

THE GREAT LIGHT (6)

(Prophethood)

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**This is my present
to every Muslim
girl and boy all
around the world.**

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Prophet **Mohammad** (may peace be upon him) was about forty years old when he started to have strange dreams.

In his dreams, he saw great lights, he heard voices, and he had strange feelings. He did not know why or what was happening to him.

عِنْدَمَا بَلَغَ عُمُرُ النَّبِيِّ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - أَرْبَعِينَ عَامًا،
بَدَأَ يَرَى فِي مَنَامِهِ أَحْلَامًا غَرِيبَةً؛ فَكَانَ يَرَى أَشِعَّةً مُنِيرَةً، وَكَانَ
يَسْمَعُ أَصْوَاتًا وَيَشْعُرُ بِأَحَاسِيسٍ غَرِيبَةٍ، وَلَمْ يَكُنْ يَعْرِفُ مَاذَا
يَحْدُثُ لَهُ، وَلَا سَبَبَ هَذِهِ الْأَشْيَاءِ.



He used to go to "Cave Hira" spending more and more time to think: who created everything around him: the sun , the moon, the mountains, the trees and the animals? He was thinking days and nights: who created everything? Who made it so organized and so perfect? But all these questions remained without any answers.

وَاعْتَادَ مُحَمَّدٌ الدَّهَابَ إِلَى غَارِ حِرَاءَ، وَكَانَ يَقْضِي وَقْتًا طَوِيلًا يُفَكِّرُ فِيْمَنْ خَلَقَ الْأَشْيَاءَ مِنْ حَوْلِهِ: مَنْ الَّذِي خَلَقَ الشَّمْسَ، وَالْقَمَرَ، وَالْجِبَالَ، الْأَشْجَارَ، وَالْحَيَوَانَاتِ؟! كَانَ يُفَكِّرُ أَيَّامًا وَلَيَالِي، مَنْ الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْأَشْيَاءَ وَأَبْدَعَهَا بِهَذَا النِّظَامِ وَالْإِتْقَانِ؟ وَلَكِنَّ هَذِهِ الْأَسْئَلَةَ ظَلَّتْ دُونَ إِجَابَةٍ.



One night, in the month of "Ramadan" while Mohammad was in "Cave Hira", suddenly "Angel Gibril" appeared to him. He shook him and said in a very clear voice: "Mohammed Read!". Mohammed who had never had the chance to learn to read looked at "Gibril" with surprise and answered: "I cannot read".

وَفِي لَيْلَةٍ مِنْ لَيَالِي شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ، كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ فِي غَارِ حِرَاءَ، وَفَجْأَةً ظَهَرَ لَهُ مَلِكُ الْوَحْيِ جِبْرِيلُ، وَهَزَّهُ بِشِدَّةٍ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "اقْرَأْ". وَلَمْ تَكُنِ الْفُرْصَةُ قَدْ أَتَيْتْ لِمُحَمَّدٍ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - لِيَتَعَلَّمَ الْقِرَاءَةَ، فَنَظَرَ بَدْهَشَةٍ إِلَى جِبْرِيلَ، وَأَخْبَرَهُ بِأَنَّهُ لَمْ يَسْتَطِيعِ الْقِرَاءَةَ، فَقَالَ لَهُ: "مَا أَنَا بِقَارِئٍ".



The **Angel** shook him again.
He said: "**Read!**". **Mohammad**
answered: "**I cannot read**".

For the third time, gibril shook
him very strongly, **Mohammad**
thought he was really dying,
gibril said: "**Read**".

فَهَزَّهُ الْمَلِكُ هَزَّةً ثَانِيَةً، قَالَ لَهُ: اقْرَأْ، فَقَالَ
مُحَمَّدٌ وَقَدْ أَحْسَسَ بِخَوْفٍ شَدِيدٍ: مَا أَنَا بِقَارِئٍ.
فَهَزَّهُ جِبْرِيلُ بِقُوَّةٍ مَرَّةً ثَالِثَةً، وَقَالَ لَهُ: "اقْرَأْ"
فَأَحْسَسَ مُحَمَّدٌ بِأَنَّهُ كَادَ يَمُوتُ مِنْ شِدَّةِ الْهَزَّةِ.

اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ
الَّذِي خَلَقَ • خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ
مِنْ عَلَقٍ • اقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ
الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ

Mohammad gathered all his courage and replied: "Read what?".

Gibril said: "Read in the name of your lord who created. Created mankind from something which clings. read and your lord is the most noble. Who taught by the pen. Taught mankind what he did not know". In that holy night, gibril started teaching **Mohammad** the holy **Quran**. (the book of islam).

