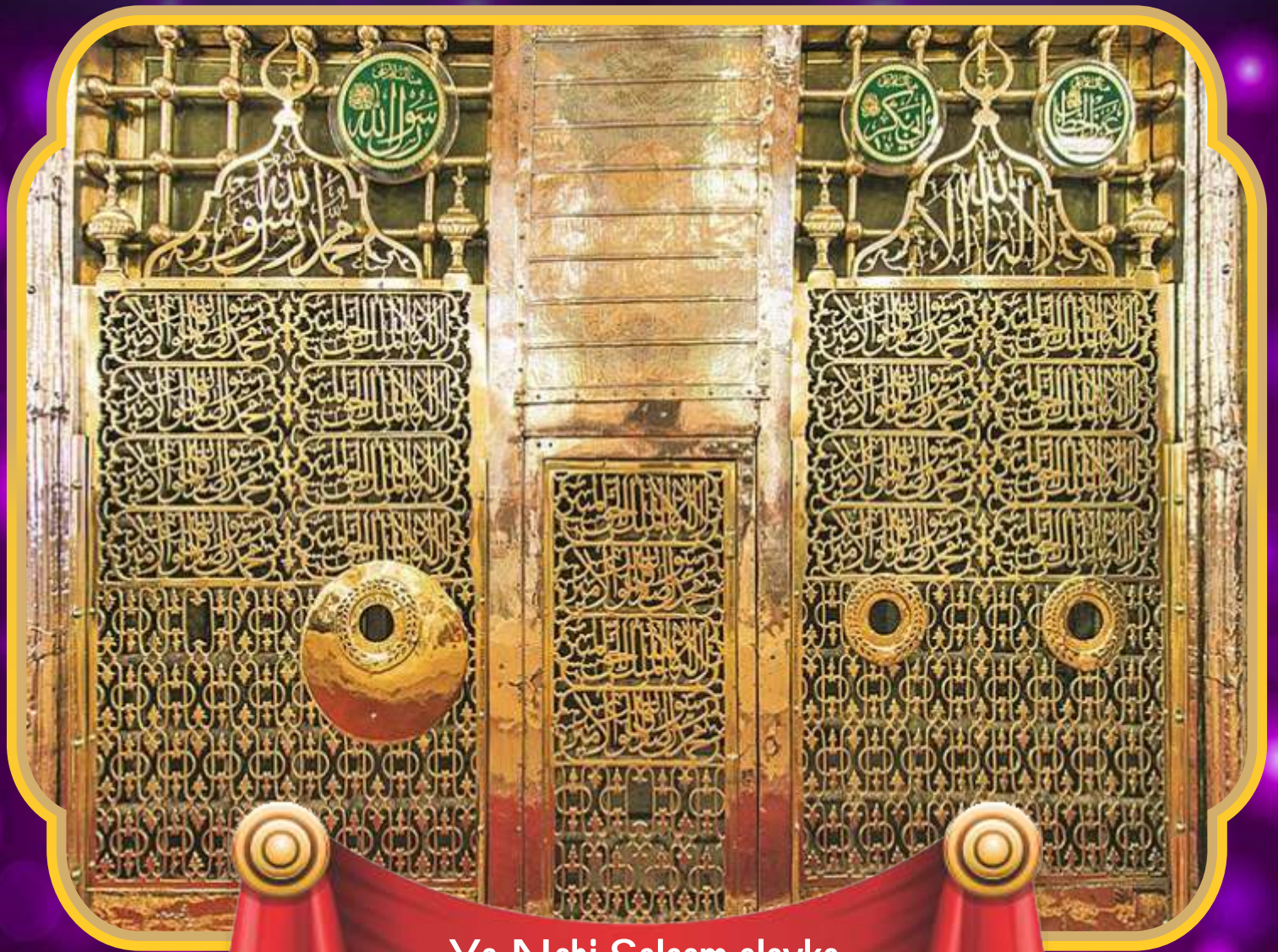


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WHAT ALLAH SAYS ABOUT MUHAMMAD ﷺ



O Prophet! (The communicator of the hidden news) Surely we have sent you as a witness and a bearer of glad tidings and a warner and an inviter towards Allah by His command, and as a blazing sun. *(Surah Al Ahzab 33:45-46)*

And We did not sent you but as a mercy for all worlds. *(Surah Al Ambiya 21:107)*

Indeed there has come to you from Allah a light and a luminous book. *(Surah Al Ma'idah 5:15)*

Surely We have observed you turning your face (O Muhammad) towards heaven repeatedly. And we will surely turn you to a qiblah with which you will be pleased. *(Surah Al Baqarah 2:144)*

Undoubtedly Allah and His angels sent blessings on the Prophet of Allah (the communicator of hidden news). O You who believe send blessings upon him and salute him fully well in abundance. *(Surah Al Ahzab 33:56)*

And soon your Lord shall give so much that you (O beloved Prophet) shall be well pleased. *(Surah Ad Duha 93:5)*

Surely There has come to you a messenger, from amongst yourselves. Heavy upon him is your suffering and he ardently desires your welfare. To the believers his most kind and merciful. *(Surah Al Taubah 9:128)*

Surely those who swear allegiance to you (Muhammad), indeed swear allegiance to Allah. The hand of Allah is above their hands. *(Surah Al Fath 48:10)*

