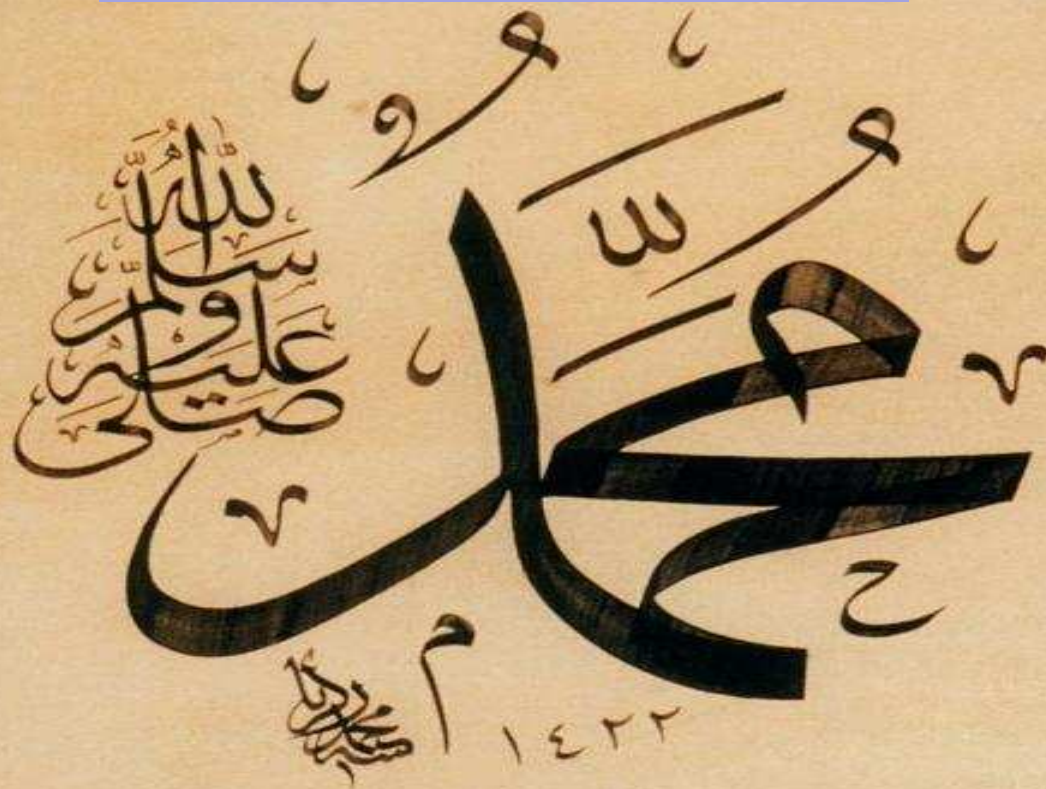


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Hadrat Umar enters Islam

- As Islam was spreading, Makkans were becoming more uncomfortable.
- Hadrat Umar was a young and a brave person.
- He had very strong pagan beliefs.
- He was also finding it difficult to understand why people were forsaking the religion of their forefathers and adopting a new religion.
- He also could not understand why new Muslims were not leaving Islam even after receiving severe punishments from the Makkans.

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- He thought Islam was causing a division amongst the Makkans.
- He thought that the only way to stop this problem was to eliminate the Holy Prophet.
- But who would carry out such an act?
- Such an act required a brave person from a strong tribe.
- Murdering Holy Prophet would mean igniting a war against his tribe (Banu Hashim) and no one would be willing to do that.
- Hadrat Umar decided that if such an act was to take place then he would have to do it himself.
- Before Islam, Hadrat Umar was a strong idol-worshiper and he was willing to commit any crime for the sake of the idols.

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- Hadrat Umar went to the house of al-Arqam where Holy Prophet spent much time with his companions.
- On the way, he met another new Muslim, Naeem.
- Naeem asked him where he was heading?
- Umar openly declared that he was going to kill Holy Prophet because he had stirred problems in Makkah.
- Naeem said: 'Don't worry about others. Your own sister and her husband have become Muslims.'
- This news shocked Hadrat Umar.
- He could not believe one of his own family members had forsaken the religion of their forefathers.

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- Instead of going to the Holy Prophet, he hurried to his sister's house.
- When he reached there, he could hear someone reciting something inside the house.
- At that time his sister was reciting Holy Quran in the house.
- Hadrat Umar knocked on the door. His sister wrapped up the Quranic pages and put them away. Then she opened the door.
- Naeem had already told Umar that his sister had become a Muslim and Umar had also heard the Holy Quran from outside.
- Therefore, He rushed inside the house and started beating his sister and her husband.

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- Umar's sister was a brave woman.
- She said: 'O Umar, you can beat us as much as you like, but we are not going to abandon Islam.'
- Umar was surprised to hear her answer.
- Before Islam, she could not dare speak louder to him. But now Islam had given her the courage to defend herself.
- Hadrat Umar became more curious to know what they were reciting.
- He asked them to show them what they were reciting.

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- At first, his sister was reluctant to show him the papers, fearing that he might tear them.
- She sought assurance from Umar that he would not damage the parchments.
- Then she asked Umar to cleanse himself before touching the parchments.
- This amazed Hadrat Umar even further to know how much care had to be given to the words of Gods.
- But he was determined to find out about this message.
- So he took a shower immediately.
- Once he had cleaned himself, his sister showed him the part of the Holy Quran.

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- It was the first verses of the surah Taha:
- 1. Tâ-Hâ.
- 2. we have not sent down the Qur'ân unto you (O Muhammad) to cause you distress,
- 3. but only as a Reminder to those who fear (Allâh).
- 4. a revelation from Him (Allâh) who has created the earth and high heavens.

