

The Prophetic Biography

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He was a man whose heart was a blazing ember that never cooled, and whose mind was a raging storm that never calmed.

But when the call of the Master of Prophets touched his heart, the ember was extinguished and the storm settled.

He was reborn in the light of faith.





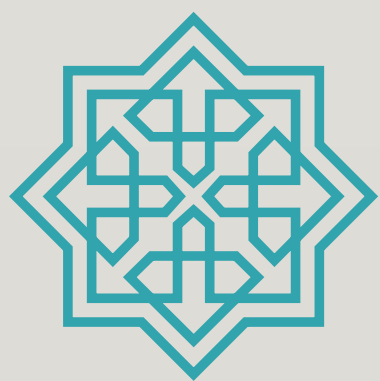
A heart once hard as stone became gentle like water—earnest in seeking the truth and sincerely defending Islam.

How does a tyrant turn into a merciful man? How does a fierce oppressor become a symbol of greatness?

It is an unforgettable story of transformation.



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"The Donkey of Al-Khattab Would Accept Islam Before Umar!"

Umar was among the fiercest enemies of Islam—his hatred for the religion ran so deep that he once tortured a slave girl who had embraced Islam, from morning



until night. He would say, “By Allah, I only stopped because I got tired.”

Meaning: Don’t think I had mercy on you—I just got bored of beating you!

When the Muslims were preparing for the first migration to Abyssinia, Umar saw a Muslim woman getting ready to leave. He asked her:

“O Umm ‘Abdullah, where are you going?”

She replied: “By Allah, we are leaving to seek the spacious land of Allah. You have harmed us and oppressed us until Allah provides us a way out.”

This time, Umar didn’t get angry or raise his hand to strike her. Instead, he said gently: “May Allah be with you.”



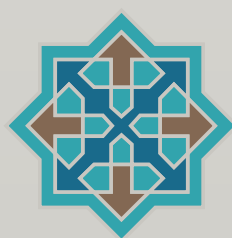
She wasn't used to such tenderness from him. When she met her husband, 'Amir ibn Rabi'ah, she told him what Umar had said and how sorrowful he seemed.

'Amir replied: "Did you hope for his Islam?"

She said: "Yes."

He said: "Umar will not accept Islam—not until the donkey of Al-Khattab does!" (1)

Such was the intensity of Umar's hostility and cruelty that 'Amir believed even Umar's donkey had a better chance of embracing Islam than Umar himself.





A Meeting with the Devil

One night, Umar sat alone with his thoughts, as the devil began to whisper to him:

“Don’t you see what happened to your uncle Abu Jahl three days ago, when Hamzah struck his



head and humiliated him in front of everyone? Don't you see how people are abandoning the worship of Al-Lat, Al-'Uzza, and Isaf? Don't you want to put an end to this madness and save future generations from it?"

A sinister idea formed in his mind—
To kill Muhammad ﷺ.

At dawn, Umar set out, thinking he would save Mecca by killing the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

He took his sharp sword and marched toward the Prophet's house, intent on murder.

On the way, he was spotted by Nu'aym ibn Abdullah, who had secretly embraced Islam.



Nu'aym asked, “Where are you going, O son of Al-Khattab?”

Umar, burning with rage, replied,
“I’m going to Muhammad, that apostate who has divided Quraysh, mocked our dreams, insulted our religion, and belittled our gods—I’m going to kill him!”

Nu'aym tried to warn him:

“By Allah, your soul has deceived you, O Umar! Do you really think the sons of ‘Abd Manaf will let you walk the earth after you’ve killed Muhammad?”

But that didn’t stop him.

Nu'aym, realizing the danger, resorted to a last option—diverting Umar by



revealing a secret.

He said:

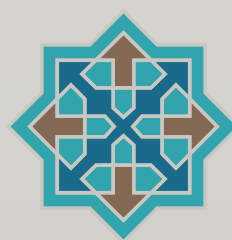
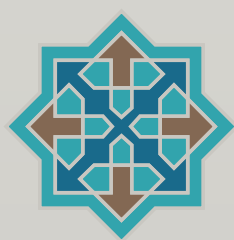
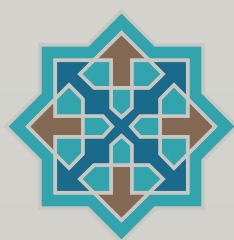
“Why don’t you go back to your own household first and deal with them?”

Umar, startled, shouted:

“My household? What about my household?”

Nu’aym replied:

“Your cousin, Sa’id ibn Zayd ibn ‘Amr, and your sister Fatimah bint Al-Khattab—by Allah, they’ve embraced Islam and follow Muhammad’s religion. You should deal with them first.”⁽²⁾



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A New Heart and a New Beginning

After performing ablution, he stepped out with a face unlike the one that entered.

It felt as if the water had not only cleansed his body, but had also washed over his heart and mind, purifying them as well.



