

# Who is MUHAMMAD?

(peace be upon him)

## STOOD FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The prophet Muhammad spent his whole life, standing up for the rights of down trodden people, animals and even the environment. His famous 'Last Sermon' gives details of these rights.

## LAST MESSENGER

The Prophet Muhammad was the last messenger in a line of messengers such as Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses and Jesus. They all came with the same message: "There is none worthy of worship but Allah".

## ROLE MODEL

The prophet Muhammad was sent as a role model for mankind. He was known to be 'the honest' and 'the trustworthy' by his friends and enemies alike. "Indeed! You are on an exalted standard of character." (Quran)

## MERCY TO THE GLOBE

The prophet Muhammad was sent as a mercy and a guide for the whole of humanity until the end of the world. The Quran states: "We have not sent you but as a mercy for all mankind". (Quran)

## Facts about Muhammad

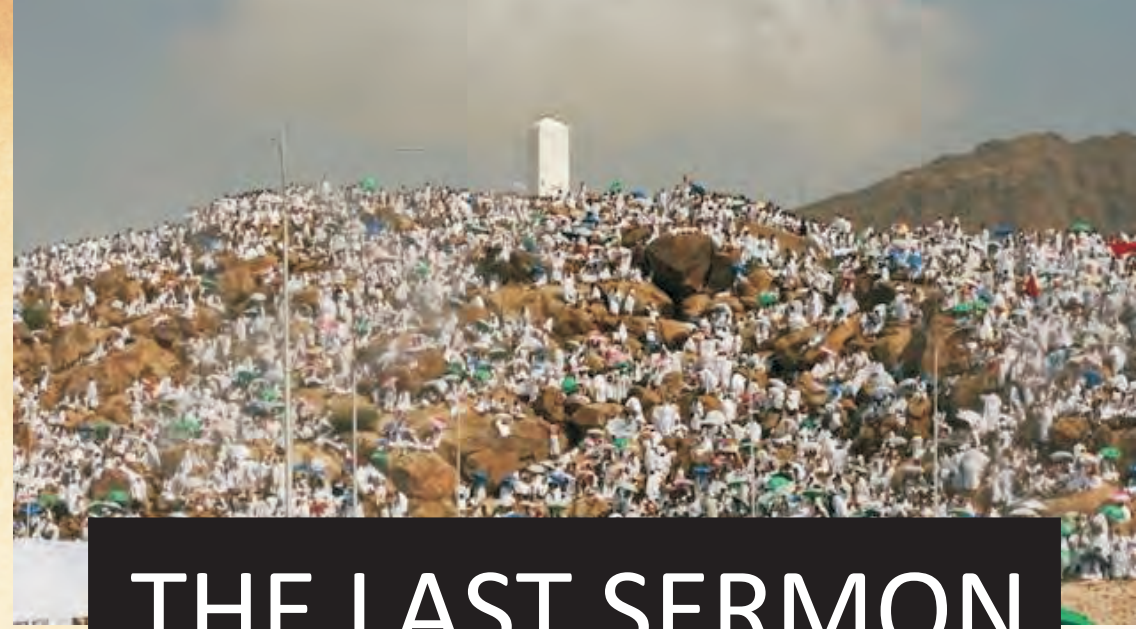
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- Muhammad son of Abdullah
- Born in the year 570 CE in Makkah
- Known as 'the honest' and 'the trustworthy'
- First received revelation at the age of 40
- Foretold in the Bible and Torah
- Called to the worship of One God
- Came with the same message as Abraham
- Struggled to unite humanity
- Final messenger sent for all mankind
- Passed away at the age of 63



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# THE LAST SERMON

*of the Final Messenger Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him)*

"O People, lend me an attentive ear, for I know not whether after this year, I shall ever be amongst you again. Therefore listen to what I am saying to you very carefully and take these words to those who could not be present here today.

O People, just as you regard this month, this day, this city as Sacred, so regard the life and property of every Muslim as a sacred trust. Return the goods entrusted to you to their rightful owners. Hurt no one so that no one may hurt you. Remember that you will indeed meet your Lord, and that He will indeed reckon your deeds. God has forbidden you to take usury (interest), therefore all interest obligation shall henceforth be waived. Your capital, however, is yours to keep. You will neither inflict nor suffer any inequity. God has judged that there shall be no interest and that all the interest due to Abbas ibn' Ab'dal Muttalib (Prophe'ts uncle) shall henceforth be waived...

Beware of Satan, for the safety of your religion. He has lost all hope that he will ever be able to lead you astray in big things, so beware of following him in small things.

# Prophet Muhammad's last Sermon Extracts

O People, it is true that you have certain rights with regard to your women, but they also have rights over you. Remember that you have taken them as your wives only under God's trust and with His permission. If they abide by your right then to them belongs the right to be fed and clothed in kindness. Do treat your women well and be kind to them for they are your partners and committed helpers. And it is your right that they do not make friends with any one of whom you do not approve, as well as never to be unchaste.

O People, listen to me in earnest, worship God, say your five daily prayers (Salah), fast during the month of Ramadan, and give your wealth in charity (Zakat). Perform pilgrimage (Hajj) if you can afford to. All mankind is from Adam and Eve, an Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab nor a non-Arab has any superiority over an Arab; also a white has no superiority over a black nor a black has any superiority over a white except by piety and good action. Learn that every Muslim is a brother to every Muslim and that the Muslims constitute one brotherhood. Nothing shall be legitimate to a Muslim which belongs to a fellow Muslim unless it was given freely and willingly. Do not, therefore, do injustice to yourselves.

Remember, one day you will appear before God and answer your deeds. So beware, do not stray from the path of righteousness after I am gone.

O People, no prophet or apostle will come after me and no new faith will be born. Reason well, therefore, O People, and understand words which I convey to you. I leave behind me two things, the Quran and my example, the Sunnah and if you follow these you will never go astray.

All those who listen to me shall pass on my words to others and those to others again; and may the last ones understand my words better than those who listen to me directly.

Be my witness, O God, that I have conveyed your message to your people".

*Delivered on the 9th Day of Dhul Hijjah 10 A.H. in the  
'Uranah valley of Mount Arafat' {Makkah}.*

## ~ RACIAL EQUALITY ~

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## ~ SOCIAL JUSTICE ~

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## ~ WOMEN'S RIGHTS ~

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## ~ ECONOMIC EQUITY ~

"God has forbidden you to take usury (interest), therefore all interest obligation shall henceforth be waived. Your capital, however, is yours to keep. You will neither inflict nor suffer any inequity. God has judged that there shall be no interest."