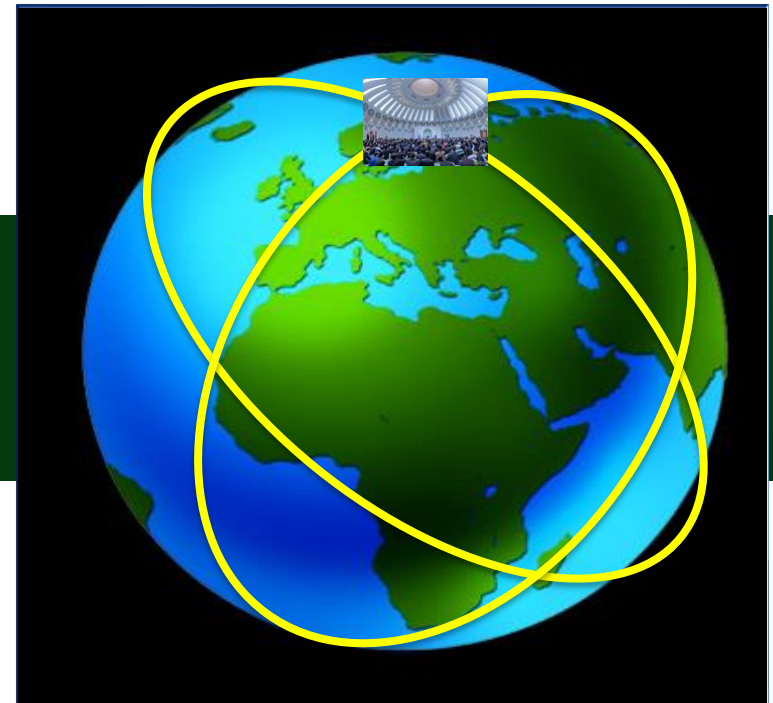


Rightly Guided Caliphs – Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra)



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Summary

Rightly Guided Caliphs – Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra)

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) began highlighting the life of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra)

He was from the tribe of the Quraish called Taim bin Murrah

Both parents of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) accepted Islam

Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) had multiple titles and his Holiness (aba) explained the meanings and significance of these titles


Even before accepting Islam, he was a virtuous and an honourable person

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Background

Family Background of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra)

Hazrat Abu Bakr's (ra) name was Abdullah




Parents

His filial appellation was Abu Bakr



Titles

He was also known by the names Ateeq and Siddiq



Virtues

Before Islam, his name was Abdul Ka'bah, which the Holy Prophet (sa) later changed to Abdullah

Background

Family Background of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra)

His father's name was Uthman bin Amir.



Parents

According to narrations, his mother's name was either Salamah bint Sakhr bint Amir, or Lailah bint Sakhr.



Titles

It is said that he was born in 573



Virtues

He was from the tribe of the Quraish called Taim bin Murrah

Hazrat Abu Bakr's (ra) Father Entered the Fold of Islam

Background

According to Hazrat Abu Bakr's (ra) family tree, going back seven generations, he was related to the Holy Prophet (sa).

Parents

Similarly, his mother's family tree also linked them as relatives to the Holy Prophet (sa).

Titles

Both parents of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) accepted Islam.

Virtues

His father had not accepted Islam until the Conquest of Makkah, by which time he had lost his sight.

Hazrat Abu Bakr's (ra) Father Entered the Fold of Islam

Background

During the conquest of Makkah, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) took his father to the Holy Prophet (sa).

Parents

Upon seeing him, the Holy Prophet (sa) said that Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) should have left him at home, and he would have visited him at his home.

Titles

Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) said that it was more appropriate for him to come to the Holy Prophet (sa), rather than the Holy Prophet (sa) going to him.

Virtues

Then, the Holy Prophet (sa) placed his hand on Hazrat Abu Bakr's (ra) father's chest, and invited him to Islam, at which point he accepted and entered the fold of Islam.

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Background

Hazrat Abu Bakr's (ra) Mother Accepted Islam

Hazrat Abu Bakr's (ra) mother was one of the foremost people to accept Islam.

Parents

During the era of Dar-e-Arqam when Muslims were still practising in secret, one day Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) suggested to the Holy Prophet (sa) that they should go to the Sacred Mosque.

There, with the Holy Prophet (sa) present, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) delivered a speech inviting people to Islam.

Titles

In this way, after the Holy Prophet (sa), Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) was the first to publicly speak and invite people to Islam.

Upon this, the disbelievers severely beat Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra), as a result of which his face became so swollen, that his nose could not be distinguished.

Virtues

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Background

Hazrat Abu Bakr's (ra) Mother Accepted Islam

Parents

After taking him away, people were certain that he would pass away due to his injuries. He was unable to speak, but when he finally was by the end of the day, he asked about the Holy Prophet (sa), but no one was able to answer him.

Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) asked his mother to go to Umm Jamil and ask her about the Holy Prophet (sa), as she was Muslim but had not made this public knowledge.

Titles

Hazrat Abu Bakr's (ra) mother went, and brought Umm Jamil back with her, and she informed Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) that the Holy Prophet (sa) was alright.

Later, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) was taken to see the Holy Prophet (sa) with the help of his mother. When in the presence of the Holy Prophet (sa), he was overcome with emotion, and the Holy Prophet (sa) kissed Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra).

