

Episode 36

Characters of the True Messenger

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There is a very essential and sensitive issue we would like to discuss

Who is the messenger? What is his personage and qualifications?

Who is the person who should be a messenger?

The messenger is a person who has a personal relationship with God and has a loving relation with him, he is satisfied with him, and God entrusts him for conveying his message to the others to let them have the same partnership and relationship with him

So apostle John said:” We announce to you what we have seen, and what we have heard, that you also may have fellowship with us. And truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ” (1 John 1:3)

So that man reached an enjoyment with God and he was entrusted to convey the message of love and salvation to the people to enjoy the salvation and live in that loving partnership and holy relationship with God

Does God support the prophet in any particular way?

Definitely God supports the prophet with the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is not an angel in our belief, but he is the spirit of God who supports the prophet, as man in his nature is so weak to perform Godly great acts, but when he gives himself to God , He will support him with his Holy Spirit and enables him to convey his words to reach the hearts of people , as the word should have holy unction from God and He gives him also support for the miracles and prophecies

The most essential aim of the prophet is to get people away from the evilly and sin and to bid for the salvation from the sin and impurity present in the world and the domain of Satan, so man will be lifted from the perishing mud to enjoy a holy life with God

So the prophet is a person who has a holy relationship with God and he is entrusted by God for the message he should convey to the people,

And he should guide them to the salvation from the sin and domain of Satan, and to have a better life with God that is the everlasting eternal life with God, the life man should think about, as what shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul? Or loses the eternal life

The messenger is carrying a message from God to convey but it is not his own message and his work , so the messenger is a person who is not living for himself but for God’s well as the lover is melted into the beloved so he lives for his purposes

The Holy Bible says:” I live; yet no longer I, but Christ lives in me” (Galatians 2:20)

So man should live for the purposes of God to accomplish those purposes

So the real messenger should not live for himself and his purposes, and should be a good example in his biography in holiness, righteousness, purity, honesty, humility, love and

sacrifice and to be a good example for others:”So let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works, and may glorify your Father in Heaven” (Matthew 5:16)

Do those standards apply on the prophet of Islam?

It is a sensitive question, considered by many a red line that we should not cross, but man has the full right to think and we are not constraining human thinking, but we are trying to discuss matters logically

Before answering that question, I want to remind you with what was said by the Islamic proselytiser Sheikh Abdul Moa'z Abdul jabar in a conference in Al-Azhar, and that was written in the newspapers as he suggested to judge the texts of the holy books

We are not judging the texts, but we are just evaluating those books

I am saying that there is a person who is a sheikh and not a priest who said such proposal, that I myself can't say , and I am adding to that what was said by Dr: Aisha Abdurrahman (Bent Al-Shate'), she was a professor of the Islamic and quranic studies , she wrote in her book " "women of the prophet" page 7, 8 : " hiding the news about the personal life of the messenger is not accepted by the honesty of research ,and it is commanded by the noble quran that was keen to mention that life to show the humanity of the messenger , so it is not allowed for the Muslim researcher to avoid speaking about it ,and in all what I have mentioned about the life of the messenger of God. I didn't see any embarrassing thing to direct the light of research on it

So that is a green light, we are subjecting the messenger life to the light and research as long as there is nothing embarrassing in it , and Dr: Aisha Abdurrahman wrote the book on the messenger human life with his wives

So after those utterances , no one should accuse us by attacking Islam or embarrassing it , but we are asking questions and we are ready to get into a dialogue with any one to discuss those things logically and clarify matters

Through reading in religions I am asking question, those exist also in the mind of people but they are not expressing them , so I am speaking by their tongues and we are expecting answers from the specialists , as those questions are not adjudging the quran or the messenger or exposing the life of the messenger but they are just questions that exist in the mind and we are asking them

Speaking from the Islamic books as that book of Dr: Aisha Abdurrahman, the converses books and the prophetic life history books and others, I can say that:

- **The first aspect which is the presence of a loving relation between man and God:**

**Frankly speaking that relation is missing in the entire Islamic heritage
As man's relation to God in Islam is obligations and duties he should do, as the Hajj duty and the prayer duty and other duties he is obliged to do , he has to pray five times etc**

Man should live a loving story with God , that concept is totally missed in Islam according to my readings and researches for about 54 years in the religious dialogue and comparing Christianity and Islam

Till now I didn't find a loving relationship between man and God in Islam

I remember Tawfik Al-Hakim in his last days wrote articles in Al-Ahram newspaper saying from now onwards I want to write about nothing but God , he wrote some articles saying : God said to me so and so, and he spoke about love with God , for that he was heavily attacked by people and they accused him by being a disbeliever saying to him are you a messenger of God that he spoke to you ? And what is that love you spoke about

The relation of man to God is a loving relation, but in Islam as I see it is a slavery relationship, as we are slaves of God

**In Christianity, the Christ said:" I no longer call you slaves, but I called you beloved"
(John 15:15)**

He also said:" However, to all who received him, to those believing in his name, he gave authority to become God's children, to those who believe on His name" (John 1:12)

That is the loving relationship and sublimity as it is the real human worth

Saying we are children of God is not the bodily relationship between the father and his son through reproduction , but it is an eloquence and metonymy for the love between the father and his children , the love that binds the father with his son ,and our father the creator and us

The message of the messenger

**The message of the messenger to people is the salvation message and the way of life as man is sentenced for death since he sinned (Get you down from it both of you together)
Ta Ha chapter (Surat Ta Ha) 123**

So there is expelling , exiting and a sanction on man, so the prophet's message is to show them the way of return back to God's love and his bosom, and for Adam and his offspring to return back to the paradise once again

Through my readings I found that the salvation of the soul is missing in Islam

The quran said that it had a more sublime target which was the formation of an Arabic and Islamic nation and that target was achieved

But achieving that target was very expensive; the expenses were the souls of those killed

While the prophet should scarify by himself, but what we have seen through the quran is that he Scarified by the people to form the Islamic nation

Probably he wanted to make the ideal city of Ephlaton and when that city is formed, people conditions will be better, it is possible, only God knows

The massager message and human lusts

The message of the messenger should let him sublimate his lusts and the lusts of people from sin and sex, but what we have seen through our study that the prophet Muhammad expanded those lusts to the maximum , as he allowed Two or three or four women; or whoever that right hands possess, meaning unlimited, so instead of treating man and sublimating his instincts, he satisfied those instinct and lusts

Although he said if you fear that you shall not be able to deal justly and you will not deal justly, then marry one

The prophet's wives rebelled and they sent for him Fatima telling him that his wives are saying be just with them as they noticed that he is staying with Aeisha more than them , he didn't respond to their request, then Zeinab went to him and spoke to him again about that , and he didn't respond to her, so the messenger himself was not just , so did he marry only one woman ??

The pleasure marriage

It is when man wants to enjoy a woman, he pays her wage and spends sometime with her, and that's all

The pleasure marriage was practiced during the time of Muhammad, the messenger practiced it and so did the companions , it was also present during the time of Abe Bakre and the beginning of the time of Omer then Omer banned it, but the Shea'ian are still practicing it as they denied its banning