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In 2005, a Danish newspaper printed cartoons depicting our beloved Prophet ﷺ. A French satirical magazine reprinted one of these cartoons in 2006 and 2020. A French teacher who showed these pictures to his class last month was beheaded by a Muslim. Thereafter, the French government projected these cartoons on several of their buildings in France. So:

In Honour of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ

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This is our Response

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Introduction:

Even though it is heart-breaking for Muslims all around the world to see and hear what is happening in France, those who disrespect the Prophet ﷺ are the ones who will end up losing in this world and the next. Mr. Macron, the President of France, and the French Authorities’ insult and disrespect will hurt no one but themselves. Even though, as the great *Imām* Muhammad ibn Idrīs Shāfi‘ī said, “It does not befit the lion to answer the dogs,” here we would like to highlight some salient aspects of the greatest man to set foot on the face of this earth, so that those who have been given some sort of intellect will take heed.

Who is Muhammad ﷺ?

Muhammad ﷺ is the last and final Prophet of Allāh who was sent as a role-model for the entire mankind until the Day of Judgement. Allāh *Ta‘ālā* says: “There is definitely an excellent example in the Messenger of Allāh.”¹

His delegation to this world was also a mercy to the entire universe. Allāh *Ta‘ālā* says: “And We have not sent you, [O Muhammad], except as a mercy to the worlds.”²

¹ (33:21)

² (21:107)

Physical Appearance of the Prophet ﷺ:

Allāh Ta‘ālā granted the Prophet ﷺ such beauty that there is no comparison to him. Al-Barā رضي الله عنه said: “The Messenger of Allāh had the most handsome face and the best disposition.”³ Ḥassān ibn Thābit رضي الله عنه, in a poem regarding the Prophet ﷺ, said:

“My eyes have never seen anyone more perfect than you.
No woman has given birth to anyone more handsome than you.
You have been created free from all defects,
As if you were created the way you wished.”⁴

Character of the Prophet ﷺ:

He was not only given external beauty, he was blessed with the most excellent character and amazing traits. Moreover, the Prophet’s noble characteristics were such that his conduct became the standard and bar by which the character of others can be gauged. He was undoubtedly the trendsetter of nobility and excellence. Allāh Ta‘ālā says: “Verily you are upon exalted character.”⁵

Prior to embracing Islam, Zaid ibn Sa‘nah رضي الله عنه, a Jewish scholar, came to the Prophet ﷺ two or three days before the due date of a debt owed to him, demanding that the Prophet ﷺ pay him. He pulled the Prophet’s garment from his shoulder, took hold of his clothing and behaved harshly with him ﷺ, saying, “Banū ‘Abdul-Muṭṭalib (a reference to the Messenger's lineage), you are procrastinating.” ‘Umar رضي الله عنه chased him off and spoke sternly to him while the Prophet ﷺ merely smiled. He ﷺ then

³ (Bukhārī #3549)

⁴ (*Dīwān* Ḥassān ibn Thābit Pg.21)

⁵ (68:4)

said, “Umar, he and I are in greater need of something else from you (other than what you did to him). O Umar, you should advise me to repay in a beautiful manner and advise him to ask for his debt in a beautiful manner.” Thereafter the Prophet ﷺ said, “There are still three days left.” Then he ﷺ commanded ‘Umar to pay off the debt and add twenty *sā’* (approx. 70 kgs) more since he (i.e. ‘Umar) scared him (i.e. Zaid). This was the reason that Zaid رضي الله عنه embraced Islam, as he used to say “After recognizing all the signs of prophethood in Muhammad, there were only two signs remaining which I had not yet recognized: forbearance overcoming quick-temperedness, and extremely ignorant behaviour toward him only serving to increase him in forbearance. So I tested him for these, and I found him as described.”⁶

Some of the Rights of the Prophet ﷺ on Us:

(1) To have faith in the Prophethood of Muhammad ﷺ.

Allāh Ta‘ālā says: “So believe in Allāh, in His Messenger (Muhammad ﷺ) and in the light (Qur‘ān) that He revealed.”⁷

(2) To send salutations (*ṣalāh* and *salām*) on him ﷺ.

Allāh Ta‘ālā says: “Verily, Allāh and His angels send *ṣalāh* on the Prophet. O you who believe! Send *ṣalāh* and *salām* on him.”⁸

(3) To love him. Without his love, *imān* is incomplete. It is therefore important to have true love for him.

The Prophet ﷺ says: “None of you will have faith till he loves me more than his father, his children and all mankind.”⁹

⁶ See *Ash-Shifā* by Qādhī ‘Iyādh Pg.152 and *Mustadrak Ḥākim* #6606

⁷ (64:8)

⁸ (33:56)

(4) To honour and respect him ﷺ. Respecting and honouring him is part of our faith.

Allāh Ta‘ālā says: “We have sent him so that you believe in Allāh, and in His Messenger, assist him, respect him and glorify Him morning and evening.”¹⁰

Insulting and Disrespecting the Prophet ﷺ:

Regarding those who disrespect the Prophet ﷺ, Allāh Ta‘ālā says: “Verily those who hurt Allāh and His Messenger, Allāh curses them in this world and in the hereafter, and He has prepared a humiliating punishment for them.”¹¹

Sincere Advice:

We sincerely advise those people who have disrespected the best of creation, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ to immediately cease and desist from such acts as it is detrimental to their own wellbeing. As an atonement they should also apologize to the billion plus Muslims whom they have offended. We also advise them to read and study the biography of the Prophet ﷺ and step out of the darkness of ignorance, bigotry and narrowmindedness.

They should also know that as Muslims, we will not tolerate any insult and disrespect to our beloved Prophet ﷺ. We will sacrifice our wealth, health, time and life for his honour.

⁹ (Bukhārī #15)

¹⁰ (48:9)

¹¹ (33:57)

Our Responsibility as Muslims:

- (1) Study the beautiful life of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ from authentic and reliable sources.
- (2) Adopt and follow his teachings and sunnah.
- (3) Propagate his noble life and teachings through the various means available including, our practical example, verbal advocacy and by means of social media.
- (4) Do whatever we can, within the boundaries of *Shari'ah*, to defend the honour of our Prophet ﷺ, including, but not restricted to: signing petitions against the French government, protesting and boycotting French products as economics is the overriding concern of non-Muslims.
- (5) Supplicate to Allāh to accept us as one of the Prophet's soldiers and ask Him to guide mankind to the true love of our Master and Prophet, Muhammad ibn 'Adbullāh Al-Qurashī Al-Hāshimī, may the choicest blessings and peace be upon him.

The denigrators of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ should know that they are fighting a losing battle as his love, honour and status will endure eternally, and it is his enemies who will be cut off from all good.

“Your enemy [O Muhammad] is cut off from all good.”¹²

¹² (108:3)

May Allāh reward *Muftī* Mohammed Teladia for painstakingly putting together the first draft of this booklet and may He reward all those who were instrumental in its revision and editing, including *Shaikh* Yusuf Yaseen and his respected sister.