

FINALITY OF PROPHETHOOD

INTRODUCTION:

Finality of Prophethood
and Salient Features
of Prophethood

"Muhammad is not the father
of any men among you,
but He is the Messenger
of Allah and the seal of
Prophets"

(Surah Ahzab: 40)

Surah Ahzab's verse number 40 supports the evidence of the doctrine of finality of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) as the "seal of Prophets". Absolute finality means that there will be no prophet after Muhammad (S.A.W). Numerous verses of Holy Quran and Hadith evidenced the finality of Prophethood. Moreover, Holy Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) was declared as "Karam-un-Nabiyeen", as there is universality of Prophethood for all the times, Prophet is worthy of obedience, annulment of Shariah has been granted to Holy Prophet (S.A.W). Furthermore, Islam as a Deen has been perfected on Prophet, and Holy Prophet's age has been declared as a

path to Ummah to follow.

4) Meaning of Terminology Absolute Finality of Prophethood:

2.1) What is absolute finality of Prophethood?

It is known as "Khatam-e-Nabuwat"

Khatam



- to stamp
- to steal
- to enclose

Khatam-e-Nabuwat



End of Prophethood.

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The assignment of Prophethood

to transmit guidance of divine

teachings to God's creature

started from apostle Adam (A.s)

concluded with the mission

of the Prophet (S.A.W) ☞

Allah Almighty has granted Holy Prophet

(S.A.W), a name 'Al-Aqib' meaning the

last of Prophet's.

2.2) Quranic Evidence of the finality OF Prophethood:

Allah Almighty proclaims in Surah
Araf as: **كل يا ايها الناس اني رسول
الله عليكم جميعا**

"Say O Muhammad (S.A.W)!
O mankind, I am Messenger
of God to you all"

(~ Surah - Araf: 158)

Similarly, the belief in finality of
Prophethood is one of the articles of faith.
Without this, a man's faith is incomplete,
if man do not consider Prophet (S.A.W) as
last Prophet.

لا اله الا الله محمد رسول الله

"There is no God except
Allah, and Prophet is
Allah's Prophet."

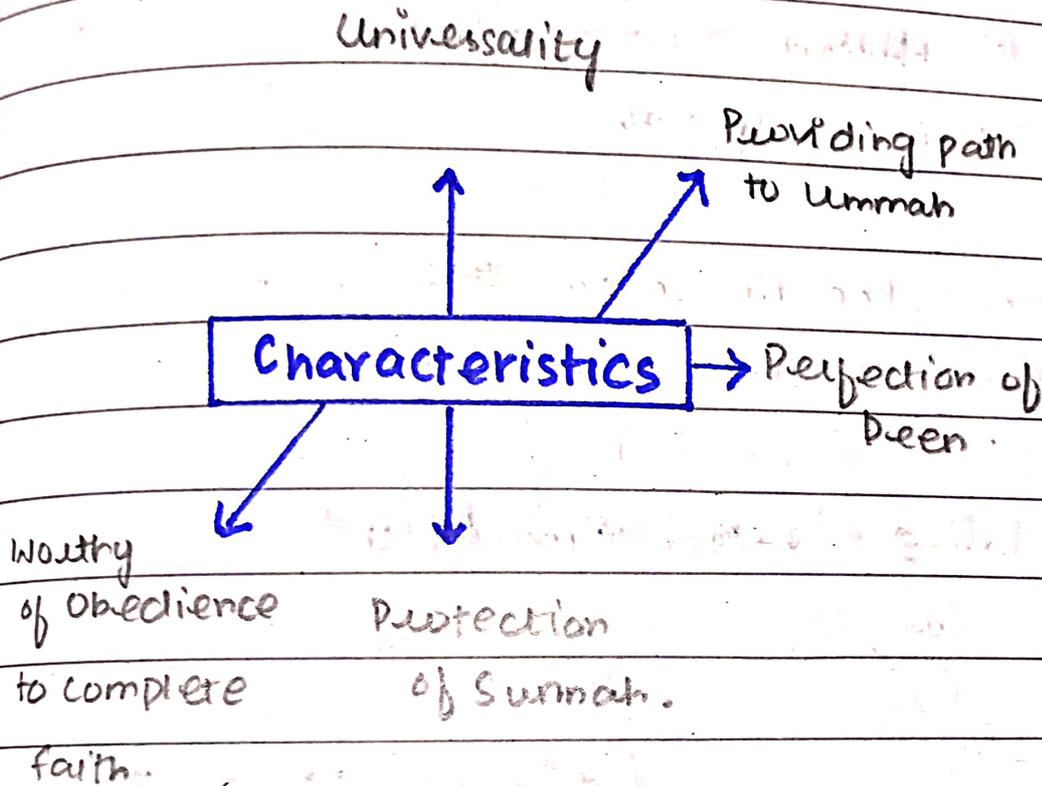
(~ Kalma)

2.3) Evidence of finality of Prophet hood through Hadith:

"The Continual of Prophethood
and apostleship has ended,
After me, there is neither

"a prophet not an apostle"

Characteristics of Finality of Prophethood:



3.1) Universality And Eternal Prophethood:

Before Prophet (S.A.W) there used to be prophets for a specific nation and specific period of time, but Holy Prophet (S.A.W) is for all nations till the day of judgment. As Holy Prophet (S.A.W)

Said:

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

(~ Holy Prophet S.A.W)

3.2) Worth of Obedience

Allah Almighty has asked His mankind
to obey Prophet (S.A.W) and follow his teachings.
Allah has asked the nation that whoever obeys
Allah should obey Prophet (S.A.W).

من يطع الرسول فقد اطاع الله

"And the one who obeys
messenger, obeys Allah"

(~ Surah Nisa):80

3.3) Perfection of Deen:

Allah Almighty revealed a book called
Holy Quran as Prophet (S.A.W), and said that
He declared Islam as a religion and Deen
for mankind. The Islamic teachings are
delivered to Ummah through Prophet (S.A.W)

3.4) Perfection of Deens

"This day I have completed my favour upon you, and completed deen on you, and choose for you Islam as a religion."

(~ Surah-Maida:03)

3.4) Protection of Holy Quran:

Allah revealed a book on Prophet's, but the protection of Holy Quran was taken by Allah's Almighty. Allah has revealed Holy Quran on Prophet, and announced it to be eternal and universal for whole mankind to follow.

انا نحن نزلنا ذكر واناله حافظون

"Certainly, we have revealed this book and we will protect it"

Sunnah (Surah Hujar:09)

3.5) Protection of Holy Quran:

Holy Prophet's teachings have been preserved, perfected and completed for whole of the mankind. Numerous verses of Holy Quran support this, as Allah preserved

تاتقوا الله فاطيعون

"Fear God and obey me."

(Surah Zulkur: 13)

36) Providing Path to Ummah:

Holy Prophet (S.A.W)'s life is the practical example for mankind to follow in their daily affairs, as Holy Prophet (S.A.W) said that He is leaving his examples for mankind to follow.

"I am leaving two things for you: Book of Allah and my examples. Until you keep both in your grasp, you will never be mislead"

(Holy Prophet S.A.W)

Conclusion:

In a nutshell, there will be no prophet after Muhammad (S.A.W), as Allah Himself claimed in Holy Quran. Moreover, Holy Prophet (S.A.W) teachings serve as a comprehensive, practical guide for daily affairs, emphasizing character, social justice

and spiritual sincerity.