# THE SEVENTH MESSAGE OF Islam is the Religion of the First and the Last (Muhammad: Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him)



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## In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Many people from the island call us, especially professors and university students, asking about Islam. Because I don't speak English I decided to write these messages clarifying the meaning of Islam so that it is available to everyone, muslims and non-muslims. I have written six letters already, and for those who want to know the truth, I present the seventh message of:

(Islam the religion of the first and the last)

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# In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful Introduction

We give thanks to Allah, Lord of the Universe and May peace and blessings be with our prophet Muhammad, the Messenger and Mercy for humanity and prayer and peace to all his family and his followers and those who will follow them until the Day of Judgment.

#### Dear reader:

We have talked about Prophet Mohammed, peace be upon him, in terms of lineage, birth, upbringing, the position of his people about his message, his conduct with his wives, his children, his assistants and companions. All this was in the fifth message from the series *Islam is the Religion of the First and the Last*. In the sixth message we have detailed the tangible miracles of which the prophet's companions and his contemporaries were witnesses of. Since people need tangible proof to be able to testify for the last messenger, Mohammed, peace be upon him, as prophet (especially in these times) I decided to write the seventh message of the series on the life of Prophet Mohammed, peace be upon him, which presents the following topics:

- 1. Examples of the honors that Allah bestowed on the messenger, peace be upon him, in the Holy Qur'an.
- 2. Cases of the love that the predecessors and those who came after them had for the prophet, peace be upon him.
- 3. Why was the last of the prophets and messengers illiterate?
- 4. The prophecies of the messenger, peace be upon him, about future events and scientific miracles in the deeds and sayings of the prophet, peace be upon him.

Note: The fifth, sixth and seventh messages respectively represent the first,

second and third part of scenes of the life of the prophet, peace be upon him. And since these topics need to be clarified, I have decided to write this message to assure the reader so that he knows that this prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, was the envoy and messenger of God. Thus Allah testified through the Holy Qur'an, in Surah (Al 'Ahzab) chapter 33, verse 40 (which means):

"Muhammad is not the father of none of your men but the messenger of Allah and the seal of the prophets. And Allah is Knowing of all things."

For those who seek the truth, those who want to know more, those who want to reach to the right path, those who want salvation, I present this 7th message:

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## Chapter 1

## Examples of the honors that Allah bestowed on the Messenger Mohammed, peace be upon him, in the Holy Qur'an

#### Dear Reader:

Since the prophet, peace be upon him, began his predication and his message went out in the public light, people started studying him, but they have not been able to identify all his attributes. I would like to imitate what these wise men did, (researchers and scholars) to see if I may participate in the honor of comprehending this great personality. I do it so that I can know and make known what the prophet (peace be upon him) was.

The conduct of the messenger, peace be upon him, is the most magnificent conduct that people have known and it is the highest thing that time has narrated. The fame of the prophet, he did not earn it with money, because he was poor, nor by inheritance, since he was an orphan. His father died before he was born and his mother died when he was six years old. Mohammed, peace be upon him, did not learn from a teacher for he was illiterate, and in his environment (where he grew up) there was not much knowledge of the type that he brought. The people around him worshiped images and idols and did not believe in "one God". This innate greatness in him, Allah gave it to him, He chose him for it, and He taught him everything. That is why the prophet, peace be upon him, said (speaking about himself):

"Allah educated me and perfected my education."

Allah described the Prophet Mohammed, peace be upon him, as having a very high standard of morality. In Surah (An-Nisa), chapter 4, verse 113, Allah says (which means):

"Allah has given the book and wisdom and He taught you what you did not know. Great indeed has been Allah's favor upon you."

Allah has chosen his beloved prophet, Muhammad son of Abdul-Allah, peace be upon him, to be the mercy given to all mankind and their salvation from perdition. Allah is the one who knows the most about the noble position of Mohammed, peace be upon him, as it says in the Qur'an, which means:

"Allah is the one who knows the most of whom He gives His message."

- 1. And He also says: "We have sent you nothing but a mercy for humanity."
- 2. And for this Allah has bestowed upon him the best of honors. Allah says that all His servants (wherever and whenever) participate in granting these honors to the prophet. Allah says in Surah (Al-Ahzab) chapter 33 Verse 56 (which means):

"Indeed, Allah showers His blessings upon the Prophet, and His angels pray for him. O believers! Invoke Allah's blessings upon him, and salute him with worthy greetings of peace."

