

IN THE NAME OF GOD

PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH)

A MAN OF PEACE AND BEHAVIOR

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TRANSLATORS FOREWORD

This book has been originally written in Tamil by Mr.P. Zainul Abideen under the caption **MAAMANITHAR NABIGAL NAYAGAM.**

The author has aimed at enlightening the Tamil Speaking Public with true knowledge on the greatest leader Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) about whom numerous books have been written by many prominent authors in almost all the languages in the world. The authors contention is anyone who in whatever standpoint may examine, study and research the mettle and nobility of the character of Prophet Muhammad, will arrive at the same conclusion that no man on earth has been as unique, pure, noble, selfless and successful as Prophet Muhammad, the Man Supreme.

P. Zainul Abideen is a very powerful orator in Tamil. He is prodigiously well-informed, eloquent, confident, true, honest, sincere, lucid, and simple in style, reaching Gods Message of Islam straight to peoples heart. With profound knowledge in Islam and clarity of thought he is continuously engaged in comparative study of religions. Especially, he serves the non-Muslim brothers and sisters in answering all their questions. In whatever form the questions are framed and whatever confusion might prompt the questions, he answers them right. This book will serve Muslim and non-Muslim brothers and sisters with answers to questions that remain unanswered in their minds for obvious reasons such as bias, prejudice, inhibition, hate and misconception. Even prominent scholars like Michael H. Hart narrates as God speaking to Muhammad direct, and confounds Muhammad as the author of Quran, when he is the conveyor of

the Quran. He also confuses between the Quran, the Word of God and the Traditions that are the collections of the Prophets teaching and practice.

The translator shares the same view of the author and this has prompted the translation of this book to reach it to the World English reading public who are baffled amidst various misreading being constantly produced by literary materials presumptuously or carelessly or intentionally written about Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). This book may help the reader to confirm and establish the truth that Muhammad, The Messenger of God, never the author of the Quran but its conveyor, indeed is the greatest personality in the world.

Besides this original copy I have extensively read and referred to THE HOLY QURAN English translation of the meanings and Commentary

for the Verses and their meanings and exegesis and Hadith (sayings of the Prophet) and also Oxfords Encyclopaedia of Islam and other reference books in the University Library of Madras and

The Alim CD,

Yusuf Ali Quran Translation and Commentary

M. Pickthall Quran Translation, A. Yusuf Ali Quran Subjects Hadith

Sahih Al-Bukhari Hadith and Subjects, Sahih Muslim Hadith (Abridged)

Al-Muwatta Hadith and Subjects, Al-Tirmidhi Hadith (Abridged)

Sunan of Abu-Dawood (Abridged).

GLOSSARY

ANSAR means helpers. These were the people of Madinah who responded to the Prophets call to Islam and offered Islam a city-state power.

Fatwa legal opinion concerning Islamic Law.

Hadith sayings of the Prophet.

Hajj means effort. The Hajj is the pilgrimage to Mecca that is obligatory on every Muslim. It is one of the five pillars of Islam and takes place during the Islamic month of Zhul al-Hijjah. A Muslim must perform the Hajj at least once in his life. The exception to this is financial and health reasons.

Jihad means to strive. This can be any kind of striving in the way of God which involves either spiritual or personal effort, material resources, or arms. Jihad is also used to refer to a war waged by the Muslims for the defence or advancement of Islam; its interests and ideals.

Hijrah means migration. The Hijrah refers to the Prophets migration from Mecca to Madinah. This journey took place in the twelfth year of his mission (622 CE). This is the beginning of the Muslim calendar. The word hijrah means to leave a place to seek sanctuary or freedom from persecution or freedom of religion or any other purpose. Hijrah can also mean to leave a bad way of life for a good or more righteous way.

Madinah the first city-state that came under the banner of Islam. It is where the Prophets masjid and grave are situated.

Sunnah the examples of the Prophets life what he said, did, implemented, how he implemented... Almost the same as the hadith.

Ummah an ummah is a community or a people. It is used in reference to the community of Believers or Muslims.

