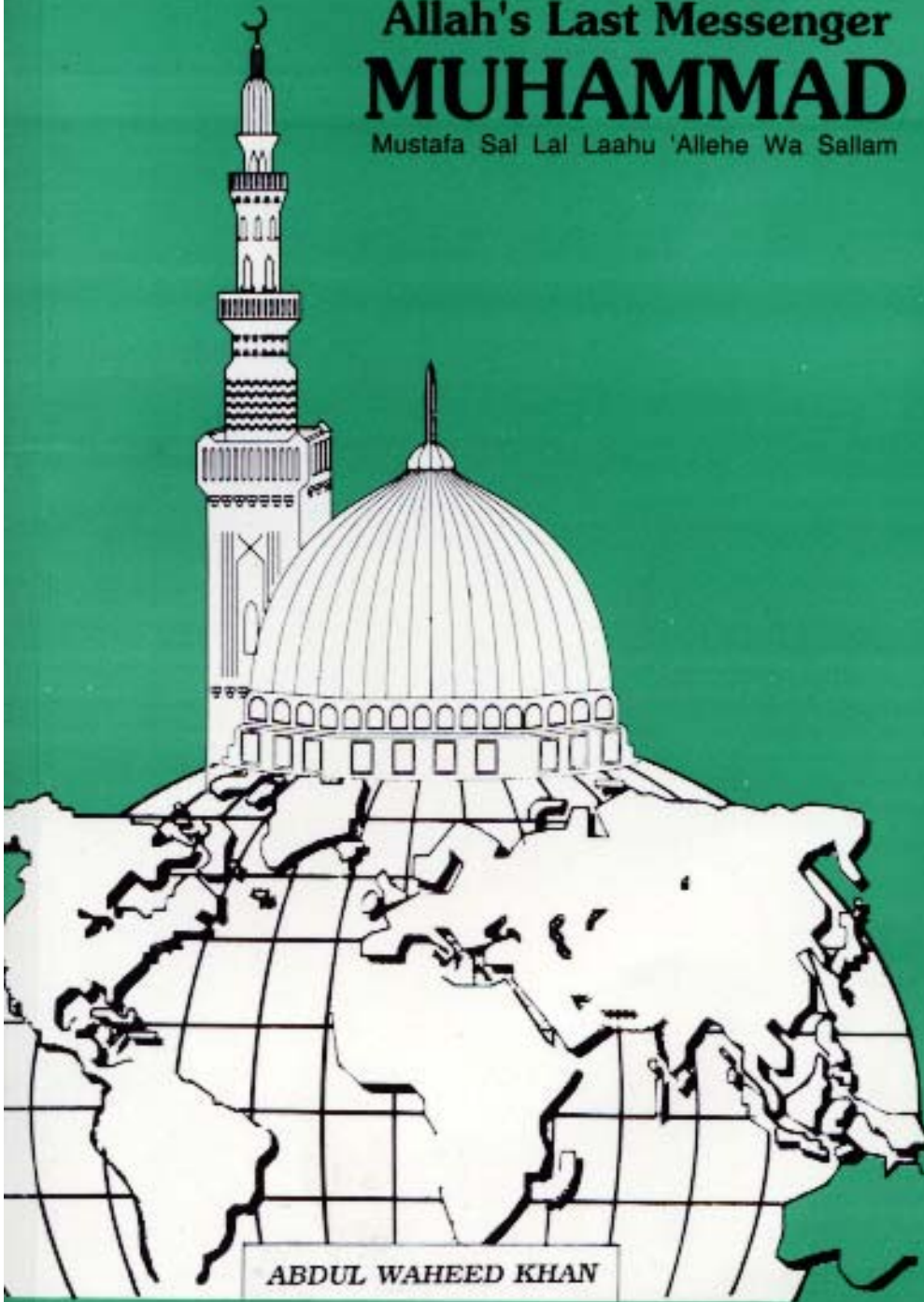


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# FOREWORD

*IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.*

The writer has endeavoured to give a short account of the personality of ALLAH's Last Messenger Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu Allehe Wa Sallam. He has collected facts from various sources and then he has projected the total information in such a manner that the collective reading in the end produces in the reader's mind not only an intense feeling of reverence and regard towards the personality of ALLAH's Last Messenger Hazrat **Muhammad** Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam but it also generates a strong desire to emulate him.

Nothing like this, in such concise form, yet containing so much of information and in such a forthright style and convincing manner has ever been written, all at one place, about ALLAH's Last Messenger Hazrat **Muhammad** Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam. It is highly enlightening and refreshing.

I recommend its reading for Muslims as well as non-Muslims, particularly the youth - the world over.

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## SUBMISSION

*IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.*

1. In the recent past many wrong and fallacious notions have deliberately and repeatedly been spread throughout the world by some biased, mentally sick and mischievous writers regarding the personality of ALLAH's Last Messenger Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam. These writers have willfully tried to damage the image of his towering personality in the eyes of the ordinary and simple people of the world. The evil campaigners have used every means to malign Islam and the Muslims. Due to this evil propaganda, there exists, particularly in the Western secular world a kind of open hostility and prejudice not only against Holy Qur'aan but also against Hazrat **Muhammad** Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam to whom the Holy Qur'aan was revealed by ALLAH.

2.. Due to their writings the average readers remain ignorant, confused and ill-informed about the teachings of Islam and also about the true facts regarding the life and personality of ALLAH's Last Messenger Hazrat **Muhammad** Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam who was the most illustrious of men. It is a matter of regret that such a venerable, noble and supreme personality not only of Islam but also of the entire human race should be made the subject of such wrong and malicious writings. Such writings, against the truth are in fact a stigma on human dignity and moral values.

3. But the real facts about his personality belie all these misstatements, which are seen by them only through their coloured glasses. The mist of prejudice needs to be cleared away. His life must be looked into without spectacles of bigotry and malice. In order to dispel these wrong impressions about ALLAH's Last Messenger Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam, I have therefore attempted to project his personality in the correct perspective for world wide readers as finally the truth must prevail.

4. In the Holy Qur'aan at the outset - ALLAH in Surah Baqarah 2:2 declares emphatically that - *"This (Qur'aan) is a Book of ALLAH. There is no doubt about it."* Muslims have no hesitation in accepting this statement but an average Westerner with secular outlook or one who follows another religion and who is used to probe into things from only materialistic or scientific point of view has some difficulty in accepting this statement unless it is brought to him through a circuit of research laboratories.

5. To him, I have to say this that the 6236 verses of Holy Qur'aan have stood the test of time. Every word of Holy Qur'aan is being proved correct by the scientists of the world. They are now getting convinced about the authenticity of Holy Qur'aan. What Holy Qur'aan has said over 1413 years ago is being proved and understood only in recent years in the light of modern science and research.

All statements of Holy Qur'aan tally with the facts and deductions of science. There is no variance, no contradiction and no incompatibility in any of its statements. All statements are verified and re-verified and are found to be in complete agreement with modern scientific knowledge and data. Thus there is not a single statement in Holy Qur'aan which is assailable from the modern scientific point of view where-as the same is not true about any other religious book. These facts perhaps are not made known to ordinary busy people of the world lest they begin to demolish their own religious super structures.

6. ALLAH pronounces in Holy Qur'aan at Surah Ambiyaa at 21:107 that - *"WE sent you (O! Muhammad Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam) not, save as a mercy for all the peoples of the world."* He was therefore a teacher and a guide for the entire humanity. Further, ALLAH declares him in Holy Qur'aan at Surah Ahzaab 33:2 1 that - *"You have indeed in the Messenger of ALLAH a beautiful pattern of conduct"*. Still further, ALLAH in Holy Qur'aan at Surah Ahzaab at 33:40 declares him as *"the seal of Prophets."*

7. Since ALLAH has declared all this in the Holy Qur'aan, then there can not be any one else, except ALLAH's Last Messenger Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam who could follow the Qur'aanic teachings in their true spirit. His way of life is in fact a mirror of Qur'aanic teachings. It was he who converted the Qur'aanic words into actual practice. His personality therefore truly reflected Qur'aanic teachings.

8. Now if we study his personality, we would, in fact, be studying Holy Qur'aan itself. What was his personality? What was his character and mental make up? What were his habits and human traits? What was his behaviour like? What kind of a person was he? If we know all this, then we would be in a better position to form not only a true and honest opinion about him but would also be able to understand Qur'aanic teachings in their correct perspective.

9. My humble effort is therefore meant not only to project and highlight the true personality of Last Messenger of ALLAH Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam but also to demolish a mound of lies and misconceptions that have been propagated by the biased writers. One must tell the truth. This is not intended to be a biography but it is a reflection of his personality.

10. This is the age of global renaissance of Islam. There is a general awakening and a resurgence of Islam. People, the world over are taking keen interest to know about Islam. Therefore, correct, honest and meaningful projection of the true life of ALLAH's Last Messenger, Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam, who himself was the fountain head of Qur'aanic teachings, would indeed go a long way in understanding his true self. It would also help in understanding the true spirit of Qur'aanic and Islamic ideals whose reverberations have already echoed in the corridors of history. From

seventh century A.D. to seventeenth century A.D. the sun of Islam had already shone brightly. Now once again history has taken a turn. Muslims already possess the resources, the finance, the manpower and above all the ideology which is perfect, flawless and carved out by ALLAH Himself for entire humanity. The only thing that is lacking is the adherence to this ideology. If followed once again, it is bound to reshape and remodel the destiny of the world. That would indeed be the real New World Order.

11. If the reading of this booklet stimulates your thoughts, demolishes the biased and the fallacious notions, re-orientates your opinion, and induces in you a sense of reverence and respect towards the personality of ALLAH's Last Messenger Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam, then I would consider that my labour and effort did not go in vain.

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## Introduction

1. Those who do not know Hazrat **Muhammad** Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam, indeed do not know history. It is difficult to understand how people can remain ignorant about the greatest and the most effective world wide revolution that was ever made on the earth in religious, social, political and economic fields by one Super Man named Hazrat **Muhammad** Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam- the Last Messenger of ALLAH to the world. The Most Extraordinary personality of ALLAH's Last Messenger- Hazrat **Muhammad** Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam is so great and so multi-dimensional that at best only a fraction of his towering personality can be projected by pen and the subject would always remain inconclusive. It is beyond the power of pen to describe his personality fully. It is like describing a star. Here, however an attempt has been made by the writer in complete humility and submission to describe the many splendoured personality of the greatest and the Last Messenger of ALLAH in this concise booklet.

## Two Facets of His Personality

2. In order to cover the total spectrum of the personality of ALLAH's Last Messenger - Hazrat **Muhammad** Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam, I have projected it in two parts. First part is the worldly and the visible human aspect whereas the second part is the spiritual or the divine aspect.

## FIRST PART - HIS WORLDLY LIFE

### His Birth

3. ALLAH's Last Messenger Hazrat **Muhammad** Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam came into the world in the full blaze of modern history. *"He is the Messenger of ALLAH and the Seal of the Prophets."* Ref: Holy Our'aan Surah Al-Ahzaab 33:40. He was born over 1413 years ago in Arabia at Mecca on 20th April 570 C.E. on Monday in the tribe of Bani Hashim which was highly respected in Mecca - the oldest of all and the greatest centre of worship on the earth.



Mecca is the historical and the geographical centre of the world as well. His father Hazrat Abdullah had died before his birth whereas his mother Hazrat Bibi Amina departed when he was only six years old, leaving him an orphan. In the early childhood he was breastfed by another lady Hazrat Bibi Haleema. Soon, of all men, he would be the one who would exercise the greatest influence upon the entire human race. About him nothing is shrouded in mystery. There are thousands of Ahadis regarding his sayings and his practices written by hundreds of persons who had either seen him, spoken with him or accompanied him.

## **As an Orphan**

4. He led a hard life from the very beginning which is fully recorded. As a boy he used to go on daily wages as a shepherd to graze others' goats and sheep in the outskirts of Mecca. Often he had to work as an ordinary casual labourer. He dug earth and at times he went as an ordinary worker with the trading caravans of others to far off lands. Whenever and wherever he was employed, he was honest, hardworking, reliable and sincere. He always earned an honest living and proved that there is dignity and satisfaction in manual work. At this young age his identity as a labourer was totally merged with the other labourers and slaves of the day.

5. As an orphan boy he faced all the vicissitudes of life but he had noble character, moral courage and a personality of his own among others of his age. He was a little different and distinct in his behaviour who stood out as a class by himself even at this young age. He was shy, modest and lived much within himself. He was noble by birth but was nobler still in grace and manners.

## **As a Youth**

6. As he grew up to be a youth he adopted trade as his profession dealing mostly in the sale and purchase of cloth and also some other items of household use. For this he used to travel taking caravans of camels to far off lands. He was acknowledged by Meccans as truthful, honest, dependable, sincere and reliable who always kept his word and who never spoke a lie. For all these noble qualities he was respected and was held in high esteem by all. His people called him Al-Ameen (Trustworthy) and As-Sadiq (One who never spoke a lie). ALLAH had honoured him with- *"an exalted standard of character."* Al Quraan Surah Al-Qalam 68:4.

## **As a Grown up Man**

7. As he advanced in age, he began to take note of the evil, the disbelief and various superstitions around him. He noticed that the Arabs were sunk deep in ignorance, bigotry and disbelief. There was degradation of human soul. Instead of worshipping One True GOD, people had begun to worship idols, deities, stones and stars. They had chosen a wrong and a crooked path. People lacked

in moral principles and human values. There were discords, disputes and quarrels among the kith and kin and neighbouring tribes. These quarrels used to last at times from one generation to the other. The strong were oppressing the poor and the weak. Might was right. The orphans and the widows had none to support them. Women were considered lowly and did not command any respect. The birth of a daughter was considered inauspicious. There was no restriction on the number of marriages. The mother, the sister, the wife and the daughter were held in low esteem. They were considered evil and contemptible. Female infanticide was common. Drinking, gambling and other vices of all sorts were the order of the day. Religious falsehood, conceit and ignorance were generally prevailing and man's moral and spiritual growth had ceased because of lack of guidance. Slavery was prevalent in its worst form. Respect and consideration for men was based on their wealth and power. Man was drunk with arrogance, religious formalism and moral bankruptcy. There was complete moral depravity. In fact man was out of harmony with the dictates of nature and GOD. Hazrat **Muhammad** Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam watched all this evil drama around him with disgust and contempt.

## Received Prophethood

8. When he saw that human faith in One True GOD was lacking and even missing and that justice, love and peace among men were also lacking, his soul began to stir. Being a sensitive soul, there was a revolt within him. A storm arose within him of far greater intensity than the seasonal storms of the world. He felt aversion within him against the fallacy of existing disbelief, ignorance, intolerance and superstitions. People were sunk deep in idol worship whereas he carried within him a deep sense of repulsion at their folly. The turmoil of the soul led him to think and to ponder. In utter disgust and revolt he began to prefer to be left alone for contemplation and meditation. This was in search of solace, peace and truth. He therefore began to retire often to a cave named Ghar-e-Hiraa in the nearby mountains where he used to meditate at times for days and nights at a stretch. There he used to pray to ALLAH profusely. This process continued for over two years, then at the age of forty ALLAH bestowed upon him HIS Messengership through angel Jibreel 'Allehis Salaam. The angel commanded him to "Read" but **Muhammad** Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam was unable to "read" or "write". But soon the inspired words that "*There is no god except ALLAH and Muhammad is HIS Messenger*" revolutionised the entire world. Thus he became the Last Messenger of ALLAH on earth. ALLAH, in Holy Qur'aan In Surah Ahzaab at 33:40 confirms this by pronouncing that - "*He is the seal of the Prophets*" thereby heralding him as ALLAH's Last Messenger and ALLAH conveyed to mankind through him HIS Last Message in the shape of Holy Qur'aan. The authenticity of Holy Qur'aan has never been in doubt unlike other revelations that came before it. ALLAH's revelations were recorded by ready scribes and memorized immediately as they were spoken by ALLAH's Last Messenger Hazrat **Muhammad** Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam and they remain preserved in that state even to their minutest inflexions till today. The

Holy Qur'aan has remained the same without any change or alteration. But the same cannot be said of other Books of GOD.

