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FOREWORD¹

All adorations to Allah, from Him I seek help and peace and blessing be upon the noble Prophet (sallaLlaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam).

To proceed:

In this epoch, there is a pressing need to study and learn the biography of the noble companions of the prophet (sallaLlaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam). Indeed, role modelling has been misplaced: Muslims’ children are learning the biography of the Artistes, Footballers, Philosophers, Democrats and others, while neglecting the biography of the best men ever walked on earth. Hardly, they can mention five names from them, but ask them about an Artiste or Footballer, many even dress, speak, walk and wish to be like them... To Him we complain our grievances.

Thus, this series was inked to bridge the behavioural and educational gap, by summarily mention the most necessary aspects of their life. Allaah willing, possible best will be tried

¹ The initial foreword was written in Feb. 2016 is more comprehensive than this, but it was lost. AlhamduliLlaahi, this is succinct.

to mention the authentic stands, though history is never stable and no book is all perfect except Al- Qur'an.

The booklet is aimed to be published in series to avoid boredom and was arranged according to the ordering of Al Imaam Shaamsuddeen Adh Dhahabee in Siyaar 'Alaam An Nubalaa.

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DEDICATION

My father, Alhaji Abdul Azeez Alabi Adebayo Laspalmas, whom his word lives in me till today.

He said (three days before he died): Study Islam, I wish I could study it, but I could not, because of the environment I dwell. May Allah forgive his shortcomings and grant him Paradise.

Besides, my brother, Taiwo Adebayo (Abu Khadeejah), who financed the publication of the first edition. May Allah keep him upon the Sunnah of the Prophet.

Ultimately, the dear teacher, Ustaadh Abu 'Amir al Athari, who said to me; combine these articles into a book for the Muslims children. May Allah preserve him upon Sunnah.

The Companions

Al Haafidh Ibn Hajar Al Asqalaanee defines:

The companions are those who met the prophet (sallaLlaahu ‘alayhi sallam) believing in him and died upon Islaam²

Interestingly, the Jinns were included among the companions as they are also Mukallaf. Allaah says:

قَالَ تَعَالَى: ﴿قُلْ أُوحِيَ إِلَيَّ أَنَّهُ اسْتَمَعَ نَفَرٌ مِّنَ الْجِنِّ فَقَالُوا إِنَّا سَمِعْنَا قُرْءَانًا عَجَبًا﴾ الجن: ١

Say (O Muhammad): "It has been revealed to me that a group (from three to ten in number) of jinns listened (to this Qur'ân). They said: 'Verily! We have heard a wonderful Recital (this Qur'ân)!(Al Jinn:1)

He, the High, also says:

قَالَ تَعَالَى: ﴿وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ﴾ الذاريات: ٥٦

And I (Allâh) created not the jinns and humans except they should worship Me (Alone). (Adh Dhaariyaat:56)

Thus Ibn Atheer³ and Ibn Hajar⁴ mentioned:

“Zubi’ah Al Jinee was one of those who listened to (the recitation of) Al-Qur’an”

Zurr bn Al Hubays reported from ‘AbduLlaahi bn Mas’ud:

They descended upon the Messenger of Allaah (sallaLlaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) while he was reciting at the midst of date-

² Al Isaabah fi Tamyeez As Sahaabah 1/158;An Nukhbatul Fikr

³ Al Usd al Ghaabah fi Ma’rifatis Sahaabah pp.417-418

⁴ Al Isaabah fi Tamyeez Sahaabah 4/56

palm tree, when they heard (the prophet), they said: listen, by then they were seven, one of them is Zubi'ah.⁵

About seven of them were mentioned in the book Al Isaabah fee Tamyeez As Sahaabah.

⁵ Usd Al Ghaabah p.418; Fat'h al Baari 7/208; Ad Dur Al Manthur 13/342. Al Hafidh ibn Hajar silent on it in his fat'h, which indicates its soundness as his methodology in the book.

The Status of the Companions in Al Qur'an

Allah says:

قَالَ تَعَالَى: ﴿وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَشَدُّ حُبًّا لِلَّهِ﴾ البقرة: ١٦٥

But those who believe, love Allâh more (than anything else)
(Al Baqarah:165)

قَالَ تَعَالَى: ﴿ءَامِنَ الرَّسُولُ بِمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ رَبِّهِ ۗ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ كُلٌّ ءَامِنَ بِاللَّهِ
وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ ۗ وَكُتُبِهِ ۗ وَرُسُلِهِ ۗ لَا نَفَرِقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِنْ رُسُلِهِ ۗ وَقَالُوا سَمِعْنَا وَأَطَعْنَا
عُفْرَانَكَ رَبَّنَا وَإِلَيْكَ الْمَصِيرُ﴾ البقرة: ٢٨٥

Each one believes in Allâh, His Angels, His Books, and His Messengers. They say, "We make no distinction between one another of His Messengers" - and they say, "We hear, and we obey. (We seek) Your Forgiveness, our Lord, and to You is the return (of all)." (Al Baqarah:285)

قَالَ تَعَالَى: ﴿إِذْ تَقُولُ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَلَنْ يَكْفِيَكُمْ أَنْ يُدْعَكَ رَبُّكُمْ بِثَلَاثَةِ ءَأَلْفٍ مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ

مُنزِلِينَ﴾ آل عمران: ١٢٤

(Remember) when you (Muhammad) said to the believers, "Is it not enough for you that your Lord (Allâh) should help you with three thousand angels; sent down?" (Aal Imraan:124)

قَالَ تَعَالَى: ﴿وَالسَّابِقُونَ السَّابِقُونَ أُولَئِكَ مِنْ السَّابِقِينَ وَالْأَنْصَارِ وَالَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ
رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوا عَنْهُ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا
ذَلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ﴾ التوبة: ١٠٠

And the first to embrace Islâm of the *Muhâjirûn* (those who migrated from Makkah to Al-Madinah) and the *Ansâr* (the

citizens of Al-Madinah who helped and gave aid to the *Muhâjirûn*) and also those who followed them exactly (in Faith). Allâh is well-pleased with them as they are well-pleased with Him. He has prepared for them Gardens under which rivers flow (Paradise), to dwell therein forever. That is the supreme success.(At Tawbah:100).

