

'Umar Become Ameer ul-Mu'mineen

'Umar is chosen as the Khalifa through shoorah

What is shoorah?

"An individual opinion is like a single thread, two opinions are like two interwoven threads, and three can never be broken."

- 'Umar

Why did the sahabah shy away from positions of leadership?



When 'Umar refuses the appointment, Abu Bakr threatens him with the sword

Some Lessons from Abu Bakr and the Muslimeen

Abu Bakr said to the people: "Do you accept the one whom I appoint as your leader? For by Allah, I have tried to appoint the best; I have not appointed a relative. I have appointed as your leader 'Umar ibn Al-Khattaab, so listen to him and obey." They said: "We will listen and obey."

Then Abu Bakr made du'a: "I have not appointed by the command of Your Prophet (S), seeking nothing but what is in their best interests. I fear fitnah for them, and I have thought long and hard about the matter. I have appointed over them the best of them and the one who is most keen to lead them in the right way. Now here I am with Your decree about to be fulfilled. Take care of them after I am gone, for they are Your slaves."

'Abdullah ibn Mas'ood (RA) said: "The most intuitive of people were three:

1. The lady who said of Prophet Musa ('alayhis salaam):



2. The Companion of Prophet Yoosuf 'alayhis salaam when he said:



3. Abu Bakr when he appointed 'Umar as his successor.



'Umar was the dam that shielded the ummah from waves of fitnah.

Which hadith tells us that he was the barrier between the ummah and fitna?

Abu Bakr's Advice for 'Umar:

1. Fear Allah



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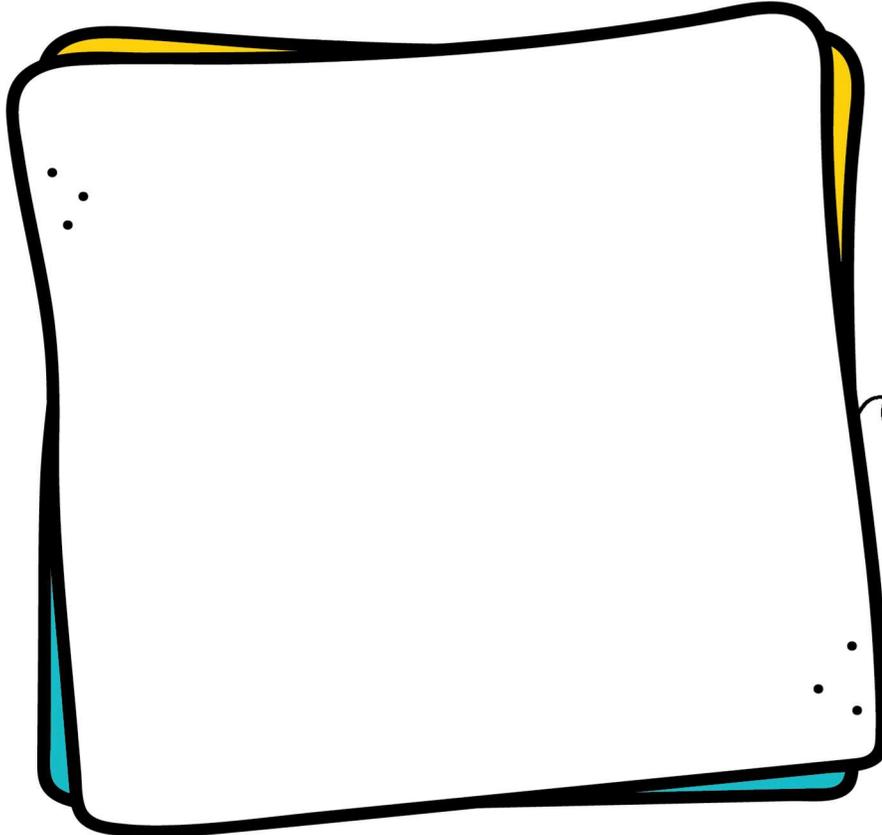
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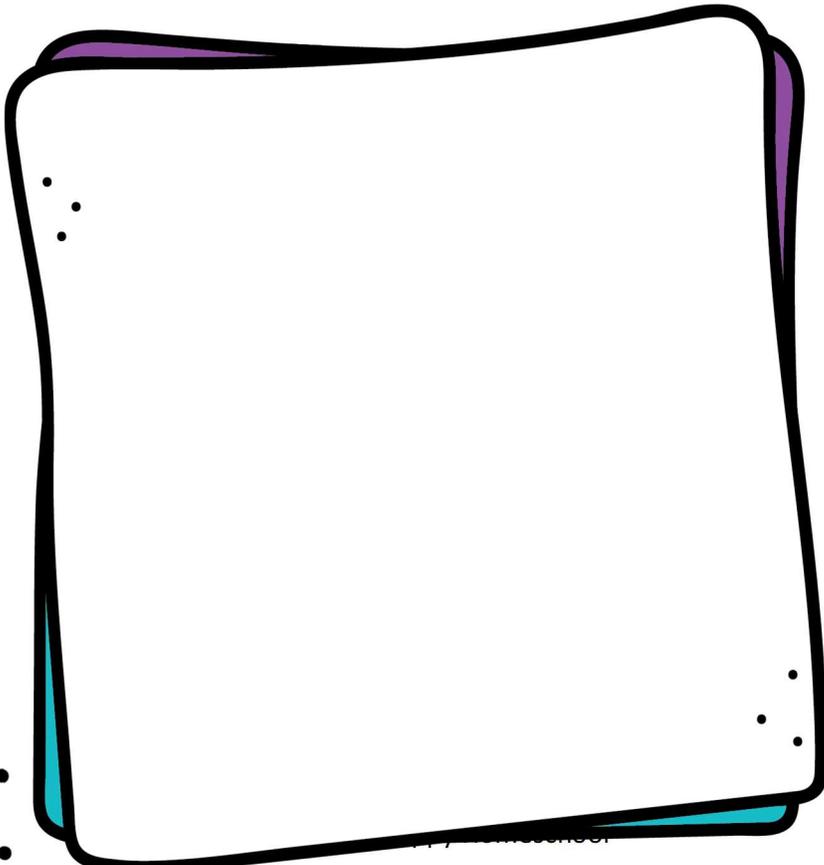
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'Umar Addresses the Ummah



