



**"I really believe we need to come to know who the Prophet Muhammad was as a human being - what he stood for, what he believed in."**

Shaykh Hamza Yusuf,  
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“To undertake the radical amelioration of such political and social conditions that existed in the pre-Islamic Arabian world was a task of apparently insuperable difficulty. Its fortunate accomplishment may not indicate the active interposition of Divine authority, the glories which invest the history of Islam may be entirely derived from the valour, the virtue, the intelligence, the genius of man. If this be conceded, the largest measure of credit is due to him who conceived his plan, promoted its impulse and formulated the rules which ensured its success. In any event, if the object of religion be the inculcation of morals, the diminution of evil, the promotion of human happiness, the expansion of the human intellect, if the performance of good works will avail on that Great Day when mankind shall be summoned to its final reckoning, **it is neither irreverent nor unreasonable to admit Muhammad was an Apostle of God.**”

*The History of the Moorish Empire in Europe*  
Samuel Parsons Scott, 1904

