

The Final Prophet: Proofs for the Prophethood of Muhammad	
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Dalā'il al-Nubuwwah	<p>Literature on the proofs establishing the prophethood of Muhammad</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Over ninety such works are known today - Imam al-Shāfi'ī (d. 820) reportedly being the first compiler - The most famous being <i>Dalā'il al-Nubuwwah</i> by Imam al-Bayhaqī (d. 1066)
Al-Ḥaqq	<p>The Ultimate Reality, the One without whom no truth or reality is possible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seeking an explanation for God, when God is the explanation for us, makes circular reasoning inescapable
Belief in the Prophet ﷺ	<p>Allah says, "Muhammad is not the father of [any] one of your men, but [he is] the Messenger of Allah and the last of the prophets. And ever is Allah, of all things, Knowing"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whoever believes in Allah's words must accept that Muhammad ﷺ was His final prophet and messenger
Serving God	<p>We were created to transcend the carnal pursuits for a higher purpose: sincere devotion to God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me " - Servitude to God is therefore not only a duty but also a fundamental human need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is necessary to nourish our spirit just as food and oxygen are necessary to nourish our body <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The same most compassionate God who afforded us all we need on this planet for physical life and what sustains it, has also sent the means to nourish our spirits
Need for prophets	<p>Without the Creator communicating to us through prophets it would not be possible to have a meaningful relationship with Him</p> <p>Humanity cannot know God, nor know His beauty and grandeur, nor know the path to His pleasure, nor know His promises and threats, nor embody His prescriptive will which He lovingly ordained for the betterment of His creation, without the prophets and messengers</p>
Historical necessity	<p>Many experts believe that the sixth century was the worst in which to live</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In Roman coliseums, crowds cheered a lion as it mauled a screaming prisoner - In Persia, even the imperial family practiced incest - In India, those at the bottom of the caste system were

	<p>equivalent, if not inferior to, rodents and vermin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In Arabia, the infant daughter was buried alive - Further East, people worshiped fire, water, weapons, and genitalia - In many societies, a woman was seen as having no soul, or as having been created only to serve man - Those born into slavery were generally unable to change their status, and in some major civilizations of that period, they exceeded 75% of the population <p>It is difficult to conceive that Allah sent Abraham to construct the Ka'bah, established the blessed well of Zamzam beneath it, gave rise to a great nation because of it, and protected it from invasions—just so it would be surrounded by idols and become a venue for depravity</p>
<p>Biblical references to the Prophet ﷺ</p>	<p>"Those who follow the Messenger, the unlettered prophet, whom they find written [i.e., described] in what they have of the Torah and the Gospel"</p> <p>الَّذِينَ يَتَّبِعُونَ الرَّسُولَ النَّبِيَّ الْأُمِّيَّ الَّذِي يَجِدُونَهُ مَكْتُوبًا عِنْدَهُمْ فِي التَّوْرَةِ وَالْإِنْجِيلِ</p> <p>"I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God reveals to Moses that He will send another prophet to the Israelites who will be like him <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Both came with a new comprehensive code of law, both faced persecution causing them to leave their homelands, and both returned to defeat their oppressors - "Nor does he speak from [his own] inclination. It is but a revelation revealed" <p>"Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This proves that some Jews were still awaiting the coming of the Prophet <p>"Behold! My Servant whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry out nor raise his voice, nor make his voice heard in the street. A bent reed he will not break off and a dimly burning wick he will not extinguish; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not be disheartened or crushed until he has established justice on the earth"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The primary title of the Prophet throughout the Qur'an is "Our servant" - It is problematic to assume the servant was Jesus Christ

	<p>because Christianity and Islam agree that he rose without bringing justice to the nations; his handful of disciples did not possess the political strength to enforce God's law in their society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Isaiah 42:17 explicitly says "the prophet" would abolish idolatry, which the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ most definitely did <p>"Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send him to you... I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when he, the Spirit of truth, has come, he will guide you into all truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak; and he will tell you things to come"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus AS could not be implying the Holy Spirit here that cannot arrive until Jesus departs, since the Holy Spirit was always with Jesus - Jesus could not be implying Paul or the papacy, since they did not present proof that they communicated with the heavens - He ﷺ would accurately foretell future events and brought definitive guidance on all truths
<p>The Prophet's character</p> <p>'Āishah RA</p> <p>Trustworthiness</p> <p>Heraclius, the Byzantine emperor</p>	<p>Ibn Taymiyyah: There has never been any liar who claimed prophethood except that his ignorance, dishonesty, wickedness, and devilish ways became clear to anyone who possessed the smallest degree of discernment</p> <p>وما من أحد ادعى النبوة من الكذابين إلا وقد ظهر عليه من الجهل والكذب والفجور واستحواذ الشياطين عليه ما ظهر لمن له أدنى تمييز</p> <p>The Prophet's ﷺ "character was the Qur'an"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He ﷺ practiced everything that he preached <p>'Āishah RA: "There was nobody in Mecca (even his enemies) who had valuables that he feared for except that he kept them with the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, due to the honesty and trustworthiness that was known [to all] about him"</p> <p>وأمر رسول الله ﷺ علياً أن يتخلف عنه بمكة حتى يؤدي عن رسول الله ﷺ الودائع التي كانت عنده للناس</p> <p>قال ابن إسحاق : فإن رسول الله ﷺ أمره أن يتخلف حتى يؤدي عن رسول الله ﷺ الودائع التي كانت عنده للناس، وكان رسول الله ﷺ ليس بمكة أحد عنده شيء يخشى عليه إلا وضعه عنده لما يعلم من صدقه وأمانته</p> <p>"I asked you whether you ever accused him of lying before he stated what he stated [about prophethood]. You replied in the negative, and I know that he would not refrain from lying about others and then lie about God"</p> <p>وسألتك هل كنتم تتهمونه بالكذب قبل أن يقول ما قال، فذكرت أن لا، فقد أعرف أنه لم يكن ليذر الكذب على الناس ويكذب على الله</p>

