educate and Morally

Train the Masses:

Prophets teach and morally train their nations about what has been revealed to them from all perspective of life. Holy Prophet (SAW) is the most evident example. As per his saying:

"I have been sent as a Teacher"

(Al-Hadith)

He called himself a teacher, and taught entire Muslim Ummah about what has been revealed to him. Moreover, trained the individuals to live their lives according to the teachings of Quran and Sunnah.

(g) Prophets are the Relatable Role Models:

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Prophets were all men. Allah (SWT) sent humans as Prophets, so that every individual can adopt their lives. They lived like humans, they had same needs of life such as water, food, clothes, shelter, etc. As per the saying of Allah (SWT) in Quran:

"We didnot send Messengers before you O' Prophet, except mere men inspired by Us."
(Al-Quran)

Therefore, Prophets lead their lives in such a manner that everyone can adopt.

E-CONCLUSION

To sum up, Prophets have been assigned a number of tasks to encourage people to live their lives according to the teachings of Quran and Sunnah. Allah (SWT) sent prophets as the Warner, the Inviter, the Preachers, the Purifiers and so on. They have been sent for the betterment of mankind and to get them on the right path.

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They have been asked to take mankind from darkness to brightness, from injustice to justice and from slavery to freedom, and guide them to ultimate salvation in the life hereafter. Hence, Allah (SWT) sent Prophets according to the conditions of people at suitable times and ended this chain by sending Holy Prophet (SAW) as the Last Prophet and completed His Deen over Islam.
