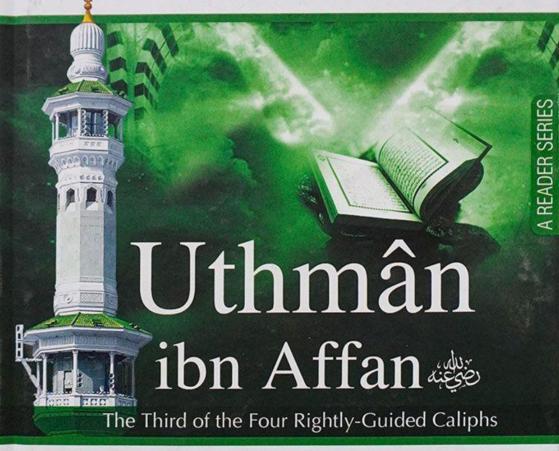


The Age of the Rightly-Guided Caliphs
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### Publisher's Note

In the Name of Allah, the Lord of Grace, the Ever Merciful

For many years, I have been looking for textbooks on the History of Islam for English-speaking students, yet I have found very few. Most did not overcome a common problem: they did not go beyond the era of the Four Rightly-guided Caliphs, may Allah be pleased with them all.

Bearing this in mind, we, at Darussalam, have resolved to present the entire History of Islam to our youth in language that appeals to them, in a simple yet lucid manner. The first four volumes in this series explore Islamic history during the period of the first Four Rightly-Guided Caliphs. Later volumes would be devoted to the

History of Islam, down through the ages to modern times, in sha! Allah.

Our past, present, and future are interconnected and interdependent. Therefore, knowing and understanding our history is not optional; it is essential.

This is the third volume from this series, which deals with the life of Uthman ibn Affan, the third of the Four Rightly-Guided Caliphs. Uthman ibn Affan was the most qualified to become the Caliph during his time; his claim to the caliphate was valid and his caliphate was legitimate. He led the people on the path of truth and ruled with justice, until he was martyred.

We would like to thank the author Maulvi Abdul Aziz, the editor and the designer Mr. Shahzad Ahmed for their diligent efforts in preparing this volume. We hope this work will inspire our youth to form a personal relationship with Uthman ibn Affan, and encourage them to commit their lives sincerely to his mission of serving justice even at the cost of their own lives, which he has left behind as our common heritage.

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### Uthmân ibn Affan

## The Third of the Four Rightly-Guided Caliphs



six-man electoral council set up by Umar ibn Al-Khattab finally selected Uthmân ibn Affan as the third caliph.

### The Early Life of Uthmân ibn Affan

Uthmân was born in At-Tâif in the year 576 CE, six years after the Year of the Elephant. He was about five years younger than the Messenger of Allah \*\*. His lineage coincides with that of the Messenger of Allah \*\* in their common ancestor Abd Manaf. His mother was Arwa bint Kurayz. Arwa's mother was Umm Hakim, who was the full

sister of Abdullah, the father of the Prophet %. Uthmân's father was Affan, who died during the Jahiliyyah or the Period of Ignorance. Uthmân's mother became Muslim and died during the Caliphate of her son Uthmân, and he was among those who carried her to her grave.

Uthmân's *Kunyah* or nickname during the period of *Jahiliyyah* was Abu Amr. When Ruqayyah, the daughter of the Messenger of Allah sore him a son, he named him Abdullah. So the Muslims called him by the *Kunyah* of Abu Abdullah. Uthmân belonged to the influential Bani Umayyah clan of the Quraysh tribe.



Makkah, At Talif roas





## Uthmân was known by the Honorific Title of

### Dhu'n Nurayn

Thmân was known by the title Dhu'n Nurayn: 'He of the Two Lights'. Why was Uthmân called Dhu'n Nurayn? This was because after becoming Muslim, he was first married to Ruqayyah, a daughter of the Prophet \$\mathbb{z}\$, and upon her death, he married Umm Kulthum, another daughter of the Messenger of Allah \$\mathbb{z}\$. For this distinction, he earned the honorific Dhu'n Nurayn 'He of the Two Lights'. It is significant to note that no one else was ever married to two daughters of a Prophet, from the time Allah created Adam until the arrival of the Hour, except Uthmân. When Umm Kulthum died, Allah's Messenger \$\mathbb{z}\$ used to say that he loved Uthmân so dearly that, if he had another daughter remaining, he would have married her to him.



#### Uthmân ibn Affan

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