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## The Holy Prophet (PBUH) was the Noble Teacher for the Entire Humanity (An Analysis in the Mirror of History)

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### Abstract

Teaching is a noble and well-respected profession with unique criteria and etiquette that must be comprehended and upheld, similar to how mastering art requires practice. The art of teaching requires ability, natural skill, attention, diligence, and effort to meet the demands of the job; as a result, someone who learns it becomes a perfect teacher and possesses the traits and qualities of a productive teacher. The fundamental qualities that made man superior to other living things and set him apart from them include knowledge, intelligence, consciousness, understanding, discernment, and inquiry. It is a universal truth that learning can only come from a variety of outside sources, including instruction and observation, where the teacher plays a key role. A healthy society cannot be built without instructors. Because they act as the axis, source, and focal point of instruction and training, teachers are important role models. It is the teacher, who is given special importance and rank in developed nations and civilized cultures, who is responsible for the creation of a civilized, dynamic, peaceful, and conscious society. The Prophet (PBUH) was the owner of an excellent personality and he used a variety of teaching methodologies to instruct both the young and the old in diverse ways. This study tries to review or investigate the numerous strategies used by the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) to educate and train his family, friends, and foes alike. The purpose of this study is to review the several teaching techniques and methodologies used by the Prophet (PBUH) from a variety of sources, such as the Hadith, Sunnah, and the Seerah of the Prophet (PBUH). This research work is a specific study in its subject from which many academics and researchers can benefit.

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**Introduction:**

Teaching is a highly respectable and dignified career. Whoever has this job deserves respect since they are the ones that teach the common man about humanity and raise him to a higher level, where he or she starts their career. Teaching is a noble and highly valued profession with specific norms and etiquette that must be understood and upheld, much like learning an art requires practice. Moreover, in every culture and community, teaching is a vital, well-respected, and esteemed job. It is a satisfying career for people from many areas of life, both personally and professionally. It's also a demanding and fascinating job. Islam is a school in and of itself, and its Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was a kind mentor and teacher whose sayings and teachings continue to inspire, instruct, and lead all of mankind.<sup>1</sup> The purpose of this research work is to enlighten that the prophet (pbuh) was the best teacher for the whole humanity and whom taught the lesson of humanity, harmony and peace to the brutal and barbaric Arab. This is a fact that humans have received the greatest blessings from the gracious Almighty Allah so that they can live better lives on earth. Despite this, the majority of humanity turned away from His benefits and went in a different direction. Then, on occasion, He sent messengers and revealed books to lead people in the right direction. In order for them to be able to recall or learn Allah's plain message, behave righteously, and be successful in the Hereafter. The genealogy of the prophets and messengers serves as proof of Allah's unwavering affection for His entire creation. The Holy Prophet was one of the Prophets sent to earth to remind people of God's word and guide them in the right path (PBUH). The Holy Quran says in these words that "Our Lord! Raise from among them a messenger who will recite to them Your revelations, teach them the Book and wisdom, and purify them. Indeed, You 'alone' are the Almighty, All-Wise".<sup>2</sup> Further Said in the Holy Book of Allah that "Indeed, Allah has done the believers a 'great' favour by raising a messenger from among them—reciting to them His revelations, purifying them, and teaching them the Book and wisdom. For indeed they had previously been clearly astray".<sup>3</sup> He was an excellent teacher in this sense, and he was also a great preacher.

**Significance of Education in Islam****Pursuing knowledge is an essential duty:**

Seeking knowledge is not only welcome in Islam but also a necessity for everyone whether male or female. The principle that “every Muslim has an obligation to learn” underscores the role of education in terms of Islam.

**First Message Highlights Learning:**

The first lessons given to Prophet Muhammad focused on the significance of learning and earning knowledge. The first chapter revealed is “Iqra,” which means ‘read and remember,’ thus emphasizing the essence of education.

**Education as a way of Worshiping:**

In Islam, knowledge is said to be a worship. People can fulfill their religious obligations and benefit the community by learning knowledge, utilizing it in a beneficial manner.

**Equality in Education:**

Islam's teachings are firmly rooted in the idea of educational equality. It highlights that education shouldn't be limited to one gender or group. Since information is regarded as a potent instrument for society and personal development, it is really encouraged for both men and women to study it.

**Moral and Ethical Instruction:**

Education shapes our values and character in addition to imparting facts. In the Islamic tradition, education includes developing moral and ethical principles in addition to academic endeavors. It is our duty as Muslims to pursue knowledge that will lead us to do good actions and enable us to meaningfully engage with our community.

