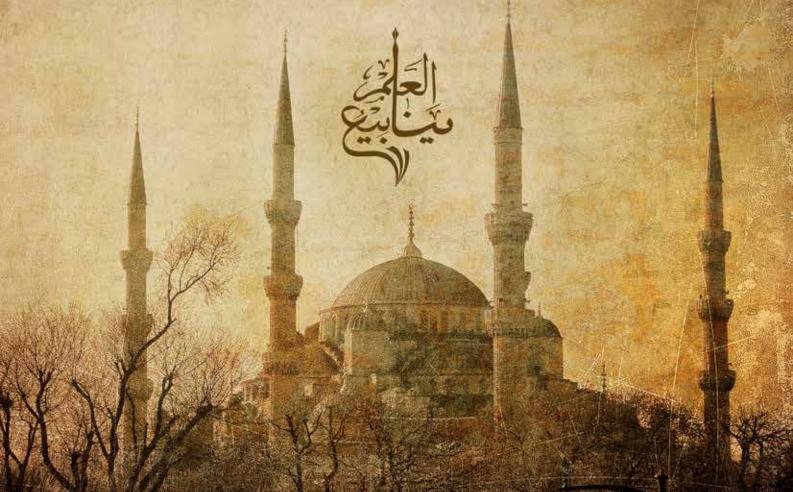


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1- The Beginning of the Prophet's Mission and his Migration

Ibn Abbas

said: "The Messenger of Allah peace be upon him started receiving the Divine Inspiration at the age of forty. Then he stayed in Makka for thirteen years, receiving the Divine Revelation.

Then he was ordered to migrate and he lived as an Emigrant for ten years, and then died at the age of sixty-three." (Agreed upon)

The Messenger of Allah peace be upon him migrated (from Makka) to Madina on Sunday forenoon, on the twelfth day of Rabi' al-Awwal in the fourteenth rear of his mission. Therein, he established the state of

Islam, launched the military expeditions and sent delegations (to invite people to Islam). His expeditions reached twenty seven, and he fought by himself in nine of them. These nine expe-

ditions were Badr, Uhud, Muraisi', the Trench, Quraizah, Khaibar, the Conquest of Makka, Honayn, and Ta'if. And he sent sixty delegations. Battles in which the Prophet was attending are called Ghazwah, and battles in which the Prophet was not attending are called Sariah.

2- The Prophetic Caliphate was Thirty Years

ABU 'Ubaidah may Allah be pleased with him reported that the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him said: "Your religion

began as Prophecy and mercy, then it will be Caliphate and mercy, and then it will be dominion and coercion." This Hadith was narrated by Al-Bazar and was graded as good by

Al-Sayoty.

The Prophet peace be upon him died on Sunday, on the twelfth day of Rabi' al-Awwal, in the eleventh year of his migration.

Safinah reported: I heard the

Messenger of Allah peace be upon him saying: "Caliphate will be thirty years, and after it dominion will prevail." This Hadith was narrated by Ahmed and authors of 'the Sunan'. And

it was graded as 'authentic' by Ibn Heban, and as 'good' by At-Tirmidhi and Ibn Hagar.

Caliphate of Abu Bakr As-Se-dik was two years and three months. Caliphate of 'Umar

was ten years and six months. Caliphate of 'Uthman was twelve years. Caliphate of Ali was four years and nine months. And, finally, Caliphate of Al-Hasan was six months.

Thus only the four Caliphates and Al-Hasan bin Ali, may Allah be pleased with all of them, ruled people during the thirty years after the death of the Prophet peace be upon him.

3- From Conquest to Apostasy

Allah the Al-Mighty said: "When comes the Help of Allah and Victory, * and you see the people enter Allah's Religion in crowds, * celebrate the praises of your Lord, and pray for His Forgiveness. Verily He is the One Who accepts the repentance and forgives."

Al-Bukhari narrated that Amr bin Salamah said: "When Makka was conquered, then every tribe rushed to embrace Islam." Ibn Ishaq said: "After the Messen-

After the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him conquered Makka; and had finished the Battle of Tabouk; and Thaqif had embraced Islam, delegations of Arab from every place came to him and entered Allah's Reli-

gion in crowds." Ibn Kathir said: "It is agreed that the victory here means the Conquest of Makka. When Allah helped his Prophet in the Conquest of Makka, people entered

Allah's Religion in crowds. Two years only passed and all tribes in the Arab Island were firmly established in Islam. And even those who did not enter Islam were pretending to be

Muslims."

After death of the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him, many Arab people apostatized from Islam.

Imam Ahmed narrated that a neighbor of Jabir

reported: Jabir bin Abdullah came to me and I told him about people's separation and about what they have invented (in religion). He began weeping and said: I heard the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him saying: "People entered in Allah's Religion in crowds, and will apostatized from it in crowds too."

4- Evidences upon Nominating As-Sedik as the Caliphate Jubair bin Mut'im reported: A lady came to Allah's Apostle and she talked to him about

something, and he gave her some order. She said: "O Allah's Apostle! What I should do if I do not find you (meaning death of the Prophet)?" He said: "If you do not find me, then go to

Abu Bakr." (Agreed upon)

Al-Shaf'i said: This Hadith is evidence upon that the Caliphate after the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him is Abu Bakr As-Sedik may Allah be

pleased with him. 'Aisha may Allah be pleased with her reported: The Messenger of Allah peace be upon him in his (last) illness asked me to call my father (Abu Bakr) and my brother, so

that he might write a document, for he feared that someone else might be desirous (of succeeding him) and that some claimant may say: "I have better claim to it," whereas Allah and the Faithful do

not substantiate the claim of anyone but that of Abu Bakr. (Agreed upon) Ibn Taimiah said: This is a clear text for taking Abu Bakr may Allah be pleased with him as the Caliphate.

