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In the Name of Allah Most Gracious Most Merciful



Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon Him) In Major World Scriptures

Allah ^{عز وجل} (Most High) has stated in the Holy Qur'an: 'Muhammad (Peace be Upon him) is no more than a Messenger and indeed many Messengers have passed away before him.' (s3, v144)

The final Prophet Muhammad's (Peace be Upon him) personality was incomparable and his name was also unique. Before the birth of the Prophet (Peace be Upon him) no person had ever thought of naming their child Muhammad or Ahmad, be they Arab or non Arab. This is due to the fact that Allah (Most High) had already revealed the glad tidings of the final Messenger and Prophet (Peace be Upon him) to mankind in the previous scriptures, and that his name would be Ahmad. It was due to this divine decree and revelation that Allah (Most High) had silenced the tongues and minds of creation from realising the name of Muhammad & Ahmad with which to name their children. It was also a means of safeguarding 'false pretenders' to the claim of being the final Prophet (Peace be Upon him) sent to mankind. (Fathul Bari, vol 6, p404/ Jami'ul Darari Sharah Bukhari)

The names Muhammad and Ahmad are both names of Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon him). Both of these names are mentioned in the Holy Qur'an and both were known to the previous Prophets (Moses and Jesus Peace be Upon them). (Torah, Deut, 18: 15, Matt, 21: 42-43)

Both of these names are also mentioned in the Torah together with many praises of Prophet Muhammad ^{صلى الله عليه وسلم} (peace be upon him), and the excellence of his followers (Ummah), to the extent that a Prophet of Allah like Moses (Peace be Upon him) expressed a desire to be part of the nation of Muhammad (Peace be Upon him).

Abdullah bin Salam (May Allah be Pleased with him) who used to be a great scholar of the Jews prior to accepting Islam, related: 'There is mention of Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon him) in the Torah together with Prophet Jesus (peace be upon him), who will return to this world once again before passing away and will be buried next to the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon him) in Madinah.' (Jami Tirmidhi)

The name 'Ahmad' means, the most praising of the Creator (Allah Most High). The meaning of the name 'Muhammad' is (The Praised One), that person who is most worthy of being praised in the entire of mankind.

Allah (Most High) mentions in the Holy Qur'an: 'Those who follow the Messenger (peace be upon him), the Prophet who can neither read nor write whom they find written in the Torah and Injeel (Gospel)...' (Ch 7, v157)

And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned. (Bible, Isaiah, 29: 12) (And mentions in the Holy Qur'an Ch62, v2, See also Ch2, v129- 151/ Ch3, v164)

Allah mentions in the Holy Qur'an: 'And when Jesus the son of Mary said: O Children of Israel! I am a Messenger of Allah to you, confirming that which came before in the Torah, and giving glad tidings of a Messenger to come after me whose name will be Ahmad...' (Ch 61, v6)

A few characteristics of the final Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon him) to mankind are mentioned in the Bible: (1) He will not come until Jesus himself departs. (2) He will speak what he hears from God. (3) He will glorify Jesus (Peace be Upon him). (4) His (Prophethood) will stay with the believers forever. (John 14:6, 15:26, 16:7. 16:12-14)

Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon him) is mentioned in the Bible (Song of Solomon 5:16) using the Hebrew word 'Muhammadim' which translates as 'altogether lovely' or 'the praised one' and is the direct meaning of the name Muhammad (Peace be Upon him) in Arabic.

The final Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon him) is also mentioned in Hinduism (Sanatam Dharam) in Sanskrit authoritative books, by alluding to his name, signs of events to occur and much mention of his noble character. There is also a mention of 'Narashangsa' which translates as 'the praised one' found in Bhavishya Purana, Parva 3, khand 3, adhyay 3, shaloka 5-8.

'Sushrama' which translates as 'the most praising' in Arabic (Ahmed) found in Atharvaveda, Bk 20, Hymn 126, v14. Muhammad (peace be upon him) is prophesised as 'Ahmed' in (Samaveda Uttrarehika Mantra 1500).

