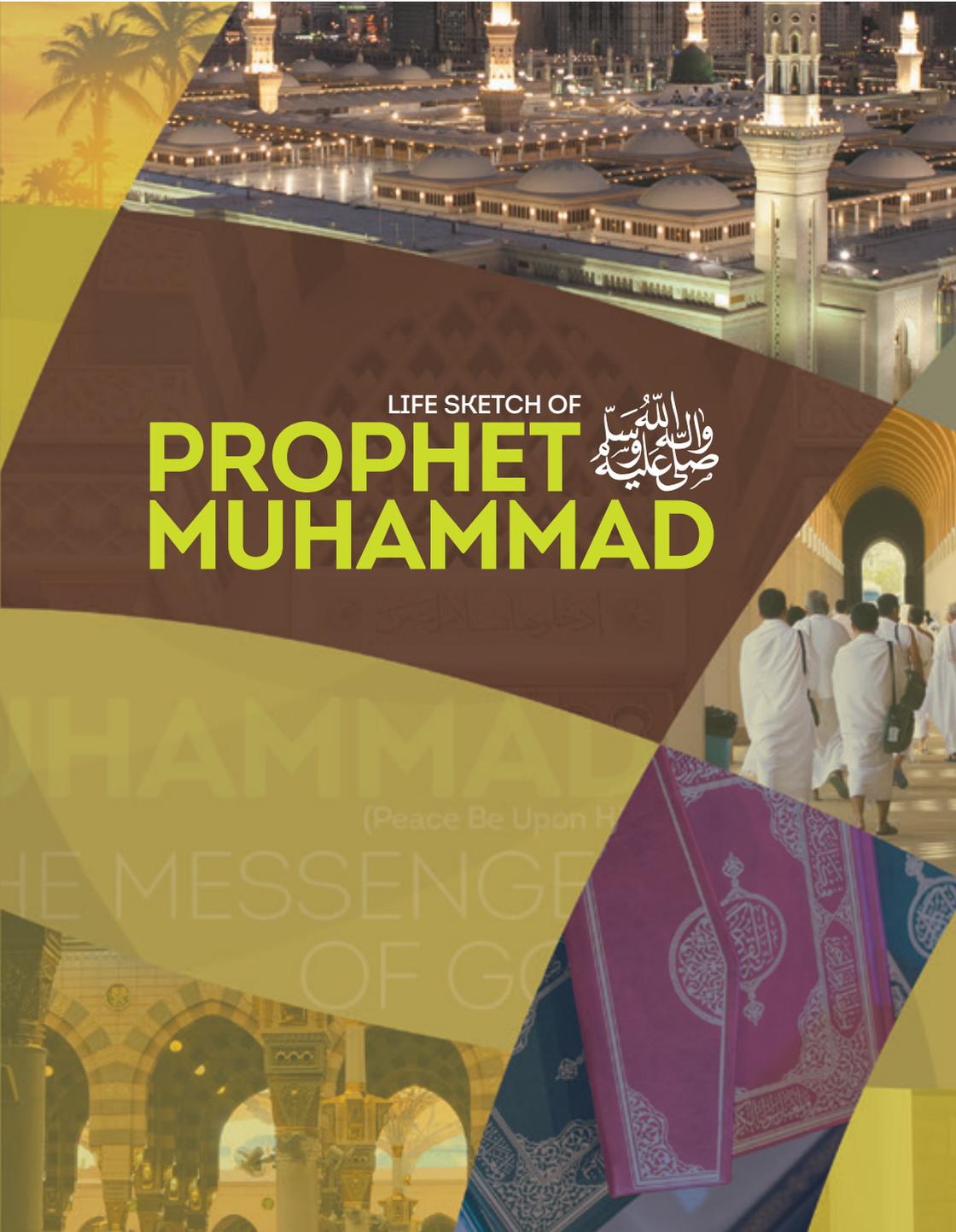




LIFE SKETCH OF
PROPHET ﷺ
MUHAMMAD

(Peace Be Upon Him)

THE MESSENGER
OF GOD







Almighty God says in the Qur'an addressing to Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him)

“Verily, We have sent you, as witness, as a bearer of glad tidings, as a warner as one who invites to God by His permission, and as a lamp spreading light.” (35:45-46)





THE WORLD BEFORE MUHAMMAD

Around 1400 years from now the whole world was the victim of tyranny and barbarity, battles and wars would begin on tiny issues and dropping blood of innocent souls was part of life. Plunder was prevailing and oppression was part of the society. In Arabian Peninsula girls were buried alive whereas in Indian subcontinent wife of a deceased husband had no right to live she would be burnt alive with the corpse of her dead husband.

Western Countries were in total darkness of ignorance and away from the gift of civilization. Idolatry, human worship and to bow down before thousands was considered as part of their religion and culture. Alcoholism, fornication and gambling were ingredient of the society and in words of the Holy Quran, 'the world was on the edge of burning hell'.

MUHAMMAD BIRTH AND CHILDHOOD

This was the scenario when the birth of Muhammad (PBUH) took place in the city of Makkah, His father's name was Abdullah and his mother was Aminah, His father died before his birth and his mother died in his childhood when he was only Six years old.

In this period of his orphanhood he was brought up by his grandfather and uncle, and because of his poverty he was compelled to become a shepherd for the inhabitants of Makkah and he also used to work for a lady trader called 'Khadija'



MUHAMMAD BEFORE HIS PROPHETHOOD

Muhammad (PBUH) was away from polytheism and idolatry and was in search of the ultimate truth and often retreated to the cave called Hira and would contemplate on the mysteries of life and for a one true God.

So one night, Angel Gabriel, Who used to come to the earlier Prophets like Moses, David and Jesus came to him as well. He gave him glad tidings for being a Prophet and a Messenger and made him responsible for the eradication of oppression, darkness and idolatry.





MUHAMMAD IN HIS YOUNG AGE

The youth of Muhammad (PBUH) was very placid and pure. He was away from all the evils that prevailed in the city of Makkah. Because of his Character and Valued Ethics People called him the Trustworthy and the Truthful.

Khadijah was very impressed with his morale doctrines and trustworthiness in his business, that she proposed him for marriage, Which Muhammad (PBUH) agreed to.



MUHAMMAD AS THE PROPHET

On attaining the responsibility of a Prophet, He started his mission, first, in his city Makkah. He invited the People towards the worship of one god.

For the People of Makkah, This wasn't Just an invitation towards Monotheism but also an opposition towards their hand-made gods and in order to stop the spreading of his message they oppressed Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and all those who believed him.

MIGRATION FROM MAKKAH TO MADINAH

To stay away from the Oppression from the people of Makkah and to convey the true message to the humanity, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and the believers migrated to Madinah, where they were welcomed acceptably. And thus, Prophet was able to spread his Message far and wide.

While at his stay in Madinah, He sent a message inviting Heraclius, Emperor of Byzantines (Eastern Roman Empire) Chosroes II (Emperor of Persian Empire), Negus, King of Abyssinia, Muqawqis Ruler of Egypt, Harith Gassani, Governor of Syria and al-Mundhir bin Sawa, Ruler of Bahrain to Islam.

He conveyed the message that the accomplishment of this world and the hereafter is only in accepting the fact that 'no one is worthy of worship except the one and only God and Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is a true Messenger from God.

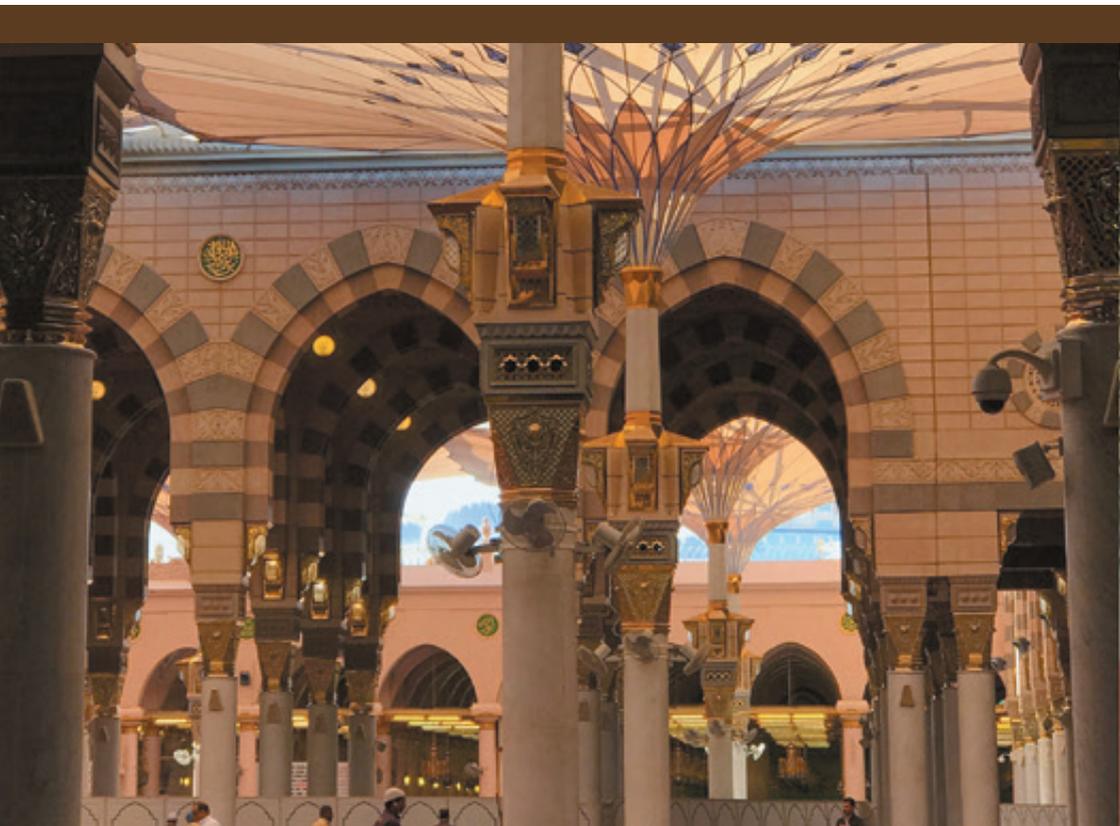


MUHAMMAD IN THE CITY OF MADINAH

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) stayed in Madinah for approximately ten years and during this period; He established a remarkable region and set an example of Justice, Equality and Fairness.

He attained a number of followers who not only took up the responsibility of carrying it out themselves but also conveyed the message of their Prophet to other parts of the world.

Therefore, the Message that had started in Makkah, in a small phase of time, crossing the Arabian Peninsula reached Africa, Europe, China, India and Russia.





REVELATION OF **THE HOLY QURAN**

Right from the first revelation in the cave of Hira until his death 23 years later, the Quran continued to be revealed to him, and the Prophet, through his words and deeds, demonstrated how humanity should conduct itself in the light of these revelations in order to make a veritable paradise of this earth.

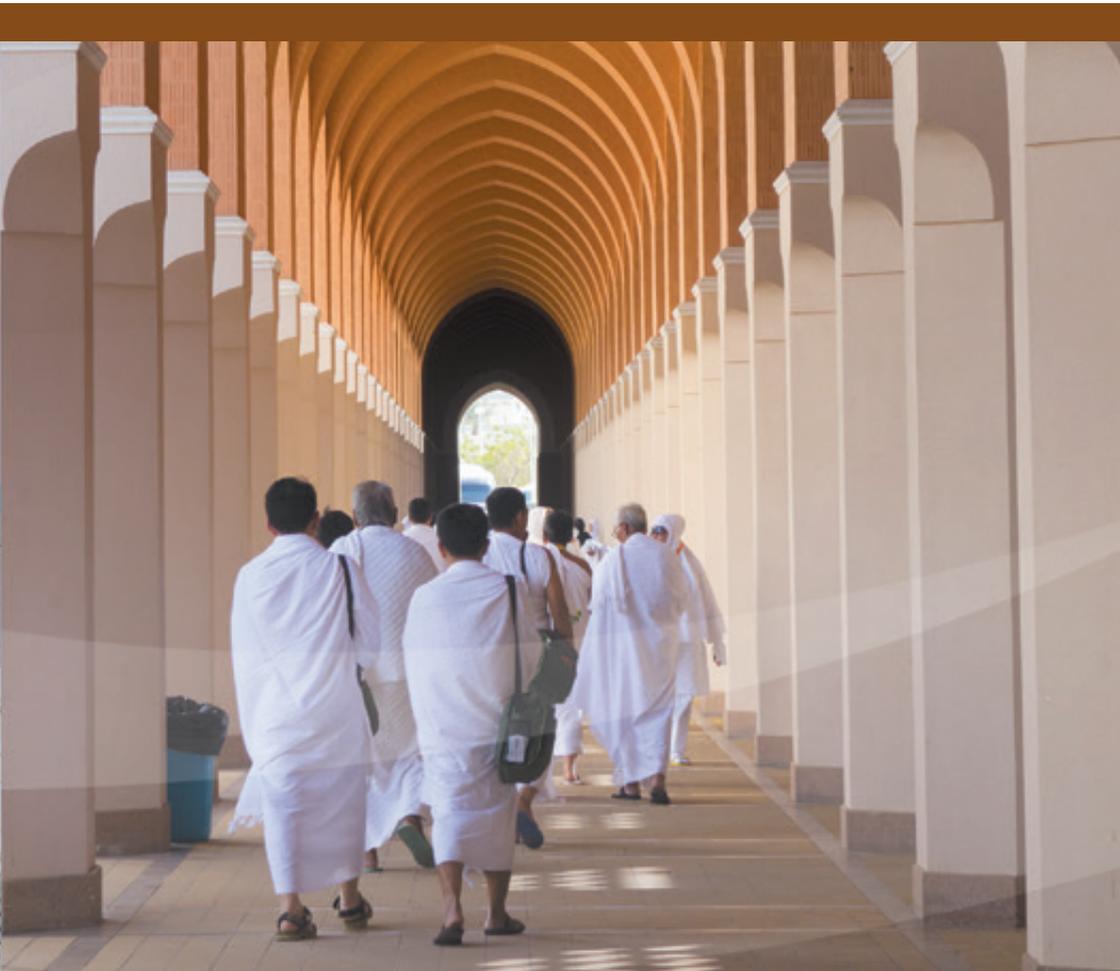


HIS LAST BREATH

He breathed his last on the 12th of Rabi Al-Awwal in 632 CE the 11th year of Hijra and was buried where he died, in his room adjacent to the Prophet's Mosque in Madinah

HIS PHYSICAL FEATURES

The Physical Features of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) are described as bright complexion, wide forehead, broad chest and a handsome face. His Conceptual Traits include a strong mind, A perfect thinking, concise statement, composed natured, belonging to a high-class family along with being spiritual and religious Knowledgeable, fore-bearing, gratitude, just, generous, modest, brave, submissive and merciful.



HIS CHARACTER

All the traits of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) were noble and he was away from all the evils. Hence, directing towards the various mannerisms of Prophet, It is given in the Quran, “Verily! You have the noblest Character.” Prophet Muhammad himself once said “By One in whose hand there is my life, none shall enter paradise except one who has got good conduct.” Anas one of his companion says

“Prophet Muhammad was the best of all in character.” Even his enemies would accept the goodness he possessed in his being. The people of Makkah always opposed the teachings of the Prophet but never acclaimed whatsoever against his qualities.

Abu Sufyan one of the opponents when confronted with the Roman Emperor couldn't speak false claims against his character.





HIS PATIENCE & **FORGIVENESS**

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) forgave people and would let go even if people transgressed against him. When the People of Makkah and Taif did wrong to him, he prayed for them, “O God! Have mercy on them for they know nothing.” He never took revenge for himself during his whole lifetime.

His servant and Companion Anas said “I served him for nine years but I know not that he ever said to me about a thing which I had done why I did that, or about a thing I had left as to why I had not done that.”(Muslim:: Book 30: Hadith 5724)



HIS ABSTINENCE TO THE WORLDLY THINGS

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) never loved the transient world. He hardly obtained anything for his own. Cooking would not take place much in his house. Mostly, His food would comprise of water and dates. The bed of the Prophet was made up of the leaves of a date Palm tree.

When he died, He left nothing in his inheritance. He never distinguished between poor and rich and whenever the poor invited him for a meal, He would accept the invitation and sit with him while eating. He once said “Look at those who are inferior to you, do not look at those who are superior to you, it may help you not to belittle what Allah has bestowed upon you.”

HIS KINDNESS & CENEROSITY

There couldn't be a better example than Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in being merciful and charitable with people. Actually, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was known by this trait of his. Jabir his companion is reported to have said 'that Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) never refused to anything that was asked from him Abdullah Bin Abbas, another companion also reports that 'the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was always ahead in distributing goodness.'

It is mentioned that Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) would involve others while eating, he would give his new clothes to the poor, and he would distribute wealth as soon as he would receive it and never kept a Dinar or Dirham for him.



WHAT FAMOUS PEOPLE HAVE SAID ABOUT **PROPHET MUHAMMAD**

(Peace Be Upon Him)



ALPHONSE **DE LAMARTINE**

If greatness of purpose, smallness of means, and astonishing results are the three criteria of a human genius, who could dare compare any great man in history with Muhammad?

Philosopher, Orator, Apostle, Legislator, Conqueror of ideas, Restorer of Rational beliefs.... The founder of twenty terrestrial empires and of one spiritual empire that is Muhammad. As regards all standards by which human greatness may be measured, we may well ask, is there any man greater than he?



W.C. TAYLOR

So great was his liberality to the poor that he often left his household unprovided nor did he content himself with relieving their wants, he entered into conversation with them, and expressed a warm sympathy for their sufferings. He was a firm friend and a faithful ally.



DR. GUSTAV WEIL

Muhammad was a shining example to his people. His character was pure and stainless. His house, his dress, his food- they were characterized by a rare simplicity. So unpretentious was he that he would receive from his companions no special mark of reverence, nor would he accept any service from his slave which he could do for himself. He was accessible to all and at all times. He visited the sick and was full of sympathy for all. Unlimited was his benevolence and generosity as also was his anxious care for the welfare of the community.



REVEREND BOSWORTH SMITH

If ever a man ruled by a right divine, it was Muhammad, for he had all the powers without their supports. He cared not for the dressings of power. The simplicity of his private life was in keeping with his public life.



SIR **GEORGE BERNARD SHAW**

I have studied him the wonderful man and in my opinion for from being an anti-Christ, he must be called the "Savior of Humanity." I believe that if a man like him were to assume the dictatorship of the modern world he would succeed in solving its problems in a way that would bring it the much needed peace and happiness.



PROFESSOR **JULES MASSERMAN**

"People like Pasteur and Salk are leaders in the first sense. People like Gandhi and Confucius, on one hand, and Alexander, Caesar and Hitler on the other, are leaders in the second and perhaps the third sense. Jesus and Buddha belong in the third category alone. Perhaps the greatest leader of all times was Mohammed who combined all three functions. To a lesser degree, Moses did the same.



EDWARD **GIBBON**

Mohammad brought an end to idol worship. He preached Monotheism and infinite Mercy of God, human brotherhood, care of the orphan, emancipation of slaves, forbidding of wine. No religion achieved as much success as Islam did.



MAHATMA GANDHI

I wanted to know the best of the life of one who holds today an undisputed sway over the hearts of millions of mankind.... I became more than ever convinced that it was not the sword that won a place for Islam in those days in the scheme of life.

It was the rigid simplicity, the utter self-effacement of the Prophet the scrupulous regard for pledges, his intense devotion to his friends and followers, his intrepidity his fearlessness, his absolute trust in God and in his own mission. These and not the sword carried everything before them and surmounted every obstacle. When closed the second volume (of the Prophet's biography), I was sorry there was not more for me to read of that great life.



MICHAEL HART

My choice of Muhammad to lead the list of the world's most influential persons may surprise some readers and may be questioned by others, but he was the only man in history who was supremely successful on both the secular and religious level....It is probable that the relative influence of Muhammad on Islam has been larger than the combined influence of Jesus Christ and St. Paul on Christianity. Let is this unparalleled combination of secular and religious influence which I feel entitles Muhammad to be considered the most influential single figure in human.

NEVER DID AS DESCRIBED BY FAMILY MEMBERS AND COMPANIONS OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD

(Peace Be Upon Him)

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- He never walked in a ungraceful manner.
 - He never waited others to offer greetings to him.
 - He never yawned nor rested completely
 - He never spoke unless he needed to.
 - He never insulted others.
 - He never talked ill of anyone or gossiped.
 - He never spoke unless he needed to.
 - He never insulted others.

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- He never belittled anything.
 - He never criticized any food he tasted.
 - He was never upset for worldly affairs.
 - He never feared anyone other than God
 - He never interrupted a speaker until the speaker completed his statement.
 - He never touched any woman not related to him by blood.
 - He never stored food in his house for tomorrow.
 - He never denied anything he as asked for.
 - He never returned the poor and needy with empty hand.
 - He never allowed people to stand up for him as other people usually do for their kings.
 - He never wore clothes made of silk or mode of fine fabric.
 - He never cursed any person, animal nor he allowed anyone to do so.
 - He never wished that lease of his life to be prolonged nor he asked for death.
 - He never left anything as inheritance for his kith and kin.



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