<p>Integrity</p>	<p>There was a solar eclipse on the day that Ibrāhīm, the son of Allah's Messenger ﷺ, had died</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When the people began to say that the eclipse was due to the death of this young child, Allah's Messenger ﷺ rose at once and said, "The sun and the moon are not eclipsed because of the death or birth of anyone. Rather, they are two of God's signs" <p>الشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ لَا يَنْكَسِفَانِ لِمَوْتِ أَحَدٍ وَلَا لِحَيَاتِهِ، وَلَكِنَّهُمَا آيَتَانِ مِنْ آيَاتِ اللَّهِ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Had the Prophet ﷺ been a narcissistic imposter, this would have been the perfect opportunity to capitalize on such a convenient credibility booster
<p>Simplicity</p>	<p>Despite gaining control of all of Arabia by the end of his life and having thousands of followers who obsessed over him and would have done anything in the world for him, yet, we see no signs of luxury in any sphere of his life</p> <p>يا نبي الله، وما لي لا أبكي وهذا الحصور قد أثر في جنبك، وهذه خزانة لا أرى فيها إلا ما أرى، وذاك قبصر وكسرى في الثمار والأنهار، وأنت رسول الله ﷺ وصفوته وهذه خزانة</p>
<p>Humility</p>	<p>Anas b. Mālik: "Nobody was more beloved to them (the Companions) than the Messenger of Allah ﷺ. Despite that, when they would see him, they would not stand for him, knowing how much he disliked that"</p> <p>لم يكن شخص أحب إليهم من رسول الله ﷺ، وكانوا إذا رأوه لم يقوموا لما يعلمون من كراهيته لذلك</p> <p>"Do not aggrandize me as the Christians exaggerated in praising the son of Mary I am but a slave, so call me the slave of God and His messenger"</p> <p>لَا تُطَرُونِي كَمَا أَطَرَتِ النَّصَارَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ فَإِنَّمَا أَنَا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ فَقُولُوا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ</p>
<p>Mercy</p>	<p>"I sometimes stand in prayer then hear a child crying, so I make my prayer brief due to not wanting to cause hardship for his mother"</p> <p>إِنِّي لَأَدْخُلُ فِي الصَّلَاةِ فَأَرِيدُ إِطَالَتَهَا، فَأَسْمَعُ بُكَاءَ الصَّبِيِّ فَاتَجَوَّزُ مِمَّا أَعْلَمُ مِنْ شِدَّةِ وَجْدِ أُمِّهِ مِنْ بُكَائِهِ</p> <p>The Prophet ﷺ once found a child in a sad state, and quickly noticed that his pet nughayr (sparrow) was no longer around, so he said, "O Abū 'Umayr, what happened to the nughayr?"</p> <p>يَا أَبَا عُمَيْرٍ مَا فَعَلَ النُّعَيْرُ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He inquired about the creature because it meant so much to the young child <p>"And We have not sent you [O Muhammad] except as a mercy to all the worlds"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He ﷺ taught that sharpening one's blade is a necessary part of the kindness due to a sacrificial animal <p>وَلْيُجَدَّ أَحَدُكُمْ شَفَرَتَهُ فَلْيَرْحُ دَبِيحَتَهُ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He ﷺ forbade that a harmless animal be killed for sport or

