



Prophecies about the advent of the Promised Messiah
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“In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful. Alif Lam Mim. [I am Allah, the All-Knowing] This is a perfect Book; there is no doubt in it; it is a guidance for the righteous, who believe in the unseen and observe Prayer, and spend out of what We have provided for them; And who believe in that which has been revealed to thee, and that which was revealed before thee, and they have firm faith in what is yet to come.” (Al Quran 2:1-5)

وَأَخْرَيْنَ مِنْهُمْ لَمَّا يَدْحُقُوا فِيهَا وَهَوَّ
الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ④

And He will raise him among others of them who have not yet joined them. He is the Mighty, the Wise. [62:4]

This verse is from Sura Juma which is very next chapter after Sura Saff wherein the prophecy about a prophet named Ahmad is mentioned. Now in this chapter it is mentioned that first appearance of that prophet has taken place in Makka amongst the unlettered people and his second appearance shall be in latter days amongst another people who haven't so far met him. At the revelation of this verse Hadhrat Abu Huraira (RA) asked the holy Prophet (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him) that who shall be these people amongst whom this second appearance of the prophet shall take place, upon which he put his hand on the shoulder of Hadhrat Salman of Persia, one of his companions, and said that if faith ascends to the highest star, one man or some men from his people shall bring it back to the earth.

We constantly hear about man made disasters, like wars, and acts of terrorism, suicide bombers, car bombings, etc. Even Natural Disasters have become more numerous and more destructive. A few recent examples in 2011 are;

March 11: Massive 8.9 earthquake and tsunami struck Japan. Loss of Life in thousands. Damage in tens of billions of dollars. Heavy blow to Japan Economy. Resulted in the worst nuclear disaster in Japan.

April 28th 2011: Twisters hit many southern states in the U.S. Death toll over 300. Property damage in many billions of dollars.

May 22, 2011: Tornado hits Joplin, MO. Levels a big chunk of the town. The main hospital suffers heavy damage. Death toll over 140. Property Damage in billions of dollars.

May 2011: Rising waters on the Mississippi river cause flood levels of historic proportions in the Midwest and southern states in the US. Rising waters not going away anytime soon. Floods may last through July 2011. Property and crop damages is expected in many billions of dollars.

One research insurer commented as follows: “A sequence of severe natural catastrophes like last year’s is a very rare occurrence. We had to contend with events with return periods of once every 1,000 years or even higher at the locations concerned,” [Torsten Jeworrek, from Munich RE]

These occurrences along with the recent economic crisis’s and the constant wars and rumors of wars give the rational thinking mind to pause and ask ...Is this normal or is someone (God) trying to tell us something?

The Law of God

When people, turning away from God, fall into the slough of iniquity, and become followers of the deceitful devil doing his biddings; when the laws of God are violated without any compunction and His limits are transgressed without the faintest qualm of conscience; when dreadful clouds of darkness and dishonesty, ignorance and infidelity, overhang the horizons of this earth, and libertinism and licentiousness contaminate the whole social order; when religion which is the only way to reach God, is reduced to dead rites and rituals, and religious leaders themselves

commit sinful deeds in the very name of religion; when such a deplorable condition prevails upon this earth, and it becomes necessary to chasten and chastise the sinning people, the mercy of the Most Beneficent God Who is ever slow to punish, becomes active afresh and He sends a warner unto them to admonish and apprise them of the coming doom if they persist in their evil course. Such is the immutable law of God working in His spiritual Kingdom. “We chastise not”, says the Most High God in the Qur’an, “until We have sent a warner unto them.” (17:16)

The Modern Age

The present age, it **has** been admitted on all hands, is an age of Science and Skepticism, worldliness and vice of the darkest hue. Man, all over the world, is so much engrossed in pursuing the pleasure of the materialism that the Supreme Ruler of the Universe **has** been completely banished from all his affairs. The talk of God in these times, particularly in the society of the so-called educated people, is to invite mocking and ridicule. In some countries the existence of God **has** so deliberately been denied that even a mere mention of Him is punished as a heinous crime. Places of His worship have been converted into so many pleasure-houses, and people reposing faith in Him are persecuted, beaten, banished and even killed. The picture of the present-day Muslims, as depicted by the Prophet 1400 years ago, is even more distressing:

“A time shall most surely will **come** upon my people when Islam shall be left only in name. The Qur’an will be read by a way of mere ceremony and nobody will act upon it. Mosques no doubt there will be many, but they no longer will be the source of light and guidance. The Ulama will be the worst creatures under the sun; all mischief will emanate from them and the chastisement of God will **come** down upon their heads.” (Kanz-al-Ummal, vol. 6, p. 49)