"O Allah, I am harsh, so
make me _____;
I am weak, so make me
_____ ; I am
stingy, so make me
_____."

How does the author explain the 3 different narrations?



What is the interpretation of this hadith? Why was Rasulallah (S) sad?

The Prophet (S) said one day, "Who among you has seen a dream?" A man said, "I saw as if a balance came down from heaven and you and Abu Bakr were weighed, and you weighed more than Abu Bakr. Then 'Umar and Abu Bakr were weighed, and Abu Bakr weighed more. 'Umar and 'Uthmaan were weighed and 'Umar weighed more. Then the balance was taken away." And we saw that the Messenger of Allah (S) was unhappy.

Abu Dawood and at-Tirmidhi

Shoorah – A Sunnah that 'Umar Continued

- ① There were many new lands coming under Islamic rules. A lot of new lands meant many different civilizations, traditions and systems were coming under the Khalifa's care.
- ① Why was ijtiḥad required now? (And what is ijtiḥad?)
- ① 'Umar would first consult the people and then an assembly of _____
- ① 'Umar gave the companions of the Battle of _____ special status.
- ① He started to invite youth, for example the young saḥabi _____.

Vocab: Who are Ahl
adh-Dhimmah?

'Umar's Name is Synonymous with Justice

'Umar held his governors to account.

"O people, I do not send my agents to you to beat you or take your money. Rather, I send them to protect you against any injustice and to divide the war booty among you."

What is the difference between a king and a khalifah? Pg. 181

'Umar didn't differentiate between a Muslim and a non-Muslim, a family member or a stranger, the son of a governor or the son of a common person – he treated all people justly. There are countless examples of his justice in the pages of history.

