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## PREFACE

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الحمد لله رب العالمين، والصلاة والسلام على سيدنا محمد وعلى آله وصحبه أجمعين

Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) is the Apostle of Allah and seal of Prophet-hood. He is the last and final Prophet to humanity. After him no one will come as a Prophet. Claim of Prophet-hood by anyone after Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) is Apostasy. This belief is the core of Islamic faith.

Prophet Mohammad's (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم), is highest ranking among Prophets, therefore, his respect in the Cosmos is highest, next only to Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ). He has a special status awarded to him by Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ).

**It is in Quran** - وَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَاحْذَرُوا [And obey Allah and obey the apostle (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) and be cautious (about his status and respect in this cosmos)]. (Al-Maa'ida - 92).

**It is in Hadith** - Narrated by Ibn Omer and Abu Huraira (رضي الله تعالى عنهما), the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) told his companions, 'I am not like you. I live with my Sustainer (رب) who feeds and provides me with drink. (Bukhari, Muslim).

This book discusses the basic issues related to 'Belief in Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) which is the essential part of Islamic Testimony - كَلِمَةُ شَهَادَةٍ - اَشْهَدُ اَنْ لَا اِلَهَ اِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَ اَشْهَدُ اَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ [ I testify that there is no God except Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ), the one only, without partner, and I testify that Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) is His servant and Apostle.

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## PROPHET MOHAMMAD ( صلى الله عليه و آله ) (وسلم) IS THE SEAL OF PROPHETHOOD

Mohammad Rasulullah ( صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم ) is the last prophet sent for the entire mankind.

**It is in Quran** - وَأَرْسَلْنَاكَ لِلنَّاسِ رَسُولًا ۖ وَكَفَىٰ بِاللَّهِ شَهِيدًا [ And We have sent you (O' Muhammad - صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم ) as an Apostle for the entire mankind, and Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) is Sufficient as a Witness .] (**An-Nisa - 79**).

**It is in Quran** - مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِّن رِّجَالِكُمْ وَلَكِن رَّسُولَ اللَّهِ وَخَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّينَ ۗ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمًا [ Prophet Mohammad ( صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم ) is not the father of any man among you, but he is the Apostle of Allah and the Seal of the Prophets; and Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) is ever aware of all things]. (**Al-Ahzab - 40**).

Quran is the last scripture sent by Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) which has been preserved in its original form for the past one thousand four hundred years.

**It is in Quran** - هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ [ He (Allah) is Who has sent His Apostle ( صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم ) with the guidance and the religion of truth that He may make it prevail over all religions.] (**As-Saff - 9**).

Prophet Mohammad ( صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم ) is highest ranking among prophets, thus, his respect is highest in the Cosmos.

**It is in Quran** - النَّبِيُّ أَوْلَىٰ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ مِنْ أَنفُسِهِمْ ۗ وَأَزْوَاجُهُ أُمَّهَاتُهُمْ [ Prophet Mohammad ( صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم ) is more important to the believers than their own selves and his wives are their mothers.] (**Al-Ahzab - 6**)

We are commanded not to call Prophet ( صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم ) by name aloud, as we do to each other.

**It is in Quran** - يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَرْفَعُوا أَصْوَاتَكُمْ فَوْقَ صَوْتِ النَّبِيِّ وَلَا تَجْهَرُوا لَهُ بِالْقَوْلِ كَجَهْرِ بَعْضِكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ أَن تَحْبَطَ أَعْمَالُكُمْ وَأَنتُمْ لَا تَشْعُرُونَ- إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَغُضُّونَ أَصْوَاتَهُمْ عِنْدَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ امْتَحَنَ اللَّهُ فُلُوبَهُمْ لِلتَّقْوَىٰ ۗ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ وَأَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ [ O believers! Do not raise your voices above the voice of the Prophet ( صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم ), nor speak aloud when talking to him as you speak aloud to one another, lest your deeds should come to nothing while you do not even perceive it. Indeed, those who

lower their voices in the presence of Allah's Apostle (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) are the ones whose hearts Allah has refined for righteousness. They will have forgiveness and a great reward. ] (Al-Hujraat 2-3)

Prophet's (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) word is treated as word of Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) and his obedience is treated as Allah's (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) obedience.

**It is in Quran** - [ وَمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ - إِنَّ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَىٰ - (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) does not say anything with his self desire, except that this is the revelation which is coming to him (from Allah - عَزَّ وَجَلَّ)].(An-Najm - 3-4).

