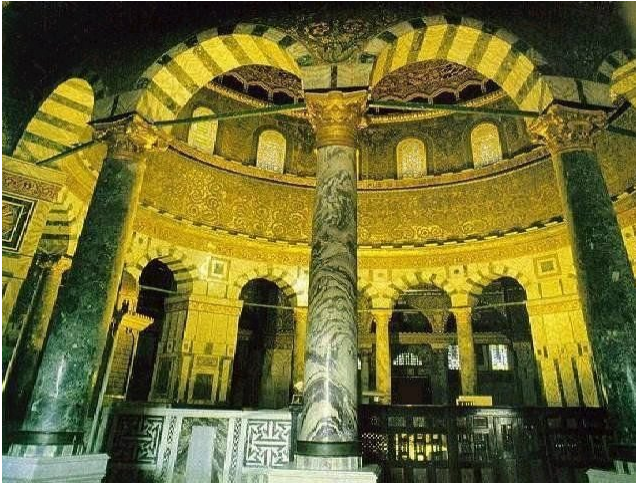


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Glorified be He who carried His servant in the span of a night from the Haram Sharif to the Al-Aqsa Mosque whose surroundings we have blessed...(17:1)

Then the splendid vision drew nearer and came still nearer till there was a distance of two bow lengths or even less so Allah revealed to His beloved servant what He wanted to reveal (53:8-10)

Miraj-e-Mustafa



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After praising Allah the Almighty and sending peace and
blessings on the Noble Prophet (sallal laahu alaihi
wasallam) he says

**Verily we have sent our Prophets with
clear evidences...(57:25)**

The commentators of Quran say that all Prophets sent by Allah the Almighty were for the salvation and guidance of mankind. We believe in all of them. "I believe in Allah, His Angels, His Books and His Prophets". The commentators say that whenever a Prophet came to this world to fulfil their role, when they said for the first time to their respective Ummah (Community) that "I am Allah's Prophet" there would be some certain responses to this claim which is called the proclamation of Prophethood. The Prophet declares to his people that he is no ordinary man amongst them but that he is, in actual fact sent from Allah as a Prophet, as a messenger. There is no doubt that when a Prophet uttered these words proclaiming Prophethood, there was a unique and strange response to it. We can say that there were four different responses to this claim. Or in other words we can say that every Prophet had four types of people in his Ummah which reacted differently to his claim.

There is one unique example whereby a Prophet only a few hours old declared his Prophethood. That Prophet was Jesus son of Maryam (Alayhis Salaam). There were unique and unprecedented circumstances to this proclamation as allegations were made at Maryam by Jews that she was led astray (Ma'azallah). She has brought forth this child with no husband. So Jesus Christ spoke in her defence to protect and uphold her honour, chastity and

purity. This was a unique case in exceptional circumstances.

“I am indeed a servant of Allah. He has given me a book and He has made me a Prophet”...(19:30)

Let us look at the first category of people who responded to the Prophet’s claim. Prophets had such people in their respective Ummah that when they said for the first time “I am Allah’s Prophet”, no sooner did the words leave the Prophets mouth did they believe in him. There was no argument, nor any demand to see any proof such as miracles. When the Prophet said, “I am Allah’s Prophet” there is that fortunate category of people who immediately read the Kalima. This category of people in the Quran has been labelled as *Siddiqeen* -‘Those who testify Prophethood’.

And who so obeys Allah and His Rasool, will then be in the company of those who Allah has conferred His favours from among the Prophets, the *truthful*, the martyrs and the righteous and pious- and what an excellent company they are indeed. (4:69)

From the approximate 124,000 Prophets sent there as many truthful testifiers. Our noble Prophet’s Siddiq was given the title of ‘Siddiq-e-Akbar’- the Greatest Siddiq, the king of Siddiq’s. Akbar after all means the greatest. The Sufi’s ask why the title Akbar was given? The response to this has been that the other Siddiq’s testified to the other Prophets, but Siddiq-e-Akbar testified to the greatest of all the Prophets. When the final Prophet declared his Prophethood, Sayidina Abu Bakr (Radi Allah Anhu) was away in Syria conducting his business. When he returned, the enemy of Islam Abu Jahl asked Abu Bakr whether he had heard the big news? You may have noticed that in some communities you have some people who spread the news and gossip around! “Have you not heard that Muhammad (sallal laahu

alaihi wasallam) has declared Prophethood”? Abu Bakr heard this and went straight to the Prophet. “O Muhammad (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam), I have heard some news about you”. The Prophet smiled and said, “you have heard correctly”. “ If this is the case, then please read me your Kalima so that I can be your first believer and servant”. Abu Bakr Siddiq was the first person to read the Kalima and enter the fold of Islam. The first child to do so was Maula Ali, and the first slave was Zayd bin Haris, and from the women Khadija tul Khubbra (May Allah be pleased with them all).