And if, when they do injustice unto their souls then O Beloved they should come to you and then beg forgiveness of Allah and the messenger should intercede for them. Then surely they would find Allah most relenting, merciful. *(Surah An Nisaa 4:64)*

Muhammad is not the father of any of your men. But he is the messenger of Allah, and the last of the Prophets. And Allah knows of all things. *(Surah Al Azhab 33:40)*

O you enwrapped one. *(Surah Al Muzzamil 73:1)*

O you who have enfolded yourself within your mantle. *(Surah Muddathir 74:1)*

Certainly you have an excellent mode in the following in the messenger of Allah, for him who hopes in Allah and the last day, and (who) remembers Allah in abundance. *(Surah Al Ahzab 33:21)*

Therefore you did not slay them, but Allah slew them. And O Beloved Prophet dust that you did throw, actually it was not thrown by you, but Allah threw it, in order that He might confir on the believers a better reward then it. Undoubtedly, Allah is hearing most knowing. *(Surah Al Anfal 8:17)*

And we have exalted high your remembrance. *(Al Inshirah 94:4)*

And indeed you are upon the excellent manners. *(Surah Al Qalam 68:4)*

Certainly we have sent you as a witness and a bearer of glad tidings and a warner. *(Surah Al Fath 48:8)*

Muhammad is the messenger of Allah. And those with him are severe against the infidels but compassionately tender amongst themselves. You will see them bowing and prostrating themselves (in prayer) seeking the grace of Allah and His pleasure. They have the marks on their foreheads from the effect of prostrations. This description of theirs is in the Torah and this description is also in the Injeel. *(Surah Al Fath 48:29)*

And if you desire company of Allah and His messenger and the home of the hereafter, then undoubtedly Allah has kept prepared the doers of good among you a great reward. *(Surah Al Ahzab 33:29)*

His Family purified by Allah *(Surah Al Ahzab 33:33)*

His Companions praised by Allah (Sub'hanahu wa Ta'ala) *(Surah Al Fath 48:29)*

His Companions pledge allegiance to him *(Surah Al Fath 48:18)*

And obey Allah and the messenger (Muhammad) *(Surah Al Maeda:92)*

"And Verily. for you (Muhammad) are on an exalted (standard of) character" *(Surah Al-Qalam:4)*

We have not sent you but as a mercy to the worlds *(Surah Al-Anbiya, Verse 107)*



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WHAT OTHERS SAY... ABOUT

MUHAMMAD

ﷺ



George Bernard Shaw ...

"I have studied him - the wonderful man - and in my opinion far from being an anti-Christ he must be called the saviour of humanity." "I believe that if a man like him were to assume the dictatorship of the modern world, he would succeed in solving the problems in a way that would bring the much needed peace and happiness."

Major Arthur Glyn Leonard in his Book Islam - Her Moral and Spiritual Value - London 1927, pp.20-21

Mohammed was no mere spiritual pedlar, no vulgar time-serving vagrant but one of the most profoundly sincere and earnest spirits of any age or epoch. A man not only great, but one of the greatest (i.e. Truest), men that humanity has ever produced. Great, not simply as a prophet, but as a patriot and a statesman: a material as well as a spiritual builder who constructed a great nation, a greater empire, and more even than all three, a still greater Faith, true, moreover, because he was true to himself, his people, and above all to his God.

Lamartine further elaborates:

"PHILOSOPHER, APOSTLE, LEGISLATOR, WARRIOR, CONQUEROR OF IDEAS, RESTORER OF RATIONAL BELIEFS, of cult without images, the founder of twenty terrestrial empires and of one spiritual empire, that is Muhummad. As regards all standards by which human greatness may be measured, we may well ask, is there any man greater than he?"
Lamartine, historie de la Turquie, Paris 1854, Vol. 2 pp. 276-277

Rev. Bosworth in his Book Muhummad and Muhummadinism says:

"Head of the state as well as the Church, he was Caesar and Pope in one; but, he was pope without the pope's claims, and Caesar without the legions of Caesar, without a standing army, without a bodyguard, without a palace, without a fixed revenue. If ever any man had the right to say that he ruled by a Right Divine, it was Mohammad, for he had all the power without instruments and without its support. He cared not for dressing of power. The simplicity of his private life was in keeping with his public life."

"On the whole the wonder to me is not how much, but how little, under different circumstances, Mohammed differed from himself. In the shepherd of the desert, in the Syrian trader, in the solitude of

Mount Hira, in the reformer in the minority of one, in the exile of Medina, in the acknowledged conqueror, in the equal of the Persian Chosroes and the Greek Heraclius, we can still trace a substantial unity. I doubt whether any other man, whose external conditions changed so much, ever himself changed less to meet them: the accidents are changed, the essence seems to me to be the same in all."

Prof K.S. Ramakrishna Rao says:

Hitler in his "Mein Kamp" has expressed the following:
"A great theorist is seldom a great leader. An agitator is far more likely possess these qualities. He will always be a better leader. For, leadership means the ability to move masses of men. The talent to produce ideas has nothing in common with the capacity for leadership." But, he says: "the union of the theorist, organiser, and leader in one man is the rarest phenomenon on this earth, therein consists greatness. " In the person of the Prophet of Islam the world has seen this rarest phenomenon on earth, walking in flesh and blood.

