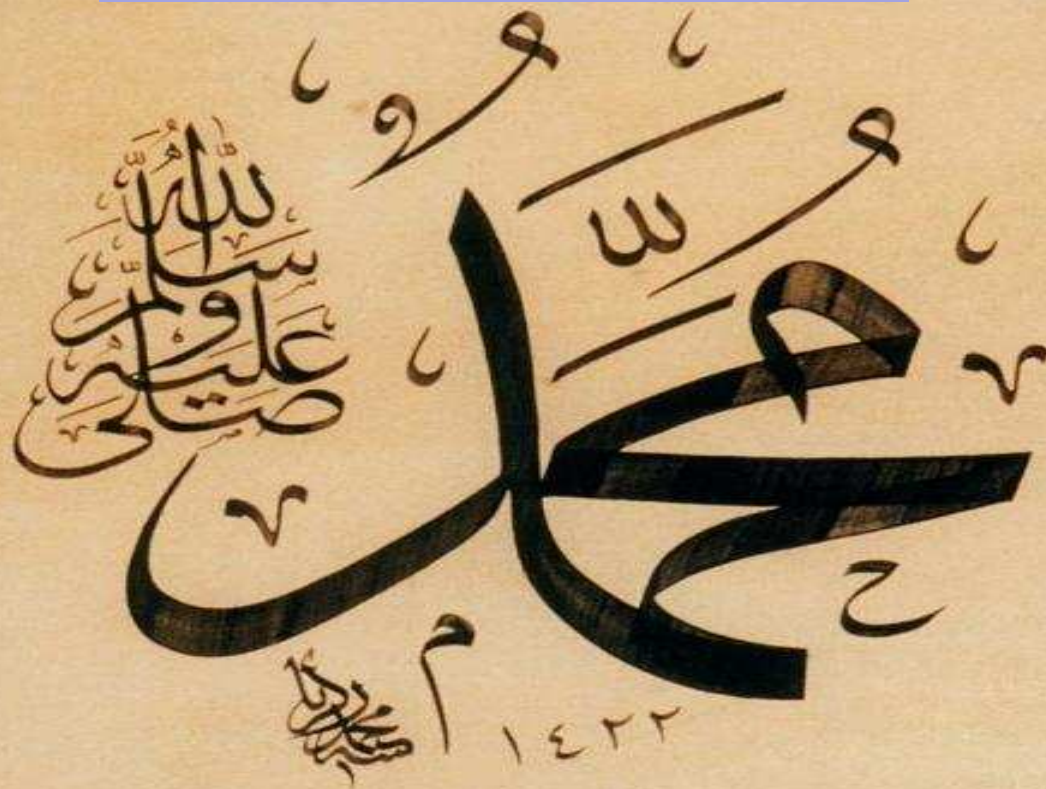


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Private invitation by Abu Bakr

- Abu Bakr was a merchant.
- He was very well respected individual.
- He was well-versed in Arabian history, so many people used to come and listen to him.
- He was kind and treated everyone who came to him with respect and kindness.

Private invitation by Abu Bakr

- Hadrat Abu Bakr realised that it was not enough that he should worship Allah and others are still worshipping idols.
- He thought it was necessary that the new message should be conveyed to other people so they can also learn about the oneness of Allah.
- He started speaking to his close friends and people he knew well.
- Because he was interacting with many people, he chose the most intelligent and promising individuals to tell them about Islam.
- He spoke to people he trusted and explained to them the essence of the new message of Islam.

Private invitation by Abu Bakr

- The first person to become Muslim as the result of Abu Bakr's efforts was Hadrat Uthman (the third caliph).
- Four others soon followed:
 - Zubair bin Awwam, who was Hadrat Khadijah's nephew,
 - Abdul Rahman bin Auf,
 - Saad bin Abu Waqqas and
 - Talha bin Ubaidallah.

Private invitation by Abu Bakr

- When they had accepted Islam, Hadrat Abu Bakr brought them to the Holy Prophet.
- In the presence of the Holy Prophet, all five of them again declared their belief in the oneness of Allah and in the prophethood of the Prophet Muhammad.

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- It shows that through the attempts of Abu Bakr, some of the most famous companions entered into Islam

Islam in Makkah

- Most new Muslims were still young.
- Many were not more than 20 years of age.
- These Muslims did not belong to a particular clan or a tribe.
- They came from all strands of life.
- They included people who were respectable and had high status in their communities, such as Uthman and Abu Ubaidah.
- Some were still slaves.
- However, as Muslims they all enjoyed equality.
- They all were part of a brotherhood that was so real that it eclipsed all blood relations.

Islam in Makkah

- Muslims used the house of al-Arqam as their meeting point.
- His house situated near the hill of Safa.
- This house was used as a:
 - meeting place
 - school
 - mosque
- It became the first school where the followers of Islam received their instructions in practicing Islam directly from the Holy Prophet himself.
- The Holy Prophet spent considerable time in this house looking after the companions, educating and guiding them in their new mission.

