## \* First Lesson: The Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him)

Muhammad (Arabic: ♀♂), pronounced /muhammad/, FRENCH: Mahomet, /me 'hamit/; Latinized as Mahometus. 570 CE\_ June 8, 632 CE (aged 62).

**<u>Definition</u>**: Muhammad was an Arabian religious and political leader. He is the messanger of Allah (God) and the seal to all prophets. He is seen as an example for all Muslims to follow.

**Years active**: 583\_609 CE as merchant.

609\_632 CE as a religious leader.

**Parents**: Abdullah ibn Abdul-Muttalib (father); Aminah bint Wahb (mother).

<u>Lineage</u>: Mhammad, son of 'Abd Allah, son of Abdul-Muttalib, son of Hashim, son of 'Abd Manaf, son of Qusai, son of kilab....etc.

Nickname: Abu al-Qasim

## > The Prophet's Birthday

Prophet Muhammad was Born on Monday twelfth Rabi ul-Awal, in the year of the Elephant, in 570 CE (Common Era) in the city of Mecca in the Arabian Peninsula, part of modern day Saudi Arabia, His father died during his mothre's pregnancy.

*His Breastfeeding*: *Thuwaybah* for few days, then his family sought another breastfeeding lady from the tribe of Banu Sa'd called *Haleemah*. He stayed with her until he was four years of age, at which point his heart was opened (by the angel JIBREEL) and was purified from the effects of satan. Haleemah returned him to his mother after that.

## > The Young Orphan

The Prophet was only about five to six years old when he lost his mother (his mother died while on the return journey from Madinah to Makkah at place called 'abwa'). His grandfathr 'Abd al-Muttalib became his guardian until he reached the age of Eight. At that time, his grandfather died and instructed before his death that his uncle Abu Taalib support him and look after him. His uncle took good care of him, protected him when he recieved the message.

<u>His Adulthood</u>: Under the guardianship of *Abu Talib*, *Muhammad* began to earn a living as a businessman and a trader at the age of twelve, He accompanied Abu Talib with a merchant caravan as far as busra in Syria. Muhammad was popularly known as *al-Ameen* for his

unimpeachable character by the places and visitors alike, the title al-Ameen means the **Reliable**,and the **Trustworthy**.

<u>The Sacrilegious war</u>: this war erupted when the Prophet was twenty years old, it was called the sacrilegious war because the two fighting tribes, *Kinana* and *Qays Aylan* violated inviolable matters between them.