The manifestation of the honors of the prophet, peace be upon him, are clearly seen as Allah raised his status to the highest. The name of the prophet is often accompanied by the name of Allah. The first act when a person enters Islam is to bear witness with the following way: "I bear witness that there is no God except Allah and that Muhammad, peace be upon him, is the messenger of Allah." Every time the Muslim prays 5 times a day, the same testimony is repeated in each of the prayers and also in the call to prayer. Another manifestation of the honors given by Allah to the prophet, peace be upon him, is to unite obedience to the prophet with obedience to Allah. Above all, he who obeys the prophet, peace be upon him, accompanies him in paradise. Allah says in Surah(An-Nisa) chapter 4, verse 69 (which means):

"Whoever obeys Allah and the messenger, they will be with those whom Allah has favored: the prophets, the truthful, those who died giving testimony and the righteous. And what excellent companions!"

And also in verse 80 Allah says (which means):

"Whoever obeys the messenger, he has obeyed Allah, and whoever turns away, we have not sent you over them to be their guardian."

Allah made it obligatory on the companions and all the believers to respect this prophet by lowering their voices when talking to him and treat him with respect and listen to him with respect even after his death. Allah says in Surah (Al-Hujurat) 49 Verses 2 - 3 (which means):

"O you who have believed, do not put [yourselves] before Allah and His Messenger but fear Allah. Indeed, Allah is Hearing and Knowing you who have believed, do not raise your voices above the voice of the Prophet or be loud to him in speech like the loudness of some of you to others, lest your deeds

become worthless while you perceive not. Indeed, those who lower their voices before the Messenger of Allah - they are the ones whose hearts Allah has tested for righteousness. For them is forgiveness and great reward."

Allah forbade the believers to call the prophet, peace be upon him, the same way they call each other. Allah says in Surah (An-Nur) chapter 24, verse 63 (which means):

"Do not make [your] calling of the Messenger among yourselves as the call of one of you to another".

And it also says in Surah (Al-Hujurat) chapter 49, verse 4 (which means):

"Indeed, those who call you, [O Muhammad], from behind the chambers - most of them do not use reason. And if they had been patient until you [could] come out to them, it would have been better for them. But Allah is Forgiving and Merciful."

Other scenes of the honors that Allah bestowed on the prophet, peace be upon him, are that Allah called all the prophets by their names in the Holy Qur'an Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and others. But he called his beloved: oh messenger, oh prophet, oh you who is wrapped in the mantle and the clothed.

Another scene is that Allah granted him five advantages that He had not granted to no other prophet. The prophet, peace be upon him, says: "Allah gave me five (things) that He had not given to any other prophet: I have triumphed with the scare, He made for me that the whole earth be mosque and purified, has allowed me the bounties of war, and Allah allowed me to intercede for my followers on the day of judgment and every prophet was sent to a specific nation but Allah sent me for all humanity."

Another honor bestowed upon the prophet has been the night journey. Allah took the prophet accompanied by the angel Gabriel from the city of Mecca to Jerusalem and from Jerusalem He ascended him into the heavens. This is why Allah says in Surah (Al-Isra) chapter 17, verse 1 (which means):

"Exalted is He who took His Servant by night from al-Masjid al-Haram to al-Masjid al- Aqsa, whose surroundings We have blessed, to show him of Our signs. Indeed, He is the Hearing, the Seeing."

Another scene is that Allah made the prophet, peace be upon him, to be the witness of his followers and all the people on the final day. Allah says in (Surah Al-Baqarah) chapter 2, verse 143 (which means):

"And thus we have made you a just community that you will be witnesses over the people and the Messenger will be a witness over you."

And Allah says in Surah (Al-Haj) chapter 22, verse 78 (which means):

"And strive for Allah with the striving due to Him. He has chosen you and has not placed upon you in the religion any difficulty. [It is] the religion of your father, Abraham. Allah named you "Muslims" before [in former scriptures] and in this [revelation] that the Messenger may be a witness over you and you may be witnesses over the people. So establish prayer and give zakah and hold fast to Allah. He is your protector; and excellent is the protector, and excellent is the helper."

These are some of the scenes of the honors given to the prophet in the Holy Quran, and as we have pointed out before, we are presenting examples since to present everything we would need many pages.