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"Hit the son of noble people!"

"Who are these people who give themselves precedence over their servants?"

"How can this be when he is a commoner and I am a king?"

"Islam has made you equal."

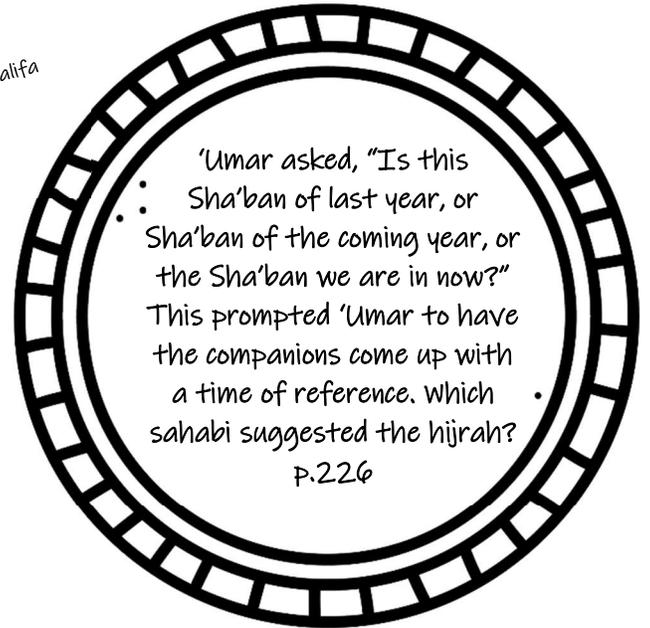
"You know that I accept no compromise for any of the people when it comes to carrying out the *hadd* punishments prescribed by Allah."

After Abu Bakr, the Muslims will Never See a Khalifah the Likes of 'Umar

The Salary of the Khalifa

'Umar did NOT take a salary initially

Why does the Khalifa need a salary?



Accountability

'Umar said:

"The people will be honest with their ruler so long as the ruler is honest with Allah. And if the ruler is dishonest, the people will be dishonest."

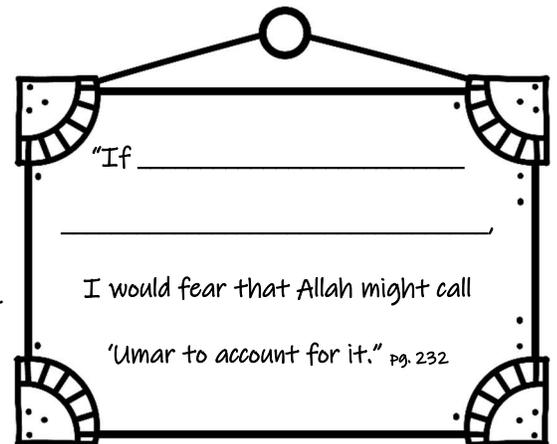
Vocab: What is zuhd?

His Zuhd

Sa'ad ibn Abi Waqqaas said: "By Allah, 'Umar ibn al-Khattaab was not the earliest of us to migrate, but I know why he is better than us: he was the most abstemious of us towards worldly matters."

Once, 'Umar passed by a garbage dump and stopped there. It was as if his companions were bothered by the smell. He said,

"_____"



That one Friday he was late to prayer, p. 237

How many pairs of clothes do WE own?

When the Qur'an was Recited

'Uyaynah ibn Hasn ibn Khudayfah wanted to meet 'Umar. He said to his nephew Al-Hurr ibn Qays (radiyallahu 'anh): "O son of my brother, you are close to the khalifa, so seek permission for me to enter and meet him." He said, "I will ask permission for you to meet him." Al-Hurr asked for permission and 'Umar gave it.

When he entered, Uyaynah said, "O son of Al-Khattab, by Allah you are not generous with us and you do not judge fairly among us."

'Umar became angry and wanted to punish him, but al-Hurr said, "O Ameer ul-Mu`mineen, Allah, the Exalted, Almighty said to His Prophet: *Show forgiveness, enjoin what is good, and turn away from the foolish [don't punish them]. (7:199) and this is one of the foolish.*"

By Allah, 'Umar did not do anything after he had recited this verse to him, and he would show respect to the Book of Allah.