## **Yet He was a Man**

9. Like all other previous Messengers of ALLAH Hazrat **Muhammad** Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam was also a man except that he was the Last Messenger of ALLAH. ALLAH, in Holy Qur'aan in Surah Kahf at 18:110 declares that - "*Yet he was a man like any other man.*" Like a normal man he used to eat, sleep and lead his social and family life. ALLAH, in Holy Qur'aan in Surah Ale-'Imraan at 3:144 says that - "*He was no more than a Messenger of ALLAH.*" Holy Qur'aan at Surah Al-Anaam at 6:50 says - " Say, O Muhammad - " I do not claim that I possess the treasures of ALLAH, nor that I know the Unseen, nor do I say that I am an angel. I only follow the Revelation that is sent to me." He did not claim any infallibility either. Ref. Holy Qur'aan Surah 'Abasa 80: 1-12, Surah Tahreem 66:1 and Surah Toubah 9:43. Messages of ALLAH (Vahee) used to come to him through Angel Jibreel 'Allehis Salaam and they were recorded and memorized by faithfuls immediately. In life he used to follow the Commands of ALLAH as proclaimed in Holy Qur'aan in letter and spirit so that others could see him, follow him and thereby adopt his ways, manners and style of living and method of praying etc. The purpose behind it was to make the believers lead a life of a True Muslim. As a man he was true to himself, his people, and above all to his GOD and to Holy Qur'aan. ALLAH, in Holy Qur'aan in Surah Muhammad at 47:33 says - "*O you who believe! Obey ALLAH and obey the Messenger.*"

## **His Arrival was Forecast in Taurat, Injeel, Vedas, Purnas, Buddhist and Parsi Scriptures**

10. His arrival had already been forecast in Taurat (Testament I), Injeel (Testament II) (Bible International Version) and Vedas as well. Taurat in the 5th Book of Deuteronomy in the Chapter of Prophets at 18:15 says "*The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him.*" Similarly Injeel in the Gospel of John at 14:16 says - "*and HE will give you another Counselor to be with you for ever.*" At 14:26 it says - "*- - - will teach you all things and will remind you of every thing I (i.e. 'Isa 'Allehis Salaam) have said to you.*" At 15:26 it says - "*He will testify about me.*" At 16:8 it says - "*When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgement.*" Further at 16:13 it says - "*But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.*" At 16:14 it continues - "*He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.*" There is also a mention of his name in Vedas- coming of a great personality named VEDAMEHAT (i.e. fountain head of all goodly people) and there is another word AHMEDIV (i.e. one spreading brilliance like a sun). These Sanskrit words pronounce close to AHMED which is the heavenly name of Hazrat **Muhammad** Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam. In Bhawishya

Puma there is a mention of a Great Teacher MOHAMAT - who would be the inhabitant of the desert (Arabia). Even Goutam Buddha said addressing his disciple Ananda - *"I am neither the first Budha nor the last."* In the Parsi Scripture DASATIR No. 14 there is clear enough a prophecy about the arrival of **Muhammad** (Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam) from the sands of Arabia whose faith would be followed by the Persians (Parsis) who would then remove the fire temples and the idols. Thus these ancient scriptures sufficiently confirm his arrival. Holy Qur'aan in Surah Shuara at 26:196 also confirms - *"No doubt the mention of Holy Qur'aan is there in the scriptures of former peoples."*

## **His Personal Appearance**

11. ALLAH's Last Messenger Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam was of good medium height with a physically strong, muscular and healthy build. He was slim and without a protruding belly. He had a large head, a wide chest and broad shoulders. He had a sun tanned wheatish fair complexion. His face was slightly oval shaped and was well featured with a raised nose having a slight curve at the top. His forehead was broad. His eyes were black and large which in an instant looked deep into others' eyes and read them. His eyebrows were fine, thin and arched. His eyelashes were long and thick. He was modest and shy by nature and generally kept his eyes low. He had dark brown lightly curled hair which had begun to grey, but very slightly, towards the latter part of his life. They flowed backwards in flocks over his head right up to his neck. He kept a beard up to his chest length only where as his moustaches were trimmed almost clean. His teeth were well set and were brilliant white. His front upper two teeth were prominent. When he was happy he only smiled with captivating sweetness but never laughed aloud. A cotton scarf used to cover his head and neck as a headdress. Over his back, between his two shoulders, he had a circular dark brown patch almost of a size of a coin, which was said to be the mark to indicate the sign - "The Seal of Prophets." He used to overlay a black hand-knitted woolen shawl or a cotton sheet according to weather conditions over his shoulders. He used to wear a silver ring on which was written "**MUHAMMAD RASU-LUL-LAAH.**" He was always absolutely clean in body and clothes and he used to dress very simply and humbly. He loved to use perfumes. He ate a little, he slept a little and he spoke a little. He was soft at speech but was distinct and clear. He used to walk briskly and it was difficult for his companions to keep pace with him. His movements were agile and active. His presence and gait were dignified and imposing. He was truthful, sincere and selfless who used to live and care for others. He had an exceptional intelligence, a quick grasp and a retentive memory. He was the embodiment of sober, dignified human behaviour. In general he had an extraordinary impressive personality indicating and radiating his piety and his holiness which used to instantly make a deep and lasting impression on others.

## He Preached Islam

12. ALLAH's Last Messenger Hazrat **Muhammad** Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam came to preach Islam. Islam means surrendering to the will of ALLAH. He told men to believe in One GOD who is All Hearing and All Seeing. He is all by HIMSELF - alone. He has no sons and no daughters and no one has a share in HIS Sovereignty. He also told them to believe in the Day of Judgement and in a new life after death. These two are strong factors in keeping man on the right path. This sermon just about upset their hitherto false beliefs and wrong notions of centuries he had decency, grace and dignity in his speech. He was a man of few words. At the time of his advent, the human mind, religionwise, was fully developed and matured and humanity had seen and gone through a cycle of religions. Musa 'Allehis Salaam (Moses) and 'Isa 'Allehis Salaam (Jesus) had to show miracles to convince man of the righteousness of their cause. But by now man had reached the age of reason and had acquired an ability to draw his own logical conclusions regarding his faith and religion. Now man's mind and his thinking had come of age. Now miracles alone would not suffice him. His mind, his heart and his soul all needed a doctrine of Truth and a religion which could satisfy him with reason, logic and understanding. He needed an inner light within his heart. Islam met this requirement. Holy Qur'aan satisfied man's thirst for Truth. Holy Qur'aan is the greatest of all miracles of the world and ALLAH's Last Messenger showed this guiding light to mankind. He is indeed "A mercy to mankind ." Ref. Holy Qur'aan Surah Ambiyaa 21:107.

13. Like all other Messengers of ALLAH (peace be upon all of them), Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam also had the same message for humanity i.e. "There is no other god except One True God." Al-Qur'aan Surah Ikhlas 112:1. The spirit of all the religions had always been the same. ALLAH has never changed HIS Message to HIS creation. HE has never contradicted HIMSELF. HE alone is Omnipotent, Omniscient and Omnipresent. A little study of plants, nature and astronomy would make this statement immediately clear. All things on the earth and in the heavens are created for man but man himself is created for ALLAH. Being the Last Messenger of ALLAH, the scope of his mission and teachings were, of course, wider and more comprehensive than that of all other previous Messengers put together. He preached fearlessly. His message is for entire human race and is not confined to any particular society or environment alone. His teachings cover all phases of human life - the past, the present and even the life beyond death which would be in the Hereafter. He taught the Holy Qur'aan which is a general code of life for Muslims. A Muslim is one who submits himself to the will of ALLAH. Islam is a religious, political, social, civil, commercial, military, judicial and a penal code. All in one. It regulates every thing from religious ceremonies to the minutest details of day to day life. From the health of body to the health of soul. In fact Islam is a complete code of life. It is the only determining factor in shaping the quality of life from the birth to the grave and even beyond.

14. After being declared the Messenger of ALLAH, he began to warn the people of the punishments of Hell and therefore advised them to give up the worship of deities and idols. He exhorted the people to give up the ways of superstitions, disbelief and ignorance. At the same time he also gave to the people the good news about Heaven and therefore advised them to believe in One True GOD - ALLAH. Thus he was a Warner of Hell and a Giver of glad tidings of Heaven. He began to preach the Message of Islam - the religion of nature. Islam suits the very make up and genius of man, his total life, body and soul all put together, and at the same time it also meets the requirements and purpose of ALLAH in creating this world.

15. He came into the world to remove darkness from the hearts of men. He came to show the light and the straight path to mankind. He came to bring the golden era of righteousness and enlightenment. He came to emancipate the human soul, which was dwarfed so far and was craving for logic, reason, wisdom and truth. He came to purify the sick and the rotting society. In fact he came to change the fortunes of the people because so far they were mostly worshipping every thing else except ONE TRUE GOD - ALLAH. They were lost.

### **Hostility From the People of Mecca**

16. When he started his mission at Mecca by preaching the message of Holy Qur'aan against their age-old beliefs, the hostility of Meccans fell upon him. They were infuriated. The opponents of Islam disliked him and hated him because the Messenger of ALLAH was now trying to demolish their evil hold on society. Their traditions, their ways and their faith and even their trade was being affected. The Last Messenger of ALLAH had therefore to face all sorts of difficulties, oppositions, threats and even boycott for almost three years. They even tried their best to offer him temptations of wealth and women only to dissuade him from attacking their beliefs and idol worship. But he refused all. He had therefore to face the persecutions after persecutions, insults after insults and even danger to his own life. He braved their hostilities, taunts, harassments, ridicules and their evil designs manfully. As a social and economic boycott, he and his followers were confined to a narrow mountain gorge suffering hunger, thirst and privation for three years. All this was only because he was campaigning against their idolatry, their false dogmas and their evil practices. He remained all along determined and resolute against their attacks, designs and oppositions. He showed his perseverance and patience, courage and conviction and remained sincere, loyal and steadfast to his mission which was entrusted to him by ALLAH to deliver the message of ALLAH i.e the message of Holy Qur'aan to the people. In doing so he had the honesty and integrity of purpose. He continued to put in hard work with extra-ordinary courage and never wavered. He even went to the nearby town of Taif to preach but only to be insulted, harassed, stoned and wounded. He returned bleeding. However, his thirteen years of stay at Mecca after receiving the Messengership of ALLAH were mostly of the severest of

persecution and only a few people believed in him though his enemies were countless. When the dissemination of Divine Message at Mecca became impossible, he then migrated to Madina at the behest of ALLAH.

## **Migration to Madina**

17. Migration (Hijrat) completely changed the situation from position of extreme weakness and helplessness to that of strength and power. At Madina he preached unhindered for another ten years till his death. Here he organised his followers into a well knit and disciplined community. Now Islam was free to prevail. At Madina, he was not only the leader of the new faith Islam, but was also the Head of the Islamic State. He had the twin responsibility. Later, after the conquest of Mecca, he began to send the Message of Holy Qur'aan to the neighbouring Kings and Emperors inviting them to accept Islam. It was here that the first Mosque of Islam was constructed at Quba and also the First Call to Prayer "Azaan" was called. It was also here that the direction for prayers i.e. "Qibla" was changed from Masjid-e-Aqsa at Jerusalem to Sacred Mosque Khana-e-Kaaba at Mecca.

## **He Preached Through Reason and Logic**

18. His preaching to the misguided people was through honest and sincere persuasion. He preached through reason, knowledge and logic alone. The Islamic religious beliefs are based on principles of pure reason. There are no complexities for the soul and that is the reason that it quickly finds its way into the hearts of people. He used to say - "ALLAH has not created any thing better than reason." ALLAH has given every man a personal monitor, a conscience and a guide i.e. his sense of reasoning. There is a reason for every thing. Islam does not proclaim any dogmas which are incompatible with reason and science. The people became believers in faith only after the unprejudiced study and investigation of Islam because they were fired by the intense desire and urge to know the Truth. Thus he appealed to their reason and not to their sentiments. He drew the people towards faith using the tools of reason and logic. To the people he brought forward the logical truth that there is only One True God of the universe and that there is a future life in the Hereafter. He told them that in the past ALLAH had sent many Messengers with HIS messages and now he was the Last Messenger of ALLAH, and Holy Qur'aan is the Last Book of ALLAH's Commands to mankind. His honesty, truthfulness and sincerity led the people to have faith in him. Never in the entire history of mankind men were led to believe in a religion more rapidly than through him. It was only within a period of twenty-three years that the whole of Arabian Peninsula of die-hard Bedouins was converted from disbelievers to devoted and faithful Muslims who thronged around him to accept his leadership as the Last Messenger of ALLAH. It was the miracle of his cause which was well presented to the people with Reason and Logic which brought about a moral, intellectual and spiritual awakening amongst

them.

## **He Gave Moral and Ethical Principles**

19. ALLAH's Last Messenger Hazrat **Muhammad** Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe WaSallam came to give to humanity great ethical and moral principles. He came to blend together peoples of all tongues, colour, creed, races and nationalities. He came to wake them up from slumber. He came as a friend to the friendless, as a help to the helpless, as a teacher to the ignorant, as preacher to the pious, as a protector to the unprotected widows and the weak, as a guardian to the orphans. He came as a source of strength to one who had none for support. He came to help the needy and he came to free the slaves. He came as an emancipator of women and the protector of their rights, their dignity, honour and respect, the like of which mankind had not known before. He came as a source of relief and strength to the fallen. He came to bring hope and promise to the desperate and the despaired. He came to bring man close to ALLAH - his Creator and Benefactor. He came to demolish the baser instincts of man. He came to demolish the idol worship. He came to pull man out of ignorance, falsehood and superstitions. He came to elevate man to a truly dignified position as the highest and the supreme creature that ALLAH has created on earth and who has the quest for knowledge, understanding, wisdom and the sense to differentiate between the right and wrong. He came to tell humanity to follow the path of truth. He came to pull man from darkness to light. He came to show man the straight path which would give his soul contentment and peace of mind. He came to lay the greatest emphasis on character building, ethics and morality. In fact he came to lead man towards his goal - the Ultimate Truth - the GOD.

## **He Came to Show**

20. He came to show the methods and manners of worship and prayer. He demonstrated to humanity the most cultured, pious and beautiful way of living. He taught the rich to give and he taught the poor to be self-reliant and self-respecting. He taught man to be contented and satisfied against the pull of wanton desires, covetousness and mutual jealousies. He taught the self-seekers to become truth seekers. Through his teachings the ignorant became enlightened, blind faith disappeared and false dogmas and religious fallacies vanished. The evildoers became righteous and the meek and the weak became strong and courageous. He came to show the right way to peace and gave tranquillity to the disturbed, restless, dissatisfied and the starving soul. He came to declare that "*only in the remembrance of ALLAH do hearts find satisfaction.*" Holy Qur'aan Surah R'ad 13:28. He came to show the way to make life meaningful and successful and at the same time to meet the overall purpose and design of ALLAH in creating this world. He came to warn humanity about the Day of Judgement in the Hereafter when each soul would be judged only by ALLAH according to one's good or bad deeds. Then accordingly he will find his ultimate



destination in Heaven or Hell. He came to give to the world the religion of Islam so that man may surrender himself fully to the will of ALLAH.

