



# Muhammad's Sayings and Teachings





In the Name of Allah,  
the Most Gracious,  
the Most Merciful



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Muhammad (peace be upon him) said (interlacing his both hands fingers):  
“Believers are a structure like, they fasten each other” Narrated by al-Bukhaari (481) and Muslim (2585)

Muhammad's sayings and teachings are very influential as they covered most aspects of life. They emanated from a base of wisdom and Divine revelation. His sayings, actions, approvals and attributes better known as "sunnah" represent the second source of Islamic legislation after the Qur'an.

"Your companion (i.e. Muhammad) has not strayed from the path of truth nor has he been deluded. Nor does he speak out of whim" The Quran, 53:2-3



## Hope, Fated Death and Mankind

Muhammad (peace be upon him) drew three lines on the sand and said: “This is the human being (who has many hopes and plans in this worldly life). While he lives to attain or accomplish these hopes death comes to him”. Narrated by al-Bukhaari (6417) and Muslim (1671)

“Avail five before five:

Your youth before senility (old age)

Fitness before sickness

Wealth before poverty (needy)

Free time before busy time

Life before death”. Al-Hakim in Al-Mustadriq No. 7846 (4/341)

“The perfect believers are those who have the best manners”. (Narrated by Tirmithi)

“Two graces, many people underestimate; health and free (leisure) time”. (Bukhaari, 6049)

“Envy is forbidden except in two cases (you wish to have the same thing others have but no bad wishes to them). The first one is a man, God bestowed on him wealth, so he spends it righteously, the second case is a

man, God bestowed on him wisdom, so he acts according to it and teaches it to others". (Bukhari, 73/15)

"Make things easy to people (concerning religious matters), and do not make it hard for them; give them good tidings and do not make them run away". (Bukhari, 69/11)

"Those who do honest trading and business based on clear terms, God blesses them and their business (trade). Contrary, God does not bless those who lie and hide facts". (Bukhari, 2082/22)



“You will not be a believer in God unless you like for your brethren what you like for yourself”. (Bukhari, 13/7)

“Every Muslim should pay Sadaqa (spend something for charity), if he didn't find what to spend then let him work in order to benefit himself and be able to pay charity, if he didn't find a job, then let him help others (this is an act of charity), if he didn't find anyone to help, let him do good deeds and refrain from (avoid) doing bad or evil deeds. This is a charity for him”. (Bukhari, 1445/30)

“When man dies, he gains no rewards except from three things; in case he had dedicated a charity that people can continuously profit from or he had left knowledge or a science that benefits the humanity or if he had left a good (faithful) son who keeps on praying and asking Gods blessings

and forgiveness to his parents”. (this is applicable for both males and females) (Narrated by Muslim, Tirmithi, Nassa’i)

“Fear Allah wherever you are, follow a bad deed with a good deed as it erases it, and deal with people with high ethics”. (Tirmithi- 1987 & Ahmad 5/153)

“Goodness (rightness) is good morality; and sin

(misdeed) is what embarrasses you (i.e. you are not comfortable within yourself) and you hate it to be known by others”. (Muslim, 15/2553)



“A strong person is not the one who throws his adversaries to the ground. A strong person is he who contains himself when he is angry”. (Bukhaari, 5785) and (Muslim, 4853)

“Whoever believes in Allah and the Day of Judgment should say good (words) or keep silent and

whoever believes in Allah and the Day of Judgment must honor (be generous with) his neighbor and whoever believes in Allah and the Day of Judgment must honor (be generous with) his guest”. (Bukhari, 6018 & Muslim 74-47)

(Please note all of the above sayings are applicable for both males and females)

“I swear by God that you will not be true believers in Him unless you love each other. I will tell you something, if you do it you will love each other. Greet each other frequently and make it a common habit”. (Narrated by Muslim 54)

“No one will become a good believer unless he wishes for his brethren what he likes for himself”. (Narrated by Muslim 54)

“Whoever helps a believer overcome a difficulty, God will help him overcome a difficulty at the Day of Judgment, and God will always help an individual as long as he/she is helping others”. (Narrated by Muslim 2699)

“Don't ever underestimate any kind act, even if you meet others with a bright (smiling) face”. And he said: “The one who greets others first is closer to God than the others”. On

another occasion he said to someone who asked him about a good way to deal with people: “Offer people food and greet whom you know and whom you don’t know”. (Narrated by Muslim 2626)





