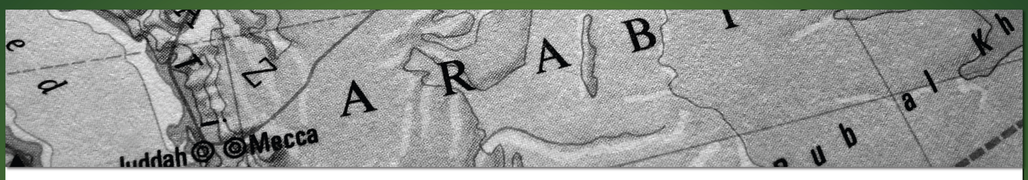
MUHAMMAD ﷺ
SEAL OF THE PROPHETS

Early Years



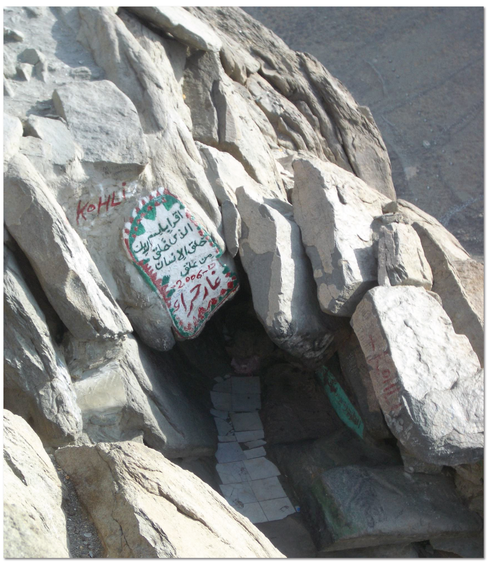
Hilful-Fudūl



When the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was a young man, various noble-hearted individuals of Arabia thought to establish a mutual agreement. This agreement stated that the rights of the oppressed would be protected and that the oppressor would be restrained from injustice. In the Arabic language, the word *fadl* also refers to one's 'right', which transforms into fudūl when expressed in plural. This is why the agreement was named the Hilful-Fudūl. Holy Prophet Muhammad also joined in this agreement. Holy Prophet Muhammad stayed loyal to this agreement for the rest of his life. On one occasion during the time of his prophethood, the Holy Prophet said:

"In the house of 'Abdullāh bin Jad'ān, I once partook in such an oath that even if I was called to it today, in the age of Islam, I would present myself saying, here I am to do thy undertaking".

The Cave of Hirā



"And He found thee wandering in search *for Him* and guided thee *unto Himself*." (93:8)

Holy Prophet Muhammad never intermingled with the general society of Makkah. For he was one who desired solitude and would remain in seclusion longing for Allāh the Exalted, diligently occupied in his remembrance. At a distance of three miles from Makkah towards Minā, in the left is the mountain of Hirā, wherein is a cave, famously known as the Cave of Hirā. It was the general practice of Holy Prophet Muhammad to retreat to this cave and occupy himself in deep meditation and remembrance of God. He would take sufficient food with him and would not return to Makkah for many days. It is this very time period, which has been referred to in the verse of the Holy Qur'an mentioned above.

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