

STRATEGIES OF **PROPHET MUHAMMAD**

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THE GENIUS OF MUHAMMAD ﷺ

- The Quran:

"We have indeed, in the Messenger of God, a good example of conduct for anyone whose hope is in God and the Final Day."¹

- Karen Armstrong:

If we could view Muhammad ﷺ as we do any other important historical figure we would surely consider him to be one of the greatest geniuses the world has ever known. To create a literary masterpiece, to found a major religion and a new world power are not ordinary achievements. But to appreciate his genius to the full, we must examine the society into which he was born and the forces with which he contended. When he descended from Mount Hira to bring the Word of God to the Arabs, Muhammad ﷺ was about to attempt the impossible.²

- W. Montgomery Watt:

The more one reflects on the history of Muhammad ﷺ and of early Islam, the more one is amazed at the vastness of his achievement. Circumstances presented him with an opportunity such as few men have had, but the man was fully matched with the hour. Had it not been for his gifts as seer, statesman, and administrator and, behind these, his trust in God and firm belief that God had sent him, a notable chapter in the history of mankind would have remained unwritten.³

- Maxime Rodinson:

In the strange atmosphere of Makkah, on the edge of the magnificent civilized world of the great powers, just then engaged in an apocalyptic struggle, the faith was growing up which was later to overflow into the world at large and endeavour to mould it. All this was taking place within the brain of a single man, but stirring within it were the reflected problems of a whole world; and the historical conditions were such that the results of all this mental activity were calculated to shake Arabia and beyond.⁴

- Tor Andrae:

A genuine prophet is one who really has a message to deliver, one in whose soul some of the great questions of his age have stimulated

a restlessness which compels him to speak, the natural and inevitable expression of a strong lasting conviction and a genuine passion.⁵

- M. K. Gandhi:

I become more than ever convinced that it was not the sword that won a place for Islam in those days. It was the rigid simplicity, the utter self-effacement of the Prophet, the scrupulous regard for pledges, his intense devotion to his friends and followers and his intrepidity, his fearlessness, his absolute trust in God and in his own mission. These and not the sword carried everything before them and surmounted every obstacle.⁶

- H. G. Wells:

Islam prevailed because it was the best social and political order the times could offer. It prevailed because everywhere it found politically apathetic peoples, robbed, oppressed, bullied, uneducated and unorganised and it found selfish and unsound governments out of touch with any people at all. It was the broadest, freshest and cleanest political idea that had yet come into actual activity in the world and it offered better terms than any other to the mass of mankind.⁷

- Winwood Reade:

Instead of repining that Mahomet [sic] did no more, we have reason to be astonished that he

did so much. His career is the best example that can be given of the influence of the Individual in human history. That single man created the glory of his nation and spread his language over half the earth.⁸

- **Regis Blachere:**

Neither indifference, nor wounds to his self-respect, nor wrong done to his material interests, nor intrigues nor threats, nor above all, the many offers of compromise made by the pagans, were able to deflect him from his mission. In the gravest hour – the Quran bears witness – he could retain his balanced judgement, revive the courage of his followers, and close his eyes to slight faults in order the better to destroy treason. As a true leader of men, he knew how to choose his advisers, turning to account the faithfulness of Ali, the moderation of Abu Bakr, the energy of Umar and the resilience of Uthman. He had no illusions about men, and never failed to remind them of their duty and their vocation. Better than anyone, too, he knew the faults and virtues of the people among whom he was born. This inspired man, who never for a day had thought of succeeding without God's help, yet knew how to look into the future and to measure the strength and weakness of his adversary.⁹

- Napoleon Bonaparte:

"In a few years, the Muslims conquered half of the world. They snatched away more souls from false gods, pulled down more idols and demolished more pagan temples in fifteen years than the followers of Moses and Jesus did in fifteen centuries. Muhammad ﷺ was a great man."¹⁰

- Dr. Michael Hart:

"[The Prophet] was the only man in history who was supremely successful on both the religious and secular levels."¹¹





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Muhammad's (ﷺ) life is a rewarding subject for any sophisticated, intelligent and curious mind because of the impact he has had on world history. Not only did he change the world-view of a society, he practically moulded a nation out of a disparate group of warring tribes such that today, after 1400 years, more than 1.6 billion Muslims now live all over the world and try to follow in his foot-steps in their daily routines. Many demographers calculate that Islam will become's the world's largest religion by 2050. This amazing growth trajectory owes a great deal to the strategies pursued by him.



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