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Topic: The Need for Infallible Prophets

Laws can solve three problems:

1. Laws define the duties of each individual in relation to the society.
2. Laws co-ordinate the methods of carrying out the social responsibilities.
3. Laws prevent individuals from violating the rights of others.

The necessary qualifications of a lawgiver

The necessary qualifications of the best lawgiver are:

- a. **Knowing the human species perfectly** and inside-out in terms of their needs, instincts and etc.
- b. **Taking all the decent qualities** and potentials which are in human beings **into consideration**. The laws should not block those talents and must let them flourish.
- c. Predicting the possible incidents and **taking perfect precautionary measures**.
- d. Having and **favoring no personal interest** in setting the laws
- e. **Having no error**, mistake or forgetfulness
- f. Being **the most powerful and the most kind** at the same time

In conclusion, only God who created the human being to reach perfection is qualified to set laws, and He must send someone to teach them and help them enact it.

Infallibility of the Prophets

Trustworthiness of the prophets is a reason for the infallibility of the prophets so that people can trust their prophethood and message and be guided to perfection which is the goal of their creation.

« اٰیُّهَا الَّذِیْنَ اٰمَنُوْا اطِيعُوا اللّٰهَ وَاطِيعُوا الرَّسُوْلَ وَاُولِی الْاَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ» [4-59]

“O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you.”

If the prophets were not infallible, God would not have ordered us to obey them unconditionally.