

who had certain faith had already come to know, from the clear signs and proof of Allah, that by means of which he developed certainty and warded off doubts.

This is followed by some concise, brief verses that prove the truthfulness of the Prophet (ﷺ) and the soundness of his message: ﴿Verily We have sent you with the truth as a bearer of glad tidings and a warner﴾. This includes the signs that he brought, which may be summed up in three things: the message itself; his attitude and conduct; and that which he brought of the Qur'an and Sunnah.

The first and second are included in the words ﴿Verily We have sent you﴾ and the third is included in the words ﴿with the truth﴾.

With regard to the first, which is the message itself, the state of the earth's population before the Prophet (ﷺ) came is well established: they used to worship idols, fire and the cross, and they had altered their religions until they were sinking in the darkness of disbelief, which had encompassed and overwhelmed them, apart from some remnants of the People of the Book who had vanished shortly before the Prophet's mission began.

It is known that Allah (ﷻ) did not create humanity in vain and He did not neglect or forsake them, because He is Most Wise, All-Knowing, Mighty and Most Merciful. By His wisdom and His mercy towards His slaves, He sent this great Messenger (ﷺ) to them, to enjoin worship of the Most Gracious alone, with no partner or associate. Hence by examining his message, the wise person will realise that it is a message of truth, as well as a tremendous sign that he is indeed the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ).

With regard to the second matter, anyone who comes to know the Prophet (ﷺ) properly and learns of his character and teachings before his mission began, how he grew up with the best of characteristics, which only increased in nobility and greatness, will realise that this can be nothing other than the character of the perfect Prophets,