RIGHT TO INFORMATION AGAINST THE EXAGGERATION AND IRRATIONAL ARGUMENTS IN ISLAMIC HISTORY: THE CASE OF THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD

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Abstract- Islam as a religion believed in true fact. Under the Islam, to know its reality, Priority and deeper knowledges, we are depending on its area of knowledge that's known to 'Islamic History' and came after the Islam as with the born of Prophet Muhammad. By the time, his life circumstances written by the historians like as Ibn Ishak, Ibn Sad, Tabari and so many Orientalists. But Some narration about the prophet Muhammad includes with exaggerate information which is not belongs with the prophet's life. The one is some special incidents as the emergence of a different star in the Syria region, shake of earth quacks in so many region and collapse of some palaces in Iraq and India like as occurred in the earth as the time of Muhammad's born. Another claim of the Christian writers and also narrated some Muslim historians that the source of 'revelation' is not divine. Its view proves that Muhammad shaped his teaching being influenced by other religions and clergy. They have evaluated many arguments to be able to prove their views. One of them is the monk Bahira incident. Some claimed that Muhammad had learned the principles of the Islamic Religion from Bahira and also some even claimed that the Qur'an was printed by Bahira. We know that these claims are not new. It was pronounced in various forms throughout the medieval period. In this study, will be try to give an overview of these irrational questions against the orientalist allegations and will be assess of all these effects and to determine on positive or benign influences.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The formation of Islamic history started with the preaching of the Quran and the treatment of hadithsas well as the writing of various Islamic sciences. Indeed Muslims,not only being the first founders of history, but also the leaders of historiography from the perspective ofIslamic History, civilization history and history of religious views.From another side, it plays an important role to create a place for his own captivity from the Quran and Hadith.Provably, the study of history and obtaining lessons from it are essential for the success of mankind in this world and the hereafter. The events which are remained in the past should be learnt to us. Among the nations of the world, Muslim nations deal with noble performance from their other offshoots. By separating from the general history, it contains its individuality with the attested information. The very few Muslims that do have some inclination towards their glorious past tend to depend on Islamic histories written in English in a distorted form by the rivals and opponents of Islam and the Muslims. Instead, Muslims should rely on the praiseworthy endeavours of thousands of Muslim historians such as Ibn Kathir, Ibn Hisham, Ibn Al-Athir, Tabari, Masudi and so on. Books of Islamic historypaint a portrait of the fascinating glory of the past Muslim era. Islamic history needs a deep study as the lessons derived from it will be of great benefit to individuals and societies.Sometimes it deals with the pre-events as from Adam to Muhammad and post-Muhammadan period.By the time, it had been written by different writers in different languages. But some issues in this content, does not proveits reality and coincidence. When the narrations of Islamic history being narrated by different historiansas they followed their way by the exaggeration of real phenomenon.
The discussion made inthis article with the criticism and evaluation of some information as the Islamic historians and the Orientalists had delivered in their books or speeches. These two parts of Islamic History discussed in the following are – 1. Some extraordinaryevents that had been occurred in the time of prophet Muhammad's birth 2. Monk Bahira and prophet Muhammad.

II. THE BIRTH TIME AND THE EXTRAORDINARY EVENTS

A)Extraordinary Events:

Our beloved Prophet had come to an extraordinary night as the claim of historians that some of events that had been occurred in that night. But extraordinary(Muziza) thingsfor theMuhammad was the Quran and in the Quran two special events had been narrated like as the ascension (Miraj) and the moons division. Outside of these events, we cannot say that following things can bean extraordinary incident. Therefore, Islamic historiansnarrated inclusivelyin their books such as not sufferings by prophet's mother any pain during his birth,illuminating the world between the east and the west, the Iranian palacesKisrahad shaken and fourteen pillars had been destroyed, the thousand burning fires of the Magicians (fire worshipers) flared up, all stars came into one way,a seal of prophethood on the back side of his body had seen, moons congratulation to Muhammad,thesculptureswere overthrown in Kaaba yard, the angels protected him from the gins; animals, stones and the trees had been

congratulating to Muhammad in the time of giving birth and informed the news among the themselves, earthquakes intensity in different region and more events as like as had beenoccurred [1]. itnessed as follows:"I was 8 years old and a Jew in the streets of Medina charming to the people, " O Jews! Be informed. Ahmed's star was born tonight.Another Jew came as far as Makkah and asked to the people that a child was born and he was a son of Abdullah. Prophethood has gone from the Children of Israel"[2]."What is the reality of this source? This description is not true (Sahih) because who saw this charming of Jews?

B) Evaluation of These Events:

We have not found extra information (Sahih)from the Hadiths that to be a strongest evidence of these events. But more strong side of these event as we can have found easily from the Islamic history references. Although these referenceshave prosecuted and based on the Quran and Hadith.We cannot refusedirectlythe authenticity of these extraordinary events, but may be these are giving metaphorical meaning to be understood andidentified. Overthrowing of sculptures from the Ka'ba and destroying of fourteen pillarsfrom the Kisrapalace in Iran region, a metaphor meaning that polytheists time being completed and Islam knocking the door of polytheists. Pre-Islam black times or the 'age of ignorance' came to the end.Iran's conquer in the time of Caliph Omar and palaces would be conquered under the Omar regime, mostly this figurative expression used as caution for polytheists and Christians, who were not aware about the Islam.

