

## Review of the Orientalists' Views about the Miracles of the Prophet

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### Abstract

*Miracle is one of the reasons used by most religious scholars for vindication. Islam also has introduced miracle as evidence of legitimacy. The majority of scholars and Christian scholars consider miracles as vindication for prophecy. Holy Prophet of Islam as the last prophet has miracles the most important of which is the Quran revealed during 23 years of his life. The most Orientalists who have biased and doubtful against views against Islam and the Prophet Muhammad, have has unfair and neglecting judgments about the miracles of the prophet. They have mostly investigated the apparent miracles of the Prophet with prejudice and denying and have addressed the miracle of the prophet i.e. the Quran with doubts and without a comprehensive and historical information. They have attempted to question the authenticity of this everlasting and undistorted miracle of all times and they have used all the false stories, superstition, Israelis and.... to achieve this goal .*

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### Introduction

It has been less than 5 centuries that the process of orientalism with its evil goals and motives has found its way to the orient and has started to portray its conceived image of eastern people and their beliefs and customs to their heads and those around them. In the meantime, one of the major topics of study has been the prophetic character and tradition. Although with scientific aspect of this current and faded political and colonial aspects, the hostile effect are less observable, the reports are still biased. Orientalists have mainly addressed Islamic issues. They have performed this based on their insight and feelings of need and sometimes for their leaders. Most of their studies are not scientifically validated and have been associated with political stance, cultural invasion and bias. Orientalists influenced by prevailing religion in the vast Islamic territory supposed that Muslims could be known based on the caliphs' religion which they ignored the fact that with fake succession of the first caliph they search Islam in a limited area that is weak in the introduction of true Islam. So they have set foot in a way associated with many challenges and mistakes and left many questions unanswered. In such a situation, some Orientalists wrongly abused the condition because their missing piece was a confused image of Islam and Prophet and bringing up charges and accusations against them. Most orientalists generally deny all the miracles and the greatness of the Prophet Muhammad without any scientific reason and logic. In the current period orientalists engage in scholarly and historical works with colonial goals and intentions. They were looking for Israelites and weak and vague narratives in poor historical and Islamic sources and tried to give more flavor to the narrative and use their illusions and fantasies as the analysis of historical and religious issues and ironically they introduced themselves impartial and without prejudice.

### A general denial of the miracles of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

Orientalists and opponents denying the prophet hood of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) have not presented a scientific and definitive reason to deny prophecy and revelation of the Quran and they have just emphasized on their non-scientific ignorant views based on pure theory and hypothesis. Orientalists have accepted the revelation of Jesus and Moses but they reject it in case of Prophet Muhammad (SAW). Also, since these ideas are not scientific, we cannot criticize and evaluate their reasons. They have only presented problem based on their own viewpoints to educations and teachings of the Quran and this is their only reason for lack of revelation of the Quran (Zamani, 2008: 131). Here we will introduce the miracles of the Prophet and Orientalists' views.

### Splitting of the moon

One of the miracles of the Prophet presented in the Holy Quran is the splitting of the moon<sup>1</sup>. Ensheqaq in Arabic means something is cracked and divided into equal or non-equal parts. These verses indicate the

<sup>1</sup> Al-Qamar, 1-3