Zakat the obligatory tax that every Muslim must give. It is one of the five prime obligatories of Islam. The zakat is used to provide for the poor and destitute.

PREFACE

Numerous thinkers, rulers, reformers, inventors, revolutionists, philanthropists, philosophers, great soldiers, scholars and founders of religions have come on the stage of this world and gone forever.

MICHAEL H HART, A Christian by Faith, a contemporary thinker, philosopher, mathematician and historian has taken the trouble of listing out these historical figures and judged them by the degree of impact they made on human history. He has arranged a list of 100 top personalities of which **he has placed Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) as number one in his book called THE 100.**

With a neutral view on the heroes of the world, when you judge them without any prejudice, you will have to give the first place only to Muhammad. If ever there is a community that adheres to what their leader taught fourteen centuries ago, that is this society groomed by the Prophet Muhammad. This society has been following the Prophet in all matters like the way of worship, family life, personal life or whatever department of life since the sixth century C.E. Nearly a quarter of the population of the world follow the Prophet and resolve all their problems according to his teaching.

The number of his followers is ever increasing. There are millions of people on earth who care for the Prophet more than their wives, children, parents and other relatives. Anyone will have to admit to the fact that no one on earth other than Prophet Muhammad has been given such a position in the history.

How could such a man, taken birth in a land, where the people were considered to be savage, rise to such an apex?

This is the book to give you the answers.

This is not a history book,

Not a book to explain the spirituality of the Prophet

Not a book to define the principles and legislation of Islam and

Not a book to astonish you with the miracles performed by the Prophet.

But this is just a book to explain how this man born 1400 years ago is different from all other prominent leaders of the world. Why do the prominent non-Muslim historians, thinkers and leaders say in wonder that such a great leader like the Prophet has never been born in this world?

This book will answer the question why more than a billion people on earth follow this Man Supreme to date without any flaw?

This book will help those non-Muslim brothers and sisters who are earnest to know the truth about this Man Supreme, The Prophet.

This book contains the essences that all people including the Muslim brothers and sisters need to know.

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PROPHETS BIOGRAPHY, A GLIMPSE.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), the Man Supreme, who uprooted tribal pride, eradicated caste feeling and abolished oppression, was born in the tribe of Quraish, considered to be a noble tribe, in Makkah, in what is now called Saudi Arabia in 571 Christian era.

The greatest man of Elect to be the solace to the entire mankind for the rest of the broad stream of human history, lost his father Abdullah while he was still clinging to his mothers womb, and at the innocent age of six he lost his mother Aamina He was absolutely orphaned at the very early stage of his life.

When he was eight, his grand father, Abdul Muthalib, who was dearly taking care of him died leaving the honest, frank and innocent young lad to the care of a leading Quraishi merchant, Abu Thalib, the uncle of the Prophet (peace be upon him).

Orphaned at the very start of life, going through sorrows and sufferings, the young lad facing his life with undaunted heart and courage opted to tend herd of sheep under the blitz of the scorching sun in the vast expanse of the Arabian desert for a meagre wage. Thats how Gods test of time preceded his glorious events.

The young and immature lad travelled with his Uncle Abu Talib in a caravan of merchants to Syria. A wealthy noble lady Khadijah (May God be pleased with her deeds) was attracted by his trustworthiness, intelligence and undeterred steadfastness. She wanted to marry him. The Prophet (peace be upon him) married Khadijah who was already three times widow and many years senior to him.

The Prophet (peace be upon him) at the age of twenty-five was capable of efficient business transaction. He rose to the rank among notables of Makkah after the noble marriage. He transacted his business excellently, and remained a faithful husband to his lady, Khadijah, who was the understanding helpmate to Muhammad (peace be upon him). He led a simple life like any other ordinary man; only he will do with more grace and distinction than other men.

The beautiful relations in the society and marriage may themselves be a preparation for the highest spiritual destiny that awaited the Messenger of God. Until his age of forty he did not preach, teach, nor did he initiate any movement.

After his fortieth year of life, he was designated with the holy mission to preach and establish the True Universal Religion of God.

