True Concept of Khataman Nabiyyeen

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The allegation raised against Ahmadis is that they do not serve their country and are not loyal to their people is absolutely untrue.

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In Pakistan, from time to time, people in the position of power weaponize the concept of the concept of *Khatm-e-nabuwwat* [finality of prophethood] to incite ordinary Muslims and increase their falling popularity ratings.

These so-called sympathisers of Islam try to justify their incitement against Ahmadis in the name of “the honour of the Holy Prophet (sa)”.

*Ahmadis* are a soft target for these political leaders. As far as the Ahmadiyya Community is concerned, we do not require a certificate from any assembly or government in order to be called Muslims.

“*Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but he is the Messenger of Allah and the Seal of the Prophets; and Allah has full knowledge of all things.*” [33:41]
We pronounce the *Kalima*
We believe in every pillar of Islam and article of faith. We have faith in the Holy Qur’an and believe the Holy Prophet (sa) to be *Khatam-un-Nabiyyeen*

We call ourselves Muslims because we are Muslims. Allah the Exalted and His Messenger (sa) have declared us to be Muslims.

The Promised Messiah (as) has very clearly and elaborately written on many occasions that the person, who denies the [concept of] Khatm-e-Nubuwwat, I consider him to be irreligious and outside the fold of Islam. He is neither an Ahmadi, nor a Muslim.
One of the revelations of the Promised Messiah (as) is: “Every virtue is found in the Holy Qur’an”. Similarly, the Promised Messiah (as) also said that those who honour the Qur’an, will be honoured in heaven. The revelations of the Promised Messiah (as) are subservient to the Holy Qur’an. They carry no status independently and on their own.

The Promised Messiah (as) writes in his book, Tajalliyat-e-Ilahiyyah [Divine Manifestations] that if I was not a part of the Ummah [nation] of the Holy Prophet (sa) and would not be a follower of his, even if my deeds were equivalent to mountains, I would not have received this honour of Divine communion. This is due to the fact that now, apart from the prophethood of Muhammad (sa), every other prophethood has come to an end.

Thus, the Promised Messiah (as) is also subservient to the Holy Prophet (sa) and his revelations are also subservient to and an elaboration of the Holy Qur’an.
The Promised Messiah (as) says: “God has sent us such a Prophet (sa), who is the seal of believers, seal of the holy people and the seal of the prophets, and has sent down on him this book which is the most perfect book and is the seal of all the books. The Holy Prophet (sa), who is the seal of the prophets, through him prophethood was completed. ... So all different qualities which were given to all the prophets, from Adam (as) to Jesus (as) Son of Mary were all brought together in the Person of the Holy Prophet (sa). And so it was in this way he was regarded as Khatam-ul-Nabiyeen.

And just like the Holy Prophet (sa) is Khatam-ul-nabiyeen [seal of the prophets], in the same way, all the various teachings of different religions and different exhortations have been perfected by the Holy Quran, and thus the Holy Quran has become Khatam-ul-Kutub.’

It is us Ahmadis, who understand the true meaning and spirit of Khatam-un-Nabiyeen and it is Ahmadis, who are publishing God Almighty’s declaration of the Holy Prophet (sa) being the Khatam-un-Nabiyeen in various countries of the world and in their respective languages.
The Promised Messiah (as) says “The seal of the prophethood is one of the signs of the prophethood of Holy Prophet (sa)” The fact that the Holy Prophet (sa) is Khatam-ul-nabiyyeen [seal of the prophets] is one of his signs and it is necessary for every Muslim to believe in it.

While confirming the true status of the term Khatam-ul-nabiyyeen, and the eminence of Islam and its superiority on other religions, the Promised Messiah (as) states: “When arguments and wisdom reach its pinnacle, that is, the name given to Khatm-e-Nabuwwat [finality of prophethood]. Beyond this, those who criticise are nothing short of an atheist.”

The Promised Messiah (as) states: “From the Arabs arose the moon that would illuminate every nation and shine its light upon every region.” This is the status of the Holy Prophet (sa) that he was to enlighten every nation and every city and his light was to reach every corner of every area.
The Promised Messiah (as) states: “It is only the Quran that has the honour of succeeding over all religions of the world when dealing with the matter of Tauheed [oneness of God] and prophethood.”

The Promised Messiah (as) further states: “It is a true honour that such a book has been bestowed to the Muslims.”

If the advent of the Holy Prophet (sa) had not taken place then the morals, guidance, miracles, and the spiritual powers of the former prophets would have been criticized. But the Holy Prophet (sa) came and declared them to be pure.

Thus, this is the reality of *Khatm-e-Nabuwat* that the Promised Messiah (as). This was the work of the Promised Messiah (as) and through his knowledge and training the Ahmadiyya Community is continuing this.
With regards to the true nature of his claim, the Promised Messiah (as) explains by saying: “The Seeker of Justice should bear in mind that in no circumstance has this humble self ever been a claimant to prophethood or apostleship. Furthermore, is the use in every speech of such words with the literal meanings commonly found thereof in lexicons not indicative of heresy? Therefore, I do not like to do this as there is a possibility that thereby ordinary Muslims may be deceived. That notwithstanding, I am not able to hold back, on the basis of being ordained to do so, from stating those discourses and dialogues which God Almighty has blessed me with, in which the words Prophethood and Apostleship were extensively used. (Since God Almighty has used these words therefore I can’t conceal them). I say this time and time again that in the words Prophet or Messenger used in the revelations in my respect are not to be implied in the actual usage of the words. In reality I bear witness with all my might that our Prophet (saw) is the Seal of the Prophets, and that after him there shall appear no prophet, new or old.”

The Promised Messiah (as) states: ‘in terms of worldly examples, we can cite the example of Khatam-e-Nabuwat as the moon which starts off in the form of crescent and gradually reaches its perfect stage fourteen days later where it is referred to as Badr. Similarly, the excellences and qualities reached their perfection in the Holy Prophet (sa).’
Another allegation raised against Ahmadis is that they do not serve their country and are not loyal to their people. However, I can say with full conviction that today, it is only Ahmadis who follow the teaching of “Hubbul Watni Minal Iman” – [i.e. loyalty for one’s country is part of faith] and act upon it. They are willing to sacrifice their life and wealth and are currently doing so.

It is the duty of the Ahmadis residing in Pakistan to pray for the country in which Ahmadis offered sacrifices from the outset, that may God Almighty protect it, and may He protect us from the oppressive tyrants and the self-indulging clerics.

May Pakistan be counted amongst the liberated and civilised countries of the world.