اسْتَجْمَعَ مُحَمَّدٌ شَجَاعَتَهُ، وَقَالَ لِجِبْرِيلَ: "مَاذَا أَقْرَأُ؟".
فَقَالَ جِبْرِيلُ: ﴿اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ ۝۱ خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ ۝۲ اقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ ۝۳ الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ ۝۴ عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ ۝۵﴾ [العلق: ١ - ٥]. وَمُنْذُ هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ الْمُبَارَكَةِ بَدَأَ
جِبْرِيلُ يَنْزِلُ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْكَرِيمِ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ -.



Mohammad was still in a state of shock when he left "**Cave Hira**" for home.

On his way, he kept hearing the loud voice telling him: "**Mohammad you are the messenger of Allah**".

This was the beginning of **Islam**, when **Allah** made **Mohammad** His Messenger.

وَعِنْدَمَا تَرَكَ مُحَمَّدٌ غَارَ حِرَاءٍ مُتَوَجِّهًا إِلَى بَيْتِهِ، كَانَ مَا يَزَالُ خَائِفًا. وَفِي طَرِيقِ عَوْدَتِهِ كَانَ يَسْمَعُ الصَّوْتَ مُدَوِّيًّا يَقُولُ لَهُ: "يَا مُحَمَّدُ، إِنَّكَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ". وَكَانَتْ هَذِهِ بَدَايَةُ الْإِسْلَامِ، عِنْدَمَا جَعَلَ اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولَهُ لِلنَّاسِ.



When **Mohammad** arrived home, he was sweating and shivering. His wife **Khadija** noticed that **Mohammad** looked very pale and tired. **Prophet Mohammad** told **Khadija** what he saw and heard. He told her about angel **gibril** and how he told him mthat he was the "**Messenger of Allah**".

وَعِنْدَمَا عَادَ مُحَمَّدٌ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - إِلَى بَيْتِهِ كَانَ يَرْتَجِفُ،
وَالْعَرَقُ يَتَصَبَّبُ مِنْ جَبِينِهِ، وَلَاحَظَتْ زَوْجَتُهُ خَدِيجَةُ أَنَّ
زَوْجَهَا يَبْدُوا شَاحِبًا وَمُتَعَبًا. فَأَخْبَرَ مُحَمَّدٌ زَوْجَتَهُ بِمَا رَأَى
وَسَمِعَهُ، وَحَدَّثَهَا عَنْ جِبْرِيلَ وَعَنْ إِخْبَارِهِ لَهُ بِأَنَّهُ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ.



Khadija said: "I believe you. You are a good man: you are kind to people, you help the weak, yes you are the messenger of Allah". Mohammed saw very tired and asked Khadija for a blanket. Khadija took Mohammed to her cousin, Waraqa. Although he was blind and very old, he had knowledge of all the religions at that time.

فَقَالَتْ خَدِيجَةُ: "إِنِّي لَأَرْجُوا أَنْ تَكُونَ نَبِيَّ هَذِهِ الْأُمَّةِ، إِنَّكَ الصَّادِقُ الْأَمِينُ، تَعْطِفُ عَلَى النَّاسِ، وَتَعِينُ الضَّعِيفَ. حَقًّا إِنَّكَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ". كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ مُتَعَبًا وَيَحْسُ بِرُودَةِ شَدِيدَةٍ، فَطَلَبَ غَطَاءً، وَبَعْدَ ذَلِكَ، أَخَذَتْ خَدِيجَةُ مُحَمَّدًا إِلَى ابْنِ عَمِّهَا وَرَقَّةَ بْنِ نَوْفَلٍ، الَّذِي كَانَ شَيْخًا كَفِيفَ الْبَصَرِ، وَكَانَ عَلَى عِلْمٍ بِالدِّيَانَاتِ الْمَوْجُودَةِ فِي تِلْكَ الْفَتْرَةِ.



Khadija told Waraqua everything about Mohammad. Waraqua became excited and said: "that is the Message Allah gave to musa and Issa. I wish I live long enough to help him". Waraqua said to Mohammad: "if I live long enough, I will try to help you, I know your people are going to hurt you". Waraqua died soon after that day.

أَخْبَرَتْ خَدِيجَةُ وَرَقَةَ بِمَا حَدَّثَ لِمُحَمَّدٍ، فَتَعَجَّبَ، وَقَالَ: "إِنَّ هَذِهِ هِيَ الرِّسَالَةُ الَّتِي جَاءَ بِهَا مُوسَى وَعِيسَى، وَأَرْجُوا أَنْ أَعِيشَ حَتَّى أَنْصُرَهُ وَأُعِينَهُ". ثُمَّ قَالَ لِمُحَمَّدٍ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - : "إِذَا أَنَا عِشْتُ فَسَوْفَ أُؤَيِّدُكَ، فَإِنِّي أَعْلَمُ أَنَّ قَوْمَكَ سَيُؤْذُونَكَ". وَلَكِنَّ وَرَقَةَ مَاتَ بَعْدَ هَذَا اللَّقَاءِ.