We will glance at his missionary life, which is divided into two parts. One the Makkah life, and the other, the Madinah life.

Having been one among the ordinary men in Makkah for four decades, the Prophet (peace be upon him) declared to his people that he was the Messenger of God to convey the Message from One True God. He said, Worship only One True God. None other and nothing else is worthy of worship. The Only True God is the Creator and all other things in the universe are His creations. We should never worship any creation.

In Makkah the Prophet (peace be upon him) proclaimed and declared the Holy Message as and when it was revealed from God and addressed it to the entire mankind through pagan Arabs of whom the Qureish were the noblest tribe to which

belonged the Holy Prophet himself. The tribe of Qureish commanding over all other tribes, was the keeper of Kaba, the central shrine of Arabia and commanded trade and commerce with neighbouring countries on all sides- Syria, Persia, Yemen, and Abyssinia (now part of Ethiopia). They were seasoned travellers across both warm zones in Yemen and cold zone in Syria. They were skillful merchants and knowledgeable of the worldly affairs. They had perfected their language as a fine medium of literary expression. Yet their established order of things and social system and their perception of spiritual world were superstitious, autocratic and tribal conscious. They had reached to the extreme folly of polytheism that they had installed 360 idols around Kaba, praying to one god a day.

They held their established orders of things and tribal conventions dear to them. Just imagine the impact of this holy Message on such people.

The concept of One True God and self-surrender to the Only One God shattered all their follies which they held dear to themselves. They considered Islam as interference to their business habits, their licentiousness and their perception about the tribal form of worship. The Prophet (peace be upon him) preached against the oppression of the weak by the strong. He propounded that men and women are equal before God and that a woman is a person in her own right as much as a man is. He stood up against the traditional exploitation of man by man, usury, and gambling. He denied any moral legitimacy to tribal feelings and considerations. He brought religion into politics, while the pagans considered religion as a personal matter. He advocated that social practice and institution came very much within the orbit of religion. All these were so bitter to the pagan in Makkah that they

began to persecute the Prophet and his followers as enemies to the cult of Makkah.

They were driven to a pass skirting the town of Makkah where they were compelled to feed on leaves and grass, by the boycotting attitude of the hard-hearted pagan Arabs.

His preaching and teaching brought the first opposition from none other than his own family and tribe. His preaching opened the pages of the true civilisation, which harboured a self-contained political community, which rooted out the conventional divisions of tribe and race, and ruled out nationalism and vested interests. In it there was no room for church, priesthood and no space for hereditary nobility. Human bodily urges were given legitimacy and not suppressed, realising the sexual behaviour of man and woman through proper marriage institution. This eradicated prostitution and sexual perversion in any form, treating fornication and adultery and all form of perversion as greatest sins. He warned the people to keep off from these sins.

The Prophets teachings of Truth liberated man from all the evil frets linked by man himself and unearthed the ruthless fallacy from the convention-bound evil men. The pagan Qureish persecuted the Prophet (peace be upon him) and his followers and massacred some of them. They even instigated youths to pelt the Prophet and his followers. As a result of the severity of persecution the followers of the Prophet with his permission had to migrate towards Abyssinia or Madinah. Or they went underground. The Prophet learned that the Pagan Arabs, wanting to get rid of him once for all, had plotted to kill him. Tolerate this too? No more! The Prophet at the Command of God commenced his holy journey to Madinah, with his associate, Abu

Bakr, forsaking all his immovable assets and belongings. He took but some gold coins and silver that he could carry easily.

Ending 13 years of his missionary life at Makkah he headed towards Madinah where, indeed, a warm welcome was awaiting the Prophet (peace be upon him).

Some people from Madinah who had heard about the teachings of the Prophet at Makkah, had visited him in Makkah and accepted Islam and had left a humane message of great gesture to him, Gentle Prophet! If you ever have to face any difficulty to live in Makkah you can come down to Madinah anytime you prefer. We will protect you even at the cost of our lives. When they returned to Madinah they also preached what the Prophet taught them on monotheism. They did succeed in making some people embrace Islam.