قَالَ تَعَالَى: ﴿مِّنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ رِجَالٌ صَدَقُوا مَا عَاهَدُوا اللَّهَ عَلَيْهِ فَمِنْهُمْ مَّن قَضَىٰ نَحْبَهُ وَمِنْهُمْ مَّن يَنْتَظِرُ وَمَا بَدَّلُوا تَبْدِيلًا ﴿٢٣﴾﴾ الأَحْزَابُ: ٢٣

Among the believers are men who have been true to their covenant with Allâh [i.e. they have gone out for *Jihâd* (holy fighting), and showed not their backs to the disbelievers], of them some have fulfilled their obligations (i.e. have been martyred), and some of them are still waiting, but they have never changed [i.e. they never proved treacherous to their covenant which they concluded with Allâh] in the least.(Al Ahzaab:23).

قَالَ تَعَالَى: ﴿وَالَّذِينَ جَاءُوا مِن بَعْدِهِمْ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا وَلِإِخْوَانِنَا الَّذِينَ سَبَقُونَا بِالْإِيمَانِ وَلَا تَجْعَلْ فِي قُلُوبِنَا غِلًّا لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ رَءُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿١٠﴾﴾ الْحَشْرِ: ١٠

And those who came after them say: "Our Lord! Forgive us and our brethren who have preceded us in Faith, and put not in our hearts any hatred against those who have believed. Our Lord! You are indeed full of kindness, Most Merciful.(Al Hashr:10).

قَالَ تَعَالَى: ﴿لَا يَسْتَوِي مَنكُم مَّنْ أَنْفَقَ مِن قَبْلِ الْفَتْحِ وَقَتْلِ أَوْلِيَّكَ أَكْثَرُ دَرَجَةً مِّنَ الَّذِينَ أَنْفَقُوا مِن بَعْدِ وَقَاتَلُوا وَلَا وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الْحُسْنَىٰ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ ﴿١٠﴾﴾ الْحَدِيدِ: ١٠

Not equal among you are those who spent and fought before the conquering (of Makkah) (with those among you who did so later). Such are higher in degree than those who spent and fought afterwards. But to all, Allâh has promised the best (reward). And Allâh is All-Aware of what you do.(Al Hadeed:10)

The Status of the Companions in the Sunnah

It was narrated from Abu Hurayrah that the Messenger of Allaah (sallaLlaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) said: “Do not revile my Companions, for by the One in Whose hand is my soul, if one of you were to spend the equivalent of Uhud in gold, it would not amount to a mudd of one of them, or half of that.”⁶

It was narrated from ‘Abdullaah ibn Mas’ood that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “The best of the people are my generation, then those who come after them, then those who come after them.”⁷

Narrated by ‘Abd al-Rahmaan ibn ‘Awf, who said: The Messenger of Allaah (sallaLlaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) said: “Abu Bakr will be in Paradise, ‘Umar will be in Paradise, ‘Uthmaan will be in Paradise, ‘Ali will be in Paradise, Talhah will be in Paradise, al-Zubayr will be in Paradise, ‘Abd al-Rahmaan ibn ‘Awf will be in Paradise, Sa’d will be in Paradise, Sa’eed will be in Paradise, and Abu ‘Ubaydah ibn al-Jarraah will be in Paradise.”⁸

The prophet said: Allah looked down on the people of Badr and said, ‘Do what you like. I have forgiven you’⁹

Aboo Umaamah narrated, the messenger of Allah (sallaLlaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) said: Glad tiding to those who

⁶ Narrated by al-Bukhaari (3673) and Muslim (2540)

⁷ Narrated by al-Bukhaari (2652) and Muslim (2533)

⁸ Narrated by al-Tirmidhi, 3680

⁹ Sahih Bukhari (3007) and Sahih Muslim (2494)

saw me and believe in me and glad tiding in sevenfold for those who did not see me but believed in me.¹⁰

Apart from ten and those who fought at the battle of badr (315), many among them were guaranteed Al jannah, among them are: The wives of the Prophet, Sa'd bn Mu'adh, Ukaashah, Shammash bn Qays, Hasan and Husayn and others.

¹⁰ Silsilah Ahaadeeth is Saheehah 3/244

The Sayings of Scholars the Companions

Al Imaam At Tahaawee, in his book Aqeedatut Tahaawiyyah said:

We love the Companions of the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) but we do not go excess in our love for any one individual among them; nor do we disown anyone them. We hate anyone who hates them or does not speak well of them and we only speak well of the. Love of them is part of Islam, part of belief and part of excellent behavior, while hating them is unbelief, hypocrisy, and rebellion.

We confirm that, after the death of Allah's Messenger, peace be upon him, the caliphate went first to Abu Bakr al-Siddiq, thus proving his excellence and superiority over the rest of the Muslims; then to Umar ibn al-Khattab; Then to Uthman; and then to Ali ibn Abi Talib, may Allah be well pleased with all of them. These are the Rightly-Guided Caliphs and upright leaders.

