

Some excerpts from
THE WORK FOR DAY AND NIGHT
Suyuti's Collection of Prophetic Practices and Prayers
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[Once,] the Prophet ﷺ passed by a [group of] youths, so he said, 'Peace be upon you and the mercy of Allah, O youths.'

In a hadith it was said, 'If two Muslims meet and they shake hands, praise Allah, bless the Prophet ﷺ, seek forgiveness and each of them smiles in the face of his companion, they are forgiven and one hundred mercies descend upon them; for the one who initiates [the greeting], ninety [mercies] and for the one who shakes hands, ten [mercies]: The greeting should precede the handshake.

When the Prophet ﷺ walked, he would lean on a staff or on a palm branch. He used to love palm branches and his hand would never be without one.

He ﷺ would not turn [his head] to look behind him when [walking] on his way, and if he ﷺ did turn for some reason, he would turn [his body] entirely.

He ﷺ would not let any of his Companions walk behind him.

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The Prophet ﷺ used to dislike seeing an individual raise their voice loudly and preferred seeing them use a lowered voice.

The Sunna for whoever loves another is to let them know that one loves them.

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The Prophet ﷺ said, 'The most honourable place to sit is that which faces the qibla.'

It is Sunna that a person should never be in a place without remembering Allah (dhikr) or praying for the Prophet ﷺ in it, because one will certainly be responsible for that on the Day of Resurrection.

The Physical Form of the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him)

Hasan ibn Ali reports:

'I asked my maternal uncle Hind Ibn Abi Hala, as he was amongst those who would describe the physical features of the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him), regarding the physical description of the Prophet (peace be upon him), for I desired that he describe the noble features for me so that I may memorise them.' Thus he said: 'He was magnificent in himself and was magnificent and greatly revered in the eyes of others. His face would radiate like the radiance of the moon in full splendour on the night of a full moon. He was taller than someone of average height, yet shorter than someone of extreme height. He possessed a large head and his hair was slightly wavy. If the hair upon his forelock would naturally part he would part his hair, and if they did not naturally part he would not part them. His hair would pass the lobes of his ears when it was plentiful. He had a luminous complexion. His forehead was wide, and he has beautifully arched and full eyebrows which did not meet in the middle. Between the two eyebrows was a vein which would protrude when he was angered. The blessed nose of the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) had a beautiful curve on it, and light would disseminate from it. Upon first glance and without proper observation someone would think that his nose looked large. He had a full beard, and his cheeks were not protruding. He had a beautiful rounded mouth, and there was a gap in between the front teeth of the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him).

A thin line of hair ran from the chest to the navel of the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him). It was as if his blessed neck was the neck of a statue which was forged of pure silver. The body parts of the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) were perfectly proportioned, he was neither extremely fat nor extremely skinny and all of his body parts were in proportion with one another. His blessed stomach and chest were aligned with one another yet his chest was broad as was the space between his shoulders, and his joints were large. His body parts were radiant and a thin line ran between his chest and navel. Besides this thin line, his blessed chest and stomach were free from hair. The forearms, shoulders and upper part of the chest of the Messenger of Allah (peace upon him) had hair. The forearms of the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) were smooth, such that water would run off them when poured over them due to their smoothness. When he would walk, he would lift his feet sternly off the ground and then softly place them back onto the ground. When he would walk, he would do so in long steps and when he would walk it would seem as if he was descending from an elevated plain. When he would direct his attention towards something he would do so with his entire body. He would always lower his gaze. His gaze towards the ground was longer than his gaze towards the sky. His gaze was always that of modesty. He would have his companions to walk in front of him and he would always be the first to offer salam to whomever he would meet.

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