

Q: The Holy Prophet is a Prophet of Peace & Safety. Explain with arguments.

Ans: Introduction:

The word Islam originates from the Arabic word "Salam" meaning peace. The literal meaning of Islam is peace too. The Prophet (S.A.W) being the flagbearer of Islam, ~~was~~ and a messenger, made every possible effort to deliver peace. His efforts can be seen in all phases of his life including his life before and after prophethood, and his life in Makkah as well as Madinah.

1) Before Prophethood

* The Fajjar Wars:

During Prophet's (S.A.W) teens, a sacreligious war broke between different tribes of the Quraysh. The Prophet's (S.A.W) role in this war was confined to only picking up the arrows and handing them over to his Uncles. This indirect participation

showed his dislike for bloodshed and his peace-loving nature.

*) Half-ul-Fuzul :-

A peace treaty/pact was signed by the ~~big~~ tribes who fought in Fajr wars. The Prophet (S.A.W) actively took part in this pact. During days of ignorance, when seeking revenge on the slightest dispute was common, Prophet's (S.A.W) active participation in the pact showed his natural inclination towards peace. Also, despite his strong dislike for the idol worship and other heinous crimes of Quraysh, the Prophet (S.A.W) kept aside all his differences and became part of peace promotion.

*) Hajar-Al-Aswad : †

History is a witness that a war leading dispute was solved easily by the peace-loving and just nature of Mohammad (S.A.W). The solution provided by Prophet (S.A.W)

which included all disputing tribes is an example of how he used his intelligence to promote peace.

After Prophethood

* In Makkah:

→ The hostility of Quraish:-

The verbal, physical and emotional torture by Quraish was patiently endured by Mohammad (S.A.W). He was mocked by being called a liar, magician, fiercest and other words of disrespect. Girth was placed on his back while he prostrated yet he neither retaliated nor cursed the oppressors. He repelled evil with good as mentioned in Quran "Good and evil are not alike." (Al-Quran)

One incident where a woman used to throw rubbish in Prophet's way (daily) as a practice to ridicule him.

One day she didn't, so the prophet (S.A.W) inquired and took care of her in, sick her

days. He neither avenged nor cursed. He rather opted for a peaceful response which was uncommon in the avenging-seeking society he lived in.

*) The persecution of Taif :-

With his shoes filled with the blood flowing from his legs and his heart aching from the words and hostility of people of Taif, angel Gabriel was sent by Allah to crush the people of Taif between the two mountains of Makkah. Even in such a painful state, he refused and instead prayed to Allah that He guides the people of Taif to the straight path. He opted for peace, even when he had the opportunity to avenge.

*) Treaty of Hudaibiyah :-

Even when the conditions of the treaty seemed to be against Muslims, the Prophet (S.A.W) opted for it. He put as much effort as possible to avoid war (with Quraysh) and resort to peace.

even when it meant going against his own interests. When the treaty was violated, the Prophet still didn't choose war, rather he offered Quraysh 3 options: 2 of which resolved to peace and the third to war. The Quraysh decided to go for a war.

The Prophet (S.A.W) didn't choose war until the enemy did, such was his unmatched inclination towards peace.

o) War with Quraysh:-

The Prophet (S.A.W) made preparations for war in secret and the ~~(Makkans)~~ Makkans only came to know about it when the Prophet (S.A.W) was only miles away with 10,000 soldiers. This secrecy was intended so that the Quraysh don't have time to prepare for war and surrender without war and bloodshed. He even forgave his deadliest enemies. The protection of women, children, trees and other peaceful measures taken in

were never seen -

→ Aws and Kharaj :-

The long enmity and conflict between the clashing tribes of Aws and Khairaj never happened before the Prophet (P.B.U.H) instilled a sense of brotherhood in them. They were never able to make peace before and it was only through the presence of a peace loving leader, that they made peace.

→ ^{Forgiven} Forgiveness, rather avenged:

Since ~~Quran~~ Prophet (S.A.W) is the reflection of Quran and Quran is words of peace, his actions at various instances are the practical implementation of the verse "And if you take your turn, then retaliate with that with which you were afflicted, but if you remain patient it will certainly be best for you who remain patient" (Al-Quran)

Al-Bukhari

According to ~~Kasbi~~ Anas, a close companion of Prophet (S.A.W), narrated that a woman (Jewish) brought the Prophet (S.A.W) a poisoned lamb and he ate of it. When she was brought to him, the companions suggested to kill her, but he said "No" and forgave her, although the effects of that poison were seen all his life.

Not only did he forgive the brutalities imposed on him, he forgave the brutalities inflicted upon his loved ones too. Habbar bin Al-Aswad ~~was~~ pulled Hazrat Zainab R.A down from her camel and she suffered a miscarriage. The Prophet (S.A.W) forgave him too.

Conclusion:

The unmatched patience, forgiveness and endurance of Prophet (S.A.W) stemmed from his strong desire to maintain peace, safety and avoid conflict, violence and bloodshed as much as possible.