The prophet, peace be with him, for the believers, comes before themselves. As Allah says in Holy Quran, in Surah (Al-Ahzab) chapter 33, verse 6 (which means):

"The Prophet is more worthy of the believers than themselves"

The prophet, peace be upon him, says, swearing by Allah: "No one comes to complete faith, until he loves me more than he loves his wealth, his children and everybody." This was the love that has filled the hearts of the prophet's companions and all faithful believers in the past, present and future. This is what we are going to present in the second chapter of this message if Allah permits.

## Chapter 2

# Scenes of the love that the predecessors and those who came after had for the prophet, peace be upon him

There is no one in history who has been loved and respected by his companions and believers like the prophet, peace be upon him, because his companions have loved him with all their hearts and gave their lives to protect him. And he loved them and he respected and consulted with them (men and women). He lived among them as one of them even though he was the messenger of Allah.

#### Examples of this love:

When the leaders of Quraish sent Uroah Ibn Masud as mediator between them and the messenger, peace be upon him, on the day of Al Hudaibia of the sixth year of the Emigration, he was surprised to see how the companions of the prophet respected him and how they obeyed him and how they competed with each other to serve him, when he returned to Quraish he told his people: "I have visited many kings, But I have never seen anyone so loved by his companions as Muhammad."

When Zaid bin Alduthna was going to be executed for having accepted Islam. AbuSufian, the top leader of Quraish, asked Zaid, just before executing him, whether he would prefer Muhammad to be executed instead of him. Zaid answered bravely: "I prefer that they execute me, and that Muhammad, peace be with him, would not be touched even by a thorn." Hearing this Abu Sufyan said: "I have never seen such love to anyone as Muhammad's companions have for him". These testimonies are from people who were not Muslims. We are now going to present examples of the companions of the Prophet Mohammed, peace be upon him.

# Scenes of the love that the predecessors and those who came after had for the prophet, peace be with him

The love that the believers had for the prophet, peace be upon him, is a superior love to everything you can imagine. Stories can make the reader think that he is reading something imaginary. But it is a reality.

#### Examples about this:

Abu Bakr As-Siddiq, the first man of the nobles of the Arabs to enter Islam. Since he entered Islam, Allah willed for him to be the companion of the prophet, peace be upon him. Abu Bakr accompanied the prophet on the emigration when they took refuge in the cave and in all the battles until the prophet passed away. He gave away everything he had, money, wealth for Islam. Abu Bakr always put Islam before everything. He took all his money to put in the service of Islam and when the prophet asked him what he had left for his family replied: "I left Allah and his messenger to them." That is why the prophet, the peace be upon him, described him by saying: "For me there is no one more generous than Abu Bakr". He supported me with his life, his money and married me to his daughter." He also said of him: "The position of Abu Bakr and Omar are for me like seeing and hearing."

Another companion of the Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, Zaid Ibn Haritha who was kidnapped and turned into a slave as a child even though he comes from a prestigious and rich family. The prophet freed him and took him in as an adopted son. After searching for him for several years, Zaid's family found him and came to pick him up. When he met his father, the messenger asked him to choose who he wanted to stay with. Zaid chose the prophet since it was difficult for him to separate from the heart full of affection and love that supported him when he was a child and weak. And without knowing who he was the prophet, peace be upon him, gave Zaid his surname. And it stayed that way until adoption was forbidden.

Another named Thoban, who was in a bad mood, sad and weak, approached the prophet one day, Peace be with him. The prophet asked him what was wrong, Thoban said: "When I don't see you I miss you a lot" and added: What am I going to do that final day when you will be in paradise at the level of the elevated messengers of God and I will be at a lower level. Every time I remember this it gives me a lot of sadness". This is why Allah revealed in

Surah (An-Nisa) chapter 4, verse 69 - 70 (which means):

"And whoever obeys Allah and the Messenger - those will be with the ones upon whom Allah has bestowed favor of the prophets, the steadfast affirmers of truth, the martyrs and the righteous. And excellent are those as companions. That is the bounty from Allah, and sufficient is Allah as Knower."

