



The Prophethood

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Who is Allah and why did He create?

- ❖ Allah is the one God who created the universe
- ❖ He controls everything
- ❖ He sustains and takes care of us.
- ❖ He created humans to worship Him alone.



Who are the Prophets?

- ❖ Prophet: Humans who receive revelations from God then teaches it to others starting with their own city and family.
- ❖ Messenger: A more exclusive group of prophets holding more honor.





Who are the Prophets?



Allah —→ Jibril As —→ Prophets —→ People



Specific Prophets



- ❖ Adam (AS): Also the first human.
- ❖ Some major prophets include: Nuh, Ibrahim, Yaqub, Yusuf, Musa, Dawud, Sulaiman, and Isa (upon them all peace).
- ❖ Muhammad (SAW): the last and final prophet and messenger



What is their message?

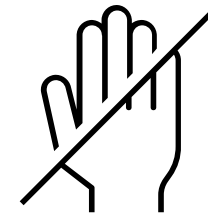
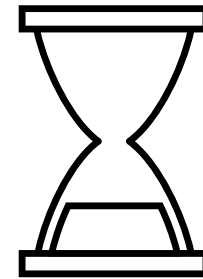
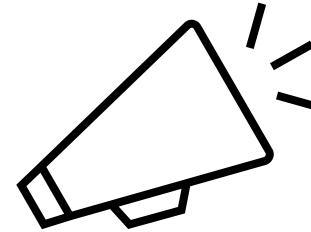
- ❖ The core message of all the prophets is the same.
- ❖ Tawheed: Worshiping and believing in one God alone

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إِلَيْهِ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا ۖ فَاعْبُدُونِ

And We sent not before you any messenger except that We revealed to him that, "There is no deity except Me, so worship Me." (21:25)

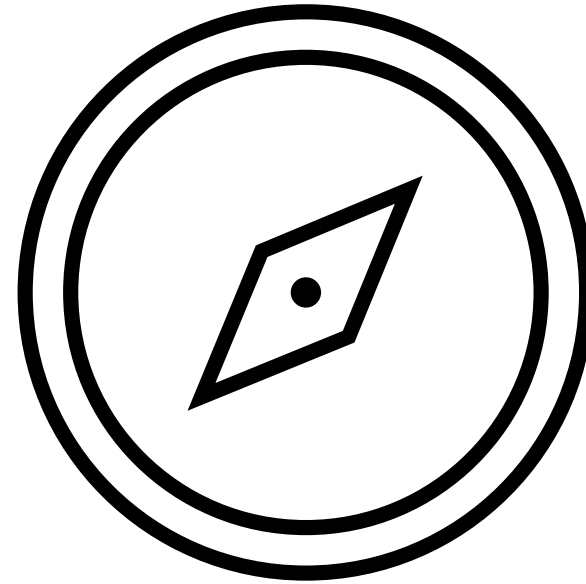
Other Main Messages

- ❖ Warning of the Hereafter and the Day of Judgement.
 - ❖ They are called Mubashireen and Munzireen
- ❖ Details of how to worship Allah and obey Him.
- ❖ Living example in their manners



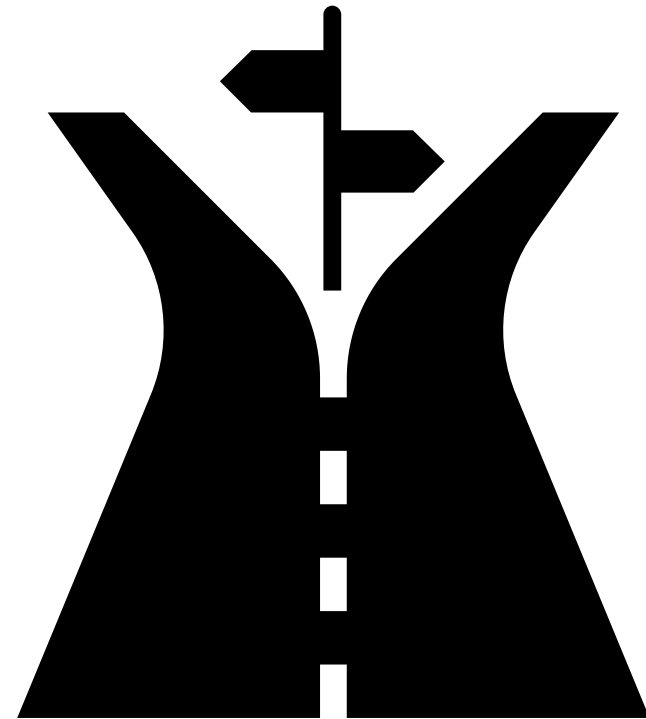
Why were they sent? (Guidance)

- ❖ Humans prone to slowly deviate and corrupt their religion.
- ❖ Allah periodically chose prophets to guide them
- ❖ Sent throughout different nations and regions



Why were they sent? (Mercy)

- ❖ The prophets are mercy from Allah.
- ❖ Human souls need the true religion.
- ❖ The prophets were sent to guide us to what our souls desire.