	<p>for other than consumption</p> <p>لَا تَتَّخِذُوا شَيْئًا فِيهِ الرُّوحُ غَرَضًا</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He ﷺ would reprimand his followers for not relieving their riding mounts of the loads they carried promptly after reaching their destination <p>Forgiveness</p> <p>“This person drew my sword as I slept, and I awoke to find an unsheathed blade in his hand ” He said to me, ‘Who will protect you from me?’ I said, ‘Allah,’ the sword fell from his hand, so the Prophet ﷺ took it and said, “Who will protect you?” ... The Prophet ﷺ let him go, and so the man returned to his tribe and said, “I have come to you from the best of people”</p> <p>قَامَ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ بِالسَّيْفِ، فَقَالَ: مَنْ يَمْنَعُكَ مِنِّي؟ قَالَ: “اللَّهُ” فَسَقَطَ السَّيْفُ مِنْ يَدِهِ، فَأَخَذَهُ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ فَقَالَ: “مَنْ يَمْنَعُكَ مِنِّي؟” ... فَخَلَّى سَبِيلَهُ، فَأَتَى قَوْمَهُ فَقَالَ: جِئْتُكُمْ مِنْ عِنْدِ خَيْرِ النَّاسِ</p> <p>Wahshī was hired to kill Ḥamzah ibn ‘Abdul-Muṭṭalib , the paternal uncle of the Prophet ﷺ and fled the city at the conquest of Makkah</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Never did we see the Messenger of Allah ﷺ weep as intensely as he wept for Ḥamzah” - Wahshī said, “I heard that no matter how grave a person’s crime against him, the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ always chose forgiveness” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This encouraged him to eventually return to Makkah and embrace Islam <p>Bravery</p> <p>The matchless bravery of Muhammad ﷺ indicated that he was not only truthful, but certain of his truthfulness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “On the Day of Badr ... we used to stay close to the Prophet ﷺ for cover, and he was the closest of us to the enemy, and he was the fiercest warrior on that day” <p>رَأَيْنَا يَوْمَ بَدْرٍ وَنَحْنُ نَلُودُ بِرَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ، وَهُوَ أَقْرَبُنَا إِلَى الْعُدُوِّ، وَكَانَ مِنْ أَشَدِّ النَّاسِ يَوْمَئِذٍ بَأْسًا</p> <p>When Allah revealed, “O Messenger, convey that which has been revealed to you... and Allah will protect you from the people,” the Prophet ﷺ forbade his Companions from continuing to stand guard at night by his door</p> <p>كَانَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ يُحْرَسُ حَتَّى نَزَلَتْ هَذِهِ الْآيَةُ: {وَاللَّهُ يَعْصِمُكَ مِنَ النَّاسِ} فَأَخْرَجَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ رَأْسَهُ مِنَ الْقُبَّةِ، فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ انْصَرِفُوا فَقَدْ عَصَمَنِي اللَّهُ</p> <p>Generosity</p> <p>It was well known that he never consumed any of the charity he collected</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hasan bin Ali RA took a date from the dates which were given as sadaqah and put it in his mouth. The Prophet SAW told him: “Stop, stop, throw it away, did you not know that we are not allowed to take Sadaqah” <p>أَخَذَ الْحَسَنُ بْنُ عَلِيٍّ تَمْرَةً مِنْ تَمَرِ الصَّدَقَةِ فَجَعَلَهَا فِي فِيهِ فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ كَيْفَ أَرُمُ بِهَا أَمَا عَلِمْتَ أَنَا لَا نَأْكُلُ الصَّدَقَةَ</p> <p>The Prophet ﷺ said, “I remembered while I was praying that we</p>
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Perseverance	<p>had some gold remaining [in the house], and I disliked that our evening pass while we still have it, so I instructed that it be distributed”</p> <p>He ﷺ never knew his father, lost his mother at a young age, then lost his grandfather, and then his uncle and wife simultaneously, lived to witness five of his six children die, was treated like a menace and fugitive after decades of building a flawless reputation, was starved for years by his own people, experienced physical abuse until he would faint, faced countless campaigns of character assassination, was driven out of his home, forced to flee to Madinah for shelter, only to find hypocrites there awaiting every opportunity to betray him, saw the murder and mutilation of his relatives and Companions, and then the slander of his cherished wife ‘Āishah</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Prophet ﷺ rose from that abyss of negativity and not only survived but became a fountain of mercy and empathy for people, animals, and plants alike. Should we not consider this miraculous?
William Montgomery Watt Occam’s Razor Ibn Ḥazm	<p>To suppose Muhammad an imposter raises more problems than it solves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The simplest explanation is preferable to one that is more complex - The biography of Muhammad ﷺ, for anyone who deeply considers it, necessitates believing him and testifying that he is certainly the Messenger of Allah ﷺ <p>فَإِنْ سِيرَةَ مُحَمَّدٍ ﷺ لِمَنْ تَدَبَّرَهَا تَقْنِضِي تَصْدِيقَهُ ضَرُورَةٌ وَتَشْهَدُ لَهُ بِأَنَّهُ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ حَقًّا فَلَوْ لَمْ تَكُنْ لَهُ مُعْجَزَةٌ غَيْرُ سِيرَتِهِ ﷺ لَكَفَى</p>
The Prophet’s accomplishments Alphonse de Lamartine Michael Hart	<p>He ﷺ was unique in human history for having excelled in numerous roles simultaneously: a spiritual leader, a head of state, a general, a diplomat, a family man, and an educator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus Christ was a tremendous spiritual figure, but not a general or head of state - Many great kings, rulers, and emperors were ruthless, arrogant, or otherwise intoxicated by power <p>If greatness of purpose, smallness of means, and astounding results are the three criteria of human genius, who could dare to compare any great man in modern history with Muhammad?</p> <p>He was the only man in history who was supremely successful on both the religious and secular levels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Muhammad was born in southern Arabia, at that time a backward area of the world, far from the centers of trade, art, and learning, orphaned, illiterate and reared in modest surroundings - Today, thirteen centuries after his death, his influence is still powerful and pervasive

The most named	If one combines all the variant spellings of the name, Muhammad is likely the most popular name in the entire world
The most followed	<p>David Hogarth: "Serious or trivial, his daily behavior has instituted a canon which millions observe this day with conscious mimicry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No one regarded by any section of the human race as Perfect Man has ever been imitated so minutely - The conduct of the founder of Christianity has not governed the ordinary life of his followers"
The most revered	<p>'Urwah ibn Mas'ūd: "I have visited Caesar in his kingdom, and Chosroes in his kingdom, and the Negus in his kingdom. But by God, I have never seen a king so revered among a people like Muhammad. He does not wash himself except that they rush to catch the droplets of water [falling from his body], nor does one of his hairs fall except that they take it. Whenever he speaks, they immediately lower their voices, and none stares at him directly out of reverence for him"</p> <p>وَاللَّهُ لَقَدْ وَفَدْتُ عَلَى الْمُلُوكِ، وَوَفَدْتُ عَلَى قَيْصَرَ وَكِسْرَى وَالنَّجَاشِيِّ، وَاللَّهُ إِنْ رَأَيْتَ مَلِكًا قَطُّ يُعَظَّمُهُ أَصْحَابُهُ مَا يُعَظَّمُ أَصْحَابُ مُحَمَّدٍ ﷺ مُحَمَّدًا</p>
وَرَفَعْنَا لَكَ ذِكْرَكَ	This verse was revealed during the early Meccan years, at a time when the Muslims were a mere handful of weak people and it was unsure what would happen to Islam
Unity of God	<p>Islamic monotheism became the religion of Arabia in just twenty years of preaching</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restoring the unity of God in people's lives resulted in restoring order and meaning to life, as it did away with the notion of life being a destination-less journey <p>The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ propagated a purely personal relationship with God, one void of any intermediary or human interference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This strict monotheism placed all men and women on equal footing before God and with equal access to God
Human rights	Islam affirmed a universal human brotherhood and demanded an end to every form of bigotry based on race, color, or class
Arnold Toynbee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Superiority was based only on piety—which only God could judge, and all could compete for - "The extinction of race consciousness as between Muslims is one of the outstanding moral achievements of Islam"
Racism	<p>The Prophet ﷺ didn't simply reject bigotry and racism; he argued that racial and linguistic diversity should be appreciated and embraced</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "And of His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth and the diversity of your languages and your colors. Indeed, in that are signs for those of knowledge"

