

### A comparison between the Beliefs of the Mahdawiyyah and the Muslims

1. Sayyid Muhammad Jonpuri claimed to be the promised Mahdi in the year 905 A.H. and died in the year 910 A.H. It is the belief of the Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah that a person from the family of Rasulullaah SAW. will be the Mahdi and he will be recognised by several signs that have been mentioned in the Ahadeeth. Since none of these signs of recognition apply to the stated person, his claim to be Mahdi will be regarded as false. (Hadiyyatul Mahdawiyyah Pg. 16)
2. They believe that it is Fardh (obligatory) to believe that Sayyid Muhammad Jonpuri was the Mahdi, failing which a person will be a Kaafir. They therefore believe that everyone claiming to be a Muslim after 905 A.H. whether in the east or west, north or south are all Kuffaar because they refute this - it is only the Mahdawiyyah who are Muslims. The Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah believe that since the man in question (Sayyid Muhammad Jonpuri) showed none of the signs of the true Mahdi, accepting him to be the Mahdi will entail rejecting the true Mahdi, which is Haraam. It is therefore necessary to refute his claim to be Mahdi because doing so will secure salvation and rewards. (Hadiyyatul Mahdawiyyah Pg .17)
3. They believe that although their Sheikh (Muhammad Jonpuri) is from the Ummah of Rasulullaah SAW. he is the best of them, even better than Hadhrat Abu Bakr RADI. Hadhrat Umar RADI. Hadhrat Uthmaan RADI. and Hadhrat Ali RADI. it is the belief of the Ahlus Sunnah that after the Ambiyaa Alayhissalaam. there is none better than these four men, either from amongst the Ummah of Rasulullaah SAW. or from amongst any of the other Ummahs . (Hadiyyatul Mahdawiyyah Pg 17)
4. They believe that apart from Rasulullaah SAW. Sayyid Muhammad Jonpuri is better than Hadhrat Ibraheem Alayhissalaam. Hadhrat Moosa Alayhissalaam. Hadhrat Nooh Alayhissalaam. and all the other Ambiyaa Alayhissalaam. as well. The Ahlus Sunnah however believe that none can be better than the Ambiyaa Alayhissalaam. even though he may be from amongst the Aqtaab, Abdaal, A'immah or Sahabah RADI. The Ambiyaa Alayhissalaam. are the best of all creation. (Hadiyyatul Mahdawiyyah Pg 17)
5. They believe that although Sayyid Muhammad Jonpuri was a perfect follower of Rasulullaah SAW. his status is exactly the same as that of Rasulullaah SAW. neither being any higher or

lesser in status. The Ahlus Sunnah believe that, let alone any member of the Ummah, not even any Nabi SAW. or exalted angel can ever compare with the status of Rasulullaah SAW. None can ever be equal to him in status in this world and his rank in the Aakhirah will also be such that no other creation will share the same. (Hadiyyatul Mahdawiyyah Pg. 17)

6. They believe that every commentary of the Qur'aan and every Hadith, whether authentic or not, will be deemed acceptable only when it corresponds to what Muhammad Jonpuri said or did. Otherwise, it will be deemed incorrect. The Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah believe the opposite, meaning that when a Muslim finds his words and deeds contrary to the commentaries of the Qur'aan and the Ahadeeth, he ought to repent and stop what he is doing to start conforming to the Qur'aan, the Ahadeeth and the ways of the Sahabah RADI. It is in fact for this reason that they are referred to as the Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah (people who follow the ways of Rasulullaah SAW. and the Sahabah RADI. Hadiyyatul Mahdawiyyah pg. 17,18)

7. They believe that only Sayyid Muhammad Jonpuri and Rasulullaah SAW. were perfect Muslims and that all others like Hadhrat Ibraheem Alayhissalaam. Hadhrat Moosa Alayhissalaam. Hadhrat Nooh Alayhissalaam. and other Ambiyaa Alayhissalaam. were all imperfect Muslims, half Muslims or even less. In his Panj Fadhaa'il, he says that Hadhrat Aadam Alayhissalaam. was Muslim from just below his nose to the top of his head. He continues to say that Hadhrat Nooh Alayhissalaam. was Muslim from below his throat to the top of his head, that Hadhrat Ibraheem Alayhissalaam. and Hadhrat Moosa Alayhissalaam. were Muslims from below their chests to the top of their heads and that Hadhrat Isa Alayhissalaam. was Muslim from below his navel to the top of his head. He says that while Hadhrat Isa Alayhissalaam. was half a Muslim, he will be a complete Muslim only when he returns to this world.

The Ahlus Sunnah however believe that the status of being a Muslim is lesser than that of being a Nabi. There is therefore no question of any Nabi Alayhissalaam. being an incomplete Muslim. Every Nabi Alayhissalaam. was a perfect Muslim with perfect Imaan. (Hadiyyatul Mahdawiyyah Pg 19)

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