Moving slightly away from the main talk, I would like to comment on Sayida Khadija (Radi Allah Anha). She was the Prophet’s first wife. The mental and logical proof of our Prophet is that as his wife, Khadija accepted what he said straightaway. For a wife to testify a husband’s words and actions is a very big thing indeed. Otherwise, women are not quick to acknowledge their husband’s actions. There is a reason to this and is not simply a laughing and joking matter. The reason for this is that the wife knows about her husband’s qualities- good and bad. The wife knows these things. When Rasoolallah (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam) returned from Cave Hira to his home he was sweating and shivering due to the impact of revelation. Khadija saw this and asked her beloved husband what the matter was? The Prophet immediately asked for his shawl so he could wrap himself. Khadija again enquired from her beloved what the matter was? “Today something strange happened. I was in the cave (Hira) when Jibraeel (Alayhis Salaam) came to me”. Listen to the response to the mother of the believers. “Ya Muhammad! If Jibraeel were not going to come to you than to which person would he have appeared in front of? You are truthful, honest and decent. What good quality is there which is not with you? Make me read your Kalima for I accept your faith”. This is the mental and logical proof of his Prophethood. So the first category is *Siddiqeen*- the testifiers of Prophethood.

The second category is those people who neither accepted what was said nor did they reject what was claimed. When a Prophet said, "I am Allah's Prophet" they remained silent. They didn't read the Kalima nor did they reject. The reason why they don't accept him is because a very strange and bold claim had been made. But they don't reject either because they knew by seeing that person grow up in front of them, that he had never uttered a bad word or lied, or cheated anyone. They recognised that the claimant had lived an open life with nothing to hide. They studied what the Prophet said and did and would eventually accept his word.

The third category of people in relation to the declaration of Prophethood are those who didn't accept the character of the Prophet, or his teachings, his words or actions. They rejected the theory and practice that was presented to them. To overcome these people power was needed. Allah in the Quran says that to overcome this category of people, miracles had been granted to Prophets. Miracles is such a power and phenomenon that the most biggest and bravest of rejecters, after seeing a miracle would hang their heads in shame and accept the reality and enter Islam. Allah has granted every Prophet miracles so that they can overcome these types of people. Allah knew that His Prophets would encounter such people who can only be won over by strength. That is why miracles were granted.

The fourth and final category is that category of people who even seeing the miracles of the Prophet to try and win them over still refuse to believe and accept the truth that has been sent to them. They would say to the Prophet, among other things, that he was a magician and a sorcerer (Ma'azallah).

The Quran says that

Allah has sealed their hearing and their hearts, and on their eyes there is a covering. Theirs will be an awful doom (2:7)

The purpose of a miracle then is to win over the hearts and minds of those doubters so that even they have to admit the truth and accept it. Allah says in the final revelation:

Verily we have sent our Prophets with clear evidences...(57:25)

The difference is however that Allah sent the previous Prophets with miracles, but He sent our Rasool (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam) as a miracle! Don't think that Jameel Sahib has said an inspiring comment for the sake of it. There is Quranic proof of what I have just said.

O mankind! There assuredly has come to you a clear proof (Burhan) from your Lord and we have sent down to you a light manifest that guides you to the straight path. (4:174)

All commentators agree that *Burhan* means miracle. Again I move slightly away from the main talk. *Daleel* is an Arabic word and so is *Burhan*. *Daleel* is a proof to an argument. If I say something to prove a point this is a *Daleel*. But as you know that sometimes if you offer a proof, there is a possibility that someone may come along and offer stronger evidence against your claim. A *Daleel* can be refuted. But the experts of Arabic language say that *Burhan* is such a word that means that the proof that is presented is irrefutable. The strongest, irrefutable proof is called *Burhan* it is called Muhammad Rasoolallah (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam). Previous Prophets brought evidences and proofs, but our Prophet came as an irrefutable proof. Shaykh Ahmad Sirhindi (May Allah be pleased with him) the Mujaddid (reviver) of Islam of the Indian subcontinent, who undid Akbar's plans to reform Islam, in his masterpiece *Maktubaat* says

“ The reason why I believe in and worship Allah is not because He is Lord and creator of all the worlds. I don't believe in Allah because He is creator of the heavens and

the earth. I believe in Allah because He is the Lord of Muhammad (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam)”

Burhan is such a proof that cannot be broken or refuted.