We bear witness that the ten promised the garden, who were named by the Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, will be in the garden, as the Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, whose word is truth, bore witness that they would be. The ten are: Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, Aliyy, Talha, Zubayr, Sad, Said, Abdur Rahman ibn Awf, and Abu Ubayda ibn al-Jarrah whose title was the Trustee of This Community, may Allah be pleased with all of them.

Anyone who speaks well of the Companions of the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, and his wives and offspring, who are all pure and untainted by any impurity, is free from the accusation of hypocrisy.

The learned among the predecessors, both the first community and those who immediately followed: the people of virtue, the narrators of hadith, the jurists, and the analysts they must only be spoken of in the best way, and anyone who says anything bad about them is not on the right path.

Al Imaam Ibn Taymiyyah chanted:

حب الصحابة كلهم لي مذهب

Loving the companions, all of them (without exception) is for me (a school of) doctrine

هذا اعتقاد الشافعي ومالك وأبي حنيفة ثم أحمد ينقل¹¹

This is the creed of Al Shaafi'ee and Maalik. And Abu Haneefah and Ahmad which has been transmitted

¹¹ The Arabic wording of the poem is written for the kids to memorize, as Anas bn Maalik said: The pious predecessors used to teach their children the love of Aboo Bakr and 'Umar as they thought them the chapter of Al Qur'aan.(Al Laailee'u Al Bahiyyah Sharh Al Laamiyyah p.56)

Aims of Learning the Biography of the Companions

- To emulate them.
- To attain the mercy of Allaah.
- To understand the religion properly.
- To live an ease and a successful life.
- To have a correct creed, especially about the companions.
- To know how to relate with the people.
- To understand the essence of upholding the religion without compromise.
- To strengthen ones reliance on Allaah.
- To know the essence of spending and striving in the course of Allaah.
- To understand the nature of life and people.

Poetroduction

*Let's check the clique
In which Aboo Bakr As-Siddeeq tops the list
Who defended the deen¹² with his food and fist;
Migrated with the Prophet, foot to foot
After the anbiyaa¹³ was the best
Indeed, he's worth being the 'ateeq¹⁴...*

¹² The Deen means the religion.

¹³ Pl. of Nabiyy, which means Prophet.

¹⁴ 'AteequLlaahi: The one freed from hell-fire

Aboo Bakr As Sideeq
(Radiyahallahu 'anhu)

Name; 'Abdullaah

Genealogy; 'Uthmaan (Abu Quhaafah) bn 'Aamir bn 'Amru¹⁵ bn Ka'b bn Sa'd bn Taym bn Murra bn Ka'b bn Luay.

Mother's Name: Umm al-Khayr, Salma bint Sakhr bn 'Amr.

Tribe: Al Quraysh, Al Taymeem

Date of Birth: 2 months and 2 years after the Year of the Elephant, that is 572C.E.

Agnomen: As Siddeeq, 'AteequLlaah and As Saahib (The Companion).

Names of Wives: Qutaylah bint Abdil 'Uzza, Asmaa bint Umays, Umm Rumaan bint 'Amir and Habeebah bint Khaarijah.

Names of Children: 'AbdurRahmaan, Muhammad, Asmaa, Aaishah and Umm Kulthoom.

Profession: Trader.

Date of Acceptance of Islaam: The early year of the prophet-hood.

From: The Prophet (Salallaahu alahyi wa sallam).

Battles Fought: Badr, Uhud, Khandaq, Hdaybiyyah, Tabuk and all others.

¹⁵ In the first edition, I missed the name 'Amru, it was Dr. Abu Imran A. notified me. May Allah preserve him and reward him.

Nobility/Status:

- One of the chiefs of Quraysh tribe.
- He was the well-versed in Arab genealogy
- The first adult man to accept Islaam.
- The best man after the Prophet (Salallaahu alahyi wa sallam).
- The Prophet's friend prior to his prophet-hood
- The only person Allah called 'Companion' in Al-Qur'aan.
- The most beloved to the Prophet (Salallaahu alahyi wa sallam).
- The first Khaleefah after the Prophet (Salallaahu alahyi wa sallam) (10A.H.- 13A.H.)

Number of Reports: 142.

His Knowledge: The most knowledgeable and the foremost muftee¹⁶.

Narration about him: 'Amr bn Al 'Aas said:

'The Prophet (Salallaahu alahyi wa sallam) sent me to lead the army of Dhaat As Salaasil. I came to him and said, "Who is the most beloved person to you?" He said:"Aaishah". I said "among the men?" "He said: her father" (Aboo Bakr)...

Narration from him: Aboo Bakr narrated:

¹⁶ Muftee means The one who has authority to issue religious verdict

“I said to the Prophet (Salallaahu alahyi wa sallam) while I was in the cave. If any of them should look under his feet, he would see us. He said, 'O Aboo Bakr! What do you think of two (persons) the third of whom is Allah?

Date of Death: Wednesday, the remaining eight days in Jumaadal Aakhirah 13A.H. (16)

Place of Death and Burial: Madeenah Nabawiyyah¹⁷, in the room of 'Aaishah, beside the Prophet (Salallaahu alahyi wa sallam).

Age: 63 years.

¹⁷ This is its most correct name, not Munawwarah.

Poetroduction

*Followed by 'Umar bn Khattab al-Faaruuq
Whose belief shot Islam to the climax
The first commander of the believers
Whose life was ended by a filthy Majoos¹⁸
Under him records were broken cum futooh¹⁹...*

¹⁸ Majoos means Fire-Worshipper.

¹⁹ Pl. of Fat'h which means conquest of the cities.

Umar bn Al-Khattaab Al-Faarooq

(Radiyahallahu 'anhu)

Name; 'Umar

Genealogy; Khattaab bn Nufayl bn 'Abdil-'Uzza bn Rihā bn Qurt bn Razah bn 'Adiy bn Ka'b bn Luay.

