

## Discuss the Holy Prophet's Role as a Model for Individual?

### Introduction

Muhammad (peace and blessing be upon him) was born in Makkah in the year of 570, at a time when Christianity was not yet fully established in Europe. As he grew up, he became known for his truthfulness, generosity and sincerity, so that he was sought after his ability to arbitrate in disputes. The historians describe him as calm and meditative. Muhammad was of a deeply religious nature, and it became his habit to meditate from time to time in the Cave of Hira near the summit of Jabal-ul-Nur, the 'Mountain of Light' near Makkah. At the age of 40, while engaged in a meditative retreat, Muhammad (peace be upon him) received his first revelation from God the Angel Gabriel. This revelation which continued for twenty-three years, is known as Quran.

### Holy Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) as Role Model for Individual

#### Nobel character

Holy Prophet (BBUH) was extremely simple in habits like model of life, wear simple dresses, have simple belongings, food and food.

Allah Says:

'And verily; you (O Muhammad) are an exalted standard of character.

(Al-Quran)

Allah says:

And indeed, you are of a great  
moral character.  
(68:4)

My choice of Muhammad (PBUH) to lead  
the list of world's most influential persons  
may surprise some readers and may be  
questioned by others, but he was the  
only man in the history who was  
supremely successful on both the secular  
and religious level.

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A ranking of the most influential persons  
in the history.

(Michael Hart)

2- Love for Allah Truthfulness  
~~A'ishah~~

2- Truthfulness (sadiq-amin)

Hazrat A'ishah said:

"The trait and characteristic which  
the Prophet (PBUH) hated most was  
saying. A man would tell a lie  
in the presence of the Prophet (PBUH)  
and he would hold it against him,  
until he knew that he repented."

(Tirmidhi)

Even Hadrat Muhammad (P.B.U.H) enemies attested to his truthfulness. Abu Jahl, who was one of the harshest enemies of Islam, said 'O Muhammad! I do not say that you are a liar! I only deny what you brought and what you call people to'. The Quranic verses bears testimony to the fact that the mercy for all the creatures is in the shape of Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) which is enlightened throughout with truth. His truthfulness personality as a messenger touched every living person at Makkah and they were forced to think about the message of God.

Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) said:

Truthfulness leads to righteousness. And righteousness leads to paradise.

### 3- Selflessness and Sincerity

Muhammad (P.B.U.H) worked all his life with utmost sincerity for the well-being of his fellow men. He (S.A.W) spent all his time, his resources, and his energies on guiding the ignorant people of Arabia to the light of Islam. He wanted to save them from a life of evil and misery and bring them to the ways of goodness and piety. Sometimes he felt sick and hurt at their bitter remarks and strong opposition

but never lost hope or gave away. God often tried to comfort him on such occasions:

Quran Says:

"Follow not the wishes of the disbelievers and the hypocrites, and ignore their persecution and put your trust in God."

[Quran 33:48]

#### 4. General Behaviour.

At the age of 40, He (P.B.U.H) became Prophet, after nomination as Allah's Prophet, He (P.B.U.H) became more polite, merciful and God fearing.

Allah says:

"O Prophet (Muhammad SAW)! Verily, We have sent you as witness, and a bearer of glad tidings, and a warner."

(Al-Ahzab:45)

Allah says:

"And thou (standest) on an exalted standard of character."

(Al-Qalm:4)

## 5- A Loving Father

Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) was an extraordinary and a perfect father. He (P.B.U.H) was ~~was~~ treated his children with great compassion, and never neglected to direct them to straight path and to good deeds.

Hadith narrated as:

"Anas ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him), the messenger's servant for 10 years, says, "I have never seen a man who was more compassionate to his family members than Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him)."

(Sahih Muslim)

Whenever Hazrat Fatima entered the Prophet's room, He (P.B.U.H) used to welcome her tenderly and kiss her.

Hadith narrated by Hazrat Aisha:

"Once, a nomad came to the Prophet (P.B.U.H) and said, "You kiss your children but we do not - The Prophet (P.B.U.H) said "What should I do with you if Allah stripped mercy from your heart!?"

(Al-Bukhari)

6- A Responsible and Best Husband  
Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) set an example for his wives with his behaviour and actions. Therefore, the head of the family should behave in the manner he expects his spouse to behave. Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) conversed with his wives that he cared about even their relatively small problems. He (P.B.U.H) <sup>also</sup> considered it important to please them spiritually. He told his wives their virtue, told them that he loved them, took them on his mount, and helped his wife get on the animal ~~by~~ stepping on his knee.

## 7- A Perfect Exemplar

The Prophet was and is still the perfect example to follow.

The Quran states:

"In-deed in the Messenger of Allah (Muhammad SAW) you have a good example to follow for him who hopes in (the Meeting with) Allah and the

Last Day and remembers Allah much."

[33: 21]

The Prophet (PBUH) was sent as a role model for all humanity. Everything He did, He did it for the people of this world, so that they may follow the true path of guidance and uproot the menace of ignorance and wrongdoers. He wanted the Muslims to prosper in this life and the hereafter. If any human wants to be successful in this life and the hereafter, the Prophet (PBUH) is the perfect example to follow, a guide for all time.

### 8. Modesty and Simplicity

He (PBUH) was the finest embodiment of modesty, and deeply abhorred arrogance and haughtiness. Almost all of his companions in the early days were poor and oppressed people, as he was the champion of the downtrodden and the defender of the deprived masses. His (PBUH) house was simple and modest, built of clay bricks, palm leaves and bunks. His (PBUH) food was simple like that of the poor, consisting mostly of barley bread. He (PBUH) socialised with his companions as one of them: talking, smiling, listening and displaying a sense of humor. Owing to his great modesty, he normally preferred riding