👉 How many of us can show this degree of control when we are upset? How do we react if someone recites Qur'an to us?

Share a story of 'Umar you ❤️

His Family Received no Favors

'Umar (radiyallahu 'anh) was strict with the Muslims, but he was even stricter with his family.

"I have forbidden the people to do such and such, and the people are watching you as a bird watches a piece of meat. If you break the rules, then so will they, but if you refrain, then so will they. By Allah, if a man is brought to me who had done that which I forbade the people to do, I will punish him double because of his relationship to me. So whoever among you wants to do that, let him go ahead, and whoever wants to refrain, let him do so."

The Story of 'Abdullah ibn 'Umar and his camels
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'Atikah and the Musk
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What do you know about 'Abdullah ibn 'Umar and Umm Kulthoom bint 'Ali?

Umm Kulthoom's Gift from the wife of Caesar
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'Ali said of 'Umar: "You exercised restraint and your people exercised restraint; if you had been dishonest, they would have been dishonest. The fact that he practiced what he preached and was tougher in checking on himself and his family than with his governor and agents bought him great respect from the people, and the elite and common folk alike trusted him."

'Umar was Tough, but His Heart was Big

He loved Ahl al-Bayt and had much love and respect for 'Ali ibn Abi Taalib. 'Umar would regularly check on the wives of the Prophet (S) and give generously to them. He would not eat any fine food or fruit without sending some of it to them. The last wife of the Prophet (S) he would send it to would be his own daughter, Hafsa (radiyallahu 'anha).

Vocab: Ahl al-Bayt

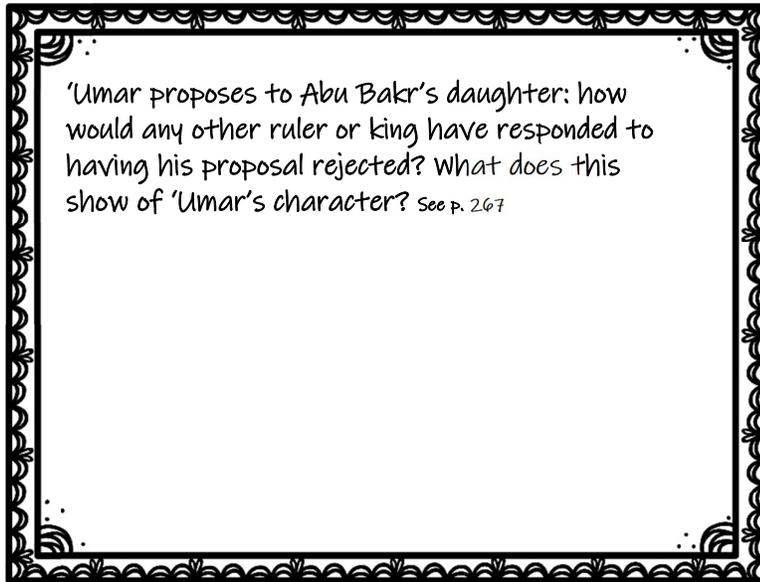


What were the names of 3 of 'Ali's boys?

What is the story behind the ayaat revealed for her?

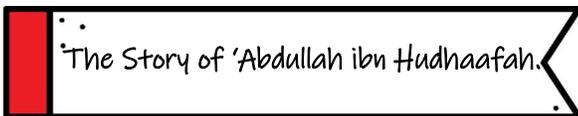
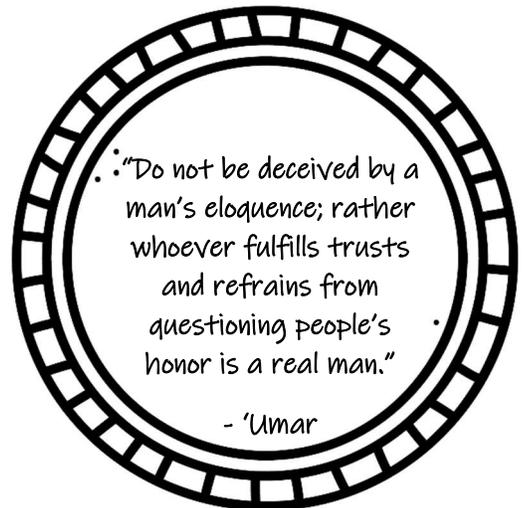
"Let her be. Don't you know who this is? This is Khawlah bint Tha'labah, whose words Allah heard from above seven heavens, so 'Umar is more obliged to listen to her."

