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Al-Mahdiyyah

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Q 2: There is a group called al-Ansar (the followers of Al-Mahddi) which is widespread in West Sudan. The supporters of this group are millions of common people. Al-Mahdy said in his publications: "The Prophet (peace be upon him) used to walk before my army and give me glad tidings of victory." What is your opinion about these superstitions and decept?

A: Firstly: The claim that this man is Al-Mahdy and that the Prophet (peace be upon him) used to walk before his army and give him glad tidings of triumph is an open lie and contradiction to the Shari'ah and the realities agreed upon among Muslims. This is because the Prophet (peace be upon him) will not come out of his grave except on the Day of Resurrection. Allah (may He be praised) says: ﴿ After that, surely, you will die. ﴾ Then (again), surely, you will be resurrected on the Day of Resurrection. 〉 and His saying: ﴿ Verily, you (O Muhammad peace be upon him) will die, and verily they (too) will die. ﴾ Then, on the Day of Resurrection, you will be disputing before your Lord. 〉 The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: ﴿ I will be the first one to emerge from the earth on the Day of Resurrection. 〉 **Secondly:** There are many writings that were previously written about the awaited Mahdy.

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The most comprehensive and the closest to the truth in these writings is what was written by the previous vice president of the Islamic university Shaykh Abdul-Muhhsin Al-'Abbad.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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