This hospitality and large-heartedness of the visiting people of Madinah encouraged the Prophet in executing the command of God to migrate to Madinah in particular.

There was a great welcome at Madinah as he expected.

They listened to his teaching and reverted to Islam en masse. They also selected him as their leader to guide and administer in all aspects. The foundation stone was laid to build the Universal Brotherhood, which had been one of the themes of the Islamic ideals and also the constant dream of the Prophet. People from the surrounding villages heard about the teachings and ideals of the Prophet and wasted no time in reverting to Islam en masse.

There was a bond of brotherhood between the inhabitants of Madinah and the Muslims who had migrated from Makkah.

RULER AND MENTOR

Through out the realm of the history we come across great personalities working on the expanse of their kingdom, having the material well-being of theirs and their subjects in their mind. But none in the history could ever match the Prophet (peace be upon him) who had multiple roles to perform in the human history of establishing the Universal

Spiritual Truth to the precision.

It took a thousand years for the Moguls and the British to build a vast land into a country called India; eight hundred years by the Moguls and two hundred years by the British.

To build an empire of the land extent equal to that of India, Prophet, the Man Supreme took just ten years. Unlike any other ruler on earth, the Prophet struck the perfect harmonious balance between the social and physical needs and the spiritual needs of man.

Besides shouldering the responsibility of a ruler, he had another significant role to perform. He was destined to be the actual spiritual head of the True Religion of Islam that God perfected and introduced to the entire mankind. In a way, the spiritual leadership is mightier than sovereignty on earth.

When people obey to political leadership they do it due to the fear of the rulers worldly power. Anyway, their obedience is not whole-hearted and full-fledged. But when the people abide by the spiritual leadership they do it in all devotion and piety.

We witness these days that scholars and rulers are down on their knees in adoration before the spiritual head. Even potentates fall prostrated to these spiritual heads in total submission. If this is the respect paid to one among the thousands of spiritual leaders of the religions founded by unknown men, it will be needless to say or guess what a great deal of respect people must be paying to the true spiritual leader of the Religion of God.

The Prophet has had such great followers that they adapt his gait, gesture and attire without even the slightest touch of modification. Although he possessed the unchallenged spiritual leadership and unshakeable political power, we wonder at the way he conducted himself in all aspects. He did not behave in the way the brass heads and the others, ambitious for power and positions conducted themselves.

Did the Prophet in possession of such great influence and power ever make use of this privilege to accumulate wealth and acquire properties?

Did he bother to make a better living condition for him?

Did he get involved in the mirth, play and pleasantries of a royal palace?

People who have attained leadership in politics and spirituality made full use of their power and their positions to their advantage. Suppose the Head of a nation has lost his power within a few months after he was sworn in. Would this former ruler as well as his family members still own exactly the same amount of property and wealth that they all owned just before this man became the ruler? No. Surely he would have gained a great deal of money, wealth, and properties thousand times what he owned before swearing in as the Head of the state. At the wake

of the present sophisticated political structure, it is not even necessary to be the Head of a State to make such fast money. Less powerful regents live the life of a king, and they make money, wealth and property in their name and in their family name. This is a common scene these days.

There are occasions where parliamentarians and legislators, commissioners and councillors, chieftains and officials less powerful than the ministers or senators, misuse their power to make fast money and acquire enormous amount of wealth. The magnitude of the wealth thus swindled is in multiplication of thousands of times what they possessed before taking on charge.

We need not have deep knowledge on history or authenticity to realize this fact. Some of the contemporary leaders living right before our eyes serve the best witness to us.

No leader directly says, I am not corrupt, to counter any corruption charges against him. He is rather ironical and counters, Tell me if you have never been corrupt? Who is not corrupt these days? This is the case when we have courts and legislative bodies to punish the corrupt leaders and rulers in power, powerful media to expose them and opponent parties to challenge them. Now, just imagine how liberally the rulers of the past would have conducted their life in the absence of all these instruments in their time.

History is full of evidences. The lavish palaces, sybaritic citadels and posh apartments for fun and pleasantries, and also their grandeur and extravaganza stand witness to this day.

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