

8. Proof of claim of being the Promised Messiah

I see that those people who wish to follow physical nature and the book of the laws of nature have been given an excellent opportunity by God the Most High to accept my claim. For they are not troubled by those difficulties in which our other opponents are entangled. They know very well that Jesus has died, and along with it they also have to admit that the prophecy in Hadith reports about the Promised Messiah belongs to those repeated reports which no sensible man can deny. Hence, in this situation, they have necessarily to accept that the Messiah to come will belong to this very *Umma*. However, they have a right to pose the question as to how they can accept this claim to be the Promised Messiah, and what is the proof that I am the one who is that Promised Messiah? The reply is that as regards the time, the country and the town in which the advent of the Promised Messiah is established by the Holy Quran and Hadith, the distinctive works which have been declared to be the reasons for the emergence of the Promised Messiah, the earthly and heavenly events which have been mentioned as the signs for the appearance of the Promised Messiah, and the knowledge and profound wisdom which have been described as characteristic of the Promised Messiah — all these requirements have been fulfilled together in my person, my times and my country by God the Most High. Then, for even greater satisfaction, He has granted me heavenly corroborations:

As my mission is towards the Christian nation, this was the reason for naming me as Son of Mary.

*Heaven is pouring down signs, the earth says: This is the time. These two witnesses have stood up in my confirmation.*¹

Likeness to the time of Jesus.

The detail of this is as follows. From references in the Quranic texts it is established that our Holy Prophet, on whom be peace and the blessings of Allah, is the like of Moses and his chain of successors bears a complete resemblance to the chain of successors of Moses. A promise was given to Moses that during the last days, i.e. when the chain of Israelite prophethood would have reached its end, and the children of Israel would split into many sects falsifying each other, so much so that some would label others as *kafir*; then God the Most High would send a successor (*khalīfa*) as supporter of the religion of Moses, i.e. Jesus would be sent. He would gather unto himself the various sheep of the Israelites, and bring together at one place the wolf and the lamb. He would be a judge for all the communities and decide their internal dissension. And he would remove malice and spite.

Exactly the same promise had also been given in the Quran, to which the following verse refers:

“Others from among them who have not yet joined them.”²

In Hadith reports this is explained in great detail. Accordingly, it is written that this *Umma* would also be divided into as many sects as the sects of the Jews. They would falsify each other and declare each other as *kafir*; and all of them would grow in enmity and mutual malice till the Promised Messiah comes in to the world as a judge. When he comes as a judge he would remove malice and hatred, so that in his time the wolf and the lamb will gather at one place. Now it is known to all students

1. These are Persian verses of poetry by the author.

(*Publisher.*)

2. The Holy Quran 62:3.

of history that Jesus had come at just the time when the Israelite tribes had become victims of great dissension and they called each other *kafir* and falsified each other. Similarly this humble one also has come at a time when internal differences reached their height and each sect began calling every other as *kafir*. At the time of this discord, the Muslim *Umma* needed a **judge**, so God **sent me as a judge**.

It is a strange coincidence, indications of which are found in the texts of the Quran and the Hadith, that just as Jesus was born in the fourteenth century, thirteen hundred years after Moses, similarly this humble one was raised by God the Most High in the fourteenth century [*Hijra*]. It seems that, in accordance with this, many great Divinely-inspired saints were of the view that that Promised Messiah would be raised in the fourteenth century. God the Most High also pointed to the same thing by giving me the name *Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani*, for the numerical value of this name is thirteen hundred. In short, sufficient proof is available from the Quran and Hadith reports that the Messiah to come will appear in the fourteenth century and that he will come at the time of dissensions among the sects of Islam and the preponderance of mutual animosity.

In addition to all these points, a glorious sign of the Promised Messiah recorded in authentic Hadith reports is that he would come at a time when the religion of the Cross would have spread over the earth with great vigour. Accordingly, the Hadith report: “He will break the cross,” which is in *Sahih Bukhari*, is proof of exactly this. This humble one has come at such a time and in such an age.

Place of coming of Messiah and Mahdi.

The second sign for the Promised Messiah, as indicated in Hadith reports, is found to be that he will be raised in the Eastern lands. For, as is clear from the hadith which says: “*and he pointed towards the east*,” the Holy Prophet Muhammad foretold the location and sign of the *Dajjal* as being in the East. Hence, given this, there is the clear indication from this hadith

that the Promised Messiah would be born in the East. For, when the East is the abode and place of the *Dajjāl* then the Messiah who is to come to destroy the activities of the *Dajjāl* must also appear in the East. And it is obvious that our country India, especially the area of Punjab, is situated towards the east of Makka. Stranger still is that in the hadith about Damascus contained in *Muslim*, by mentioning the eastern minaret it is east which has been pointed to for the appearance of the Promised Messiah.

Similarly it has also been stated in the Hadith reports that that Promised Mahdi would be the inhabitant of a village called *Kad‘ah* or *Kadyah*. Now every intelligent man can understand that the word *Kad‘ah* is, in fact, an abbreviation for Qadian. As for the words occurring in some reports that “Kad‘ah is a village in the settlements of Yemen,” these are not the words of a hadith but is the opinion of a reporter based on his own judgment. Perhaps by finding that there was a village in Yemen whose name resembled this, someone thought that maybe that was the village intended. But it is clear that at present there is no such village flourishing in the land of Yemen, nor has anyone in that land made such a claim. However, Qadian exists at this time and moreover the claimant to the offices of Messiah and Mahdi also exists.