### ESSENTIALS OF ISLAMIC BELIEFS Imam Ahmad al-Dardir's Kharida Explained

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Lesson Eight: Prophethood Faraz Rabbani

## Lesson Nine: Prophethood (Lines 51-53)

One. The Need for Prophets Two. The Attributes of Prophets: Necessary, Possible, and Absurd Three: The Final Messenger Muhammad (peace be upon him)

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# One. The Need for Prophets

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How do we know the Prophets are from God? The role of miracles (mu'jizat) Or: disarming proofs All Prophets had miracles As if God confirms: "My servant is true in his claim to represent Me." The Prophet Muhammad's miracles The Qur'an...

#### **Four Key Roles of Prophets**

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لَقَدْ مَنَّ ٱللَّهُ عَلَى ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذْ بَعَثَ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْ أَنْفُسِهِمْ يَتْلُوا عَلَيْهِمْ ءَايَنَتِهِ وَيُزَكِيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ ٱلْكِنْبَ وَٱلْحِكْمَةَ وَإِن كَانُوا مِن قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ ٢

"Allah has indeed blessed the believers, for He sent to them a messenger from among them, reciting to them Allah's verses & purifying them, & teaching them the Book and Wisdom--though before this they were in manifest misguidance." [Qur'an, 3.164] One. Conveying Divine Guidance ('reciting to them Allah's verses') Two. Purification: Closness to God ('purifying them') Three. Explaining Divine Guidance ('teaching them the Book') Four. Living Divine Guidance: Examplar ('teaching them Wisdom')

> Two. The Necessary Attributes of **Prophets**

#### Text: Prophethood (Lines)

١٥- وَصِفْ جَمِيْعَ الرُّسْل بِالأَمَانَة وَالصَّدْقِ وَالتَّبْلِيْغ وَالفَطَانَة ٥٢ وَيَسْتَحِيْلُ ضِلْمَا عَلَيْهِمُ وَجَائِزُ كَالْأَكُل فَي حَقَّهِمُ ٥- إزسالُهُمْ تَفَضَّلٌ وَرَحْمَهُ لِلْعَالَمِينَ جَلْ مُوْلِئ النَّعْمِهُ

51. Affirm that all Messengers are trustworthy, / Truthful, convey the message, and are intelligent 52. The opposites of these are impossible for them / And human traits like eating are possible for them 53. Their sending is out of Divine Grace and Mercy / To creation—exalted is the Bestower of blessings

#### Line 51: The Necessary Attributes

١٩- وَصِفْ جَمِيْعَ الرُّسْلِ بِالأَمَانَة وَالصَّدْقِ وَالتَّبْلِيْعَ وَالفَطَانَة

51. Affirm that all Messengers are trustworthy, / Truthful, convey the message, and are intelligent One. Four necessary attributes: why? Truthfulness (sidg)

> Truthworthiness (amana) Conveying (tabligh) Intelligence/Brilliance (fatana)

#### Line 52: The Necessary Attributes

٥٢ وَيَسْتَحِيْلُ ضِئْمًا عَلَيْهِمُ وَجَائِزٌ كَالْأَكْلِ فِي حَقَّهِمُ

#### 52. The opposites of these are impossible for them / And human traits like eating are possible for them

One. Why would these opposites be absurd? (Just consider!) Two. What is possible for Prophets?

Line 53: The Wisdom of Sending Prophets ه-ریبالهم تنشل زرمید ایلنالین جل ترین النبه 53. Their sending is out of Divine Grace and Mercy / To creation—exalted is the Bestower of blessings One. Allah didn't have to send Prophets: merely possible Two. Mercy in sending of the Prophets, the Hereafter Three. Servanthood and Gratitude

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#### **Know the Prophets**

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Key Theme of the Qur'an: the Stories of the Prophets One. Exemplars Two. Continuity of Guidance: faith (iman), submission (islam), excellence (ihsan) Three. Lessons of Truth and Steadfastness *The Living Implications of Surat al-Asr* Read and Reflect on the Stories of the Prophets (not just for children!)

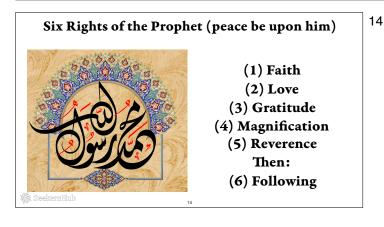
Three. The Final Messenger Muhammad (peace & blessings be upon him) 

#### Uniqueness of Prophet Muhammad 🎎

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One. Final Prophet Two. The Greatest Prophet Three. His Guidance is not abrograted—and is preserved till the end of times Four. His community is the largest and most beloved Five. His religion has ease to submit, and to excel



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Know the Prophet Muhammad & One. His Life (sira) Martin Lings. The Sultan of Hearts Two. His Description, Character, and Conduct (shama'il) Our Master Muhammad. Tirmidhi's Shama'il Three. His Teachings 40 Nawawi. Gardends of the Righteous Four. His Guidance The Islamic Sciences...

Next: Lesson Ten Belief in the Hereafter

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