

## **Testimony of Khawaja Ghulam Farid (rh) | Translation of an Urdu Translation of portions of Isharat e Fridi p. 70-71**

After this he [Khwaja Ghulam Farid] mentioned that Mirza Sahib has related many signs of him being the Mahdi, among which two signs which he mentioned himself in his book - they are, for his claim of being the Mahdi Maud, very high ranked among the strong proofs. One among these is this that he said:

It is written in Ahadith Sharif that:

قال النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم يخرج المهدي من قرية يقال لها كدعه ويصدقه الله تعالى ويجمع اصحابه من اقصى البلاد على عدة اهل بدر بثلاث مائة وثلاثة عشر رجلا ومعه صحيفة مختومة (اي مطبوعة) فيها عدد اصحابه باسماؤهم وبلادهم وخلاله

[English Translation: The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: The Mahdi will come from a village called Kad'ah and Allah Ta'la will attest for his truth, and will gather his companions from far and wide whose number will be the same as Ahl e Badr - 313 men. And their names will be written in a published book along with their residences and characteristics.]

Meaning the Holy Prophet (saw) said the Mahdi will emerge from a village which is called Kad'ah. Kad'ah is in reality an abbreviation of Kadiyan. The second sign is that he said Dar Qutni has mentioned a narration on the authority of Imam Muhammad al Baqir (rh) that:

إِنَّ لِمَهْدِيْنَا آيَتَيْنِ لَمْ تَكُونَا مُنْذُ خُلِقَتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ تُنْكَسِفُ الْقَمَرَ لِأَوَّلِ لَيْلَةٍ مِنْ رَمَضَانَ وَتُنْكَسِفُ الشَّمْسُ فِي النِّصْفِ مِنْهُ

[English Translation: For our Mahdi there are two signs which have never appeared before since the creation of the Heavens and the Earth, namely the Moon will be eclipsed on the first night in Ramadan and the Sun will be eclipsed on the middle day.]

When the sun and moon were eclipsed on 6th April 1894, Mirza Sahib - to complete the argument - sent this announcement everywhere in the world that what the Holy Prophet (saw) said in regard to the advent of the Mahdi has now been fulfilled. The confession and acceptance of my being the Mahdi is now important. So, at this, the Maulvis started asking child-like questions, that the meaning of the Hadith Sharif is that the lunar eclipse will happen on the first night of Ramadhan and in that same Ramadhan the sun will also eclipse, however this [lunar] eclipse happened on the 13th and the solar eclipse happened on the 28th of Ramadhan - and this is against the hadith. And the lunar and solar eclipse that will happen for the *true Mahdi* will be another one that will occur in another era.

After this Khwaja Ghulam Farid said: Subhan Allah, now listen to the meaning that Mirza Sahib has related and with which he answered to the Maulvis which rejected. Mirza Sahib said that the meaning of the Hadith is this that to testify for and in support of Our Mahdi two signs have been fixed - since the Heavens and Earth were created these signs have not manifested in the time of any other claimant and these two signs are this:

The Moon will eclipse on the first night of the 3, among the 3 nights on which the moon eclipses meaning the 13th of Ramadhan, and the Sun will eclipse on this day that will be the middle of the 3 days of the [solar] eclipse, meaning the 27th date of Ramadhan.

After this Hudhur [Khwaja Ghulam Farid] related: Indeed, the meaning of the hadith is this which Mirza Sahib has said. Because the moon always eclipses on the 13th, 14th, and 15th, and the sun always eclipses on the 27th, 28th, and 29th. And like that the lunar eclipse which happened on April 6th, 1894 [Khwaja Ghulam Farid RH is mistaken, this is the date of the solar eclipse not lunar, lunar happened on March 21th 1894] was the 13th date which is the first among the days a lunar eclipse occurs, and the solar eclipse which occurred was on the middle of the days on which a solar eclipse can take place.

**Note:** Everything above is from the literal Urdu and Farsi, in the square brackets are explanatory notes or added words for clarification