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# PROPHET صلى الله ) OHAMMAD'S (حليه و آله وسلم (رضئ الله تعالى عنهم)

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#### PREFACE

بِسم الله الرحمنِ الرحيم الحمد لله رب العالمين، والصلاة والسلام على سيدنا محمد وعلى آله وصحبه أجمعين

The meaning of the above verse is that **Noor-e-Mohammadi** (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) transferred from one prostrating one to the next, proving that all forefathers of Prophet Mohammad ( صلى الله ) was transferred (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) was transferred from Hadhrat Adam (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) and Hawwa (عليه السلام) to all pious men and women till it illuminated in the person of Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم).

**It is in Hadith -** The Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) said - "I descend from the best people. My ancestors are the best people." (**Tirmidhi**)

This book discusses in detail, in the light of Quran and Ahadith, that the parents of the Apostle of Allah (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) were Muslims. The Book is an important read for all Muslims of the world. It clarifies many of the doubts of people, in the light of Quran and Ahadith.

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#### PROPHET IBRAHIM (عليه السلام)

It is reported that Hadhrat Ibrahim (عليه السلام) grew up under the guardianship of his uncle Azar (father's brother), because his father, **Tareq** died when he was very young.

It is in Quran - أَمْ كُنتُمْ شُهَدَاءَ إِذْ حَضَرَ يَعْقُوبَ الْمَوْتُ إِذْ قَالَ لِبَنِيهِ مَا تَعْبُدُونَ مِن بَعْدِي قَالُوا نَعْبُدُ . [Nay! were you witness when death visited Yaqoub (عليه السلام), when he said to his sons : What will you serve (worship) after me? They said : We will serve (worship) your God and the God of your fathers; Ibrahim (عليه السلام) and Ismail (عليه السلام); one God only, and to Him do we submit.] (Al-Baqara - 133).

In the above verse, the sons of Yaqoub (عليه السلام) are referring to, both Ishaq (عليه السلام) and Ismail (عليه السلام), as their fathers (عليه السلام). Ishaq (عليه السلام) is their grandfather, and Ismail (عليه السلام) is their grandfather, and Ismail (عليه السلام) is the brother of Ishaq (عليه السلام). Thus, it is proved that the word (أبي) is used in Quran for both biological father, and brother of father.

It is in Quran - وَإِذْ قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ لِأَبِيهِ آزَرَ أَتَتَّخِذُ أَصْنَامًا آلِهَةً <sup>ع</sup> إِنِّي أَرَاكَ وَقَوْمَكَ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُبِينٍ [And when Ibrahim (عليه السلام) said to his father, Azar : Do you take idols for gods? Surely I see you and your people in manifest error] (Al-Anaam - 74).

The literal meanings of this verse that comes to a reader's mind are : Ibrahim (عليه السلام) said to his father whose name was Azar. But as per the rules of laconic usage, descriptive linguistics and rhetoric, this is a wrong understanding because it is mentioned that "Ibrahim (عليه السلام) said to his father, Azar", which denotes different meanings.

Like, no one says, "My father, Husain, is coming". We only say "My father is coming".

If we talk of a relationship and a name at the same time, people will understand that there are more than one person associated with that relationship. If we have only one person associated with the relationship (like father), we will only say, "My father is coming".

Arabic word (أبي) is commonly used for (i) biological father, (ii) 'stepfather', and (iii) 'brother of father'. Like in Indian Sub Continent, many children call their father Papa. And they call, elder brother of their father, Abbu, Bade Papa, etc. Similarly, in English language, people use 'father' to denote different relationships; like 'father figure', 'father of nation', 'god father', 'grandfather', etc.

If Azar was the biological father of Ibrahim (عليه السلام), it would have been enough to say, "He said to his father". But the Quranic verse emphasizes **''Ibrahim** (عليه السلام) said to his father, Azar''. This shows that Azar was not biological father of Ibrahim (عليه السلام).

It is in Quran - أَنَّهُ عَدُوٌ لِنَّهِ تَبَيَّنَ لَهُ أَنَّهُ عَدُوٌ لِنَّهِ تَبَرَّأَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ لِأَبِيهِ إِلَّا عَن مَوْعِدَةٍ وَعَدَهَا إِيَّاهُ فَلَمًا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُ أَنَّهُ عَدُوٌ لِنَّهِ تَبَرَّأَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ لَأَوَّاهُ خَلِيمٌ would not have asked forgiveness for his father but for a promise he made to him, and when it became clear to him that he was an enemy of Allah (عَذِهَ أَنَّ وَجَلَّ), he renounced him. Ibrahim (عليه السلام) was tender hearted and forbearing.] (At-Tauba -114).