Mother's Name: Hantamah bint Hishaam, from Makhzoom tribe; the sister to Aboo Jahl

Tribe: Al Quraysh, Al Adawiyy.

Date of Birth: 13 years after the Year of Elephant (570C.E), that is 583 C.E.

Agnomen: Al-Faarooq and Ameerul Mu'mineen.

Kunya: Aboo Hafs.

Names of Wives: Zaynab bint Madh'oon. Mulayka Al-Khuza'inyah (Umm Kulthoom bint Jarwaal), Umm Hakeem bint Al-Haarith, Jameelah Ukhta Ā sim bint Thā bit, Umm Kulthoom bint' Aliyy (bn Abee Taalib), 'Atikah bint Zayd, Qareebah bint Umayyah Al-Makhzoomiyah and Luhayyah.

Divorced/Demised Wives; Jameelah, Zaynab, Ā tikah, Qareebah, Mulaykah and Umm Hakeem.

Names of Children: Zaydul Akbar, Zaydul Asghar, 'Ā sim, 'Abdullaah, 'Abdur-Rahmā n Akbar, 'Abdur-Rahmā n Awsat, 'Abdur-Rahmā n Asghar, 'Iyaadh, Hafsah, Ruqayyah, Zaynab and Faatimah.

Date of Acceptance of Islaam: 5 or 6 years after the Call to Prophethood (i.e. 616 C.E), when he was 27 years old.

Battles Fought: Badr, Uhud, Khandaq, Ahzaab and all others.

Nobility/Status:

- The noblest among the Quraysh prior Islaam.
- Forty-first person to accept Islaam among men.
- He was from the emigrants.
- Islaam was declared publicly after his acceptance of Islaam.
- He was the second Khaleefah (13A.H-23A.H).
- The first to be given the title, 'Ameerul-Mu'mineen²⁰, and among others.

Number of Reports: 539 narrations.

His Knowledge: A first-class muftee²¹ and the first to arbitrate.

Contributions to Islaam;

- Egypt, Homs, Shaam, Damascus, 'Iraq, Istakodria, Mosul, Jordan, Palestine and many others were conquered during his khilaafah.
- He was given the keys of Baytul Maqdis [Jerusalem]
- He instituted the Islamic date.
- He amassed people to pray taraawih under an Imaam.

²⁰ The leader of the believers.

²¹ Muftee is an individual who is capable of giving religious verdict.

- The first to carry out personal surveillance on Madeenah.
- The first to administer 80 lashes on drinkers of intoxicants.
- The first to set up a regular army.
- The first to institute the collection of land-tax [from the non-Muslims].

Narration about him:

'Amr bn Al 'Aas said: 'The Prophet - salallaahu alahyi wa sallam - sent me to lead the army of Dhaat As Salaasil. I came to him and said, "Who is the most beloved person to you?" He said: "Aaishah". I said, "Among the men?" He said: "Her father". I said, "Who then?" He said: "Then 'Umar bn Khattaab..."

Narration from Him:

Aboo Bakr narrated: "I heard the Messenger of Allah – sallallaahu alahyi wa sallam – said, the reward of deeds depends upon intention and every person will get reward according to what he has intended...."

Cause of Death: Stabbed with a two-edge drawn dagger by Aboo Lu'lu'(A fire-worshipper and a slave of Mugheerah bn Shu'bah) during a Fajr Salah, towards the end of Dhul-Hijjah, 23A.H.

Date of Death; Thursday 23 of Dhul Hijjah, 23 A.H. (23)

Place of Death and Burial: Madeenah An-Nabawiyyah, in the room of 'Aaisha, beside the Prophet – sallallaahu alahyi wa sallam.

Age: 57 years²²

²² This is the most correct -Allaah knows better - because my calculations coincide with this opinion.

Poetroduction

*To the gentle 'Uthmaan
Possessor of Two Lights
Whose goodness was heavy than the rain
But was killed in a great pain
In his eighty after a long restraint...*

'Uthmaan bn 'Affaan
(Radiyahallahu 'anhu)

Name: Uthmaan

Genealogy: Affaan bn Abee Al-'As bn Umayyah bn 'Abdish Shams bn Abdul Manaaf

Tribe: Al Quraysh, Banoo Umayyah

Mother's Name: Urwah bint Kurayz bint Rabee'ah bn Habeeb bn Abdish-Shams

Date of Birth: Six years after the Year of Elephant (570 AD), that is 581 CE

Agnomen: Dhoo Nurayn, Ameerul Mu'mineen and Saahib Al-Hijratayn

Kunyah: Aboo Abdillah (the Abdullaah later died, then) Aboo 'Amr and (he was also known as) Aboo Laylah

Profession: Trading

Names of Wives: Ruqayyah, Ummul Kulthoom, Umm 'Amr bint Jundub, Ramlah bint Shaybah, Ummul Baneen bint Uyaynah, Naailah bint Firaafisah, Fakhtah bint Gazwaan and Faatimah bint Maalik.

Names of Children: Abdullaah, 'Amr, 'Abbaan, Abdullaah Al-Asghar, Khaalid, 'Amr, Maryam, Waleed, Sa'eed, Abdul Maalik and 'Aaishah

Date of Acceptance of Islaam: Early Islaam when he was 34 years.

From: Aboo Bakr as-Siddeeq.

Battles Fought: Badr (scholars of the Ummah agreed that he fought as said by the Prophet (sallallaahu alahyi wa sallam) though he was not physically present due to the sickness of his wife who was a daughter of the Prophet (sallallaahu alahyi wa sallam), see At-Tayseer), Uhud, Gafsaan, Dhaat Ar-Riqaa', and Tabook.