Mahatma Gandhi says:

"I became more than ever convinced that it was not the sword that won a place for Islam in those days. It was the rigid simplicity, the utter self-effacement of the Prophet, his intense devotion to his friends and followers and his intripidity, his fearlessness, his absolute trust in God and in his own mission. These and not the sword carried everything before them and surmounted every obstacle."

Jules Masserman, U.S. Psychoanalyst says in Time Magazine of July 15 1974

Leaders must fulfill three functions:

- 1.) Provide for the well being of the led,
- 2.) Provide a social organisation in which people feel relatively secure,
- 3.) And provide them with one set of beliefs

People like Pasteur and Salk are leaders in the first sense. People like Gandhi and Confucius, on one hand, and Alexander, Ceasar and Hitler on the other, are leaders in the second and perhaps the third sense, Jesus and Buddha belong in the third category alone.

PERHAPS THE GREATEST LEADER OF ALL TIMES WAS MUHAMMAD WHO COMBINED ALL THREE FUNCTIONS.

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UNIQUE QUALITIES OF MUHAMMAD ﷺ

His Gentleness

Hadrat Anas (رضي الله عنه) said: While we were in the mosque with Allah's Messenger (may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) a desert Arab came and began to pass water in the mosque. The companions of Allah's Messenger said, "Stop! Stop!" but Allah's Messenger (may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said, "Don't interrupt him; leave him alone." They left him alone, and when he had finished, Allah's Messenger (may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) called him and said to him, "These mosques are not suitable places for urine and filth, but are only for remembrance of Allah, prayer and recitation of the Qur'an," or however Allah's Messenger expressed it. * Hadrat Anas (رضي الله عنه) said that he then gave orders to one of the people who brought a bucket and poured water over it. (Bukhari and Muslim)

His Concern For The People

Hadrat Abu Qatadah Haris Ibn Rib'i (رضي الله عنه) relates that the Holy Prophet (may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: 'I stand up for Prayer [Salat] intending to prolong it. In the meantime I hear the wailing of a baby and I have to shorten my prayer, being apprehensive lest my recitation of a long verse may tell upon the baby's mother. (Bukhari)

He Established Rights For Animals

Narrated Hadrat Abu Huraira (رضي الله عنه): The Prophet (may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said, "One of the rights is that she camels should be milked at places of water." (Bukhari)

His Generosity

Hadrat Anas bin Malik (رضي الله عنه) reported that a person requested Allah's Messenger (may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) to give him a very large flock (of sheep) and he gave that to him. He came to his tribe and said: O people, embrace Islam. By Allah, Muhammad donates so much as if he did not fear want. Hadrat Anas (رضي الله عنه) said that the person embraced Islam for the sake of the world but later he became Muslim until Islam became dearer to him than the world and what it contains. (Muslim)

He Did Not Take Sadaqah

Hadrat Buraidah (رضي الله عنه) reports that when the Holy Prophet (may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) emigrated to Madina, Hadrat Salman Farsi (رضي الله عنه) brought a tray full of fresh dates and offered it to him. He asked, "What is this?" Hadrat Salman (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "It is a sacrifice (sadaqah) for you and your Companions." He said: "We do not eat sadaqah". On the second day too Hadrat Salman (may Allah be pleased with him) came with a tray of dates and said: "These dates are a gift." Then the Holy Prophet (may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) and the Companions ate of those dates. Thereafter Hadrat Salman (may Allah be pleased with him) saw the Seal of Prophethood (in between his shoulders) and embraced Islam. (Tirmidhi)

His True Nature

Hadrat Abu Huraira (رضي الله عنه) reported that Allah's Messenger (may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) was presented two cups at Bayt al-Maqdis on the night of the Heavenly Journey,

one containing wine and the other containing milk. He looked at both of them, and he took the one containing milk, whereupon Hadrat Jibril (عليه السلام) said: Praise is due to Allah Who guided you to the true nature; had you taken the one containing wine, your Umma would have gone astray. (Muslim)

His Manners

Hadrat Anas bin Malik (رضي الله عنه) said, "The Holy Prophet (may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) had the best manners among all the human beings" (Bukhari and Muslim)

His Left Over Food A Healing

Hadrat Abu Omamah (رضي الله عنه) reports that a woman used to rattle on ceaselessly and unrestrained. She came to the Holy Prophet's (may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) presence. He was eating mutton at that time and so he gave her a piece of it. The woman asked him to give her that piece which was in his auspicious mouth. So he took it out and gave it to her. She ate it up, whereby she became alright, her tongue became controllable and she ceased to run off at the mouth and lather. (Tirmidhi)

His Saliva A Healing

Narrated Yazid bin Abi 'Ubaid: I saw the trace of a wound in Hadrat Salama's (رضي الله عنه) leg. I said to him, O Abu Muslim! What is this wound?" He said, "This was inflicted on me on the day of Khaibar and the people said, "Salama has been wounded." Then I went to the Prophet (may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) and he puffed his saliva in it (i.e. the wound) thrice, and since then I have not had any pain in it till this hour." (Bukhari)

Satan Cannot Imitate Him

Hadrat Abdallah ibn Mas'ud (رضي الله عنه) reports the Prophetic statement that, "He who saw me in dream, he saw me really, for Satan cannot make his face like mine." (Tirmidhi)