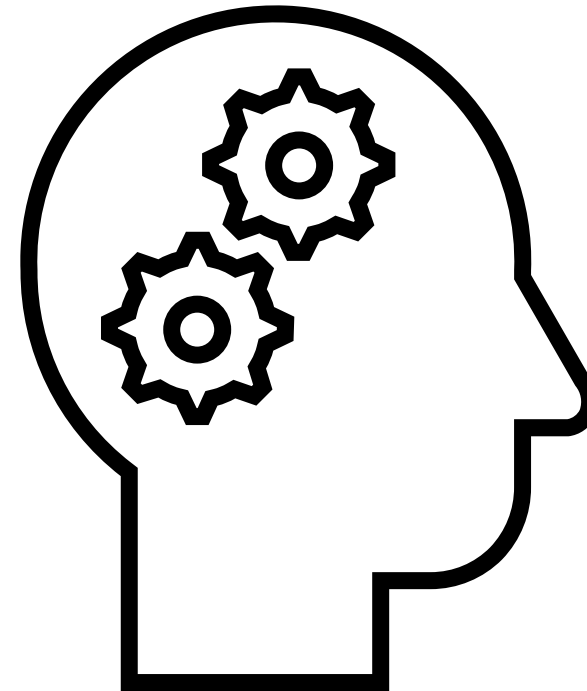


GUIDE TO STRAIGHT PATH



Why were they sent? (Law)

- ❖ Man-made laws are flawed and imperfect.
- ❖ Prophets show us the divine laws and the perfect truth
- ❖ That leads to the best results in life and the afterlife

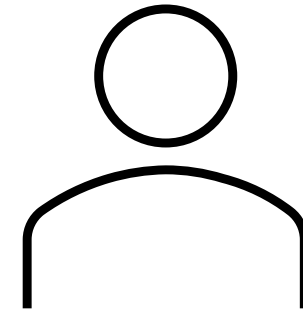


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What is their description?

- ❖ Are humans.
- ❖ Were pious even before prophethood.
- ❖ Do not make a mistake in conveying the message. The message is protected.
- ❖ Do not commit major sins or persist in anything wrong once corrected.
- ❖ Are the best examples in their patience, god-consciousness, and manners



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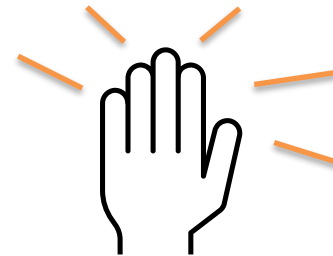
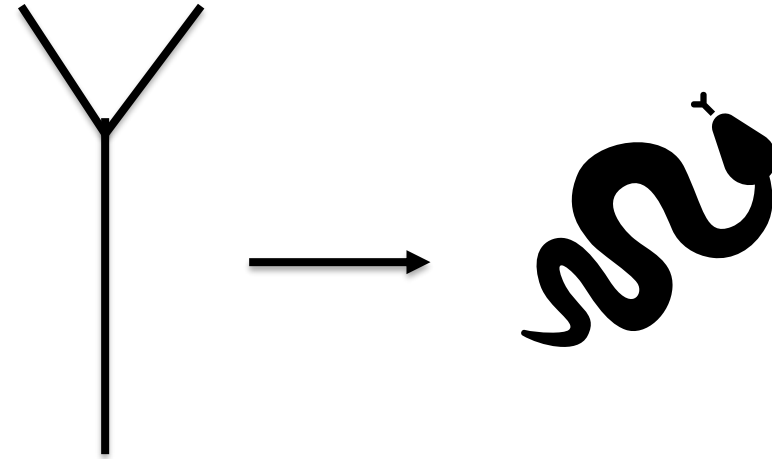
How did they prove themselves?

