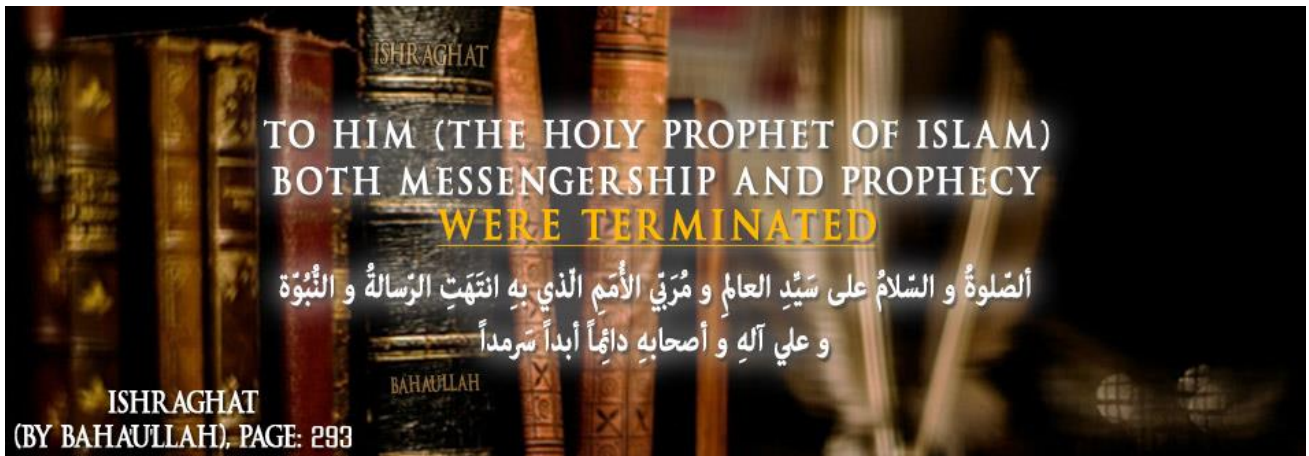




SEAL OF PROPHETS IN BAHÁ'I LITERATURE



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Among the Muslims whether Shi'a or not, it is obviously clear that Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is the latest Messenger of God and no prophet will come after him, a belief well known as the Seal of Prophets. Now let's have a look at the documents of Bahá'í to find out the truth about it.

According to the claims issued by Bahá'u'lláh the two clergy's of Sheykhieh known as Shaykh Ahmad al-Ahsa'i and Sayyid Kazim Rashti are of the greatest importance among Bahá'is¹. We see that these two confess that Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is the end of the Divine prophecy:

1. We believe that there is no prophet after Muhammad (PBUH)²
2. The position of Muhammad is above all prophets and because of this he is the latest messenger of God³
3. This is my testament: "I believe that Muhammad is the last of God's messengers and his religion will last until the Day of Judgment"⁴
4. It is impossible for anyone as a messenger to come after Muhammad⁵

Now let's have a look at the references by Bábis and Bahá'is about it:

1. Siyyid `Ali Muhammad Shirázi in a tablet called 'Resale Alef' writes: "I do not believe in anything but in all things that is revealed to Muhammad the end of all prophets"⁶
2. Bahá'u'lláh says: "The seal of prophecy is clear about Muhammad"⁷
3. Bahá'u'lláh says: "The best wishes upon whom the prophecy got ended"⁸

Of course there are many other confessions about this in other Bahá'í references but this is due to whom searching the truth.

¹ Iqán; Bahá'u'lláh and Rahigh-e-makhtoom; Ishragh Khavari; p:648 and Iqtedarat; Bahá'u'lláh p:210

² Javame-ol-kalem; Shaykh Ahmad al-Ahsa'i; vol:2; p:7

³ Javame-ol-kalem; Shaykh Ahmad al-Ahsa'i; vol:2; p:247

⁴ Majmooat-o-rasael; Sayyid Kazim Rashti

⁵ Majmooat-o-rasael; p:281 and 147

⁶ Asrar al-asar-i khususi; Fazil Mazandarani; p:179-182

⁷ Dore Bahá'í; Shoghi Effendi; p:18-9

⁸ Ishráqát; Bahá'u'lláh p:293 and Ghamoose Iqán; Ishragh Khavari; vol:1 p:301-3

Against this confession Ishragh Khavari has said that it is clear that Muhammad is the seal of prophecy but Bahá'u'lláh is upper than that and he is in fact the Manifestation of God. A rank higher than any other prophets!

Or he is the Manifestation of God[^]. Here we propose a question: Does Bahá'u'lláh have anything to do with divine inspiration? If the response is yes; then what do we have to do with the seal of prophecy, who according to the above mentioned claims is Prophet Muhammad. And if the response is negative then what do we have to do with the claim of `Abdu'l-Bahá who has brought the name of Bahá'u'lláh as the sixth Prophet of Divine?

We let the readers to solve the dilemma themselves.

Still there is another problem here and that is: Bahá'u'lláh has written in his book 'Badi' pg: 110 that the highest position of humankind is to be Prophet. Then he is not prophet as he had claimed before and maybe he is not humankind!

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