His Exalted Position

Narrated Hadrat Ibn 'Umar (رضي الله عنه): On the Day of Resurrection the people will fall on their knees and every nation will follow their prophet and they will say, "O so-and-so! Intercede (for us with Allah), "till (the right) intercession is given to Prophet Muhammad (may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) and that will be the day when Allah will raise him to a station of praise and glory (i.e. Al-Maqam -al-Mahmud). (Bukhari)

The Merit Of His Ziyara

Hadrat Abdullah Ibn Umar (رضي الله عنه) relates that Rasulullah (may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: Whoever visits my grave, my intercession becomes obligatory for him." (Dar-Qutni)



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BY ABUL KHAIR HAZRAT ALLAMA PEER

SAYED HASIN-UD-DIN SHAH SAHEB

I am hopeful that through the bounties of Allah Almighty and the blessings and medium (sadr) of the Holy Prophet ﷺ you are in best of health and highest of spirits, being occupied in Islamic activities. May Allah Almighty make you a true servant of Islam, and may He accept your service to the Deen of Islam.

Master of both worlds, Absolute Light, Honourable Prophet ﷺ blessed month of birth has approached. With the beginning of this beautiful and ecstatic season of Melaad Shareef every true devotee will be anticipating mercy and continuous praise of Nabi ﷺ will be on his lips.

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ذکر میلاد پھر دل بھانے لگا
گلستاں گلستاں پھر بہار آگئی
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"Unki Aamad ke phir tazkire chir gaye,
Once again the discussions of his arrival has begun
Zikr Melaad phir dil lubhaane laga
The heart is once again pleased by the remembrance
of his arrival

Gulistaa, Gulistaa phir bahaar aagayee,
Every garden has once again blossomed
Phir chaman ka chaman muskuraane laga"
Once again every flower is blooming

Following the teachings of our pious predecessors and sages of this Ummah Jamia Razvia Zia-ul-Uloom, its affiliates, connected and associated Institutes and members all celebrate and host Melaad-un-Nabi ﷺ every year with sincere dedication, veneration and love for our beloved Nabi ﷺ.

Regarding this blessed celebration, here are a few guidelines and advice:

* On the advent of the month Rabi-ul-Awwal Shareef one should try to avoid sins, and increase in good deeds such as the performance of the five daily salaah and also encourage others Muslims to do acts of righteousness as well.

* During the month of Melaad one must host Melaad Shareef with a lot of respect. Keep in mind that the guest attending the Melaad programme are guests of our beloved Master Hazrat Muhammed ﷺ, thus one must treat all his guest with due respect and honour.

* If programmes are held after Esha Salaah do not prolong the

programme to such an extent, that people get tired and may miss their Fajr Salaah the next morning.

* Mostly try to be in the state of Wudhu and more than normal routine recite extra Durood Shareef.

* Take care of the basic essential needs of the poor, orphans and needy. If it is in your ability then also assist them financially.

* At the completion of the Melaad programme stand up with respect, lowering your gaze, directing your heart towards the blessed city of Medinah, keeping the Gumbad-e-Khazra Shareef and golden Jaali Shareef in ones mind close your eyes and with peace & ease recite salutations (Salaami) upon Nabi Muhammed ﷺ.

* Do not recite such a long Salaami that people loose their concentration, become bored or even feel it difficult.

N.B: The teacher of teachers, Master of educators, Rector of Jamia Razvia Zia-ul-Uloom Hazrat Allama Peer Sayed Ghulaam Mohayudeen Shah Saheb Sultan Puri ﷺ left this mundane world on the 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal after Fajr Salaah at Gulistaane Mehr Ali Jamia Razvia Zia-ul-Uloom Rawalpindi Pakistan.

You are requested that on the occasion of the Melaad programme to kindly send Esaale Thawaab, reward to the blessed Rooh of Hazrat Shah Saheb. Also mention his beautiful qualities, brilliant wisdom and excellent character.

May Allah Almighty reward you in both worlds abundantly. Ameen. Please remember the Institute, its sponsors, associates, affiliates, students and well wishes in your special prayers (Dua).

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MUHAMMAD ﷺ IN HINDU SCRIPTURES

BY FAKIR HASSEN

India- A Hindu Research Professor, Pundit Vedaprakash Upadhai, claims in his book "Kalki Avatar" that the description of an Avatar found in the Holy Hindu Scriptures is in fact that of Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him).

The book has been the topic of much of discussion and gossip, all over India, since it was published. Its credibility comes from the fact that the author of the book is a respected Professor and a Hindu Brahmin of Bengali origin. Prof. Upadhai is a well known Pundit in Allahabad University. He reportedly published the book after years of research, and eight other pundits have endorsed and certified his points of arguments as authentic.

The book says that according to Hindu belief and their holy books, the description of the guide and the leader named Kalki Avatar fits only that of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him). It argues therefore that the Hindus of the whole world should not await any longer for the arrival of Kalki Avatar (the spirit) and should readily accept Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) as that Kalki Avatar.

What the author and the eight other eminent pundits say is that Hindus who are still anxiously awaiting the arrival of Kalki Avatar are subjecting themselves to unnecessary pain, because such a great Messenger has come and departed from this world fourteen centuries ago.

