

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ



Prophet Jesus/Isa AS in Light of Holy Qur'an & Traditions

نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُصَلِّي عَلَى رَسُولِهِ الْكَرِيمِ وَالْبَهْدِيِّ الْمَوْعُودِ الْعَظِيمِ

Allah SWT says in the Holy Qur'an,

وَلَمَّا جَاءَ عِيسَى بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ قَالَ قَدْ جِئْتُكُمْ بِالْحِكْمَةِ وَلِأُبَيِّنَ لَكُمْ بَعْضَ الَّذِي تَخْتَلَفُونَ فِيهِ فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ ﴿63﴾ (سورة الزخرف)

Translation:- And when Isa AS came with Clear Proofs, he said, "Verily, I have come to you with Wisdom and to make clear to you some of that over which you differ. So fear Allah and Obey me."

Prophet Jesus' name in the Holy Qur'an is "Isa ibn Maryam AS", which means "Jesus/Isa, son of Mary". He is also referred to as "Al-Masih AS", which means "anointed one".

إِذْ قَالَ اللَّهُ يُعِيسِي إِيَّيْ مُتَوَفِّيكَ وَرَافِعَك إِلَىَّ وَمُطَهِّرُكَ مِنَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَجَاعِلُ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوكَ فَوْقَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ ثُمَّ إِلَىَّ مَرْجِعُكُمْ فَأَحْكُمُ بَيْنَكُمْ فِيمَا كُنْتُمْ فِيهِ تَخْتَلِفُونَ ﴿55﴾ (سورة آل عمران)

Translation:- When Allah said, "O Isa/Jesus! I will take you to Me and will raise you to Me, and I will purify you from those who Do not

believe. And I will make those who follow you superior to those who Disbelieve on the Day of Resurrection. Then to Me is your return and I will Judge between you concerning that about which you used to differ.

In the light of the above Quranic Verse, we Muslim Mahdavis believe that Prophet Jesus (peace be upon him) was raised to Heaven without being Crucified. Instead, Allah created a look-alike of Prophet Jesus who was crucified, and Jesus/ Isa AS ascended to Heaven.

The Holy Qur'an mentions six Major Miracles that appeared on Prophet Jesus (peace be upon him) by the Will of Allah SWT, which are the clear proofs of his Prophethood. In Qur'an it is mentioned in the following Verse:

إِذْ قَالَتِ الْمَلَائِكَةُ يَا مَرْيَمُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُبَشِّرُكِ بِكَلِمَةٍ مِنْهُ قَطِ اسْمُهُ الْمَسِيحُ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ وَجِيهًا فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَمِنَ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ ﴿٤٥﴾ (سورة ال عمران)

Traslation:- When the Angels said, “O Maryam! Indeed, Allah gives you glad tidings of a word from Him, his name is Messiah, Isa, son of Maryam, held in honor in this world and in the Hereafter and among those brought near (to Allah)

وَيُكَلِّمُ النَّاسَ فِي الْمَهْدِ وَكَهْلًا وَمِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿٤٦﴾ (سورة ال عمران)

Translation:- And, “He will speak to the people, in the cradle and in Manhood/Maturity, and he

will be one of the righteous.”

قَالَتْ رَبِّ أَنَّى يَكُونُ لِي وَلَدٌ وَلَمْ يَمَسِّنِي بَشَرٌ ط قَالَ كَذَلِكَ اللَّهُ يَخْلُقُ مَا يَشَاءُ ط إِذَا
قَضَىٰ أَمْرًا فَإِنَّمَا يَقُولُ لَهُ كُنْ فَيَكُونُ ﴿47﴾ (سورة ال عمران)

Translation:- She (Mariyam AS) said, “My Lord! How is it possible for me to have a boy, and not any man has touched me?” He said, “Thus Allah creates what He Wills. When He Decrees a matter then only He say to it, “Be,” and it becomes.

وَيُعَلِّمُهُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَالتَّوْرَةَ وَالْإِنْجِيلَ ﴿48﴾ (سورة ال عمران)

Translation:- And He (Allah) will teach him the Book, and the Wisdom, and the Taurat, and the Bible/Injeel.

وَمُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِنَ التَّوْرَةِ وَلَا حِلَّ لَكُمْ بَعْضَ الَّذِي حُرِّمَ عَلَيْكُمْ وَ
جِئْتُكُمْ بِآيَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا ﴿50﴾ (سورة ال عمران)

Translation:- “And I have come, confirming that which was before me of the Taurat, and to make lawful to you part of what was forbidden to you, and I have come to you with a proof from your Lord. So have Fear/Taqwa of Allah and obey me.”

إِنَّ اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبُّكُمْ فَاعْبُدُوهُ ط هَذَا صِرَاطٌ مُّسْتَقِيمٌ ﴿51﴾ (سورة ال عمران)

Translation:- “Indeed, Allah is my Lord! and your Lord, so worship Him (Alone). This is the straight path.”

The Holy Qur’an refers to the wonders performed by prophets as "The Sign of God" or

"Wonders". These Miracles were meant to confirm the Authenticity of the Prophets' Missions.

So, the Miracles of Prophet Jesus/Isa (peace be upon him) are also the "The Signs of God" which confirms his Authenticity of his Prophet Hood. There are six major Miracles of Prophet Jesus/Isa (peace be upon him).