The people of knowledge say that a miracle cannot be comprehended by the human mind. If it comes within the grasp of the mind then it cannot be a miracle but turns out to be a farce and a joke. Don't you see these magicians who smash a watch, put it into a bag and then pull pigeons out and so on. Someone can learn magic and do the same tricks. These things can be learnt if someone is taught and practices it. But a miracle is such a thing that no one else can do. Prophets can only perform miracles. They cannot be copied. If it is copied and imitated then that becomes a joke and farce like jugglers and magicians. Allah says that Prophets have not been sent with tricks but with miracles. People say to me “Maulvi sahib, tell us some scientific, some realistic things and don't talk about this”. I say to these people that the scientific and real issue is that miracles cannot be comprehended by the human mind. This is a scientific fact. Jalaludin Rumi says in this respect that there is a scale that weighs jewellery and fine things. The scale is very small and beautiful and is kept in a glass cabinet because it is so fragile. Maulana Rumi says that if some man comes along wishing to weigh his vehicle, then the weight cannot be taken. The weight can take measurements but not of that size. By measuring something very large would destroy the small measuring device. Rumi says that the human brain, which is a precious and unique gift, can only measure and weigh up to a certain level. This brain is like a computer that has achieved many things. Man has extracted oil from the ground, made missiles, sent man to the moon; it sends satellites to stars and other planets. But the brain is like a jeweller's scale. But to understand and comprehend miracles you need the eye of Siddiq-e-Akbar!

The Commentators of Quran have said another beautiful thing. They say that the miracles Prophets performed reflected the ideals and values of the specific time period. So if an Ummah specified in say for example science, then Allah would give his Prophet a miracle that reflected and bettered the science of that time. This fact cannot be denied and must be accepted. The commentators say that every Prophet in respect of beauty, wisdom, knowledge, foresight and every other quality were superior than all his community put together. No person could claim to be better in any respect than the Prophet. Allah has made His every Prophet superior to the nation or community he was sent to. I want to talk about miracles in the light of Miraj, because some people have doubted the Miraj questioning its legitimacy. The reason why I want to tell you these things is so that you don't fall into the trap of those people who say that these things are unscientific and made up by Islamic scholars (Ma'azallah). Living in this country, I don't want to see you fall in this trap. We need to have faith in every aspect of our Prophet just as Siddiq-e-Akbar did. The commentators as I was saying tell us that every miracle of the Prophet made them superior and victorious over their Ummah. I would like to offer you some example in the light of the Quran to back up what I have just said.

The Ummah of Sayidina Dawud (Alayhis Salaam) (David as the Jews and Christians know him) was according to the commentators of Quran specialists in industry. The other speciality was music and singing. Special gatherings were arranged whereby the whole night would be spent with people competing with each other in singing and music. Allah therefore decided to send His Prophet with such qualities that would make him shine and be better and victorious over the community he was being sent too. Allah did not wish to see His Prophet to be defeated but triumph over his people. Allah blessed Sayidina Dawud (Alayhis Salaam) with such a sweet and melodious voice that was by far the best voice that Ummah

had heard. They say that birds used to stop in mid-air and listen to him speak. In respect of industry, Allah gave Dawud the miracle that when he held any metal, no matter how hard it was, it became soft and malleable that it would turn into the shape he wanted it to become. History proves this. Allah made His Prophet powerful and victorious over that Ummah. Whatever qualities or specialities the Ummah had, the Prophet sent matched and bettered them in every respect.

Sayidina Salih (Alayhis Salaam) was sent to the nations of Aad and Samoud. These tribes made houses out of stone. The other feature was that they were great artists. They drew such paintings and drawings that looked as if they were real. Every year, a fair was held in which they would bring their works together and decide which was best. Allah decided in his wisdom to grant His Prophet such miracles and qualities that would make the greatest artists of the time fall at his feet. The Quran mentions an occasion when such a fair was held. The people gathered with their works and began commenting on them. Sayidina Salih (Alayhis Salaam) heard the various comments of the people gathered and drew their attention. He then by invoking Allah's name struck a rock with his stick. The rock split open from which a live camel appeared - 'The Camel of Allah'. The people made still images of animals and beasts, but the Prophet produced a living animal out of stone. This is the power of a Prophet over his Ummah.

The miracles of Musa (Alayhis Salaam) are many. One of them was his encounter with the magicians. The commentators say that there were schools and academies where magic was being taught. The Pharaoh challenged Musa (Alayhis Salaam) with his magicians. But Allah sent his Prophet to a nation of magicians with just one stick! A stick that would defeat all magicians. Allah granted Musa (Alayhis Salaam) victory when his stick turned into a snake and ate all the magicians' snakes. The Pharaoh was watching all this happen. The magicians saw the reality and

truth and did not care for the Pharaoh or his army and saw with their enlightened hearts that he was truthful and that the Pharaoh was accursed. They turned around and said to Pharaoh that they would not accept him as their God but the Lord of Musa (Alayhis Salaam). The Quran says that all the magicians accepted Musa by reading his Kalima. The Pharaoh then threatened them with execution. They responded by saying that even if you cut us into tiny pieces like mincemeat we would still not leave the word of Musa (Alayhis Salaam). This is the power of Allah's Prophets.

