

In the end times there will be some false scholars who will struggle with Hazrat Mahdi (as)

In his "Al-Futuh al-Makkiyya" Muhyiddin Ibn al-'Arabi states:
...Hazrat Mahdi (as) will practice the religion exactly as it was in the time of the Prophet (saas). He will eliminate the sects from the world. No sect will be left apart from the true, pure religion. **HIS ENEMIES WILL BE THOSE WHO IMITATE THE SCHOLARS OF IJTIHAD** [scholars who make a legal decision by independent interpretation of the Islamic sources]. That is because **THEY WILL BE DISPLEASED** when they see Hazrat Mahdi (as) pronounce in opposition to the imams of the sects, **BUT NEITHER WILL THEY OPPOSE HIM... HIS [HAZRAT MAHDI'S (AS)] SWORD IS HIS BROTHERS.** Since they fear his sword they will submit to his rule, willingly or unwillingly. **HIS DECLARED ENEMIES WILL BE THE SCHOLARS OF RELIGIOUS LAW. BECAUSE THEY WILL HAVE NO MORE ESTEEM IN THE PUBLIC EYE. AND EVEN THEIR KNOWLEDGE ON THE SUBJECT OF AHQAM WILL DECLINE.**" With his [Hazrat Mahdi's (as)] coming, he will overcome scholars' disputes regarding their pronouncements... **IF HE HAD NO SWORD [WISDOM] IN HIS HAND THE SCHOLARS OF RELIGIOUS LAW WOULD ISSUE HIS [HAZRAT MAHDI'S (AS)] DEATH WARRANT.** Because Almighty Allah will purify him [Hazrat Mahdi (as)] with His munificence and his sword (brothers), **AND THEY WILL OBEY HIM [HAZRAT Mahdi (as)].** Because they will have no more esteem in the public eye and even their knowledge of ahqam will decline. With the coming of Hazrat Mahdi (as), disputes over pronunciations among scholars will be overcome. They will both fear him [Hazrat Mahdi (as)] and also have expectations of him. **THEY WILL HATE HIM [HAZRAT MAHDI (AS)] IN THEIR HEARTS, BUT THEY WILL STILL, WILLINGLY OR UNWILLINGLY, ACCEPT HIS PRONOUNCEMENTS....**

(Muhammad Ibn Rasul al Husayn al-Barzanji, Portents of Doomsday, Pamuk Publishing, pp. 186-187)

"SEVENTY THOUSAND SCHOLARS WITH TURBANS FROM MY COMMUNITY WILL FOLLOW THE DAJJAL."

(Imam Ahmad ibn Hanbal, Musnad, p. 796)



... SOME SUPERFICIAL SCHOLARS [who have judged on the basis of the external meanings of the hadith] HAVE FALLEN INTO DOUBT LOOKING AT THE EXTERNAL MEANING OF THOSE ACCOUNTS AND HADITH. OR, THEY HAVE EITHER DENIED THEIR ACCURACY OR ELSE HAVE ATTRIBUTED A SUPERSTITIOUS MEANING [a wrong one as if something fanciful in tales] TO THEM AS IF EXPECTING AN IMPOSSIBLE APPEARANCE [of a literally impossible person who has characteristics that abolish one's faculty of reason to decide conscientiously] and THUS INFLICT HARM on COMMON PEOPLE OF MUSLIMS [for people will have difficulty in believing such metaphysical accounts, so they inflict harm on those common Muslims who do not have knowledge].

(Bediuzzaman Said Nursi, Kastamonu Addendum, p. 80)

"... WHEN THE IMAM MAHDI (AS) APPEARS, ONLY SCHOLARS OF RELIGIOUS LAW WILL BE INIMICAL TOWARD HIM [HAZRAT MAHDI (AS)]. HIS [HAZRAT MAHDI'S (AS)] SWORD IS HIS BROTHERS. If he did not have a sword in his hand - IN OTHER WORDS, IF HE HAD NO BROTHERS - THE SCHOLARS OF CANON LAW WOULD ISSUE HIS DEATH WARRANT. Because Almighty Allah will purify him [Hazrat Mahdi (as)] with His munificence and sword (HIS BROTHERS), and they will attach credence to him [Hazrat Mahdi (as)]. THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN HIS PRONOUNCEMENTS WILL BE OBLIGED TO ACCEPT IT AND WILL CONCEAL THE CONTRARY OPINION."

(Ramuz Al-Hadith. pp. 56, 73)



In his [Hazrat Mahdi's (as)] time, the religion will be completely purged of all subsequent accretions and restored to its original form. HE WILL OPPOSE THE ULAMA OF THE SCHOOLS IN MANY OF HIS PRONOUNCEMENTS. FOR THAT REASON, THEY WILL KEEP AWAY FROM HIM [HAZRAT MAHDI (AS)]. According to their presumptions, they will accept that Allah truly did not leave a renovator (mujaddid) after the imams...

(Muhyiddin Al-Arabi, "Al-Futuhāt al-Makkiyya", Chap. 66 Vol. 3, pp. 327- 328)

Imam Rabbani says this on the subject:

When Hazrat Mahdi (as) whose coming is promised wishes to raise the value of the religion and revive the Sunnah, **those who are used to act along with the people of innovation [ahl al-bidah] and who imagine that things not in fact lying at the essence of the religion are in fact the commandments of the faith will say with amazement: "THIS PERSON [HAZRAT MAHDI (AS)] WANTS TO DO AWAY WITH OUR RELIGION AND DESTROY OUR SHARI'A [WAY OF BELIEF AND PRACTICE]."**

(Letters of Rabbani, 1/535)

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