



Summary of Speech of the Khalifatullah Hazrat Munir A. Azim (atba)

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(About the celebration of Miraj)

After greeting everybody with the Salutation of Peace in Islam, the Messenger of Allah (atba) read the Tashahhud, Taouz and thereafter he said:

The Khalifatullah (atba) expounded on the fact that it is regrettable that the Muslim Ummah is blinded to the true experience of the Miraj which Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) underwent years ago. The *Miraj* (spiritual ascension) was made in a vision, in semi-consciousness and semi-sleep. The Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was laying on his bed when this state of *Kashaf* (vision) overtook the soul of Muhammad (pbuh) and not the actual physical body of Muhammad (pbuh).

He quoted these important Quranic verses which are proofs enough of the impossibility of a physical voyage made by the Holy Prophet of Islam (pbuh):

“And they say: We will by no means believe in you until you cause a fountain to gush forth from the earth for us...**or you should ascend into heaven, and we will not believe in your ascending until you bring down to us a book which we may read.** Say: Glory be to my Lord; **am I aught but a human, a messenger?**” (17:91-94)

“**Allah takes away the souls of human beings at the time of their death; and during their sleep of those (also) that are not (yet) dead.** And then He retains those against which He has decreed death, and sends (back) the others till an appointed term. In that surely are Signs for a people who reflect.” (39:43)

“Say (to them O Prophet): **I am only a human being like yourselves.**” (41:7)

And then the Khalifatullah said: “If we analyse these verses, then it is clear that it is impossible for our beloved Holy Prophet (pbuh) to have gone heavenwards with his physical body because, the Quran states that when people have such absurd thoughts on his account, he is to say to them: **“am I aught but a human, a messenger?”** – Therefore Allah commanded His Holy Prophet (pbuh) to tell these kind of people that had he been able to do what they requested to do, then surely he would have been able to do it, but as he was only a mortal, a human like everyone else, who eat and drink like them, and like them walk on streets (and not on clouds), therefore Allah Himself refutes the absurd ideas of an all-powerful Muhammad (pbuh) which the Muslims today seem to have.

If we refer ourselves back to the Holy Quran, even Jesus (as) could not have gone heavenwards with his physical body, because like Quran 39:43 states, it is only through death or sleep (be it full sleep or **semi-sleep ~ Kashaf**) that Allah takes away the souls of all human beings.

Moreover, during his spiritual ascension (Miraj), the Holy Prophet (pbuh) saw all prophets who came before him, and among the dead he saw Jesus (as). How can a human (be him Jesus or Muhammad (pbuh)) ever be in the midst of dead people? Like this there are really an inexhaustible reserve of arguments in favour of the mortality and limit as a human being which the both Jesus and Muhammad (pbuh) enjoy. They were not super humans but merely humans with a divine mission, that is, to give the message of the unicity of God, to give glad tidings of the good rewards of Paradise and warn people of the wrath and punishment of Allah if they turn back to the message of Allah, and mock, persecute or kill His prophets.”