His (Muhammad) mother Aminahas not seen any suffering during his birth. She has seen a light coming out to him that illuminating the world between the east and the west. The Prophet was clearly born, bearing his hands on the ground, and lifted his head to the sky[3].This means preaching of Islam and its conquer would be held by the Muslims in nearest future as said in the Quran "And say, Truth has come, and falsehood has departed. Indeed, is falsehood, (by nature), ever bound to depart." (Surah Isra:81)and 'bearing his hands on the ground, and lifted his head to the sky' totally a baseless description from the historians and have not come any scientific decision or discussion about this. Famous historian Imam Zahabi'A seal of (Muhammad's) prophethood on the back side of his body had seen'narrated in his 'Islamic History'. But this can be a black spot in his body. Today also we have seen this in our body. So, we cannot accept it but it can be his thoughtful subjects.

III. MONK BAHIRA AND MUHAMMAD

A) General History

In order to implant the forgery of copying, the writers are inculcating the story of Prophet's meet with the Christian priest, Bahira. Prophet Muhammad had met with him, really? Before this discussion, we want to describe the common history as took place in different history books.

When Muhammad, according to Ibn Ishaq, was 9, Ibn kathir and Tabari for 10 and Ibn Sad for 12 and also the Orientalists says it had been occurred when he was in seventeenwent to Syria. For very many years a monk named 'Bahira' had been engaged in worship in his particular monastery situated at Busra. He possessed very deep knowledge of the Christian faith and was held in much respect by the Christians of that area. At times, the trade caravans broke their journey at that place and the members of the caravans visited him to seek blessings. Fortunately, Bahira happened to meet the trade caravan of Quraysh. His eyes fell on the nephew of Abu Talib who attracted his attention. His mysterious and deep look indicated the secret which was hidden in his heart. He stared on for a few moments and then suddenly broke the silence and asked "To whom is this boy related from amongst you?" Some of those present looked towards his uncle. Abu Talib said, "He is my nephew". Then Bahira said, "This boy has a brilliant future. He is the same promised Prophet whose universal prophethood, conquests and rule have been foretold in the previous Heavenly Books and the signs which I have read in the Books apply to him. He is the same Prophet, about whose name and about the name of whose father and regarding whose family, I have read in the religious books, and I know from where he is to rise and in what manner his religion will spread in the world. However, you must keep him hidden from the eyes of the Jews, for, if they learn about him, they will kill him"[4].

B)Evaluation of Prophet Muhammad-Bahira Incidents

In this study we shall point out the mistakes and occasionally the lies and unjust calumnies of the orientalists so that the basis of their information may become known and it may also become clear to what an extent they try intentionally to confuse the minds of the credulous people and whythe Orientalist has exercised with this event after a many century passed? To prove the Prophet's link with Bahira and learned own sublime teachings from him? On the other hand,why Muslim Historians has narrated same incidents year by year? It goes without saying that the above view is nothing more than mere fantasy and does not at all conform with the events of the life of the Prophet. It is also not supported but stands rejected by the scientific and normal standards. Here are some proofs that would be shown to prove that this incident was not occurred in reality.

1. As Christian monk Bahira said that,Jews will kill him. Ok, but the Jews also lived that time in Makkah and Medina. Why they did not attack over on Muhammad when he crossed the Medina if they would be known to Muhammad as Bahira claims.

This is not a true point also from this perspective, at a time Christians also lived in this region.

2. Bahira advised that,Muhammad should be taken back to Makkah at once, if the Jews found out about Muhammad they would try to kill him. Abu Talib took the advice of this wise old monk and sent Muhammad back with some of the guides. Here some historians narrated that,Muhammad returned in Makkah with the Bilal. But Bilal did not bear in that time. IfBilal was really born before the incident, he had not known with the Abu Bakar or Abu Talib[5].

3.Bahira said that, he had seen the stones and the trees prostrating to Muhammad as he was walking by. They only do this for a prophet of Allah. He looked at the Muhammad's back and noticed the seal of the prophets, which was an oval shape protruding just below Muhammad's shoulder blades [6]. Overshadowing and prostratingof treesto the Prophet another meaningless information being described and Bahira became acquainted with the prophet by seeing this incident. At a time how can it possible to give the shadow and also prostrate to prophet?

4.If the nephew of Abu Talib had received instruction from the monk the matter would certainly have gained publicity among the Quraysh and all would have spoken about it on their return. Moreover, even the Holy Prophet himself would not have been able to claim before his people that he was illiterate and had not pursued any studies. "And thus, we have revealed to you an inspiration of Our command. You did not know what is the Book or what is faith, but We have made it a light by which We guide whom We will of Our servants. And indeed, O Muhammad, you guide to a straight path" (Surah Ash-Shuraa:53)and "And you were not expecting that the Book would be conveyed to you, but [it is] a mercy from your Lord. So, do not be an assistant to the disbelievers" (Surah Qasas:86) So, we have not seen any coincidence with Quran verses.

5. A Predicator examined Muhammad's hand and declared that he will be a prophet. Is Islam promoting this or to be an ambassador of Allah, is the easy way and enoughby seeing the hands where not needed to go to the Hira mount.

6.If the monk stationed on the route to Syria possessed so extensive theoretical and religious knowledge that he could provide it to a Prophet like Muhammadwhy did he not acquire any fame himself? And why did he not give instruction to anyone other than Muhammad, when he was always visited by the people at large?

CONCLUSION

At the end of this study, we can reach in a fruitful decision that, these events in Islamic Historyhave been recorded without any strong evidence (Sahih) that accepted method create a problem. Exaggerating of information is one of the problem from the historian side without any examined of description as like from before it was (or may cause environmental problem in that time)but someone's descriptiondifferent in this case. But in the age 21th century, by the scientific research method, true facts are emerged by the following of their way. So, these two parts had been exaggerated for the scarcity of strong evidence. Bahira named person also not lived in the world as this was a human created rumour as claims today.

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