The author produces following sound evidence from the Vedas and

other holy books of Hindu religion in support of his claim. These include:

1. In Puraana (a holy book of Hindus) it is stated that Kalki Avatar would be the last messenger (Prophet) of God in this world for guidance of the world and all human beings.
2. According to Hindu religion prediction, the birth of Kalki Avatar would take place in an isle, which again in Hindu religion is the Arab Region.

3. In books of the Hindus, the names of the father and the mother of the Kalki Avatar are given as VISHNUBHAGAT SUMAANI respectively. If we examine the meanings of these names we come to a very interesting conclusion.

VISHNUBHAGAT- VISHNU (meaning GOD)+ BHAGAT (meaning SLAVE). ABD+ALLAH (In Arabic)= Slave of God. ABDULLAH (name of Prophet's father)

SUMAANI- Peace or calmness. AMINA (In Arabic) (Name of Prophet's mother)

4. In religious books of Hindus, it is mentioned that the staple food of Kalki Avatar would be dates and olives and he would be the most honest and truthful person in the region. Without any doubt, the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) is acclaimed because of these qualities.

5. It is stated in Vedas that the birth of Kalki Avatar would take place in an honourable caln. This perfectly fits the Quraish, to which the Prophet (Peace be upon him) belonged to.

6. God would teach Kalki

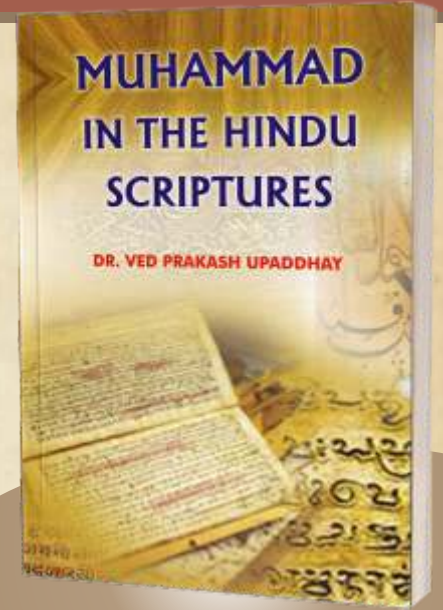
Avatar through His Messenger (angel) in a cave. Allah taught the Prophet (Peace be upon him) through Jibraeel AS in a cave known as Ghaar-e-Hira.

7. Gould would avail Kalki Avatar with a speedy creature to ride and travel the whole world and the seven skies, and indication of the Buraaq and Me'raj- the blessed night when Prophet (Peace be upon him) travelled the seven skies.

8. Gould would also avail Kalki Avatar with divine help. This was particularly proved in the Battle of Badr.

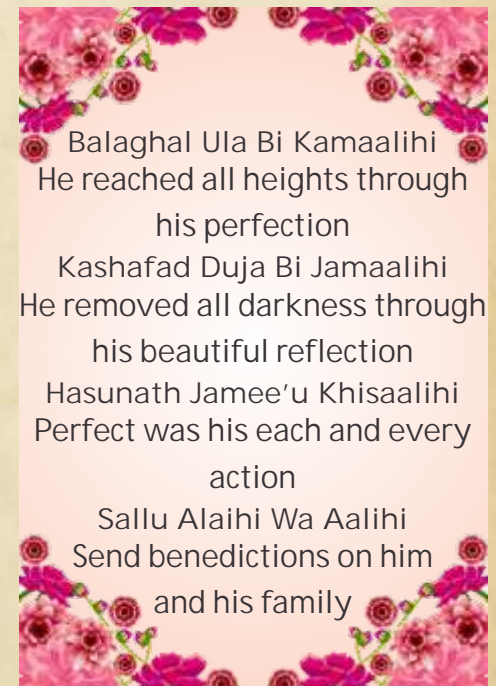
9. Another dazzling account given about Kalki Avatar was that he would be born on the 12th of a month. The Prophet (Peace be upon him) was born on the 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal (Islamic month).

10. In fact, the Holy Quraan contains qualities and signs attributed to Kalki Avatar



as they reflect on the Prophet (Peace be upon him).

The author has given numerous arguments in favour of his claims that Kalki Avatar is in fact Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him).



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Meelad-un-Nabi

MOULANA SHAH FAISAL KHAN QADRI MISBAHI

Q1) What is Meelad-un-Nabi ﷺ?

A1) Meelad-un-Nabi ﷺ is the celebration of the birthday of the most beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. It is observed on the 12th Rabbi-ul-Awwal, the 3rd month on the Islamic calendar.

Q2) Why do Muslims celebrate Meelad?

A2) centuries have passed since the Islamic Jurisprudents, pious predecessors, Auliya, scholars, and the lovers of the beloved Prophet ﷺ are celebrating Meelad-un-Nabi as on this day Almighty Allah has blessed this ummah with the arrival of the most beloved and honoured Prophet Muhammad SAW. His arrival was to call the people towards the oneness of Allah and worship Him alone, which is the only way to be obedient to our Lord and to gain paradise in the Hereafter. since His SAW's arrival in this world is the greatest bounty from Almighty Allah, Allah says in the Holy Quraan, chapter 93 verse 11 – *wa Amma bi ni'mati Rabbika Fahaddith*. "And publicize well the bounty of your Lord"

And so the Muslims around the world celebrate Meelad-un-Nabi following the command of their Lord as mentioned in the verse, to be thankful and grateful on receiving the bounty of the arrival of the beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. As Almighty Allah says in the Holy Quraan- *Faz kuruni az Kurkum Washkuruli wa laa tak furoon*. "So remember me, I shall remember you, and give thanks to Me and do no be ungrateful" [chapter 2: 152].