Read the above verse carefully; it says 'Ibrahim (عليه السلام) would not have asked forgiveness for his father but for a promise he made to him'.

Remember, we do not pray for our parents because we make a promise to them. We do it as mandatory and obligatory on us. We might make a promise to our relatives that we will do dua for them in a specific issue. Thus, the verse shows the relationship of Ibrahim (عليه السلام) with Azar, was not that of son and biological father, rather it was the relationship between two relatives. He asked for forgiveness for (his uncle) Azar because he promised him once. But when Ibrahim (عليه السلام) realized that he was an Idol worshiper and the enemy of Allah(غرَ وَجَلَ), he renounced him.

**It is in Hadith -** Anas Ibn Malik (رضئ الله تعالى عنه) narrates that one day Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) stood on the pulpit and informed (sahabah) the names of his ancestors:

The Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) said: Ana, Mohammad Ibn Abdullah, bin Abdul Muttalib, bin Hashim, bin Abd Manaf, bin Qusa'i, bin Kilab, bin Murra, bin Ka'b, binLu'ayy, bin Ghalib, bin Fihr, bin Malik, bin an-Nadr, bin Kinanah, bin Khuzaimah, bin Mudrikah, bin Elias, binMudar, bin Nizar, bin Ma'ad, bin Adnan, bin Udad, binAsha'b, bin Saleh, bin Salooq, bin Hameesa, bin Nabad, bin Khizaar, bin Ismail (عليه السلام), bin Tariq.

(Baihaqi, Hakim, Ahmed, Ibn Kathir in Bidaya wan Nihaya and Ibn Asakir).

It is clear from the above Hadith that the father of Ibrahim (عليه السلام) was Tariq, a Momin; while his uncle Azar was an Idol worshiper.

It is in Quran - رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيَّ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَوْمَ يَقُومُ الْحِسَابُ [O our Lord! grant me protection and my parents and the believers on the day when the reckoning shall come to pass!] (Ibrahim - 41).

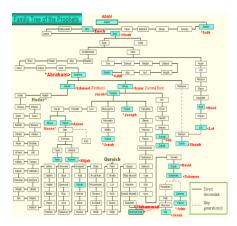
In the above verse, Ibrahim (عليه السلام) is praying for protection for himself, his both parents (who were Momineen) and general believers on the Day of Judgment. This Quranic verse shows Azar, who was an Idol worshiper, was not the father of Ibrahim (عليه السلام).

Ibn Jarir al-Tabari in his Tafsir and History book has mentioned that - Azar was not the father of Ibrahim (عليه السلام). (History of Tabari, Vol. 1, Page 119. and Tafsir-e-Tabari by Ibn Jarir al-Tabari, Vol. 7, page 158).

**Ibn Kathir** has written in al-Bidaya wan Nihaya - Ibrahim (عليه السلام) was the son of **Tariq.** When Tareq was 75 years old, Ibrahim (عليه السلام) was born to him. (al-Bidaya wan Nihaya, vol 1, page 139)

Hadhrat Mohammad Abdul Qadeer Siddiqui (رحمته الله عليه) has written in his Tafseer-e-Siddiqui that Azar was the brother of the father of Ibrahim (عليه السلام). (Tafseer-e-Siddiqui)

#### ANCESTORS OF PROPHET (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم)



As we have described above the statement of Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) that all ancestors of Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) consisted of Prophets, Saliheen and Momineen from Hadhrat Adam (رضى الله تعالى عنه) till Hadhrat Abdullah bin Abdul Mutallib (عليه السلام) and Ummul Momineen Amina bint Wahb (رضى الله تعالى عنها).

It is in Quran - وَتَقَلَّبَكَ فِي السَّاجِدِينَ [And your turning over and over among those who prostrate themselves before Allah.](Ash Shuara - 219)

The above Quranic verse testifies that all ancestors of Prophet Mohammad ( صلى الله عليه و آله ) were Muslims of highest honor. Noor-e-Mohammadi ( صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) was transferred from Hadhrat Adam ( عليه السلام) and Hawwa ( عليها السلام) to all pious men and women till it illuminated in the person of Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم).

