

Jesus

his mission and miracles

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Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad

Islam, as the last, universal form of the Divine religion, orders its followers to believe in all of the Prophets. Thus being a Muslim also means being a follower of Jesus, Moses, and all other Prophets. The Qur'an declares:

The Messenger believes in what has been revealed to him by his Lord, and so do the believers. They all believe in God and His angels, His Scriptures, and His Messengers: "We make no distinction between any of His Messengers"—and they say: "We hear and obey. Grant us Your forgiveness, our Lord. To You is the journeying."
(2:285)

As historical conditions required that the messages of all previous Prophets be restricted to a certain people and period, certain principles were stressed in those messages. Moreover, God bestowed special favors on each Prophet and community according to the dictates of the time.

For example, Adam was favored with knowledge of the Names, the keys to all branches of knowledge; Noah was endowed with steadfastness and perseverance; Abraham was honored with intimate friendship with God and being the father of numerous Prophets; Moses was given the ability to administer and was exalted by being God's direct addressee; and Jesus was distinguished with patience, tolerance, and compassion. All Prophets have some share in the praiseworthy qualities mentioned,

but each one surpasses, the others in one or more of those qualities, on account of his mission.

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When Moses was raised as a Prophet, the Israelites were leading a wretched existence under the Egyptian Pharaohs. Due to the Pharaohs' despotic rule and oppression, slavery had become ingrained in the Israelites' souls and was now part of their character. To reform them, to equip them with such lofty feelings and values as freedom and independence, and to rebuild their character and thereby free them from subservience to the Pharaohs, Moses came with a message containing stern and rigid rules. This is why the Book given to him was called the Torah (Law). Given that his mission required that he be a somewhat stern and unyielding reformer and educator, it was natural for him to pray in reference to Pharaoh and his chieftains:

Our Lord, destroy their riches and harden their hearts so that they will not believe until they see the painful chastisement. (10:88)

Jesus came at a time when the Israelites had abandoned themselves to worldly pleasure and led a materialistic life. In the Qur'an, we read that:

O you who believe! Many priests and anchorites in falsehood devour the wealth of people and hinder (them) from the Way of God. And there are those who hoard gold and silver and spend it not in the Way of God. Announce to them a most grievous chastisement. (9:34)

and that these same people exploited religion for worldly advantage:

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You see many of them vying in sin and enmity and how they consume what is unlawful. Evil is the thing they have been doing. Why do the masters and rabbis not forbid them to utter sin and to consume the unlawful? Evil is the thing they have been doing. (5:62-63)

The Gospels relate a similar sentiment attributed to Jesus:

You snakes, how can you say good things when you are evil, for the mouth speaks of what has filled the heart. A good person brings good things out of his or her treasure of good things; a bad person brings bad things out of his or her treasure of bad things. (Matthew 12:34-35)

Take care! Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees are the authorized interpreters of Moses' Law. So you must obey and follow everything they tell you to do. Do not, however, imitate their actions, because they do not practice what they preach. They tie onto people's backs loads that are heavy and hard to carry, yet they are not willing to lift even a finger to help them carry those loads. They do everything so that people will see them ... They love the best places at feasts and the reserved seats in the synagogues. They love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them "Teacher" ... How terrible for you, teachers of the Law and the Pharisees. You hypocrites ... You

give to God one-tenth of the seasoning herbs, such as mint, dill, and cumin, but neglect to obey the really important teachings of the Law, such as justice, mercy, and honesty. You should practice these without neglecting the others. (Matthew, chapters 23, 13, and 12)

When Jesus was sent to the Israelites, the spirit of the True Religion had dwindled away and the religion itself had been reduced to a device for its exponents to rob the common people. So before proceeding to put the Law into effect, Jesus concentrated on belief, justice, mercy, humility, peace, love, repentance for one's sins, seeking God's forgiveness, helping others, purity of heart and intention, and sincerity:

Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to them. Happy are those who mourn, for God will comfort them. Happy are those who are humble, for they will receive what God promised. Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires, for God will satisfy them fully. Happy are those who are merciful to others, for God will be merciful to them. Happy are the poor in heart, for they will see God. (Matthew, 5:3-10)

As for Prophet Muhammad, he has all of the qualities mentioned above, except that of being the father of Prophets. In addition, because of his mission's universality he is like Moses (he is a warner, established a Law, and fought his enemies) and Jesus (a bringer of good news who preached mercy, forgiveness, helping others, altruism, humility, sincerity, purity of intention, and moral values of the highest degree). Remember that the Qur'an declares that God sent Prophet Muhammad as a mercy for all of creation.

