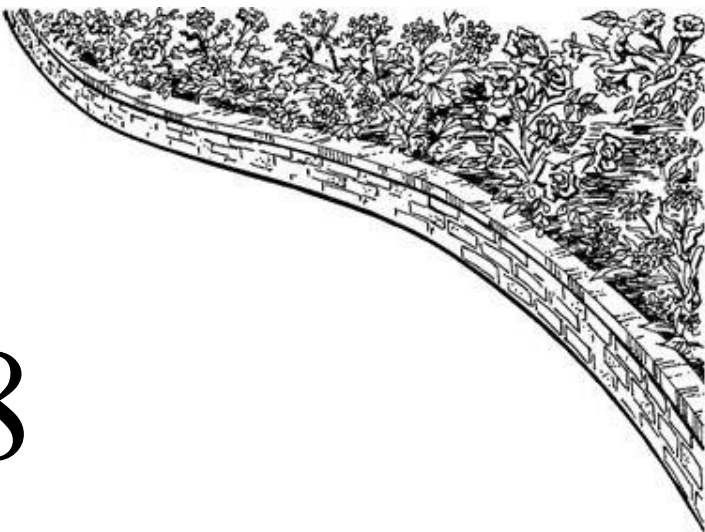


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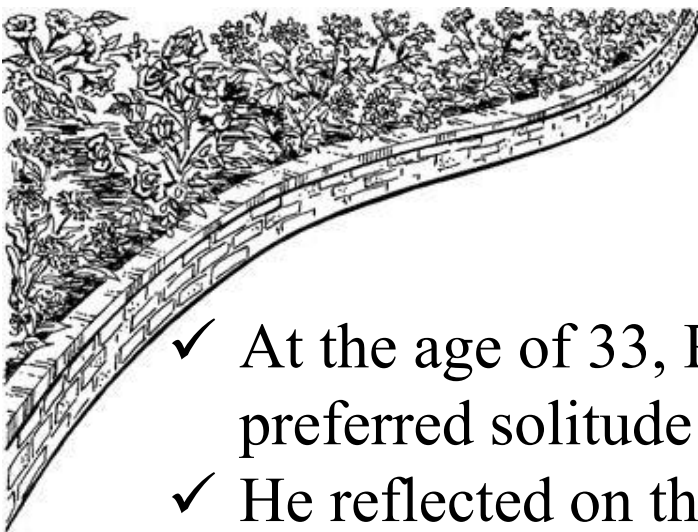
**Early Life and Prophethood of Prophet Muhammad
(PBUH)**



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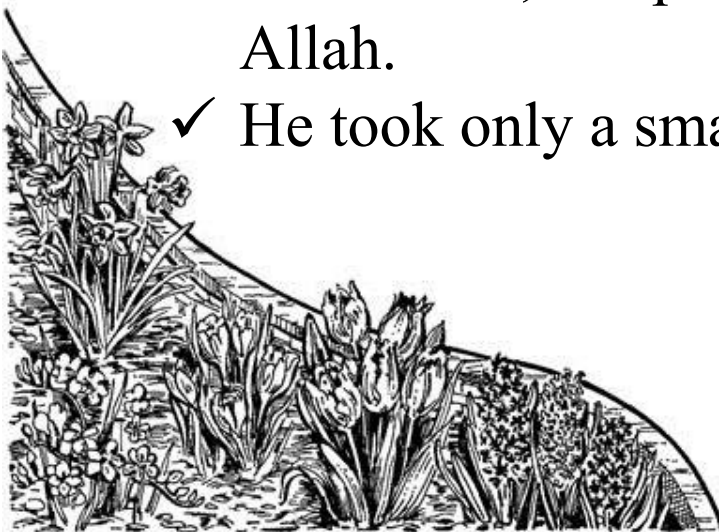
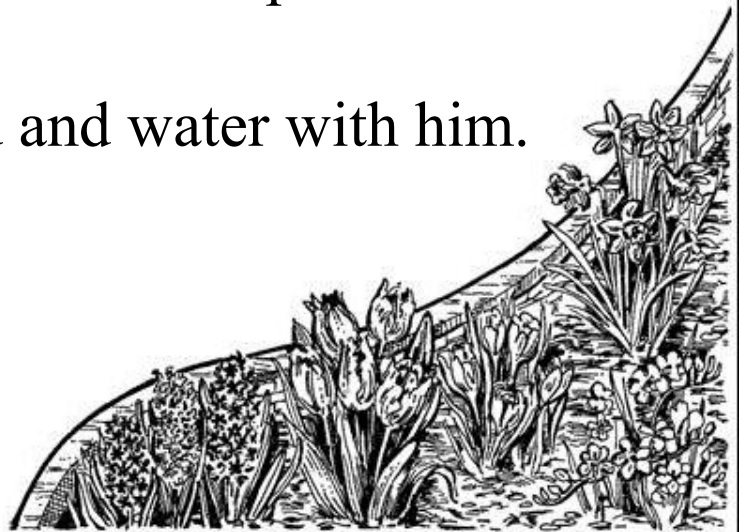
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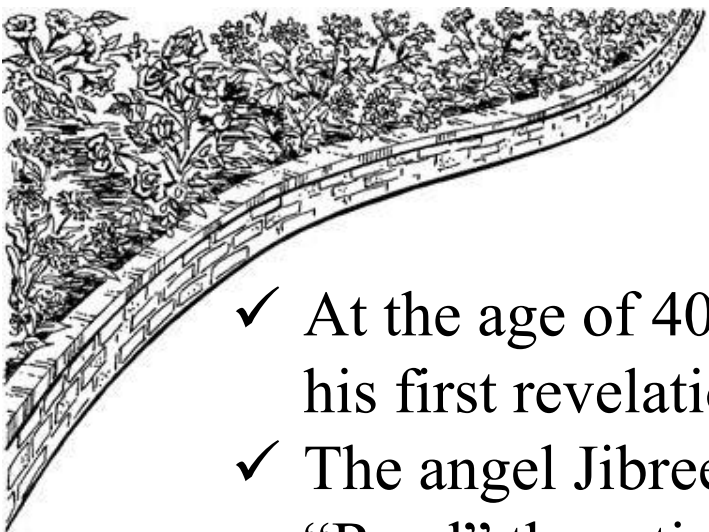