When Bilal, the black slave, entered Islam, he suffered greatly and was mistreated and tortured by his masters. After so much torture, Bilal's masters get tired of trying to force him to leave Islam and Abu Bakr managed to buy him and freed him. In his mortal illness (the prophet, peace be upon him, and Abu Bakr had already died) Bilal's relatives cried and mourned him. When he heard them, Bilal said: "What a joy! Soon I will meet the dear ones, Muhammad and his companions".

The messenger, peace be upon him, was a perfect person in all aspects, for that he was loved by all. We have noticed that great love when the entire world has protested against the caricatures against the prophet.

Voluntarily, people rose up to protest and to demonstrate this love and respect towards the messenger of peace and mercy, Mohammed.

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# Chapter 3 Why was Muhammad, peace be upon him, illiterate?

Allah refers in several verses of the Holy Quran to the prophet as illiterate. Does this mean ignorance? Or does it mean that he doesn't know how to read or write?

Illiterate means not knowing how to read or write. There are people who don't know how to read or write and when you sit down with them to talk, you realize that these people have a lot of knowledge and ideas that other people who know how to read and write don't have.

Someone may ask: How is knowledge acquired, then?

upon him, illiterate?

We answer: One way is through listening. The information that reaches humans through hearing is much more than what reaches us through seeing. For this reason, in the Holy Qur'an, Allah always advanced the mention of listening to the mention of vision. Examples are chapter 10, 11, 16, 17, 23 and 32: Yunus, Hud, Al Nahl, Al Isra, Al Mu'minun, Al Sajda, Al Mulk. So why did Allah advance hearing to vision in the Holy Qur'an? Because more than 70% of the information that reaches us is through our ears. Based on this, it is the answer to the question: Why was Prophet Muhammad, peace be

Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, did not know how to read or write so this is the evidence that he was not the author of the detailed information and knowledge in the Qur'an. Many recent scientific discoveries were revealed in the Qur'an from more than 1400 years ago. Prophet Mohammed, peace be upon him, acquired this knowledge from Allah the Knowing, the Wise through the angel Gabriel. And of course! Allah says in Surah (An-Nisa) chapter 4, verse 113 (which means):

"Allah has revealed to you the Book of Wisdom and has taught you what you did not know. And ever has the favor of Allah upon you been great".

Allah confronted those who refuse to believe in the Holy Qur'an with this reality in Surah (Al-Ankabut) chapter 29, verse 48 (which means):

"And you did not recite before it any scripture, nor did you inscribe one with your right hand. Otherwise the falsifiers would have had [cause for] doubt."

That means that Allah affirms that the illiteracy of the prophet was known by his people. This is the proof that the Qur'an is not his invention. When the unbelievers listened to this verse, none of them refuted that reality because they knew that the prophet was illiterate and that on no occasion had he read or written any document. The prophet never spoke anything resembling the Qur'an for 40 years until Allah chose him and made him His messenger. And how the unbelievers had no evidence to nullify what the prophet said, peace be upon him, they said that the Qur'an was magic.

Someone may say that the first verses that Allah revealed from the Qur'an were (which means):

"Read in the name of your Lord who has created! He has created man from a clot! Read and your Lord is the more Generous. Who taught by the pen .He taught the man what he didn't know. However, man transgresses." [reference: Surah (Al-'Alaq) chapter 97]

Why Allah did command the messenger Muhammad, peace be upon him, to read knowing that he was illiterate? We answer: so that it is a lesson for all Muslims that being illiterate is no excuse for not carrying the message to the people. Why? Because the people of Muhammad, peace be upon him, including those who knew how to read and the illiterate, Allah distinguished them with an advantage that He had not given to the other previous peoples and that advantage is to carry the message of Islam to the entire world and be witnesses on the final day. And how is it possible?

Every messenger was sent to a specific nation. We can observe this in the verses of the Holy Quran in Surah (Al 'A'raf) chapter 7, verse 59 (which means):

"We had certainly sent Noah to his people, and he said, "O my people, worship Allah."

And in verse 65 (which means):

"And to the 'Aad, [we sent] their brother Hud."

And in verse 73 (which means):

"And to the Thamud, their brother Sulih"

Verse 80 (which means):

"And [we sent]Lut, when he said to his people..."

And so it was with all the prophets and messengers. Allah says in Surah ('Ibrahim) chapter 14, verse 4 (which means):

"We have not sent any messenger except (speaking) in the language of his people in order to clarify it for them."

