THE IDEAL HUSBAND

Aisha, the Prophet’s cherished wife, described her husband as someone who actively participated in household tasks. He would help with chores, fix his clothes, repair his shoes, and sweep the floors and also care for and feed their animals

He was not just a caring husband; he also encouraged his friends to act similarly. He taught that those who have the strongest faith are those with the best character, especially towards their wives.

This offers just a small glimpse into how Muhammad (pbuh) lived. His kindness and compassion might surprise some, especially considering how Islam and the Prophet (pbuh) is often portrayed in the media.

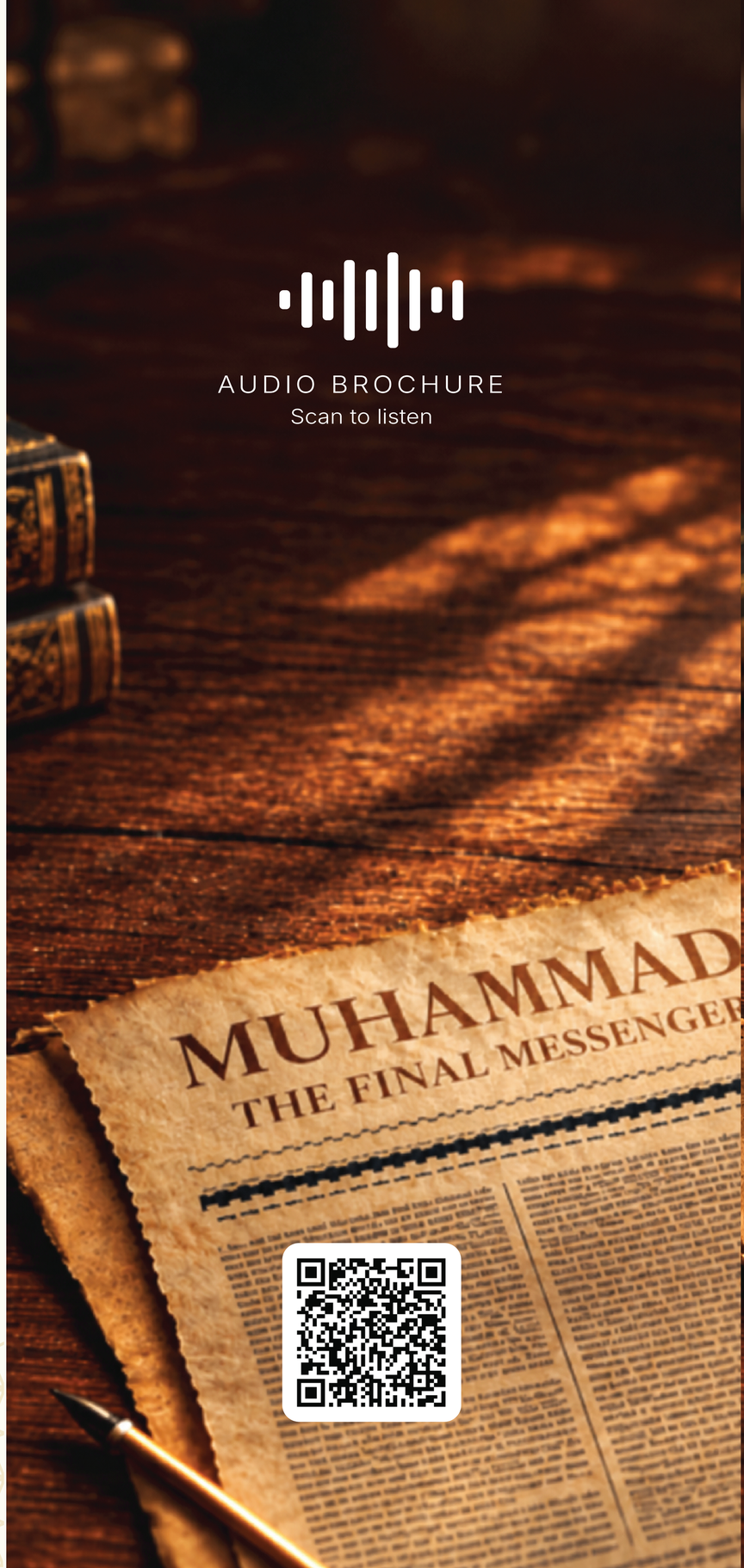
To truly understand Islam, it is vital to consult its original sources: the Qur’an and the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). It’s important not to judge all Muslims based on the actions of a few individuals.

