



A MIGHTY PROPHECY

FULFILLED IN
THE BALKAN WAR.

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THE TEACHINGS OF ISLAM.

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OBJECT OF PROPHECY.

Of all the certainties necessary for the healthy culture and sound nurture of human mind the existence of God, the Creator of the universe, and His retributive justice seasoned, of course, by His relenting mercy and forgiving grace are the most important and absolutely indispensable ones. A firm unshakable belief in God and the day of judgment when all of our actions, words and thoughts are to be weighed in the scales of good and evil is the only antidote to wrong-doing, and the surest and entirely unfailing panacea for all our moral and spiritual ills. Once admit that there is no God who is to take us to task for our transgressions; once believe that our deeds and actions are not to be judged by any superior authority; once confess that there is no authoritative restraint and there is no effective check upon our wild liberty of thought and action except the feeble control of the rules of the society and the poor preventive influence of the laws of Government, the floodgates of evil and vice will burst open and the peaceful and smooth living of the world will become an impossibility in the twinkling of an eye and all the social system and co-operative organism will become a total wreckage, leaving the world a horrible scene of chaos and confusion. We are really unable

to comprehend how human mind in which moral element is essentially too prominent to be ignored can under any circumstances afford to get rid of the inevitable conviction that there is a set purpose and a determined aim running through all the multitudinous activities and tumultuous din and bustle of the world.

“Dust thou art, to dust returnest,”

Was not spoken of the soul,

is the world-wide faith cherished since the very inception of the world by every human mind. It needs no great stretch of the imagination to realize that a conviction which forces itself upon human mind with all the force of a true and rational sentiment and can be traced right back to pre-human times (if such times ever were) cannot be a mere whim, a creation of human fancy. A look at the past history of mankind indicates that rise and fall of man in the moral and spiritual world has ever been due to the firm or loose hold of this conviction on the mind of man. God has therefore in His infinite mercy and boundless compassion provided means for the timely tightening of this hold. When worldliness thickens roundabout all human pursuits, and tends to choke the moral element of human mind, and when spiritual death stares man in the face, God then sends one of His righteous servants who becomes the focus of attention and ultimately brings the strayed humanity to the original right path.

A MIGHTY PROPHECY.

The present time is a typical case. There is no denying the fact that belief in God which is the only source of all righteous deeds is terribly dwindling under the crushing weight of earthly allurements and worldly temptations. In the absence of a strong belief in the existence of God, the moral side of mankind was bound to suffer. As a result, mankind assumed the look of a dire sink of iniquity. Certain aspects of vice passed into a

fashion and piety became an object of mockery in some quarters.

It was then necessary that God should have, as usual, sent one of His chosen ones who might lend fresh strength and new vigour to the belief of mankind in God by supernatural signs. Thank God, He has blessed the world with His messenger who has shown mighty signs to bring home to the skeptic minds the existence of God. The signs he has shown are varied and manifold. A major portion of them are in the form of prophecies relating to circumstances entirely uncontrollable by human power. The effect of a true prophecy is unquestionable. Who can doubt the supernatural character of a prediction foretelling events years ahead and then finding fulfilment to the very letter ?

To single out one out of so many, let me draw the attention of the world to the mighty prophecy which has just come true under conditions entirely beyond the control and comprehension of human beings.

Some nine years back when Turkey was enjoying internal and external peace and there was certainly no likelihood of any sort of disturbance, the word of God came to Mirza Gulam Ahmad of Qadian the Promised Messiah whom God had commissioned for the regeneration of the depraved world.

غلبت الروم في ارض روم من بعد غلبهم سيغلبون *

“Turkey will be vanquished in a land hard by but will soon get the upper hand after the defeat.”*

The most extravagant and fancifull statesman could not ever imagine for an instant even in his wildest dream that circumstances will all of a sudden come into existence bringing about the fulfilment of the prophecy embodied so explicitly in the word of God. Even the subtlest and the most far-seeing politician with

* This prophecy was published on 4th January 1904. Vide Review of Religions (Urdu) for January 1904, also the *Al-Hakam* and *The Badr*, two weekly papers published from Qadian.

all his political foresight and penetrating acumen could not hit upon even a jot or tittle of what was to befall the Sickman of Europe. Yet the word of God foretold with all clearness that Turkey would suffer a defeat near by and that after the defeat the tide of events would turn in its favour and it would be victorious. The prophecy is really beyond the range of political insight inasmuch as it was announced and widely circulated as long as nine years prior to the present disturbance of Turkey. It is indeed above human capability to guess so much in advance. Had the prophecy been uttered shortly before the present happenings it could fairly be bereft of all supernatural element and its divine character, for it would have in that case been within the probable reach of human prudence. To guard the prophecy against this objection the prophecy was given out full nine years ago when every thing was a perfect mystery and the future of Turkey was a sealed book. Political vision with all its telescopic character is decidedly unable to penetrate so far into the unfathomable future. The second striking point in the wording of the prophecy is that the place where Turkey was to meet with the terrible disaster is localized. It will not be far away but a land close by. Although this much alone is perfectly above human knowledge, however expert may it be, yet there was some room for skeptical criticism. The declining power of the Sickman of Europe could afford ample chance for a political forecast foreboding defeat in the near future especially when all the neighbouring powers were Christians and hostile at heart to the Turkish throne. The simple statement that Turkey will sustain a defeat in a land close by although not altogether without prophetic significance, could scarcely have towered much above an expert political forecast in the public estimation, but what places the prophecy far above human genius is the concluding word that after the defeat it will be again victorious. Thus the prophecy considered piecemeal is shorn of all of its glory and sounds like a political forecast of considerable

sagacity, but taken as a whole it is a mighty piece of supernaturalism much above human wisdom and prudence. It is indeed difficult to foresee, when all the adverse conditions giving rise to defeat are in full swing not far off but in the close vicinity, that tables will at once turn and victory will declare itself for the vanquished. Such an irony of fate is beyond the foretelling faculty of the politician. Such inconsistent realities, such impossible combinations of defeats and victories in a single event are physical impossibilities in this world of human observation and experience, but it is only thus by turning human impossibilities into stern realities and accomplished facts that God reveals Himself to the world. The recent Balkan War presents a case full of divine interest. God can choose any portion of human activities for His purpose. His only object is that by witnessing fresh and memorable signs human mind may fling off the slough of indifference and apathy which hangs thick round the human conception of God which in consequence has got woefully enfeebled and is too dim to create a moral force and spiritual energy necessary for the salvation of man. Thus intended to fill in a fatal gap in the moral and mental equipage of humanity the eventful Balkan War is not a closet trifle, but a supremely important occurrence which has for months together engaged the serious attention of the whole world. A brief review of the war in the light of the prophetic version will easily translate the whole event from beginning to end into the domain of the supernatural, making it an object-lesson of singularly sublime godliness and resistlessly attractive spirituality. The Sickman of Europe, although the object of universal ambition, was, owing to certain mutual alliances, perfectly out of harm's way. Very often the mouth of some one or other of the Christian potentates did occasionally water at the sight of the powerless prey before him, but mutual jealousies and international differences had secured for Turkey a safe footing in the continent of Europe. The word of God غايبت الروم

came to the Prophet of the day, Mirza Gulam Ahmad of Qadian, when Turkey was thus safe and immune from any sort of external attack. But the word of God always embraces events invariably impossible in the sight of the worlplwise. Little did the world know, at the time when the prophecy was made public, that the Sickman of Europe, although out of danger from the rival powers, was by lack of vigilance and a watchful eye nursing a deadly enemy in the neighbouring petty states. But strange indeed are the ways of God. The secret machinations and strategic preparations of the Balkan League for a war against Turkey were up to the sudden commencement of practical hostilities entirely unknown to the public at large except perhaps to a few wirepullers working behind the scene.

THE PREDICTED DEFEAT.

Just when the war began, the statesmen could scarcely believe that the Balkan concert even with its united efforts and combined forces would ultimately prove more than a match for Turkey which, though weak as a power, was certainly held to be strong enough for such insignificant mischief-mongers. But it was here again that God had wished to reveal His super-human knowledge. Quite unprepared for so sudden and unexpected an onslaught Turkey was taken by surprise, stood perfectly aghast, and of course began to lose ground. In this unequal contest, apparently expected to end in favour of Turkey, victory seemed to incline to the side of the petty states to the entire wonderment of the world. Unable to withstand the force of the advancing hosts, Turkey sued for peace. The remarkable peace conference met at London and terms offered to Turkey were, as known to all, too disgraceful for a living nation to accept. Yet so complete was

the discomfiture of Turkey that the terms with all their humiliating character were accepted by the Porte and the cession of Adrianople, the second capital of the Turkish Empire, was agreed upon. Although nothing else was possible in view of the then resources and the then miserable condition of Turkey, yet the acceptance of the humiliating terms by the Porte sent a thrill of horror and indignation throughout the length and breadth of the Muslim world. Loud cries of protest were raised against the proposed Turkish reply and the Turkish Cabinet was fiercely denounced for its abject cowardice. The agitation had come to a head before the responsive note of the Porte was sent to the conference. Kiamal Pasha, the Prime Minister, and his cabinet were at once driven out of power and a spick and span new ministry came in. The draft of the Turkish reply was withheld and considered as a dead letter. The terms were angrily refused and the hostilities were resumed with redoubled fury. The whole Muslim world was astir, and the Muslim hearts throbbed with joy all over the globe. The Young Turk was unsparingly applauded everywhere and the honour of the Turkish nation vindicated by a declaration of war. Money began to pour into the Turkish treasury in large amounts from the four quarters of the globe and volunteers filled with fresh hopes and inspired with renewed enthusiasm set sail for the scene of action in right earnest. But the word of God anticipated in clear accents that a defeat was kept in store for the Turks, and so it was bound to come to pass. Had Turkey accepted the terms of the Peace conference and ceded Adrianople unconditionally, the prophecy would be said to have been fulfilled all the same. But what immensely adds to the importance of the prophecy is the subsequent surrender of Adrianople after the renewal of the war attended with the vociferous demonstration of Muslim zeal and hopeful fervour, which pervaded every nook and corner of the Muslim world serving a world-wide advertisement of the prophecy concerning

the result of the war. On March 27, 1913, Adrianople fell and the defeat of Turkey was hopelessly complete, setting seal to the fulfilment of a grand prophecy. Divested of all the important territories the Sickman of Europe grew helplessly worse and could not but rest contented with the strip of land left to him after the crushing and decisive defeat he had sustained. Adrianople and the rest of the territories wrested from Turkey by the victors were universally believed to have gone for good, and there was not the slightest chance for even a ray of hope to regain any of them.

THE SUBSEQUENT VICTORY FORETOLD.

But the word of God contained for Turkey another news which was full of hope and joy.

وهم من بعد غلبهم سيغلبون

“And after the defeat they will again get the upper hand.” The defeat is full and complete and then comes time for the happier event foretold. A victory is to follow the defeat. The political world was unable to endorse the final word of the prophecy as Turkey had been after repeated reverses reduced to a hopelessly wretched condition and awful scarcity of men and money was the order of the day. The politician could not expect Turkey to raise its head again for a further period of a score of years, so great and heavy being the loss brought on by the defeat, yet the word of God predicted victory for Turkey after the defeat. It was here again that God had ordained to transform an absolute human impossibility into a living reality to bring home to the worldly-minded the inevitable fact that God alone controls the affairs of the world and nothing can stand in His way or thwart His purpose or frustrate His design.

The Balkan allies began to quarrel over the meed of victory, Bulgaria demanding the lion's share from which the others boldly dissented. As a consequence, Greece and Servia mobi-

lised their forces for an attack upon Bulgaria and beat Bulgaria in many battles. As if it were not enough to crush Bulgaria, Roumania followed suit and with the excuse of maintaining the balance of power joined the attack against Bulgaria. In a very short time Bulgaria was completely undone. The Turks saw their chance and with a sudden attempt re-captured Adrianople and other important stations, meeting with little or no resistance. Thus through all apparent impossibilities the prophecy was fulfilled to the very letter and nothing of it was left unfulfilled, leading all right-thinking men to the inescapable conclusion that the word cited above is from the same God who governs the world and can make the events of the world correspond with His word in the teeth of the contrary opinions of politicians.

The power of the Turkish soldiery had been completely crushed, their resources entirely crippled, their internal organisation badly paralysed, the flower of their army and the cream of their administrative nobility either laid low on the battle field or driven out of power. In short, the entire powerlessness and the perfect helplessness of the Sublime Porte was a lamentable reality. It was absolutely impossible for Turkey even to think of fighting for the lost cause, for it was too conscious of its utter helplessness to rush headlong to its own ruin. At this juncture when no help could be forthcoming, when every thing under the sun seemed to have gone wrong with the fallen Turkey, when the Sickman of Europe, by repeated tosses of misfortune, was in the very jaws of death, when its days were numbered in the opinions of all the oracles of the world, in short when the whole earth with all her incalculable wealth of resources refused to provide Turkey with anything like a chance for the recovery of the lost territories, it was at this moment of utter despair and complete helplessness that God showed to the world that all power lay in Him alone. Human might and earthly power even at their highest are no bar to His invincible will. When He ordains

victory for some body, be he ever so weak and helpless, no worldly power can stand in His way. How then out of utter lack of favourable chances, He the Almighty brought into existence circumstances which obviated the necessity of fighting for the recapture of the conquered territory. How Bulgaria was completely humbled by none other than its own allies is a puzzle which baffles human wisdom. Before long the fallen Turks found to their unbounded joy that their lost territories were a prey within easy reach of their weak hands. Their mouths watered at the sight of the easy prey and unable to resist the temptation they threw off their traditional fear of the European Powers, and with a single effort came into their own.

THE LAND HARD BY.

Another fact that needs pointing out in this connection is that the prophecy contains the words "The Turks will be defeated in a land *hard by*." It is therefore the defeat of the Turks at the hands of Bulgaria in the district of Thrace that comes under the purview of the prophecy, it being the region nearer to the seat of the Turkish Government than the places conquered by other assailants. The defeat suffered in the land hard by is the defeat inflicted by Bulgaria. The second portion of the prophecy foretelling for the Turks a victory following in the wake of a defeat clearly alludes to the defeat given by Bulgaria. The promised victory for Turkey could not therefore have come to pass until Bulgaria had been worsted. The Turks were too weak to effect it, but God had so willed it. His inevitable decree could not be annulled. Bulgaria's friends turned foes and rendered him entirely powerless, and afforded the fallen Turks free access into their lost stations, convincing the world that the affairs of the world are regulated by an All-powerful Being who can do His will through worlds of human impossibilities.

A STRIKING PARALLELISM.

The prophecy so clearly fulfilled sends our attention back to the blessed days of our Prophet, may peace and the blessings of God be upon him, when he received the self-same revelation with a slight change in words which run as follows :—

غلبت الروم في ادنى الارض وهم من بعد غلبهم سيغلبون في بضع سنين .

“The Roumees have been defeated in a land hard by, but they after their defeat will again be victorious in a few years.” Sometime after that, the prophet received the word of God again as follows :—

و هم من بعد غلبهم سيغلبون (wa hum min badi galabi him sayuglaboon). “And they after their victory will again be defeated.”

This is an exact parallelism. There is no difference in the respective versions of the two prophecies except that in the prophecy now before us the words بضع سنين are left out. The omission is very significant. بضع سنين means a period ranging between 3 and 10 years. That is to say, at that time the prophecy was that the Roumees had been defeated, but they would be victorious again during a period ranging from 3 to 10 years. These words specifying the period that was to intervene between the defeat and the subsequent victory of the Roumees have been eliminated in the present prophecy because no period worth the name was destined to intrude between the defeat and the subsequent victory of the Turks, the victory following in the wake of the defeat. We need scarcely attempt to show how the prophecy with this express change came to pass at that time just as it has done now. The Persians had vanquished Heraclius, the Emperor of Constantinople who was so hard pressed that once in despair he thought of bidding farewell to his capital just as His Majesty Mohammad V had latterly done in the hour of sore distress. But at last the Roman Emperor, yes the same troddendown sovereign took heart and rose and was victorious whichever way he turned.

His victorious campaigns have ever been an historical riddle. The concluding part of the prophecy which foretold another defeat after the victory was fulfilled when the Roman empire was conquered by the Arabs.

A DEFEAT AGAIN PROPHESED.

Four years after the receipt of the above-quoted revelation, the word of God came down again to the Promised Messiah in terms plain as plain can be :—

و هم من بعد غلبهم سيغلبون

“Wa hum min badi galabihim sayuglaboon” *i.e.*, “after the victory they will again be defeated.”* The selfsame prophecy continues and another defeat following in the wake of the victory gained affords good food for thought for future days until like the rest of the prophecy this part of it also finds its fulfilment.

Had the prophecy under reference been an ordinary event of short duration the grandeur of the prophecy would have been but temporary and short lived, but the series of events which go to constitute the fulfilment of the prophecy had to drag their weary length through nearly a year's time during which period the Muslim world was often enough convulsed with vehement outbursts of anger, while now and then they gave way to loud demonstrations of joy. Thus the fulfilment of the prophecy was noised abroad all over the world, and the echoes and re-echoes of it will not cease reverberating for generations to come. But the splendour of the divine word will be all the greater when the second prediction about the Turks comes to have its fulfilment. The first prophecy with its literal fulfilment has paved the way for a belief in the like fulfilment of the second prophecy. The world, therefore, having seen one true prophecy can not but await with eager expectation the similar fulfilment of the other. One good turn deserves another. One step in the divine

* This second prophecy was published on 2nd January 1908, vide *Review of Religions* (Urdu edition) for January 1908, and other periodicals of the Ahmadiyya movement.

knowledge leads on to another, thus bringing about step by step the consummation of divine knowledge, so essential a requisite for the salvation of man.

OTHER POLITICAL PROPHECIES FULFILLED.

This prophecy is not a solitary instance of divine favour shown to mankind through His Promised Messiah. He has, out of His unbounded mercy, manifested a larger number of signs and the world cannot afford to be blind to them under pain of divine displeasure. This prophecy is of political importance, so to supplement it by further divine authority, I should like to add a few prophecies of purely political character so that the politician may not have reason to suppose that he is a negligible quantity in the spiritual kingdom. But on the contrary the part of humanity which is the most obdurate against spiritual influences is this class of politicians for they are over head and ears plunged in worldly pursuits and religion finds no room in their curriculum. They are the most materialistic sort of people and have no ear for divine word. In order to compel their attention to God and do away with the hide-bound lethargy which has made them so forgetful of the divine truth, God has very mercifully shown a good many signs for them, and for the edification of our readers we give below some of the prophecies which are of political interest.

1. When orders were passed for the partition of Bengal and the Bengalees were calmouring for the reversal of the orders and the reply was always definitely in the negative and the voice of protest was at last hushed in despair, and when the statesmen of various countries having any thing to do with the complex problem of India were at one in holding that the Partition of Bengal would for ever be a settled fact the undoing of which was to be a perfect impossibility, the word of

God came to the Promised Messiah—

پہلے بنگالہ کی نسبت جو کچھ حکم جاری کیا گیا تھا اب انکی دلجوئی ہوگی

“As to the order issued about Bengal the Bengalees will be conciliated.” The prophecy was published just when received (11th February 1906) but was dismissed by the political world as beyond the sphere of realisable ideals. But six years after the announcement of the divine word the memorable day of the 12th of December 1911 broke with the memorable announcement that His Majesty had declared the Partition of Bengal as undone.

2. On the 15th January 1906 when Persian Empire was every bit safe and sound, and there was no prospect of any kind of disturbance in the near or remote future, the Promised Messiah received the word of God “تزلزل در ایوان کسریٰ فتاد” A shaking has fallen upon the palace of the Shah.” It is needless to point out that Persia was shaken to the very foundation by the outbreak of Revolution in 1909 which drove the proud Shah from the throne and the crumbling fabric of the Persian Empire shorn of all its important factors still bears an eloquent testimony to the fulfilment of the prophecy contained in the word of God.

3. While Japan was sunk in the abyss of oblivion and Korea was free from all danger the Holy servant of God received the word of God—

ایک مشرقی طاقت اور کوریا کی نازک حالت

“An oriental Power and Korea in a critical position.”

The prophecy is as clear as day. It points out with perfect precision that an eastern kingdom is to rise to power and come to occupy a noteworthy place in the polity of the world, and that Korea is to be subjected to a mishap and that the pre-eminence of the rising empire has important bearing on the humiliation of Korea. What took place on that side of the world on the occasion of the Russo-Japanese war is a matter of history and cannot be doubted. Japan won the victory and was thence forward accepted to be an Eastern power, and Korea, as a result

of the war, being annexed later on to Japan ceased to be an independent state. Loss of independence is decidedly one of the direst calamities that can befall a nation. This was all perfectly in keeping with the divine word. These are the prophecies which have duly come true and God has linked the fulfilment of each one of them with a world-renowned event, so that none may have the lame excuse to say, for the purpose of shuffling off his responsibility for the acceptance of the divine truth on God or His Holy Messenger that the fulfilment was shrouded in obscurity and he could not get wind of it. Each prophecy respectively has providentially been wedded to such a remarkable affair that no statesman, however reserved and aloof may he be, can help being struck with its definite and clear fulfilment.

SOME PROPHECIES YET TO BE FULFILLED.

This is not all. There are a great many prophecies which are yet to be fulfilled. They were, however, given out to the world the moment they were received. For the fuller satisfaction of the political students I take this opportunity to quote a few prophecies which are yet to be fulfilled and were made known to the world long since:—

یورپ اور دوسری عیسائی ملکوں میں ایک قسم کی طامون پڑیگی جو
بہت سخت ہوگی

“In Europe and other Christian countries there shall appear a kind of plague which will be very severe.”

ریاست کابل میں قریب پچاسی ہزار کنے آدمی مرینگے

2. “In the state of Kabul, there shall die about 85,000 men.”

کشتیاں چلتی ہیں تا ہر کشتیاں

3. “Ships sail to and fro that there may be combats.”

These are only a few of the countless prophecies that were made widely known to the world during the life-time of the

Promised Messiah and a large number of them have clearly been fulfilled, whereas the rest are yet to be fulfilled. We who have accepted him as the Promised Messiah after full research and thorough investigation look forward with hope and faith to the time when the rest of the prophecies like those heretofore fulfilled, will also see their fulfilment.

A WORD FOR THE POLITICIAN.

I shall be inexcusably lacking in the honest discharge of my duty as a humble unit of the community which is made by God the custodian of the divine truth revealed to the world for the restoration of the lost position of religion in the magnetic personality of Mirza Gulam Ahmad of Qadian, if I fail to invite the earnest attention of political Europe to the mighty prophecies the fulfilment of which has been proclaimed more loudly than the clap of thunderbolt, and commend the case to the serious consideration of all wise thinkers. It is not difficult to discriminate between human and superhuman matters. Since the creation of the world human actions have been more or less brought under human observation so that by this time when the world has passed through thousands of years it is a matter of average commonsense to conceive with complete confidence as if instinctively the level of human affairs. Consequently it is the easiest possible thing for every man of to-day to decide for himself whether or no any occurrence coming to our notice fall under the category of human affairs. Thus endowed with such critical faculties of highly discerning nature the political class of thinkers expose themselves to the wrath of God, if they take no notice of the prophecies which have been fulfilled to the very letter before their very eyes.

When it is admittedly true that knowledge of the future rests with God and with no human being, there ought to be no doubt then that the utterances embodying mighty prophe-

cies relating to events of distant future are not human forecasts, but the word of God. The only conclusion at which a thoughtful observer arrives is that the knowledge of such remote future cannot proceed from any human source, but on the other hand it must have sprung from somewhere beyond the narrow sphere of feeble humanity.

Will our political friends ponder over these facts and gain a fresh and renewed conviction about the existence of God and turn to the true religion the followers of which are so much advanced in practical religion that God, in token of having accepted them as His own, has favoured them with His word comprising forcible predictions. Pure and holy as He Himself is, He cannot be satisfied with His servants without purity and holiness of life. If the present religion professed by Christian Europe had been true, God would certainly have shown similar favours to some one from among them as well, but the total absence of divine revelation is a sure sign of the fact that God has withdrawn His favour from Christian materialists, so far as the spiritual kingdom is concerned. The awful truth that Christian Europe has been driven out of the spiritual kingdom of God is indeed greatly deplorable and calls for help and sympathy from those who have a share in the spiritual realm. It is therefore out of pure sympathy and true fraternal spirit that we direct attention to the prophecies, for without reference to them it is impossible in this age of materialism and irreligion to come to the right course of life.

As Political science is at its zenith in Europe in these days, it is, therefore, political Europe which is the proper and rightful addressee in these prophecies because it is in political quarters that the glory and grandeur of the prophecies can be fully realised. The prophecies are, in my opinion, a special boon for European statesmen who, if they only pay attention to them, can learn a world of spiritual secrets from them.

Politicians and statesmen of Christendom! Pray do not let slip the unique opportunity God has so bountifully offered to you. He has willed thereby to enlighten you on spiritual truths which you had long lost. He had desired to end the spiritual drought of the world and has therefore blessed the world with signs, thus inviting spiritually disposed people to the one true God of Islam and attain to the stage where God likes to speak to His chosen ones. I, for my own part cannot conceive of anything more exalting and dignifying than for a man to be able to talk with God direct.

In conclusion, I cannot help dropping a word about the Turks. Ye Turks and ye Arabs who are the inhabitants of the blessed locality where the greatest of prophets and the holiest of holy men lived for a number of years, did his noble work and died! In you I have loving brethren in faith. You seem to have incurred the displeasure of God more than any body else. It is because you have turned your backs upon Islam that the Muslim Empire has been little by little clipped short and the little which remains is not out of danger. Learn a lesson from the prophecies regarding your own selves and believe in the God's messenger so that God may turn to you in mercy.

Another piece of misfortune is still kept in store for you and a wave of terrible pestilence is to sweep over the face of the Christian world. A defeat for the Turks and a plague for the Christian countries are two painful announcements but God has so willed it and now there is no escaping it. The only remedy is that you, our brothers in Turkey and friends in Christian countries! may turn to God with a penitential attitude and put faith in His Messenger who has shown so many signs for your guidance. If even now you refuse to be moved to the recognition of one true God of Islam, it will be to your own peril and you yourselves will be to blame for anything untoward that may happen to you sooner or later.

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