

# OUR NABIE (S.A.W.)'S METHOD

**WITH THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.**

One manifest object of our Nabie (S.A.W.)'s mission was that we cherish a Deen --- a system of life – of sincerity and deeds rather than of professions and forms; that our life, domestic and social, business and public, must be steeped in and permeated with a deep religious spirit --- a spirit of sincerity and service, of truth and justice, of devotion and self-sacrifice, honesty and compassion.

In his introduction to his translation of The Glorious Quraan, Marmaduke Pickthall wrote:-

“The inspiration of the Prophet (S.A.W.) progressed from inward things to outward things.”

Now listen to The Quraan in Sura An'am (ch. 6): verse 14:-

“... Say: 'Nay! But I am commanded to be the first of those who bow to Allah (in Islam), ...”

As far as its motivation is concerned, becoming the first to submit to Allah (S.W.T.) is an individual affair, but in its consequences, this act has far-reaching implications for the whole of humanity.

A volcanic eruption starts from within a mountain, invisible from the eyes of people. But when it erupts, it illuminates the entire surrounding with its glow.

So it was with our Nabie (S.A.W.) who first submitted to Allah (S.W.T.).

The transformation that took place within our Nabie (S.A.W.) had repercussions on his entire environment.

The same sequence can be found in the revelation of the Holy Quraan.

The first verses revealed were those that dealt with personal reform.

Later came the passages dealing with the improvement of society.

Our Nabie (S.A.W.) provided us with a perfect example of how to cultivate the divine attributes within us.

He developed them to such a large degree that no one was able to withstand the force of his character.

We are told in Sura Ahzab (ch. 33): verse 21:-

“You have indeed in the Rasool of Allah a beautiful pattern (of conduct) ...”

When our Nabie (S.A.W.) exploded to the outside world, almost all of the known world capitulated before him. People succumbed before his inspired character, for the strength of his personality came from within.

His thoughts and actions were not guided by prejudice, hate, anger, greed, lust for power, vanity, self-interest or any such base urge. He was guided by the Glorious Quraan; --- this is what makes for strength of character.

It is an irresistible force in this life; --- one which enables a person to face every test in life.

Refer: Sura Al-Furqan (ch. 25): verse 32

The more people opposed him, the more he adhered to his position of truth and righteousness.

His strength manifested itself in different ways as the need arose. Sometimes it took the form of forgiveness, sometimes supreme courage, sometimes his success was due to his farsightedness, sometimes he showed how one who disavows self-interest becomes an invisible force, who gains all by forsaking everything!

**Worksheet**

- 1) What do you understand by the line, ‘Nabie Muhammad (S.A.W.) was the Quraan in motion’?

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- 2) Is it possible for human beings to develop themselves fully in the intellectual, moral and spiritual spheres without the aid of divine guidance? Do offer a reason for your answer.

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