Q3) Is it permissible to celebrate Meelad-un-Nabi?

A3) Yes, it is permissible. In fact, it is also the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. It is stated in Mishkaat Shareef narrated by Hazrat Abbas RA that the Holy Prophet ﷺ stood on the pulpit before the gathering of Sahaba and told them facts about his birth and personal qualities.

It is stated in Sahih Muslim, when the Sahaba inquired as to why the Holy Prophet ﷺ used to fast on a Monday, the Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "This is the day I was born."

This means that the Holy Prophet ﷺ celebrated his own birthday, which makes it permissible for the followers and lovers of the Holy Prophet to celebrate this blessed birthday. Therefore Meelad can be celebrated in any way which is not contrary to the Holy Quraan and the Sunnah, such as recitation of the Holy Quraan, praises of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, discussions of the qualities nad lifestyle of the beloved Prophet ﷺ, invitation towards goodness, sending salutation upon the Prophet ﷺ,



engrossing in the remembrance of Allah, feeding the people etc.

It is mentioned in Tafseer Rooh-ul-Bayaan under the verse "Muhammadur RasoolAllah" "to hold Meelad Shareef gatherings is to show respect to the Holy Prophet ﷺ. Imam Sayuti says, "It is Mustahab to give thanks to Allah for the birth of the Holy Prophet ﷺ."

Almighty Allah says in the Quraan *Qul bifad lillahi wa birahmatihl fabizaalika fal yaf rahu*. "Say! In the bounty of Allah and his mercy, in that let them rejoice." [Chapter 10 verse 58]

It means that Allah has commanded us to rejoice at His bounty and the Holy Prophet ﷺ is the greatest bounty of Allah. Hence, to rejoice over his birth is to act upon this Quraanic command.

Q4) What is the benefit of celebrating Meelad?

A4) We have understood that celebrating Meelad is also a Sunnah. The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "The one who loved my Sunnah loved me, and whosoever loved me shall be with me in Jannah."

Allama Shamsudin Jazari mentioned in his book, this narration is also mentioned in Sahih Bukhari with different wordings: After Abu Lahab died, some members of his family dreamt that he was in a miserable condition. They asked what had happened to you? He replied, "I am in the fire but every Monday night the punishment is lightened for me and I get water with the help of the index finger, because I had released my slave girl Suwaiba when she brought me the good news of the birth of the Holy Prophet ﷺ."

Abu Lahab was a disbeliever, duly condemned by the Holy Quraan. Yet Allah showed mercy, by blessing him with water every Monday because he freed his slave girl on receiving the news of the birth of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. If a disbeliever is being rewarded by Allah, then what will be the condition of a believer, lover and true follower of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. Without doubt, Allah will shower His special blessings and mercy on such a person who spends his wealth and takes part in celebrating Meelad-un-Nabi ﷺ.

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DILLU RAMS DYING WISH



When the British still ruled India there lived, in Delhi, a well-known Hindu poet by the name of Dillu Ram Kausari. This poet, though a Hindu, wrote encomiums and poems in praise of the Prophet Muhammad (upon him be blessings and peace.) He became famous for writing such poetry and his poems became well known to such an extent that it scandalised his fellow Hindus who accosted him and said, Dillu Ram, what is the matter with you? You have disgraced the name of Hindus! You are a Hindu and yet you sing praises of and write poetry praising the Prophet of the Muslims?

'Do not stop me', answered Dillu Ram, 'for I am forced to write such poetry'.

Who or what is forcing you? his fellow Hindus asked.

'I am forced by my love', he cried. 'I have fallen in love with the Prophet of the Muslims!'

How can you, being a Hindu, fall in love with the Muslims Prophet? they asked, perplexed. To this Dillu Ram replied, 'Love is not forced it just happens'.

How much do you love the Prophet then? they asked him, still astonished that one of their own could love the Prophet. To this Dillu Ram wept like a lover departed from his beloved and recited a poem of his. He said:

*Kuch ishq e Muhammad mein nahin shart e Musulman
Hai Kausari Hindu bhi talabgaar e Muhammad
Allah re! kyaa raunaq e bazaar e Muhammad
Ke Mabood e Jahan bhi hai kharidaar e Muhammad*

Being a Muslim is not a condition for loving Muhammad ﷺ
Kausari, the Hindu, is also a seeker of Muhammad ﷺ
By Allah! How delightful is the bazaar of Muhammad ﷺ
For the Lord of the Worlds is also a buyer of Muhammad ﷺ

They left him in disgust. The poetry of Dillu Ram became more widespread and one quatrain, in particular, shocked the entire community in India, both Muslims and Hindus. In this quatrain he imagined himself on the Day of Judgement and wrote these words, which were published in a Urdu magazine called "Maulvi" printed in Delhi. This was the controversial quatrain:

*Rahmatulilalamin kay Hashar mein maana?
khulay Khalq saari Shaafa e Roz e Jaza kay saath hai
Laykay Dillu Raam ko jannat mein jab Hazrat gaye
Maloom huwa kay Hindu bhi Mahboob e Khuda kay saath hai*

The meaning of Mercy unto the Worlds became apparent on Judgement Day: The entire creation is with the Intercessor of The Day of Acquittal. When the Prophet took Dillu Ram with him into Paradise It was known that this Hindu too is with the

Beloved of God!

