

Fast 6

Prophet Muhammad was raised as a *warner* and *giver of good news*:

“Mankind is a single nation. So Allah raised prophets as bearers of good news and as warners, and He revealed with them the Book with truth, that it might judge between people in that in which they differed.” — 2:213

Notes: As all humanity is a single nation, God had been revealing Himself to them all by sending *bearers of good news* and *warners*. The Holy Prophet was raised to perform the same functions. He was *a bearer of good news* to humanity that God still remembered mankind, and that He had sent His Prophet to make this fallen humanity rise to spiritual eminence, but he was also *a warner*, and told them that, if they persisted in their evil ways, they would suffer evil consequences.

“O People of the Book, indeed Our Messenger has come to you explaining to you after a cessation of the messengers, in case you say: No bearer of good news came to us nor a warner. So indeed a bearer of good news and a warner has come to you.” — 5:19

Notes: Several centuries had elapsed since the appearance of any prophet in any country when the great Arabian Prophet made his appearance. No nation in the world claims the appearance of any messenger in it between the advent of Jesus Christ and that of the Holy Prophet Muhammad. The world was, as it were, preparing itself for the advent of the greatest of all prophets, who was to be a messenger to all the nations of the world.

“And We do not send messengers but as bearers of good news and warners; then whoever believes and acts aright, they shall have no fear, nor shall they grieve.” — 6:48

“Do they not reflect that there is no madness in their companion? He is only a plain warner.” — 7:184

“And We have not sent you but as a bearer of good news and as a warner to all mankind, but most people do not know.” — 34:28

“Surely We have sent you with the Truth as a bearer of good news and a warner. And there is not a people but a warner has gone among them.” — 35:24

Notes: This broad doctrine that a prophet was raised among every nation is taught repeatedly in the Quran. This great truth, which had remained hidden for thousands of years from the wisest men of the world, had shone upon the mind of *an Arabian who could neither read nor write*, who did not even know what nations then existed and what

scriptures they possessed. This broad doctrine alone could form the basis of the universality of a Divine message to the whole of mankind. *Only he who had the breadth of mind to recognize truth in all could unite all mankind.*

“Surely We have sent you (O Prophet) as a witness and as a bearer of good news and as a warner, that you (people) may believe in Allah and His Messenger and may aid him and honour him. And (that) you may declare His glory, morning and evening.” — 48:8