L16 Topic: Proofs of Prophethood

Other PROOFS OF THE RIGHTFULNESS OF A PROPHET

Besides miracles, there are other ways to find out the truthfulness of a prophet and that is to study:

- 1. his moral and social personality
- 2. the conditions of the environment
- 3. the conditions of the era
- 4. the content of the invitation
- 5. the goal and the means of the invitation
- 6. the effects of the invitation
- 7. the sacrifices made by the inviter
- 8. uncompromising by Deviating Temptations
- 9. speed of the effects

The prophet's personality

He had all the noble characters in himself, including trustworthiness which he was known by, even at the "age of ignorance" and also forgiveness such as his mercy on the people of Makkah after victory.

Conditions of the prophet's environment

While everyone takes on the color of the environment, the prophet stablished pure monotheism in an environment full of superstition, polytheism and ignorance; this could not be possible without divine revelation.

Conditions of the Prophet's Era

When the world was going through the age of despotism, discrimination and ignorance, the prophet came with the slogan: "Surely the believers are brothers." and fought against all kinds of oppression.

The Content of the Prophet's Invitation

The perfection of humans in all aspects and elimination of all the obstacles in their spiritual journey such as ignorance and discrimination was included in the content of the prophet's invitation.

The Effects of the Prophet's Invitation

The effects of his invitation upon the environment was so great that the enemies were even afraid of people going near the Prophet because they saw that his attraction and influence was extraordinary.

The Sacrifices Made by the Prophet

An evaluation of his self-sacrifice upon the way of his invitation shows that he, more than any other person, was a believer in and faithful to the precepts which he brought.

Uncompromising by Deviating Temptations

He said to the nonbelievers, "If you give me the sun in one hand and the moon in another and all of the planets and stars be under my dominion, I will never give up my goal and surrender."

The Fast and Vast Effects of Islam

Those who have studied the books of western experts on the Middle East and on Islam, are all amazed by the speed of the spread of Islam.

THE SEAL OF PROPHETHOOD

Many verses in the Qur'an and many narrations explicitly state that the prophethood is sealed (completed and ended) by Prophet Muhammad (PBUH&HP). It is the age of maturity of humanity and by relying upon the universal teachings of Islam, they can solve their problems.

مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَآ أَحَدٍ مِّنْ رِّجَالِكُمْ وَلٰكِنْ رَّسُوْلَ الله وَخَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّنَ ٢

Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but he is the Messenger of Allah and the seal of the Prophets.... (33:40)

The line of guidance does not end with the end of prophethood, rather it continues through Imamate.