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# The Prophet's Personality

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## INTRODUCTION:

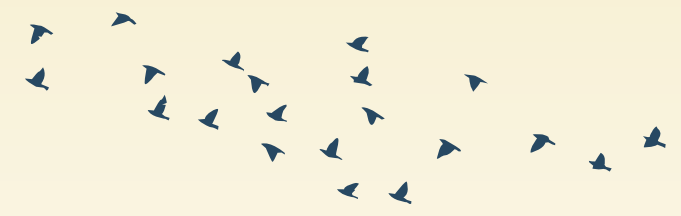
**Allah** created people. He sent them prophets and messengers, and supported them with miracles to be a sign indicating that they are calling to the truth, and to be an argument against people, so that people cannot claim that no warner or Messenger was sent to them to show them the good and renounce the evil, the prophets and messengers are the best human beings chosen by Allah to convey his message and call the people to worship him alone and to warn them against associating partners with him and disobeying his commandments.

**Allah** described the seal of the Prophets Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, saying (what means): "And indeed, you are of a great moral character." The greatness of the Prophet Muhammad - Peace be upon him – appears through his nobility. He is a mercy sent to the mankind.

His unique personality excelled all the reformers. His deeds aren't to be preceded.

The best reformer appeared in the mankind, may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, neither did he overcome people like the kings do in wars, nor did he enslave the human beings. Rather, he came with a message from his Lord, based on mercy and achieving The fairness among human beings, saving and purifying the society. In all that he adopted a gradual approach that combines both firmness and tenderness, wisdom and compassion, and applies the orders of the Book of Allah the Almighty.

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# With Himself



The prophet was a great man; his greatness stems from his confidence and keeping his principles. He was a man of good manners and kindness with all people; enemies and friends. In addition to that, modesty and flexibility were of his great qualities, he was neither complex nor arrogant.

-He was honest with himself and true to his principles. He had specific targets and a clear vision.

-He kept principles till he conveyed his Divine Message spreading all his noble principles, unknown by those who hate and vilify him.

- He owned all the qualities of a good disposition, and all the characteristics of perfection which wise people wish to attain.



-Handsome features, noble manners and sound mentality formed this teacher who awakened the world like the sun enlightening darkness. He illuminated the path to human beings after being buried for ages and ages under ignorance and

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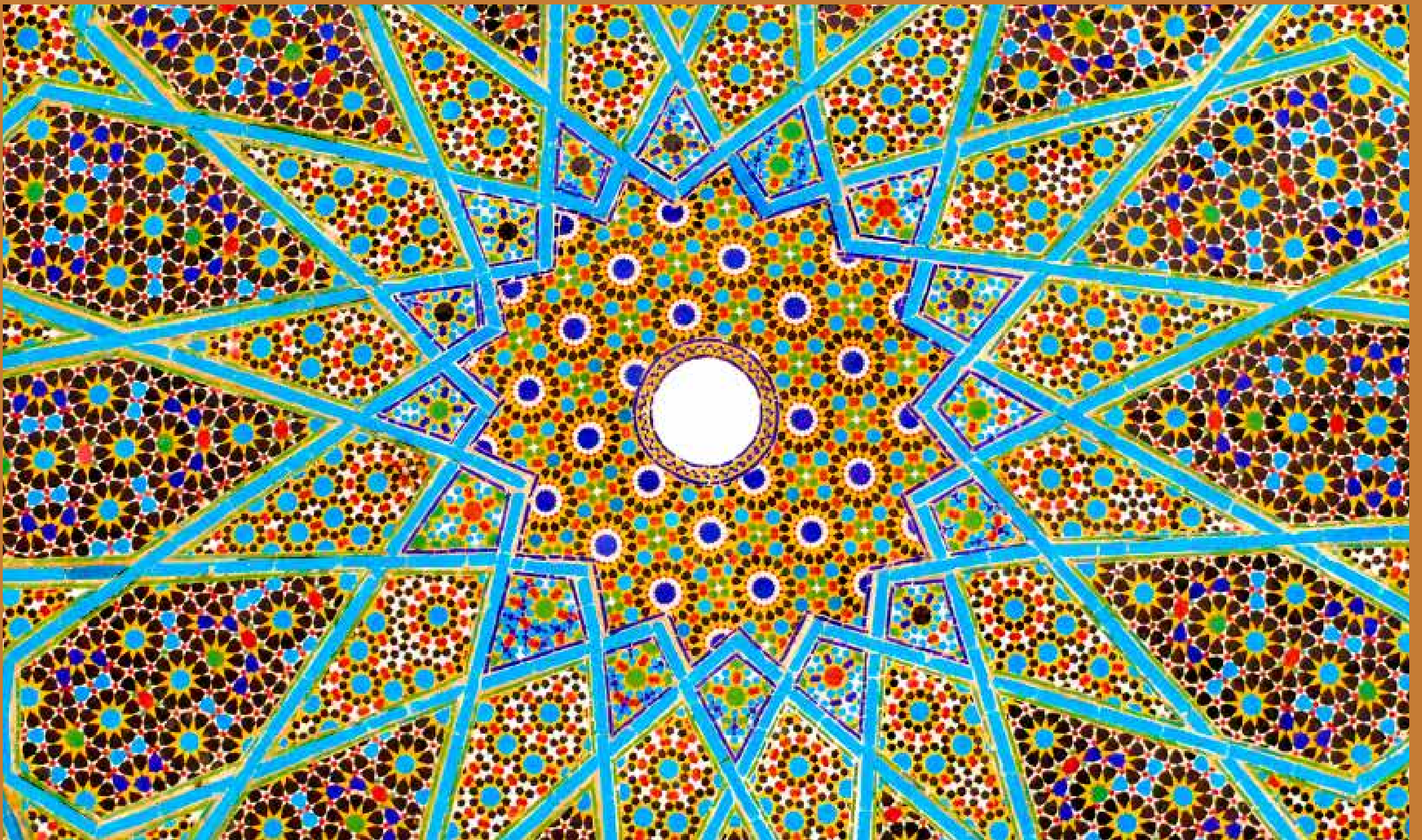
# With his Family

Any observer of the private life of Prophet Muhammad will admire the man who came from a harsh desert environment prevailed by ignorance and anarchism, and wonder: "How could he reach the highest levels of incomparable family success?"

**Muhammad (PBUH) was an inexhaustible stream of love, warmth, tenderness, sensitivity and emotions.**

He was the perfect lover to his family and wives, he used to play and joke with them. He was loving and tender with them; for example, he was expressing his love to his wife Aisha by drinking from the same cup she drank from, putting his lips on the same spot where she drank, sending a message of love to warm up her heart and feelings. This was just one example of many in his life.





He was the best example of a loyal lover in a happy family. He never forgot his deceased wife Khadeeja, but he kept remembering her favors by having good relations with her relatives. He was angry when Khadeeja was disparaged in his presence.

