



Overwhelmed By The Dazzling Light

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When Abdullah, the father of the Prophet Salla'Allahu 'alaihi wa sallam, returned after sacrificing 100 camels (in place of himself being sacrificed), a woman named Qutaila, or Rafiqqa Binte Nawfal according to another narration, proposed to Abdullah for marriage. She said, "If you marry me, I will pay you the price of your one hundred camels." The reason behind her proposal was that she had observed the light (noor) of Prophet Muhammad Salla'Allahu 'alaihi wa sallam dazzling on his forehead. Abdullah replied saying, "I cannot make a decision regarding this matter without the permission of my father." According to other narrations, his reply was "This is haram, it is better to die rather than get trapped into this."

Imam Halabi (R.A) explained in his book titled 'Insan al Uyun' that the reason for the woman's eagerness in wanting to marry Abdullah was that it was written in the earlier scriptues that the last prophet Muhammad ibn Abdullah Salla'Allahu 'alaihi wa

sallam will belong to the Quraish tribe of Makkah. Having read this, many people instructed their offspring in naming their sons Abdullah and their grandsons Muhammad. For this reason, at the time of the Prophet's arrival at least 40 children were found to be Muhammad with their fathers' name being Abdullah. For the same reason, many women wished to conceive and carry the blessed child within their wombs.

However, Abdul Muttalib took his son Abdullah to Wahab Bin Abd Manaf Bin Zuhra, who was the leader of Bani Zuhra and had a daughter named Amina. Abdul Muttalib got his son married to Amina.

The next day he passed by Qutaila again. He noticed that she was not interested in going forward with her previous proposal of wanting to marry him. Abdullah out of curiosity asked the woman why she was showing no interest in him. She replied, "The light which I observed on your forehead yesterday is not there anymore! It was my wish to have this light for myself, but now it has gone to whom it was meant for, and for this reason I am not interested in marrying you."

Many miraculous incidents took place after Amina had conceived. Imam Khateeb Baghdadi states that Rasulullah Salla'Allahu 'alaihi wa sallam was conceived on a Friday night in the month of Rajab. At that time, Allah instructed Ridwan, the guard of heaven, to open the doors of Jannatul Firdaus.

One announcer in the heavens and Earth announced that the light from which the last Prophet would be created, has been placed into the womb of Amina. He has taken full form. He will come to people as a bearer of good tidings and a warner.

Hadhrat Ka'b Ahbar narrated that it was announced that night in the heavens and the earth that the hidden light of RasoolAllah Salla'Allahu 'alaihi wa sallam has been placed in the womb of his mother, so greeting and salutations upon him. That day all the idols of the world toppled over. People of Quraish had been suffering from famine and draught, but due of the arrival of Prophet Muhammad Salla'Allahu 'alaihi wa sallam the Earth became green and the trees blossomed with fruits. Good fortune had been restored to the people of Quraish, and for this reason

the year in which he had been placed in his mother's womb is known as the year of victory and happiness.

Hadhrat Ibn Ishaq narrates, Hadhrat Amina (R.A) said, "I was informed in a dream that the leader of the nation has taken lodge inside my womb. I didn't suffer at all upon conceiving him. The only sign I had is not menstruating." She also mentioned, "one night I was in a state of being neither awake nor asleep (subconscious mind) when suddenly someone came to me and asked, 'don't you know who you have conceived? The child in your womb is the guide of the universe.' When the time of his birth drew near, the man came to me once again and said, 'say this 'I seek refuge for him with the one Lord from the evil of all enviers', and name him Muhammad.' When I woke up, I found a piece of gold that read;

أعيذه بالواحد من شر كل حاسد وكل خلق رائد من قائم وقاعد عن السبيل عائد على الفساد

جاهد من نافث او عاقد وكل خلق مارد يأخذ بالمرصد في طرق الموارد

Hadhrat Shaddad Ibn Aus narrates, "A person from Banu Amir asked the Prophet Salla'Allahu 'alaihi wa sallam, "What is your true reality O Apostle of Allah? The Prophet Salla'Allahu 'alaihi wa sallam replied, "I am the outcome of the du'a of my father Ibrahim (A) and the glad tiding given by my brother Isa (A)."

Hadhrat Abu Naim (R.A) narrated from Ibn Abbas (R.A): "One of the signs that the Prophet Salla'Allahu 'alaihi wa sallam had been placed within his mother's womb was that every four-footed animal talked that night. They said "We swear on the God of Ka'ba that the Prophet has been placed into his mother's womb. He is the guide and the light for humanity. That day, all thrones of all monarchs had toppled over. All animals from the east were spreading the good news to the west. Likewise, the creatures of the ocean were giving the good news to one another. After the Prophet Salla'Allahu 'alaihi wa sallam had been placed into his mother's womb, each month one announcer in the heaven and one on the earth had announced saying, "Take glad tidings as the time has come for the imminent arrival of the Prophet of protection and blessings, Abul Qasim Salla'Allahu 'alaihi wa sallam!"

Allama Qastalani (R.A) claimed the above-mentioned Hadith to be weak. Imam Zurqani as well claimed that Ibn Abbas wasn't physically present at the time. He neither observed the incident mentioned in the Hadith himself nor did he narrate it from anyone else. So the question here is, 'how can the Hadith be verified?' Imam Zurqani (R.A) answered the question himself. Imam Jalaluddin Suyuti (R.A) and others narrated this Hadith as Marfu, though there is some difference in wording. Nonetheless, there are authentic narrations that support this Hadith. For example, the following Hadith: 'There were no such houses or places that the light (noor) of Muhammad Salla'Allahu 'alaihi wa sallam did not enter, and there was no such animal that did not talk during that night.'