Addressing classism	<p>“Your servants are your brothers whom Allah has placed under your authority. Whoever’s brother is under his authority should feed him with the same food he eats, clothe him with the same clothes he wears ... and if you commission them with a task, then assist him”</p> <p>Sālim, a freed slave, would lead the senior-most Companions of the Prophet ﷺ in prayer due to his skill in reciting the Qur’an</p>
Cause of decline of Islamic civilization	<p>It is a demonstrable historical reality that Muslims thrived whenever there was greater adherence to Islam and the guidance of their Prophet ﷺ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The Rise and Decline of the Muslims and Its Effect on Mankind</i> by Abul Hasan Nadwi <p>In Europe and the Americas, the renaissance was propelled by separating their faith from public life or dismissing it altogether</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hence the notion in the secular West that the revival of religion necessitates a return to backwardness and stagnation
Primary motivators for converting to Islam	<p>Pew Research Center found that “preferring the beliefs/finding more meaning in Islam” and “studying Islam/reading its religious texts” are in fact the two primary motivators for accepting Islam</p>

The message of the Prophet ﷺ	Islam combined the Mosaic Law of Justice with the Christian Law of Grace, taking a middle way between the severity of Judaism and the mercy of Jesus
Comprehensive teachings	His teachings laid the foundation for a coherent and integrated system of theology, law, and ethics that addressed all the needs of the existential human condition: physical, mental, social, and spiritual
Divine origins	His message was among the most compelling facets of his prophethood and the strongest indicators of its divine origins
Allah's Oneness	There is no obscurity regarding God's oneness in the Quran unlike the trinitarian doctrine which had led to disagreements between Christian denominations over the nature of God
Allah's Omnipotence	There is no exception to God's omnipotence in the Qur'an unlike the Old Testament which depicts God as losing a wrestling bout with Jacob AS
Divine decree	<p>Everything is and will always be in God's hands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contrasts with the atheistic worldview that perceives reality as random and undirected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This entails an existence that rests in the grip of a merciless, relentless set of physical laws which serve no purpose and offer no reassurances <p>"Study after study has found that religious people tend to be less depressed and less anxious than nonbelievers, better able to handle the vicissitudes of life than nonbelievers"</p>
Resilience	These beliefs taught by the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ afforded his followers wonderful resilience in the face of poverty, fear, and other challenges
Connection with God	<p>Pagans attempt to connect with the Divine through theatrical forms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monotheists with access to confirmed prophetic teachings enjoy the real pathways disclosed by God to connect with Him
Prayer and the congregation	<p>The Qur'an encourages Muslims to worship together and links prayer to escaping the suffocating grip of sadness and social estrangement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "We certainly know that your chest is constrained by what they say. So glorify the praises of your Lord and be of those who prostrate" - Considering the upsurge in social isolation, depression, substance abuse, and rising suicide rates, the Muslim daily prayer is a viable solution
Fasting and its benefits	<p>Science had previously recommended three meals a day with snacks in between as the dietary ideal</p> <p>Though the benefits of intermittent fasting have only recently been</p>

	<p>studied, it has been a consistent practice among the followers of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ for fourteen centuries</p>
Harms of interest	<p>Interest-based lending appears to be an avenue for quick funds, but it often buries people and countries further in debt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discourages productivity and labor, since money is what begets money here, not effort or craftsmanship
Benefit of prohibition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prevents borrowers from living beyond their means, which mitigates their being exploited by lenders, and the ecological damage caused by consumerism
Consumption of alcohol	<p>The Prophet ﷺ taught that “whatever will intoxicate in large amounts, then even small amounts of it are unlawful”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is superior to current recommendations to “drink responsibly” which rely on the decision-making of those whose ability to make responsible decisions is impaired - ‘Āishah: “The first revelations of the Qur’an were the chapters which contain mention of Paradise and Hellfire. Then, once the people became inclined to Islam, the lawful and unlawful were revealed. If the first thing to be revealed was “Do not drink wine,” they would have said, “We will never give up wine”” <p>إِنَّمَا نَزَلَ أَوَّلَ مَا نَزَلَ مِنْهُ سُورَةُ مِنَ الْمُفَصَّلِ، فِيهَا ذِكْرُ الْجَنَّةِ وَالنَّارِ، حَتَّى إِذَا ثَابَ النَّاسُ إِلَى الْإِسْلَامِ نَزَلَ الْحَلَالُ وَالْحَرَامُ، وَلَوْ نَزَلَ أَوَّلَ شَيْءٍ: لَا تَشْرَبُوا الْخَمْرَ، لَقَالُوا: لَا نَدْعُ الْخَمْرَ أَبَدًا</p>
Wisdom in the manner of prohibition	
Personal hygiene	<p>Until Christendom’s encounter with the Muslim world during the Crusades, bathing was not yet customary amongst Europeans</p> <p>Islam promoted rinsing the mouth regularly and brushing the teeth frequently</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “The toothbrush is a purification for the mouth, and a means of pleasing the Lord” - With advances in medicine, we now understand how useful brushing can be in preventing rotting teeth and the agony of gum infection <p>The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ instructed Muslims to rinse their hands in wuḍū’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is estimated that only 19% of people across the world wash their hands after using the toilet <p>Nasal irrigation by sending small amounts of water all the way through is the way to treat and prevent sinusitis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “And be thorough in irrigating the nose, unless you are fasting” <p>وبالغ في الاستنشاق، إلا أن تكون صائماً</p>
Knowledge and learning	<p>The caliphal library in Medieval Cordoba reportedly had 400,000 books while the largest library in Christian Europe probably had 400 manuscripts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “You know better concerning your worldly affairs”