**Abu Najeeh narrated in the story of Hala –Khadiga’s sister- when Hala asked for permission to meet the Messenger, Aisha said**

**"Allah gave you the young wife instead of the old one (meaning Khadiga)". So the Messenger became very angry till she said: By Allah who sent you with the truth, from now on I will never mention her except in a good way".**

In spite of Muhammad’s heavy burdens as being the chief of the Islamic state, the commander of the army and the moral and intellectual guidance to his followers, he did not forget his duties towards his family by helping them in the housework, showing that women has a great value in Islam.

**Al-Aswad reported that he asked Aisha (the prophet’s wife) how was the messenger like with his household. She replied that he was serving his family and when the time came to pray he would leave for prayers.**(narrated by al bukhari)

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# Man of Rightness and Justice

He loved rightness and justice and ruled according to these qualities. He was not afraid of being blamed because of applying justice. He did not flatter any one for his rank, money or his lineage, on the contrary, the Prophet considered the weak strong till he got them their rights and he considered the powerful weak till he took from them the due rights.

He was just and supporter of rightness, to the extent that he did not even favor the dearest people to him. It happened that an eminent woman from the family of Makhzoum - a great family in Makkah at that time - stole, so she deserved a punishment for her crime. Her family went to one of the Prophet's close followers to ask the Prophet for forgiveness. When Muhammad (PBUH) listened to the request of his dearest companion to forgive this woman, he became angry because of breaking the holiness of justice after becoming a Muslim, even though he was one of the dearest people to him.

**(Aisha said that Quraish was very concerned about the woman of the family of Makhzoum who had stolen so they thought that no one could speak with the Messenger in this matter except Osama bin Zeid, who was close to the Messenger. Osama talked to the Messenger, who replied: "Do you mediate to break one of Allah's laws? Then he stood and gave a speech telling the people that the nations living before them were destroyed because they didn't punish the wealthy but did only punish the weak when they commit any crime. He swore if his daughter Fatima stole, he would punish).**

(narrated by muslim)



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# Man of Noble Manners

The most remarkable trait of Prophet Muhammad is his gentle and exalted manners with everyone, his friends and his enemies. This is admitted by every just person.

He was a man who was very hospitable, and received people well, the smile never left his face, his words were kind, he was well-mannered and polite even towards those who were rude to him, and ignored interfering in trivial things.



He taught his followers that the best of people is the best mannered.


He also taught his followers that the closest one to him in paradise is the one who has the best manners.

The good manners of Prophet Muhammad were not towards his followers only but also towards his enemies; when the Prophet was asked to curse his enemies he refused, saying:

**"I am not sent by Allah to curse but I am a mercy sent to the whole world"** .(narrated by muslim)

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# Man of Knowledge and Civilization

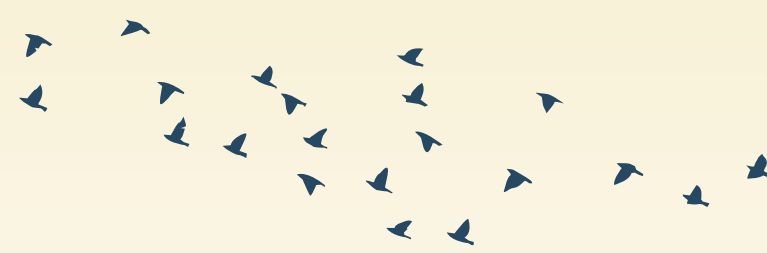


An unjust person or dishonest scholar might consider Prophet Muhammad hostile to science and civilization. This can be due to the current status of Muslims nowadays, then they have the same conclusion about Muhammad (PBUH) and Islam. Yet, upon applying the ethics of scientific research, an honest researcher would admit that Muhammad had built for his followers the foundations of science and culture upon which they built their civilization, that was the reason behind the strong nation that they have established and spread its knowledge, civilization, principles and ethics to the whole world; the world that witnesses what the Islamic civilization in Andalusia offered Europe and humanity in their scientific revolution.

***How could not he be a man of knowledge and civilization while the first word he received from The Almighty Allah written in the Holy Quran was the command to "Recite"?***

Plus there is a chapter in the Holy Quran titled (the Pen) as being the first tool of knowledge and the first thing created by Allah. He is the man of an advanced civilization with fixed assets. No one except him (PBUH) was able to change an ignorant, violent and immoral scattered tribes to a nation of ethics and manners leading the world in the fields of science and culture.

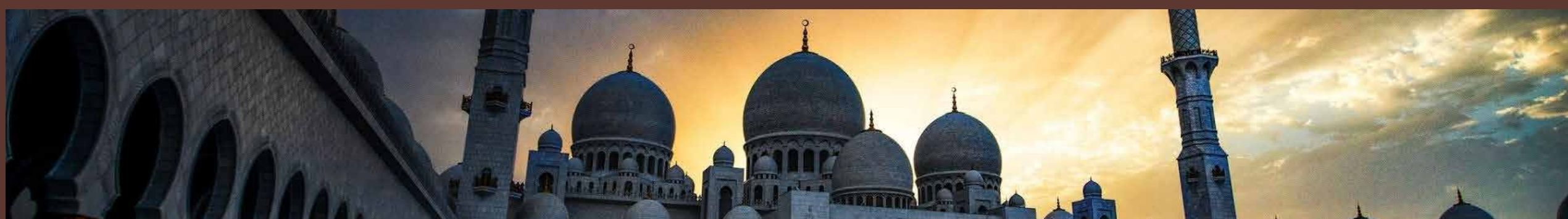
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# Man of Tolerance

