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Elucidate how the Prophet of Islam exemplified Him as the greatest peacemaker in the world by making conciliation with pagans, Jews and Christians (2017)

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The Holy Prophet is the prophet of peace & safety. Explain with arguments.

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## INTRODUCTION

Since the beginning of the human history, until the contemporary modern world, peace has remained one of the basic human requirement and goal. Islam, as the religion of peace and mercy, teaches and preaches peace, justice, tolerance, goodwill & equality among

human beings. The Prophet PBUH was the unequivocally the greatest peacemaker mankind has ever seen. He always preferred conciliatory efforts, diplomatic channels, and compromising tactics over waging war. All of his wars were motivated by self-defense & involved such principles to reduce human losses as far much as possible as highlighted by Montgomery Watt in the book "Muhammad at Medina".

Quranic verse testifying Prophet PBUH as Peacemaker

"وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ"

"We have sent you as mercy for all the world" (Al-Anbiya 21:107)

## THE PROPHET'S PEACEFUL INITIATIVES: ENDEAVORS: A SERIES OF INSPIRING EVENTS

Ending atrocities without retaliation at Makkah

Rebuilding the Kaabah

Establishment of Brotherhood b/w Ansar & Muhajirin

Mithaq-e-Madina

Treaty of Hudaibiyah

# 1. Enduring atrocities without Retaliation: Makki Era

During the Makki era, when Prophet PBUH announced prophethood and peaceful preaching at Makkah, He and His followers suffered brutal and inhumane treatment at the hands of non-believers. To present the gloomy picture of and Prophet's peace-keeping spirit, these were events at Makkah

- Sufferings and atrocities <sup>by Pagans</sup> in response to peaceful preachings
- Migration <sup>of companions</sup> to Abyssinia after extreme oppression
- Repeated efforts of Quraisht to kill Prophet
- Shib-i-Abi Talib (General social boycott of Prophet PBUH & His family)
- Mistreatment during the Taif journey

Prophet PBUH and His followers were persecuted by all possible means for more than a decade before He began to use force against force to defend Himself and the handful of His followers against ancient savagery.

(Dr. Khalif Abdul Hakim in his "Islamic Ideology")

# 2. Rebuilding the Kaabah: Unique advice to avoid conflict and strengthen peace

Even before He became the prophet

at the incident of rebuilding of Kabbah, the argument fuelled up regarding the honour of placing stone among the tribes. Banu Abdud-dau and Banu Adi tribes pledged to fight until death to attain the honour. The Prophet PBUH ~~suggestion~~ act of placing the stone on a large piece of cloth to be lifted by <sup>one</sup> each member from each tribe was a unique advice and exhibition of leadership skills to prevent conflict escalation.

### 3) Establishment of Brotherhood at Madine

"The Prophet PBUH continued his peaceful efforts in Madina for establishment of peaceful community, where there was no discrimination on the basis of colour, creed, race.

(Dr. Khalifa Abdul Hamid  
in Islamic ideology)

After his migration to Madina in 622 AD Prophet PBUH unified the warring tribes of Aws and Khazraj and by ending their internal strife and established ~~pro~~ brotherhood b/w Ansaar of Madina and Muhajireen of Makkah.

### 4. Mithaq-e-Madina/Charter of Madina 622

Prophet PBUH signed historic

agreement of The Treaty of Madinah by establishing a constitutional framework for the Madinah city. This treaty was a remarkable analysis of inclusivity, pluralism, & peaceful coexistence as it brought together Muslims, Jews, Christians and pagans under a single umbrella, recognizing their rights as citizens of Madinah.

### 5. Treaty of Hudaibiyah: a pact of peace

In 6AH + Prophet PBUH departed for Makkah for the purpose of Umrah. On the outskirts of Makkah, at Hudaibiyah, the Makkans stopped their entry into Makkah. Much negotiations took place until the Prophet agreed on seemingly harsh conditions to achieve peace with the Makkans.

#### Terms of Agreement

- a) The Prophet had to erase Ar-Rahmanis Raheem.
- b) The Prophet had to erase messenger of Allah, after His-name which was insulting to the Muslims.
- c) If a non-Muslim accepted Islam & migrated to Madinah, Prophet had to deport him back to Makkah, however if a Muslim left Islam and headed for Makkah, they would not be returned.
- d) Muslims had to go back to Madinah without Umrah and return next year for Umrah.
- e) Holy Prophet

With the Treaty of Hudaibiyah, Muslims no longer had to resist the attacks of Makkans with the sword; instead the brilliant truths of Quran found a peaceful atmosphere to spread and it conquered minds & hearts?"

(Turkish Theologian Nursi Said)

## 6. Promotion of peace in Last Sermon

Hazrat Muhammad SAWas Prophet of Peace for Contemporary International world

Prophet Muhammad SAW peace making role sets an unprecedented example for contemporary international world as well.

"Perhaps the greatest leader of all times was Muhammad."

(Times Magazine, July 1974)

Following are the areas that provide a roadmap for contemporary world to attain peace through Prophet PBUH

### a) Multiculturalism:

The Charter of Medina established by Prophet PBUH exemplifies a commitment to multiculturalism. The Charter sees rights of a diverse set of religious and tribal communities, establishing a framework for coexistence.

It serves as precedent for embracing cultural diversity in contemporary society.

## b) Religious Pluralism:

Prophet PBUH always taught religious freedom. The Prophet's interactions with Christians, Jews and other religious groups highlight a spirit of tolerance and religious pluralism in modern world.

"Islam was spread through peaceful means, not by the sword."

(TW Arnold in his book, "The Preaching of Islam")

## c) Rule of War

Prophet PBUH exemplified staying within limits and avoiding massive destruction. Prophet PBUH laid out ethical guidelines that it should be last resort & conducted with minimal harm to civilians specially the old, the young, infants, women etc.

This ethical guideline ~~should be adopted~~ needs to be adopted by the present states.

Case in-point: Case-in-point is Hamas-Israel war where Israel has ~~unleashed~~ wreaked havoc on the civilians of Gaza without any empathy or moral consideration to exclude <sup>innocent</sup> civilians from the war.

"Islam is a religion of peace & it's prophet preached tolerance & coexistence."

(Karen Armstrong in her book,  
"Muhammad: The Prophet for our Times")

#### 4. Community building & Social Cohesion

Prophet PBUH was crucial in building a  
Cohesive & inclusive Community at Medina stating:

"The believers are like one body; if one  
part of it is hurt, the whole body feels  
the pain."

Jules Masserman, a psychoanalyst from US  
explained Prophet PBUH's greatness in these words:

"Prophet PBUH ~~did not~~ provided for the  
well-being of the led and provided a  
social organization in which people  
feel secure."

#### Conclusion

Prophet <sup>PBUH</sup> was the greatest peace maker  
who avoided war situations ~~most~~ mostly  
and emphasized on peace-keeping missions.  
His greatness as the peacemaker  
can be summed as:

"Prophet PBUH was ~~ex~~ supremely successful  
as He always followed the principles  
of peace and refers to him as  
"The Prophet of Peace"

(Maulana Wahiduddin  
Khan)