Kalki Avatar is mentioned by Prof. Pundit Vaid Prakash as being the personality of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). The name of Prophet Muhammad's (peace be upon him) father has been mentioned as 'Vishnu Bhagat' which translates as Abdullah (the slave of Allah). The Prophet's (peace be upon him) Mother's name is found as 'Somanib' which translates as 'the one of Peace and Tranquillity' which in Arabic is Aminah. It is also mentioned that the final Prophet will be a teacher for the entire world (Holy Qur'an 34:28), he will be helped by four companions (Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman and Ali (May Allah be pleased with them)) and he will also be helped by the Angels (Holy Qur'an 8:9 & 3:125). (Kalki Purana, Ch 2, v4, 5, 11, 15/ Yajurveda, Ch 20, v37, 57 & Ch 21, v31/ Rigveda, Bk 1, Hymn 13, v3 – Bk 1, Hymn 106, v4 – Bk 1, Hymn 53, v9 – Bk 5, Hymn 5, v2)

It has been revealed by Allah (Most High) in the Holy Qur'an that every Prophet that was sent to a nation was sent to propagate the message of God in his native tongue. 'And we sent not a Messenger except with the language of his people, in order that he might make the message clear for them.' (Ch 14, v4)

Allah says in the Qur'an: 'And there never was a nation but a warner has passed among them.' (Ch 35, v24)

Fire worship was a very old religion (Zoroastrian) that was practised in Persia (Modern day Iran). There are two main scriptures for this religion: Wasatar and Zindawasta; within these books the teachings and beliefs of Islam are mentioned, together with clear signs of the coming of the Last Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

It is written: 'When the people of Persia will drop to the lowest degree of immorality, then in the land of Arabia there will be an individual born who will bring to an end this immorality. He will purify the place of worship (Ka'bah) of idols and idolatry, people will face that direction to pray. The scholars and common folk of Persia will join with the people who follow him.' (Wasatar, Ch 14)

There is also mention of the Final Prophet to Mankind (Muhammad (peace be upon him)) in the Buddhist scriptures. The disciple of Buddha, Anan related: 'During the last moments of the life of Buddha, Anan asked: 'After your passing, to whom do we turn to for guidance and rectification?' Buddha replied: 'I am not the first Buddha (a guide) to come in this world, nor am I the last. At his appointed time, another Prophet will be sent to the Earth and he will be a very merciful and blessed individual. He will be very knowledgeable, full of wisdom and will have understanding of the entire creation (Heavens and Earth). He will be a complete guide for mankind. He will always preach the truth to the people. He will preach to mankind a religion which will encompass religious ordinations (orders of Allah) and also social etiquettes and practises (the Sunnah). He will be called by the name 'Materiya' which translates as 'the one who is merciful to creation' – a Mercy for Mankind. (Holy Qur'an 21:107)

All these qualities and characteristics are only to be found in the personality of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon him).

Allah ﷻ (Most High) mentions in the Holy Qur'an: 'And we did not send any Messenger before you (O Muhammad) but we revealed to him: 'None has the right to be worshipped but Allah' so worship me (Allah Most High) alone and no other besides me.' (Ch 21, v25)

It was the message of every Prophet of Allah that the creation should worship Allah alone. After the passing of their Prophets (Peace be Upon him) the people of that nation were lead astray from the pure teachings of their Prophet and in some cases even started worshipping their Prophets in place of Allah (the Creator) Most High. It is also a saying of Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon him): 'before me (Muhammad) there have been 124,000 Messengers and Prophets sent to Mankind'. It has also been made obligatory upon the Muslims from the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon him) that they respect all the Messengers and Prophets of God equally, and that they do not distinguish any excellence between them. It is necessary for Mankind today, in this day and age to review the teachings and sayings of the final Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon him) with a clear mind and heart, about whom the previous scriptures are testifying as to his coming and the greatness of his message.

May Allah ﷻ (Most High) grant us the ability to evaluate what we have read and investigate it further to distinguish truth from falsehood and reality from propaganda. آمين Ameen!