

THE STUDY OF DREAM AUTHENTICITY OF THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD SAW AMONG MUSLIMS IN MALAYSIA

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ABSTRACT

In Islam, having dreams of the Prophet Muhammad SAW are not impossible and that they are counted as true dreams based on authentic *hadiths*. Nevertheless, it is a necessity to assess the right physique of the Prophet Muhammad SAW in the dream setting. Thus, the objectives of this study are to assess the informants' knowledge of related *hadiths* on dream of the Prophet Muhammad SAW and to assess the authenticity of the informants' dream of the Prophet Muhammad SAW. A qualitative content analysis approach was utilized in this study, whereby informants were interviewed and the data was then transcribed for analysis. A total of four informants were obtained through a snowball sampling technique. The study discovers that the four informants' dream of the Prophet Muhammad SAW is true as the description of their dream is in parallel with related *hadiths*.

Keywords: Dream of the Prophet Muhammad SAW, Malay, *hadiths* on dream

INTRODUCTION

Allah SWT may have bestowed the jinns and Satan the capability to deform in good or evil, to the extent of resembling any human (al-'Aziz, 2005), except the Prophet Muhammad SAW (al-Bukhari, 1422H). Notwithstanding the facts, many Muslims have claimed that they had dreamed of the Prophet Muhammad SAW, and some of them have even claimed that in their dreams, the Prophet Muhammad SAW had taught them of something new (al-Qaradawi, 2008).

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