- ❖ Allah gave evidences and signs to prove they were true prophets.
- ❖ Just some types evidences include:
 - ❖ Miracles: events that cannot happen naturally.
 - ❖ Prophecies: completely true predictions of the future.
 - ❖ Knowledge of the Unseen: knowledge impossible for the prophet to know.



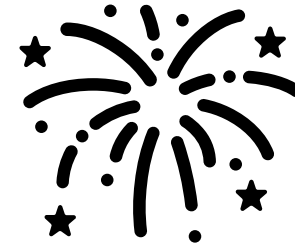
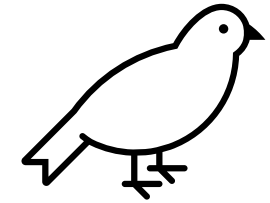
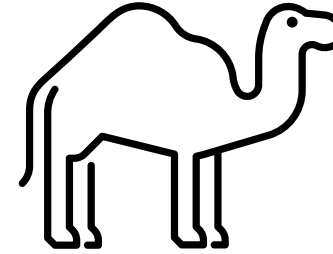
Proofs: Miracles

- ❖ Musa (AS)
- ❖ Turning a staff into a snake, making his hand appear white, splitting the sea, etc.



Proofs: Miracles

- ❖ Salih (AS): Rock turning into a camel.
- ❖ Ibrahim (AS): Being unharmed by fire.
- ❖ Dawood and Sulaiman (AS): Talking to animals.



Proofs: Miracles (Quran)

- ❖ Muhammad (SAW) given a miracle lasting till Qiyamah: the Quran.
- ❖ The Quran challenged the Arabs to make something like it
 - ❖ They were experts in poetry
 - ❖ The Prophet (SAW) was never a poet before.
 - ❖ They failed to fulfill the challenge.



Proof: Miracles (Others)

- ❖ The Prophet (SAW) was given many physical miracles as well (like the splitting of the moon).



Proof: Prophecies

- ❖ Some prophecies of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) include:
 - ❖ That the Romans would defeat the Persians. (Predicted when they were at a breaking point)
 - ❖ That the Muslims would conquer Syria and Persia. That both Umar (RA) and Uthman (RA) would die as martyrs
 - ❖ That the Muslims would conquer Jerusalem after his death.
 - ❖ That Bedouins will compete in building tall buildings.
 - ❖ Etc.

Why were they rejected?

- ❖ The people rejected prophets due to many different subconscious reasons:
 - ❖ Arrogance: “He’s a weak, poor person. Why should I follow him?”
 - ❖ Attachment: “My family has always followed this religion. Should I reject my ancestors?”
 - ❖ Desires: “If I accept this, I will need to leave all that I want.”



REJECT





Their Objections



- ❖ People would accuse miracles of being magic even though magic obviously cannot do that.
- ❖ They would appeal to their forefathers
- ❖ They would reject the existence of God with no reason.
- ❖ They would reject the proofs of the prophets with bad logic.



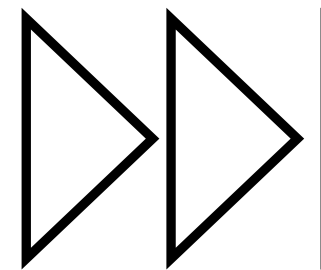
What is the benefit in accepting them?

- ❖ Reward for accepting in the afterlife, and punishment for rejection
- ❖ Following the prophets is the only way of following God, as they bring God's message.
- ❖ God's message is the only way to truly have the best way of life, and all other ways are flawed.



Why did the prophethood end?

- ❖ Allah decided so, and His decision is best.
- ❖ He sent Muhammad (SAW) with a book, the Quran. He was sent to all of mankind.
- ❖ No prophet after Muhammad (SAW), and no one can be a believer without believing in him.
- ❖ The religion of Islam was preserved till the end of times



END OF
PROPHETS





Summary and Basic Beliefs



- ❖ Allah created us to worship Him.
- ❖ He sent prophets to remind humans of that.
- ❖ He gave the prophets evidences to prove that they were prophets
- ❖ The prophets were the best examples to follow. They did not commit any intentional sins and always repented.
- ❖ We believe in all the prophets sent by God. They all brought the same basic message
- ❖ Muhammad (SAW) was the last prophet bringing the last law.
- ❖ He was sent to all mankind.
- ❖ We follow him and by extension all the prophets before him as they brought the same message





سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ، أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ، أَسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْكَ

Glory is to You, O Allah, and praise is to You. I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship but You. I seek Your forgiveness and repent to You.