The last example I will offer is that of our Prophet's predecessor Sayidina Isa ibn Maryam (Alayhis Salaam). The specialities and qualities of Jesus Christ's people were Algebra, Geometry, Mathematics, Palmistry, Astrology and the like. This was a period of great discovery, knowledge and wisdom. Allah informed Jesus Christ that He would be sending him to a community of palmists and astrologers and doctors. So Allah gave him such miracles that made him superior and powerful over his Ummah. Allah says in the Quran what Jesus Christ said to his people

And he shall be a Messenger towards the Children of Israel saying this, "I have brought to you a sign from your Lord; that I make a form out of clay like a bird for you then again breath in it and it becomes a bird at once by the command of Allah; and I heal the born blind and the leper and I make the dead alive by the command of Allah and I declare to you what you eat and what you have stored in your houses...(3:49)

I will tell you with absolute certainty what you have just eat and done. "Ask me," said Jesus about it and I will tell you. This is the challenge Jesus set out to his community. I will cure the blind (from birth) and those suffering from leprosy. I will give them no medicine, all I will do is just touch them with my blessed hands and they will be cured. Allah will give them sight and remove their leprosy. This is

from the Quran all that I have just said. Please pay attention to the actual words of the Quran. “Inni” means “I”. I will give a cure. Leave the translation of Imam Ahmad Raza Khan aside; let's look at the translation of Maulana Maududi. The translation is that which I have just given. It's a question of grammar. Read any translation you want the response is the same. Isa says, “ I will cure the blind and the leper”. There are those who question intercession asking why a third party has to intervene. Do they not look at the verses of the Quran! This is a gathering of knowledgeable people. You know better than I do that previous diseases have not yet been cured that new diseases are being created and spread. No absolute cure for leprosy has been found. But two thousand years ago Christ said come and I will cure you from leprosy. Cure for illnesses can be gained from doctors. But Jesus (Alayhis Salaam) performed such miracles that all the doctors in the world could not do. In the Quran another miracle of Isa (Alayhis Salaam) is mentioned:

...I bring the dead back to life by the command of Allah...(3:49)

Not just one dead person but many dead persons back alive. The Bible states that this miracle occurred four times.

What I have said until now has been setting the context for what I really want to say to you. What we have learnt up to now is that Allah sent Prophets to mankind who showed that they were better in every respect. The end result was the same, the Prophet always turned out to be the best in all fields. The essence of the talk so far has been that Allah has given miracles to each and every Prophet to win over those people who initially rejected his proclamation of Prophethood. Every Prophet, as we have shown, is superior and more powerful than his Ummah. Thus far we have talked about previous Prophets. Now we come to talk about Our Prophet! The Prophet in whose honour this gathering has been initiated. The previous

Prophets were sent to nations. Some were sent to Madyan, Jerusalem, Palestine and the like some to cities towns and villages. But our Prophet came as a *Rahmah* for all the worlds and as the Prophet for all nations! It has been fourteen hundred years since our Prophet has left this mortal world. The past belongs to him, the present belongs to him and the future belongs to him. The Prophet is always powerful and superior over his Ummah. It is the Sunnah of Allah, the *Fitra* (nature) of Allah. He never allows His Prophet to be undone or be ashamed or be defeated. The Prophet always comes out on top.

All the inventions we see today have been termed as part of the 'miracles of science' and all this has occurred after the Prophet's arrival. Before the Prophet there were no loudspeakers, tape recorders or televisions. All these inventions came in this Ummah, not in previous ones. So logic says that if Allah sends His Prophets as superior and powerful over his nation, so why wouldn't He send His Beloved Prophet as *Ghalib*? By this we mean powerful, superior, dominant. It's a matter of common sense. Otherwise you say that the Prophet is defeated and less powerful than his followers are? Listen! And I will tell you the superiority and power of the Prophet. Scientists can make all the discoveries and inventions they like, and Allah knows best what else mankind will achieve. Allah has bestowed man with intellect and they have used it to great effect. But it is my belief that whatever mankind does; Allah has bestowed His Beloved with so many miracles, that he will remain superior and powerful in every age. Here are some examples to support my argument.

The mobile phone is a phenomenon that has now become common. You are driving in your car, and you are asking directions, or you are phoning home to let them know what time you will be arriving. At work and at home, the mobile is a constant companion. The mobile phone runs on a power source, it runs on batteries/cells. It is after generations of progress and development that we have

