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وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ

AND YOU ARE OF A  
GREAT MORAL  
CHARACTER

*Al Qur'an 68: 4*

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“And you indeed have great character traits”  
(Al Qur'an 68: 4)

قُلْ إِنَّمَا أَنَا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُكُمْ يُوحَىٰ إِلَيَّ أَنَّمَا إِلَهُكُمُ إِلَهُ وَاحِدٌ  
‘Say I am only a human like you, to whom revelation is given:  
that your God is only one God’  
(Al Qur'an 18:110)

Nabi Muhammad (SAW) was biologically an ordinary man like us. Nevertheless, he was very extraordinary in his character. His standard of behaviour was outstanding and extraordinary (Khuluqin Azeem)

- He amazed ordinary people and astonished the leaders, including those who did not believe.
- It was his extraordinary character (Khuluqin Azeem) that commanded enormous respect from the great leaders of the day.
- It was his outstanding Khuluqin Azeem which captured the hearts and minds of his companions (Sahabah) who took Islam to the far corners of the world.
- It was the power of his extraordinary character (Khuluqin Azeem) which helped Islam spread unparallelly within the short span of time.

He was always truthful, faithful, humble, determined, punctual, generous while leading a simple life. His political philosophy was always honourable, his forgiveness and his kindness are noted by friend and foe alike.

- ❖ His compassion for the old and sick
- ❖ His love and affection for children
- ❖ His respect for his enemies
- ❖ His enthusiasm for justice, peace and reconciliation
- ❖ His practice of his family life.

Excelled above and beyond what we have seen from anyone else.

Allah says:

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‘Indeed in the messenger of Allah you have an excellent example’  
(A beautiful pattern of life to follow).  
(Al Qur'an 33:21)

Let us to review and recall some of the most outstanding traits (Khuluqin Azeem) which created such a lasting impression on his followers.



## 1. JUSTICE

Is one of the very important foundations to ensure peace in the society.

Once Rasulullah (SAW) told the person who asked him to forgive his daughter who had committed theft, he said to him, “by Allah in who’s hand Muhammad’s life is, even Muhammad’s daughter Fatima commits theft I would cut her hand.” He further remarked, “the reason for the destruction of the people before you is when the noble people commit theft they are not punished but when the weak commit a crime the punishment was implemented on them.”

## 2. FORGIVENESS

The liberation of Mecca illustrated the outstanding character and extraordinary Khuluqin Azeem of the Prophet, in the courtyard of Masjid Al Haram where the people were standing in front of him, including those who were thirsty for his blood and had vowed to put him to death. He forgave them unconditionally, every person who had injured and persecuted him, all had been forgiven.

Abu Sufiyan, who was the main brain behind the majority of the opposition to Islam and the Muslims and whose wife Hind was responsible for organising her slave Wahshi to kill the Prophet’s uncle Hamza and mutilate his body, all were unconditionally forgiven.

Ikrima, son of Abu Jahal who had been the greatest enemy of Islam, who had fought many bloody battles against the Muslims, he was welcomed and forgiven by the Prophet (SAW).

Habab bin Aswad, who was responsible for the murder of his beloved daughter Zaynab who was pregnant at that time, he was pardoned unconditionally, he told all of them

قَالَ لَا تَتْرِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْيَوْمَ يَغْفِرُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ وَهُوَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ

‘This day there is no blame on you, Allah will forgive you he is the most merciful.’

(Al Qur’an 12:92)

The Prophet (SAW) used to advise his Sahabah, “Reconcile with those who break their tie with you, forgive those who wrong you, treat favourably those who have treated you unfavourably.

## 3. SABR (Patience and Perseverance)

The story of Taif clearly indicates his extraordinary Sabr (patience and perseverance). When life became totally unbearable in Mecca, Prophet Muhammad (SAW) walked the 60 miles from Mecca to Taif in hope of winning some hearts towards Islam. Instead, the people pelted him with stones until he was covered with blood. In this broken state they left him outside Taif, bleeding. Then he prayed the following dua

اللَّهُمَّ إِلَيْكَ أَشْكُو أَوْضَعُ قُوَّتِي وَقَلَّةَ حِيلَتِي وَهُوَ أَرْحَمُ  
الرَّاحِمِينَ. أَنْتَ رَبُّ الْمُسْتَضْعِفِينَ وَأَنْتَ رَبِّي إِلَى مَنْ تَكَلَّمُ إِلَى بَعِيدٍ  
يَتَجَهَّمُنِي أَمْ إِلَى عَدُوٍّ وَمَلَكْتَهُ أَمْرِي إِنْ لَمْ يَكُنْ بِكَ عَلَيَّ غَضَبٌ فَلَا أَبْأَلِي  
وَلَكِنْ عَافِيَتُكَ. هِيَ أَوْسَعُ لِي أَعُوذُ بِوَجْهِكَ الَّذِي أَشْرَفَتْ لَهُ الظُّلُمَاتُ وَصَحَّ  
عَلَيْهِ أَمْرُ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ مِنْ أَنْ تُنْزِلَ لِي غَضَبَكَ أَوْ يَجِلَّ عَلَيَّ سَخَطُكَ لَكَ  
الْعَتَبِي حَتَّى تَرْضَى وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِكَ.

“Oh Allah, to you I complain the weakness of my ability, the poverty of my means, and my low status in the eyes of the people. O Most merciful of the merciful you are the Lord of the weak and you are my Lord in whose hands will you put me? He who is a stranger or he who is my enemy? But if you are not angry with me, I don't not mind. However, your healing suffices me. I seek refuge in Your light, the light of Your Face which eliminates all darkness and which mends all affairs in this world and in the next world also. I seek refuge from Your anger and from Your displeasure I seek nothing else but Your pleasure and I have no power to do any good or prevent any evil except with Your help.

