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## **Appendix**

Belief in the Mahdi (the 'guided' latter-day ruler who will establish justice) is deeply rooted in Islam, and is an obligatory part of belief in the view of some *ulama*. There may be differences of opinion on the characteristics and the person of the Mahdi ,but all are of the opinion that most of the traditions on the Mahdi are right and that the tidings about him are *mutawatir*.

In addition to the direct references to the Mahdi in Sahih Bukhari and Sahih Muslim, there are also almost 50 traditions, with direct reference to the Mahdi, in other well–known collections such as Abu Daud, Tirmizi, Musnad–i Ahmad bin Hanbal, Ibn Maja, Tabarani (in all the three collections: *Al–Kabir*, *Al–Awsat* and *Al–Saghir*), Al–Hakim (*Mustadrak*), Abu Ya'li, al–Bazzar, Ibn Hibban, Abu al–Shaykh (*Kitab al–Fitan*), Ibn Asakir, Ibn Adi, Abu Na'im (*Akhbar al–Mahdi*), Al–Royani (*Musnad*), al–Dailami, Al–Dani (*Sunan*), Ibn Mandah, Na'im ibn Hammad (*Kitab al–Fitan*), Al–Harith ibn Ali Usamah (*Musnad*), Al–Khatib al–Baghdadi (*Tarikh*), Ibn Abi Shaibah (*Musannaf*), Al–Darqutni, Abu Na'im (*Dalail al–Nubuwwah* and *al–Hilyah*), Ibn al–Munadi (*Al–Malahim*), Abu Ghannam al–Kufi (*Kitab al–Fitan*), Tammam (*Fawaid*), Ibn Sa'd (*Tabaqat*), Ibn Jarir (*Tafsir*), Al–Muhami (*Al–Amali*), etc.

These authoritative source books contain almost 50 traditions of the Prophet, (Peace and benediction be upon him and his infallible progeny) which clearly foretell the emergence of the Mahdi before the Day of Resurrection. Many of these traditions are 'Sahih' and directly narrated on the authority of the Prophet by 33 well–known companions, who include: Ali ibn Abi Talib, Husayn ibn Ali, Abu Sa'id al–Khudari, Abdullah ibn Mas'ud, Umm Salmah, Thauban, Abu Hurayrah, Anas ibn Malik, Jabir ibn Abdullah, Uthman ibn Affan, Awf ibn Malik, Talha ibn Ubaidallah, Huzaifah ibn al–Yaman, Umran ibn Husayn, Abdullah ibn Umar, Ayesha, Abdul Rahman ibn Awf, Abu Ayyub al–Ansari, Ibn Abbas, Tamim al–Dari, Umm Habibah, Abbas ibn Abdil Muttalib and Ammar ibn Yasir.

The most famous of these traditions is the one narrated by Abdullah ibn Mas'ud in which the Prophet said: "Even if a (single) day is left in (the life of) the world, Allah will lengthen that day to send a person of my House whose name will be like my name and whose *Kunyah* will be similar to mine. He will fill the world with justice and equity just as it was previously full of injustice and oppression". (Abu Daud, Tabarani, Ibn Hibban, Hakim, Ibn Maja, Abu Na'im, Ibn Asakir etc).

This and many other traditions are in accordance with the highest standards of scrutiny set by the traditionists and therefore it is the consensus of Islamic scholars of all ages that the tradition is true and mutawatir (uninterruptedly conveyed on the authority of the Prophet). Following is a selection of affirmative references to the Mahdi by Muslim authorities from the old to the modern times:

- Ibn Taimiyyah, *Minhaj al-Sunnah al-Nabawiyyah*
- Al-Qurtubi, *Al-Tazkirah*
- Al-Hafiz, Abul Hasan al-Abiri, Manaqib al-Imam al-Shafi'i
- Al-Hafiz Ibn Hajar, Fath al-Bari
- Al-Hafiz al-Sakhawi, Fath al-Mugheeth
- Al-Suyuti, Al-'Urf al-Wardi and Al-Kashf 'an Mujawazat Hazihi al-Ummah al-Alf
- Al-Zarqani, Sharh al-Mawahib al-Ladunniyyah
- Abul 'Ala al-'Iraqi al Husayni, Al-Mahdi
- Al-Shaukani, Al-Tawzih fi tawatur me jaa fi'l Mahdi al-Muntazar wa'l Dajjal Masih
- Siddiq Hasan Khan, Al-Izh'ah lima kana wa ma yakunu baina yadai al-Sa'ah
- Abu Abdillah Muhammad Jassis, Sharh Risalah ibn Abi Zaid
- Muhammad al-Arabi al-Fasi, al-Marasid
- Abu Zaid Abd al-Rahman al-Fasi, Muhhij al-Maqasid
- Al-Safarini, Al-Durrah al-Mudi'ah fi 'Aqidah al-Firqah al-Murdiyah
- Qutbuddin Muhammad ibn Ja'far al-Kitabi, *Nazm al-Mutanathir min al-Hadith al-Mutawatir* Abdullah ibn Muhammad ibn al-Siddiq, *Al-Mahdi al-Muntazar*
- Ahmad ibn Muhammad al-Ghimari, Ibraz al-Wahm al-Maknun min Kalam Ibn Khalladun
- Ibn a1-Qayyim, AI-Manar
- Al-Hafiz al-Dhahabi, *Al-Muntaga*
- Abu al-Tayyib ibn Ali al-Hasan al-Hasani, Al-Iza'ah lima kana wa ma yakunu baina yadai al-Sa'ah

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