

10 Facts about Prophet Adam (AS)

The first Prophet Adam (AS) is the first man in the world. The creation of Prophet Adam and Eve (AS) is the most significant event in human history. Before the creation of man, the jinn race was allowed to live in this world as the representative of Allah. But because they disobeyed Allah's SWT commands and caused havoc in the world, Allah SWT destroyed them and made a plan to give humans the responsibility of His caliphs.

Regarding the great prophets and messengers (A.S.), the first discussion of Hazrat Adam (A.S.) came in the Quran. According to the unique narrative style of the Qur'an, it is not included in the same place, but it is mentioned in at least 8 other surahs except the largest Surah Al-Baqarah. The Surahs are Al Imran, Ma'ida, A'raf, Kahaf, Bani Israel, Maryam, Taha and Yasin. Today, we will learn about 10 important facts about Prophet Adam (AS). So let's started:

1. **Creation:** As the first human being and the first Prophet in world history, Allah SWT created Adam (AS) directly with His own handsⁱ. Allah SWT created Adam by blowing the soul into the most beautiful shape made of dry clay like glue and terracotta by combining the essences of all the elements of the earth.ⁱⁱ Adam (AS) alone was created from the dust. All the rest are created through parents.ⁱⁱⁱ
2. **Knowledge:** Allah SWT gave the first man, Adam (AS) the knowledge of all things and anointed him with the dignity of managing the Caliphate of Allah SWT in the world. At the same time, he made all created things subservient to man^{iv} and gave man superiority over everything.^v
3. **First word:** When Adam (AS) soul entered his body, he sneezed, and said, ``Alhamdulillah." Thus, the first words Adam (AS) uttered were in praising and thanking Allah SWT.
4. **Prostration:** Then Allah commanded the angels to prostrate to Adam in devotion to this wonderful new creation (not out of worship). Iblis, who was living among the angels, was likewise instructed to prostrate before Adam. Because the angels are obedient and do not disobey Allah, they all prostrate to Adam. Iblis, however, was arrogant^{vi}. He criticized Allah. Iblis stated: "Why should I bow down to him when I was made of fire and he was simply made of soil? No, I won't." Iblis intended for his statement to imply that Allah was not only ordering him to bow down to Adam. Thus, by objecting to Allah and His order, Iblis blasphemed. Iblis's first act of blasphemy was this.

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5. **Creation of Eve:** Adam (AS) stayed in Paradise for a certain period of time. During that period Allah created Hawwa (Eve), Adam's wife. She was tall, suitable for the height of Adam who was sixty cubits tall and seven cubits broad. Hawwa (Eve) was created from one of Adam's ribs.^{vii}

6. **Forbidden fruit:** All the fruits of Paradise, with the exception of those from one particular tree, were made available to Adam and Eve from Allah. Iblis whispered to Adam and Eve to eat from that tree. Eve then began encouraging Adam to eat fruits from that tree. They both eventually ate from it. Doing so was sinful, however it was a small sin and they both quickly repented.^{viii}

7. **Order to leave Paradise:** After this incident, it was decided that Adam, Eve, and Iblis should leave paradise. Adam descended from Paradise into India, which is today known as Sri Lanka. Eve descended in a location different from Adam. Iblis, descended into a region in present-day Iraq. Adam and Eve eventually got back together.

8. **Adam (AS) in worldly management:** Adam (AS) received the revelation of prophethood from Allah. Most of the revelations that were first revealed to Adam (AS) were about cultivating the land, agriculture and industry. He invented the wheeled vehicle for transportation. At the time of Adam, the first agricultural product of the world was 'Tin' fruit. This has been confirmed by the examination of the dried fossils of a whole "teen" fruit of that period recently found in Palestine.^{ix}

9. **Habil and Qabil:** Adam had two sons called Habil and Qabil. Adam used to marry the son of a birth to the daughter of another birth. Abel (Habil) wanted to marry the sister of Cain (Qabil). Cain, who was older than Abel and his twin sister, was very beautiful. So Cain wanted to preserve his sister for it. To settle the argument Adam thought of an idea. He told his sons to think of a present to give to Allah and to leave it on top of a certain hill. The one who's present Allah accepted, would win the argument. Allah chose Habil's present because Habil had taken a lot of time and trouble to choose his present. Qabil was very upset and angry. He was so angry that he killed his own brother^x. Afterwards, when he realized what he had done, he cried and cried but it was too late to be sorry.^{xi}

10. **Death:** The most auspicious day for Muslims is Friday. On this day Adam was created, on this day he died and on this day the Hour will take place.^{xii} Adam (AS) was given the age of a thousand years. Being impressed by the beauty of Dawood (AS) in the world of spirit, he gave him 40 years from his age. As a result, he was alive for the remaining 960 years.^{xiii}

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- i Surah Chowad 38:75
 - ii Surah Muminun 23:12; Saffat 37:11; Ar-Rahman 55:14; At-Tin 95:4 etc.
 - iii Surah As-Sajdah 32:7-9
 - iv Surah Luqman 31:20
 - v Surah Al-Isra 17:70
 - vi Surah Al-Baqarah 2:34
 - vii Surah An-Nisa 4:1
 - viii Surah Al-Araf 7:19-21
 - ix Tasfeer Ma'areful Qur'an p. 629.
 - x Surah Al-Ma'idah 5:27-28
 - xi Surah Al-Ma'idah 5:30
 - xii Muwatwa, Abu Dawud, Tirmidhi, Nasa'i, Mishkat Hadith
 - xiii At-Tirmidhi, Mishkat :118