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# The non-Muslim verdict on Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)

#### George Bernard Shaw:

"If a man like Muhamed were to assume the dictatorship of the modern world, he would succeed in solving its problems that would bring it the much needed peace and happiness."

#### Professor Jules Masserman:

"People like Pasteur and Salk are leaders in the first sense. People like Gandhi and Confucius, on one hand, and Alexander, Caesar and Hitler on the other, are leaders in the second and perhaps the third sense. Jesus and Buddha belong in the third category alone. Perhaps the greatest leader of all times was Mohammed, who combined all three functions. To a lesser degree, Moses did the same."

#### Rev. R. Bosworth-Smith:

"Head of the State as well as the Church, he was Caesar and Pope in one; but, he was Pope without the Pope's pretensions, and Caesar without the legions of Caesar, without a standing army, without a bodyguard, without a police force, without a fixed revenue. If ever a man had the right to say that he ruled by a right divine, it was Muhammad, for he had all the powers without their supports. He cared not for the dressings of power. The simplicity of his private life was in keeping with his public life."

## <u>Diwan Chand Sharma, The Prophets of the East, Calcutta 1935, page 122:</u>

"Muhammad was the soul of kindness, and his influence was felt and never forgotten by those around him."

# John William Draper, M.D., L.L.D., A History of the Intellectual Development of Europe, London 1875, Vol. 1, pp. 329-330:

"Four years after the death of Justinian, A.D. 569, was born at Mecca, in Arabia the man who, of all men exercised the greatest influence upon the human race . . . Mohammed . . . "

## John Austin, "Muhammad the Prophet of Allah," in T.P.'s and Cassel's Weekly for 24th September 1927:

"In little more than a year he was actually the spiritual, nominal and temporal rule of Medina, with his hands on the lever that was to shake the world."

## Lamartine, Historie de la Turquie, Paris 1854, Vol. 11 pp. 276-2727:

"Philosopher, Orator, Apostle, Legislator, Warrior, Conqueror of ideas Restorer of rational beliefs, of a cult without images; the founder of twenty terrestrial empires and of one spiritual empire, that is Muhammed. As regards all standards by which human greatness may be measured, we may well ask, is there any man greater than he?"

## Annie Besant, The Life and Teachings of Muhammad, Madras 1932, page 4:

"It is impossible for anyone who studies the life and character of the great prophet of Arabia, who knows how he taught and how he lived, to feel anything but reverence for that mighty Prophet, one of the great messengers of the Supreme. And although in what I put to you I shall say many things which may be familiar to many, yet I myself feel whenever I re-read them, a new way of admiration, a new of reverence for that mighty Arabian teacher."

#### Encyclopedia Britannica:

"Muhammad is the most successful of all Prophets and religious personalities."

### George Bernard Shaw in "The Genuine Islam:"

"I have studied him - the wonderful man - and in my opinion far from being an anti-Christ he must be called the saviour of humanity."

## Rev. R. Bosworth-Smith in ''Mohammed and Mohammedanism 1946:''

"By a fortune absolutely unique in history, Mohammed is a threefold founder of a nation, of an empire, and of a religion."