

# History of Prophet Muhammad's

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### **Publisher's Forword**

To begin and execute a research is like walking in the path of development and evolvement. When the seeds of the "questions" are planted, in the soil of the mind of the researcher, this phase initiates, and its end is culminated when the result and the outcome of knowledge and wisdom is gained.

Evidently, this end is a new chapter in itself, for growth, and announces beforehand this good news to humans. For the result of all those mental efforts will not only bring the blooming and flowering of talent and all kinds of Blessings to humans, but it also makes the mind of the researcher to ponder and shape new, more questions.

This will produce a great collection of growing plants and flowers for the seeking mind... Those "questions" are in fact, the seeds, which according to the necessities of Time and the strength of the researchers will grow and bloom by themselves. They will make Culture and Civilization to move forward.

In like manner, the increasing rate of transferring oneself from one place to another place and the decrease of the distances will make those seeds travel miles and miles, to faraway places, in order to install them inside the curious mind of other seekers. This will bring an amazing diversity and a novelty for another civilization...

It is true then, that the presence of knowledge and a good, capable management will help this project to develop itself and one has to admit indeed, that it has always played an important role...

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We dearly hope that by being attentive to all these autonomous scientific movements, and by fortifying all the existing motives, we shall be able to witness the blooming of the Religious Culture in every part of this wide world!

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## The cue

Victory of Islamic revolutionary and developing Islamic republic system promise the active role of religion in social political areas. This idea delineates the religious national identity and social political live of Iranians in nation level and internationally, explains the necessity of rebuilding Islamic civilization and takes back the identity and selfefficiency to the Moslems in current era. Delineating the necessity of rebuilding Islamic civilization and also effort to taking back the Moslem identity left new practical and knowledge base challenges and questions in front of Moslems and made the new established religious government in Iran to lies to consider these questions and challenges through Almustafa (peace upon him) and talk to Islamic revolutionary interested people closely.

Undoubtedly holding short term training periods and taking important efficient steps, Alhikmah institute is of the essential hands for Almustafa (peace upon him) in line with fulfilling this mission and kept many students under training. These trainings which were hold as classroom usually had not texts up to now, required enriching by preparing training texts in different languages that is observed as part of training responsibilities in recent years.

Clears that training texts in this institute is more different from what is usual in scientific space of seminaries or academic circles. In fact these texts must follow the training standards while should be written brief in order to cover the short time of education in this institute. Besides the contacts of this institute are of Shia, Sunni, and other divine or nondivine religions' followers and even those not follow any religion; it was necessary that the texts predominant approach be unanimous and congeniality between them and us in order to open a way towards talking and also introducing Ahlolbeit (peace upon them) trainings while fulfill our current mission to gain the exalted targets of Islamic magnificent revolutionary. But an important point should directed that the institute main goal of prepare and write the texts not only is an obligation but also is to benefit from existent texts given the students as summarization, compilation and translation.

Without a doubt performing this mission and its scientific enriching is due to professors and scientific group members worthy effort in the institute which should singly be thanked well. This institute exposes the scientific works to students and the interested in line with making alive and develop the Ahlolbeit (peace upon them) trainings. Beforehand, look forward to all professors, connoisseurs and researchers critics and suggestions. Hope these scientific educating activities cause religious culture development and growth especially exalted Ahlebeit (peace upon them) trainings all around the world.

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## Introduction

In the Quran, human society is viewed as a living organism that seeks to gain experience from the past and previous nations, and move toward perfection and maturity. History serves as remembrance of human society that must play a key role in gaining experience by societies. Reciting the stories of kings and dynasties as well as recounting and spreading them would merely help the collective memory of leaders and rulers to dominate and rule over human societies. On the contrary, reciting the stories of divine messengers and directors, and the history of different nations and tribes, and recounting and analyzing them would help the spread of religion and divine guidance, and increase the experience of nations – a view on history that is learned from Quran. Thus the mere selection of particular perspective on history - king- oriented or messenger, director and nation-oriented – on the one hand, and selection of particular events from among infinite number of historical events, on the other hand, would require different sorts of policies and analyses. Yet, it would not only reduce the burden of direct analyses but would also be more influential. Therefore, in reciting history and human remembrance, one should seek to focus on significant, influential and feasible events rather than insignificant ones that would have no use for promotion of leaders and nations. While this book tries to keep the format of books available on the history of early Islamic period, it also tries to follow the aforementioned method to make it more useful. Moreover, study of the Islamic history, particularly the early Islamic period during which the Quran was revealed and Islamic teachings were established, may directly influence the perception of various ideological, legal, moral ... teachings.

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Due to the great importance of history, and particularly the early Islamic history, this textbook has carefully adopted historical events from similar sources and textbooks and organized the materials into 12 units and texts so that they conform to the features of Al-Hikmah Institute of Intensive Courses.

In this textbook, several academic and seminary books, particularly "The history of the Prophetic mission era" by Mohamad Hossein Rajabi and "The Great Prophet's conduct" by Hujjatul Islam Dr. Moharrami were used.