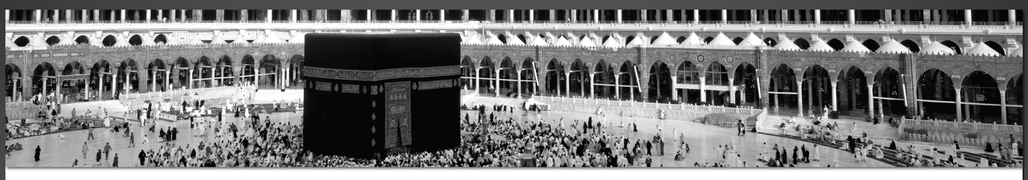
MUHAMMAD ﷺ
SEAL OF THE PROPHETS

Early Years



Birth

"Did He not find thee an orphan and give *thee* shelter?" (93:7)

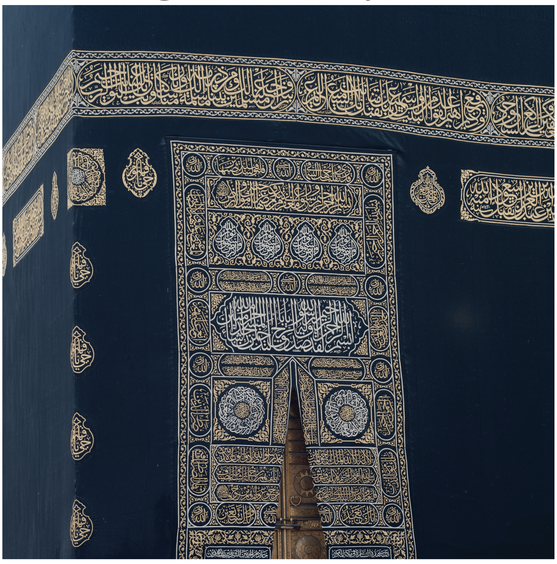


Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was born in August 570 AD. at Mecca, the principal town of Arabia. Muhammad was born an orphan, his father Abdullah had died some time before his birth. Muhammad's grandfather Abdul Muttalib became his guardian and entrusted the young Muhammad to the care of Haleema, a member of a desert dwelling tribe. Muhammad's mother, Amina, passed away when he was still a young boy. This was followed by the death of his grandfather and Muhammad passed under the care of his uncle, Abu Talib.

The Truthful and Trusty

Enough is known of the youth and early adulthood of Muhammad to indicate that he was gentle, patient, and obedient, respectful toward his elders, affectionate with his companions, and full of compassion for those who, on account of age, infirmity, or adversity, stood in need of help. As he grew older, his good qualities were recognized by his contemporaries. They were impressed by his complete integrity, in word and deed, and he became generally known among them as "Sadiq" meaning the truthful and "El Ameen," meaning "the Trusty," or "the Faithful."

Placing the Holy Stone



When Muhammad was a young man the structure of the Ka'aba had fallen into disrepair, and it was decided to rebuild it. The famous Black Stone a cornerstone, probably of meteoric origin had to be replaced in position in the southeastern angle of the walls. Several leading families of the Qureish coveted the honor of placing the stone in position, and vehemently pressed their claim. It was agreed that the dispute should be referred to Muhammad, and that his decision should be accepted.

Muhammad spread out his cloak on the ground and placed the Black Stone on it. He then invited the leading members of the families to lift the cloak and carry the stone. Muhammad then lifted the stone and placed it in position. This satisfied everybody, and resolved a situation that had threatened to become grave to the point of possible bloodshed.

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