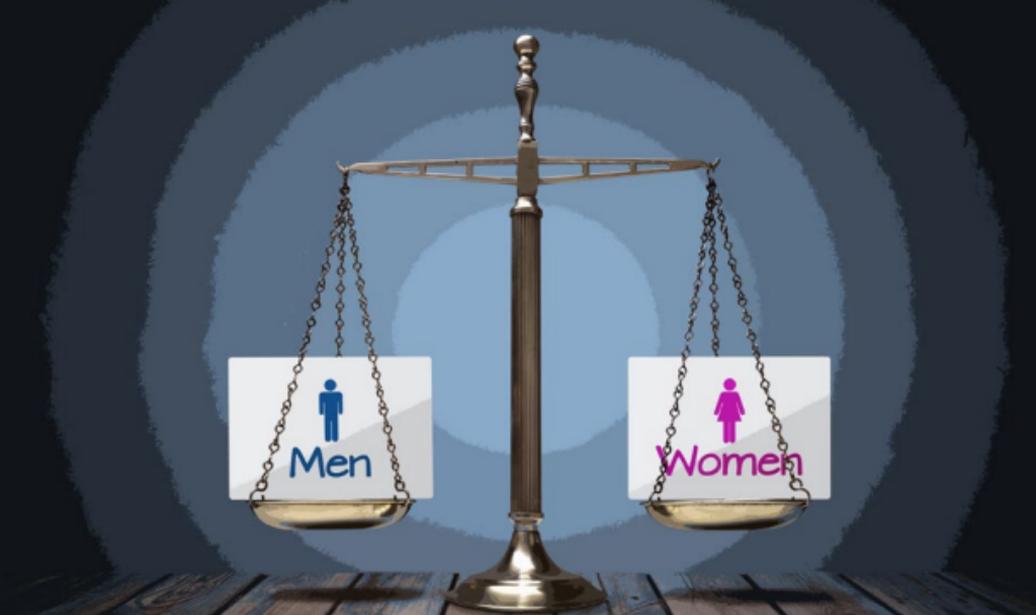
## Muhammad Gave Women Their Rights

Before the advent of Islam, women had no civil rights. Arabs used to give preference to male babies over female ones to the extent that many fathers used to bury their female babies or children alive.

## No gender discrimination:

Muhammad (peace be upon him) condemned discrimination between male and female children and taught his companions to love their children and raise them properly regardless of their sex. In fact, he emphasized giving more care and attention to female children until they grow up and get married. Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: “Women are the twin halves of men.” (Tirmithi, 1/154, 113)





## Women inherit like men:

Before Islam, women had no right to inherit. Muhammad (peace be upon him) successfully changed this custom. Females gained the right to inherit like males. However, Muhammad (peace be upon him) did not create the Islamic inheritance system, but he conveyed God's Words (preserved in the Holy Qur'an) which stipulate the portions for each individual (male and female) eligible to inherit.

Muhammad (peace be upon him) encouraged full respect of mothers: A man asked Muhammad: "Who

would deserve my closest support and companionship? Muhammad replied: “Your mother”. Then the man asked Muhammad who will be after her? Muhammad replied: “Your mother”.

