

THE THIRD CALIPH

UTHMAN (RA)

Uthman ibn Affan was the second cousin and son-in-law of our Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). He was from the Banu Umayyah clan which was a very wealthy family. He was born in Ta'if and was one of the few who could read and write at that time. He was one of the wealthiest men among the Quraysh.

Uthman was of medium height, strong-boned and broad-shouldered, and walked in a bowlegged manner. He is said to have had large limbs, with fleshy shins and long, hairy forearms. He had a full reddish-brown beard and thick curly hair which grew past his ears, though receded at the front.

He was one of the earliest to convert to Islam. He was returning from a business trip and heard of Muhammad (pbuh)'s religion. He spoke with Abu Bakr (ra) and decided to convert. It was asked of Uthman why he did not drink wine during the Age of Ignorance, when there was no objection to this practice (before the revelation of Islam). He replied: "I saw that it made the intellect flee, and I've never known of something to do this and then return in its entirety.

He married Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)'s daughter, Ruqayyah (ra). They were among the first 10 Muslims to migrate to Abyssinia (which is now called Ethiopia). In the year 622 AD, he and his wife immigrated to Medina. When she died years later, he ended up marrying the Prophet (pbuh)'s other daughter, Umm Kulthum; earning him the title "The one of two lights".

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Uthman (ra) used to spend his wealth for the cause of Islam. One of the notable things he did was when Ali (ra) was to marry the Prophet (saw)'s daughter, Fatimah; he bought Ali's shield and then gave it to him as a wedding gift.

Uthman (ra) became the third Caliph After Umar (ra) was killed. Uthman (ra) began to notice that the Muslims were reciting the Quran with some differences. He then appointed Zayd ibn Thabit to compile all the books of the Quran into one standard Quran.

During his time as Caliph, there came a rebellion against the government and against Uthman (ra) as Caliph. This rebellious came from Egypt and Iraq . Uthman's supporters wanted to fight the rebels but he refused to have them fight in order to prevent bloodshed between the Muslims. He had his home guarded by some of his supporters, however, some of the rebels entered through a back entrance without them knowing. The rebels began to strike blows to Uthman (ra)'s head as he was sitting reading his Quran. His wife, Na'ila, jumped in front of them to protect him and in the process had her fingers cut off by a sword. Uthman (ra) was buried at night, privately, to avoid the rebels trying to decapitate the corpse.

UTHMAN (RA)'S GENEROSITY

When the Prophet, peace be upon him, migrated to Medina, the Companions, may Allah be pleased with them, complained of a water crisis. This was because there was no potable water in the city except from the well of Romah, which was owned by a man who would only sell water at the highest of prices! The poor among the Prophet's Companions could not afford the excessive pricing. The Prophet (pbuh) wished that one of his Companions would buy the well of Romah and make its water available to the Muslims for free, without charge. So, the Prophet (pbuh) said: "Who will buy the well of Romah and make his bucket among the buckets of the Muslims, and for him, there will be a spring in Paradise?"

Uthman, may Allah be pleased with him, the generous one, who heard the call from the Messenger of Allah, and that in it there was a spring in Paradise! He knew it was a good trade. Uthman quickly went to the owner of the well, wanting to buy the whole well from him, but the greedy owner refused to sell the well. Uthman negotiated to buy half of it for twelve thousand dirhams! It was agreed that the owner would have the well one day and Uthman another day.

What happened surprised the greedy owner, the Muslims would draw water enough for two days on Uthman's day and nobody would buy water when it was the day of the greedy owner. When the man saw that, he made an offer to Uthman to offer him the other half. Uthman bought the other half for eight thousand dirhams; to make the water of the well entirely available to the Muslims for free, without charge or account.