Virtues

Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) asked the Holy Prophet (sa) to pray for his mother, upon which he invited her to accept Islam. She accepted the Holy Prophet's (sa) invitation and entered the fold of Islam.

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Titles of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra)

Background

Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) was known by the names Ateeq and Siddiq.



Parents

He was called Ateeq because one day, the Holy Prophet (sa) said to him that he was saved from the fire.



Titles

Thus, he became known by this title of Ateeq, which means one with excellent qualities.



Virtues

Ateeq also means old or ancient, and some say he was known by this title because he was of the foremost to accept Islam.

Titles of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra)

Background

Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) was also known as Siddiq

Parents

It is recorded that he was given this title even before Islam, due to his high level of honesty.

Titles

It is also recorded that when the Holy Prophet (sa) would inform him of any news, he would attest to it right away, thus he became known by this title.

Virtues


For example, when the Holy Prophet (sa) was shown the vision of the night journey in which he travelled in a dream to Jerusalem which was about 1,300 kilometres away,

people went to Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) and asked him whether he attested to this claim of the Holy Prophet (sa).

Titles of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra)


Background

Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) immediately attested to this, and thus became known as Siddiq.



Parents

In fact, it is recorded that the angel Gabriel informed the Holy Prophet (sa) that Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) would attest to this vision of the Holy Prophet (sa), for he is Siddiq.



Titles

Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) was also known as Khalifatu Rasulillah (Successor to the Messenger of Allah).



Virtues

This of course was a title given to him after the demise of the Holy Prophet (sa).

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Titles of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra)

Background

It is also recorded that he was known as Awwahun, meaning tender-hearted.



Another title given to him was Ameerush Shakirin (Leader of the Thankful).



This title was given to him because of how thankful he was.



Another title was given to him by God, which was Thani Ithnain (one of the two).



This was in reference to when Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) was with the Holy Prophet (sa) in the cave of Thaur



He was also known as Adam-e-Thani (the Second Adam), a title given to him by the Promised Messiah (as).

Parents

Titles

Virtues

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Titles of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra)


Background

Another title is Sahibur Rasul (Companion of the Messenger).




Parents

This is also in reference to when the Holy Prophet (sa) told his companion in the cave of Hira not to worry.



Titles

When these verses were being recited, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) began crying and said that he was that companion being referred to.



Virtues


Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) is also recorded in history as Khalilur Rasul (Friend of the Messenger).

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Titles of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra)


Background

It is recorded that the Holy Prophet (sa) said that if he were to have a Khalil (friend) from among the people, it would be Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra)



Parents

The Promised Messiah (as) clarified this statement when he said that of course Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) was already a friend to the Holy Prophet (sa), but Khalil refers to becoming one in the same or one becoming imbibed in the other.



Titles

This is a closeness which is reserved for one's relationship with God, and this cannot be shared with any person.



Virtues

Thus, the Holy Prophet (sa) was expressing, had this been possible with other people, then it would have been with Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra).

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Titles of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra)


Background

With regards to his title of Abu Bakr, that Bakr can refer to a young camel.




Parents

Since he had a passion and was skilled in tending to camels, he became known as Abu Bakr.



Titles

Bakara also refers to being swift, and he became known as this due to being the first to accept Islam.



Virtues

He was also at the forefront of exemplifying excellent qualities.

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Background

Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra)

Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) was fair-skinned and of a light build

Parents

His back was slightly bent, his eyes slightly sunken, and he had a high forehead.

Titles

Even before accepting Islam, he was regarded as an honourable person. He was a businessman and dealt with excellent morals.

Virtues

People would often come to him for advice on various matters.

He became known as one of Arabia's most successful businessmen.

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Background

Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra)

He was among the most pious people, and was extremely generous.

Parents

He was beloved by all, and kept good company.

It is recorded that he was extremely knowledgeable in the interpretation of dreams.

Titles

Ibn Sirin says that after the Holy Prophet (sa), Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) was the most proficient in this regard.

Virtues


Makkans regarded Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) to be the best among them, and would consult with him regarding various matters.

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Background

Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra)

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Parents

He was also part of Hilful Fudhul



Titles

A group which had been formed to help the downtrodden, oppressed and to always uphold justice.



Virtues

This was the same group which the Holy Prophet (sa) was also a part of.

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Virtues of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) Prior to the Advent of Islam

Background

Even before Islam, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) was averse to idol worship, and never bowed down before any idol.

Parents

He was also averse to the consumption of alcohol and never consumed it even before the time of Islam.

Titles

When asked why he never drank alcohol, he said it was because he was mindful of his honour and piety, which cannot be maintained by one who consumes alcohol.

Virtues

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Acceptance of Islam

Background

With regards to Hazrat Abu Bakr's (ra) acceptance of Islam, that Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) heard that Khadijah's husband had claimed to be a prophet like Moses (as).

Parents

Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) went to the Holy Prophet (sa) and accepted him.

Titles

It is also recorded that before the advent of the Holy Prophet (sa), Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) saw in a dream that the moon had descended into Makkah, upon which it shattered and its pieces became scattered into every home, and then all the pieces fell into his lap.

Virtues

When he asked about its interpretation, he was told that the messenger who was awaited would soon come, and Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) would be his foremost follower.

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