	<p>أنتم أعلم بأمر دنياكم</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Prophet believed that demonstrated expertise and empirical findings ought to be respected - “He who practices medicine without being known for proficiency in medicine shall be liable” <p>مَنْ تَطَبَّبَ وَلَمْ يُعْلَمْ مِنْهُ طِبٌّ قَبْلُ ذَلِكَ فَهُوَ ضَامِنٌ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Islam provides a way to counteract the enormous amount of medical misinformation circulated on the internet by non-specialists
Prophecies	<p>Al-Qādī ‘Iyāḍ: “This genre of hadith are one of his miracles which are undeniably established, transmitted to us by tawātur, all corroborating the fact that he ﷺ was privy to [some of] the unseen”</p> <p>وهذه المعجزة من جملة معجزاته المعلومة على القطع الواصل إلينا خبرها على التواتر لكثرة روايتها واتفاق معانيها على الاطلاع على الغيب</p>
Byzantium victory	<p>“The Byzantines have been defeated. In the nearest land. But they, after their defeat, will overcome. Within three to nine years”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - People like Ubayy ibn Khalaf mocked this foretelling in the Qur’an because everyone saw Byzantium as on its deathbed - Heraclius led the Byzantine Crusade fulfilling the prophecy six to eight years after it was made - “And on that Day, the believers will rejoice in the victory of Allah”
<i>Al-Baḥr al-Muḥīṭ</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Of the reasons given for this rejoicing is that the unfolding prophecy would validate the Muslims’ belief in his prophethood
Abu Lahab	<p>The Prophet's own uncle Abu Lahab chastised him following his first public call to Islam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God immediately revealed, “He will burn in a Fire of blazing flame” - Despite the opportunity to discredit the Qur’an, Abu Lahab did not convert, not even disingenuously
Spread of Islam	<p>The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ conveyed to his followers God’s promise of Islam spreading all over the world</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Indeed, Allah gathered up the earth for me so that I saw its east and its west, and the dominion of my nation will indeed reach what was gathered up for me” <p>إن الله زوى لي الأرض، فرأيت مشارقها ومغاربها، وإن أمتي سيبلغ ملكها ما زوى لي منها</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The prediction that Islam would not just survive but grow to thrive globally was inconceivable at a time when Muslims were a powerless handful - Islam is on track to becoming by 2070 the religion with the most adherents on the planet
Foretelling casualties	<p>“The Prophet ﷺ showed us where the [enemies] at Badr would die. He would place his hand somewhere on the ground and say, ‘This is where so-and-so will die tomorrow, by God’s will, and this is where</p>

Anas	<p>so-and-so will die”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None of them fell anywhere other than exactly where the Prophet’s hand had touched <p>فَمَا مَاطَ أَحَدُهُمْ عَنْ مَوْضِعِ يَدِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ</p>
Foretelling conquests	<p>The Prophet ﷺ said that Constantinople, presently called Istanbul, would become a Muslim land nearly a millennium prior to it happening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This great feat was accomplished by the Ottoman sultan, Muhammad al-Fāṭih - “Constantinople will certainly be liberated, and how excellent a leader will its leader be, and how excellent an army that army will be” <p>لَتُفْتَحَنَّ الْقُسْطَنْطِينِيَّةُ فَلَنَعَمَ الْأَمِيرُ أَمِيرُهَا، وَلَنَعَمَ الْجَيْشُ ذَلِكَ الْجَيْشُ</p>
Martyrdom of ‘Umar and ‘Uthmān	<p>The Prophet ﷺ ascended Mount Uḥud along with Abū Bakr, ‘Umar, and ‘Uthmān, and the mountain shook beneath them. The Prophet ﷺ tapped it with his foot and said, “Be firm, Uḥud, for upon you are none other than a Prophet, a ṣiddīq, and two martyrs”</p> <p>أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ صَعَدَ أُحُدًا وَأَبُو بَكْرٍ وَعُمَرُ وَعُثْمَانُ فَرَجَفَ بِهِمْ فَقَالَ ﷺ : اثْبُتْ أُحُدُ فَإِنَّمَا عَلَيْكَ نَبِيٌّ وَصَدِيقٌ وَشَهِيدَانِ</p>
Period of the Caliphate	<p>“The caliphate will be for thirty years, then there will be a monarchy after that”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abū Bakr ruled for approximately two years, then ‘Umar for ten, then ‘Uthmān for twelve, then ‘Alī for five, before al-Ḥasan within months abdicated it to Mu‘āwiyah - “And the promise of the Truthful ﷺ came to pass... [the period of the caliphate] neither exceeded nor fell short a day
Addressing others' inner thoughts	<p>Wābiṣah ibn Ma‘bad narrated: I came to the Messenger of Allah ﷺ and he said, “You came to ask about righteousness and sin?” I said, “Yes.” He ﷺ closed his hand, tapped my chest, and said, “Consult your heart. Consult your heart. Consult your heart. Sin is what discomforts your soul and wavers in your chest, even if the people continue to advise you otherwise”</p> <p>فَقَالَ : يَا وَابِصَةُ أَخْبِرْكَ أَمْ تَسْأَلُنِي؟ قُلْتُ : لَا بَلْ أَخْبِرْنِي فَقَالَ : جِئْتَ تَسْأَلُنِي عَنِ الْبِرِّ وَالْإِثْمِ فَقَالَ : نَعَمْ</p>
Abandonment of the sunnah	<p>“Soon there will be a time when a man will be reclining on his couch with a full stomach, and he will say, ‘You should only adhere to this Qur’an. What you find it deeming permissible, consider it permissible, and what you find it deeming forbidden, consider it forbidden.’ But whatever the Messenger of Allah forbids is like what Allah forbids”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There continues to arise different groups of people who attempt to delegitimize the Sunnah <p>أَلَا هَلْ عَسَى رَجُلٌ يَلُغُهُ الْحَدِيثُ عَنِّي وَهُوَ مُتَكَبِّرٌ عَلَى أَرْيَكْتِهِ فَيَقُولُ : بَيَّنَّنَا وَبَيَّنَّكُمْ كِتَابُ اللَّهِ، فَمَا وَجَدْنَا فِيهِ حَلَالًا اسْتَحَلَّلْنَاهُ وَمَا وَجَدْنَا فِيهِ حَرَامًا حَرَّمْنَاهُ. وَإِنَّ مَا حَرَّمَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ كَمَا حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ</p>
Competing in	<p>“And if you see the barefoot, naked shepherds of camels competing</p>

