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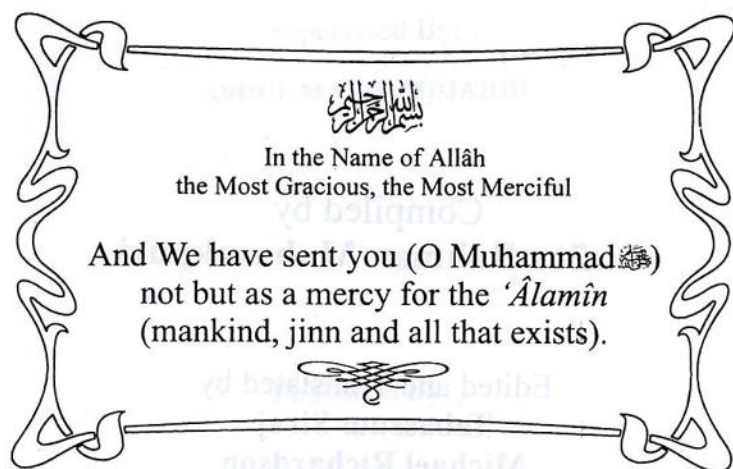
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Publishers Note

The biography of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is a very noble and exalted subject. The heart of every Muslim is filled with the love of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Love and respect of a person depends on the benefits he gets from him. As the Prophet is the greatest benefactor of humanity, every Muslim has deepest love for him. Allâh the All-Mighty has described and explained the status of Muhammad ﷺ in the Qur'ân:

﴿ قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ ﴾ [آل عمران: ٣١]

“Say (O Muhammad ﷺ to mankind): ‘If you (really) love Allâh then follow me (i.e. accept Islamic Monotheism, follow the Qur'ân and the *Sunnah*), Allâh will love you...’ ” (3:31)

To highlight the exalted status of the Prophet ﷺ and to bring in light the efforts made by him in the propagation of the Divine Message — the religion in truth, and the hardships he endured in the preaching of this religion, especially at that time which was perhaps most unsuitable socially and intellectually for the acceptance of the message of Truth, Safi-ur-Rahman Mubarakpuri has presented this book.

The facts about the life of the Prophet ﷺ have been collected from the Qur'ân, authentic *Ahadith* and other authoritative and reliable sources so as to compile the book on factual basis without any distortions. The translation and its editing has been done by professional people having an experience of presenting many books on the religious topics.

The name of the book has been chosen from the great miracle of the splitting of the moon into half. Allâh has described this miracle in the Qur'ân saying:

﴿ أَفْتَرَبِ السَّاعَةِ وَأَشَقَّ الْقَمَرُ ﴾ [القمر: ١]

“The Hour has drawn near, and the moon has been cleft as under.” (54:1)

The following *Hadith* is also about the same miracle:

“Narrated Anas ؓ: The people of Makkah asked the Prophet ﷺ to show them a sign (miracle). So he showed them (the miracle) of the cleaving of the moon.” (*Sahih Al-Bukhâri*)

We hope that all the Muslims who read this book will find in them a new zeal towards their religion and towards the performance of those religious, moral and social duties which the religion of truth Islam demands from them. The demand of Islam is totally for the benefit of the mankind, individually as well as collectively, not only for this world but also to be beneficial in the life of the Hereafter.

The non-Muslim readers are expected to acquire a true understanding of the religion of Islam and the last Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as they have been often misguided by the false pretensions supplied to them by the foreign sources opposing Islam.

I pray to Allâh that this book may prove beneficial to all the readers, and they get full benefits so as to achieve the successes of this world and the world Hereafter.

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Darussalam

From the Author

The biography of the Prophet is a very noble and exalted subject. It teaches Muslims about the rise of Islam, and how the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was chosen by Allâh to receive divine revelation. Muslims also learn of the hardships the Prophet and his Companions faced, and how they eventually succeeded with Allâh's help.

Muslims who study the Prophet's life, learn much more from it than the story of one man's life. They discover how Allâh prepared the Prophet for his mission; how Allâh revealed the Qur'ân to the Prophet; how the teachings of Islam fortified the hearts of early Muslims; how a small band of faithful Muslims defeated Arabia's fiercest warriors; and how the truth of Islam triumphed over falsehood and its many devotees.

The Prophet's biography thus helps Muslims better understand their religion. For this reason, scholars from the time of the Prophet to the present have been very careful about determining the authenticity of the sources of the Prophet's biography. However, not all biographers have made use of the available research. Many have written distorted accounts of the Prophet's life, adding whatever appealed to them regardless of its accuracy or authenticity. Consequently, there are many written accounts of the Prophet's life that contain information contrary to the teachings of Islam.

In the light of these problems, many people asked me to compile an authentic biography of the Prophet based on authentic sources. I accepted this challenging task and began piecing together this biography from the following sources: the Qur'ân, authoritative explications of the Qur'ân, authentic sayings of the Prophet and authoritative biographies.

I pray to Allâh that Muslims will benefit from this work, and that it will be a source of blessings in both worlds.

Safiur Rahman Mubarakpuri

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