'Aisha may Allah be pleased with her was asked: "To whom Allah's Messenger would have nominated as his successor if he had to nominate one at all?" She said: "Abu Bakr." It was said to her: "Then whom after Abu Bakr?" She said: "Umar." It was said to her: "Then whom after 'Umar?" She said: "Abu 'Ubaidah bin Al-Jarrah," and then she kept quiet at this. (Narrated by

Muslim)

Abu 'Ubaidah died during the Caliphate of 'Umar bin Al-Khattab may Allah be pleased with him.

If nomination of Abu Bakr as the Caliphate was not

clearly mentioned, it is indicated and implied.

5- Achievements during the Caliphate of Abu Bakr

Abu Hurai-

rah said: "By Allah Whom there is no god but He, if Abu Bakr were not to be taken as the Caliphate, Allah would not worshipped anymore." He repeated this thrice. It was said to him: "Stop

saying this, Abu Hurairah." Then he said: "The Messenger of Allah peace be upon him directed Usama bin Zaid as a leader over seven hundred men to Sham. When they reached Dhi Kha-

shab, the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him died and people around Madina apostatized from Islam. Companions of the Prophet gathered around Abu Bakr and said: "Abu Bakr,

order those people (whom Prophet sent to Sham) to return. Are you directing them to Rome while people around Madina have apostatized from Islam?!" Thereupon he said: "By Allah Whom there is no god but He, I will not ask the army that the Prophet sent to return and I will not disband the brigade that the Prophet held." Then he asked Usama to

continue his mission. Whenever Usama and his army passed by a tribe intend to apostatize from Islam, they were saying: "If Muslims did not have power, all these people would

not get out (fighting Romans). But we will wait until they fight Rome." Usama and his army fought the Romans, defeated them and returned safe. And so those people (who were intending to

leave Islam) remained on it." (Narrated by Al-Baihaqy)

Also Abu Bakr fought those who claimed prophecy and their followers; such as Al-Aswad Al-'Anasi, Tulaiha Al-Asadi, Sujah At-Tamimiah, and Musailimah the liar. He achieved victory against all of them. Then he directed armies to Iraq to fight Persians and to Sham to fight Romans. He achieved

outstanding victories, until area of the Islamic state has increased and its infrastructure has become stronger. In addition, he made it easy for Caliphates after him to cast down the Roman

and Persian Empires.

6- Death of As-Sedik and Appointing 'Umar as the Caliphate

Abdullah bin 'Umar may Allah be pleased with him reported that the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him said: "In a dream I saw myself drawing water from a well with a buck-

et. Abu Bakr came and drew a bucket or two weakly. May Allah forgive him! Then 'Umar bin Al-Khattab came and the bucket turned into a very large one in his hands. I had never

seen such a mighty person as he in doing such hard work till all the people drank to their satisfaction and watered their camels that knelt down there." (Agreed upon) This Hadith re-

fers to the Caliphate and strong will of these two men may Allah be pleased with them. Time of Caliphate of Abu Bakr was short, about two years and three months; and this is the interpre-

tation of weakness mentioned in the dream. He fought those who apostatized from Islam, killed Musailimah the liar in the Battle of Al-Yamama, united the Arab Island, and fought the two most powerful forces in many battles achieving victory against them. Among these battles were Dhat Al-Salasil against Persians and Al-Yarmuk against Romans.

After the death of Abu Bakr, the Caliphate turned to the best man in this Ummah after the Prophet and Abu Bakr. He is Al-Farouk (i.e. the one who distinguishes between right and

wrong) 'Umar bin Al-Khattab may Allah be pleased with him, the first to be called Commander of the Faithful.

As-Sedik died on Sunday, on 22 of Jumada al-Thani, in the thirteenth year of Migration, at the age of sixty three. He was buried in 'Aisha's room, with the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him. Abu Bakr was the first to believe in the Prophet, and held

a special Companionship with him till his death. And then Al-Farouk took over the Caliphate for ten years and six months. During his Caliphate, 'Umar conquest Iraq and

the Persian countries, freed Sham, Egypt and others from the Romans; and so the Islamic state has expanded. ***

7- Favors of Abu
Bakr may Allah
be pleased with

him

Ibn Masood may Allah be pleased with him reported that the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him said: "Take as examples the two after me, Abu Bakr and

'Umar." This Hadith was narrated by At-Tirmidhi and graded as authentic by Al-Hakim and others.

The two men are a good example for those after them in religion

and policy of the state. Abu Al-Hasan Al-Ash'ari said: "All those (among the Prophet's Companions) whom Allah praised agreed on leadership of Abu Bakr may Allah be pleased with him.

They named him Caliphate of the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him. They held a pledge with him, submitted to him and admitted his favor. Abu Bakr was the best in all charac-

teristics that made him deserve the leadership. Among these characteristics were having knowledge, being ascetic, having strong opinion, knowing about policy of state and

Among examples of his smartness and rightness:

_Keeping people firm when the Prophet peace be upon him died. Ibn Abbas said: By Allah, (when people knew about death

of the Prophet), they appeared as if they do not know that Allah has revealed this verse, "Muhammad is no more than a Messenger and indeed (many) Messengers have passed away

before him. If he dies or is killed, will you then turn back on your heels", until Abu Bakr recited it for them.

_Saving the army led by Usama and fighting those who abstained from giv-

ing Zakat (i.e. the dutiful alms) although many people opposed him Abu Ad-Darda' may Allah be pleased with him reported that the Prophet peace be upon him said: "Allah has sent me to you (as Messenger) and you said: 'you are a liar', but Abu Bakr said: 'he tells the truth'. He supported me with his soul and money. Can you let my companion (i.e.

without hurting him)?" (He repeated this twice) Abu Bakr was not hurt after that. (Narrated by Al-Bukhari) There are many other Hadith upon his favor.

Position of Abu Bakr

Among evidences upon high position of Abu Bakr is what Al-Farouk, in spite of his smartness, high position and favor, said to Abu Bakr:

"You are the best among us, and the most beloved to the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him." He also said: "By Allah, (deeds) of Abu Bakr in a day and night are better than these

of the family of 'Umar."

