

Truthfulness of the Holy Prophet (PBUH)

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Abstract

"History of Universe is replete with different events which have changed the flux of history in many dimensions. The whole course of history has yet to match the blessed life of the Holy prophet (P.B.U.H), a gift from God which changed the world horizontally and vertically, same hold good for human heart and soul. His (P.B.U.H) life is a panacea for human beings regardless of time and age with truth as its basic foundations. Truth remained the hall mark of the life of Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H). This paper is only a humble effort as the topic is beyond human knowledge and wisdom."

The birth of the Holy prophet (P.B.U.H) marked a new era in the Arabian desert. Writing on such a prized life is a unique honor because I do believe that these are the matters of heart and soul. I once wrote Naat-e-Rasool Maqbool (P.B.U.H) and while writing one needs a unique balance between his heart and words in honor of Holy prophet (P.B.U.H). The message of God in the life of the Holy prophet is evident from his worthy acts and words. Tolerance remained the hall mark of the personality of the Holy Prophet which established Islam as a religion in the hearts. The love, homage and respect for the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) compelled devotees to write on the life of Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) in the past, in the present and it will continue in the future till the day of judgment.

The message of Islam contains truth, here the question arises what is truth for a layman; truth means the real position, the real situation and this is marked by true words. Here true words mean, words generally understood in a sense by a given society. Truth means something which stands firm in the eyes

of everybody. Truth means the quality or state of being true (1). It means that truth is something which is permanent, which is not hidden, which is based on facts, which needs no support as being truth. So truth enjoys many dimensions. (i) it is reality, (ii) It is said without fear, (iii) And the one who speaks truth sticks to it or carries it for the rest of his life. The test of truth is the life history of that very person, who endured pressure of wealth, status and anything one can think of on one side and on the other side he also endured coercion in its hardest forms. Here one needs to understand, there is no example on earth of any human being who fulfilled these three dimensions except those who were sent by God as messengers and on the top of it the life of the Holy prophet (P.B.U.H). It is not easy to write on this sacred life because every incident of this sacred life holds significance regarding different patterns of life and soul. Every word the Holy prophet (P.B.U.H) uttered, every act He performed is like a guiding star in the history of mankind. One needs to understand that the Holy prophet (P.B.U.H) reflected the truth of God in every aspect of His life.

Quran says “we sent not thee but a mercy for all creatures.”(2). The Quranic verses bears testimony to the fact that the mercy for all the creatures is in the shape of Holy prophet (P.B.U.H) which is enlightened throughout with truth. “His simplicity and merciful character attracted his severest enemies.” (3). “His advent gave humanity a new life, a new light, a new faith.”(4). “Each movement and each act of the Holy prophet (P.B.U.H) is a source of guidance and salvation for humanity.”(5). All these references bring forth one pivotal point that is truth because mercy is a shape of truth, simplicity is a shape of truth, merciful character is a shape of truth.

One positive aspect of His (P.B.U.H) life of truth is that the followers of Holy prophet (P.B.U.H) never hesitated from the path of truth before powerful kings and emperors. The migration of Habsha and the speech of Hazrat Jaffar Tayyar bears testimony to the fact. “The martyrdom of Hazrat Samia by Abu Jahal with a spear” (6) is an example of the followers of Holy prophet (P.B.U.H) who lost their lives in the way of God.

The basic theme in the agreements of Meesaq-e-Madina and Sulah-Hudaibia was based on truth. “The teachings of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) are based on human behavior in the backdrop of human wisdom and understanding” (7). The words were honored by Holy prophet (P.B.U.H) and his companion in true letter and spirit. The incident of Hazrat Abu Jandal while the agreement of Hudaibia was not signed but the Prophet honored the words, the new Muslim, Hazrat Abu Jandal, was handed back to the Quraish.

