

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

Proofs of Prophethood (*Ithbât al-Nubuwwa*)

This document outlines various proofs of the Prophethood of Muhammad (pbuh), emphasizing the importance of Prophethood in Islam, Muhammad's (pbuh) exemplary character, accomplishments, message, prophecies, physical miracles, and the inimitability of the Qur'an.

1. Humanity's need for Prophethood

- Spiritual Necessity: Prophethood is essential for spiritual fulfillment and understanding God's purpose. Prophets convey knowledge that is beyond human comprehension.
- Moral Necessity: Prophets provide divine guidance for morality, beyond humanistic ethics.
- Historical Necessity: The historical context necessitated divine intervention to guide humanity.
- Biblical Necessity: References to a Prophet like Moses and the awaited Prophet in Biblical texts hint at Muhammad's (pbuh) coming.

2. The Prophet's Character

- Prophet Muhammad's (pbuh) honesty, integrity, simplicity, humility, mercy, compassion, clemency, forgiveness, bravery, valor, generosity, perseverance, and trust in God as exemplary virtues that support his Prophethood.

3. The Prophet's Accomplishments

- Prophet Muhammad's (pbuh) accomplishments included fostering a community with profound love, achieving unparalleled success in his mission, restoring monotheism, revolutionizing human rights, and molding a generation that exemplified his teachings.

4. The Inimitable Qur'an

- The Qur'an's miraculous nature and its challenge to produce something similar in terms of its literary excellence, knowledge of the past, and preservation over time, asserts its divine origin and thus Muhammad's (pbuh) prophethood because he was the avenue of its revelation and receiving.

5. The Prophet's Message

■ Details the core aspects of Muhammad's (pbuh) message including monotheism, faith in destiny, the importance of prayer (*ṣalāh*), fasting (*siyām*), moral and societal reforms, and contributions to science and medicine.

6. The Prophet's Prophecies

■ There are numerous prophecies made by Muhammad (pbuh) that were fulfilled such as the Byzantine victory, detailed future events, descriptions of the end times, and moral and societal changes that were to occur.

7. The Prophet's Physical Miracles

■ There are various miracles attributed to Muhammad (pbuh) including the splitting of the moon, the night journey (*Isrā' and Mīrāj*), weeping trees, speaking stones, and miraculous provisions of food and water, which reinforced his prophethood.