كثير اسراؤه قليل فقهاؤه كذاب خطباؤه مراؤون قراءه
ينقبون فى غير الدين ياكلون الدنيا كما ياكل النار الحطب
الا و ان النار مشوى لهم و بش للظالمين نزلا -

“(At that time) people rolling in riches shall be many; but those well-versed in the Law of Islam, few and far between. The sermon-grinders in the mosques shall be cunning and crafty, and the reciters of the Qur’an shall be deceitful dissemblers. They shall turn their faces away from Religion and expound on matters temporal. They shall devour the world as the fire consumes fuel. But, remember that Hell shall be the abode of these people, for into that torturous place the cruel and the unjust have ever been cast.” (ibid., vol. 5, p. 217)

تكون فى امتى فزعة فيصير الناس الى
علماء هم فاذا هم قردة و خنازير -

“My people shall be seized with consternation: they will, then, make for their ulama. But they shall find that their ulama have become apes and swines.” (Ibid., vol. 7, p. 190)

These are words of the Prohet Muhammad (saws) over 1300 years ago. And today all these conditions, we find, have been so completely fulfilled age that the appearance of a Warner, in accordance with the law enunciated above, seems absolutely necessary. When the cause is there, the effect thereof must necessarily follow; the divine law must operate.

The present age which synchronises with the 14th century of the Islamic Era, **has** been so much held in horror and dread on account of the spiritual darkness and atheistic activities that prophets and religious personages have made a reference to it in their sacred scriptures and recorded a strong note of warning for the guidance of their people. But side by side with this grim

picture, the scriptures also give the glad tidings of the advent of a Great Reformer who would warn the world of the coming of heavenly chastisement and try to wean the erring people from their sinful activities and rehabilitate Truth and Righteousness on this earth. Those people who will hearken unto his words and recoil from their misdeeds, will be saved; whereas those who persist in their evil course, will be visited with a dreadful doom.

Kalki Avtar of the Hindus

Broadly speaking, there are **three main systems of religion** prevalent on this earth-Hinduism, Christianity and Islam. The scriptures of all these religions have made a mention of this perverted age as well as of the coming of a great reformer who will handle the situation with a firm hand. He **has** been called Nishkalank or Kalki Avtar in the Hindu Shastras; Mahdi Mir in the scriptures of the Sikhs. According to a verse in the Tenth Granth reads:

رچے انس انس مہدی میر
رسمسوقت ہاتھ ہمیر

The Christians call his advent as the Second Coming of **Christ** and Muslims give him the name of Imam Mahdi and Promised Messiah. However this seeming duality has been resolved by the words of the Prophet Muhammad (saws) as follows:

لا مہدی الا عیسیٰ

“Mahdi is none else but Jesus (son of Mary)” (Hadith Collection, Ibn Mdja, ch. ‘Signs of the Hour’). He **has** been called Messiah or son of Mary For shedding the light of Islam in the Christian world, and Mahdi for he shall illuminate the minds and hearts of Muslims with pure Islam and cure them of the deadly disease of calling each other kafir, and shall inspire them for constructive action.

The age in which Shri Nishkalank Avtar will appear in the world **has** been called Lalyuga in the Hindu Shastras. Maha Rishi Vyas **has** mentioned a large number of signs in the Bhagavada Gita for the recognition of Kalyuga which may briefly be stated as follows:

There will be a gradual decay in dharm and faith, civilization and culture, piety and purity, age and strength. People's statures will be short, and their age, on the average, 30 years only. The rich will be looked up to with honor and respect, and the poor will be derided as unclean and untouchable. The Brahmin's only sign will be his sacred thread, whereas that of a Sanyasi his leopard-skin cloak. The illiterate and ignorant will pose as pundits and deliver sermons from high pulpits. By growing long nails and hair on their bodies, people will become Mahatmas. Sadhus will renounce jungle-life, return to the cities and indulge in adultery. A large section of the people will be atheists and turn away from the worship of the One True God. Places of worship will be deserted and desolate, and wine-shops and taverns will be much frequented. People, in spite of being poor, will indulge in sensual pleasures. Hairdressing of different styles will be considered as a mark of beauty. Women, with uncovered faces, will walk about in the bazaars like prostitutes. Girls of eight years of age will become mothers. Sons will call their parents fools. The produce of the land will be small. The rainfall will be scanty and out of time. Rivers will deviate from their courses. The rulers will oppress and exterminate their subjects. In Kalyuga kings of the nations known as Turush, Gurund, Ma 'oon and Shung will reign on this earth. ***In Sanskrit***, the English are called Gurund, the Turks as Turush, the Japanese as Ma 'oon and the Chinese as Shung. Maha Rishi Vyas says that the kings of these nations will be sitting on their thrones when Shri Nishkalank Avtar will appear on the stage of this world. But, like Narsi Bhagat, he shall be raised from a place which will not be in accordance with the expectation of the Hindus, and superficial observers, therefore, will not be able to recognize him.