reached the age of mobile phones and instant telecommunications. I ask you then, that on which power and batteries were the stones in Abu Jahl's hand operating when it spoke the Kalima fourteen hundred years ago in Makkah? Mobiles emit sound, but Abu Jahl had pebbles. Abu Jahl always kept them with him so that he could get an opportunity to throw them at him. It was his dirty and vile habit, a sign of his *Kufr*. One day, holding the pebbles in his fist, Abu Jahl called his nephew over. "Ya Muhammad (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam)! Are you Allah's Prophet?" He replied, "Yes, by Allah's mercy I am his final Prophet". Imam Jalaludin Rumi narrates this story. Abu Jahl says, "If you a Prophet, then tell me what is in my hand? Leave talk of the universe and so forth to one-side, tell me what is in my hand?" The Prophet smiled. It is interesting to note that even Abu Jahl had the faith that the Prophet would tell him what is in his hand. That is the faith of one of the biggest Kafir's ever. And yet there are some people today who read the Kalima but yet deny the Prophet of having such knowledge. We infer from this that Abu Jahl was better than such people! People today claiming to be Muslims lack the faith that even Abu Jahl had. The noble Prophet smiled and said, "O uncle, shall I tell you what is in my hand, or shall the thing in your hand tell you who I am?" Abu Jahl agreed, and the Prophet ordered the object kept in Abu Jahl's hand to tell him who he was. Rumi says that by the order of the Prophet the pebbles in Abu Jahl's hand began to say, "There is no God, but Allah, Muhammad (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam) is His Rasool"! I ask you then that after generation after generation of discoveries, progress and development what has mankind achieved? If the mobile phone drops on the floor it breaks. Will it speak or work? If the batteries fail, will the phone allow you to talk? If you switch the thing off, will it be of any use? I ask you then, with which power were the stones speaking? This proves that the Prophet of Allah is superior.

Here is a narration from Mishkat Sharif. Maula Ali (Radi Allah Anhu) states that once after Zuhr prayer, the Prophet

said “ O Ali! Shall we go for a walk?” Maula Ali responded as they set off for a walk. They left Masjid-Nabwi with the Prophet walking in front of Ali. They made their way through the streets of Madinah until they were outside the city. It was a small city at the time. Do you know that the present Masjid-Nabwi extension is the same size as Madinah was back in the time of the Prophet? When the date trees and the mountains became visible. The hadith says “that the grain of sands, the mountains, rocks, boulders, date trees, everything began to say “Peace upon you Ya Rasool-Allah!” Go and bring teams of scientists if you want and make a particle of sand speak? Give trees the ability to speak? Maula Ali says he heard with his own ear’s everything in sight offering Salaam upon the Best of Creations. (Sallal laahu alaihi wasallam)

Here is another Hadith this time from Sahih Bukhari. The Companions say that the Prophet was with his troops as they passed Uhud Mountain. They say that they heard the Prophet say “peace be upon you too”. The companions were bewildered because they could not see to whom the Prophet was responding too. They asked “ Ya Rasool-Allah! To whom are you sending Salaams?” The Prophet said that the “The mountain (i.e. Uhud) loves me. The mountain sent Salaam upon me, I replied. I am telling you that the mountain loves me”. *Hubb* is Arabic word which means to pull or to attract. When the heart is pulled towards something or attracted to it, this is the meaning of love. To love is the work of the heart. The Sufi’s and Awliya say that the gate to the heart is the eye. The thief of the heart enters the door by the eye. Our Rasool (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam) has said to keep our heads down so that there is less chance of our hearts being stolen (to bad things). If you want to protect your faith then you need to guard your eyes. One who doesn’t love is said to be hard-hearted. May I be sacrificed Ya Rasool-Allah! You make stones love you! Let me say this, that our Rasool is that being that has given stones a heart and instilled love inside them! He is a Prophet that gives hearts and love to stones.

“The mountain loves me”. What a Beloved he is if he can make stones love him. And why wouldn’t they because the Prophet’s face is so beautiful, radiant and bright. The next part of the Hadith is a glad tiding to the true believers. The Prophet says that the mountain loves me. The Prophet then says, “ I love the mountain”. There is a two-way traffic in the love and affection. This is such a Prophet that stones and mountains love him and he loves them. O Muslims! You are the best of creations. You are the Ummati of the Prophet (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam), you are his servant and ardent lover, and if you love him he will love you back. Those who send *Durood* and *Salaam* upon the Prophet (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam) and remember him constantly, he will remember you too. O scientists! The path, on which you have just set foot on, the Holy Prophet, has already passed it. O inventors of telecommunications such as televisions, mobile phone, computers, my Prophet has passed and bettered your achievements along time ago.

This is the age of surgery. I have seen with my own eye’s people practising the traditional medicines. You will be amazed to hear, I swear on the Minbar (pulpit) I stand on, that this doctor I saw put his hand on a man’s pulse, felt it, and said “ think about whose household you belong to, give up drinking alcohol!”. The man said to me, “I swear to Allah, Jameel Sahib, my wife doesn’t know I drink”. This was such a complete physician that by feeling the pulse he could tell the problem and its cure. Surgery is a common phenomenon now in Europe. Plastic surgery is the latest craze. Heart operations are a daily occurrence. Indeed it is foreseeable in the future that ‘Body Shops’ will open in the future where you can get body spare parts like hearts, livers, kidneys etc. Blood banks have been established. Surgery has transformed the lives on many people for better and worse. But I say to you, bring all the surgeons in the world together in one place, but what achievements and accomplishments our Prophet has achieved no person can achieve.