Nobility/Status:

- He was from the best men during Jaahiliyyah.
- He travelled to (different) places, he travelled to Greater Syria and Abyssinia and he lived with the non-Arabs such that he could master their customs and history than any other person.
- His people adored him greatly.
- He never perpetrated any indecent act.
- He never prostrated for any idol.
- He was the fourth person to accept Islaam.
- He was the Third Khaleefah after the Prophet (sallallaahu alahyi wa sallam).
- The Prophet (sallallaahu alahyi wa sallam) and the angels used to feel shy of him.
- He was the only person that married two daughters of the Prophet (sallallaahu alahyi wa sallam) one after the other.
- He was among those who made two migrations.

- He was among those who prayed toward two Qiblahs.

Contributions to Islaam:

- He bought the Well of Rummah from a Jew with a huge amount of money (which still exists till today)²³
- He bought land for the expansion of the Prophet's Masjid.
- He combined Al Qur'aan in a single dialect.

Character: Knowledgeable, forbearing, lenient, gentle, forgiving, humble, bashful, chaste, generous, courageous, firm, patient, just, religious, fearful, crying (for the sake of Allah), accountable, ascetic, grateful; and others.

Knowledge: He knew about the Manaasik (Hajj rites), most of the Arab genealogy, proverbs and information about the Days Arab.

Numbers of Reports: 146 narrations, as said by Abdul Ghaniyy Al-Maqdsee.

Narration about him: Aboo Moosa narrated:

“...allow him in and give him the glad tidings of entering paradise with a calamity that will befall him...”

A narration he reported:

²³ A brother told me, that his teacher informed them that one of his teachers informed them that, his teacher showed him the well

“If anyone performs ablution like that of mine and offers a two units of prayer, during which he does not think of anything else, then his past sins will be forgiven.”.

Cause of Death: Murdered²⁴ (with throat cut off) by two unknown people from the people of Egypt led by Kinaanah bn Bishr, Ibn ‘Udays Al Balawiyy and others.

Date of Death; Friday, after ‘Asr 35 A.H

Burial: He was buried on Saturday night between Maghrib and Isha at a place called Hasha Kawkab

Age: 82

²⁴ Al-Isaabah 4/379 and Al Isti’aab 2/15.Ibn Abdil Barr mentioned various names of the people that allegedly murdered him cum AbduLlahi bn Abee Bakr, this is not authentic as was mentioned by the Imaam himself and Adh-Dhahabee in As Seerah pg209.

Poetroduction

*Haydar²⁵ was the fourth
Who was later named 'Aliyy
Accepted Islaam at his prime
Braced it with all his time
Murdered without a dime crime
By Mu'jam Al Miraad Al Khaarijee²⁶...*

²⁵ One of the names of lion.

²⁶ Al-Khaarijee: One of those who have the creed of labeling a Muslim Kaafir and revolt against the ruler.

'Alee bn Abee Taalib
(Radiyahallahu 'anhu)

Name:'Aliyy ²⁷

Genealogy: Aboo Taalib ('Abdul Manaaf) bn Abdil Mutaalib (Shaybatul Hamd) bn Haashim bn Abdil Manaaf bn Kulaab bn Murrah bn Ka'b bn Luay bn Ghaalib bn Fahr bn Malik bn An nadr bn Kinaanah bn Khuzaymah bn Mudrakah bn Ilyaas bn Madr bn Nazaar bn Ma'd bn Adnaan.

Mother's Name: Faatimah bint Asad bn Haashim bn Abd Manaaf Al Haashimiyyah.

Tribe: Al Qurashiyy Al Haashimiyy.

Kunyah: Aboo Al Hasan, Aboo Turaab, Aboo Al Hasan wa Al Husayn, Aboo Al-Qaazim Al-Haashimiyy and Aboo Sibtayn,

²⁷ Al Isti'aab 2/42,Al Usd p.871,Talqeeh fuhood Ahlil Athar p. 79, Seerah al Khulafaa' p.225 and Asmaa Al Mataalib 1/28. Though at birth, his mother named him Asad (Lion); her (own) father's name: Asad bn Haashim.

'Alee said:

انَا الَّذِي سَمَّيْتَنِي أُمِّي حَيْدَرَةَ

I am the one who my mother named Haydarah (from the Arabic name of Lion)".

By then Aboo Taalib travelled, when he arrived he did not like the name, thus he changed it to 'Aliyy.

Agnomen: Ameer Al-Mu'meneen and Raabi' Al Khulafaa' Ar Raashdeen.

Date of Birth: 10 years before prophet-hood (that is 600).

Names of Wives: Faatimah, Khawlah bint Ja'far, Laylah bint Mas'ood, Umm Al Baneen bint Hizaam, Asmaa' bint , 'Umays, As-Suhbah, Umaamah bint Abee Al 'Aas, Umm Sa'eed bint 'Urwa and Umm Al Walad.

Names of Children: Al Hasan, Al Husayn, Zaynabul Kuburah, Umm Kulthoomul Kuburah, Muhammad Akbar, 'UbayduLlahi, Aboo Bakr, Al Abbaas Al Akbar , Uthmaan, Ja'far, 'AbduLlahi, Muhammad Al Asghar, Ruqayyah, Sabiyyah, Muhammad Al Awsat, Yahyah, 'Aun, Umar Al Akbar, Ramlah Al Kuburah, Umm Haanee', Maymoonah, Zaynab As Sughrah, Faatimah, Umaamah, Khadeejah, Ummul Kiraam, Umm Salamah, Umm Ja'far, Jimaanah, Nafeesah, and other girl whose name was not mentioned, she died when she was young .