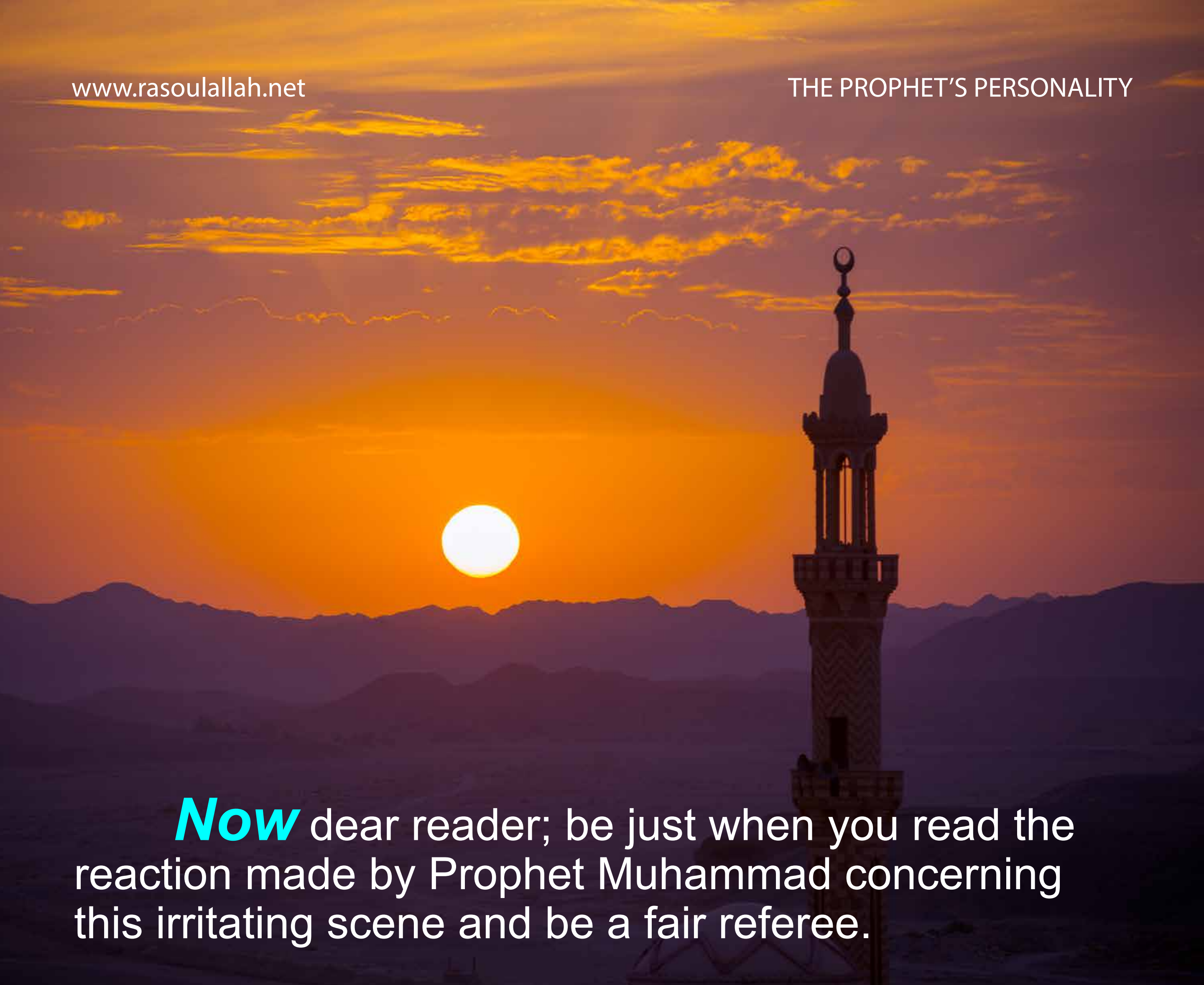


Negative propaganda and false accusations targeted Prophet Muhammad making him look like a harsh leader who opposed leniency and dialogue. While in fact, Muhammad (PBUH) is the symbol of tolerance in all aspects of life which is proven in his behavior and decisions. For example, some Jews pretended that they were greeting him, while in fact they were twisting the words and praying that he would die. They were telling him (Asaamu Alaikom) which means "death be upon you" instead of (Asalamu Alaikom) which means **"Peace be upon you" ...Only the letter "l" marks the difference!!!!**



Although the Prophet knew their bad intention, his forgiveness is quite surprising to anyone who is fair. Imagine yourself in this situation, what will be your reaction? And compare it to the reaction of the Prophet, Peace Be upon Him.

Imagine yourself a leader or a ruler being obeyed hearing a man asking Allah for your death with words that may deceptively sound good. You might forgive him about praying that you would die, but you would not forgive his deceit and underestimating your intellect.



**Now** dear reader; be just when you read the reaction made by Prophet Muhammad concerning this irritating scene and be a fair referee.

One day the Prophet (PBUH) was sitting with his wife Aisha when some Jews passed by and pretended to greet him while they meant to insult him but his beloved wife understood their deceiving way of their words and replied with the same insulting words.

**Now** the question is: Did the Prophet get satisfied with this action?

The answer is no, on the contrary, he told his beloved wife to be more lenient and gentle and never to be harsh.

Aisha said: "The Jews were greeting the Prophet (Peace and Blessing Be upon Him) saying (alsaam alikom) which means "death be upon you" so she replied: death and curse be upon you. But the Prophet (PBUH) said: Calm down Aisha, Allah loves kindness in everything".

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# Man of Religion and State



How many great men and leaders tried to achieve glorious projects and establish a human message, but nobody throughout history could create a delicate and well thought-out system applying the needs of both the body and the soul.

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) came with something new to the whole world mixing both the spiritual and materialistic aspects in such a harmonious way which has never been achieved before. He built up a state unable to survive without religion and a religion never accepts but such kind of state.

Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be upon Him) healed the soul's injuries caused by materialism and filled the materialistic needs caused by focusing on the soul, in other words, he achieved balance between the spiritual and physical human needs.

Indeed, he was the truthful spiritual teacher, the honest politician and the fair judge, that unified wild tribes into civilized people and unified those people into a nation that built glory and made life under the belief of The Almighty Allah;

**"THERE IS NO GOD BUT ALLAH AND  
MUHAMMAD IS HIS MESSENGER".**

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# Man of Cleanliness and Environmental Care



One of the special aspects of the Prophet's life and religion is his diligent teachings which He taught his followers, commanding them to give great concern to neatness and protecting the environment.

The prophet taught his companions and Muslims in general to wash their different body parts that are exposed to pollution such as the face, mouth, nose, hands and feet five times per day or more for prayers, and washing the whole body frequently as much as possible.