Islam presents God, before all other Attributes and Names, as the All-Merciful and All-Compassionate. By doing this, it indicates that He mainly manifests Himself as the All-Merciful and All-Compassionate, and that His wrath and punishment are shown when attracted by the individual's own unforgivable sins and wrongdoing. But God, the All-Forgiving, forgives most of His servants' sins:

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Whatever misfortune befalls you is for what your own hands have earned, and for many (of them) He grants forgiveness. (42:30)

Prophet Muhammad had the mission of both Moses and Jesus. Abu Bakr and 'Umar offered opposing ideas upon how to treat captives after the Battle of Badr. Prophet Muhammad likened Abu Bakr to Jesus and 'Umar to Moses, for the former offered to free them and the latter offered to kill them. Since Islam must prevail until the end of time, there may be occasions when its followers are required to act, according to circumstances, sometimes as Moses and sometimes as Jesus.

The Miracles of Jesus

A miracle is defined as an extraordinary event that would not be possible under normal conditions and one that is realized by God through the prophets He has sent as His representatives in order to verify their truthfulness. The prophets possess human frailty; God possesses power. A miracle shows that the messenger that God has sent as His representative is not acting alone and that the Creator is with him. In this respect, miracles are a common feature of al-

most all the prophets. Thus, only a prophet can perform a miracle. The purpose of miracles is to enable the people being addressed to believe more easily, and thus to attain eternal salvation.

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The end of those who witnessed a miracle and did not believe, even though they had asked for the miracle to be performed, was always disappointment; they experienced one disaster after another. While mentioning former prophets and tribes, the Qur'an gives many examples of this. Expressed differently, a miracle is an important test by which golden spirits are purified of dust, earth and mud.

However, a miracle has never occurred in such a way that a person's free will was by force taken from them nor has anyone ever been forced to believe. It has always been desired that the people who encountered the miracle should use their own free will to evaluate the miraculous event and to arrive at their own conclusion; in religion, responsibility only appears when connected with intelligence and free will. When these do not exist, as with other creatures, then there can be no responsibility for our actions. Looking at the matter from a different angle, were a miracle to occur as clearly, for example, as if "God exists" were to be written in the stars above, human will would be totally nullified. In this situation, the difference in quality between the people who are like diamonds and the people who are like coal would not be apparent, and humans would become travelers on a mandatory path, as are all other creatures.

Thus, we can say that the first goal of miracles is to provide a tangible proof when inviting people to faith, giving them something to accept and believe in

or to reject and continue in their disbelief, according to their free will. But there is more to miracles than this; with

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miracles God indicates the limits of knowledge and technology that mankind can eventually attain. The difference between a miracle and technological/scientific advances is that while the prophets are able to perform miracles without tools or technology, ordinary people can succeed in similar acts only with the help of the material and technology that they have produced.

Common Features of Prophets

Every chosen person who was sent with a sacred duty, such as saving humankind from darkness and introducing them to the light, was supported with phenomena like miracles and was given a message for the people to whom the miracle was addressed. Many hearts have surrendered to the enlightened atmosphere of faith, yet many others have died in the arms of eternal deprivation only because they refused to believe in such an important blessing. Addressing human intelligence and will, the Qur'an frequently mentions many miracles performed by the prophets. While it would not be possible to mention them all in one article, I would like to relate some of them in order to give an idea about some of these miracles, and then go on to discuss the main topic of the miracles of Jesus.

Generally, miracles occur and finish at the time they are performed, but some miracles which were given to the final prophet, like the miracle of the Qur'an, continue to be miraculous. In the environment in which it was revealed, the word had a spe-

cial sovereignty of eloquence, and in this respect the Qur'an is a miracle sent in a way that has never been equaled.