Date of Acceptance of Islaam: Earliest stage of Islaam, when he was 12 years.

From: The Prophet (sallaLlahu 'alayhi wa sallam)

Battles Fought: Badr, Uhud, Khandaaq, Bay'tur Ridwaan and all others, except Tabook.

Nobility/Position:

- He never worshipped idol.

- He was the first male to accept Islaam (Allah knows best, this is the opinion of Ibn Abdil Barr, Ibn Atheer and many others among the Salaf).
- He was nurtured in the house of the Prophet (sallaLlahu ‘alayhi wa sallam).
- He was from the family of the Prophet (sallaLlahu ‘alayhi wa sallam).
- He was very brave.
- He was very ascetic and generous.
- He was among those who bathed the Prophet.
- The first Khaleefah that his two fathers were from Banoo Haashim.
- He was the fourth and last rightly guided khaleefah.
- He was to the Prophet like Haaron to Moosa (only that he was not a prophet).

His Knowledge: Abrogating and Abrogated Verses; and very versed in passing judgment.

Number of Reports: 586 narrations.

Narration about him: Sa’d narrated:

“The prophet said to ‘Ali, will you not be pleased from this, that you are to me like Haaron to Moosa (‘alahimaa sallam)”

A narration from him:

“I used to get the emotional urethral discharge frequent, so I requested Miqdaad to ask the Prophet about it. Al-Miqdaad

asked him and he replied”, one has to perform ablution (after it)”

Cause of Death: Stabbed with drawn sword on his head by ‘Abdur Rahman bn Muljam Al-Miraad Al- Khaarijee.

Died: Sunday, 20th of Ramadhān, 40A.H

Age: 63 years.

Poetroduction

AbduLlaahi bn Jarrah Aboo Ubaydah
Very sincere till he became Ameen Al-Ummah²⁸
He conquered many cities cum al Jabeeyah
Never slaughtered his sire²⁹
As claimed by the historians
Check al-adwaau³⁰ for the proper bayaan³¹
Died due to plague at fifty-eight...

²⁸ Ameen Al-Ummah: The trustworthy or guardian of the Ummah.

²⁹ The story is not true. Allaah knows best.

³⁰ Al-Adwaau is the name of a tafsir dictated by Ash-Shaykh Al Ameen Ash-Shinqeetiyy, it was transcribed by his student. Its full title is Al-Adwaau Al Bayaan fee Idhaah Al-Qur'aan bi Al-Qur'aan. It is one of the most authentic tafsir

³¹ Bayaan means clarification.

Aboo 'Ubaydah Al Jarraah
(Radiyahallahu 'anhu)

Name: 'Aamir

Genealogy: Abdullah bn Jarraah bn Hilaal bn 'Uhayb bn Dabbah bn Fihr bn Maalik bn An Nasr bn Khuzayma bn Mudrasah bn Ilyas bn Mundhir bn Nizaar bn M'ad bn Adnaan

Tribe: Al Qurashee Al Fihree Al Makiyy

Mother's Name: Umayyah bint Ganm bint Jaabir

Date of Birth: 27 years before Prophethood, that was 593 AD.

Kunya: Aboo 'Ubaydah

Agnomen: Ameen Al Ummah

Name of Wife: Hind bint Jaabir

Names of Children: Yazeed and 'Umayr

Date of Acceptance Islaam: Earliest stage of Islaam before the Prophet (SallaLlahu 'alayhi wa sallam) entered House of Arqam

From: The Prophet (SallaLlahu 'alayhi wa sallam).

Nobility/Status:

- His lineage was linked to the Prophet (SallaLlahu 'alayhi wa sallam) at Fihr.

- He was named Ameenul Ummah by the Prophet (SallaLlahu 'alayhi wa sallam).
- He was the third most beloved to the Prophet (SallaLlahu 'alayhi wa sallam) among men.
- He was from those who combined Al-Qur'aan.
- He conquered many cities like Shaam, Al Yarmook and Al Jaabeeyah
- Aboo Bakr and 'Umar intended to make him Khaleefah.
- He was very brave.
- He was very ascetic such that Umar said about him: "The world has changed all of us except you O Aboo 'Ubaydah"
- He was from the ten whom were promised Al Jannah.
- He was made Governor by Umar over Shaam [the Leviathan].
- He was from the three bosom friends of the Prophet - sallaLlahu 'alayhi wa sallam.

Knowledge: Well versed in Al Quran and As Sunnah

Numbers of Reports: 8 narrations

Narration about him: Anas bn Maalik narrated:

"The Messenger of Allah (SallaLlahu 'alayhi wa sallam) said; every nation has an extremely trustworthy man and the

extremely trustworthy man of this nation (Muslim) is Aboo 'Ubaydah bn Al Jarraah.

Narration from him: He narrated:

"Fasting is a shield as long as you do not damage it"

Cause of death: Plague

Date of Death: 18 A.H

Age: 58 years³²

³² No cited historian mentioned his age, "because nothing was mentioned about his life during Jaahiliyyah in the books of history" (Aboo 'Ubaydah p.46). This was based on the calculation of the author (Abu Sahl).

Benefit: This was well narrated in the book Aboo Ubaydah, Dakhirah Al Uqbah 21/102 and As Siyar 1/21.

Ibn Taymiyyah said:

"Umar bn Khattaab removed Khaalid bn Al-Waleed because he was very harsh as Umar, while Aboo 'Ubaydah was lenient as Aboo Bakr, then it was most appropriate for each of them to be made governor, whom he made governor in order to make the affair (of the State) balanced"

Al 'Uthaymeen said:

"If the Amir and his vice are lenient, the affair [of the state] will be impaired, so also is if both of them are harsh, it will become oppression upon people and they will be bored [of the government]. But if one of them is lenient and another is harsh, the affair [of the state] will be balanced"[See Ta'leeq Siyaasiyah Ash Shari'yah p.51].

