

They are filled with divine awe and majesty, and, through the perfect providence of God, the very face of God is visible in them. His prophecies are not like those of astrologers, rather they contain the hallmarks of dearness and acceptance and they are replete with divine support and help. Some prophecies relate to his own self, some to his children, some to his friends, some to his foes, some to the world in general, and some to his wives and relatives. Such matters are disclosed to him as are not disclosed to others, and the doors to the unseen, that are not open to others, are opened to his prophecies. God's Word descends upon him in the same manner as it descends upon God's holy Prophets and Messengers, and it is unequivocal and free from conjecture. The tongue of such a person is so blessed that the words that flow from it cannot be matched by anyone in the world both in their abundance and spiritual significance. His eye is given visionary power with which he can see the most hidden of matters. Oftentimes, written texts are presented before his eyes. He meets the dead like the living. Oftentimes, things that are thousands of miles away appear before his eyes as if they were lying under his feet.

Similarly, his ears are given the ability to hear concealed things. Often, he hears the voice of angels and derives solace from their voice in times of anguish. The greatest wonder is that even the voice of minerals, plants, and animals reaches him on certain occasions [as has been said]:

فلسفی کو منکر حاتمہ است از حواسِ انبیاء بیگانه است

The philosopher who denies the event of Ḥannānah¹

Is totally unaware of the extraordinary senses of the Prophets.

Similarly, his nose is granted the capability to smell fragrance from the unseen. Oftentimes, he can smell joyful tidings and detect the

1. It is narrated that the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to lean against Ḥannānah—a tree trunk—and when the pulpit was built for the Holy Prophet^{sa}, Ḥannānah expressed its sorrow, which the Holy Prophet^{sa} perceived. [Publisher]

odour of the abominable. Likewise, his heart is granted sagacity and many things that he perceives turn out to be correct. Likewise, Satan is rendered incapable of influencing him because Satan has no share left in him. Because of his being completely lost in God, his tongue is the tongue of God at all times and his hand is the hand of God. Even if he does not receive revelation specifically, whatever flows from his tongue is not from him but is from God. This is because his carnal self is totally consumed, and death having overtaken his lower self, a new and pure life, upon which divine light is constantly reflected, is granted to him.

Similarly, his forehead is granted a light that is not granted to anyone except the lovers of God. On some special occasions this light shines so brightly that even a disbeliever can perceive it. This happens particularly when such people, while being persecuted, turn to God to seek His help. Thus, that moment of advancement towards God is a special moment for them and the divine light manifests itself in their forehead.

Similarly, their hands, their feet, and their entire body are granted a blessing, as a result of which even the garment they wear becomes blessed. Oftentimes, their touching or placing a hand on someone causes the eradication of that person's spiritual or physical maladies.

Similarly, the Lord of Honour and Glory bestows a blessing upon the houses wherein they dwell. Such a house remains safe from calamities, and the angels of God guard it.

Similarly, a blessing and distinction is granted to their town or village. Likewise, even the dust upon which they tread receives a share of that blessing.

In the same way, all desires of the people of this rank often assume the colour of prophecies. That is to say, when they feel a strong desire to eat or drink, or wear or to see something, that desire takes the form of a prophecy. Hence, prior to the actual attainment, when a compulsive desire to obtain something arises in their hearts, it becomes available.