materialism	<p>in the construction of high-rise buildings, then this is from among the signs of the Hour”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Gulf States, as impoverished as they were a century ago, have developed two of the world’s three tallest skyscrapers
Proliferation of interest	<p>“A time will come over the people when they will consume ribā.” They asked him, “All of them?” He said, “Whoever does not consume it will still be reached by its dust”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contemporary financial dealings contain interest-bearing clauses when purchasing a property or vehicle, or simply for developing credit
Banks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The deposits in our checking accounts are loaned out by the bank to make it more money - The bonuses we receive on credit card rewards are partly funded by the interest paid by other customers
Insensible violence	<p>“By the One in whose hand is my soul, this world will not end until a day comes when the killer has no idea why he killed, nor the killed why he was killed”</p> <p>وَالَّذِي نَفْسِي بِيَدِهِ لَا تَذْهَبُ الدُّنْيَا حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ عَلَى النَّاسِ يَوْمٌ لَا يُدْرِي الْقَاتِلُ فِيْمَ قَتَلَ وَلَا الْمَقْتُولُ فِيْمَ قُتِلَ</p> <p>“The Hour will not commence until knowledge is removed, earthquakes become frequent, time narrows, turmoil surfaces, and anarchy increases—namely killing, lots of killing”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Today’s ubiquity of entertainment and consumerism fills up our time - The twentieth century has been the bloodiest in human history; World War I alone claimed the lives of 65 million people and World War II another 72 million
Immorality	<p>The Prophet ﷺ said that there will emerge in the future “women who are clothed yet naked, walking with an enticing gait ... They will never enter Paradise or even smell its fragrance”</p> <p>نِسَاءٌ كَاسِيَاتٌ عَارِيَّاتٌ مُمِيلَاتٌ مَائِلَاتٌ، لَا يَدْخُلْنَ الْجَنَّةَ وَلَا يَجِدْنَ رِبْحَهَا، وَإِنَّ رِبْحَهَا لَيُوجَدُ مِنْ مَسِيرَةِ كَذَا وَكَذَا</p> <p>“And fornication never becomes prevalent among a people, to the degree that they practice it openly, except that epidemics become rampant among them”</p> <p>لَمْ تَظْهَرِ الْفَاحِشَةُ فِي قَوْمٍ قَطُّ حَتَّى يُعْلَنُوا بِهَا إِلَّا فَشَا فِيْهِمُ الطَّاعُونُ وَالْأَوْجَاعُ الَّتِي لَمْ تَكُنْ مَضَتْ فِي أَسْلَافِهِمُ الَّذِينَ مَضُوا</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The link between sexual permissiveness and sexually transmitted diseases is undeniable
Many but weak	<p>“The nations will soon invite one another to devour you, just as diners are invited to a dish.” It was said, “Will it be because of our small number on that day?” He said, “No, rather you will be many on that day, but you will be weightless foam, like the foam on the river”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - King Leopold of Belgium famously referred to his colonial ambitions as “this magnificent African cake,” which the European powers carved at will during the Berlin Conference

<p>Proofs of his prophethood</p>	<p>of 1884</p> <p>“Once my nation considers five things permissible, then destruction will befall them: when cursing one another appears, wine is drunk, silk is worn, musical instruments are played, and men suffice themselves with men and women suffice themselves with women”</p> <p>إِذَا اسْتَحَلَّتْ أُمَّتِي خَمْسًا فَعَلَيْهِمُ الدَّمَارُ، إِذَا ظَهَرَ فِيهِمُ التَّلَاعُنُ، وَلُبِسَ الْحَرِيرُ، وَاتَّخَذُوا الْقَيْنَاتِ، وَشَرِبُوا الْخُمُورَ، وَاکْتَفَى الرَّجَالُ بِالرِّجَالِ وَالنِّسَاءُ بِالنِّسَاءِ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Muslims today are not insulated from the ideologies that accept same-sex acts <p>Given the number and precision of these prophecies, they must be seen for what they are: overwhelmingly convincing proofs of his prophethood <small>صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم</small></p>
<p>Physical miracles</p> <p>Need for physical miracles</p> <p>Rejection of miracles</p> <p>Possibility of miracles</p> <p>Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence</p> <p>Ibn Hajar</p>	<p>Prophet Muhammad's <small>صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم</small> ministry was supported by physical miracles that were witnessed and reported by a generation of unchallengeable moral integrity</p> <p>Ibn al-Qayyim: “The paths to guidance are diverse, as a mercy and kindness from God to His servants, due to the variation in their intellectual, mental, and spiritual insights”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some are guided by recognizing the truth in the message itself, some recognized the truth through the impeccable character of its bearer <small>صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم</small>, some were brought to faith by God through miracles, some were impressed by the triumphs and successes of the Prophet's lifetime, and others simply followed its leaders who joined the fold of Islam <p>The Qur'an itself asserts that miracles are futile for those not willing to believe them even if they were to witness them with their own eyes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “And [even] if We opened to them a gate from the heaven and they continued therein to ascend, they would say, ‘Our eyes have only been dazzled’” <p>If God created the laws of nature, it logically follows that He is not bound by the system He designed</p> <p>Rational and balanced people accept that testimony is acceptable as evidence that a fact or event is certainly true or likely true</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nobody actually only accepts what they have experienced themselves as evidence - This collectively confers necessary knowledge (certainty) that a great number of supernatural events occurred at his hands <small>صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم</small>, in the same manner that someone can conclusively assert the generosity of Hātim [al-Ṭā'ī] and the courage of ‘Alī, even if the individual reports on this are only speculative due to their being reported through āḥād chains... Furthermore, it is not documented from the Companions or those after them a single conflicting report that challenges these accounts, and