Though some scholars said Umar did not remove Khaald because he was not the Ameer of the Muslims in Shaam he would only lead

Poetroduction

Talhah bn UbaydiLlaahi Al Fayyaad³³
Aboo Muhammad As Sajjaad³⁴
Formed the shield for the Prophet at Uhud
And one of the righteousness of as-Siddeeq
Shot at sixty-four by Ibn Hakam...

battles. [Aboo Ubaydah Ameen Al Ummah p. 179]. Thus Aboo Ubaydah was the Ameer in Shaam.

As Siyar 1/6,Dakhirah Al 'Uqbah 21/102 and Aboo 'Ubaydah pgs 255-256 (its compiler said):

He has: 1 narration in Muslim. 1 narration in Tirmidhee, 12 narrations in Musnad Ahmad, if the repeated ones were erased, it will remain 7 narrations. 9 narrations in Musnad Aboo Ya'la, 6 from it are similar to in Musnad Ahmad. Then it remains three narrations which are combined in one narration.=

=Thus all narrations reported from him are 8, from it are mursal, mutasil, some of its mutasil are authentic while some are weak. Allah knows best but the compiler of Aboo 'Ubaydah missed his narration reported by An Nasa'ee in Al Mujtabah perhaps it would have been 9 narrations altogether.

³³ Al-Fayyaad means the generous.

³⁴ As-Sajjaad means the one who worships a lot.

Talhah bn 'UbaydiLlaah
(*Radiyallahu 'anhu*)

Name: Talhah

Genealogy: 'UbayduLlahi bn 'Uthmaan bn 'Amr bn Ka'b bn Sa'd bn Taym bn Murrah bn Ka'b bn Luayy bn Ghaalib bn Fihri bn Malik bn Nadeer bn Kinaanah

Tribe: Al Qurayshee At Taymee

Mother's Name: As Su'bah bint Al Hadramee

Kunyah: Aboo Muhammad

Agnomen: Taalha Al Khayr, Taalha Al Fayaadh and Taalha Al Juud .

Names of Wives: Hamnah bint Jahsh, Khawlah bint Al Qa'qaa, Umm Abbaan bint 'Utba bn Rabee'ah, Umm Kulthoom bint Abee Bakr As Sideeq, Sa'dah bint Abee Awf, Umm Walad, Al Gharqah, Al Faari'ah and Ruqayyah

Names of Children: Muhammad (As Sajjaad-The Worshipper), 'Imraan, Moosa, Ya'qoob, Isma'eel, Ishaq, Zakariyya, Yoosuf, Aaisha,'Eesa, Yahyah, As-Su'bah, Maryam and Saalih.

Date of Acceptance of Islam: Earliest stage of Islaam.

From: Aboo Bakr As Sideeq.

Nobilty/Status:

- He was from the foremost Muslim.
- He was from the Muhaajiroon.
- He was from the Ten, who were given the glad tidings of Al Jannah.
- He was from the Shoorah (the Committee to elect the Khaleefah).
- He was very rich and generous till the Prophet (salaLlaahu alahyi wa sallam) named him Al Fayyaad (the Generous).
- He was from those who protected the Prophet (salaLlaahu alahyi wa sallam) in the battle of Uhud.
- He was very brave.

Numbers of Reports: He has 38 narrations in Musnad Baqiyy bn Mukhlid including the repeated ones. Two narrations were jointly recorded by Al-Bukhaaree and Muslim; Al Bukhaaree singularly reported 2 while Al Imaam Muslim singularly reported 313.

Narration about him: Qays bn Abee Haazim narrated:

“I saw Talhah’s paralyzed hand with which he had protected the Prophet (salaLlaahu alahyi wa sallam) (from an arrow”).

Narration from him: The Prophet (salaLlaahu alahyi wa sallam) said:

“When one of you places in front of him such as a saddle, he should pray without caring who passes on the other side of it”.

Cause of death: Shot with arrow on leg by Marwaan bn Hakam

Date of Death: Thursday Jumadal Akhirah, 36 A.H (17)

Age: 64 years.

Poetroduction

Ibn Awf 'Abdur Rahmaan

A successful trader of Ar Rahmaan³⁵

Witnessed all the battles but stabbed at Uhud

Was from the people of al Jannah without crawling...

³⁵ Ar-Rahmaan: One of the 99 Names of Allah, it means The Beneficent.

'AbdurRahman bn 'Awf
(*Radiyallahu 'anhu*)

Name: AbdurRahman

Genealogy: 'Awf bn Abdil Harith bn Zurrah bn Kubab bn Murrah bn Ka'b bn Luayy

Tribe: Quraysh; Banu Zuhrah

Mother's Name: Shifaa bnt Abdil Harith bn Zuhr

Date of Birth: 10 years after the Year of Elephant (that was 570 CE)

Kunyah: Aboo Muhammad

Names of Wives: Ummu Kulthoom bint 'Utbah bn Rabee'ah bint Shaybah bn Rabee', Umm Kulthoom bint Mu'ayt, Sahlah bint Aasim bn 'Adiyy, Sahlah bint Suhayl bn 'Amru, Umm Hakeem bint Qaasit, Ibnah Al Khashkhaash, Tamaadhi bint Al Asbagh, Umm Hurayth, Majd bint Yazeed, Ghazaal bint Kisra, Zaynab bint As Siyaaha, Badiyah bint Gheelaan, Asmaau bint Salamah and Bujayrah bint Haanee.

