

Early Adulthood

As the Messenger of Allah (blessings and peace be upon him) grew up, he surpassed everyone in intelligence, modesty and truthfulness. He was known for moderation, honesty and a serious sense of responsibility. In his early youth, he was known to be a thoughtful boy. He worked as a shepherd and played with other children. Even before he received his first revelation, Muhammad (blessings and peace be upon him) believed in One God, the God of Ibrāhīm (blessings and peace be upon him) and never fell into the common practices of his people of worshipping idols. He believed that there was only one God, and only He was truly worthy of worship. He never gambled nor did he drink alcohol. He did not engage in gossip and backbiting. He gave charity to the poor and looked after the needy. He never lied, never broke a promise and never bore false witness. Everyone respected him, and the people addressed him as “Al-Amīn”, which means “the trustworthy one”. He was also known as “As-Sadiq” or “The Truthful” for he never told a lie.

While still in his teens, Muhammad accompanied his uncle on trading journeys to Syria, gaining experience in commercial trade, which was the only career open to him as an orphan. Islamic tradition states that when Muhammad was either nine or twelve, while accompanying a caravan to Syria he met a Christian monk or hermit named **Bahira**, who is said to have foreseen Muhammad's career as a prophet of Allah.



Q1: Everyone respected the prophet, and addressed him as “Al-Amīn”, and “As- Sadiq”, WHY? Explain.

Q2:Who was Bahira ?