The Second Coming of Christ

What **has** been stated in the Bible in respect of the time of the Second Coming of **Christ**, may be epitomized in the following words:

Famines, at that time, will stalk through the land. Earthquakes will occur, The epidemic of plague will break out in a virulent form. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom will stand up against kingdom. Spiritual cleanliness and purity will become extinct. Love and reverence of God will fade away from the minds of the people. Fair-dealing and honesty will become a thing of the past, and people will be obsessed with the love of this world.

When these things **come** to pass, the Second Coming of **Christ** from the high heavens will take place. **All these signs, we observe, have been fulfilled in the present age so much so that Christian thinkers have been obliged to state that this is the time for the Second Coming of Christ.** In 1889, the American Mission published a book, Millennium Dawn, in which it **has** been clearly stated that since the creation of Adam up to the year 1872 is a period of six thousand years, and after 1872 we enter essentially in the seventh thousand, the earlier part of which is the time for the Second Coming of **Christ**. The same Mission published another book, Our Lord's Return in 1900, proclaiming that we are now living in the time of **Christ** and that the Lord shall **come** surreptitiously as does a thief in the cover of the night, meaning thereby that like Narsi Bhagat, he shall appear unexpectedly from an insignificant place and the people will not be able to recognize him. In short, the time of the Second Coming of **Christ**, according to Christian scholars, commences after the year 1872, and the year 1900 they fix as the very ripe time for the occurrence of this great event.

From Islamic Scriptures

The Prophet Muhammad (saws) said to his followers:

What will be your condition when the son of Mary will descend among you and he will be your Imam from among yourselves." (Bukhari, Kitabul Anbiya, Bab Nazool Isa)

About this the signs mentioned in the Islamic Scriptures are even more

explicit and clear. The Muslims shall become like the Jews, i.e., their kingdom shall crumble into dust. The rich will be indifferent to the needs of the nation. The bad among the Ulama will be hypocrites and will deviate from the path of righteousness and rectitude and will condemn one another as heretics. Mosques will be many, but the Qazis's and Maulvies will not be worthy of their office. Singers and dancers will be held in respect, and a mention of the Most High God and His Prophet will be derided and disdained. Adultery will be excessively committed with a feeling of pride and arrogance. Men will try to look like women, and women will try to look like men, assuming their habits.

And the wordly achievements will be at a time when....

Intercommunication between the countries will improve and increase. Camels will be thrown out of use, and their place will be taken by other means of conveyance, run by fire and steam. Sailing ships and steam boats will minimize obstacles of seas and oceans. Roads will be constructed through the mountains. People will fly in the air like birds. They will have steel-hands to take their food with. Steel will be more valuable and precious than gold.

The Heavenly Sign

There was yet another sign, the great sign of the Heaven, which leaves not a shadow of doubt on this question. The advent of a Man from God, and for that matter, of the prominent position of Messiah-cum-Mahdi, was indeed an event of no small magnitude. Such an important occurrence is invariably accompanied by signs and wonders so that the world may easily be able to recognize him. The appearance of the Promised Messiah **has**, accordingly, been marked. The Holy Prophet (saws) **has** left for our guidance an unmistakable sign, the like of which **has** never been witnessed by the world ever since its creation:

قال ان لمهدينا ايتن لم تكونا منذ خلق السموات و الارض
ينكسف القمر لاول ليلة من رمضان و تنكسف الشمس في
النصف منه ولم تكونا منذ خلق الله السموات و الارض -

“Of our Mahdi there are two signs which have never taken place ever since the Earth and the Heaven came into existence. One is that in the month of Ramadan the moon shall be eclipsed on the first of its nights and the sun in the middle of its days; and such a sign **has** never occurred ever since the creation of the Earth and the Heaven.” (Dar Qutni vol. 8, p. 188)

The prophecy does not mean that the occurrence of the eclipse would in itself be unique and unprecedented. But the prophecy predicted 1300 years beforehand that two of the signs of the true Mahdi would be that the sun and the moon would be eclipsed in the manner indicated. Eclipses have no doubt occurred before but never as a sign of the advent of a heavenly reformer; because there has never been in the history of the world a claimant of any kind at the time of the phenomena described. It is also confirmed by the Holy Quran (75:6-9) which refers to the same prophecy in these verses:

بَلْ يَرِيدُ الْإِنْسَانُ لِيَفْجُرَ أَمَامَهُ ۖ ﴿٦﴾

[75:6] But man desires to continue to send forth evil deeds in front of him.