Listen to a Hadith from Bukhari Sharif. In the battle of Uhud, the Muslims were facing a critical time, when for a moment there was a danger that the Muslims might suffer defeat. The Holy Prophet lost one of his blessed teeth at this time. They were being attacked with a shower of arrows coming in their direction. May I be sacrificed for these noble companions! There was a companion named Saad. He was so good at archery that nobody in Arabia could match him. He stood in front of the Prophet during battle. The Prophet was behind him supplying him arrows. The beloved Prophet would give him an arrow and say, "Shoot! May my parents be sacrificed upon you!"

Qitada was another fortunate and blessed companion who stood in the front line with the Prophet. During the heat of battle a stray enemy arrow fell and hit his eye. Blood spurted out as he fell to the ground. With the arrow lodged in his eye, Qitada went about finding the Messenger of Allah. The Prophet saw the state of Qitada and told him to go to the back. Qitada said "Ya Rasoolallah! I haven't come here just to be sent to the back. I am injured that is why I have come to you". Allah knows best in which mood and state of mind Qitada uttered these words. The Prophet asked Qitada what the matter was? The injured companion said " Ya Rasoolallah, I am a young man, my eye is injured my sight has gone, Ya Rasoolallah my eye has gone, I have come to get a new eye". I ask you; you live in such a progressive age, that if a soldier in battle today got hit in the eye, and he went to his General that he wanted a new eye, what would the General do? He would say, put him into an ambulance to hospital; test his blood and his urine. Test after test after test the soldier would die. Let me tell you then about surgery of fourteen hundred years ago, which was not an age of surgery. We learn from Qitada's words and actions that it was his belief as well that when it comes to giving the Prophet does not disappoint and that he delivers. Whoever has *Aqida* goes and asks. The one without *Aqida* doesn't ask. The Prophet said, " Do you want an eye? If you want Qitada I can give you an eye,

or you can have Paradise?” Qitada replied “ Ya-Rasoolallah! I have gained paradise from the moment I set eyes on you, I already have paradise, I need an eye!” Can someone really contemplate, in the heat of battle someone receiving an eye? The Prophet called Qitada over and Qitada moved forward. “Come closer,” said the Prophet. Qitada went closer. “Come closer,” said the Holy Prophet. Again Qitada moved forward. Qitada came so close to the Prophet that his face was inches away from the face of the Prophet. The Prophet with his blessed hands pulled the arrow out of Qitada’s eye. The arrow had Qitada’s eyeball attached to the end of it. The Prophet then with his hands cleaned the blood off his face and eye. In today’s day and age, the sugar and glucose levels of the patient have to be checked before anything is done. And we hear that after the operation, the patient still complains of pain. The surgeons then discover that they have left the scissors inside the patient! Some times they forget a towel in there. All this in a time of science and progress! Sadqa Ya Rasool-Allah! The commentators of Hadith say that the Prophet took his eyeball and placed it back in Qitada’s eye socket. The Prophet did so by placing his blessed saliva on it. The result of the Prophet’s surgery was that the injured eye went back to normal as if it was never injured. Indeed the injured eye looked and felt better than the other one. The words of the Hadith state that the Prophet made Qitada’s eye. Of the two eyes, the wounded eye was now brighter and beautiful than before. I say then, bring the world’s surgeons together and ask them to make an eye like that. Nobody can even contemplate such a happening. No surgical instruments no anaesthetic, no donated eye, no glucose, nothing. All these modern necessities on one side, and my Mustafa’s (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam) blessed saliva on the other! The Prophet is powerful isn’t he?

Here is a Hadith from Mishkat Sharif. Man has invented the robot. What the robot is made out of and what energy it runs I don’t know in great detail, but the bottom line is that it runs on energy. The companions say that in

one battle, Abu Zar Ghaffari (Radi Allah Anhu) was sent by Rasoolallah (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam) as his spy to collect information about the enemy. The Prophet of Allah wanted to send an important message to Abu Zar. He would ask his companion's whether or not Abu Zar had returned from the frontline? The companions would tell him that he had not yet returned. After about 10-15 minutes, the Prophet would again ask whether his spy had returned yet? Again the companions told the Prophet that Abu Zar had not returned. The Prophet got up and started to look at the direction from which Abu Zar would appear. The companions say that a figure appeared on the horizon. They say that they looked at the figure and said that the figure could not be Abu Zar. They judged by his physique and decided that it could not have been him. The Prophet (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam) also saw the figure on the horizon and asked his companions whether or not that was Abu Zahr? The companions having looked at the figure on the horizon told the Prophet that it could not be Abu Zar. The Prophet (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam) then said "whoever you are, become Abu Zar!" when the figure came in front of them the companions were astounded to see that the figure was no other than Abu Zar. Tell me can a man-made robot compete with this. Allah knows best who that figure was on the horizon was. But when the Prophet said, "become Abu Zar" that is exactly what happened. The Prophet is powerful he is superior! He is Ghalib.