	<p>this silence necessitates approval since they are collectively above turning a blind eye to falsehood</p> <p>وَمَجْمُوعٌ ذَلِكَ يُفِيدُ الْقَطْعَ بِأَنَّهُ ظَهَرَ عَلَى يَدِهِ ﷺ مِنْ خَوَارِقِ الْعَادَاتِ شَيْءٌ كَثِيرٌ كَمَا يَقْطَعُ بِوُجُودِ جُودِ حَاتِمٍ وَشَجَاعَةِ عَلِيٍّ وَإِنْ كَانَتْ أَفْرَادُ ذَلِكَ ظَنَنْتَهُ وَرَدَّتْ مُورِدَ الْأَحَادِ مَعَ أَنَّ كَثِيرًا مِنَ الْمُعْجَزَاتِ النَّبَوِيَّةِ قَدْ اُسْتَهْرَ وَأُنْتَشَرَ وَرَوَاهُ الْعَدَدُ الْكَثِيرُ وَالْجَمُّ الْغَفِيرُ وَأَقَادَ الْكَثِيرُ مِنْهُ الْقَطْعَ عِنْدَ أَهْلِ الْعِلْمِ بِالْآثَارِ وَالْعَنَافَةِ بِالسِّيَرِ وَالْأَخْبَارِ وَإِنْ لَمْ يَصِلْ عِنْدَ غَيْرِهِمْ إِلَى هَذِهِ الرُّتْبَةِ لِعَدَمِ عَنَائَتِهِمْ بِذَلِكَ بَلْ لَوْ ادَّعَى مُدَّعٍ أَنَّ غَالِبَ هَذِهِ الْوَقَائِعِ مُفِيدَةٌ لِلْقَطْعِ بِطَرِيقِ نَظَرِيٍّ لِمَا كَانَ مُسْتَبْعَدًا وَهُوَ أَنَّهُ لَا مَرِيَّةَ أَنَّ رُؤَاةَ الْأَخْبَارِ فِي كُلِّ طَبَقَةٍ قَدْ حَدَّثُوا بِهِذِهِ الْأَخْبَارِ فِي الْجُمْلَةِ وَلَا يُحْفَظُ عَنْ أَحَدٍ مِنَ الصَّحَابَةِ وَلَا مَنْ بَعْدَهُمْ مُخَالَفَةُ الرَّائِي فِيمَا حَكَاهُ مِنْ ذَلِكَ وَلَا الْإِنْكَارُ عَلَيْهِ فِيمَا هُنَالِكَ فَيَكُونُ السَّكَيْتُ مِنْهُمْ كَالنَّاطِقِ لِأَنَّ مَجْمُوعَهُمْ مَحْفُوظٌ مِنَ الْإِغْضَاءِ عَلَى الْبَاطِلِ</p>
The Moon splitting	<p>“The Hour has come near, and the moon has split [in two]. And if they see any miracle, they turn away and say, ‘Passing magic”</p>
Objection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Numerous Hadith experts have independently verified the mutawātir-grade reporting of this miraculous event - There should have been a gravitational disturbance or a geological trace on the moon’s surface
Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One should not expect a supernatural event to have natural effects
Objection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Why did others not see the moon split - This falsely presumes the need for the global visibility of a miracle that was intended for the Prophet’s immediate audience
Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Many possible explanations: among them is that people near Mecca did in fact confirm it and that other geographical locations were either experiencing daylight or were deeper into the night when hardly anyone would be awake and inspecting the sky; another possibility is that a few other people saw it worldwide but assumed it to be a hallucination, or feared being accused of such, or shared it with others but were not taken seriously - A momentary decontextualized strange sight in the sky would be unlikely to be believed, reported, or documented, let alone transmitted
Reason for lack of historical reports	
The Night Journey	<p>“Glory be to the One Who took His servant [Muhammad] by night from the Sacred Mosque to the Farthest Mosque whose surroundings We have blessed, so that We might show him of Our signs”</p>
Skepticism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When the pagans caught scent of this story being shared the following morning, they became jubilant with hopes of finally proving Muhammad was a madman
Proof	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prophet ﷺ then began describing Jerusalem in exquisite detail, and the Meccan traders who frequented Jerusalem admitted to his accuracy
“Winged horse”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New atheists like Richard Dawkins and Sam Harris taunt Muslims who “reject scientific realism” and accept that “Muhammad flew to heaven on a winged horse”
al-Burāq	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It should be known that the creature called al-Burāq was not a winged horse and is a creature that is not

<p>Logical fallacy</p> <p>Abu Bakr</p>	<p>from this world</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The mechanism by which God raised the Prophet to Heaven was not via al-Burāq - Argumentum ad incredulum is an argument that contains the logical fallacy that something is untrue simply because it sounds unimaginable and fantastically foreign <p>- “I believe him about something that is more astonishing than that: I believe that he receives messages from heaven in the blink of an eye”</p> <p>قال : نَعَمْ، إِنِّي لَأُصَدِّقُهُ فِيمَا هُوَ أَبْعَدُ مِنْ ذَلِكَ أُصَدِّقُهُ بِخَيْرِ السَّمَاءِ فِي غَدْوَةٍ أَوْ رَوْحَةٍ، فَلِذَلِكَ سُمِّيَ أَبُو بَكْرٍ الصَّدِّيقَ</p>
<p>Increasing food and water</p>	<p>Al-Nawawī: “These hadith on water gushing from between his fingers and increasing for him, and the food supply increasing as well, are all clear miracles performed by Allah’s Messenger ﷺ and have collectively reached mutawātir status”</p> <p>فِي هَذِهِ الْأَحَادِيثِ فِي نَبْعِ الْمَاءِ مِنْ بَيْنِ أَصَابِعِهِ وَتَكَثُّرِهِ وَتَكْثِيرِ الطَّعَامِ هَذِهِ كُلُّهَا مُعْجَزَاتٌ ظَاهِرَاتٌ وَجَدَتْ مِنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ وَبَلَغَ مَجْمُوعُهَا التَّوَاتُرَ</p> <p>He ﷺ placed his palm into that pot, and water began flowing upwards from between his fingers like springs. He said, “All those seeking ablution, come forward; the blessing is from Allah”. One narrator asked Jābir, “How many were you?” He said, “Even if we had been one hundred thousand, it would have been sufficient for us, but we were fifteen hundred”</p>
<p>Unwavering faith</p>	<p>The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “I testify that none is worthy of worship except Allah and that I am the Messenger of Allah. No slave meets Allah with these two statements without doubting them but that he will enter Paradise”</p> <p>أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَنَّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ، لَا يَلْقَى اللَّهُ بِهِمَا عَبْدٌ غَيْرَ شَاكٍّ فِيهِمَا إِلَّا دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ</p>
<p>The Permanent Miracle</p>	<p>He ﷺ said: “There was no prophet except that he was granted signs that caused the people to believe in him, but what I have been uniquely granted is a revelation that Allah has inspired me with, and thus I am hopeful to have the most followers among them on the Day of Resurrection”</p>
<p>Professor Martin Zammit</p> <p>Importance of language to Arabs</p>	<p>“The Qur’an is definitely on a level of its own as the most eminent written manifestation of the Arabic language”</p> <p>Ibn Rashīq: The Arabs used to congratulate each other only on the birth of a child and when a poet rose among them</p> <p>“This is nothing but magic from the ancients”</p> <p>فَقَالَ إِنَّ هَذَا إِلَّا سِحْرٌ يُؤْتَرُ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Prophet’s ﷺ detractors accused him of being a magician, conceding that there was indeed something supernatural about this Book