Aslam reported: I heard 'Umar bin Al-Khattab may Allah be pleased with him saying: "By Allah, I never preceded Abu Bakr in anything." (Narrated and graded as authentic by At-Tir-midhi)

'Umar also said: "By Allah, it is more beloved to me to be beheaded than ruling people including Abu Bakr."

And when Abu Bakr died, 'Umar said: "May Allah be pleased with you, Abu Bakr. You have exhausted those who will (held Caliphate) after you (i.e. as none can perform your

deeds)."

8- Favors of Al-Farouk 'Umar may Allah be pleased with him Abu Hurai-

rah may Allah be pleased with him reported that the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him said: "There were Muhaddithun (the recipients of Divine Inspiration) among the nations before

you. If there is any of such Muhaddith among my followers, he must be 'Umar." (Narrated by Al-Bukhari) 'Uqbah bin 'Amer may Allah be pleased with him reported: I

heard the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him saying: "If there were a Prophet after me, he would be 'Umar." This Hadith was narrated by At-Tirmidhi who graded it as good.

And it was graded as authentic by Al-Hakem and Al-Dhahabi. And Imam Ahmed denied it.

Ibn 'Umar may Allah be pleased with them reported that the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him said: "Indeed Allah has put the truth upon the tongue and in the heart of 'Umar." This Hadith was narrated by At-Tirmidhi who graded it as good. And it

was graded as authentic by Ibn Heban and others. There are many Hadith upon favor of Al-Farouk 'Umar bin Al-Khattab may Allah be pleased with him Abdullah bin

Masood may Allah be pleased with him said: "We are still honorable since 'Umar has entered Islam." (Narrated by Al-Bukhari) He also said: "We did not worship Allah in public

until 'Umar entered Islam."

Ibn Abbas said:
"The first one who
declared his Islam
in public was 'Umar
bin Al-Khattab."

Ibn 'Umar may Allah be pleased with them report-

ed that the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him said: "O Allah! Honor Islam through the most dear of these two men to You: Abu Jahl or 'Umar bin Al-Khattab." He said: "And the most

dear of them to Him was 'Umar." Ibn Abd El-Bar said: Islam of 'Umar was an honor, through which Islam has spread in public, because of the Prophet's supplication for him.

Accordingly, Followers of the Sunnah agreed that Abu Bakr As-Sedik was better than 'Umar.

Ibn Taimiah said: As-Sedik was receiving knowl-edge from the Mes-

senger of Allah peace be upon him, not by his heart. Thus he is more perfect than the Muhaddith (the inspired). There is no Sedik better than Abu Bakr and no inspired better than

'Umar.

9- Caliphate of Abu Bakr and 'Umar is Fact in Allah's Book

Allah the Al-Mighty said: "Allah has promised those among you who believe and do righteous deeds, that He will certainly grant them succession to (the present rulers) in the earth,

as He granted it to those before them, and that He will grant them the authority to practice their religion, that which he has chosen for them (i.e. Islam). And He will surely give them in

exchange security after their fear (provided) they (the believers) worship Me and do not associate anything (in worship) with Me. But whoever disbelieved after this, they are rebellious

and wicked."

Some antecedents said: Caliphate of Abu Bakr and 'Umar may Allah be pleased with them is fact in Allah's Book. Then he recited this verse. Ibn Kathir

said: "Allah the Al-Mighty - praise and grace be to him has fated that. Before death of the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him, Allah the Al-Mighty had given him a manifest

Victory; He helped him to conquest Makkah, Khaibar, Bahrain, all the Arab island and Yemen. The Prophet was also taking Jizyah (i.e. a tax taken from non Muslims living in

a Muslim state to protect them) from the Persians of Hajar and from some countries in Sham. Moreover, the king of Rome Hercules, the king of Egypt and Alexandria Al-Moqawqes,

kings of Oman and king of Abyssin-ia Al-Nagashi gave him presents.

And when the Messenger of Allah died, Abu Bakr became his Caliphate. He reunited people who have divid-

ed after death of the Prophet peace be upon him. He stabilized and settled the Arab island. Moreover, he sent the Islamic armies to the Persian countries led by Khaled bin Al-Waleed may

Allah be pleased with him, and they conquest part of them and killed some of their people. He sent another army, led by Abu 'Ubaidah may Allah be pleased with him and some princes to

Sham. A third army was sent to Egypt, led by Amr bin Al-'As may Allah be pleased with him. During the life of Abu Bakr, the army sent to Sham conquest Busra, Damascus and Haw-

ran. Then Abu Bakr died, but before his death, he appointed Al-Farouk 'Umar as his successor. 'Umar perfectly held the Caliphate after Abu Bakr. He represented a good example of complete strength and perfect justice in a way that the world did not witness except from Prophets. During his Caliphate, all other countries of Sham, all countries of Egypt and most

regions of the Persian countries were conquest. He defeated and humiliated Kisra, until he escaped away from him. He also defeated Caesar and took over his country 'Sham', until he es-

caped to Constantinople. And he spent their money in the sake of Allah; as the Prophet peace be upon him had told before.

Then, during the time of the Ottoman Empire,

the Islamic state reached the farthest points from the east and west: Countries of the west were conquest including Andalusia, Cyprus, Kairouan and Ceuta. Also countries of the east, until reaching China, were conquest. In addition, Caesar was killed and all of his possession was destroyed.

Moreover, countries of Iraq, Khurasan and Ahwaz were conquest.

And Muslims killed a great number of Turkish people and their great king Khqan was defeated. Kharaj (tax tribute) was collected from the east and west and was brought to Commander of the

Faithful 'Uthman bin Affan may Allah be pleased with him because of the grace of his deed; he was reciting and studying the Holy Qur'an and gathered the 'Ummah upon studying it.

It was reported that the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him said: "Allah the Al-Mighty folded for me the earth. And I have seen its eastern and western ends. And the dominion of

my Ummah would reach those ends which have been folded for me." And now we see (fulfillment) of the Promise of Allah and His Messenger. Always Allah and His Messenger speak the

truth."

