The reason for addressing Abū Bakr as Siddīq

Question: Why is Hadrat Abū Bakr *radiyallāhu* anhu referred to as Siddīq (the truthful one)? I have heard from some people that he was the first one to affirm the Mi'rāj, and this is why he is known as Siddīq. If this is correct, he ought to be known as Mu s addiq (the one who affirms). The word S iddīq is the hyperbole of S ādiq. Please clarify.

Answer: Hadrat Abū Bakr *radiyallāhu* anhu was given the title of Siddīq on account of the incident of Mi'rāj. The following is related in *Mustadrak-e-H* ākim

'Ā'ishah radiyallāhu 'anhā narrates: When Rasūlullāh sallallāhu 'alayhi wa sallam was taken on the night journey to al-Musjid al-Aq sā, people began discussing the event. Some people believed Rasūlullāh s allallāhu 'alayhi wa sallam and affirmed it. They conveyed this information to Abū Bakr ra d iyallāhu 'anhu and asked him: "Did you hear your friend claiming that he was taken to Bayt al-Maqdis at night?" He asked: "Did he really say that?" They replied: "Yes." He said: "If he said it then he certainly spoke the truth." They asked: "Do you believe that he went to Bayt al-Maqdis at night and returned before the break of dawn?" He replied: "Yes. I believe in and affirm something which appears more far-fetched than that. I believe that he receives revelation from

the heavens in just a part of the morning or part of the evening." This is why Abū Bakr was named

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iddīq.

Just as Siddig is the hyperbole of Sādig, it is also used in the meaning of Musaddig. The following is stated in

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In the Qur'an the word *kādhibah* is used in the meaning of *mukadh-dhibah*. In the same way, the word Siddīq in its mujarrad

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Tafsīr Baydāwī says in this regard:

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The person who is meant in the verse: \Box is the same who is referred to in the verse $\Box\Box\Box\Box\Box\Box\Box\Box\Box\Box\Box\Box\Box$. Thus, the wordkādhibah is used in the meaning of mukadh-dhibah. In the same way, according to one view, the word S iddīq comes in the meaning of Mu s addiq. Allāh $ta\Box \bar{a}l\bar{a}$ knows best

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