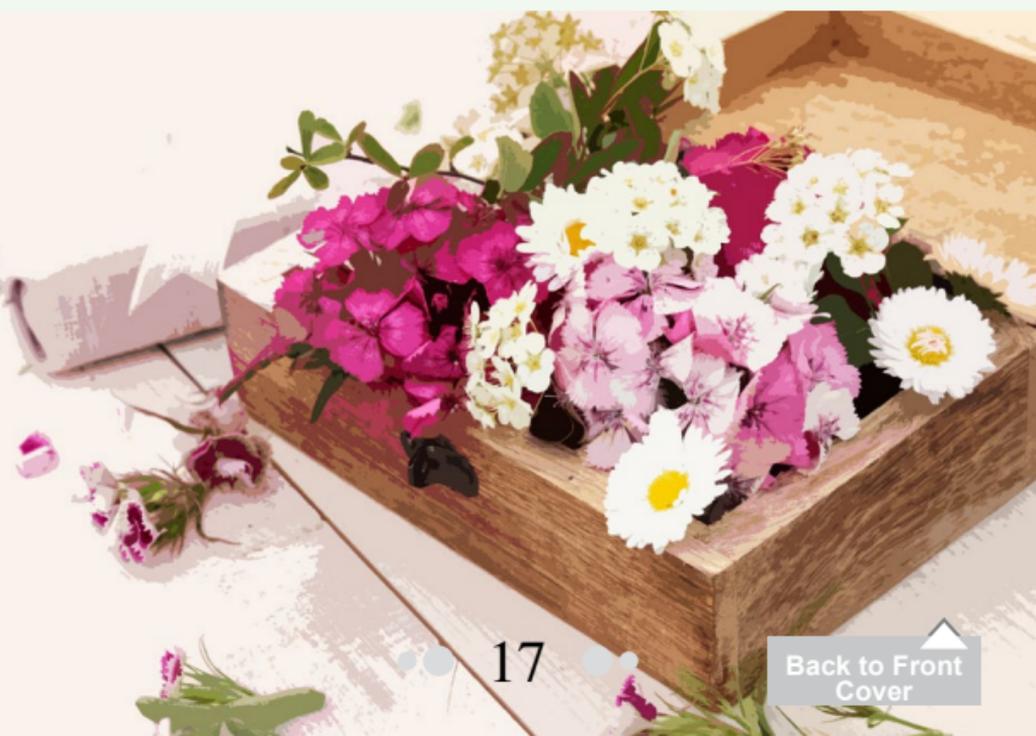
The man asked the same question again and Muhammad replied for the third time: “Your mother”. Then out of curiosity the man asked the same question for the fourth time (he realized that Muhammad wanted to emphasize the best treatment to mothers). Then Muhammad said to him: “Your father” (i.e. your father deserves your closest support and accompany after your mother).

Scholars comment on the above story that mothers cannot escape three main sufferings “pregnancy, labor and delivery, and finally breast-feeding and weaning.

## **Muhammad (peace be upon him) encouraged good treatment of wives:**

He stated that if a man disliked one of a woman's traits, he will be pleased with another. And he said: The believers who show the most perfect faith are those who have the best character; and the best of the believers are those who are best to their wives. (Tirmithi, 6/188, 3895)

This promotes love, harmony and mutual understanding.





## Freedom, Justice & Protection

“No compulsion” is an essential rule in Islam

Muhammad (peace be upon him) proclaimed himself as a Messenger of God. He received a Divine Message to humanity and struggled to convey it to all people, but he did not force any one to accept it. He recited the Holy Qur’an which confirms the freedom of belief and freedom choice for all people.

“And had your Lord Willed, all people in the earth would have believed (all of them) together. So, will you (Muhammad) compel or force people until they become believers?” The Qur’an, 10:99

There is no compulsion in religion, truth (the right path) has become distinct from error (wrong path), and whoever rejects evil and believes in God has grasped the most trustworthy handhold that never breaks. And God is All-Hearer All-Knower. The Qur’an, 2 :256

### **Morality & equality of all races:**

In Islam, all people are considered equal under law by reason of their being members of the human race. Piety and excellence of moral character are the only criteria for individual superiority in the eyes of God. Muhammad (peace be upon him) put it in these words:

” Your Lord is One. All humankind are from Adam and Adam was created from dust. An Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab nor does a non-Arab have any superiority over an Arab except by piety (piety motivates good deeds)”. (Musnad Ahmad 10/5586, 23972)