The exception is the last Messenger, Muhammad, peace be upon him, that Allah sent for all humanity. Allah says in Surah (Al 'A'raf) chapter 7, verse 158 (which means):

"Say, [O Muhammad], "O mankind, indeed I am the Messenger of Allah to you all, [from Him] to whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth. There is no deity except Him; He gives life and causes death." So believe in Allah and His Messenger, the unlettered prophet, who believes in Allah and His words, and follow him so that you may be guided."

Also Allah says in Surah (Saba') chapter 34, verse 28 (which means): "And We have not sent you except comprehensively to mankind as a bringer of good tidings and a warner. But most of the people do not know."

The followers of Muhammad, peace be upon him, are from all over the world: Arabs, British, Russians, French, Germans, Yugoslavs, Iranians, Turks and all nationalities.

Today there are more than 450 languages in the world and each contains dozens of dialects. It is impossible for a single person to cover all these languages. For example, if an American who speaks only English relocates to China without having knowledge of the language of the region, that person

would be illiterate since he does not know how to read or write in that language.

Every person who belongs to the religion of Muhammad, peace be upon him, and does not know the language of the country in which he lives, this person is illiterate in that language. For that Allah says in Surah (Al-Jummu'ah) chapter 62, verse 2 and 3(which means):

"It is He who has sent among the unlettered a Messenger from themselves reciting to them His verses and purifying them and teaching them the Book and wisdom - although they were before in clear error -And [to] others of them who have not yet joined them. And He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise."

This was not for a specific time that has passed, but these verses are for every time and every place. By that, when a person accepts Islam as his religion, this person becomes as the verse says "illiterate" and before he was lost.

We can conclude from what has been stated, why the last messenger was illiterate and that wasn't a coincidence. It was well planned by Allah, may He be glorified, so that it must be evidence. If a person argues that he does not know the language to carry this message for everyone, we answer that this is what the prophet was like. And with all that he was able to carry the message of Islam by sending his companions to other nations and using the scribes to write books or messages in the language of these peoples. This happened in the 7th year after the emigration and after the Al Hudaibiya agreement. The prophet, peace be upon him, sent one of his messengers to the Christian kings and people, Persians and also for Egypt (to name a few). That is how many people accepted Islam. Then all the followers of Muhammad, peace be upon him, as illiterate and literates wherever they are indeed are responsible for carrying the message of Islam for all humanity.

For example, I an Arab and illiterate in other languages, other than Arabic. This does not excuse me before Allah for not bringing the message of Islam to the Americans, for instance. Because Allah is going to ask me why you didn't write and ask others to translate in order to bring his message to people who do not understand Arabic? What am I going to answer to God if I don't do this?

The people with whom I live in Puerto Rico would be asking on the Day of Judgment about God's message. I'm the first one they are going to ask. They are going to say; "Oh God, this man lived with us and did not educate us about Islam". What am I going to answer? For this reason I have decided to carry this message to be able to clarify for people and lead them towards the right path, and I will not be an unfaithful witness on the final day when everyone rises for last judgment. I am going to say: God, I wrote and prepared messages according to my ability. It is our responsibility to guide, educate and teach people what they do not know about Islam and thus we will have an excuse on the final day when one does not benefit from his money or his children. The only thing that will save you is your faith and good work. On the last day the followers of Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, will testify that the message was brought to humanity.

The prophet Moses wanted to belong to the people of Ahmad and asked Allah to be one of them, when he saw the virtues of this nation. Allah says in Surah (Al-'Araf) chapter 7, verse 144 (which means):

"[Allah] said, "O Moses, I have chosen you over the people with My messages and My words [to you]. So take what I have given you and be among the grateful".

The Muslims have a noble position and will bear witness that all messengers and prophets brought the message to their people. How is this possible? When Allah on the last day will ask everyone: "Have my messengers carried my message to you? Everyone except Muslims will answer: "We do not know". Allah will ask the messengers and prophets if they carried the message. The prophets will answer: "Yes". So Allah will ask them: "And who are your witnesses? They will say: "The people of Muhammad." And Allah will ask the people of Muhammad and they will answer: "Yes."