10-Evidences from the Qur'an

upon Authentication

of Appointing the Four Caliphs Allah the Al-Mighty said: "Say (O Muhammad) to the Bedouins who lagged behind: "You shall be called to

fight against a people given to great warfare, then you shall fight them, or they shall surrender." This verse means: Say, O Muhammad, to those who lagged behind and did not attend

Hudaibiya Treaty that they will be called to fight against people having great strength and support in wars.

Abdelrahman bin Abu Laila, Al-Hasan and Ibn Zaid

said: These strong people are the Persians and Romans. Al-Zuhari, Saeed bin Jubair and 'Ikrema said: These strong people are Banu Hanifah and Musailimah the liar

Al-Qurtoby said: This verse is evidence upon the authentication of appointing Abu Bakr and 'Umar may Allah be pleased with them as Caliphs, for Abu Bakr called them to

fight Banu Hanifah and 'Umar called them to fight the Persians and Romans.

As the verse proved the Caliphate of Abu Bakr and 'Umar and showed that Allah was

pleased with it, also Allah's saying: "Allah has promised those among you who believe and do righteous deeds, that He will certainly grant them succession to (the present rulers) in the

earth, as He granted it to those before them, and that He will grant them authority to practice their religion that which he has chosen for them (i.e. Islam). And He will surely give

them in exchange security after their fear" proves the Caliphate of the four Rightly-Guided Caliphs: Abu Bakr, 'Umar, 'Uthman bin Affan and Ali bin Abi Taleb may Allah be pleased with

them.

Al-Qurtoby said: "This verse proves the Caliphate of Abu Bakr, 'Umar, 'Uthman and Ali; they were believers and did righteous deeds. The Messenger

of Allah peace be upon him said: "The Caliphate after my death will be for thirty years." Ibn Al-Araby agreed with this saying and said: Our scholars said: "This verse is evidence upon the

Caliphate of the four Caliphs may Allah be pleased with them, and that Allah appointed them (as Caliphs) and was pleased with them, and that they were practicing religion that Allah has chosen for them; for none until our time preceded them in favor. Thus it was settled for them and they held affairs of Muslims and defended upon religion. And accordingly Allah's Promise has been fulfilled through them. And if the promise was not fulfilled for them, then for whom it would be fulfilled and none like them will come after them, may Allah be pleased with them!" Al-Qushairy reported this saying from Ibn Abbas.

11- Some Achievements of Al-Farouk may Allah be pleased with him

Anas bin Malik may Allah be pleased with him reported that the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him said: "The most merciful of my Ummah to my Ummah is Abu Bakr, and

the most severe of them concerning the Order of Allah is 'Umar.' This Hadith was narrated by At-Tirmidhi who graded it as eccentric. Also Ahmed and Ibn Majah narrated it, and Ibn

Heban graded it as authentic. And Ibn Hagar said that its narrators are trustworthy.

Mu'awyah bin Abi Sufyan may Allah be pleased with him said: "Abu Bakr did not seek the

world and it did not seek him. And regarding 'Umar; the world sought him, but he did not seek it. But we indulged completely in it." Ihn Kathir said within reporting biography of

'Umar bin Al-Khattab may Allah be pleased with him: "He conquest many countries, set many capitals and established a great army. Among countries he conquest: Sham, the Island, Al-Mo-

sul, Mayafariqeen, Amid, Armenia, Egypt and Alexandria. And he died while his soldiers were about to conquest countries of irrigation.

Countries in Sham that 'Umar

conquest were Yarmuk, Busra, Damascus, Ramlah, 'Asqalan, Gaza, Sawahil, Jerusalem, Baalbek, Homos, Qinsrin, Aleppo, and Antakya. He also conquest Egypt, Al-

exandria, Tripoli, Barqah, the Island, Haran, Roha, Al-Raqa, Nasibin, Ras 'Ain, Shemshat, 'Ain Warda, Dyar Bakr, and Dyar Rabi'ah, countries of Mosul and all of Armenia. And in Iraq, he

conquest Qadisiya, Hirah, Sair River, Sabat, Kisra cities, Tigris and Euphrates, Apolah, Basra, Ahwaz, Faris, Nahawand, Hamadhan, Al-Rai, Qumes, Khurasan, Istakhr, Asbahan, Al-Sos,

Maro, Neishapur, Jurjan, Azerbaijan, and so on. And his armies passed the river several times." ***

12- Examples of Asceticism, Modesty and Piety of Al-Farouk Anas may Allah be pleased with him reported: I was accompanying 'Umar bin Al-Khat-

tab and he entered a close place to answer the call of nature. Therein I heard him saying: "Umar bin Al-Khattab, the Commander of the Faithful! By Allah, if you do not

fear Allah, O Ibn Al-Khattab, he will indeed torture you." Ibn Kathir wrote: It was engraved in 'Umar's ring: "Enough is death as an admonisher, 'Umar.' He used to lead people in the Evening prayer and then return home and keep praying until the dawn. He was observing fasting a lot. And there were two black lines on his face because of weeping. He faint-

ed when hearing some verses of the Qur'an, and people took him to his house and were visiting him. And this was happening for him, not because of illness, but fear. 'Umar said:

"It is not permissible for me to take from Allah's possessions (which are for all Muslims) except two garments; one in the winter and one in the summer, and foodstuff for my family." And

he said to his son: "O Abdullah! By Allah, I do not give you except what Allah has allocated for you. Do you want me to give you what do not belong to me? Then I would be a loser."

Anas said:

"Umar delivered a speech on the pulpit, wearing a garment that contains twelve patches."

'Umar spent during his Hajj six-teen Dinars, and then said to his son:

"We have wasted."
He was casting his garment over a tree, seeking shade below it.

And when he went to Sham, he was riding a camel and his head was below the sun (di-

rectly).

During the Year of Ash, he was only eating bread and oil, until his skin became black. He was saying: "Miserable is me if I am full while people are hungry."