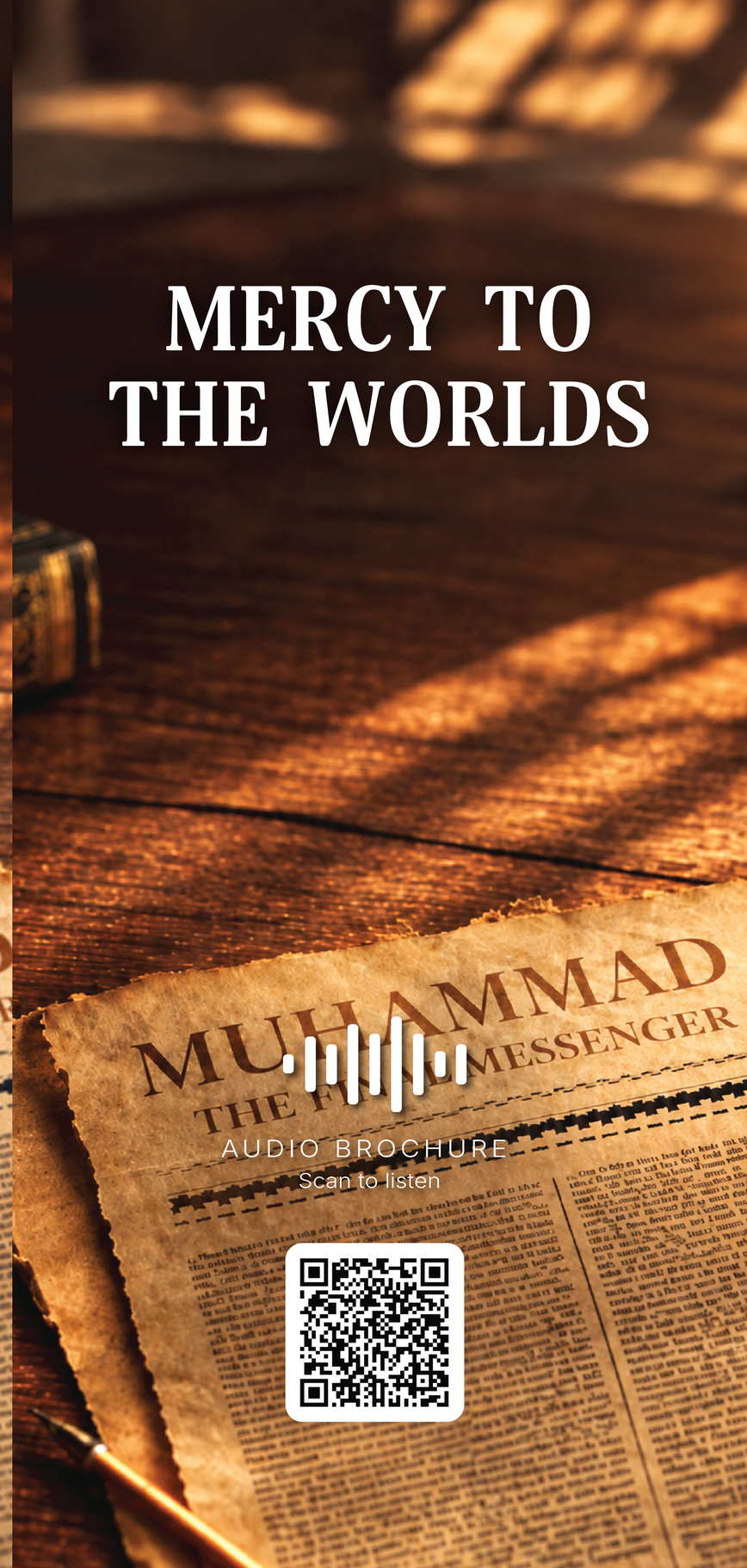
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In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

WHAT IS A PROPHET?

