

# How well do you know Him??

## SAYYIDINA UTHMAAN DHUN NOORAYN (RADHIALLAHU ANHU)

*martyred in the month of Thul -Hijjah 35 A.H.*

**Name:** Uthmaan bin Affaan رضي الله عنه

**Birth:** Six years after the “Year of the Elephants”

**Lineage:** His lineage meets with Rasulallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam at the fifth forefather.

**Relationship to Nabi Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam:** His mother (Arwaa bint Kuraiz) was the daughter of Rasulallah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam paternal aunt( Umm Hakim bint Abdul Muttalib). In other words he was Nabi Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam’s cousin’s son.

**Title:** Dhun-Noorayn “Owner of Two Lights”. Two of Rasulallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam’s daughters were given to him in marriage, when the one passed away he was given the other in marriage by Rasulallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam. Thus he is known by the title of “Owner of Two Lights”.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF ISLAM:**

On the invitation of Abu Bakr (Radhiallahu Anhu), he brought Islam long before Hazrat Umar (Radhiallahu Anhu) and a day before Hazrat Abu Ubaidah bin Jarraah and Hazrat Abdur Rahman bin Auf (Radhiallahu Anhumma).

### **GENEROSITY AND COMPASSION:**

- He was such an exemplary of generosity for Islam and Rasulallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam, that no equal could be found.
- After his unparalleled generosity on the occasion of the Battle of Tabuk, Rasulallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam said: “If after today Uthmaan (also mistakenly) does a wrong, then Allah will change it into a virtue.”
- At the time of the battle of Badr, he was instructed to remain in Madina Munawwara by Rasulallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam to take care of Rasulallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam’s daughter who was very ill. Apart from this, he participated in every battle with Rasulallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam.

### **VIRTUES AND EXCELLENCES OF HAZRAT SAYYIDINA UTHMAAN (RADHIALLAHU ANHU):**

Rasulallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam said: “The Angels in the skies also show modesty (hayaa) in front of Hazrat Uthmaan (Radhiallahu Anhu).

Rasulallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam said: “There will be a Fitna (corruption) in Madina, and on that day Utmaan will be on Haq (truth).”

Rasulallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam said: “Whoever desires to see a Jannati (person of jannat), look at Uthmaan.”

## **THE KHILAAFAH OF SAYYIDINA UTHMAAN (RADHIALLAHU ANHU):**

- After the martyrdom of Hazrat Umar (Radhiallahu Anhu), on the decision of the 'Consultative Committee', he was elected as the Khalifa.
- His reign lasted for almost 12 years (12 days short of 12 years), and during his khilaafah the Muslim empire extended over an area of **4 400 000 square miles**.
- During his reign of Khilaafat the remainder of the areas conquered by Hazrat Umar initially, were brought under Islamic Rule. Alexandria, Azarbaijan, North Africa and many, many kingdoms and Islands were conquered.
- Khurasaan, Taws, Herat, Shiraaz and the remainder section of Iran were all brought under the rule of Islam, during his reign.

## **MARTYRDOM (SHAHAADAT):**

- In the whole history of Islam, no one was martyred so cruelly as was Hazrat Uthmaan.
- The rebels of Egypt had made Hazrat Uthmaan starve for forty days, without food and drink, before cruelly murdering him in the neighbourhood of Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam.
- His blessed corpse was left lying unattended and not buried for three days, by the rebels.
- These rebels threw stones at his Janaazah (funeral bier).
- He is buried in 'Jannatul Baqee'.
- After the martyrdom of Hazrat Uthmaan, such a darkness blotted the History of Islam, that the swords that were drawn amongst Muslims were never sheathed again.
- Hazrat Uthmaan Radhiallahu Anhu was martyred on a Friday, 18 Zil Hijjah 35 A.H. in Madina Munawwara. He was busy reciting the Qur'aan Kareem and the first drops of his blood fell on the Qur'aan Kareem. He was fasting when he was mercilessly killed.
- He was 82 years old at that time.
- Sa'eed bin Zayd (Radhiallahu Anhu) says: "If one would say that Mount Uhad moved from its place due to the martyrdom of Hazrat Uthmaan, then it would be Haq (truth)."
- Hazrat Ali (Radhiallahu Anhu) relates: "On the day that Hazrat Uthmaan was martyred, my senses stopped functioning and my whole life was filled with grief."
- Upon the martyrdom of Hazrat Uthmaan, Hazrat Zayd bin Thaabit (Radhiallahu Anhu) was seen continuously crying for the entire day.

May Allah Ta'ala grant us the taufeeq of honouring these great Sahabah of Islam and may he able us to follow in their pious footsteps.

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