Allah will ask them: "And how do you know since you are the last of nations? They will answer: "Oh God, our messenger Muhammad, peace be upon him, informed us and as it is written in your book, the Qur'an. You, Lord, are honored, and Your messenger is honored too, and we bear witness to this." Allah will accept this testimony. And so the prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, is going to be a witness to his nation too, that the message was

brought to the people. Allah says in Surah (Al-Baqarah) chapter 2, verse 143 (which means):

"And thus we have made you a just community that you will be witnesses over the people and the Messenger will be a witness over you."

The blessings of Allah be upon our messenger Muhammad and his followers.

#### **Chapter 4**

# Prophecies of the messenger, peace be upon him, about future events

This chapter is very broad and its narrations reached us through mass transmission of the companions to their followers. These prophecies are divided into two categories. The first are events that have already occurred and the second are events that have not happened yet.

Hudaifa Ibn Alyaman narrated that one day they met with the prophet and he guided them on many things that were happening and many others that will happen in the future until the last day. Abu Dhar Algafari said that when the prophet, peace be upon him, left us, he had already told us about everything, even about the birds in the sky.

## Examples of events that occurred during the life of the prophet, peace be upon him:

- 1. The prophet, peace be upon him, had announced the victory of the Khaibar war. He also had announced the death of the king of the Persians before anyone else knew about it (see the 6th message).
- 2. The prophet, peace be upon him, knew about a woman who carried a letter from Hatib Ibn Abi Balta'a hidden in her hair to Quraish, warning them about the prophet's intention to raid them. He sent his companions, among them Ali, to the very place where the woman was on her way to Makkah. Upon their arrival and after questioning the woman the companions came back with the letter.
- 3. One day a camel of the prophet, peace be upon him was lost. The Quraish found out and began to mock the prophet, peace be upon him, saying: "The prophet claims he knows about the heavens, but he does not know where his camel is!" Allah sent his messenger Gabriel to the prophet and informed him where the camel was. The prophet, peace be upon him, said: "I do not claim to know everything, except what Allah has taught me. And Allah sent his

messenger to inform me where my camel is: "You can go to such and such a place and you will find it." Indeed, some people went to the site mentioned and they found the camel trapped by a tree.

## Examples of events that have happened after the death of the prophet, peace be upon him:

- 1. The prophet, peace be upon him, had reported that his daughter Fatima would be the first to die from his family after his death and so it was. She died six months after his death, peace be upon him.
- 2. The prophet, peace be upon him, had reported of a group that will kill a companion named Ammar Ibn Yasir: Ammar was indeed murdered by the clan of Muawiya.
- 3. The prophet, peace be upon him, had reported the triumph of his companions in Jerusalem, Yemen, Syria, Iraq and the defeat of Rome and Persia and so it happened.
- 4. The prophet, peace be upon him had reported that his cousin Ali and his companion Uthman were going to die (murdered) and that's how it happened. He even informed that Uthman will be killed while reciting the Quran and that his blood will be spilled on the following verse from chapter Al Baraqa, verse 137, which means:

"But Allah will spare you their evil. For He is the All-Hearing, All-Knowing" He even told Uthman explicitly: "Allah will cover with you with a garment. If they try to undress it from you, do not take it off!" And this was exactly what happened to Uthman upon his appointment as the ruler of the Muslims, a group of insurgents plotted a coup against him and killed him.

## Examples of events that the prophet had reported and are happening in our times:

The following are different narrations of the prophet's words.

- 1. The prophet, peace be upon him, reported that the final day will not come until numerous earthquakes take place, time is shortened, sins are committed publicly and people build tall buildings.
- 2. The prophet, peace be upon him, reported that the end of times will not come until people will go to extreme in the decoration of their houses.
- 3. The prophet, peace be upon him, reported that the end time would not come until time got shortened and the countries got closer. In another narrations, he mentioned that you will abandon riding your camels, eluding to the invention of the new means of transportation.
- 4. The prophet, peace be upon him, reported that the final day will not come until sins are committed publicly, lies increase, peoples get closer, the time is shortened and murders increase. He also said that the time would come when the brothers would kill each other without knowing why.
- 5. The prophet, peace be upon him, reported that before the final day arrives some events will happen such as bad companions, anger within families and not using swords in wars.
- 6. The prophet, peace be upon him, reported that in the final days there will tribulations, lying will be spread, markets will come close to each other, time will be shorten, and killing will spread! In another narration, he stated: "The final hour will not take place until you see the man kill his brother human and when asked why he did that, he will reply that he does not know!"
- 7. The prophet, peace be upon him, reported that among the signs of the end of times is having bad neighbors, cutting family ties, and the halt of the use of swords in warfare, in a clear indication to the use of modern ammunition.