Talha bin Abdullah said: 'Umar got out one night and entered a house. When we became morning, I went to this house. Therein I found a disabled, blind old woman. I asked

her why this man ('Umar) came to her. She said: "He fulfils my affairs and gets rid of my wastes." Thereupon I said to myself: "May your mother did not beget you. Are you following

up 'Umar's mistakes?"

Aslam said: I got out with 'Umar one night to a house wherein he found a woman who was about to give birth to a child. The wom-

an was crying, and when seeing her in this state, 'Umar wept too. Then he returned fast to his house and said to his wife Um Kalthum: "Do you want a reward that Allah has sent for

you?" Then he told her about the woman. She said: "Yes." He held on his back flour and oil, and Um Kalthum held what help in giving birth. Um Kalthum entered to the woman, and 'Umar

sat with her husband whom he did not know.

Aslam also said: I got out with 'Umar one night and we found a woman and her child crying out of hunger. 'Umar wept

and returned fast to the house of flour and took flour and oil, and said: "O Aslam put them on my back." I said: "I will bear it instead of you." Thereupon he said: "Will you bear my sin on the

Day of Judgment?" He carried them on his back, and we went quickly to the woman. He put the flour in a pot, and then put oil on it, and smoke was permeating through his beard. Then

he closed fire, and asked them to eat. They ate until they became full, and the woman was supplicating for him and she did not know him

It was reported that Ali said: "You

have exhausted Caliphs after you, O'Umar."

13- Betrayal of

the Magician and Martyrdom of 'Umar

'Umar bin Al-Khattab may Allah be pleased with him said: "O Allah! Grant me martyrdom in Your Sake, and make my death

be in the country of Your Messenger peace be upon him." (Narrated by Al-Bukhari) Saeed bin Al-Mosayeb reported: When 'Umar left Mina, he stopped at Al-

Abtah. Then he casted his garment over a level land and lied down on it. Then he raised his hands towards the sky and said: "O Allah! I have grown old, and I have become weak, and

my subjects have spread, so let me return to you (after death) without wasting or negligence." Saeed added: "(The month of) Dhul-Hijjah did not pass until 'Umar was stabbed."

Allah has answered this supplication of 'Umar. Abu Lo'lo'ah Fayroz, who was a Persian but living in Rome, stabbed him with a dragger of two blades, while 'Umar was observing the

Dawn prayer on Wednesday, on the twentieth sixth day of Dhul-Hijjah, in the twentieth third year of Migration. Then Abdullah bin 'Aouf caught Abu Lo'lo'ah, and so he committed sui-

cide. 'Umar recommended six persons among whom one would be chosen as his successor, and whom the Prophet died while being pleased with them. They were: 'Uthman, Ali, Talha, Az-

Zubair, Abdelrahman bin Aouf, and Sa'd bin Abi Waqas. 'Umar did not recommend Saeed bin Zaid because he was from his tribe; he feared that he would be selected for that. He did not

also recommend his son Abdullah however he deserved to be Caliph. Then 'Umar died after three days since being stabbed. Amr Al-Sha'bi narrated that 'Umar died at the age of sixty three. And he was buried on Sunday, on the first day of Muharram, in the twentieth fourth year of Migration, in the Prophetic room after asking permission of Mother of the

Faithful 'Aisha may Allah be pleased with her.

Ibn Abbas may Allah be pleased with them said: Ali bin Abi Taleb invoked Allah's Mercy for 'Umar and then said: "O 'Umar, you

have not left behind you a person whose deeds I like to imitate and meet Allah with more than I like your deeds. By Allah! I always thought that Allah would keep you with your two companions, for very often I used to hear the Prophet saying: "I, Abu Bakr and 'Umar went (somewhere); I, Abu Bakr and 'Umar entered (somewhere); and I, Abu Bakr and 'Umar went out."

(Agreed upon) And on the day of his death, 'Uthman bin Affan may Allah be pleased with him was appointed as the Caliph. ***

14-Appointing Dhu-al-Noorayn

'Uthman as the Caliph

Abu Bakra may Allah be pleased with him reported that the Prophet peace be upon him said one day: "Who among you had a dream?" A

man said: "I did. I saw as if a scale had descended from the Heavens in which you and Abu Bakr were weighed so you outweighed Abu Bakr. Abu Bakr and 'Umar were weighed, and

Abu Bakar outweighed ('Umar). 'Umar and 'Uthman were weighed, and 'Umar outweighed ('Uthman). Then the scale was raised up." Then I saw dislike in the face of the Messenger

of Allah peace be upon him. (Narrated by Ahmed, Abu Dawood, At-Tirmidhi and Al-Nesai)

This Hadith shows the favor of the three Imams and their arrange-

ment in favor and Caliphate.

Al-Bukhari and Muslim narrated that Ibn 'Umar reported: When the Messenger of Allah was alive, we used to say: "The most excellent member

of the community of the Prophet after himself is Abu Bakr, then 'Umar, and then 'Uthman."

On the first day of the twentieth fourth year of Migration, 'Umar bin Al-Khattab may Allah be pleased with him was buried. And after three days, 'Uthman bin Affan may Allah be pleased with him was appointed as the Caliph. 'Umar nominated six persons to select

from them; 'Uthman bin Affan, Ali bin Abi Taleb, Talha bin 'Ubaidellah, Az-Zubair bin Al-'Awam, Sa'd bin Abi Waqas and Abdelrahman bin Aouf may Allah be pleased with them. He also recommended that Abdullah (his son) would attend the nomination, but he would not hold any position.

'Umar bin Al-Khattab said: I do not think that people would appoint anyone before 'Uthman and Ali.

It was reported that people asked Abdelrahman bin Aouf to choose the best from among them (the six persons that 'Umar

nominated). Abdelrahman asked about whom people could ask, and it was pointed at 'Uthman.

Abdelrahman also asked Ali about whom he would choose if he

does choose him. Thereupon Ali said: "Uthman." He also asked 'Uthman about whom he would choose if he does choose him. Thereupon 'Uthman said: "Ali bin Abi Taleb." And he

went to 'Uthman and Ali and said: "I asked people about you, and I found none better than you." And he said to Ali: "I searched among people and I found none better than 'Uthman,

so give a pledge of allegiance to him." Ali gave 'Uthman the pledge and then people did the same.