In Islam, a Prophet is a human being chosen by God to guide people and deliver His message. Prophets possess noble character and never commit major sins. They never lie, for their truthfulness is essential to their mission.

Muslims believe in many Prophets, such as Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Solomon, and Jesus (peace be upon them all) and honour each of them. They all came with the same core message: that God is One and worthy of all worship.

MOHAMMED (PBUH)

The last prophet sent to mankind was Muhammad (PBUH), born in Makkah in 570 AD. As a young man, he was famous in Makkah for being the most truthful and trustworthy person. At a time in history where people in poverty, women and orphans were marginalised, Muhammad (peace be upon him) was an advocator for their rights and welcomed all.

Muhammad (PBUH) spent his youth working as a shepherd and merchant. At the age of 40, he began receiving divine revelations, which were later compiled into the Qur'an, the holy book of Islam. By 630 AD, he had united most of Arabia under the belief in one God.

Just as Moses received the Torah and Jesus received the Gospel, Muslims believe Muhammad (PBUH) was given the Qur'an as guidance for humanity.

FORGIVENESS & TOLERANCE

Tolerance is vital to our interactions with each other. Good actions are not the same as bad ones. Instead of responding to evil with more evil, it's better to act kindly, as taught in the Qur'an - this can turn even an enemy into a friend. He taught that true strength lies in controlling one's anger, not in overpowering others. Practising patience and tolerance doesn't mean being weak or allowing others to harm you without defending yourself.

One of the greatest examples of this was when he returned to Makkah after 20 years of persecution. Although he now had full power over those who had harmed him and killed his loved ones, the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) chose to forgive and overlook all that was done to harm him and his followers.

EQUALITY

The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) taught that all people are equal in the sight of God. He said, 'All humanity comes from Adam, and Adam was made from clay. No one is better than another based on their race, whether they are Arab or non-Arab, black or white. The only thing that matters is piety.'

He also stated, 'Allah doesn't look at your looks or your wealth. Instead, He focuses on your hearts and actions.'

One time, a companion of the Prophet (pbuh) insulted another who was dark-skinned by saying, "Son of a black woman!" This made the Prophet very upset. He replied, 'Are you judging him because of his mother's skin color? You still hold onto some of that old ignorance (from before Islam).'

GENTLENESS

> *"So by mercy from Allah, [O Muhammad], you were lenient with them. And if you had been rude [in speech] and harsh in heart, they would have disbanded from about you."*
> *Qur'an (3:159)*

Muslims believe that God (Allah) is The Most Merciful. Due to Allah's mercy, Muhammad (pbuh) was also gentle with the people around him, for he knew that God loves for us to be merciful and kind.

The Prophet (pbuh) was surrounded by those most oppressed in ancient Arabia—the poor, orphans, women, and slaves. They all testified that he treated them with dignity, equality, and compassion. He uplifted the vulnerable and defended their rights. He even emphasised kindness to animals, forbidding mistreatment or overworking them.

Once, Aisha became upset after someone insulted her. The Prophet (pbuh) comforted her by saying, 'Aisha, Allah is kind and loves kindness in everything.' He also said: 'Show gentleness! For if gentleness is found in something, it beautifies it, and when it is taken out from anything, it makes it deficient'.

He told his followers that Allah had instructed him to be humble. No one should think they are better than others or treat anyone unfairly. He was so humble that he feared being worshipped, a status that only belongs to God. He cautioned against excessive praise, urging, 'I am just a servant of Allah and His Messenger.' The Qur'an speaks of Muhammad's (pbuh) high moral character, highlighting the goodness in his actions.