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Divine Insanity

Once there were two insane men who shared a room in a mental institution. Although the doctors tried various methods of treating their mental conditions, there seemed to be no (cure) for them. One of these patients repeated constantly, "I am the Prophet!"<sup>1</sup> I am the Prophet! I am the Prophet!" The other patient kept pacing back and forth across the room but said not a word.

One day a famous specialist in psychological disorders visited the hospital where these two patients lived. Among the patients he examined were the two men I have been telling you about. He went to their room and heard the one saying, "I am the Prophet! I am the Prophet! I am the Prophet!" while his roommate paced the floor and said nothing. The specialist tried to talk with these two men, but he had difficulty in communicating with them.

Finally the specialist said to the first patient, "Look here! You are not the Prophet. Anyone can tell you that. Even your roommate here can tell you that!"

<sup>1</sup>The Prophet referred to is, of course, Mohammed

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The roommate suddenly burst out, "Doctor, doctor! This fellow keeps saying over and over that he is the Prophet, but don't believe him, because I never sent him to this world!"