In society one needs a social status to survive. A status demands sometimes the majority of your clan, sometimes wealth, sometimes land, sometimes a unique skill and sometimes a rare feather of character. In the society of desert which was covered with ignorance, the status of SAADIQ and AMEEN for the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) displays how well the truth full personality of Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) in the eyes of society. Business in the old ages meant a lot for people because dearth of the means of communication and means of transportation proved to be more insecure but owing to the truthful personality of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H), Hazrat Khadija and Hazrat Saib chose Him as their partner. The servant of Hazrat Khadija, Maisra quoted his acts of transparency before his land lady. The posting ceremony of Hajre-Aswad which erupted a situation, among the tribes of Makkah was saved with the presence of the Holy Prophet as everybody respected him.

The chapter of preaching of Islam at Makkah had its strong foundation on truth which was eminent in the life of Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H). His truthful personality as a messenger touched every living person at Makkah and they were forced to think about the message of God. Truth when finds tolerance as its companion it becomes not only sublime but it is a unique combination which can only be prayed. In the life of Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) the journey of Taif is an example of Tolerance, even in those severe circumstances, He prayed for the people and for their mercy.

Endurance is a source of inspiration for truth and truth is a source of inspiration for endurance. The incidence of Shaib-e-

Abi Talib, where the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) endured the social attack of society with His followers and taught them how to face hunger for truth, one can only think of it, it is beyond one's imagination. These years of endurance were only for the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) because no one else could endure such turmoil. Mairaj-un-Nabi was a gift by God to the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) where he saw the realities of both worlds. Truth sets foundation for a just society and a just society forms just laws for its people. The Government of Madina at the time of Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) is still referred as the best Government which not only established a Muslim Territory but it gave the message of peace to everybody, the Charter of Humanity, with its basic theme, to live and to let live, for the Muslims and for the Non-Muslims. The incident of Muwakhath-e-Madina was based on true human feelings which united the Ansaar and Quraish.

The life of truth bears a strong magnetic effect that is why people love to write about the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H), on His Seerat, on His tradition because truth enjoys a quality which catches every eye, which catches every soul, which catches every heart that is why the message of God in the shape of Quran and the sayings of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) are preserved to date. Seerat-e-Rasool (life of Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) remained very important topic in all the past ages and still its significance is very important for mankind. Even non Muslims love to write on the sacred life because everything there is based on truth. For a Muslim, for me, it is a very difficult task, it involves your heart, your soul, your knowledge, your religious obligation, your choice of words, the sources you rely upon, the areas you chose, thus the beauty of Seerat lies in the very fact that whenever you try to write on this sacred topic, you find something new and you are amazed with the fact that the practice of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) is still a source of salvation for the present humanity. People have spent their whole life on this topic and still they leave this world with more urge to write. Writing on the Seerah is basically a service to humanity. It is a service to disclose, how an individual can follow the zenith of humanity.

The greatest gift of this life of truth of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) is the promulgation of the CULTURE OF TRUTH. Culture; “Culture is the result of human activity rather than the product of nature.” (8). Culture as a whole encompasses thoughts, actions, tangible and non tangible items, verses, language, artifacts, tools, human behavior, attitude, knowledge and what not. It means, culture, is a very broad term and when, one culture is influenced by other culture, it is called Acculturation. Culture is total atmosphere of society. This atmosphere is a product of human activity on land, on wood, on institution, on family, on individual, on group. Thus, culture is a very vast term that is why, it is impossible to define it in one line. In modern age, we come across many words associated with culture, culture of poverty, culture of corruption, culture of nepotism but we won't be able to listen or read culture of truth. It is the land mark of the life of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) that a culture of truth prevailed with him. It is unbelievable that a society which was marked by brutality, idol worship, violation of human rights, a society without any clear goal was transformed by one single personality into a unit with culture of truth. That truth prevailed not only in the religious life but in their social life, in their economic life, in their political life and in their spiritual life. It was the result of the culture of truth that the rights of God the Almighty and the rights of people were defined.

The birth of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) on earth reflects the love of God for mankind. The message of the God in the shape of The Holy Quran, the teachings of Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) and His life are the sole foundations of a successful life in this world and for the next world. To write and read on the life of The Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) is a blessing in itself.

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