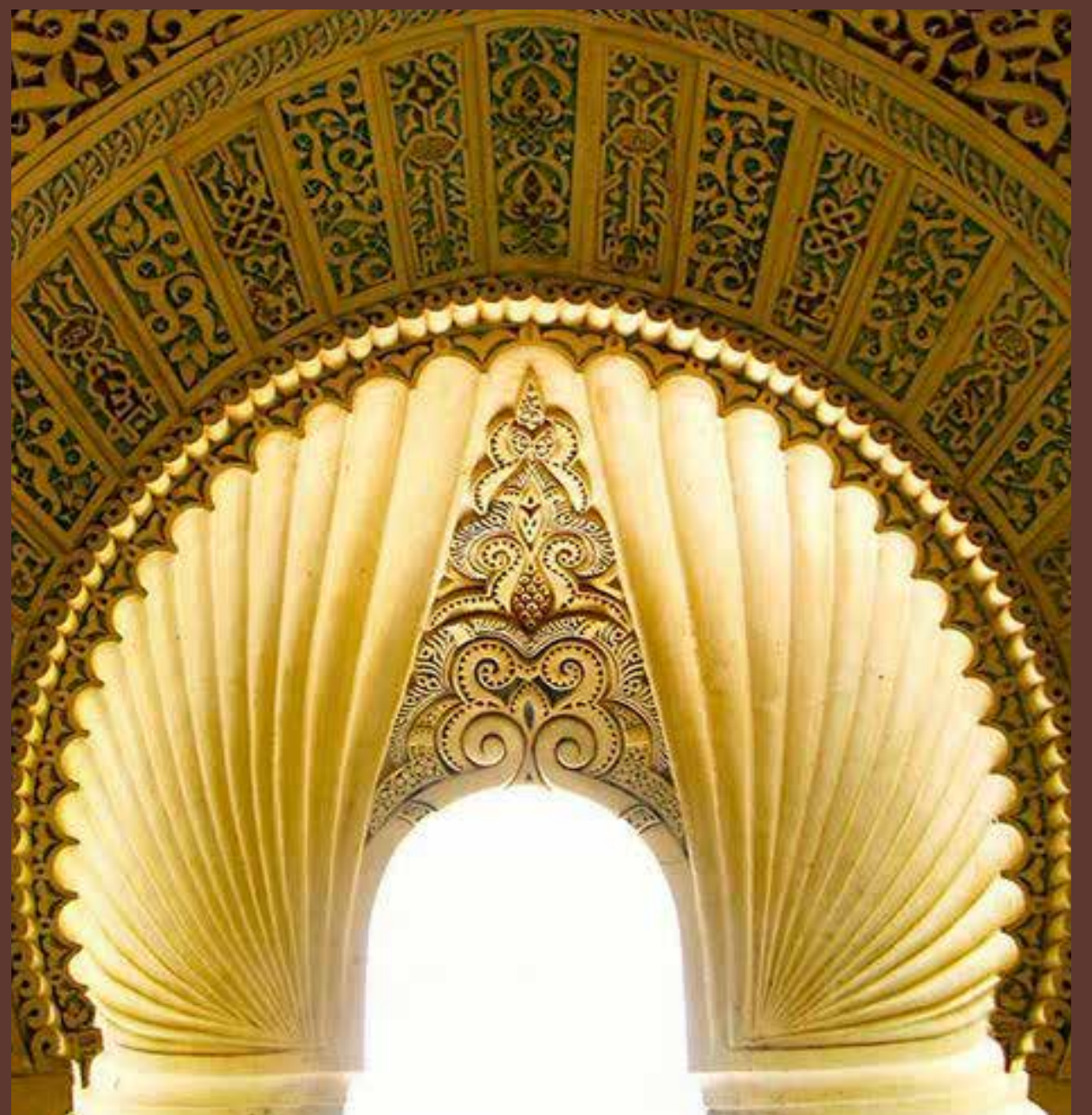
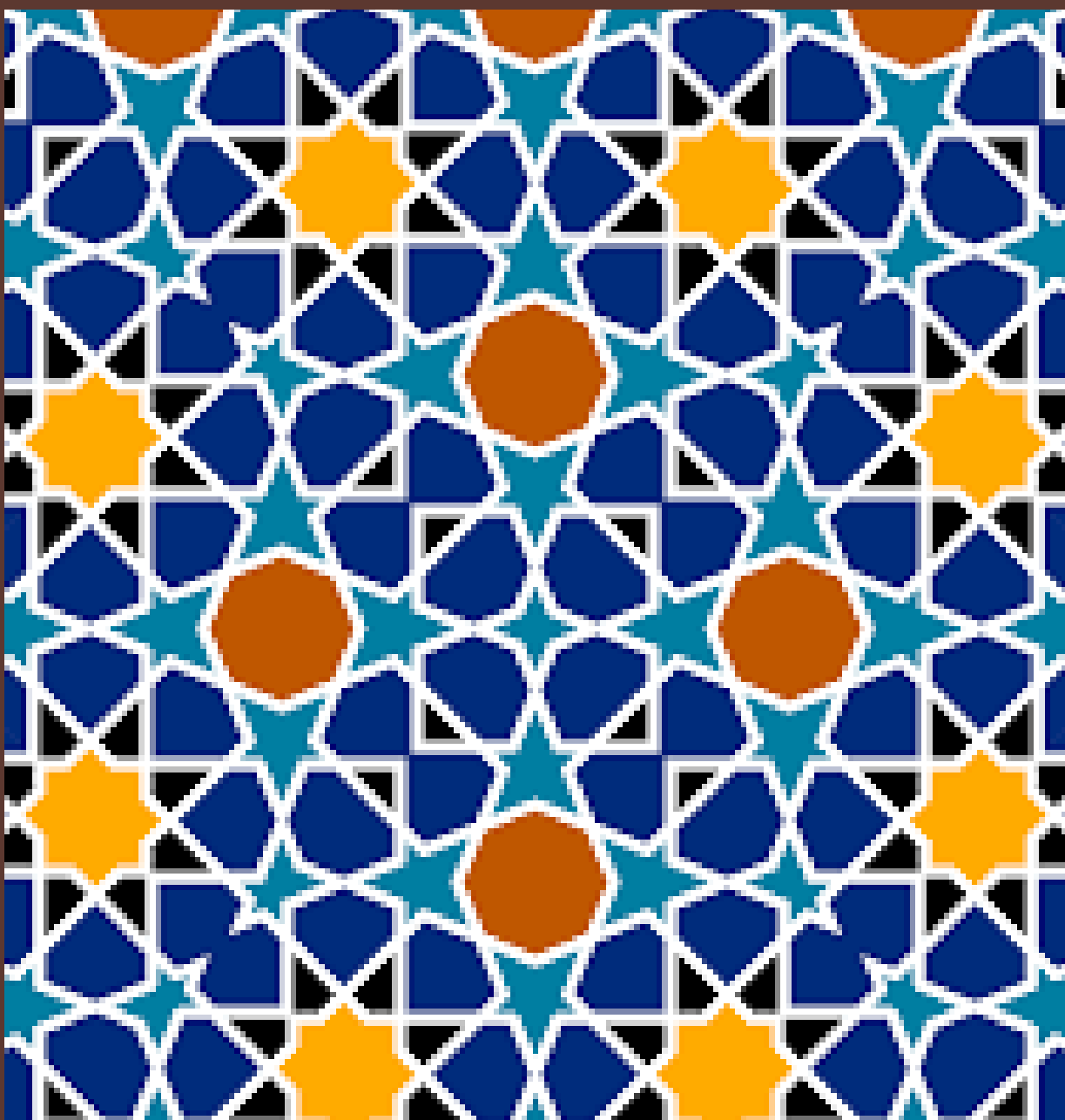
- He warned people not to contaminate the areas near residential places or houses with dirt.
- He insisted on the importance of cleaning oneself completely from any human waste.
- He obliged his followers to clean their clothes from any ritual unclean substances "najas"
- He taught his followers "medical isolation"; he commanded them not to enter the places affected by epidemic diseases and not to leave it in order to prevent the spread of diseases.

With these instructions and many others, the Prophet (PBUH) built a complete social system within a healthy atmosphere and a clean environment. So there is no chance for any contamination or dirt in clothes, body or in the whole environment because of the the Prophet's teachings.

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# Man of Elegance and Beauty

If you ask about the things that the Prophet (Peace Be upon Him) like most, the answer is three things. The Prophet (PBUH) mentioned the first as perfume. He liked good smells very much, and he used to wear perfumes alot and he never smelled bad. Moreover, the Prophet (PBUH) was very elegant, he was the best-looking among people, as if he was shining in his clothes like a full-moon in the sky.



The great thing is that the Prophet's elegant appearance was quite unique in a society very far from taste, cleanness and sophistication. He was like a beautiful flower in the arid barren desert, he was like the warm fire in the frozen desert and like the spring in a lifeless earth.