(i) It is in Hadith - Imam Tirmidhi has recorded a Hadith which he classified as Hasan, as well as Imam Baihaqi from Abbas ibn Abd al-Muttalib ( رضئ الله تعالى) that the Prophet (عنه و آله وسلم) said : "When Allah (غنه) created me, He made me from the best of creations. Then when He created the tribes, He made me from the best of tribes. And when He created souls He made me from the best of souls. Then when He created households, He made me from the best of households. Thus I am the best in terms of household, and the best in terms of Nufoos.'

(ii) It is in Hadith - The Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) said -"Allah ( عَزَّ ) said ) chose me among the distinguished people of Arabia. I descend from the best people." (Tabarani)

(iii) It is in Hadith - Ibn Abbas (رضئ الله تعالى عنه) narrated: "I transferred you from the generation of one prophet to the generation of another prophet. If a father had two sons, the Apostle of Allah (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) descended from the one that had the Prophet-hood." (Mawahib al-Ladunniyyah by Qastallani)

(iv) It is in Hadith - The Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) said - "None of my grandparents committed fornication. I descend from the best fathers and clean mothers. If one of my grandfathers had two sons, I descended from the better one." (Mawahib al-Ladunniyyah by Qastallani)

(v) It is in Hadith - The Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) said -"All of my ancestors beginning from Adam (عليه السلام) were married couples. I am the best of you in terms of ancestors." (Daylami)

(vi) It is in Hadith - The Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) said -"I am the most honorable person among people. I am not saying it in order to boast." (Daylami)

(vii) It is in Hadith - 'Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) descend from the best men of each century.' (Bukhari)

(viii) It is in Hadith - The Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) said - "Allah ( عنزً) said - "Allah ( عليه السلام) chose Kinanah among the sons of Ismail (عليه السلام), the Quraish among the sons of Kinana and sons of Hashim among the Quraysh. And He chose me among them." (Muslim)

(ix) It is in Hadith - Suyuti reported in "Al-Jami' Al-Saghir" on the authority of `Ali, (حسلی الله علیه و آله وسلم) that the Prophet (حسلی الله تعالی عنه) said : "I was born of the best and noblest lineage after lineage, and nothing of the fornication of Jahiliyyah (pre-Islamic time of ignorance) touched my birth." Tabarani in "Al-Awsat". Haythami said: The chain of Narrators of this Hadith have been authenticated by Hakim.

(x) It is in Hadith - Abu Nua'im writes in Dala'il al-Nabuwwa, with the chain of Ibn Abbas (حسلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) that the Prophet (رضى الله تعالى عنه) said, 'Allah ( وَجَلَّ continued to transfer me from the loins of the pure to the wombs of the pure, clean and mannered. No two groups have appeared except I was the best of the two.'

(xi) It is in Hadith - Imam Tabrani writes in Awsat and Imam Baihaqi in Dala'il, from Ummul Momineen Aisha(رضئ الله تعالى عنبا) that the Prophet ( صلى الله عليه و آله ) said : "Jibreel (عليه السلام) said to me, I have searched the Earth, the Easts and

the Wests, and I did not find a man better than Muhammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم), and I did not find a clan better than the clan of Bani Hashim."

(xii) It is in Quran - المُشْرِكُونَ نَجَسٌ [O you who believe! the idolaters are nothing but unclean.] (At-Tauba - 28)

(xiii) It is reported that before the fall of Makkah, Abu Sufyan (who had not accepted Islam then) went to visit Ummul Momineen, Umm-e-Habibah ( رضي الله ( رضي الله عنه) who was his daughter. He wanted to sit down on the bedding of the Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم), but Umm-e-Habibah ( عنها رضي الله تعالى ) did not allow her father to sit on it as he was an unbeliever. She said, "You are a polytheist and hence unclean and this is a pure, clean bedding of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم).

All Quranic verses and Ahadith mentioned above confirm the fact that Prophet's ( صلى الله عليه و آله) Grandfather Hadhrat Abdul Muttalib (رضئ الله تعالى عنه) and his Father Abdullah bin Abdul Mutallib (رضئ الله تعالى عنه) and all his ancestors till Adam (عليه السلام) were either Prophets or among the pious of highest order.