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Each prophet was sent miracles in line with the skills of the people of his era. As magic was of great importance at the time of

Moses, his miracles usually took on the form of removing the things the sorcerers had created and by displaying greater skills. Due to the popularity of medicine at the time of Jesus, his miracles were usually related to knowledge in medicine. Thus, the prophets established an important superiority over those whom they were addressing, and by speaking a language that could be understood, they were able to draw attention to themselves and to make their voices heard more easily.

When miracles are viewed from the perspective of pushing back the boundaries of science and technology, Solomon's riding on the wind and covering the distance which would take one month to travel in the time between morning and evening demonstrated that great distances could be traversed using the wind. Looking at this miracle with hindsight, we can see that it showed us that humans would be able to utilize the blessing of the wind, and we could even say that it indicated that in the future we would be able to harness it with craft (for example planes, rockets and other means of transport) and, consequently, would be able to travel long distances in a short time. At the same time, Moses' bringing forth water by hitting his rod on the ground shows that man can reach many of the treasures that God has hidden for him underground. The main message be-

hind all of these miracles encourages humans to learn from the practical examples of the prophets and to produce results by evaluating our heritage of knowledge and by using our intelligence.

The revelations that God sent were not aimed at only one target; rather the words were loaded with multiple meanings. Accordingly, every event in His statements has many aspects and it is

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necessary for other people to notice these and present them. The main goal of divine declarations is for the people living today to decipher the language of the miracles and to know how to use their message for the sake of science and technology.

The Miracles of Jesus

Jesus, peace and blessings be upon him, was a prophet and, according to Qur'anic teaching, he has a special place before God. He is one of the five greatest prophets called "masters of determination." If we evaluate him in regard to the geography and the ethnic, social, and political structure in which he lived and the people to whom he was sent, we see that he faced people who gave precedence to materialism, who did not believe in anything but what they could see, and who were persistent, stubborn, and intractable in their tribal ideas. Such conditions demonstrate his greatness. The people naturally expected a miracle. In fact, more than expected, the Qur'an reveals their desires and mentions how they put pressure on Jesus to perform a miracle. When looked at from this perspective, there are many extraordinary events that he accomplished. Among his major miracles we can mention raising the dead,

healing blindness and leprosy, blowing life into a bird made from clay, giving news of what happened in people's houses and bringing down a banquet from the sky.

Miracles before Apostleship

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Actually Jesus' life is almost a miracle from beginning to end: his being born from a pure spirit like Mary, who had devoted herself to the temple; coming into physical existence as a spirit from God, even though he had no father; speaking in the cradle; and rising to the heavens from among the people. Moreover, the good tidings that he would be a prophet were given before he was born, and his name was given by God, also before he was born. However, because these occurred before his duty as messenger began, they are considered to be outside the realm of miracles in the general meaning and they are seen rather as signs emphasizing his place and importance before God. For whatever reason, the end result is that an extraordinary event occurred that would not have been possible under ordinary circumstances. This necessitates attention being focused on Jesus in a different way.

His conception and birth represent a first in human history. Creating Adam without a mother and father, God, in time, created Jesus without a father as well and showed this change in his creation as a sign to all humankind. The Qur'anic verse related to this draws attention to his creation:

Jesus in God's Sight is like Adam: He created him from dust, then He said to him: "Be," and

there he was. (This is) the truth from your Lord;
so do not be one of the doubters. (3:59, 60)

This verse explains that when God's power is a matter of consideration, other causes are silent and the pen of power prevails. For this reason, one of Jesus' names in the Qur'an is "ruhullah" (a spirit from God).

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Almost as soon as he was born, when people began to accuse Mary, Jesus spoke and exonerated his pure mother, Mary; while he was still in the cradle, the duty of prophethood that would later be given to him by his Lord was outlined. The following verse mentions the good news of Jesus' birth:

He shall speak to the people in childhood and in manhood, and he shall be (of the company) of the righteous. (3:46)

He said: 'I am indeed a servant of God: He had given me revelation and made me a prophet; and He had made me blessed wheresoever I be, and hath enjoined on me Prayer and Charity as long as I live; (He) hath made me kind to my mother, and not overbearing or miserable; so peace is on me the day I was born, the day that I die, and the day that I shall be raised up to life (again)!'" (19:30-31-32-33)

Such (was) Jesus the son of Mary: (it is) a statement of truth, about which they (vainly) dispute." (19:34)

The Qur'an has the final say on the debates regarding Jesus. It both emphasizes his mother's inno-

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cence and indicates that Jesus, who was then still a baby, would be a prophet in the future, inviting people to salvation.

