

## Editorial

Almighty God chose some people as His prophets to lead people into the right and true path resulted in their perfection. The numbers of the prophets are 124000 Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses and Jesus are of most outstanding ones and the very last prophet is Muhammad (p.b.u.h) who brought perfection and God's blessings to all human beings. God descended all the necessary commands, orders and advices needed for human's perfection during the life of Muhammad (p.b.u.h); the orders, which will suffice until the end of the world to help people reach perfection. By the prophet of God, Qur'an- the words from God- has been sent for all mankind and Muhammad (p.b.u.h) during his 23 years of invitation made his best effort to declare and explain the divine knowledge which is needed by human beings to find the true and right way, and the thought of leading people to the true way obsessed him until the last minutes of his life and even in his death bed.

The prophet of God is for people's guidance, and his eternal will is famous as "**Hadith Saqalain**"\*: He explained the only way of finding salvation in following his 2 permanent memorials- Qur'an and Ahlal-Bayt - and ordered his "Ummat"

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\* Hadith Saqalain

(community) to resort to these two precious things. One of the aspects of this Hadith is its use in religious research. The message of "**Hadith Saqalain**" in this domain is that Qur'an and Ahlal-Bayt are the only criteria to evaluate religious thoughts based on. And whoever seeks the path of guidance should pass through this way.

It is incumbent upon us all to make our best effort to introduce and transfer the message of guidance to others; especially today, when the world is suffering from increasing craving of recognizing Islam profoundly.

It is obvious that this acceptance of attitude puts more duty on our shoulders. It is definitely upon us to establish our faith in religion on the ground of knowledge and deep understanding and of course deep understanding puts more weight on our shoulders; it grows the sapling of faith inside us, but knowledge does not demand faith. Deep understanding leads to action but knowledge does not necessarily leads to action. The point is that "pure knowledge" is a good passageway but it's not a "good destination".

Amirul Muminin, Ali (p.b.u.h), in a brief and profound speech, called the last prophet of God, Muhammad (p.b.u.h) the doctor whose only (far and foremost) thought is curing patient's disease.

From this short sentence it is inferred that how he was occupied with the thought of introducing and transferring the truth of religion.

He definitely knew the pain, the patient, the cure, and used those ways of curing which were suitable for the patient. He compassionately went wherever his presence was needed, And put his kind hand on the heads of the patients, And offered his tender and kindness to the patients and gave reviving drugs to them.

## 6. Safinah

If we recognize him as an "Osva" (noble example) and want to follow him, we should act like him, we should start from "opinion polling" of religious efforts in order to reach an "effect-measuring". We should always bear in mind that our religion is "reviving"(Anfal: 24)

Whatever comes earlier was a part of our concern in motivating us to publish a quarterly in Islamic studies. We come to provide you with the truth of our holy religion patiently and without any prejudice or dispute. We decided while moving in the light of two precious memorials of our prophet, exert our effort to introduce unknowns and reveal the dormant, neglected and hidden truth of Islam and put a step forward to cure diseases.

Our addressees of this quarterly are all Muslim nations, and we hope it can be useful for all followers of other religions and schools, which are interested in familiarizing with Islam.

We call this quarterly "Safinah"(Ark) to the memory of the "Ark of Noah" in which he embarked his faithful followers and rescued them from The Great Flood.

And God in Qur'an calls it "a sign for all mankind" (Ankabot: 15)

Besides, we are aimed at reminding of the "Saving Ark" which the last prophet of God, Muhammad (p.b.u.h) introduced it to his Ummat to rescue them – in all time and in all lands, until the end of the world – from hard flood of accidents and trials!

We are here to hold "guidance flag" and introduce other aspects of that "guidance sign" to our addressees.

We know that we put our foot in a difficult and rough road, and in this way, by attention to the order of God, we are seeking your help and we welcome all ideas, comments, suggestions and criticisms from you as "the best gifts".

In the way of this holy attempt, always and each moment, we are looking forward to receiving blessings from the Beneficent God, and hope to have the paternal kindness of the last legatee of our prophet Muhammad (p.b.u.h), " Leader of the Age" – Imam Muhammad al-Mahdi (p.b.u.h)- with us.

Peace be upon us all.

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