There are many other Ahadith which establish that the animals had spoken, although it was not clearly mentioned what they said.

Rasulullah Salla'Allahu 'alaihi wa sallam's father Abdullah passed away when he was just 2 months in his mother's womb, and this opinion is the most credible one. Hadhrat Abdullah was 25 years of age when he died. Hadhrat Waqidi (R.A) mentioned it as the most acceptable opinion. According to another opinion, he was then 18 years of age. This claim is justified by Ibn Hajar. Imam Jalaluddin Suyuti (R.A) also accepted this opinion.

Abdullah (R.A) got ill when he was returning home along with his fellow merchant. Because of his ill health he took lodge in his father Abdul Muttalib's uncle's house in Medina. He remained ill for one month. When Abdul Muttalib enquired about his son, he came to know that he was ill and in Medina. Having heard the news, he sent his other son Haris to Medina, but it was too late. When he reached Medina, he came to know that his brother had already passed away and was buried in Madinah Tayyibah.

Hadhrat Abu Sayeed Abdul Malik Nisapuri (Ra), in his book 'M'ujamul Kabeer', and the author of 'Assa'adah wa al-Bushra', both quoted from Hadhrat Kab, and Abu Nuyaim from Ibn Abbas (R.), that Amina said, 'After six months of conceiving Muhammad, a man came to me saying, "O Amina, the child you are bearing will be the most superior figure on earth. Name him as

Muhammad when he is born and keep this a secret.” She also added, “Henceforth, I felt the physical change what other women did during conception, but no one knew (whether it was a boy or a girl). I was all alone at home and Abdul Muttalib was performing Tawaf around the Kaba. Suddenly I heard a crack and got frightened, after which I saw a white bird’s wing. This sight soothed my mind and got rid of my fear and fickleness. As I looked again I found a white cup placed next to me, I drank the liquid that it contained and as a result, I was covered with a mountain of light.

Then I saw women as tall as date trees. They seemed like the women of Abd Manaf tribe. I was utterly astounded, so I cried, ‘somebody help me.’ I was wondering how they could know about me!” According to other narrations, Amina said, the ladies said, “we are Pharaoh’s wife Asia, Imran’s daughter Mariam and the rest are Hoors from Heaven.

Tabrani (R.A) narrates, “The Prophet’s hands were seen tightly closed when he was born. The index finger of him was set in a way that implied that he was reciting Tasbeeh. Hadhrat Usman Bin Abul ‘Aas (R.A) narrates from his mother Umme Usman Sakfiah who said, “when I called in Muhammad’s house when he was born, I found the house totally illuminated by light and I also noticed that the stars bent down, I felt as if the stars would fall upon my head.” (Baihaqi, Tabrani and ibn Abdul Baar).

Although it was mentioned in Amina’s narration that she said she was alone during Muhammad’s Salla’Allahu ‘alaihi wa sallam birth, on the other hand Fatima Binte Abdullah said, “I was present during his birth.” So these two different narrations may create confusion. The reconciliation may be that Fatima arrived immediately after the birth of the Prophet Salla’Allahu ‘alaihi wa sallam.

Hadhrat Ahmad Bazzar, Tabrani, Hakim and Baihaqi narrate a Hadith from Hadhrat Irbad Ibn Saria (R.) that the Prophet Salla’Allahu ‘alaihi wa sallam said; “I was the last of the Prophets even when Adam (A) was mixed with clay. I am informing you that I am the outcome of my father Ibrahim’s prayer, my brother Isa’s good news and my mother’s dream. Similarly, all Prophets’

mothers dreamt of their sons' arrival. Prophet Salla'Allahu 'alaihi wa sallam's mother dreamt that when the Noor of the Prophet Salla'Allahu 'alaihi wa sallam had been placed into her womb, the Palaces of Syria had become illuminated because of that Noor.

Hafiz Ibn Hajar (R.A) mentioned that Imam Hibban and Imam Hakim confirmed this Hadith as Saheeh.

Hadhrat Allama Qastalani (R) said that the light is referred to in the Quran. Allah says: **قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ نُورٌ وَكِتَابٌ مُبِينٌ** 'there has come to you a light and a clear book'.

Some scholars mentioned that the Noor mentioned in this verse refers to the Prophet Salla'Allahu 'alaihi wa sallam. This opinion is correct. As Imam Baidawi (R) also mentioned; Allah Subhanahu wa ta'ala says in another verse, "By which Allah guides those who pursue His pleasure to the ways of peace and brings them out from darkness into the light, by His permission, and guides them to a straight path." (Surah Ma'idah : 16)

It is reported that the walls in Syria were illuminated during the blessed birth of the Prophet Salla'Allahu 'alaihi wa sallam. This incident indicated that Syria would specifically be illuminated by the light of Prophethood, as Syria was the capital of that time.

Hadhrat Ka'b Ahbar (R.A) narrated what was mentioned in the previous divine books: "Prophet Muhammad (Salla'allahu 'Alaihi Wa Sallam) will be born in Makkah, perform Hijrah (migration) to Madinah and his reign will reach Syria. His religion will travel from Makkah and end up to Syria. He will even travel through Syria to Baitul Muqaddas (Jerusalem) during the night of Mi'raj. Prophet Ibrahim (A) performed Hijrah to Syria before him. On the other hand, Prophet Isa bin Mariam (A.) will descend upon Syria and finally, Hashr (day of Judgement) will take place in Syria.

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