Ayoub
Al-Sekhtiany said:
He who does not
give precedence to

'Uthman over Ali degrades the Mi-grants and the Ansar.

15- Conquests during the Caliphate of 'Uth-man

Anas bin Malik may Allah be pleased with him reported: Allah's Apostle went to the daughter of Milhan and reclined there (and slept), and then (woke up) smiling. She asked:

"O Allah's Apostle! What makes you smile?" He replied: "(I dreamt that) some people amongst my followers were sailing on the green sea in Allah's Cause, resembling kings on

thrones." She said: "O Allah's Apostle! Invoke Allah to make me one of them." He said: "O Allah! Let her be one of them." (Agreed upon) The Islamic State has expand-

ed since the time of the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him, through sending Ghazwah and Sariah (Religious Battles). Then Abu Bakr As-Sedik was appointed as the Caliph of

the Prophet peace be upon him. He united the Arab Island, and restored the Arab countries that Romans and Persians were taking over. And after that 'Umar bin Al-Khattab was appointed as the successor of the Caliph of the Prophet peace be upon him. He completed the Islamic conquests in the Sassanid and Byzantine lands, Egypt and part of the north of Africa.

And when Dhu-al-Noorayn 'Uthman was appointed as the Caliph, he wrote to his workers to establish the Religion of Allah and the Sunnah of His Messenger, and to enjoin to what is good

and prohibit what is evil. He also restored some countries of the Roman and Persian empires. In addition, he conquest countries of those who broke the pledge they held with

'Umar bin Al-Khattab may Allah be pleased with him; such as Azerbaijan, Armenia, the Irrigation countries, and Alexandria. He increased the Islamic conquests; he sent armies through land and sea to restore what Caliph 'Umar conquest of the Forat Island, and to reach Armenia and conquest it by force or peace, and to conquest Maghreb, Africa and others.

They conquest Africa; and Abdullah bin Al-Zubair killed Jurjir the king of Barbar; and Andalusia, Syria, Tabarestan and other countries were conquest.

Mu'awyah bin

Abi Sufyan, leading a Muslim army, sailed through the sea; they are people meant in the Hadith: "Some people amongst my followers were sailing on the green sea in Allah's Cause."

Mu'awyah may Allah be pleased with him conquest Cyprus. Among those who conquest it were 'Ubada bin As-Samit and his wife Um Haram bint Milhan who reported the above-

mentioned Hadith. She fell down from above her camel and died. And when the army returned with captives, Abu Ad-Darda' wept. Jubair bin Nufair said to him: "Are you weeping on this day on which Allah has raised the value of Islam and its people?" Thereupon Abu Ad-Darda' said: "This Ummah was very strong, and when they wasted the Com-

mand of Allah, Allah has lowered them down." Then he added: "What weak slaves before Allah if they waste His Command!"

16-Achievements of Caliph 'Uthman

Abu Hurairah may Allah be pleased with him reported that the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him said: "If Caesar is ruined, there will be no Caesar after him; and if Khosrau is ruined, there will be no Khosrau after

him; and, by Him in Whose Hand my soul is, surely you will spend their treasures in Allah's Cause." (Agreed upon)

What the Truthful Prophet has told has

achieved.

Caesar was the surname for everyone took over the Persian Empire, and Khosrau was the surname for everyone took over the Roman Empire. It was reported that Al-Shaf'i said: This Hadith means that there would be no Caesar in Iraq and no Khosrau in Sham.

Yazdgrad, the last king of the Persian Empire, was killed during the

Caliphate of 'Uthman may Allah be pleased with him. And Sham was conquest during the Caliphate of 'Umar bin Al-Khattab, and 'Uthman completed its conquest, may Allah be pleased

with both of them. And the reason why the possession of Khosrau remained, except what was in Sham, and the possession of Caesar was ruined is that when the book of Allah's

Messenger reached Khosrau, he kissed it and was about to embrace Islam. But when the book of Allah's Messenger reached Caesar, he cut it, and so the Prophet made a supplication to Allah to cut Caesar's possession. And this was achieved. Know that the period of the Caliphate of 'Uthman was twelve years, and this was the largest period of the Caliphs. During his Caliphate, many great achievements occurred; such as great Islamic conquests. And seceding against him and the trial of his murder do not deny legislation of his Caliphate or efficiency

of his policy. Many Hadith refer to the legislation of the three Caliphs may Allah be pleased with them: Jabir bin Abdullah reported that the Messenger of Allah peace

be upon him said: "Last night a good man had a vision in which Abu Bakr seemed to be joined to the Messenger of Allah, 'Umar to Abu Bakr, and 'Uthman to 'Umar." Jabir said: When we

got up and left the Messenger of Allah, we said: "The good man is the Messenger of Allah, and that their being joined together means that they are the rulers over this matter with which

Allah has sent His Prophet." (Narrated by Ahmed and Abu Dawood, graded as sound by Ibn Heban)

Anas may Allah be pleased with him reported: The Prophet peace be

upon him ascended the mountain of Uhud and Abu Bakr, 'Umar and 'Uthman were accompanying him. The mountain gave a shake (i.e. trembled underneath them). The Prophet

said: "O Uhud! Be calm, for upon you there are a Prophet, a Sedik and two martyrs." (Narrated by Al-Bukhari) Ibn 'Umar may Allah be pleased with them reported: "During

the lifetime of the Prophet, we considered Abu Bakr as peerless and then 'Umar and then 'Uthman (coming next to him in superiority), and then we used not to differentiate between

the companions of the Prophet."
(Narrated by Al-Bukhari)

Ibn Taimiah said: It was reported that these sayings reached the Prophet peace be upon him and he did not deny

them, and so this superiority is fixed.

