

## No differentiation among Prophets and Kalima : A contradiction?

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Q: An indian brother said -"Khursheed imam, i challenge you to prove to me that when Quran 3:84 tells muslims not to differentiate among messengers then why does creed or kalima mentions only prophet Muhammad and not other prophets?"

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Ans: dear brother: you posed question that when Quran 3:84 talks about "not to differentiate among messengers then why muslims take name of Prophet Muhammad ONLY in sahadah".

I really do not understand how come taking name of a prophet PROVES that other prophets are not being equally honored / respected?

1. Quran gives clear cut guidance that all prophets and all revelations from God are to be equally respected and honored. A believer should NOT make distinction among messengers and revelations. Refer Quran 2:136; 2:285; 3:84; 4:152

For example - these statements are AGAINST the spirit of Islam:

- a. Prophet Muhammad was superior to Prophet Jesus
- b. Prophet Yunus was inferior to other Prophets.
- c. Quran is superior to Torah, Injeel etc.

2. Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) is the last messenger of God. Quran - the final revelation was revealed to him so he becomes more relevant - it does not mean that others were less respectable or less honored or inferior.

- For community of Prophet Jesus - he was more relevant than other prophets; because people will take guidance from him. It never means that other prophets will be less honored or inferior.

- For community of Prophet Noah- he was more relevant than other prophets; because people will take guidance from him. It never means that other prophets will be less honored or inferior.

- For community of Prophet Moses- he was more relevant than other prophets; because people will take guidance from him. It never means that other prophets will be less honored or inferior.

Similarly in case of community of Prophet Muhammad (He is the last prophet) - he is more relevant than other prophets.

3. Its just that he is THE LAST prophet; so in many matters we have to seek guidance from his life as many details from his life is preserved in the book of ahadees. For example - We do not have details of way of praying, fasting, doing hajj etc as done or taught by Prophet Abraham, Prophet Moses, Prophet Jesus etc. When the original revelation of God - that was revealed to these prophets - is not in its 100% pure and uncorrupted form today then there is no question of "words of other prophets" being preserved and available to us.

It is only in case of Prophet Muhammad that we know his teachings, his practice, his instructions etc preserved in the form of book of hadees. We refer to these hadees to know details of method and details of praying, fasting etc. Hence relevance of Prophet Muhammad TODAY become more than other prophets.

4. Kalima or creed - is not to be found in Quran AS a one single statement. Two statements SEPARATELY are found in Quran. For example:

- La illah ha illal Allah (There is none worthy to be worshiped except THE GOD)-Quran 47:19
- Mohamedar Rasul ul Allah (Prophet Muhammad - peace be upon him - is the messenger of God) - Quran 48:29.

Creed or kalima was later on used by scholars. Creed is one line simple statement to understand islam. Nothing wrong in it.

Why creed mentions prophet MUHAMMAD only? because:

- a. As explained earlier now - so many things will be taken from the life of Prophet Muhammad because his teachings is surviving to far more extent compared to other prophets.
- b. Quran was revealed to him and today Quran is the ONLY uncorrupted divine revelation.
- c. To make clear to the people, the status of prophet Muhammad. Earlier people had exaggerated / demeaned status of some of Prophets. For example- Christians made their prophet as GOD - they exaggerated status of their prophet; Hindus made their holy men as god, goddess and invented many mythological stories - they lost their prophet in mythological stories. Read this for details: <http://khurshidimam.blogspot.in/2013/05/lost-prophets-of-hinduism-and-india.html>

Kalima of islam is making clear that Prophet Muhammad is neither God, nor any part of God rather he is just a MESSENGER / Prophet.

Otherwise - as rightly pointed out by you - a believer should NOT make DISTINCTION among prophets and revelations of God.