If we look at the heart of the matter, for a society of people

who did not understand anything but materialism and were closed to spirituality, Jesus’ conception as the spirit of God and the extraordinary events surrounding his birth must have been the first shock in the name of divine truth to which they would be called in the future. Today, just as great shocks are needed in the treatment of certain illnesses, extraordinary events are needed sometimes in order for society to be freed from bigotry and for general convictions to be turned in the desired direction. Thus, the atmosphere was softened in preparation for the miracles that Jesus would perform later in his mission, and a kind of foundation was prepared for God’s wishes to be comprehended by society.

Miracles after Apostleship

Jesus’ miracles were not limited to his birth. On the contrary, after having started his life with a great miracle, Jesus went on to perform many miracles in support of his prophethood. Some of the miracles that were given to his prophethood are mentioned in the Qur’an as follows, when the angels are talking to Mary about Jesus:

And God will teach him the Book and Wisdom, the Law and the Gospel, and (appoint him) an apostle to the Children of Israel, (with this message): “I have come to you, with a Sign from your Lord, in that I make for you out of clay, as it

were, the figure of a bird, and breathe into it, and it becomes a bird by God's leave: and I heal those born blind, and the lepers, and I quicken the dead, by God's leave; and declare to you what you eat, and what you store in your houses. Surely therein is a Sign for you if ye did believe; (I have come to you) to attest the Law which was before me. And to make lawful to you part of what was (before) forbidden to you; I have come to you with a Sign from your Lord. So fear God, and obey me. It is God who is my Lord and your Lord; then worship Him. This is a way that is straight.” (3:48-49-50-51)

As can be understood, these words belong to the angels and were said before the events occurred. While describing Jesus' position, they mention the miracles that will occur through him and give passages from dialogue between him and the tribe.

In addition to emphasizing the same topic, another verse relates what happened to Jesus from the first day:

Then will God say: “O Jesus the son of Mary! Re-count My favor to you and to your mother. Behold! I strengthened you with the holy spirit, so that you did speak to the people in childhood and in maturity. Behold! I taught you the Book and Wisdom, the Law and the Gospel. And behold! You make out of clay, as it were, the figure of a bird, by My leave, and you breath into it, and it becomes a bird by My leave, and you heal those born blind, and the lepers, by My leave. And behold! You bring forth the dead by My leave. And behold! I did restrain the Children of Israel from (violence to) you when you did show them the Clear Signs, and the unbelievers among them said: ‘This is nothing but evident magic.’” (5:113)

Another of Jesus' miracles is the feast that was provided when his people wanted to eat food from Heaven. This event is related in the Qur'an:

Behold! The Disciples said: "O Jesus the son of Mary! Can your Lord send down to us a Table set (with viands) from heaven?" Said Jesus: "Fear God, if you have faith." They said: "We only wish to eat thereof and satisfy our hearts, and to know that you have indeed told us the truth; and that we ourselves may be witnesses to the miracle." Said Jesus the son of Mary: "God our Lord! Send us from heaven a Table set (with viands), that there may be for us—for the first and the last of us—a solemn festival and a Sign from You; and provide for our sustenance, for You are the best Sustainer (of our needs)." God said: "I will send it down unto you: but if any of you after that resists faith, I will punish him as I have not inflicted on any one among all the peoples."
(5:115-116-117-118)

Jesus was made superior from the beginning with extraordinary acts and strengthened by God with these miracles. In the following verse, God indicates that it was time for the people to recognize the values Jesus has brought and to surrender to them:

We gave Moses the Book and followed him up with a succession of Apostles; We gave Jesus the son of Mary clear (Signs) and strengthened him with the holy spirit. Is it that whenever there comes to you an Apostle with what you yourselves desire not, you are puffed up with pride? – Some you called imposters, and others you slay!
(2:87)

It is implied here that every command supported by God requires absolute obedience and, at the same time, that we must not stray from the divine path because of doubts raised by our egos and Satan.

