

THE SAVIOR OF MANKIND

UNIT 1

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LAND OF ARABIA

- Arabia is called as land of beauty and charm because of the two reasons:
 - (1) First, its unending sand dune desert shining in the bright sunlight;
 - (2) Second, the starry sky that leaves an everlasting imprints on the minds of the travelers and poets.

QUALITY OF THE ARABS

- Despite being warrior tribes, yet they possessed remarkable memory and eloquence. (deep expression in language)
- Yearly, a poetical competition was held at Ukaz where people exhibited their power of expression.
- A person named Hammad, once said to the caliph Walid Bin Yazid that he could recite him long poems for every alphabet without calling into account the small poems.

REASON FOR CHOOSING ARABIC LANGUAGE FOR ISLAM

- The reason for choosing Arabic over other languages for spreading message of Islam was the depth of its expression.

NEED FOR ISLAM/ PROPHET

- During the 5th and 6th century mankind was standing at the point of destruction.
- The society that had taken four thousand years to grow had started falling apart.
- To lift the mankind from the darkness of ignorance the God Almighty raised a Prophet from amongst the Arab people.
- Namely Muhammad (SAW).

MUHAMMAD (SAW)'S LIFE BEFORE PROPHETHOOD

- Before prophethood, Muhammad (SAW) used to retire to the cave of Hira for meditation and remembrance of Allah. (For praying to God Almighty in isolation)



MUHAMMAD (SAW) BECOMING A PROPHET

- At the age of thirty-eight, being in the cave of Hira for meditation and worship, angel Gabriel came to Muhammad (SAW) with the first revelations from God Almighty. Which was the sign of being given Prophethood by the Almighty.

FIRST REVELATION

- The first revelation on the Holy Prophet (SAW) was:

Read in the name of your Lord Who created man from congealed blood.
Read in the name of your Lord Who is most Bountiful, Who taught the
use of pen and taught man what he was not aware off. (Surah Al-Alaq,
96:1-5)

CONTINUATION OF DIVINE MESSAGE

- Prophet Muhammad (SAW) continued to receive the divine message for twenty-three years through angel Gabriel.

MISSION OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD (SAW)

- The mission of the Holy Prophet (SAW) was to rescue the humanity from the darkness of the ignorance, superstition and disbelief and lead it (humanity) to the light of faith and blessings of the Almighty.

ATTITUDE OF THE ARAB SOCIETY AND THEIR DEMANDS

- Pagan Arabs saw the light of faith as a threat to their dominance in the society.
- They started pressurizing the Prophet (SAW) and his companions to give up their faith and start practicing idol worship.

MOUNTING PRESSURE

- The Pagan Arabs sent a delegation to the uncle of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) Abu Talib, urging him to stop his nephew from preaching the message of oneness of Almighty because the preaching of Islam was a threat to their (the tribe of Quraish) dominance.
- If he (Abu Talib, the uncle) fails in stopping his nephew from preaching Islam then they should be ready to face their hostility.

WORRY OF UNCLE ABU TALIB

- Finding himself in this uncomfortable situation, Abu Talib explained the situation to his nephew.
- Being a Prophet Muhammad (SAW) had no chance of accepting the demands of the Pagan Arabs.
- In reply Muhammad (SAW) said, even if they (Pagans of Quraish) put the sun in my right hand and the moon in my left, I (Muhammad SAW) will not give up proclamation of oneness of God Almighty and will not hesitate in giving my life for this noble cause.



REPLY OF UNCLE ABU TALIB

- Seeing the determination of his nephew, Abu Talib replied his nephew saying, son of my brother, go Your way, no one can harm You and I (Abu Talib) will never leave You alone.

SUCCESS OF THE PROPHET (SAW)

- Prophet Muhammad (SAW) over came all the challenges with divine guidance and his firm resolve.
- He (SAW) was successful in uplifting man spiritually and in worldly domain.
- His efforts not only left an everlasting impact on human history but also proved Him (SAW) to be the most influential person.

HUMAN HISTORY AND PROPHET MUHAMMAD (SAW)

- Prophet Muhammad (SAW) not only played an important role in promoting Islam and setting of religious practices but He (SAW) was responsible for setting the spiritual, ethical and moral aspects of Islam.
- Apart from being a Prophet, He (SAW) was an influential leader who was the driving force behind the Arab conquests of 7th century that continue to play an important role in human history even today.

PROPHET MUHAMMAD (SAW) IN THE EYES OF ISLAM

- The life of the Holy Prophet (SAW) is a perfect example for humanity to follow because of His (SAW) faith in the Almighty, noble character and love for mankind.
- Hazrat Ayesha (RA), views the morals and character of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) as embodiment of the Holy Quran.

PROPHET MUHAMMAD (SAW) IN THE EYES OF ISLAM (CONT...)

- The Quranic point of view about Muhammad (SAW) is
We have sent to you Prophet Muhammad (SAW) as a witness, a bearer of good news, a warner, as one inviting you to the Almighty through His permission and He (SAW) is a light giving torch.



TASK

- Attempt the questions given to as assignment which would be uploaded.
- Try answering the questions in 30 to 40 words.
- Read the slides thoroughly along with the chapter.