يَسْأَلُ أَيَّانَ يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ ۗ ﴿٧﴾

[75:7] He asks, 'When will be the Day of Resurrection?'

فَإِذَا بَرِقَ الْبَصَرُ ۗ ﴿٨﴾

[75:8] When the eye is dazzled,

وَخَسَفَ الْقَمَرُ ۗ ﴿٩﴾

[75:9] And the moon is eclipsed,

This Tradition was of such a universal acceptance that even the books of the Shi'as have recorded it at length:

عن ابي جعفر عليه السلام قال اشارتين بين يدي هذا الامر
خسوف القمر وكسوف الشمس لحنة عشر لم يكن ذلك منذ هبط
آدم عليه السلام الى الارض فعند ذلك يسقط حساب المنجمين -

“It **has** been reported from Abu Ja‘far (peace be on him) that the event of the Mahdi’s appearance shall be attended upon by two clear signs which will carry with them the weight of ten strong signs. These are the solar and the lunar eclipses; and a similar sign **has** never happened ever since Adam came upon this planet. All the astrological records will fail to cite even one such instance from the beginning of the creation down to the present time.” (Ikmal al-Din, p. 361)

The Law of Eclipse

The advent of the Promised Messiah-cum-Mahdi; it is evident from the Holy Prophet’s (saws) tradition, shall be heralded by this strange and singular sign of the heaven. The moon, in the month of Ramadan, shall be darkened on the first of its appointed nights and the sun in the middle of its fixed days. Now it is a well known astronomical law that a lunar eclipse always takes place on the 13th, 14th or 15th night, and a solar one on the 27th, 28th, or 29th day of the lunar month. Hence the sign of the Mahdi’s appearance, to put the whole thing in a straight and simple language, is that in the month of Ramadan the moon shall be eclipsed on the 13th night and the sun on the 28th day.

This sign of the Double Occultation of the sun and the moon can be traced as far back as the Old Testament. Speaking of the “Second Coming of the Lord”, it says, “the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine” (Isaiah, 13:10). Similarly we read: “Immediately after the

tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken; and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven.” (St. Matthew, 24:39)

A mention of this great sign is also found in Guru Granth Sahib, the sacred scripture of the Sikhs:

نشکالنگ بجی ڈنگ - چڑمیو دل روند جیو

“When the Nishkalank Avtar will appear, his coming will be proclaimed unto the whole world; and the sun and the moon will give his evidence.” (Ravi in Sanskrit means the sun and Ind stands for the moon)

So has this eclipsed occurred and was there someone who had claimed to be the Promised Messiah ? These are the two questions that need to be answered for the fulfillment of this prophecy.

It has been recorded that the eclipse of the moon actually occurred on Thursday evening the 13th of Ramazan, 1311 A.H. (March 21, 1894) and that of the sun occurred on Friday morning the 28th of the same Ramazan (April 6, 1894). The eclipse of the moon generally occurs on the 13th, 14th, or 15th day of a lunar month and according to the prophecy, it occurred on the first date. The eclipse of the sun can occur on the 27th, 28th, and 29th and it occurred on the 28th which was the middle date predicted.

Announcements From Qadian

In a small hamlet named Qadian in Punjab, India, appeared a person by the name Mirza Ghulam Ahmad. **He proclaimed in March of 1889 (5 years before the mentioned eclipses)** that God had appointed him as messiah of the age. He had thousands of revelations from God which have been collected in a book titled Tadhkirah a few lines which are as follows:

“It has been revealed to this humble one that by virtue of his meekness and humility and his trust and sincerity and of the signs shown by him and of the light that he possesses, he resembles Jesus in his earthly life and the nature of this humble one and that of Jesus bear a strange resemblance to each other... They are so close to each other that to a spiritual eye there does not seem to be much distinction between the two... My lord addressed me and said: “I created

you from the same essence as Jesus, and Jesus and you are of the same essence. (Tadhkirah pg 50.)

