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Topic: **Miracles of the Prophets**

## IDENTIFYING THE PROPHETS

There are two criteria for evaluating the claims of prophethood:

1. Studying **the content** of the prophet's invitation and message and collect **trustable signs**.
2. **Miracles** which are supernatural.

Conditions of a Prophet's Miracle

1. Normal **people** and even the most genius **must not be able to do the same**.
2. The miracle-maker must be so certain of it to **be able to challenge others** to try.
3. The miracle must be connected **as proof to the claim of prophethood**.

The reasons of difference between miracles and the extraordinary deeds of an ascetic:

1. An ascetic's extraordinary act is always **limited**.
2. An ascetic's extraordinary act can be done by another ascetic but **the prophet is able to do any miracle needed**.

## Qur'an: The Greatest Miracle of the Prophet of Islam

In Qur'an, **Allah has challenged all** the nonbelievers and has said several times that if you do not believe that this is a Book of God, **bring one like it (even ten or one chapter)**.

For example:

« قُلْ لَنْ يَجْتَمَعَتِ الْإِنْسُ وَالْجِنُّ عَلَىٰ أَنْ يَأْتُوا بِمِثْلِ هَٰذَا الْقُرْآنِ لَا يَأْتُونَ بِمِثْلِهِ وَلَوْ كَانَ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ ظَهِيرًا »

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Say, "If mankind and the jinn gathered in order to produce the like of this Qur'an, they could not produce the like of it, even if they were to each other assistants."

Words like, "If you speak the truth ... ", "**You can never do so ...**", "Even if you seek help from all of humanity ... ", "**Bring at least one verse** like it ... ", "If you become a kafir, a flaming fire is awaiting you ..." speak of this truth. Islam not only endangered their religion which they firmly supported, but also endangered their economic, political interests and so on. They invited all of the Arabs who were learned scholars to help them but **every time they tried to challenge the Holy Quran, they were defeated.**