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The life of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) from Birth to Prophethood

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, Who says in His Ever Glorious Book, **“A Messenger has come to you from among yourselves. Your suffering distresses him: he is deeply concerned for you and full of kindness and mercy towards the believers.”** I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger. May Allah’s Peace and Blessings be upon him, his Household, Companions and upon those who follow their path to the Day of Judgment.

In the month of *Rabee' Al-Awwal* of every year, we celebrate the blessed event of the birthday of our Prophet Muhammad. The birth of Prophet Muhammad marked the birth of a nation with in every sense of the word. The universe was delighted for his birth, and the world got bright. The Prophet (PBUH) speaks about himself saying, “I am the (result of the) invocation made to Allah from my father Ibrahim and the good news that Jesus delivered. When my mother was pregnant with me, she had a dream in which she saw a light emanating from her that radiated the palaces of Basra in Ash-Sham.” The Poet said about the birth of Prophet Muhammad:

*Guidance was born, all living beings are lighted,
the mouth of time is smiling and praising.*

Our Prophet (PBUH) is the best of the people of the earth in terms of his lineage. The Almighty Allah said about the lineage of our noble Prophet, **“And your movements among the worshippers.”** Ibn 'Abbas comments on the verse saying: “He descended from his fathers, Adam, Noah and Abraham (peace be upon them) until he was born as a Prophet.” Our Prophet (PBUH) said, “Allah granted eminence to Kinana from amongst the descendants of Isma'il, and he granted eminence to the Quraish from amongst Kinana, and he granted eminence to Banu Hashim from amongst Quraish, and He granted me eminence from the tribe of Banu Hashim.” The Prophet (PBUH) also said, “Indeed, Allah created the creation and made me from the best of their categories, and the best of the two categories (Arabs and Non-Arabs), then He chose between the tribes and made me from the best tribe, then He chose between the families and made me from the best family. So I am the best of them in person and the best of them in house.”

Our beloved Prophet (PBUH) grew up as an orphan. His father died while he was a fetus, and when he was six years old, his mother died too. It was Allah, the Almighty, Who guarded and raised him. The Almighty Allah said, **“Did He not find you an orphan and shelter you!”**

The Almighty Allah provided Prophet Muhammad with the causes of care when he was young. His grandfather, Abdul Muttalib, took care of him in the best manner, and after his grandfather, his uncle Abu Talib became his guardian and took responsibility of him and paid him the highest degree of respect.

The life of our Prophet (PBUH) before and after the mission was the best example of decency, greatness and morality. He was the best person in his good manners, the best neighbour, the most truthful one, and the most modest human being. Speaking about himself, he (PBUH) said, "I have never attempted anything (i.e. bad manners) that the people before Islam used to do." His wife Khadijah described him saying, "You keep good relations with your relatives, help the poor and the destitute, serve your guests generously and assist the calamity-afflicted ones."

Before his mission, our Prophet (PBUH) gave us the best example in positiveness, which is the path of true believers, when (PBUH) participated in some of the positive events of his society and shared with them their important issues. He (PBUH) had an influential participation in an alliance called "*Al-Fuudoul*" which aimed to supporting the oppressed, defending the truth, and promoting solidarity and cooperation. Expressing his satisfaction with this alliance, the Prophet (PBUH) said after his mission, "If I were to be called for thos alliance in Islam, I would have accepted it."

All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the Worlds; may Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), his companions and followers:

The Prophet (PBUH) participated with his people in the building and rehabilitation of the Ka'bah, as he was the one to judge among his people regarding who will receive the honor of carrying and putting the Black Stone in its place. They disagreed and disputed on this issue, and finally agreed to accept the judgment of the first person to come in, and that person was the Prophet (PBUH). Upon seeing him, they said, "This is the faithful one, and we accept his judgement." The Prophet (PBUH) said, "bring me a piece of cloth," and then put the Stone in the middle of it. He asked each tribe to hold a side of the cloth, and they all carried it.

The blessed mission of the Prophet (PBUH) was the culmination of him reaching the age of forty, to mark the beginning of a new era for humanity, in which it would learn about the highest principles and the most sublime values. The Almighty Allah said, **"Allah has been truly gracious to the believers in sending them a Messenger from among their own, to recite His revelations to them, to make them grow in purity, and to teach them the Scripture and wisdom- before that they were clearly astray."** Jaafar Ibn Abu Talib said, "We were plunged in the depth of

ignorance and barbarism; we adored idols, we lived in unchastity, we ate the dead bodies, and the duties of hospitality and neighborhood were neglected; we knew no law but that of the strong, when Allah raised among us a man, of whose lineage, truthfulness, honesty, and purity we were aware; and he called to the Oneness of Allah, and taught us not to associate anything with Him. He forbade us the worship of idols; and he enjoined us to speak the truth, to be faithful to our trusts, to be merciful and to regard the rights of the neighbors and kinship; he forbade us to speak evil of women, or to eat the substance of orphans; he ordered us to flee from the vices, and to abstain from evil; to offer prayers, to pay charity, and to observe fasting.”

May Allah’s Peace and Blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad!

We ask Allah to protect our country Egypt, and all other countries of the world!