#### **SCHOLORS' OPINIONS**

Opinions of some Islamic scholars are mentioned below in this context.

(i) Jalal al-Din Suyuti in his book Masalak al-Hunafa wrote : 'The proof is based on two elements. Firstly, it is proven from authentic Ahadith that from the time of Adam(ملى الله عليه و آله (عليه السلام) (Prophet's (عليه السلام) father), the Prophet's (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم), lineage were the best people. No one was better than his lineage in any generation. Secondly, it is proven from Ahadith that from the time of Adam (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم), there was no period in which at least some people of Fitra existed, who worshiped Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ), performed Salah for Him and thus, through their means and blessings, the Earth was preserved (from destruction). If it was not for them, the Earth and all above it, would have perished. Thus, the forefathers of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) were all monotheists and believers, and were the best of their generations.' (ii) Hadith scholar Abdul Razzaq wrote in al-Musannaf, from the chain of Ma'mar, from Ibn Juraij, from Ibn al-Mussaiyab that Ali ibn Abu Talib ( رضي الله ) said :"The Earth has continuously been occupied with at least seven Muslims or more. If this was not the case, the Earth and its inhabitants would have perished.'

The chain of the above narration is authentic (Sahih) according to the conditions set by Imam Bukhari and Imam Muslim, and though it is saying of Ali ( رضئ الله (رضئ الله عليه و آله ), we assume he must have heard it from the Prophet ( معالى عنه روسلم

(iii) Ibn al-Munzir has mentioned in his Exegesis with a sound chain, from Ibn Juraij in the commentary of the verse - إرَبَّ الْمَعْلَمُ الصَّلَاةِ وَمِن ذُرِيَّتِي َّرَبَّنَا وَتَقَبَّلْ دُعَاءِ - O' Allah! make me (Ibrahim - عليه السلام - one who establishes regular Prayer, and also (raise such) among my offspring, O our Lord! and accept Thou my Prayer.] (Ibrahim - 40); he said, 'there has remained from the offspring of Ibrahim (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) people on Fitra who have worshiped Allah (عَزَ وَجَلَّ وَجَلَّ ).

#### WHAT IS FITRA AND WHO ARE THE PEOPLE OF FITRA

Some scholars say that Prophet Mohammad's (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) parents and close ancestors are the people of Fitra (فطرة).

#### What is Fitra (فطرة)?

FITRA (فطرة) is an Arabic word which means 'natural disposition'. Human beings are born with an innate inclination towards **Tawheed** (Oneness of God), which is inbuilt in their fitra (nature); along with intelligence and all other attributes that are required to be human.

In the context of our discussion, the people of Fitra can be divided into following three major categories.

(i) The people, through their own natural disposition and enlightened insight, were able to deduce the oneness of Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ).

(ii) People who diverted from the religion of Ibrahim (عليه السلام) and began worshiping idols, like Makkan Pagans. Such people are destined for Hell Fire.

(iii) In view of lack of knowledge and disregard, some people refrained from accepting other beliefs and **remained firm on monotheism**. They did not indulge in polytheism or idol worship. These are the people who fall under the verse وَمَا كُنَّا Each We do not torment until We send a Prophet.] (Al-Isra - 15).

**Some scholars say that** Prophet's (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) parents belonged to the third category of Fitra. No prophet was sent to them from the time of Ismail (عليه السلام) up till the official announcement of Prophet-hood of Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم), nor did they perform any act associated with disbelief or polytheism. Therefore, their salvation is a certainty.

**Some other scholars say that** Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) resurrected Prophet's (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) parents (after their deaths) and they confirmed faith in him. This way they have been saved. This opinion is held by Ibn Shaahin, Abu Bakr al-Khatib al-Baghdadi, Sohaili, Qurtubi, Muhibb Tabri, Nasir al-Din Ibn al-Munzir, etc.

However, it is established in the light of Quran and Ahadith, that all ancestors of Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم), from Adam (عليه السلام) till Hadhrat Abdullah bin Abdul Mutallib (رضئ الله تعالى عنه), were either prophets or virtuous momineen and were best among their people. Therefore, they are the recipients of unlimited bounties in Hereafter. We consider is a grave sin even to discuss about their Iman or salvation.