17- Favors of 'Uthman may Al-lah be pleased with him

Abu Musa may Allah be pleased with him reported: The Prophet peace be upon him entered a garden and ordered me to guard its gate. A man came and asked permission to

enter. The Prophet said: "Admit him and give him the glad tidings of entering Paradise." Behold it was Abu Bakr. Another man came and asked the permission to enter. The Prophet said:

"Admit him and give him the glad tidings of entering Paradise." Behold it was 'Umar. Then another man came, asking permission to enter. The Prophet kept silent for a short while and

then said: "Admit him and give him the glad tidings of entering Paradise with a calamity which will befall him." Behold it was 'Uthman bin Affan. (Agreed upon) This Hadith

is a sign upon the Prophecy. The three men had become Caliphs as the same arrangement mentioned in the Hadith, and there are other Hadith that refer to legislation of this arrangement. And the calamity occurred at the last days of the Caliphate of 'Uthman may Allah be pleased with him. Wrong and unfair misconceptions were excited about him, and Sheikh of Islam Ibn Taimiah replied upon them in his book 'Approach of the Sunnah'.

There are many favors and great virtues of the husband of the Prophet's two daughters 'Uthman bin Affan may Al-

lah be pleased with him. Enough to you is the saying of the companion Abdelrahman bin Samurah may Allah be pleased with him: "Uthman went to the Prophet with one thousand Dinar in his garment when the Army of Distress was being prepared. So he poured them into his lap." Abdelrahman said: I saw the Prophet turning them over in his lap, saying: "What-

ever 'Uthman does after today will not harm him," two times. (Narrated by At-Tirmidhi who graded it as good) Al-Bukhari reported in the chapter of 'Virtues of 'Uthman bin Af-

fan': Abu Amr Al-Qurahi may Allah be pleased with him reported that the Prophet peace be upon him said: "Whoever (buys and) digs the well of Ruma will be granted Par-

adise," and 'Uthman (bought and) dug it. Then the Prophet said: "Whoever equips the Army of 'Usra (Distress) will be granted Paradise," and 'Uthman equipped it.

Al-Bukhari

and Muslim narrated that 'Aisha may Allah be pleased with her reported: The Prophet was lying down in my room with his thigh uncovered. 'Uthman asked for permission to enter

and the Prophet sat up and arranged his garment, and then said: "Should I not be modest before a man before whom the angles are modest?"

18-'Uthman who was wrongfully killed

Abu Hurairah may Allah be pleased with him reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him saying: "There will be tribulation and dissension." We said: "O Messenger of Allah, with what you

command us (to do during that time)?" He said: "Resort to the truthful and his companions," and he indicated to 'Uthman. (Narrated by Al-Hakim) Some people showed hostile

against 'Uthman and aroused wrong misconceptions about him, and he was killed because of these misconceptions. He was martyred may Allah be pleased with him. The Prophet's companions were replying on these misconceptions and directing rebellions to return to the right guidance. Al-Bukhari narrated that 'Uthman (the son of Muhib) report-

ed: An Egyptian who came and performed the Hajj to the Ka'ba saw some people sitting. He enquired: "Who are these people?" Somebody said: "They are the tribe of Quraish."

He said: "Who is the old man sitting amongst them?" The people replied: "He is 'Abdullah bin 'Umar." He said: "O Ibn 'Umar! I want to ask you about something; please tell me

about it. Do you know that 'Uthman fled away on the day (of the battle) of Uhud?" Ibn 'Umar said: "Yes." The (Egyptian) man said: "Do you know that 'Uthman was absent on the day

(of the battle) of Badr and did not join it?" Ibn 'Umar said: "Yes." The man said, "Do you know that he failed to attend the Ar-Ridwan pledge and did not witness it (i.e. Hudaibiya pledge of

allegiance)?" Ibn 'Umar said: "Yes." The man said" "Allah-u-Akbar (Allah is the Greatest)!" Ibn 'Umar said: "Let me explain to you (all these three things). As for his flight on the day of

Uhud, I testify that Allah has excused him and forgiven him; and as for his absence from the battle of Badr, it was due to the fact that the daughter of Allah's Messenger was his wife and she

was sick then. Allah's Messenger said to him, "you will receive the same reward and share (of the booty) as anyone of those who participated in the battle of Badr (if you stay with her).

As for his absence from the Ar-Ridwan pledge of allegiance, if there had been any person in Mecca more respectable than 'Uthman (to be sent as a representative), Allah's Mes-

senger would have sent him instead of him. No doubt, Allah's Messenger had sent him, and the incident of the Ar-Ridwan pledge of Allegiance happened after 'Uthman had gone to

Mecca. Allah's Messenger held out his right hand saying: 'This is 'Uthman's hand.' He stroked his (other) hand with it saying, 'This (pledge of allegiance) is on the behalf of 'Uthman". Then Ibn `Umar said to the man: "Bear (these) excuses in mind with you."

Ka'b bin Murrah Al-Bahzi may Allah be pleased with him reported: While we were

with the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him, 'Uthman bin Affan passed, and he was walking. Then the Messenger of Allah said: "There will be a trial under the feet (of this man) one day,

and whoever follows him is following guidance." (Narrated by Ahmed who graded it as authentic)

Ibn 'Umar may Allah be pleased with them reported: The Messenger of Allah peace be upon him was talking about a trial (that will occur). Then a man passed, and the Prophet said: "During this trial, this man will be wrongfully killed." Ibn 'Umar

added: I looked at this man and I found him 'Uthman bin Affan. (Narrated by Ahmed, graded as good)

19-Replying on Misconceptions about 'Uthman Abu Abdelrahman Al-Sulami reported: When 'Uthman was besieged, he looked out over them from atop his

house and said: "I remind you by Allah. Do you know that when (mount) Hira' shook, the Messenger of Allah said: 'Be firm O Hira', for there is none upon you except a Prophet, a