<p>Differences between the Qur'an and Shakespeare</p>	<p>Shakespeare was educated in both Greek and Latin and had access to libraries of books</p> <p>It was not possible for the Prophet ﷺ to retract any word of the Qur'an once it was spoken</p>
<p>Al-Walīd ibn al-Mughīrah</p>	<p>The Qur'an had a unique compositional structure that differed from that used by Arabia's master poets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "There is not a single man among you who is more versed in prose or poetry than I, or in the poems of even the jinn By God, what he says bears no resemblance to any of these things" <p>قَوَّالَهُ مَا فِيكُمْ رَجُلٌ أَعْلَمُ بِالشُّعَارِ مِنِّي، وَلَا أَعْلَمُ بِرَجَزٍ وَلَا بِقَصِيدَةٍ مِنِّي وَلَا بِأَشْعَارِ الْجِنِّ وَاللَّهِ مَا يُشَبِّهُ الَّذِي يَقُولُ شَيْئًا مِنْ هَذَا</p>
<p>Grammatical mistakes</p>	<p>The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ brought the Qur'an whose style differs from his own statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 83% of Qur'anic terms do not exist in Hadith <p>Arabic grammar was codified after the Qur'an was revealed, and the method followed in crafting the discipline involved analyzing the Qur'an itself along with other early texts for patterns which became the grammatical principles of Arabic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Critics who claim that the Qur'an contains grammatical errors are criticizing a linguistic masterpiece heralded as the measuring stick of the language <p>Shakespeare and his peers never considered his work beyond the reach of human effort</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Qur'an challenged its deniers to try to match it - Instead of outperforming the unlettered man in what was their strongest suit, they spent fortunes trying to smear his name and worked tirelessly to stop him by starving his followers, torturing his supporters, and ultimately waging wars against their fellow clansmen <p>Shakespeare engaged in fictional storytelling, as for the Qur'an, it addresses theology, philosophy, history, and law</p> <p>The Qur'an resonates with the young and the old, the premodern and postmodern mind, the eastern and western personality, and the spiritually versus intellectually inclined</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An English play by Shakespeare will almost only attract the college-educated middle-to-upper class elite <p>Qur'anic revelations would sometimes come in the most stressful conditions, at times while bleeding after an attack or mourning his deceased relatives</p>
<p>Knowledge of the</p>	<p>The Qur'an asserts that God will make the Pharaoh of Moses an</p>

inaccessible past	<p>example for later oppressors by saving his corpse</p> <p>فَالْيَوْمَ نُنَجِّيكَ بِبَدَنِكَ لِتَكُونَ لِمَنْ خَلَقَكَ آيَةً</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Muhammad ﷺ could not have known about this particular Pharaoh surviving in mummified form given the knowledge of his day - Of the many perished nations mentioned in the Qur'an, Allah never stated that He would save their bodies as signs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The sole exception in the Qur'an is Pharaoh's corpse which is presently in the Egyptian Museum of Cairo
Plagiarism	Detractors of Islam claim Muhammad ﷺ learned these accounts from his contemporaries or that he plagiarized them from manuscripts of the Bible
Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is implausible that Muhammad's ﷺ knowledge of previous prophets and nations came from a Roman blacksmith in Makkah (a layman), or from a passing midday encounter with Baḥīrah the Monk, or to a single conversation with Waraqah ibn Nawfal
Preservation	<p>The preservation and incorruptibility of the Qur'an were boldly promised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Indeed, it is We who sent down the Qur'an and indeed, We will be its Guardian"
Laura Vaglieri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Another proof of the divine origin of the Quran in the fact that its text has remained pure and unaltered through the centuries from the day of its delivery until today"
Holistic impact	No single work—man-made or divine—has ever caused people and societies to thrive holistically at spiritual, moral, social, and civilizational levels
Authorship of the Quran	<p>"O Prophet, why do you prohibit [yourself from] what Allah has made lawful for you, seeking the approval of your wives? And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If the Prophet ﷺ was the actual author of the Qur'an, would he have chosen to air his family disputes and charge himself with "just trying to please his wife," especially in seventh-century Arabia <p>"Say, 'I am not something original among the messengers, nor do I know what will be done with me or with you. I only follow that which is revealed to me'"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No author or influencer brands their product as merely the replica of a prior model <p>"He frowned and turned away when the blind man came to him"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A blind man interrupted an important meeting which displeased the Prophet ﷺ but he just frowned silently so as not to offend him. And yet, the Qur'an reveals the very thing the Prophet ﷺ had tried to conceal

<p>Āishah</p>	<p>“And you concealed within yourself that which Allah is to disclose. And you feared the people, while Allah has more right that you fear Him”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When Allah ordered the Prophet ﷺ to marry Zaynab after she was divorced by Zayd (his adopted son), he ﷺ knew the hypocrites would pounce on this opportunity to accuse the Prophet ﷺ of being a lustful man - “If the Messenger of Allah ﷺ were to conceal anything from the Qur’an, he would have concealed this verse” لَوْ كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ كَاتِمًا شَيْئًا مِنَ الْوَحْيِ لَكُنَّ هَذِهِ الْآيَةُ : إِذْ تَقُولُ لِلَّذِي أَنْعَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ
	<p>Is it conceivable that an unlettered man from seventh-century Arabia could spend forty years of his life preoccupied with shepherding and trade and then bring the world—overnight—a linguistic masterpiece with intricate details of lost knowledge?</p>