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- Only after reading few verses of the Holy Quran, Hadrat Umar broke down in tears.
- He was so much moved by the holy verses that he had read.
- He had never read anything so powerful and effective.
- Reading the Holy Quran changed Umar completely and he wanted to see the Holy Prophet immediately.

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- Holy Prophet was in the house of al-Arqam in the company of his companions.
- Hadrat Umar knocked on the door.
- A companion looked through the door pin and saw Umar standing outside.
- The companions were reluctant to open the door.
- They were unaware of Umar's attentions.
- But Holy Prophet said: 'Open the door. If Allah Almighty wishes good for Umar, He will guide him.'

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- The companions opened the door and quickly grabbed Umar from his sides.
- Hadrat Umar had his sword hanging on his side and the companions feared he may harm the Holy Prophet.
- They brought him to the Holy Prophet.
- Holy Prophet asked them to release him and said to Umar:
 - ‘O Umar, accept Islam.
 - O Allah, enlighten the heart of Umar with the light of Islam.
 - O Allah, guide Umar to the right path.
 - O Allah, honour the religion of Islam with Umar.
 - O Allah, remove the enmity of Islam from Umar’s heart and change it with the love of Islam.’

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- When Holy Prophet finished making the dua, Umar came forward and accepted Islam on the hands of Holy Prophet.
- Similarly, a day prior to this incident, Holy Prophet had made another dua to Allah Almighty.
- He prayed: 'O Allah, honour Islam with Umar bin Khattab or Amr bin Hisham, whomsoever you like the most.'
- Thus scholars say that Umar's conversion to Islam is the result of the prayer of the Holy Prophet.

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- When Hadrat Umar converted to Islam, Holy Prophet became extremely happy.
- Now, it was not only the intellectuals, intelligent or the slaves who were entering Islam, but also powerful and strong people such as Hadrat Hamza and Hadrat Umar.
- Hadrat Abdullah bin Abbas narrates:
 - ‘When Hadrat Umar became Muslim, angel Gabriel came to the Holy Prophet and said that even the heavenly creatures have rejoiced and celebrated the conversion of Umar to Islam.’
- Hadrat Umar became Muslim in the second year of Islam.

Inviting family members to Islam

- For 3 years, Holy Prophet invited people to Islam in private.
- Then the angel Gabriel came with a new commandment:

وَأَنْذِرْ عَشِيرَتَكَ الْأَقْرَبِينَ ﴿٢١٤﴾ وَأَخْفِضْ جَنَاحَكَ لِمَنِ اتَّبَعَكَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٢١٥﴾

- 214. and warn your tribe (O Muhammad Sal-Allaahu 'alayhe Wa Sallam).
- 215. and be kind and humble to the believers who follow you.
- [Surah Shuara]

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- Holy Prophet knew it was going to be a very difficult task. Makkans had been worshipping idols for centuries and to ask them to leave them was not going to be easy. Holy Prophet kept thinking how to invite his tribe to Islam.
- Then he invited his family members to his house and made the following comments:
 - Leader of a caravan cannot lie to the people of the caravan, specially to his own people
 - Even if I want to deceit others, I would not want to deceit my family members
 - I am a prophet of Allah sent to guide you
 - On the day of Judgement you will be accountable for your actions that you did in this world
 - For your good actions, you will be given a life in paradise. And for your bad actions, you will be punished in hell
 - O the sons of Abdul Muttalib, I am asking you to accept Islam for your own benefit.

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- When Holy Prophet finished making his speech, it was only Abu Lahab (his uncle), who spoke in harsh words.
- He said:
 - ‘Stop listening to him.
 - He is only going to bring bad luck onto us.
 - Other tribes will not spare him for his preaching.
 - And if you (the tribe of Holy Prophet) try to defend him then you will not be spared either.’
- But Hadrat Abu Talib defended Holy Prophet. He said:
 - ‘By Allah, as long as we are living, we will defend him.’

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- Second time, Holy Prophet invited the whole of Quraysh near the Safa hill.
- He started his invitation with the very famous comments. He said:
 - ‘If I inform you that on the other side of Safa, an army is preparing to attack you, would you believe me.’
- Everyone said: ‘We will believe you because you have never lied before.’
- Then Holy Prophet said:
 - ‘O the people of Quraysh, save yourselves from the fire of hell. I have been sent to warn you about the day of judgement and the hellfire.’

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- Even this time, Abu Lahab spoke against the Holy Prophet.
- He said: 'Did you call us here just to tell us this.'
- These were very insulting remarks for Holy Prophet.
- He was trying to warn and save the people from severe torment of hellfire. Yet, he was being ridiculed by those people.
- But again, Holy Prophet remained patient and did not take notice of his insult.

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- Allah Almighty disliked Abu Lahab's comments so much that He revealed a whole surah condemning Abu Lahab:

تَبَّتْ يَدَا أَبِي لَهَبٍ وَتَبَّ ﴿١﴾ مَا أَغْنَىٰ عَنْهُ مَالُهُ وَمَا كَسَبَ ﴿٢﴾ سَيَصْلَىٰ نَارًا ذَاتَ لَهَبٍ
﴿٣﴾ وَأَمْرَأَتُهُ حَمَّالَةَ الْحَطَبِ ﴿٤﴾ فِي جِيدِهَا حَبْلٌ مِّن مَّسَدٍ ﴿٥﴾

- 1. perish the two hands of Abû Lahab and perish He!
- 2. his wealth and his children (etc.) will not benefit him!
- 3. He will be burnt in a fire of blazing flames!
- 4. and his wife too, who carries wood
- 5. A twisted rope of palm-leaf fibre round her (own) neck!