

# Fruits for the Week

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## MUHAMMAD, A PERFECT ROLE MODEL FOR HUMAN LIFE (Part 2)

(In commemoration of Maulood-al-Rasool)

An honest man, as the saying goes, is the noblest work of God. Muhammad was more than honest. He was human to the marrow of his bones. Human sympathy, human love was the music of his soul. To serve man, to elevate man, to purify man, to educate man, in a word, to humanise man - this was the object of his mission, the be-all and end-all of his life. In thought, in word, in action he had the good of humanity as his sole inspiration, his sole guiding principle.

The Prophet's face was more handsome than that of others; he who described the Prophet's face always compared it with the full moon. And because his skin was fair, the Prophet's anger and cheer could discern from his countenance. The people said of him that he was as he is described by his friend, Abu Bakar: *As there is no darkness in moonlit night. So is Mustafa (Muhammad), the well wisher, bright.*

His countenance was mild and pensive. His laugh was rarely more than a smile. In his habits he was extremely simple, although he bestowed great care on his person. His eating and drinking, his dress and furniture retained, even when he had reached the fullness of power, their almost primitive nature. He cared the most for his arms, which he highly prized, and a pair of yellow boots, a present from the Negus of Abyssinia. Perfume, however, he loved passionately, being sensitive to smells. He was gifted with mighty powers of imagination, elevation of mind, delicacy and refinement of feeling. He was most indulgent to his inferiors, and would never allow his little page to be scolded whether he did. Anas, his servant, said of him, "Ten years I was with the Prophet and he never said as much as 'uff to me. He was very affectionate towards his family. He was very fond of children; he would stop them in the streets and pat their little heads. He never struck anyone in his life. When asked to curse someone he replied, "I have not been sent to curse, but as a

mercy to mankind." He visited the sick, followed any bier he met, accepted the invitations to dinners even of slaves, mended his own clothes, and milked the goats. He never first withdrew his hand out of another man's palm, and turned not before the other had turned.

He was the most faithful protector of those he protected, the sweetest and most agreeable in conversation. Those who saw him were suddenly filled with reverence. Those who came in contact with him loved him. Those who described him would say, "I have never seen his like." He was a great taciturnity, but when he spoke it was with emphasis and deliberation, and no one could forget what he said. He freely forgave the Quraysh all the years of sorrow and cruel scorn with which they had afflicted him and gave an amnesty to the whole population of Mecca.

With his highest quality and moral conduct, the Prophet had been admired both by Muslims and non-Muslims. John Austin wrote in his book 'Muhammad the Prophet of Allah' : " *In little more than a year he was actually the spiritual, nominal, and temporal ruler of Medina, with his hands on the lever that was to shake the world.*". John William Draper wrote: " *Four years after the death of Justinian, A.D. 569, was born at Mecca, in Arabia the man who, of all men exercised the greatest influence upon the human race...Mohammed.*" Diwan Chand Sharma stated: " *Muhammad was the soul of kindness, and his influence was felt and never forgotten by those around him.*"

May Allah guide all of us to follow the teachings of the Prophet (p.b.u.h). Ameen

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