

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَكْمَلَ لَنَا الدِّينَ، وَأَتَمَّ عَلَيْنَا النِّعْمَةَ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، أَرْسَلَهُ رَبُّهُ بِالْهُدَى وَالنُّورِ، وَالشِّفَاءِ لِمَا فِي الصُّدُورِ، فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ الطَّيِّبِينَ الطَّاهِرِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

**All praise is due to Allah, who completed our religion and bestowed His abundant bounties upon us. I bear witness that there is no deity save Allah, having no associates. I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is the servant of Allah and His Messenger. Allah sent him to the world with guidance, enlightenment and healing of what is in the breasts of the believers. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his pure family, companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.**

The life of our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is one of the most well documented in history. **So how well do you know your Prophet?**

In a short period of 23 years, he took his people from being the **weakest**, most **despised** and **oppressed**, to being the **HONOURED, LEADERS & ROLE MODELS**. He did all that **without lies, cheating, corruption, violence or bloodshed**. Don't you want to know how to bring about transformational change in your life, family & society? **Then read the life of our Prophet ﷺ**

**“There certainly has come to you a messenger from among yourselves. He is concerned by your suffering, anxious for your well-being, and gracious and merciful to the believers.” (9:128)**

Humanity is sick, the earth is sick, and we're spiralling towards chaos, darkness and destruction; we all need the guidance of the Prophet ﷺ.

**“And We have sent down to you the Book as clarification for all things and as guidance and mercy and good tidings for the Muslims.” (16:89)**

5<sup>th</sup> Century Makkah is a mirror of our current global capitalist & hedonistic society. Businessmen were its leaders and they ran the town. Acquisition of wealth was the primary concern. Rich got richer & remained above the law & poor were downtrodden.

The Prophet ﷺ didn't focus on bringing about any **Materialistic** changes in the lives of people, but rather, **SOCIAL, RELIGIOUS, CULTURAL, ETHICAL & MORAL** changes to the lives of **ALL** those around him.

“Verily in the Messenger of Allah you have an excellent pattern.” (33:21)

“And indeed, you are of a great moral character.” (68:4)

The Prophet ﷺ shifted the paradigms of how people thought & viewed the world, he changed their attitudes and instilled, love, compassion, & equality for humanity. All changes must begin with us internally.

“Allah has indeed bestowed a great favour upon the Muslims, in that He sent to them a Noble Messenger from among them, who recites to them His verses, and purifies them, and teaches them the Book and wisdom; and before it, they were definitely in open error. (3:164)

What changes did the Prophet ﷺ bring? **1. ACCOUNTABILITY TO ALLAH** ﷻ

People don't commit sins, oppress others, commit violence or evil because they don't know the difference between right and wrong. They do it because they think they can get away with it. The Prophet ﷺ taught us that good and evil are absolute values. That human values apply to all humans, not only to Muslims, tribes, allies or friends.

**“By Allah, if Fatimah, the daughter of Muhammad stole, I would cut off her hand” (Bukhari) “Does he not realise that Allah is watching?” (96:14)**

## **2. TRUTHFULNESS**

The Prophet ﷺ was **Al-Sadiq ul Ameen - The Truthful and Trustworthy** - and that is what he taught his followers; to be truthful in every aspect of life. He taught that virtue and vice are absolute values. They are not relative to your personal worth, religion, race or anything else.

**“In order that Allah may reward the truthful for their truthfulness”(33:24)**

## **3. SPREADING GOODNESS**

**“O people, spread peace, feed the hungry, and pray at night when people are sleeping and you will enter Paradise in peace.” (Tirmidhi)**

Sharing food, wealth, comfort, kind words, knowledge, love & peace was the Prophetic way for all, so why do we reserve that for our own?. In conclusion the Prophet ﷺ gave us a way of life, a code of conduct and behaviour that is as applicable today as it was in his time. If we follow his way, then we can cure the sickness of selfishness, cruelty and indifference that we are plagued with and create a society based on compassion, mutual responsibility and accountability to Allah ﷻ.