## **He Exercised Enormous Influence**

21. He exercised enormous influence upon the lives of his followers. His ability and style to manage and lead his men were unique and remarkable. The followers were totally committed to 'him. They were fully devoted to him. Whatever he said they obeyed. Whichever way he acted, they acted likewise. They veered around turn. They gave up every thing including their wealth, their possessions a~ even their lives for the cause of Islam, the true religion. Men clearly saw the benefit of his leadership and accepted the Messenger as their benefactor. They acknowledged him as their unquestionable leader and supreme guide in all matters. They followed him, they honoured him, they loved him even more than their own selves. For his sake and for the sake of Islam they endured embarrassments, harassments, insults, abuses, tortures and punishments of all kinds. They were dragged flat by battle horses on the burning sands Arabia. They underwent boycotts and miseries but they never betrayed him. They never forsook him. The spiritual bond between them was very strong and secure. Such was their belief in his message and such was their attachment, faithfulness and devotion to his honest and loving personality that they followed him without a word. There was an all powerful pull, attraction and bond in his overwhelmingly persuasive, decisive, reasoned, honest and enlightened preachings and teachings. ALLAH in Holy Qur'aan in Surah Nisaa at 4:80 says - *"Whoever obeys the Messenger of ALLAH, in fact obeys ALLAH.* The sheer power of his moral force was all compelling and was enough to disarm men of their stubborn and obstinate beliefs. Such was his remarkable personal influence. This strange and willing subjugation and surrender of men is therefore a subject of deeper study for scholars of man-management and social sciences.

## **He Brought About a Revolutionary Change**

22. His leadership and his teachings brought about a revolutionary change in the minds and the hearts of men. They watched him very closely and minutely. His conduct accordingly affected the day-to-day life of his followers thoroughly. Never before in the history of mankind have men undergone such a rapid and yet so total a transformation. He introduced a number of religious practices like Salaat (Namaz), Zakaat, Haj and Fast. Fired by the conviction of faith, they followed and adopted them all. The effect of Islam was such that their entire lives were changed. The proud became humane and humble. Muslims were declared brothers to each other. The wrong doers became righteous. Their manners and habits were changed. Their rituals, customs and traditions were changed. Their thinking was changed and their attitudes were changed. Their mutual hostilities and rivalries were changed into accommodation and sympathy. Their mutual hatred was changed into consideration and love. Their dress was changed and

their bearing was changed. Their living was changed. In fact the individual, the family and the entire society was changed from degradation to civilization. The goal of life was changed. The outlook and character of man was changed. The ideas, the beliefs and the souls were changed. In short, man was changed into a human being with a distinctive badge of Islamic identity. This is the reason that of all the people of the world Muslims give the appearance and the impression of being the most religious minded people in belief, body, dress and practices. Surely, his was the most inspiring personality among all religious leaders.

## **There is no Compulsion in Religion**

23. Yet there is no compulsion and no coercion in Islam. Man made laws may be able to regulate the society but they are not lasting whereas Divine Laws reform the society and are everlasting. The former are regulatory in approach where as the latter are reformatory in approach. There is always a craving of a soul for a true religion and Islam satisfies this hunger and thirst. Spontaneous judgement and a decision to accept Islam as the way of life comes out of an absolutely free choice of conscience through a realization that there is eventually no better and wiser way to lead ones life except as directed by ALLAH. Islam always counsels study, inquiry and investigation before accepting Islam. People therefore accepted Islam willingly. Only weighty arguments were the weapons to conquer the hearts and minds of men. Man's intellect and his heart both were convinced without a shadow of doubt before he decided to make a change in his age-old belief and faith. Only then he said - " I have taken a step." Islam was not imposed on others by force but it was the sheer force of the Islamic faith itself that made Islam enter their hearts. It was through the strength of its truth, its conceptual superiority and its dynamism that Islam spread. Islam succeeded where older religions failed in winning and Islam won in a convincing manner. ALLAH says in Our'aan in Surah AlBaqarah at 2:256 that - *"There is no compulsion in religion. The right path (of religion) has been clearly differentiated from the waywardness.* " The truth had come to push out the darkness. Mentally sick adversaries of Islam wrongly attribute that Islam was spread through the might of the sword. This is far from the truth. This is the result of anti-Islamic perverse thinking. In fact Islamic missions were sent out of Madina as peace missions only to convey the message of Holy Qur'aan. People were invited to accept Islam. While preaching Islam to the disbelievers and to the enemies of Islam, ~he Messenger of ALLAH had always advocated conciliation, tolerance, kindness, rational approach and broadmindedness. He discouraged compulsion, force or victimization. But when the hostile disbelieving tribes used to sense the danger to their belief and faith, they used to attack the Believers of Islam. Then the Believers of Islam had to fight back in self-defence. This had become unavoidable as the disbelievers were bent upon destroying the mission of Islam on one pretext or the other. The disbelievers had drawn out the sword to annihilate the Muslims. Thus these peace missions often used to end up in battles and military campaigns, but all in the defence of Muslims and their new

faith-Islam. They were never aggressive in nature. Jihad (The Holy Wars) had to be waged only to defend Islam against aggression and Muslims were never the first to draw the sword.

## The Holy Wars

24. The stories of fanatic Muslims sweeping across the world forcing Islam at the point of a sword is a most fantastically connived absurdity and a lie propagated by bogus historians. In fact Qur'aanic Teachings by Hazrat **Muhammad** Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam had enraged the Quraish Tribe of Mecca and also other peoples who belonged to older religions. He and his faithful followers were therefore persecuted. There was even a clever attempt to kill him. Finally they were driven out of Mecca. They had to migrate to Madina for shelter. Even there he was not left alone at peace. The religious animosity of the enemies of Islam forced them to march on to various battles to settle the score with the Muslims. The disbelievers attacked him repeatedly at Madina and menaced the very existence of Islam. ALLAH then declared JIHAD (meaning striving to your utmost) as obligatory on Muslims. Ref. Holy Qur'aan Surah Baqarah 2:190-193. He then had to fight back in self-defence and thus he was groomed to become an accomplished Military Leader. A Muslim is absolutely fearless of the horrors, terrors and tyrannies of war because ALLAH is with him in the darkest hour. In case of death-he is living in the heaven finding sustenance. A Muslim is a therefore a most fearless human being that there can ever be. ALLAH's Last Messenger used to plan himself all defensive campaigns, and then lay down broad strategies down to precise tactics. In doing so, mutual consultation and discussion was his normal practice. Once he was in the battlefield, he acted as the Commander-in-Chief and at the same time fought like an ordinary soldier and worked like an ordinary labourer. His physical endurance and stamina was so great that he could endure all sorts of discomforts, inconveniences and hardships. He could undertake long journeys during summers and winters and at the same time face all kinds of dangers of outstretched. He unified the Arab Bedouin tribesmen who were till then disunited and pitted against one another in internal quarrels. He had inspired them with an all-motivating force and belief in One True GOD - ALLAH, with the result that they secured one after another the most astonishing conquests in human history. Often he was outnumbered, three to one, yet he won some spectacular victories. No other religion in history spread so rapidly as Islam did. Within one hundred years of his death, the Roman Empire, the Byzantine Empire and the Persian Empire were all humbled. Inspired by their faith the Arabs conquered rapidly and swept across a vast area stretching from the Eastern borders of Iran to Northern Africa, to Spain and right upto Southern Europe. It was the largest Muslim Empire in area and land coverage that the world had ever known in entire human history. Also, its duration under Muslim domination was the longest-almost a thousand years. Islam had completely changed the religious map of the world. Such was the leadership of ALLAH's Last Messenger Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa Sal Lal

Laahu Allehe Wa Sallam And wherever the Muslims went there was a large scale conversion to Islam.

25. ALLAH's Last Messenger remained extremely pre-occupied fighting back the enemies of Islam from the age of 53 to 63 years i.e. till his death. His record of battles and campaigns is a witness to the disbelievers' hostility towards Islam. It is phenomenal indeed. He had to lead personally a total of twenty-seven battles and campaigns whereas in nine of them there was such hard fighting that the blood was let to fall freely. At times he himself was hurt and there were occasions when he just escaped death. Battles of Badr, Uhad, Trench and Hunein were the major ones. In addition, he had a super human tolerance to physical and mental hardships which were inflicted on him and on his followers. He always kept his emotions under control. Besides these battles and campaigns, he personally planned and sent out thirty-eight other smaller expeditions in defence under the command of his faithfuls. While studying the details of these major battles, one stands amazed to realize how great and highly professional used to be his military planning, his Strategy, his skilful use of the ground and his deployment of different tactics. In all these campaigns he himself was the motivating force. What an involvement and what a devotion in the cause of Islam! What an effort, enthusiasm and stamina! He fought for religion and not for a political advantage or a territorial gain. His military triumphs awakened no pride in him. His glories were not for selfish purposes. Their aim was nothing else but to spread the message of Holy Qur'aan - i.e. to build one Spiritual Empire - a Commonwealth of Islamic Faith. There is none in the history of the world who could come anywhere close to this record of battles and campaigns. And all this was in the defence of Islam and in the cause of ALLAH, only to spread the message of HIS Word - the Holy Qur'aan. A scholar's pen, a preacher's voice and a wealthy man's contribution are also different forms of Jihad.

### **His Conduct was Exemplary**

26. Whether in peace or in war, whether he was amongst his own men or he was preaching amongst the disbelievers or he was dealing with his enemies, his behaviour and conduct was always exemplary. He treated the people with courtesy and decency on all occasions. After victories, he appeared even more humble, humane and magnanimous. He rejected every token of personal homage. After every success he would pray even more profusely than his usual practice in thankfulness to ALLAH. ALLAH in Holy Qur'aan in Surah Nasr at 110:3 says - *"Then (i.e. after victory) hymn the praises of your RABB, and ask for HIS forgiveness, for surely HE is ever ready to show mercy."* After wars his treatment towards his bitterest enemies was that of magnanimity, forgiveness and pardon. At the time of conquest of Mecca he forgave and pardoned almost all his enemies who had tortured and humiliated him and his faithful followers for full thirteen years. His chivalry, his tolerance, and his generosity towards the vanquished are models of his human greatness indeed.

## Tolerance Towards non-Muslims

27. The Messenger of Islam practiced Religious Tolerance towards non-Muslims as an ideal in dignified human behaviour. Islam is a religion of love, mercy, tolerance and it enunciates freedom of belief and faith. He did not use force to compel the people of other religions to embrace Islam as it would have been against the very dictates of Holy Qur'aan. For a Muslim "ALLAH" is none other than the GOD of Moses and Jesus. In Islam all previous Messengers of GOD are held in equal esteem. He had great respect and reverence for ALLAH's all other Messengers like Musa 'Allehis Salaam (Moses) and 'Isa 'Allehis Salaam (Jesus), the son of Blessed Mary. The followers of these Messengers are called in Holy Qur'aan as the *"People of the Book."* He had therefore given them a special status and important concessions in the Islamic State of Madina. ALLAH in Holy Qur'aan in Surah Baqarah at 2:213 says - *"WE sent OUR Messengers with clear proofs and to them WE revealed the Scriptures."* In Surah Maaidah at 5:44 Holy Qur'aan says - *"And indeed WE sent down the Torah wherein is Guidance and Light."* Still further in Surah Maaidah at 5:46 Holy Qur'aan says - *"And WE gave him (Jesus) the Gospel wherein is Guidance and Light."* In Surah Aale 'Imraan at 3:179 Holy Qur'aan says - *"So believe in ALLAH and HIS Messengers."* Holy Qur'aan in Surah Maaidah at 5:82 says - *"And you will find that the nearest in friendliness to the believers are those who say - WE are Christians. This is because there are among them some pious scholars and monks and they are not proud."* In Holy Qur'aan Musa 'Allehis Salaam (Moses) is mentioned 136 times and 'Isa 'Allehis Salaam (Jesus), the son of Blessed Mary is mentioned 36 times. There is an exclusive Chapter (19) in the name of Blessed Mary giving details of Virgin Birth and highlighting her virtues. Muslims believe in all previous Messengers, and there is no room for any compulsion on others to adopt Islam. Only the power of persuasion, logic and honest arguments were used to show them the Reality, the true guidance and the Light that there is no other god except ONE - ALLAH. Only their sense of judgement was required to prevail. Islam has set the best example of liberalism and generosity to other religions and history is witness to it. Finally when all appeals and persuasions are exhausted then Holy Qur'aan concludes the subject of Religious Tolerance by declaring - *"For you is your religion and for me is my religion. Ref. SurahAl Kaafirun 109:6.* In Islam religious tolerance stands much higher than religious prejudice and intolerance.

28. The Jews and Christians being the "People of the Book" were given special consideration. He therefore showed immense good will, accommodation and understanding towards them. Their Scriptures and their places of worship were respected. No Bishop, no Priest, no Rabbi was removed from his exalted position. They enjoyed complete security and protection to their lives, religion and property under a Formal Agreement of Madina. No Synagogue or Church was touched. No Image was disfigured and no Cross was damaged. They were given religious freedom to conduct their religious affairs freely. Their property and their other worldly assets enjoyed State's protection. They were free to engage

themselves in a profession of their choice and they were also free to spend their wealth as they pleased. In return for Protection and Responsibility from the State, they were, of course, required to pay a small tax known as JIZYA. Thus he provided complete co-operation and showed accommodation and tolerance towards the non-Muslims in the Islamic State of Madina. For Muslims the Religious Tolerance stands much higher than Religious Animosity.

## **His Life Style as the Head of the Islamic State**

29. Whether he was a shepherd in the Arabian desert or he was a trader in the Syrian markets or he was in solitude in the cave at Mount Hira or he was a reformer first at Mecca and then at Madina or he was an acknowledged conqueror of Mecca, in all phases of his life he remained the same - true to himself and true to his people and true to his GOD. Varying external conditions in status could not change him. He had same modesty, humility and fundamental integrity. At Madina where he was the Head of the new faith - Islam, he was also the Head of the Islamic State. He was two in one. But there were no palaces, no mansions, no towering pillars and guards to impress his imperial grandeur. His greatness lay in his simplicity and his majesty lay in his magnanimity. He avoided all kinds of pomp, glitter, show and luxury. He rejected all regal authority. Any kind of ostentation and pretence to dignify himself were not part of his personality and make up. He had adopted an un-assuming profile. He preferred to be amongst the poor and the needy and he used to say - *"Poverty is my Pride."* Even as the Ruler of the State he used to meet the lowliest, of the society on equal footing as he himself was the leveller of society. His was the all-loving personality and he administered wisely and justly. To him only piety and righteousness were the measure of one's dignity and status. His manners and his style of living even as a Head of State were unique and unparalleled in the history of the world.

## **His Prayers**

30. Islam places greater importance on duties and deeds rather than on rights. He was pious and holy. He used to find comfort and relaxation in his prayers to ALLAH. He used to pray to ALLAH five times a day in the mosque where he used to lead the prayers. Mosque is a place for quiet contemplation, for saying the collective prayers and for reciting the praises of Almighty ALLAH. Mosque is a place where the king and the beggar stand shoulder to shoulder on the floor to kneel humbly on their knees in worship to ONE GOD. Whether he was on a journey on a horse back or on a camel back or he was in the battlefield or he was even sick in bed, never once, did he miss his obligatory (Farz) prayers. He was always meticulously punctual and dutiful.

31. He used to personally lead the following five FARZ (Compulsory) prayers daily in the mosque. (The Holy Qur'aan emphasizes to establish prayers some 700 times).

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|-----|---------|---------|---|---------------------------------------|
| (a) | FAJR    | Prayers | - | At the break of the morning twilight. |
| (b) | ZOHAR   | Prayers | - | Just past the noontime.               |
| (c) | ASR     | Prayers | - | In the afternoon                      |
| (d) | MAGHRIB | Prayers | - | At sun set.                           |
| (e) | ISHA    | Prayers | - | One and a half hours after sun set.   |

32. In addition to these five FARZ (Compulsory) prayers, he also used to say alone the following NAFIL (Non Compulsory) prayers.

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|-----|-----------------|----------|---|--|
| (a) | ISHRAAQ         | Prayers  | - | Just after sunrise.  |
| (b) | CHASHT          | Prayers  | - | About three hours after sun rise.                                  |
| (c) | SALAATE TASBEEH | Prayers- | - | At any other time subject to availability of time.                 |
| (d) | AWWABEEN        | Prayers  | - | In between the two FARZ (Compulsory) prayers of MAGHRIB and ISHAA. |
| (e) | TAHAJJUD        | Prayers  | - | Later part of night.   |

He used to spend either the greater part of nights or the whole nights in prayers so much so that his feet used to get swollen. During prayers his devotion towards

ALLAH used to reach such intensity that at times he used to weep bursting out with tears.

33. He also used to say prayers at the time of one's death, at the time of a calamity, at the time of fear and loss and at the time of festivals and other religious ceremonies. He used to pray to ALLAH asking for rain and health etc. He also used to pray in thanks giving to ALLAH even for the smallest of HIS gifts and blessings. Indeed his life was greatly punctuated with prayers.

34. In addition to so many prayers he used to recite the Holy Qur'aan every day. He was the first Hafiz-e-Qur'aan of Islam. (Holy Qur'aan committed to memory).

35. He was also a rigorous observer of fasts. He used to fast for the whole month of Ramzaan and in addition, he used to fast on three consecutive days every month. During the month of Ramazan he used to confine himself exclusively to the mosque for weeks together in "Aiteqaaf" for intensive praying and extensive reciting of the Holy Qur'aan. He also used to lead additional 'Taraveeh Prayers' at night. During the nights of Lai la tul Qadr, " he used to keep awake for the whole nights praying and reciting Holy Qur'aan till morning. In devotion and prayers to ALLAH there has been none like him in the entire human history.

## **He as a Judge**

36. At Madina being the Head of Islamic State he was required to act as a Supreme Judge. He gave to the world the most learned and the most enlightened jurisprudence. In this capacity he was absolutely honest and impartial so much so that even the Jews and other non-believers used to request him to act as an arbitrator in their personal disputes. He always used to hear both the parties to the dispute. He prohibited people from giving false evidence and declared it a sin. He used to hear every case of a petitioner and a suppliant as the cardinal principles of Islamic Law are Equality and Justice. Every person has a right to protection for life, property, honour, religion, freedom of thought and expression. He was just to all. ALLAH has enjoined justice, generosity and kindness. Ref. Holy Qur'aan Surah Nahl 16:90. Islam proclaims equal treatment in law for both the ruler and the ruled. There are no special privileges for any class. Every person has equal right to seek redress through a court of law. In Islam a man is judged by his character, deeds and behaviour and not by the colour of his skin. He used to say - "no Judge should pass a judgement when he is angry." ALLAH in Holy Qur'aan in Surah Nisaa at 4:135 says - *"O you who believe! Be the custodians of justice and be the witnesses of ALLAH even though it be against yourselves, or against your parents or against your relatives.*

## **He was a Man of Action**



37. Strangely enough, in addition to so many prayers, fasts and holy wars (Jihads), the Messenger of Islam could always find time to attend to the administrative affairs of the Muslim State. While he led the prayers five times a day in the mosque, he also led his followers on the battlefield. He was everywhere. He was a man of action, active and energetic to the core. He was never free for a moment. He was a man of deeds and was totally practical. He always insisted on actions and deeds rather than on belief alone. His leadership was distinctly visible to his followers all the time. They could see him in the mosque five times a day, they could listen to him, talk to him and also emulate him. He was in their view all the time. The mutual personal communication was easy. He was approachable to all. This visibility, approachability and accessibility of his to all was a remarkable feature of his personality and leadership. It made the task of his followers easy and simple. ALLAH in Holy Qur'aan at Surah Ah-Zaab at 33:2 1 says - *"You have indeed in the Messenger of ALLAH a beautiful pattern of conduct."*

## **His Daily Routine**

38. Even as the Head of the State his daily routine was very simple and reflected humility of his nature. He repaired his torn and worn off woollen garments and mended his shoes himself. He used to milk the goats and sweep the floor of his humble dwelling. He used to often kindle the kitchen fire and attend to various other minor household works. He slept on a mat made of date palm leaves. Whatever he received as gifts during the day, he distributed all of them among the poor and the needy by the evening. He lived mostly on dates, maize, water and milk. At times he went hungry at night along with his family members as there used to be nothing for the dinner. He never criticized the food that was served to him and he ate mostly with three fingers. He always sat down to drink water in three breaths. After meals he used to like honey or sweet. He was most hospitable towards his guests. While sitting he always preferred to face the Qibla. While going to sleep he used to lie down on his right side first. He used to brush his teeth before each Farz Prayer, before sleep and before *Tahajjud* Prayers. He never kept a difference in dress and food from his companions regardless of their social status. He gave equal treatment to friends and strangers, rich and poor, powerful and weak and he listened to all. He was loved by all for his affability. His personal influence over all with whom he came in contact with was remarkable. He shared in others work as much as they shared in his. When he met others he enquired about their welfare and when he visited the sick and the bereaved families he sympathized with them repeatedly. He loved children by instantly showering affection, patting and caring them. He never rebuked others and generally overlooked their mistakes. He never withdrew his hand first out of another man's hand nor did he move away until the other had turned. He never took revenge and cruelty was not part of his nature. Such was his life | A full record of his sayings and practices i.e. Hadees and Sunnah are well documented by Hazrat Imam Muhammad Ismail Bukhari, Hazrat Imam Muslim and Hazrat Imam Tirmizi. Their writings are available for consultation.

39. At the time of his death his worldly assets were virtually nothing. He breathed his last in clothes which had overlaid patches. At the time of his death his humble house was in darkness at night as there was no oil in the lamp. It was the very house from where the divine light had spread to the entire world. ALLAH in Holy Qur'aan in Surah Baqarah at 2:156 says - *"To ALLAH we belong, and to HIM is our return."*

## **His Married Life**

40. When the Last Messenger of ALLAH was twenty-five he married a widow lady of about forty years of age, Hazrat Bibi Khadijah Razi ALLAH-O-Anha. They led a satisfied and happy monogamous matrimonial life at Mecca for full twenty five years. This was the period of his youth and manhood. He was a devoted husband and an affectionate father. She bore him two sons Hazrat Qasim and Hazrat Abdullah Razi ALLAH-O-Anho and four daughters- Hazrat Zainab, Hazrat Ruqqayah, Hazrat Ummi Kulsum and Hazrat Fatima Razi ALLAH-O-Anha. While the sons died in infancy, the daughters grew up. One year after the death of his wife Hazrat Khadijah Razi ALLAH-O-Anha, the Messenger of ALLAH then at the age of 51 years married a fifty-year old widow who took charge of his household and four grown up daughters who were all married later. The first three daughters died before his own death where as the fourth daughter Hazrat Bibi Fatima Razi ALLAH-O-Anha, who was Hazrat Ali Razi ALLAH-O-Anho's wife, died six months after the Last Messenger's death. While he was at Mecca he also married Hazrat Abu Bakr Razi ALLAH-O-Anho's daughter Hazrat Bibi Ayesha Razi ALLAH-O-Anha to foster family ties with his so very close companion of the cave.

41. At Madina so many battles had caused the martyrdom of a number of Muslims. As a result many Muslim women had become widows and their children orphans. In addition, a large number of Non-Muslim women had also become widows and they had children as well. They had come into the Muslim camps as prisoners of war. Thus there were far too many widows needing support and homes for shelter. ALLAH's Last Messenger was now 54 years of age.

42. To prevent the pollution of the Muslim Society and also to avoid the spread of concubinage, ALLAH ordained a Command in Holy Qur'aan in Surah Nisaa at 4:3 - *— And if you be apprehensive that you will not be able to do justice to the destitutes (of war), you may marry two or three or four women whom you choose. But if you apprehend that you might not be able to do justice to them, then marry only one wife, or marry those women who have fallen in your possession (due to war). This will be better course to avoid injustice."*

43. The rationale behind this Command of ALLAH was to give to the Muslim women a home, a protection, succour and a guardianship. Marriage through a proper process of wedlock not only gave them home, shelter, respectability and

security but also cheer and hope to them and to their children. Surely this was in the noblest and the highest interest of humanity and morality at large.

44. However, permission to Muslim males, through a proper process of marriage, to have a maximum of four wives, as ordained by ALLAH, is conditional. It is not an open licence in the ordinary day-to-day life of an individual, because Islam otherwise discourages polygamy. This arrangement is only meant for justifiable and most extra-ordinary circumstances as in war etc. It immediately entails all duties, responsibilities and obligations of maintaining additional wives and their children. Further, ALLAH has ordained a husband to treat all wives equally and justly which is a human impossibility in actual practice. As such he is advised that he should rest content with only one wife.

45. In fact through this Command ALLAH had put a curb on the then existing practice of unlimited polygamy. Islam prohibits fornication, adultery and any extra indulgence out-side the holy wedlock as sin and this is one reason that the sexual morality of Muslim men and women has remained superior to others.

46. ALLAH has permitted Muslims to have up to four wives if need be. Ref. Holy Qur'aan Surah Nisaa 4:3. But in the case of Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam, ALLAH had permitted him to retain or have as an exception, more than four wives. Ref. Holy Qur'aan Surah Al-Ahzaab 33:50. After the battles, the Messenger of ALLAH under the special permission and guidance of ALLAH, took from time to time another six widows, all of them in their 40's and 50's, into his wedlock. Further he married another two ladies who had become destitutes because their husbands had deserted them and they did not have a home. All these ladies were already Muslims except two who had willingly embraced Islam before he married them. He also married a divorced lady in accordance with her own wish and the wishes of her family. Hazrat Maria who entered his household was a present from Egypt's Roman Governor. The Last Messenger of ALLAH accepted her in his wedlock after she embraced Islam. This was done in the larger interest of Islam in order to foster friendly relations between the two neighbouring States. She bore him a son Hazrat Ibraheem Razi Allah-O-Anho but he also died in infancy.

47. The point to note is that he married all these elderly widows having children on humanitarian ground when he was well past his youthful years. This was the period when he was between 54 to 63 years of age and was extremely busy fighting the enemies of Islam. Apart from providing them a home, their matrimonial ties with the Last Messenger of ALLAH also promoted the stability, the influence and the ties of the new Muslim State at Madina with other influential tribes. None of his other wives bore him any children.

48. His consorts had special duties, responsibilities and a role to play in the spread of Islam. They gave correct guidance and removed misunderstandings

regarding family and female life; and also regarding the true character and conduct of their husband.

49. The Last Messenger of ALLAH was not only a loving and affectionate father to his own children but also to his step children. He was also a very caring and a devoted husband. His wives were ladies of virtue and piety and they are Most Highly Respected. They are regarded as the “Ummul Muamineen of the Entire Muslim Ummah (community).”

50. The care, the concern and the compassion for the destitute women and orphans were the main considerations in these late life marriages of the Last Messenger of ALLAH. His entire married life thus sets a precedent which effectively counteracts the stigma and even the prohibition that is attached with the remarriage of widows and divorcees.

51. Thus he himself, not only set an example of providing a home and a shelter to these destitutes, but he also encouraged the faithfuls to under-take a part of that responsibility but only upto four wives. This was a practical step to solve the problems of the destitutes i.e. the problem of surplus females and their children in the society.

52. That certainly was an enormous moral responsibility, a great courageous and humanitarian undertaking and a huge liability to accept which no ordinary mortal could even imagine to accept, shoulder and faithfully honour it for the rest of his life. Only the Last Messenger of ALLAH who had the noblest of character and deep moral conviction could accept such a challenge and this was a distinct feature of his multi-dimensional and many splendoured personality.

53. If one now considers him a sensual man he would indeed be erring widely. He would be immensely wrong, callous, outrageous and perverse. It would be an outright malicious and an intemperate statement. Monogamy sprinkled with paramours in waiting and immorality is much worse and degrading than truthful, honest and limited polygamy. And that too under exceptional circumstances, only through a honourable and respectable process of marriage, through a solemn pledge under the very protective umbrella of ALLAH. Certainly it is by far a better solution.

### **The Last Sermon on Mount Arafat (Khutbah Hajjatul Wad'a)**

54. In the 10th year after Hijrat to Madina ALLAH'S Last Messenger Hazrat **Muhammad** Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam went on a pilgrimage to Mecca for the last time and delivered his Last Sermon (Khutbah Hajjatul Wad'a) to a huge gathering of Muslims. In fact it is a First Universal Declaration or Charter of Human Rights far excelling any that has so far been drafted by the

collective effort of all the nations of the world. The Last Sermon is an imperishable message to the whole of mankind. Standing on Mount Arafat he said: - "O People, listen to me. All praise is for ALLAH. We praise HIM, and seek HIS pardon and we turn to HIM. We seek refuge with ALLAH from the evils of ourselves and from the evil consequences of our deeds. Whom ALLAH guides aright there is none to lead him astray, and there is none to guide him aright whom ALLAH leads astray. I bear witness that there is no god but ALLAH, the ONLY ONE, having no partner with HIM. HIS is the sovereignty and to HIM is due all praise. HE grants life and causes death and is powerful over everything. There is no god but ALLAH, the ONLY ONE. HE fulfilled HIS promise and granted victory to HIS Believers, and HE alone routed the enemies of Islam."

55. "O People! Listen to my words for I do not know whether we shall ever meet again and perform Haj after this year. O People, ALLAH says:- WE created you from one male and one female and made you into tribes and nations so as to be known to one another. Verily in the sight of ALLAH, the most honoured amongst you is the one who is most righteous. There is no superiority for an Arab over a non-Arab, nor for a non-Arab over an Arab, nor, for a white over a black, nor for a black over a white except in good deeds and righteousness. All mankind is the progeny of Adam, and Adam was fashioned out of clay. Behold every claim of privilege whether that of blood or of property, is under my heels except that of the custody of Ka'ba and the supplying of water to the pilgrims. O People of Quraish Therefore do not appear on the Day of Judgement before ALLAH with the burden of evils of this world around your necks, whereas other people on that day will appear happy expecting the rewards of Paradise. In that case none would be able to help you."

56. "Behold, all practices of the old days of ignorance are now under my feet. The blood revenges of the days of ignorance are remitted. The first claim of blood I abolish is that of my nephew Aamir bin Rabi'ah, bin Hans, bin Abdul Muttalib who was killed by the Hazeel Tribe. All claims of interest and usuries accruing from the times of ignorance now stand wiped out. And the first amount of interest that I pardon is that which Abbas bin Abdul Muttalib had to receive. And now it is remitted entirely."

57. "O People! Verily your blood, your property and your honour are sacred and inviolable. And this sacred inviolability comes into force right from this day, from this month and from this very town of your's. Verily you will soon meet your RABB and you will be held answerable for your actions."

58. "O People! Verily you have got certain rights over your women and your women have certain rights over you. It is your right upon them to honour their conjugal rights, and not to commit acts of impropriety. If they do, you are authorised by ALLAH to separate them from your beds and chastise them, but not severely, and if they refrain then clothe and feed them properly."

59. "Behold! It is not permissible for a woman to give anything from the wealth of her husband to anyone but with his consent."

60. "Treat the women kindly , since they are your helpers and not in a position to manage their affairs themselves. Fear ALLAH concerning women, for verily you have taken them on the security of ALLAH and have made their persons lawful unto you by words of ALLAH."

61. "O People! ALLAH, the Mighty and Exalted, has ordained to every one his due share of inheritance. Hence there is no need of special testament for a heir."