The Holy Prophet (PBUH) never specified time for learning; instead, he worked tirelessly to advance Islamic knowledge among his followers. He preached Islamic concepts all through the day and night, even after the Isha prayer. According to a tradition told by Imam Bukhari and recorded on the authority of Anas ibn Malik, the Holy Prophet (PBUH) once visited us at midnight and gave us advice on what to do in terms of jurisprudence and good actions before we went to bed after the Isha prayer.<sup>4</sup>

The Holy Prophet (PBUH) was the first teacher in Islam who with the foundation of human spiritual education, lay it forth. Allah (SWT) choose the uneducated Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) to be the final Messenger and ideal teacher for Muslims. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), also referred to as the "Living Quran," was tasked with reciting and teaching the Quran to all people. But he wasn't your typical educator. Indeed, he established the

perfect level of education more than a millennium ago, and his influence can still be seen today.<sup>5</sup> The character and roles of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) as a teacher are as follows:

## **Prophethood and Revelation**

### **Divine Revelation**

It is in the year 610 CE when Holy Prophet (PBUH) first received a revelation from Allah through the Angel Gabriel. This fact was the start of his Prophethood and Islamic time. The disclosures persisted for 23 years and were codified in the Holy Quran.

### **Role as a Prophet**

The Holy Prophet (PBUH) was a prophet, sent by Allah to pass his message unto the men of earth. He was meant to lead them in the right path of righteousness, monotheism and good morals. The teachings of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) included everything from religion, social justice, morality, and governance.

### **Impact of Prophethood**

The Holy Prophet's (PBUH) Prophethood helped to change the world. His teachings and life changed the lives of people both as individuals, thus initiating a spiritual moral renaissance. The Holy Prophet (PBUH) founded the basis of justice, equality and tenderness and his message speaks to billions across the globe.<sup>6</sup>

## **Hadrat Muhammad (PBUH) As an Instructor of the Holy Quran**

The Holy Prophet (PBUH) was the best teacher of the Holy Quran and this position was given by Allah to him, as He says: "Since We have sent you a messenger from among yourselves—reciting to you Our revelations, purifying you, teaching you the Book and wisdom, and teaching you what you never knew".<sup>7</sup> This verse shows that the first teacher of the Holy Quran was Allah (SWT) and then Gabriel (AS) as he brought it to the Holy Prophet (PBUH). The Prophet's (PBUH) life and teachings style are those writings eloquently describe his techniques of instruction and training. The Holy Prophet (PBUH) always taught and got his followers ready for certain purpose. Whether He was alone or in a group, at home or in a mosque, in times of peace or during a fight, the Holy Prophet (PBUH) taught his followers. He did not waste any opportunities for training and study. The

Holy Prophet (PBUH) always taught his companions how to interpret the Holy Quran and provided them with the knowledge they needed to understand Islam. The newcomer sat in the circle surrounding the Holy Prophet (PBUH) in Dar-e-Arqam, Masjid Nabwi, or Suffah. After learning the meanings of the Holy Quran, he would go back and instruct others. When the leaders were occupation residents who spoke harshly and reduced religions to mere superstitions, the Holy Prophet (PBUH) became the Holy Quran's teacher, luring people with his wisdom. He started encouraging good deeds and forbidding bad ones. The Holy Prophet (PBUH) started teaching the Holy Quran at this time, when everyone had started to learn the proper knowledge of the divine. Following the companions' understanding of the Qur'an, the essential realities began to show themselves. As he recited the Holy Quran, the Holy Prophet (PBUH) would explain it. He provides the Ummah with information, teaches them the morals and literature of the Holy Qur'an, solves moral and literary concerns, and eradicates the outer manifestations of inner polytheism, atheism, irregular convictions, arrogance, jealousy, and hatred. The Holy Prophet (PBUH) received his education and instruction in accordance with divine revelation as well. The Holy Prophet addressed a variety of subjects, including monotheism, faith in the Holy Prophets (PBUH), faith in the Hereafter, Khilafat on Earth, brotherhood and equality, justice, unity, freedom, belief, and universal atonement. The Holy Prophet (PBUH) excelled as a teacher and pioneer of reform. Anyone who wishes to observe the education of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) must observe his follows and consider the methods used to raise them. As they adorned the education of the Hereafter, he had an impact on every region of the earth.<sup>8</sup>

### **Hadrat Muhammad (PBUH) As the Best Teacher of All Times**

To teach their children about farming, trading, and combat throughout history, people have used a number of methods and equipment. As far as related educational materials are concerned, the time of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) was unmatched. He was a top-notch teacher. As said by Muaviyyah ibn Hakam: "May my parents be sacrificed for him. I did not have a teacher better than him before and after him".<sup>9</sup> Allah (SWT) says: "He is the One Who raised for the illiterate 'people' a messenger from among themselves reciting to them His revelations, purifying them, and teaching them the Book

and wisdom, for indeed they had previously been clearly astray”.<sup>10</sup> The Holy Prophet (PBUH) has explained to his Ummah his obligations as a teacher: “I haven't been sent by Allah (SWT) to rebuke; rather, I've been sent as a teacher to ease people”.<sup>11</sup> In order to better the condition of the companions both individually and collectively, the Holy Prophet (PBUH) placed a strong emphasis on education and established the best framework for the educational system. Shortly after, that society attained perfection.<sup>12</sup>