The most advanced achievement of mankind to date has been to send man to the moon. This is what they claim. News is a thing that maybe fifty percent right or fifty- percent wrong. We don't deny their claims because we live in a scientific and progressive age. Okay so we accept that they did go to the moon. But what did they bring back from the moon? They went with great expectations saying that they may dig out platinum or gold from the moon's surface. They came back with boulders and pieces of rock! There was nothing, not even oxygen. This has been mankind's Miraj (upwardly journey) so far

that they have reached the moon. They plan now to go to Mars. Maybe they will discover water there. I was astounded to read that they planned to send oxygen tanks to the moon so that they can generate land and living space on the moon, which they will sell on. When I read this, I said “Ya Allah! Please save the moon from misguided Pakistani’s if this is the case!” They would make the moon disappear! Anyhow, whatever they plan, Allah has given man intellect. Man after all is Allah’s vice-regent (*Khalifa*) on earth. Listen to the words of Allama Iqbal:

“The Kafir’s identity is that he is lost in the universe”

Sometimes he wants to go to the moon, then to Mars. He sends rockets here and there.

“The Momin’s identity is that the universe is lost in him!”

Go and read the books of Daata Ganj Baksh and Shaykh Abdul Qadir Jilani (Radi Allah Anhum) and you will discover that this statement is absolutely true.

The moon is a quarter of a million miles away from earth and the speed of light is approximately 186000 miles per second. If you wish you can calculate the speed per minute and per hour. But now listen to this narration. Sayidina Jibraeel (Alayhis Salaam) appeared in front of the Prophet. Jibraeel (Alayhis Salaam) is an Angel made of Allah’s light. One day, Rasoolallah (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam) asked Jibraeel what his speed was? Jibraeel (Alayhis Salaam) said that I have no speedometer that can measure my speed. The Prophet then asked for some indication. Sidra tul Muntahaa is above the seven heavens. This is the home of Jibraeel. Jibraeel (Alayhis Salaam) says “Ya Rasool-Allah I was in Sidra tul Muntahaa, when Allah called me for duty. Allah told me to go to earth to Canaan to a disused well where some brothers were about to throw their younger brother Yusuf into the well. Yusuf (Alayhis Salaam) was falling into the well seventy feet deep when I

was ordered to go and save Allah's handsome Prophet. Ya Rasoolallah! Yusuf (Alayhis Salaam) had not reached the bottom of the well when I reached and saved him by spreading my wings underneath him. That is the speed of Jibraeel (Alayhis Salaam)! The speed of light then is 186,000 miles per second. This is the light of the sun, the star, and the reflection off the moon and so forth. I ask you then, what will be the speed of the light (*noor*) of Allah!

Allah says in the Quran

...There has come to you from Allah a light and a manifest book (5:15)

By light we mean the Prophet of Allah peace and blessings of Allah upon him and by manifest book is Al-Quran Al-Hakim.

The scientists of today tell us another remarkable thing. They say that since the universe was created, there are some galaxies that are so far away that are not visible with telescopes. Travelling at the speed of light (c.186000 miles per second) since the beginning of time the light from those stars have not yet reached earth. They are so many billions and trillions of light years away that they cannot be seen. Listen then to the power of our Rasool and his superiority. The Holy Prophet (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam) travelled on the night of Miraj to the heavens and beyond, spent thousands of years there and came back in such a short space of time, that when he returned the water from his ablution was still running and his bed was still warm! What can you say? This miracle of Miraj can't be comprehended in the human mind. To understand this you need the eye and vision of Siddiq-e-Akbar!

Jibraeel (Alayhis Salaam) accompanied the Prophet on his Miraj. But when they reached Sidra, Jibraeel had to turn down the Prophet's request to go any further. Jibraeel (Alayhis Salaam) told the Prophet that Sidra tul

Muntahaa was his limit. The Prophet of Allah said to Jibraeel (Alayhis Salaam) that where your light and speed ends, my journey starts! There is a beautiful account related to this story. When Ibrahim (Alayhis Salaam) was about to be thrown in to Nimrod's fire, Jibraeel (Alayhis Salaam) came to him and asked him if he needed anything? Ibrahim (Alayhis Salaam) thanked him but told him that because this was a test of his Prophethood from Allah he didn't require his help. On the night of Miraj, the Prophet lifted this request off his shoulders and asked him what he could do for him when he goes to Allah? In other words he asked him whether he had any request to Allah which he could get approved? Tell me who would refuse such an appeal from the Prophet! Jibraeel (Alayhis Salaam) told the Prophet that it was his wish that on the Day of Judgement when the believers have to cross the bridge over Hell which is thinner than hair and sharper than a blade, that he could spread his wings on the bridge so that the believers could pass safely through to paradise.

Imam Ahmad Raza Khan (May Allah be pleased with him) captures this moment brilliantly when he says:

“Ya Rasool-Allah! Help me cross the bridge, so that the bridge doesn't know I have passed,

And when Jibraeel (Alayhis Salaam) spreads his wings, let me cross so that the wings don't know I have passed!”

