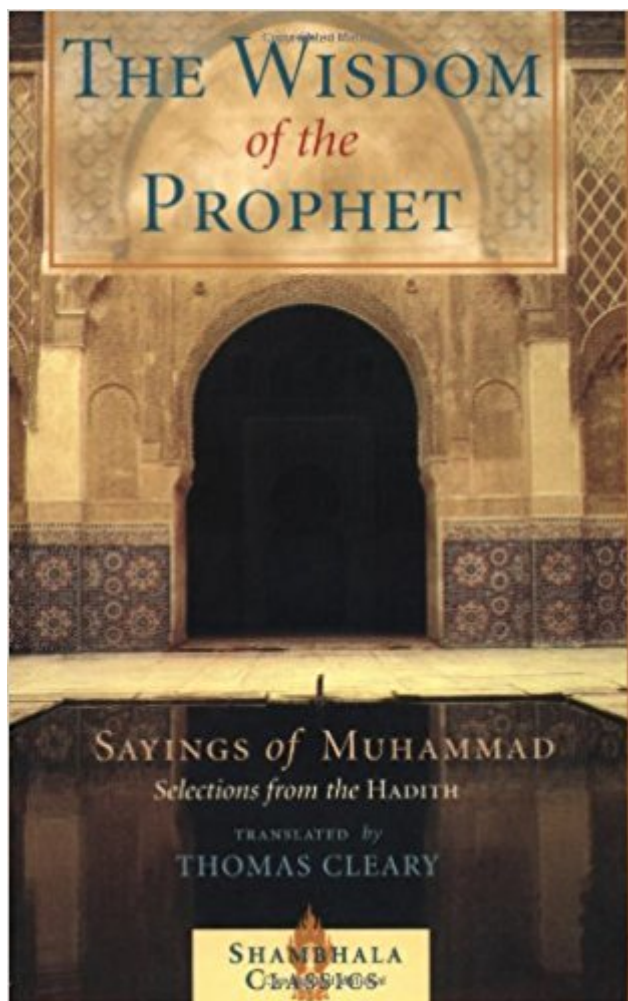


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The Wisdom Of The Prophet: The Sayings Of Muhammad



Synopsis

The *Wisdom of the Prophet* contains a rich selection of hadith, or traditional teaching stories based on the words and deeds of Muhammad, that have brought inspiration and guidance to spiritual seekers for centuries. The passages in this collection, chosen for their universal appeal, reveal both Muhammad's profound worldly wisdom and his lofty spiritual vision. The *Wisdom of the Prophet* contains more than two hundred authentic stories and sayings of Muhammad translated by Thomas Cleary, the translator of *The Essential Koran*.

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In his lifetime, the prophet Muhammad was viewed more as a wise sage (favored in the eyes of God, albeit) than as a saintly figure beyond worldly concern. The reason is evident in the pages of *Wisdom of the Prophet*, a selection of passages from the Hadith that record Muhammad's sayings and actions. Anyone wishing to understand Islamic spirituality or seeking a holy path of one's own can turn to passages such as "God is kind and loves kindness, and grants to kindness what is not granted to harshness," or "There are five kinds of martyrs: One who dies of plague; one who dies of a disease of the stomach or intestines; one who drowns; one who is crushed in a collapsing building; and one who is martyred in the way of God." Some passages are not exactly crystal clear, however, and one is not sure if something has been lost in translation or if they are simply in need of a little cross-cultural commentary. For instance: "[T]he Hour will not take place until two parties fight each other with one and the same aim." Nonetheless, the themes of charity, faith in God, service,

and fairness stand out, and make The Wisdom of the Prophet a good entry into the richness of Islam. --Brian Bruya

Text: English (translation) Original Language: Arabic

Learning a out our beloved prophet (Peace be upon him)

It's simple and most the hadith if not all come from Bukhari's Adab Al Mufrad. Book of manners, tho this book isn't just on manners. I also recommend #1 Book of hadith by Mohammad Ali, #2 essential book of hadith, I forget the other 2 I left them at my dad's apt in London...

The Prophet Mohammed is the founder and central human figure of a religion that has ~1.6 billion adherents (23.4% of the world's population). The revelations received by Prophet Mohammed are the basis for almost all aspects of Muslim culture. To understand the Prophet Mohammed is to understand Islam. This work is easier on the reader than attempting the Qur'an and serves as a tantalizing glimpse into the richness of the Muslim world.

I enjoyed reading the words of the prophet, peace be upon him. It would have been nice to see specific citations so that I could read more about the context of the sayings.

Very happy

this book was incredible and made me a reborn Muslim. It talks about the most simplest ideas in a very organized and everyday laguage. The sayings were translated in a profound and clear manner. I would suggest this book especially for those folks who are avid readers of western books and are used to sort everyday books. Even non-Muslims can learn a great deal from this piece and see how parallel any spiritual belonging can bring out of a person.

Dr. Cleary has done a marvelous job of compiling the wisdom of the greatest man to walk on earth. Indeed, the Prophet of Allah (PBUH) was sent as a mercy to mankind and this book illustrates that so beautifully! A must read!

Thomas Cleary is an outstanding translator of non-Western books for English-speaking peoples. I

have thoroughly enjoyed many of his books. Nevertheless, this work appears to be less worthy. Basing his work on the Qur'an and Sunnah, Cleary merely quotes appropriate verses, but without comment, without depth. The Life of Muhammad is one of the most researched. His character is impeccable, his behaviors pure and remarkable. Yet, the reader misses all of this in Cleary's book. Far better is Karen Armstrong's "Muhammad A Biography of the Prophet". It is ideal for non-Muslims. Martin Lings has written "Muhammad, his life based on the earliest sources". This is ideal for Islamic believers.

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