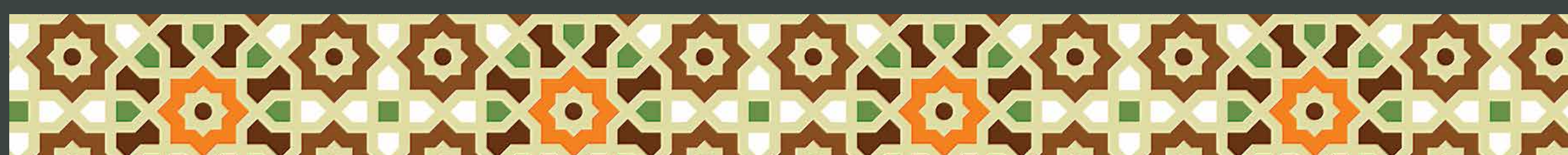
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# Smiling was the Prophet's Motto



How important it is in such a world, full of social crises and psychological diseases we live in, to keep a smile on our faces like the one the Prophet asked his followers to keep all the time!

The Prophet (PBUH) taught Muslims who follow his teachings how to overcome life burdens and social pressure, his teachings safeguard them against psychological diseases which get in the way of human happiness. Muhammad taught them how to attain happiness and inner peace.



The smile was the Prophet's slogan whether at home or traveling, he was never seen but smiling. His sweet smile cured the sadness of all people around him and healed the pains of his companions.

Abdullah bin al-Hareth reported: "**I never saw a man smiling more than Allah's Messenger (Peace Be upon Him).**" (Narrated by at-Tirmidhi)

But he never went over the limits; he did not exaggerate in the way he smiled or laughed, he used to laugh without widely opening his mouth, or cracking, i.e. he was always full of respect and dignity.



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# Man of Tolerance and Noble Forgiveness



Whoever looks into the history of great men and leaders, during a victory after a lost battle, will find one common trait among them all, except for prophets, which is revenge.

Messenger Muhammad (PBUH) had given a superb example for the nobleness of the victorious. Despite being exiled from Makkah, his possessions being confiscated and being hurt badly by its people at the beginning of his prophecy, upon entering Makkah overwhelmingly victorious, his great personality and generosity would not give room for revenge. He had forgiven all those who have oppressed him despite being fully able to fulfill severe vengeance on them.

**He told them: "You can go for you are free"**



In such a way Islam had raised Muhammad and his companions on such refined manners, free from the shackles of selfness and selfishness. For the quran says: **"Show forgiveness, enjoin what is good, and turn away from the foolish (i.e. don't punish them)."**

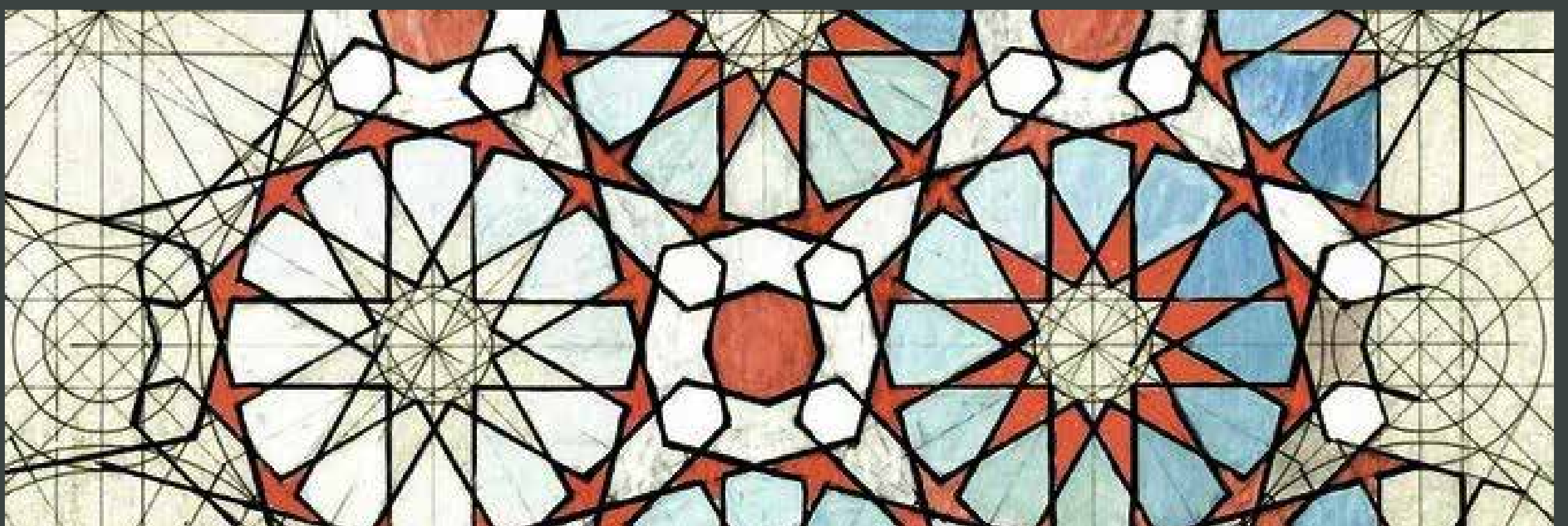
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# The Tenderhearted Companion

What will be your reaction towards someone rejecting and belittling something you really love? What if you were a religious man and someone came and intentionally defiled the place of your worship in such a rude way?

No doubt that you will be very angry and rush to punish him. Muhammad (PBUH) did not do so, for he did not believe in hasty reactions, he had complete control over his reactions by judging wisely before doing any action. The following story proves that he dealt with every situation with such farsightedness and breadth of vision:

**A bedouin came from the desert who had no contact with the new city (Madinah) that Muhammad (PBUH) had built along his companions in the new capital. This bedouin acted in a very shocking manner to the people of the civilized, urbanized Madinah.**





## What was this action you think?

Indeed it was one of the strangest things a man can do, to urinate in a well respected and public place in front of everyone. That is what this man had done; he urinated in the mosque in front of Prophet Muhammad and his companions in the most sacred place to them. It was a horrible scene, the companions could not control themselves and they yelled at him to stop what he was doing. Even though such incident took only seconds, Prophet Muhammad's reaction did not precede his brain.

During this split second he had analyzed the bedouin's personality, which did such wrong act in the place of his worship and where he runs the state's affairs. The Prophet (PBUH) realized that this bedouin is uneducated and mannerless and his action holds no hostile intention. It was a backward act for the culture of cleanliness and decency that Muhammad (PBUH) had built in his capital. He ordered his companions to leave the Bedouin without scolding him.

After the Bedouin had finished, Muhammad (PBUH) came up to him and informed him that he can not do such thing in this place. The Bedouin was so touched by the kindness of the Prophet (Peace Be upon Him), how he taught him with leniency and was taken by his manners and said "O Allah have mercy on me and Muhammad and no one else".

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# Encouraged Noble and Refined Sports



Allah's Messenger (PBUH) encouraged his companions to practice the refined sport that is based on strengthening the body, recreating the spirit and bringing benefit unto the society without wasting money and soul and without corrupting manners.

