

Appendix 12

Role of the Prophet Muhammad

The Prophet's sole mission was to deliver Quran, the whole Quran, and nothing but Quran (3:20; 5:48-50, 92, 99; 6:19; 13:40; 16:35, 82; 24:54; 29:18; 42:48; 64:12).

Delivering the Quran was such a momentous and noble mission that the Prophet did not have any time to do anything else. Moreover, the Prophet was enjoined in the strongest words from issuing any religious teachings besides the Quran (69:38-47). He was even enjoined from explaining the Quran (75:15-19)—God is the only teacher of the Quran (55:1-2) and the Quran is the best *Hadith* (39:23 & 45:6).

These Quranic facts are manifested in the historical reality that the words and actions (*Hadith & Sunna*) attributed to the Prophet did not appear until the second century after the his death. The Quran has prophesied the fabrication of *Hadith* and *Sunna* by the Prophet's enemies (6:112-115). The Quran teaches us that it was God's will to permit the invention of *Hadith* and *Sunna* to serve as criteria for exposing those who believe only with their lips, not in their hearts. Those who are attracted to *Hadith* and *Sunna* are proven to be false believers (6:113). Ironically, the books of *Hadith* report the Prophet's orders to write down nothing from him except the Quran! Shown below are two such *Hadiths* taken from the Hadithists' most reliable sources, Sahih Muslim and Is-haah Ahmad Ibn Hanbal:

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عَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ الْخُدْرِيِّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ : قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ : «لَا تَكْتُبُوا عَنِّي شَيْئًا سِوَى الْقُرْآنِ . مَنْ كَتَبَ شَيْئًا سِوَى الْقُرْآنِ فَلْيَمْحُهِ» (١) .

The Prophet said, "Do not write down anything from me except the Quran."

[Ahmed, Vol. 1, Page 171, and Sahih Muslim]

عَنْ عَبْدِ الْمُطَّلِبِ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ قَالَ : [دَخَلَ زَيْدُ بْنُ ثَابِتٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ عَلَى مُعَاوِيَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ ، فَحَدَّثَهُ حَدِيثًا ، فَأَمَرَ إِنْسَانًا أَنْ يَكْتُبَ ، فَقَالَ زَيْدٌ : إِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ نَهَى أَنْ نَكْتُبَ شَيْئًا مِنْ حَدِيثِهِ ، فَمَحَاهُ] .

This Hadith states that the Prophet maintained his anti-Hadith stand until death.

[Ahmed, Vol. 1, Page 192]