Names of Children: Saalim Al Akbar (died before Islaam), Umm Al Qaasim(born before Islaam), Muhammad, Ibraheem, Humayd, Isma'eel, Humaydah, Ammatur Rahman, Ma'an, Amru, Zayd, Ammatur Rahman As Sughrah, 'Urwah Al Akbar, Saalim Al Asghar, Aboo Bakr, AbduLlaah, Aboo Salamah (AbduLlahi Al Asghar), Abdur Rahman, Mus'ab, Aaminah, Maryam, Suhayl Aboo Abyad, 'Uthmaan, 'Urwah, Yahyah, Bilaal and Juwayriyyah.

Date of Acceptance of Islam: Before the Prophet (SallaLlaahu 'alayhi was sallam) entered the house of Arqam.

From: Aboo Bakr

Profession: Trading.

Battles Fought: All battles

Nobility/Status:

- He was from the tribe of the Prophet (SallaLlaahu 'alayhi was sallam).
- He was among the eighth people that first accepted Islaam.
- He was one of the five people that accepted Islaam from Aboo Bakr.
- He was from the first emigrants.
- He performed two migrations (to Abyssinia and then Madinah).
- He witnessed Badr and all other wars.
- He was from the ten promised Al Jannah.
- He was from the six men committee assigned by Umar.
- The Prophet (SallaLlaahu 'alayhi was sallam) died while pleased with him.
- The Prophet (SallaLlaahu 'alayhi was sallam) prayed behind him during journey.
- He was stabbed in the battle of Uhud.

- He was stupendously rich, a fortunate trader and extremely generous.
- He freed 31 slaves in a day.

He has two narrations in Saheehayn; Al Bukhaaree singularly collected 5 and 65 narrations in other Musnad .

Narrations about Him: Anas bn Malik reported, the Prophet (sallaLlaahu ‘alayhi was sallam) said to him when he saw the signs that he just got married:

“May Allah bless it; offer a banquet even with one sheep.”

Narration from Him: The Prophet (sallaLlaahu ‘alayhi was sallam) said:

“Whosoever is not merciful will not be shown mercy”

Date of Death: 32A.H

Age: 75 years

Endnote

This series was completed on 13-01-1440 (23-09-2018).
The second series will start on Sa'd bn Abee Waqaas .

I seek blessing upon the noble prophet, Muhammad
sallaLlaahu alayhi wa sallam, his household and
companions.³⁶

³⁶ This series was sponsored by my brother Adebayo Taiwo Hassan.
May Allaah elongate his life and grant him steadfastness on the
religion.

Do you know?

- 1) There were over 300 "AbduLlaahis" among the companions.
- 2) Nabiyy 'Eesa was considered among the companions.
- 3) The prophet spitted to the mouth of Muhammad bn Khaatib, 'Abdur-Rahmaan bn 'Uthmaan and 'Abdur-Rahmaan bn Ma'mar.
- 4) AbduLlaahi bn 'Uthmaan is the real name of Aboo Bakr.
- 5) Other Aboo Bakr's nicknames are As-Sideeq and 'AteequLlaahi (The one Allaah freed from hell fire)
- 6) He memorized narrations most, while Aboo Hurayrah reported it most.
- 7) AbduLlaahi bn 'Amr Al As also memorized narrations like Aboo Hurayrah, but he was busied with acts of worship.
- 8) There was no believer born by believing father and mother fought at Badr except 'Ammar bn Yaasir.
- 9) There was no companion named Isma'eel except one.
- 10) The first person to call 'Umar bn Khattoob "Ameerul Mu'meneen" is Mughirah bn Shu'bah.
- 11) He was called Ameerul Mumeneen because of the lengthy of Khalifah Khalifah RasuLlaahi.
- 12) The generation of Aboo 'Ubaday had extinct.
- 13) Talhah bn 'Ubadillaahi was from the richest companions.

- 14) There was no companion bearing 'Abdur-Rahman.
- 15) Prophet Muhammad was the first person to bear Muhammad (base on authentic stand).
- 16) Aboo Hurayrah used to wake up in the night to revise the memorized he memorized in the day.
- 17) Aboo Hurayrah used to take his mother along, wherever he went.
- 18) Angel Jibril used to come in form of Dihyah Al Kalbiyy
- 19) The Throne of Allaah shook when Sa'd bn Mu'adh died.
- 20) Prophet Muhammad (sallaLlaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) used to teach Jinns.
- 21) Nobody married two daughters of a Prophet except 'Uthmaan bn 'Affaan.

Epilogue

To them, we utter: at-tarrad³⁷

Which suffices as radd³⁸

To the astray rawaafid³⁹

And the overboard khawaarij⁴⁰

This is from our clear cut 'aqaaid⁴¹...

³⁷ At-Tarrad means RadiyyaLlaahu ‘anhu –may Allaah please with them.

³⁸ Radd means refutation.

³⁹ Rawaafid are Shi’ah sect: The label all the companions as kaafir except handful of them.

⁴⁰ Khawaarij are the first sect emerged in Islaam. They call Muslim Kaafir and revolt against the leader.

⁴¹ Aqaaid is the plural of ‘Aqeedah which means “creed”.

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About the Book

This series was inked to serve as a better replacement to 'cat and dog' novels reading in the schools and homes. Likewise, to encourage the kids to take the nobles Companions as their role models, in lieu of the Celebrities, Politicians, Artistes and the likes.

I summarily mentioned the most necessary aspects of their life, and I affirmed the authenticity of each point, though history is never stable and no book is all perfect except Al-Qur'an.

The booklet is aimed to be published in series to avoid boredom and was arranged according to the ordering of Al Imaam Shaamsuddeen Adh Dhahabee in Siyaar 'Alaam An Nubalaa.