The scientists say another thing. When Neil Armstrong landed on the moon his heartbeat became abnormal. A quarter of a million miles on earth, sensitive equipment listened to his heartbeat and noticed the abnormality. Allah knows best if this is true or not. We don't deny the possibility because this is the age of science and progress. The heartbeat of Armstrong was heard a quarter of a million miles away. Now I ask you one question, in relation to everything that has been said up to now. And that is that the Prophet is powerful and superior to his Ummah. How

many examples from the Quran and Hadith I have presented to you. You are an Ummati and believer of the Prophet and everything that he has told us. You carry mobile phones and talk to friends and family thousands of miles away. You talk to them, they hear you and they respond. That is the case isn't it? As a follower of his you hear and talk from great distances. So tell me then, the Prophet you believe in, can he not hear your Durood and Salaams from the Green Dome in Madinah? Or are you saying that by doing tabligh, and praying lots of Nawafil and doing "Allah, Allah..." that the Ummati has surpassed their Prophet? For these so called Muslims their Prophet doesn't see nor listen, but they can hear and see thousands of miles away and respond. ASTAGFIRULLAH!!! Let us pray that Allah keeps us safe from such misguided and misinformed people –AMEEN. May Allah protect our faith.

Listen to the superiority and power of the Prophet of Allah. The case of Armstrong we cited was 250,000 miles. But Jannatul Firdous is some way far and beyond Sidra tul Muntahaa. And Sidra is above and beyond the seven heavens. And the sun, stars, planets, galaxies are below the seven heavens. Allah knows best where everything is. We cannot even begin to contemplate how big and how far these things are. Words cannot describe the sheer size of the universe. Jannat is above all these things. Allah ordered His Beloved Prophet on the night of Miraj to see the palaces and mansions and gardens of his believers! The Prophet is *Bashir* and *Nazir*. *Bashir* is one who gives good news and a *Nazir* is one who warns people. Allah in his wisdom told His Prophet to stay in Jannat in the night of Miraj, and see the punishment of Hell for himself so that he could go back and tell his followers so that they would believe and act accordingly. The Prophet says that he saw the palaces of his close companions such as Abu Bakr Umar, Usman and Ali (Radi Allah Anhum) The companions made mansions in Paradise, but Pakistani's make them in Islamabad! What benefit is there in making

homes that will soon turn to dust and come to nothing? The real mansions and gardens are those that the companions made in Jannat by loving and serving the Holy Prophet (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam). The Prophet says that the houri (heavenly maidens) came out to great him. The Prophet was walking through Jannat when he says that he noticed that Sayidina Bilal (Radi Allah Anhu) was walking through the streets of Makkah. The Prophet of Allah says that he heard the sound of Bilal's footsteps while he was in paradise. These are the words of the Prophet not mine. Man has reached as far as the moon. And Allah knows best how many other galaxies and solar systems there are. Man can go wherever he likes, Allah has blessed you with a mind and intellect, but remember one thing, that wherever you go you will see the footmarks of Rasoolallah (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam) before you! The solar system, galaxies and so forth are just stepping-stones. The Miraj proves this without doubt. The sun, stars and moon were asking for Sadqa from the Prophet on the night of Miraj. The Prophet's going and coming on the night of Miraj is unique and unmatched. So the Prophet says he heard Bilal's footsteps in Makkah from Jannatul Firdous. Ask yourselves then, that if he can hear Bilal's footsteps from heaven, can he not hear your Durood and Salaams from just a few thousand miles away in Madinah?

The crux of my talk then is that every Prophet sent by Allah is powerful and superior, he is *Ghalib*. And because our Rasool (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam) is the final and best of all the Prophets, let it be known that whatever progress and discoveries mankind does, Allah has granted him (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam) such miracles and qualities that surpass any achievement. This is because it is Allah's principle that His Prophet is always superior and dominant. The miracle of Miraj is such an important thing for us. Why? Because we Muslims have stopped studying, meaning that westerners have overtaken us in this field. Do you know that the universities of Spain such as Cordoba and Granada were the destination of British

scholars who came there to learn? They use to go to Baghdad to study sciences. This was our past, our heritage. But because we have stopped studying, the westerners have used Islamic knowledge to build the modern world we live in today. Shame! May Allah bless us with those days again when Muslims did something constructive. May Allah bless us with knowledge again-AMEEN.

But despite the fact that we have fallen behind and are relatively uneducated compared to others, at least we can say that our Prophet is superior and powerful! We may well be weak and uneducated but we can still say that he is the best of all creations. The moon you may have reached, but our Nabi passed it by some distance on the night on Isra and Miraj. This is the superiority of the Prophet. We thank Allah that He has created us and made us his follower. May Allah help us to maintain our relationship with the Prophet and between ourselves by being his ardent followers-AMEEN.

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