



Life of Muhammad^{sa}

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THE MESSAGE OF ISLAM

It was a Message from God

It was a many sided Message and of great ultimate significance, not only for Arabs but for the whole world.

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Why then did the Meccans neglect Him and turn to lifeless images and idols and waste their lives?

The One God helped those who asked for His help, answered those who addressed Him in prayer, subjugated His enemies, and raised those who abased themselves before Him. When light came from Him, it illumined His devotees

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Life in this world should be productive of good

- "Leave good works behind", the Message further said, "that they may grow and bear fruit after you are gone
- There is virtue in giving to others, not in receiving from them
- Learn to surrender that you may be nearer to your God
- Practise self-denial for the sake of your fellow-men, that you may multiply your credit with God

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Truth will triumph

Through the Prophet^{sa} a new measure and a new criterion of good and evil, of right and wrong, will be set up in the world



Justice and mercy will reign



No constraint will be allowed in the matter of religion, and no interference



The cruelties to which women and slaves have been subjected will be obliterated



The Kingdom of God will be instituted in place of the kingdom of Satan."

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When this Message was preached to the people of Mecca and the well-meaning and reflective among them began to be impressed by it



The elders of Mecca took a serious view of what was happening

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They went in a deputation to the Prophet's^{sa} uncle, Abu Talib, and addressed him thus:

- **You are one of our chiefs and for your sake we have so far spared your nephew, Muhammadsa. The time has come, however, when we should put an end to this national crisis, this conflict, in our midst.**
- **We ask and demand that he should desist from saying anything against our idols.**
- **Let him proclaim that God is One, but let him not say anything against our idols. If he agrees to this, our conflict and controversy with him will be over. We urge you to persuade him.**
 - **But if you are unable to do so, then one of two things must happen. Either you will have to give up your nephew, or we, your people, will give you up**

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Abu Talib was confronted with a hard choice. To give up his nephew was hard. Equally hard was it to be disowned by his people



Abu Talib was much upset. He sent for the Prophet^{sa} and explained to him the demand made by the elders of Mecca



The Prophet^{sa} was in evident sympathy with his uncle. He said: I ask you not to give up your people. I ask you not to stand by me.. But the One and Only God is my witness when I say that even if they were to place the sun on my right and the moon on my left hand, I would not desist from preaching the truth of the One God



I must go on doing so until I die. You can choose your own pleasure

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This reply, firm, straight and sincere, opened the eyes of Abu Talib

He thought he was lucky to have lived to see this grand demonstration of belief and regard for duty

Turning to the Prophet^{sa}, he said: "My nephew, go your way. Do your duty. Let my people give me up. I am with you"