This quatrain scandalised both Hindus and Muslims! It annoyed the Hindus who objected to his continued praise of the Prophet ﷺ and it scandalised the Muslims who were angered by the sheer audacity of this Hindu to speak like that about the Day of Judgment! How can a Hindu go to heaven? they asked.

Undeterred by this criticism, Dillu Ram continued most of his life to sing the praises of the Prophet ﷺ although he never became a Muslim and remained a Hindu. It is also said that Dillu Ram, delirious with his love, would sometimes stand in the middle of the bazaar in Delhi, put chains around his neck and feet and shout at the top of his voice to all passers-by, Muhammad! Muhammad! Yes! Muhammad is the Beloved of God! Muhammad is the first and only Beloved of God! If God loves you, He loves you because of His Beloved! ﷺ, Some people even stoned him and he would often come home covered in blood but he was totally lost in his love of the Prophet.

As he got older, and when he became seriously ill, he was on his deathbed, seriously weakened and surrounded by well-wishers, friends, family, and admirers of his poetry including many other poets, he was so weak he couldn't leave his bed. Strangely, he continued to stare at the door and after a while his face brightened and he got up and stood on his feet and hands-folded, asked all those gathered there to also stand up. Astonished his intimates asked him, What is the matter? Weeping Dillu Ram said, The one whom I have spent my whole life praising has arrived! The blessed Father of Fatima (upon him be peace and blessings) is here, visiting me, And I have not even accepted his religion, How generous my beloved is, Weeping, he began to converse with the spirit of the Prophet ﷺ who said to him, Dillu Ram! Your time is almost upon you. Izrael is almost here, I do not want anyone who has praised me like you go to the hellfire! I wish to take you into Paradise with me.

Weeping Dillu Ram recited the Kalimah and then said to the Prophet ﷺ, Master! You have taught me the Kalimah now also give me a Muslim name of your choice, I can feel The Angel of Death is almost upon me. The Prophet ﷺ gave him the name Kausar Ali Kausari. After that the fortunate former Hindu poet passed away. Verily we are from God and unto Him is our return!

His name has become famous amongst Sunni Barelvi Muslims of the Subcontinent as a lover of the Prophet ﷺ who attained a blessing only given to God's chosen few the vision of the Beloved whilst in a state of awaking May God give us all the love of Dillu Ram Kausari! Ameen.

Reference: This is a transcription with notes and translation, of a talk about Dillu Ram Kausari by Qari Abu Bakr Chishti of Pakistan.

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HAZRAT SABIR PAAK's Greatest Miracle

BY IRSHAD SIDDIQI

One of the most fascinating stories in the annals of Sufism is the chapter on how Hazrat Saabir Paak performed his own Janaza Namaaz (funeral prayer), intending to demonstrate practically the significance of a concept put to him as a question by his disciple Khwaja Shamsuddin during the latter's training period.

This incident appears to have been based on the verse in the Holy Quraan, Wa Laa Taqoolu limayyuqtalu fi sabeelillahi amwaat bal ahyaa'uw wa laa killaa tash'uroon (And do not say about those killed in Allah's way that they are dead, nay they are alive but you do not perceive it.)

The question Khwaja Shamsuddin had asked was based on Fanaa and Baqaa.

Before Hazrat Saabir Paak and Khwaja Shamsuddin bade farewell to each other realizing that they were never going to meet again, in the physical sense, Hazrat Saabir Paak left his disciple with final instructions regarding the future of the Silsila and certain personal matters. One of those related to his last will, in particular the performance of his final rites upon his death, the date which he predicted in advance.

On that appointed day Khwaja Shamsuddin was returning in great haste to the place where he saw his mentor wave goodbye. Heavy-hearted he realized that he was not going to ever see the cherished sight of Hazrat Saabir Paak attending to him ever again. It was now his time to attend to Hazrat Saabir Paak.

He entered Kalyar Shareef and soon reached the spot where the lifeless body of the saint lay. He proceeded with the rituals of bathing and preparations for burial as was specifically described to him by his master.

At the time of commencing the funeral prayer Khwaja Shamsuddin felt emotionally charged with a strange and lonely atmosphere. He heard the approach of a horse. It caused him to hesitate. A veiled rider dismounted commanding Khwaja Shamsuddin to step back. The rider himself led the prayer.

Immediately thereafter he climbed onto his horse preparing to leave. Khwaja Shamsuddin came out of his trance-like state and confronted the stranger.

"Who are you? What you did I was supposed to do. What is the meaning of your intrusion?"



The stranger threw back his veil exposing his true identity to the shocked disciple.

"Shamsuddin do you still want to know about Fanaa and Baqaa. Wa Laa Taqoolu limayyuqtalu fi sabeelillahi amwaat (And do not say about those killed in Allah's way that they are dead.)"