1. He will speak to the people, in the cradle in Manhood/Maturity
2. Giving sight to the blind
3. Healing lepers
4. Raising the dead
5. Breathing life into clay birds
6. And will inform what people eat and what they store in their houses

وَرَسُولًا إِلَىٰ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ ۚ إِنِّي قَدْ جِئْتُكُمْ بِآيَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ لَا أَنِّي أَخْلُقُ لَكُمْ مِنَ الطَّيْرِ كَهَيْئَةِ الطَّيْرِ فَأَنْفُخُ فِيهِ فَيَكُونُ طَيْرًا مِّمَّن يَأْتِي اللَّهُ جَ وَ أُبْرِئُ الْأَكْمَهَ وَالْأَبْرَصَ وَ أُحْيِي الْمَوْتَىٰ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ جَ وَ أَنْبِئُكُمْ بِمَا تَأْكُلُونَ وَ مَا تَدَّخِرُونَ لَا فِي بُيُوتِكُمْ ط
إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَآيَةً لَّكُمْ إِن كُنتُمْ مُّؤْمِنِينَ ﴿49﴾ (سورة آل عمران)

Translation:- And I will make him a Messenger to the Children of Israel (saying), "Indeed, I have come to you with Sign from your Lord, that I design for you out of a clay, a figure like that of a bird, and breathe into it, and it becomes a bird by the Permission Allah, and I cure the blind, and the leper, and give life to

the dead by the permission of Allah. And I inform you of what you eat and what you store in your houses. Indeed, in that is surely a Sign for you, if you are the believers.”

Here are some other things to know about Jesus in the Holy Qur'an:

Prophet Jesus is expected to return to Earth in the Last Era and the Union of Mahdi AS and Jesus/Isa AS in One Era is not possible.

Generally, the Muslims know about Mahdi-e-Mau'ood AS that he would appear in the period close to Doomsday, and that Hazrat Imam Mahdi AS and Prophet Jesus/Isa AS will appear at the same time. This information is superficial and the result of books written without any research. Prophet Muhammad SAS has said, “When two Vice Regents/Khalifas claim loyalty, kill one.”

On the basis of this Imam Nowawi RA has said, “The Scholars of the past have achieved consensus in respect of two Vice Regents/Khulafa not being allowed at one and the same time **(That is unity/Ijtima).**”

This shows that the concept of the union of Imam Mahdi AS and Prophet Isa AS is void and violates the consensus; in other words a generally accepted opinion.

Allamah Qazi Muntajibuddin RZ Junairy, who had confirmed/acknowledged Imam Mahdi AS

and sworn fealty to him, has written a book in Arabic language, by the name Makhzan-ad-Dalalail (Treasury of Arguments), wherein he has elaborately dealt with the proof of Imam Mahdi AS. In it he has discussed the issue of both Imam Mahdi AS and Prophet Isa AS appearing at one and the same time. He holds that the concept is wrong with convincing arguments. At one point in his book, the Allamah RZ states: “And saying that Imam Mahdi AS will lead the prayers and Prophet Isa AS will follow him is incapable of being enforced for many reasons. It is opposed to the Correct Tradition/Hadees wherein the Prophet SAS said,

كَيْفَ تَهْلِكُ أُمَّةٌ أَنَا فِي أَوَّلِهَا وَعِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ فِي آخِرِهَا وَالْمَهْدِيُّ مِنْ أَهْلِ بَيْتِي
فِي وَسْطِهَا

Translation:- “How can the community be annihilated when I am in its beginning, Isa(AS) is at its end and Mahdi (AS), who is among my descendants, is in the middle.”

This Tradition has been accepted by all of the Muhaddiseen and is also referred to as the Golden Chain of Traditions. It is mentioned in Musnad Imam Ahmad Bin Hanbal as reported by Abdullah bin Abbas RZ and in Kanziul-A'maal by Ali Karam Allahu Wajhu and also in Ishatul-m'at Vol IV with Zareen, and also in Mishkaat with slight variation.

There are three important things that are evident in this Tradition:

- 1. There will be two Vice Regents/Khulafa in Muslim Umma**
- 2. Mahdi AS and Isa AS will appear in different Eras separately**
- 3. There is not a single Correct Tradition that contradicts the above Tradition**

Hence it is clear that these two Vice Regents/Khulafa can not appear in the same Era. Most importantly, these Vice Regents/Khulafa will appear for the True Guidance of Shariat laws and as the Saviors of Muslim Umma. They will refresh the Teachings of Holy Qur'an and love of Allah.

Further, Iman Sa'aduddin Tuftazani RA, in his book, Sharah-e-Maqaasid, has clearly denied the concept of the appearance of Imam Mahdi AS and Prophet Isa AS at one and the same time. He has also said that the saying that Isa AS will follow Imam Mahdi AS, or vice versa, in prayers, is an unauthenticated saying which cannot be relied upon.”

(Naqliyaat-e-Bandagi Miyan Abdur-Rasheed Mae Tauzihaat)

Hazrat Mahdi AS once said, “In Shaa Allah The Mahdavis will remain till the Dooms Day.”

Hence we are waiting for Prophet Jesus/Isa AS (peace be upon him) to descend from Heaven whenever Allah Wills.

I pray Allahu SWT to guide us to the straight

**path, and guide us to understand and follow
the Teachings of Hazrat Imam Syed Muhammd
Mahdi-e-Mau'ood Juanpuri/The Promised
Mahdi AS in our daily life. And may Allah bless
us with His Vision in this life Aameen.**

And may Allah forgive my errors.

أَمِينَ ثُمَّ أَمِينَ يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَآخِرُ الدَّعْوَانَا أَنْ لِحَمْدُ اللَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ.

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