Makkans' Cruelty Against Muslims

- Islam was growing in Makkah day by day.
- At first Makkans did not take much notice of Muslims.
- They regarded them just as a group of angry young men trying to disrupt social order.
- However, some new Muslims were punished by their families.

Makkans' Cruelty Against Muslims

- When 30 people had accepted Islam, Abu Bakr suggested to Holy Prophet that they should advocate Islam publicly.
- But Holy Prophet said that it was not advisable at this stage because they were still few in number.
- However, Abu Bakr kept pressing and eventually Holy Prophet agreed.
- Once the Holy Prophet went to the Ka'abah with his companions and Hadrat Abu Bakr started inviting Makkans to Islam in the open.
- When the Makkans heard this, they became furious.
- They started hitting the Muslims in anger.
- Specially, they beat up Abu Bakr really bad.
- One Makkan, Utbah bin Rabiya, hit Abu Bakr's face with his shoes and jumped on his body.

Makkans' Cruelty Against Muslims

- Then Abu Bakr's tribe reached the Ka'abah and stopped the people hitting Abu Bakr.
- They brought him back to his house.
- Abu Bakr became unconscious.
- When he regained his consciousness, the first question he asked was: 'Tell me how is the Holy Prophet?'.
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- Abu Bakr did not care for himself. All he was concerned was about the Holy Prophet.
- Abu Bakr loved Holy Prophet the most.
- He did not want anything happening to the Holy Prophet.

Makkans' Cruelty Against Muslims

- Hadrat Abu Bakr refused to eat or drink anything till he saw the blessed Holy Prophet.
- With great difficulty, his mother took Abu Bakr to the Holy Prophet.
- Only when Abu Bakr saw the Holy Prophet he became calm and serene.
- Holy Prophet also showed his love for Abu Bakr by kissing his face.

Hadrat Hamza – Prophet's uncle

- Islam was spreading day by day. Each day new people would accept Islam as their way of life.
- At the same time Makkans were becoming more harsh and unsympathetic towards Muslims.
- Most cruelty was directed towards weaker and vulnerable individuals of the community.
- Quite often they also tried to harm the Holy Prophet.

Hadrat Hamza – Prophet's uncle

- Once the Holy Prophet was on the hill of Safa that Abu Jahal passed by.
- He started disrespecting the Holy Prophet.
- Holy Prophet kept patient and did not answer him back.
- This infuriated Abu Jahal even more.
- He then started hitting Holy Prophet with his stick.
- Still Holy Prophet did not take any action.
- Holy Prophet was full of patience and endurance.
- He never returned other people's bad actions with bad actions.
- He always wished good for others and prayed that Allah guides them to His path.

Hadrat Hamza – Prophet's uncle

- After insulting the Holy Prophet, Abu Jahal went to the Ka'abah and sat there with his people.
- All this incident was witnessed by a female servant from a nearby house.

Hadrat Hamza – Prophet's uncle

- Hadrat Hamza, the uncle of Holy Prophet, liked to hunt and on this particular day he had also gone for hunting.
- He was a brave and a powerful man.
- It was the habit of Hadrat Hamza that on his return, he would visit the Ka'abah and meet with other Makkan chiefs sitting next to Ka'abah.
- On this day when he was going towards the Ka'abah, that female servant stopped him and informed him what had happened with the Holy Prophet.
- On hearing this, Hadrat Hamza became infuriated and enraged.
- At the moment, Hadrat Hamza was not a Muslim, but his still loved his nephew.
- He could not allow anyone hitting one of his family members.

Hadrat Hamza – Prophet's uncle

- He rushed to the Ka'abah to search for Abu Jahal.
- Abu Jahal was sitting proudly among his people.
- Hadrat Hamza went straight towards him and hit Abu Jahal's head with his bow and said:
 - 'How dare you insult my nephew whereas I have also accepted his religion.'

Hadrat Hamza – Prophet's uncle

- Hadrat Hamza said this statement in a rushed manner.
- But afterwards he started thinking about what he had said.
- In his statement he had declared that he had accepted Prophet Muhammad's religion, but he did not mean that.
- He had not intended to say it, but it just came out.
- He had also declared his new religion in public and it was difficult retract now.

Hadrat Hamza – Prophet's uncle

- He spent the whole night thinking about this incident.
 - Why had he said this sentence? C
 - Could he really leave the religion of his forefathers?
- In the morning he went to see the Holy Prophet.
- He asked him:
 - ‘My nephew, I have a problem and I am not sure what's the way out.
 - Its difficult for me to stick with a religion regarding which I don't know if it's the right path or a misguided religion.
 - Tell me something about your religion.’

Hadrat Hamza – Prophet's uncle

- When Holy Prophet explained the message of Islam to Hadrat Hamza, Allah opened his heart to accept this message.
- He instantly declared his shahadah in front of the Holy Prophet.
- With brave and powerful people, such as Hadrat Hamza, entering Islam, Islam became more strong in Makkah.