The abilities and talents of Prophets are beyond our comprehension. They are taught by Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) therefore, are knowledgeable. They are teachers of humanity appointed by Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ). General people are required to learn from Prophets. Therefore, how can a teacher be equated with his pupils? There are distinctions of ranks and if we do not keep the distinction in mind, we lose the right path of Islam.

Salafis in their attempt to equate the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) and his family members and Sahabah with general people, have destroyed their pious graves and erased all important relics of Islam which were the hallmark of Islamic history for the past 1400 years. They also attempted several times to destroy the Green Dome of Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) and his pious grave.

## THE UNIQUE STATE OF PROPHET MOHAMMAD (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم)

The greatness of a person is known by his humility. The greater he is, more humble he becomes. Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) is the greatest of all human beings, therefore he shows the greatest the humbleness of all.

Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) has rewarded Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) with so many bounties but look at his humility and servitude towards Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ).

**It is in Hadith** (Ahmad, Bazzar, un Anas - رضی الله تعالى عنه). A camel came and prostrated in front of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم). A goat came and prostrated in front of him. (Looking at this) Abu Bakr Siddique (رضی الله تعالى عنه) and other companions also sought permission to prostrate (in front of him). But the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) said, 'It is not appropriate for a human being to prostrate in front of another human being'.

**It is in Quran** - [ Say (O'Prophet - صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) 'I am a human being like you (in looks, but) the revelation has come to me (I am the Apostle of Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) which makes me distinct from you). (Al-Kahaf - 110).

The above verse describes بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُكُمْ. If Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) wanted to emphasize on the ordinary human aspect of Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم), the above verse could have been قُلْ إِنَّمَا أَنَا بَشَرٌ (Say O' Prophet ' I am a human being)". But in this verse, there is an addition of word مِّثْلُكُمْ, meaning like you in looks or in the pattern of general human beings.

By adding the word مِّثْلُكُمْ, Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) is emphasizing the distinction of Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) from general human beings. This aspect is made clear from the rest of the verse يُرَحَى إِلَيَّ (I am the Apostle of Allah which makes me distinct from all of you). Our understanding of this verse is also supported from the following Quranic verses and Ahadith.

**It is in Hadith** - Narrated by Ibn Omer, Abu Huraira and Anas (رضی الله عنهم اجمعين). Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) kept fast after fast, sometimes 5 days in a row. Sahabah tried to emulate (follow his practice), but realized it was not possible. Prophet Mohammad - صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم

وآله وسلم told his companions, 'I am not like you. I live with my Sustainer (*Rabbul Aalameen*) who feeds and provides me with drink. (**Bukhari, Muslim**).

Three things are established from the above Hadith.

(i) He is not like any normal human being. He is placed at an exalted state 'Maqaam-e-Mahmood' as described in verse أَنْ يَبْعَثَكَ رَبُّكَ مَقَامًا مَّحْمُودًا (Allah will raise you to the highest place of praise and glory) (**Al-Isra - 79**).

(ii) Bodily he lives in this world, but spiritually he lives with His Sustainer.

(iii) Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) provides him with special spiritual food and drink.

Let us see some more facts from authentic Ahadith.

(i) **It is in Hadith** - Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) sees both in light as well as in dark, narrated by Ummul Momineen Aisha (رضى الله تعالى عنها) and Ibn Abbas (رضى الله تعالى عنه). (**Baihaqi**)

(ii) **It is in Hadith** - Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) sees simultaneously from the front and rear, narrated by Ummul Momineen Aisha (رضى الله تعالى عنها) and Anas (رضى الله تعالى عنه) (**Bukhari, Muslim**).

(iii) **It is in Hadith** - Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) said 'My eyes sleep, but my heart does not sleep'. (**Bukhari, Muslim**).

(iv) Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) walks, but there is no shadow of his sacred body on earth.

(v) He sits under a tree and when he gets up, the tree starts crying.

(vi) The earth swallows his stool and a perfumed smell comes out of that place.

(vii) The sweat of Prophet Mohammad's (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) body is used by brides as perfume.

(viii) It is in Quran - سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَسْرَى بِعَبْدِهِ لَيْلًا مِنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَى [The Unity of Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ)] (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) in pure, who took His servant (Prophet Mohammad) in one night from the honored mosque (Masjid-e-Haraam) to the Al-Aqsa mosque around which We have given abundance of virtue, so that We show him our signs and traces of Omnipotence (which were unseen by anyone in this cosmos). Without doubt He is the (only) one who sees and listens.] (Al-Isra - 1).

Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) describes the beautiful occasion of His meeting with Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) on the Empyrean (Arsh-e-Mu'allah) during Me'raj. Look at the height of love between Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) and His 'Habeeb' Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم).

(x) It is in Quran - وَاللَّجْمِ إِذَا هَوَىٰ - مَا ضَلَّ صَاحِبُكُمْ وَمَا غَوَىٰ - وَمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ - إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَىٰ عَلَّمَهُ شَدِيدُ الْقُوَىٰ - ذُو مِرَّةٍ فَاسْتَوَىٰ - وَهُوَ بِالْأُفُقِ الْأَعْلَىٰ - ثُمَّ دَنَا فَتَدَلَّىٰ - فَكَانَ قَابَ قَوْسَيْنِ أَوْ أَدْنَىٰ - فَأَوْحَىٰ إِلَىٰ عَبْدِهِ مَا أَوْحَىٰ - مَا كَذَبَ الْفُؤَادُ مَا رَأَىٰ - أَفَتُمَلِّوْنَهُ عَلَىٰ مَا يَرَىٰ - وَلَقَدْ رَءَاهُ نَزْلَةً أُخْرَىٰ - عِنْدَ سِدْرَةِ الْمُنْتَهَىٰ - عِنْدَهَا جَنَّةُ الْمَأْوَىٰ - إِذْ يَغْشَى السِّدْرَةَ مَا يَغْشَىٰ - مَا رَآهُ الْبَصَرُ وَمَا طَعَىٰ - [ The Mighty in power (Allah - عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) has offered him (Prophet Mohammad - صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) the knowledge. So (equipped), he stood well poised. (With the perfect vision attained) at the highest horizon. Then he (the Prophet - صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) approached closer and hung (by Allah - عَزَّ وَجَلَّ). Then (both) closed up like two bows, and indeed more closely. And He revealed to His servant (Prophet Mohammad - صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) what He wanted to reveal. The heart of Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) did not distrust what he saw. Will you people wrangle over what he beheld (saw). For indeed he beheld Him (Allah - عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) yet again. Near the 'Lote' tree lying farthest beyond which no one can go. Lying close to the Heaven of Rest. When the 'Lote' tree was being enveloped by what it was to be enveloped with (a mystery not disclosed). His (Prophet Mohammad's - صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) sight did

not blink or did it miss anything. Indeed he saw clearly the greatest of the signs of his Lord']. (An-Najm - 1-18).

(xi) It is in Quran - **قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ نُورٌ وَكِتَابٌ مُبِينٌ** [ From Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) has come to you a Light (Prophet Mohammad - صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) and a Book manifest (the Quran).] (Al-Ma'eda-15)

When we look at the above miraculous state of affairs of Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم), a unique spectrum will be unfolded. There are no limits for Miracles, super natural happenings and wonders of Allah's (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) omnipotence of highest order. At the same time, humility, modesty, servitude and humbleness are the distinctive excellence of Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم). Let us read the following to understand this puzzle.

It is in Quran - **قُلْ لَا أَمْلِكُ لِنَفْسِي نَفْعًا وَلَا ضَرًّا إِلَّا مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ وَلَوْ كُنْتُ أَعْلَمُ الْغَيْبِ لَاسْتَكْتَرْتُ مِنَْ** [Say (O' Prophet - صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) I have no power over any good or harm to myself except as Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) wills. If I had knowledge of the unseen, I should have multiplied all virtue and no evil should have touched me. I am but a warner and a bringer of glad tidings to those who have faith". (Al-Araf-188)

It is in Quran - **إِنَّا أَعْطَيْنَاكَ الْكَوْثَرَ** [ We (Allah has given you a lot, abundant virtue (and Al-Kawthar). (Al-Kawthar - 1).

It is in Hadith - Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) says 'I do not know what will be done to me, or to you'.

It is in Quran - **أَنْ يَبْعَثَكَ رَبُّكَ مَقَامًا مَّحْمُودًا** (Allah says) 'Soon it is expected that your Sustainer will give you very exalted state (مَقَامًا مَّحْمُودًا). (Al-Isra- 79).

