

# TEACHINGS OF THE FINAL MESSENGER

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ stated in the final sermon

"I leave behind two things for you, the Qur'aan and the Sunnah, and if you follow these you will never go astray."

## Sunnah - "The Practice"

The Arabic word Sunnah is used to inform us of the lifestyle of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, peace be upon him. It can be used to refer to His sayings, actions and approvals. The Sunnah is the second source of Islamic jurisprudence, the first being the Qur'aan. Both sources are indispensable i.e. one cannot practice Islam without consulting both of them.

Unlike the Qur'aan, which is the word of Allah, the Sunnah is Inspired by Allah but the words and actions are of the Messenger of Allah.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ used to teach the Sunnah to his companions ﷺ verbally and practically, and urged them to follow it. The companions ﷺ of the Prophet ﷺ who saw and heard these words and actions followed them during their lives, and passed them onto the succeeding generations with the same care.

Muslims are encouraged to adopt the Sunnah in every aspect of their Daily life.

## Hadith - "A Saying" or "A Report"

The Hadith (pl. Ahaadith) are very similar to the Sunnah, but not identical. A Hadith is a report from the life of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ or a confirmation of what he approved.

The tradition or collection of traditions attributed to the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ include his sayings, acts, and approval or disapproval of things. The Ahaadith are regarded by Muslims as a major source of religious law and moral guidance.

There are Six Famous books of Hadith which are known as "Sihaah Sittah" - (The Six Authentic Compilations)

The Hadith and the Sunnah form the basis of the daily practices in a Muslims life.

ﷺ = May Allah Shower His Mercy and blessings upon him

ﷺ = Allah be pleased with them

