

The Quran and its Message

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THE BEAUTIFUL CHARACTER OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD^(pbuh)

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Much is undoubtedly written about the character of Prophet Muhammad^(pbuh) and much is inferred through [Islamic secondary sources](#).

Nothing however, carries greater testimony than the testimony from the Master of the Universe, God Himself. His knowledge encompasses everything within the Universe. Not simply the hearts and souls of those present on Earth, but from the smallest particle in a grain of sand known to humankind to every created object present throughout the expanse of the billions of stars and galaxies which fill the cosmic space. Each and everything is known to God.

006:059

"And with Him (are the) keys of the unseen. None knows them but He. He knows whatever there is on the earth and in the sea and there falls not a leaf but He knows it, there is not a grain in the darkness (or depths) of the Earth, nor anything fresh or dry (green or withered), but (it is) in a clear record"

010:061 (Part)

"...And not an atom's weight in the Earth or in the sky escapes your Lord, nor what is less than that or greater than that, but it is in a clear record"

We note the following testimony of the Prophet's nobility from **God Himself** captured in the following powerful and succinct verse of the Quran.

068.004

"And indeed (**Arabic: wa-innaka**) you surely are of great moral character (**Arabic: khuluqin azim**)"

This sublime morality and exalted standard of the Prophet's character is further supported by another verse of the Quran.

033.021

"Verily in the messenger of God ye have a **good example (Arabic: Us'watin Hasanatun)** for him who looks to God and the Last Day, and remembers God much"

The same Arabic words 'Us'watin Hasanatun' have also been used to describe the great patriarch and Prophet of God, Abraham ^(pbuh) and those that were with him (60:4, 60:6). See related articles below.

Prophet Muhammad's ^(pbuh) unrelenting commitment to worship the One true God of the entire Universe is clearly expounded by the Quran. In a very telling verse, we even note the necessity of Divine intervention to moderate the Prophet's intensity of worship and a party of those with him.

073.020

"Indeed, your Lord knows that you stand in **prayer nearly two-thirds of the night, and (sometimes) half of it, and (sometimes) a third of it, and (also) a party of those with you;** and God measures the night and the day. He knows that you do not count it, **so He has turned to you (in mercy), therefore recite what is easy of the Quran.** He knows that there will be sick among you and others who travel in the land seeking of the bounty of God, and others who are fighting in God's cause. **So recite of it that which is easy (for you),** and establish worship and pay the poor-due, and (so) lend to God a goodly loan. Whatsoever good you send before you for your souls, you will find it with God, better and greater in the recompense. And seek forgiveness of God. Lo! God is Forgiving, Merciful"

PROPHET'S KIND HEART & HIS GRIEF

The Prophet's soft and kind heart is powerfully and descriptively captured by the following verses of the Quran.

009:128

"Certainly, a Messenger has come to you from amongst yourselves, it grieves him that ye should suffer, ardently anxious is he over you: to the Believers is he most kind and merciful"

010:065

"And let not their speech grieve you; indeed power / honour / glory **(Arabic: izata)** belongs wholly to God; He is the Hearing, the Knowing"

027:070

"And grieve not for them and be not distressed because of what they plan"

005:041 (Part)

"O Messenger! let not those grieve you, who race each other into disbelief..."

028:056

"Indeed, you will not be able to guide whom you love but God guides those whom He wills and He knows best those who receive guidance"

At times the Prophet's grief was so intense that it weighted heavy on his own health.

018:006

"Then maybe you will **kill yourself with grief**, sorrowing after them, if they do not believe in this announcement"

FINAL THOUGHTS

Reports from [Islamic secondary sources](#) often canonised centuries after the death of the Prophet can at times paint a much compromised picture of the Prophet's character and can become the source of a manner of scurrilous attacks by those critical of the Prophet's ministry.

However, it is important to note that the most contemporaneous source to the Prophet's life, the Quran itself which presents itself cogently as a message from God Himself paints a very consistent and positive picture of the Prophet's character.

The final Prophet of God was indeed a mighty personality which is clearly evidenced through the Quran. No other [secondary source](#) (much of which is based on hearsay) should ever be allowed to compromise that exquisite indelible character.

The intention of this article is not to draw any distinctions between the messengers of God. Such ranks are solely with God (2:253). Rather, the intention is to simply represent a true portrayal of the Prophet's character and nobility as is clear from the Quranic narratives themselves.

May peace, mercy and blessings of the Almighty be upon Muhammad, the final Prophet of God.

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- (1) [Following the Example of the Prophet - What is that Example?](#)
- (2) [Do Not Make Any Distinctions Between the Messengers of God](#)

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