

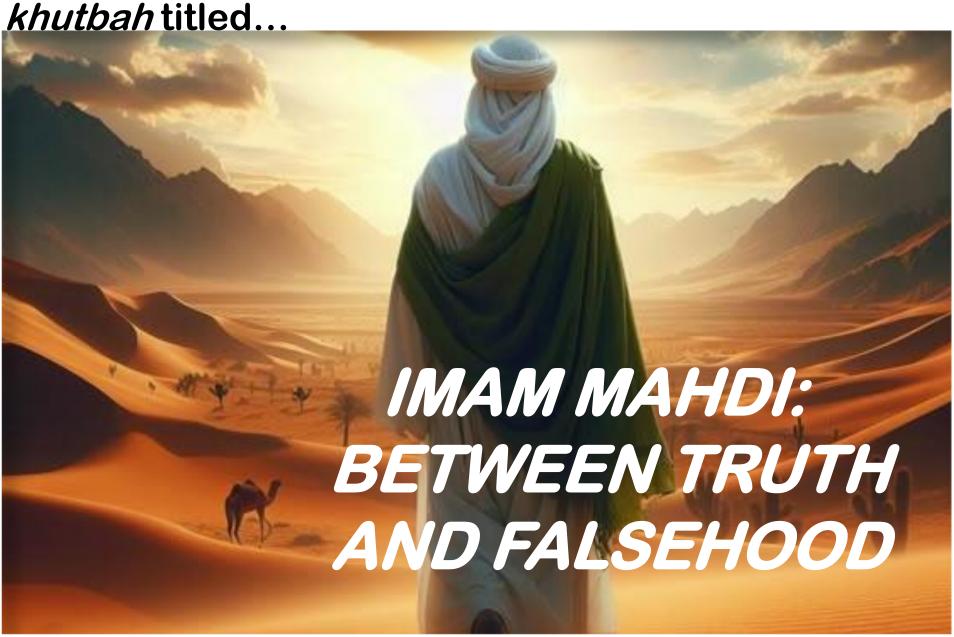
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to strive in us increasing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by fulfilling all of His Commands and

staying away from all of His prohibitions. May we be bestowed with blissfulness and success in this world and the Hereafter.

On this blessed day, I will be expounding on a.



Islamic history has revealed numerous individuals claiming themselves or others as the real Imam Mahdi. Such claims have caused confusion and disunity within the Muslim

ummah. The failure to distinguish between the truth and falsehood can yield grave consequences upon religious harmony and Muslim societies.

In Malaysia, every individual claiming to be Imam Mahdi are deemed as deviant. The Meeting of the Consulting Committee for Shara' Rulings (FATWA) for the state of Selangor has

decided that claiming to be Imam Mahdi is misguidance and deviating from authentic Islamic 'aqeedah. This can be seen in the outlawing of the Qadiyaani sect, al-Arqam sect, and also

Shi'i groups claiming their imams as Imam Mahdi.

We must identify the between the differences signs mentioned by Rasulullah عليه وسلم with the false and nonsensical

individuals or certain groups regarding Imam Mahdi, that they were willing to make baseless interpretations by associating it with the Malay race, and interpreting ahaadeeth

according to their whim just to support the claims being propagated, even though it clearly deviated established from interpretations by erudite scholars.

The question begs, why is it that a portion within our community is gullible enough to be duped by these propaganda and false teachings? Is it because they are so deficient in their religious comprehension?

Today, I will clarify with regards to "Imam Mahdi: Between Truth and Falsehood" based on various authentic hadeeth, which should serve as the primary

source in knowing about Imam Mahdi, as well as distinguishing between truth and falsehood upon individuals and certain groups.

In the book al-Fitan wal-Malaahim (الفتن والملاحم), al-Imaam al-Haafizh ibn Katheer Rahimahullaah stated: "I believe that al-Mahdi will

appear before the descent of Prophet 'Isa 'Alayhissalaam''.

This is based on the *hadeeth* of Jaabir bin 'Abdullah *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma* where Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:

"... 'Isa ibn Maryam will descend, and their leader [al-Mahdi] will

say, "Come and lead us in prayer," but he will say, "No, some of you are leaders over others as an honor from Allah to this ummah.""

(Muslim)

Among the characteristics of Imam Mahdi are as follows:

First, the name of Imam Mahdi and his father coincides with the name of our beloved Prophet

which is Muhammad bin 'Abdullah.

The characteristics of Imam Mahdi mentioned in the narrations are clear, where Imam Mahdi hails from the descendant of

Rasulullah عليه وسلم through the lineage of his daughter Sayyidatina Faatimah radiyAllaahu 'anha. His name is Muhammad ibn 'Abdullah.