He himself had practiced some sports like running, wrestling and horseback riding. The only condition to practice sports in the constitution of Muhammad (PBUH) is to have sportsmanship, refined manners and lofty goals.

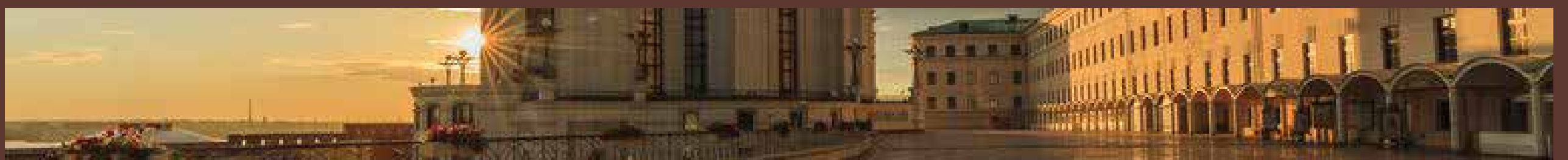


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# The Builder of the Distinguished Structure



Muhammad (Peace Be upon Him) had built in a barren desert a unique cultural system that was never known before. It was distinguished with the accuracy of planning and observing the interest of the city all in a beautiful and attractive view. The mosque was in the center of the capital and it was the headquarters for running the city and the conference center for people during important events and emergencies. Such center (the mosque) was the refuge for the poor and needy, where the state and the charitable bodies provide for them food and shelter. Also it was the shelter for the strangers and bypassers who come from outside the state where they find food and shelter.



The civilization system built by Muhammad (PBUH) depended on establishing markets and houses around the mosque to facilitate the transaction between people of the markets and those of the houses from one side and to facilitate their contact with the mosque from the other side. The people in the city of Muhammad (PBUH) are one entity always in contact; everyone is in the centre of the events and part of it with no discrimination or suppression.

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# Man of Education

A fair researcher would be amazed by the exceptional capabilities that Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be upon Him) had which enabled him to transform an illiterate nation that neither reads nor writes into a nation which takes pride in knowledge and science, a nation where scientists were highly regarded and respected by the state and society. If we look for the secret behind this success, we will find out that Almighty Allah gave Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be upon Him) great teaching abilities, being an eloquent speaker, a convincing lecturer and a successful educator.



What helped him to achieve such success is his conversational skills and speech proficiency, such as getting the audience attention and stimulating their minds to listen to the information. These are the essential elements in Muhammad's educational teachings.



Notice this example when he asks his companions: **'Who is the insolvent?'**, then he waits for their answer even though he knows that most probably it would be wrong, but this is his interactive conversational method to reaffirm the information he want them to understand. Then, as expected, his students say a wrong answer, he listens to them till they finish, then he gives them the right answer. This educational method is quite evident in many of the Prophet's teachings where he taught his companions and Muslims in general.

Muhammad's instructions obligate all Muslims whether males or females to learn and reach a specific educational level, then encourage who wants to learn more. This had an effective role in the substantial leap that Muhammad created in coaching and education.



Some of his instructions and teachings in this regard: **"Seeking knowledge is an obligation upon each Muslim"**; in Muhammad's speeches and in the Revealed Book- the Holy Quran- the word (Muslim) includes both males and females.

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# Dealing with People in War (the Noble Warrior)

## 1- The Prophet's Nobility towards the Enemy Soldiers in the Battlefield:

Muhammad, having noble morals and following the commands of the Holy Quran, had never betrayed anyone even if it was his enemy. He never broke an agreement with any one until the other party is the one to break it. In his battles, whether he was the victorious or his enemy, he never torture the wounded and the captives of war, and he did not mutilate the dead bodies, and he banned his soldiers and army commanders from doing that regardless of any circumstances or need.

He and his companions set marvelous examples for humanity of noble morals during wars.







## 1- His Nobility towards Women in Battles:

This is an example which captivates the mind and touches the feelings...

In one of the decisive battles that Muhammad went through, one of his military staff, his cousin Ali ibn Abi Talib, saw a veiled enemy soldier moving between the corpse of the wounded and the dead of Muhammad's army and started to mutilate them in a horrible way, and he went as far as dismembering the body of (Hamza), Muhammad's uncle. This scene terrified him and he determined to take revenge from this soldier by killing him, immediately he went after him as fast as an arrow, but he was surprised that when he raised his sword to kill him he found out that this soldier is actually a woman disguised in a man's outfit.



Try to visualize the amazing scene and the great principles of Muhammad's soldiers; that during the moment he raised his sword to kill the offender, this leader balanced between revenge and the high principles that he learned from Muhammad's school, so he lowered his sword and repressed his anger and released this woman despite her ugly deed against his friends.

Such high morals?! Such refined principles! To release a woman at the battlefield despite her act, and despite being an enemy. This is done out of respect and mercy.

This is the greatness of Muhammad and his followers, and the greatness of Islam that taught them these morals and principles.

### 3- His Nobility towards the Captives of War

Despite the human rights declarations and the international agreements yet the captives of war still moan under the violence of the psychological and physical torturing, and the flagrant violation of human rights.

However, fourteen centuries ago Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) legislated a great method and way for all the world of how to treat a war captive, which, if humanity had applied, will find a way out of the captives' crisis in this brutal world. This crisis shocks anybody with feelings, a conscience or morality. That is because Muhammad had prevented the violation of human rights absolutely no matter what the justification might be.



So it's not acceptable neither to torture the captive physically or psychologically, it also not acceptable to curse, swear or even prevent him from food and drinks. On the contrary, Muhammad and his companions went to the point where they gave priority to the captives in their food and drinks.

This scene was described and praised by a quranic verse: "They give food to the poor, the orphan, and the captive, though they love it themselves" (Al-Insan: 8) That means: Muhammad and his followers used to favor the orphans, the needy and the war captives with their food even though it was scarce and they really need it!



Indeed, the war captives nowadays need to live in the world of Muhammad to be treated the same way as Muhammad did, with mercy and respecting their humanity that was taken in our today's world by the means of the weapons of mass destruction and dirty wars under unlawful names.

As a conclusion we have to say, that Muhammad should have felt proud of his ideal city that is more developed than the modern cities of the whole world. He is indeed a pioneer in every walk of life, that is a fact not just propaganda or false claims like what modern states do at our today's world. We challenge researchers to find one case when the rights of captives were violated during the lifetime of Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be upon Him) whether physical or psychological as done by powerful countries.

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# Exploring the Character of Muhammad



Almighty allah says:

**[The Messenger of Allah is an excellent model for those of you who put your hope in Allah and the Last Day and remember Him often.]** (al-ahzab 33:21)

We will try to explore some unique aspects of the character and biography of Prophet Muhammad (*Peace Be upon Him*).

In doing so, let's sincerely pray that many of us will start a process of change to acquire many of these traits of our beloved Prophet and apply them, God willing.

In 610 C.E., Prophet Muhammad, the last and the seal of all prophets (*peace and blessings be upon them all*), began receiving the revelation.

