

What is meant by Second Manifestation?

Hadhrat Messiah Maud عليه السلام writes in “Rasala Al-Wasiyyat” (The Will) that was written in December 1905;

“Thus He manifests two kinds of Power. (1) First He shows the Hand of His Power at the hands of His Prophets themselves. (2) Second, when with the death of a Prophet, difficulties and problems arise and the enemy feels stronger and thinks that things are in disarray and is convinced that now this Jama‘at will become extinct and even members of the Jama‘at, too, are in a quandary and their backs are broken, and some of the unfortunate ones choose paths that lead to apostasy, then it is that God for the second time shows His Mighty Power and supports and takes care of the shaken Jama‘at. Thus one who remains steadfast till the end witnesses this miracle of God. This is what happened at the time of Hadrat Abu Bakr Siddiq[ؓ], when the demise of the Holy Prophet^ﷺ was considered untimely and many an ignorant Bedouin turned apostate. The companions of the Holy Prophet^ﷺ, too, stricken with grief, became like those who lose their senses. Then Allah raised Abu Bakr Siddiq[ؓ] and showed for the second time the manifestation of His Power and saved Islam, just when it was about to fall, and fulfilled the promise which was spelled out in the verse: *وَكَيْمَكُنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَى لَهُمْ وَلِيُبَدِّلَنَّهُم مِّن بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا*, that is, after the fear We shall firmly re-establish them

So dear friends! since it is the Sunnatullah, from time immemorial, that God Almighty shows two Manifestations so that the two false joys of the opponents be put to an end, it is not possible now that God should relinquish His Sunnah of old. So do not grieve over what I have said to you; nor should your hearts be distressed. For it is essential for you to witness the second Manifestation also, and its Coming is better for you because it is everlasting the continuity of which will not end till the Day of Judgment. And that second Manifestation cannot come unless I depart. But when I depart, God will send that second Manifestation for you which shall always stay with you.....” (Ruhani Khazain, Volume. 20, page 304-305)

Now the question is that, what Hadhur[ؑ] was meant by Second Manifestation? In accordance with Hadhrat Messiah Maud[ؑ] revelations and his own words, the first implication was Ghulam-e-Messihuzaman. He also gave him the name of Musleh Maud (Promised Reformer). After this, his implication of Second Manifestation was those people who after his demise were to be selected at the consensus of minimum of forty or more believers. For further elucidation, I write another quotation from the same book. He[ؑ] Says;

“Let the righteous persons of the Jama‘at who have pure souls accept Bai‘at in my name^a. God Almighty desires to draw all those who live in various habitations of the world, be it Europe or Asia, and who have

virtuous nature, to the Unity of God and unite His servants under one Faith. This indeed is the purpose of God for which I have been sent to the world. You, too, therefore should pursue this end, but with kindness, moral probity and fervent prayers. **And till that time when someone inspired by God with the Holy Spirit is raised by Him, all of you should work in harmony with one another.**" (Ruhani Khazain Volume 20, page 306-307)

(a) "Such persons will be selected by consensus of the believers. Hence if forty believers agree that a person is competent to accept Bai'at in my name, he will be entitled to accept Bai'at. And such a person ought to make himself an example for others. God has informed me: "I shall raise for thy Jama'at one from thy progeny and shall honour him with My revelation and nearness. Truth will flourish through him and a large number of people accept him." So wait for those days. **And you should remember that one is recognized only when one's time comes. And it is possible that before such a time one may appear to be an ordinary person; or because of some deceptive thoughts, one may even be regarded as objectionable; just as one who is destined to be perfect, is at one time, only a drop of semen or clot of blood in the womb.**"

In these words Hadhur^{ur} elucidated that after me some people will be elected and these are care takers and run administrative affairs until that time when someone inspired by God with the Holy Spirit is not raised. And when someone inspired by God with Holy Spirit is raised then Jama'at will have to obey him. One year before this, in November 1904 Hadhur^{ur} wrote a lecture by the name of Islam. In this Lecture Sialkot, he also mentioned Second Manifestation from one another perspective. He^{ur} says; "The seventh millennium in which we live is that of light and guidance. Since it is the last millennium, it was inevitable that the Imam of the latter days should be born at the turn of this millennium. **After him, there is no Imam and no Messiah except the one who comes in his image**, for in this millennium the world comes to an end as all the Prophets have testified. This Imam, whom God has designated as the Promised Messiah, is the Mujaddid [Reformer] of this century as well as of the last millennium." (Ruhani Khazain Volume 20, page 208)

In this quotation also Hadhur^{ur} says that after me there will be Imams and Messiah on my image. Imams and Caliphs are signified those people who will be elected by people after Hadhur^{ur} but Messiah will not be elected. He will be raised with Holy Sprit. And it is that Messiah whose revealed name is Ghulam-e-Messihuzaman. **From a long time people of Jama'at are being mentally trained that Khalifa (Caliph) is appointed by God. Now the question is whether Khalifa is appointed by God or he is voted? If voted Khalifa is appointed by God then what Hadhur^{ur} is meant by "And till that time when someone inspired by God with the Holy Spirit is raised by Him, all of you should work in harmony with one another?"** The fact of the matter is that in Jama'at Ahmadiyya Imam or Khalifa is voted and after Hadhrat Messiah Maud^{ur} there is only one person whom God will appoint Khalifa, and he is Ghulam-e-Messihuzaman. Yes, in common parlance as people choose their leader and that leader is conceived as elected by God.

Similarly in Jama'at Ahmadiyya people also choose Imam or Khalifa and in common parlance we can say that this selection is taken place according to the Divine consent.

Now from a long time paid moulvies of Nizam-e-Jamma'at by preaching "Khalifa is appointed by God" has put in the minds of the people that Khalifa is appointed by God, although he is voted. And he who had to be chosen by God that is Ghulam-e-Messihuzaman has been removed from canvas or scene. The truthful thing was that people should be given this teaching that after Hadhrat Messiah Maud'Imams and Khulfas (Caliphs) are voted and Ghulam-e-Messihuzaman i.e Promised reformer will be raised with the Holy Sprit and Allah the most High will appoint him Khalifa on the precept of Nabuwat. Now what could be the biggest cruelty and crime than this that he whom God had to appoint Khalifa, has been removed from the scene and according to Hadhrat Messiah Maud', those who had to be voted about them it was set in the minds of the people that they are appointed by God?

وَمَكْرُوا وَمَكَرَ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ خَيْرُ الْمَاكِرِينَ (سورة آل عمران: ٥٥)

"And they planned and Allah also planned, Allah is the best of planners."

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