It is in Quran - **وَلَلْآخِرَةُ خَيْرٌ لَّكَ مِنَ الْأُولَى - وَلَسَوْفَ يُعْطِيكَ رَبُّكَ فَتَرْضَى** [ (Allah says) Every moment your state is better than your past state'. (And) 'Very soon your Sustainer will give you in abundance and you will be pleased with it'.] (Ad-Dhuha - 4-5).

It is in Quran - **وَرَفَعْنَا لَكَ ذِكْرَكَ** [(Allah says) 'We have exalted your invocation (zikr) higher (in the cosmos).](Ash-Sharh - 4).

It is very important to have Sahih Iman about Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم). A slightest mistake in this regard takes you out of Iman and Islamic fold altogether.

Salafis, Deobandis and their like minded groups consider Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) as a normal human being as anyone else. The problem is that things which are visible to the normal physical eyes are also ignored by them. They do not pay attention to the fact that there is a commonality which is common in two things, but it is the distinction which is the deciding factor of excellence. They should know that between human being and animals there are many commonalities. The animals are living beings, they eat and they reproduce their species. These are commonalities between animals and human beings. But the distinction between the two is the human beings are crowned with common sense, intelligence, therefore, they have become masters of the world. They should know that there are many commonalities between believers and non-believers as well. The distinction between the two is the Islamic faith. Because of this distinction, one will go the Paradise and the other will be burned in Hell fire permanently.

Makkan apostates like Abu Jahel and others used to say, what is the difference between him (Prophet Mohammad - صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) and other people of Makkah, as he lives a life of a normal human being.

**وَقَالُوا مَالِ هَذَا الرَّسُولِ يَأْكُلُ الطَّعَامَ وَيَمْشِي فِي الْأَسْوَاقِ لَوْلَا أَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْهِ مَالًا فَكَوْنًا** [The apostates of Makka used to say) 'What is there in this Apostle (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم), he eats food like us and goes around the markets like us.] (**Al-Furqan - 7**).

But Sahabah (رضى الله تعالى عنهم اجمعين) never used to think on those lines and they never compared Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) with normal human beings. They looked at Prophet Mohammad's (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) life as an absolute miracle of Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ). To them Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) has been an unusual phenomenon of Allah's (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) omnipotence.

Prophet Mohammad's (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) life is a perpetual miracle. How come a person changes the course of the world? How could he culminates the teachings of all prophets and becomes a stamp on the Divine law? Whatever he does, whatever he says is the Divine law.

**It is in Quran** - وَمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ - إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَىٰ - (Prophet Mohammad - صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) does not say anything with his self desire, except that this is the revelation which is coming to him (from Allah - عَزَّ وَجَلَّ). (**An-Najm - 3-4**).

He brings the news of unseen which was unknown to anyone in this world before him. These and many more things which are known to every one of us are ignored by these unfortunate people.

Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) represents humanity in all his actions. He shows happiness on certain things and displeasure on certain things. He shows fore knowledge of certain things and shows his unawareness of certain things. He pleads with Almighty for His forgiveness. He walks in streets like normal human beings. He fights with infidels along with his companions and sometimes the results of the battles are inconclusive and sometimes he wins. He becomes concerned when something goes wrong with his family members and his companions and shares happiness with them on happy occasions.

Why it is so? Did you ever think about that? Read this Quranic verse to understand this phenomenon.

**It is in Quran** - لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ [Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) is an exemplary model (for all of you) (**Al-Ahzab - 21**).

He is an icon of humanity and of all creations. In other words, he is a perfect human being. Like him there is none. He represents various facets of humanity at various stages of his life. Sometimes, he shows utmost humility of a desperate human being and on other occasions, pointing his finger towards the moon splits it into two, which was witnessed by all Quraish.

**It is in Quran** - افْتَرَبَتِ السَّاعَةُ وَانْشَقَّ الْقَمَرُ - وَإِنْ يَرَوْا آيَةً يُغْرَضُوا وَيَقُولُوا سِحْرٌ مُّسْتَمِرٌّ - [The Hour (the Day of Resurrection) came near and the moon was split. And if they see any sign, then turn their faces and say this is magic perpetual.] (**Al-Qamar -1-2**).

One of the most important aspect of our Iman is utmost respect of Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) and deep rooted love for him in our hearts.

We should be careful while describing about Prophets, Sahabah, Imams, Sufi Shuyookh of Ihsan and Awliya Allah. They are all virtuous and stand tall in Islamic Ummah. We should not rebel against their authorities in religion. If you do not keep these things in mind, you are sure to be doomed on the Day of Judgment.