MATCHING

___ Uthman (ra)'s tribe

A. Ta'if

___ His first wife

B. Ruqayyah (ra)

___ His death

C. Umm Kulthum (ra)

___ The second daughter
he married

D. Assassination

___ Where he was born

E. Umayyah

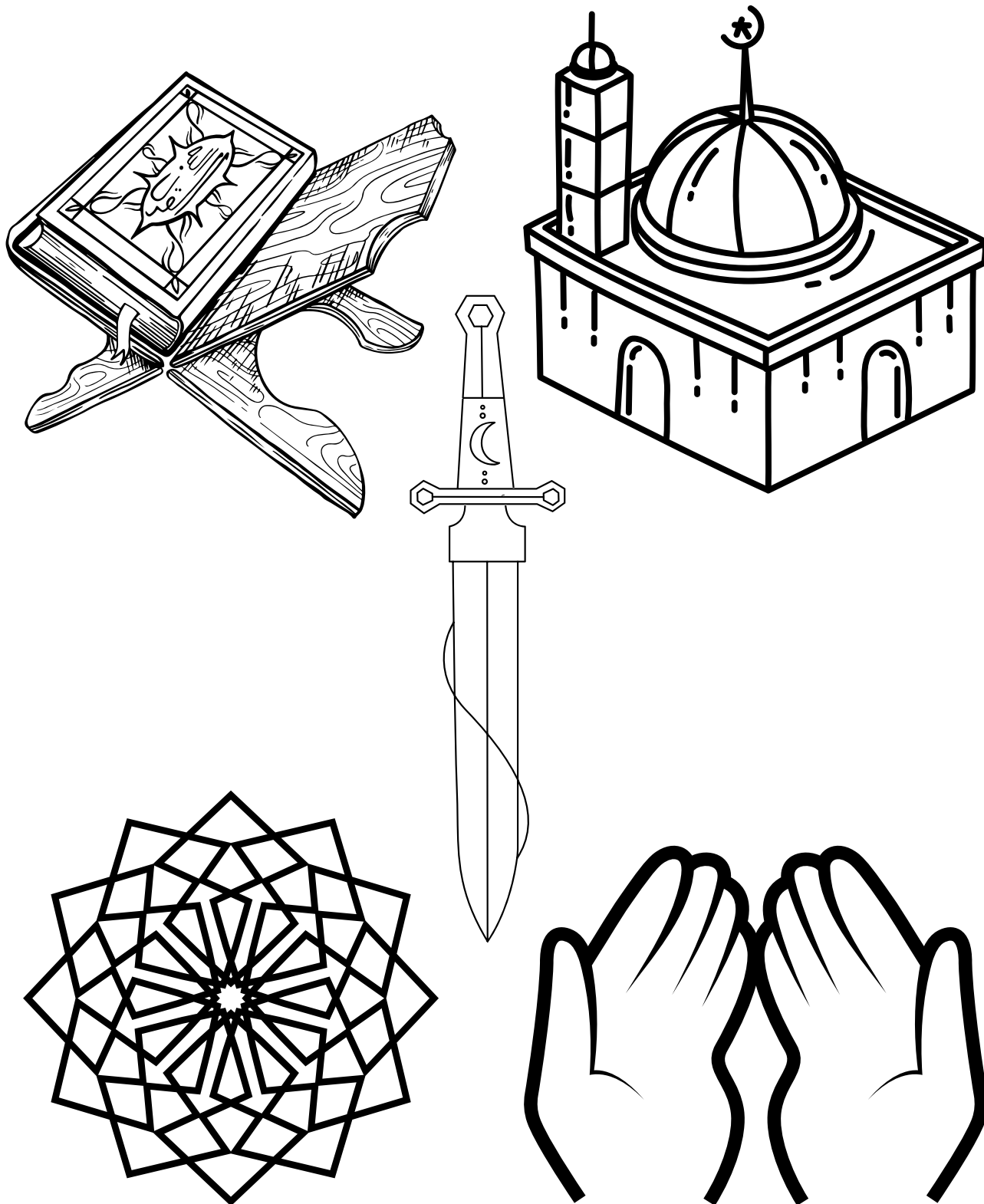


SHORT ANSWERS

Uthman (ra) was always considered to be very good at negotiating. Do you think he could have negotiated with the rebels? Why or why not?

If you had to choose between having great military skills or having great business and negotiating skills, which would you choose and why?

COLORING



WORD SEARCH

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MEDINA
AFFAN
TAIF
CALIPH
ABYSSINIA
RUQQIYAH
UMMKULTHUM

UTHMAN
UMAYYA
ISLAM



QUIZ

1. Uthman (ra) was the ____ Caliph in the Rashidun Caliphate

☐ A 2nd

☐ B 4th

☐ C 1st

☐ D 3rd

2. The first wife of Uthman ibn Affan was ____

☐ A Ruqqiyah (ra)

☐ B Fatimah (ra)

☐ C Umm Kulthum (ra)

☐ D Khadijah (ra)

3. The second wife that he married who was also a daughter of our Prophet (pbuh) was...

☐ A Aishah (ra)

☐ B Ruqqiyah (ra)

☐ C Fatimah (ra)

☐ D Umm Kulthum (ra)

4. Uthman (ra) was NOT skilled in which activity?

☐ A Reading and reciting the Quran

☐ B Trading and business

☐ C Giving khutbahs

☐ D Warfare and fighting in battle

5. Uthman (ra) appointed who to compile the Quran?

☐ A Zayd ibn Affan

☐ B Zayd ibn Thabit

☐ C Aishah (ra)

☐ D Bilal (ra)