62. "Take heed not to go astray after me, and not to strike one another's neck. All debts must be repaid, all borrowed property must be returned, gifts should be reciprocated and ensure that a loss is made good to the loser. If any one who has any trust with him, he must return it to its owner."

63. "Beware, for a crime no one else is responsible except the one who commits it. Neither the son is responsible for the crime of his father, nor the father is responsible for the crime of his son."

64. "Nothing of his brother is lawful for a Muslim except what he himself gives willingly. So do not acquire wrongfully."

65. "O People! every Muslim is a brother of another Muslim, and all the Muslims form one brotherhood. And your slaves! See that you feed them with such food as you eat yourselves, and clothe them with clothes that you yourselves wear."

66. "O People ! Listen and obey, even if an ordinary Abyssinian slave is appointed over you as your Amir, provided he executes among you the Ordinances of the Book of ALLAH."

67. "O People ! No Messenger would be raised after me and no new Ummah would be formed after you."

68. "Verily I have left amongst you that which will never lead you astray, the Book of ALLAH, which if you hold fast you shall never go astray. And beware of transgressing the limits set in the matters of religion, for it will mean the transgression of the proper bonds of religion that brought destruction to many peoples before you."

69. "Verily, Shaitan is disappointed for not being worshipped in this land of yours, but he is ever ready to falter you, into wrong doings, in small or big matters of your life. So beware of him in matters of religion."

70. “Behold, worship your RABB, offer prayers five times a day, observe fasts in the month of Ramazaan, pay readily the Zakat (dues to the poor), perform Haj and obey your rulers, who are from amongst you, and you will be admitted to the Paradise of ALLAH.”

71. “Let him, who is present, convey all this to him, who is absent, for many other people to whom the message is conveyed may be’ more mindful of it than the audience.”

72. At the end of the sermon he asked the gathering: “On the Day of Judgement when you will be asked about me whether or not I had conveyed the Message of ALLAH. What would you reply?” All with one voice said:- “We are witness now and we will remain witness on the Day of Judgement that you have conveyed the Message of ALLAH. You have conveyed the Commands of ALLAH to us and you have given us the guidance and the instructions.” There upon ALLAH’s Last Messenger (peace be upon him) lifted his fore-finger towards the sky and repeated thrice:“O my RABB! YOU be witness to this, YOU be witness to this, YOU be witness to this.”

## **He was the Most Perfect Man**

73. Undoubtedly ALLAH’s Last Messenger Hazrat **Muhammad Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu ‘Allehe We Sallam** was the most perfect man that ALLAH has ever sent to earth. Not only he performed his prayers and duties towards ALLAH with dedication and devotion, but he also performed with equal zeal his duties and obligations towards his fellow beings. He was an ideal man in all respects. He had the finest and the noblest of character. As a child, as a boy, as a shepherd, as a labourer, as a youth, as a husband, as a father, as a businessman, as a preacher, as a teacher, as a religious reformer, as a soldier, as a general, as a warrior, as a victor, as an administrator, as a planner, as a Ruler of a State, as a Statesman, as a Leader of the faithfuls, as a protector of the weak, as a helper of widows and the poor, as a guide to the rich and as a guardian to the orphans and as a freedom giver to the slaves - ALLAH’s Last Messenger Hazrat **Muhammad Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu ‘Allehe Wa Sallam** has no equal, no parallel and no peer in the entire human history. He stands head and shoulders above all other human beings in the nobility of his character and in the piety of his soul. He is the best example of a human being. He is the most beautiful of all in the entire creation of ALLAH.

74. He was also the most influential of all Messengers the world has known. As the Last Messenger of ALLAH he was a man par excellence who pulled the failing and sinking humanity out of the depths of darkness and ignorance. He was the one who saved the human soul from the spiritual bondage and showed to it the path of success and enlightenment. He was the one who taught the Ultimate Truth. He was the one who moulded the human thought, behaviour and his mode

of worship in a manner none had done so far. And this he did, despite the fact that he was unlettered and no human being had ever taught him or tutored him. In every act of his there was meaning and purpose, and in every word of his - there was wisdom and knowledge. Whether it was praying to ALLAH, or advocating democracy or emancipating and upholding women's rights or advocating the Supreme Human Charter, in fact in all fields of human activities, he gave perfect guidance. He passed through all phases of life and suffered every vicissitude but he surmounted all obstacles and achieved unbelievable success. Whatever he preached, he also practiced. Following of this principle was the main reason for the meteoric rise of Muslim Ummah (Community) in the earlier centuries of Islam. His mission had greatness of purpose. In fact the more one knows about the life and character of Last Messenger Hazrat **Muhammad** Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam, greater is the reverence for him. Compare the conditions that were prevailing at the time of his advent with the conditions that prevailed at the time of his demise. He brought about a total transformation in human life. He brought about a Lasting Revolution. He changed the course of history. In all this, Holy Qur'aan was his guide. ALLAH in Holy Qur'aan in Surah Alaq at 96:5 says - "*Yet HE taught the world which it did not know before.*"



## SECOND PART - HIS SPIRITUAL LIFE

75. The spiritual and the divine aspect of his personality is beyond the capacity of any mortal even to comprehend, leave alone describe it by pen. His name in Heaven is AHMED meaning -*“One who prays to ALLAH “* Ref. Holy Qur’aan Surah Saff 61:6, whereas his worldly name is **Muhammad** (Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu ‘Allehe Wa Sallam) meaning - *“One who is highly praised. “* Ref. Holy Qur’aan Surah Muhammad 47:2. He is AHMED in Heaven and he is Muhammad on earth. Why is it so? In Heaven he is praying to ALLAH whereas on the earth ALLAH is praising him. What is the significance of this? ALLAH alone knows this mystery as HE alone has the ultimate knowledge and wisdom. Further, at the beckoning of ALLAH he under-took a journey at night from Masjid-e-Haram at Mecca to Masjid-e-Aqsa at Jerusalem known as Mi’raaj or ascension to HIS OWN Presence. He then went through seven heavens and was drawn right close to ALLAH’s Throne of Majesty, Light and Grace: This glorious event of calling him close to HIMSELF is also full of divine mystery. Ref. Holy Qur’aan Surah Bani Israel 17:1. No other Messenger of ALLAH has ever undergone this kind of experience or was given such an honour. Musa (‘Allehis Salaam) had to request ALLAH to show HIMSELF to him but when ALLAH showed only a part of HIS Glory on a distant Mount (Toor), Musa (‘Allehis Salaam) fainted and fell down and the Mount (Toor) crumbled to dust. Ref. Holy Qur’aan Surah A’araaf 7:143. Further, he had the honour to see Hazrat Jibreel ‘Allehis Salam twice on two separate occasions. They were rare divine experiences. His seeing the moon split in two halves was also a divine experience. Ref. Holy Qur’aan Surah Qamar 54:1. Still further, the angels, invisibly used to help the believers, while they used to fight against the disbelievers. Ref. Holy Qur’aan Surah Anfaal 8:9. His throwing a handful of dust at the enemy at the Battle of Badr and his throwing a handful of dust at his beseigers at Mecca and escaping unnoticed and unhurt are also the Signs of his miracles. Two of his prophesies are also worth mentioning. First prophecy is regarding victory of Romans over the Persians even after their initial defeat by the Persians. Ref. Holy Qur’aan Surah Rum 30:1-6. The second prophecy is regarding the conquest of Mecca and his entry as a conqueror. Ref. Surah Qasas 28:85 and Surah Fath 48:27. It is also significant that in Holy Qur’aan, nowhere ALLAH has addressed him by his personal name unlike the other twenty five Messengers who are mentioned in it. ALLAH holds him in the highest esteem and regard. ALLAH has always addressed him in Holy Qur’aan by his attributes and traits like Muzzammil, Muddassir, Yaa Seeeen and Taa-Haa. In Holy Qur’aan ALLAH has called him “ Nur” (Light). Ref. Surah Maidah 5:15. ALLAH has also called him “Siraajum Muneera” (A Lamp Spreading Light). Ref. Surah AL-Ahzaab 33:46.

76. All this not only indicates his exalted position and closeness to ALLAH but it also shows the respect and love that ALLAH has given to him. All’ these are matters of high spiritual and divine understanding. Indeed he created a Spiritual Empire and he ruled the Muslim World by Power Divine. Essentially because of this, the emotional, the personal and the spiritual attachment of Muslims to his

personality has remained very deep, personal and intimate. To them he is a tower of spiritual strength. His personality has the pull, the attraction and the centripetal force to draw the faithfuls towards one centre. They, therefore, try to cling to his personality and try to emulate him in all manners and ways of life. Muslim are in perpetual spiritual communication with him from all corners of the world. To them he is a spiritual magnet. His Life Truly Reflected the Teachings of Holy Qur'aan

77. Such is the personality of ALLAH's Last Messenger Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam who holds today, after a period of 1413 years, an undisputed sway over the hearts of millions and millions of mankind. Everything which has a beginning must have an end as well. He breathed his last after a short illness on 8th June 632 G.E. It was he who changed the course of history. It is expected that by now the mist of prejudice has been cleared away and we can see Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam in a clearer light. There is no mystery about his life. He stands out clear in the full glare of history. He was, in truth, Holy Qur'aan personified. His life was a living illustration and explanation of Holy Qur'aan. His life is the true reflection of Qur'aanic Teachings. As Holy Qur'aan is a Book, so was he the Holy Qur'aan in person, in practice and in profile. ALLAH in Holy Qur'aan at Surah Nisaa at 4:80 says - *"Whoever obeys the Messenger indeed obeys ALLAH."* He has left the Holy Qur'aan and his Hadees and Sunnah (his sayings and practices) for the benefit of mankind so that posterity may adopt higher moral and spiritual values and thereby establish a better world in accordance with the Commands of ALLAH. ALLAH's Last Messenger is not merely to be praised day and night but he is to be emulated also in all walks of day to day life. ALLAH in Holy Qur'aan in Surah Ahzaab at 33:56 says - *"ALLAH and HIS angels send (their) blessings on the Messenger. Therefore, O you who believe! Offer your blessings (i.e. Darud Shareef) and convey your Salaams on him with all respect."*

# WHAT HOLY QUR'AAN SAYS ABOUT ALLAH'S LAST MESSENGER HAZRAT MUHAMMAD MUSTAFA SAL LAL LAAHU 'ALLEHE WA SALLAM

*IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL*

In Holy Qur'aan at 72 places there are various references regarding the Last Messenger of ALLAH but here the most directly related to the subject matter of this booklet are quoted.

1. ALLAH says: -
  - (a) *"He was sent as a Messenger to all mankind."* Surah A'araaf 7:158.
  - (b) *"WE sent you (i.e. Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa S. 'A. W.S.) not, save as a mercy for all the peoples of the world."* Surah 'Ambiyaa 21:107.
  - (c) *"You have indeed in the Messenger of ALLAH a beautiful pattern of conduct."* Surah Ahzab 33:21.
2. ALLAH has declared him as the *"Seal of ALLAH'S Messengers."* Surah Ahzaab 33:40.
3. ALLAH has addressed HIS Last Messenger in Holy Qur'aan eleven times by calling him - *"Yaaa Ayyo Han Nabiiyyu"*, and not by his personal name.
4. ALLAF+ has also addressed him affectionately as
  - (a) Taa Haa (Surah - 20)
  - (b) Yaa Seeeen (Surah 36)
  - (c) Yaaa Ayyu Hal Muzzammil(Surah - 73)
  - (d) Yaaa Ayyu Hal Muddassir (Surah - 74)
5. ALLAH has ordained in Holy Qur'aan - *"ALLAH and HIS angels shower their blessings on ALLAH'S Last Messenger. O you Believers you should also offer your blessings (DARUD SHARIF) and convey your Salaams on him with all respects"*. Surah Ahzaab 33:56

**THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND TEACHINGS OF  
ALLAH’S LAST MESSENGER  
HAZRAT MUHAMMAD MUSTAFA  
SAL LAL LAAHU ‘ALLEHE WA SALLAM**

*IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.*

1. Hazrat **Muhammad** Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu ‘Allehe Wa Sallam came into the world as the Last Messenger of ALLAH. 1413 years have passed and no Messenger has appeared. This proves the finality. He came in the full blaze of contemporary history. Therefore his life, his works and his achievements are not wrapped in any mystery or conjecture. Every event and every action of his life was most carefully recorded at that time by various people and was preserved lest it should be lost to posterity.

2. The Last Messenger of ALLAH was unlettered himself and no one had taught him in any organised way yet he taught the world what it did not know before. Never before in the history of mankind, people had been led more rapidly and convincingly except through him. He preached and advocated the teachings of Holy Qur’aan as proclaimed and ordained by ALLAH HIMSELF for HIS creatures - the mankind. His teachings cover the entire spectrum of human activities, the requirements of body, mind and soul altogether. Further they also cover religion, politics and socioeconomic aspects of life as they are all interlinked and influence men, whether in peace or in war.

3. ALLAH had honoured him with extraordinary capabilities and the scope of his mission was much wider in nature.

4. Primarily he taught the three fold Central Doctrine of Islam i.e. —

- (a) To believe that there is no other god except ALLAH.
- (b) To believe in all previous Messengers of ALLAH, Heavenly Books, and the existence of Angels.
- (c) To believe in the Day of Judgement for accountability and another life in the Hereafter.

5. He also put an end to idolatry which was a dirty stigma on the human soul. He made men to repose complete confidence and faith in ALLAH alone and to understand clearly that no one else has a share in ALLAH’S Power and Sovereignty.

6. Since the division of people into different classes brings ruin to society, he therefore, for the first time in the history of the world, pronounced the principle of Universal Brotherhood that all men are equal. Muslims are brothers to each

other. They share the pain among themselves just as the aching limb brings discomfort to the whole body. The brotherhood of Islam embraces all races, all colours and all nationalities in its fold. He abolished the difference between black and white, rich and poor. Islam knows no colour distinction. When Muslims stand in prayer all over the world they form a circumference of a circle which has one centre - the Khanae-Kaaba at Mecca. Congregational prayers give Muslims a sense of collectiveness and togetherness. Then there remains no difference of class, colour or creed. He gave Muslims a sense of fraternity. Similarly when millions of Muslims attend the annual Haj pilgrimage then all Muslims are dressed alike - in two pieces of unstitched white cotton cloth and all cry with one voice "LABBAIK, ALLAA HUMMA LABBAIK " - i.e., "O my RABBI Here I am, here I am, in YOUR Majestic Presence."

7. He declared that men are divided into only two categories. One, the pious and the righteous ones who stand higher than others in the eyes of ALLAH, and the other, the disbelievers, the transgressors and the hard hearted who are lowly and contemptible in the eyes of ALLAH.

8. He preached and practised the principles of democracy as a basic doctrine of Islam provided the " Will of the People" remains within the confines of the Will of ALLAH." There is no other religion in the world where democracy is practised as extensively as it is practised in Islam. Congregational prayers, Haj and Islamic festivals remove all distinctions among men. He also advocated mutual consultations in all matters of human thoughts and actions.

9. He was the exponent of the five pillars of Islam and thereby he brought about a revolutionary change in the life pattern of men. The five pillars of Islam are

- (a) Declaration that - There is no other god except ALLAH and Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam is ALLAH's Last Messenger.
- (b) Prayers - five times a day. Preferably in congregation in the mosque.
- (c) Payment of Zakat - 2.50 % on all annual savings to the poor, the needy and the widows - to achieve a sense of monetary sacrifice and thereby purifying the remaining wealth. It is a monetary form of worship.
- (d) Fasting - during the whole month of Ramazan - to achieve righteousness.
- (e) Haj - Once in a life time. A yearly gathering of Muslims from the remotest corners of the world to forge a spiritual unity. He also taught

the method and the manner of praying, fasting, paying Zakat and performing Haj etc.

10. He emphasized on mankind to think, to ponder and to observe nature and then try to understand the deepest mysteries of life and death around him and note the discipline and the balance in all that exists in his human knowledge. (This point is emphasised in Holy Qur'aan some 500 times). He bade mankind to acknowledge the existence of ALLAH and HIS ways of doing things. He advised man to feed the thirsty soul bit by bit with enlightenment and wisdom and gradually keep on moving towards the Ultimate Truth - the GOD.

11. He taught as well as he practised the belief that there is no compulsion in religion because within a man there always is a constant conflict between intellect and emotion and therefore they are to be merged gradually. The moral force of Islam itself is so powerful, all pervading and convincing that man can not escape from its all embracing grip. Therefore a time comes when man surrenders to Islam convincingly both by his heart and by his soul.

12. The importance of acquiring knowledge can be judged from the fact that the first word of the very first message of Holy Qur'aan is "Iqra" meaning "Read". The Last Messenger of ALLAH therefore exhorted man to acquire knowledge even if he had to go to China. Hazrat **Muhammad** Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam is the only world leader who revolutionised the concept of query and quest in order to acquire knowledge both by men and women. Muslims should therefore be inclined towards learning as only men of learning are entitled to a place of honour. By acquiring knowledge man is raised stage by stage to the exalted position of honour and glory. Learning also has a liberating power. Thus he transformed the ignorant and backward people to those who acquired the greatest urge to understand the mysteries of nature, life, time and space. He used to say - *"One hour of meditation on the work of the Creator is better than seventy years of prayers."* Thus he led his latter day followers towards various discoveries and scientific inventions. The Qur'aanic words "read", "teach" and "pen" imply reading, writing, study and research. Human intellect is gifted with the art of pen and the art of speech. He used to say - *"Seek knowledge from cradle to the grave"* and *"The ink of a scholar is more holy than the blood of the martyr."*

13. In the economic field he institutionalized the system of Zakat. (Holy Qur'aan repeatedly emphasises the payment of Zakat some 150 times). He also introduced the system of *"Ushr"* i.e. payment of one tenth of field produce to the Government. He strictly banned *"Riba"* (Interest) in all economic activities as it exploits the society. Still further, he exhorted men to give charity freely whether in prosperity or in adversity so that money remains constantly in circulation like blood in the body. Further, payment of *"Meht"* i.e. dowry by husband to wife was made compulsory at the time of marriage. Honest and clean economic and financial dealings were advocated. He also instructed that all business transactions be drawn up in writing. He taught Muslims not to embezzle, not to

cheat and not to break the trust or promise. He taught them not to be spendthrift or wasteful. He advised them to exercise moderation, and even-headed approach. Thus he gave to the world the most refined and advanced economic system which alone could solve the world's economic problems of both the rich and the poor.

14. He proclaimed that the women are the twin halves of men and their rights are sacred and are to be protected. Ref. Al Qur'aan Surah Nisaa 4:1 and 4:36. He taught that women have the same soul as men and they have the same spiritual goals to attain as men. Ref. Surah Nur 24:26. Husbands have to take women as their wives under a solemn pledge to ALLAH. He advised the husbands to look after and love their wives. He himself was a very affectionate and a caring husband. Ref. Surah Rum 30:21. In Islam husbands and wives have mutual rights and obligations towards each other. Ref. Surah Baqarah 2:226. He used to say - "Shall I tell you what is a best of treasures? A good wife. The best of all treasures in the world is to have a virtuous wife. The best amongst you are those who behave best with their wives." Holy Qur'aan in Surah Ar-Rum at 30:21 says - *"And of HIS Signs is - that HE has created for you wives from your own species that you may find peace with them, and created love and mercy between you. Surely in this there are many Signs for those who reflect."*

15. He emancipated women from the bondage of men. For the first time in the history of mankind women were given a share in the inheritance of property and wealth of parents. Ref. Surah Nisaa 4:1 - 176. Women got a right to give evidence in a court of law. They were also given the right to conduct trade, commerce and useful economic and welfare activities. He raised the status of women from a lowly position to a position of dignity, respect and honour. In fact he raised them from virtually nothing to that of complete legal equality. He used to tell his followers regarding motherhood - *"Paradise lies under the feet of your mother."* Thus he spelled out the greatest honour that a woman could have. He was indeed the greatest emancipator of women and the upholder of their rights, It was he who used to get up as a mark of respect and honour for his daughters even, whenever they used to visit his house.

16. In Islam divorce is permissible, but of all the things permitted by ALLAH, divorce is the most detestable in the sight of ALLAH. Therefore divorce is a rare thing in the Muslim society. He also gave women the right to divorce and claim alimony from the husband. He advocated concern for the poor, the orphans, the widows and the weak in society and taught that they be treated with love and kindness.

17. Drinking alcohol is evil. It is the mother of lewdness and sins and it is the most difficult practice to eradicate. Yet only one word of Holy Qur'aan was sufficient to stop it. History cannot present another instance of so wonderful a transformation that was brought about so easily yet so thoroughly. Therefore abstinence is an article of faith with Muslims. He made people to give up

gambling, pork- eating, immorality, lewdness, laziness, obscenity and hypocrisy which so far had disgraced human society. He advocated against arrogance, pride, rudeness, murder, theft, suicide, falsehood, calling others by sarcastic names, loose talk and backbiting. Instead, he advised them to adopt humility, softness in speech, perseverance, steadfastness and sobriety. The most lovable is one who is best in behaviour. No act of kindness is insignificant even if it is meeting others with a smiling face. He taught Muslims to exercise self-control, firmness and accommodation in the event of divorce. He also advocated for honest earning, clean living and seeking the company of good and pious people. He advised Muslims to do towards all men as they would wish to be done for themselves, and avoid for others what they would reject for themselves. He told them that on the Day of Judgement they would be accountable individually for their deeds. He taught mankind to be absolutely clean and pious in body, dress and thoughts. He said pioussness itself is half the faith.

18. He avoided the system of priesthood. He emphasised conciliation, accommodation and forgiveness as against repression and hard heartedness. He advocated righteousness. He advised Muslims to sit in the company of the GOD fearing people and the seekers of knowledge or else sit alone and remain quiet. To him an exalted person is the one who pardons when he is in power.

19. He prohibited cutting down of green and fruit bearing trees. Not only this he also greatly stressed upon the conservation of nature's ecological and environmental balance for which Holy Qur'aan devotes a number of Ayats out of its 6236 Ayats in highlighting the importance of nature's environmental balance and harmony. Under the present day setting it amounts to a prohibition on the production of all biological, chemical and nuclear weapons of mass destruction.

20. He permitted trade but denounced usury (Interest) as it leads to destitution and poverty. He condemned all games of chance, and all other activities involving speculative and abstract dealings. He also abolished all kinds of superstitions.

21. For social evils he prescribed strict punishments as deterrents. For theft - cutting of an arm and for fornication and adultery, hundred stripes to each without compassion, and in full public view were introduced. He preached against rumour-mongering and all sorts of objectionable behaviour. He taught that since ALLAH alone is the guardian and custodian of all things, all forces and all powers tangible and intangible, therefore if one has to ask for anything, he should logically approach ALLAH alone and none else whatever his position may be. There is no intermediary in between a man and his GOD. It would be otherwise against the dictates of intelligence and wisdom. In fact it would be against the very belief in the Omnipotence of ALLAH. (Holy Qur'aan emphasizes this point some 80 times, and there are a total of 36 various prayers i.e. "Duas" in the Holy Qur'aan).



2. He taught Muslims to be good neighbours and avoid giving false evidence. He advised them to be just while giving judgement. He advocated to show unquestionable respect and humility towards parents. He told Muslims that ALLAH's pleasure lies in the pleasure of a father and HIS displeasure lies in father's displeasure. He said bring hope not hatred, bring unity not discord. He advocated concern for the poor, the orphans, the widows and the weak in society and taught that they be treated with love and kindness. He gave sanctity to human labour by himself taking part in the manual work along with others. He advised to pay a labourer his wages before his perspiration be dry.

23. In teaching, preaching and advocating all these golden principles of life he used his power of persuasion, logical arguments and sheer moral force. Men were led to believe in Islam as a result of their own judgement and moral conviction and not through force. He dispelled all darkness and removed all obscurities pertaining to religion. He answered and solved man's most difficult questions which so far had kept man puzzled. (All possible questions, totalling 331, that may come to man's mind have been answered in Holy Qur'aan).

24. He gave mankind a perfect system to lead a balanced life. He provided a totally satisfactory solution for the overlapping needs of body, mind and soul. He taught the people to follow Holy Qur'aan so that they could purify their souls stage by stage and lift them higher and higher. In all these fields and activities he gave a practical demonstration to others to emulate. He exhorted men to have all that is noble, high and dignified in human morality. If the world were to follow the example of Hazrat **Muhammad** Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam, the tears of this earth would turn into smiles. All his preachings and teachings were in accordance with the Commands of the Holy Qur'aan. His life is a true reflection of Qur'aanic Teachings. In fact he was the Holy Qur'aan personified i.e. what Holy Qur'aan is as a Book, so was he ALLAH's Last Messenger Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam, the Holy Qur'aan in person, the Holy Qur'aan in profile.

25. He gave man a fresh secular and a fresh spiritual approach to lead a better way of life. His mission was universal in nature. It was Hazrat **Muhammad** Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam, who made the world to realise that every act of a person has a religious bearing and a religious significance. This life is but a tillage for the coming life in the Hereafter and the grave is only a first step. The whole journey of life from cradle to the grave is a series of religious performances. Further, there is no dividing line between Islam, politics and mutual human dealings: Their roles are overlapping. All things in the heavens and the earth and all that which lies in between the two are also inter related and they all belong to only one source - ALLAH.

# WHAT THE WORLD'S NON-MUSLIM SCHOLARS SAY ABOUT HIM, QUR'AAN AND ISLAM

## THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING THESE EXTRACTS

1. There are many eminent non-Muslim scholars and scientists who have assessed and evaluated the Holy Book of ALLAH - the HOLY QUR'AAN dispassionately, casting aside their customary and traditional attitude of condemnation. In the following paragraphs I have given the extracts from their writings.
2. If the facts that have been gathered and quoted here stimulate your thoughts, challenge your conscience and stir your soul to accept the Commands of Holy Qur'aan, then rise and try to be like your worthy ancestors - the best and the most noble. Holy Qur'aan says - *"WE have indeed created man in the best of moulds ."* Ref. Surah Tin 95:4
3. The purpose is also to bring a modern educated Muslim youth nearer to Qur'aanic code of life by straightening the mental curves that have arisen in his make up as a result of his Western oriented materialistic education. The purpose is to awaken his faith and prompt his pious spirit that lies buried deep down in his heart towards him, Holy Qur'aan and Islam.

## HERE ARE THE EXTRACTS

### 4. Professor Dr. Hartwig Hirschfeld of London University

- (a) Qur'aan is unrepachable, congenial with regard to convincing power, eloquence and even composition. Never has a people been led more rapidly to a civilization, such as it was in the case of Muslims through Qur'aan.
- (b) Qur'aan was the fountainhead of all sciences.

5. **Dr. Sir Tritton of London University, in His Book "Belief and Practices" said** :- Qur'aanic beliefs are based on reason. To command what is right and to forbid what is wrong is an article of faith of Qur'aan.

6. **Dr. Albert Einstein, an Eminent Scientist in His Book "Life and Time" said:-**

- (a) The most beautiful emotion that we can experience is mystical. He, who is not moved by this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead.

(b) To know that what is not understandable really does exist, is the highest form of wisdom and most radiant beauty, which our dull faculties fail to comprehend. This knowledge, this feeling, is at the centre of true religiousness and in this sense, and in this sense only I belong to the ranks of devoutly religious.

(c) And - any one who does not believe in

- (i) Personal God
- (ii) Revelations
- (iii) Messengers
- (iv) Angels and
- (v) The Day of Judgement, is not, and cannot be called a scientist.

**7. Goethe, one of the Greatest Poets, speaking about the Holy Qur'aan declared that:-**

- (a) This Book will go on exercising through all ages a most potent influence.
- (b) We resign ourselves to God. If this be Islam, then do we not all live in Islam?

**8. Dr. Oswald Seengler in his book "History of Philosophy" said**

- (a) The role of Qur'aan in human history is of revolutionary importance as it revolted against ancient Roman and Greek traditions and it was against all speculative and all abstract nature of things.
- (b) Qur'aan emphasizes that 'Nature and History' are two sources of knowledge for the study and for the understanding of concrete signs of natural phenomenon.

**9. Professor Arberry of Cambridge University in His Book 'Qur'aan Interpreted' said:-** Qur'aan was revealed at a time when Greek and Roman civilizations were plainly dead. Qur'aanic people created their own sciences and arts.

**10. In a Book - History of Mankind. It is said:-** It is probable that but for Qur'aan, modern civilization would never have assumed that character which has enabled it to transcend all previous phases of evolution.

**11. Professor Wil Durrant said:-**

- (a) Qur'aan has abolished the greatest misery from humanity at large by the abolition of priesthood. What a tremendous amount of misery this institution of priesthood can cause in the administrative and ecclesiastical history of mankind!
- (b) In the 'History of Civilization' he said - "The false bogey and notions raised and sustained by biased Western writers against Islam, in preference to Christianity, are now being exposed by many Western writers and thinkers who have studied Islam and Qur'aan in detail.

**12. Carnegie Research. Washington Publication No.376 said:-** From 8th to 12th century the European language was Arabic. From 850 A.D. to 1250 A.D. Arabic was scientific and progressive language of mankind because the whole history of science is proof to it. Muslims were fired by enthusiastic curiosity and scientific genius. Muslim culture radiated from a number of centres which were spread in Western Europe, Maghrib and Central Asia. They related to mathematics, astronomy, chemistry, physics, technology, geography, medicine and botany. During 750 A.D. to 1100 A.D. Islam produced men like Al-Batair - the Botanist, Abdul Lateef - the Physician, Jabir Ibne Hayyan, Al-Kundi, Al Khwarazmi, Ibne Sina, Al-Masudi, Al-Ghazali, Umar Khayyam and Al-Jarrar to mention a few.

**13. British Research Papers said:-**

- (a) These British Research Papers disclose historical events of 800 A.D. to 1400 A.D. period which were kept mostly out of sight or were falsely represented by European historians to the world. These researches reveal how Qur'aanic teachings were assiduously studied and preached and its code of life was put into practical application in Europe by various emperors, warriors, kings, priests, scholars and elite, sometimes at the cost of their heads and crowns.
- (b) Europe and other territories were not captured by sword but by sheer eloquence, appeal to reason, cultural excellence of Qur'aan and its charm and through the- vast potentialities of knowledge available in Arabic language.
- (c) Arabic was the language of Europe from 800 A.D. to 1400 A.D. and Qur'aan was its code of life. By the 12th century, the literate of Europe had adopted Qur'aanic doctrines.
- (d) The Research Papers say:- Qur'aan was radiating its light silently through-out Europe. By 9th century, English, French and Germans

having a taste of learning and eloquent manners found their ways into Islamic teachings and institutions.

- (e) Qur'aanic doctrines eventually made themselves felt in the highest ecclesiastical regions.
- (f) European Universities more particularly Oxford and Paris had the largest share in spreading Arabic language in Europe.
- (g) At Marseilles there was a - 'Great Arabic Learning Centre'.
- (h) Qur'aan was translated into Latin and Europeans had adopted Arabic sciences.
- (i) By the end of 13th century, most of Europe was thoroughly influenced by the Qur'aanic Scientific Research and Qur'aanic Philosophy of Life.
- (j) The Qur'aanic influences had thus found an expression in France, Germany, England and Italy involving many classes of society from the poor men of the city of Lyon to the Emperors of Germany.

**14. Emperor Bonaparte in "Et-Islam" said:-**

- (a) I hope the time is not far off when I shall be able to unite all wise men and educated men of all countries on the principles of Qur'aan which alone are true and which alone can lead men to happiness.
- (b) Qur'aanic people were fond of sciences and literature. In Cairo there were 6000 books on Astronomy alone and more than one hundred thousand on Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and medicine.
- (c) But many shameless plagiarists claimed for themselves the Arabic works which they translated into Latin and named after them. Many Muslim authors' names were Latinized to hide original identification.
- (d) And Qur'aan was studied in many universities of Europe.

**15. In a Book History of Medieval Islam - it is said:-** There is hardly any area of human experience where Qur'aan has not enriched the Western tradition, foods, drinks, culture, medicine, armour, industry, commerce, discoveries, inventions, maritime techniques, artistic tastes and amenities - not to speak of many terms that were adopted from Arabic.

**16. Professor Max Mayer of Paris University in French Research Le Monde Islamique said**

- (a) The scientific, economic, political, social and literary concepts were given to Europe by Qur'aanic civilization.
- (b) There are about 1000 main words of Arabic origin in English language and there are many derivatives from these words.
- (c) If history is to be studied unbiased, linguistic evidence can be found to show that there are about 100 words of Qur'aanic origin in technical usage alone.

**17. Professor Arnold J. Toynbee said:-**

- (a) The extinction of race consciousness is one of the outstanding achievements of Qur'aan, and in the contemporary world, there is a crying need for the propagation of this Qur'aanic virtue. Spirit of Islam may decide the issue with peace and tolerance.
- (b) The Western civilization has produced an economic and political plenum but at the same time it has caused a social and spiritual void.

**18. Micheal H. Hart** In his book 'Ranking of 100 Most Influential Persons in History' said :- He has placed Hazrat **Muhammad** (Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam) on top of the list. He has placed 'Isa ('Allehis Salaam) at position No.3 and Gautam Budha at No.4. He has placed Musa ('Allehis Salaam) at No.16. His reasoning is

- (a) I have ranked these 100 great persons in order of importance.
- (b) A striking example of this in ranking Muhammad (Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam) higher than Jesus Christ, in large part is because of my belief that **Muhammad** (Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam) had a much greater influence on the formulation of Muslim religion.
- (c) This unparalleled combination of secular and religious influence which I feel entitles **Muhammad** (Mustafa Sal La( Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam) to be considered the most influential single figure in human history.
- (d) In ranking the men and women in this book, I considered the influence that their accomplishments may have on future generations and events.

- (e) Since Qur'aan is at least as important to Muslims as the Bible is to Christians, the influence of **Muhammad** (Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam) through the medium of Qur'aan has been enormous. It is probable that the relative influence of Muhammad (Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam) on Islam has been larger than the combined influence of Jesus Christ and Saint Paul on Christianity.

**19. Bernard Shaw In His Book "Whither Islam" said:-**

- (a) No other religion has had such a record of success in uniting, in giving equality of status, of opportunity and of endeavours to so many and so varied races of mankind as Islam did.
- (b) I have prophesied about the faith of Muhammad (Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam) that it would be acceptable tomorrow as it is beginning to be acceptable to the Europe of today. Mediaeval ecclesiasts, either through ignorance or bigotry, painted Muhammadanism in the darkest colours They were, in fact, trained to hate both the man **Muhammad** (Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam) and his religion. To them **Muhammad** (Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam) was anti-Christ. I have studied him, the wonderful man, and in my opinion far from being an anti-Christ. He must be called the saviour of Humanity. I believe that if a man like him were to assume the dictatorship of the modern world he would succeed in solving the problems in a way that would bring it much needed peace and happiness. Europe is begining to be enamoured of the creed of **Muhammad** (Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam). In the next century it may go still further in recognizing the utility of that creed in solving its problems, and it is in this sense that you must understand my prediction.

**20. Professor Bosworth said:-** Call him the greatest of all reformers because he brought a revolutionary change, the equal of which was never in effect either before or after him. He is the most successful of all Prophets and religious personalities.'

**21. Professor Gibon a World Historian said:-** The greatest success of **Muhammad's** (Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam) life was through sheer moral force without a first stroke of a sword. This is confirmed by Qur'aan and by the history of Muslim conquerors and by their public and legal toleration of Christian worship.

**22. Professor Massignon said:-**

- (a) Islam maintains the balance between the exaggerated opposites. It has always in view the building of character which is the basis of civilization.
- (b) Orphanages had sprung up for the first time, it is said, under the teaching of Prophet of Islam. The world owes its orphanages to this Prophet who himself was born an orphan.

**23. The Encyclopaedia Britannica says:- Muhammad** Mustafa Sal lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam) is the most successful of all Prophets and religious personalities.

**24. Sarojini Naidu said:-** It was the first religion that preached and practised democracy. For in the mosque, when the "Call to prayer" is sounded at the minaret and the worshippers are gathered together, the democracy of Islam is embodied five times a day when the peasant and the king kneel side by side and proclaim - "ALLAH alone is great."

**25. Mahatma Gandhi said:-** It was Islam that civilized Spain, it was Islam that took the torch of light to Morocco and preached to the world the doctrine of brotherhood and therefore the Europeans of South Africa dread the advent of Islam as the Blacks may claim equality with the white races.

**26. Professor Hurgronje said** The League of Nations founded by the Prophet of Islam put the principle of International Unity and human brotherhood on such universal foundations as to show candle to other nations.

**27. Professor K.S. Ramakrishna of Mysore said** Islam came as the defender of the weaker sex and entitled women to share in the inheritance of their parents. It gave women, 14 centuries ago, the right of owning property. Yet it was twelve centuries later, in 1881 that England, supposed to be the cradle of democracy, adopted this institution of Islam and an Act of Parliament was passed called - "The Married Women's Act" that gave them right of inheritance.

**28. Laura Veccia Varlieri in His Book "Apologie de L'Islamisme" said** The proof of the divinity of Qur'aan is that it has been preserved intact through the ages since the time of its revelation till the present day - read and re-read by the Muslim world. This Book does not rouse in the faithfuls any weariness. It rather, through repetition, is more loved every day. It gives rise to a profound feeling of awe and respect in the one who reads it or listens to it.

**29. Dr. Tarachand A Distinguished Scholar and Historian of India said:-** For a thousand years this civilization (i.e. the Muslim) was the central light whose



rays illuminated the world. It was the mother of European culture, for men reared in this Islamic civilization were the masters in the Middle ages at whose feet the Spaniards, the French, the English, the Italians and the Germans sat down to learn Philosophy, Sciences, Mathematics, Astronomy, Chemistry Physics, Medicines and Industrial techniques. Their teachers names are household words. (Address at Osmania University. Hyderabad, Deccan 1964. P.23)

**30. Maurice Bucille. A French Scientist in His Book “The Bible, the Qur’aan and Science” said:-** The Qur’aan most definitely did not contain a single proposition at variance with the most firmly established modern knowledge. —It is a consideration which implies that GOD could not express an erroneous idea. —Facts always assert their existence in the end, in spite of the resistance put up by those who are inconvenienced, annoyed or shocked by their discovery. (Later, he became a Muslim)

**31. A. M. L. Stoddard said:-** The rise of Islam is perhaps the most amazing event in human history. Springing from a land and a people who were previously negligible, Islam spread with in a century over half the earth, shattering great empires, overthrowing long established religions, remoulding the souls of races, and building up a whole new world - the world of Islam.

**32. James A. Michener said:-** The Qur’aan is probably the most often read book in the world, surely the most often memorized, and possibly the most influential in the daily life of the people who believe in it. — It is neither poetry nor ordinary prose, yet it possesses the ability to arouse its hearers to ecstasies.

**33. Annie Basant in Her Book - “Life and Teachings of Muhammad” said:-** It is impossible for any one who studies the life and character of the great Prophet of Arabia, who now knows how he taught and how he lived, to feel any thing else but reverence for that mighty Arabian Teacher.

## A LOOK INTO THE HOLY QUR'AAN

*IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.*

1. Islam is in fact in the pages of Holy Qur'aan as much as it is in the personality of Hazrat **Muhammad** Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam. We should therefore have a look into the pages of Holy Qur'aan.

2. The word Qur'aan means "that which is read" or "that which should be read again and again." The Holy Qur'aan is a Divine Scripture. It is the word of ALLAH which was revealed by HIM through Hazrat Jibreel 'Allehis Salaam to HIS Last Messenger Hazrat **Muhammad** Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam in Arabic language bit by bit over a period of about twenty three years. As soon as these words were revealed to him, they were dictated by him immediately to the ready scribes who wrote them down and the Huffaz (Hafiz-e-Qur'aan) memorised them by heart. No other Book of Revelation can claim such authenticity.

3. ALLAH had sent a number of HIS Messengers for the guidance of mankind. Besides many small size scriptures (SAHUFAS), ALLAH had also revealed the following three Books. They are:

- (a) Tauraat (or Torah or PENTATEUCH or the Old Testament) to Hazrat Musa 'Allehis Salaam.
- (b) Zuboor (or PSALMS) to Hazrat Dawood 'Allehis Salaam.
- (c) Injeel (or the GOSPEL or the New Testament) to Hazrat 'Isa 'Allehis Salaam.
- (d) THE HOLY QUR'AAN - The Last Revelation of ALLAH to Hazrat **Muhammad** Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam. The Holy Qur'aan testifies the Revelations of all the previous Divine Books.

4. Holy Qur'aan at Surah Baqara at 2:23 confirms that HE sent the Jewish, the Christian and the Sabian Scriptures and at Surah Dahr at 76:23 says:- *"It is WE WHO have sent down the Holy Qur'aan to you by stages."*

5. Holy Qur'aan is therefore a final guidance from ALLAH as a religion or a Way of Life." ALLAH in Holy Qur'aan at Surah Maidah at 5:3 says:- *"This day / have perfected your religion for you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion."*

6. After the arrival of Holy Qur'aan all other previous Divine Scriptures and Books are superseded. Mankind from then onwards will receive all time guidance

from Holy Qur'aan only. After the Holy Qur'aan, ALLAH will not send any other Messenger or any other Divine Book. In Holy Qur'aan, ALLAH confirms this by saying "**Mohammad** (Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sal/am) is the Messenger of ALLAH and he is the Last of HIS Messengers." Ref. Surah Ahzaab 33:40. ALLAH further says: -" WE have, without doubt, sent down the Message (Holy Qur'aan) and WE will assuredly guard it (from corruption)." Ref. Surah Al-Ht7r 15:9.

7. The Holy Qur'aan is the Mother of All Books and it is all embracing. ALLAH has given various qualifying names and has used other adjectives and titles in Holy Qur'aan itself to indicate its many qualities and to highlight its multidimensional magnificence. These titles are:- "The Book", "The Rational Argument", "The Guidance", "The Criterion of Right and Wrong", "The Reminder", 'The Evident Proof', "The Best of Admonition", "Full of Wisdom", "The Delight", "The Final Judgement", "The Healing", "The Protecting Guardian", "The Divine Illumination", "The Great Truth", "The Grace Abounding", "The Revelation from the Merciful", "The Book in Which There is No Doubt whatsoever", "Full of Glorious Material", and "The Book Which Takes Beyond Experience and Knowledge", etc.

8. The Holy Qur'aan is written in purest of Arabic language. It is neither poetry nor a full prose yet has its own most exalted style. Its linguistic charm and the sublimity of style has no parallel. Its lucidity, fluency and eloquence is singularly its own. The elegance and the grace of Holy Qur'aan is unmatched. Its expressions are short and direct. The verses are loaded with wisdom, beauty and thought. They have a stunning effect. Their message penetrates right into the deepest recesses of heart.

9. The Arabic of Holy Qur'aan has a unique pattern. It has its own special terminology. From any one basic word many other words are derived, each word meaning differently. Its innumerable stops and pauses - short and long are there to give it a clarity of expression. They also provide an eloquent manner of speech. In fact there is no other Book in the world which is so heavily and so meticulously punctuated as the Holy Qur'aan is. There are signs to indicate where to "stop" and where "not to stop."

10. This is the only Book in the world which remains unaltered even to the minutest of inflexions till today. No single word has been changed. ALLAH has declared that HE HIMSELF is its Protector and Guardian. It has been preserved as it was and Millions of Muslim men, women and children have memorised it by heart. There never will be a revised version of Holy Qur'aan. It is, and it will always remain the same as it was originally revealed. If Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehe Wa Sallam were to return to the earth today, he would find Muslim faithfuls reading exactly the same Holy Qur'aan, worshipping and praying to ALLAH in exactly the same way, fasting, giving charity and

performing pilgrimage in exactly the same manner as he taught over 1413 years ago.

11. Originally Qur'aanic words were spoken words. They used to be reduced to writing verbatim immediately. Therefore these spoken words have a life and a force. They are dynamic in power, effect and result. These words are explosive in meaning and carry an all conquering effect. The Holy Qur'aan speaks for itself. Holy Qur'aan is the embodiment of a Living Truth. Unless people understand the mystery of Living GOD, they cannot understand the Holy Qur'aan.

12. There is a unity of purpose in the whole of Holy Qur'aan. The topics of each of its 114 Surahs revolve around the same Central Theme and each Surah is a complete whole and its verses are closely interconnected. The message of Holy Qur'aan is an eye opener.

13. The rhyme of Holy Qur'aan is remarkable and beautiful. It is absorbing, captivating and grasping. The sounds of its verses are exceptionally sonorous. In the recitation of Holy Qur'aan the symphony, the articulation and the resonance of its words echo into the heart. They touch the very core of the heart. The heavenly music enralls the heart. The Divine words bring spiritual happiness to the soul and to the mind. The sounds of Qur'aanic words, when read with absolute spiritual devotion, completely overtake the feelings of the reader. The verses then arouse in the readers' heart uncontrollable ecstasies that are beyond description. As an external expression of deepest devotion to ALLAH, the tears begin to roll down. This is a miracle of the Holy Qur'aan. Try its recitation, enjoy its richness and feel happiness and satisfaction. Read a little of it at a time but meditate, ponder and contemplate more on it. You would be moved. In fact, feel yourself close to ALLAH. Therefore - Recite Qur'aan in slow measured rhythmic tones." Ref. Holy Qur'aan Surah Muzzammil 73:4

14. The Holy Qur'aan itself is a miracle of ALLAH. The entire Holy Qur'aan is memorized by heart by thousands of faithfuls known as Hafiz-e-Qur'aan. This is another miracle of the Divine Book. Yet another miracle of Holy Qur'aan lies hidden in the numerical figure of nineteen (19) which appears in Surah Muddassir at 74:30. It is also a miracle of Islam that it has come back again. Only till yesterday it was erroneously thought by the West that Islam was lost and finished and had no further role to play. They thought that it was destined to be lost and forgotten. Yet Islam is to play a decisive role in shaping the future of mankind, in saving the crumbling modern civilization. In fact it is the only tool available to humanity today to civilize the society and the nations. All writings would wane away with the passage of time except the Holy Qur'aan. In fact Holy Qur'aan is the greatest gift of ALLAH to HIS creatures.

15. The Holy Qur'aan is an encyclopedia of Divine knowledge. It is the last and the most comprehensive revealed Book. There is a constant and repeated mention of ONE GOD - the Infinite Perfect. HE is Omnipotent, Omniscient and

Omnipresent. HIS is the kingdom on the earth and in the heavens ; and all that exist! belongs to HIM. There is a repeated mention of another life in Hereafter which would be eternal. Holy Qur'aan gives "warning" to the guilty and "hope" to the righteous. Holy Qur'aan warns man against Shaitan's misguidance and the consequent perils of Hell. Instead, Holy Qur'aan gives man guidance and an attractive goal to aspire for - the Blessings of Heaven. ALLAH has appointed man as HIS vicegerent on the earth and had therefore given him the guidance and showed him the right path. Holy Qur'aan constantly condemns idolatry and worldly materialism. Holy Qur'aan provides guidance to man in every sphere of human life whether it be religious, social, secular or spiritual. Thus the scope and the spread of Qur'aanic teachings is far more wide and far more comprehensive than any other religion. In its lights, the right, can be distinguished from the wrong and the virtue from the vice. It gives guidance in character, moral and personality build up right upto ultimate human perfection stage. It lays down guiding principles for mental hygiene and for various other aspects of social life from cradle to the grave. It lays down laws for marriage, divorce, inheritance, charity, congregational prayers and for dozens of other aspects of life. It prescribes strictest punishments for sex crimes. Holy Qur'aan gives a woman a high moral status and respect. It treats her as free and an equal individual and gives her a right to own property. According to Holy Qur'aan all human beings form one universal brotherhood irrespective of colour, class or creed. Only righteousness and good deeds give man a superiority over others. All knowledge projects from only One Source - GOD. Holy Qur'aan is a treasure of knowledge and wisdom. Holy Qur'aan provides guidance in politics, law, commerce, war, philosophy and logic etc. Holy Qur'aan subjugates all things and all forces of nature in the entire universe to man and gives guiding pointations and benefits in different branches of science like physics, chemistry, biology, geology, astronomy, astro-physics etc. Holy Qur'aan urges man to explore space and heavens. It urges man to build up a close relationship with nature. Let then the whole mankind read ALLAH's Book, the Holy Qur'aan and ponder, reflect, think and contemplate over its contents. It should be studied with a critical eye and an analytical mind. The meaning of a verse is like a fragrance from a rosebud. More of it is hidden in its successive layers of petals. Deeper you go more you understand. It should be accepted only after total inner satisfaction of mind, heart and soul. Then it should be adopted purely on its merit and excellence alone.

16. To bring the points home to the reader's mind, references to 19 males and 11 females of the past are give. Twenty-five stories of old communities are quoted. Thirty-five parables are mentioned. There are repeated mentions of twenty-six Messengers of ALLAH. Some seventeen major sins are enumerated. Thirty-six prayers begging ALLAH for various things are quoted. Holy Qur'aan is full of reasoning, appeals, persuasions and ALLAH's Commands. The Holy Qur'aan has 114 Surahs, 6,236 verses, having 76,546 words containing 3,25,026 letters and it was revealed over a period of almost 23 years.

17. Unfamiliarity, unawareness and ignorance of the spirit of Holy Qur'aan amounts to the degradation of intelligence and life itself. Surely such a Divine Book deserves to be read and adopted more widely. Reading the Holy Qur'aan in the Arabic script is the only right and the most beautiful way. But it is a pity that many Muslims cannot read it and yet call themselves literate and educated. They depend upon its translation. But no translation, however, good and perfect, can ever take the place of Arabic Scripted Holy Qur'aan. It is impossible to reproduce that matchless, enchanting grand style. Its forceful diction and rhetoric can never be recreated in any other human language. One must understand that Arabic Qur'aan is a Divine Word where as its translation is a human word. The difference is obvious. If one reads the translation alone then of course the message would get into the mind but not the very affect of those mystical and divine words of ALLAH on his soul.

18. Centuries of biased propaganda, ignorance and neglect continue to prevent them from reading the Arabic Holy Qur'aan. They remain ignorant of its deepest and the most sublime message and its blessings to humanity. The loss is their own. The entire humanity should read it, debate it, think over its contents and then form its own independent and honest opinion about its usefulness to human life. This would give them a new orientation in life and a new goal to aspire for. They should therefore read Arabic scripted Holy Qur'aan, then go over through its translation and finally adopt it in practice, deeds and behaviour in daily life.

# THE EPILOGUE

*IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.*

## Why Islam is a Success

1. Islam is a success as a religion. Why? What made the people to get attracted to Islam? It is because the human mind had gone through a cycle of various faiths and religions. So far man was chasing all sorts of false, complex, incomprehensible theories, myths and systems. They were found misleading and confusing. They were found unintelligible and unconvincing. They were therefore rejected and discarded. Their conceptual pillars were weak as they were not standing on solid, convincing and intelligible foundations. They had led men nowhere. The fact is that by walking in blind alleys of faith, men can never reach human destination. It was therefore but natural for the human mind to look afresh into the existing religious theories and concepts. Nothing less than perfection in religion was acceptable to man. The human intellect and his sense of judgement decided not to settle for any thing less in religion. He decided to test all religious theories and ideas with logic, common sense and on the touchstone of intellect.

2. The first and the foremost quality of Islam is its simplicity. It has a universal appeal. Islam is a comprehensive religion. It gives guidance in the spiritual relationship of man with his Creator. It also gives guidance to man regarding political, form of Government, economical systems and also in social relationship of man with man. Islam gives the concept of a society which is both secular and spiritual combined. The progressive principles of Islam appeal to the rationale in a man. It satisfies both the deep thinking people, the philosophers, the scientists and the scholars as much -as it satisfies the simple minded daily wage earners. It captures the hearts of intellectuals and men of learning as much as it captures the hearts of ordinary people.

3. The study of Islam is in fact a study of Truth. What deserves attention is not only the spread of Islam but also its permanency in the hearts of Muslims. The answer lies in the fact that the Muslim Kalima that - "*There is no other god except ALLAH and **Muhammad** is HIS Messenger*" gets printed well on their hearts. For Muslims it is a Declaration Supreme. Islam gets deeply engraved upon the lives of Muslims. Islam gets into the very roots of their beings. Their conscience and their whole self gets saturated with the ever presence of ALLAH. In the day-to-day life of Muslims, the Holy Qur'aan plays a far greater role than any other religious book does on its followers. In fact the basic tenets of Islam are so natural, so rational and so appealing that an honest Seeker of Truth immediately accepts it totally and fully. Islam does not have borders, demarcations and classes. It does not have narrow parochialism, provincialism and sectarianism. The entire human race is one family irrespective of colour, race or national boundaries. The nationality of Islam is international.

## **Islam is the Only True Religion of the World**

4. The strength of Islamic Umma (community) really lies in religion. In the past the success and the place of honour belonged to the Muslims because they followed the Teachings of Holy Qur'aan. Islam had created a civilization of its own which glittered brilliantly. It had set highest standards in human values, in human behaviour and in human dignity. The Islamic grandeur was supreme in all areas of human aspirations. It still remains the only way to regain success and a place of honour. It still remains the only hope for them.

5. Islam is a religion which is ordained by ALLAH and is for the entire mankind. It is a universal religion. It is a religion of nature and a religion of peace. Islam is the only rational religion and a practical religion in the world. Islam is the only true religion of the world. Islam is a religion for all times.

6. Islam paves the way for a better world. Resurgence of Islam means the resurgence of a desire to adopt the highest human values, which lead man to success, happiness, achievement and to Ultimate Truth - the GOD.

7. Islam is the only religion which puts two policemen in the shape of two angels on every person's shoulders to record on a continuous basis his actions and even the passing thoughts of his mind for the purposes of accountability on the Day of Judgement. The moral bondage from within a man's heart in Islam is so effective that no police force is needed to control the crime. Islam is a forward looking, scientific and a soul satisfying religion and that is why it has a strong attraction. Islam is not an inward looking religion which is restricted to a few rituals and dogmas and thus isolated from the actual world around a human being. Islam is a way of life, behaviour and deeds. It is a complete code of life from the cradle to the grave and even beyond.

8. Islam is the only religion which feeds a heart's hunger and a soul's thirst. Islam provides a beautiful harmony between the demands of the body and the aspirations of the soul. Islam is the only therapy for the problematic and sick modern civilization.

9. Islam is dynamic and it gives complete guidance in all areas of human activities to those who desire it. It is a progressive religion which marches along with the times, but staying all along in harmony and with the dictates of the Creator of the world. It has that built in adaptability and flexibility to keep on adjusting itself with the times but without compromising in its fundamental and basic precepts.

10. Amongst the religions of the world it is the latest religion and therefore the most perfect and the most advanced one. Islam is world's greatest Faith. Historically, Islam is the greatest civilizing force as well. It is ALLAH's religion for the entire humanity and not for any particular section of the society. It is not



designed by any human being. If the New World Order aims at achieving human progress and happiness through a creation of a balanced and just society free from exploitation of man by man in real terms, then Islam is the only religion to deliver the goods. Then Islam is prefigured and is destined to take a prominent and a leading role in the world. The future belongs to Islam. Islam was the very first religion of the world and it would also remain the final religion of the world. The religion of Islam will have no end. The religion of Islam is eternal. Only in Islam lies the real hope. Only Islam offers the real panacea for all the ills of our society. It is truly imperative that Islam should be adopted as - The Religion of the World.”

### **But the Unfortunate Present Day Malady**

11. But the unfortunate present day malady is that most modern Muslims give a different picture of Islam under the present day scenario. Therefore it becomes quite difficult for people to understand the true nature of Islamic Teachings when they see most of the present day Muslims. It is mainly because of wide spread non - observance of Islamic principles and a disregard of its way of life by the very people who claim to be the followers of that Great Personality - Hazrat Mohammad Mustafa Sal Lal Laahu ‘Allehe Wa Sallam - the Last Messenger of ALLAH. They are merely Muslims by birth. Their character, behaviour and deeds are not wholly in conformity with the teachings of Holy Qur’aan. The spirit of Islam has fled. Only the ritualistic shell remains. They have erroneously begun to think that Islam is just a religion where as it is at once a religion and a social order and a political ideology. Islam is infact three in one. In contrast, Muslims should be Muslims by conviction, deeds and behaviour.

12. The Great Islamic Society was built on religious foundations. It had its golden era when Muslims had followed Holy Qur’aan and ALLAH’s Messenger. These foundations are weakening and the super structure is crumbling. This is mainly because of love for easy money, easy life and an absence of self-sacrifice. Indolence, ignorance, illiteracy, disunity and stagnation are also some of the more obvious maladies in the present day Muslim Umma. There is an imbalance in our lives. We have gone materially rich but spiritually poor. There is too much emphasis, labour and effort on the present day life and there is perhaps little or no effort to shape the coming life of the Hereafter. These are some of the reasons that Muslims are left behind others. We Muslims should therefore call a Jihad against ourselves, against our own shortcomings and evils with which we are suffering. A Muslim should put up an exemplary character, which should reflect true Islamic spirit. We should practically exhibit the good points of Islam rather than its good points in words alone. It will be our good behaviour that will be more convincing to others than our preachings. We should follow only the true Muslim spirit. Little is understood that while one is making efforts to shape his coming life, in the process, he is indirectly, shaping the present day life as well. The advantage is two fold. We should therefore honestly follow Islamic teachings in letter and spirit.

## **When the Conscience Challenges**

13. Life has many phases. There are moments in the life of a Seeker of the Truth when his conscience challenges him. ALLAH then leads him towards the True Guidance in religion. A sudden realization then dawns upon him to acknowledge the Truth - the Power Absolute and the Power Eternal - ONE TRUE GOD. That is the moment when his conscience gets freedom. He then realizes that which of the blessings of his GOD could he deny? He begins to understand the meaning and the purpose of life. After the end of life's journey, a stark reality of death in front of him becomes clear. What will happen of him? What would be his final destination after death? Reverence, fear and obedience to the Supreme Authority follows. This awakening, this realization then gives him a new meaning, direction, orientation and a purpose to his life. He then begins to realize that the aim of this life is preparation for the next life which is eternal. The purpose of this life is endeavour and achievement, and not wasting time in frivolities. When one acknowledges this fact, he then kneels down and prostrates head down to ONE SUPREME POWER - the GOD. Then Islam becomes the only logic and a rationale behind his existence. He then disentangles himself and walks clear out of all sorts of barriers and prejudices that had kept him chained so far. He walks out of mental slavery into freedom, out of darkness into light. He walks into the arena of Reality and Truth. He comes straight into the fold of Islam. He walks under the banner of Islam. He accepts Islam. He becomes a Muslim.

14. Today's world is existing without enough sense of values. For a better world it must cultivate positive values. Islam provides a definite, positive and practically acceptable way and goal of life. Therefore Qur'aanic education must be in the forefront of educational process. In fact it must start right from the impressionable young age so that younger generation does not remain ignorant of ALLAH's Message. Qur'aanic education is not a private matter.

15. One must clearly understand without a shadow of doubt, that if believing in One True GOD, obeying HIS Commands and obeying HIS Prohibitions, means "Islamic Fundamentalism"; and fighting the disbelief, oppression, exploitation and injustice means "Militant Islam", then So Be It. Here only the thinking is warped and the reason is over shadowed. Ultimately the Truth shall reign supreme.

16. Instead with conviction and confidence he should hasten to the mosque - the House of ALLAH. Every step of his would then be in the right direction - towards success, reward and satisfaction. For ALLAH says in Holy Qur'aan - "*only in the remembrance of ALLAH do hearts find satisfaction*". Ref. Holy Qur'aan Surah R'ad 13:28.

# FAMILY OF HAZRAT MUHAMMAD MUSTAFA SAL LAL LAAHU 'ALLEHE WA SALLAM

## HIS ANCESTORS

Hazrat Adam 'Allehis Salaam

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Hazrat Noah 'Allehis Salaam

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Hazrat Ibraheem 'Allehis Salaam

Hazrat Ismail 'Allehis Salaam

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Hazrat Qusai

Hazrat Abdul Munaaf

Hazrat Hashim

Hazrat Abdul Muttalib

Hazrat Abdullah

Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa Sal La! Laahu Allehe Wa Sallam

**Note:** He also had 10 Uncles and 6 Phuppies (Father's Sisters).

## HIS WIVES, SONS AND DAUGHTERS

(Ummul Mumineen – Mothers of the Entire Muslim Ummah)

1. Hazrat Bibi Khadija  
Razi Allahu Anha  
(at Mecca—for 25 Years)

Sons  
(Two)

1. Hazrat Qasim  
Razi Allahu Anho  
and 2. Hazrat Abduillah  
Razi Allahu Anho

Daughters  
(Four)

1. Hazrat Bibi Zainab.  
Razi Allahu Anha  
  
2. Hazrat Bibi Ruqqayyah  
Razi Allahu Anha  
  
3. Hazrat Bibi Umme Kulsum  
Razi Allahu Anha  
  
and 4. Hazrat Bibi Fatima Zohra  
Razi Allahu Anha

2. Hazrat Bibi Sauda

Razi Allahu Anha (at Mecca)

3. Hazrat Bibi Ayesha

Razi Allahu Anha (at Mecca)

4. Hazrat Bibi Hafsa

Razi Allahu Anha (at Madina)

5. Hazrat Bibi Zainab (I)

Razi Allahu Anha (at Madina)

6. Hazrat Bibi Umm-i-Salma

Razi Allahu Anha (at Madina)

7. Hazrat Bibi Zainab (II)

Razi Allahu Anha (at Madina)

8. Hazrat Bibi Juwairia

Razi Allahu Anha (at Madina)

9. Hazrat Bibi Umme Habiba

Razi Allahu Anha (at Madina)

10. Hazrat Bibi Maria

Razi Allahu Anha (at Madina)

Son

Hazrat Ibraheem Razi Allahu Anho

11. Hazrat Bibi Safiya

Razi Allahu Anha (at Madina)

12. Hazrat Bibi Raihana

Razi Allahu Anha (at Madina)

13. Hazrat Bibi Maimuna

Razi Allahu Anha (at Madina)