Generally there have always been those who prefer to take a reactionary attitude towards all the prophets and to remain closed to new things. Such travelers on the path of darkness label every extraordinary miracle they see as magic. They did not think any differently about Jesus or the events that occurred than they did to any other previous miracles. Jesus' reply to this was no different from that of the former prophets. With the satisfaction of performing his duty without fault, Jesus said, as every prophet before him had:

God is truly your Lord and my Lord; so worship Him. That is a straight path. (19:36)

Saying this, he left everyone alone to follow their will. This was necessary, as after this, those who wanted to come would; they would be able to find the right path and gain salvation, while those who preferred the darkness would be sacrificed to their own egos. It is possible to summarize Jesus' miracles as follows, according to the way in which they appear in the Qur'an:

1. Raising the dead.
2. Breathing life into a bird made from clay.
3. Making the blind see.
4. Curing leprosy.
5. Giving news of what was going on inside houses.
6. Being strengthened by the Holy Spirit.
7. Bringing down a banquet from the heavens.

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The first thing that strikes one about all of these is that most of Jesus' miracles were related to the field of

medicine. During his time there were important developments in this area and people were frequently confronted with these. For this reason, his miracles of healing, which cured many problems that were not curable at that time, gained the attention of medical authorities, especially since he had not been educated in this field and had no equipment. They agreed that his results had to have been accomplished with divine assistance.

As we have discussed here, miracles not only contain certain messages for those witnessing the event, but they also demonstrate many things to those who come after. When looked at from this perspective, God is saying many things to the people of today through the miracles performed by Jesus. At first glance, the most obvious message is that it is possible for many things that we perceive as inanimate to be animated by giving them energy; problems with sight and every kind of skin disease can be cured, even if we have not yet found the cure today. All of these are important matters that medicine should be addressing today; there is a cure for every illness. One of the most important duties of experts in the medical field is to find cures from the pharmacy of the universe.

If we look at the banquet that came from the heavens and the way in which the people benefited from the divine blessings in this feast, we can understand that there are many blessings hidden in the heavens, and that it is the duty of man, who has been blessed with intelligence and judgement, to fully investigate these. If we can knock on the doors of

mercy in the language of science and technology in the light of this miracle of Jesus, it may be possible for man to reach many feasts full of blessings beyond this world.

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Jesus' Departure

Like his birth, Jesus' departure from humankind was another miracle. God did not leave Jesus in the hands of those who wanted to kill him and, in the words of the Qur'an, he was raised to the heavens with another miracle, being taken from among mankind to a different plane of life. According to the Qur'an,

“...that they said (in boast), ‘We killed, the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, the Messenger of God’ –but they killed him not, nor crucified him, but so it was made to appear to them, and those who differ therein are full of doubts, with no (certain) knowledge, but only conjecture to follow, for of a surety they killed him not. Nay God raised him up unto Himself; and God is Exalted in Power, Wise.” (4:157-158)

This detail can be found in another verse explaining this matter:

Behold! God said: “O Jesus! I will take you and raise you to Myself and clear you (of the falsehoods) of those who blaspheme; I will make those who follow you superior to those who reject faith, to the Day of Resurrection: Then shall you all return to me, and I will judge between you of the matters wherein you dispute. As to those who reject faith, I will punish them with terrible agony in this world and in the Hereafter, nor will they have anyone to help.” (3:55-56)

As can be seen, Jesus' life, which was full of miracles, changed dimension with yet another miracle, and he was honored with immortality. Moreover, some narrations regarding his return close to the time of Doomsday to call people to the truth once more are proof that these kinds of miracles will continue in the future.

The End of Time and Jesus

Mercy, love, and forgiveness had first place with Jesus.

The reliable Books of Tradition contain many sayings of Prophet Muhammad stating that Jesus will return to this world before the end of time and observe Islamic

law. Although such Traditions have been interpreted in different ways, they can be interpreted as meaning that, before the end of time, Islam must manifest itself almost completely in the dimension represented by Jesus. In other words, the main aspects of his prophethood must be given prominence in preaching Islam. These aspects are the following:

Jesus always traveled. He never stayed in one place, but preached his message on the move. Those who preach Islam must travel or emigrate.

