

More on Imam al-Mahdi (as)

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The Shi'ite point of view of living al-Mahdi is not something that is hard to believe if one believes in Allah (SWT) and His (SWT) Book, the Qur'an. Indeed, the Shi'a aggressively assert that the concept of the Mahdi (as) being alive does not violate the Qur'an in any way, shape, or form.

For the believer whose heart has been filled with the love of and belief in Allah (SWT), there is no hesitation whatsoever in accepting the doctrine of al-Mahdi (as). For we as believers in Allah (SWT), believe in many hidden, unknown, miraculous, and seemingly impossible things that are stated in the Qur'an. Not only are they stated in the Qur'an, but a Muslim MUST submit in obedience and believe in these events. We also believe that Allah (SWT) is capable of anything and nothing is difficult or impossible for Him (SWT) to accomplish. Indeed Allah (SWT) asserts unequivocally that if He (SWT) wanted something, all He (SWT) has to do is to say to it: "Be! and it will be!"

Let us look at some examples of miraculous events reported in Qur'an. Please take note of that NOTHING in the following verses or stories can occur, except by Allah's (SWT) leave.

We as Believing Muslims, believe Allah (SWT) when He (SWT) states in the Qur'an that a man passed by a village and said to himself: "How can Allah (SWT) revive this dead land?" Allah (SWT), in turn, put him to death for one hundred years, and then brought him back to life. Furthermore, Allah (SWT) had left the man's food INTACT for one hundred years!!! Then Allah (SWT) told the man to look at the donkey and observe how Allah (SWT) brings him back to life by reconstructing his bones and enclosing them with flesh. When the man saw that, he said: "Now I know (for certain) that Allah (SWT) is indeed All Powerful, and is capable of anything."

We as Believing Muslims, believe Allah (SWT) when He (SWT) states in the Qur'an that the Prophet Abraham (as) chopped up the birds into pieces and dispersed their parts over the mountains and then called on to them and they came flying by the leave of Allah (SWT)!!!

We as Believing Muslims, believe Allah (SWT) when He (SWT) states in the Qur'an that the blazing fire prepared by the nonbelievers for the Prophet Abraham (as) turned cool when the Prophet Abraham (as) was placed in it!!! Not only did the fire turn cold, but it turned cold in moderation to prevent the chill from killing the Prophet Abraham (as)!!!

We as Believing Muslims, believe Allah (SWT) when He (SWT) states in the Qur'an that Jesus (as) was born without a father by the leave of Allah (SWT)!!! We also believe that he (as) is not dead and that he (as) will return to Earth when Allah (SWT) wishes!

We as Believing Muslims, believe Allah (SWT) when He (SWT) states in the Qur'an that Jesus (as) brought the dead back to life by the leave of Allah (SWT); and that he (as) cured the sick, the blind, and others!!!

We as Believing Muslims, believe Allah (SWT) when He (SWT) states in the Qur'an that the stick of Moses (as) turned into a snake!!! We also believe that the ocean was split in half to allow a safe passage for the Jews to escape the persecution of the Pharaoh!!!

We as Believing Muslims, believe Allah (SWT) when He (SWT) states in the Qur'an that the water of the Nile River was turned into blood by the leave of Allah (SWT)!!!

We as Believing Muslims, believe Allah (SWT) when He (SWT) states in the Qur'an that Solomon (as) understood the language of the birds and conversed with them; and with the ants; and with the Jinn; and that his (as) kingdom can fly up in the air; and that the kingdom of the Queen Bilqis was brought before him (as) in the blink of an eye, ALL by the leave of Allah (SWT)!!!

We as Believing Muslims, believe Allah (SWT) when He (SWT) states in the Qur'an that the people of the Cave (Ahl al-Kahf) were put to death for 309 years or more or less, and then were brought back to life by the leave of Allah (SWT)!!!

We as Believing Muslims, believe Allah (SWT) when He (SWT) states in the Qur'an that al-Khidr (as) is alive and that he (as) has met the Prophet Moses (as) when they were together in a boat by the leave of Allah (SWT)!!!

We as Believing Muslims, believe Allah (SWT) when He (SWT) states in the Qur'an that Satan, the accursed, is still alive even though he was born before Adam (as); and that he watches us from where we cannot see him by the leave of Allah (SWT)!!!

We as Believing Muslims, believe Allah (SWT) when He (SWT) states in the Qur'an that Adam (as) was born without a mother or a father by the leave of Allah (SWT)!!!

We as Believing Muslims, believe that Prophet Noah (as) lived more than 950 years. We as Believing Muslims, believe Jesus (as) is still alive and he is 1,994 years old now. We as Believing Muslims, believe that al-Khidr (as) is still alive.

All the above CANNOT be proved or disproved scientifically, logically, or symbolically for that matter; yet, you ARE to ACCEPT it and BELIEVE it, or you are NOT a Muslim that has TOTALLY submitted to Allah (SWT). Why then believe all the above, but not the notion of the Mahdi (as)?

Now, the question is: If you, as a Believing Muslim, are COMMANDED to BELIEVE (there is no choice here) in the above issues, why is it so strange to you when the Shi'a say that the Mahdi (as) is alive and will return when Allah (SWT) wills? Do you not believe in the Infinite Wisdom of Allah (SWT), in that He (SWT) will bring forth the Mahdi (as) when the time is right? Is it not a clear promise by Allah (SWT) to grant victory to His (SWT) religion?

Other than the concept of his being alive, there is no fundamental difference between the Shi'a and the Sunni on the subject of the al-Mahdi (as). Since they both believe in his appearance towards the end of this world, and that Jesus (S) will pray behind him in group prayer, and that he will fill the earth with fairness and justice just like it has been filled with injustice and unfairness, and that the Muslims will control the whole earth in his time and that prosperity fills the earth such that there won't be a poor person, and that all Muslims will unite under his command. So let's pray together to Allah that He would make that day near, since his appearance is the victory for the nation of the Prophet Muhammad (S).

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