Prophet Mohammad kept going to Cave Hira and thought about what Angel Gibril told him: "Truly Mohammad, you are the Messenger of Allah". Mohammad spent many days and nights thinking.

One night, suddenly Gibril appeared again. Mohammad was in deep sleep.

وَوَضَّلَ النَّبِيُّ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - يَذْهَبُ إِلَى غَارِ
حَرَاءٍ، يُفَكِّرُ فِيمَا أَخْبَرَهُ بِهِ جِبْرِيلُ: "يَا مُحَمَّدُ، إِنَّكَ حَقًّا
رَسُولُ اللَّهِ". وَقَضَى النَّبِيُّ أَيَّامًا وَلَيَالِي يُفَكِّرُ. وَذَاتَ لَيْلَةٍ،
ظَهَرَ جِبْرِيلُ مَرَّةً ثَانِيَةً، وَكَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ يَنَامُ نَوْمًا عَمِيقًا.



Mohammad woke up and heard Gibril saying: "O you encovered. Arise and warn".

Mohammad kept repeating the words he heard from Gibril.

After a while Mohammad felt secure and peaceful.

اسْتَيْقَظَ مُحَمَّدٌ، وَأَنْصَتَ إِلَى قَوْلِ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى: ﴿يَا أَيُّهَا

الْمَدَّثِرُ ۝ ١ ۝ قُمْ فَأَنْذِرْ ۝ ٢﴾ [المدثر].

وَزَلَّ مُحَمَّدٌ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - يُرَدُّ مَا سَمِعَهُ

مِنْ جِبْرِيلَ، حَتَّى أَحَسَّ بِالْأَمَانِ وَالطَّمَأْنِينَةِ.



From time to time, **Gibril** would appear to give **Prophet Mohammad** the verses of the **Holy Quran**.

Prophet **Mohammad** learned the verses by heart, and started to teach them to his family.

كَانَ جِبْرِيلُ يَنْزِلُ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ مُحَمَّدٌ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ
وَسَلَّمَ - مِنْ وَقْتٍ إِلَى آخِرِ بَيِّنَاتِ الْقُرْآنِ الْكَرِيمِ.
وَكَانَ النَّبِيُّ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - يَحْفَظُ هَذِهِ
الآيَاتِ عَنْ ظَهْرِ قَلْبٍ، وَكَانَ يَتْلُوهَا عَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ.



Khadija, the Prophet's wife, was the first woman who became a Muslim. Ali, his cousin, was the first boy to become a believer.

Ali was folloed by the Prophet's daughters, Zaid: the boy Mohammad raised, and Um-ayman: the Prophet's nanny.

كَانَتْ خَدِيجَةُ زَوْجَةُ النَّبِيِّ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - أَوَّلَ مَنْ
آمَنَ مِنَ النِّسَاءِ، وَكَانَ ابْنُ عَمِّهِ عَلِيُّ بْنُ أَبِي طَالِبٍ أَوَّلَ مَنْ آمَنَ
مَعَهُ مِنَ الْغُلَامِ. ثُمَّ آمَنَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ بَنَاتُ النَّبِيِّ، وَزَيْدُ -الْغُلَامُ
الَّذِي تَبَنَاهُ النَّبِيُّ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - وَأُمُّ أَيْمَنَ حَاضِنَةُ النَّبِيِّ.



The first man who believed in Prophet **Mohammad** was **Abu Bakr**, who did not hesitate when he asked him to say: I witness that there is no god but **Allah** and **Mohammad** is **His Messenger**. After a while prophet **Mohammad** decided to start secretly spreading the **Message**, to let people know that there is no god but **Allah**, and **Mohammad** is **His Prophet**, and that **Allah** has created everything.

وَكَانَ أَبُو بَكْرٍ - صَاحِبُ النَّبِيِّ - أَوَّلَ مَنْ آمَنَ مَعَهُ مِنَ الرِّجَالِ، وَلَمْ يَتَرَدَّدْ أَبُو بَكْرٍ عِنْدَمَا طَلَبَ مِنْهُ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَنْ يَشْهَدَ بِأَنَّ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ. وَبَعْدَ فِتْرَةٍ بَدَأَ النَّبِيُّ يَدْعُو النَّاسَ سِرًّا، وَيَعْرِفُهُمْ بِأَنَّهُ لَا يُوجَدُ إِلَهٌ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، وَبِأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ. وَبِأَنَّ اللَّهَ خَالِقُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ.