



Guiding Light Sticks

Allah almighty gave uncountable miracles to all His Prophets, as a sign to prove that they was a true Messengers of Allah. The greatest miracles He gave to our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ - and not only did Allah give mmiracles to him ﷺ but He also gave them as an inheritance to his Companions, the bless Sahaba, and after them to the Awlia.

One of these miracles how sticks transformed to light torches guiding the Sahaba on their way home. They are like symbols of the the guidance they received from the Prophet ﷺ.

Once, Sayyiduna Abbad ibn Bishr and Sayyiduna Usair ibn Hudair (may Allah almighty be pleased with them) stayed with Sayyiduna Rasul Allah ﷺ until late. The darkness was intense that night. When they left, everyone of them had a stick. Miraculously the sticks radiated the most glowing light becoming lamps that guided them to the safety of their homes.

[Narrated by Bukhari, Nasa`i and Bayhaqi]

In this, we see how the Holy Prophet ﷺ took such great care of the safety and wellbeing of his beloved companions.

According to one narration: When they were together as a group, their lights merged into one bright light. When they went their separate ways each of their sticks where shining separately. This shows the benefit of keeping company with good people.

Anas bin Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated:

“One night, Ubad bin Bishr and Usayd bin Hudayr left the residence of the Holy Prophet ﷺ on a very dark night. Suddenly, a light appeared that lit their way for them. When they parted ways, the light disappeared.

Reference: 'Sahih al-Bukhari' (3805), the 'Musnad' of Ahmad (3/138), 'al-Mustadrak' of al-Hakim (3/288), and 'Siyar A'lam an-Nubala' (1/299) of al-Haafidh ath-Thahabi (1/299)]

Imam Ahmad ibn Hanbal relates from Sayyidina Abu Sa'id al-Khudri:
Allah's Messenger ﷺ gave Sayyiduna Qatada ibn Nu'man a stick on a dark rainy night, saying: "This stick will light your surroundings as far as 7 meters. When you get home, you will see a black shadow that is Satan. Drive him away from your home." Sayyidina Qatada left with the stick, which was emitting light like the Prophet Musa's' shining hand. When he arrived home, he found the person described and drove him away.

[Majma al-Zawa'id; Imam Ahmad; al-Hakim] [I. Hanbal, Musnad, 3.65]

So, the stick that had been blessed by the Holy Prophet ﷺ became a source of light as well as a weapon against satan.

Such were the miracles of the Holy Prophet ﷺ manifested in his Companions
– may Allah be pleased with them.