#### **CORRECT UNDERSTANDING OF AHADITH**

**It is in Hadith -** Narrated Anas (رضئ الله تعالى عنه) that a man said : " O' Apostle of Allah (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم), where is my father? He said : "In Hell". When he turned away, he called him back and said : "My father and your father are in Hell (أبي و أأبوك في النار). (**Muslim**)

Salafis, Deobandis and their likeminded groups mislead Muslims by citing the above Hadith. If you take literal meanings of the Hadith, you will have to deny many authentic Ahadith and Quranic verses mentioned above. We have proved, in the light of Quran and Ahadith that the word (أبعي) is used in Arabic for both father and the brother of the father. In the above Hadith, the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) is consoling the person that the person's father and the Prophet's (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) uncle, both are in Hell.

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In the above verse, the sons of Yaqoub (عليه السلام) are referring to, **both Ishaq (عليه السلام) and Ismail (عليه السلام)**, as their fathers (آبَائِكَ). Ishaq (عليه السلام) is the brother of Ishaq (عليه السلام). Thus, it is proved that the word (أبي) is used in Quran for both biological father, and brother of father.

It is in Hadith - Abu Huraira (رضئ الله تعالى عنه) narrated that the Apostle of Allah (رضلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) said, 'I sought permission to beg forgiveness for my mother, but it was not granted (since there was no need for it as she is the pious mother of the Prophet ﷺ, already under Allah's protection and mercy). (Then) I sought permission to visit her grave which was granted (encouragingly). (Muslim, Bk 11, Hadith # 134))

Salafis/Deobandis and their likeminded groups cite the above Hadith to claim that Ma'azallah, Astaghfirullah, Prophet's (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) mother is in Hell.

Read the following Quranic verse to understand the correct meaning of this Hadith.

It is in Quran - وَلَا تُصَلِّ عَلَىٰ أَحَدٍ مِنْهُم مَّاتَ أَبَدًا وَلَا تَقُمْ عَلَىٰ قَبْرِهِ <sup>ط</sup>َإِنَّهُمْ كَفَرُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَمَاتُوا آَبَدًا وَلَا تَقُمْ عَلَىٰ قَبْرِهِ <sup>ط</sup>َإِنَّهُمْ كَفَرُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَمَاتُوا آَبَدًا وَلَا تُقُمْ فَاسِقُون (Ind never, (O' Prophet - صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم - pray (funeral prayer) for anyone of them that dies, nor stand at his Grave. Certainly they disbelieved in Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) and His Apostle (على الله عليه و آله وسلم) and died in a state of rebellion'. (at-Tauba - 84).

The above Quranic verse is clearly commanding the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) never to pray funeral prayer or stand by the grave of disbelievers.

Thus, the correct understanding of the above Hadith is, when Prophet ( مسلى الله عليه و آله ) wanted to ask for forgiveness for his mother, Allah (عَرَّ وَجَلَ) does not grant it because she is the virtuous mother of the seal of Prophet-hood, and one among the best of women among human beings, who has been rewarded plentiful bounties in Hereafter. Therefore, there is no need to ask for her forgiveness. Forgiveness is requested for a sinner whose salvation is under scrutiny.

As far as the permission to visit her grave is concerned, this is granted to the Prophet ( صلى الله عليه ) because visiting the graves of Prophets, Sahabah and Muslimeen is a virtuous deed in Islam.

From the above Hadith and Quranic verse, two issues are understood, as follows:

(i) We should not visit the graves of non-believers.

(ii) And when we visit the graves of Sahabah, Imams, or Awliya Allah, we should not pray for their forgiveness or salvation because they are the favorites of Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ). Rather, we should request them to pray for our forgiveness and salvation.

It is in Hadith - Related by al-Hakim in Mustadrak from Ibn Mas`ud ( رضئ الله ) and graded authentic, that a young man of the Ansar who asked a lot of questions, once asked the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم), "Are your parents in the Fire?" To which the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) answered, "My Lord promised to give me what I ask concerning them, and on that day I shall stand at the Praiseworthy Station (of chief intercessor)." (Hakim)

It is in Quran - وَلَسَوْفَ يُعْطِيكَ رَبُّكَ فَتَرْضَى [And your Lord shall give you so that you will be pleased".] (Ad-Duha - 5)

The meaning of al-Hakim's narration is Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) will reward uncountable bounties to the parents of Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) on the Day of Judgment. There is no doubt in it. And this is what the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) is emphasizing in the above Hadith.