In the *hadeeth* of 'Abdullah bin Mas'ood *radiyAllaahu* 'anhu, Rasulullah stated:

"If only one day of this world remained, Allah would lengthen that day, till

who belongs to me or to my family whose father's name is the same as my father's, who will fill the earth with equity and justice as it has been filled with oppression and tyranny." (Abu Dawood) Second, the nasab (lineage) of Imam Mahdi originates from ahl albayt (the family of Rasulullah عليه وسلم through the descendants of Sayyidatina Faatimah radiyAllaahu 'anha.

Third, the physical appearance of Imam Mahdi coincides with what the authentic hadeeth mentions such has having a broad forehead and pointed nose.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri *radiyAllaahu 'anhu*, Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:

"Al-Mahdi is of my lineage, with a high forehead and a long, thin,

curved nose. He will fill the earth with fairness and justice as it was filled with oppression and injustice, and he will rule for seven years."

(Abu Dawood)

Fourth, at that time the world will be afflicted with chaos and filled with tyranny and oppression.

In the book 'Awn al-Ma'bood (عون المعبود), Shaykh Muhammad Ashraf Abaadi Rahimahullaah stated that Prophet 'Isa 'Alayhissalaam will descend to earth after Imam Mahdi appears, and he will kill Dajjaal (Anti-Christ), or that he will descend along with

Imam Mahdi and aid him in killing Dajjaal. He will also perform salaah (prayer) behind Imam Mahdi as the imam.

Also, in the aspect of the blessings of times.

During the reign of Imam Mahdi, the Muslim ummah will be bestowed with barakah (blessings) and prosperity that the inhabitants of earth will feel safe and prosperous.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri *radiyAllaahu 'anhu*, Rasulullah ملكوالله said:

"At the end of the time of my ummah, al-Mahdi will appear. Allah will grant

him rain, the earth will bring forth its fruits, he will give a lot of money, cattle will increase and the ummah will become great. He will rule for seven or eight years."

(al-Haakim)

Fifth, Imam Mahdi will not claim, announce, or appoint himself as the actual Imam Mahdi. He also would not coerce others to acknowledge or give bay'ah (pledge) to him, for he will be

appointed and given the Muslim bay'ah by ummah of that time. Hence, Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala will decree that he will be appointed as Imam Mahdi on a night next to the Ka'bah.

In the *hadeeth* of 'Ali bin Abi Taalib *radiyAllaahu 'anhu*, Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:

"Al-Mahdi is one of us, a member of my family.

Allah will guide him in a single night." (ibn Maajah)

Aside from that, on the personal side, Imam Mahdi is a person of taqwa, with mastery in the knowledge of the sharee'ah, and having sound hikmah (wisdom).

Let us always remain vigilant and not easily deceived by false allegations claiming to be Imam Mahdi. The real Imam Mahdi will appear with clear signs that were prophesized in the

narrations of Rasulullah صلى الله صلى الله A person who is amaanah righteous, (trustworthy), and proven in his wisdom for managing and administering the affairs of the Muslims. He will

not disrupt the existing harmony within the Muslim community. Moreover, he will unite all the Muslims and uphold justice. It is very clear that the

widespread false claims pertaining to Imam Mahdi has been reminded by the Prophet صلى الله as from among the major signs of the Last Day.

To conclude the sermon today, let us derive several lessons from this sermon as guidance in our lives, namely:

1. The Muslim ummah must have full certainty upon the appearance of Imam Mahdi at the end of time, who will uphold justice and eliminate injustice.

2. The Muslim ummah must reject claims by anyone admitting to be Imam Mahdi, or even as the assistant or the army of Imam Mahdi.

'aqeedah of the 3. The Muslim ummah can be corrupted by admitting, claiming, and deifying someone as Imam Mahdi. Moreover, legal actions can be pursued for violating fatwa that has been gazetted.

"Do they [then] wait for anything except that the angels should come to them or your Lord should come or that there come some of the signs of your Lord? The Day that some of the signs of your Lord

will come no soul will benefit from its faith as long as it had not believed before or had earned through its faith some good. Say, "Wait. Indeed, we [also] are waiting.""

(Soorah al-An'aam 6:158)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

O Allah! We seek refuge in You from severe trials, from being afflicted with calamities, from evil in destiny, and from the joy of the enemies upon the tribulations and misfortunes

that befell us. O Allah! We beseech Your protection, from losing the favors that You have bestowed, from the loss of health that You have granted, protect our state from calamity and disaster.

O Allah! You are our One and Only Savior, we humbly beg You to save the Muslims and Masjid al-Agsa in Palestine.

O Allah! Make us among Your slaves that fulfills the amaanah. Strengthen our imaan so that we avoid treachery, protect us from becoming among those that neglect their responsibilities,

and protect our state and nation from destruction due to bribery, embezzlement, and power abuse. Render the duty to lead our country upon Your slaves whom are trustworthy and honest,

as well as firm and courageous in upholding the truth and executing justice according to the Sharee'ah. O Allah, make the masaajid and suraus in

the state of Selangor as Your peaceful homes, uniting everyone, and serve as the heart of the ummah's strength.