He approached and took the scroll,
beginning to read the words of Allah:

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

❦ Ta-Ha. ❦ We have not sent down
the Qur'an to you to cause you
distress, ❦ But only as a reminder
for those who fear (Allah). ❦ A
revelation from He who created the
earth and the high heavens, ❦ The
Most Merciful, established above the
Throne. ❦ To Him belongs whatever
is in the heavens and whatever is on
the earth and whatever is between
them and whatever is beneath the
soil. ❦ And if you speak aloud – then
indeed, He knows the secret and
what is even more hidden. ❦ Allah



– there is no deity except Him.
To Him belong the best names. ❀

Surah Ta-Ha, 20:1–8

The beauty and power of the verses shook the heart of Ibn Al-Khattab.

He exclaimed: *"How beautiful and noble these words are!"*

Khabbab, who had been hiding nearby, came out when he heard Umar's words—eager to encourage him before any doubt returned.

Khabbab said to Umar: "O Umar, by Allah, I have hope that Allah has chosen you in response to His Prophet's prayer. I heard him say yesterday:

'O Allah, strengthen Islam with either Abu Al-Hakam ibn Hisham or Umar ibn Al-Khattab.'



So I urge you, O Umar!”⁽³⁾

—Meaning: Embrace Islam, O Umar!

Umar was amazed and asked:

“He said that?”

Khabbab replied:

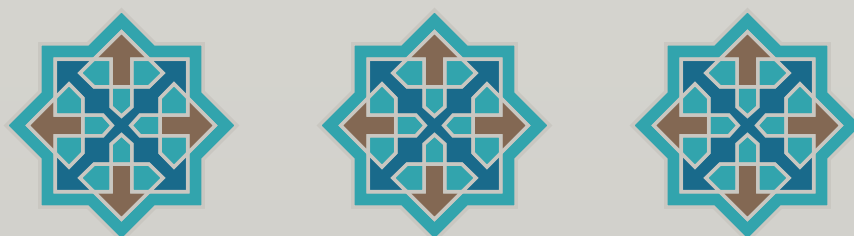
“By Allah, he did.”

Then Umar said: “Where is the Messenger of Allah? Take me to him, for I want to embrace Islam.”

He didn’t say Muhammad—he said the Messenger of Allah.

Khabbab responded:

“He is at a house near Al-Safa.”⁽⁴⁾



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The Courage of the Master of Prophets

Once again, Umar took up his sword
and walked toward the house of
Muhammad ﷺ—

But not to kill him or take his life—
this time, it was to revive his own
soul.



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Earlier that same morning, he had been a man who worshipped idols.

Now, he was heading toward the Prophet to become one of the giants of faith.

Neither the Prophet ﷺ nor his companions had any idea that Umar was coming to embrace Islam.

All they knew was that Umar was coming, sword in hand—just as he had before, seeking blood and vengeance.

When he reached the house near Al-Safa, one of the companions peeked through a crack in the door and saw him.

He panicked and cried out:



“It’s Umar ibn Al-Khattab! He’s wearing his sword!”

The companions inside the house were terrified.

But Hamzah, the Lion of Allah—who had only recently accepted Islam and was still learning the religion—stood up bravely and declared:

“Even if it is Umar, open the door.

If he comes with good intentions, we will welcome him.

But if he comes for harm, we will kill him with his own sword.”

Then the Prophet ﷺ, with unmatched courage and calm, said:

“Let him in.”



The door was opened, and Umar stepped into one of the rooms of the house.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ—the bravest of all creation—rose to confront him.

He approached Umar, seized the front of his cloak, and said firmly:

“What has brought you here, O son of Al-Khattab?

By Allah, I see that you will not stop until Allah sends a punishment upon you!”

Umar, lowering his voice, filled with shame for what he had done, replied:



“O Messenger of Allah, I have come to believe in Allah, His Messenger, and in what he has brought from Allah.”

Allahu Akbar! Allahu Akbar!

The Prophet ﷺ declared “Allahu Akbar” and so did everyone in the house.

Umar had embraced Islam that day.

The joy was overwhelming.

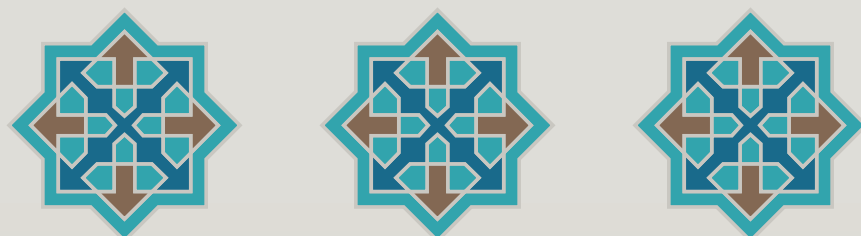
The companions rushed to Umar to congratulate him, forgetting all the pain and harm he had caused them.

That day marked the beginning of Islam’s strength.

From then on, the companions began to proclaim “Allahu Akbar” out loud—no longer afraid of the Quraysh.



All praise is due to Allah, who opened Umar's heart to Islam and saved him from the fire. ⁽⁵⁾



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