

Was Khidr a Prophet?

No clear proof

وَمَا فَعَلْتُهُ عَنْ أَمْرِي ۖ

And I did it not of my own accord. [18:22]

Many scholars considered him to be a Prophet; others said he was a Wali

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Ibn Taymiyyah:

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"I was with the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) and Abu Bakr and 'Umar came up (in discussion), so the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: 'These two are the masters of the elder people among the inhabitants of Paradise. From the first ones and the last ones, not including the Prophets and the Messengers. But do not inform them O 'Ali.'" [Tirmidhi 3665]

كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ

You are the best nation produced [as an example] for mankind. [3:110]

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V important point – however much knowledge you gain, it is still only a small amount

Status of man / his portion of knowledge

Only obtains this from Allaah:

وَعَلَّمَكَ مَا لَمْ تَكُنْ تَعْلَمُ ۚ وَكَانَ فَضْلُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكَ عَظِيمًا

And He has taught you that which you did not know. And ever has the favor of Allāh upon you been great. [4:113]

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Explanation

Abdullah ibn Mas`ud narrated

Between old ruined houses

Stalk – reclining on it

Jews were passing by – considering asking the Prophet (ﷺ) about ‘the Ruh’

Could refer to: human soul OR Jibreel OR Qur'an

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نَزَلَ بِهِ الرُّوحُ الْأَمِينُ

The Trustworthy Spirit [i.e., Gabriel] has brought it down [26:193]

وَكَذَلِكَ أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ رُوحًا مِّنْ أَمْرِنَا ؕ

And thus We have revealed to you an inspiration of Our command [i.e., the Qur'ān]. [42:52]

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Most likely – about the human soul

Created thing

Described in the Qur'an and Sunnah

Within man and keeps him alive; (when it leave him, he dies)

(unaware of it and how it is)

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Don't ask...

If he answered in detail (-> not a Prophet)

If he referred it to Allaah (-> a Prophet)

(were afraid that he would do the second)

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Ended up asking

Didn't answer – wahy

The companion stood between the Prophet (ﷺ) and the Jews

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Entrusted issue to Allaah

أَمْرٍ رَبِّي

(masdar muDaaf ilAllaah)

Sifah

or

Its effect

i.e. referring in this context to Allah creating the soul


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Point Bukhari was making

Khidr – example of the bird (?)



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Appropriate to do this – if issue is complex and people may misunderstand (beginners / general people)

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From `Ali:

You should preach to the people according to their level – do you want that people belie Allah and His Messenger ﷺ

Address people in stages...

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Mu`aadh ibn Jabal

Ride on a donkey with the Prophet (ﷺ)

His humility

- means of transport
- with his companions

‘Ardaaf un Nabi’

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Labbaik wa Sa`daik – here I am at your service

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(highlights importance of the matter)

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‘sidqan min qalbihi’

heart should concord with what he is saying

Laa ilaaha illAllaah – worship only directed to Allaah

Muhammadar-Rasulullaah – Prophet (ﷺ) is the one whose example should be followed

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Sidq – sincere and implement following the Prophet

Conditions for the shahaadatain (7):

Knowledge

Certainty

Sidq

Ikhlas

Love

Yielding/obeying

tark (leaving off)

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Explanation

Just saying it – no benefit

Munafiqoon

إِذَا جَاءَكَ الْمُنَافِقُونَ قَالُوا نَشْهَدُ إِنَّكَ لَرَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷻ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ إِنَّكَ لَرَسُولُهُ وَاللَّهُ يَشْهَدُ إِنَّ الْمُنَافِقِينَ لَكَاذِبُونَ

When the hypocrites come to you, [O Muḥammad], they say, "We testify that you are the Messenger of Allāh." And Allāh knows that you are His Messenger, and Allāh testifies that the hypocrites are liars. [63:1]

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Forbidden from the Fire:

- won't enter the Fire
- won't stay forever (sinful)

‘Allaah will remove from the Fire on the Day of Judgement whoever said ‘Laa ilaha illAllaah’ and his heart contains the smallest grain of faith’

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Inform the people – good news?

Spreading good news is from the Sunnah

They will come to rely on this. Stop doing good actions.

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Specified Mu`aadh with this knowledge 'don't inform them'

Point of proof

People may misunderstand

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Didn't mention it until the end of his life

Importance of this point; understand the importance of still acting.