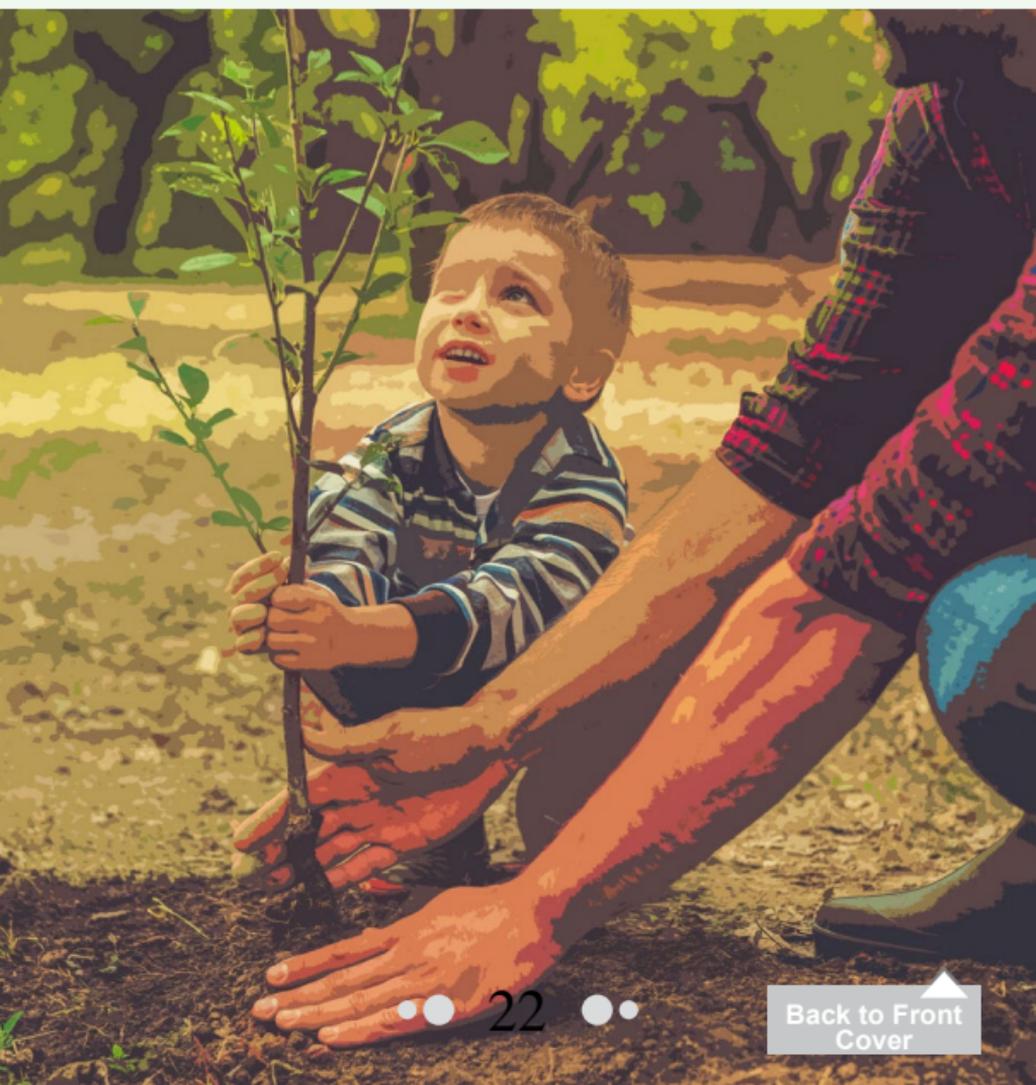


## Muhammad's Teachings to Preserve the Environment

### Muhammad called for a green world

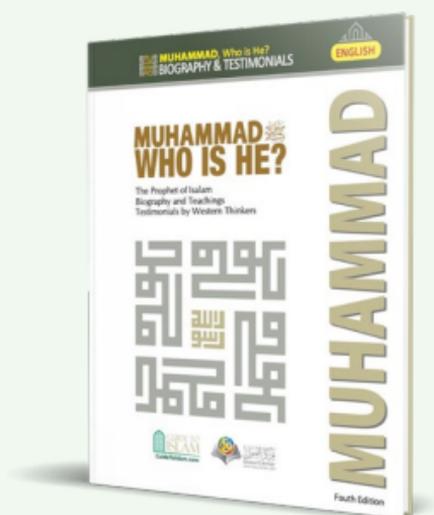
He linked the preservation of the environment to the belief in God Who created all beings. Therefore, a believer in God can not cause mischief to the environment because it is part of God's Kingdom. Harming the environment and wasting or polluting its resources (water, plants, animals, soil, air, marine ecosystem, etc) is not acceptable from an Islamic point of view.

Muhammad (peace be upon him) said:  
“Any Muslim who plants a seed that  
grows to a level, people or animals or  
birds can benefit or eat from it, then  
this act is considered as a Sadaqa”  
(a charity that is rewarded by God).  
(Bukhaari, 2320) and (Muslim,1188)



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