Almighty Allah says:

**[Muhammad is not the father of any one of you men; he is Allah's Messenger and the seal of the prophets: Allah knows everything..]** (al-ahzab 33:40)



Muhammad (*PBUH*) provided a model of how people should live as individuals and as members of the society. The truth revealed to and taught by him puts stress on the fact that the world is not created by itself, it has been created by Almighty Allah, who continues to watch over it. All human beings are Allah's servants and are accountable before him for their actions.

Death is not the end of the human' life; rather it is the beginning of another eternal world, where the righteous will enjoy the bliss of Paradise and the wicked will dwell in the raging hellfire.

Prophet muhammad (*Peace and Blessings Be upon Him*) changed the tide of the human history and inspired the imagination of the world by Allah's will. He taught a religion that is based on:



- 1- Worshipping the one Immortal God (Almighty Allah).
- 2- Believing in the truth, not superstition.
- 3- Teaching humans to utilize nature (instead of worshipping it), thus paving the way for the scientific era.
- 4- Giving political power to the people and not hereditarily, not keeping it in the hands of one monarch or clan.
- 5- Showing the people all over the world — through the example of the Prophet — how to live, cooperate, and work in an atmosphere of justice and peace, not cruelty and oppression.
- 6- Teaching that if one always fears to displease Almighty Allah, then there shouldn't be anything else that one should fear.
- 7- Teaching that if one rises above negative impulses and pessimism, one can overcome all enemies, and if one sacrifices this world for the next, one will eventually have the best of both worlds.

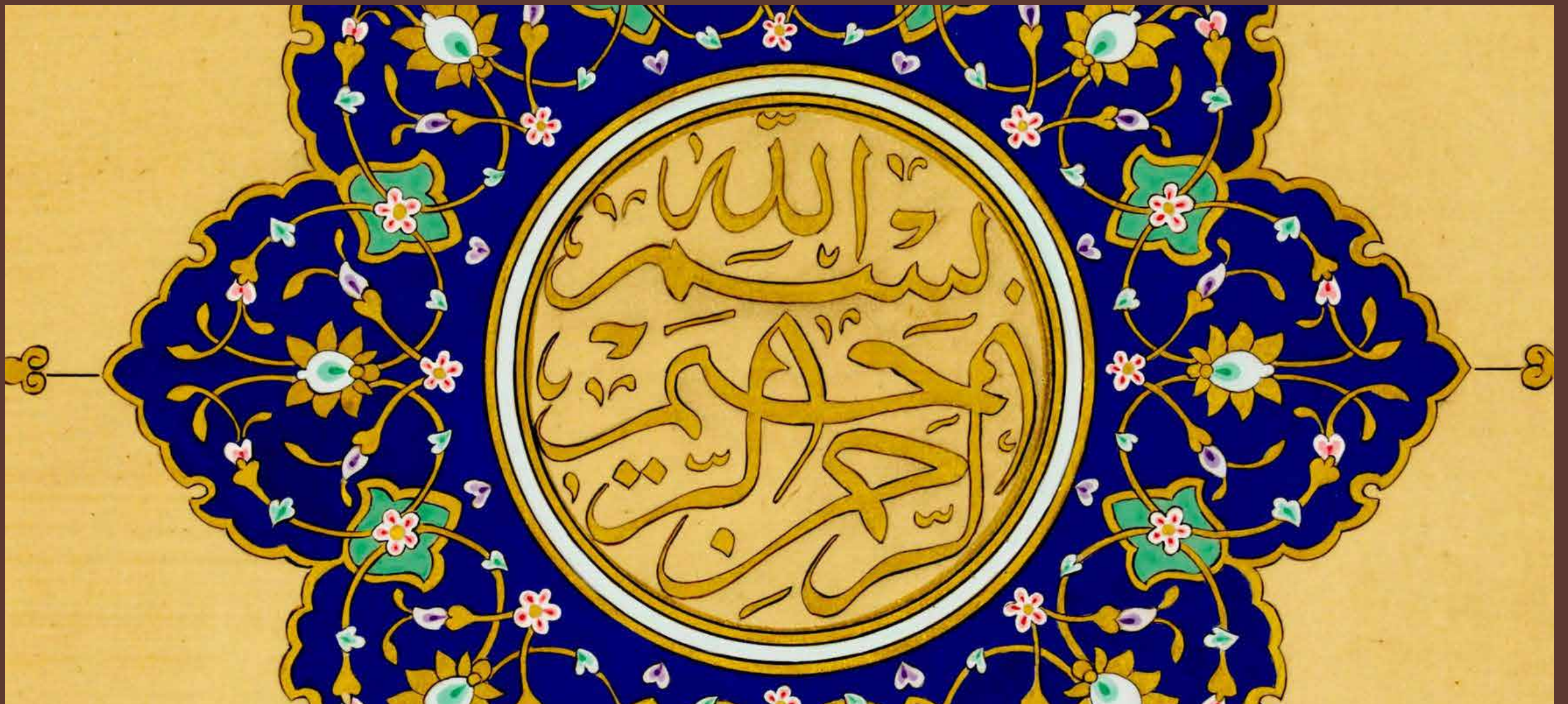


## His Mission:

Prophet Muhammad (Peace and Blessings Be upon Him) was entrusted, for more than 23 years, with propagating Allah's words and message to humanity. It was this role that brought him to a collision with his people. He was inflicted with all forms of adversity, from the pain of hunger to the struggle of battles. Yet, throughout the 23 years of his mission, the Prophet (Peace Be upon Him) always remained just and steadfast in his actions. His conduct was measured by a fear of displeasing Allah. During this mission, he changed the history of Arabia and laid the foundations of a permanent change in the world's history.

Within 100 years, this religious revolution caused the decline and then defeat of the Persian, sassanid, and Byzantine empires. Islam swept through:

- 1- I Iraq and Iran to Bukhara, Uzbekistan, in the east.
- 2- Syria and Palestine to Egypt and then North Africa, in the west.



Contrary to the claims we hear today, the divinely revealed message of Islam came with the objective of reviving and confirming Allah's religions of Islam, which were revealed to Abraham and his offspring, Ishmael and Isaac, and their descendents, including Moses (Judaism) and Jesus (Christianity).

This noble religion, whose book is surely preserved by Almighty Allah himself for eternity, has opened new, unexplored opportunities for the human race. It brought the age of democracy and freedom of speech to the world. It also helped make new discoveries in the world of science by encouraging the humans to use their most valuable gift — the mind or intellect. Islam encourages the human race to seek religious truth and to explore the scientific phenomena to raise the standard and quality of life.

A big question arises: how could the Prophet and his well-taught and faithful companions spread Islam in very few years and with very little human losses? Let's look at the Prophet's character so that we might all be able to learn from this great role model.





## His Exemplary Conduct:

Prophet Muhammad had a perfectly balanced personality. He was patient, truthful, and magnanimous. He presented the highest example of human nobility. He disciplined himself by staying aloof from quarrels and quibbles. He never engaged in foul utterances or abuse. Even before Prophethood, he was called As-sadiq Al-amin (the Truthful and Trustworthy).

he had every opportunity to live a comfortable life and even become the King of Arabia. But, he refused all this for the sake of establishing the new world order of Islam in pursuit of truth.