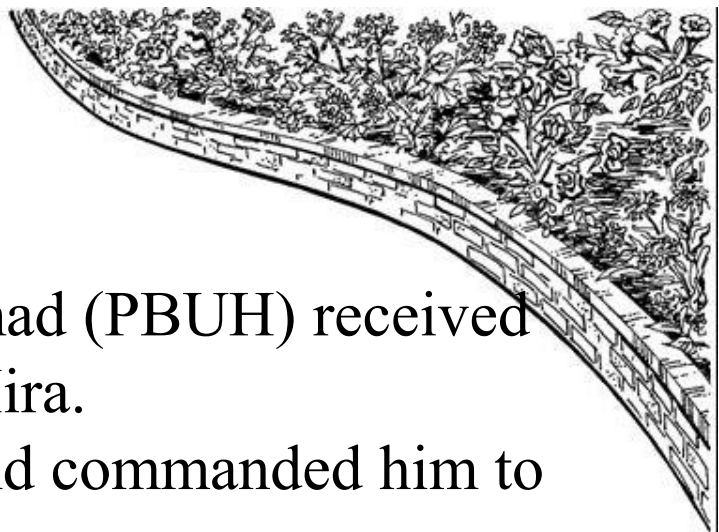
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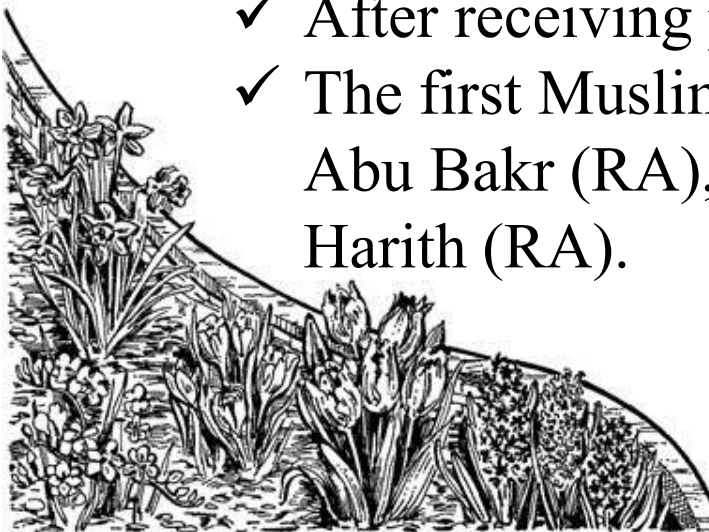


- ✓ At the age of 33, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) increasingly preferred solitude and deep thought.
 - ✓ He reflected on the Great Creator, Allah.
 - ✓ He strongly rejected idol worship and polytheism.
 - ✓ He avoided food that had been offered to idols.
 - ✓ He often retired to the Cave of Hira, about 5 km from Makkah.
 - ✓ In the cave, he spent time in prayer and contemplation of Allah.
 - ✓ He took only a small supply of bread and water with him.
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Prophet hood



- ✓ At the age of 40, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) received his first revelation in the Cave of Hira.
 - ✓ The angel Jibreel (AS) appeared and commanded him to “Read” three times.
 - ✓ The first verses revealed were from Surah Al-Alaq.
 - ✓ Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) returned home deeply affected by the experience.
 - ✓ Hazrat Khadija (RA) comforted and reassured him.
 - ✓ After receiving prophethood, he began to preach Islam.
 - ✓ The first Muslims included Hazrat Khadija (RA), Hazrat Abu Bakr (RA), Hazrat Ali (RA), and Hazrat Zaid-bin-Harith (RA).
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