



Life of Muhammad^{sa}

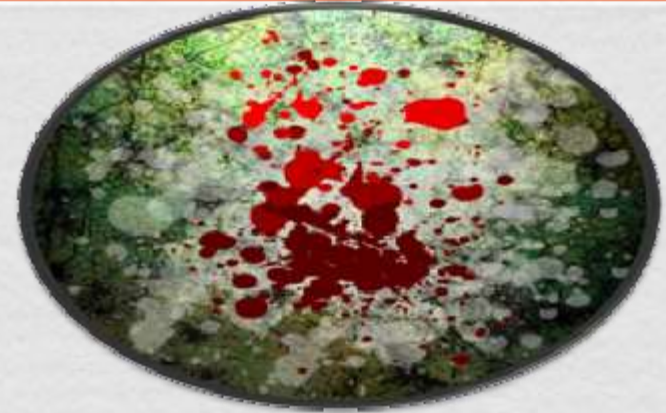
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'UMAR^{ra} ACCEPTS ISLAM



'Umar^{ra}, who later became the Second Khalifa of Islam, was still one of the fiercest and the most feared enemies of Islam



He felt that no effective step had yet been taken against the new Movement and decided to put an end to the Prophet's^{sa} life

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He took his sword and set out

A friend was puzzled to see him going and asked where he was going and with what intent.

"To kill Muhammad^{sa}," said 'Umar^{ra}.

Do you know that your sister and her husband have joined Islam?"

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It came like a bolt from the blue and greatly upset 'Umar^{ra}

He decided to go and have done with his sister and her husband first

As he reached their house he heard a recitation going on inside

The voice was that of Khabbab^{ra} who was teaching them the Holy Book

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Confronting her and her husband, 'Umar^{ra} said, "I hear you have renounced your own faith,"



Umar^{ra} raised his hand to strike her husband, who was incidentally his own cousin. Fatima^{ra} threw herself between 'Umar^{ra} and her husband;



so 'Umar's^{ra} hand fell on Fatima's^{ra} face and struck her on the nose, from which blood flowed freely.

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The blow made Fatima^{ra} all the braver.

She said, "Yes, we are Muslims now and shall remain so; do what you may."

'Umar^{ra} was a brave man, ... His sister's face, dyed red by his own hand, filled him with remorse

He asked to be shown those leaves of the Qur'an they were reading from

But, said Fatima^{ra}, he was not clean. 'Umar^{ra} offered to have a bath

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Clean and cooled, he took the leaves of the Qur'an in his hand.

They contained a portion of the Chapter Ta Ha.

And he came upon the verses:

"Verily I am Allah; there is no God beside Me. So serve Me, and observe prayer for My remembrance. Surely the Hour is coming, and I am going to manifest it, that every soul may be recompensed for its endeavour" (20:15, 16).

Faith welled up in his heart and he said, "How wonderful, how inspiring!

He asked where the Prophet^{sa} was and made straight for him at Dari Arqam, his bare sword still in his hand

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As he knocked at the door, the Prophet's^{sa} Companions could see 'Umar^{ra} through the crevices.

the Prophet^{sa} said, "Let him come in."

" 'Umar^{ra} entered, sword in hand. "What brings you?" inquired the Prophet^{sa}.

"Prophet^{sa} of God," said 'Umar^{ra}, "I am here to become a Muslim."

Allahu Akbar, cried the Prophet^{sa}. *Allahu Akbar*, cried the Companions. The hills around Mecca echoed the cries

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News of the conversion spread like wild fire



Umar^{ra}, the much feared persecutor of Islam, himself began to be persecuted along with other Muslims



He went about Mecca, a much harassed person

