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The Defender of Truth

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The defender of truth who came down to earth was Abu Bakr!

Satan, the traitor, had resigned himself. He couldn't deny it!

The day he was born in western [Arabia], he became a model to be emulated!

Moonlight fell on the place! [Satan] couldn't deny it!

God humiliated him. His prayers went unanswered because of his pride!

There is no other creature like the Prophet [Muhammad] above and below!

You say you are going to count the miracles of the Prophet?

Who is capable of it? It would be easier to count all the stars in the sky!

Know that there are twice as many stars as there are grains of sand!

And nowhere on earth is one who could match his greatness!

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Prophet Mustafa has infinite greatness!

It was Musaylamata,¹ the liar that challenged him, but he gained nothing!

He who is struck by the spear of the Prophet [Muhammad] cannot escape death!

He embodied Islam for all Muslims who would gain salvation there.

The Prophet can know a man's thoughts without him speaking them!

He has no equal among human beings.

Who can be his equal? God has not yet created someone like him!

It is our Creator Himself who magnified him as He created him.

¹ Here the poet refers to *Musaylima* also called *Maslama ibn Habib* who proclaimed himself a prophet. Muslims regard him as a false prophet.

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Satan, the lost one, can never come near him.

When the Prophet grows angry with you, ask his forgiveness instead of fleeing!

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One day the Prophet predicted the coming of many visitors,

and some believed him. These became believers.

The rest of the nonbelievers who denied it became pitiful!

The first visitors arrived at the time of the two o'clock prayer.

The Prophet's prophecies are infallible words!

Usman, The Man with the Two Lights, was a loyal trader close to the Prophet.

During the Hunayni war, nonbelievers surrounded him.

One of them asked him to come, and they surrounded him!

God made them all blind when they surrounded him.

He saw them fall like sticks; he took no pride in it!