“I made thee Jesus, son of Mary, and Allah has power to do all that He wills”. (pg 136)

“O Jesus, whose time will not be wasted, you have a standing with Me of which the people have no notion.”

1. "When the 13th century of the Hegira drew to a close and the beginning of the 14th century approached, I was informed by God Almighty, through revelation, that I was the Mujaddid (Reformer) for the 14th century." *(Kitabul Bariyya, p. 201)*
2. "It was disclosed to me through Divine revelation a few years later that the Messiah that had been promised from the earliest time to this nation and that the last Mahdi (Reformer) who was destined to appear after the deterioration of Islam and who was to be granted direct guidance from God and who was to provide once again the spiritual nourishment, as had been pre-ordained, and about whom glad tidings had also been given by the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be on him) himself 1300 years ago, is none other than me." *(Tadhkiratush Shahadatain, p. 1)*
3. "The holy and pure revelation of God has informed me that I have been sent by Him as the Promised Messiah and as the Promised Mahdi and as Arbiter for the internal and external differences." *(Arba'een)*
4. "O ye people: I am Muhammadi Messiah and I am the Ahmad Mahdi: God is really with me from my childhood to my grave." *(Khutba Ilhamia, p. 17)*

5. "The truth is that Islam is in dire need of help from God. I am the reformer of the age. It is delightful that God did not leave Islam helpless in this state and sent me, according to His law, so I could revitalize it."
(*Malfoozat, Vol. 9, p. 158*)

Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as), the Promised Messiah and Mahdi says:

The signs fulfilled so far are so numerous that there is no room left for an honest mind to deny them. All the earthly and heavenly signs of the appearance of the Promised Messiah have been manifested in my time. The eclipse of the sun and the moon in the month of Ramadhan happened some time ago, the comet has appeared; earthquakes have occurred; epidemics became rampant; Christianity has forcefully spread in the world and as was written, opposition to me has been very intense. All these signs have been fulfilled. (*Kitabul Bariyya, p. 259-260*)

Blessed are those who recognize the Imam of the age and join the fold of the Promised Messiah and Mahdi as was commanded by the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be on him) Man Maata Wa Lam Ya'Arif Imam Zamanihee Faqad Maata Meetatal Jahiliyyata, i.e., "He who dies in a condition that he has not recognized the Imam of the age dies a death of ignorance." (*Musnad Ahmad Bin Hanbal, Vol. 4, p. 96*)

Fa Iza Ra'aitomooHo Fa BayiooHo Wa Lau Habwan Alas Salji Fa Innahoo Khalifatullahul Mahdi, i.e., "When you hear the advent of Mahdi then enter into his fold even if you have to walk on snow by crawling and creeping to reach him." (*Kanzul Ummal; also footnotes to Musnad Ahmad Bin Hanbal, Vol. 6, p. 29-30*)

The Promised Messiah (as) has rightly remarked when he said:

“Had my claim been put forward on my own, you would have been free to reject me, but if God's Holy Prophet bears witness for me in his prophecies and God manifests His signs in my support, then do not wrong yourselves by rejecting me. Say not that you are Muslims and have no need of accepting any Messiah.

I tell you truly that he who accepts him who has prophesied about me thirteen hundred years in advance, and had indicated the time of my appearance, and had specified my function; and he who rejects me rejects him who had commanded that I should be accepted.” (*Ayyamus Sulah, p. 93*)

Conclusion

The prophecy of the Holy Prophet ^{sa} regarding the Signs of lunar and solar eclipses for Hadhrat Imam Mahdi, the Promised Divine Reformer, has been clearly fulfilled in the person of Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad ^{as} of Qadian.

Hadhrat Abu Huraira (RA) asked the holy Prophet (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him) that who shall be these people amongst whom this second appearance of the prophet shall take place, upon which he put his hand on the shoulder of Hadhrat Salman of Persia, one of his companions, and said that if faith ascends to the highest star, one man or some men from his people shall bring it back to the earth. *(As the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) was from the Persian people, this prophecy is fulfilled in his person)*

Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad ^{as} was a devout follower of the Holy Prophet (saws) and was deeply filled with his love. He passed away in 1908 but his noble mission of propagating Islam and calling mankind to God Almighty is being continued with great zeal by his worthy successors which is now under the 5th successor known as Khalifatul Masih Al- Khamis Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (atb).

All praise to Allah.