Pointing to his own dead body lying in front of them he continued "bal ahyaa'uw wa laa killaa tash'uroon (Nay they are alive but you do not perceive it.)"

Then pointing to himself, he exclaimed, "Now perceive it!"

That one is Fanaa my dear Shamsuddin, and this is Baqaa!"

Saying that Hazrat Makhdoom Allahuddin Ali Ahmed Saabir Paak rode off leaving his successor in a state of unconsciousness.



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HAZRAT BADSHA PEER ﷺ

Hazrat Badsha Peer's ﷺ lineage can be traced right up to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam). He was a Hassani and Hussaini Sayed. He belonged to four Silsilas, namely, Qaderia, Chistiya, Suharwardia and Naqshabandia Silsilas.

Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ arrived in South Africa in the year 1860. In the early 1850's the governments of India and South Africa were constantly negotiating with a view to bringing indentured labourers to South Africa. The South African government finally decided to bring out labourers from India under contract to work the sugar cane fields in Natal.

The first ship that was contracted to bring the Indians to South Africa was called the Truro, which left India in the first week of October 1860. Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ was among the 203 males, 87 females, 21 boys, 19 girls and 10 infants aboard the ship. The long and difficult journey took approximately six weeks. On the 16th of November 1860, the Truro arrived in the Durban harbour. A large crowd awaited their arrival - the first batch of Indians to South Africa. The passengers were then transported to the Addington Barracks and kept there for some time while their contracts were being drawn up. Thereafter they were dispatched to various centres in Natal. Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ chose to go to the Natal North Coast.

The Natal Sugar Estates hired Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ for his services. The contracts were for 5 and 10 years. Those with 5 year contracts were repatriated at their own expenses and those with 10 year contracts were given a choice of either going back to India at the expenses of the S.A. government or settle in the country. After the expiry of their contracts, some Indian families returned to India but most elected to settle in Natal. Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ, being guided by higher spiritual authority, decided to settle in South Africa.

As time went, the Indians settled in to normal life, many in cultivating while others switching to business. Each labourer was allocated a specific area to plough and cultivate and as Hazrat Badsha Peer's ﷺ attention and concentration began to increase towards Almighty Allah, so he began to lose interest in his work. Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ continued to engage in his meditation and spiritual exercises under the shade of a tree. The other field workers feared that he would be punished and reprimanded for neglecting his duties, but at the end of the day his fellow-workers were stunned to see that the plot of land allocated to Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ was complete, yet never saw him move from under the tree. "Unseen hands" used to complete Hazrat Badsha Peer's ﷺ work. This trend continued for some time until his fellow-workers realised that Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ was no ordinary man as only a great saint could perform such a miracle.

When his foreman and superiors realised Hazrat Badsha Peer's ﷺ extraordinary personality, they offered him his full salary and honourably released him from his duties. Refusing to accept the salary for work he did not do, all he asked was to be transported to Durban, which was duly obliged.



On his arrival in Durban, Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ went straight to the Grey Street Mosque (Durban, South Africa). The mosque in those days was relatively small and the tin shanty that stood behind the mosque became Hazrat Badsha Peer's ﷺ dwelling place right up to the day he left this world. Soon Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ became a familiar figure among the musallies, yet very few, if any, really understood or recognised his spiritual status. Very few suspected that he was really a Majzoob or a Wali in constant communion with his Creator and unconcerned with the world around him. The many predictions were not taken seriously by the people, because of their ignorance and lack of understanding of his saintly status.

Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ had only four companions, two of them are Hazrat Saaiya Bawa and Hazrat Cassim Bawa ﷺ, whose Mazaars are situated in Pietermaritzburg. The other two are Hazrat Fateh Bawa ﷺ, whose grave is located at the entrance of Brook Street Cemetery and Hazrat Sayed Sahaab ﷺ, who is buried just behind Hazrat Badsha Peer's ﷺ Mazaar.

Just as he had predicted a week earlier, Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ, passed away on the 6th of Rabi-ul-Awwal in the year 1886, just as the Mu'ezzin was reciting the second Azaan on the day of Jumma. As the musallies were walking out of the Jamaat Khana, they noticed a figure dressed in white lying next to the Wudhu Khana. On checking they noticed that it was the blessed figure of Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ and he had passed away.

Long before his demise Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ had predicted that a great Muslim missionary and saint by the name of Hazrat Shah Goolam Muhammad Soofie, Hazrat Soofie Saheb ﷺ will be arriving in South Africa to settle and propagate Islam.

In the year 1895, Hazrat Soofie Saheb ﷺ arrived in South Africa, 14 years after the demise of Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ. Through his spiritual powers, he located the grave of Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ. Placing two stones on either side of the grave, he informed the people that here lies a Kaamil Wali and a genuine friend of Allah. Hazrat Soofie Saheb ﷺ then had a shelter built over the grave with wood and iron. He even celebrated the first Ur's of Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ.

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*Allahumma Swalli Ala Sayyidina Muhammadiw Wa Ala Aali Sayyidina Muhammadin Salaatan
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“And whoever obeys Allah and the messenger, then those are with the ones on whom Allah bestowed his favours amongst the Prophets, the sincerely Truthful (saintly), the Witnesses to the truth (martyrs), and the Righteous. And excellent are those as companions.” (Q 4:69)