They must be the repenters, worshippers, travelers (in devotion to the cause of Islam and to convey it), those who bow and prostrate (to God only), command good and forbid evil, and observe God's limits. For them there is good news.
(9:112)

Mercy, love, and forgiveness had first place with Jesus. Jesus brought good news. Therefore, those who dedicate themselves to the cause of Islam must emphasize these characteristics and, never forgetting

that Prophet Muhammad was sent as a mercy for all the worlds and the whole of existence, must convey good news to every place and call people to the way of God with wisdom and fair exhortation. They must never repel others.

The world today needs peace more than at any other time in history. Most of our problems arise from excessive worldliness, scientific materialism, and the ruthless exploitation of nature. Everyone talks so much about the danger of war and environmental pollution that *peace* and *ecology* are the most fashionable words on people's tongues. But the same people wish to remove those problems through the further conquest and domination of nature.

The problem lies in rebelling against Heaven and in destroying the equilibrium between humanity and nature. This condition is a result of modern materialism's concept

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of and corrupt attitude toward humanity and nature. Most people are reluctant to perceive that peace within human societies and with nature is possible only through peace with the spiritual order. To be at peace with Earth, one must be at peace with the spiritual dimension of one's existence. This is possible only by being at peace with Heaven.

In the Qur'an, Jesus introduces himself as follows:

I am indeed a servant of God ... He has commanded me to pray and give alms as long as I live. He has made me dutiful to my mother, and has not made me oppressive, wicked. (79:31-32)

From the viewpoint of Jesus' promised messianic mission, this means that children will not obey their parents. Thus those who spread Islam in our age must strive to show due respect to their parents and elders, in addition to performing their prayers correctly and helping the poor and needy. The Qur'an enjoins:

Your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him, and that you show kindness to your parents. If either or both of them attain old age with you, (show no sign of impatience, and) do not even say "uff" (fie; sigh in exasperation) to them, nor rebuke them, but speak kind words to them. (17:23)

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One of Jesus' miracles was healing the sick and reviving the dead with God's permission. In other words, respect for life was very important in his message. The Qur'an attaches the

same degree of importance to life:

One who kills another wrongly is regarded as having killed humanity; one who saves a life is regarded as having saved humanity. (5:32)

Those dedicated to the cause of Islam must attach the utmost importance to life and try to prevent wars, find cures for illnesses, and know that reviving a person spiritually is more important than healing diseases. The Qur'an declares:

O you who believe! Respond to God and the Messenger, when the Messenger calls you to that which will give you life. (8:24)

Almost all religions mention a final savior in the future who will turn humankind to the true path once again. There are some narrations in the hadith of Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon them, that Jesus will come again at the end of time and be victorious against the idea of atheism together with Mahdi. Commenting on these narrations and stating that they are authentic, Bediüzzaman Said Nursi said, “Only a wondrous and miraculous person with an esteemed following will be able to kill and change the calling of the Antichrist* who will protect himself with acts of magic, magnetism and spiritualism and enchant everyone. That person is Jesus.”

The second coming of Jesus is, of course, within the realm of possibility, when God’s power is taken into consideration, but it should not be forgotten that these kinds of narrations can be metaphorical as well; what may be being implied here is that the idea of atheism will be eliminated and that a victory of faith will be experienced. In this way the path of Jesus and the path of the Spirit of Truth will be united and humanity, once again knowing goodness, beauty, peace and contentment, will live a life imbued with faith.

It is true that prophets are like children of the same father and mother. All their values are shared ones; their Lord is one; their guidance is one; their aim is one. The world is in need, more than

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ever, of their message, a message that is to be presented by people whose goal is faith.

Endnote:

*The Antichrist (Dajjal) means one who shows falsehood as the truth and the truth as falsehood. There are narrations that a perverted meaning of the idea of faith will be active at the end of time. In this respect, the term “Antichrist” can mean the person or persons opposed to faith and those who act in accordance with the perverted meaning of faith. When the matter of Jesus’ killing the Antichrist is looked at in this respect, it can be understood that Jesus, representing faith, will eliminate the Antichrist, representing falsehood, and thoughts belonging to him from society. On a plane where there are no physical bodies, this event can be seen as both sides representing a spiritual personality; making it possible to evaluate it within a faith vs. falsehood framework.