Rasulullah (SAW) came back to Mecca. The life in Mecca became almost impossible the persecution multiplied intensely, social boycott was implemented vigorously. The Quraish went to Abu Talib, the uncle who had protected him, and threatened him if he were to continue to support his nephew. Abu Talib called him and said to him, “Oh dear son of my brother, get me and you out of these difficulties”. Abu Talib was the last source of help and support that was going to be withdrawn. The Prophet looked at his uncle Abu Talib who had cared for him since he was very young with full of love and affection and said with full determination.

يا عماء، والله لو وضعوا الشمس في يميني، والقمر في يساري على أن أترك هذا الأمر  
حتى يُظهره الله أو أهلك فيه ما تركته

“My dear uncle, by Allah, if they place the sun in my right hand and the moon in my left in order that I might abandon this cause I would not do so until Allah makes this cause victorious or I die therein”.

His outstanding character (Khuluqin Azeem) even compelled his enemy to speak highly of him. Abu Sufiyan who was an enemy of the prophet (SAW) at the time was questioned by Heraclius the Roman Emperor about the prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings upon him, he asked: “Oh chief of Quraish, has anyone proved to be a renegade against whom you have come to seek my help and who claims to be the Messenger from God?”. Abu Sufiyan replied in the negative. Then the Emperor asked him, “Has he ever told a lie?” Abu Sufiyan was fully conscious of the consequences of his answer, nevertheless Abu Sufiyan had to admit that the Prophet (SAW) had never told a lie.

Hearing this the Emperor of Rome made a wonderful observation. “Oh Abu Sufiyan, listen to me, he who did not tell a lie concerning human beings would never ascribe falsehood to God”.

#### 4. CONSULTATION AND SHURA

Nabi Muhammad (SAW) was not a hard-headed man. He always consulted with his companions. He would implement their suggestion if it was reasonable and consistent with the guidance of Allah. During the battle of Badr, the Prophet (SAW) was organising his followers to take up their position in the battle. One of the Sahabah, Habbab bin Munzhir asked the Prophet, “Are these tactics of war or a command from Allah?” the prophet replied, “the tactic of war.” Then Habbab suggested he change the position and bring them close to the water-well, “we guard the well.” Nabi Muhammad (SAW) gladly implemented the advice.

## 5. FAMILY LIFE

Once Aisha Siddeeqah (RA) was asked what the Prophet used to do at home?

She said, "He used to engage in chores (domestic work), helping the family, when he hears the Adhan he would go out (to the mosque to pray)."

Even though he became the sole master of Arabia, his lifestyle and his way with his family never changed.

Aisha Sideeqah (RA) said that the family of Muhammad (SAW) never ate to their fill of wheat bread for three consecutive nights, ever since they had come to Medina until the Prophet left this world.

عَنْ عَائِشَةَ قَالَتْ مَا شَبِعَ آلُ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ مِنْذُ قَدِمَ الْمَدِينَةَ مِنْ طَعَامٍ بِرِّ ثَلَاثَ لَيَالٍ تَبَاعًا حَتَّى قُبِضَ

صحيح البخاري كتاب الرقاق باب كيف كان عيش النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم وأصحابه وتخليهم من الدنيا

Dear Brothers, our Nabi Muhammad (SAW) once remarked. "I have been sent to complete the code of moral behaviour". Allah confirmed.

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Even though he was at the top of the highest position of Khuluqin Azeem he always prayed and made dua "O Allah, You have made my feature beautiful, please make my character beautiful."

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ حَسَنْتَ خَلْقِي فَحَسِّنْ خُلُقِي

And he advised his Sahabah: "Impress the people with your behaviour".

The state of the Muslims today as individuals, as families, as groups, as nations and as the whole Ummah will improve when we return to the Khuluqin Azeem and the outstanding character of our beloved Nabi Muhammed (SAW).

My dear brothers, let us make a conscious effort to imprint into our hearts and minds the extraordinary character of Nabi Muhammed (SAW).



بَلَّغَ الْعَالَمَ بِكَامِلِهِ

كَشَفَ الْكَوْنِ بِجَمَالِهِ

حَسْبُنَا خَصَّالِهِ

صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ  
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# صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

وَاللَّيْلُ دَجَى مِنْ وَفَرْتِهِ	الصُّبْحُ بَدَأ مِنْ طُلُعَتِهِ
أَهْدَى السُّبُلَا يَدًا لَّاتِهِ	فَاقَ الرُّسُلَا فَضْلًا وَعَلَا
هَادِيَ الْأُمَمِ لِشَرِيعَتِهِ	كَثُرَ الْكُرَمَى مَوْلَى النِّعَمِ
كُلَّ الْعَرَبِ فِي خِدْمَتِهِ	أَرْكَى النَّسَبِ أَعْلَى الْحَسَبِ
شَقَّ الْقَمَرُ بِإِشَارَتِهِ	سَقَتِ الشَّجَرُ نَطَقَ الْحَجَرُ
وَالرَّبُّ دَعَاهُ لِحَضْرَتِهِ	حَبْرِيْلُ آتَى لَيْلَةَ أُسْرَى
عَمَّا سَلَفًا مِنْ أُمَّتِهِ	نَالَ الشَّرَفَا وَاللَّهُ عَفَا
وَالْعِزُّ لَنَا بِإِجَابَتِهِ	فَمُحَمَّدُنَا هُوَ سَيِّدُنَا