**Mercy:** The concept of equality in access to education has been a fundamental value in the teachings of the Holy Prophet (PBUH). He emphasized the importance of mercy and how it should be extended to everyone, regardless of their background or beliefs. The Prophet (PBUH) was all about showing kindness and forgiveness, even to those who had wronged him. He placed a strong emphasis on acting with kindness and compassion in all that you do. It appears that individuals occasionally lose sight of how crucial it is to act with kindness. However, the Prophet never let that to occur, and neither should we. Every time we engage with other people or animals, we should keep his example in mind. The world would be a better place if we could all strive more to lead with tenderness, like Holy Prophet (PBUH) did.

**Compassion and Kindness:**

Given how deeply ingrained kindness and compassion are in our culture, it makes only sense that he was drawn to those qualities. He showed justice and compassion to animals. His unwavering commitment to share love and care for others is an enduring example of how to treat each other with respect.

**Integrity and Honesty:**

One was that he could not be let down by his honesty, integrity and trustworthiness. The Holy prophet (PBUH) was a reliable individual who never failed to perform his duties and kept promises. This element gave him popularity and admiration by the people around him. He was an unquestionable man whose actions spoke more than his words. He was the shining model of truthfulness and integrity that is so hard to discover in a society where trust seems almost extinct.

**Perseverance and Patience:**

During trials and tribulations, the Holy Prophet (PBUH) demonstrated relentlessness while stubbornly helping his goal that was guided by Allah.

**Fairness and Justice:**

He was an honourable man who would always ensure that there is justice and fair play. He was the same respectful man to every person, irrespective of his or her origins race skin colour religion etc

**Spiritual Influence:**

It can be observed that millions of people around the world have embraced Islam as their religion due to spiritual effect left by The Holy Prophet (PBUH).

**Social Reforms:**

The Prophet of the Holy (PBUH) made great social reforms calling for equality, women's rights and abolition bad customs.

**Moral and Ethical Teachings:**

The Holy Prophet (PBUH) taught compassion, justice, honesty and love thereby orienting men and nations towards righteousness.

**Educational Legacy:**

The Holy Prophet (PBUH) laid a foundation of knowledge, learning and also the pursuit for wisdom which enabled him to see fruits in various fields.<sup>13</sup>

**Superb Personality:** Muhammad lived his life true to the values he preached. Whether with his followers or strangers, he let his integrity and kindness shine through in his words and actions. The Prophet not only taught lofty ideals, but actually modeled them himself--his humility and honesty struck all who crossed his path and the Quran itself recognizes Muhammad's noble spirit: You stand out for your great moral character.

Though a leader who founded a major world religion, Muhammad stayed grounded and approachable. His lived example resonated as much as his sermons. People saw the way he treated others--with empathy wisdom and care for each person's dignity--and it inspired them to follow in those footsteps. The Prophet's day-to-day conduct echoed the very beliefs he imparted".<sup>14</sup>

**Patience and Gentleness:** The Prophet taught his companions how to teach with a great deal of kindness and patience. Acknowledging their uniqueness, he tailored his teaching style. He never handled anyone seeking information harshly. Allah says that "So by mercy from Allah (SWT), [O Muhammad], you were lenient with them. And if you had been rude [in speech] and harsh in heart, they would have disbanded from about you."<sup>15</sup>

**Accessibility & Approachability:** Prophet Muhammad's followers did not hesitate to approach him with inquiries since they felt comfortable doing so. He therefore addressed any uncertainties and encouraged the culture of asking.

**Inclusivity and Equality:** Irrespective of the class or caste that they belonged to, the Prophet (PBUH) treated all his followers with parity and impartiality. He advocated for the education of men and women.

### **Social Equality**

The Holy Prophet (PBUH) advocated and practiced social equality, where all humans are treated with utmost respect and dignity regardless of their status or background. Eliminating racial and tribal discrimination, he established unity between Muslims.

### **Conclusion**

In conclusion, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) is revealed as the great teacher of all humanity when his life is examined through the lens of history. His teachings are eternal and transcend religious boundaries, imparting knowledge, compassion, and morality. The Prophet's unmatched function as a teacher is demonstrated by his excellent character, tolerance, accessibility, flexibility in the classroom, support of critical thinking, and emphasis on diversity and equality. He is a source of knowledge and a role model for the moral and spiritual development of humanity since his teachings continue to uplift and mentor individuals from a variety of backgrounds.

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