- 8. The prophet had also predicted that in the end of times the will be 'sudden death'. This phenomenon in fact appeared about 50 years ago and scientists started studying it medically about 20 years ago.
- 9. The prophet, peace be upon him, reported that one of the signs of the end of times is for animals and "inanimate objects" to speak. He in fact said: "By God, the day of judgment will not take place until wild animals will talk to humans, and the tip of a man's whip and his slippers will inform him about had happened in his household"

As for the wild animals, we have seen animals in the circus do amazing tricks. Another example, is police trained dogs that can guide cops and communicate with them and give them valuable clues to solving problems. And who knows in the coming years what we will see other than dogs.

As for the whips and the slippers, this could be interpreted as different objects, such as TV, radios, and cell phones. These devices can be transported with us everywhere and we can monitor through them what happens in our homes.

#### Scientific miracles in the words of the Prophet, peace be upon him

We mentioned in the first message about the scientific discoveries in the Holy Qur'an and how these scientific discoveries were meant for the non-Muslims, primarily. Why? So that the Qur'an can be a guide for non-Muslims and so that they realize that this book is the word of Allah revealed to his prophet and messenger Muhammad, peace be upon him.

(See the first message and chapters three and four from the second message).

It is not only the Holy Qur'an that mentioned about signs and discoveries of the universe but there are also narrations of the prophet's words that contain scientific miracles. Examples are narratives about human beings, animals, insects, vegetation, the unseen and more.

## Examples related to human beings ('siwak', prohibition of breastfeeding between siblings, relationship between tattooing and AIDS)

In order to present everything that scientists said about the narratives of the prophet, peace be upon him, we would need several books, for that reason we will try to keep it short and focus on few examples.

#### Brushing your teeth with the Siwak:

Fourteen centuries ago, the prophet, peace be upon him, advised his people to brush their teeth and said: "If it was not too burdensome, I would have made it compulsory on you to brush five times a day".

If we compare it with what the dentists advise their patients to do nowadays. They say that Siwak sticks contain vitamin C that helps protect the teeth from cavities. It has also been proven scientifically that these sticks have other components that prevent sediments in the teeth which keeps the mouth clean. It is true what the messenger said: "keep using the 'siwak' as it is good for your mouth and it satisfies your Lord (with you)."

#### The prohibition of breastfeeding between siblings:

"Brotherhood by breastfeeding is equal to brotherhood by blood" is a rule established by Prophet Mohammed, peace be upon him, for more than fourteen centuries ago. So what is the reason for this prohibition? Doctors discovered lately that if a newborn feeds several times from a woman who is not his mother, he adopts her genetic characteristics just like his biological mother. Thus this newborn becomes a brother through breastfeeding of the other children of the woman who breastfed him. For this reason the prophet forbade the breastfeeding siblings to marry, because they have the same genetic characteristics.

Today science corroborates the same thing that the prophet, peace be upon him, said 14 centuries ago.

#### **Tattoos and AIDS:**

The prophet, peace be upon him, repudiated making tattoos saying: "Cursed is the one who makes tattoos and those who get tattoos." Today it has been

proven that the materials used in the tattoo have chemicals that cause damage to the body and cause diseases such as cancer, AIDS and liver infections among others.

## **Examples about animals**

#### How to slaughter animals:

When the prophet, peace be upon him, slaughtered sheep, cows and camels, he would cut their throats and would not separate the head from the body. Today it has been proven through scientific studies that this is the healthiest way to do it as it allows the most amount of blood to exit the body. Separating the head from the body would leave some of that blood stuck in the body. It has also been proven that blood is the best environment for microbes to multiply. The prophet, peace be upon him, said that it was necessary to mention the name of Allah when the animal sacrifice is taking place: "In the name of Allah, Allah is the Greatest." It is true that Allah sent Muhammad, as a mercy for the world. Allah says in Chapter Al Anbiya, verse 107, which means: "We have sent you 'O Prophet' only as a mercy for the whole world"

#### Forbid eating impure animals:

It has been narrated that the prophet, peace be upon him, has forbidden eating the meat of impure animals because this meat causes many diseases. Impure animals those that feed on rotten food or other animals remains. It has been proven through scientific studies the certainty of what the prophet, peace be upon him, had pointed out. Many dangerous diseases are being discovered today like mad cow disease and others caused by the feeding of these animals with remains such as blood, bones, skins of other animals. The ban on eating pork falls on the same category since pig is fed with waste and meat from other dead animals. It has been proven that pork meat has many bacteria, worms which cause harm to people's health. It also causes the eater to lose the sense of 'manhood'. This is why it is prohibited in Islam to eat this meat.