'Umar's Treatment of the People



'Umar took care of the widows and the elderly. He went to their houses to attend to their needs. He would personally go to the market to buy what they needed.

'Umar wished for a room full of men like... see pg. 277



'Umar: "Every Muslim should kiss the head of 'Abdullah ibn Hudhaafah, and I will be the first." And he stood up and kissed his head.

Advice from 'Umar

If you look at any piece of advice 'Umar radiyallahu anh gave the ummah, each one of them is a gem. 'Umar was articulate and eloquent. His words are on point; he never said more than he needed to, and he chose the right words.



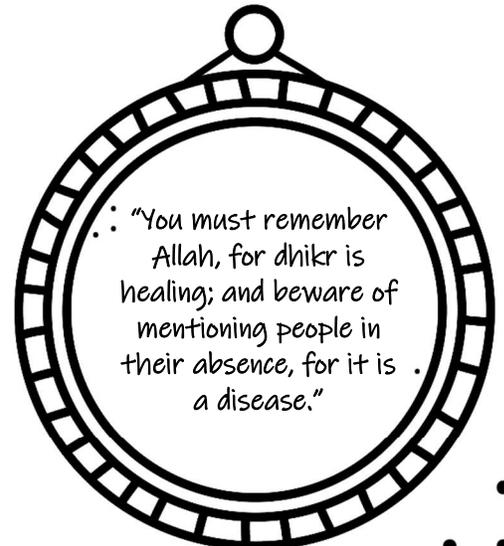
"If you see that one of you has slipped, correct him, pray for him, and do not help the shaytaan against him (by insulting him)."

'Umar took steps to prevent innovation: (p. 294 on)

"Teach your children _____
and _____, and train
them to be proficient on
_____, and teach
them some beautiful _____."
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Why did 'Umar say to avoid private gatherings?

'Umar ibn Al-Khattaab said on the minbar:
"Those who follow their personal views and
opinions are the enemies of Sunnah. They
failed to memorize hadith, so they give
fatwas based on their own opinions. They
have gone astray and led others astray. But
we are those who follow and do not innovate.
We will not go astray so long as we adhere to
the Sunnah."



Institutions that 'Umar Implemented for the Ummah

Markets

'Umar would check on the markets and make sure that the people were being fair and following the rules of Shari'ah. He appointed companions to oversee the markets. This accountability and checking on the market was called .

Night Patrols

Abu Bakr began them. 'Umar continued this sunnah of Abu Bakr and took care of it personally. He usually patrolled with his freed slave, Aslam.

The patrols at night \rightarrow why? The people were better back then, and most evil was done at night.

'Umar was not just patrolling for security. There are many accounts of him checking on the condition of people.

"May Allah reward you with good; you are more suited to be the caliph than Ameer ul Mu'mineen."

The Story of 'Umar ibn Al 'Azeez's grandmother p. 324

Masjid Nabawi

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'Umar radiyallahu anh had the masjid of the Prophet (S) expanded so it was large. He rebuilt it and gave it a roof. He had the floor paved with stones so it would be cleaner and more comfortable. 'Umar forbade adorning the masjid with red and yellow so the people wouldn't be distracted while praying.

Maqam Ibrahim

'Umar moved maqam Ibrahim to make tawaf easier. He also put a cabinet over it.

Daar ad-Daqeeq

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house of flour

What was stored here? Who was it used by?