Time occupies an important place in the teachings of the Prophet (Peace and Blessings Be upon Him). The companions (May Allah be pleased with them) were taught in the school of the Prophet. They used to divide their time in the following way:

- 1- A portion for Worshipping Almighty Allah.
- 2- A portion for self-examination.
- 3- A portion for reflection over the mysteries of creation.
- 4- A portion for eating, drinking, and enjoying social life.

Let's visit some stories from the biography of Prophet Muhammad, so as to get acquainted with some of his sublime manners.



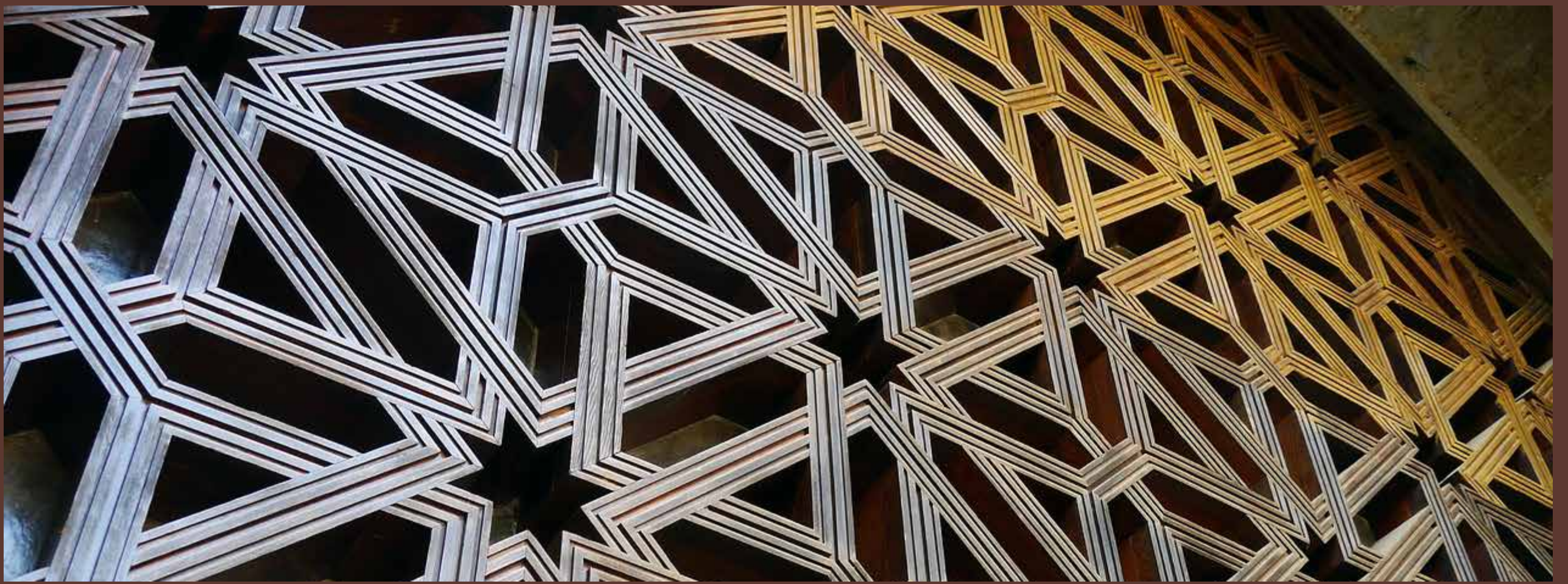
Prophet Muhammad (Peace and Blessings Be upon Him) lived among others as an equal. No bitter criticism or provocation would make him lose his composure, and no praise could make him vain. He lived in such taqwa (piety and fear of Allah) that he was always an example of modesty and leniency. He spoke little. He walked in a way that suggested his reverence of and humbleness before Almighty Allah. Criticism never angered him. He would assert that he is Allah's servant and would act as befits a servant of Allah.

He was so keen to assert the difference between him as a human Prophet and Almighty Allah as The Omnipotent Creator. Once, a companion said, "If it is the will of Allah and the will of the Prophet." The Prophet (*Peace Be upon Him*) showed his disapproval of this and said:

**"Are you trying to equate me with Allah? rather, one should say, 'if Allah alone wills.'" (Narrated by Imam ahmad)**

Toward the end of the Prophet's life, his Egyptian wife, Mariyah Al-Qibtiyah, gave birth to a beautiful child, Ibrahim, around the end of the 8th year of hijrah. Ibrahim died in the 10th year of hijrah (632 ce) when he was still one year and a half. The Prophet (Peace Be upon Him) wept the death of his son. In his deepest grief, he uttered these words:

**"Allah knows, Ibrahim, how far we feel sorrowful for your departure. The eyes tear and the heart grieves, but we will say nothing except what pleases Allah."** (al-Bukhari)



The death of Ibrahim coincided with a solar eclipse. People from ancient times believed that solar and lunar eclipses might be caused by the death of some important person. The people of Madinah began attributing the eclipse to the death of the Prophet's son, Ibrahim. Greatly displeased by this, the prophet (Peace and Blessings Be upon Him) gathered the people and addressed them, saying:

**"Eclipses of the sun and the moon are not caused by the death of any human being; they are two of Allah's signs. When you see the eclipse, you should show gratefulness to Almighty Allah and offer prayer to Him."** (Narrated al-Bukhari)



On one of the Journeys of the Prophet, the group of travelers embarked on roasting a goat. One volunteered to slaughter the animal, another to skin it, and another to cook it. The prophet (Peace and Blessings Be upon Him) said that he would collect the firewood. Although his companions were quite ready to do all the work, the Prophet wanted to help and participate in the teamwork. He never assumed superiority over his companions.

Three years after the hijrah to madinah, the Makkan opponents mounted an assault against the newly emerging Muslim community, and the battle of uhud took place. The muslims initially had the upper hand till some mistakes were committed in the battlefield that caused the Makkans to attack the Muslims from the rear. The Prophet was left alone, encircled by the armed forces of the enemy; they advanced toward him, and the Prophet started calling out his companions.



Once a disbeliever from the Makkans, threw a stone at the Prophet and injured his face. This caused the Prophet (Peace and Blessings Be upon Him) to bleed profusely and to fall down. When the companions found him in this state, he said, **"how can those who tinged the face of their Prophet (i.e. wounded him in the face), who calls them to their lord, ever succeed (in the hereafter)?"** (Ibn 'Asakir)

Even with this light objection, jibreel (Angel Gabriel) was ordered by Almighty Allah to descend down with the following qur'anic verse:

**[It is no concern at all of you (Muhammad) whether He (Allah) relent toward them or punish them, for they are evildoers.]** (Ali-'Imran 3:128)

Acting upon this verse, the prophet (Peace and Blessings Be upon Him), as related by Abdullah ibn Mas'ud, would say the following supplication: **"My lord, forgive my people, for they know not what they do."**

(Ibn Hisham)

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