Examples about birds and avian fever:

Islam prohibits eating the meat of ferocious and carnivorous animals that have claws because this meat has characteristics that affect the behavior of the people, sexual instability and can cause mental instability and increase aggressiveness.

The prophet, peace be upon him, protected himself every day with his prayers and had the habit of starting his day by asking Allah to protect him from daily temptations and evils of other people. This prayer is to protect yourself every day from everything, evil and diseases such as avian fever. This disease is just the beginning, but the danger is great and threatening, even for advanced countries. This illness is a soldier to remind human beings of the power of Allah and invite the unrighteous to repent. Allah says in Surah (As-Sajdah) chapter 32, verse 21(which means):

"And we will surely let them taste the nearer punishment short of the greater punishment that perhaps they will repent".

#### **Examples of insects**

#### The bees:

A man came to the prophet, peace be upon him, and asked him about medicine because his brother had severe pain in his stomach. The prophet, peace be upon him, told him to give him honey, and when it was given to him, he was healed. What does science say about honey? It has been proven that honey kills all kinds of microbes in the digestive system. It also heals from ulcers. Honey is useful for curing burns and skin diseases, hair loss, for the liver, as a tranquilizer, to prevent anemia in children and for urine sickness.

#### Flies as a disease and cure:

The prophet, peace be upon him, said: "If a fly falls into the drink, then make sure you insert it back completely and then take it out since on one of its wings has a disease and the other wing has the cure."

What does science say about flies?

Scientists have discovered that the wings of flies have a substance that eliminates bacteria. This substance helped in the twentieth century to combat cholera disease in India. By introducing the fly into the food we are removing the damage caused by the other wing. We can conclude that what the prophet described fourteen centuries ago is nothing other a divine relation from Allah to his final messenger, peace be upon him.

#### **Examples of vegetation**

Dates for the cure of poisoning:

The prophet, peace be upon him, said: "Whoever eats seven dates for breakfast every day, this will protect him from intoxication and spells." What does science say about dates? They say it is a cure for poisoning. What is the secret of the number seven? Seven dates is about seventy grams. This amount contains a large amount of minerals and vitamins that help the body eliminate poisoning. Dates are very useful to cure liver disease, dates mixed with honey and milk are used for sexual dysfunction. Eating dates every day is very beneficial to control the nerves.

#### Black seek:

The prophet, peace be upon him, said: "Black seed contains medicine for every kind of disease, except death." What does science say about that? Eating this flower seed strengthens the body and is a very effective antibiotic. The Oil of this flower seed is also useful for expanding the veins and when mixed with honey and milk this seed can help cure sexual dysfunctions.

## **Examples of inanimate bodies**

## Sand as a purifier:

The prophet, peace be upon him, said: "If a dog eats from a plate, to purify it wash it seven times, one of them with dirt".

What do scientists say about sand? Through studies it has been discovered that the earth has substances useful to purify everything. Eliminates viruses or bacteria that neither detergents nor water can eliminate. This is why when

washing the dishes with water and dirt, you can eliminate the bacteria found in the saliva of the dogs.

#### **Examples from public health**

The quarantine:

The prophet, peace be upon him, said: "If you hear that a people got a plague and they are outside (the town), then do not enter that town, and if they are inside, do not leave (the town)". This is what we know today as quarantine. The Europeans came to apply what is quarantine in the year 1370 in Venice, Italy. The Muslims knew of quarantine for hundreds of years prior to that.

The question is how the prophet, peace be upon him, knew about all these discoveries, if it were not that Allah who taught him the secrets of the universe? All this makes us believe more every day in this great prophet. And we present these tests to convince those people who still have doubts.

Until we meet in another message if Allah allows it, I leave you with Allah and may His peace, His mercy and blessing be upon you.

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