KHATAM

Ahmadis often argue that the word “khatam/khatim” does not mean last but rather it means best. As a result they claim that the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) is the best of Prophets, not the last.

We can study the Arabic lexicons to determine the meaning of “khatam” but we will rather refer to someone Ahmadis place as the highest authority in scholarship, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad. He has used “khatam” many times to signify last. He says “…My parents did not have any boy or a girl after my birth. I was khatam-ul-awlad for my parents.” (RK, Vol.15, P.479) and similarly, “…There is no son after him therefore he is khatam-ul-walad.” (RK, Vol.15, P.482) as well as “…He is the khatam of the creation chain, I mean the last.” (RK, Vol.16, P.308)

Do they not accept his authority? Did he mean best when he used “khatam”? The Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW) is khātam an-nabīyīn i.e. he is the last prophet and messenger of Allah (SWT).

THE FINALITY OF PROPHETHOOD

The denial of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) as the last and final Prophet and Messenger of Allah (SWT) is the denial of Islam. It is a rejection of revelation, it is dismissal of ahadith and it is a denunciation of the unanimous consensus of the ulamā (scholars) from the inception of Islam to the present day.

The Holy Qur’an is clear on this as Allah (SWT) says “Muhammad is... the Seal of the Prophets...” (33:40). The consensus of the ulamā from Abu Hanifah (RA), Ibn Hajar Al-Asqalani (RA), Jalaluddin Suyuti (RA) to companions such as Ibn Abbas (RA) among numerous others is that no prophet shall come after him. Imam Ghazali (RA) has said “…The hadith "Laa-Nabi Ba’di", the Prophet (SAW) meant, after him neither any Nabi (Prophet) will come nor any Rasool (Messenger). The Ummah is also unanimous on this point that there is no scope of any other meaning or exception to it.” (Al-Iqtisad fil-Itiqa, Page 114)

The ahadith are clear on this matter, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW) has stated many times “…There will be no prophet after me” (Bukhari) and “Prophethood will not continue after me” (Musnad Ahmad), in so much that there are over a hundred ahadith on this alone. To reject the words of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) you are denying him and to deny him is to deny Allah (SWT).
Muslims have no difficulty in understanding the term “Khātam an-Nabīyīn” (Seal of the Prophets) from surah 33 ayah 40 of the Holy Qur’an. Ahmadis for some reason have trouble in espousing the meaning of this term but we ask them to refer to their founder, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad who translates 33:40 as: “Muhammad is ... the one to end the prophets” (Roohani Khazian, Volume 3, Izala Auham, Page 614). The Urdu words he uses are “khatam karnai wala hai nabiyon ka”.

However, the Review of Religions, an Ahmadiyya magazine claims Mirza Ghulam Ahmad is the “the last messenger of God” (P197, May 1915). He himself claims that “Allah wanted to end the matter and to complete the building [of Islam] through the last brick... I am that last brick” (RK, V.16, P.178) and “I have been given the name of Isa the Messiah because the khilafat of the best messenger [Muhammad] has been ended by me” (RK, V.16, P.324) and finally admitting that “…the real khatamiyyat (finality) was intended for the sixth millennium” (RK, V.16, P.310) which is synonymous for the era of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad.

Ahmadis would have you believe that he was simply claiming sub-ordinate prophethood i.e. he came as a follower of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW) and many more prophets of this nature can come after him. He claims “…Of all the paths that lead to God I am the last, and of all His lights I am the last” (TEOI, V4, P50). The Holy Qur’an says “…there has come to you light and a clear Book from Allah” (5:15). The light is Muhammad (SAW) and the book is the Holy Qur’an. The Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said “I have left among you two matters by holding fast to which, you shall never be misguided: the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Prophet.” (Mustadrak) The Prophet Muhammad (SAW) is the last light to God, not the charlatan Mirza Ghulam Ahmad.

THE LAST PROPHET

Mirza Ghulam Ahmad was a gradual claimant. He began by claiming to be a scholar, then a mujaddid (reformer), then to resembling Jesus (AS), then to claiming to be the Mahdi, then to superiority over Jesus (AS), then to claiming to resemble Muhammad (SAW), ultimately claiming superiority to Muhammad (SAW) and eventual outright prophethood resulting in his boast of being the last prophet and even assertions from the son of God to visions of seeing himself as God. He was a very confused man who contradicted himself in every claim.

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TRANSLATION

THE HADITH OF THE MONTH

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said, “The Messengership and Prophethood have ended and there will be no Messenger and Prophet after me.”

(Sunan Tirimdhi, Hadith #2274)