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مُحَمَّدٌ أَحْمَدٌ

Upon arrival of the Noble Prophet in this world, he was given the name of **مُحَمَّدٌ** (Muhammad). Muhammad means **"highly praised."** Quran has revealed the following Verse in which the news that Prophet Isa gave to his people about the arrival of the Noble Messenger (PBUH).

وَمُبَشِّرًا بِرَسُولٍ يَأْتِي مِنْ بَعْدِي اسْمُهُ أَحْمَدُ

{And heralding glad tidings of the Noble Messenger who will come after me - his name is Ahmad (61:06)}

أَحْمَدُ (Ahmad) means **"more praiseworthy."** Later, since having similar attributes in him, the names of **'Mahmood'** and **'Hamid'** were also added for him. Allah has confirmed him His Messenger by taking his name in Quran four times as **مُحَمَّدٌ** (Muhammad). As far as our praise is concerned for him, he is the personage to whom Allah Himself and His innumerable Angels used to send blessings and peace on him. After that where we situate and where our praises stand!

ماورائے این و آں، صل علی صل علی

برتر از وہم و گماں، صل علی صل علی

{He is above all this and that, Peace be Upon Him
He is beyond perception and imagination, Peace be Upon Him}

According to Hadith No. 3 of Sahih al-Bukhari, the first revelation that began to descend on the Prophet was

good dreams that appeared like the light of the dawn. Then he desired to be alone, so he started visiting the caves, and stayed there for many days. Here he used to perform "تحنث" means long acts of worship. One day an Angel came to him and said, "Read." He said, "I do not know how to read." The Angel embraced the Prophet three times and released him, and then said, "Now you read"!

اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ - خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ - اقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ

{Read with the name of your Lord who created.

Created man from a clot.

Read, and your Lord is the Most beneficent (96:01to03)}

The Holy Prophet (PBUH) repeated these words in a state of trembling. Then he came to Hazrat Khadijah and said, "Cover me with a blanket". Allah was so moved by this act of him that He called the Prophet with these two names with His extreme love, whose meaning are, 'O the one who wrapped in blanket', and 'O the one who covers himself'. The words of the Quran are:

يَا أَيُّهَا الْمَرْمَلُ ، يَا أَيُّهَا الْمُدْتَرُّ

In addition, some special names by which the Almighty called the Holy Prophet are as follows:

طه ، يس ، طس ، حم

These are special names whose meanings are known to Allah only. Of course, all these names indicate more attributes that exist in the Prophet. But for this it can simply be said that it is a secret between a Lover and the Beloved.

Muhammad (PBUH) is also called by the titles of Rasoolullah, Khatam-un-Nabiyyeen, Huzoor-e-Akram, Rahmatul-Lil-Aalamin and Aan-Hazrat. His Kunniya is Abul Qasim. His father's name is Abdullah Bin Abdul Muttalib and his mother's name is Aminah. The date of his arrival to this world is 12 Rabi-ul-Awwal, June 8, 570AD.

In the consecutive eight hadiths of Sahih al-Bukhari, Hadith No. 3304 to 3311, many Companions have described the general body features of the Holy Prophet, the outcome of which is as given below:

The Noble Prophet was more handsome than all men and shinning like the moon. He was neither very tall nor short, but of medium height. He was having very proportionate body. The color was bright, neither white nor pure wheat like. He would turn red in anger or joy. He had big eyes and long eyelids. The hair of the head used to reach to the shoulders. At the age of sixty-three (63) years he left this world, and at that time, even twenty (20) numbers of hairs in his head and beard were not white. There was a lot of broadness between the two shoulders, and between them was the "Seal of Prophethood". His palms were very soft. The whole body was more fragrant than musk. He used to take his steps up while walking. The viewer would feel stressed to see him at once, but when he would meet him, he would start loving him.

(Narrators of Hadiths are: Abu Juhaifa Suwae, Hariz bin Uthman, Rabee'a bin Abdur Rahman, Bara bin A'azib, Qatada and Abu Ishaq Sabeei)

In addition, Hazrat Anas bin Malik says that he did not find any Dibaj or any Silky cloth softer than the palms of the Prophet (PBUH). Nor did I find any cologne or perfume better than the perfume of the Prophet's sweat.

(Reference Sahih al-Bukhari. Hadith 3320)

Hazrat Atta bin Yasar said: I met Abdullah bin 'Amr bin Al-'Aas and asked him, "Tell me about the description of Allah's Prophet which is mentioned in Torah (Old Testament). He replied, 'The Noble Prophet is described similarly in Torah with some of the qualities attributed to him as in the Quran, for example:

1. O Prophet! We have sent you as a witness and a giver of glad tidings (to the faithful believers), and a warner (to the unbelievers), and guardian of the illiterates.
2. You are My bondman and My messenger.
3. You are neither discourteous, nor harsh, nor a noise-maker in the markets.
4. You do not do evil to those who do evil to you, but you deal with them with forgiveness and kindness.
5. Allah will not forgive the crooked people till the Prophet makes them straight and coming out by saying: لا اله الا الله - (None has the right to be worshipped but Allah).

(Reference Sahih al-Bukhari. Hadith 1995)

صلى الله عليه و آله على قدر حسنه و جماله

Hazrat Jubair narrates that; The Noble Prophet said, "I have five (5) names: I am "محمد" and "احمد"; I am "ماح" through whom Allah eliminates infidelity; I am "حاشر", that (on the Day of Judgment) all the people will be resurrected on my footsteps, and I am also "عاقب" (as there will be no prophet after me)."

(Reference Sahih al-Bukhari. Hadith 3291)

According to the Muslims, Muhammad (PBUH) is the most successful leader as compared to all the previous religious leaders. He is the Best of the Prophets and the Last of the Prophets. In his honor, the Almighty even said:

مَنْ يُطِيعِ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ

{Whoever obeys the Noble Prophet has indeed obeyed Allah (04:80)}

وہ نبیوں میں رحمت لقب پانے والا	مرادیں غریبوں کی بر لانے والا
مصیبت میں غیروں کے کام آنے والا	وہ اپنے پرانے کا غم کھانے والا

**{He is the recipient of the title of Mercy among the Prophets
Who fulfils the needs of the poor
Helps others when they are in trouble
He is the one who shares the grief of his own and others}**