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The thirteenth question of Fatwa No. 5782 :

Q13: Is the Prophet (peace be upon him) part of Allah's Light as some people claim? Also, does he form the light of Allah's Throne (Glory be to Him)?

A13: The Prophet (peace be upon him) is a light that provides the right guidance as Allah says: ﴿ And verily, you (O Muhammad peace be upon him) are indeed guiding (mankind) to a Straight Path (i.e. Allâh's religion of Islâmic Monotheism). ﴾ and He says: ﴿ O Prophet (Muhammad peace be upon him)! Verily, We have sent you as witness, and a bearer of glad tidings, and a warner ﴾ And as one who invites to Allâh [Islâmic Monotheism, i.e. to worship none but Allâh (Alone)] by His Leave, and as a lamp spreading light (through your instructions from the Qur'ân and the Sunnah — the legal ways of the Prophet peace be upon him). ﴾ The Prophet's body is not made of light nor is it part of Allah's Light. He is only flesh and blood as was described in the Qur'an. He was born to human parents like all humans by Allah's Will. He used to eat, drink, and care for his daily affairs. When he was blocking the rays of the sun or any other source of illumination, he had a shadow like all people (i.e. thus he is not light, for shadow follows only opaque objects). As for the saying of Allah: ﴿ Indeed, there has come to you from Allâh a light (revelation) and a plain Book (i.e. the Qur'ân). ﴾ Wherewith Allâh guides all those who seek His Good Pleasure to ways of peace . . . ﴾ The purpose meant here is the revelation by which the Prophet was sent. It has not been confirmed in the Qur'an or in the sound Sunnah that he is the light of Allah's Throne, thus, whoever claims this is a liar.

May Allah grant us success. Peace be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions.

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