Sedik, and a martyr'?" They said: "Yes." He said: "I remind you by Allah! Do you know that the Messenger of Allah said about the army of distress (Al-'Usra): 'who will spend something which shall be accepted (by Allah), and the people were struggling during difficult times, so I prepared that army?" They said: "Yes." Then he said: "I remind you by Allah. Do

you know that no one drank from the well of Ruma but have to pay for it, and then I bought it and made it for the rich, the poor, and the wayfarer?" They said: "O Allah! Yes!" And he listed other

things. (Narrated by At-Tirmidhi who graded it as good, sound and strange) When rebellions besieged the house of 'Uthman bin Affan may Allah be pleased with him, he talked to

them, replying upon misconceptions aroused about him and showing them his position in Islam and for the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him. He abstained himself from fighting

them. And when the Prophet's companions came to defend upon him, he said: "I ask those who obey me to keep their hands and weapons." 'Aisha may Allah be pleased

with her reported that the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him said: "Call one of my companions for me, (or I hope that one of my companions be with me)." I said: "Shall I call Abu

Bakr?" He said: "No." Then I said: "'Umar?" He said: "No." And then I said: "'Uthman?" He said: "Yes." 'Uthman came and the Prophet asked me to leave them (alone). The Proph-

et kept talking to 'Uthman, and the color of 'Uthman's face was changing. When 'Uthman was besieged in his house, we asked him to fight, but he said: "No. The Prophet peace be upon him took a promise from me about some matter, and I keep myself patient at it." (Narrated by Ahmed, Ibn Majah and At-Tirmidhi) 'Aisha may Allah be pleased with her reported that the Prophet peace be upon him said: "O 'Uthman! Indeed Allah may give you a shirt, and if they wish that you take it off, do not take it off for them." (Narrat-

ed by At-Tirmidhi) This Hadith called 'Uthman not to answer their demand by leaving the Caliphate; for he is on right and guidance and they are on wrong and straying. Ibn Sa'd,

Ahmed and Ibn Abi Shaibah narrated that Abdullah bin 'Umar reported: 'Uthman said to me while he was besieged in his house: "What is your opinion about what Al-Mughirah

bin Al-Akhnas suggested upon me?" I said: "What did he suggest upon you?" He said: "These people (who are besieging me) want me leave the Caliphate. If I left it, they would leave

me; and if I do not leave it, they will kill me." I said: "Do you see that if you left the Caliphate, you would be alive forever?" He said: "No." I said: "Do they possess Paradise and Fire?" He

said: "No." I said: "If you do not leave the Caliphate, will they do anything more than killing you?" He said: "No." Then I said: "I see that you should not invent this Sunnah in Islam; when-

ever some people are displeased with their prince, they oust him. Do not take off the shirt with which Allah dressed you."

20- Martyrdom

of 'Uthman may Allah be pleased with him

It was reported in the book 'Favors of the Prophet's Companions' for Imam Ahmed bin Hanbal that Abdullah bin Ahmed

bin Hanbal reported that 'Amrah bint Artah Al-'Adawya said: I went with 'Aisha to Makkah in the year when 'Uthman was killed. On our way, we passed by Madina and we saw the

copy of the Qur'an that was with 'Uthman when he was killed. The first drop of his blood was on this verse: "Allah will suffice you against them. He is the All-Hearer, the All-Knower." 'Amrah said: "None of those (who killed 'Uthman) died on a good state."

A group of sons of the Prophet's companions were living in Egypt. They were calling people to

fight against 'Uthman may Allah be pleased with him, and to deny him. They were opposing some of his deeds.

Ibn Kathir said: Ali bin Abi Taleb may Allah be pleased with him

debated with them about 'Uthman, and the reason why they oppose him. They mentioned that they oppose 'Uthman because he secured the pasture; he burnt Copies of the Holy Qur'an;

he completely observed prayer in Makkah (i.e. he did not shorten it for travel); he appointed young people as governors, leaving old companions; and he gave Banu Umayah more than

other people. Ali replied upon them that: "'Uthman secured the pasture for the camels of charity to become fat. He did not secure it for his camels or sheep. And 'Umar did the same before that. And regarding burning copies of the Qur'an, he burnt copies about which there were disagreement, and left copies they agreed about them. And as for completing

prayer in Makkah, that was because he intended to stay in Makkah. And regarding appointing young people, he only appointed a good, fair young man. And the Messenger of Allah

peace be upon him appointed Asid bin Usaid as a governor in Makkah when he was at the age of twenty, and appointed Usama bin Zaid bin Haritha but people rejected that, whereup-

on, the Prophet said that Usama is worthy of this position. And regarding preferring Banu Umayah, the Prophet peace be upon him used to give preference to Quraish over other people."

They also blamed 'Uthman for giving a shelter to Al-Hakam bin Al-'As while the Messenger of Allah had exiled him to Ta'if. He replied that Allah's Messenger exiled Al-Hakam to

Ta'if, then allowed him to return back, and then exiled him again. It was reported that 'Uthman delivered a speech to people and told them about all these matters, taking the Prophet's companions as witnesses.
Then he excused
for them and wept,
and so all Muslims
wept.

And when the Kharijites besieged 'Uthman in his house, 'Uthman said to those

who were at his house of the Migrants, the Ansar, great companions and their sons, he said to them: "I swear upon you not to fight them and to return to your houses." And he

said to his slaves that any one of them abstained from fighting the Kharijites is free. And so the Kharijites entered upon him and killed him through aggression and injustice. And

he was martyred. Ibn Taimiah said: Ibn Al-Zubair said: May killers of 'Uthman be cursed. They got out like thieves to kill him. And then they escaped. Most Muslims were absent,

and the present did not know that they want to kill him. And all those who shared in his murder are wrong and aggressive.

21- Death of the Three Caliphs in Madina

Ibn 'Umar may Allah be pleased with him reported that the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him said: "Whoever among you can die in Madina, let him do so, for I will bear witness in favor of those who die there." (Narrated by At-Tirmidhi) Abu Bakr

As-Sedik may Allah be pleased with him died in Madina. He was the reason behind Islam of many great companions, including 'Uthman may Allah be pleased with him. And 'Umar bin